

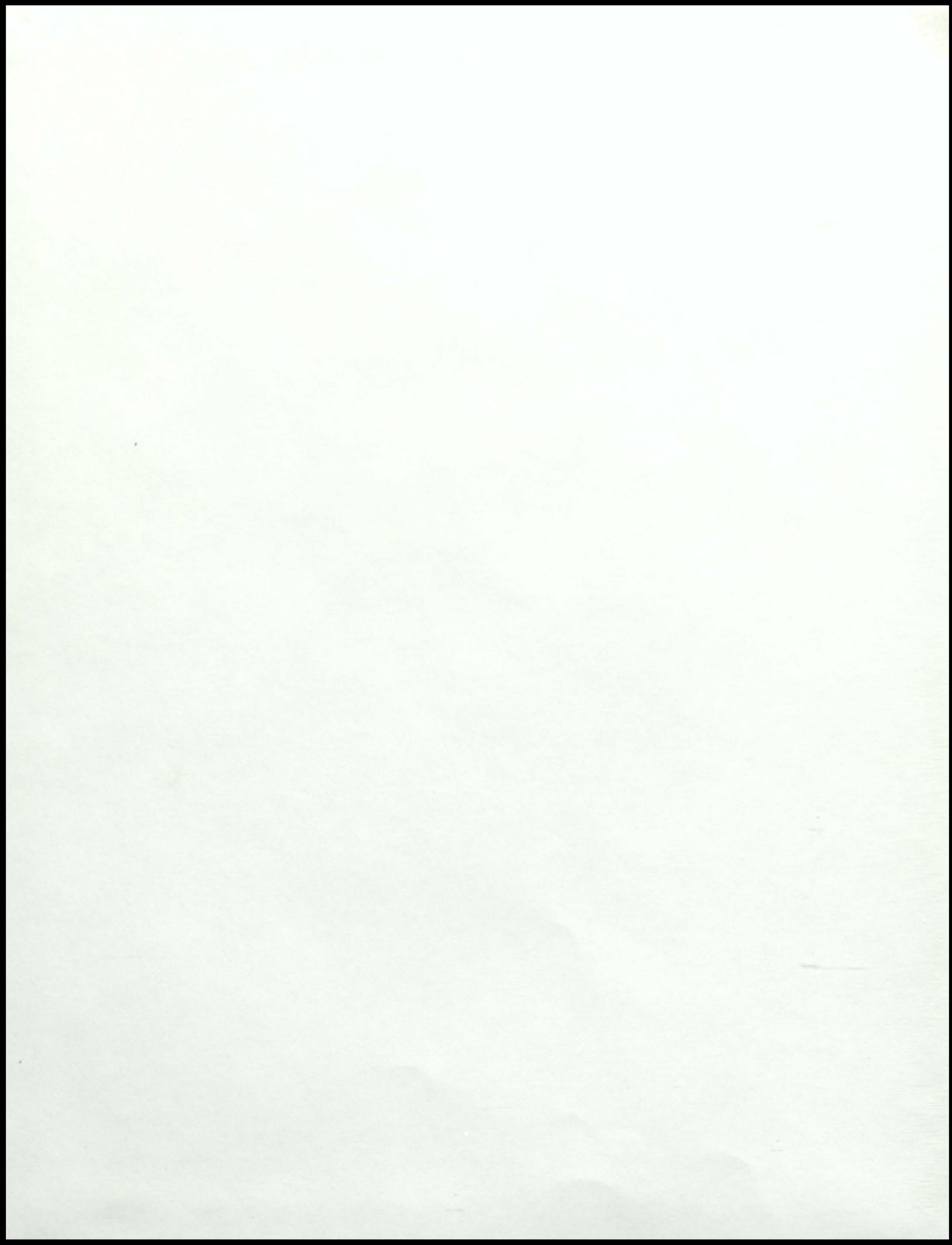


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We Are...

To say that we are just a school would be an understatement. We are much more than that. We, as a school, are friends. We are comfort. We are that home away from home. We are acceptance. At times of need, we come together and always lend a shoulder to cry on. We are everything we want to be. We are hope. We are inspiration. We are united. We have proven ourselves to be as strong as we can. We are what we create through our memories, both good and bad. To say that this is just a high school would be more than an understatement, for Dondero makes us who we are.

By: Sara Brown

Right: Juniors A Gerald Martini and Stefanie Lindsey are all smiles when he plants a big-ol-smooch on her cheek. It seems as though red really is the color of love.

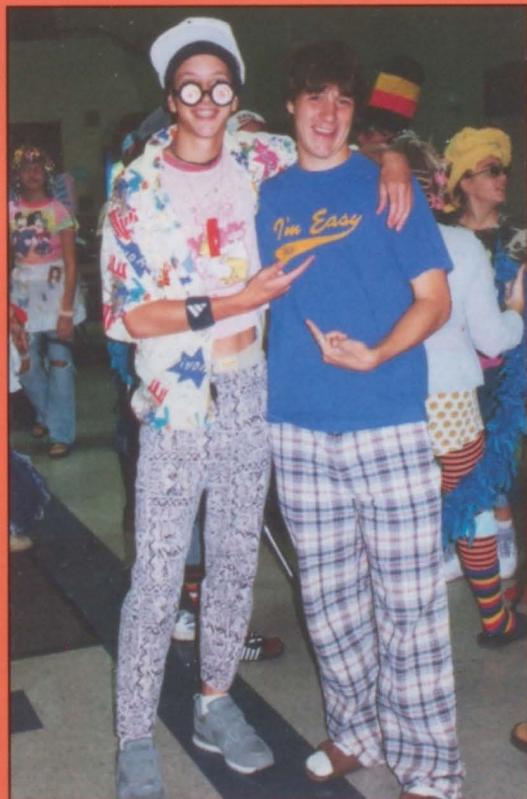
“ Standing tall as the seasons change. Branches that touch the lives of so many: solid. We are strong as oak.”
-Gabrielle Poshadlo



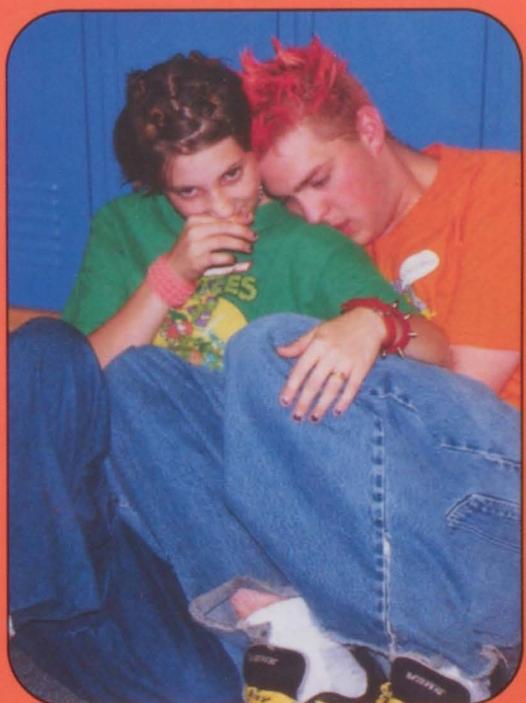


“We are what we want to be, as a school, as classes, as individuals, and as a future society. We are people who pride ourselves in our differences and care for each other because we go through the similar things together.”

-Erin Scafone ‘03



Left: Junior Edward Zuzindlak and Senior James Martin do their best to determine who was goofier on Wacky and Tacky Day. Sorry boys, but I think the only people to blame for those wardrobes are yourselves.



Above: Junior Elizabeth Rizza and Senior Randy Gignac share a cuddly moment before class.

We Are...



High school is more than an academic institution. We are not just students who go in and out each day, but we, as people, make Dondero what it is. We build relationships both inside and outside of school. We make memories here that we will cherish for the rest of our days. We go to dances. We play team sports. We spend time with friends. We eat lunch together. We make memories, and in the process, we are having the time of our lives.

**Having the Time
of Our Lives**



Opposite Page: 1. Jamie Gower and Tia Pattison 2. Alexis Nemeth and Gregory Boyer 3. Varsity cheerleaders 4. Senior Tug-Of-War
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FUN IN THE SUN

What do bathing suits, the beach, the bright sun, sleeping in late, and no homework remind everyone of? Summer vacation of course!

It seems like summer comes and goes within a blink of an eye. As the last weeks of summer come to a close, we have to start thinking of school starting, another year filled with alarm clocks buzzing at 6 a.m., homework coming out of your ears, and some kind of practice or meeting to attend. Even though summer vacation never lasts long enough, Dondero students know how to make every day worthwhile.

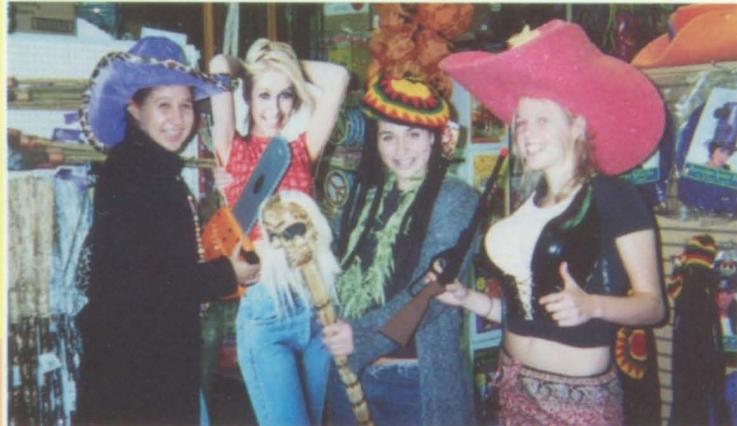
From going on vacation with their family or friends, or even relaxing in the sun, everyone here at Dondero seems

to spend their summer days different from one another. It doesn't matter what you do during summer vacation, as long as you are having fun.

When polled, 40% of Dondero students said their favorite thing to do during the summer is sleep. Twenty percent enjoyed hanging out, 15% liked to hit the beach, 10% favored swimming, 10% liked to party with their friends, and a mere 5% preferred travel. After a long ten months of school, it is apparent that students want to do nothing more than catch up on much needed sleep!

Students at Dondero may have fun in the sun, but they still find time for rest and relaxation to prepare themselves for the coming year.

By: Kimberly Michalski and Holly Swigert



Juniors Valerie Heidrich, Megan Wujcik, and Emily Till take time away from the summer heat to goof around in a costume store with Christina Aguilera. Out of their bathing suits and into the latest summer fashion!



Junior Stefanie Lindsey and graduate Nathan Speilbusch, on vacation, in the Florida Keys. They take a minute from tanning on the beach to pose for the camera.



Left: Junior Ryan Thornton spends some time at Four Bears Waterpark in June. A smile comes to his face after catching a large fish.

Below: Juniors Edward Zuzindlak and Eric Scharver were caught playing dress-up over the summer. Did the sun get to them that much!?



Summer Vacation Memories



"I went to West Virginia this summer to see my grandma. I also went up north for the Fourth of July."
-Megan Goldenberg '03



"I spent one month at my mom's house, one week at Mackinac Island and two weeks in California."
-Jessica Maloney '03



"My favorite thing to do over the summer is see friends and swim."
-Julia Kendziorski '05



"My favorite summer memory was going to Mackinac Island and meeting a lot of new people."
-Kristine Toquigne '04

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT...HOW 'BOUT YOU?

Seniors Corey Vanderhoff, Joseph Koehler, and Bryan Beebe had no idea that on October 5 they would be showing spirit in such the way they did. After they were called down to the gym floor during the Field Day assembly, their mothers waited to surprise their sons with a smooch. Perhaps this was not a first kiss for these three young men, but it was a first for Dondero's Field Day assembly.

"It was a lot of hard work, especially since it was the very first one, but it all turned out to be pretty good," said senior Amanda Herrick, chair of Field Day committee. To get everyone into the spirit, Senate concocted several events for each class to compete against one another. There was the Pantyhose Run that involved two males and one

female pulling on a pair of "Big Mama" pantyhose over their clothes and running across the gym floor. Another game was the Watermelon Pass where several members from each class had to pass a greased-up watermelon over their heads and under their legs. Each class cheered on the participants of each game as they sported their class t-shirts. Needless to say, there was a clear presence of unity.

As for Spirit Week itself, Senate picked two new additions to add to the old favorite dress-up days. The new days included Surfer Day and Wacky Tacky Day. As for the old Class Color Day, there were t-shirts available for students to buy, another Dondero first. The shirts were a huge success, and they seemed to bring each class together because they now all had something in common. After all was said and done, the student body felt closer, and homecoming week was just the beginning of a phenomenal year to come.

By: Sara Brown



Above: After being announced, the winners of Hawaiian Day, sophomore Christie Lockman, senior Brian Pagenkopf, freshman Amanda Stanton, and freshman Corey Gower say "aloha" and try their best to stay warm while sporting their hoola skirts and button down shirts.



Right: To show their school spirit and how tacky they can really be, juniors Justin Gardner and Tia Kavarik join freshmen Jessica Pearce and Amanda Vanover as they smile for Wacky Tacky Day. Those outfits are certainly nothing to smile about!



Left: Sophomore Richard Sinta stands with freshman Kirk Wilcox on Wacky Tacky Day. Richard, we give you two thumbs up for that hat!

Below: During the pantyhose game, juniors Christopher South, Jamie Gower, and Edward Zuzindlak have looks of "sheer" excitement as they anticipate their turn to run in the race.



Students Share Their Favorite Spirit Week Moments



"The pep assembly was cool because it was cool to see the whole school cheer for their classmates."

- Kathryn Huston '04



"My favorite day was Twin Day when all the guys dressed up as girls."

- Angela DiIacovo '03



"Surfer day was the best! I got to wear shorts and leis even though it was freezing."

- Ryan Vance '02



"Pajama Day was awesome! It's the only day when you can get out of bed and not have to get dressed."

- Emily Passolt '05

Don't RAIN On My PARADE

Early October is a very exciting time of the year here at Dondero: the time when new friends are made, the float parties are bumping and there is a certain electricity around the school. All of this could only indicate one thing... Homecoming week.

What Dondero Homecoming would be complete without an annual parade? The parade took place at 4:30 p.m., starting at St. Mary's church and proceeding from 6th Street to Washington and back to the school. The parade consisted of the class floats, the marching band, fall sports teams, the court, cheerleaders, senate, and various other groups that chose to participate. The rain this year did not keep anyone down. The parade was phenomenal, and the crowds were just as spirited as ever. This parade was one that will be hard to forget.

By: Jamie Martin

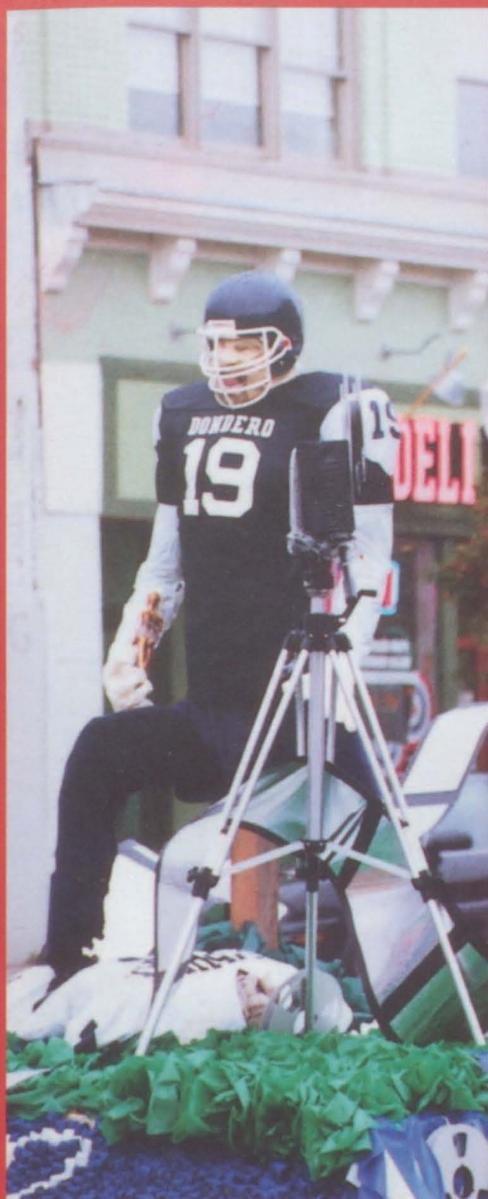
Middle Right: Juniors Kristen Edgar and Andrea Hoff cheer on the football team to their 27-6 victory over the Lamphere Rams on Homecoming.

Bottom Right: The freshmen float boasts the new unofficial school color: red.

Below: The sophomore float showing exactly what was to become of the game...a win!



Below: Remember the Oaks. This statuette helped win the seniors the float competition.



A BIG WIN FOR THE TEAM AND THE SCHOOL

It was 7 p.m. on October 5, 2001. The wind was whipping, and the rain was coming down hard. This was the day that the Dondero varsity football team exhausted themselves to bring the student body the first home win since 1997.

The school spirit was evident all homecoming week and only grew at the game. The football players were smiling, and the freshmen were fitting in quite well. With the support of one of the best pep assemblies in recent years, the varsity football team also brought something different to the school year: a Homecoming victory.

The Homecoming game itself was an important turn around for the football team. Not only was it the first Homecoming win in four years, but the first home win the existing student body has ever seen. It also was the first day in seven years that the varsity football team

had a winning record in league play.

"It felt great scoring three times during my last homecoming game," added senior captain Joe Guzman, who along with junior Eric Bunker, accounted for the 27 points which helped the Oaks overcome the Lamphere Rams in the Homecoming victory.

The first half of the game stood at a gridlocked score of 7-6 and from the looks of it, was shaping up to be an exciting game. First year coach Jim Fitzpatrick obviously fired up the team

at halftime, because they came out and went on a twenty point scoring spree. In the end, the Oaks walked off the field with a win and the crowd of Dondero past, present and future saw its first home win in many years.

Congratulations to the players, and thank you for bringing back some pride.

By: Jamie Martin

"It's really exciting to finally win a homecoming game."

- Joesph Koehler '02

Homecoming 2001 Reflections



"It feels great to finally win a game at home."

- Richard Calverly '02



"It's cool because it puts more fun into the dance and around school."

-Eric Bunker '03



"I heard that Dondero's football team stunk, but things have obviously changed."

- Collin Porteus '05



"It's great we can say our football team wins games."

-Elizabeth Hanson '02

A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

Lights, camera, action! Saturday October 6, 2001: what a night to remember. Students walked into the smoke-filled commons to dance the night away. "The dance had an amazing environment which everyone enjoyed. I don't think that I could have asked for much more for my senior year,"

said senior David Benvenuto. Most everybody would agree that the decorations this year were phenomenal. Senate spent countless hours planning and decorating, which was greatly appreciated by all students. To go along with the "A Night at the Oscars" theme, gold stars were placed all over the walls of the commons and on each star was the name of the student who purchased it. "It took a lot of time and work to complete all of it, but in the end it was worth the ef-

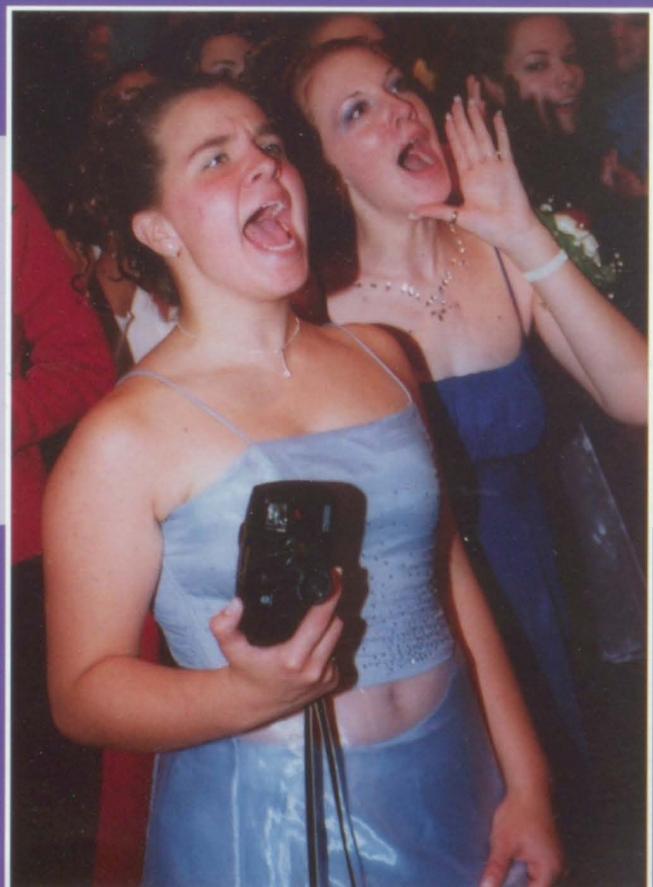
fort," comments Senate chair of decorations, junior Andrea Torvinen. This year, for a change, the seniors who were on the Homecoming court were posted high on their own marquis, where they were visible to all.

However enjoyable though, the night finally came to an end, and students left to be with their friends. For most of the student body, it was a night that will be remembered forever.

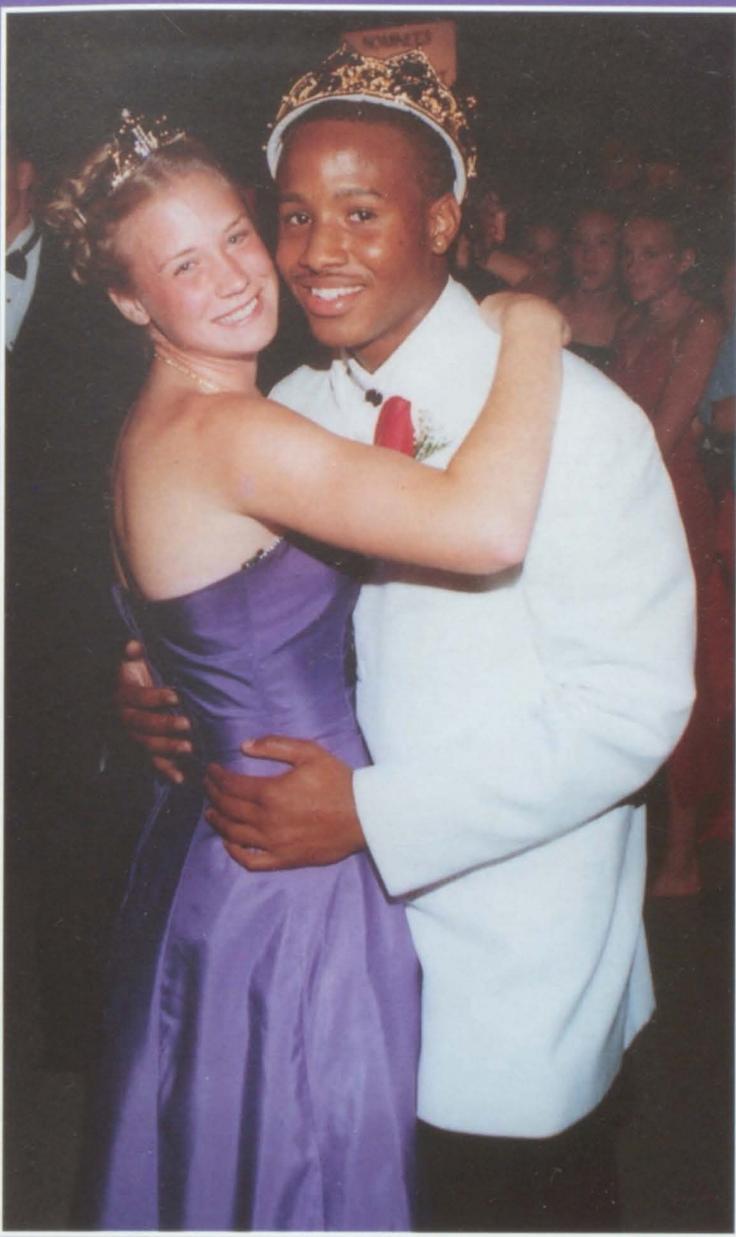
By:Chelsea Feldman



Above: While enjoying this years' Homecoming Rebecca Kirkman, Christine Dorn, Jennifer Carty, Julianna Weaver, Erin Davidson, and Kathryn Huston show their sophomore savvy. They are showing their smiles and their good fashion sense.

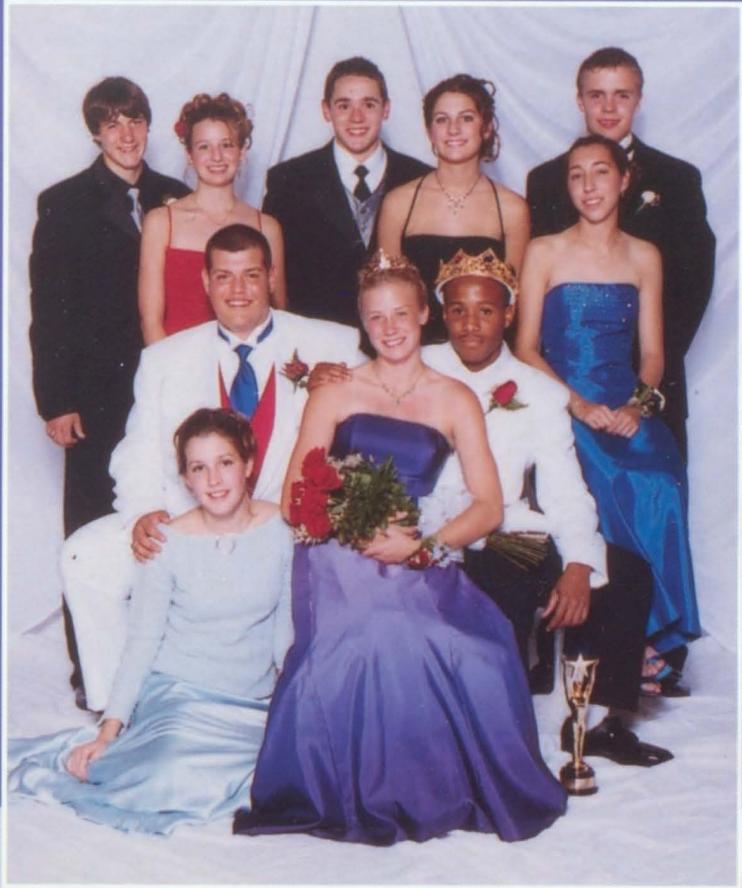


Right: Seniors Rebecca Dear and Elizabeth Hanson stand cheering as they anxiously await the naming of the Homecoming king and queen.

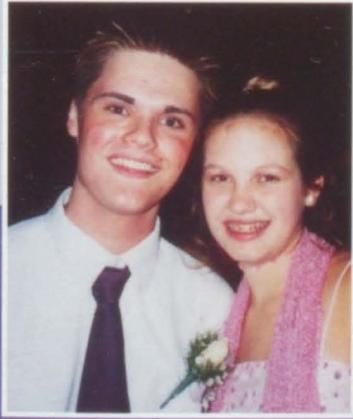


Left: Dancing the night away are Dondero's 2001 Homecoming King and Queen Caleb Fortune and Megan Sulinski.

Below: The 2001 Homecoming Court. Clockwise: James Martin, Erin Morris, James Sidick, Jennifer Quinn, Matthew Klaver, Andrea Champagne, Caleb Fortune, Megan Sulinski, Mary Casey, and Andrew Buck.

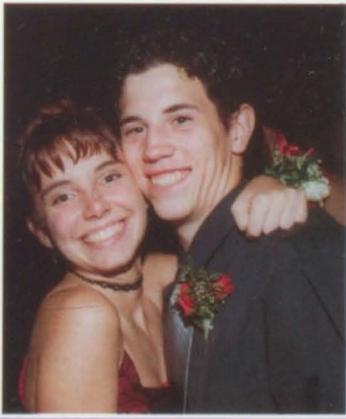


Homecoming Memories



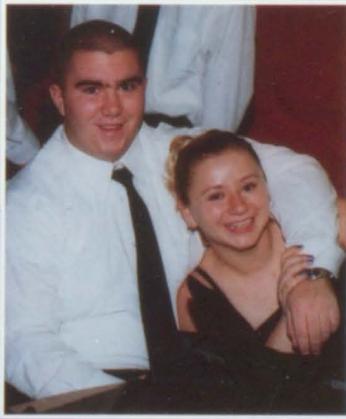
"Homecoming 2001 was definitely the best (dance) of my high school career."

- David Benvenuto '02
(with Meghan Covell '04)



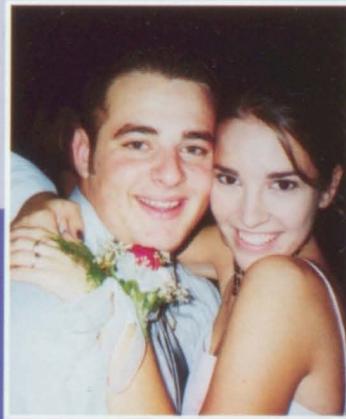
"The best part about Homecoming was spending time with my friends and Josh Belvedere."

- Sara Fenwick '02
(with Joshua Belvedere '02)



"This year, Homecoming was a lot better than any other because of the decorations."

-Nerrissa Williams '03
(with Matt Hallett)



"Homecoming was fun because it was my senior year and we won our football game on Friday night."

- Gavril Iljkoski '02
(with Alexandra Kerrigan '02)

TAILGATE AT THE END OF THE W RAINBOW

What time was it? Tailgate time! You could smell the school spirit in the air. September 21 was a cold and rainy day, but that didn't stop staff and family from gathering at Dondero's 2001 Tailgate. Everyone arrived bundled up with umbrellas and smiles on their faces. When the rain started to come down hard, from behind the bleachers to the New Commons, not a moment of fun was lost.

Every booth was different and creative. From sports to clubs to classes, each booth had a new and exciting way to attract students. Such clubs and Model United Nations, Senate, and Spanish club held exciting games to attract many students. However, none compared to the biggest highlight of Tailgate...the senior booth! It raffled off tickets that were to be rewarded with a chance to pie Dr. LeCureux, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Pontzious or Mr. Streeter in the face.

When Tailgate all came to an end, the evening was brightened up with the help of a beautiful rainbow in the sky. Tailgate turned out to be not so bad after all.

Spread by: Kimberly Michalski and Holly Swigert



Above: After two long hours of downpour, a rainbow appeared to cheer everyone up before the big game.



Right: Senior Andrea Kendziora paints Matthew Klaver's face at the drama club booth, leaving nothing but school spirit upon his cheek.



Left: Visiting the Model United Nations club booth, sophomore Courtney Engel takes a minute to strut her stuff in front of the camera while wearing a "Peace Keeping Helmet."

Below: The senior booth awarded senior Lyndsay Cooper the grand prize of giving Dr. LeCureux a pie in the face. Look at the joy in her smile; her wish finally came true!



Thoughts on Tailgate



"I thought the seniors had a good booth. It was funny watching teachers getting hit with pies!"

-Brenda Bogues '03



"I liked how Tailgate went on even though it rained."

-Nicole Helegda '04



"Tailgate helps you understand and meet other sports and clubs."

-Holly Dein '02



"Tailgate is a time when we can come together and have a slappin' good time."

-Gerald Martini '02

COMING TO AMERICA

Every new year brings new faces to the student body at Dondero, and in a unique transfer of cultures, the senior class has acquired some exceptional individuals. These four new students are Sophia Kozayeva and Konstantin Sushkov, both from Russia, Maria Figueroa from Argentina, and Barbara Billmann from Germany. These students put a little twist on to the school year.

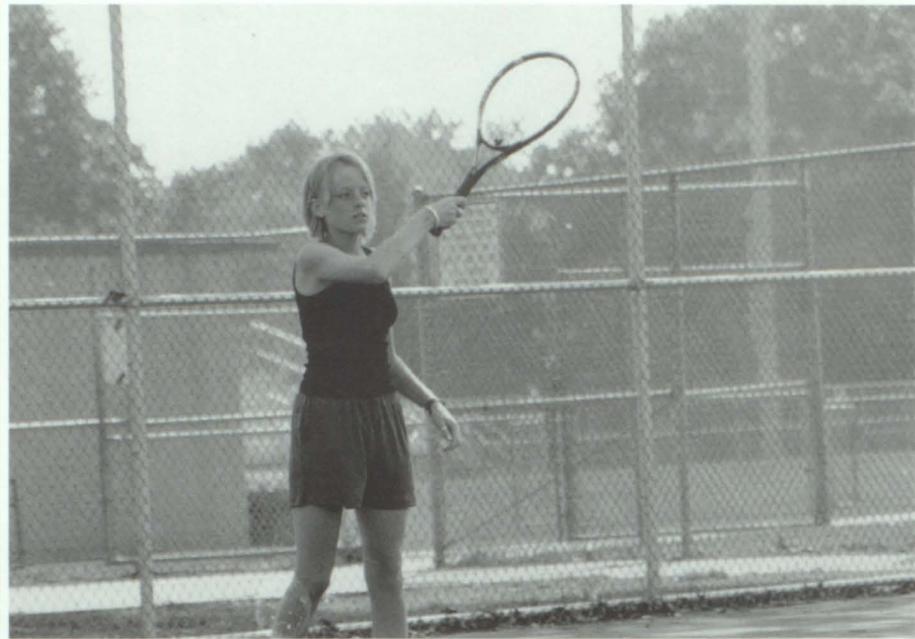
It must be feel a little awkward waking up at 6:15 a.m. and having to get ready for school and adjusting to a new life-style. These adjustments to a new way of life can be extremely hard. These four students were lucky enough to be able to come to such a friendly and welcoming place here at Dondero.

Along with coming into a new country comes the idea of culture shock. The United States' culture is much different from any other countries, as these students will testify.

Above right: In fifth hour Sophia is improving her typing skills with the help of Mrs. Renkert.

Right: Maria, also in the same class as Sophia, is taking advantage of Microsoft Excel and other computer applications.

Below: Finding Barbara out on the tennis court improving her game is not a suprising sight.



A MERICA THROUGH THE EYES OF OTHER NATION'S YOUTH



Below: (Clockwise from top left) Maria Figureoa, Konstantin Sushkov, Sophia Kozaeva, and Barbara Billmann strike an original pose before they depart back to their respective nations.



Sophia Kozaeva



Maria Figureoa



Konstantin Sushkov



Barbara Billmann

"Only the little things like ordering food," commented Konstantin about what has troubled him so far. "The fact you can choose your own classes," surprised Maria.

Maria also commented that she had heard nothing but good things about Royal Oak's school system before coming to the United States. However, in their respective nations, all of the foreign exchange students have block scheduling, which is much like the college scheduling we have here in the United States, rather than most high schools. "It makes things easier and more flexible," said Maria on block scheduling. Barbara added that in Germany "students lack in school spirit and sports teams." This makes for things to be more disciplined in classrooms overseas. The other thing that surprised Barbara is the fun and energetic classroom environment that is present in the United States and Dondero itself.

By: James Martin

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Family, a group of persons, consisting of parents and their children: that is Webster's definition at least. But this year family has meant a little more.

Since the September 11, 2001 attacks, siblings have put aside their petty differences and have been thankful for their loved ones in this time of national tragedy. A large percentage of the school's population consists of family members (mainly siblings). Though all sibling rivalry is definitely not at rest, things don't seem to be as heated as in past years. Families such as the Villerots and the Dresdens have upward of three family members attending Dondero. Though things are not always peaceful, "we get along most of the time," sophomore Nicholas Dresden said.

Family- sometimes you hate them, sometimes you love them, but they will always be there in a bad situation.

By: James Martin

Center: Whatever freshman Amanda Stanton did sure upset her older sister, junior Candis Stanton.

Right: Sisters junior Rachel Vermiglio and senior Sarah Vermiglio put on their brightest smiles and best poses for the camera.

Below: Brothers and sisters from around the school gather in the new commons for a group picture.



Below: Senior Paul Baker and freshman Stephen Baker express their 'brotherly love' whenever they get the chance.



"The family is both the fundamental unit of society, as well as the root of the culture. It represents a child's initial source of unconditional..." - Marianne E. Noifert

"FAMILY LORE CAN BE A BORE, BUT ONLY WHEN YOU ARE HEARING IT, NEVER WHEN YOU ARE RELATING IT TO THE ONES WHO WILL BE CARRYING IT OUT FOR YOU." - FRANK PITTMAN

"A family in harmony will prosper in everything." - Chinese philosopher

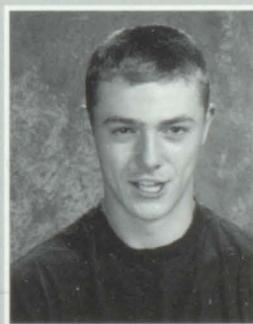
Family is "a wonderfully messy arrangement, in which relationships overlap, underline and oppose one another." - Marge Kennedy

"Family life is not a computer program that runs on its own; it needs continual input from everyone." - Neil Krushan

Q: How do you feel about your sibling going to school with you?



"I feel that it's cool to have my sister going to the same school as me. I get to see her a lot too."
-Timothy Gadwa '05



"Not bad, but not good... It's in the median."
-Steven Rodway '02



"I get to see her before gym class, and that makes me happy when I see her."
Zachariah Hanson '05



"Oh God!"
-Chelsea Neri

ALWAYS THERE FOR EACH OTHER...

It's hard to go about life without getting to know other people. Making friends is an important part of being human. President Woodrow Wilson once said that friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together. Friendship happens in that special moment when someone reaches out to another, and they trust and believe in one another to make a special difference that nobody else can make. Friends always seem to be around whenever you need them. A friend is someone we can turn to if our spirits need a lift. They fill our lives with joy and make the world we live in a better, happier place.

By: Holly Swigert

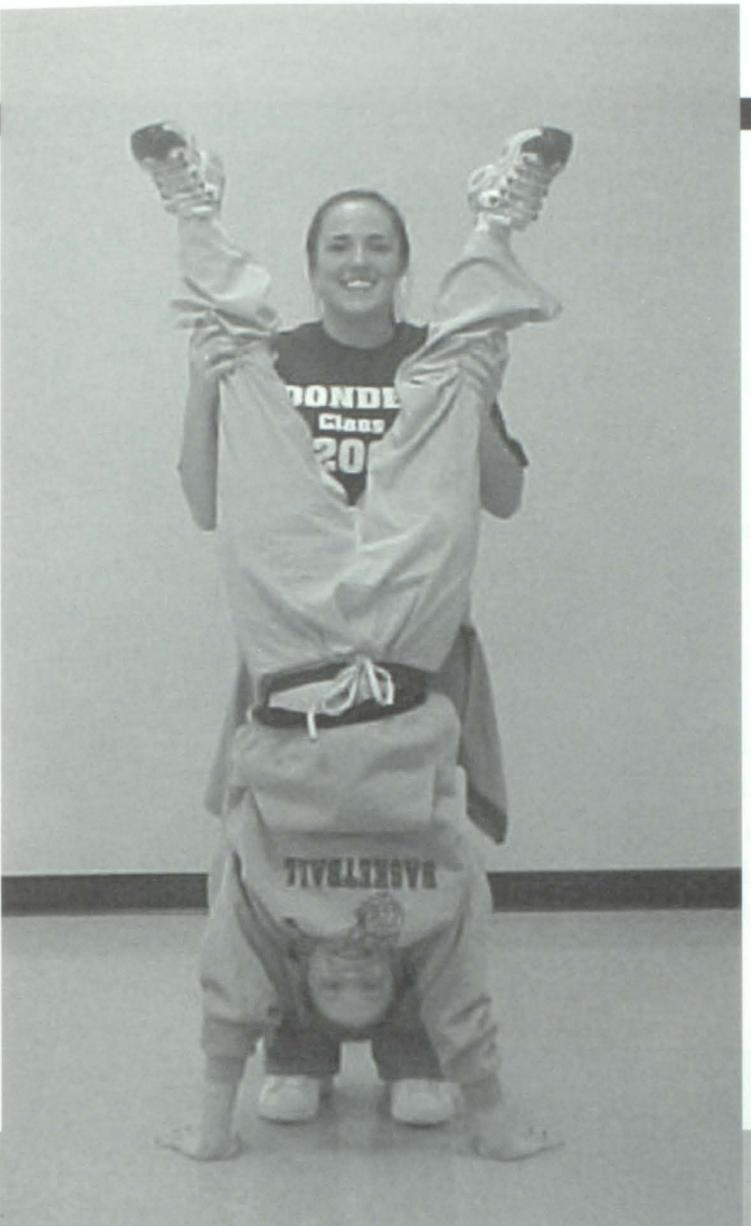


Above: Senior girls Erin Morris, Amanda Mullins, Sara Brown, Amanda Herrick, Andrea Champagne and Rebecca Kipp hold Alexandra Kerrigan to show their trust for one another.

“Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything.” -Muhammad Ali

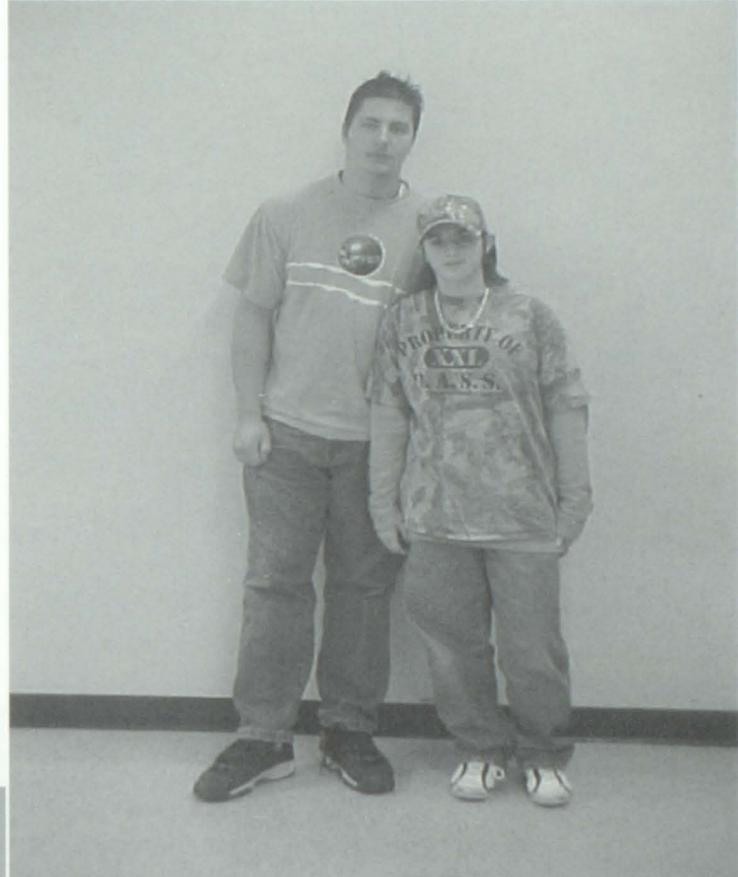
Right: Friends since junior high, junior girls Jamie Gower, Kristin Schumacher, Holly Swigert, Stephanie Miller, Carol Roman, Jennifer Breadon, Valerie Heidrich, Brenda Bogues and know how to have fun.





Left: Seniors Courtney Park and Erica Scheid are always goofing around together, and are happy to be best friends.

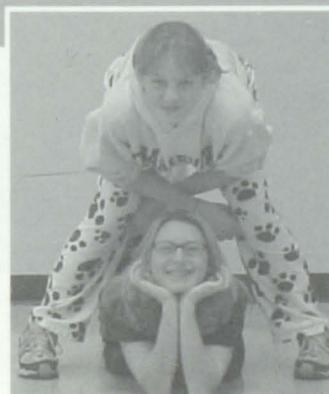
Below: Seniors Harry Hill and Jessica Frazier not only are a couple, but are best friends, too.



Juniors Vinhoudama Chhun and Kristen Edgar look forward to graduating together in 2003.



Sophomores Meghan Covell and Jessie Rauf know the true meaning of friendship.



Juniors Vanessa Duffy and Delores Cottingham hold on to their friendship.



Sophomores Bailey Sidick and Chloe McCullough proudly smile and say that they are best friends.



STILL THE SAME ALWAYS AS WE ALWAYS WERE...

From fast cars, Frosty Palace and poodle skirts to parties, National Coney Island and twin sets, things haven't changed much in the past 50 years.

Looking back at the



Above: Sandy and Danny sneak away from their friends to share a quiet bite to eat at the common hang-out, Frosty Palace.

classical movie *Grease*, there are many similarities and differences that have arisen. In *Grease*, there are mostly girls and boys running around holding hands and groups of kids working hard on their unique cars, getting ready for a big drag race. Nowadays, there are couples kissing in the halls and friends getting

together for a party. Although it may seem that we have changed drastically, traditional occasions still have the same characteristics. There may not be milkshakes and roller-skates, but kids still know how to have fun. *Grease* is still the word.

By: Holly Swigert and Kimberly Michalski

Right: Juniors Kelly Wilcox and Edward Zuzindlak enjoy eating at National Coney Island and are never worried about seeing their friends there.



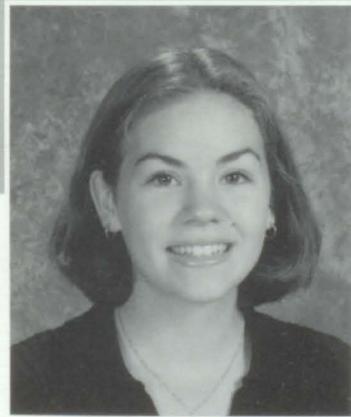


Above: The fun-loving Grease crowd gathers together for a final group memory.

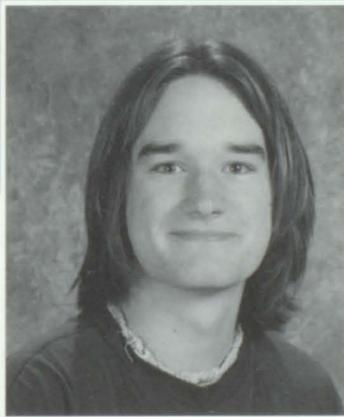


Above (Counterclockwise): Junior Stacy Peltier and sophomore Nathaniel Webster, seniors Erin Morris and Joseph Koehler, freshmen Samantha Gardiner and Kirk Schumacher, and sophomores Marie Maurer and Ryan Allard goof off and pose in front of juniors Emily Till and Ryan Thornton...look familiar?

How are Rydell and Dondero different?



"I think we are very different now, and it seemed like back then things were more laid back."
-Amanda Presson '05



"Guys don't put grease in their hair anymore... except for me."
-Brian Miller '03



"It seems like there's less school spirit found in Dondero than at Rydell."
-Lara Nemeth '03



"Thankfully, school has come a long way from Greasers and poodle skirts to a group of diverse people."
-Julie Budnick '02

ACORNS OFF



Jack Huffman is one of the many new freshmen faces here at Dondero. He is involved in swimming and the new Footbag Club. His favorite part of the day is lunch, when he gets to be with all of his friends. His most memorable moment so far was 2001 Homecoming. Jack hopes to one day go to college to become an engineer.

Amanda Presson is yet another one of the bright new freshman faces at Dondero. She participates in the Marching Band and also plays volleyball. Homecoming 2001 was her most memorable moment this year, where she had the chance to dance the night away with her friends. After graduating from high school, she plans to attend college and get a job involving children. Amanda looks forward to her senior spring break when she will be able to go on a vacation with all of her friends.



Sophomore Christopher Vandereyk is a very active member of the brand new Footbag Club. His favorite thing about Dondero are the very helpful teachers and the friendly atmosphere throughout the entire school. Christopher hopes to attend college after graduating from high school, but he is unsure about what he would like to study. Christopher is looking forward to senior skip day, when skipping school will actually be allowed.

Sophomore Erin Berard is constantly taking photographs for Dondero's Photo Club. She has been a member for the past two years and she enjoys Photo Club very much. When Erin walks into Dondero, she has the feeling that everybody here is like a big family; everybody knows each other. Her sophomore year Homecoming was a night that she will never forget. She hopes to attend college and get a job in the psychology field. Erin looks forward to being a senior, when she will be looked up to by the underclassmen.



THE OAK TREE

Shannon Earle is a junior who is involved in the French Club and the Girls Forestry Club. Her favorite thing about Dondero is, by far, the friendly teachers. Shannon will never forget when she first heard the news of September 11 while sitting in her second hour class. With only one year of high school left, Shannon hopes to raise her G.P.A. to help her continue onto college and study photography.



Junior Nicholas Stoll likes walking into Dondero's friendly atmosphere everyday to be greeted by our wonderful teachers. His most memorable moment of his high school career so far was spring break during his sophomore year. Nicholas can't wait until he graduates so he can go to college to become a landscape architect.

Senior Anne Petrimoulx is a proud member of the Dondero Marching Band, for which she plays the clarinet. She is also in the German Club and participates in varsity Track and Cross Country. Her most unforgettable moment was when she took part in the league winning Cross-Country team her sophomore year. Anne has plans to go to college in the fall of 2002, but she is undecided about her career plans.



Every morning senior Joseph Christopher looks forward to coming to school and being with all of his friends. The one moment he will never forget of high school is when Randy Gignac mooned the crowd at the 2001 Tailgate pep assembly. After high school, Joseph plans to represent the United States in the Marines.

GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN

Ready, set, hike! This year's Powder Puff brought on another devastating loss to the class of 2002. However, the senior girls worked very hard under the coaching staff of Joe Koehler, Ricky Calverley, Andy Buck, John Donnelly, Justin Browder, and Greg Iljkoski. "The girls played good, but we were out-coached," said senior coach Richard Calverley, commenting on the junior's coaching staff of Jeff Wilusz, Greg Breitinger, Jeff Myre, Scott Polonowski, Josh Spielbusch, and Josh Tabor. "We had a lot of talented girls and they all tried hard and played very well. I was proud," said junior coach Joshua Spielbusch. All of the coaches and players did a great job and they all went out there to have fun.

Above middle: Junior Stephanie Miller catches a pass from one of her fellow teammates to secure a win for the juniors.

Bottom Right: The junior girls gather together to celebrate their victory against the seniors. Back Row: Emily Morgan, Shannon Earle, Valerie Heidrich, Amanda Gill, Jessica Orlando, Scott Polonowski, Sarah Pokornicki, Melanie Aldenbrand, Kimberly Rennie, Kamara Hooks. Middle: Megan Keller, Amanda Hornung, Stephanie Miller, Dione Fernandez, Heather Flynn. Bottom: Nicole McCoy, Emily Till, Tiffany Mason, Lindsay Rankin.

Below: Back Row: Seniors Amanda Mullins, Andrea Champagne, Alexandra Kerrigan, Megan Sulinski, Lindsay Cooper, Erin Morris. Bottom Row: Tara Loyselle, Amanda Herrick, Rebecca Kipp, and Rebecca Dear are all smiles, even though they faced another Powder Puff loss.



Below: Although the seniors didn't win, Megan Sulinski gives her best effort to run the ball down the field.



A VICTORY FOR THE JUNIORS

Things were looking up for the seniors when Erin Morris and Andrea Champagne scored the first two touchdowns of the game to give the seniors a 14-0 lead. Soon after, Jessica Olinski thought that she had secured a win for the seniors when she ran for a fifty yard touchdown, only to have the play disqualified.

With halftime approaching, it was time for the junior and senior boy cheerleaders to strut their stuff. It began with Vincent Nadar and James Sidick challenging Ryan Gates and Justin Gardner to a break-dancing competition. The boys were disappointed about the "skirt incident" and even more so when their music failed to work. "I was very upset when we were told we couldn't wear our skirts, but it ended up being okay because it was cold anyway," commented junior Vincent Nader. They continued without their music and skirts until they got booed off the field by the crowd. The senior cheerleaders then took the field, giving the crowd an all-time favorite cheer, "Peel the Banana." The seniors were lead by thew Klaver, Christopher Luketich, and ended with Mat with a cape cheerleaders to "It's takes a real cheerleader," said Klaver.

When the

the juniors responded quickly in the last three and a half minutes when Jennifer Breadon scored two touchdowns to tie up the game. It remained that way into overtime, until Stephanie Miller caught a pass to secure a 20-14 win for the juniors. "We all went out and had a lot fun," commented junior Stephanie Miller, "but the best part was when I scored the winning touchdown for the juniors."

By: Chelsea Feldman and Kimberly Michalski

"The girls played hard; they should be proud."
-Jeffrey Wilusz '03

Gregory Boyer, Mat-Nicholas Maurice, Villerot, William Zachary Hickman. It thew Klaver jumping through the other wards the crowd. man to be a good senior Matthew

second-half resumed,

Thoughts on Powder Puff



"When the girls started to tackle, I gained a new respect for football players."
-Jayna Estopellan '02



"Some players were really getting into the game, but I still had fun."
-Alexis DeCruydt '03



"I thought it was flag football, not tackle! Seniors still rule."
-Erica Scheid '02



"The game got physical; the seniors couldn't handle it."
-Carol Roman '03

LIFE ON THE RUNWAY

Sporting a certain style, holding a unique personality, and being able to see a surprising amount of school spirit-walking through the halls of Dondero always proves to be quite a site.

The males of Dondero are all unique, but there have clearly been two sides to the story: prep and casual. Many guys preferred the clean-cut style of being preppy this year at Dondero, whereas some stuck with the tried and true baggy pants and shaggy hair.

On the other hand, particularly popular trends this year for the females

of Dondero included turtleneck sweaters, flare jeans and wrap sweaters.

A new big trend this year was a rise in school spirit. With the year starting out strongly with varsity football, it was easy to see the intense excitement of the crowd at pep assemblies and sports games. The Student Senate sold numerous t-shirts to students to wear in support of their classes.

Blue and white has always been a favorite at Dondero, but with a new color included with their uniform, the varsity football team started a trend which is surely here to stay: the color red. Together with the football team, the varsity boys soccer and girls softball teams incorporated the new accent

color into their apparel.

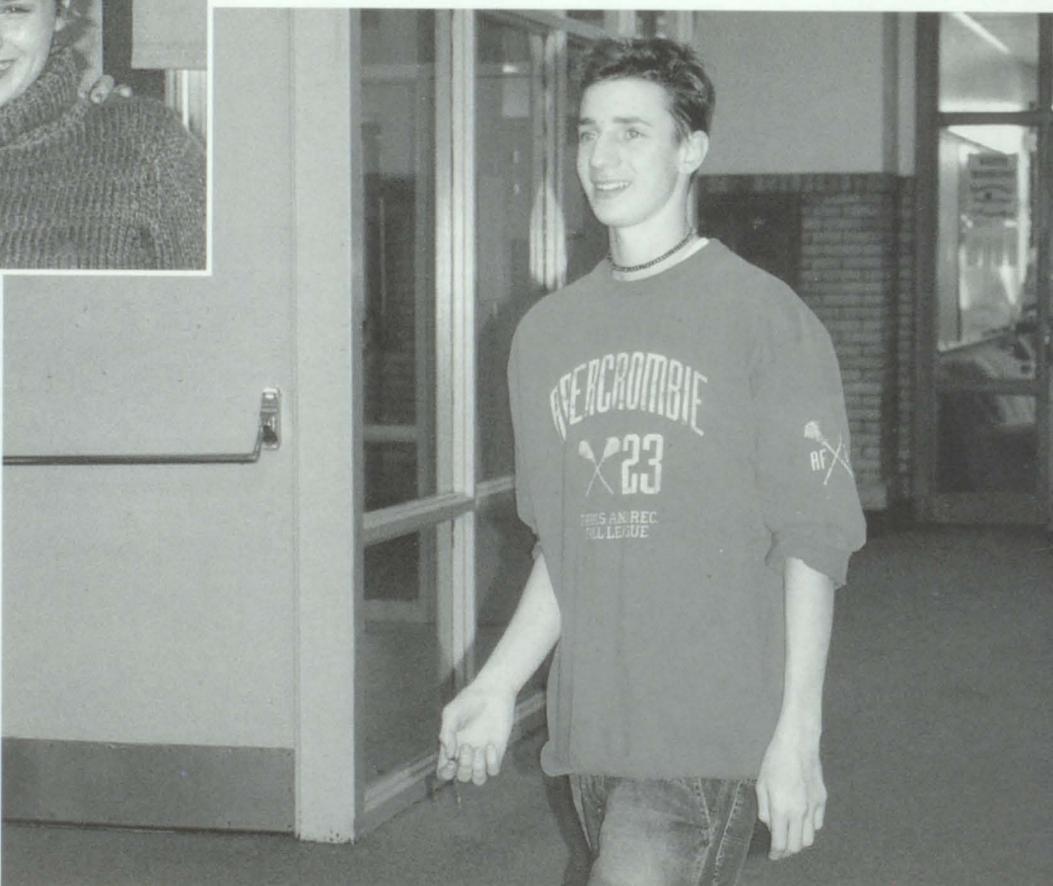
Music has always had a large influence on the young culture of Dondero. Favorite radio stations differed amongst the diverse student body, but sophomore Jeffrey Vanbuskirk stands by 88.7 FM, exclaiming "89X rocks!" Alternative music may be great in his mind, but many students prefer the beats of rap, rock 'n roll, or classic rock.

Bell bottoms, peace and love, greasers: each era has its own trends to remember, for the good or the bad. But Dondero has always held its diverse culture of students dear and always will.

By: Jamie Martin



Right: Juniors Diane Alton and Elizabeth McCoy enjoy wearing comfortable knit sweaters. "The fuzzy sweaters look cute and come in all colors!" Diane says.



Above: Sophomore Gregory Miesch sports his faded jeans and Abercrombie & Fitch shirt. Every year, the jeans change color from the acid wash 80's look to the antique rinse of the new millennium.



Left: Senior Amber Gossett and junior Jennifer Breadon are seen comparing wrap-sweaters. Whether walking down the streets of Downtown Royal Oak or the halls of Dondero, it was clear that 2001-2002 was definitely the year of wrap-sweaters.

Below: Junior Aqua O'Bryan is proud of her trendy hairstyle. "Only a few students in the school have this unique hairstyle," Aqua says. "Dreadlocks are sweet, and I love them."



The biggest trend of the year was...



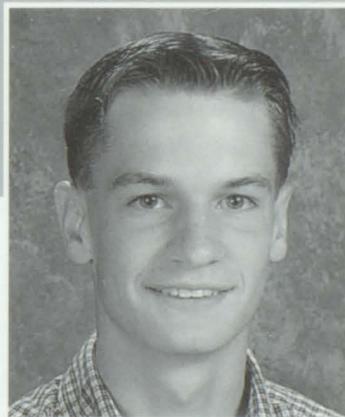
"I loved wearing my fake glasses around school because nobody else had them."

-Mara Waskowski '03



"Colin Samul is my favorite trend."

-Bailey Sidick '04



"Brown boots were my favorite trend of 2001."

-Matthew Wilusz '05



"These boots are made for walking, and that's just what they'll do ..."

-Amanda Herrick '02

DONDERO AFTER DARK

When people think of high school, they think of all the good times at the football games, basketball games and dances. Still, the most important nights of a high school student's life are the weekends, those special times when freedom is expanded and you try to have a little fun. However, one of the biggest challenges of having a good time is finding something to do.

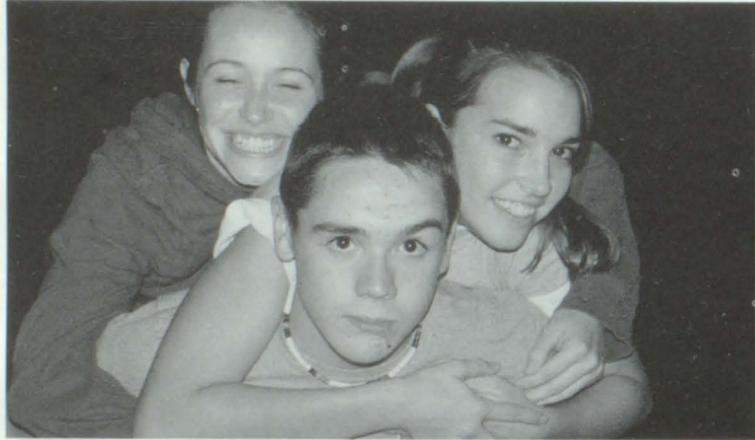
Dondero students can normally be found at football and basketball games on Friday nights.

Afterward, running into a few classmates at National Coney Island or Delmar wouldn't be a surprise. Most Saturdays are spent at the mall, downtown Royal Oak, or for most people, at work. At night, the Star Theater on Fourteen Mile and John R is a pretty popular sight to find a few friendly faces from Dondero and other schools from around Oakland county. Also, many teenagers find a good time at teen clubs such as "After Dark" and "Club Laboom." Weekend cruises

around town, bowling alleys and road trips to Trow Bridge are fun, cheap thrills that many take advantage of when seeking a little fun. Friday and Saturday nights are mostly the highlight each weekend. A certain level of excitement is added into a students weekend when the curfew is extended and it's just their friends.

Hanging out with friends, making memories and creating bonds are what will last past our high school years and carry strong through this journey of life.

By: Jamie Martin



Above: Seniors James Sidick, Alexandra Kerrigan, and Rachel Nievelt hang out after an early season football game.



Right (Clockwise): Seniors James Martin, Phillip Eades, and Erica Scheid catch a bite to eat at Delmar after an exciting football game.

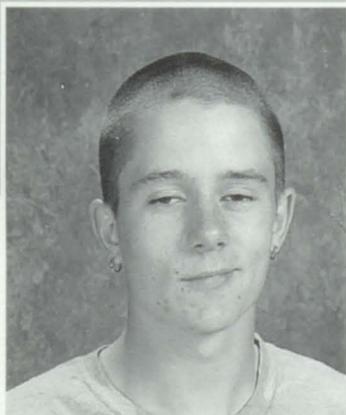


Left: Sophomore Julia Gardner calls her mom for a ride home after another thrilling basketball game.

Below: For excitement, seniors Richard Calverley and Gregory Boyer take a late night swim at Mary Casey's pool during one of their eventful float meetings.



What is your Favorite After School Activity?



"Cosmic bowling with my friends at Hartfield."
-David Shepler '02



"I look forward to the winter because I get to go skiing with Ashley Murphy and Jenny Wolowicz."
-Lauren Bogues '05



"Night life is my favorite part of high school."
-Ryan Allard '04



"Watching people drink milk until they're sick."
-Nicole Hakli '03

BZ-The first time you tested out Ed's north-AB~AN-In gym, blocking my shot best friends since seventh grade-ST~

Bobby covered in silly string and foam before a football game. Looking good Bobby-KK~JA-When Jamie and Kim g David with the silly string at my house-KJ~BK-Homecoming Dance-CM~CP-Collin made my homecoming a total blast-LM~AI-When we put ourselves in Amanda's pajama pants and walked around town-PS~MMAF-Penguin-AS~TT-What can I say, a lot of laughs! Best Larry from Veggie Tales-JS~CP-Being dresses with me-DS~LL-When Ricky thing about high school and Laura did-KA~EP-Sitting in our "Spot"-CM~SM- When we went to Canada, JM~JG- Pictures-RR~JL- The day our gym I would end up doing something ping our hands. One time it was with one of them bent-EP~MM- Remem went up to houses, rang the door bell, mean just kidding?" When I asked changed your mind at the last fast, or at least good thing for you-when I was running the football and ran into me causing me to get a When I had a bad day just let a friend funny nickname. I gave Jessica the like a duck-JP~AS- The first couple of days when we couldn't find our classes-DP~CG- The freshmen legend-CH

JG-When Julia fell down the stairs in front of everyone and I walked away and left her there-JS~AH- The time she got locked in the bathroom and then two minutes after she got out the fire alarm went off- KT~Everyone in Mr. Chisnell's room at lunch-watching *Monty Python and the Holygrail* while quoting it constantly-MT~JB-Homecoming night-AL~KH-For all the moments we have had together and the moments yet to come- MV~JB- Homecoming night-SM~JF-When I asked her SOPHOMORES out, she cheered me up when I was sad-GT~NW-Money in the bank- SP~JF-The one time I was climbing and my shoe fell out of the window and I yelled "Jessie grab the sickle" talking about the plas- getting it but the sickle fell out of the window. When Kyle went out with Greg's sister- AG~VZ- vending machine-AE~KV- Leaf pile couches- with a string- KV~CA- The hot summer day yard running through the sprinkler. After get- guys rode by we were so embarrassed!- Concert Band 2000-2001!-When we stuffed BK~SQ- When we made up nicknames for the Nicholia and Martin Graph? -RS~RS JC- When getting a staple caught in her hand and then ing it fall over-SQ~MT- Volkswagen- BA~All mornings before school where we would sit would complain about how loud the bell was Dondero Tailgate, Vanilla "Ice Ice Baby!"- class-CM~KD- The Tele-Band! They are here backwards and turned around and walked into are having a bad day, and your friends try to

skates and fell on the sidewalk-ES~RC-For all the loads of fun u in basketball-SW~AS-Being BH-When Katie and I got Friends forever-CS~DW-The "cucumber," the coolest kid and wearing kilts and Calverley asked me what was the bes told me to say the cute guys and so I MB~AM- Acting like maniacs at lunch and saw roly-polies. Good times!- friendship started-RP~MB- Everyday is great and we would celebrate by clap- rackets and we hit them so hard that ber the one half-day we had when we and ran-RS~STKK- "Oops... wrong, I out someone for you and then you minute. Good thing I can cover myself AS~ZV- During the summer at footba you were blocking me and accidentally bloody nose, thanks a lot Zach-CP~JP- cheer you up. Give them and yourself nickname "duck", because she walks



SOPHOMORES



tic sickle Jessie had then she tried Some things just don't work- CD~KE- When we got a hanger caught in the JW~JW- Macaroni cans tied together when Chelsea and I were in her front ting our picture taken, a car full of cute KH~AG-Everyday at lunch -KK~KK- 18 people in my 17 foot wide pool- guys we liked. Remember William Raven ran across the table and fell, played football with a trash can mak- my friends on the third floor, the together and laugh or sleep. Then we and why we sat right under it-SA~EB- CA~CA- "Moo, Moo" in Mr. Stange's to get us-AD~RB- Rick was walking a pole-BM~TM- Bad Jokes! When you cheer you up-JP

JB- Not a fan of clothing, I'm CP~RC-Homeroom-JG~ Reeve's Class, "I want to tell Rebel, Rebel, Rebel-HS~SC- November 13, 2001-SH~LW RF AD- When we chased that freshman around at the dance because he wouldn't dance with us -JR~KS- Date to McDonalds-JT~ET- When Emily fell asleep in class -EZ~AH-The angel on her sixteenth birthday -RN~VD-Freshman year in math class with Ms. Reeves-DC~ DC- Freshman year when I fell down the stairs on "Freshman Friday"-TD~MW- Shultz's Class- JQ~ ES- Hey Yomina, strong!-GP~GP- Hey Natasha, Boris is mine!-ES~SM- The rest of my life-NM~JG- Sophomore year spring break- LN~KM- The truth about Lara and Kim- KM~ year-you're a great friend-SM~RG- nadar-SM~SL- December 23, 2000-DF~AF- Sixteen candles-DF~SC- All Just having fun-CL~LR- Every new she took me driving-JA~RP- When we row and he didn't know who did it-sandwich on Eddie's car window in BZ~ES-When I woke my friend up rassed himself and everyone started the family van at lunch-RV~CR-When took off and the door hit a When we were backstage during the she tried to hit me, but missed and we have made and for the many more to come-KM~ES-ERAN, KAM-KM~AL- December 31, 2000, it's all history from there-KM

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JUNIORS



JM- I miss beating you up in sixth hour freshman

Don't squeeze the Charmin! Hola! Te gusta BN~JG- Homeroom- RF~SC- Movie night!- the times over at your house and school. day-RG~KW- Summer Ol'-MD~KS- When toilet papered Ryan's house five times in a EZ~EZ- When I smashed a peanut butter the parking lot-RT~MB- Sweet Caroline- from a nap during class because he embar- to laugh-EZ~JM- Willis-VS~HH- Cruising in Kristin left Carol's car door open, Carol tree..."Carol the door!... BANG!-AH~AH- Crucible, I tried to give Abby a wet willy, hit Kevin-ABKA~LN- For every memory

December 31, 2000, it's all history

SK MK-Lunch in Cicchini's room-DB~JE DE-It's going to spoil-MM~MK- Harmony House Classical-CA~JB- Mr. Harding as a sub in Physics last year-BB~JM- Every time we got away clean-JB~JE- The wheel chair at Meijer- BS~AB- Bow to Wonder Woman-PS~MS- Hey Max! You got in Dondero's yearbook-RS~AP JB- Junk food movie nights!-RB~BK- Why do you build me up buttercup?-AK~AJ~DB- Singing the Hallelujah chorus at Hayride-KA~BB- When we first met-we've become great friends, and I'm going to miss you so much when you go back to Germany- AB~AJ KA- House party minority gig sophomore year-DB~GL RC- Free styling in style Mr. Kaye's 6th hour class- MA~MC- Interpretive dancing to Nelly Furtado-AN~KV- Halloween night 2000, the night we first met-KO~MK- January 30, 1998-AK~CA- Sophomore year Durand...bleachers, bowling, the car ride, men in trucks, your corner, I love you-MK~RD- Homeroom birthdays, Mrs. Von-SV~LH- The night at my class and that monster fly in the English department man year, Donny and I were wall and he broke it and Freshman year, during the hit of both of our high school possibly started your line of Dondero-El~CC MG- Home-the car-LC~JS- Dancing in the funny-ND~MB- The day I met we watched the Ice Age clip we went against my mother's dedicate this moment to you Homeroom- Getting a bagel-

SENIORS four years now!-DF~AJ- When we were at All City, Homecoming party-AG~KV- Mr. Walsh's English



Nick killed, that still rests in the thick book room-JP~JS- Tailgate Dance-JP~DW- Fresh-kicking the cracked brick in the science blamed it on me, so I got fired-TS~Gl- first game, on the opening kickoff, the first careers, I elbowed you on accident and concussions-EH~AJ- When we first came to coming Dance-LH~DB- When I fell under parking lot junior year-KC~MD- That he is my life-long friend-JW~AH- Every moment in Chisnell's room at lunch-KG~JH-When wishes and dyed my hair red-KW~SC-1 for having such kind hair-DM~Lareau GL~AP- 6 hours- AH



"This is pure, u

ATTACKS STRIKE DEEP IN THE HEART

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at 9:10 a.m., the bell rang and second hour began. 9:45 a.m. brought classes to an abrupt stop as all students glued their eyes to the television screens. "I was in my World History class, and we were watching CNN. We actually saw the second plane crash into the building," said junior Josephine Mix.

In only a 45 minute time span, two planes crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and one plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington D.C., causing the death of over 4,000 innocent Americans. "At first, I thought it was an accident. After I found out it was an attack, I was in shock because I didn't know when they would stop," said sophomore Kathryn Huston.

These events affected everybody at Dondero, whether it was directly or not. "The attacks made me stop taking others for granted. Now, before I leave people I care for, I tell them I love them," comments junior Kelly Orr.

After the attacks, patriotism became a trend across the entire country. American citizens proudly hung their flags to show support for the United States. "I realized how much of a good nation we have and how we are able to come together in desperate times of need," said sophomore Kellie Weston.

Tuesday, September 11 is a day we will never forget.

By: Chelsea Feldman



Above: Seniors Mary Casey, Ryan Vance and Amanda Herrick work diligently after school in the New Commons to make red, white and blue ribbons. They later sold the ribbons to raise money for the American Red Cross.



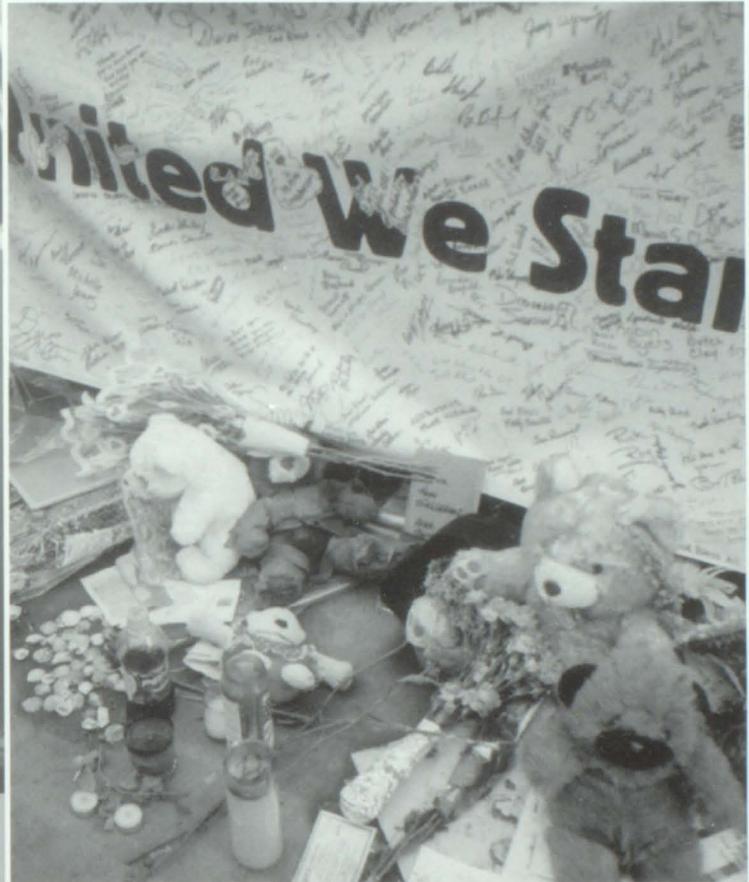
Right: On September 14, Dondero took part in a circle of unity. Students and staff locked arms while our National Anthem was played by the Marching Band in memory of all those who lost their lives three days earlier.

dulterated evil."



Left: Juniors Caitlin Lasley and Elizabeth McCoy wear their New York shirts to express their support for the city that will continue to thrive.

Below: Thousands of citizens came to Broadway Avenue to pay their respects to the fallen and dig in—America digs out—and digs in. Picture taken and provided by Jerry Feldman.



Q: What was your first reaction to the attacks?



"At first, I didn't think much of it, but when I saw the second plane hit, it was like my whole body stopped."

-Meghan Covell '04



"My mind drew a blank, and I was put into shock."

Megan Baker '05



"I was a little shocked, but as the day went on I gradually became more nervous and scared of what might happen next."

-Mary David '03



"I couldn't believe what happened. I was scared for all the people who had to live through it."

-Dione Fernandez '03

We Are...



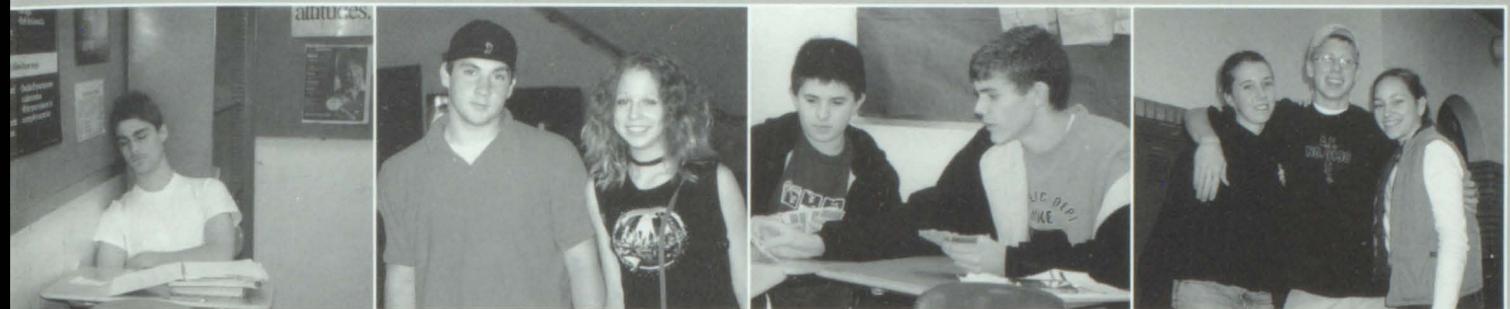
Every new year brings new faces. To look at these new faces and judge them is easy. The hard part is taking the time out to get to know what's behind their faces. Every face has a story waiting to be told. The more we learn about these people and what's behind their faces, the more we become friends. We are more than just faces in a crowd. We are people; we are friends..

**Not Just Faces
In A Crowd**



Opposite Page: 1. Christopher Gamble and Rachel Fox. 2. Gavril Iljkoski. 3. Ashley Laporte 4. Rebecca Costigan and Ryan Vance.
This Page: 1. Christopher South. 2. Shaun Barber and Tyler Mileski. 3. Timothy Persichino and Curtis Erickson. 4. Alexis DeCruydt, Philip Lewan, and Kristen Edgar.

Feature Photo: Amy Edwards and Michael Dresden.



Freshmen

Q: What was the biggest change from eighth to ninth grade?



"High school is a lot more laid back and fun."

-Stephanie Roy '05



"My height was my biggest change."

-Neil Harter '05



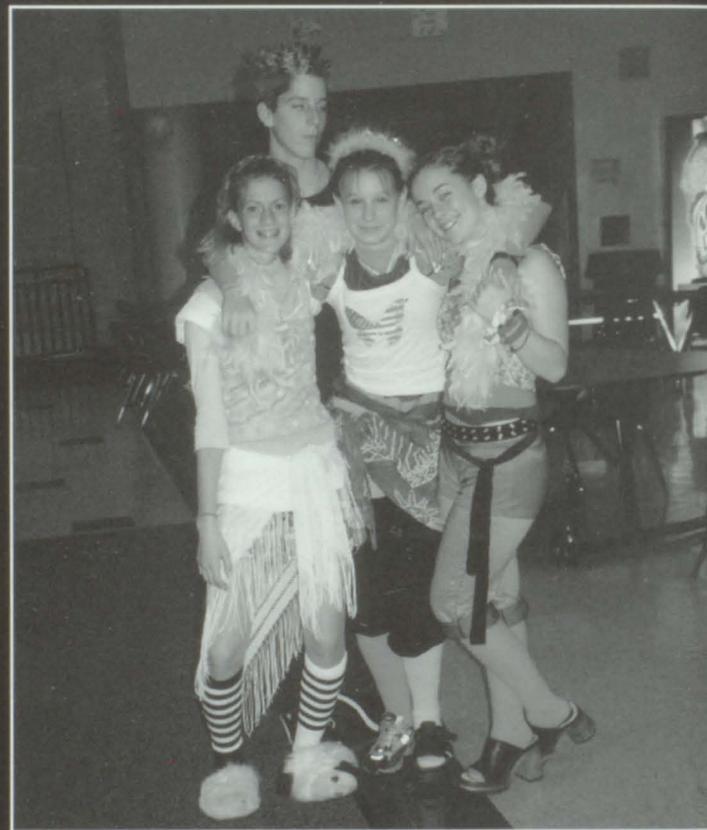
"There are way more people in this school and it is much more fun."

-LaTerrica Silvers '05



"There is a lot more homework in high school, but it is also very fun."

-Kirk Schumacher '05



Above: Bobbie Miesch, Ryan Sauve, Michele Norkus-Comby, and Jessica Pearce are adorned with school spirit on Wacky-Tacky Day during Spirit Week.



Above: Freshmen scramble to fit inside a single square at the Homecoming Field Day.

Class Officers

President: Brittney Zuzindlak

Vice President: Stephanie Roy

Secretary: Samantha Seymour

Treasurer: Megan Frizzell



Right: Freshmen jump to their feet with passionate school and class spirit at the Tailgate Pep assemb



Left: Katie Cross, Samantha Seymour, and Michael Bermudez relax behind the food table at the Tailgate Dance.



Left: Lauren Bogues, Jennifer Wolowicz, and Ashley Murphy pose during passing time.

Class Favorites

Female Teacher: Ms. Crawley

Male Teacher: Mr. Fitzpatrick

Song: "Clint Eastwood"

TV Show: "Friends"

Movie: *American Pie*

Hang-Out: The Mall

Candy: Kit Kat

Pop: Sprite

Year of School: Pre-School

J am...

...compassionate.

Amanda Fields

...outgoing.

Bethany Dybowski

...nice.

Natlie Davis

...alive.

LaTerrica Silvers

...short.

Nicolas Baker



...talented

De'Marja Patrick

...hyper.

Rachel Phillips

...spoiled.

Andrea Butkovich

...amazing.

Rebecca Rennie

...shy.

Jennifer Bylski

...princess.

Kelly Strong



Katherine Akehurst
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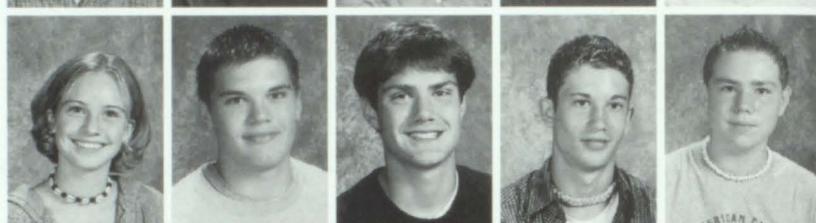
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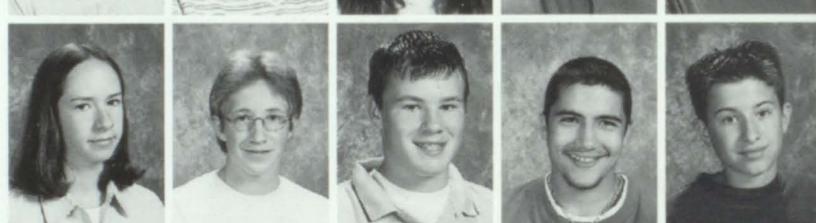
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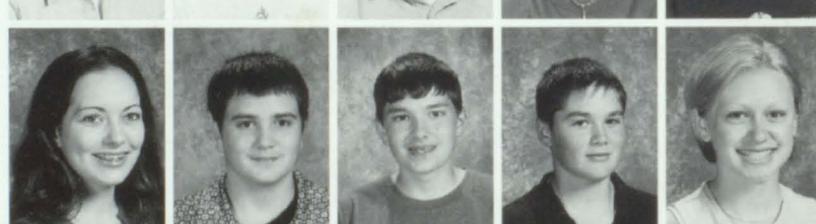
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Michael Cyrus
Jason Daggy
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Paul Derochie
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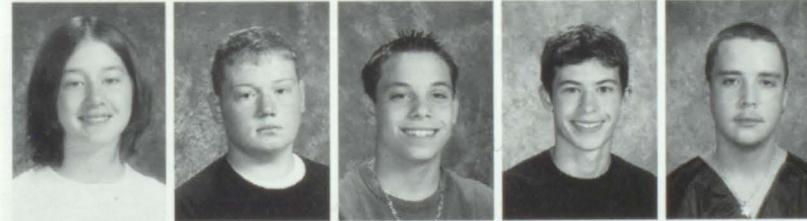
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Andrew Gregory
Andrew Gutholm
Emily Hague
Armin Halilovic



Elaine Hannah
Zachariah Hanson
Neil Harter
James Hartrick
Michael Hawk



Joseph Hawkey
Lindsay Hawley
Karen Hickey
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...smiles.

Porsche Reese

...natural.

Amandah Schaasberg

...dedicated.

Amber Stratton

...clone.

Nicholas Pardy



...sweet

Stephanie McIntosh

...punk.

Derek Shack

...helpful.

Jimmy Kumer

...curious.

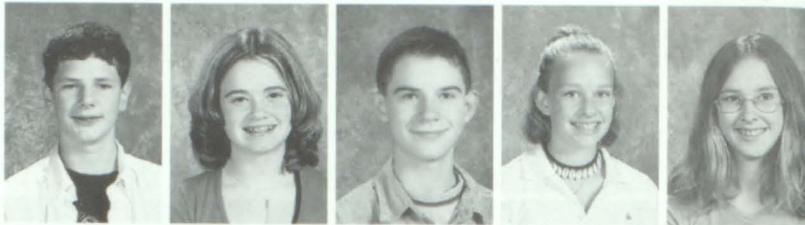
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...ditzy.

Mandie Smith



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Geoffrey Iverson
Raina James



Danika Jensen
Albert Johnson
Amy Jones
Jonathan Jones
Kathleen Jones



Henry July
Kimberly Kaminskas
Kendra Kapel
Jon Kapler
Kimberly Kass



Morgan Kaul
Julia Kendziorski
Jordan Keyes
David Kime
James Kime



Marcus King
Aaron Knapp
Bailey Kreutzer
James Kumer
Kaitlyn Kunz



Elizabeth Kwicinski
Matthew Larke
Alexandra Lasley
Krysta Lassman
Rusty Lee



Victoria Litten
Joseph Locricchio
Maximilian Long
Patrick Love
Laura Luketich





Zachary Maggi
Meagan Mandley
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Sarah McArthur
Orlando McCullough



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Kristen Mingo-Williams
Andrew Moffat
Jacob Moore



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Natasha Mosley-Jenkins
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Marc Mullins



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Ryan Myers
Nicholas Mykietiuk
Laura Naismith



David Neri
Patrice Njoh
Eric Noga
Kathryn Norander
Michele Norkus-Comby



Ashley O'Clair
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Jam...

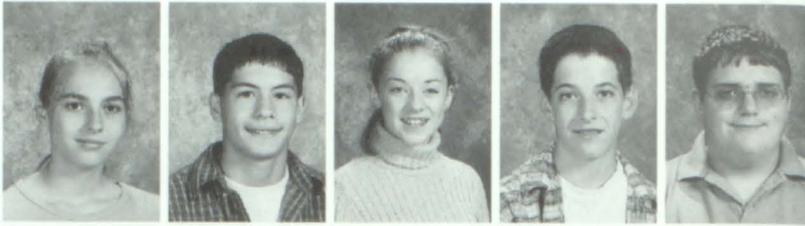
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...logical.
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...odd.
Heather Supal
...perky.
Patty Schwartz.



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...energetic.
Kari Hoobler
...shorty.
Lindsay Goboly.
...blonde.
Katie Jones



Stephanie Pattison
 Donald Pauck
 Jessica Pearce
 Matthew Peychich
 Sean Phaneuf



Rachel Phillips
 Collin Porteus
 Amanda Presson
 Elana Prukner
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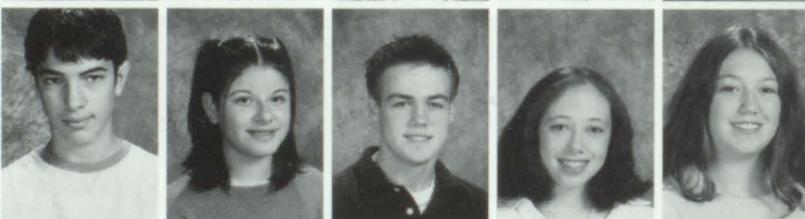
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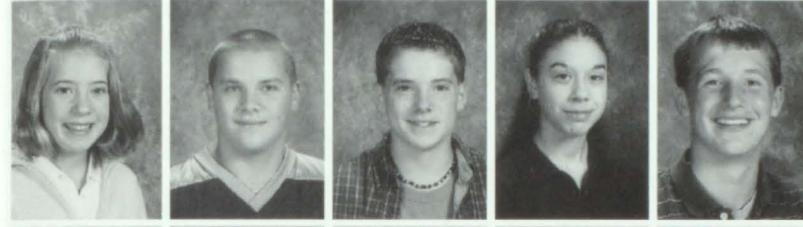
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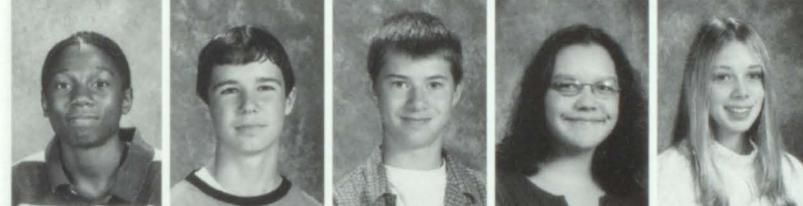
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Maria Vettraino
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Eban Williams
Seth Wilson



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Adam Witkowski
Ashley Wolfe
Jennifer Wolowicz
Andrew Wood



Justin Work
Ryan Wright
David Younger
Brittney Zuzindlak

Camera shy:
Andrew Butler
Joseph Gailegor
Jason Kelley
Jason Larson

Sophomores

Q: What was the biggest change from freshmen to sophomore year?

"You have a lot more power than a year ago."
-John Batherson '04



"I've finally realized how annoying the freshmen are."
-Abigail Bonar '04



"You have to do more work in class in tenth grade."
-Jeffrey Buck '04



"Freshman year you try to figure out who you are and by sophomore year you have a good idea."
-Meghan Covell '04



Above: Kelsey Ewald, wearing a goofy hat to remind students to donate money to the relief fund, cuddles friend Courtney Engel.



Above: Raven Sarrach, Melissa Ciampichini, Katie Park, and Shayna Quinn are quadruplets rather than twins during Spirit Week.

Class Officers

President: Andrea Langdorf

Vice- President: Christine Cope

Secretary: Paula Simone

Treasurer: Marie Maurer



Right: Kathryn Hudson and Theresa Villerot concentrate on deciding on a class ring.



Class Favorites

Female Teacher: Ms. Reed

Male Teacher: Mr. Pontzious

Song: "You Got It Bad"

Store: Hot Topic

Movie: *Love & Basketball*

Cartoon: "Power Puff Girls"

Candy: Milky Way

Pop: Pepsi

Superhero: Catwoman

Left: Paula Simone and Sarah Wallace struggle to arch into a solid formation with the rest of their sophomore class at the homecoming pep assembly.



Left: Lindsey Lewis shows her patriotism in her hair on red, white, and blue day during Spirit Week.

Jam...

...tart.

Kara Gheldof

...big.

Max Hancock

...ultimate.

Charles Hornbacher



...hilarious.

Kaile Komph

...outrageous.

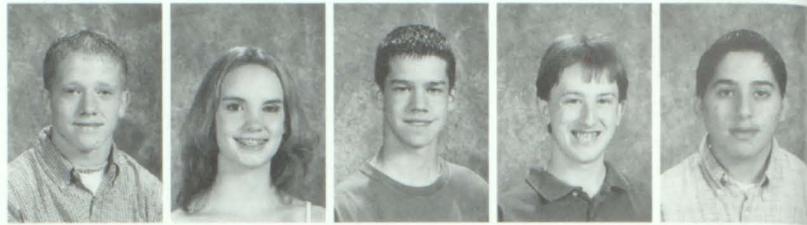
Meagan Kaczmarek

...spiffy.

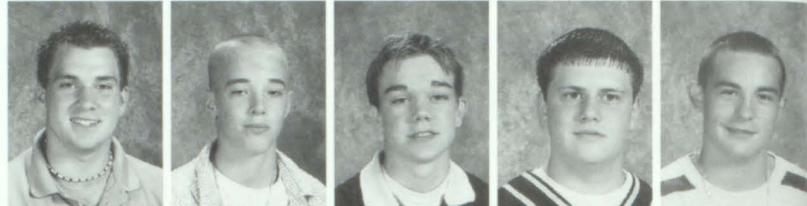
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Ryan Allard
Chelsea Anderson
Eric Backus
Robert Bajek
Steve Barash



Shaun Barber
John Barr
John Batherson
Allen Beck
Daniel Belanger



Timothy Bennis
Jeremy Benson
Erin Berard
Kasie Berry
David Berube



Sean Beynon
Keri Bindschatel
Michelle Blair
Abigail Bonar
Michael Bookmiller



Portia Boroumand
Kristin Branstner
Jeffrey Buck
Christopher Bylski
Rick Bylski



Kiara Carter
Jennifer Carty
Forest Casey
Benjamin Chevela
Justin Christopher



Melissa Ciampichini
Paul Cipriani
Christine Cope
Matthew Cordle
Katherine Costanzo



Meghan Covell
Timothy Creasey
Karl Cronberger
Robert Dalton
Katherine Davey





Erin Davidson
Jessica DeDeckere
Amanda Derocher
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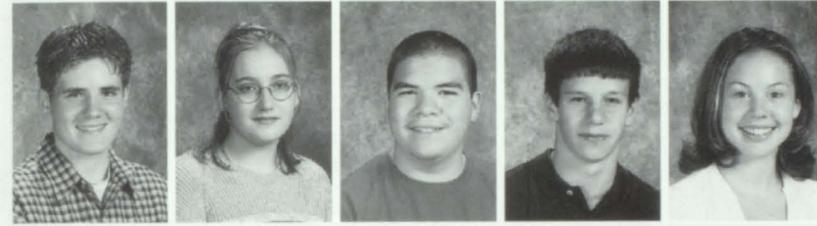
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Kelsey Ewald
Martin Fegley



Evan Ferguson
Jessica Finn
Martha Flores
Eric Forgash
Michael Fossano



Michael Fowler
Megan Freed
Alexander Gallegos
Jeremy Gardner
Julia Gardner



Eric Garland
Joshua Garrett
Ryan Gates
Kara Gheldof
Steven Gilbert



Heather Glovack
Zachary Goldenberg
Kevin Gore
Steven Gossett
Andrew Gowman



Ashley Gunn
Laura Guzman
Robert Hallock
Miles Hancock
Jennifer Hanks

J am...

...hyper.
Baily Sidick
 ...bored.
Troy Shipman
 ...happy.
Justin Tabor



...chilli.
Greg Strunk
 ...opinionated.
John Batherson
 ...musical.
Alicia Weiland



Jeremy Hatfield
 Stephanie Head
 Nicole Helegda
 Kyle Hoemke
 John Holder



Charles Hornbacher
 Kaileigh Horsley
 Travis Horvet
 Jocelyn Howell
 Jacquelyn Hudson



Kathryn Hudson
 Kathryn Huston
 Levi Jensen
 Meagen Kaczmarek
 Hogan Kangas



Alexis Kanka
 Christopher Kawa
 Michael Kiesel
 Kathryn Kipp
 Rebecca Kirkman



Kristopher Knox
 Kailie Komph
 Tia Kovarik
 Adam Kumer
 Vildana Kurtovic



Robert Laight
 Robert Lambert
 Andrea Langdorf
 Ashley Laporte
 Veronica Larke



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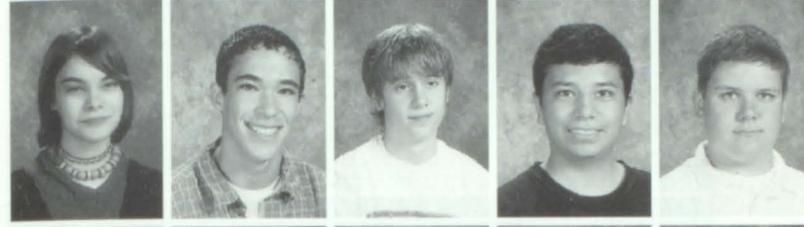




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Gregory Miesch



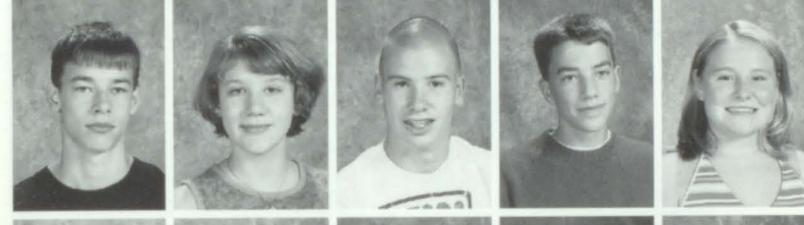
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Allison Phillips



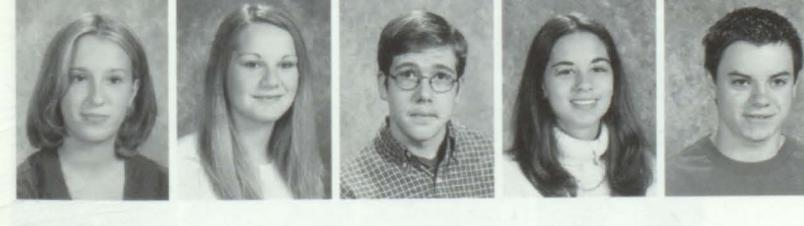
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Kevin Pollack
Frank Quinn
Shayna Quinn



Ronald Rafalski
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Bradley Reichelt
Ashleigh Ruggero
Sean Ryan



Julianne Sadach
Joy Salmi
Kealy Salva
Michael Sapp
Raven Sarrach



Mallory Schell
Nicole Schema
Joel Schenk
Shari Schreiber
Christopher Sergent

J am...

...cheerful.

Sarah Wallace

...sleepy.

Nick Dresden

...strange.

Christina Derouin

...goofy.

Megan Freed



...talented.

Ron Rafalski

...male.

Frank Quinn

...loved.

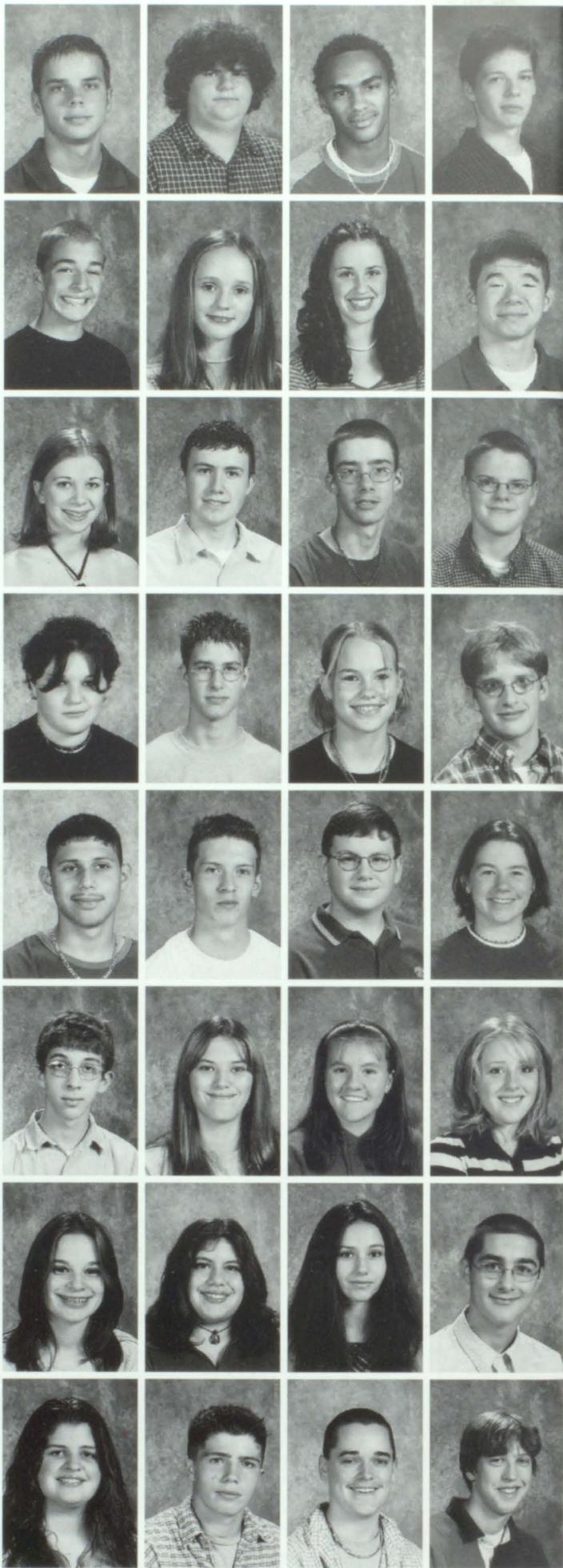
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...different.

Jules Sadach

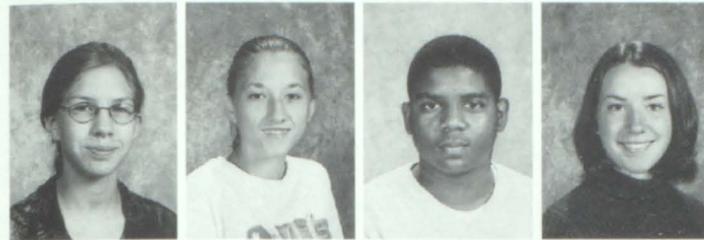


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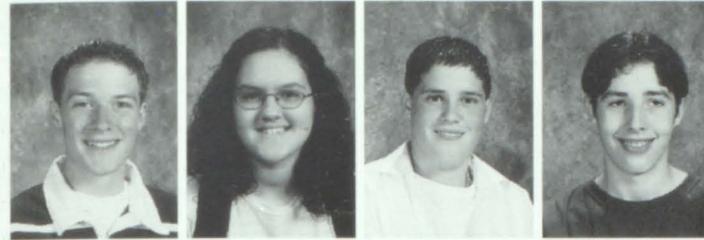




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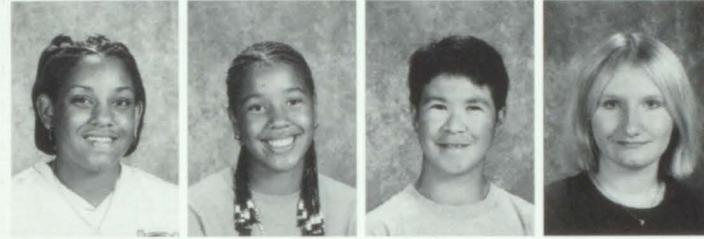
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Jordan West
Nowell Westenberg



Kellie Weston
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Micah Williams



Ashley Wilson
Brittanie Wilson
Bryan Yamasaki
Hollie Zerkich



Vivian Zuber

Camera shy:
Aldin Avdic
Cassie Galac
Amanda Meyers
Elanor Stanley

Juniors

Q: What are you looking forward to most about senior year?

"The freedom and the respect of the other students."
-Sarah Pokornicki '03



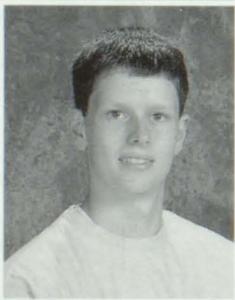
"My last year of football (State Champs)."
-Gregory Breitinger '03



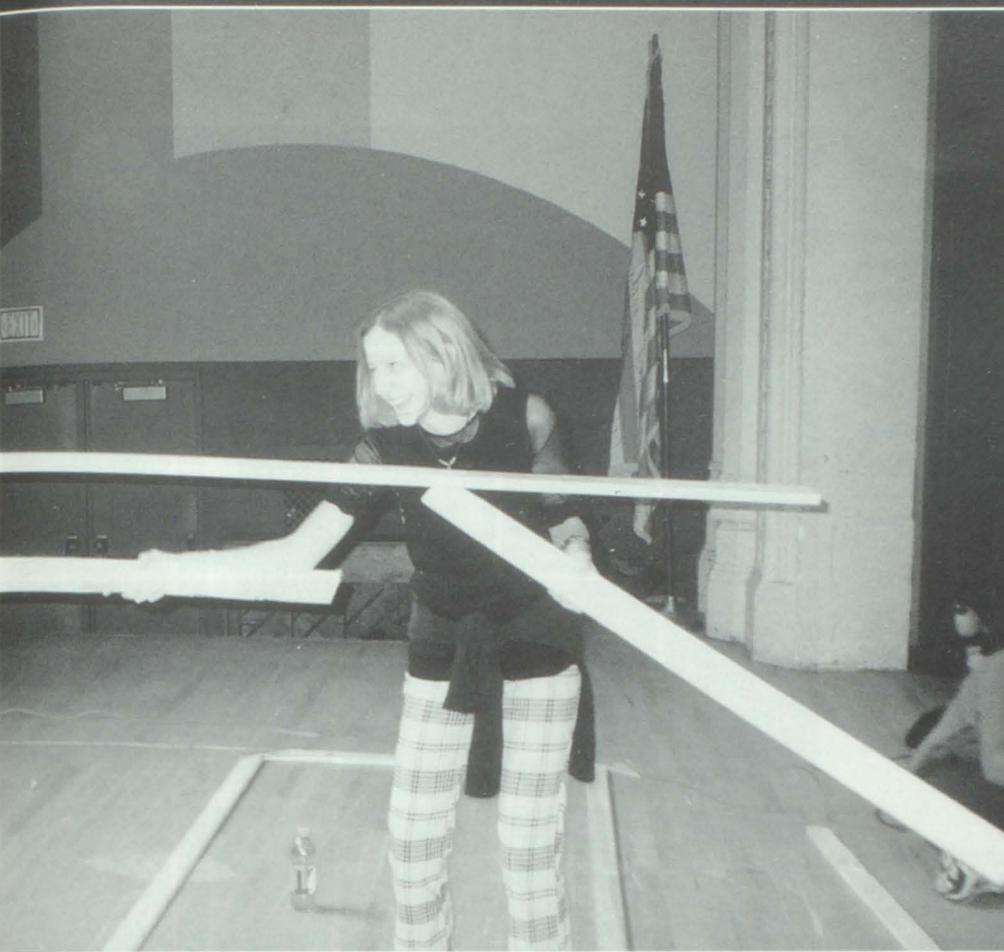
"It's my last year in high school and I get to go to college."
-Melissa Bentivolio '03



"It's the year when I will get the most freedom, and then I get to go to college."
-Patrick Anderson '03



Above: Stephanie Gibson stops momentarily while running out to the parking lot before swim practice.



Above: Matthew West and Victoria Schultz engage in a battle during set crew.

Class Officers

President: Kimberly Michalski

Vice-President: Alia Daniels

Secretary: Ashley Nowak

Treasurer: Stacy Peltier



Right: Kristen Edgar tests a string of lights in the Senate Room.

Class Favorites

Female Teacher: Ms. Maudlin

Male Teacher: Mr. Chisnell

Color: Purple

Radio Station: 94.7

Website: www.livejournal.com

Store: Target

Hangout: The band room

Cartoon: "Spongebob Squarepants"

Pop: Dr. Pepper

Left: Shanitra Bowman and Shawnta Williams take time away from their volunteer jobs at Tailgate.



Left: Erin Scafone is excited to go home after a long day.

Jam...

...dumbfounded.

Regis Kleiss

...quirky.

Caitlin Lasley

...resilient.

Charles Llamas

...different

Errika Mosley-Jenkins

...ambitious.

Alex Lamb

...quiet.

Brandon Makowski-King

...optimistic.

Adam Kniel



...indescribable.

Christopher Marsh

...crazy.

Jessica Maloney

...spunky.

Amber Marsh

...knight rider.

Phillip Marine

...bubbly.

Tiffany Mason

...superman.

Terrance Faust

...mouthy.

Kimberly Welc

...fun.

Elizabeth Wanless

...diva.

Jacklyn Roberts



Mehtab Ahmed
Donna Ahola
Melanie Aldenbrand
Diane Alton
Patrick Anderson



Ellen Backus
Ashley Ball
Eric Banker
Darcy Barry
Brian Barton



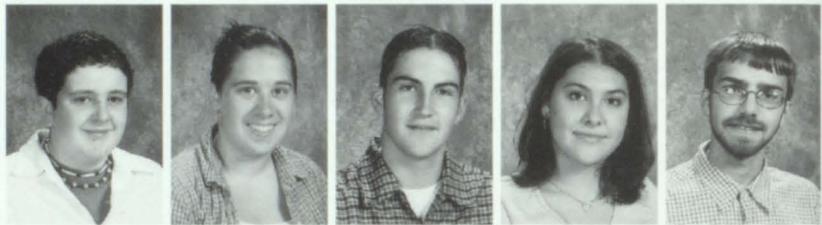
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Gregory Breitinger



Alexander Brown
Penny Brown
Scott Brown
Jessica Bryan
Scott Caddy



Jessica Carty
Joseph Caspersen
David Chaney
Vinhoudama Chhun
Paul Chonko



Kenneth Corbin
Delores Cottingham
Michael Cox
Sarah Crewdson
Matthew Csicsay



April Cushion
Alia Daniels
Mary David
Nicole Davies
Crystal Daws





Jennifer Day
Jason Dear
Alexis Decruydt
Tara Deleo
Angela DiIacovo



Brittany DiNardo
Jon Dixon
Joseph Dooley
Aaron Dorn
Latasha Dortch



Vanessa Duffy
Shannon Earle
Kristen Edgar
Andrew English
Tracie Ennes



Bryce Erwin
Anthony Fader
Emma Farr
Jillian Faust
Terence Faust



Dione Fernandez
Daniel Fisher
Heather Flynn
Rachel Fox
David Frank



Jessica Gadwa
Christopher Gamble
Roy Garbuz
Rachel Gardiner
Justin Gardner



Elizabeth Gattes
Stephanie Gibson
Robert Gignac
Michael Gilbert
Amanda Gill



Ryan Glabach
Megan Goldenberg
Jamie Gower
Hunter Green
Orlando Griggs

Jam...

...foxy.

Rachel Fox

...outspoken.

Crystal Daws

...friendly.

Paul Chonko

...sporty.

Stephanie Miller

...angelic.

Kim Michalski

...Big Mac.

Sarah McLaughlin



...vivacious.

Gabrielle Poshadlo

...zap.

Molly Mutschler

...ridiculous.

Vincent Nader

...confident.

Jessica Orlando

...nutty.

Caitie Pappas

...yellow.

Lara Nemeth

...smart.

Darcy Weipert

...loveable.

Dan Kime

...real.

Anthony Hernandez



Nicole Hakli
David Halliburton
Victoria Hannah
Heather Hansen
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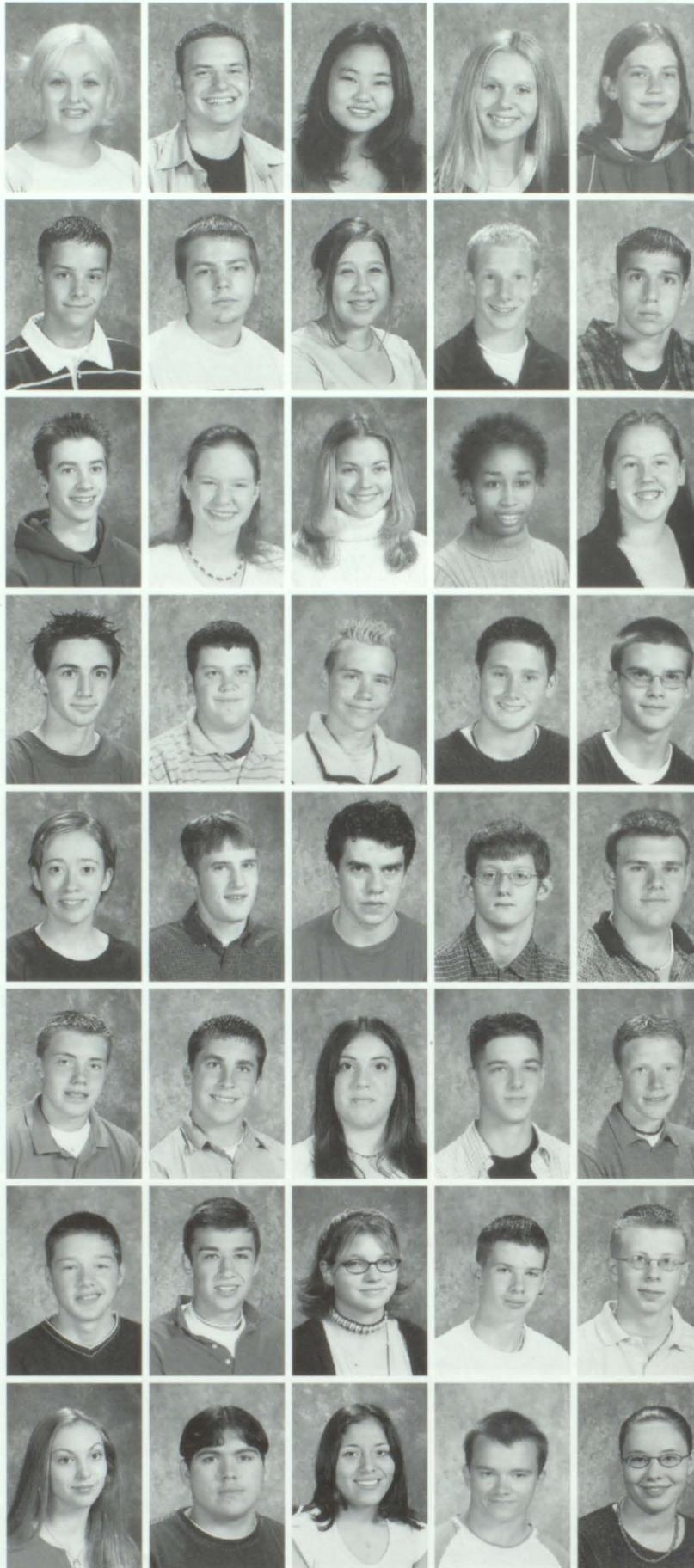
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Philip Lewan

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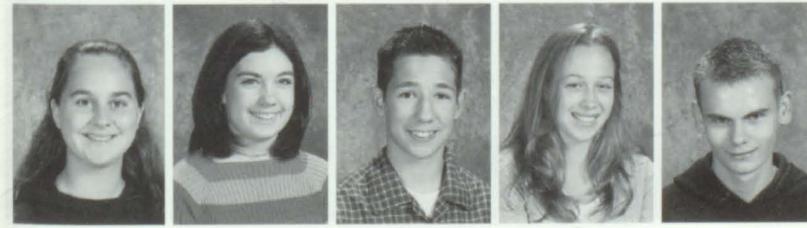
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Lisa Owens
Brian Pagenkopf
Catherine Pappas
Jonathan Parmentier



Tia Pattison
Stacy Peltier
Ryan Pennanen
Emily Peychich
Douglas Platt

Jam...

...tough.

Michael Villerot
...short.

Stephanie Gibson
...aloha.

Dione Fernandez
...jumpy.

Victoria Hannah
...nice.

Jonathan Hawkins
...compassionate.

Megan Goldenberg
...misunderstood.

Megan Keller



...a movie maniac.

Andrea Hoff

...a Britney Spears
wannabe.

Valerie Heidric
...weird.

Justin Kime

...genius.

Michael Gilbert
...busy.

Ian Kangas

...original.

Kamara Hooks



Sarah Pokornicki
Scott Polonowski
Gabrielle Poshadlo
Michael Potvin
Lyndsay Rankin



Kimberly Rennie
Elizabeth Rizza
Jacqueline Roberts
Lindsay Robinson
Kimberly Rodway



Carol Roman
Tricia Rossbach
Nicole Ryan
Dajuan Saffold
Craig Sakarins



Adam Sarkisian
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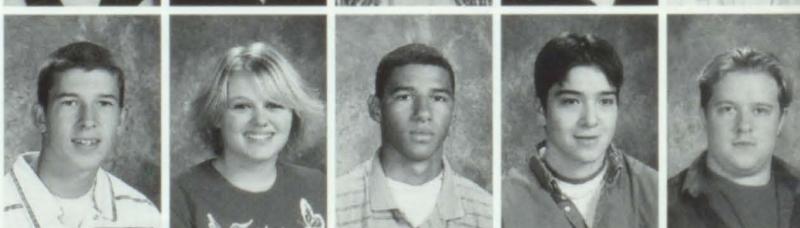
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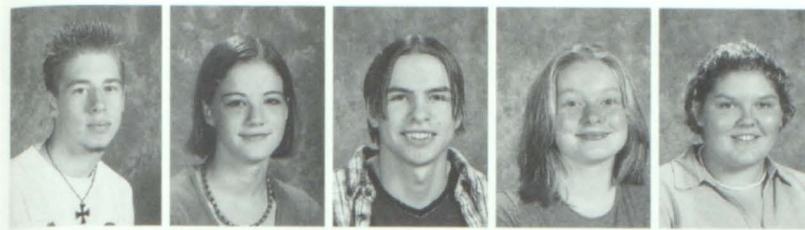


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Joshua Southern



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Candis Stanton
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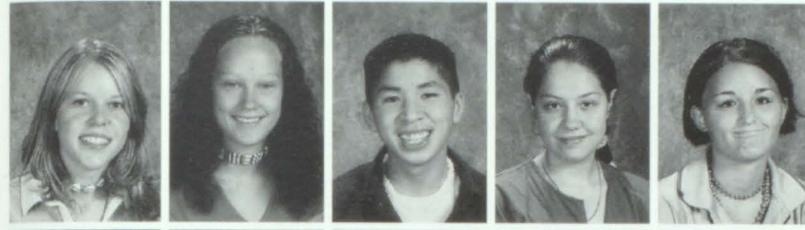




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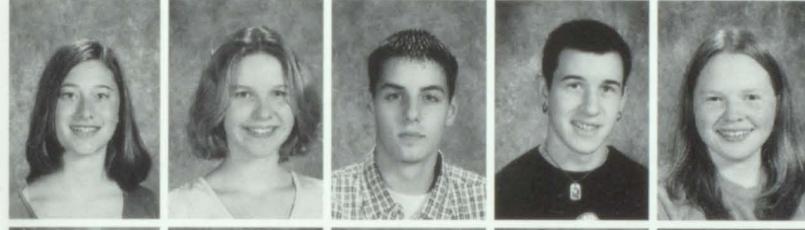
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Michael Villerot
Elizabeth Wanless
Mara Waskowski
Marisa Weber



Darcy Weipert
Kimberly Welc
Jon Welch
Matthew West
Rose Whalen



Justin White
Kelly Wilcox
Nerrissa Williams
Shawnta Williams
Jeffrey Wilusz



Matthew Wlotkowski
Michael Wright
Renee Wright
Megan Wujcik
Andrew Wyckhouse



Jessica Yarbrough
Brandi Zehner
Edward Zuzindlak

Camera Shy:
James Marshall
Matthew Samu
Lesa Swanson
Matthew Tansley

Seniors

Q: What is the best part about being a senior?

“Few people pick on you and you have virtually free reign over your classes.”

-Christopher Villerot ‘02



“Finally knowing that all 12 years have been worth it because we are almost out of here.”

-Amy Edwards ‘02



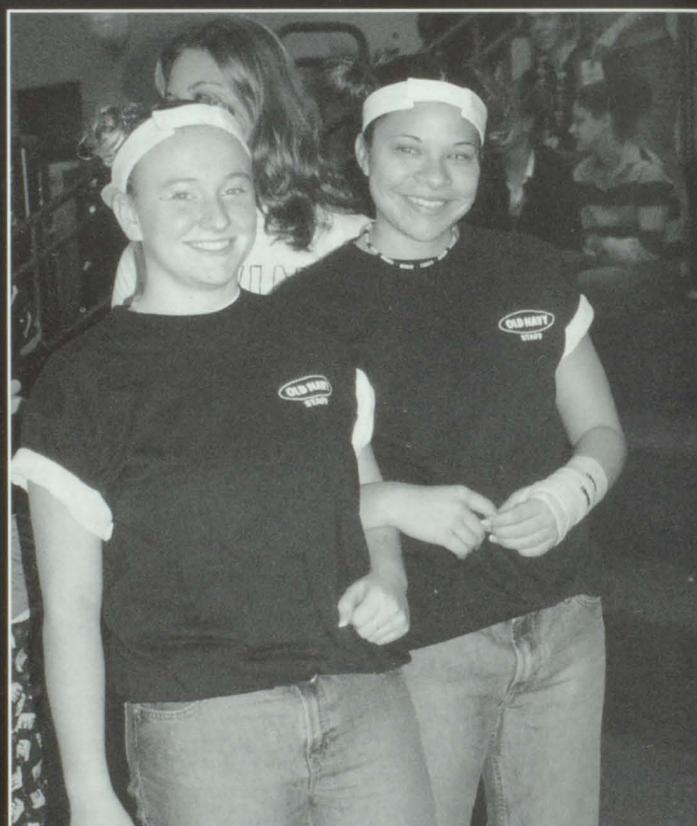
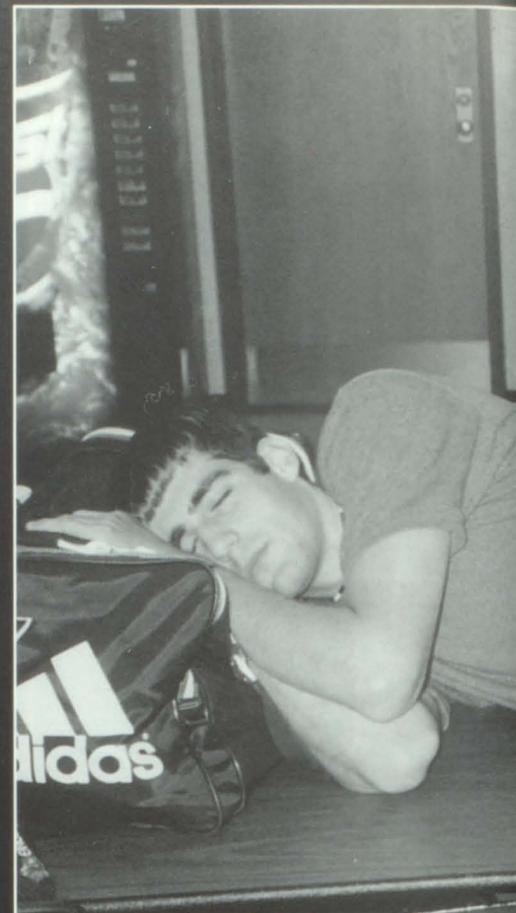
“We are the oldest of the grades and we are the coolest. We rule the school.”

-Bradley Ather ‘02



“Having underclassmen look up to you.”

-Megan Kimmerle ‘02



Above: Kimberlie Gordon and Danielle Fisher are best friends and twins on Twin Day during Spirit Week.



Above: Corey Vanderhoff squeezes in a quick nap in the New Commons while waiting for soccer practice to begin.

Class Favorites

Female Teacher: Mrs. Cumming

Male Teacher: Mr. Cicchini

Song: "Chop Suey"

TV Show: "Simpsons"

Food: Ribs

Sport: Football

Candy: Snickers

Superhero: Aquaman

Year: Senior Year

Class Officers

President: Mary Casey

Co-Vice President: Kristin Van Putten

Co-Vice President: Erin Morris

Secretary: Rachel Nievelt

Treasurer: Rebecca Kipp



Left: Julie Patra and Chelsea Adams work hard after school on a layout for the ACORN.



Left: Adam Hobart, Brandon Willard, Andrea Lentz, and Caitlin Christopher cheer on the senior team at the Tailgate Pep Assembly.

girl Power

With immense concentration, senior Treasurer Rebecca Kipp makes sure the seating arrangements at Prom 2001 are just right. As juniors, the officers began their hard work for their school.



Through it all, they remain buddies. Rebecca Kipp and Rachel Nievelt express their friendship in the senior class room. Friendship is part of what keeps the officer team together.

Where the magic happens. The officers pause for a moment in their ever-eventful second period planning hour. This is the location where all the elaborate plans are drawn up.

**Mrs. Nancy Marek
Adviser**



Homecoming, floats, graduation: all huge parts of any high school senior's last year of innocence.

These are things a person remembers forever, but who makes them happen?

The senior class officers, with the help of their adviser, Mrs. Nancy Marek, take on this task simply because they "wanted to represent the senior class," says Erin Morris, co-Vice President.

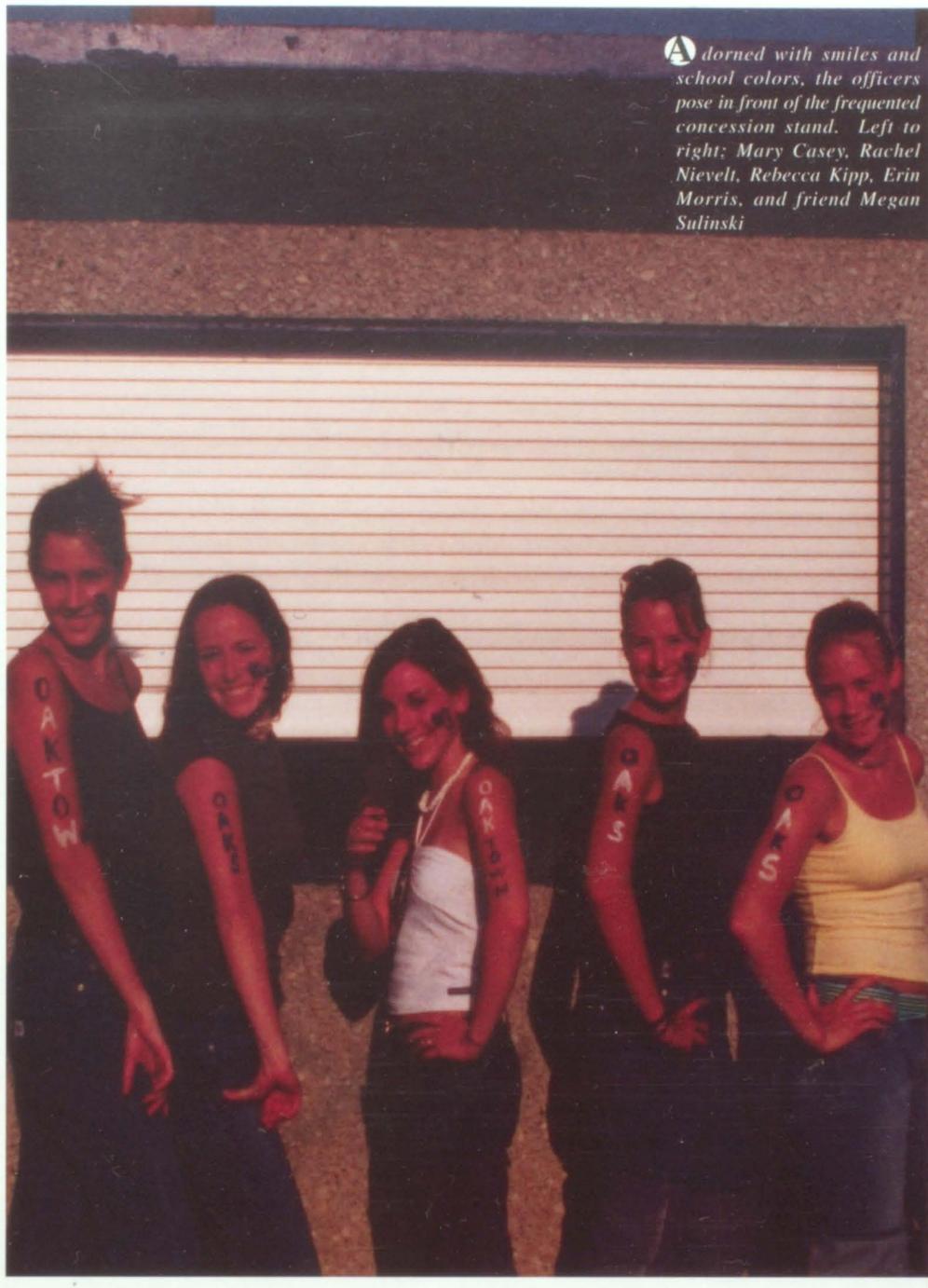
It takes special qualities to tackle this sort of responsibility. "I am easy to talk to, devoted, and I work hard for what I want," says Kristin Van Putten, co-Vice President. Having characteristics like willingness to communicate with

staff and students and having good grades all contribute to the strong feeling of leadership.

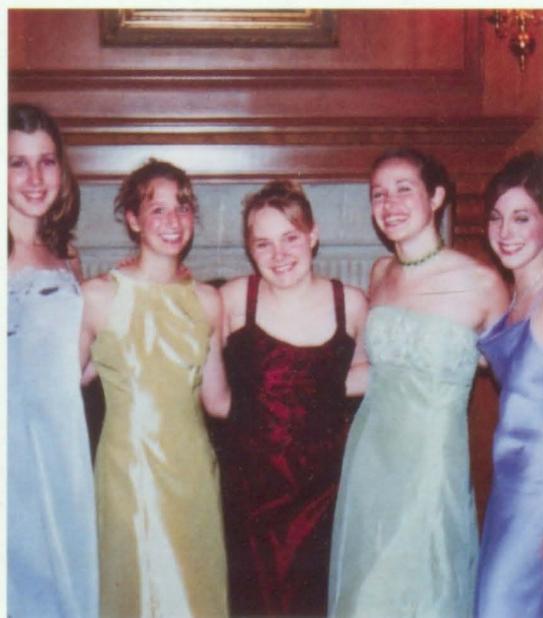
Outside of the classroom, school spirit apparently still runs strong in these seniors. They have demonstrated their devotion by donating their time to such events as car washes and endless after school hours. However, underneath the superheroine exterior in each of these officers lies a fun loving teenager much like her classmates, a person who loves to just "chill with friends" (Van Putten), and "listen to the radio" (Mary Casey, President). All that stands out is their undying school spirit and drive to work for the things they want.

By: Gabrielle Poshadlo





Adorned with smiles and school colors, the officers pose in front of the frequented concession stand. Left to right: Mary Casey, Rachel Nievelt, Rebecca Kipp, Erin Morris, and friend Megan Sulinski



Dressed to impress, the officers make their stunning debut at the 2001 Prom.



An example of all those after school commitments, co-Vice President Erin Morris cooks hot dogs at a football game.

Q:

Do you deserve recognition for being a senior class officer?



"We do a lot for the class. The class has been supportive whether I deserve it or not."

Mary Casey,
President



"No. I'm just a member of the student body trying to help."

Kristin Van Putten,
co-Vice President



"Yes and no. I like the support and recognition we get because we work hard."

Erin Morris,
co-Vice President



"I'm not surprised by any recognition, but I wouldn't demand it if it weren't there."

Rachel Nievelt,
Secretary



"Yes, because we plan most of the activities and fundraise most of the money."

Rebecca Kipp,
Treasurer



Chelsea Adams



Julia Adkins



Sean Altman



Steven Anderson



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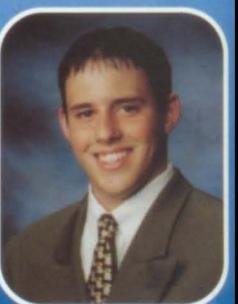
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Bryan Beebe



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David Benvenuto



Jennifer Berger

J am...

...complex.

-Paul Baker

...merry.

-Mary Casey

...unique.

-Greg Boyer

...random.

-Jennifer Berger

...happy.

-Amanda Docter

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-Rachel Bonar

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-David Benvenuto

...introspective.

-Chelsea Adams

...goofy.

-Joel Bauer

Seniors



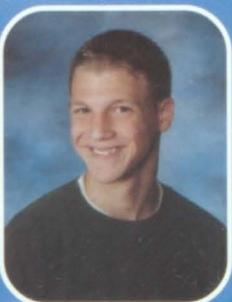
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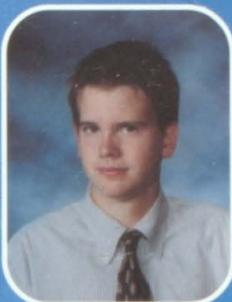
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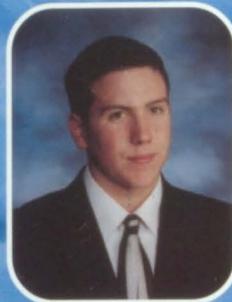
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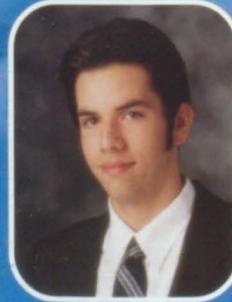
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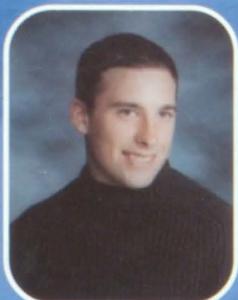
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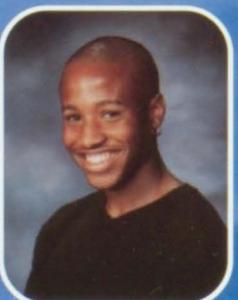
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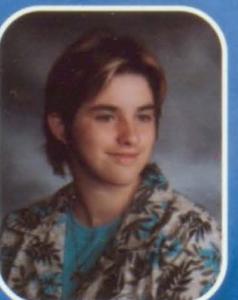
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Hannah Ford



Caleb Fortune



Jessica Frazier



Terry Freeman



Melissa Garland

J am...

...individual.

-Jessica Frazier

...crazy.

-Kim Gordon

...indecisive.

-Katie Hanks

...spiffy.

-Zack Hickman

...humorous.

-Edwin Isaacson

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-Jayna Estopellan

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-Craig Hornung

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-Becky Dear

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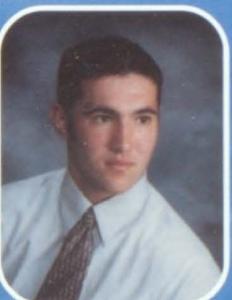
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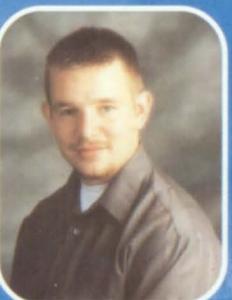
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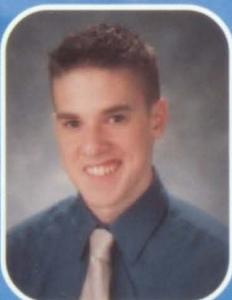
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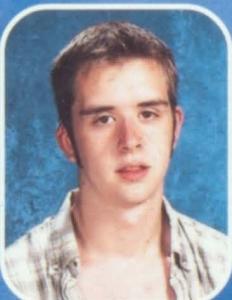
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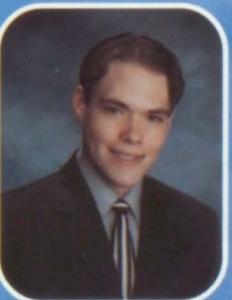
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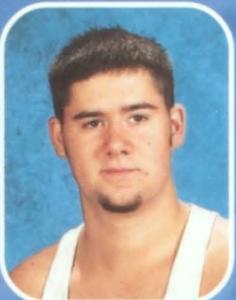
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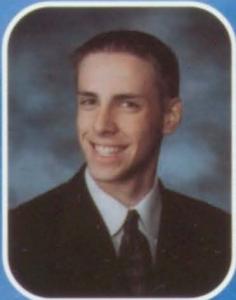
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Tara Loyselle

J am...

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-Jennifer Kaiser

..crafty.

-Edward Platt

...spontaneous.

-Jamie Martin

...indescribable.

-Nick Maurice

...outgoing.

-Alexis Nemeth

...quirky.

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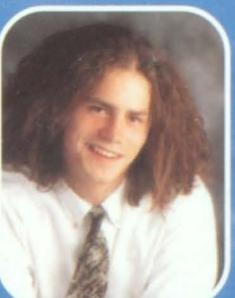
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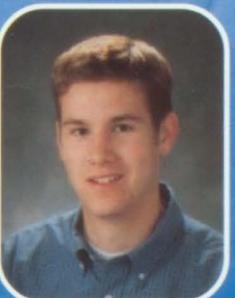
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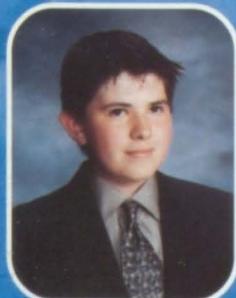
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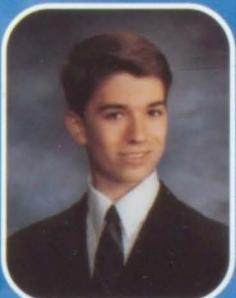
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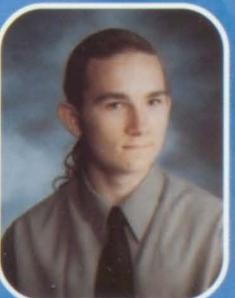
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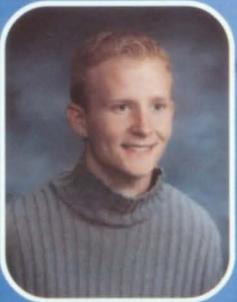
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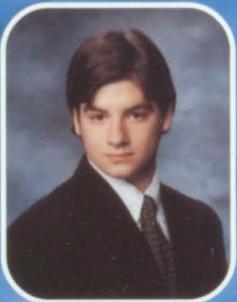
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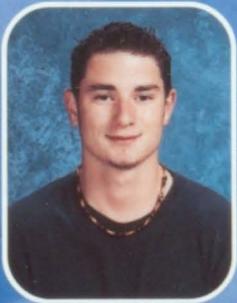
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Jason Shornak



James Sidick



Celeste Sienkiewicz



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Brandon Somers



Thomas Spalding

J am...

...accepting.

-Heather Snyder

...tempestuous.

-Mandy Weipert

...tall.

-Sean Verneau

...“normal.”

-Josh Steele

...awesome.

-Ben Zito

...unsure.

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-Jason Shornak

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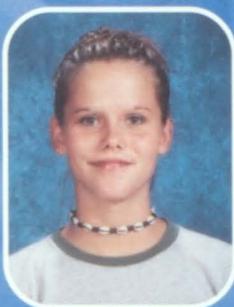
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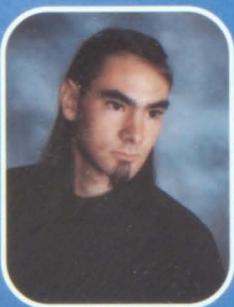
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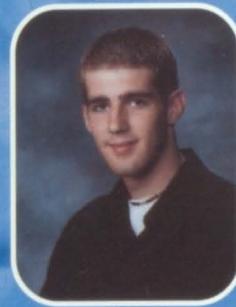
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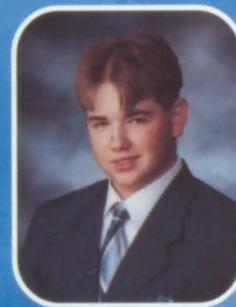
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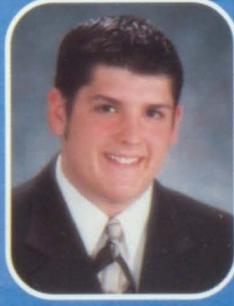
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 Tova Shevin
 Konstantin Sushkov
 Donald Weston

We are...

What, Where, and Whom in the future?

For about 170 students, the school days at Dondero High School will be done in nine months. For many, the thought of graduating makes them overjoyed, while at the same time several students never want to leave. Although they might have had one too many boring classes, bad grades, or even a bad school day here and there, these seniors realize high school is a great time. Unfortunately, it's soon over, and what happens then? For some students there are difficult decisions ahead, and for others it's easy to decide.

Do seniors want to go to college or a university? Do they want to stay in Michigan or move out-of-state? Do they still want to live with their parents or move into their own apartment? Do they have plans to get married and have children, or would they prefer to live as a single person concentrating on their career? Did Dondero help them shape their future? What did Dondero teach them?

So many questions exist...and here you can find some answers.

By: Barbara Billmann



Kathryn Hanks:

Katie hopes that she can go to the University of Michigan after graduating high school. She plans on majoring in psychology, and after that she would like to attend a law school. She is still undecided as to her whereabouts, but she knows she has to live somewhere sunny. At this moment, she

sees herself married without children after college.

Dondero gave Katie the opportunity to find out what she wanted to do for her future. Because of Dondero's counselors, she got a feeling of which direction she wanted to head. She knows that if she had not attended Dondero, she would not be where she is today. After high school, she attended summer institutes which helped her make up her mind on becoming a lawyer.

Ilana sees herself living the big life in the future. With the money she earns from the manicuring business she plans to open, she is going to buy a huge house. In it she plans to have a happy family life with a husband and children.

She mentioned that Dondero helped her to be the person she is today. Dondero has taught her to organize and plan to make sure everything gets done. Dondero helped her make up her mind at the start of her freshman year.

She thanks Dondero



Ilana Harper

and the Oakland Technical Center for helping her formulate her goals. Without all the teachers and friends she met here at Dondero, she would not have had this success.

Jennifer Czerwinski:

Dondero showed Jennifer that if she puts her mind to it, she can really do anything. Dondero played a great role in her four years here with her being involved in after-school activities, playing a role in clubs, etc. Jennifer has been thoroughly involved with cheerleading for four years. Being a captain three out of her four years has taught her great leadership skills and lessons in leading vs. following. She can say that she has feelings both bitter and sweet regarding leaving Dondero soon. There are a lot of things that Jennifer will miss: the classes, Friday nights, cheering for football and



basketball games, dances, float parties and everything else. She will be going to college next, then she will start a family when she is ready. Dondero will always be in her mind, and there will always be a place for it in her heart.

Rebecca Costigan:

Dondero helped Rebecca learn a lot and also prepared her for college. She is planning to go to Central Michigan University and wants to live there in an apartment with her two friends who currently attend. She mentioned that Dondero also prepared her for her future, and she can see herself married and having two children. She



would like to work as a neonatal nurse. Beside the preparation for college and her future, Dondero helped her with her communication skills and many other skills needed to succeed in future.

Alexis Nemeth:

Dondero was just one of the necessary tools or steps Alexis had to take to get to her future. After graduating here, she sees herself living in California where she hopes to go to UCLA or to the University of California Irvine. She does not know if she wants to be mar-



ried or a single person; she says she has not really thought that far ahead. She tries to plan a little bit, but she has to take life as it comes at her, and she hopes that it will all turn out okay. She also hopes to be able to find someone who she can share her life with, but she thinks that she can be happy either way.

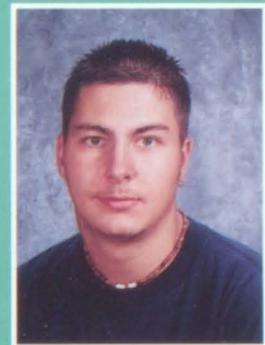
Caitlin Christopher:

Caitlin can see herself possibly married with children, but before the children come she wants to make sure that she has earned her degree from college. She



Harry Hill:

Harry's plans for the future are to go to col-



lege and after that make a lot of money at a big job. He would like to buy a fancy car and live with his wife (but without children) in a huge and sprawling house. Dondero helped him to understand the world around him and made him see what he had in store for him.

"The only things we regret are the things we didn't do when we had the chance." -Tara Loyelle

"Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them and try to follow where they lead." - Andrea Lentz

"It was all it was made out to be, and an autistic pony...in a crockpot." - Jenni Berger

"AAAHHOOOUU"- Drew Budry

"Someday we'll look back on this moment and plow into a parked car." - Mary Casey

"We can't all be heroes, because someone has to stand on the curb & clap as they go by." - Andrea Champagne

"You were probably expecting something insightful...sorry, I got nothing." - Ben Zito

"Yo!" - Greg Iijkoski

"Whatever makes you happy, just do it!" - Sarah Vermiglio

"The only fear you have is the fear you put in yourself." - Becky Dear

"Do what you want, not what others want you to do." - Terry Freeman

"Every minute of anger or sadness is a minute of happiness wasted." - Erin Morris

"The heart has its reasons, which reason does not know." - Greg Boyer

"Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups." - Rachel Bonar

"No guy is worth your tears; the one that is won't make you cry." - Amanda Docter

"Life is full of surprises. Good luck to everyone in the future." - Jessica Lago

"Always use an Indian voice to make people laugh." - Saliq Ariss

"That which is has been and shall be." - Chris Villerot

"If you stay in school, you'll have a life... most of the time." - Andy Bartley



"Got jerky?" - Jessica Frazier

"If I were reincarnated, I would want to return as a cow in India." - Jayna Estopellan

"Would you not like to be sittin' on top of the world with your legs hanging free? Would you not like to be ok, ok, ok?" - Kristin Van Putten

"You come into Dondero with a few close friends, and you leave with a whole family." - Missy Garland

"Up, up, up and down, down, down and in the end it's only round and round...and round." - Colin Samul

"Don't be like me!" - Jason Shornak

"The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and to be loved in return." - Heather Snyder

"As one door closes, another opens, but you want what's behind the closed door so badly that you don't see the open door, and you don't shoot for the stars." - Mandy Weipert

"If love is not a game, then why are there so many players?" - Jackie Pagett

"FINALLY DONE!" - Craig Hornung

"Cuz we're bad girls for life!" - Kim Gordon

"...the things that we're afraid of are going to show us what we're made of in the end." - Taylor McMahon

"Life's too short, so love the one you got." - Michelle Barker

"What I want is what I've not got, and what I need is all around me." - Alex Kerrigan

"The future is uncertain and the end is always

"Always live life in the future, and it's all good." - Andrew Josefosky

"near." - Jamie Martin

"Remember, the only thoughts that matter and have power over you are your own. You alone choose your reality.

The point is the present moment. A crock-pot!!" - Chelsea Adams

"Live your life to the fullest because you never know what tomorrow will bring." - Sarah Hillawi

"What do they call a Quarter Pounder with cheese in France? Royal with cheese!" -Edwin Isaacson

"Tribe" - Jason Hall

"Anything Greg Boyer can do, I can do better." -Sean Verneau

"Don't tell me that! I don't wanna hear that, Jeeze!" -Rebecca Costigan

"I have a hole in my heart, and it's in the shape of Dondero." -Katie Cassady

"Silly peoples! Tricks are for rabbits!" -Tova Shevin

"Don't steal! The government doesn't like the competition." -Beth Laraway

"Instead of trying to impress others, try impressing yourself." -Kara Scharver "Little girls have big dreams too." -Jenny Kaiser

"BEING HERE FOR FOUR YEARS WILL MAKE ANYONE WANT TO STAY!" -AMBER GOSSETT "I had a quote once..." -Ed Platt

"The cheese stands alone." -Zack Hickman

"I'm not really late; it was the elevator." -Katie Hanks

"Don't do it if you'll regret doing it, but do it if you'll regret not doing it." -Danielle Fisher "All you need is love." -James Ede

"Because we can't call them angels if they don't have wings, we call them friends instead." -Jessica Olinski

"Never say forever because forever never lasts." -Janis Steele

"What a bunch of hooey!" -Adam Hobart

"IF YOU CAN'T BE WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE, LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH." -JEN QUINN "Bah Bah, Maa-a-a-a." -Eric Henry

"I've waited years for this, I made myself so sick. I wish I'd stayed asleep today." -Monica Brock

"I wish I was a child crying again, for scabbed knees are far easier to mend than broken hearts." -Megan Kimmerle

"Patience is a virtue, but ambition will get you somewhere." -Adam Peterson "There are no shortcuts to a place worth going." -Paul Baker

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow, learn as if you were to live forever." -David Shepler



"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." -Sara Brown

"It's good for you." -Steve Anderson

"You don't know what you have 'til it's gone, but then it's too late." -Lisa Hyde

"Everything you will ever do in your entire life will mean nothing when you're no more than a marble stone in the middle of a field." -Joshua Steele

"Don't let your fears hold you back, take chances and live life to the fullest." -Carrie Chonko

"Sometimes success is a false sense of happiness, but happiness is always a true sense of success." -Jennifer Osterhout

"Nobody realizes that some people expend tremendous energy just to be normal." -Becky Kipp

"If you can see colors and hear laughter, if you can cry tears and know joy as well as sorrow, then it is enough. Forget the past. Turn it loose. Let it go. As long as there is a tomorrow, there is hope." -Alexis Nemeth

"It's not brave unless you're scared." -Josh Huebner

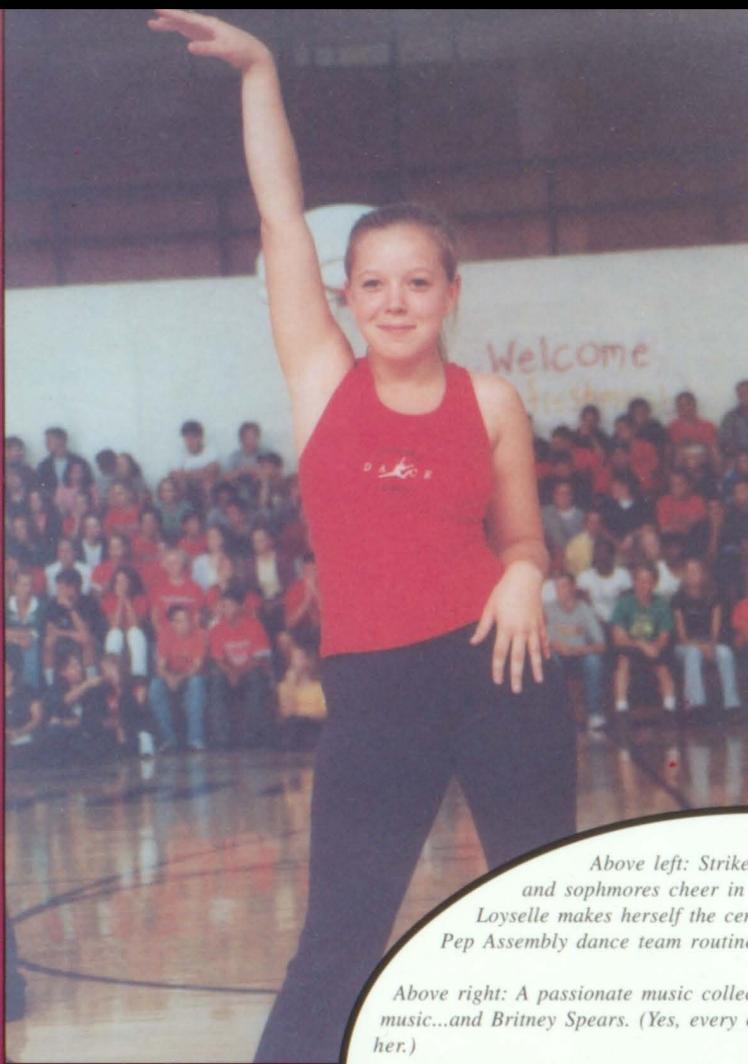
"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter...I was thinking about cooking chicken cacciatore in a crock-pot..." -Michelle Hurd

"There is no wrong path you can take. You must believe in yourself and move forward." -Nick Maurice

"Life stinks and then you die." -John Donnelly

"It takes skill to cut yourself with a round object." -Dennis Warren

"Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul; dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal." -Julie Budnick

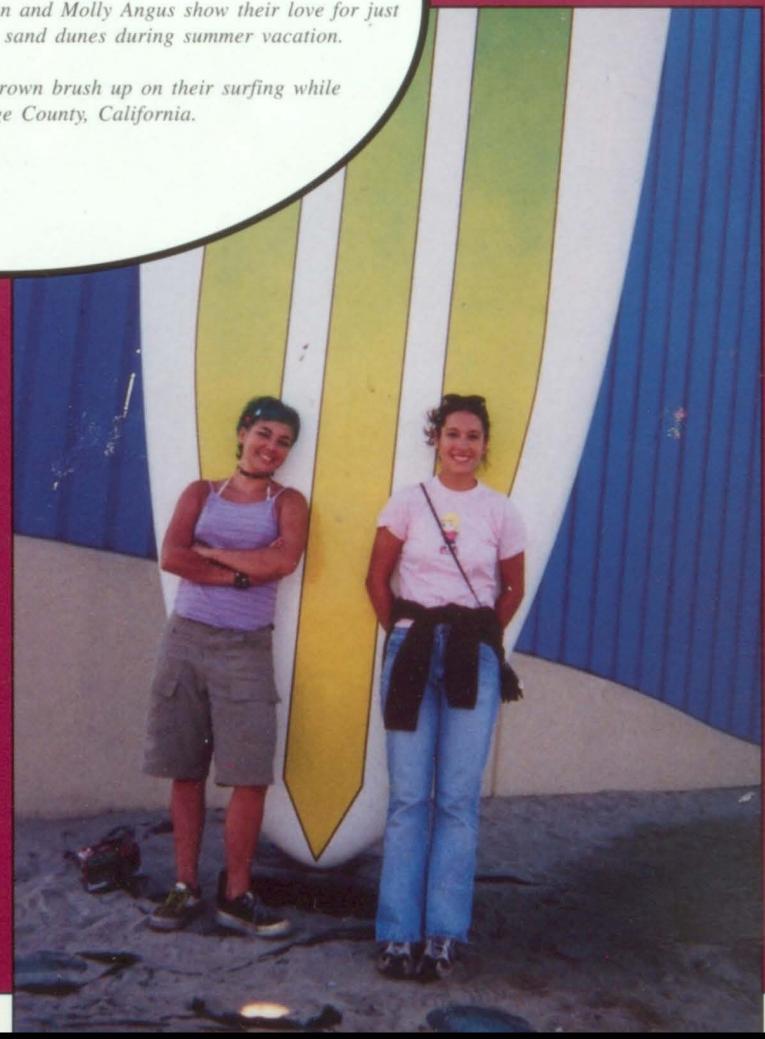
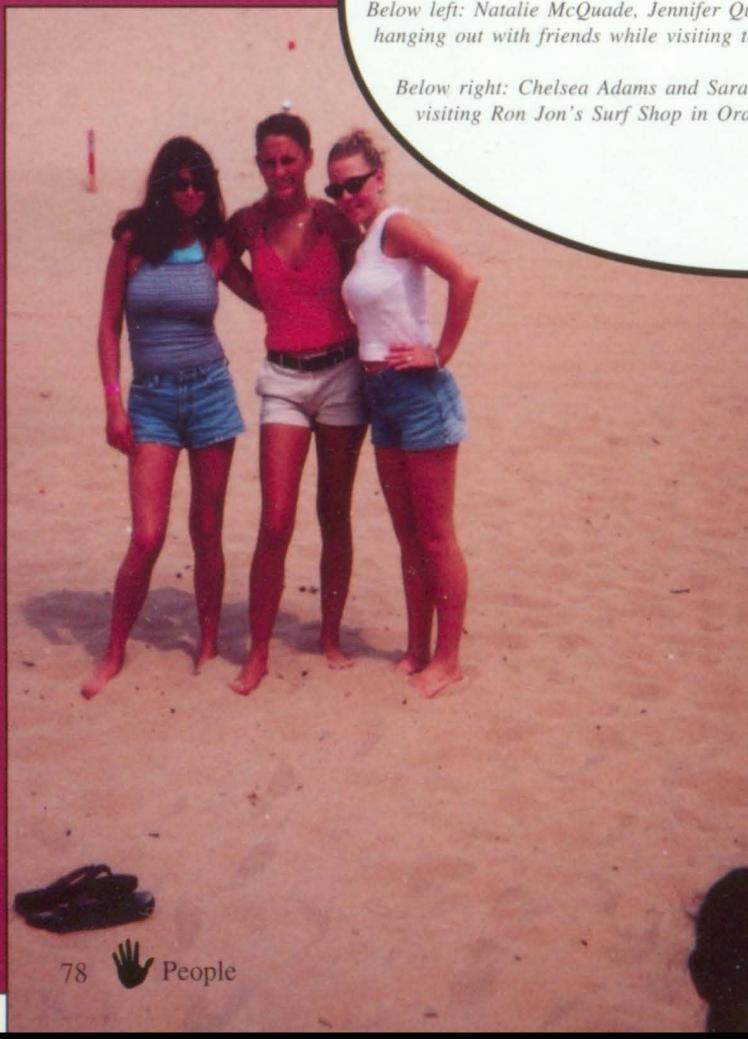


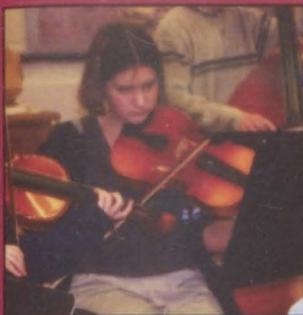
Above left: Strike a pose! Freshmen and sophmores cheer in the background as Tara Loyelle makes herself the center of attention at the Tailgate Pep Assembly dance team routine.

Above right: A passionate music collector, David Benvenuto shows his love for music...and Britney Spears. (Yes, every one of those CD's surrounding him are by her.)

Below left: Natalie McQuade, Jennifer Quinn and Molly Angus show their love for just hanging out with friends while visiting the sand dunes during summer vacation.

Below right: Chelsea Adams and Sara Brown brush up on their surfing while visiting Ron Jon's Surf Shop in Orange County, California.





ABOVE: The concentration is so thick, a knife could cut through it. Sarah Kendall, along with her viola, works on a difficult passage in orchestra.

Express Yourself



Left: "It's such a rush! You become so confident in yourself," says Alexis Nemeth of her love for modeling. Here, she is doing a publicity fashion show in hopes of pursuing her passion.



Above: Run Forest, run! Josh Huebner finishes yet another race for the cross country team. Victory; yet another benefit of possessing a passion.

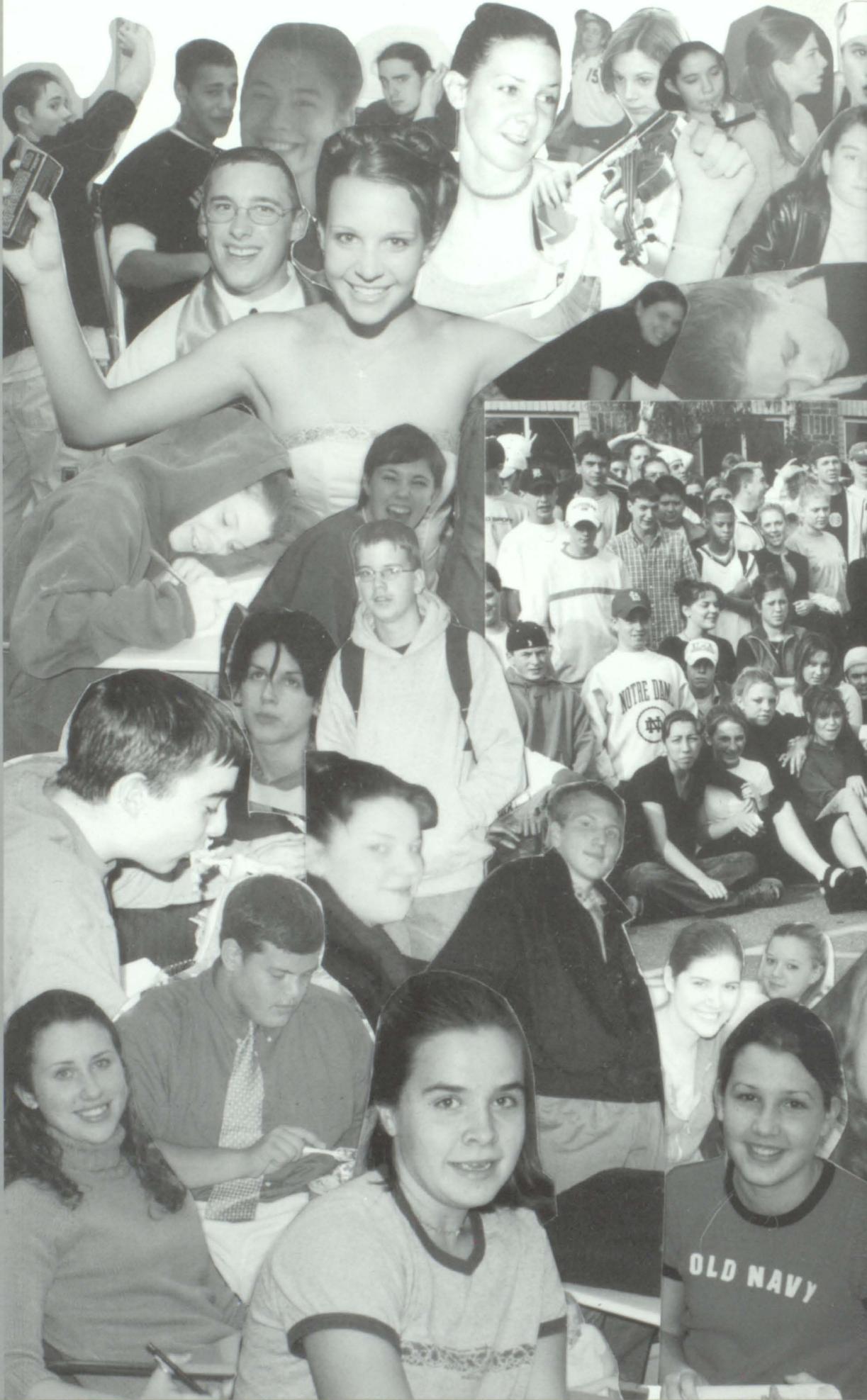
Within the walls of any given high school, people can be found wasting time. Wasting time worrying about grades, wasting time stressing over relationships, wasting time not living the most precious days of their lives. So then there is only one question. What is high school? To these seniors, high school is a place to express themselves, hang out with friends and discover who they really are. High school is where time stands still. These are four years when the whole world can be beneath your feet. The only way to avoid wasting time is to simply do what you love most and make it your passion. So, on graduation day, when time once again begins to move as is the way of the real world, there is a piece of heaven, of passion, that always carries.

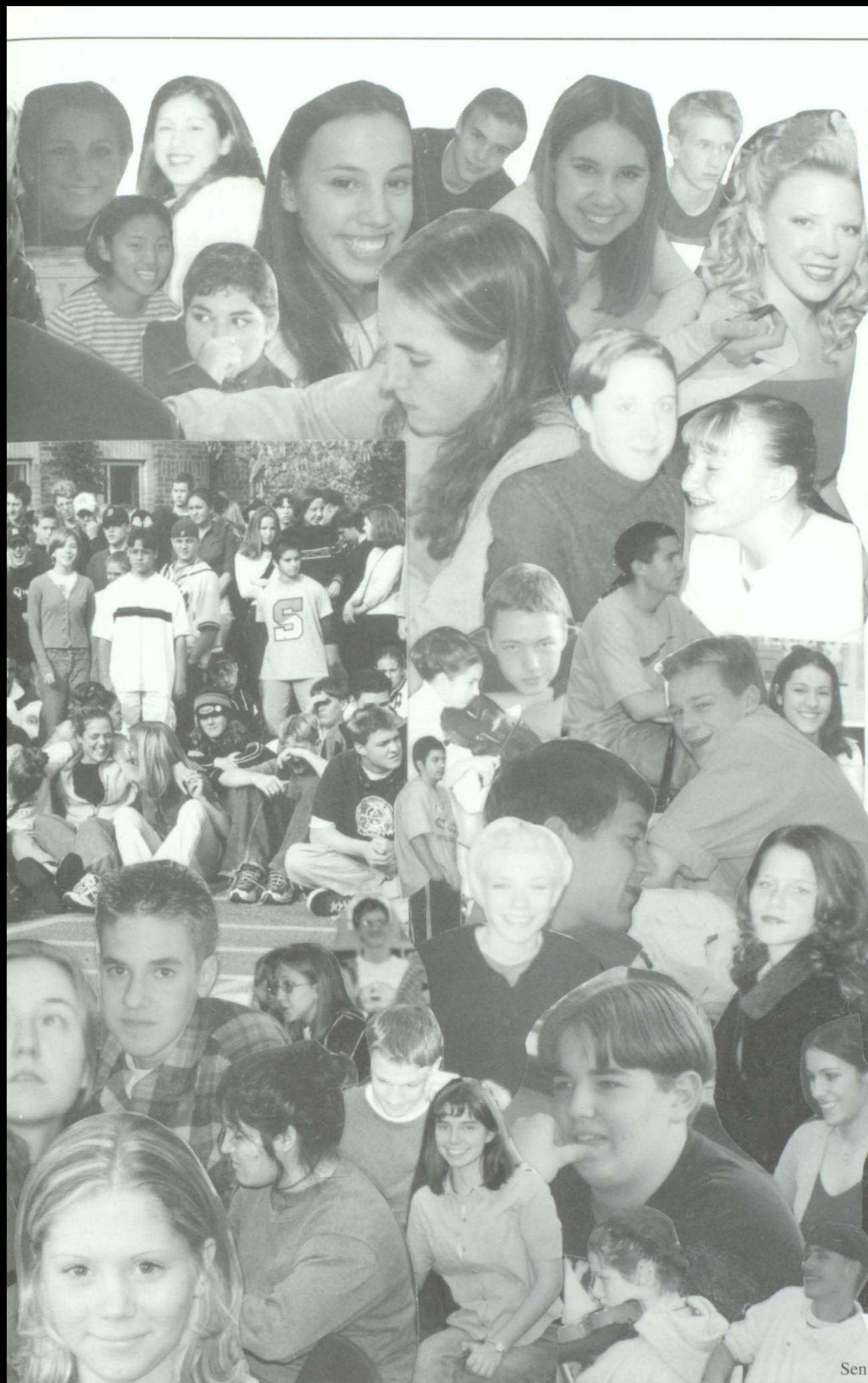
The greatest thing about this is that uniformity is impossible; the heart's desire of a high school populous is more diverse than the color spectrum. "Even on your worst day, a makeup artist can make you look beautiful," said Alexis Nemeth, whose passion is modeling. "You can't help but love it." Self-confidence is a huge part of life for many people, as is music to others. When passionate CD collector David Benvenuto gets a CD, he said "whether it's from the store or in the mail, I get really excited and then tear into the hard-to-open plastic with unstoppable desperation." One purpose of a certain niche is to escape from what we call reality, but there are other roles that hobbies such as these can play.

"The sets are such an important part of the play. Reading blueprints and building the sets completely from nothing gives me a real feeling of self-accomplishment." A medium through which to feel important, is what purpose Chelsea Adams' passion serves. Living life to the fullest is often easily achieved through spending time with friends. Students like Jennifer Quinn have already discovered this: "We love spending time together, and that's why camping is so much fun." As these students have found, to have a passion is to have a secret that no one else can share. To have a passion is to live.

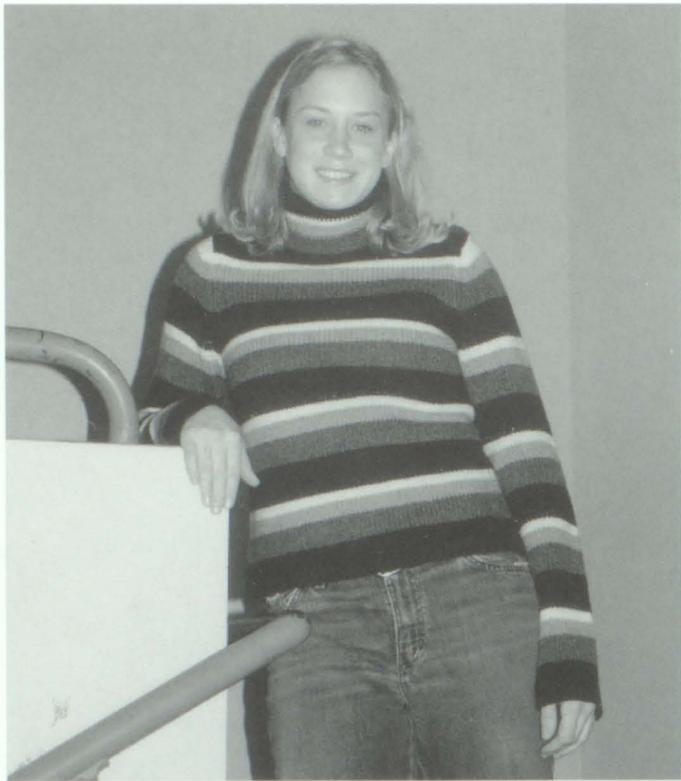
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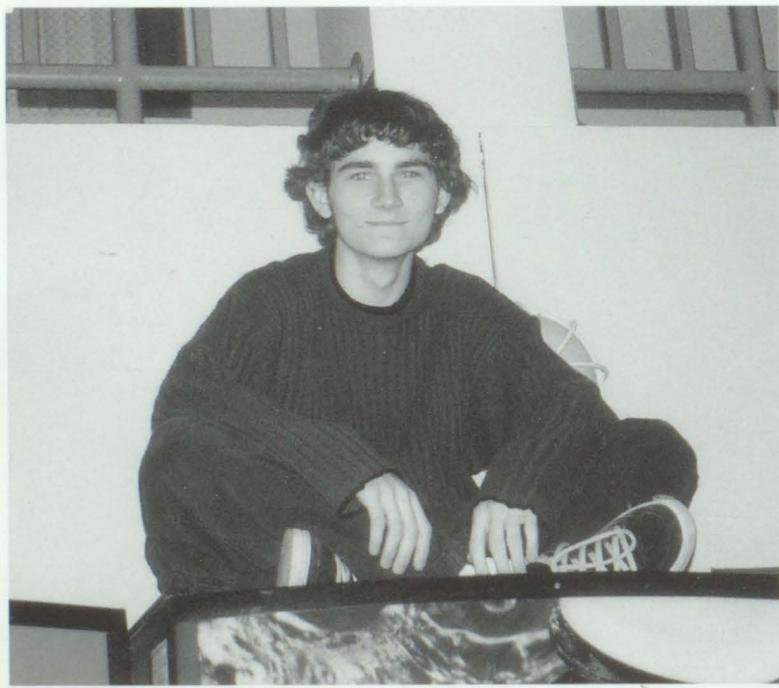


Outstanding

Megan Sulinski ... President ... Wow! Leadership, consistency, risk-taker, dynamic, caring, listener, are but a few words that describe Megan. I've known her better than the usual student/teacher relationship. With Senate, we've traveled to North Carolina for the NASC conference, all over the state of Michigan for MASC conferences and to many OAA gatherings; we've cried, laughed, sang, and had many conversations about the future, life, people, problems and the list continues. As a student, she has made her education her number one priority; as a learner, she has proven herself intelligent, focused and determined. She is truly a remarkable young lady. Megan, you will be missed! - Mr. Streeter



Chelsea Adams is a thinker, motivator, impassioned learner. Unrelenting drive, sardonic wit, and impeccable character, she grapples with Conrad and Joyce, Burroughs and Robbe-Grillet. Chelsea fights for answers and longs for more than any single text or teacher will ever offer. She provokes others to think and to feel, and by example she is a model for compassion and tolerance. - Mr. Chisnell



Ed Platt has not only distinguished himself scholastically in science, but has also demonstrated that he can apply the "textbook" science into real life applications. - Mr. Fairfield

Seniors

Andrea Kendziora has proved to be an outstanding senior in all aspects of Dondero Social Studies. Andrea has taken the most demanding courses offered in the department and consistently maintained high standards and exemplary grades. Andrea embraces academic challenges, earning her place as a class and academic leader.

- Mrs Vick



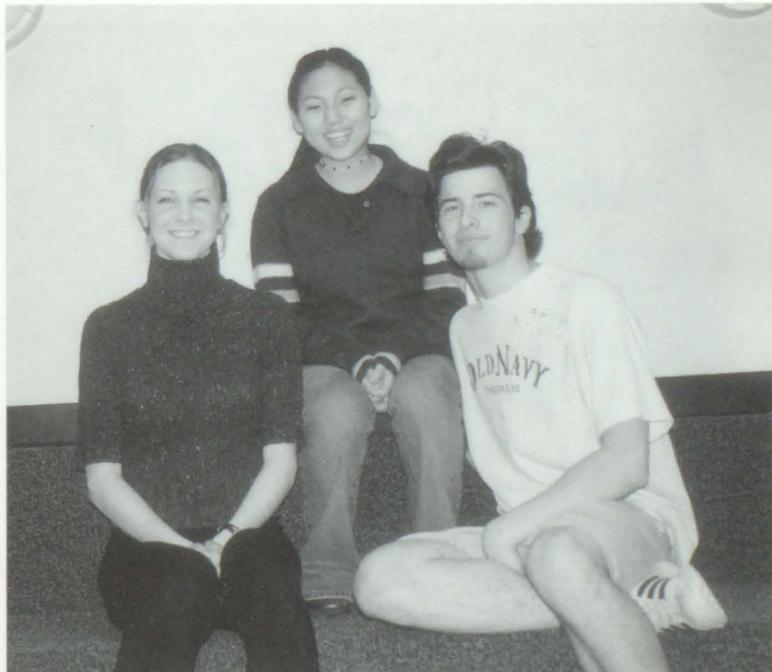
Anne Petrimoulx's involvement in band, orchestra, marching band, and pit orchestra programs is just one small example of how she is dedicated to our music program. She shows a great passion and interest in what music is really all about, taking in the whole musical experience, rather than just playing notes on a page. - Mr. Foreman

Marianne Tassone is a highly motivated, focused, and hard-working leader in the orchestra program at DHS. Her attitude is always positive and her "bad" days are combated with a smile aiding in every rehearsal she is involved with. In a nutshell, she is the orchestra's "musical right hand person." - Mr. Milicevic

Kevin Aulph has been in choirs at Dondero all his years here. He has been outstanding as a member of both A Cappella Choir and Musical Minority, as well as a soloist in the Gospel Mass last year and in Pop Concerts. His musical and vocal contributions to the choir definitely make him an outstanding senior. - Mr. Hartsoe



James Sidick excels in drawing, so it is no surprise that he is the Outstanding Senior representing the Art Department. Jimmy enjoys sharing his ideas through cartoons and illustrations. He is especially talented at creating super heroes which display the physique, character and moves necessary to "save the world!" Best wishes, Jimmy! We'll be watching for your next edition. - Ms. Shrode





Outstanding

Dan Kirkman's dedication and display of teamwork in mathematics often insure completion of tasks that others on their own may not be so motivated to see to an end. In a class of high achievers, Dan has consistently gone above and beyond the rigors of class and continuously challenged himself outside of the classroom. Dan has demonstrated that he has sound judgement, is able to think on his feet and is a capable problem solver. - Ms. Reeves



The Business Department takes genuine pleasure in recommending Lisa Hyde as Outstanding Business Student. She has pursued advanced classes within the business curriculum. She is energetic, enthusiastic and a team player. Lisa maintains a Co-Op position within our school. She works independently and always manages to complete all tasks in a professional and timely manner. - Mrs. Marek



Sarah Kendall is dedicated to making Genesis a great experience and opportunity for its staff as well as those who submit to, are published in or who read the magazine. She has devoted time during the summer, after school, and of course, during class to assure that Genesis is a success. - Mr. Cicchini

As ACORN Editor-in-Chief, Katie Cassady coordinates the publication process and guides 25 staff members in their efforts as writers. Intelligent, articulate, passionate and supportive, she is a steady and positive force in the classroom. Katie nurtures talents, listens to ideas, and preserves the truth. Her keen perception, her collaborative spirit, her intuitive sense of people's needs, and her willingness to share ownership are key factors in the creation of a thoughtful, provocative news magazine. -Ms. Maudlin

Sara Brown has proven herself to be an excellent leader of the OAK yearbook staff. Her dedication is impressive, her energy is awesome, and her level of commitment is admirable. She surprises and makes me proud on a regular basis, and I know that she has left an indelible mark on her staff. Sara is truly outstanding! - Mrs. Kocis

Seniors

The Marketing Department takes genuine pleasure in recommending Amber Gossett as Outstanding Marketing Student. She has pursued advanced classes within the business curriculum. She is energetic, enthusiastic and a team player. Amber manages our school store, Oak Avenue, where her accounting skills are put to excellent use. - Mrs. Marek



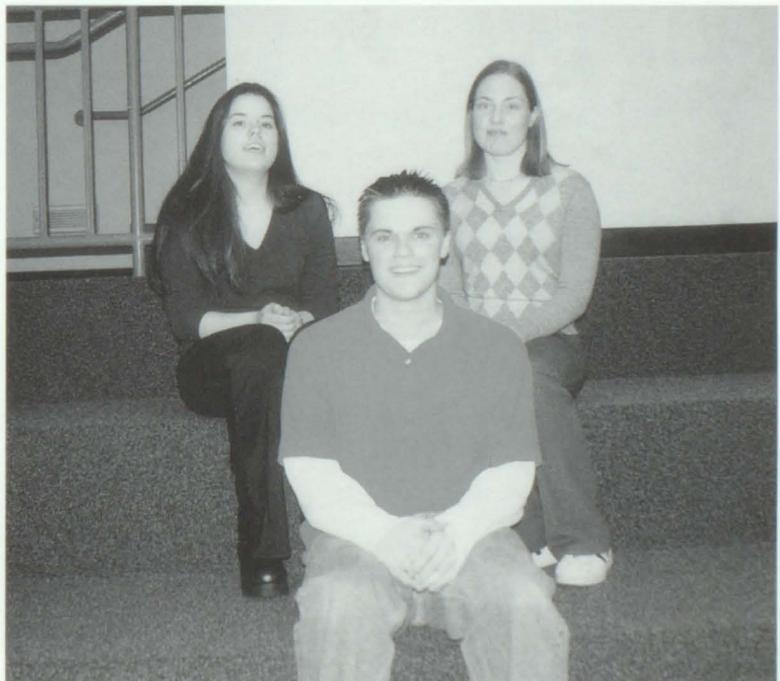
As a fourth year language student having received all A's in French, Taylor McMahon is clearly an outstanding senior. She is a conscientious student who puts forth strong effort to improve her French. Her dedication, intelligence, and consistently excellent work make her truly deserving of recognition as an outstanding French student. - Ms. Ross

David Bevenuto has consistently been at the top of his class due to his conscientious attitude and devotion to the German language. He has been active in the Dondero German Club for four years. He is well-liked and respected by all. David has proven himself not only as a bright and studious student of German, but as a responsible and mature young man. - Mr. Weathers

Andrea Kendziora is an excellent Spanish student. She has maintained a 4.0 for four years in Spanish. She is a very conscientious and hard-working student. She is bright and is always willing to help her classmates. Andrea has been involved with Spanish club for four years and is currently Vice-President. - Mrs. Arribas



Jennifer Edington first appeared on Dondero's stage in 1996 as an orphan in *Oliver!* Since then she sang and danced in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Annie*, and *Guys and Dolls*, acted in *Up the Down Staircase* (Katherine), and *The Crucible* (Mary Warren). She supervised the make-up and costume and was Student Director for *Is there a Comic in the House?* and *Pippin*. - Ms. Whalin



We Are...



Some may say that teachers have an easy job. After all, teachers do get the entire summer off. However, Dondero's teachers go above and beyond by pouring their hearts into their work and providing a place for students to enjoy learning. Most of a teacher's life is spent in the classroom, but many of the best times are spent outside of school with their students as the advisers, listeners, and mentors who keep our school running. Teachers should get the recognition that they deserve!

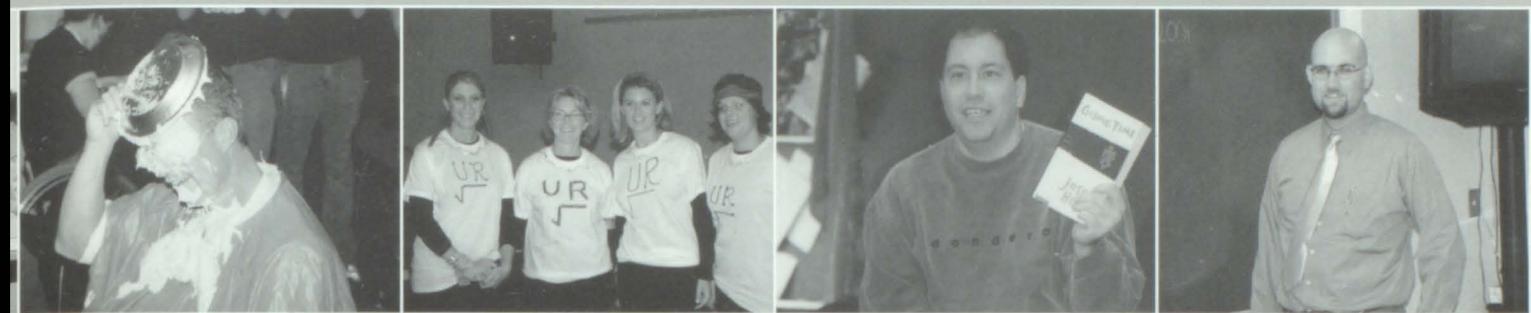
**More Than
Just Teachers**



Opposite Page: 1. Mrs. Nanci Marek, Mrs. Patricia Bostwick, Mr. Larry Streeter, and Mr. Steve Chisnell. 2. The Special Education Gang. 3. Mr. Sam Lynch. 4. Mrs. Nanci Marek.

This Page: 1. Mr. Dave Pontzious. 2. Ms. Christine Reeves, Mrs. Judith Landers, Ms. Betsy Reed, and Ms. Michelle Lee. 3. Mr. Steve Chisnell 4. Mr. Scott Ziegler.

Feature Photo: The faculty tug-of-war.



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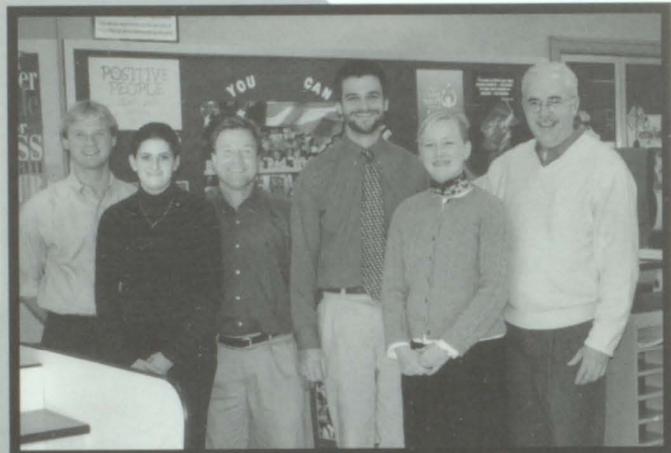


Math Department

Left: Michelle Lee, Christine Reeves, Jeff Dinkelmann, Judith Landers, Sam Lynch, John Camp, Jim Stange.

Social Studies Department

Right: John Worrel, Kim Dokho, Jim Fitzpatrick, Alec Snyder, Jennifer Vick, and Robert Stevens. (Not Pictured: David Pontzious.)



English Department

Left (From Top to Bottom): Dick Rockwell, Ann Maudlin, Perry Cicchini, Larry Streeter, Jennifer Kocis, Suzanne Lareau, Mia Gutierrez, Leslie Whalin, Steve Chisnell, Jill Gardy, Carol Pearce. (Not Pictured: Scott Kapla)

School to Career Department

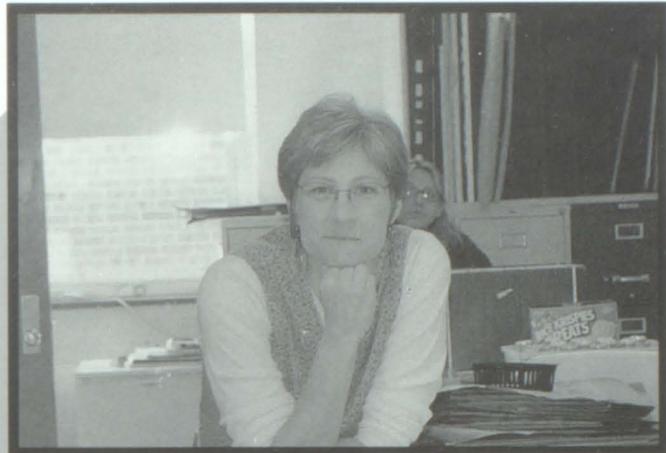
Right: Kathleen Stone, Keith Kohring, Donna Brewer, Nanci Marek, Chuck Gosdzinski, Lynn Renkert, John Shirkey.



THE WAY

Art Department

Right: Martha Shrode



Special Education Department

Right: Sue Sandtveit, Robyn Stern, Karen Banat, Scott Zeigler, Cheryl Goodgine, Michelle Wolfe.



Kitchen Staff

Left: Tina Knapp, Jennifer Edick, Eleanor Zwar, Martha Poe, Betty Goodwin, and Ruth Rivera. (Not Pictured: Sue Marcloa.)

SHOWING



Hall Guards

Left: Francis Renou, Pam Moore, Pat Bonneau, Chuck Steele.

Administrators

Right: Zoe Marcus, Caroline Krynak, Dr. Gerald LeCureux.



Office Staff

Left: Cathie Joyce, Jill Ruffles, Diana Barber, Suzanne Scott, Janis Nelson, Sandra Roberts. (Not Pictured: Judy Cuthbertson and Deborah Meyerand.)

Custodial Staff

Right: Danny Pongrassi, Eugene Nawrot, Keith Gillespie, Theresa Bowles, Glenn Mehlenbacher, Don Gerard.



Not Pictured: Science Department - Jolie Booser, Katherine Calkins, Tracy Crawley, Mélea Cumming, Neal Drilich, Lorne Fairfield

US HOW

Physical Education Department

Right: Sandy Shapiro and Vern Ratliff.



Foreign Language Department

Right: Rene Tatai, Cherilyn Ross, Bertha Arribas, Monty Weathers.



Media Department

Left: Betty Ong, Pam Bordy and assistants Jessica Frasier, Brandon Somers. (Not Pictured: Liz Sage.)



Counselors

Left: Rosa Tinetti, Patrick Stemas, Patty Bostwick.

Teachers Out

Below: Mrs. Gutierrez, along with Mr. Gutierrez, her children, and her au pair (nanny), spent a month out west this past summer. Here they are at Canyon Falls in Yellow Stone Park.



Right: Ms. Harlan knows that this cute little pooch really is man's best friend.



Teachers are not only just teachers. Teachers do have other things to do besides assign homework and check papers. They have their own smiles, laughs, families, friends and even problems outside of school. Just like everyone else they have their favorite things to do. Mrs. Kocis loves to get away from being a teacher by going out to the movies with her husband. "It's one of our favorite ways to spend time together," says Mrs. Kocis. The teachers here at Dondero are dedicated to their job by doing what they can to be great teachers. It is hard to believe, but teachers do, in fact, have lives outside of school.

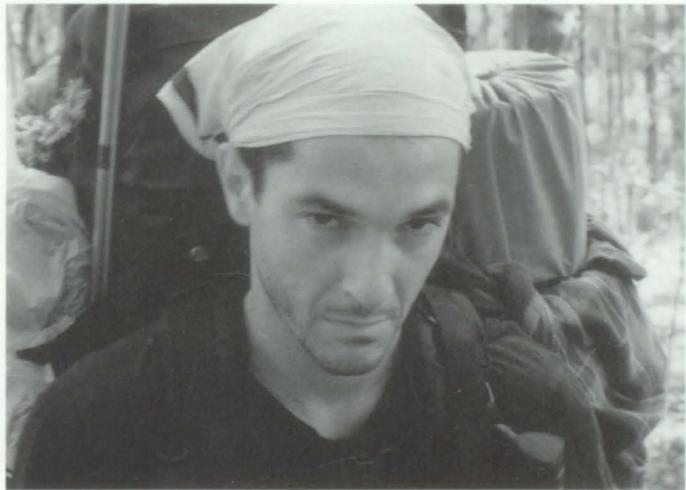
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Above: Mrs. Bostwick's daughter Kate Bostwick (Glass) had a very beautiful wedding on October 6, 2001 at St. James Church in Birmingham. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Detroit Athletic Club.

and About

Below: The Dondero staff gets a formal group shot taken at prom every year. During the 2001 prom at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills, the teachers had almost as much fun as the graduating class.



Above: Tired after 24 hours of backpacking on Isle Royale, Mr. Cicchini looks ecstatic to have his picture taken.



Above: Waiting for the horrible weather that is about to strike, Mr. Camp and Ms. Reeves hang out and have a good time at this year's 2001 Tailgate Party.

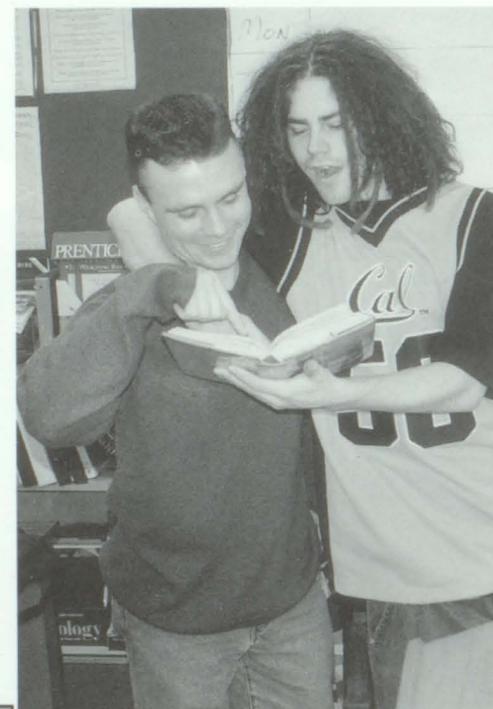
Below: It's not uncommon to see Mr. Cicchini reviewing work with his students, as he is with senior Chad Kozloski.



Right: Mrs. Landers is seen here doing something that is very common, helping out one of her students, senior Bryan Beebe.



Above: Senior Amanda Herrick and Mrs. Cumming discuss a lesson while senior Steven Rodway tries to nosey his way into the conversation.



Right: Mr. Pontzious always tries to be a buddy to his students, but it seems that senior Daniel Maurer wants to get a little too involved.

Q: What teacher has taught you the most and how?



“Probably Mr. Cicchini; he's just a real person... and that's cool.”
-Michelle Barker '02

“I've learned the most from Mr. Ratliff, because he taught me about how to keep myself healthy.”
-Lauren Hilliard '03





“Mr. Chisnell teaches you about life in his own interesting way.”
-Ian Kangas ‘03



Life Lessons

Teaching More Than The Curriculum

Our teachers here at Dondero have long been known for making the curriculum fun and exciting. Many times, teachers aren't given the credit they deserve for all the life lessons we learn everyday from them.

Whether it's Mr. Pontzious preparing kids for the wrath of the business world or Mr. Chisnell making us explore what the truth is and how to get to it, we all have learned more than we think from our teachers. These life lessons are what most of us retain, even more than the just the curriculum itself. Though we probably won't fully realize what effect they're having on us now, we'll appreciate it as the years go on and we look back on our high school days.

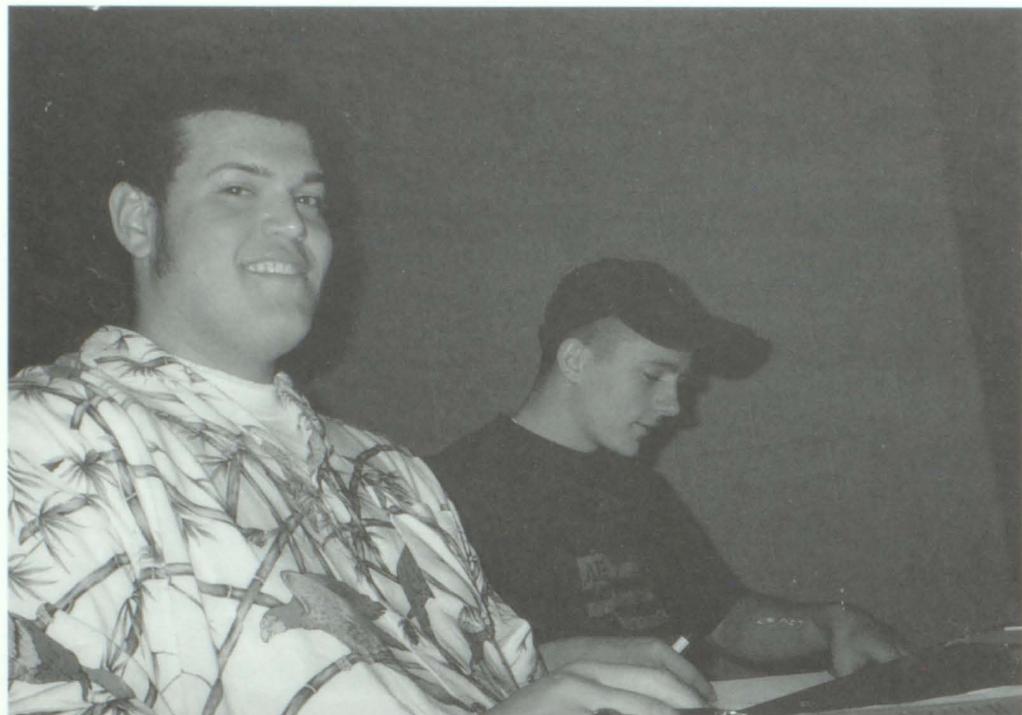
The thing about Dondero's teachers is that no one requires them to include teaching us anything but what they're required in the curriculum. The staff knows the importance of these ideas and outlook and how necessary it is to teach these lifelong lessons to us. Without their knowledge and guidance, Dondero would probably not be the diverse and tolerant school that all the students are used to. For that, we should not take for granted how much of a caring staff we have here at Dondero.

By: Colin Samul

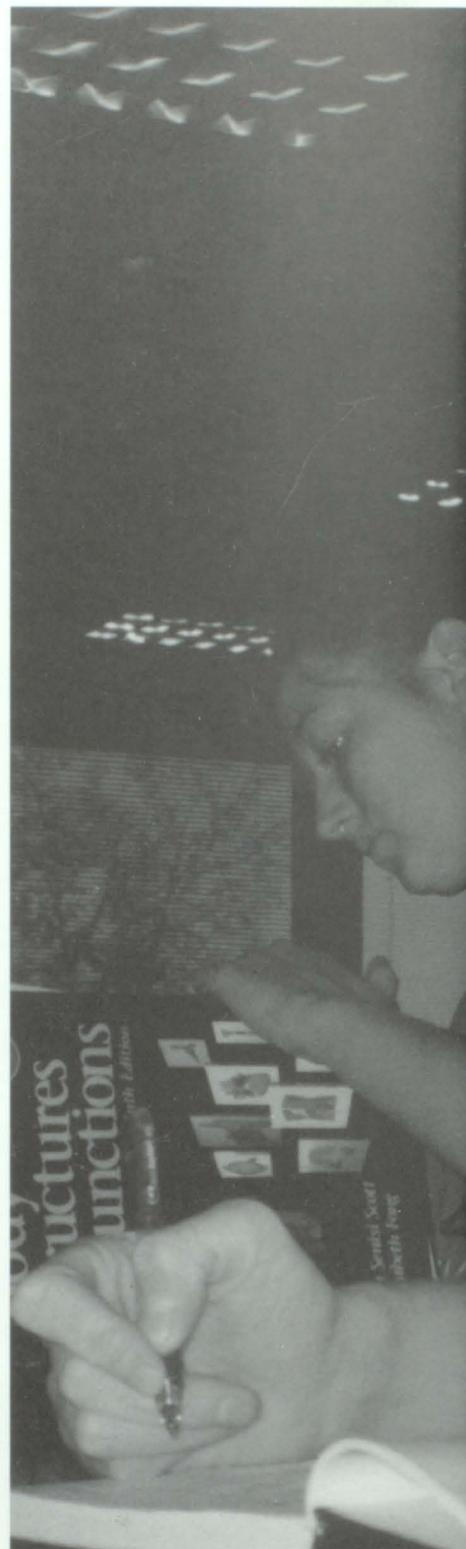
“Mr. Gosdzinski taught me to take risks and helped me figure out what I want to study in college. Anything you want to do, you can do it, as long as you apply yourself to it. The power of organized chaos...”
-Steven Anderson ‘02



Below: Senior David Shepler, happy to be in Medical Skills class at Kimball, lets Andrew Buck take the spotlight.

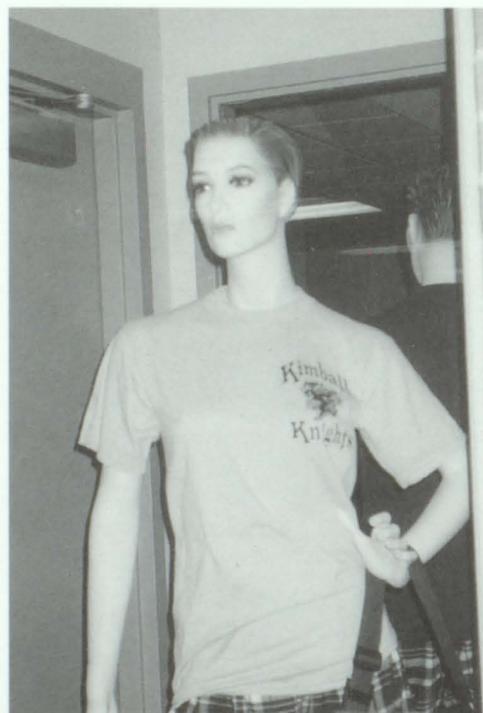


Right: Kevin Rowan concentrates as he is trying to get homework done before class is out.



Above: The arm of senior Heather Snyder tentatively reaches inside a paper bag, trying to test her knowledge and guess which organ lies within.

Right: Just because Dondero students take a class at Kimball doesn't mean they can shop at the Knight's Den!



"Medical Skills class helps me meet my goals."
-Sara Thomas '02



"The best part is making new friends."
-Emily Till '03



"Going to Kimball keeps me on my feet."
-Stephanie Cooke '02



"With OCC 'I challenge myself by trying to balance my time.'"
-Sara Brown '02

Lifelong Learning



On OCC: "The more I try to achieve, the more I will achieve."

-Sarah Kendall '02



"I meet new people and the class (at Kimball) is fun."

-Stephanie Miller '03



"Classes will help you with your future."

-Andreea Uzumtoma '03



"Going to new classes lets me meet people."

-Kimberlie Gordon '02

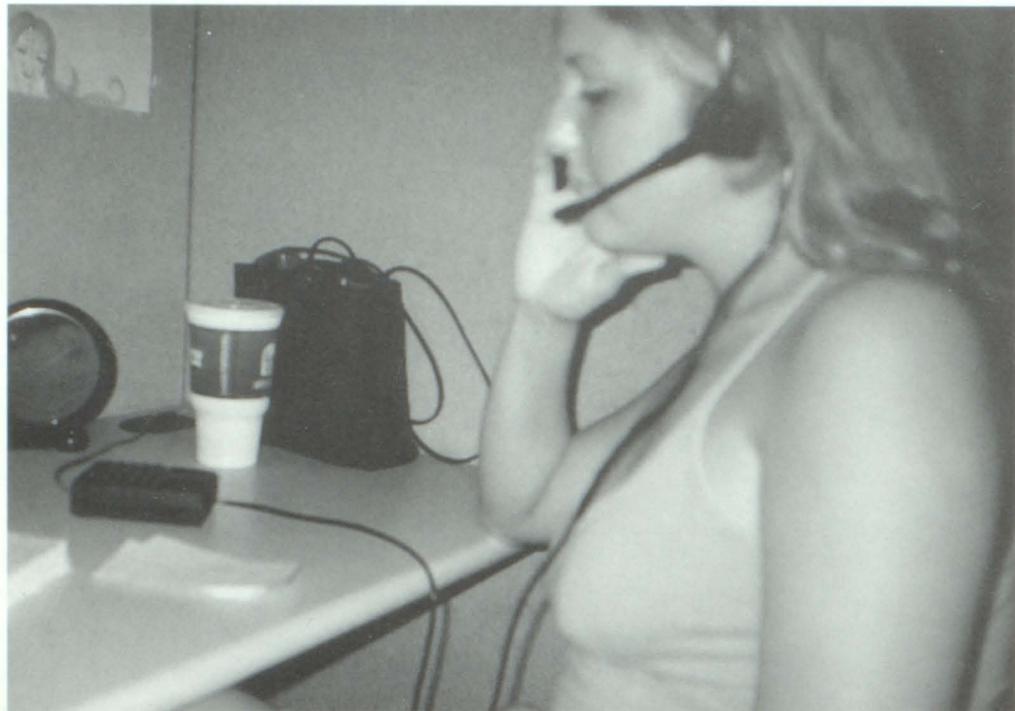
Imagine arriving late for class on the first day at a new school. The bus from Dondero has already left, and it is difficult to find the right classroom at Oakland Community College. As the last student enters the quiet room, all heads turn to the sound of the door shutting. This entrance is not a way to make a first impression, but as the weeks go by the new faces become old friends.

Taking the unique classes offered at OCC is a great way to make lifelong friends and to look ahead in life. "I wanted to try Medical Skills because I may want to go into the medical field," said junior Stephanie Miller. Even though students take OCC classes for different reasons, many agree that they took the classes to help advance themselves towards their lifelong goals. "If I put my mind to it, I can do it," agreed senior Sarah Kendall. Taking new classes can be difficult, but fun at the same time. Just one advantage of taking an OCC class is learning different techniques and how to do things on your own. Senior Elizabeth Wissman thought that her learning how to do all her math without a calculator is a very important skill she will use all her life.

Kimball, another place to expand one's learning, and OCC both have very different environments. Being at Kimball is almost like being at Dondero: a school full of teenage students, six classes, 55 minutes each, detention and everything that comes with a high school. However, at OCC there is a more mature feeling, with people taking only a couple classes a week, for a couple hours at a time. OCC gives an idea of what it is like to go to college. Either way, taking Kimball or OCC classes during high school is one of the best ways to get a head start on life.

By: Amanda Docter

Below: Danielle Manderachia puts forth all of her effort to convince her customers, while she works as a telemarketer.



Right: Kara Sharver shows off her trainer skills while she fixes up Erica Sheid. Meanwhile, Laura Guzman wishes she could do the same thing.



Below: Elizabeth Hanson looks ecstatic to be off to work as an assistant at a foot doctor.



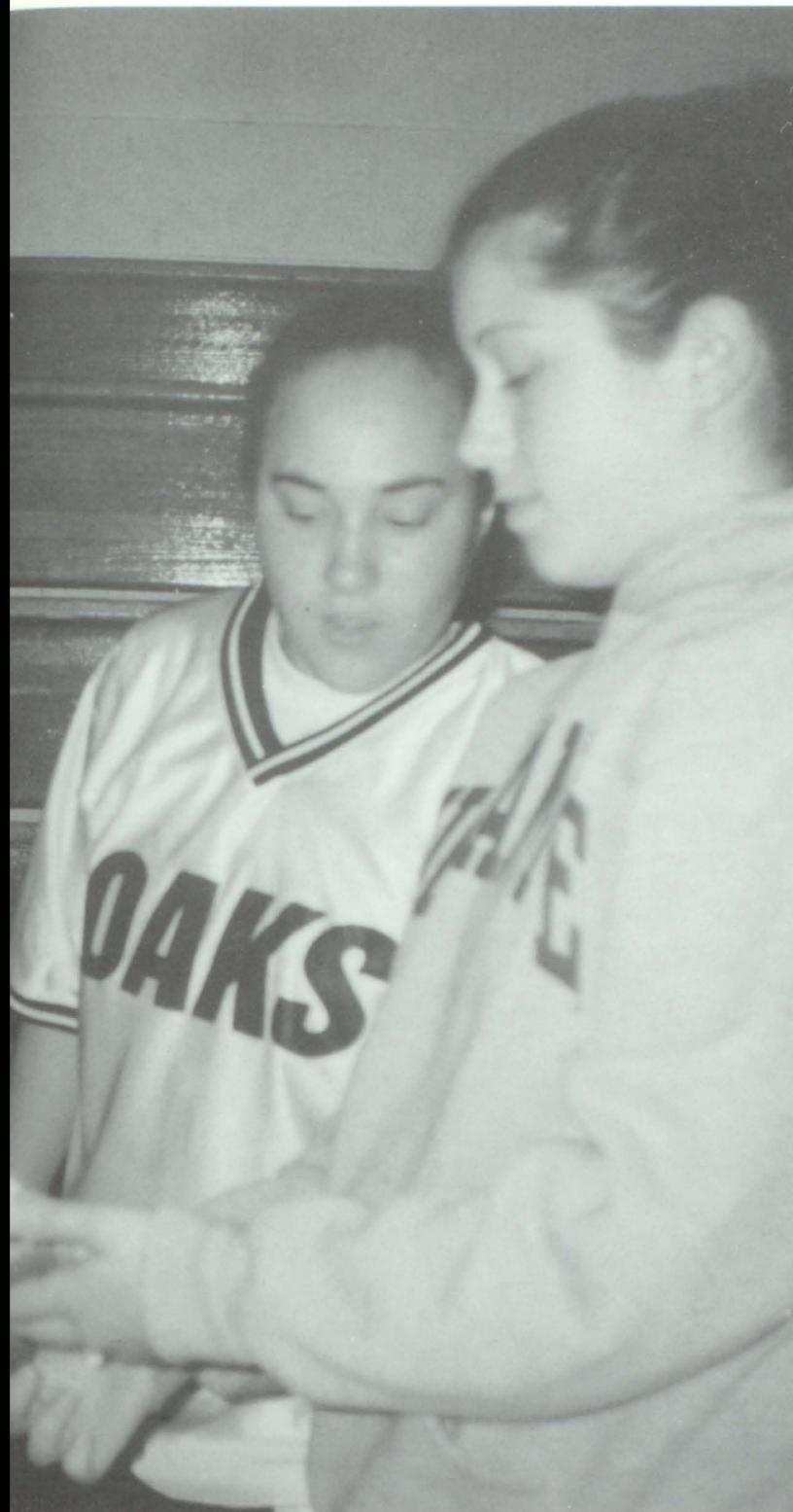
Q: Has Co-op helped you get job experience in a field you would like to go into?



"Yes, Co-op has helped me become more organized and taught me the job requirements for the hair industry."
-Molly Angus '02



"I plan on being a physical therapist in the future, and my job has helped because it deals with injuries."
-Kara Sharver '02



Working It...

Co-operative Education

The alarm clock goes off at 7:30, you take a shower and get dressed. Instead of going to school as usual, it is off to work. After work, it is off to school for the rest of the day.

The Co-operative Education Program allows students to work and get school credit for part of the day, and then go to school for the rest. Seniors who qualify can earn one-half credit per hour of class at the end of every semester that they work. There are many opportunities for students to get jobs in their community that they might not have a chance of getting if they weren't in Co-op. Students involved in Kimball's Medical skills program can get jobs at Beaumont. Even here at Dondero there are jobs in the office, at the school store, or at the Royal Oak Community Credit Union. If a student has not taken the required classes to get into these jobs, they can have their employer fill out an application so they can go to their regular work place during their Co-op periods.

The program can help many seniors get experience in fields that they want to go into after they graduate, whereas some just do it to earn some credit and money. When asked how Co-op has helped gain experience in a field of work, senior Timothy Shaw said, "I plan on moving into management, and Co-op is allowing me to work more to gain experience." However, Dennis Warren has different feelings towards Co-op: "If I had to dry clean clothes forever I would probably cry." So for all seniors who need experience in a certain field, or just want to earn some money during school, Co-op is a program to consider.

By: Colin Samul



"Yes, it has taught me organization and typing skills."

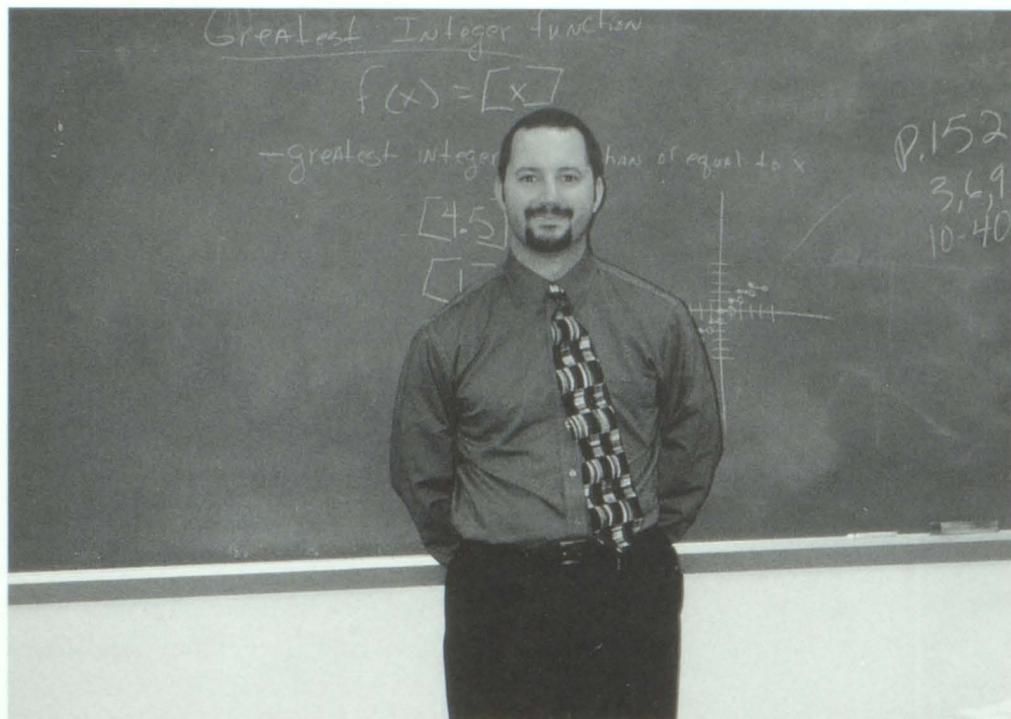
-Sarah Vermiglio '02



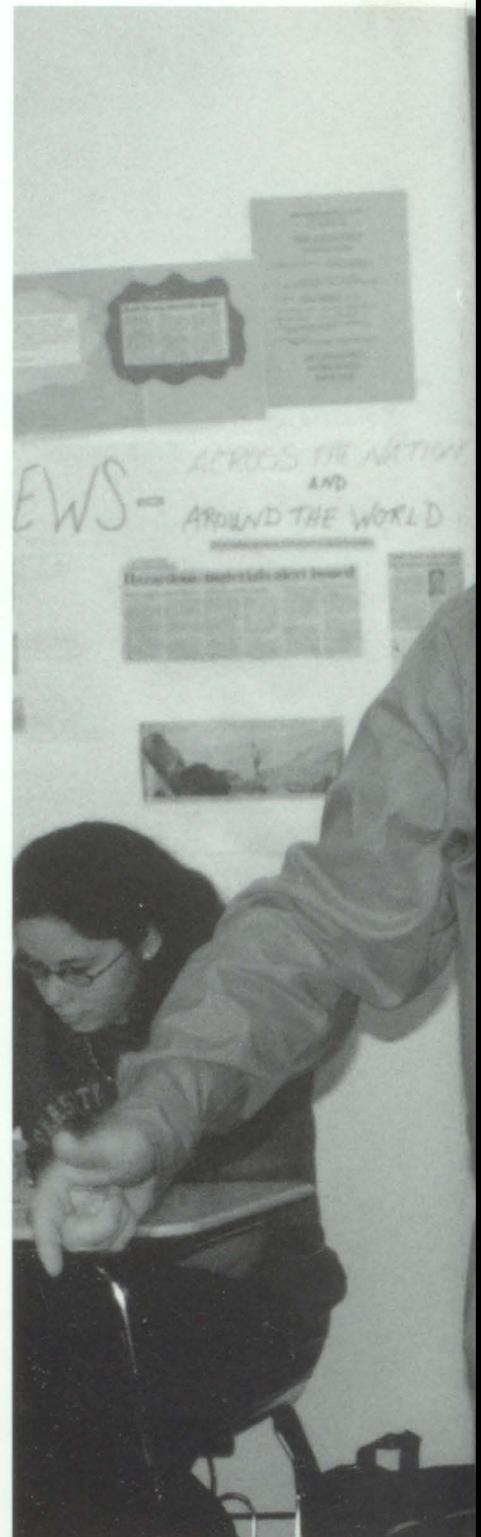
"I plan on doing handyman side work for extra money, and this job taught me all I need to know."

-Timothy Persichino '02

Below: Mr. Dinkleman says his favorite part about working at Dondero is interacting with students in the classroom and coaching Dondero's football team on the field.



Right: Mr. Fitzpatrick is very surprised by having his picture taken in the middle of one of his classes, but still maintains a jolly smile.

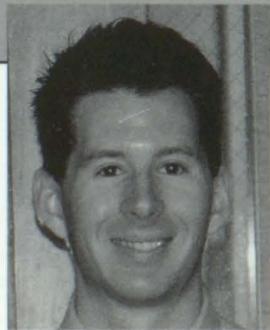


Above: Mr. Worrell is a ball of energy who always listens to what students have to say, and loves working here at Dondero.



Right: Ms. Crawley is a friendly new teacher who said her favorite thing about working at Dondero is the staff and students.

Q: What's the hardest thing about being a new teacher?



"Having to invent everything from scratch."

- Mr. Stange



"Getting enough sleep!"

- Ms. Lee

Still Learning

New Teachers

Amongst a group of students that never seems to stop changing, the faculty here at Dondero tends to be the only thing that's constant. However, in place of the five teachers who retired last year, Dondero received thirteen new teachers this year. Ms. Reed, Mr. Worrel, Ms. Lee, Ms. Crawley, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dinkleman, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Dokho, Mr. Kapla, Ms. Gardy, Mr. Kohring, Mr. Stange, and Ms. Stern are the new faces that are grazing Donderos hallways this year.

All of our new teachers come from different backgrounds. Some were first time teachers, some came from elsewhere in our district and some came from other districts. They all had the tough task of adjusting to a new working environment that they were thrown into for five days a week, and more than seven hours a day. However, many of the new teachers looked forward to working at Dondero because of the friendly, welcoming atmosphere. "It's a warm, caring school. Everyone was willing to help," commented Ms. Crawley on her first impressions of Dondero. Mr. Dinkleman said, "I noticed the hard working students, how helpful the staff was in assisting their students and everyone's friendliness."

Although the challenge of teaching in a new school was definitely difficult for them, this group of teachers did an excellent job at adjusting. They have a very bright future here at Dondero. and their smiles will lead the way.

By: Colin Samul



"Keeping up with all of the meetings and staying on top of the curriculum."
- Mr. Ziegler



"Managing so many time commitments."
- Ms. Reed

Below: Mrs. Bostwick spares a quick second for a picture in her counseling office. Being head of the department is a lot of work!



Right: Ms. Whalin is all smiles as she is grading her papers. Hopefully that smile means shes's giving all A's.



Above: Mrs. Shapiro poses casually in her office, sporting one of her many running tee-shirts, as she waits for her next gym class to begin.



Right: Standing in the Senate room, Mr. Streeter shows off his world famous smile, indicating how happy he is to be a teacher at Dondero.

Q: What are your thoughts on your “legendary” status?



“I have so many memories as a teacher; I could not pick one if I tried!”
Mr. Hartsoe



“Teachers become teachers because they want to make a difference.”
Ms. Whalin

Legends Live On

Veteran Teachers Of Dondero

It is about time that the veteran teachers here at Dondero got some recognition for all their hard work they have put in over the years. Teachers like Mr. Hartsoe and Mrs. Shapiro, who have taught here for a combined total of 50 years, are more than deserving of an opportunity to share their stories. This is especially true since many, like Mr. Fairfield said, "have learned new and effective ways to teach."

Just as students have memories of high school that they will remember for the rest of their lives, teachers have some of their own. Putting the final touches on the sets just before the opening night of a play remains to be one of Ms. Whalin's favorite pastimes teaching at Dondero. "It is so enjoyable to see all of our hard work come together in the end," says Ms. Whalin. Teachers cherish their memories forever, but memories also remind them of how much things have changed over the years.

"Life is change," says Mrs. Shapiro. Many things have changed since Dondero was first established in 1927. A total of 3,000 students in the school at one time, gym classes that were split into groups by gender, and even a dress code were all once commonalities here at Dondero.

Change seems to be the only constant at Dondero, but one thing that will never change is the way the teachers take pride in impacting their students. "Often we don't even know what kind of impact we have left on a student," says Mrs. Shapiro, "it all just comes with the job." Many students don't even realize the kind of impression a teacher has left upon them until many years later. No matter what, teachers can be assured that they have influenced at least one student in their experience. "I know I have left an impact on my students," says Mrs. Bostwick. "I know most people won't tell me that, but it is what I got into this business for." It's an attitude like that which makes our teachers here at Dondero so great.

By: Amanda Docter

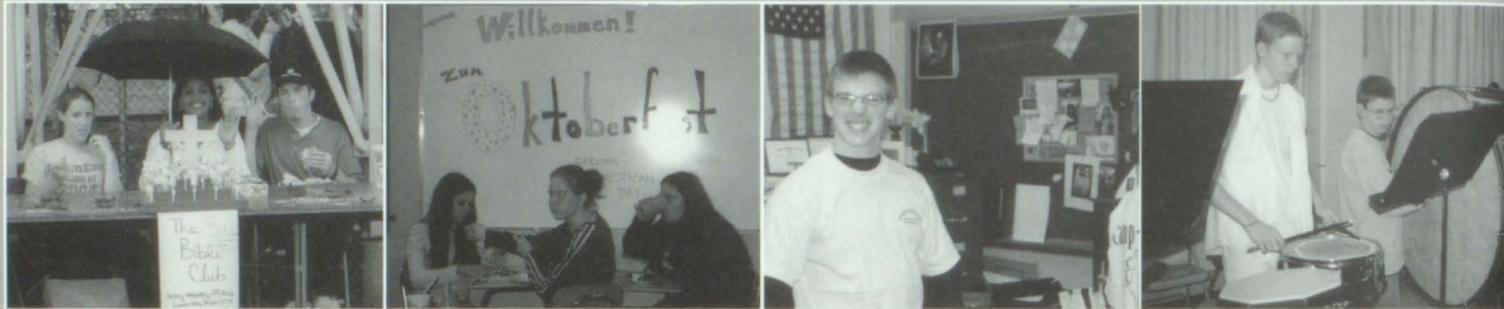


"Watching students on graduation night: nothing compares!"
Mr. Stemas



"I am happy to be a small part of students' lives at such an important time."
Mrs. Bostwick

We Are...



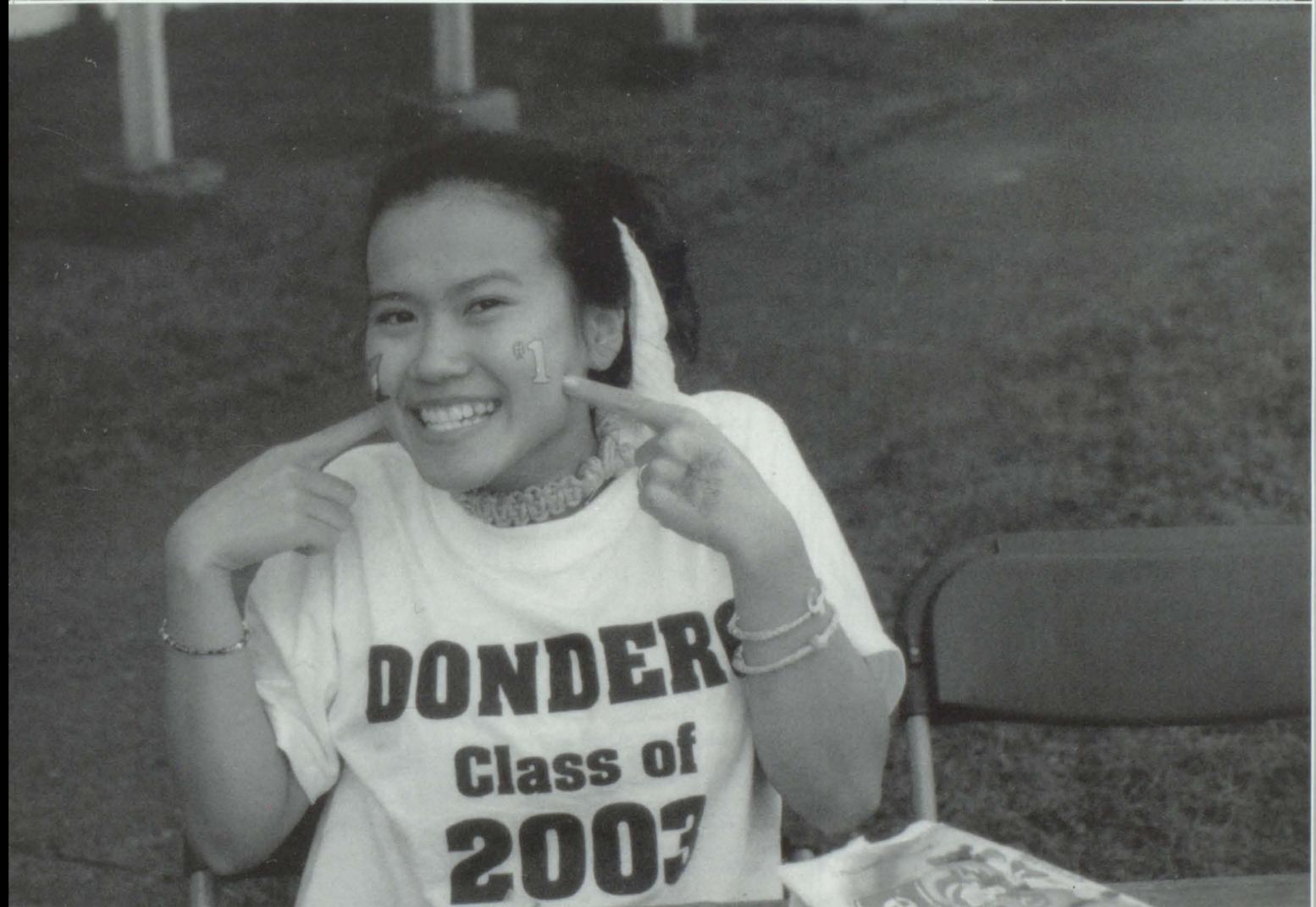
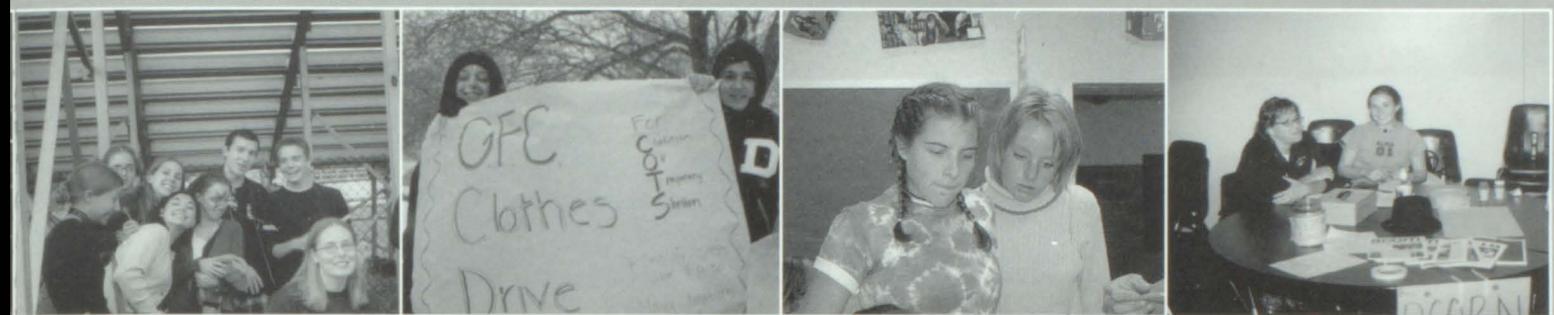
Though our academics will pave the way for our future careers, it's likely that our extracurricular involvements will be what we remember. Our memories of the contributions we made to Dondero are formed more by the many after school hours spent during the finishing touches on the set crew, playing in that pivotal soccer match, or getting the yearbook the exact way we want it. Without organizations in high school, our four years at Dondero wouldn't be as memorable. These clubs help us gain insight about ourselves, faculty, and friends. By doing our part, we become who we are.

Doing Our Part

Opposite Page: 1. Paula Simone, Jacquelyn Hudson and Kevin Aulph. 2. Ashley Turner, Lauren Hilliard, and Aileen St. John. 3. Christopher Villerot. 4. Michael Krist and Robert Naismith.

This Page: 1. Victoria Schultz, Jennifer Berger, Chelsea Adams, Michelle Hurd, Joy Schultz, Matthew West, Anthony Fader, and Andrea Kendziora. 2. Lisa Hyde and Amber Gossett. 3. Jessica Olinski and Barbara Billmann. 4. Ms. Maudlin and Caitlin Cassady.

Feature Photo: Vinhoudama Chhun.



A Closer Look



"The best part of French Club was making up songs that get stuck in your head."

-Megan Thompson '04



"I love learning about all the different French countries."

-Colleen Naughton '04



"German Club is tons of fun! Especially when we go on field trips to Frankenmuth."

-Andrew Buck '04



"I love Herr Weathers!"

-Julie Patra '02



"This is my first year in Spanish Club and all the members are real accepting. It's a blast!"

-Laura Maroni '03



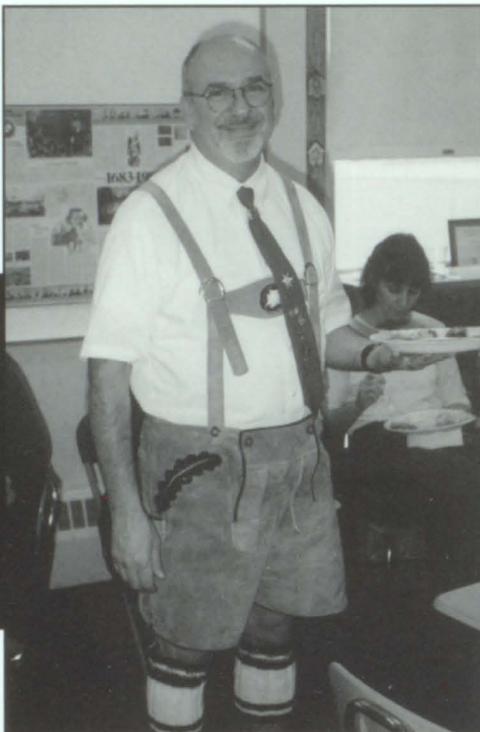
"Spanish Club is definitely one of the things I will miss after graduation."

-Jennifer Edginton '04

Far Top Right: (German Club) Front Row: David Caddy, Lyndsay Rankin, Sarah Pokornicki, Melissa Ciampichini, Kimberly Rennie, Melanie Aldenbrand, Christopher Leasia, Ian Kangas, Aileen St John, David Benvenuto, Rachel Bonar. Second Row: Zachary Vickers, Paul Narcant, Jacqueline Gorecki, Rebecca Rennie, Victoria Litten, Faye Blumberg, Nicholas Baker, Andrew Buck, Julie Patra, Jennifer Berger, Anne Petrimoulx, Michael Tyner. Third Row: Herr Weathers, Richard Sinta, Vildana Kurtovic, Kathryn Hudson, Amber Stratton, Michael Fossano, Jeffrey Buck, Ryan Gates, Kelly Wilcox, Andrew Brinkman, James Hartrick. Back Row: Chelsea Anderson, Erin Berard, Barbara Billmann, Elizabeth Rizza, Randy Gignac, Jacob Moore, Daniel Schenk, Scott Caddy, Robert Carlson.

Far Bottom Right: (French Club) Front Row: Adam Hobart, Kathryn Hanks, Taylor McMahon, Heather Flynn, Mrs. Ross. Second Row: Amy Jones, Semira Mansour, Kamara Hooks, Josephine Mix, Christopher South, Christopher Logan. Third Row: Elizabeth Kwiecinski, Nicole Sands, Meghan Covell, Shannon Earle, Tara DeLeo, Erica Bell, Michael Gilbert, Erika Jenson. Back Row: Bethany Dybowski, Jessica Gorecki, Stephanie Patterson, Kaileigh Horsley, Colleen Naughton, Megan Thompson, Courtney Engel, Jennifer Hanks, Catherine Pappas.

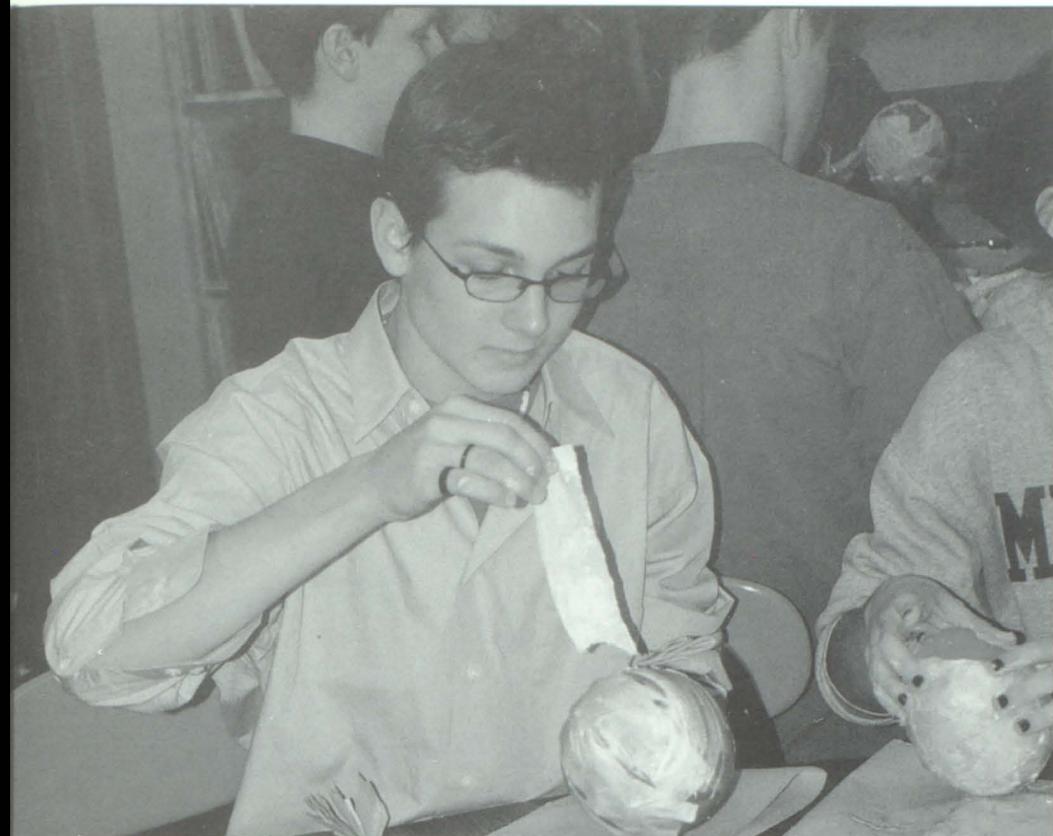
Right: Sophomore Forest Casey has taken such an interest in Spanish music that he is creating his very own marraca.



Above: Herr Weathers eagerly awaits October 6 every year so he can dust off his lederhosen and strike a pose for Oktoberfest.



(Spanish Club) Front Row: Senora Arribas, Matthew Klaver, Andrea Kendziora, Jennifer Edginton, Matthew West, Gabrielle Poshadlo. Second Row: Forest Casey, Matthew Csicsay, Nicolle Tsertos, Alexis Nemeth, Joseph Caspersen, Sarah McLaughlin, Rachel Gardiner. Back Row: Megan Goldenberg, Kimberly Michalski, Lara Nemeth, Julia Kendziora, Laura Maroni, Lisa Owens, Jessica Maloney, Jacob Schaale



Say What?

One thing that the French Club, Spanish Club, and German Club have in common is their love for food. The French Club and the German Club compromise and meet half-way on food when traveling to downtown Royal Oak and enjoying wonderful food together at La Fondue. The Spanish Club keeps its originality by going to La Salsa in Rochester Hills.

The German Club keeps its youthfulness by watching Disney movies in German during their after school parties. The German Club also goes to Frankenmuth every December to see the sites and visit with German Club members from Troy High.

The French Club is always in the spirit of giving. This year they decided to raise funds for Doctors Without Borders, a charity established by French physicians to aid disaster victims. The French Club finds this charity worthy of their cause. The French Club members eagerly awaited their trip to see *Les Miserables* at the Fisher theater.

The Spanish Club loves to go to the Yates Cider Mill yearly to unify their group and get to know each others' backgrounds.

By: Megan Sulinski

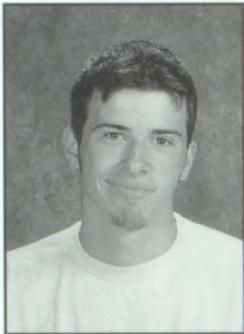


A Closer Look



"Even though being editor takes a lot of hard work, it's still really fun."

- Caitlin Cassady '02



"I really enjoy knowing that my hard work helped to make the issues of the Acorn."

- Kevin Aulph '02



"Being a photographer gives me a whole new insight into how the school is run."

- Gregory Boyer '02



"Being part of Oak is an experience I'll never forget."

- Jennifer Quinn '02



"Having a great adviser like Mr. Cicchini makes all of our hard work a lot easier."

- Vincent Nader '03



"I like seeing our hard work pay off at the end of the year when our issue comes out."

- Andrea Lentz '02

Right: (Genesis)Front Row (left to right): James Ede, James Sidick, Vincent Nader, Darcy Barry. Second Row: Sarah Kendall, Andrea Lentz, Ashley Ball, Kelly Showers, Michelle Barker. Third Row: Adviser Mr. Perry Cicchini, Sean Verneau, Rachel Nievelt, Bradley Ather, Julie Patra.

Far Right Top: Junior Gabrielle Poshadlo takes down ideas for the next issue of the Acorn.

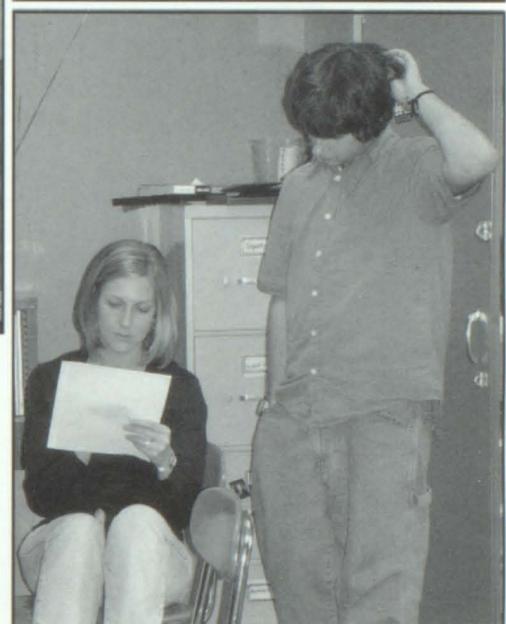
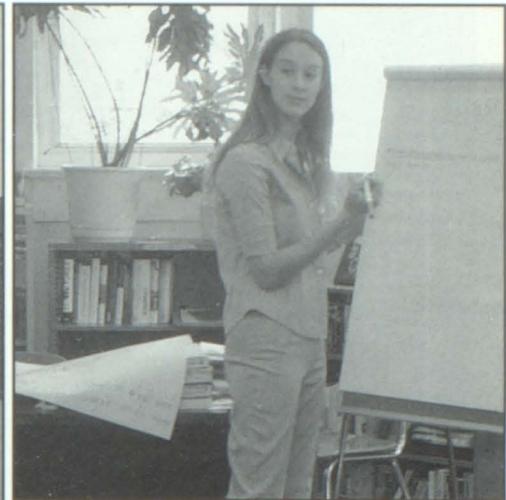
Far Right Bottom: Colin Samul watches as Mrs. Kocis shows him exactly how to place a picture on a yearbook spread.

Below:(Oak) Floor: Sara Brown, Adviser Mrs. Jennifer Kocis. First Row: Jennifer Quinn, Paul Baker, Michelle Hurd, Stephanie Cooke. Second Row: Colin Samul, Gregory Boyer, Megan Sulinski, Megan Kimmerle, Barbara Billmann. Third Row: John Donnelly, Danielle Fisher, Stacy Peltier, Amber Marsh, Brittany DiNardo, Amanda Docter. Last Row: James Martin, Chelsea Feldman, Gabrielle Poshadlo, Kimberly Michalski, Holly Swigert, Jessica Olinski.



Right:(Acorn) First Row: Joseph Caspersen, James Martin, Caitlin Cassady, Adviser Ms. Ann Maudlin, Kristin Van Putten. Second Row: Caitlin Lasley, A. Gerald Martini, Erin Scafone, Gabrielle Poshadlo, Julie Patra, Ryan Vance, Shawnta Williams. Third Row: Tricia Rossbach, Kevin Aulph, Rebecca Costigan, Rachel Farms, Tracie Ennes, Kelly Orr, Jacqueline Roberts, Angela Dilacovo. Top Row: Nicole Davies, April Cushion, Kaira Serdoner, Emily Morgan, Chelsea Adams.





Going Public

Where do students turn to when they are looking to remember Dondero's past? For some examples of the great artistic talent here at Dondero? Or news coverage about topics that relate to people their age? The Dondero High School publications, of course. The publications strive to do their best in keeping students and staff up-to-date on current events, memories, and artistic talent in our school.

Each year the staff of the Oak strives to put out a yearbook that will leave a lasting impression. Junior Stacy Peltier says, "It can be stressful at times, but it's a lot of fun." The yearbook staff consists of students only, with the exception of an adult adviser. The yearbook is something that will be around, and hopefully will be remembered, for a very long time.

Each month, students all around the school

look forward to hearing the news that the Acorn is finally on sale. The Acorn combines current events with news that students enjoy hearing about. Included in the eight issues of the newspaper that are produced, one issue entirely dedicated to the seniors. In that edition, each senior is allotted 1,000 words to sum up what they want to leave to the underclassmen. Every year the students look forward to being able to see the last farewell of the graduating seniors.

Here at Dondero, Genesis is its literary magazine. Every year Genesis publishes one issue at the end of the year. Starting mostly as a poetry book, it has developed into much more. Genesis reflects an enormous amount of talent within our student body. Nowadays, Genesis is not only a book with poems, it also includes all sorts of art and even a CD composed of all student-written pieces.

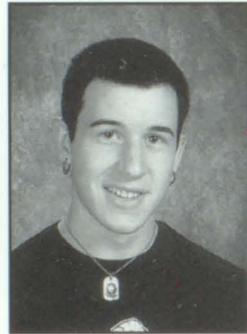
By: Megan Kimmerle

A Closer Look



"I like the fact that we raise money to help find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis."
-Taylor McMahon '02

"Even though I'm a senior and a new member, everyone on NHS has made me feel welcome."
-Andrea Kendzierski '02



"NHS makes me feel good because I know I'm contributing to my community."
-Marianne Tassone '02

"NHS lets me have time to hang out with friends and help people at the same time."
-Matthew West '03



"I feel proud to say I'm a member of NHS because I know I'm doing my part to help my community."
-Daniel Kirkman '02

"I'm really looking forward to being able to help teachers and others."
-Lyndsay Rankin '03

Right: NHS senior officers Rebecca Kipp, Joshua Huebner, David Benvenuto, Julie Budnick, and Chelsea Adams gather to plan for the induction ceremony.

Far Top Right: NHS senior president Matthew Klaver takes time to go over notes that his fellow officers have made.

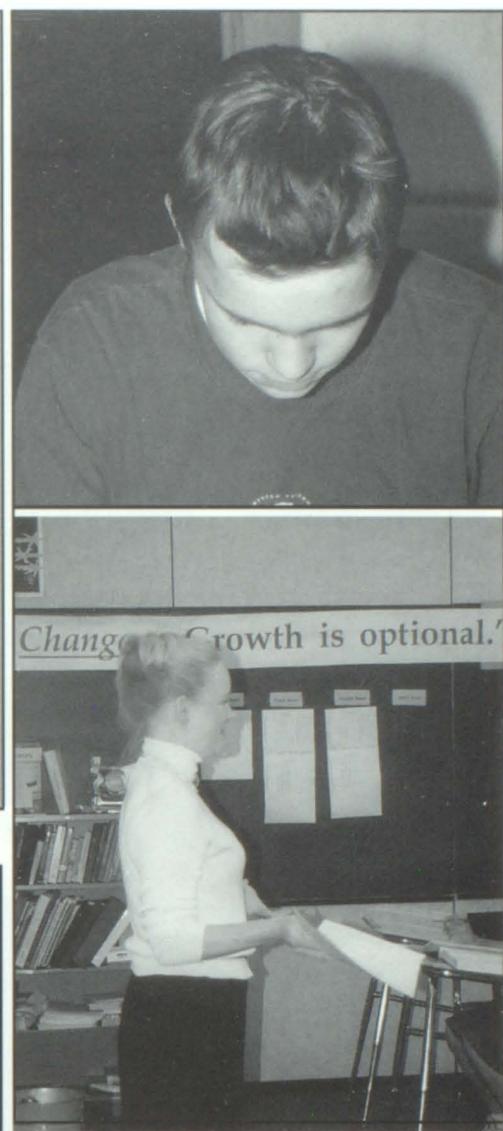
Far Bottom Right: Adviser Mrs. Vick calmly explains how much community service will be mandated.

Below: Front Row Catilin Cassady, Chelsea Adams, Julie Budnick, David Benvenuto, Rebecca Kipp, Matthew Klaver. Second Row: Edward Platt, Tara Loyselle, Jennifer Kaiser, Kristin Edgar, Stephanie Miller, Kelly Wilcox, Kimberly Michalski, Lara Nemeth, Kathryn Hanks, Kelly Orr, Christopher Marsh, Adviser Mrs. Jennifer Vick. Third Row: Kimberly Rennie, Nicole Hakli, Jennifer Edginton, Michelle Hurd, Daniel Kirkman, Erin Morris, Jessica Olinski, Sara Brown, Andrew Buck, Megan Goldenberg, Marianne Tassone, Erin Scafone. Fourth Row: Lyndsay Rankin, Matthew West, Scott Hepner, Melissa Bentivolio, Rachel Gardiner, Gabrielle Posadlo, Andrea Torvinen, Sara Fenwick, A. Gerald Martini, Sarah McLaughlin, Andrea Kendzierski, Alexis Nemeth. Fifth Row: Brandi Zehner, Darcy Weipert, Heather Flynn, Amanda Weipert, Shawnta Williams, Taylor McMahon, Jessica Maloney, Nicole Davies, Scott Caddy, Debra Bennett. Not Pictured: Adviser Mrs. Cheryl Goodgine, Joshua Huebner, Sara Thomas, Erica Bell, Joseph Caspersen, Joseph Dooley, Hunter Green, Sarah Kendall, Katie Sylvester.



Right: Senior Jessica Olinski was thrilled to sign the Induction book for NHS. "Seeing everyone else's signatures in the book really made me feel proud to be part of such a elite group," says Jessica. "My parents are very proud."





Helping Hands

Honor is not given; it is earned. Students who participate in the National Honor Society must meet certain criteria that is not of an easy nature. To be in NHS, one must possess certain qualities and meet goals. One must have a minimum grade point average of 3.2 in order to be eligible to participate. Also, one must take part in two different community service projects. One of these service projects is an all year and ongoing goal that must be accomplished by the end of the year. For their second project members do one all day project, such as cleaning up a park or helping the elderly.

With all of this volunteering, it's easy to think that the members of the Dondero branch of the National Honor Society would be tired of helping people, but that is not the case. Senior Michelle Hurd says, "NHS allows me to help others and to take a more active role in my community." When students are involved in the NHS program, they get a better understanding of what hard work is all

about.

In the past, NHS has done such fund-raisers as a Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for organizations dealing with finding a cure for terminal illnesses such as Cystic Fibrosis. The main focus of this group is to spend their time helping others, while helping themselves. Members are mandated to keep up their grades, have a good attitude, and maintain respect throughout the school and the community with teachers, advisers, students, parents, and community members.

NHS is one of the most important organizations on a school level, as well as a national level. Students nationwide take pride in being active in this organization. Hopefully, NHS is something that will continue on for a long time by helping students reach the goals they set.

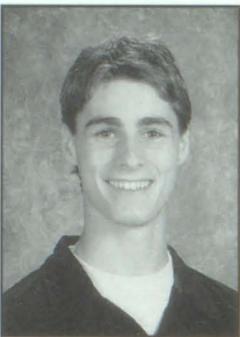
By Megan Kimmerle

A Closer Look



"Most people will never experience anything like it (pop concert), yet the choir gets to do it every year."

Alia Daniels '03



"The best part of Pop Concert was when Ian Prunkner, Brad Voorhees, and Nick Burns busted out with the "Brick House."

Christopher South '03



"I liked watching my friends play in the Pop Concert. It showed their musical talent."

Vinhoudama Chhun '03



"I think Pop Concert is so much fun, and I can't wait to be a part of it myself."

Tara DeLeo '03



"I look forward to Pop Concert every year because there's always something new."

Matthew Ruebelmen '02



"Pop Concert is something that showcases just how versatile the choir and band are."

Amber Marsh '03

Far Top Right: The years of practice that Ian Prunkner had with his guitar have finally paid off. He was a part of the 2001 Pop Concert, where his talent was put to the test.

Far Bottom Right: Nick Burns was 2001's best and only bassist. This was Nick's last Pop Concert, and it was truly one to remember.

Right: Senior Kevin Aulph got the crowd all wound up when he did his rendition of 3 Doors Down's "Kryptonite." With Kevin being a veteran of Pop Concert, he has always put the most enthusiasm into his performances. However, none could compare to his 2001 performance, the highlight being when he threw his hat off stage.

Below: Let it out! Senior Caitlin Cassady sang her heart out with the song "Snow Day," by Lisa Loeb. When she tried out, she had to sing the solo to the rest of the choir, and then they all voted. That was how she got their spot on center stage.



Right: Sarah Herzberg and Ashley Heidrich join the rest of the Pop Concert crew in the final song of the show.





A New Kind of Pop

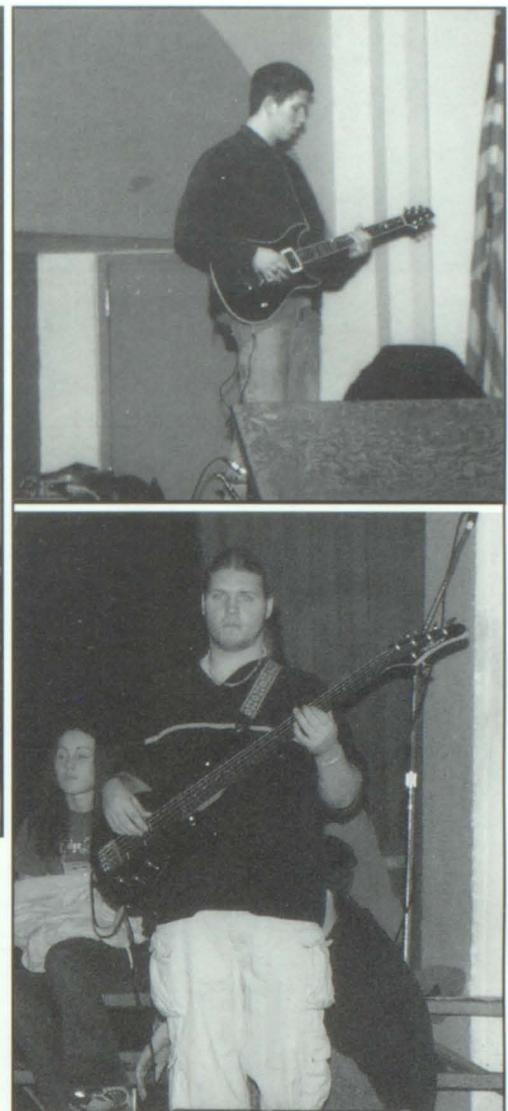
The lights went down and the crowd grew silent. A pin could drop, and no one would hear the echoing noise. Anticipation filled the air as everyone waited. The night was not like any other. The slow rumble of bass crept off the stage and into the eager ears of the audience. Red and blue lights flashed as the whole stage was revealed. The choir was at the heart of the stage, and as they sang Phil Collins' "Easy Lover," the band encircled them. Their energy was felt not only in their voices, but it was in the air.

This is surely one of Dondero's longest and most loved traditions. Junior Emma Farr said, "It (Pop Concert) meant a lot to me because it took a lot of hard work and dedication, and when the con-

cert finally came, all of it paid off because it was just so much fun." Involved or not, the annual Pop Concert is special to everyone.

Mr. Hartsoe has been the director of Pop Concert since the day it was formed. "The principal who hired me 34 years ago asked me what I thought of pop music. I told him I thought it should be used in choir programs. So, from that day forward, we started doing the music that the kids knew and liked. And it has been like that ever since," said Mr. Hartsoe. Every new year, the new faces and new songs assemble on stage to perform once again for the Dondero community.

By: Brittany DiNardo



A Closer Look



"I'm really going to miss choir. It's my favorite thing about high school."

-Debra Bennett '02



"I'm part of A Capella because Mr. Hartsoe has such a great passion for music."

-Kelly Wilcox '03



"In choir I listen to what Mr. Hartsoe says, and I do what he expects."

-Kim Welc '03



"I like Mr. Hartsoe's cute little chin. You can always tell what he's thinking just by looking at his chin."

-Claire Plouff '04



"You see, Hartsoe tells these jokes...and when they start getting funny you know it's time to graduate."

-Aileen St. John '02



"The greatest feeling is to get up and sing after all the hard work you've done."

-Crystal Daws '03

Right: To better her musical abilities, sophomore Elizabeth Gattes sings next to senior Holly Dein for musical guidance.

Far Right Top: To prepare for a mixed choir lesson, junior Danay Estopellan and sophomore Christine Cope warm up their vocal chords with a little "Do Re Mi."

Far Right Bottom: With the holiday season quickly sneaking up on him, Mr. Hartsoe critiques his music contently on the piano.

Below: Musical Minority. Top Row: Christopher South, Christopher Csicsay, Kevin Aulph, Joseph Scott. Second Row: Caitlin Cassady, Claire Plouff, Emma Farr. Bottom Row: Nicole Hakli, Aileen St. John, Debra Bennett, Molly Mutschler, Andrea Kendziorski.



Right: A Capella Choir, Back Row: Christopher South, Christopher Csicsay, Alexander Hill, Matthew Csicsay, Kevin Aulph, Joseph Scott, Matthew West. Second Row: Andrea Kendziorski, Crystal Daws, Sarah Hillawi, Stacy Peltier, Aileen St. John, Nicole Hakli, Debra Bennett, Sarah Vermiglio. Bottom Row: Mr. Hartsoe, Caitlin Cassady, Lara Nemeth, Claire Plouff, Kelly Wilcox, Emma Farr, Molly Mutschler, Jan Stewart.





Singing Serenade of Choirs

Day in and day out, Dondero's choirs rejoice to sing together in harmony. Mr. Hartsoe made sure that his choirs were in tune by giving mini-quizzes and tests. He believes that constantly preparing his students for their shows teaches them the true meaning of hard work and dedication.

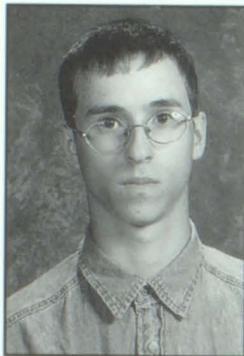
The choirs had several performances throughout the year, including the Winter, All-City, Mini-Pop and Pop concerts. Dondero's choirs joined together and sang holiday carols throughout the school to encourage the holiday spirit. When "Jingle Bells" and "The Hallelujah Chorus" spread throughout the halls, smiles appeared, and the stress of the holidays was lifted.

The choir members all have a close friend-

ship with Mr. Hartsoe. They called him a little jumping bean because "he was always jumping around trying to get the students more involved," as Molly Mutschler explained. Famous for his vibrant clothing and enthusiasm towards music, Mr. Hartsoe is one of those teachers whom many of his students don't forget. "It was very difficult to come to class everyday knowing that Mr. Hartsoe wasn't going to be there for a while after his surgery," said senior Kevin Aulph, "He's one of the reasons that I'm pursuing a career to become a music teacher."

By: Megan Sulinski

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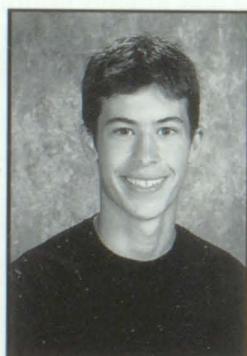
"I like marching band because I get to spend a lot of time with my friends."

-William Luketich '02



"Marching band was one of my best experiences at Dondero."

-Micah Williams '04



"Low brass picks grass!"

-James Hartick '05

We've Got the Beat

Among the many sports at Dondero, there is one that is quite frequently overlooked: Marching band. The students who participate in marching band also participate in the concert season of the band as well. The members of Dondero's Marching Band make a big effort to do their best, even if it does mean sacrificing a lot of time and sleep.

During the marching season, band members put in their fair share of time and more. From the beginning of August, mem-

bers of the band come to practice at school at least once a week for three hour sessions. Once the school year starts, the students are required to come to practice for a collective of 16 hours a week.

The marching band takes part in many competitions throughout the season. This year the band competed in four statewide competitions, scoring in a range from 38-52. It is safe to say that the marching band worked very hard.

By: Megan Kimmerle



Above: Juniors Rachel Gardiner, Melanie Aldenbrand, and freshman David Caddy play their hearts out at a indoor practice.



Right: Dondero's Marching Band shows their spirit while they march in the 2001 Homecoming Parade.

Quotes

You Spin Me Right Round

The colorguard is a group of girls that devote their time to a different part of the band. The girls that take part in colorguard also play an instrument during the concert season of band. In one month the new, incoming girls are responsible for learning a new talent: the art of spinning.

In addition to learning flag work, the girls are also required to learn how to march correctly. The girls of the colorguard practice either separately or with the band in the same schedule. Together, the colorguard

and marching band practice every morning, no matter how bad the weather gets.

Being part of colorguard is not an easy thing. Accidents regularly happen during practice. Being smacked in the face or hit in the head with a flag is a normality. Swollen lips, sprained ankles, and bruises are all some of the hazards, but the girls spin on.

By: Megan Kimmerle



Above: Hold that pose! Freshmen Kaitlin Kunz, Laura Fetsco, Cathryn Gniewek, Samantha Gardiner and Elaine Hannah stand at attention, ready to go.

Left: Oh say can you see how determined these girls are? Freshmen Amanda Presson and Joanna Huston, and junior Sarah McLaughlin hold their flags with pride in honor of the September 11th tragedy.



"I like to hear the applause after the competitions."
-Elaine Hannah '05



"I'm really going to miss the graduating captain because she had such a great effect on this year's guard..."
-Claire White '04



"I like colorguard because I met a lot of new people that are now my best friends."
-Cathryn Gniewek '05

Quotes



"I love the comfortable atmosphere in Symphony Band. Mr. Foreman is one of us."

-Rachel Bonar '02



"My favorite concert this year was Collage."

-Philip Lewan '03



"I'm in it for the money!"

-Levi Jensen '04

A Sweet Symphony

Following the football season, the Symphony Band began its strict practicing regimen in early November. "Dedicated" is one word to describe the individuals involved in Symphony Band, and their hard work really showed at their All-City, Spring, and Collage concerts.

Symphony Band had big shoes to fill this year, since most of their first

chair seniors graduated. With all the hard work and extra time the band put into their performances, they proved to be completely qualified to handle their new position. They were often put on the receiving end of roaring cheers given out by their audiences.

By: Megan Sulinski



Above: Back Row: Standing: Robert Naismith, Troy Shipman, Ryan Gates, Michael Krist, Daniel Mahrle, Joseph Scott, Mr. Tim Foreman. Second Row: Paul Nagrant, Jacob Schaale, Vivian Zuber, Bryan Beebe, Catherine Pappas, William Luketich. Third Row: Micah Williams, Colleen Taylor, Ian Kangas, Bryan Yamasaki, Kaileigh Horsley, Andrea Champagne, Amanda Weipert, Melanie Aldenbrand, Rachel Gardiner, Stephanie Gibson, Levi Jensen, Brandi Zehner, Jeremy Benson, Scott Caddy, Richard Morrow, Matthew Klaver. Fourth Row: Claire White, Sara Brown, Audrey Englehart, Colleen Naughton, Megan Thompson, Heather Flynn, Lyndsay Rankin, Megan Kimmerle, Nicholas Maurice, Philip Lewan, Nicole Helegda, Kara Gheldof, Melissa Bentivolio, Kristin Van Putten, Rachel Bonar. Front Row: Kathryn Huston, Anne Petrimoulx, Sarah McLaughlin, Sara Thomas, Michelle Hurd, Jennifer Edginton, Chelsea Adams, Megan Goldenberg, Amanda Presson, Mara Waskowski.

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Compelling Concert Band

Harboring the young aspiring individuals of Symphony Band members of the future, Concert Band is the place for the new faces of Dondero. For those incoming freshmen who are undecided about whether or not to become involved with Dondero's great music program, Concert Band is the place for them to be. Long hours spent practicing for concerts with Mr. Foreman gave the new members a good idea

about what the coming years in the music program will be like. After they adjusted to the fast-paced beats and developed the necessary skills to become Symphony Band members in the following year, many found the experience to be worthwhile. "After our first performance, I was really happy I joined," said freshman David Caddy, "Being a part of Concert Band was very rewarding."

By: Megan Sulinski



Above: Back Row: Standing: Emily Scafone, Tyler Berg, Patrick Tassone, Nicholas Corey, Mr. Tim Foreman. Second Row: Joseph Hawkey, Michael Cyrus, James Hartrick. Third Row: Amber Stratton, Laura Fetsco, Bobbi House, Kendra Kapel, Christopher Genetti, Sean Phaneuf, Maximilian Long, Andrew Gregory, William Weipert, David Caddy, Zachary Vickers, Cathryn Gniewek, Julia Kendzioriski. Front Row: Shannon Moore, Elaine Hannah, Samantha Gardiner, Kaitlyn Kunz, Laura Naismith, Samantha Tierney, Andrea Butkovich, Stephanie Pattison.



"Mr. Foreman is the man!"
-Patrick Tassone '05



"Concert Band helped me develop my drumming skills."
-Tyler Berg '05



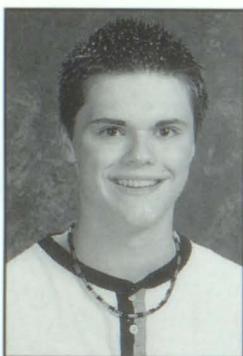
"I like all the different varieties of music that we play."
-Emily Scafone '05

Quotes



"The most difficult aspect of symphony orchestra to me is remembering to bring my instrument to practice."

-Brian Shaw '04



"I feel that the friendly, yet brutally competitive attitude makes symphony orchestra fun, yet intense."

-David Benvenuto '02



"The most challenging part of symphony orchestra is playing my instrument."

-Joel Schenk '04

Pulling Some Strings

Dondero has long been known to have an excellent music program. Our own symphony orchestra is a fine example of this. Dondero's Symphony Orchestra is composed of sophomores through seniors who play a string instrument. Every student in orchestra starts the day off with an one hour period of rehearsal. The symphony orchestra annually picks members to perform in the pit for the spring musical. Dondero's musicals would not be the same without the competence of symphony orchestra.

There are many positive aspects of being in symphony orchestra. "Playing in front of an audience" was one of senior Marianne Tassone's most rewarding experiences. Orchestra is considered an art and is another way for students to show off their talent. "Being able to express myself and other people's music in a creative way" is what senior Joy Schultz considers her favorite part of symphony orchestra. Our orchestra program is definitely one that we should be proud of here at Dondero.

By: Colin Samul



Above: Back Row: Mr. Bill Milicevic, Kristin Branstner, Elizabeth Kwicinski, Christopher Riggs, Jacob Moore, Miranda Gelenger, Julianna Weaver, Christopher Marsh, Joel Schenk, Matthew West. Front Row: Kelsey Ewald, Rebecca Kipp, David Benvenuto, Julie Budnick, Gabrielle Poshadlo, Sara Fenwick, Marianne Tassone, Sarah Kendall, Joy Schultz, Da'marja Patrick, Hayden Gandolfi. Not pictured: Alex Kerrigan and Rachel Nievelt.

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All Strung Out

Incoming freshmen who want to be a part of Dondero's orchestra are placed into the orchestra room.

the concert orchestra. This is where the new freshmen begin to develop the talents and skills they will need if they want to continue on to the next level of orchestra. These students enjoy this class because they have a lot of fun. Their concerts usually are performed once every few months and in different schools for festivals. It is a very re-

laxed atmosphere among the members in the orchestra room. Taking orchestra can help build confidence and self-esteem while helping one become highly advanced in the class. Orchestra can give a sense of pride, especially while performing the best, in front of hundreds of people. A good orchestra member can concentrate on music and has the ability to work hard.

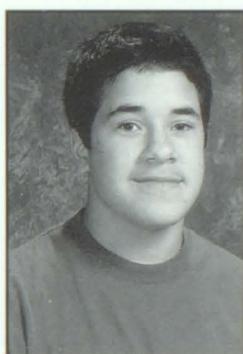
By: Amanda Docter



Above: Back Row: Adam Opoka, Stephen Baker, Henry July. Second Row: Christopher Riggs, Kailie Komph, Nicole Muriel, Sarah Kendall, Mr. Bill Milicevic, Niclole Sands. Front Row: Emily Hague, Elizabeth Kwicinski, Jacob Moore, Miranda Gelenger, Paul Derochie, Anna Donavan, Kyle Fall, Hayden Gandolfi.



"I enjoy orchestra because it isn't your typical sit down and do your work class."
-Nicole Sands '05



"Having Mr. Milicevic as a teacher is the best!"
-Henry July '05



"Orchestra is the best because we get to go on trips to different cities to do performances."
-Nicole Muriel '05

A Closer Look



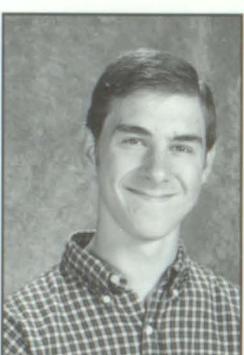
"My favorite part of being involved with this play was having Melissa put on my make-up."
-Scott Hepner '03



"I liked the late nights working on the sets with all of my friends."
-Victoria Schultz '03



"After working so hard on the sets, there is nothing more satisfying than seeing all your hard work pay off during the performance."
-Brandi Zehner '03



"The funniest moment that I can recall was seeing John Hawkins in a pink suit."
-Nathan Enochs '04



Right: While waiting for their next scene Shanitra Bowman and Ben Webster smile New York style for our camera.

Far Right: Here at the Hot Box, all the members of the production smile in celebration, but also in sadness that the performance has come to a curtain closing end.

Far Bottom Right: In disbelief Alexander Hill exclaims to Nathan Enochs about how unruly the all night crusade march against the devil, gambling, is.



Above: Lara Nemeth and Brandi Zehner share a brief moment to relax and laugh about the good times they had together putting on the play.



Sophomore Ryan Gates and his good pal, Mr. Miller are teaming together to work the lights of the show.



Be Musical

Talk of nightclubs, love affairs, police, and gambling was rarely found in Dondero's atmosphere until last Spring. The Dondero Drama Club put on the romantic comedy *Guys and Doll's* based on Jo Swerling and Abe Burros' book. Lead by the amazingly colorful and entertaining actors, the controversial play was brought to life as soon as they hit the stage. Putting all her effort into her acting, Shanitra Bowman did something that hasn't been done in over twenty years: she played a mans part. Accepting the challenge with great enthusiasm, she did a great job. Along with Shanitra, "The chemistry between the lead actors Ben Webster and Caitlin Cassady was incredible,"

commented Mrs. Whalin.

With the excellent acting, the dance moves were up beat and to match fast-paced New York life-style. With the help of a choreographer, the actors put in plenty of work to ensure the audiences satisfaction. "All the extra work was worth it when we saw audience rise and applauded," said Lara Nemeth.

By: Megan Sulinski

A Closer Look



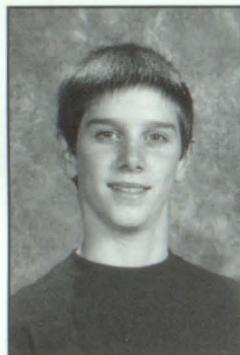
"We had fun this year with all of the new people. I got to make so many new friends."

-Ashley Nowak '03



"Being part of the play was a lot of work, but at the same time, plenty of fun."

-Joseph Caspersen '03



"Even though I was a freshman, everyone made me feel welcome. It's a really nice environment."

-Nicholas Pardy '05



"I had a lot of fun being on set this year. It was a lot of work, but we had a great time in the process."

-Joy Schultz '02



"Being crew head this year was a lot of work. I think the play went great."

-Jennifer Berger '02



"Working on set is a lot of work, but still a lot of fun...You're just making it worse!"

-Michelle Hurd '02

Right: Witch trials can be pretty amazing things. Based on the looks from senior Greg Boyer and sophomore Jeffrey Buck, so can acting.

Far Right Top: Comfortable, girls? These girls, sophomore Abigail Bonar, and juniors Kelly Wilcox and Lara Nemeth patiently wait for their turn to speak. Sometimes the speaking isn't the hardest part.

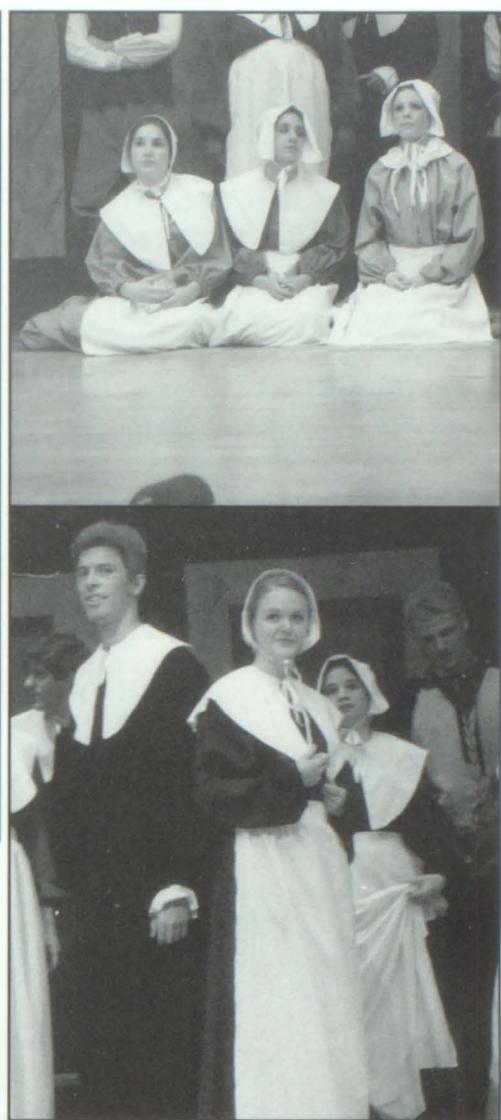
Far Right Bottom: A perfect pair. Junior Molly Mutschler and senior Kevin Aulph learn that if they need to work together, they can always lean on each other.

Below: While being interrogated by junior Christopher South's character, senior Jennifer Edginton begins to cry. Let the tears roll.



Right: Top Row: Standing: James Hartrick, Kevin Aulph, Aileen St. John, Lisa Owens. Second Row: Matthew West, Stacy Peltier, Ashley Nowak, Robert Bajek, Courtney Engel, Darcy Barry. Third Row: Jeffrey Buck, Shanitra Bowman, Lara Nemeth, Joy Schultz, Michelle Hurd, Megan Kimmerle, Jennifer Edginton, Jayna Estopellan, Alexis Nemeth, Nicholas Pardy. Fourth Row: Sarah Ochoa, Samantha Devlaminck, Amy Jones, Alia Daniels, Megan Goldenberg, Kristin Van Putten, Ryan Gates, Bryan Yamasaki, Molly Mutschler, Gregory Boyer. Fifth Row: Andrea Butkovich, Kaileigh Horsley, Eileen Rozycski, Daniel Kirkman, Chelsea Adams, Corey Gower, Joseph Caspersen, Christopher South, Randy Gignac, Elizabeth Rizza. Front Row: Nicole Hakli, Victoria Schultz, A Gerald Martini, Abigail Bonar, Alexander Hill. On Stairs: Ms. Leslie Whalin, Jennifer Berger, Caitlin Cassady, Kelly Wilcox, Matthew Klaver, Andrea Kendziora.





Acting Up

With Christopher South playing the lead, and Molly Mutschler with Andrea Kendziorski in the leading women's roles, *The Crucible* was brought to life. Set in the seventeenth century amidst the witch trials of Salem, Massachusetts, *The Crucible* is a complex story of love, hate, betrayal, and trust.

With so much going on, all the actors and actresses had to be on top of everything. Christopher South played John Proctor, a strong-willed farmer who is eventually charged for witchcraft. Committing adultery with John, was Abigail Williams, played by Molly Mutschler. Abigail declared that John's wife, Elizabeth Proctor, played by Andrea Kendziorski, was a witch in order to get back at John.

This story is a brutal tale depicting the harsh realities of society as a whole. There was an un-

derlying conformity theme throughout the entire play, showing that people will turn their backs on each other in the courts to save themselves. But during all of the chaos, there was a beautiful love story evolving.

The Crucible is a very climatic story ending in an unforgettable way. All the actors involved did an excellent job, which helped to produce yet another successful play. Plays that go off the way that *The Crucible* did help Dondero keep the good reputation that it currently has.

All of the actors in this play worked hard practicing day and night. They came in on weekends and worked for eight hour blocks. Dedication like this doesn't come easily. Dondero is proud to be the home of such people.

By: Megan Kimmerle



A Closer Look



Club Adviser Mr. Stange, in his first year here to Dondero, brought with him a new club.

Footbag Club Officers:



"I like the club because it's fun and easy."
James Ede '02



"I finally get to hack in school."
-Joseph Scott '02



"I like the hack club because it's cool and fun."
-Holly Dein '04



"I like it because it's cool."
-Steven Gossett '04

Right: Several footbag club members make a commonly seen "hack circle" during lunch time in front of the school. Each day they share new tricks with one another and love it when they get to hack together.

Far Right Tpp: Senior Chad Kozloski catches the hack on the top of his head, showing off a trick he can perform with ease.

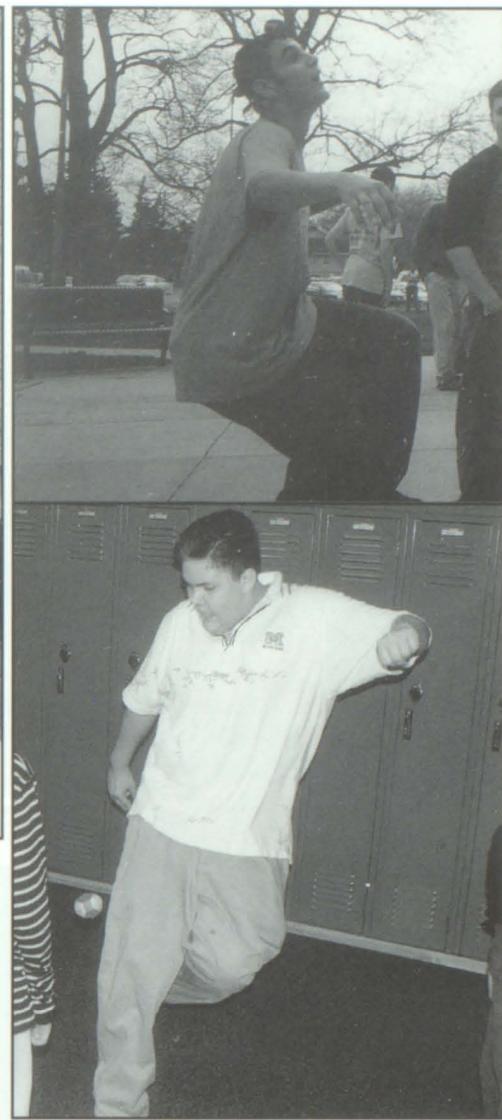
Far Right Bottom: Sophomore and treasurer of the footbag club, Steven Gossett, keeps the hack in game while performing a trick to show all. Without his deep concentration, the hack may have been out of the game.



Above: Joseph Schmidt, Sarah McArthur, Andrew Gowman, Joseph Scott, Ryan Gates, Ronald Rafalski, Terence Faust, Holly Dein, Ryan Sauve, Charles Llamas, Christopher Kawa, Regis Kleiss, Neil Reid, Joseph Olsen, Christopher Vandereyk, Charles Hornbacher

Right: Freshman Joshua Garrett saves the hack in a rather peculiar position, just before it may have been hacked right out of his "hack circle."





Footbag Club Commenices

Throughout high school many people do certain activities for personal enjoyment and this club is no different. This is the first year of the footbag club, its adviser, Mr. Stange is also new to the school. The footbag club was a hit right from the start, the officers, President James Ede, Vice-President Joseph Scott, Secretary Holly Dein, and Treasurer Steve Gossett were elected on the first meeting by popular vote. According to the club constitution "The Foot" officers must be responsible, dedicated, and

willing to take on the responsibilities that the office dictates. The preamble states: "The purpose of this club is to protect the rights of footbag players at Dondero High School, organize play to the benefit of all players and, above all, to have fun." The Dondero footbag club meets every Thursday during lunch in Mr. Stange's classroom. During each meeting the club members watch videos on different techniques and tricks. James Ede says, "Mr. Stange usually always does the "devil dance."

By: Kimberly Michalski and James Martin



A Closer Look



"Senate is a great learning experience. It teaches a lot of responsibility."

-Corey Gower '05



"I really like the friendly atmosphere here, everyone works together to get things done. I look forward to the years ahead."

-Brittney Zuzindlak '05



"Senate has made me much more outgoing."

-Ashleigh Ruggero '04



"And the vender of the week is...."

-Paul Cipriani '04



"I love the close relationships you form with people, and knowing that you're doing something good for your school."

-Megan Wujcik '03



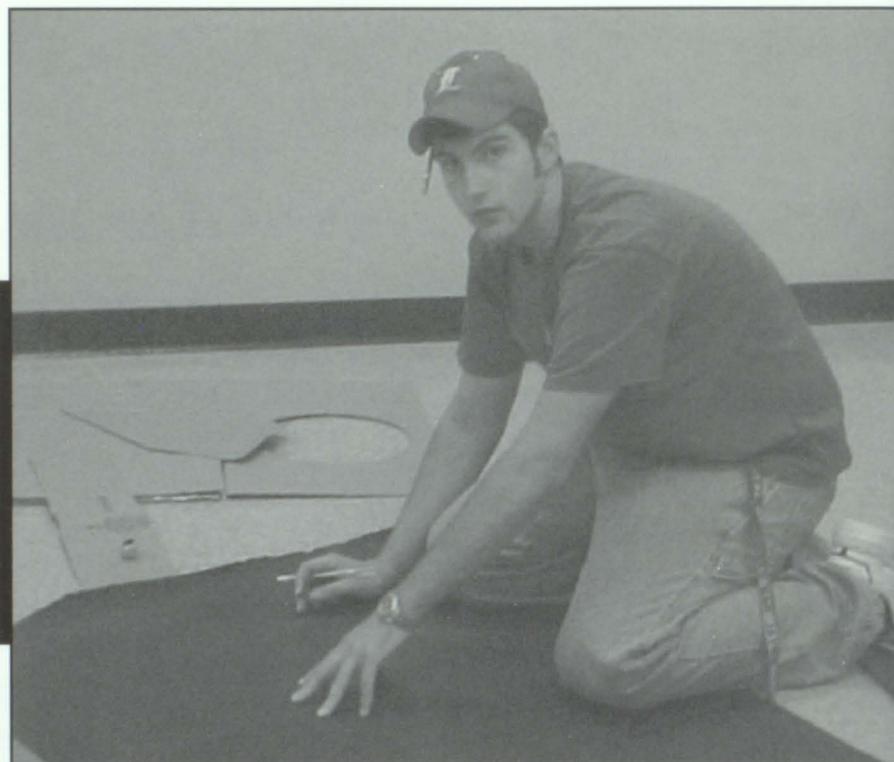
"I loved watching Stephanie Roy and Lauren Bagues think of creative balloon popping methods at the retreat."

-Jennifer Kaiser '02

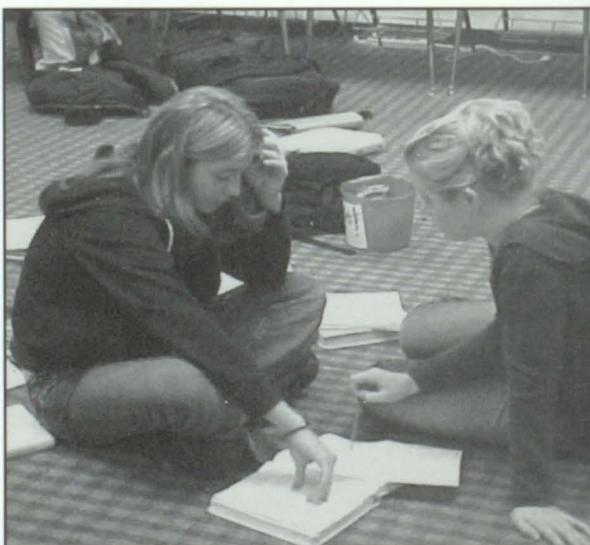
Right: Senators with Counselors at retreat. Front Row: Lauren Bagues, Kelly Wilcox, Jennifer Wolowicz, Laura Maroni, Andrea Torvinen, Sara Fenwick, Ashleigh Ruggero, Jennifer Kaiser, Tara Loyselle. Second Row: Mr. Streeter, Jamie Gower, Alexis DeCruydt, Kathryn Kipp, Chloe McCullough, Erica Scheid, Christie Lockman, Vinhoudama Chhun, Megan Frizzell, Andrea Champagne, Jayna Estopellan, Brittney Zuzindlak, Paul Cipriani, Shanitra Bowman, Mrs. Cumming. Third Row: Mrs. Bostwick, Tracie Ennes, Danielle Unternahrer, Katie Cross, Samantha Seymour, Allison Darland, Megan Sulinski, Andrew Wood, Kristen Edgar, Courtney Park, Jessica Olinski, Kealy Salva, Nicole Schema, Allison Phillips, Megan Wujcik. Fourth Row: Mr. Lynch, Corey Gower, Justin Knapp, Jennifer Quinn, Amanda Herrick, Michael Krist, Scott Hepner, Sara Brown, Jeffrey Buck, Stephanie Roy, Philip Lewan, Scott Brown, Dr. LeCureux. Back Row: Mr. Chisnell, Jeremy Gardner, Robert Hallock, Joseph Koehler, Jeffrey Wilusz, Richard Calverley, Joseph Guzman, Michael Bermudez, Scott Seymour.

Far Right Top: Junior Kristen Edgar isn't afraid to show a little love for her adviser Mr. Streeter.

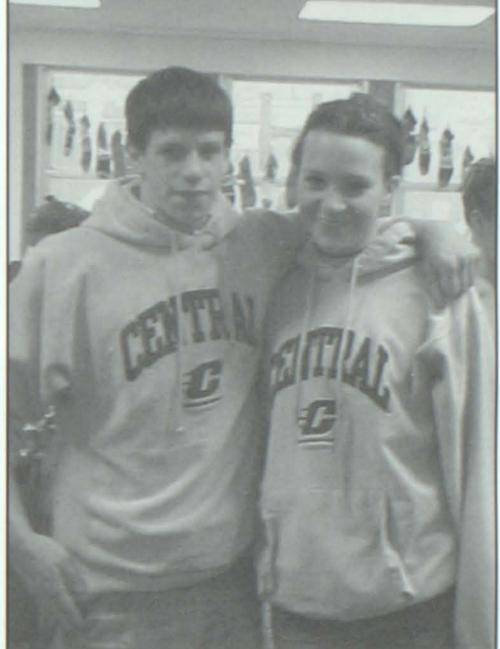
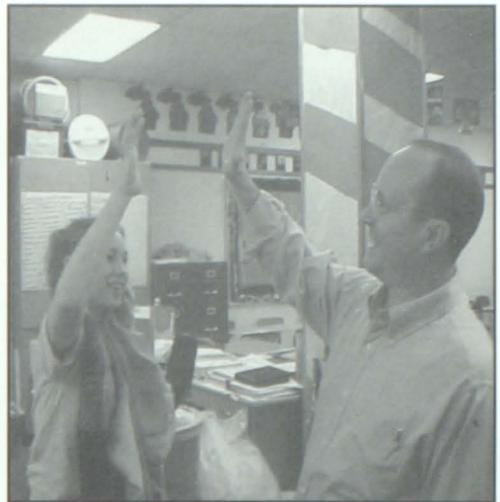
Far Right Bottom: Senators have a chance to get to know another senate member one on one during "Buddy Day." Senior Amanda Herrick and sophomore Jeremy Gardner dress alike and go out to lunch together to signify that they're buddies.



Above: Working hard on his masterpiece for Homecoming's Rodeo Drive, junior Scott Brown takes a break for a second to have his picture taken.



Right: Freshmen Stephanie Roy and Allison Darland discuss ideas that may help encourage students to reach their Canned Food Drive goals.



Lead Now or Step Aside

Student Senate is an organization that improves and actively participates in the overall spirit of Dondero. Putting on all of the dances, Oak Rock, Spirit Week, and pep assemblies throughout the year took up much of the average senator's already busy schedule. For these senators though, it's worth spending the extra hours outside of the classroom to pull off Homecoming or the Canned Food Drive.

Amidst the stress, frustration and chaos, the Student Senate is a place for fun, laughter, and forming new friendships. All of the senators had a chance to experience "crunch time" right before big events like Homecoming and the Volleyball Marathon. It was a time when everything for the event had to be planned to perfection and all the glitches had to be

worked out. Crunch time forced the senators to get over labels and personal boundaries to enable them to work well together so they could plan events without a problem.

When the senators weren't busy planning for events, they went to conferences and shared their ideas with other schools. This year alone, Dondero's Student Senate worked with schools such as Pontiac Central and Brandon High School to help boost their school spirit. The Student Senate was proud of all of their accomplishments and always strived to reach higher goals.

Whether helping other schools, the community, or Dondero itself, the Senate leads by example.

By: Megan Sulinski

A Closer Look



"SADD gives me a chance to work with a really positive group while helping others."

-Lisa Hyde '02



"I think SADD is a good organization because it spreads the message about drugs and the problems some kids have."

-Melissa Garland '02



"I like SADD because it's a way to show everyone what you believe in, with people you like."

-Sarah Hillawi '02



"I like SADD because we get involved and have a lot of fun."

-Rebecca Rennie '05



"SADD is a great way to meet new people and to get the point across about drinking and driving."

-Amber Gossett '02



"I like to do Red Week. It's a lot of fun seeing so many people participate."

-Carrie Chonko '02

Right: Seniors Lisa Hyde and Amber Gossett take a minute out of their SADD meeting to pose for the camera.

Far Right Top: Preparing speeches is not always an easy task. Unfortunately, senior Hannah Ford has learned this the hard way while planning for SADD's Prom Promise assembly.

Far Right Bottom: Mrs. Stone stops to think about the serious and "sobering" goals of SADD after a long day.



Top Row: Mrs. Karen Banat, Amanda Weipert, Melissa Garland, Mrs. Kathleen Stone. Second Row: Andrea Lentz, Amber Gossett, Sarah Hillawi, Carrie Chonko, Sarah Swanson. Front Row: Rebecca Rennie, Jacqueline Gorecki, Lisa Hyde, James Kumer, Darcy Weipert, Jessica Gorecki.

Right: There is no candy better than Twizzlers, and there is no better way to spread the word about destructive decisions than with candy. Freshman Rebecca Rennie prepares to pass out red candy during Red Week.





Positive Decisions

There is an organization at Dondero that is continually trying to better the way the world works. This organization is known as Students Against Destructive Decisions, otherwise known as SADD. The students involved in SADD strive to make their school a better place. They set examples and encourage others to make good decisions.

SADD participated in what is known as "Red Week" during the week of December 10-14. The week is devoted to warning fellow students about destructive decisions and what they can lead to. It is called Red Week because the students integrate the color red with practically everything they do during that week. The students of SADD tied ribbons around car antennas, passed out Twizzlers, and designated December 12 to the day that everyone would

wear red. SADD did everything in their power to try to keep students away from destructive behavior.

Along with Red Week, SADD did what is known as Prom Promise. Each year, before prom night, the members of SADD call all students going to prom down and tell them about the dangers of drinking. They show videos and give out pamphlets to try to prevent drunk driving and the use of drugs. They ask all of the students to sign a contract promising that they will not consume alcohol, or drive under the influence.

Students around the school recognized the members of SADD and will continue to do so for a long time to come. Keeping students safe is an important job, and these members do an excellent job at it.

By: Megan Kimmerle

Quotes



"I helped create this club to bring my youth group to school throughout the week."

-Christopher Logan '04



"I like *Believe* because we get to grow as friends and have a place where we can share ideas and grow in faith."

-Paula Simoni '04



"The club is grown a lot from last year, and I'm happy to see so much more involvement."

-Amanda Weipert '02

We Have Faith

Dondero's Bible Club, Believe, was started the fall of 2000 by senior Kevin Aulph and sophomores Rebecca Kirkman, Kathryn Huston, Paula Simoni, and Christopher Logan. Slowly, Believe has grown, thanks to the dedication of its five founding members.

Each member has contributed to the Royal Oak community. At Christmas time, the members worked

with the Salvation Army for the fundraiser, "Personal Santa." Each member adopted one boy or girl and chose which age-appropriate presents to buy for the child. Believe organized additional fund-raisers throughout the year and tried their best to help their fellow students.

By: Brittany DiNardo



Above: Sophomore Christopher Logan talks briefly at the beginning of a meeting. Christopher's leadership skills have really held the group together.



Above: Members of the council contemplate some of Mrs. Sutton's suggestions for peer mediation.

Quotes

Caring is Sharing

The Human Relations Advisory Council is an organization in which students address issues of tolerance and acceptance and strive to build a positive school climate. The council's discussions on acceptance and awareness of differences among people have encouraged many students to become more mindful of what they say and do. Council members also work with Dondero's administration following conflicts and help to resolve them. "I think the

HRAC is a great way for students to resolve their problems. It's much easier to talk to someone who is your age and who you know. Many students would rather resolve their conflicts through us than the administration," said junior Alia Daniels. "It gives students a real chance to resolve the problem and not just fix it for the time being."

By Brittany DiNardo



Above: Front Row: Ashley Ball, Kathryn Hanks, Alia Daniels, Shawnta Williams. Second Row: Shanitra Bowman, Kathryn Huston, Paula Simoni, Jamie Gower, Vinhoudama Chhun. Top Row: Ms. Maudlin, Kevin Aulph, Kristin Van Putten, Tiffany Mason, Mrs. Sutton.



Above: Front Row: Christopher Logan, Kevin Aulph, Paula Simoni, Amanda Weipert, Kathryn Huston, Maria Vetraino. Second Row: Sarah Ochoa, Hogan Kangas, Abigail Bonar, Delores Cottingham, Sarah McArthur. Third Row: Jesse Smith, Alexis Nemeth, James Hartrick, Stephanie Head, Rebecca Kirkman. Top Row: Christopher Bylski, Kristin Branstner, Erin Berard, John Batherson, Jeremy Benson, Chelsea Anderson.



"I care about the people of Dondero, and this group taught me how to help others."

-Tiffany Mason '03



"It's not as much a club as it is an advisory of students with problems."

-Shanitra Bowman '03



"The Human Relations Advisory Council has helped me with some situations that I've had to deal with."

-Jamie Gower '03



A Closer Look



"It's the only place I can work on my skills and not worry about being graded."

-Robert Gignac '03



"I really enjoy art, and I feel that through it I can express my real self."

-Stephanie Head '04



"I joined Art Club because I love art."

-Heather Supal '04



"You can be creative and free without anyone judging you."

-Lindsay Cooper '02



"I am in Art Club because it is fun, and I like to draw."

-James Sidick '02



"I joined because I wanted to be around art more."

-Delores Cottingham '03

Right: Junior Michael Wright concentrates intently on his abstract drawing. "This is a pencil sketch I started about a week ago," he says. "It is really starting to become something." The projects each student decides to work on are their own choice, giving students a chance to fully explore their creativity.

Far Right Top: Making a statue, such as this one, is just one example of the many things that students in the Art Club learn.

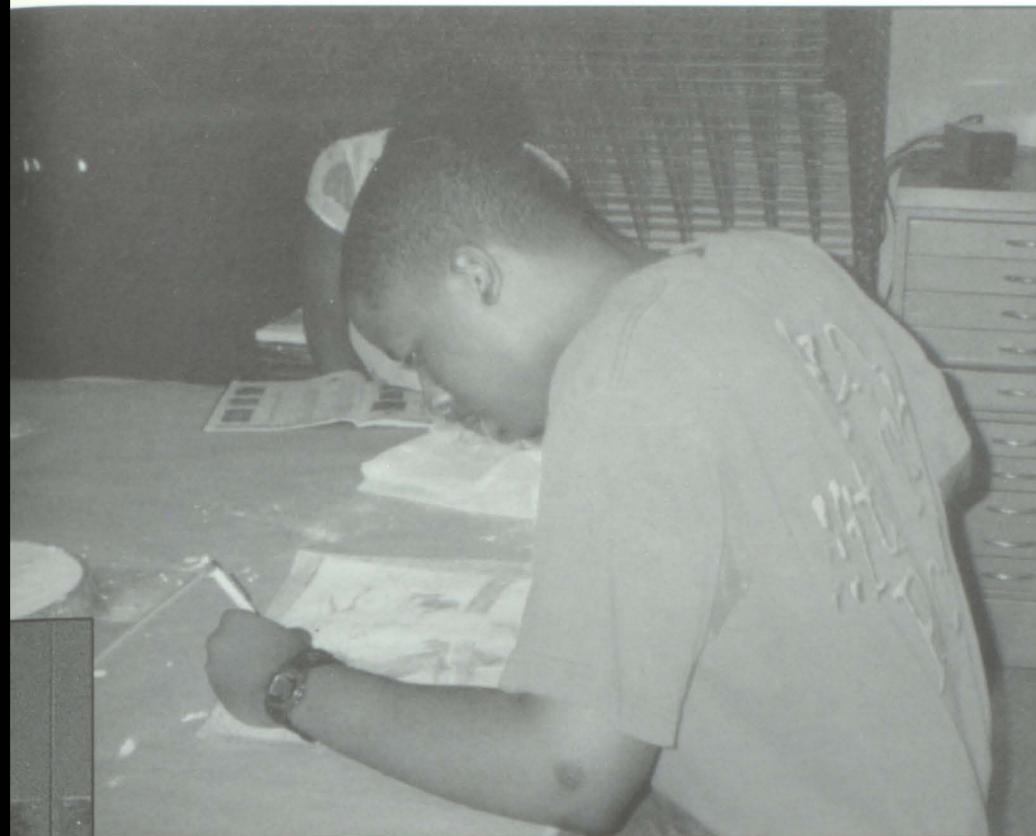
Far Right Bottom: Sophomore Lindsey Lewis works those wires. She is unraveling blue coat hangers for her wire man. The finished product will have a life of its own.



Above: Junior Ashley Nowak presents her wire person. "I received this project in class, but took time during Art Club to finish. If I didn't, I don't think I could have received the full credit possible."

Right: Front Row: Aileen St. John, Julie Patra, Gregory Boyer, James Sidick. Second Row: Nicole Helegda, Jessica Hatfield, Lindsay Cooper. Third Row: Nicole Robertson, Robert Gignac, Stephanie Head, Jesse Smith. Back Row: Delores Cottingham, Jennifer Day, Heather Supal. On Railing: Sarah Pokornicki, Amanda Hornung, and Hunter Green.





Coloring inside The Lines

Everyone loved to finger paint when they were young, but those days are long gone for most students here at Dondero. While the majority of students have forgotten the joy of art, there is a small group that hasn't. This talented group, which makes up the Art Club, consists of students who are fully dedicated to art, and don't mind spending some extra time working on imaginative projects.

Unlike most years, the Art Club had a rough start this year, with adviser Mrs. Shrode unsure if her schedule would allow her to oversee the group. Distraught with the idea of not being able to have an art club, the members worked diligently to find a convenient time for everyone. In spite of a late start this year, the Art Club was creative as ever.

For most members, the Art Club provides an invaluable amount of time to continue their work that they started in the class. The given 55 minutes too easily expires when working on an innovative, original piece of art. Members also take refuge in the fact that Art Club offers a place to start a project without having to worry about criteria, deadlines, or criticism from an audience. "Art Club is a place where you can be creative and free without being judged or graded," added senior Lindsay Cooper. Dondero's Art Club was founded to provide classroom doodlers and artistic geniuses alike a time to be creative, and that is, under no question, what it does best.

By: Brittany DiNardo



A Closer Look



"Even though I didn't know that much about pictures when I joined, everyone made me feel really welcome."
-Andrea Butkovich '05



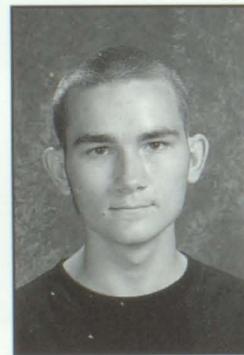
"Photo Club gets me involved, while letting me have a great time"
-Rebecca Kirkman '03



"Photo Club gives me a chance to hang out with my friends and get something cool done too."
-Vanessa Duffy '03



"Photo Club is a lot of fun."
-Steven Michael '02



"Photo Club gives me a chance to learn something new while having lots of fun."
-Edward Platt '02

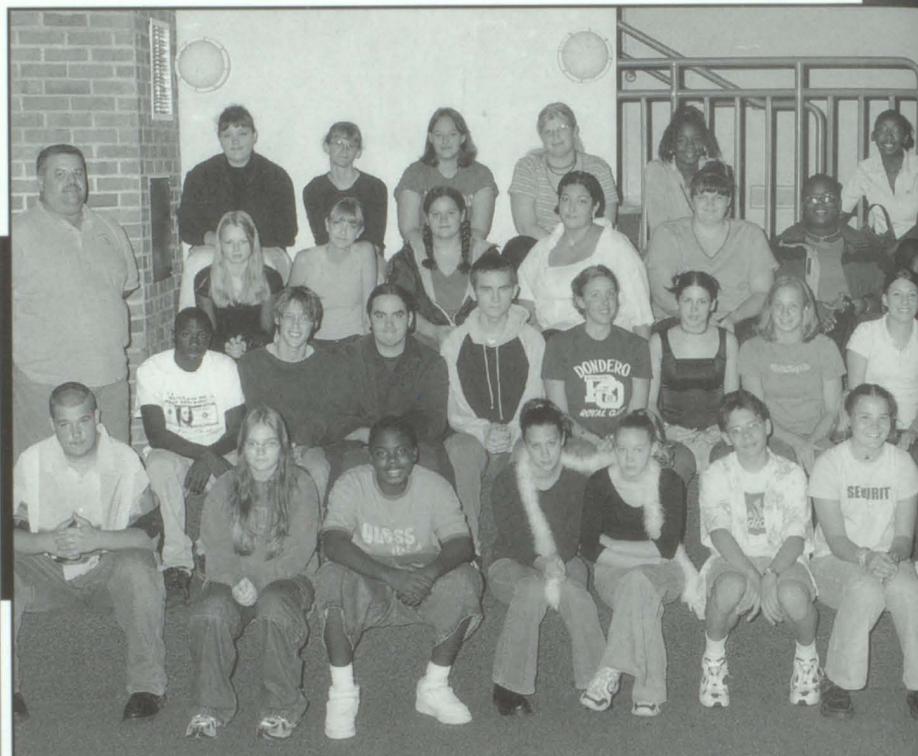


"I like Photo Club because it furthers my knowledge about photography."
-Erin Berard '03

Right: Seniors Edward Platt and Amber Wright bundle up to work in Dondero's darkroom with juniors Delores Cottingham and Vanessa Duffy. Judging by the smiles on their faces, they must be having a great time despite the chilly temperature.

Far Right Top: Searching her film carefully, senior Amber Wright looks for any mistakes that may have been made.

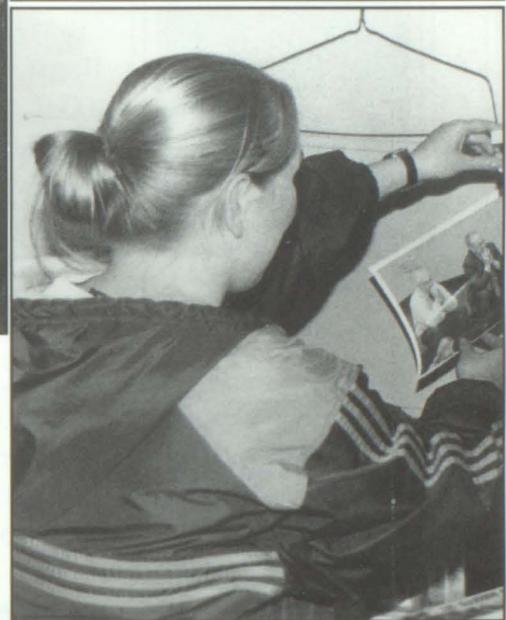
Far Right Bottom: Junior Vanessa Duffy hangs a picture on the line to dry. Who wouldn't want a picture of Dr. LeCureux?



Above: Front Row: Matthew Black, Sarah McArthur, Eban Williams, Jacqueline Gorecki, Jessica Gorecki, Eric Noga, Danika Jensen, Elizabeth Mulka. Second Row: Mr. Chuck Steele, Jayson Kelley, Jesse Smith, Steven Michael, Edward Platt, Megan Kimmerle, Julie Patra, Megan Sulinski, Tia Kovarik, Amber Marsh. Third Row: Jessica Finn, Erin Berard, Heather Supal, Sarah Ochoa, Lesa Swanson, Erricka Mosley-Jenkins, Alicia Stevens. Top Row: Andrea Butkovich, Delores Cottingham, Laura Luketich, Sarah Swanson, Porsche Reese, De'marja Patrick.

Right: There must be something interesting in that glass to have senior Edward Platt crouching down to tabletop level.





Picture This

Among all of the clubs at Dondero, there is one that invites culture in the school. Photo Club is an organization that takes time to add beauty to school. Senior Amber Wright said, "I really enjoy taking pictures. It is really nice to be able to show others your pictures, while getting the chance to see others'."

Head adviser, Mr. Steele lets the students choose what they capture in their pictures. There are no rules as to what may be done in Photo Club, except for practicing safety and one other: only black and white. "I think that taking pictures in black and white captures the essence of your subject," says Steele. "When pictures are in black and white, the photographer takes more time to get a quality picture. They don't get distracted by the color."

The pictures that are taken by the Photo

Club are developed in the school's own darkroom. Students are allowed access into the darkroom to develop pictures by themselves. Students are also responsible for the organization of the darkroom and buying the proper chemicals for the developing process.

After the pictures have been developed, they are then turned into Mr. Steele. After all of the pictures are looked over, they are displayed in a showcase in the cafeteria. The Photo Club takes time out of their busy schedules to appreciate the beauty of the world. In turn, they make Dondero beautiful at the same time.

By: Megan Kimmerle

Quotes



"Bowling Club has given me a chance to get my roll on."

-David Caddy '05



"I like Bowling Club because I met a lot of people that I never get to see or hang out with in school."

-Jeremy Gardner '04



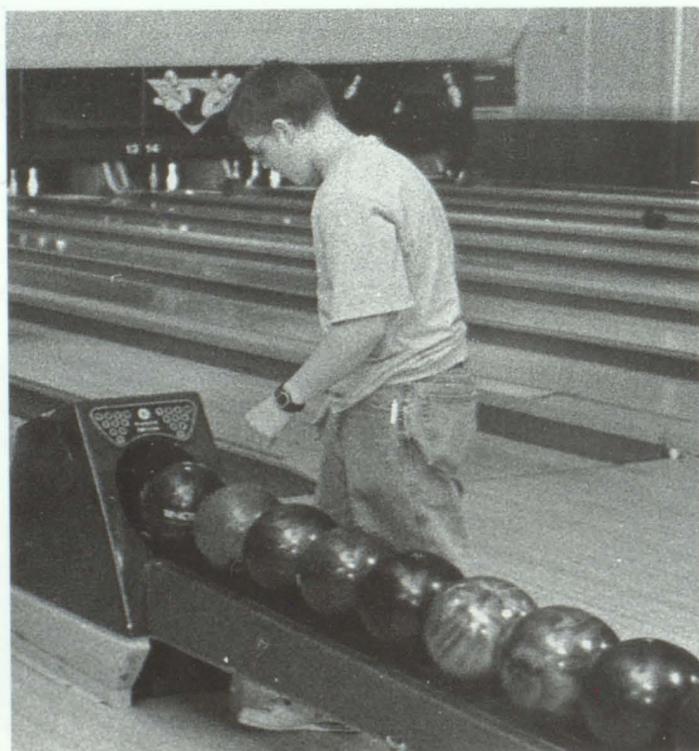
"Who said that you have to bowl a perfect 300 to be in the club?"

-David Younger '05

Stay out of the Gutter

Did anyone tell Mr. Drilich or Mrs. Banat that bowling actually originated from a German religious ceremony? It is true, except back then they had to bowl to save their lives; now it is just for playful competition and a whole lot of fun.

The Bowling Club met regularly every Thursday this year at the Royal Oak Lanes to have a good time. Always very open-minded, the Bowling Club allowed everyone who stopped by to bowl a few rounds or watch and support their favorite player. There aren't too many rules in the Bowling Club; their goal was to just be safe and have fun.



Above: Jason Stortz mentally prepares himself for a strike while he awaits for the return of his ball.

The Bowling Club had an end of the year banquet to celebrate all the fun they had throughout the year. They reminisced on good times and good food while ending their season on a striking note.

By: Megan Sulinski



Above: Front Row: Daniel Mahrle, Kyle Breitinger, Caitlin Christopher, Lisa Hyde, Amber Gossett, Joseph Gallegos, Jeremy Benson, Albert Johnson, LaTerrica Silvers, Marc Mullins, Andrew Gregory, Michael Cyrus. Second Row: Andrew Buck, Eric Scharver, Matthew Cordle, Eban Williams, David Caddy, Christopher Walker, Sarah Swanson, Heather Supal, Laura Luketich, Porsche Reese, Kenneth Sherry, David Younger, Darcy Barry. Third Row: Tara DeLeo, Shannon Earle, Meghan Covell, Joseph Rex, Zachary Vickers, Lindsay Goboly, Sarah McArthur, Sarah Ochoa, Sean Meisel, Thomas Docter, Kirk Wilcox, Joseph Locricchio. Forth Row: Christopher Page, Michael Bermudez, Jeffery Buck, Richard Calverley, Jeremy Gardner, James Hartrick, Andrew Brinkman, Steven Gossett, Amanda Vanover, David Berube, Paul Nagrant, Travis Testerman. Fifth Row: Timothy Creasey, Ronald Rafalski, Erik Bjordahl, Christopher Wildbur, Joshua Southern, Brett Jones, Adam Nickerson, Andrew Wyckhouse, Nathaniel Webster, Adam Kniel, Ryan Gates, John Holder, Nicholas Stoll. Back Row: Mrs. Banat, Mr. Drilich.

Ping-Pong is Here To Stay

Never in the history of all new clubs created here at Dondero has there ever been such a creative idea: "What about a ping-pong club?" That is what Coach Chuck Steele asked himself one day this past year, and never before did he think he would gain so much support. With the ping-pong tables set up in anticipation before each lunch bell this year, the gym would flourish with many eager students wanting to play some ping-pong.

Mainly, the Ping-Pong Club here at

Dondero was formed to enable ping-pong enthusiasts to work on their skills, master new techniques, and meet new people, all the while having fun doing it. The Ping-Pong Club was also deliberately set up to meet during lunch so students could have a chance to get away from their stressful lives for a moment. "The Ping-Pong Club allows students to come together to laugh," says founder Coach Steele. "It's just an all around good time."

By: Megan Sulinski



Left: Sean Ryan keeps his eyes focused on the ball as it goes over the net.



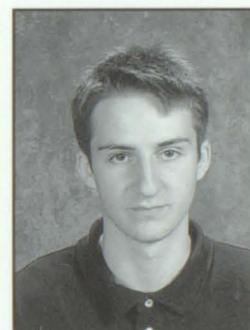
Above: Front Row: David Caddy, Zachary Vickers, Christopher Page, Andrew Brinkman, James Hartrick, Coach Steele. Middle Row: Christopher Walker, Alexis Hudson, David Kime, Andrew Berube, Andrew Buck. Back Row: Neil Harter, Marcus King, Louis Coker, Joel Schenk, Brandon Willard.



"I love to play ping-pong with my hair."
-David Berube '04



"It's so much fun to play ping-pong with all my friends."
-Paul Nagrant '04



"It's a lot of fun because we just goof off all lunch hour."
-Brandon Willard '02

Quotes



"I love being a part of a group that's creative and imaginative."

-Kelly Showers '03



"I like that we get to go camping, wear cool camouflage shirts and play football!"

-Heather Flynn '03



"My favorite part of GFC is doing cool forestry stuff."

-Andrea Champagne '02

Hangin' Tough

The Girls Forestry Club is composed of junior and senior girls who attend Dondero. This year's adviser was Ms. Crawley. She taught the girls many things, including how to play Powder Puff football. At this year's annual game, the juniors won in overtime, 20-14.

The girls also participated in several fund-raisers over the course of the year. At Christmas, the girls raised money for the Adopt-A-Child organization. Every girl bought a small toy for one child they adopted. They have weekly meetings to discuss new ways to help their community.

By: Megan Kimmerle

Below: Juniors Kathryn Sylvester and Emily Peychich are all bundled up as they are preparing for their night outside at the Camp-A-Thon.

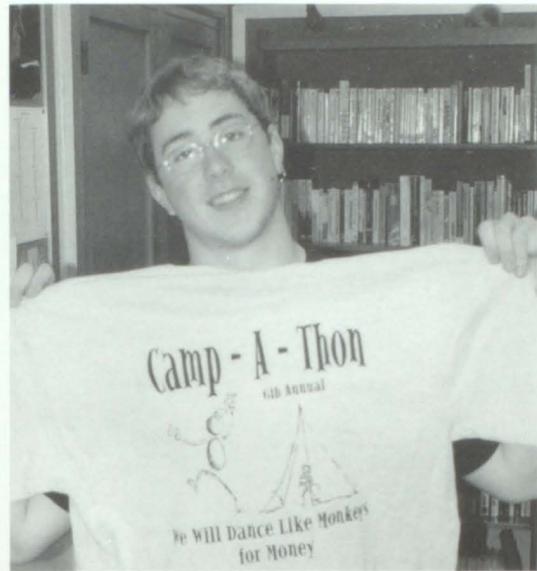


Above: Along Railing (top to bottom): Amanda Herrick, Erin Morris, Rebecca Kipp, Sara Brown, Lindsay Cooper, Andrea Champagne, Brenda Bogues, Tiffany Mason, Jennifer Breadon, Laura Maroni. On Floor: Elizabeth Hanson, Megan Sulinski. First Row: Ashley Ball, Jessica Maloney, Penny Brown, Jennifer Young, Megan Kimmerle, Megan Wujick, Melissa Bentivolio, Brandi Zehner, April Cushion. Second Row: Andrea Lentz, Kathryn Hanks, Sarah Vermiglio, Jennifer Kaiser, Tara Loyselle, Rachel Nievelt, Kelly Showers, Nicole Davies, Stephanie Gibson, Stacy Peltier, Erin Scafone. Third Row: Tracie Ennes, Shannon Earle, Mary Casey, Jessica Olinski, Marisa Weber, Amanda Gill, Jessica Orlando, Lisa Owens, Vinhoudama Chhun. Fourth Row: Rachel Fox, Elizabeth Wanless, Angela Dilacovo, Kamara Hooks, Melanie Aldenbrand, Heather Flynn, Sarah Pokornicki, Amber Marsh, Kristen Edger, Carol Roman, Ms. Tracy Crawley. Top Row: Rose Whalen, Caitlin Lasley, Tara DeLeo, Elizabeth McCoy, Lara Nemeth, Kimberly Michalski, Alexis DeCruydt, Holly Swigert, Jamie Gower, Darcy Weipert, Stephanie Miller, Emily Till.

Quotes

Below: Senior Brian Pagenkopf shows off the BFC t-shirts for the Camp-A-Thon. Apparently, these boys are ready to go to all costs, even dancing like monkeys.

Camp-A-What?



One of the many clubs at Dondero is the Boys Forestry Club. This club is made up of junior and senior boys who share a common interest in the outdoors. Every year the BFC holds a Camp-A-Thon. At this event, the boys camp outside of the school in tents, rain or shine. This year's Camp-A-Thon went off with a bang. During the Camp-A-Thon, the boys raised money and collected canned goods for Focus Hope, Common Ground Sanctuary, and Red Cross and fundraised all in one weekend.

By: Megan Kimmerle

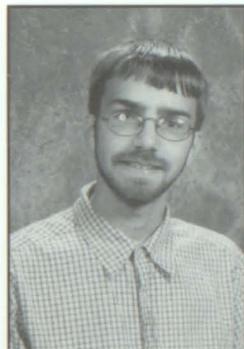


Above: Front Row: Christopher Villerot, Scott Caddy, William Luketich, Zachary Hickman. Middle Row: Paul Baker, Curtis Erickson, Brian Pagenkopf, Ian Kangas, Christopher Leasia, Timothy Testerman. Top Row: Mr. Perry Cicchini, Daniel Schenk, Joshua Belvedere, Adam Kniel, Michael Villerot, Caleb Fortune, and Mr. Sam Lynch.



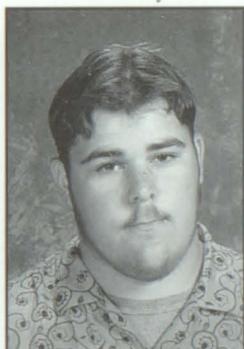
"No seriously, we will dance like monkeys for money."

-Paul Baker



"BFC gave me the opportunity to experience lot of good friendships, paintballing, and seeing Josh dress up like a girl."

-Scott Caddy '03



"It's good!" said Tim with two thumbs up.

-Timothy Testerman

A Closer Look



"I enjoy MUN because it's an excellent way to develop myself both intellectually and superficially."

-Christopher Marsh '03



"I like MUN because it allows you to learn and explore new ways of thinking and debating."

-Erica Bell '03



"I like MUN because it lets me hang out with my friends and learn at the same time."

-Kara Gheldorf '03



"Model UN helps me stay involved with the school and with what is going on in world politics today."

-Jeremy Benson '04



"Being in MUN has really given me a chance to learn about the things that go on all over the world."

-Alicia Stevens '05



"Model UN is a lot of fun because you get to learn how to debate better than your friends."

-De'marja Patrick '05

Right: Though a little tired, David Caddy puts forth the effort to take part in the debate. Either that or he is asking to use the bathroom.

Far Right Top: Freshman Emily Scafone and senior Adam Hobart concentrate and take notes about the ongoing debate. Did they plan those outfits?

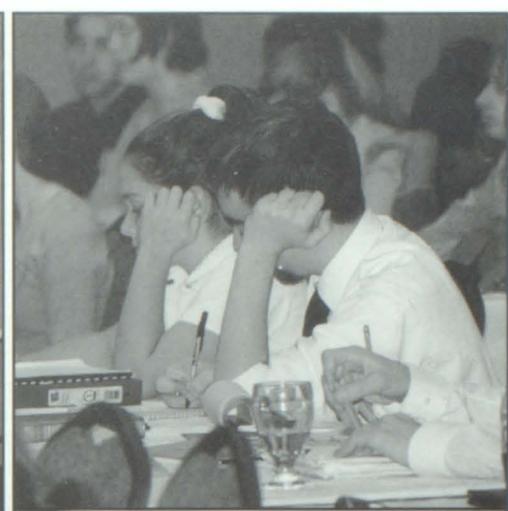
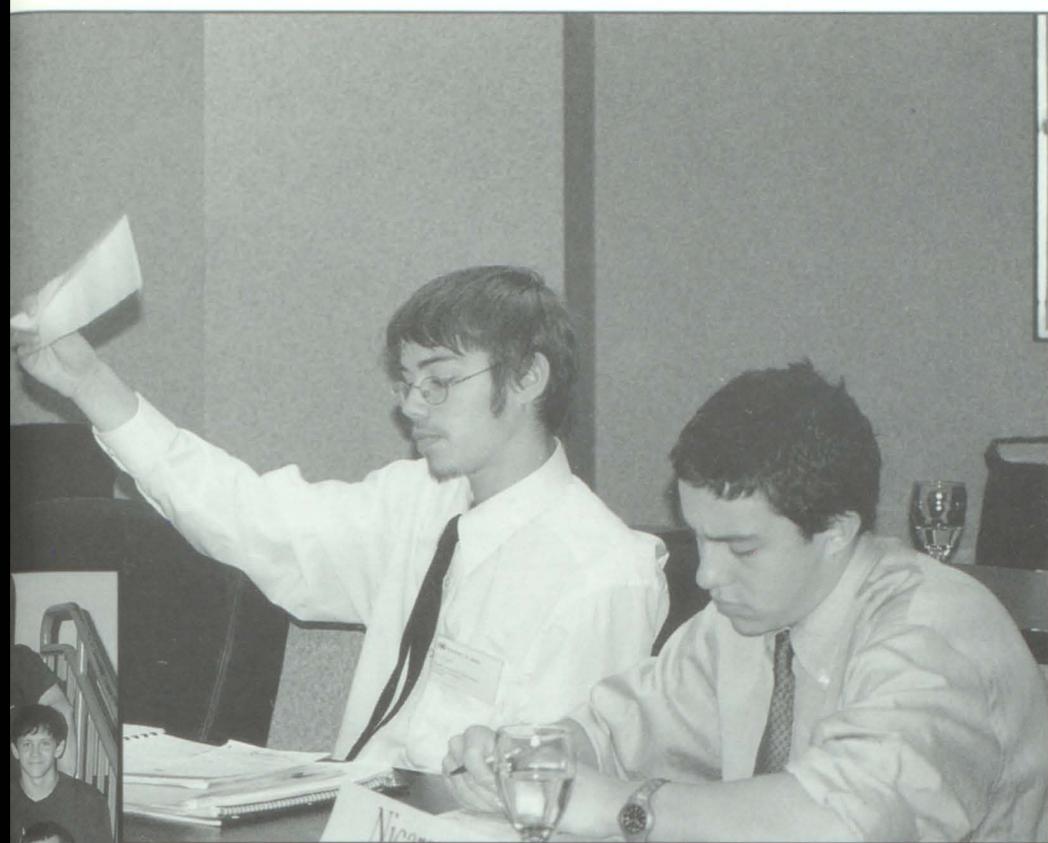
Far Right Bottom: He may be small, but he know's what he is doing. Sophomore Bryan Yamasaki turns away from the conference just in time to have his picture taken at this year's GLIMUN conference.



Above: Kelsey Ewald, Megan Thompson, Theresa Villerot, Christopher Marsh, Colleen Naughton, Erica Bell, Forest Casey. Second Row: Mr. Snyder, Megan Kimmerle, Emily Scafone, Alicia Stevens, Kelly Strong, Darcy Barry, Michael Bermudez. Third Row: Nicole Helegda, Colleen Taylor, Kara Gheldorf, Adam Hobart, De'marja Patrick, Elizabeth Kwiecinski, Ryan Myers, Christopher Riggs, Patrick Love. Top Row: Benjamin Chevela, Erin Berard, John Batherson, Jeremy Benson, Bryan Yamasaki, Ian Kangas, Vildana Kurtovic, Mr. Chisnell.

Right: Sophomore Colleen Naughton looks to see if there are any interesting people to talk to. It's not easy representing Iraq by yourself.





That's Debatable

The students in Dondero's Model United Nations may do their fair share of debating, but there is no arguing about one thing: they are good.

There are approximately 20 students that actively participate in this program. Numerous times each year, students and advisers alike travel to cities around Michigan for MUN conferences to compete against other schools. In these conferences, the debate can get pretty hectic. At any given conference, there can be an average of up to 15 schools.

Each school is given a number of countries that they will represent in the conference. The students are then assigned to represent a country and then discuss it. For example, a student might be representing Iraq while arguing about human rights. But here's where the twist comes in; these

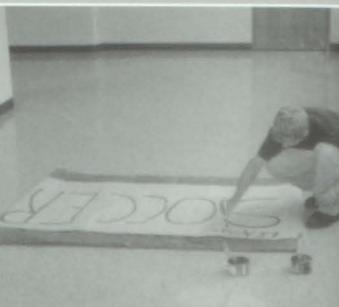
students must argue along the basis of their representative country, not their own opinion, even if they do differ.

The students involved put in their time. This year, meetings were held on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Students took time from their busy schedules to write reports, do research and study for something they do not get graded on. Adviser, Mr. Chisnell said, "I think that these kids learn something, or rather gain something here, that you can't get anywhere else."

These students went beyond the expectations of high school, and put in the extra effort to make it worthwhile. There's certainly no arguing about that.

By: Megan Kimmerle

We Are...



There's nothing like the rush of playing a sport, especially when it's been a dream for years. There's a thrill knowing that family and friends in the crowd to cheer and support. Whether it's football, softball, or dance team, we all have a chance to choose our sport, and we strive to do the best we can. Just trying out is a success in itself. Even if we don't make the team, we know we've already done more than those who never conquered their fears.

Achieving our
Goals

Opposite Page: 1. Our two biggest football fans. 2. Andrea Torvinen and her parents. 3. Varsity girls basketball team. 4. Scott Hepner.
This Page: 1. Sara Thomas. 2. Jessica Gadwa. 3. Lindsay Cooper and Kelly Wilcox. 4. Gregory Miesch.
Feature Photo: Donald Pauck.



Touchdown to a New Season



-Richard Calverley '02



-Joseph Guzman '02



-Joseph Koehler '02



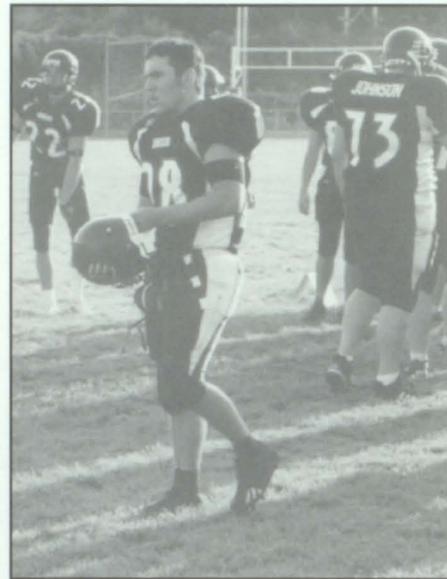
-Gavrilo Iljkoski '02

Right: In the first play of the year, senior co-captain Joseph Koehler takes off for the endzone against a Warren Fitzgerald player.

New coaches, new jerseys, and new attitudes: that is what the Dondero varsity football team brought to the field this year. With the strong leadership skills of the seniors and the motivating words of new head coach Jim Fitzpatrick, the words "fight back to your tradition" were given new meanings. Reacting strongly to the inspiring words, the varsity squad worked hard during the entire season. Despite the sweltering heat, everyone showed up to the summer conditioning practices. Each player made it a goal to be bigger, faster, and stronger for the upcoming season.

The Oaks' solid effort during the summer paid off on game days, as players marched through the season with a record of four wins and five losses. "I'm very happy with the way the team came together this year," said senior defensive cornerback Caleb Fortune. "I can only hope that the following varsity team members can keep the tradition going."

By: John Donnelly



Above: Senior co-captain Joseph Guzman walks down the sideline after scoring a touchdown. Joe was a key player for the Oaks' offense this year.

SCOREBOARD

Boys Football

Opponent	DHS-Opp
Fitzgerald	12-16
Brandon	12-32
Clawson	23-21
Madison	27-0
Ferndale	7-41
Andover	7-22
Lamphere	27-6
Lasher	27-7
Avondale	25-28
Overall	4-5-0



Above: Top Row: Daniel Kime, Adam Johnson, Timothy Testerman, Joseph Koehler, Richard Calverley, Andrew Buck, Brian Pagenkopf, Christopher Villerot, Scott Polonowski. Second Row: Michael Villerot, Coach Graves, Coach Snyder, Coach Aimar, Coach Dinkelmann, Coach Fitzpatrick, Coach Forti, Coach Klaver, Coach Lovelock, Coach Hubbard, Daniel Schenk. Third Row: Joseph Guzman, Joshua Steele, Adam Kniel, Michael Dresden, Eric Henry, Justin Browder, Joshua Spielbusch, James Kling, Gavrilo Iljkoski. Front Row: Gary Topolewski, Nicholas Bentivolio, John Donnelly, Eric Banker, Phillip Eades, Jeffery Myre, Gregory Breitinger, Caleb Fortune, Joshua Tabor.





Left: Coach Forti leans over to give his players a quick talk about what they need to do on the next offensive play.

Above: Senior co-captain Richard Calverley looks back for the football as he runs down the sideline. Richard's towering height allowed him to make an outstanding catch deep in the opponents half of the field.

O-A-K-S, We're Number One!



-Rebecca Costigan '02



-Jennifer Czerwinski '02



-Danielle Fisher '02

Right: Sophomore flyers, Marie Maurer, Julia Gardner, and Kealy Salva practice the halftime cheer while the bases hold them tight!

"This is Oak country, Rams move it out!" screamed the overly excited cheerleaders at the Homecoming game. "It is so much fun to cheer for a team whom you have seen improve over the last four years," said Melissa Garland proudly. Along with this year's motivated football team, the varsity cheerleaders had a great time fostering new skills to help cheer the Oaks on to victory.

Over the summer, the varsity cheerleaders prepared for their season by going to the "Camp of Champs" at the University of Michigan. The camp taught the girls a variety of new cheers and stunts to help them become more skilled in their expertise. With these new moves, the camp also gave them the opportunity to compete for a place on the Michigan All Star team. With few other girls from all around Michigan, two of Dondero's very own, sophomores Julia Gardner and Christie Lockman, made the team. After trying out herself, sophomore Elizabeth McCoy said, "The competition was rough, but it was a lot of fun!"

The camp helped tremendously for the varsity squad, especially for the six girls that had never cheered before. Ashleigh Ruggero claimed, "I love cheerleading! I'm so glad I tried out!" The varsity squad put in a tremendous amount of work, and because of it, even with the many new members, came together as a team in a very successful manner.

By: Danielle Fisher



Above: First year cheerleader junior Tara DeLeo punches out her last move in her favorite cheer "Jump, Jump."



Top Row: Coach Reeves, Ashleigh Ruggero, Caitlin Lasley, Tara DeLeo, Shawnta Williams. Second Row: Marie Maurer, Christie Lockman, Julia Gardner, Kealy Salva. Third Row: Tiffany Mason, Nicole Schema, Shanira Bowman, Raven Sarrach, Elizabeth McCoy. Front Row: Melissa Garland, Danielle Fisher, Jennifer Czerwinski, Rebecca Costigan, Lisa Hyde.





Left: Sophomore Julia Gardner joins juniors Caitlin Lasley and Shanitra Bowman during their practice for the upcoming game.

Above: (Clockwise): Seniors Jennifer Czerwinski, Rebecca Costigan, Melissa Garland, and Danielle Fisher gather for another picture to remember some of their special senior moments.

You Can't Cross the Street



-Steven Anderson '02



-James Martin '02



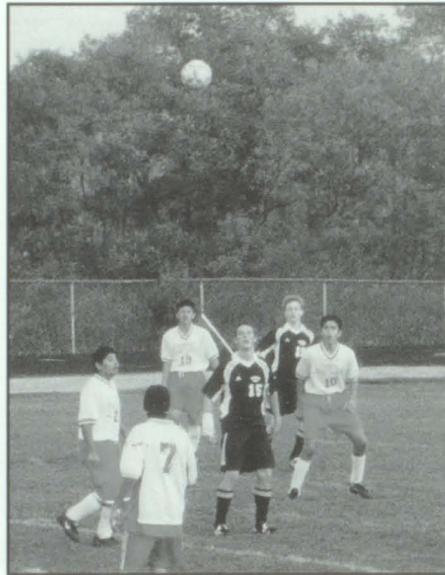
-Joshua Belvedere '02

Right: Seniors Corey Vanderhoff, Joshua Belvedere, Steven Anderson, Paul Baker, and James Martin hang out with their coach after beating Pontiac Northern. Who wouldn't be happy with a 10-0 win on their record?

You can't cross the street? You couldn't finish your breakfast? The Oaks soccer team taunted each other with these catch phrases all season long. Basically, they're telling each other that they can't pass or score, which definitely wasn't true this season. The Oaks finished with a League Championship and a win against Utica Ford, a division one team. During that game, the Oaks played excellent defense and finished the game with a score of 1-0, with senior Corey Vanderhoff scoring the only goal.

One of junior Scott Hepner's favorite parts about the season was that they were a pretty close team. He said they had a lot of inside jokes, and they always had a lot of fun doing stuff together. Said Hepner, "A bunch of us were on the same indoor soccer team, - the Pink Flamingos. It was always good luck to wear our Pink Flamingos shirts underneath our jerseys, so we did it at every single game. Pink power!" Whether it was going to Bennigan's before a game or scoring goals on the field, the Oaks soccer team had a great season this year.

By: Stacy Peltier



Above: Senior midfielder Paul Baker gets ready to head the ball out of a crowd of opponents at the Oaks' last season game.

SCOREBOARD boys soccer

Opponent	DHS-Opp
Andover	0-4
Clawson	4-0
Country-Day	0-2
Hazel Park	10-1
Southfield	5-2
Utica H. Ford	1-0
Pontiac Central	5-0
Warren Woods Tower	3-6
Pontiac Northern	9-2
Southfield Lathrup	4-1
Clawson	2-3
Hazel Park	8-1
Southfield	11-1
Kimball	0-4
Lathrup	3-0
Pontiac Central	11-0
Pontiac Northern	10-0
Hamtramck	1-2
Overall	12-6



Top Row: Coach McClelland, Edward Zuzindlak, Corey Vanderhoff, Paul Baker, Timothy Bennis, Bryce Erwin, Coach Vlaming. Middle Row: Joshua Belvedere, Jeffrey Vanbuskirk, A Gerald Martini, Anthony Hernandez, James Martin, Zachary Goldenberg, Alexander Lamb. Bottom Row: Steven Anderson, Scott Hepner, Sean Ryan, Rylan Sharpe, Jeremiah Smith. Not pictured: Collin Porteus.



Left: Juniors Alexander Lamb and Scott Hepner get ready for a pass while junior forward Bryce Erwin tangles with the opponent in hopes of getting the ball up the field.

Above: Junior defender Rylan Sharpe cheers on the team with the other players as senior forward Corey Vanderhoff grabs a quick drink of water.

Hoop It Up



-Erica Scheid '02



-Courtney Park '02



-Stephanie Miller '03

Right: Sophomore Laura Guzman, senior Courtney Park, and senior Erica Scheid block out the Knights in hopes of getting a rebound at a home game against Kimball.

She shoots, she scores! The Dondero girls basketball team started off the season in hopes of winning league. The Oaks took the first few league games, including Madison, Andover, and Harper Woods. They continued the season preparing for a big game against Clawson.

Clawson was one of Dondero's big rivals, so the game was important. Hopes were almost lost when the game was nearly over, and Dondero was only ahead by one basket. However, the girls kept their heads in it and stopped the opponents from scoring. The Lady Oaks finished with a proud coach and second place in league. Said junior guard Jennifer Breadon, "Even though we came in second place, I thought the team did a good job fighting throughout the whole season."

The Oaks are looking forward to an even better season next year, and they hope to have a lot of fun. Said junior forward Holly Swigert, "I didn't need to get pumped before the games, because I was born pumped!"

By: Stacy Peltier

SCOREBOARD

girls basketball

Opponent	DHS-Opp
Farmington	32-47
Berkley	32-46
Avondale	22-51
Madison	39-47
Andover	29-22
Harper Woods	46-14
Hazel Park	51-44
Lamphere	30-19
Clawson	44-35
Kimball	30-37
Madison	40-23
Clawson	30-28
Andover	38-24
Hazel Park	35-44
Lamphere	38-26

Overall 9-11-0



Top Row: Jamie Gower, Carol Roman. Middle Row: Laura Guzman, Holly Swigert, Stacy Peltier, Courtney Park, Coach O'Brien, Melissa Bentivolio, Emily Till, Dione Fernandez, Jennifer Breadon. Bottom Row: Stephanie Miller, Erica Scheid.



Above: Junior guard Emily Till inbounds the ball to start the offense, while the crowd looks on in anticipation.





Left: Senior Erica Scheid, junior Jamie Gower, and junior Emily Till crowd the opponent with their strict zone defense during a home game.

Above: Sophomore guard Laura Guzman gets down on the ground and wrestles the ball from her Kimball opponent.

For Love of the Game



-Lara Nemeth '03



-Julianna Weaver '04



-Marianne Tassone '02

Right: Power-serving to another Oak victory, sophomore Vildana Kurtovic put all her effort into every game.

Dondero's 2001 girls tennis team was faced with a tough season, but they still worked hard to give it their best shot. Leading the Oaks to two wins over Ferndale and Shrine, captains senior Marianne Tassone, junior Lara Nemeth, and sophomore Julianna Weaver never let the team give into the odds. The girls always worked hard at their practices after school, and the hard work they put in certainly showed in their never-give-up attitudes. "It was a tough year for everybody, but we are all looking forward to the years to come so we can try to improve our record," said sophomore Kelly Lutz. The Oaks are gradually becoming better, and with the majority of this year's team being underclassmen, they hope to improve their winning streak in the upcoming years.

By: Holly Swigert and Chelsea Feldman



Above: Sophomore Rebecca Kirkman rushes to the net to return a hard hit. There's no competition for the Lady Oaks!

SCOREBOARD

Girls Tennis

Opponent	DHS-Opp
Southfield	3-5
Lamphere	4-4
Kimball	1-7
Clawson	3-5
Berkley	1-7
Brandon	0-8
Avondale	4-4
Ferndale	7-1
Waterford Mott	2-6
Shrine	5-3
Warren Fitzgerald	4-4
Bishop Foley	3-5
Hazel Park	3-5

Overall: 2-8-3



Top Row: Coach Reese, Andrea Langdorf, Amber Marsh, Rebecca Kirkman, Joanna Houston, Brittany DiNardo, Barbara Billmann, Andrea Kendziora. Middle Row: Kelly Lutz, Paula Simoni, Katherine Torvinen, Jennifer Carty, Erin Davidson, Samantha Gardiner, Allison Phillips, Lara Nemeth. Front Row: Elizabeth Wissman, Laura Naismith, Julianna Weaver, Kristine Toquigne, Marianne Tassone, Jessica Gadwa, Kathryn Kipp. Not Pictured: Vildana Kurtovic.



Left: Senior Elizabeth Wissman waits anxiously for her opponent to return the serve, hoping to win the game.

Above: Sophomore co-captain Julianna Weaver discusses new strategies with Coach Reese before she hits the court.

Running Town to Town



-Joshua Huebner '02



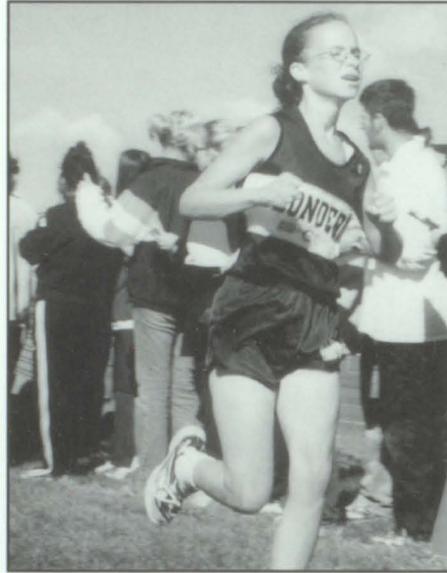
-Matthew Klaver '02

Right: Sophomore Charles Hornbacher and freshman Matthew Wilusz run with a constant stride to keep ahead of a Centerline runner. They know that the end is near and the pressure is on.

Wonder what it would be like to run for ten or more miles for fun? Both of the Dondero's cross-country teams ran everyday in the past summer to prepare for a challenging season. They ran miles at a time for conditioning, using a technique that builds stamina by sprinting at top speed, then jogging at a regular pace, then sprinting again.

Coach Steele said that his best words of advice were, "Run like the wind." Using that advice, both teams did very well with their seasons. The girls cross country team sent three girls to the all state meet, including seniors Megan Sulinski, Jennifer Edgington and Jayna Estopellan. As for the boys team, they sent seniors Gregory Boyer, Matthew Klaver, Joshua Huebner, juniors Scott Caddy, Ian Kangas, and freshmen Sean Meisel and Christopher Walker to the league meet.

By: Danielle Fisher



Above: Colleen Naughton concentrates on keeping her lead at the Kimball meet.

SCOREBOARD

boys cross-country

Opponent DHS-Opp

Kettering	40-19
WW Towers	25-32
De LaSalle	6th Place
Kimball	42-19
Ambrose	6th Place
Berkley	47-15
West Bloomfield	41-20
East Pointe	15-50
Centerline Invitational	5th Place
Lamphere	47-15
Madison	15-50
Ferndale	15-50
Clawson	32-24
Oakland County	35th Place
Hazel Park	29-26
Brandon	27-29
Bishop Foley	19-42
Leagues	5th Place
Regionals	7th Place

Overall 6-7



In Tree: Sean Meisel, Christopher Walker. Back Row: Matthew Wilusz, Matthew Klaver, Assistant Coach Caddy, Coach Steele, Manager Paul Nagrant, Bryan Beebe, Gregory Boyer. Middle Row: Ian Kangas, Zachary Hickman, Joshua Huebner, Christopher Leasia, Scott Caddy, Patrick Tassone. Bottom Row: Joshua Garrett, Charles Hornbacher.



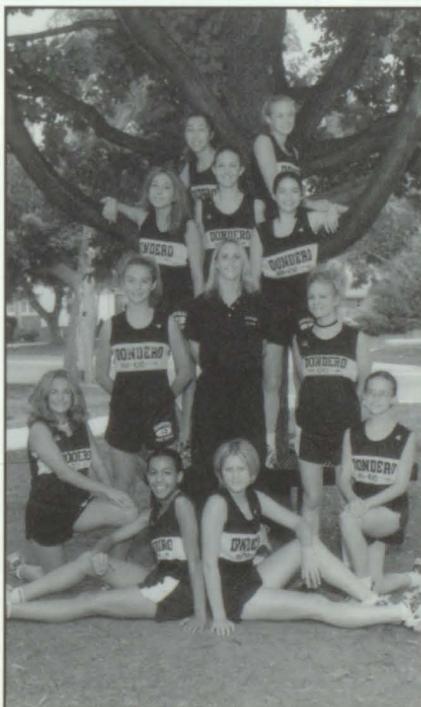
SCOREBOARD

girl's cross-country

Opponent DHS-Opp

Kettering	20-37
WW Towers	15-50
De LaSalle	5th place
Kimball	18-37
Ambrose	10th place
Berkley	30-27
West Bloomfield	25-32
East Pointe	15-50
Centerline	3rd place
Ferndale	19-41
Clawson	36-19
Lamphere	37-18
Oakland County	25th place
Hazel Park	15-50
Brandon	23-32
Bishop Foley	18-41
League	2nd place
Regionals	5th place
States	NTS

Overall 9-3



Left: In Tree: Andrea Champagne, Megan Sulinski. Third Row: Jayna Estopellan, Anne Petrimoulx, Jennifer Edginton. Middle Row: Meagan Mandley, Stephanie Roy, Coach Hoover, Abigail Bonar, and Colleen Naughton. Sitting: Laterrica Silvers, Kristen Mingo-Williams.



-Andrea Champagne '02



-Megan Sulinski '02

Tee Up



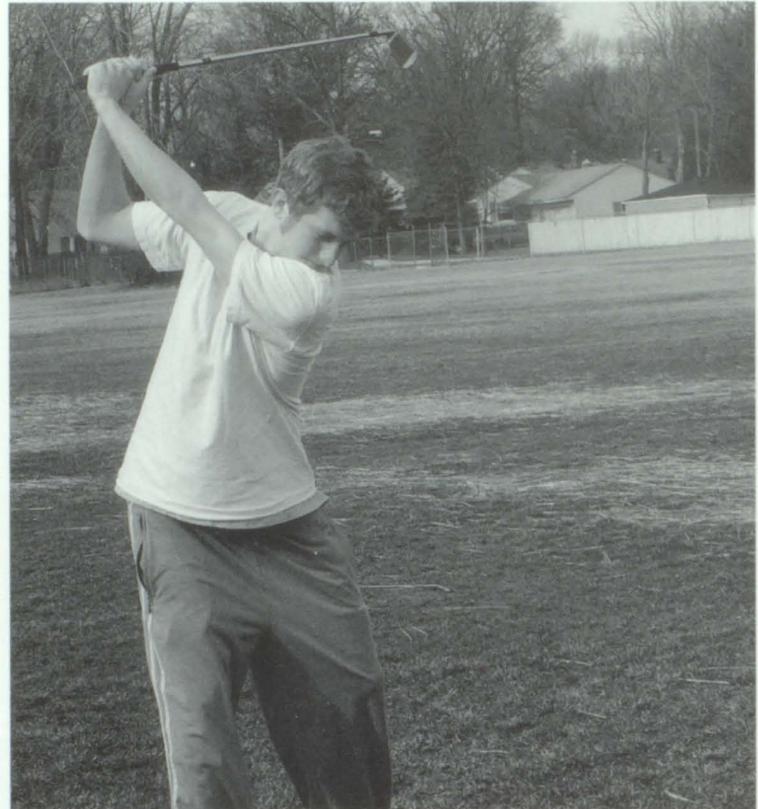
Left: Sophomore Forest Casey mentally prepares himself for his swing. Forest makes sure his feet are lined up properly and that his hands are in the right position for his shot.



Above: Freshman Jacob Moore keeps his head still while swinging his club. His shots are known to lead to birdies, which earns the Oaks some victories.



-Michael Vosburgh '04



Right: Sophomore Michael Vosburgh focuses on the ball during his back swing. Michael's constant focus helped him become a key player on the team.

SCOREBOARD

Golf

Opponent

Pontiac Central
Berkley
Brandon
Warren Woods Tower
Lathrup
Clawson
Hazel Park
Andover
Kimball
Kimball
Shrine
Ferndale
Groves

DHS-Opp

160-213
184-161
179-165
176-164
187-198
167-188
188-178
193-180
188-176
211-207
211-236
175-180
172-156

Overall 5-8

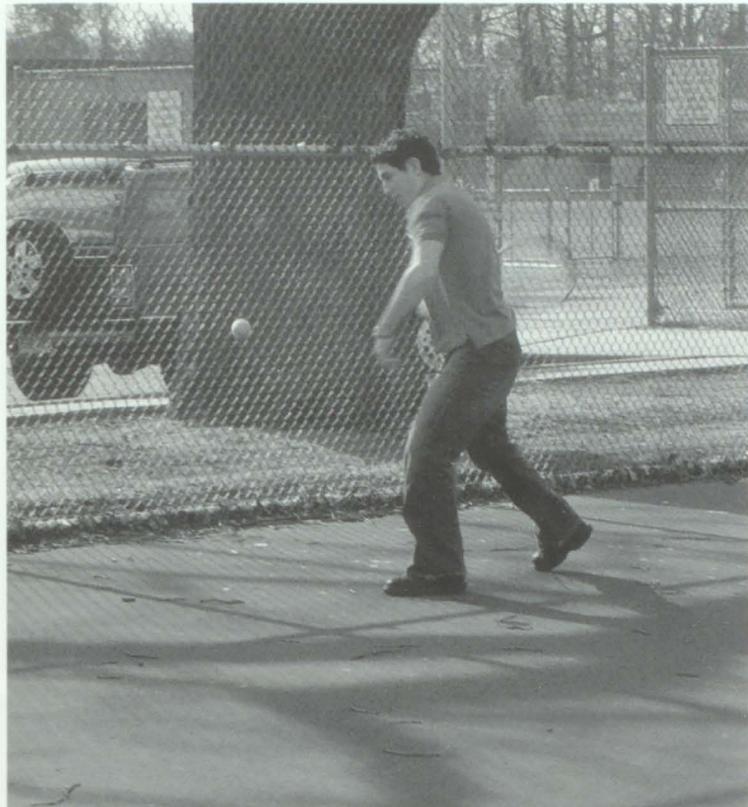


Top Row: Ryan Wright, Frank Quinn, David Berube, Coach Anderson, Coach Gove, Michael Vosburgh, Jack Huffman, Joshua Southern. Bottom Row: Kellie Weston, Forest Casey, Nicholas Baker, Michael Cyrus, Jacob Moore.

Deuce is Wild



-Timothy Osborne '01



Right: Junior Scott Hepner looks overjoyed to be serving to his opponent. With this shot, Scott won the point to lead the Oaks to yet another victory.



Left: Senior Joshua Belvedere whips his racket towards the tennis ball. Joshua's powerful forehand helped him become an important player on the Oak lineup.

Above: Junior A Gerald Martini gets ready to hit the ball back to his opponent after winning the point. Martini didn't win the match, but lucky for him, it was only practice.



Top Row: Lance Thomas, Timothy Osborne, Michael Krist, Coach Germain, David Chaney, Sam Stocker, Scott Hepner. Bottom Row: Brandon Makowski-King, Rylan Sharpe, Justin Knapp, Robert Naismith. Not Pictured: Josh Belvedere.

SCOREBOARD

Boys Tennis

Opponent	DHS-Opp
Southfield	8-0
Pontiac Northern	5-2
Hazel Park	5-2
Lathrup	0-7
Oak Park	7-0
Kimball	4-4
Lamphere	1-6
Hazel Park	6-2
Ferndale	6-1

Overall 6-2-1

Fresh Meet



-Jennifer Kaiser '02



-Jennifer Osterhout '02

Right: Junior Stephanie Gibson concentrates intensely in her event. To get a great score, she needs to focus on fast arms, good breathing, and an even rhythm.

Ring! It's 6:00 in the morning and all the members of the Dondero girls swimming and diving team are already up. In fact, they've already been at school in the freezing water, waiting and ready to start practice. Outside of the two morning practices a week, the girls swam every day after school for two hours and came in on Saturday mornings. If practice makes perfect, all these practices definitely paid off.

The Oaks had a memorable season this year. They pulled together as a team, winning second place in the Lady Oaks Relays and fourth place in the O.A.A. Meet. Coming out of the season with seven wins, the Lady Oaks did a great job this year. Sophomore Claire Plouff says, "The highlight of the season was beating Kimball for the second year into a row. We celebrated by throwing our coaches in the pool!"

By: Stacy Peltier



Above: Senior Jennifer Kaiser keeps her excellent form while attempting a dive at a meet. Long hours of both morning and after school practices helped the swim team perfect their dives.

SCOREBOARD

girls swimming

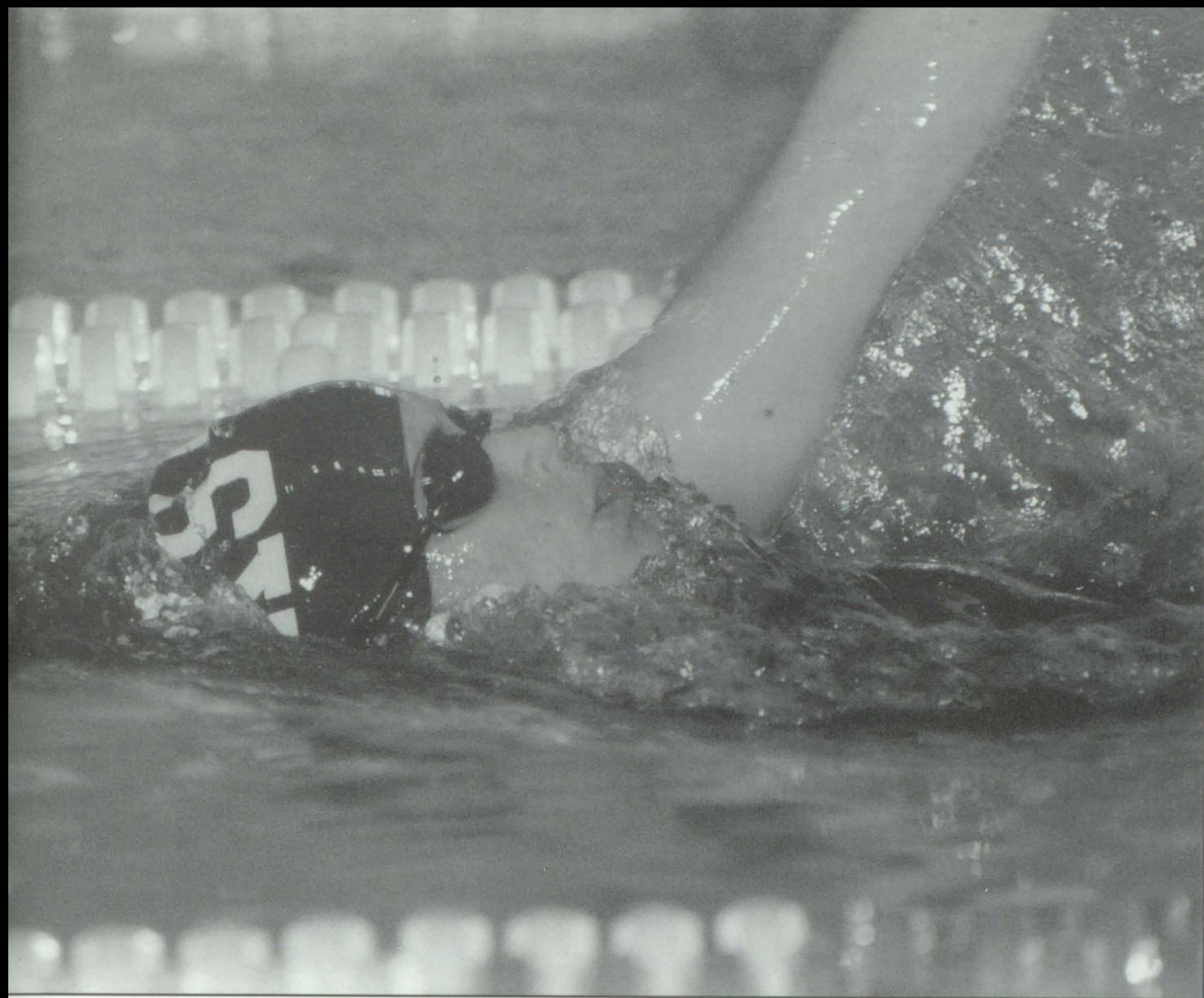
Opponent DHS-Opp

Pontiac Central	89-60
Lady Oaks Relays	2nd Place
Bishop Foley	117-66
Andover	86-92
Clarkston	66-120
Avondale	75-111
Kimball	103-83
County Meet	n/a
Lamphere	97-89
Berkley	80-97
Southfield Schools	112-71
Hazel Park	85-82
Lake Orion	50-136
Shrine	115-71
O.A.A. Meet	4th Place

Overall 7-5



Above: Top Row: Kristin Branstner, Samantha Gardiner, Rachel Gardiner, Ashley Wolfe, Audrey Englehart, Jennifer Young, Katherine Costanzo, Kathryn Sylvester. Second Row: Sarah McArthur, Molly Mutschler, Janis Steele, Coach Millar, Coach Schurig, Coach Ogonowski, Courtney Showalter, Delores Cottingham, Rebecca Dear. Third Row: Holly Dein, Claire Plouff, Jessica Carty, Jennifer Kaiser, Nicole Sands, Jennifer Osterhout, Emily Peychich, Jessica Angerer. Bottom Row: Jacqueline Gorecki, Cody McDonald, Stephanie Gibson, Katie Cross, Sarah McLaughlin, Jessica Gorecki.



Left: Diving is a lot harder than it looks. Senior Holly Dein looks to the trainer for help after a tough dive leaves her injured.

Above: Faster! Keep going, you can do it! Juniors Sarah McLaughlin and Rachel Gardiner help senior Rebecca Dear cheer on their teammate at a home meet.

Dance the Night Away



-Julia Gardner '04



-Lara Nemeth '03

The girls of the Dondero Dance Team definitely put in their fair share of time into their sport, and then some. This year there have been many changes made to the setup and structure of the dance team. Coach Holly Weifrech has made a lot of improvements, including separating the dance team into two seasons, and making it a competitive sport. Junior dance team member Kimberly Michalski said, "Despite the hard work, dance team is a lot of fun, and the work definitely pays off."

The girls learn a routine and then perform it at home sporting events. The girls have performed during the halftime shows at football and basketball games. While many students enjoy the anticipation of the game, waiting for these girls to come perform is just as exciting. Dance team is one sport that almost anyone can appreciate.

By: Megan Kimmerle



Above: Lara Nemeth, Amanda Herrick, Kimberly Michalski, Julia Gardner and Caitlin Wettlaufer sweep the onlooking Lamphire cheerleaders off their feet with their amazingly well choreographed dance.

Right: Top Row: Coach Weifrech, Laura Fetsco, Caitlin Wettlaufer, Ashley Murphy, Kali Gove. Second Row: Julia Gardner, Marie Maurer, Christie Lockman. Third Row: Kimberly Michalski, Kelly Wilcox, Kristin Shumacher, Nicole Hakli, Lara Nemeth. Bottom Row: Lindsay Cooper, Amanda Herrick, Alexis Nemeth. Not pictured: Tara Loyelle.

Right: Performing one of their classic dance moves at the fall sports pep assembly, the dance team is guided by sophomore Heather Glovack and junior Nicole Hakli.

Below: With her fingers reaching to the ceiling and toes pointed down, senior Lindsay Cooper stretches her muscles to prepare for the next dance.





Left: Determined to practice the splits correctly, freshman Caitlin Wetzlaufer concentrates hard and admires freshman Kali Gove's form.

Above: At Dance Camp the dance team is all smiles as they pose with the spirit stick. The girls worked really hard all week up at Michigan State where they had to fight the summer heat, dehydration and on top of that, the fierce competition from the other schools.

Tip Off To a New Season



-Richard Calverley '02



-Jeffrey Parker '02



-Jeffrey Wilusz '03

Left: Junior Gregory Breitinger falls while going after a loose ball. Unfortunately, he didn't get the ball, but he did display a great tumbling performance.

This year the boys varsity basketball team had many new faces, including a new coach. Coach Sharpe came to the Oaks with high standards of performance. Although the season was not as all the players had hoped for, they still met the expectations of their coaches. "Our season wasn't the best of seasons, but we all practiced hard and played together as a team. I only wish that I could have one more season to play under Coach Sharpe," said senior Richard Calverley. No matter the situation the Oaks were in, they always had their cheerleaders and fans. As junior Jeffrey Wilusz commented, "I take great pride in playing basketball for Dondero, and it always wowed me to have all the fans cheering us on."

By: John Donnelly



Above: Senior captain Richard Calverley leaps for the basket with his mouth open so that he can be like basketball star Michael Jordan.

SCOREBOARD

Boys Basketball

Opponent	DHS-Opp
Roeper	60-57
Lahser	41-72
Madison	48-59
Andover	52-51
Brandon	25-69
Seaholm	32-79
Lamphere	39-70
Clawson	50-72
Madison	45-53
Andover	40-52
Brandon	39-61
Lamphere	56-76
Clawson	52-36
Seaholm	57-69
Berkley	48-71
Kimball	33-31
Groves	41-66
Hazel Park	50-45
Berkley	51-48
Kettering	38-47
Country Day	36-71
Overall	5-16



Back Row: Coach Lynch, Gregory Breitinger, Edward Zuzindlak, Andrew Bartley, Andrew Van Hagen, Paul Chonko, James Marshall, Jon Welch, Shawn Layou, Coach Sharpe. Front Row: Jeffrey Parker, Richard Calverley, Jeffrey Wilusz.





Right: Senior Jeffrey Parker takes his first of two free-throws while his fellow teammates junior Gregory Breitinger, senior Richard Calverley and junior Paul Chonko wait anxiously for the basketball to go into the hoop.

Above: Protecting the ball with both hands, senior captain Jeffrey Parker drives to the hoop in an attempt to add two more points for the Oaks.

Serving Daily



-Courtney Park '02



-Andrea Torvinen '03

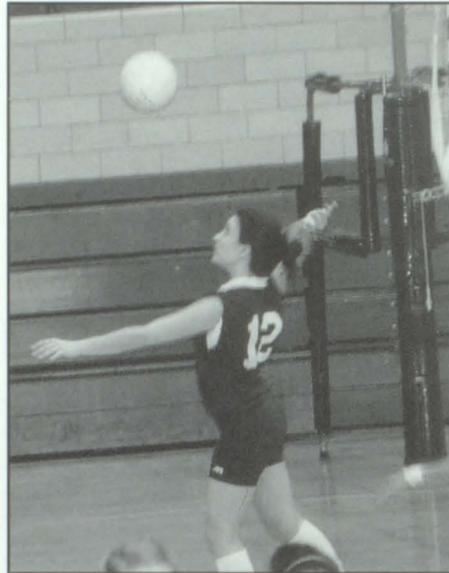
The ball smacks the ground with a resounding thud. It's another great spike for the Lady Oaks! The Dondero volleyball team worked on having a great season this year. They came out with quite a few major victories.

One of the toughest tournaments the Oaks are ever involved in is the Brandon Invitational. Brandon High School hosts almost twenty teams, and they all play each other continuously throughout the day. The Oaks walked in there hoping to gain some valuable experience and walked out with a second place trophy. They went undefeated the whole day, losing only to Yale, ranked seventh in the state, in the final game. Coach Millar said that it was the farthest the Oaks have ever gone in the tournament.

The Oaks also beat Kimball this year, which was an impressive victory. The Knights were pumped up and ready to win, but the Oaks worked hard and came out on top. The players did a great job of coming together as a team and having a great season.

By: Stacy Peltier

Right: Junior middle-hitter Jamie Gower concentrates on passing the ball. A good volleyball player knows that every great spike has to start with a perfect pass.

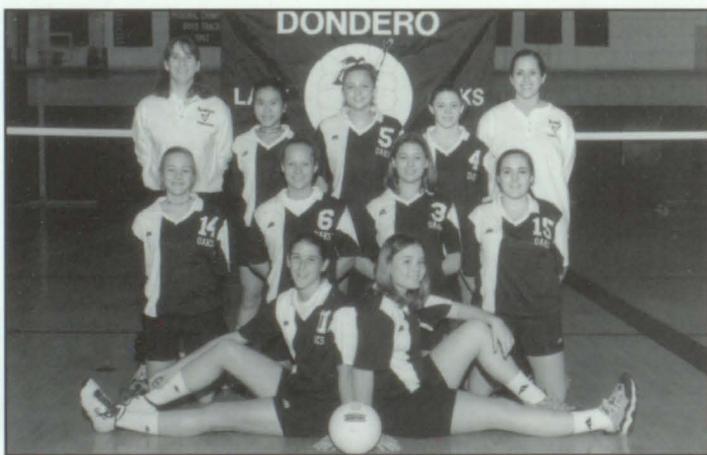


Above: Junior Stacy Peltier goes for the smart serve when Dondero faces Kimball. Peltier serves as an alternate for the team, playing both back and front row when she's needed.

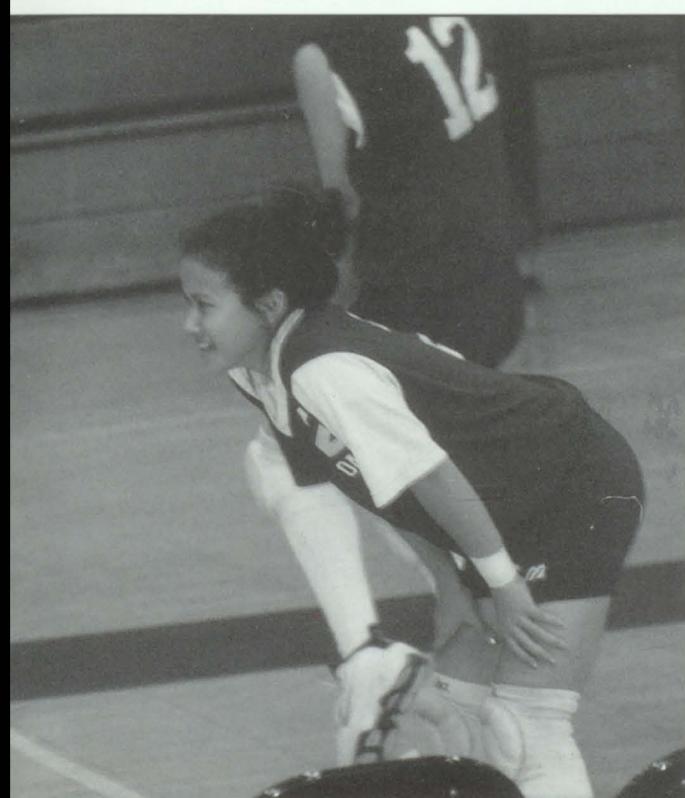
SCOREBOARD

girls volleyball

Opponent	DHS-Opp
Hazel Park	2-0
Waterford Mott	0-2
Avondale	1-2
Oakland Christian Tourn.	2nd Place
Andover	2-1
Madison	2-1
Royal Oak Tourn.	2nd Place
Kimball	2-0
Clawson	2-0
Hazel Park	2-1
Brandon Tourn.	2nd Place
Waterford Mott	2-0
Andover	1-2
Madison	1-2
Fraser Tourn.	2-4
Avondale	2-1
Clawson	2-1
OAA Tournament	5-1
Overall	10-3



Top Row: Coach Millar, Vinhoudama Chhun, Jennifer Breadon, Erica Scheid, Coach Vesper. Middle Row: Stephanie Miller, Andrea Torvinen, Jamie Gower, Courtney Park. Bottom Row: Carol Roman, Danika Jensen. Not pictured: Stacy Peltier.



Left: Junior defensive specialist Vinhoudama Chhun smiles on the court, glad that the Oaks are playing so well.

Above: Senior hitter Courtney Park digs up a ball and saves her team from giving up a point. Because volleyball is a very mental sport, every point counts.

Pinned to the Mat



-Steven Anderson '02



-Joshua Belvedere '02

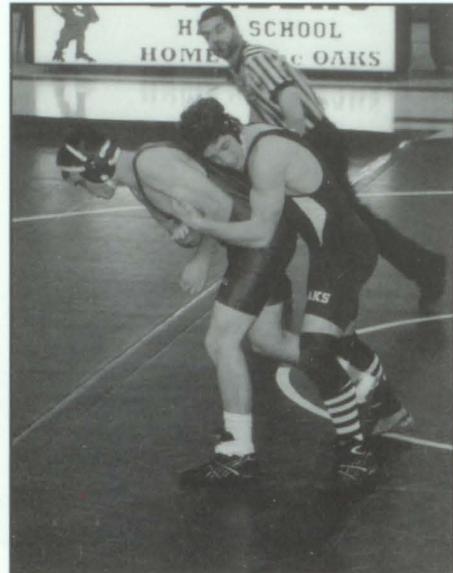
Right: Senior Jayna Estopellan, the only female wrestler, puts in her best effort every time she wrestles. She is very proud to represent Dondero as the first female wrestler on the varsity team.

The 2001-2002 boys wrestling team had a very strong year. Led by senior captains Joshua Belevedere and Steven Anderson, the Oaks won the majority of their league meets and came a long way as far as personal improvement goes.

"A lot of younger kids stepped up, and the whole team worked hard for the wins," said Anderson, "It was all work and no play." This year the team had some big group wins, including a 52-24 victory over Kimball. "Practices have been harder this year, but I like that because I know it only makes us better," Belevedere said.

The wrestling team also had a new addition to the team: senior Jayna Estopellan was the first female wrestler in school history. But she didn't do it for the fame: "I did it to prove to myself that I can survive one of the hardest sports."

By: James Martin

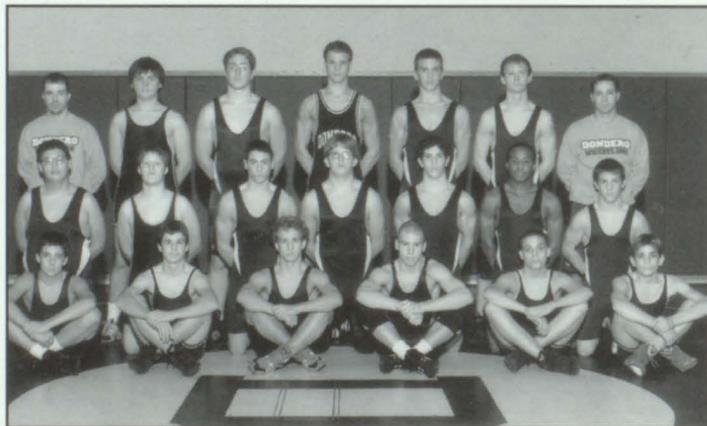


Above: Senior Joshua Belvedere uses his Oak power to take down a Lamphere Ram.

SCOREBOARD

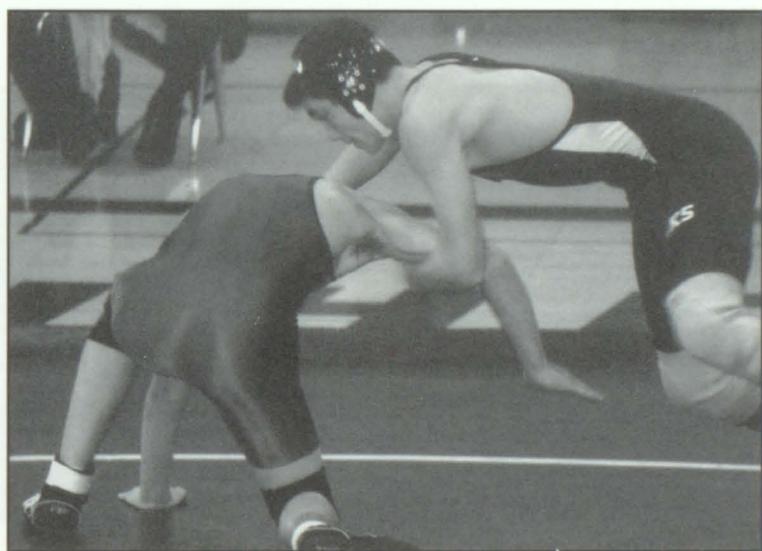
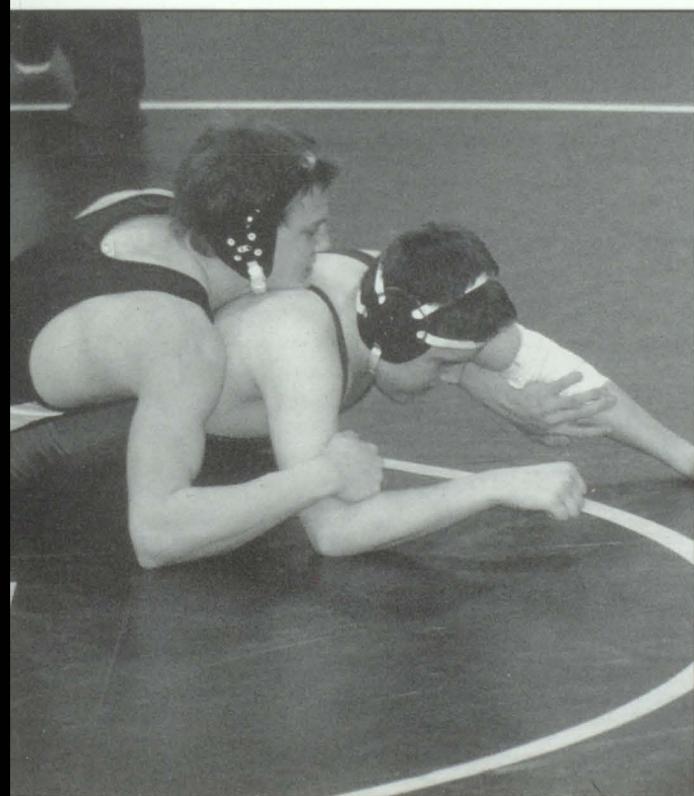
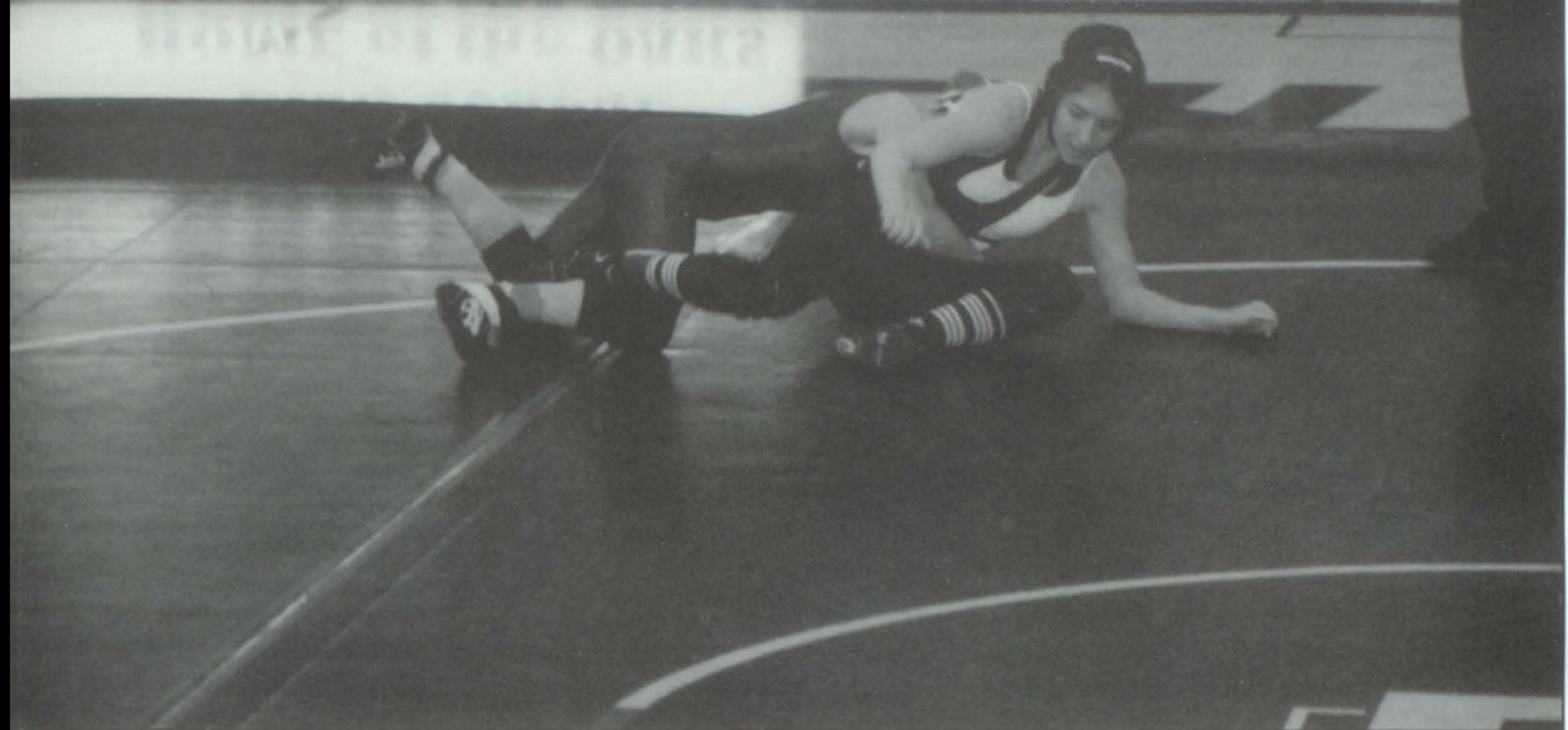
boys wrestling

Opponent	DHS-Opp
Oak Park	9-68
Lahser	43-31
Clawson	58-18
Madison	41-36
Berkley	38-39
Waren Woods Towers	36-47
Lathrup	51-27
Pontiac Central	48-20
Chippewa Valley	15-55
Sterling Heights	15-57
Kimball	54-24
Andover	72-12
Lamphere	14-61
Ferndale	39-37
Southfield	18-50
Overall	8-7



Top Row: Coach Groesbeck, Konstantin Sushkov, Brian Pagenkopf, Gregory Boyer, Michael Villerot, Kevin Rowan, Coach Allen. Middle Row: Matthew Wilkinson, David Kime, Justin Gardner, Nicholas Sundberg, Joshua Belvedere, Caleb Fortune, Joshua Tabor. Bottom Row: Joshua Garrett, Christopher Wasinski, Steven Anderson, Kevin Pollack, Neil Harter, Adam Sarkisian. Not Pictured: Jayna Estopellan and Zachariah DeCruydt.

DONDERO HIGH SCHOOL HOME of the OAKS



Left: Senior Gregory Boyer shows no mercy to his opponent before pinning him to the mat.

Above: Junior Justin Gardner struggles hard to take down his opponent. Though he lost this match, he went on to win many more throughout the season.

Flipping Over a New Team



-Tara Loyselle '02

Not pictured:
-Kathryn Caruso '02

Right: Senior Tara Loyselle practices her balance beam routine so it's precise for the Berkley meet.

Dondero/Kimball gymnastics team? What !?!. This year the Dondero gymnastics team welcomed the Kimball girls and their coach. All the girls worked hard and had a positive attitude, so there were no conflicts on the team. Junior Andrea Hoff says, "At first I was unsure about Kimball and Dondero uniting to become one team, but I soon realized that it was a ton of fun!" The girls on the team ran countless amounts of stairs and did countless crunches to build stamina and keep their bodies in shape. They proved their dedication by keeping their title as undefeated in their league. Both of the coaches are very proud of their girls, because they have worked really hard to make this season great.

By: Danielle Fisher



Above: Junior Andrea Hoff works hard for the meets, so she does her routine impressively every time.

SCOREBOARD

girl's gymnastics

Opponent	DHS-Opp
Rochester	114-131
Troy	115-129
Fraser	119-113
Groves	115-112
Seaholm	120-106
Grosse Pointe North	117-128
Livonia	117-130
Fraser Invit.	114-5/6
Berkley	117-116
Groves	117-112
Walled Lake Central	123-136
Grosse Pointe South	118-128
Groves	121-114
Berkley	121-123
Seaholm	121-97
OAA Division 2	112-3/4
Regionals	111-11/14

Overall 7-7



Top Row: Brittney Acker, Michelle Loretan, Catherine Pappas, Heather Glovack, Andrea Hoff, Stephanie Pattison, Kirsten Leestma, Barbara Cook. Second Row: Coach Ewell, Kaileigh Horsley, Diane Schowalter, Justine Rost, Jamie Cavanah, Christie Lockman, Coach Borjork. Third Row: Justine Rost, Bianca Naas, Catherine Caruso, Tara Loyselle, Bianca Vorves, Marie Maurer. Bottom Row: Megan Carty, Joanne Seefeld, Kathryn Kipp, Kealy Salva, Michelle Clark.



Left: Sophomore Heather Glovack stretches out her leg to do a perfect heel-stretch.

Above: Junior Joanne Seefeld looks up at the bar so that when she kicks up she doesn't miss.

Splashing *Up a Storm*



-Scott Hepner '03



-James Ede '02

Not Pictured:
Matt Pardy '03

Right: Freshman Adam Woodmansee grabs a quick breath during the 500 free-style race.

It's eight a.m. on a Saturday morning. Dondero's pool is filled with members of the Royal Oak Boys Swimming and Diving team, which is practicing for the sixth time that week. What most people don't realize is how much time the boys spent in the pool, which totaled to about 10 hours a week.

A highlight of the winter swim season is always the middle school meet. At Dondero, the swimming and diving team is joined with swimmers from Keller and Addams middle schools to have a few fun hours of mixed relays. Even though the meet is mainly put on to show the younger kids what fun this sport is, it is a good experience for all.

Last year the team had a very solid season, but this year was used as a time to rebuild. The team lost many valuable swimmers and came back with only three seniors this year. The team is composed mainly of freshmen, but junior diver and captain, Scott Hepner, feels that next year will be a very strong season if all the members return.

By: Jessica Olinski and Barbara Billmann

SCOREBOARD *boys swimming and diving*

Opponent DHS-Opp

Groves	39-147
Berkley	69-115
Ferndale	92-88
Hazel Park	75-91
Andover	63-122
Troy Athens	67-107
Lamphere	47-81
Seaholm	68-118
Clarkston	85-100
Clawson	100-85
West Bloomfield	67-119
Lake Orion	103-83
OAA	6th Place

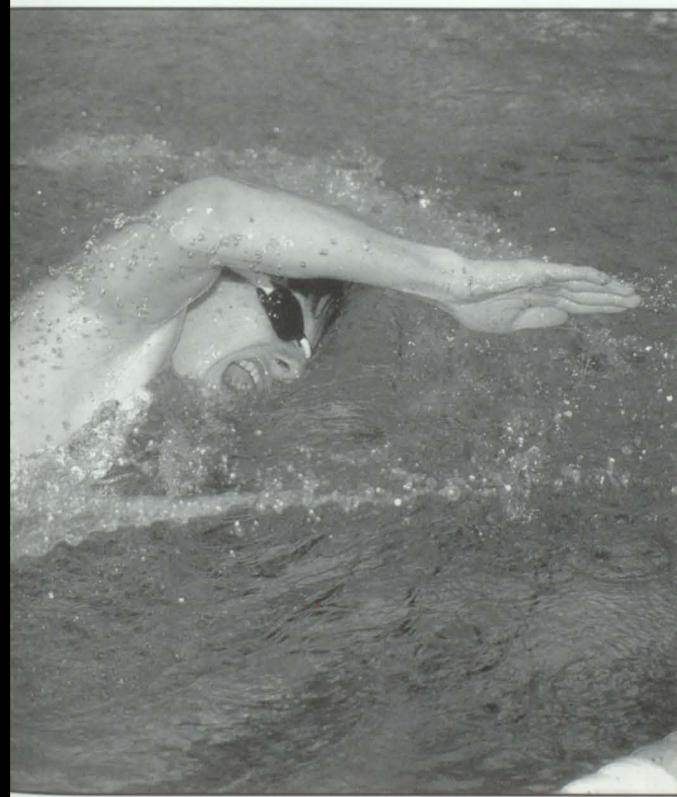
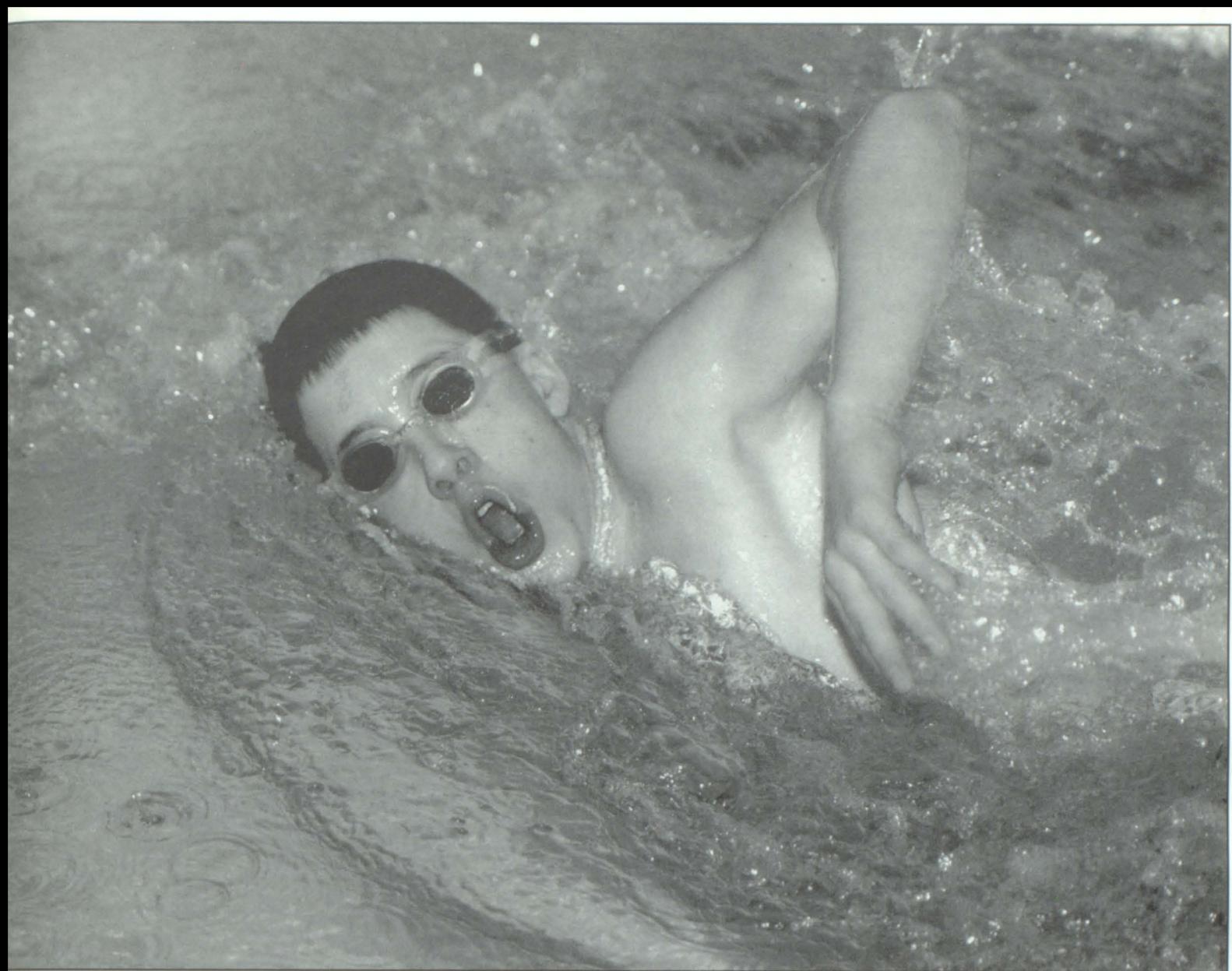
Overall 5-7



First Row: Top Row: Jack Huffman, Doug Graustein, Christopher Villerot, Cristof Becker, Richard Sinta, Matt Prusinowski, Avrom King. Second Row: Nathan Wiles, Nick Sicora, Kevin Jewett, James Ede, Coach Dine, Coach Miller, Coach Hansen, Coach Hansen, Ryan Denesu, Matt Pardy, Zachary Vickers, Bill Wolk. Third Row: Nicholas Pardy, Adam Woodmansee, Troy Shipman, Jared Bogan, Andrew Wood, Ryan Brannon, Justin Riley, Scott Hepner, Mike Calkins, James Hartrick, Alex Pardy. Front Row: Matthew Peychich, Thomas Docter, Jason Kelley, Steve Ciski, Matt Laird, Bret Stawinski, Ryan Wright, Grant Newman, Corey Dodson, Jason Stewards, Kyle Hepner, Ian Martin.



Above: Freshman diver Thomas Docter holds his body straight as a pencil as he enters the water.



Left: Junior Ryan Danescu performs his free-style stroke with grace during the meet against Athens.

Above: Coach Dein gives junior diver Scott Hepner a few pointers on the dive that he just completed.

Sharpen Up



Left: Junior Scott Brown and his fellow teammates stand for the national anthem and think about the game ahead.



Above: Kimball goalie Mike Tatchio makes sure that the puck never crosses the goal line by making an amazing save for the Blades.

Right: Junior Scott Brown, the only Oak on the Blades, fires a slap shot into the opponent's net!

Varsity Captains



-A.J. Nichols '02



-Ryan Mulholland '02



-Kyle Lang '02



SCOREBOARD

Varsity Hockey

Opponent	DHS-Opp
Waterford Mott	6-2
Birmingham	4-5
Clarkston	1-3
West Bloomfield	3-5
Troy	2-3
Port Huron North	2-5
Waterford Mott	3-3
Lake Orion	10-2
Clarkston	2-3
Troy	3-3
Harper Woods	1-0
Howell	2-4
Avondale	11-2
Brandon	12-2
West Bloomfield	5-8
Walled Lake Western	7-3
Birmingham	3-4
Berkley	2-3
Dearborn	0-6
Bloomfield Hills	5-2
Troy	2-5
Overall	7-12-2



Top Row: Ross Lane, Ryan Ballard, Andrew Krall, Tom Whalin, Ryan Hubbard, Russel Aiuto, Ryan Gamper. Middle Row: Kevin Racosy, Patrick Taylor, Chad McWilliams, Scott Brown, Brandon Wilson, Troy Friedman, Adam Wiles, Ryan Bussa, Coach Ward. Bottom Row: Kevin Rupp, A.J. Nichols, Ryan Mulholland, Kyle Lang, Jason Serapiglia, Mike Tatchio.

Our Blades!

Junior Varsity Captains



-Kyle Moore '04

Not Pictured:
Nick Stenson
and Eric Alan

From the courts to the ice, sports are looked at from different angles. Two sport teams representing Dondero, the Royal Oak Blades hockey team and the Royal Oak Edge ice skating team, are joined together with Kimball. The only Dondero student on the varsity Blades was junior Scott Brown. Dondero was represented by tri-captain sophomore Kyle Moore, sophomore Timothy Pingle and freshman Jason Daggy. To stay focused on the game and make sure all of their plays are just right, they wake up extra early to have practice at Lindell Ice Arena. Even with all their hard work, this year was a rough season for the Blades.

The only Oak representing Dondero on the Edge team was junior Ellen Backus, who is also a captain for the team. Even though the Edge is new to being a varsity sport, the team worked hard and made the Royal Oak high schools proud. With the Oaks and Knights coming together, nothing but their hard work, endurance and strength shined on the ice this year.

By: Kimberly Michalski & Holly Swigert



Above: Back Row: Coach Alan, Scott Bates, Kyle Moore, Timothy Pingle, Kevin McGull, Jason Daggy, Eric Alan, Andrew Fielder, Tony Maddess, Dan Bachuss, Tom Ivenson, Coach Fuelling. Bottom Row: Travis Horvitt, Kyle Rambo, Jermy Cooper, Nick Stenson, Andrew Reynolds, Kyle McGull, Brad Fuelling, Joe Mallard, Travis Spender, Mike McCulla.



Left: Junior Ellen Backus is the only Oak who represents Dondero on the Royal Oak Edge ice skating team. Ellen has been skating since she was little, and she is happy that she can represent Dondero.



Left: Back Row: Kristen Baker, Elizabeth Fielder, Anne Samulski, Coach Hewelt, Michelle Wilson, Coach Klein. Front Row: Angela Edwards, Kacey Dittmer, Ellen Backus.

Pass With Care



Emily Dressler '01



Krista Kaiser '01

Right: Jennifer Herrick stands ready as Krista Kaiser stretches her leg to steal the ball from her opponent.

Practicing everyday and running for miles at a time really helped the varsity girls soccer team pull off a good season. Goalies Rebecca Dear and Michelle Boiteau helped the defense hold off the opponents in all kinds of weather and muddy conditions to ensure that Dondero would have a winning season. Becky said, "I loved playing goalie when Michelle was sick or injured, but once I got hurt the best thing that I could do was cheer on the sideline." All of the girls showed team spirit when they were on the sideline. As for the team's overall season, Megan Sulinski said, "The team really pulled together, and it helped us to have such a good season. Even though we'll miss the seniors, it won't stop us." The team lost some valuable players last year, but they aren't worried because they know they have what it takes to make a great team: work ethic.

By: Danielle Fisher



Above: Elizabeth Wissman looks to the sky for the ball after it was put into the air by her opponent.



SCOREBOARD

girl's soccer

DHS-Opp

Opponent

Waterford Mott	1-0
Waterford Kettering	1-1
Utica	1-0
Andover	2-0
Warren Woods Tower	0-0
Clawson	0-0
Brandon	2-1
Berkley	0-1
Waterford Mott	3-0
Waterford Kettering	6-3
Kimball	0-0
Armada	7-0
Andover	1-0
North Farmington	2-0
Clawson	1-2
Brandon	6-0
Berkley	1-4
Lathrup	7-1
Warren Fitzgerald	9-0
Cranbrook Kingswood	0-3

Overall

12-4-4



Top Row: Coach Kim, Alexis DeCruydt, Krista Butler, Carol Roman, Katie Kidder, Krista Kaiser, Coach Cam. Middle Row: Michelle Boiteau, Emily Till, Andrea Hoff, Andrea Torvinen, Sara Fenwick, Maria Wissman, Rebecca Dear. Bottom Row: Elizabeth Wissman, Emily Dresseler, Megan Sulinski, Jessica Olinski, Jennifer Herrick, Erin Morris.



Left: Michelle Boiteau is caught mid-kick after making an amazing save for the Oaks.

Above: Krista Butler works hard to keep the ball away from a Groves High opponent.

We Are Pitchin'



Stacie Seymour '01



Stacy Meitzner '01



Deanna Miller '01

Above: Graduate catcher Stacie Seymour makes a quick dive for the ball, but comes up short. As a four year starter, Seymour rarely missed the ball, throwing out 18 runners at second base just last year.

"Strike three, batter's out!" Pitcher Deanna Miller heaved a sigh of relief as she finished yet another win for the Lady Oaks softball team. Of their 28 wins, Miller pitched sixteen shutouts, leading the Oaks to their second consecutive league championship. The 2001 Oaks were the first Dondero softball team to win both league and district championships since 1980, when coach Vicki Earnshaw was a member of the team. Senior Sara Thomas said, "It was really exciting to win both league and district this year. The funniest part of the season was when I had to pitch, something I haven't done since freshman year! Deanna [Miller] and Erica [Scheid] both got hurt, so we had no other pitchers. They put me in on the mound and I even got a strikeout!" Coach Earnshaw and assistant coach Faulkenbury had a goal for this season: they wanted their team to win thirty games and the league championship. Not only did the Oaks achieve that, but they went above and beyond it.

By: Stacy Peltier



Above: While it may look like sophomore Laura Guzman is concentrating on the batter, she's really trying to figure out how she can get out of carrying all the equipment after the game.

SCOREBOARD

girls softball

Opponent	DHS-Opp
Southfield	16-0
Lamphere	10-0
Southfield Christian	4-12
Lahser	3-2
Ferndale	13-6
Clawson	12-2
Lathrup	5-3
Hazel Park	12-0
Berkley	13-3
Hartland	0-5
Warren Mott	4-1
Groves	3-12
Avondale	9-0
Regina	2-0
Fitzgerald	14-0

Overall 31-9-0



Top Row: Erica Scheid, Jennifer Breadon, Sara Thomas, Laura Guzman, Courtney Park. Middle Row: Coach Earnshaw, Katy Hornbacher, Stacy Meitzner, Stacy Peltier, Stephanie Miller, Assistant Coach Faulkenbury, Assistant Coach Scheid. Front Row: Stacie Seymour, Brittany DiNardo, Kristin Schumacher, Deanna Miller.





Left: Graduate Deanna Miller puts all her strength into her pitch, completing one of her 209 strikeouts the season.

Right: Junior Stephanie Miller swings hard, knocking the ball into the outfield. Miller kept her batting up to a .435, the second highest on the team.

BIG LEAGUERS



Andy Miller '01



Andy Englehart '01



Aaron Rosinski '01

Right: Senior Craig Hornung throws his body forward, unleashing his extreme fastball. Craig was the Oaks relief pitcher last season and helped the varsity squad to many victories.

The boys baseball team had an impressive season last year. All of their hard work during the winter helped them clinch second place in their league. Junior catcher and left fielder Joseph Guzman said, "I was happy with the way we played together. Even though I thought we should have won leagues, it was a very successful season, and I was glad that I was a part of it." The Oaks did have an impressive season and paved the way for the following year's varsity squad. The varsity coaching staff also did a great job in coaching the Oaks. They made sure that all of their practices paid off during the games. This season was one for these boys to be proud of!

By: Danielle Fisher and John Donnelly



Above: Senior John Donnelly swings for the fences so that he can help his team earn that "W." He shows concentration while lunging the bat at the baseball.

SCOREBOARD

boys baseball

Opponent	Score
Andover	6-5
Bishop Foley	3-2
Pontiac Central	3-1
Clawson	11-7
Hazel Park	10-8
RO Shrine	4-5
Waterford Mott	11-1
Avondale	5-3
Lahser	12-3
Ferndale	4-3
Lamphere	3-5
Madison D/H	7-9 & 5-1
Hazel Park	11-6
Berkley	2-1
Kimball D/H	1-11 & 8-3
Avondale	7-1
Lahser	0-8
Andover	3-4
Ferndale	3-5
Lamphere	8-11
Warren Mott	3-4 (District)
Overall	12-10



Top Row: Coach Tillander, Richard Calverley, Andy Englehart, Aaron Rosinski, Ryan Matthews, Coach Tryce. Middle Row: Adam Kniel, Andrew Buck, Jeffrey Wilusz, Craig Hornung, Michael Dresden, Mark Garman. Front Row: John Donnelly, Daniel Schenk, Joseph Guzman, David Shepler.



Left: Graduate captain Aaron Rosinski shows 100% effort as he swings for the ball. Aaron's batting technique allowed him to hit two home-runs last season for the Oaks.

Above: Senior pitcher Michael Dresden steps out of the batter's box and takes a look down at the coach for the sign. After wiping his batting gloves off, Michael steps in the box and knocks one out of the field for an Oak home run.

Staying On Track



Micheal Volk '01



Nicholas Weiderhold '01



Robert Thomas '01



Timothy Laster '01



Matthew Klaver '02



On those cold, rainy spring afternoons when everybody is inside with a warm blanket and the T.V. on, the track teams were outside practicing hard. Both teams practiced whether rain, snow, sleet, or hail. The teams were determined to get better with every stride taken. The boys said that they were fortunate to have great captains who were strong leaders, able to help and support the team. Coach Steele, Coach Ratliff, Coach Fluery, and Coach O'Brien were out there everyday working with the athletes to better their times and abilities. Last year the boys team had four team members attend regionals: Michael Krist and Scott Hepner in the one mile, and Scott Olsen and Matt Klaver in the two mile race. All of these boys had an exceptional season, and Coach Steele was proud to send them to regionals. As for the girls team, Jennifer Edginton went to regionals in the two mile race, and Amber Gossett went to defend Dondero in the shot-put throw.

By: Danielle Fisher

SCOREBOARD boys track

Opponent	Outcome
Bishop Foley	Dondero
Clawson	Clawson
Hazel Park	Dondero
Madison	Dondero
Oak Park	Dondero
Kimball	Kimball
Lutkus Relays	3rd place
Lamphere	Dondero
Lanser Relays	6th place
Regionals	9th place
Leagues	3rd place

Overall 5-2-0



Left: Top Row: Hogan Kangas, Joshua Garrett, Sean McGill, Joseph Langdorf, Michael Tyner, Robert Thomas, Paul Chonko, Terry Freeman, Michael Volk, Timothy Laster, Gregory Boyer, Daniel Kirkman, James Marshall. Second Row: Ryan Shipman, Christopher Villerot, Michael Krist, David Berube, Terence Faust, Michael Villerot, Michael Fowler, Bryan Beebe, Nathaniel Webster, Matthew Klaver, Regis Kleiss. Third Row: Christopher Leasia, Ronald Rafalski, Joshua Huebner, Paul Caddy, Adam Sylvester, Joel Bauer, William Luketich, Daniel Mahrle, Steven Gossett. Fourth Row: Adam Stoops, Coach Ratliff, James Ede, James Kling, Zachary Hickman, Jesse Strunk, Zachary Goldenberg, James Sidick, Colin Samul, Coach Steele, Coach Fleury. Fifth Row: Kathryn Hanks (manager), Caleb Fortune, Scott Hepner, Clifford Villerot, Philip Lewan, Joshua Vaughn, Eric Bunker, Sean Ryan, Paul Nagrant, Nicholas Weiderhold. Bottom Row: Matthew Ratio, Micah Williams, Scott Caddy, Joshua Belvedere, Ian Kangas, Steven Stoops, Alexander Lamb, Charles Hornbacher, Major Sapp III. Far Right: Troy Shipman, Benjamin Chevela, Bryan Yamasaki.



bove Right: One, two, three and jump. This is how graduate Michelle Cohen prepares herself to succeed in the running long jump. With only three chances, she knows that here is no room for any mistakes.



Amanda Gniewek '01



Chelsea Adams '02

SCOREBOARD *girls track*

Opponent	Outcome
Bishop Foley	Dondero
Clawson	Clawson
Hazel Park	Dondero
Madison	Dondero
Oak Park	Oak Park
Kimball	Kimball
Lamphere	Lamphere

Overall 3-4-0



Top Row: Chelsea Anderson, Alexandra Kerrigan, Katelyn Perkins, Vildana Kurtovic, Amber Gossett, Anne Petrimoulx, Rebecca Kirkman, Melissa Bentivolio, Jodi Smith, Courtney Engel. *Second Row:* Azia Spraggins, Bailey Sidick, Jayna Estopellan, Katherine Costanzo, Coach O'Brien, Brittnie Wilson, Rachel Gardiner, Molly Mutschler, Claire White. *Third Row:* Marianne Tassone, Tiffany Mason, Rachel Nievell, Amanda Gniewek, Andrea Kendzioriski, Jennifer Edginton, Meghan Covell, Chelsea Adams, Christine Cope. *Bottom Row:* Joanne Seefeld, Latasha Dortsch, Rebecca Kipp, Candice Engle, Michelle Cohen, Jennifer Hanks, Colleen Naughton.

JV/Frosh Divider

Q: What is the best memory of your sport?

FROSH BASEBALL

"Beating Kimball 15-0 for a three inning mercy."
-Eric Garland '04



JV SOFTBALL

"When we took first place in our division at the Kimball JV Tournament."
-Julianna Weaver '04



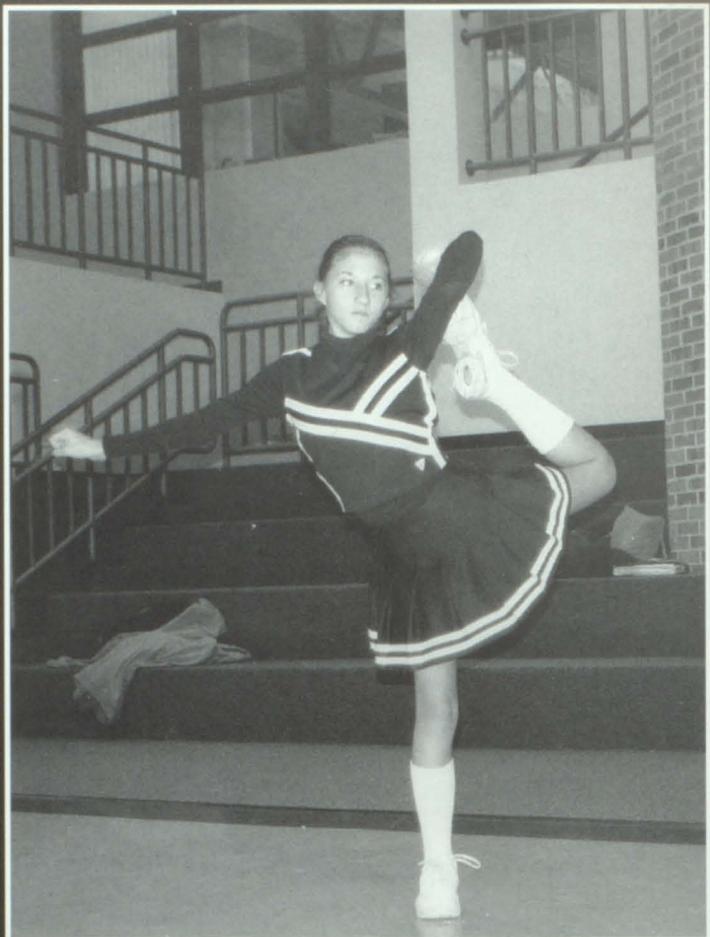
GIRLS JV SOCCER

"Being undefeated in our league and taking first place."
-Christine Dorn '04



BOYS JV BASEBALL

"When we beat Kimball for our only win of the season."
- Bryce Erwin '03



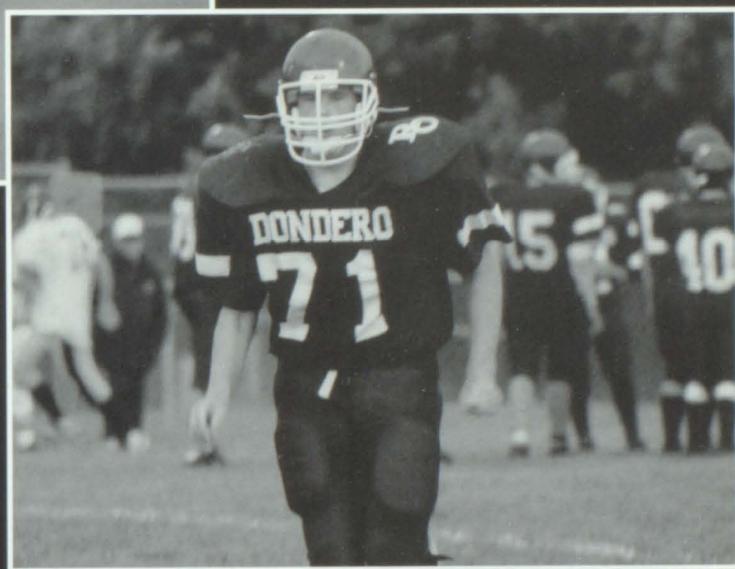
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-Kirk Schumacher '05



-James Thomas '05

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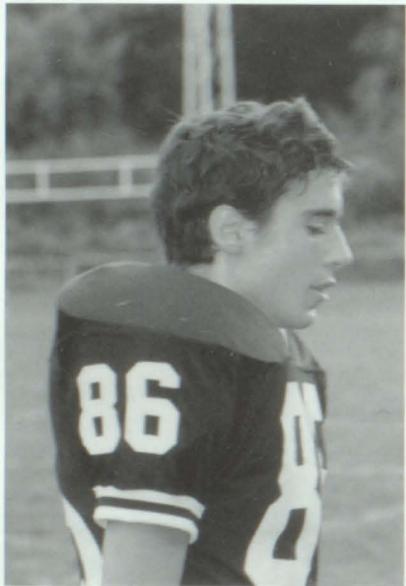
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-Allison Darland '05, Samantha Seymour '05, and Katie Park '04

Progressing Players

Right: Sophomore runningback Shaun Barber makes sure the screws aren't loose on his helmet after making a tremendous play to help out the Oaks defense.



Michael Fossano reflects on the last play after coming off the field. The Oaks finished the season with three wins, one of them against Avondale, their rival. Says Fossano, "We were all really excited after our win against Avondale. We were determined to take no prisoners."

Above: After a hard-fought battle against the Madison Eagles, Oaks Daniel Mahrle, Michael Fowler, Shaun Barber, Kyle Breitinger and Shawn Seymour take a breather. Fowler reflects, "In the whole season, the moment that sticks out the most in my mind is when Nate Webster wore his unforgettable blue and white striped socks."

Right: Top Row: Coach Lovelock, Nathan Enochs, Ronald Rafalski, Nathaniel Webster, Michael Fowler, Daniel Mahrle, Kyle Breitinger. Middle Row: Miles Hancock, Jeffrey Buck, Clifford Villerot, Michael Fossano, Shaun Barber, Sean McNairnie. Bottom Row: Timothy Gadwa, Ryan Allard, Scott Seymour, Justin Christopher, Benjamin Meek.



Future Champions

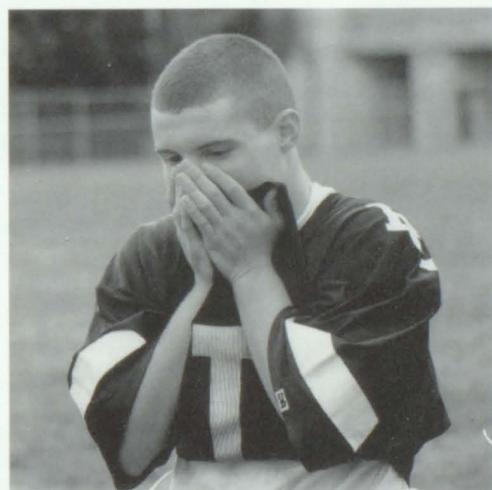


Left: Freshman Andrew Scheid takes a gulp - the water bottle just wasn't enough! Scheid's best game was against Ferndale. Says Scheid "I had three fumble recoveries and two sacks!"

Below: Top Row: Coach Hubbard, Justin Brye, Duane Himmel, David Reid, James Thomas, Brent Sundberg, Zachariah Hanson, Coach Groves. Middle Row: David Kime, Shawn Seymour, Kyle Fall, Orlando McCullough, Zachary Vickers, Jordan Keyes, David Maroni. Bottom Row: Andrew Scheid, Kyle McHugh, Kirk Wilcox, Christopher Page, Christopher Wasinski, Kirk Schumacher. Not pictured: Kenneth Garrett, Marcus King, Zachary Maggi, Donald Pauck.



Above: Coach Groves explains that winning isn't everything; it's playing with heart that counts. The highlight was winning their game against Brandon. Kyle McHugh comments, "They're a division higher than us, and it was a tough game - it went down to the final minute! At 1:26, we scored a touchdown for the win."



Left: Kyle McHugh covers his face in disgust after the opposing team scores a touchdown. McHugh was walking the sidelines after a strained neck injury in the Lahser game. Luckily, he got back in later on in the season and ended with six touchdowns.

Yell It Loud

Above: Freshmen Ashton Isaacson and Katherine Davey concentrate hard on their next step for their competition cheer. As captains, they want to get the moves perfect on the first try.



Above: Sarah Wallace stands in the New Commons awaiting Ms. Reed's instruction to move into the gym. It's Sarah's first basketball game, and she is a little nervous.



Above: Sophomore Katelyn Perkins knows that the key to not pulling a muscle is to stretch.

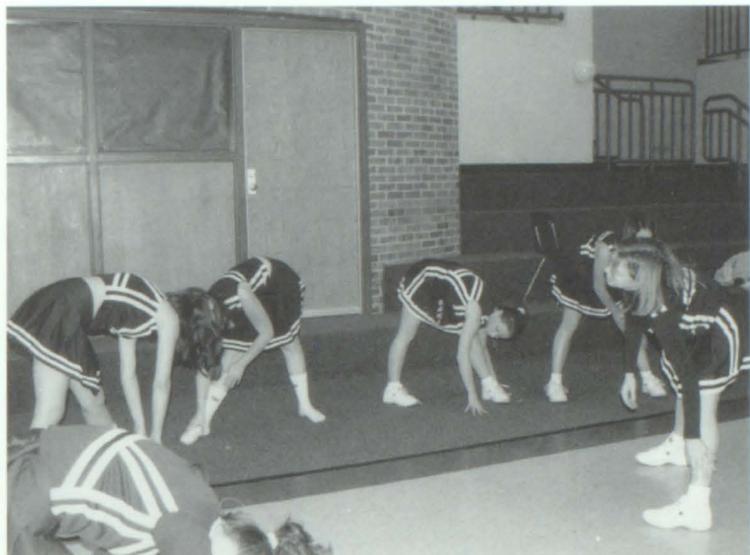
Right (Top Row): Ashley Murphy, Katherine Dixon, Katelyn Perkins, Coach Reed, Katherine Davey, Brittanie Wilson, Crystal Stoll. Middle Row: Chloe McCullough, Rachel Fox, Morgan Kaul, Alexandra Lasley, Sarah Wallace, Patricia Schwartz. Front Row: Kali Gove, Christina Underwood, Ashton Isaacson. Not Pictured: Jessica Patterson



Below: Freshman Crystal Stoll watches Jessica Patterson hide behind Ashton Iaasacson, pretending to practice her jumps.



Below: The junior varsity cheerleaders warm-up, so that they can have a perfect jump by the time competition rolls around.



Right: First year cheerleader Katherine Davey practices her toe touch while second year cheerleader Rachel Fox acts as her post.

Left: "Five...six...seven...eight." Freshman Jessica Patterson counts in her head to remember the next move in the girls' halftime cheer.

Through The Hoop

Right: Freshman guard Allison Darland passes the ball around her Kimball defender. Even though the game was a loss this year, the Oaks were never intimidated by their cross-town rivals. They were still proud to leave the game knowing they played hard.



Above: Sophomore center Ashley Wilson leaps above some Madison Eagle defenders to shoot for two. Although it was her first year playing, Wilson was a top player for the team.



Left: Only one of three sophomores on the team, Katie Park looks to grab the rebound over her Kimball defender. Comments Park, "We had a really young team this year, so our season was rough." Despite the challenge, the Oaks still played hard and managed to have fun.

Below: Maureen Burke and Samantha Seymour block their opponents' pick and roll to stop the offense. The Lady Oaks basketball program is known for their tight, solid defense, which they work on during practice everyday.



Above (Top Row): Erika Sestok, Eileen Rozycski. Middle Row: Megan Baker, Katie Park, Samantha Seymour, Allison Darland, Coach Lisa Moore, Ashley Wilson, Bailey Sidick, Kari Hoobler, Brittney Zuzindlak. Bottom Row: Maureen Burke.



Above: Fighting through her opponent, a Madison Eagle, Bailey Sidick calls for the ball. As the only returning player, the sophomore guard pushed herself to be a key player of the team.

Heading For the Net

Right: Freshman William Weipert approaches the soccer ball to pass it to his teammate. William was a key player for the Oaks in their successful season.



Above: Freshman David Caddy rips a shot towards the camera while warming up. The eager look on his face shows that he's ready and determined to play for the Oaks!



Left: Sophomore Eric Garland puts his foot on the soccer ball before juggling it with his foot. Eric practices his hardest to be the best ball juggler he can be.

Below: Team clown, freshman Corey Gower, "flashes the metal" sign to the camera. Corey was the first person to find the best side of his games.



Above: Freshman Corey Gower thrusts his head forward to bump the soccer ball off his head. Heading the soccer ball was key in the JV team's success.



Above: Top Row: Coach Ruffles, Andrew Brinkman, Armin Halilovic, Eric Garland, Aldin Avdic, Evan Ferguson. Middle Row: Troy Shipman, William Weipert, Tyler Berg, Robert Carlson, David Caddy, Benjamin Abraham. Bottom Row: Joseph Hawkey, David Younger, Corey Gower, Zachariah DeCruydt.

Acing the Win

Right: Setter out! Sophomore setter Jennifer Carty shows perfect form to complete a good pass while sophomore Christine Dorn gets ready to step up and take the set. Their teammates are cheering them on as the enthusiasm builds. Talking about team spirit, Carty said, "We did lots of team stuff together. It was fun when we made boxers in the New Commons."

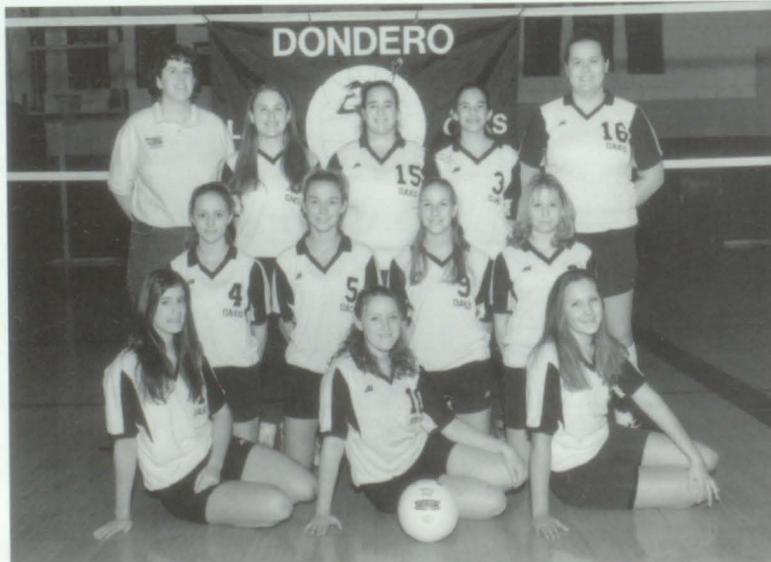


Above: Sophomore hitter Theresa Villerot concentrates on setting the ball after a fun day with the team. One example of fun, according to Villerot, was "at the beginning of every game, we would all mess up our cheers. It would turn out really funny though!"

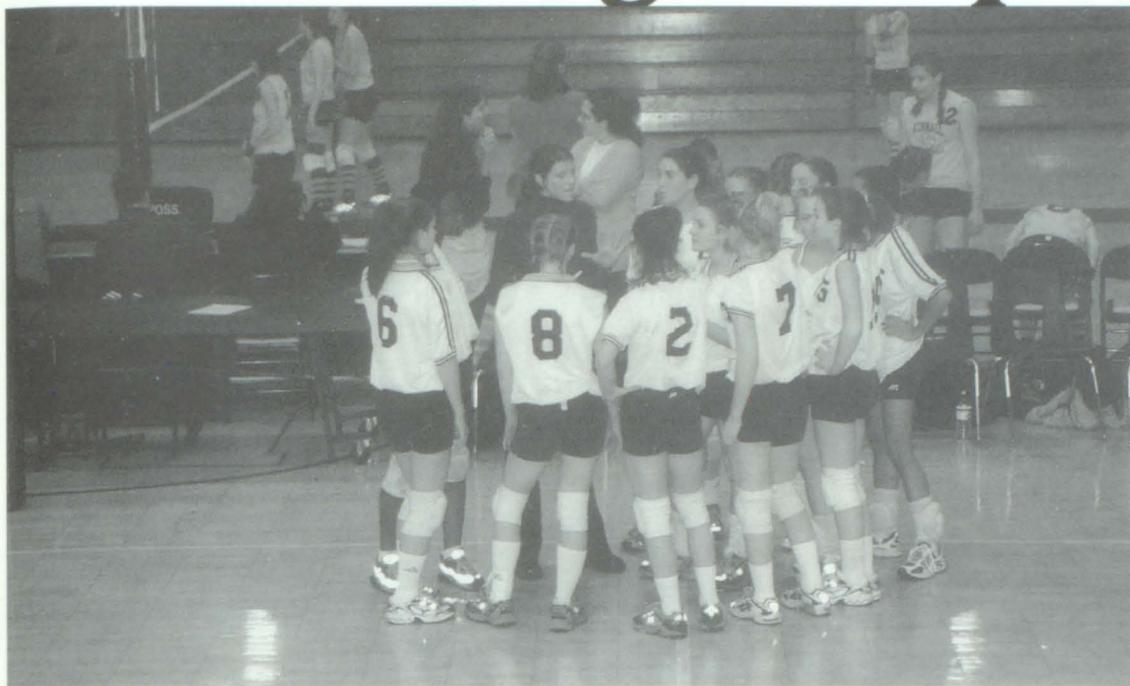


Above: Sophomore Veronica Larke, freshman Stephanie Roy, sophomore Christine Dorn, sophomore Jennifer Carty and sophomore Theresa Villerot get ready to set the ball up and pound it onto their opponents' side of the court.

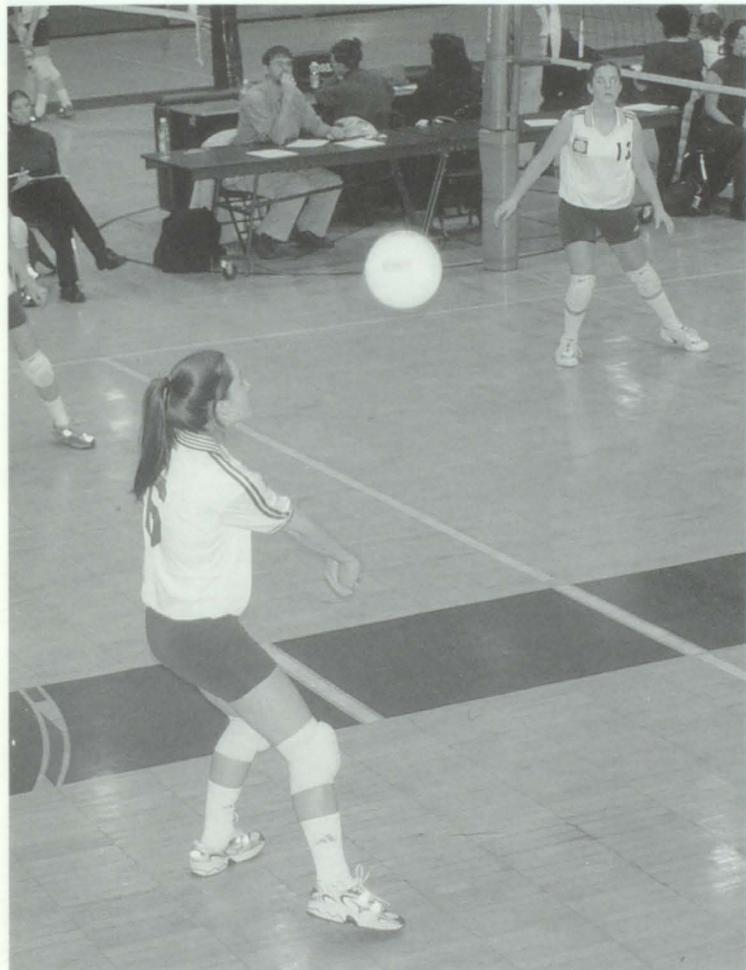
Right: Top Row: Coach Kelly, Elizabeth Drewek, Katie Park, Christine Dorn, Veronica Larke. Middle Row: Bailey Sidick, Stephanie Roy, Jennifer Carty, Michelle Norkus-Comby. Bottom Row: Kristin Schumacher, Megan Baker, Andrea Langdorff. Not Pictured: Theresa Villerot.



Blocking the Spikes



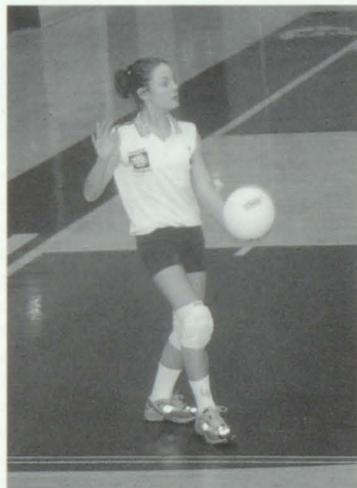
Left: Coach Heidi gives a quick pep talk to the girls during a time-out. As a first-year coach, Heidi did an excellent job of bringing the freshman team together this season.



Above: Setter freshman Katherine Torvinen passes the ball at a tournament. Torvinen says, "My favorite memory of volleyball was spending all day at the tournaments. They were so long!"



Above: Top Row: Amanda Presson, Allison Darland, Amanda Schaasberg, Katherine Torvinen, Samantha Seymour. Middle Row: Laterrica Silvers, Jennifer Wolowicz, Brittney Zuzindlak, Megan Frizzell. Bottom Row: Lauren Bogues, Megan Boiteau. Not Pictured: Patrice Njoh.



Left: Freshman Lauren Bogues prepares to serve the ball, hoping for a point off of an ace.

Swinging Into Action

Right: Outfielder sophomore Shayna Quinn is determined to catch a fly ball during a home game at Memorial Park. Sometimes outfielders only get one chance to make a play during a game, so they have to be good and ready for every single pitch.



Right: (From left): Sophomore Theresa Villerot, sophomore Julianna Weaver, junior Nicole Hakli, and sophomore Amy Thomas take a snack break between games at a tournament. The Oaks gets game experience hosting tournaments.



Above: Sophomore Audrey Englehart gives it her all, hoping to give the Oaks a lead with a home-run.



Above: Sophomore Kathryn Kipp shows off her expert batting stance at an away game, hoping to give the Oaks an advantage with her next hit. The entire Oaks softball team worked on improving their stance during the pre-season this year.

Top Row: Coach Doster, Theresa Villerot, Andrea Langdorff, Veronica Larke, Audrey Englehart, Caitlin Lasley, Christie Taylor. Middle Row: Shayna Quinn, Holly Swigert, Katie Park, Kellie Weston, Amy Thomas. Bottom Row: Kealy Salva, Kathryn Kipp, Nicole Hakli, Julianna Weaver, Lindsay Robinson

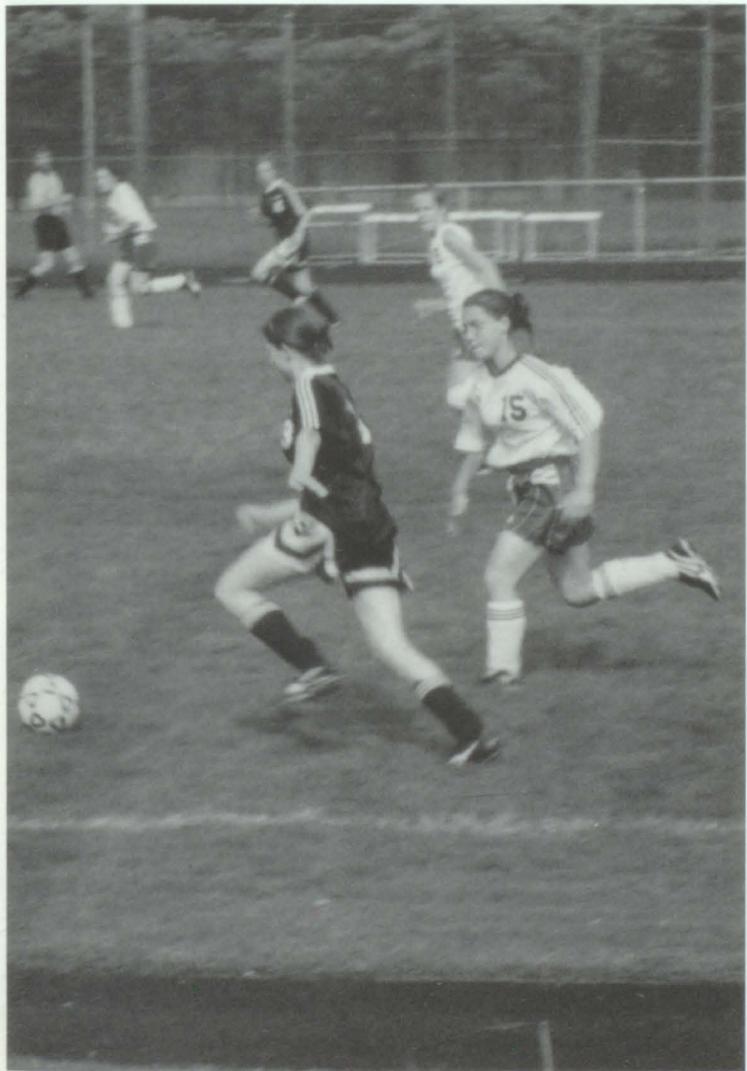


Below: The JV girl's soccer team bond together in the stands while supporting the varsity team. Clockwise from left: Sophomore Megan Thompson, sophomore Kelly Lutz, sophomore Allison Phillips, sophomore Colleen Taylor, junior Erin Scafone, junior Bianca Naas, junior Jamie Gower, junior Amber DeAngelo, junior Brenda Bogues, sophomore Jennifer Carty, and sophomore Christine Dorn.



Reaching Their Goals

Below: Sophomores Megan Thompson and Colleen Taylor cheer on the varsity team after a tough game. You can almost always find people hanging over the railing at home games.



Above: Top Row: Amber DeAngelo, Jamie Gower, Coach Lynn, Colleen Taylor, Jennifer Carty. Middle Row: Megan Thompson, Erin Davidson, Allison Phillips, Bianca Naas, Brenda Bogues. Bottom Row: Erin Scafone, Kelly Lutz, Christine Dorn.

Left: Sophomore Colleen Taylor blows by her opponent, hoping to score. Taylor and the rest of the girls learn teamwork and gain skills during the practices. Says Taylor, "For practice, we had to run six miles to Dairy Queen. It was really long, and everyone was complaining when we got there. It was worth it, though, because our coaches bought us ice cream! It was the best practice ever!"



On Deck and Swinging Away

Right: Junior Gregory Breitinger hunches over while waiting for the next batter to approach the batter's box. Since Greg is playing third base he has to be ready at all times for a hard hit to go screaming down the third baseline. Greg is looking forward to playing baseball with the returning seniors next year, and he hopes he can help the team to many victories.



Right: Junior Adam Johnson swings hard to hit the ball. Coach Pontzious works with his players on the proper fundamentals of swinging a bat. Unfortunately, this swing for Adam wasn't on the ball. Oops!



Above: Junior Bryce Erwin digs his cleats into the dirt and awaits the pitch. Following the pitch Bryce hits a single down the third baseline. During practice time in the gym, Bryce works hard at his batting, as he spends most of his time in the batting cage.



Above: Junior Daniel Schenk strides forward and puts power into his curve ball, during a scrimmage against Ferndale. Unfortunately, the umpires didn't show up for the Oaks that day, so one of the player's fathers had to sit in.

Back Row: Coach Camp, Joel Schenk, Scott Brown, Adam Johnson, Ryan Thornton, Coach Pontzious. Middle Row: Ryan Pennanen, Alexander Brown, Daniel Schenk, Gregory Breitinger, Bryce Erwin. Front Row: Tivie Powell, Craig Sakarins, Jonathon Hawkins, Adam Nickerson.



Hitting Their Way To Victory



Left: "Going, going, gone." That was what went through sophomore Sean McNairnie's head as he hit the snot out of this ball. Sean contributed to his team's productive season by giving it his all during both practices and games. Sean was also one of the players that received the call to play on the JV team as they played Kimball High School. He went on to have a great game and was a part of an important win for the Oaks as the team beat Kimball.



Above: Sophomore Eric Garland gets himself low to the ground so that he can move fast for a groundball. Eric is the second baseman for the freshmen Oaks. Eric liked to get himself low so that he could have an easier time fielding the ball. He does not understand why people play standing up when the ball is rolling on the ground.



Back Row: Coach Davis, Shaun Barber, Robert Nesbitt, Eric Forgash, Coach Scheid. Middle Row: Miles Hancock, Sean McNairnie, Eric Garland, Michael Fossano, Jeffrey Buck, Scott Seymour. Front row: Justin Christopher, Steven Gilbert, Gregory Miesch, Paul Cipriani.

Left: Sophomore Miles Hancock pushes with all his might off his back foot as he launches the ball past the batter. He wears black strips under his eyes to protect himself from the glare of the sun. Miles also plays third base for the freshmen squad, but on this day he was earning the win with this third strike pitch to end the game.

Slam Dunk the Funk

Right: Sophomore Sean McNairnie is captured mid-shot at the home Lamphere game. Sean played his hardest and pulled off an amazing game.



Above: Number 42, sophomore Eric Forgash, shoots from a play set up by his teammates. This was Eric's fourth play of the game and his sixth point.



Above: Lamphere's #14 fouled sophomore Andre Shayna during their second game against each other. Andre was on his game that night and made all of his free-throws, but unfortunately the Oaks came away without a win.

Right Back Row: Scott Seymour, Kenneth Washington, Matthew Cordle, Eric Forgash, Coach Liedel, Ronald Rafalski, Micheal Vosburgh, Andre Shayna, Sean McNairnie. Bottom Row: Gregory Miesch. Not Pictured: Ryan Allard



Set it Up.. Put it In!



Left: Freshmen Kirk Wilcox, Ryan Moore, Albert Johnson and Kyle Breitinger look on as their teammates push down the court. The constant support from the sidelines only helped the Oaks play better on the court their entire season.



Above: Freshman Matthew Wilusz takes a short jump-shot against Berkley while his fellow freshmen teammates Collin Porteus, Joseph Locricchio and Donald Pauck take positions in anticipation for the rebound.

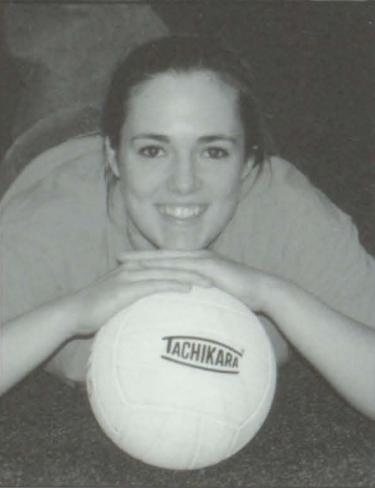
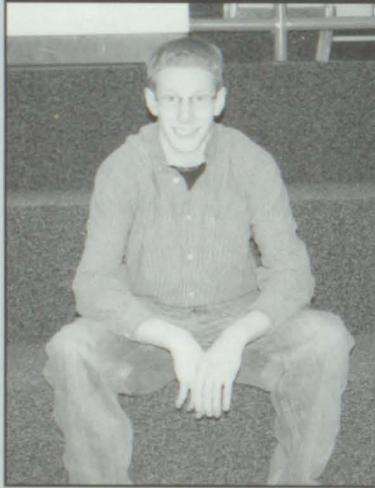


Above: Back Row: Ryan Moore, Matthew Wilusz. Middle Row: Kyle McHugh, Donald Pauck, Shawn Seymour, Robert Carlson, Michael Bermudez, Coach Kapla, Collin Porteus, Kyle Breitinger, Kirk Wilcox, Jacob Moore, Joseph Locricchio. Bottom Row: Kirk Schumacher, Andrew Scheid, Albert Johnson.



Left: Freshman Joseph Locricchio plays hard nose defense against Berkeley. Locricchio tried to take a charging penalty for the player running into him, but unfortunately, the call was against him.

Outstanding Athletes



1

Matthew Klaver

"Matt was captain of the boys cross country team. He was a great teammate and leader."

- Coach Chuck Steele, Boys Cross Country

2

Megan Sulinski

"Megan was dedicated to the sport. She was a positive role model, and she never gave up. She was also one of our scholar athletes."

- Coach Kathleen Hoover, Girls Cross Country

3

Lindsay Cooper

"Lindsay exemplifies everything the Dondero Dance Team looks for. Lindsay's leadership shows in her great technique, showmanship, recognition of others' talents and total commitment to advancing the team to a higher level of 'play.' Great job, Lindsay! We'll miss you next year!"

- Coach Holly Wieferich, Dance Team

4

Joshua Belvedere

"Josh has had an outstanding career as a Dondero wrestler. He is a three time regional qualifier and has over 100 career wins. He has been a team captain for two years and shown great leadership in both of them."

- Coach Lonnie Allen, Wrestling

5

Scott Hepner

"As a captain, Scott qualified for the Oakland County Championships and the State Diving Regionals this year. He broke the team record for six dives on our 'Top Ten' list in diving."

- Coach Darrin Millar, Boys Swimming and Diving

6

Courtney Park

"As the captain, Courtney has great skills and a strong athletic mind. She is a tough competitor and led her team by example."

- Coach Cammie Millar, Volleyball

7

Jeffrey Wilusz

"Jeff was our leading scorer and go-to player throughout the season. However, his greatest contribution to the team was his development into a consistent player who could be counted on to work hard and to be as efficient as possible. We are looking for Jeff to step up even more next year as we challenge the best teams in our league."

- Sam Lynch, Boys Basketball

8

Jennifer Osterhout

"As a captain, Jenny is a four-year state qualifier. She won All League and All Area for 2001. Jenny has a great work ethic and is a true leader."

- Bob Schurig, Girls Swimming and Diving

9

Christie Lockman

"Christie helped motivate her team members, always having a positive attitude, and was dedicated to learning and improving. Additionally, she is a natural leader."

- Christine Reeves, Cheerleading

10

Joseph Guzman

"Joe possessed a strong determination to compete; his 'will to win' pushed others to fight on Friday night and get the tradition back to Oak Country. Joe's competitive spirit was filled with belief and pride."

- Jim Fitzpatrick, Football

11

Timothy Osborne

"Tim was a great team leader and played very well for the team. He played first singles and had many wins throughout his season."

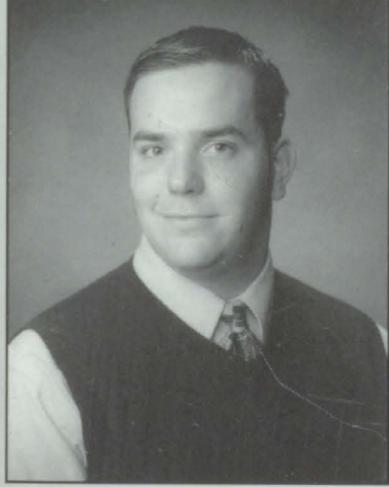
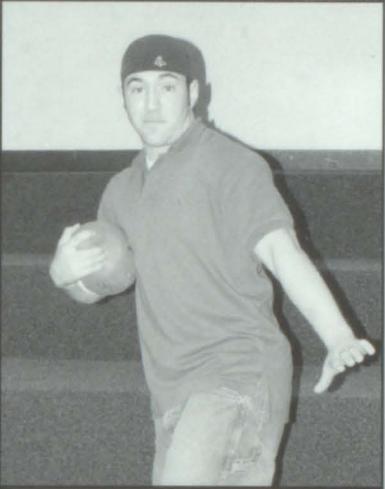
- Yearbook Staff, Boys Tennis

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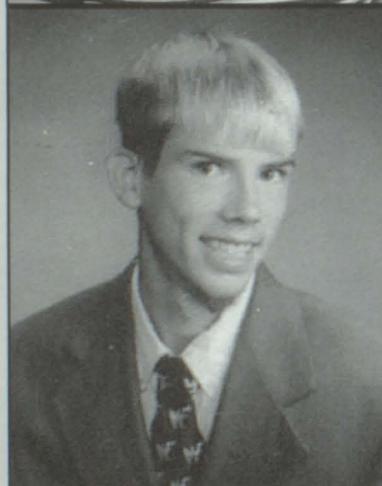
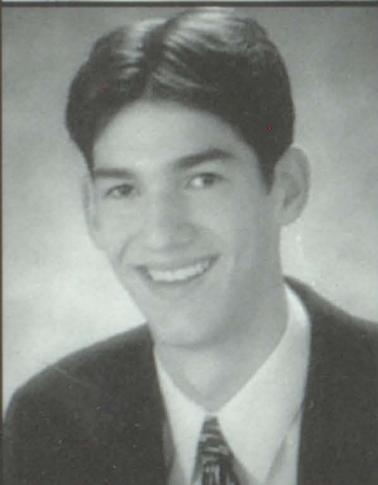
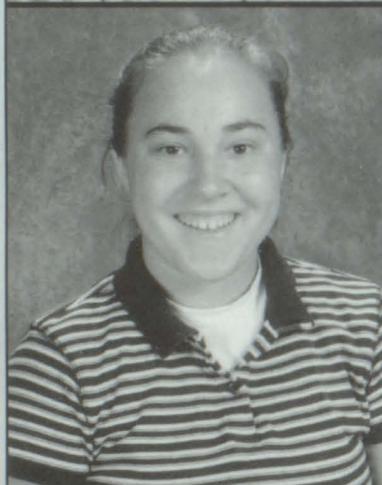
Kelly Lutz

"Kelly made a major improvement over the last year, and she really stepped up in singles play."

- Carrie Reese, Girls Tennis



Outstanding Athletes



1

Michael Vosburgh

"Mike was an excellent leader, a good team player and he earned excellent grades. He was very helpful with the younger players and really represents what Dondero athletics are all about."

- Jim Anderson, Boys Golf

2

Deanna Miller

"Deanna's leadership skills were outstanding. She led the team in many categories and was an outstanding pitcher. She and Stacie Seymour were an excellent pitcher-catcher combination."

- Vicki Earnshaw, Girls Softball

3

Laura Guzman

"Laura was the leading team scorer and point guard. She was in charge of selling the offense and did great, despite it being only her second year on varsity."

- John O'Brien, Girls Basketball

4

Michael Volk

"Mike received the Most Valuable Player award for special events."

- Chuck Steele, Boys Track and Field

5

Paul Caddy

"Paul Caddy received Most Valuable Player for track events."

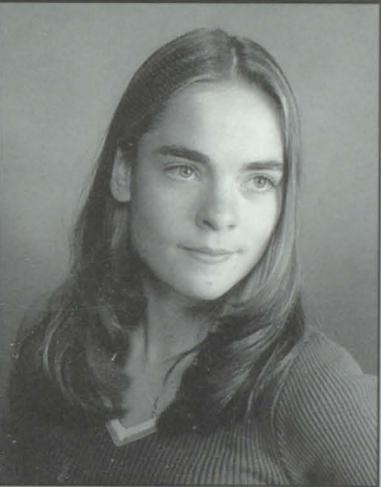
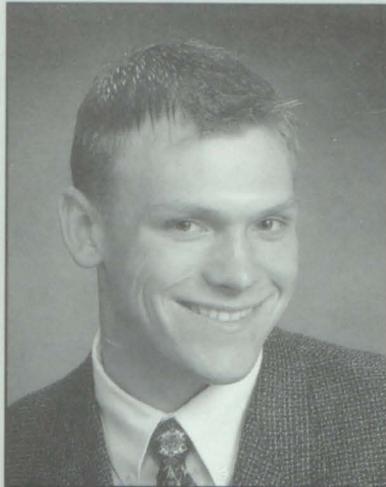
- Chuck Steele, Boys Track and Field

6

Robert Thomas

"Rob received the Most Valuable Player Award for field events. Rob, Mike, and Paul were the epitome of teamwork for the track team."

- Chuck Steele, Boys Track and Field

**7**

Andy Englehart

"Andy's ability to lead by example made him an important asset to the team."

- Brett Tillander, Boys Baseball

8

Marie Maurer

"Marie performed all four events in gymnastics. She would have gone to State if it weren't for her injury. She had high level routines on bars and floor and was a wonderful leader who helped others when they were in need."

- Clyde Ewell, Girls Gymnastics

9

Ellen Backus

"Ellen has shown her hard work and dedication by skating for ten years. She wakes up three days a week at 5:00 a.m. to practice from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. Ellen has a chance to show off all this hard work when she skates in her ice shows."

- Yearbook Staff, Ice Skating

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Scott Brown

"Scott represents Dondero proudly by being the only Dondero student on the varsity hockey team. Scott walked with his head held high after being named Outstanding Athlete two years in a row."

- Yearbook Staff, Hockey

11

Joshua Belvedere

"While scoring many goals, Josh made sure to show his leadership skills. Josh had an important role, as he was tri-captain of the varsity boys soccer team and helped lead them to leagues."

- Yearbook Staff, Boys Soccer

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Michelle Cohen

"Michelle was an active member of the girls track team for two years. Michelle participated in the long jump and ran for the long distance teams. She also went to leagues for the one mile."

- Yearbook Staff, Girls Track and Field

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Katie Kidder

"Katie was an excellent leader in soccer. Not only did she play hard, but she was one of the most dedicated players I've seen."

- Cammie Millar, Girls Soccer



We Are...



Every July, before school even starts, yearbook staff members pound the pavement in search of community members who will agree to support the upcoming yearbook. The hard work comes from the OAK staff, who go from door to door with smiling faces, risking rejection, but the generosity and heart come from the patrons who make the publication of our book possible. Without the support of our surrounding community members and businesses, the memories that made us who we are this past school year might have been just that - mere memories.

Thank you to all!

Lending a Hand

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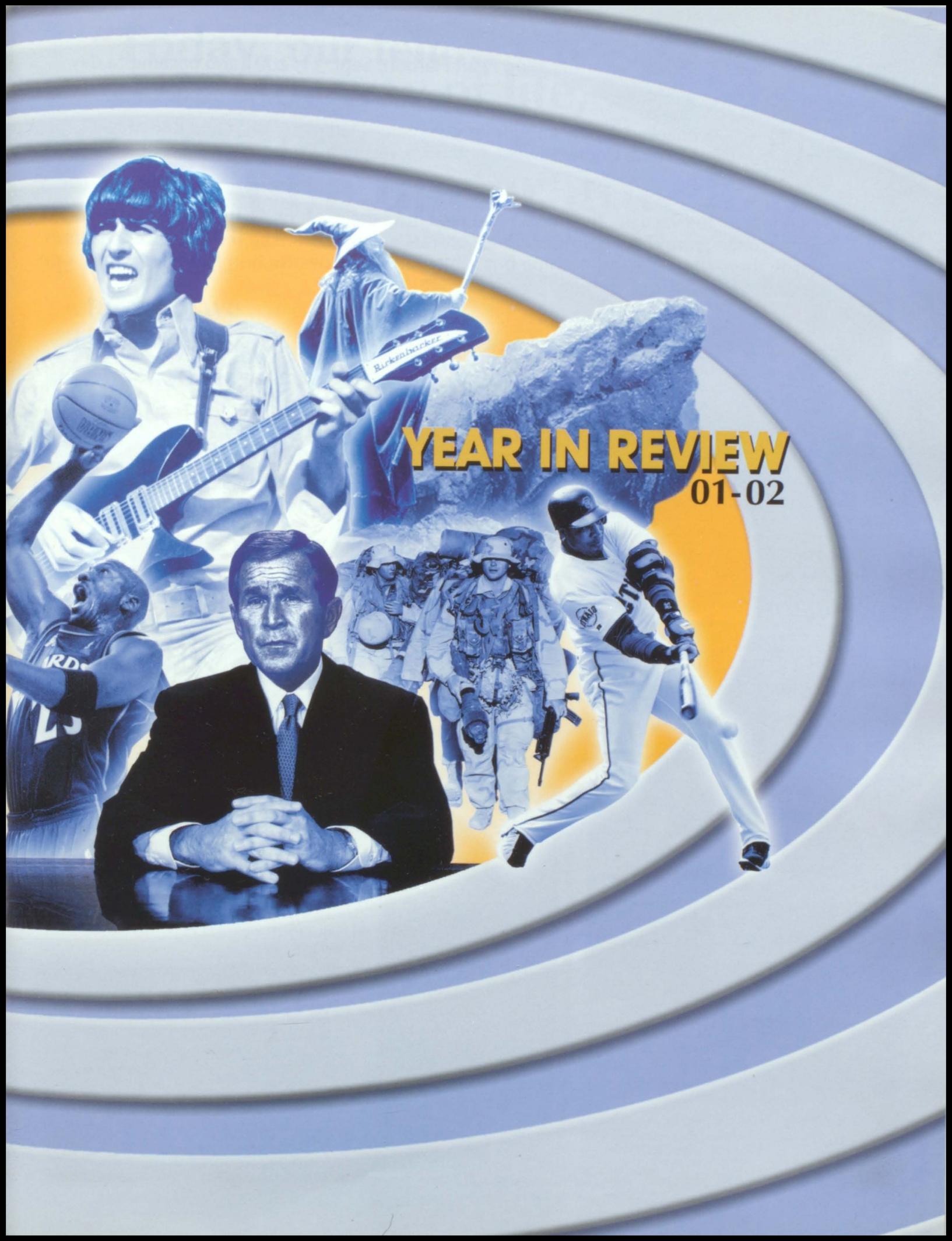


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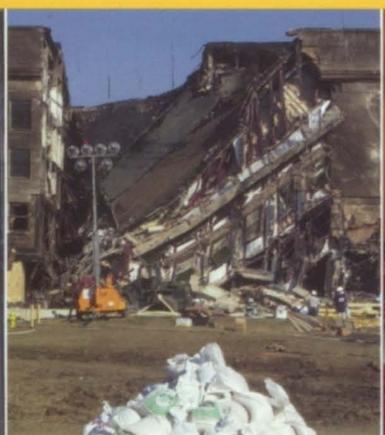
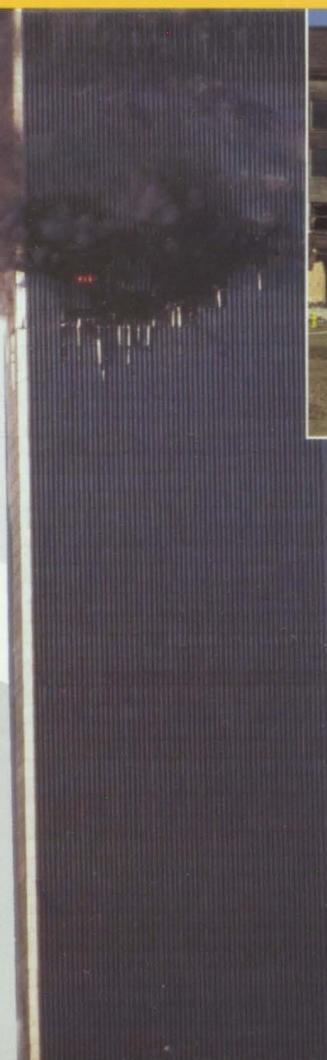
01-02

Much like Dec. 7, 1941 (the attack on Pearl Harbor), Sept. 11, 2001 also became "a day that will live in infamy."

At 8:48 a.m., a hijacked American Airlines commercial jetliner crashes into one of New York City's World Trade Center towers. At 9:05, a second plane crashes into the second tower.

As people try to evacuate, the impact and heat from the crash cause the first tower to tumble to the ground in enormous clouds of smoke and debris. The second tower collapses shortly thereafter, leaving nothing but ash, rubble and destruction for miles where one of our nation's greatest landmarks once stood.

America Under Attack

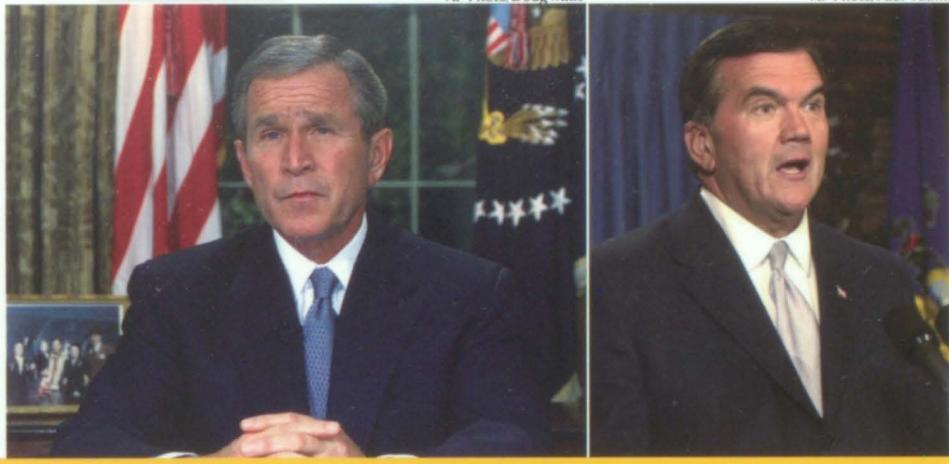


▲ At 9:40 a.m., a third hijacked plane flies into the Pentagon, and within the hour, a fourth crashes near a wooded area in western Pennsylvania. More than 4,200 lives are lost in total.

▲ The hijackings are part of an intended multitude of terrorist attacks on America headed by Islamic radical and wanted terrorist leader Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda terrorist network. Bin Laden had been making open threats against America for several years, demanding the U.S. withdraw from the Middle East.

“Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom came under attack...”

Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror...The pictures...have filled us with...terrible sadness and a quiet, unyielding sense of anger.”



In an address to the nation, President George W. Bush demands Afghanistan's ruling party (the Taliban) hand over bin Laden. The Taliban attempts to negotiate the United States' demand, saying they will not cooperate without evidence of bin Laden's involvement in the attacks. Bush states the demand is non-negotiable, and the U.S. will take retaliatory action against Afghanistan if they refuse to hand bin Laden over.

Airlines around the world suffer major setbacks, many declaring bankruptcy. Congress approves an airline assistance package that includes \$15 billion in financial aid and a victim's compensation fund to limit expensive lawsuits that might bankrupt airlines like American and United.

▲ Former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge is appointed by President Bush to head the newly created Office of Homeland Security Cabinet post, which involves coordinating and creating a strategic plan for homeland defense against future terrorist attacks.

“And tonight, the United States makes the following demands on the Taliban...These demands are not open to negotiation or discussion...This is the world's fight...the fight of all who believe in progress...tolerance, and freedom...We will rally the world to this cause by our efforts, our courage. We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail.”

How Will You Remember?

How did your school respond when news came of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks?

- a. We watched the news on TV from classrooms 84%
- b. An assembly was held 5%
- c. We were sent home 1%
- d. Other 10%

I remember feeling _____ when I heard the news.



Have you followed news coverage of America's War on Terrorism?

- a. I read up on everything since Sept. 11 12%
- b. I know about the major stuff 70%
- c. I really don't follow the news 18%

Do you think President Bush is doing a good job?

Yes	84%
No	16%

I hope _____ is elected the next U.S. President.



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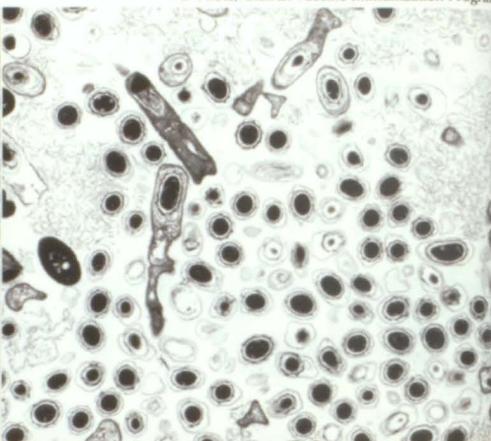
President Bush announces plans to starve terrorist groups of all money, and signs an order to freeze all U.S. assets of suspected terrorists, ordering financial institutions do the same.

▲ After repeated refusals from the Taliban to turn over bin Laden, the U.S. and allied British forces begin launching air strikes on Afghan cities, military targets and terrorist camps.

▲ The U.S. continues bombing Afghan cities, while at the same time dropping food packages, called Humanitarian Daily Rations (or HDRs), from planes to help Afghan refugees at risk for starvation.

The World Health Organization warns Western governments to be on the alert for attacks using chemical and biological warfare.

A 63-year-old employee at the American Media building in Florida dies from inhalation anthrax, a potential agent for use in biological warfare. Several other American Media employees also test positive for anthrax.



Names in the News — People —

AP Photo



◀ **Osama bin Laden** is the leader of al Qaeda, a worldwide network of terrorists, and is America's most wanted terrorist suspect. Born in Saudi Arabia to a wealthy Yemeni family, bin Laden became an Islamic fundamentalist and turned against Saudi Arabia and the U.S. after working with the Afghan resistance against the former Soviet Union in 1979.

AP Photo/HO



◀ **Mullah Mohammed Omar** was the supreme leader of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban. Rarely ever photographed, Omar fought beside bin Laden in Afghan resistance to Soviet occupation. He created the Taliban in the early 1990s to put an end to the chaos in Afghanistan and transformed it into what he envisioned as the purest Islamic state in the world.

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Si recibe un paquete o carta sospechosa...

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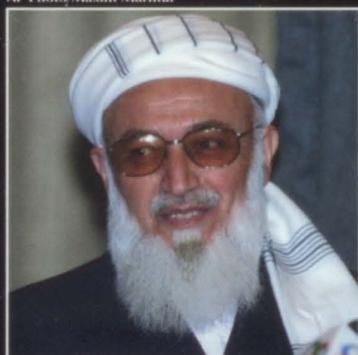


▲ The discovery of letters containing anthrax in several states other than Florida (including D.C., N.J., N.Y., Ind., Mo., and Va.) raises the fear of bioterrorism. Traces of anthrax turn up in postal facilities around the country, and two Washington, D.C. postal workers die from the inhalation variety of the bacteria. Authorities are unable to pinpoint the letters' source, and are unsure whether they are connected to the al Qaeda terrorist attacks.

President Bush signs an anti-terrorism bill into law, giving police and intelligence agencies new powers against terrorism, including stronger penalties for harboring or financing terrorists, an increase in the number of crimes considered terrorist acts and tougher punishments for committing them. The bill also gives police new rights to secretly search people's homes and business records and to eavesdrop on suspect telephone or computer conversations.

▲ The Northern Alliance, a rebel faction opposing the Taliban regime, captures Kabul (Afghanistan's capital city) after the Taliban, devastated from U.S. and British airstrikes, pull out of the city.

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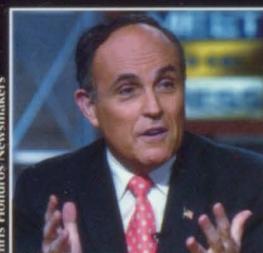
Former Afghanistan President Burhanuddin Rabbani was recognized by most world governments as the country's legitimate ruler, even during the Taliban's reign. A former professor of Islamic law at Kabul University, he was forced out of power in 1996 by the Taliban, and has since led the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance.

Tony Blair is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, one of the United States' strongest allies. Blair was the first to declare the U.K. at war with terrorism alongside the U.S.

George W. Bush: 43rd U.S. President



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Rudy Giuliani: Mayor of New York City during the Sept. 11 attacks

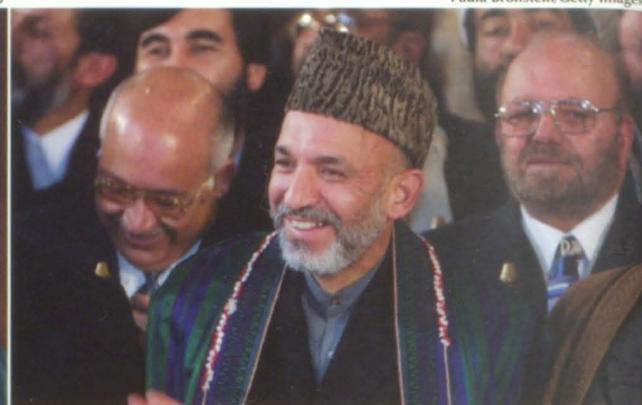


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The Bush Administration faces accusations from many that the array of new tactics implemented with the anti-terrorism bill, including military tribunals (trials held in secret in which the judges are military officers, a two-thirds vote is enough to convict, and there is no need for proof beyond a reasonable doubt), are the worst infringement on civil liberties in decades.

▲ About 1,000 U.S. Marines move into Afghanistan to tighten the squeeze on remaining Taliban and al Qaeda leaders by limiting their movements from Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city and center of trade.

The Taliban surrenders the city of Kandahar, their last major stronghold. The city falls to looters after the last Taliban fighters flee the area.

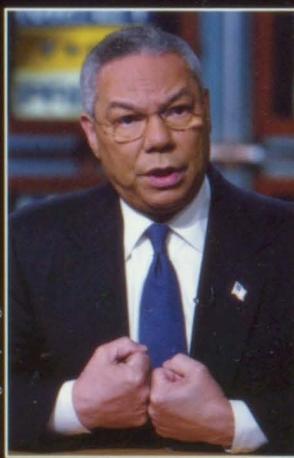
▲ An American is discovered among Taliban prisoners after a violent prison revolt that killed hundreds of the prisoners as well as an American CIA officer. John Walker Lindh, a 20-year-old non-Afghan Taliban fighter (originally from California), said he joined the Taliban six months earlier after converting to Islam and "jihadi" (fighter of holy wars). Walker is returned to the U.S. to face four criminal charges, including conspiracy to kill Americans abroad. Prosecutors consider other evidence that could carry the death penalty.

▲ Hamid Karzai is named the Prime Minister of Afghanistan's interim government. The title is passed to him by former Afghanistan president, Mullah Mohammed Omar, marking the first peaceful transfer of power in Afghanistan in more than two decades.

Names in the News

People (continued)

Colin Powell: U.S. Secretary of State ►



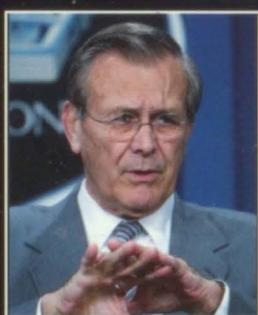
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John Ashcroft: U.S. Attorney General ▼



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Donald Rumsfeld:
U.S. Defense Secretary ►



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Condoleezza Rice:
U.S. National Security Adviser ▼



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AP Photo/Department of Defense



Shaykh: A plane crashing into a tall building was out of anyone's imagination. This was a great job.

AP Photo/Plymouth County Jail



▲ A videotape is acquired by the Pentagon, showing Osama bin Laden boasting of his involvement in the Sept. 11 attacks, and rejoicing in the level of devastation "achieved" by the terrorists aboard the planes, some of whom did not even know what kind of mission they were on until they boarded the planes.

British citizen Richard Reid boards trans-Atlantic American Airlines Flight 63, and attempts to light explosives hidden in his shoes. He is subdued immediately by passengers and crew members, and sedated. The plane diverts to Boston, where Reid is arrested. He is later charged on nine counts, and it is discovered he received training in al Qaeda terrorist camps.

▲ The U.S. military sends al Qaeda prisoners to a prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The detainees are questioned for information pertaining to the Sept. 11 attacks, the whereabouts of bin Laden and other attacks that may have been planned.

Stone McCoy/U.S. Navy/Getty Images



As the war on terrorism continues, the U.S. rallies the support of the international community. Taking the intelligence gained from prisoners as well as investigations at home, America turns attention to other terrorist havens around the world, such as Abu Sayyaf, a terrorist group in the Philippines allegedly connected with the al Qaeda network. ■

Groups

International Front for Fighting Jews and Crusades

This is a large coalition of groups dedicated to killing Americans and destroying U.S. interests worldwide. It was formed by Osama bin Laden in 1998, and includes al Qaeda (also founded by bin Laden), a network of small terrorist cells operating independently around the world, dedicated to overthrowing Middle Eastern rulers and removing westerners from Muslim countries.

The International Front is partnered with the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, or "Al Jihad." This group was established in the 1970s with the aim of overthrowing the Egyptian government and setting up an Islamic state. The group's leadership is divided between those who favor violent means and those who favor more peaceful means, particularly against U.S. targets.

Northern Alliance

The Northern Alliance is an Afghanistan rebel faction that has actively opposed the Taliban for five years. Prior to the fall of the Taliban, the Northern Alliance claimed five percent of Afghanistan, while the Taliban controlled the other 95 percent.

Abu Sayyaf

Abu Sayyaf is a smaller Islamist group fighting to establish an Iranian-style Islamic state in Mindanao, an island in the southern Philippines. The group, whose name means, "Bearer of the Sword," has ties to a number of Islamic fundamentalist organizations around the world, including Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda and Ramzi Yousef, an individual convicted of organizing the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City. Abu Sayyaf has a membership of approximately several hundred young Islamic radicals, many of whom were recruited from universities and high schools.

I.S.A.F. (Internal Security Assistance Force)

Also called the "peacekeepers," the I.S.A.F. was developed after the collapse of the Taliban to help keep peace in Afghanistan during the interim government's establishment. The peacekeepers consist of British Royal Marines as well as troops sent in by France.



AP Photo/Kevin Frayer

England's Liverpool Airport was renamed the Liverpool John Lennon Airport in honor of late Beatles member John Lennon. It is the first UK airport to be named after an individual.

AP Photo/Paul Barker



The collision with a Chinese fighter jet and subsequent landing of a U.S. spy plane on the Chinese island of Hainan raised tensions between the U.S. and China. Through careful negotiations between American and Chinese officials, the U.S. crew, held captive for 11 days, was finally released, and the remains of the plane were returned to the U.S.

AP Photo/Anat Givon



AP Photo/Max Nash

Labor Party leader Tony Blair was reelected Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, marking the first time in the Labor Party's 100-year history that a candidate was reelected.



World News

Hundreds were killed during the past year as Palestinians and Israelis violently fought over the West Bank and Gaza Strip in Jerusalem. The dispute over which side will have control of the Holy Land continues to plague the Middle East.

AP Photo/Murad Sezer



More than 700 lives were lost and hundreds were reported missing after an accidental series of explosions at a military arms storage building in Lagos, Nigeria. The explosions were apparently set off by a spreading fire from a nearby munitions dump.

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Beijing, China won the right to stage the 2008 summer Olympic Games, despite worldwide concern about China's human rights record. Disappointed rivals for the games included Canada, France, Turkey and Japan.

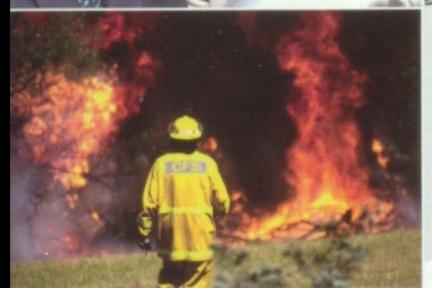
Euro notes and coins replaced the different kinds of currency previously used in 12 European Union states, including Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain, becoming Europe's first single currency.



◀ The country of Ghana (West Africa) mourned the loss of 126 people at the Accra Sports Stadium. The victims were trampled when thousands tried to escape tear gas fired by police at rowdy fans during a soccer match.



◀ Consideration is being given to amending Japanese law and allowing a female to succeed the imperial throne after Crown Princess Masako gave birth to Princess Aiko. No boys have been born into the imperial family in 36 years.



◀ Firemen in the Australian state of New South Wales battled nearly 100 bush fires that began on Christmas Day, destroying hundreds of homes.



STRANGE but TRUE

Driving Miss Crazy

Sprowston, England resident Marlene Lincoln finally passed her driver's test, and it only took her 200 lessons, 12 failures and a total expense of about \$6,800!

Can't Be Bothered with Burglars

A German couple at home watching a Formula One motor race on television was so intent on the thrilling event they did not even hear burglars who broke into their house at the same time and made off with about \$4,500 worth of jewelry.

Diplomatic Joyride

When U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell saw Australian Vince Harmer's classic 1980 Volvo 262 coupe, he just had to drive it. A known Volvo enthusiast, Powell made several phone calls to Harmer's home until Harmer agreed to hand over the keys, allowing Powell to take the cherry red Volvo "for a spin" to a state dinner.

Dad? Son!

A London taxi driver found the son he last saw 34 years ago – as a passenger in the back of his cab. Noticing they had the same surname, the passenger discovered the driver was his father, whom he had believed dead.

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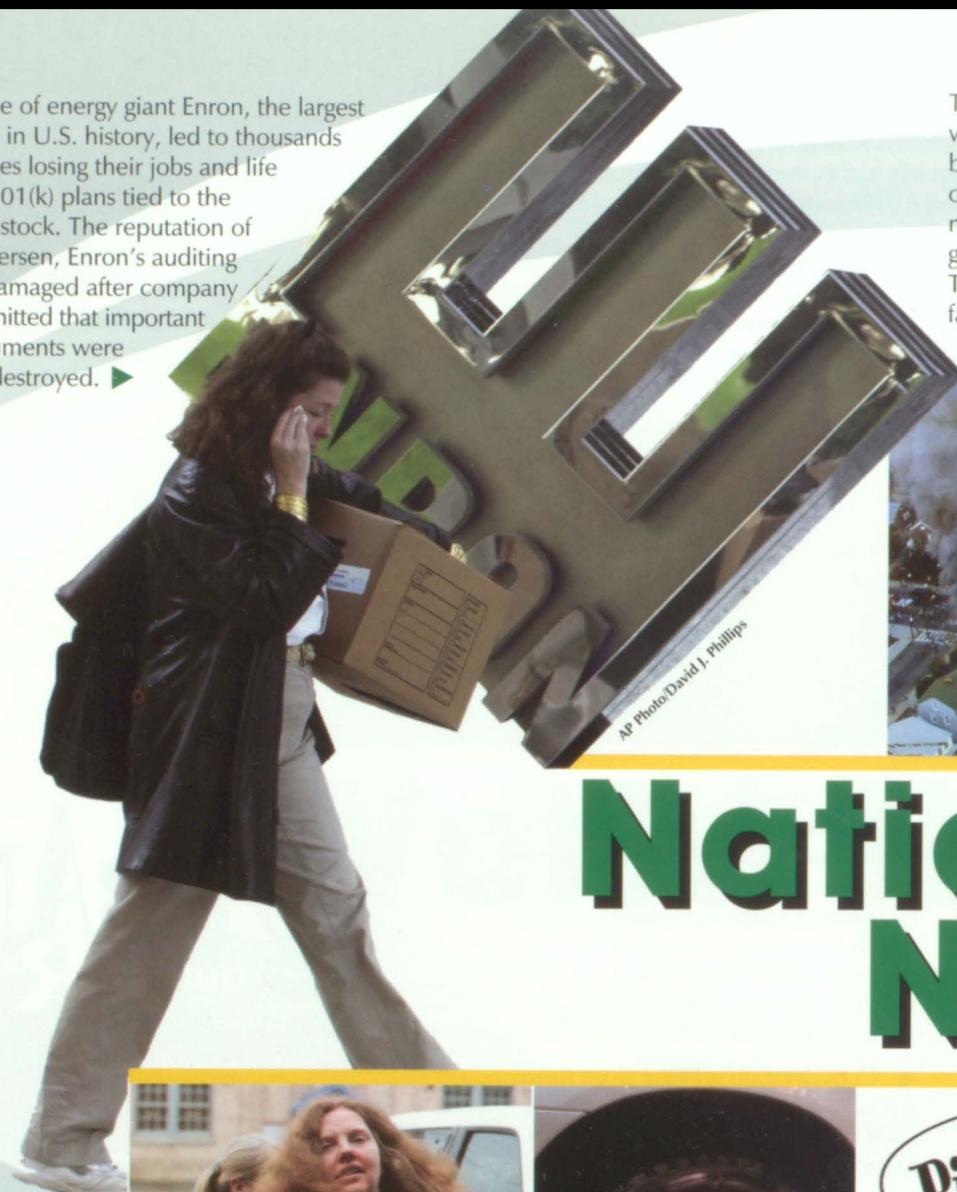
off the wire!

The United Nations convened a special session of the General Assembly to confront the global AIDS crisis in Africa. Leaders pledged money and research in support of a worldwide "war on AIDS."

The life of an Israeli man in need of a heart transplant was saved by an unlikely donor: a Palestinian killed in a dispute with other Israelis. Despite the two groups' violent history, the donor's father said he was willing to save a life, regardless of race or religion.

Britain's farming industry was devastated by an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, a virus affecting cloven-hoofed livestock. Tens of thousands of cows, sheep and pigs were destroyed, bringing the meat industry to a standstill.

The collapse of energy giant Enron, the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history, led to thousands of employees losing their jobs and life savings in 401(k) plans tied to the company's stock. The reputation of Arthur Andersen, Enron's auditing firm, was damaged after company officials admitted that important Enron documents were purposely destroyed. ▶



The flashbacks were unavoidable when American Airlines Flight 587, bound for the Dominican Republic, crashed and burned in a Queens, N.Y. neighborhood, killing all 260 passengers and five people on the ground. The crash was a result of mechanical failure, not terrorism. ▼



National News



▲ Idaho recluse JoAnn McGuckin was arrested and charged with a felony crime of "injury to the children" after police learned she had voluntarily deprived her six children of food, cleanliness and heat. Police attempts to remove the children from their home led to a standoff in which five of the children kept authorities at bay for days with guns and dogs.



▲ The Ford Motor Company recalled 50,000 brand new Explorer SUVs because an assembly line conveyor belt that was too narrow for 2002 models may have cut the tire tread. Ford later announced it would cut 35,000 jobs and close five plants worldwide.



▲ The FBI arrested eight people allegedly involved in a scheme that stole more than \$13 million worth of McDonald's prizes from games like "Monopoly" and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." The criminal ring involved Simon Marketing, Inc., a company responsible for McDonald's game security.

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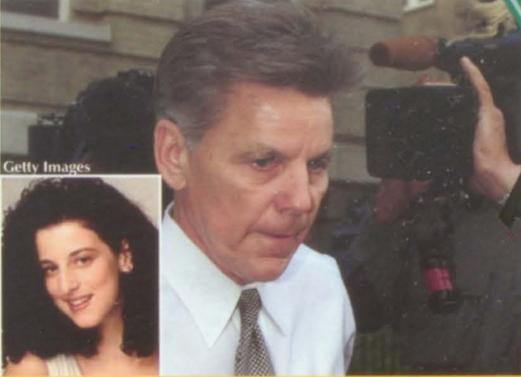
Kansas City, Mo. pharmacist Robert Courtney was charged with diluting chemotherapy drugs. The wealthy pharmacist admitted to tampering with medications in the past to increase profits.

The oldest known pair of Levi's jeans (circa 1880s) was auctioned on eBay and purchased by Levi & Strauss Co. for a record \$46,532, the highest price ever paid for a pair of blue jeans.

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The economic slowdown that began in 2000 spread throughout the economy in 2001. The Sept. 11 attacks shut down major financial markets for several days, and October saw the highest job losses in 21 years, with 415,000 positions cut. In December, the Fed cut interest rates for a record 11th time within the year.



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill



AP Photo/Rick Bowmer



AP Photo/Center for Shark Research at Mote Marine Lab/Heather Sariego

▲ TV Producer Norman Lear purchased a 1776 original copy of the Declaration of Independence for \$8.14 million to take on a show-and-tell tour of American schools. The tour included a Fourth of July star-studded reading of the document in Philadelphia.

▲ U.S. Senator James Jeffords shook the Senate balance by switching from Republican to Democrat. His defection gave the Democrats majority control for the first time since 1995.

▲ Summer news was full of shark attack stories, beginning with the near-fatal attack on 8-year-old Mississippi native Jessie Arbogast, who had his arm surgically reattached after being bitten by a shark off the Florida Gulf Coast.

off the wire!

President Bush awarded 29 Native American "code talkers" with the Gold Congressional Medal of Honor for developing an unbreakable code that contributed to a U.S. victory in World War II.

New York governor George Pataki signed a bill into law banning the use of hand-held cellular phones while driving, making New York the first state to pass such a law.



Michael Smith/Newsmakers

Peer Poll

► Do you think it should be illegal to use cell phones while driving?

YES 30%
NO 70%

I _____ talk on my phone when driving.

(Do or Don't)

(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)

The success of the bluegrass soundtrack to the Cohen Brothers' movie "O Brother Where Art Thou" led to Album of the Year and Single of the Year awards (for "I am a Man of Constant Sorrow") at the 35th Annual Country Music Awards.

Pop artist Fatboy Slim dominated the MTV Video Music Awards, taking six of the 21 awards, including Best Video Direction, for "Weapon of Choice," directed by Spike Jonze.



Fans and colleagues were shocked by the sudden death of 22-year-old singer/actress Aaliyah, who was killed when the small plane carrying the performer and eight others crashed in the Bahamas.

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Country music legend Waylon Jennings, known for defining the "outlaw" movement, died at age 64 after a long battle with diabetes-related health problems. Formerly Buddy Holly's bassist, Jennings recorded 60 albums, had 16 No. 1 country singles, and yes, he was the narrator and theme song vocalist on the TV series "The Dukes of Hazard."

Michael Jackson's 30th Anniversary Celebration, "The Solo Years," at New York City's Madison Square Garden, marked the King of Pop's first U.S. concert in 11 years. Jackson was named Performer of the Century during the 29th Annual American Music Awards.



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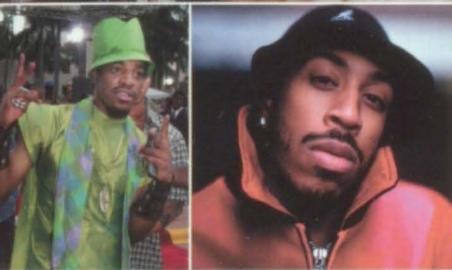
Internet music service Napster is up and running again, but this time as a subscription-based service that will allow Napster to make royalty payments to those musicians whose music is traded.

Teen-pop idols N'Sync posted the second-best debut-week sales numbers in history when they sold nearly 1.9 million copies of their 2001 album "Celebrity." Who holds the best sales record? N'Sync does, with their 2000 album "No Strings Attached," which sold 2.4 million copies.

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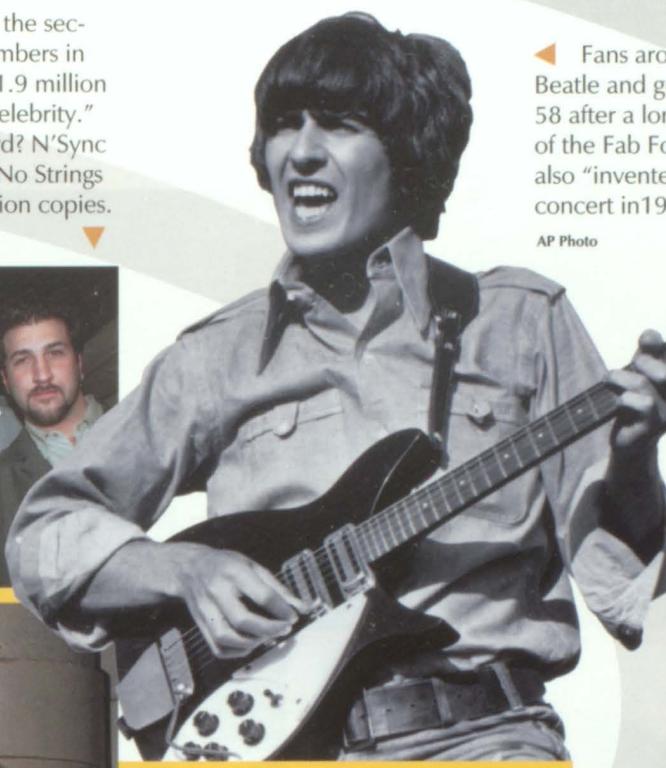


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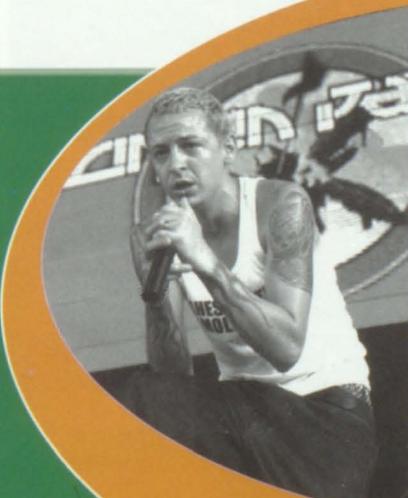
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► Fans around the world mourned the loss of legendary Beatle and guitarist George Harrison, who died at age 58 after a long struggle with cancer. Not only a member of the Fab Four and an acclaimed solo artist, Harrison also "invented" rock philanthropy, fronting the first charity concert in 1971 to help the poor in Bangladesh.

off the wire!

More than 200 rap artists, music executives and lawmakers gathered in New York City for the first Hip-Hop Summit, an event organized by Def Jam Records founder Russell Simmons to clean up rap music's violent image and regulate lyrics.

Singer Joey Ramone, the front man for the Ramones, died at age 49, shortly after being hospitalized for cancer. Ramone is considered one of the the "fathers" of punk rock.



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Peer Poll

What is your favorite new album?

- 1. Linkin Park, "In the End"
- 2. Creed, "Weathered"
- 3. Ja Rule, "Pain is Love"

My favorite album:

(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)

STRANGE but TRUE

This Little Piggy Paints

Ever since Smithfield, a 3-year-old, 150-pound pig, learned to paint (by taking a brush in his mouth and daubing non-toxic paints from various buckets onto a canvas) his work has been in high demand. Some of his pieces have sold for up to \$1,000, all of which has been donated to charity.

Toy Yodas Are Fun to Drive

A Florida waitress sued her employer after winning a contest that offered a Toyota for a prize. Instead of a car, she was blindfolded and presented with a "toy Yoda" doll, as in the wrinkled green creature of "Star Wars" fame.

Give Him a Break

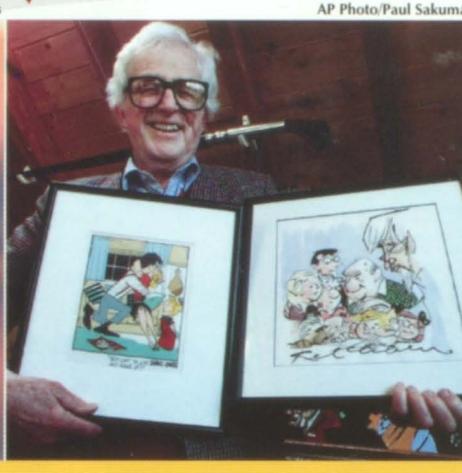
An Australian man, nursing a broken leg, became a millionaire when he picked winning lottery numbers from his hospital identification bracelet.

Rent it Today

In a Canadian crime spree, shoplifters hit several Blockbuster stores, but the only items they took were all 81 copies of the Sean Connery movie "Finding Forrester" and 12 copies of Adam Sandler's "Little Nicky."

Singer/actress Mariah Carey was admitted to a Westchester County, N.Y., hospital after suffering what her publicist called an emotional and physical breakdown.

Rock singer Bono was honored with a special tribute from fellow celebrities at the First Annual "Love Rocks: Celebrating The Biggest Hearts in Entertainment" Hollywood fundraiser. In his two decades as front man for the politically active rock group U2, Bono has promoted and raised money for many causes, including debt relief and AIDS awareness in the Third World.



People

Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy's hamburger chain, died at age 69 of liver cancer. Unable to find a burger he liked in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio, Thomas opened his first Wendy's in 1969. Today there are more than 6,000 Wendy's restaurants.

AP Photo/Chris Kasson



▲ Eric Weihenmayer became the first blind man to scale Mt. Everest's 29,035-foot peak. An avid mountaineer, Weihenmayer had already climbed four of the world's seven tallest peaks before taking on Everest.



Congress awarded its highest civilian honor to "Peanuts" creator Charles Shultz, saying the comic strip characters created by the cartoonist "embodied human potential." Shultz died in 2000, and his widow Jean accepted the award in his place.

AP Photo/Dennis Cook



◀ Actress Angelina Jolie was appointed ambassador for the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees. She will work with U.N. High Commissioner Ruud Lubbers to help bring refugee issues to the attention of young people.

◀ Timothy McVeigh was put to death by lethal injection on June 11, six years after he parked a truck bomb next to an Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 people.

◀ Rhode Island's Brown University inaugurated Ruth J. Simmons as the new president in October. Simmons is the first black woman to lead an Ivy League University.

◀ Cartoon legend Chuck Jones, creator of famous characters like the Road Runner and Bugs Bunny, died of heart failure at the age of 89. Jones won three Academy Awards and a Lifetime Achievement Award, and was the first inductee into the Animation Hall of Fame.

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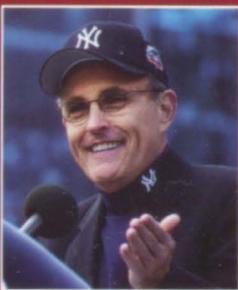
REAL HEROES



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◀ Some of the people America will most remember in 2001 and for years to come are those who risked their lives to save others during and after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

◀ As terrified crowds poured down the stairs and out of the World Trade Center towers, firefighters and police made their way in. Through rubble and darkness, they provided oxygen masks and helped people escape to safety. By nightfall on Sept. 11, the estimate of those missing or killed in the line of duty included more than 300 firefighters and at least 85 police officers.



Alex Wong/Getty Images

Outgoing New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who rallied his city after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and helped nurture its recovery, was named *Time* magazine's 2001 Person of the Year.



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◀ One of the four hijacked planes in the terrorist attack, United Airlines Flight 93, crashed near the woods of Shanksville, Pa. The FBI believes the plane was intended for another strategic target (possibly the White House) and that some of the passengers, including Thomas Burnett and Jeremy Glick, battled with the hijackers in the final moments before the plane crashed. Both Burnett and Glick had phoned family members and spoke of a plan to foil the hijackers. "We are all going to die," Burnett reportedly told his wife minutes before the crash, "but a group of us is going to do something about it."



AP Photo/Michael Dwyer

◀ Thousands of American Red Cross volunteers across the country came to the aid of Sept. 11 attack victims, raising money and collecting blood donations. The Red Cross set up the Liberty Fund which collected approximately \$500 million intended to help victims and the families of those who died or were reported missing after Sept. 11.

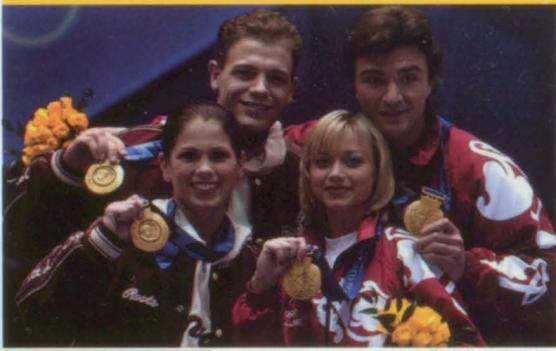
At \$2 billion, the **2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah** were the most expensive winter games ever. But despite beefed-up security and underlying worry over terrorist acts, this year's games, themed **"Light the Fire Within,"** burned strong with patriotism, pride and amazing athletic performances.



AP Photo/Tom Hanson

Snowboarding became an official Olympic sport for the first time this year, and the U.S. swept the competition. Ross Powers, Danny Kass and Jarret Thomas took the gold, silver and bronze in the men's halfpipe (giving the U.S. its first Winter Olympics medals sweep in 46 years). American Kelly Clark also took the gold in the women's halfpipe.

Salt Lake 2002



AP Photo/Amy Sancetta

▲ In a decision that sparked shock and controversy, Russian ice skating pair Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze won the gold over Canadian skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, despite a flawless performance by the Canadian pair. The issue was investigated, leading to the suspension of French figure skating judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne, who was charged with misconduct, and the highly unusual awarding of a second gold medal to Sale and Pelletier. The Russians kept their gold as well.



AP Photo/Douglas C. Pizac

▲ Security measures at the winter games were at an all-time high in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. Visitors were scanned with metal detectors, and all vehicles were detained and searched before entering. Surveillance cameras watched entrances, exits, highways and parking lots, while sensors monitored local food, air and water supplies for chemical and biological toxins.



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

▲ American Derek Parra got the gold and set a new world record in the men's 1500 meter speedskating event, finishing in 1:43.95, more than a second faster than the previous record of 1:45.20, held by South Korea's Lee Kyu-hyuk.

The journey of the Olympic Torch across the country had a special twist this year. A group of 100 specially chosen torchbearers, survivors of Sept. 11 terrorist attack victims, carried the flame through the three areas hit by the attacks (New York City, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania).

Italian Armin Zoeggeler became the first man in 12 years to defeat German Georg Hackl in an Olympic luge competition, with a finish time of 2:57.941. Aiming to make history by winning four straight gold medals at the winter Olympics, Hackl took the silver instead, finishing at 2:58.70.

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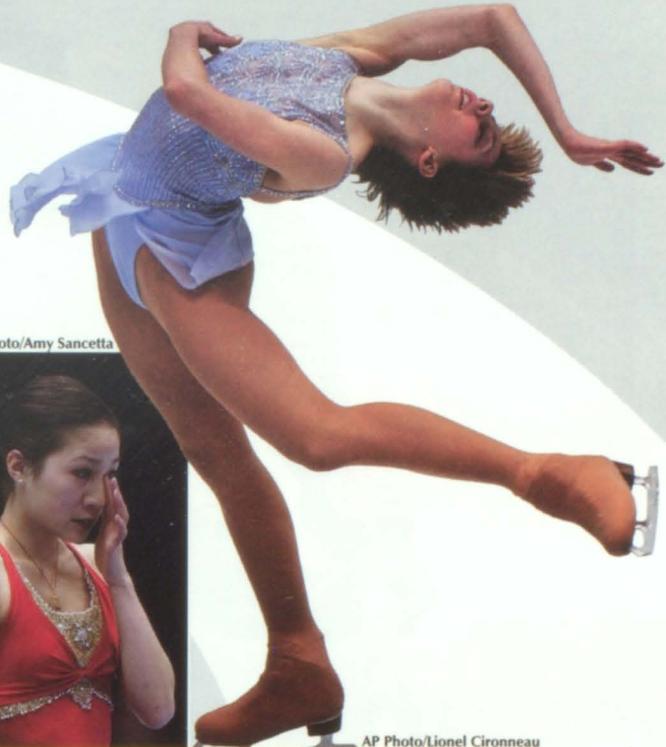
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As the American national anthem played, an honor guard including U.S. athletes, firefighters and police officers carried the tattered U.S. flag found at New York City's Ground Zero into the Olympic opening ceremony. The flag was named the official U.S. flag for the winter games.

The Germans rocked the biathlon, earning nine of their 35 total medals by medaling in every event, taking the gold in the women's 15 km individual, women's 4x7.5 km relay and women's 7.5 km sprint.

The U.S. bobsled team of Jill Bakken and Vonetta Flowers won the inaugural women's Olympic bobsled race with a two-run time of 1:37.76. Flowers became the first African American athlete to ever win a gold medal at the Winter Olympics.

Jim Shea captured the gold for the U.S. in the men's skeleton with a time of 1:41.96, and made his family the first to produce three generations of American Olympians. Shea's grandfather, Jack, won two speed skating golds at the 1932 Lake Placid Games and Shea's father, James, competed in three nordic events at the 1964 Innsbruck Games.

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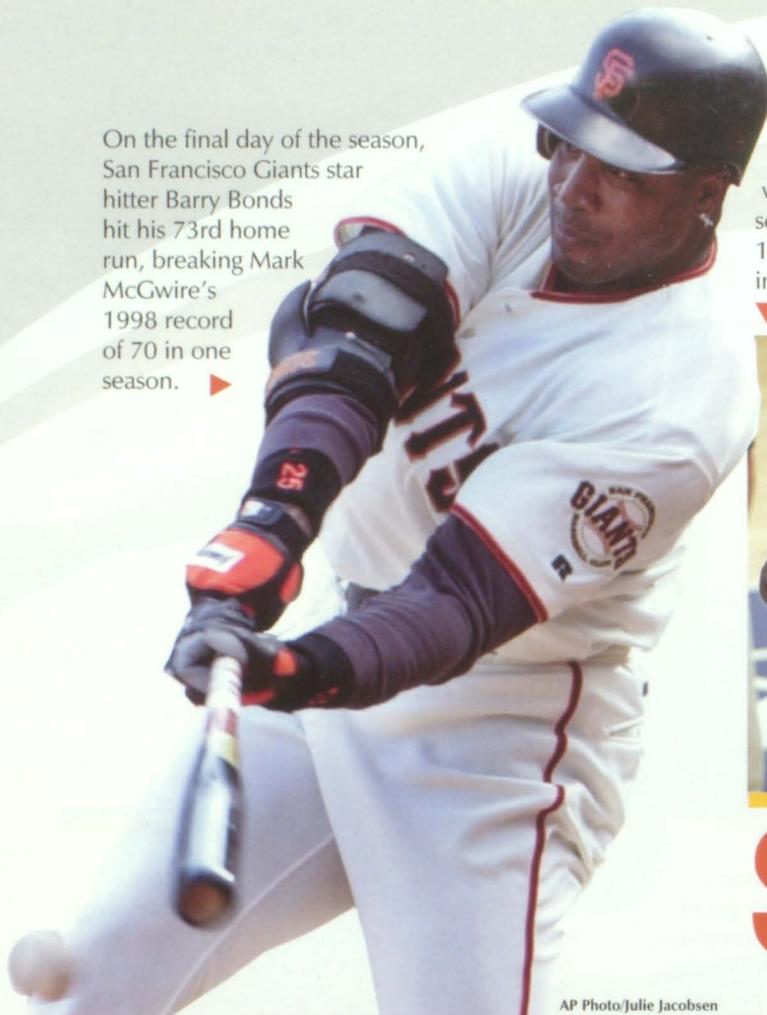
In a surprise victory, U.S. figure skater Sarah Hughes outdid Olympic gold medal favorite Michelle Kwan in the ladies' free skate. The 16-year-old performed the most difficult program with seven triple jumps (five in combination) and did it flawlessly, taking the gold in one of the biggest upsets in Olympic figure skating history.

MEDAL COUNT

Top Five Countries

	Germany	United States	Norway	Canada	Austria
Gold	12	10	11	6	2
Silver	16	13	7	3	4
Bronze	7	11	6	8	10
Total	35	34	24	17	16

On the final day of the season, San Francisco Giants star hitter Barry Bonds hit his 73rd home run, breaking Mark McGwire's 1998 record of 70 in one season. ►



AP Photo/Julie Jacobsen

As a backup kicker for Alabama's Jacksonville State University, 20-year-old

Ashley Martin kicked her way into college football history as the first woman to play, and score, in an NCAA

Division 1 game. ►



AP Photo/Dave Martin



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▲ Little League Baseball officials ordered the Bronx all-star team to forfeit all wins after it was discovered the squad's star pitcher, Danny Almonte, was 14, two years beyond the Little League age limit. Almonte's birth information had been falsified by his father.

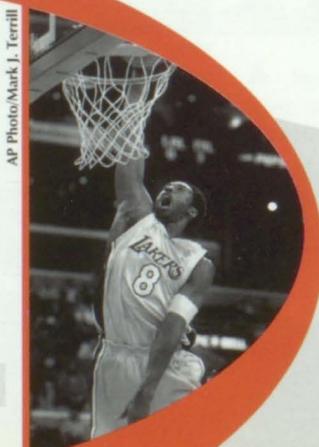
▲ The football community mourned the sudden death of Minnesota Vikings' lineman Korey Stringer, who died from heatstroke during an intense practice at the team's training facility. His death caused coaches and athletes everywhere to consider the dangers of heat exhaustion and harsh practice sessions.

Peer Poll

Who was the year's most noteworthy sports figure?

1. Michael Jordan
2. Barry Bonds
3. Kobe Bryant ►

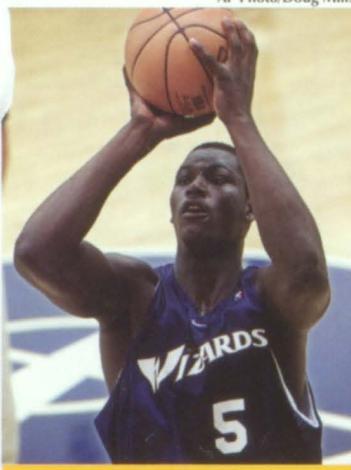
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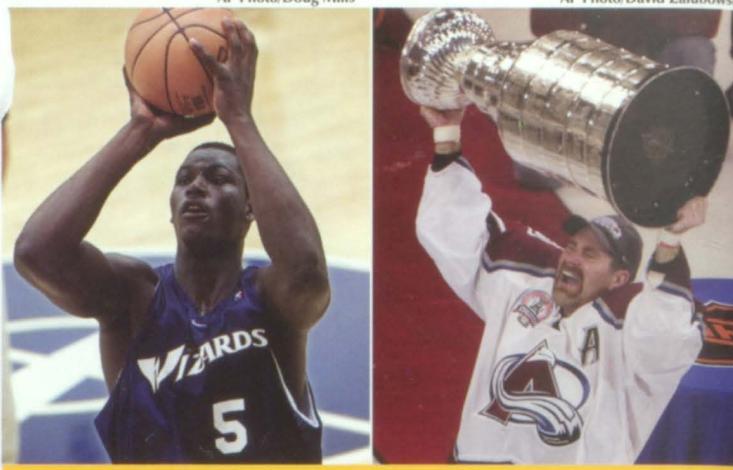
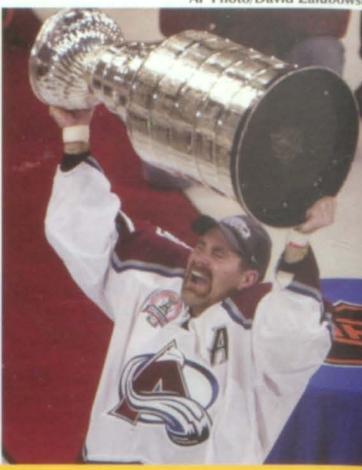
(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)

For the first time, the No. 1 choice of the NBA draft was picked while still a high school senior. Kwame Brown, 19, was drafted by the Washington Wizards. ▼

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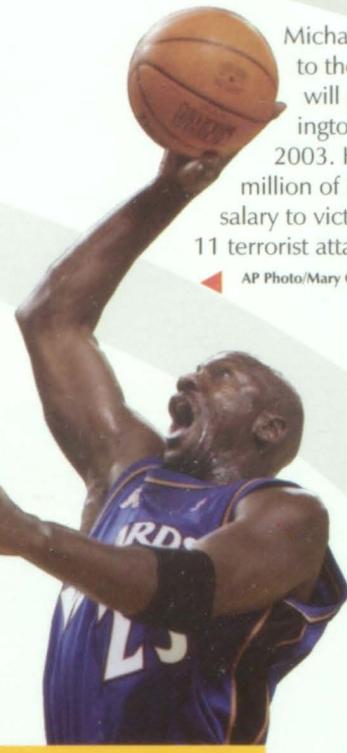
The U.S. Open women's final saw the first pairing of sisters (Venus and Serena Williams) since 1983, and the first all African-American final. Venus defended her title by beating Serena, 6-2, 6-4.

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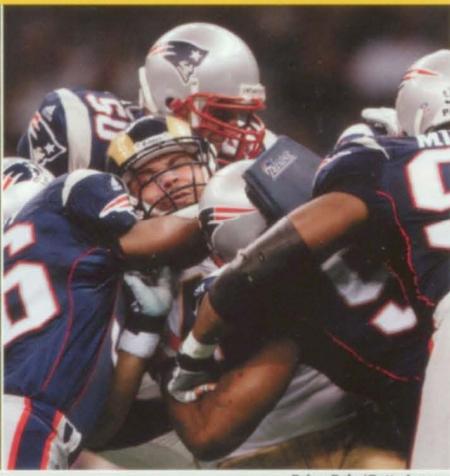
Michael Jordan returned to the NBA, where he will play for the Washington Wizards through 2003. He pledged \$1 million of his first year's salary to victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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AP Photo/John Bazemore

▲ Thanks to an RBI single by Luis Gonzalez at the bottom of the ninth during game seven of the World Series, the Arizona Diamondbacks won their first championship, beating the New York Yankees, 3-2.



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▲ Football fans watched a close Super Bowl XXXVI game when the "underdog" New England Patriots beat the St. Louis Rams, 20-17, with a last second, 48-yard field goal. The win was the Patriots' first after three trips to the NFL title game.

HOT

off the wire!

After 16 seasons and 583 home runs, super-sluggers Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals announced his retirement from baseball.

Despite their defeat at the hands of Colorado, the Nebraska Cornhuskers were the controversial choice to play the Miami Hurricanes for the national championship in college football's 2002 Rose Bowl. Miami beat Nebraska, 37-14.

"Iron Man" Cal Ripken announced his retirement at the end of the 2001 baseball season. The 20-year Baltimore Orioles veteran is one of seven baseball players with more than 400 homers and 3,000 hits.

STRANGE but TRUE

Midnight Snack

An Albuquerque policeman and his pilot faced disciplinary measures after using a police helicopter to land next to a Krispy Kreme doughnut store, where they ran in, grabbed a dozen, and took off again.

Lobster Spared

A head chef in London's elite Mayfair district spared the life of Barney, a giant lobster thought to be one of the largest lobsters caught in Europe. The chef said he could not bring himself to sacrifice such a beautiful lobster, and Barney was escorted back into the ocean by a diver from a local aquarium.

Duck, Duck...Cop

When a family of ducklings fell through a Vancouver sewer grate, their mother waddled over and persistently grabbed the leg of a nearby policeman until he followed her to the sewer. The babies were discovered and lifted to safety in a vegetable strainer.

Saved by the Phone

Britain's Royal Air Force saved the life of a missing climber trapped on a remote Welsh hillside by sending him a text message on his mobile phone. The injured climber picked up the message, and directed a rescue helicopter toward him.



Dreamworks Pictures' animated "Shrek" and Disney/Pixar's "Monsters, Inc." were hits with humor appealing to kids and adults alike. Both films were nominees for the new Academy Award category of Best Animated Feature Film.

Dreamworks Pictures

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Entertainment



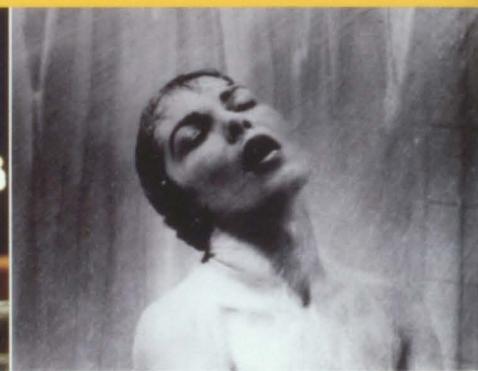
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▲ NBC's "The West Wing" won best drama series of the year and swept the 53rd Annual Prime Time Emmy Awards for the second year in a row with eight Emmys. The Emmy Awards were postponed twice because of the Sept. 11 attacks.



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▲ Ethan Zohn, a 27-year-old New Yorker, took the \$1 million prize in the third season of reality TV series "Survivor." This year's challenge took place in Africa.



AP Photo/HO

Peer Poll

Do you watch reality-based TV shows like "Survivor?"

- a. Always. Tina Wesson won "Survivor 2." 10%
- b. Once in a while 62.5%
- c. Nope. What is "Survivor?" 27.5%

My favorite TV show:



(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)

HOT

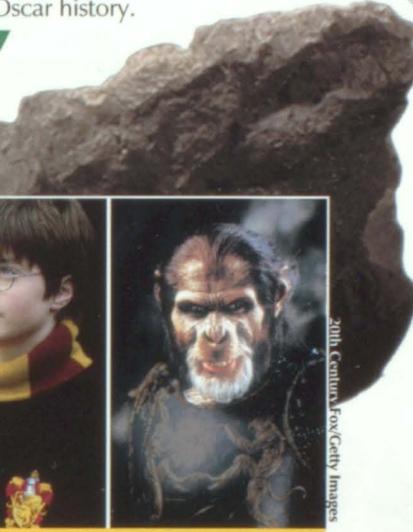
The popular teen drama "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" switched from the WB television network to rival network UPN, making television history as the first time a hit series jumped networks solely over economic issues.

Famed for his role as the sardonic Archie Bunker on "All in the Family," actor Carol O'Connor died of a heart attack at age 76.

Mel Brooks' Broadway musical "The Producers" took home a record 12 Tony awards in 2001, beating the record of 10 set in 1964 by "Hello, Dolly."

Oscar-winning actor Jack Lemmon, most well-known for his roles in the 1968 "The Odd Couple" movie and the "Grumpy Old Men" movies, died at age 76.

Eagerly-awaited films based on old (and not so old) favorites included "Planet of the Apes," "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" and "Lord of the Rings." After opening weekends, "Potter" grossed the most with a record \$93.5 million, and "Lord of the Rings" was nominated for 13 Academy Awards, the second highest in Oscar history.



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The 1960 Alfred Hitchcock film "Psycho" topped the American Film Institute's list of the 100 most thrilling American Movies. "Jaws" and "The Exorcist" took second and third place.



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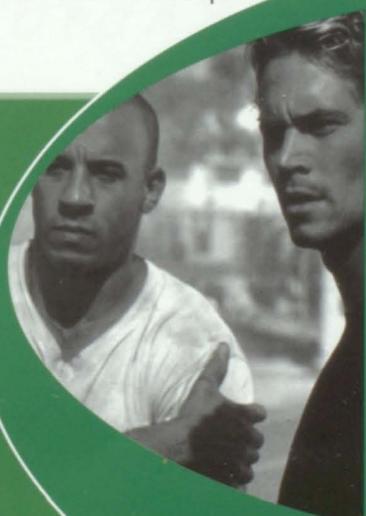
Director Ron Howard's "A Beautiful Mind," won best drama, best actor (Russell Crowe), best supporting actress (Jennifer Connelly), and best screenplay at the 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards, and was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including Best Film of the Year.

More than 30 television networks along with 8,000 radio stations and Internet sites across the country simultaneously broadcast the live special "America: A Tribute to Heroes." The show was a two-hour, star-studded telethon that raised more than \$150 million for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

off the wire!

The fashion magazine "Mademoiselle," first published in 1935, went out of business, citing financial problems which were made worse by the Sept. 11 attacks.

Fans bid farewell to the Emmy-winning sci-fi series "The X-Files," which ended its nine-season run on Fox television network.



Universal Studios/Getty Images

Peer Poll

What was your favorite movie this year?

- 1. **The Fast and the Furious**
- 2. **Lord of the Rings**
- 3. **Pearl Harbor**

My favorite movie:

(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)

U.S. multimillionaire Dennis Tito became history's first space tourist when he paid \$20 million to travel with two Russian cosmonauts to the International Space Station. ▼

AP Photo/Mikhail Metzel

Advanced Cell Technology President and CEO Michael West announced the company was the first in the U.S. to successfully clone a human embryo for the purpose of mining stem cells. Throughout the year, the controversy over the ethics of stem cell usage, a process which may help scientists treat serious diseases, has grown because the cells are taken from human embryos, causing the embryo to be destroyed. ▼

The AbioCor artificial heart was named *Time* magazine's Invention of the Year. 59-year-old Robert Tools received the first fully implanted artificial heart in July. ▶

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Science and Technology



XM Satellite Radio

Inventor Dean Kamen unveiled the Segway HT, the first self-balancing, battery-powered human transporter. The device, which travels at a top speed of 12 miles per hour, uses gyroscopes to keep it upright. Direction is controlled by the rider's shifting weight. ▶

XM Satellite Radio hit the nation's airwaves in September. XM offers 100 channels of music and talk, with limited advertising on the various channels. Programming is broadcast to satellites in space, which send it to radio receivers. ▶

University of Connecticut Professor Jerry Yang, who cloned the first mammal in the U.S. (Amy, the calf) cloned a new animal – a cat that will not cause allergic reactions in humans.

AP Photo/John Gaps III

NASA's Mars Odyssey was the first spacecraft to successfully reach Mars since two spacecraft were lost in 1999. The \$300 million, 1.7-ton ship was designed to search for water, map surface minerals and measure radiation levels on Mars, possibly providing clues about extraterrestrial life.

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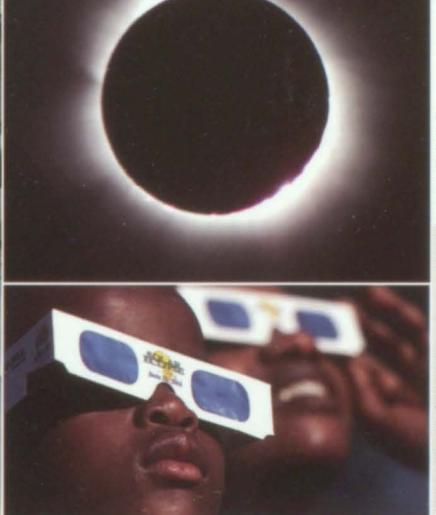
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▲ The first total solar eclipse of the millennium created a spectacle of darks and lights over central Africa, where crowds of astronomers and onlookers assembled to watch the event.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Gleevec, a breakthrough cancer-fighting drug which, unlike traditional cancer therapies, attacks only cancer cells without also harming healthy cells.

Cyborgs, creatures that are half machine and half animal, are no longer science fiction. Researchers in Chicago fused the brain of a lamprey eel with a small robot. The eel's brain finds light, then directs the robot's wheels to move toward it.

Paleontologists found the oldest-known dinosaur fossils in Brazil. The fossils date back to the Triassic period (approximately 210 million years ago), when dinosaurs were first developing, and may provide clues about how they evolved.



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STRANGE but TRUE

Tip of a Lifetime

Waitress and struggling single mother of two Colleen Gallagher was given an \$11,000 tip by John Boc, chief executive of Meridian Investments, Inc. at Chicago's Excalibur Club where she worked.

Whiz Kid

California high school senior Trevor Loflin scored a perfect 1600 on his SAT despite the handicap of having lived the past three years with his mother and sisters in the back of their Chevy Suburban.

Homer's Odyssey

The Oxford English Dictionary, which traces the coining of words, has credited cartoon dad Homer Simpson with popularizing, if not inventing, his trademark "d'oh," which the OED defines as "expressing frustration at the realization things have turned out badly or that one has said or done something foolish."

Strange Brew

NASA announced plans to send unmanned solar-powered aircraft over Hawaiian coffee plantations to monitor the optimum times for growers to pick beans for the most flavorful brew.

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Nice and Trim
Coats and long cardigan sweaters with loads of fluffy trim kept bodies feeling warm and looking cool. ▶



Jennifer Graylock/Fashion Wire Daily

Everyone's Talking
People really got into text messaging, a service that allows cell phone users to send and receive short text messages on their phone screens.



AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Run to the Bank
Athletic shoes, such as Nike's Air Kukini and Shox R4, got pretty funky (and pretty expensive) with prices ranging from \$90 to \$150.



Nike

Bedhead
Popularized by stars like Halle Berry, a cool look for locks on both girls and guys was the textured "short & messy" do, making hair pomade a "must have" accessory.



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Purple Passion
Purple was the shade for fall; not in clothes or makeup, but in ketchup. Heinz released its latest EZ Squirt ketchup – Funky Purple – just in case you were bored with Blastin' Green or plain, old-fashioned red. ▶



Heinz



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All-American

In a patriotic response to America's war on terrorism, people across the country made the American flag one of the year's most popular symbols. From T-shirts to postage stamps, Old Glory dominated yards, cars and bodies everywhere. ▶

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Trends

Body Crystals

From small abstract designs to full body coverage, tiny adhesive body crystals were a favorite.



Fashion Wire Daily



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We've Come A Long Way

The newest video game system, Microsoft's Xbox, was released in time for the holidays, competing with the Nintendo GameCube, and of course, Sony's PlayStation and PlayStation 2. Of all the systems, Xbox is the only one with a built-in hard drive and plug for high-speed Internet access.

An Apple A Day...

Apple Computer spun out some sleek new items that turned heads, like the new iMac (the fastest ever, with CD and DVD burning capabilities), and the iPod MP3 player, the first to bundle a 1,000 song capacity and 10-hour battery into a pocket-sized pack.



Apple Computer, Inc.

Peer Poll

Where do you most like to shop for clothes?

1. American Eagle Outfitters
2. Old Navy
3. Abercrombie & Fitch

My favorite fashion trend:



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(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)

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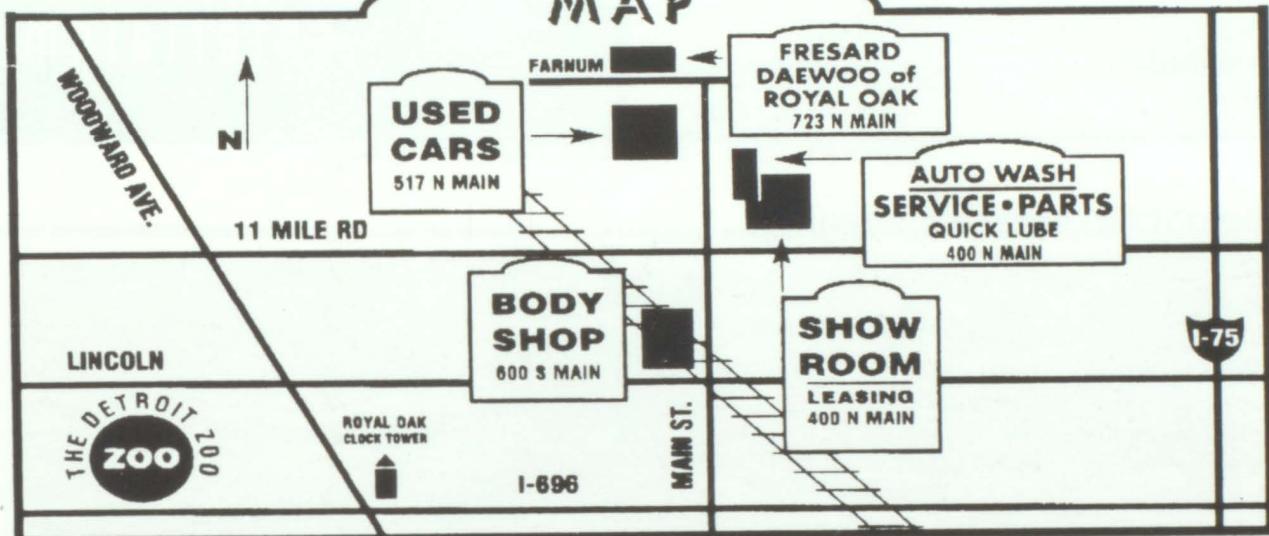


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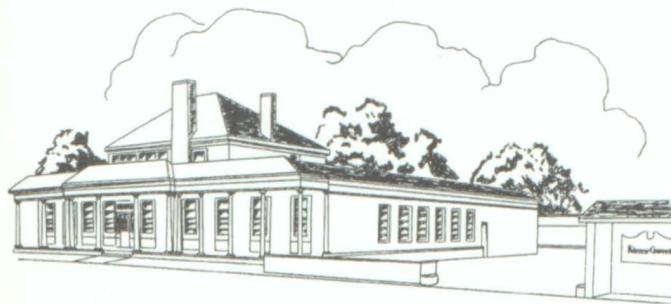
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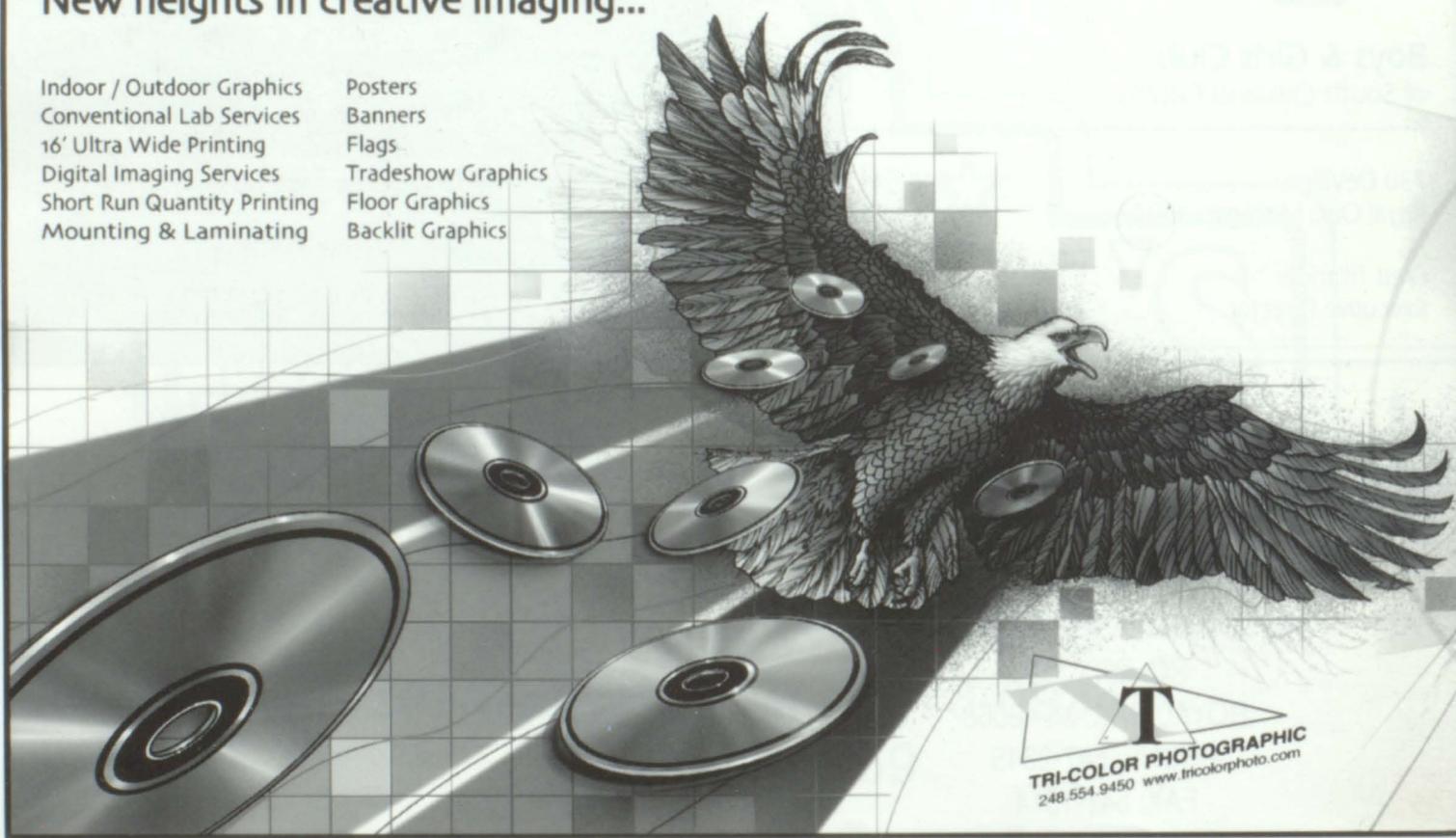
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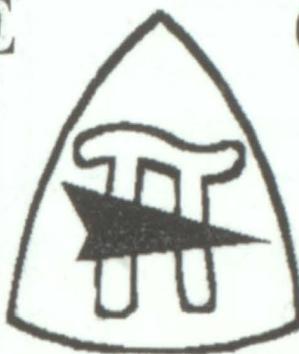
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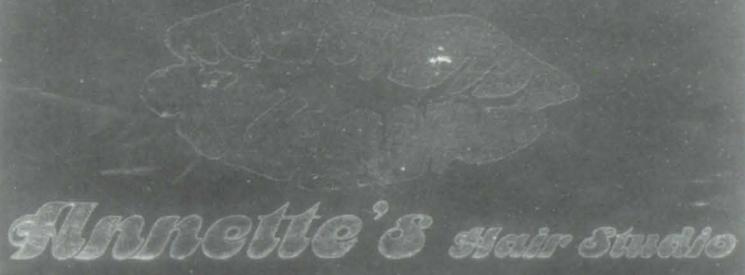
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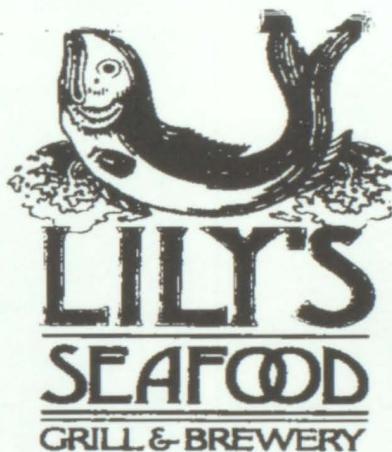
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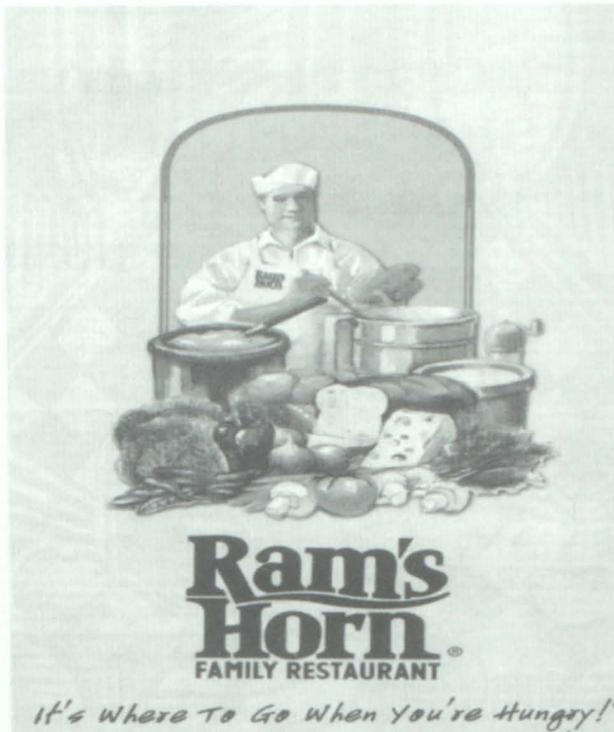
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James' affable nature, his thoughtful thoughts in verse
and his smile at all hours of the day.

Ryan's unflagging zest, his inquisitive spirit, his grand entrances,
and that tennis story headline that gave me great pause.

Rebecca's kindness, perpetual good cheer, bagel sales spirit
and her engaging stories amidst great chaos.

Jamie's dependability, his calmness in turbulent brainstorming seas
and his charming sing-a-longs behind closed doors.

Kristin's larger than life personality, her fierce independence, her courage,
and her stuff in the office (even though it wasn't supposed to be).

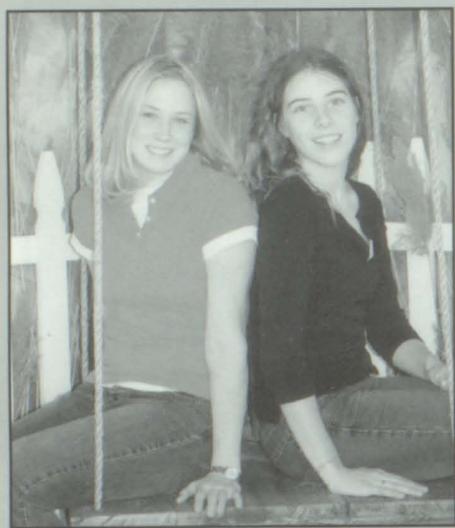
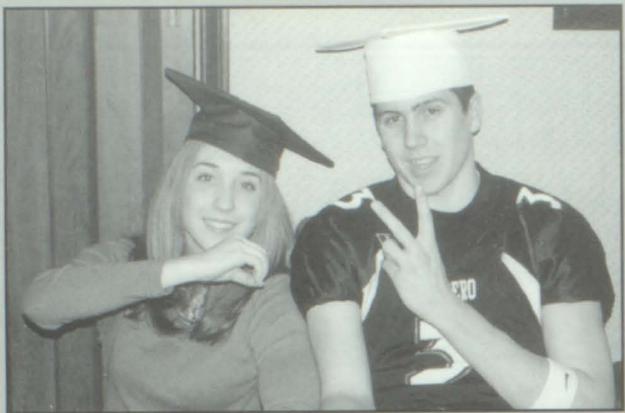
Chelsea's wisdom, her willingness to search, her words (a
marriage of poetry and prose), and the fact that she put
up the mirror for all of us with grace and a gentle, eloquent voice.

Julee's creativity and diligence, her swiftness, her swivel and glare from
the big chair while wearing her even BIGGER boots,
and her tender refrain of one word: "Maudcanyoucomeheeeeere???"

Katie's candor and snappy wit, her soundness and strength, her compassion,
her liberal politics, her faith in people, the fact that she often knew
my thoughts before I ventured them aloud, and her ability to fill
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TO APPRECIATE BEAUTY;

TO FIND THE BEST IN OTHERS;

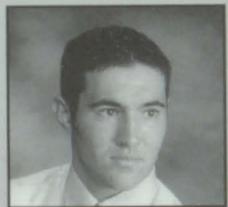
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SOCIAL CONDITION;

TO KNOW EVEN ONE LIFE HAS BREATHED EASIER
BECAUSE YOU HAVE LIVED;

THIS IS SUCCESS.

~ STREETER





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BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE."
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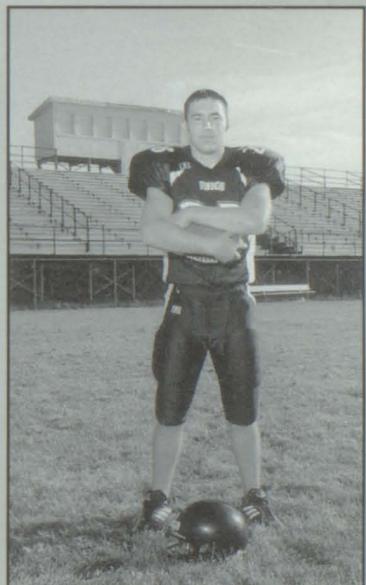
JOSEPH,
WHEN YOU WERE BORN WE SAID,
"SON, BEHOLD THE WORLD."

AND NOW AS YOU GO THROUGH THESE
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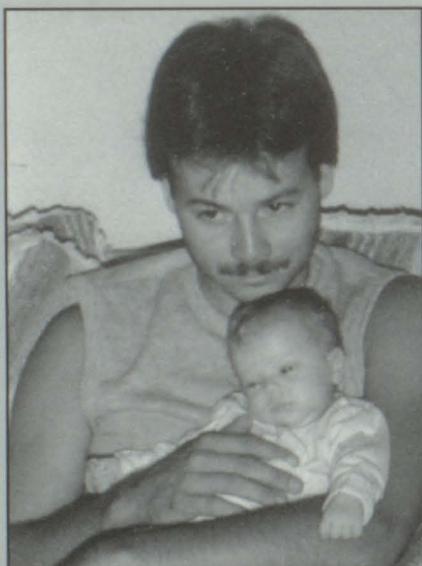
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LAUGHING.

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JOURNEY INTO ADULTHOOD,
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AMBER



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DAD



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LOVE ALWAYS,
MOM AND DAD





Rebecca Kipp

Look how far you've come,
from sailor caps to cap and
gown. Way to go.
Good luck, Becky.
All our Love,
Mom and Dad

Edward Platt

If you believe it, you can be
it. Eddie, we believe in
you. Follow your dreams.
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Love,
Mom and Dad



Paul Baker

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think big, work hard, and
have a dream." And you
have. Well done, son. We
are very happy and proud of
you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Megan Kimmerle

You've brought so much
joy into our lives! You
light up our hearts. We're
so proud of you. You're a
great daughter and sister.
Reach for the stars in all
you do!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Amy



Sara Thomas

You've always made us very
proud, achieving goals you
had set for yourself and
selflessly helping others
whenever they needed it. No
one could ask for a better
daughter and sister.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Rob, Kristin and
James

Joshua Belvedere

What are we going to do
with no sports to run to?
You have been a great
source of pride and joy.
Embrace your future.
Love,
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and Grandpa



Joy Schultz

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Anne Petrimoult

Our arm-hang queen, your
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and clowning jokester, you've
grown to be intelligent and
determined, as sensitive as you
are strong-willed. Believe in
yourself and in your own
strength. Remember, "What lies
behind us and what lies before
us are tiny matter compared to
what lies within."





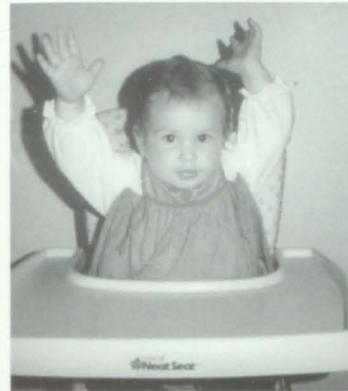
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Alexis Nemeth

You're a special, talented lady. Determination will help you realize your dreams. I believe in you and know you will accomplish much. The world is a better place because you're in it.

Love you bunches,
Mom



Julie Budnick

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Love,
Mom and Dad



Jaclynn Pagett

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Mom and Dad



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Jeff, Paul & Gary



Timothy Testerman

From day one you've brought great joy to our lives. Through the years you've made us proud. Today we're filled with joy and pride at the young man you've become. Congratulations!
Love,
Mom and Dad



Matthew Ptaszynski

Be true to God and yourself. Don't forget to give back to the world all that you have been given. Always remember how much you are loved. Wishing you every happiness,
Mom and Dad



Chelsea Feldman

How proud we are of you!
You've grown into such a
beautiful young woman,
shining light everywhere with
your smile. Your enthusiasm
for fun will ensure you a
lifetime of happiness. Now it's
time to take that enthusiasm and
that smile and show the world
your magic!

We love you very much,
Chelsea.

Mom, Courtney and Hannah



Joseph Scott

We are so proud of you. We
know you will do great in
college and in life as well.

You'll always be our
"SUPER" son!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Corey Vanderhoff

From your first day of
school
to your last day of school,
we are very proud of you.

Congratulations
Love,
Mom and Dad



Glen Linson

We are so proud of you!
Time goes so fast; suddenly
you're a young man ready
to face the world. Follow
your dreams; we are behind
you all the way!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Corissa



Molly Angus

It's been an interesting
journey for your dad and I
watching you grow into the
wonderful, loving person
you've become. You made
us both proud. We love you
very much.



Bryan Beebe

Boo Bear - You have grown
from a shy little boy into a
fine young man. You make
us very proud. Always
believe in yourself as we
believe in you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Melissa



Dennis Warren

Congratulations! No one is
more proud of you than I
am. May all your dreams
come true.

I love you,
Mom



Melissa Garland

Missy, remember to always
follow your dreams. Don't
forget you will always be
my baby girl. I couldn't be
prouder of the beautiful
woman you have become.

Love you always,
Mom



Steven Anderson

The bond we shared growing up together will never be broken. We are so proud of you!
We love you, man!
Renee and Buddy

Jennifer Edginton

You have given us so much happiness. Keep smiling.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Jennifer Berger

You will always be our little girl. We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Becky Dear

Congratulations!



Bradley Ather

We're so proud! That great smile, a twinkle in your eyes, and time to listen to a friend. May the most you wish for be the least you get.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Katelyn and Alexis

Brandon Somers

Congratulations, "Branmuffin." You finally made it! We are very proud of you.
Love,
Your family



Chelsea Adams

You light up a room with your wit and your passion and give a voice to your convictions with the power of your pen. I do know how hard you've worked and am so proud. I love you baby girl- always, always, always. Keep your life as interesting as your socks, and know your mom's here for you; there's always a way.

David Benvenuto

Teddy Bear, you've always been a screaming joy to us. This ride on the autobahn in 1986 won't be your last, and we hope the rest of your trip down the road of life is a success. Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Chris





Lindsay Cooper

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. You are a beautiful person inside and out. Reach for your dreams and be happy.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Carly



Andrea Kendziorski

Congratulations, Bugs. We always knew your blood ran green...GO SPARTANS! Onward to '06. You make us very proud.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Julia



Joseph Koehler

Never lose sight of your dreams, and you will be successful in life. I hope you know how proud of you I am and how much I love you.

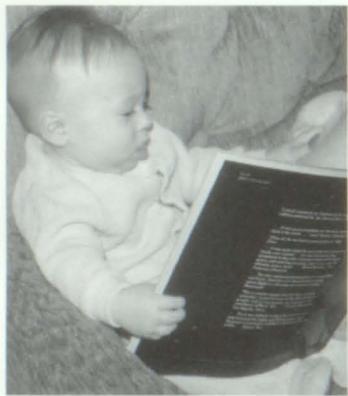
Your big sis,
Kim



Amber Gossett

We are so proud of you. Remember to always follow your dreams, and we will always support you in anything you do.

We love you, Tootie.
Dad, Mom and Steven



William Luketich

Our pride
and joy.



Erica Scheid

From this to a mature young woman. We're very proud of you and all your accomplishments, Erica.

We love you very much.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Jeff, Joe and
Andy



Amanda Herrick

You have what it takes; use it to the fullest. You are strong and wise. We are very proud of you, and we love you dearly. Keep smiling and dancing.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jenny



Courtney Park

You are a very special young lady. We are so proud of you. Always believe in yourself and all your dreams will come true.

Love you,
Mom, Jenni, Katie and
Devon



James Martin

I thank God everyday for giving me a son like you. I am so very proud of you and the young man you have turned into!

I love you,
Mom



Joshua Huebner

We are proud of all of your accomplishments.

Always run the good race. Be a compassionate teacher and make history come alive for your students.

Keep on running!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jennifer and Jordan



Rachel Nievelt

Since you were tiny you've been my delight. Of all our memories I will most treasure our talks and the open heart you brought to them.

Remember Eph 3:14-21
All my love,
Mom



Christopher Wildbur

Believe that getting all you want in life will be as easy as picking up stones on the beach, and nothing will ever stop you.

I am so very proud of you!
Love,
Mom



Kristin Van Putten

We are proud of the young woman you've become, full of compassion for music and attainable dreams to teach.

We believe in you and always know you can do anything you attempt.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Rob, Sara and James



David Shepler

"What will she look like?"

"Will she be pretty?"

"Will she like hockey?"



Chelsea Neri

With every step you took, we would say, "This is our favorite time, our favorite stage." But this is, by far, our proudest moment. We love you and wish you all the world has to offer.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Sara Fenwick

We are very proud of all you are and all you will become.

We wish you the joy and happiness in life that you have brought to us. May all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Amy and Zubzie



Elizabeth Hanson

To our Baby Boo,
your endless beauty and smiles
will always make our hearts
dance with joy.
There is nothing that you can't
do or accomplish in life.
We love you SO much.
Love,
Mama, Dan, Sara, Zach and
Marco

Danielle Fisher

We're proud of the person
you've been,
we love the person you are,
and we're excited about the
person you're becoming!

Love,

Mom, Cathy and Jason



Ryan Vance

Congratulations to you,
Ryan!
We're very proud of all you
have accomplished.
You're truly one of a kind.
We love you very much.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Michelle Hurd

Congratulations on all
you have accomplished in
high school, Michelle.
We are looking forward to
whatever the future holds
for you.

We love you and are very
proud of you.

Mom, Dad and Mike



Alexandra Kerrigan

Well done, Alex! Remember,
do the things that bring
happiness, not momentary
pleasure. Respect life,
yourself, and especially your
planet. Take the lessons
you've learned with you and
cherish the memories.
Love you lots,
Mom

Jayna Estopellan

Jayna,

Thank you for being my
daughter.

Love,

Dad



Julie Patra

Dear Julee,
"Claus bring your diploma!"
Seriously, great job and
congratulations.
Love and pride,
Mom, Dad and Steve



Thomas Spalding

So quickly you grew from
cute little babe to handsome
young man.
May all the doors open before
you to the challenges of the
future.

Congratulations!

Love,
Mom



Rebecca Costigan

Our beautiful young angel.
Your mom and dad are so
proud of you.
We wish you much happiness
in your life.
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Scott and Nicholas



Rachel Bonar

We love you, we're proud of
you, and we wish you lots
of success.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Abby, Jonathan
and Elijah



Jessica Olinski

We looked at this precious
face when you were a
toddler and wondered,
"Will she be bright, kind,
caring, fun-loving and
successful?" You are all
those and much more.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Kevin, Kristen
and Scott



Andrea Champagne

Congratulations, Andrea!
Thank you for adding such
joy and love to our lives.
You've kept us busy living
life to its fullest and
enjoying every moment of
it.

GBAWOYT
Love,
Mom, Dad, Josh and Rachel



Jennifer Quinn

Keep smiling,
you're going places.

We love you,
Dad and Pam



Jennifer Quinn

I am very proud of the
person you have become,
and I know I will be equally
proud of the adult you are
about to become.
All my love and respect,
Mom

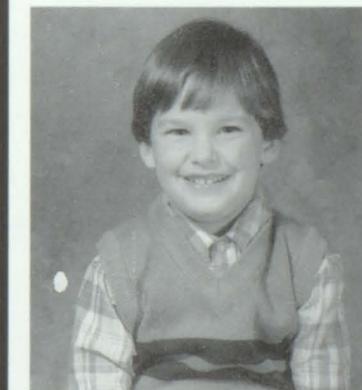


Amanda Docter

We've got high hopes for
your future.

We love you.

Mom, Gabriel, Tom and
baby Gabe



John Donnelly

Congratulations, Happy
Jack, on all of your hard
work. We are very proud of
you!
Love, Dad and Mike



My dear Sara,

How lucky can one mother be? Not only are you beautiful, intelligent, capable, fun, witty, charming and spirited, you are caring, sensitive, thoughtful, kind and generous.

Every single stage of your life has been a learning experience and an absolute ball. We've emerged from even the rocky, emotional moments laughing and loving each other.

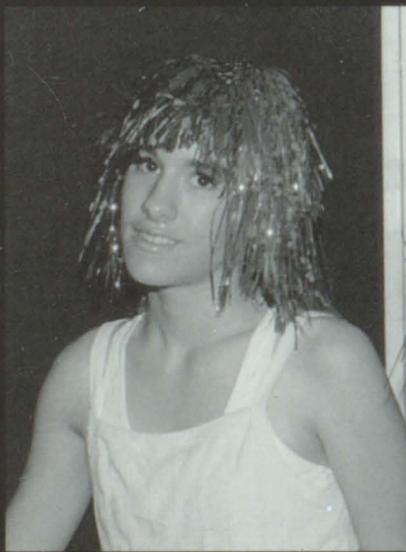
I eagerly await the rest of your life even as I want to freeze each moment and truly make time stand still.

I can't wait to witness your many accomplishments and stand happily on the sidelines and applaud your numerous successes. I promise to be right there for you, too, for those unfortunately unavoidable moments.

Please remember that I love you beyond words and will always, always be available, willing, and anxious to help and support you.

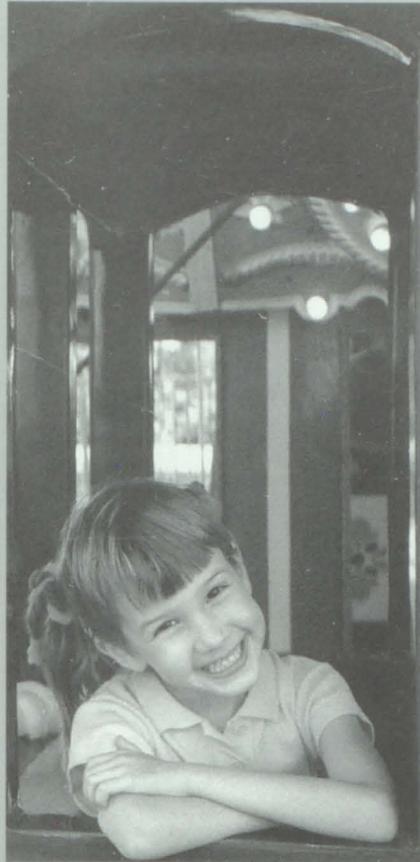
Your greatest fan,

Mom



"Sara Brown"





"Mary Casey"

OOGA-BOOGA

HAPPY EYES WITH A BEAUTIFUL
SMILE,
SERIOUS THOUGHTS AND A
GOOFBALL ATTITUDE,
ALWAYS GENEROUS, KIND AND
CARING--
THAT'S OUR MARY COLLEEN.
WE LOVE YOU,
MOM AND DAD



"Megan Sulinski"

MEGAN,
JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW
HOW VERY PROUD WE ARE OF
YOU.
FOR BEING SELF-MOTIVATED IN
SCHOOL.
FOR ALWAYS GIVING 100% ON THE
SOCCER FIELD.
FOR BEING INSTRUMENTAL IN
MAKING ANYTHING POSSIBLE
HAPPEN.
AND MOST OF ALL, FOR BEING A
TEAM PLAYER.
YOU'RE A SHINING STAR IN OUR
HEARTS.
WE LOVE YOU,
MOM, DEREK AND NICOLE

HEATHER

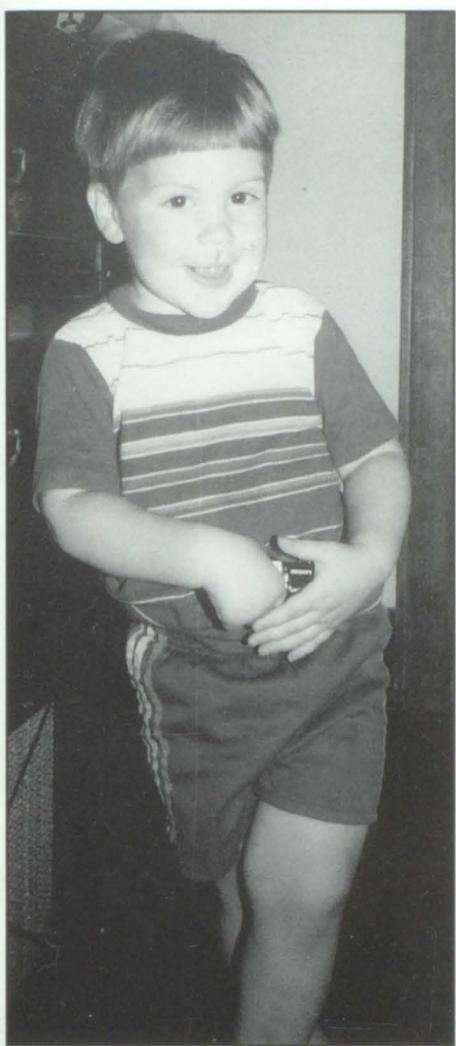


MY DAUGHTER WHOSE HAIR IS A GOLDEN SANDY BEACH
WHOSE LIPS ARE AS PALE PINK AS THE SKIN OF A NEWBORN
BABY
WHOSE NOSE WRINKLES UP IN DISGUST AS HER MOTHER LIGHTS
UP A CIGARETTE.
MY DAUGHTER WHOSE ARMS ARE CATTAILS REACHING OUT INTO
THE SKY
WHOSE ARMS ARE CONNECTED TO GIVING HANDS
AND HER CATTAIL ARMS AND GIVING HANDS GIVE HUGS AS WARM
AS A BLANKET WRAPPED AROUND ON A COLD WINTER'S
NIGHT.
MY DAUGHTER WHOSE LONG, LANKY LEGS REACH UP TO HER HIGH
HIPS
WHOSE LEGS RUN LIKE THE WIND OF THE HURRICANE TO ANSWER
THE PHONE
WHOSE LEGS CAN MOVE AS DELICATELY AS A BALLERINA WITH
THE SURE STEPS OF A JAZZ DANCER.
WHOSE LEGS ARE CONNECTED TO FEET THAT SEEM TOO BIG FOR
HER, AWKWARD AS A FIRST DATE
WHOSE FEET TRIP AND STUMBLE OVER THEMSELVES AS
INVISIBLE BLOCKADES OF HANDS REACHED OUT TO GRAB
THEM.
MY DAUGHTER WHOSE EYES ARE AS BLUE AS THE SKY ON A HOT
SUMMER CLOUDLESS DAY
WHOSE EYES LOOK AT THE WORLD WITH AS MANY QUESTIONS AS
THERE ARE STARS IN THE SKY
WHOSE MIND IS CONSTANTLY THINKING ABOUT BOYS, SCHOOL,
LIFE, LOVE, THOUGHTS AS DEEP AS THE OCEAN FLOOR.
MY DAUGHTER WHOSE ENTHUSIASM IS AS ENDLESS AS THE
GALAXY AND BEYOND
WHOSE LAUGHTER IS A MORNING DOVE COOING IN THE EARLY SUN
WHOSE LAUGHTER IS A SYMPHONY FLOWING THROUGH THE HOUSE
WHICH WARM'S THE HEART WITH MARSHMALLOWS OVER AN
OPEN FIRE.
MY DAUGHTER WHOSE TEMPER IS HOT, HOT AS THE TEAPOT
WHISTLING ON THE STOVE
WHOSE TEMPER BLOWS OFF HOT STEAM THAT EXPLODES WITH
SUCH A SUDDEN BURST, AS THE BALLOON WHICH
RECEIVES ONE TOO MANY BLOWS OF AIR.
WHOSE TEMPER CAN HURT HER MOTHER'S FEELINGS AS THE
PRICK OF A SINGLE THORN FROM A ROSE
WITH A HURT THAT CAN SHATTER THE WORLD
WHOSE APOLOGIES MELT HER MOTHER'S ANGER AS SIZZLING
BUTTER IN A FRYING PAN.
WITH THE SOFTNESS OF AN ANGORA RABBIT, SHE REACHES OUT
WHOSE SOFT, GENTLE VOICE SOOTHES THE PAIN OF BEING
BURNED BY FIRE.
MY DAUGHTER WHOSE HEART IS FULL OF LOVE, A NEVERENDING
FLOWING WATERFALL OF LOVE
WHOSE LOVE BURSTHES OUT IN BURSTS OF INTENSE HOT BOILING
BUBBLES
WHOSE LOVE LEAKS OUT IN A SINGLE TEAR OF AN EYE HAVING
SEEN A SAD SAD MOVIE.
MY DAUGHTER WHOSE LIFE HAS FILLED HER MOTHER'S HEART
WITH FEARS AS DEEP AS THE DEPTHS OF HELL ITSELF
WHO'S FILLED HER HEART WITH JOY AS WIDE AS THE GRAND
CANYON AND JUST AS DEEP
WHOSE LIFE AND LOVE HAVE FILLED HER MOTHER'S HEART TO THE
VERY BRIM AND BURSTING EDGES WITH A LOVE SO FULL
THAT THE MOON, THE STARS, THE GALAXIES AND HEAVEN
ITSELF COULD FIT INSIDE IT AND EVEN MORE.

I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU, HEATHER.
CONGRATULATIONS,
LOVE,
MOM

HEATHER SNYDER





RICKY

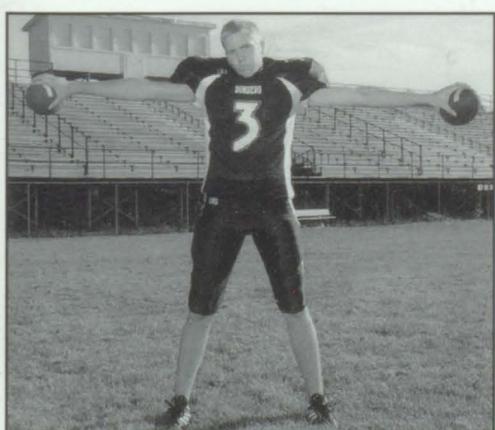
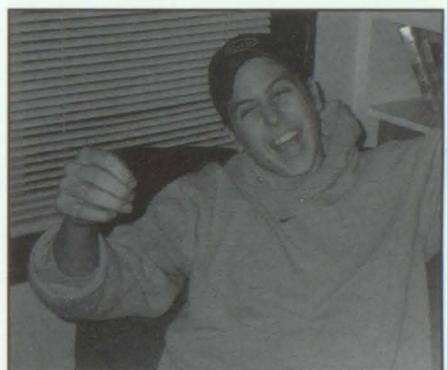
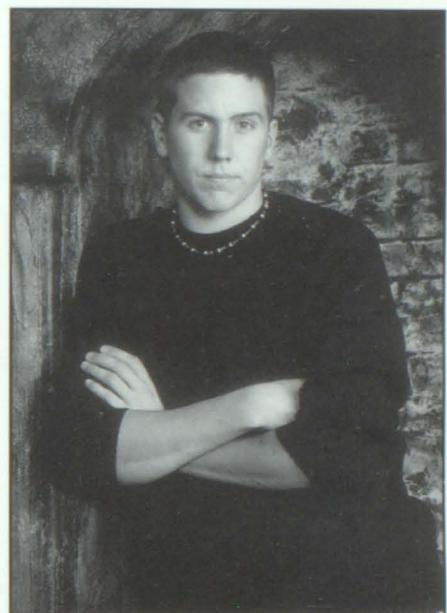
AS YOU GRADUATE,
WE WOULD JUST
LIKE TO TELL YOU
HOW PROUD WE ARE
OF YOU AND THE
CHOICES YOU HAVE
MADE IN YOUR LIFE
SO FAR.
WITH YOUR SENSE
OF HUMOR AND
PERSONALITY, YOU
CAN BE ANYTHING
YOU CHOOSE IN LIFE.

BE PROUD, STAY
STRONG

LOVE,

MOM AND DAD

RICKY CALVERLEY





"Kate the Great".

We are so proud of you!

We love you.

Dad, Laura, Robert,

Bianca, Chris and

Annie



Kate,

From your first day
of school with Bert and
Ernie in tow, you have met
challenges with intelli-
gence, humor, grace, and
courage, always reaching
for more and taking risks. I
am often overwhelmed with
love and pride.

Katie,

Mama

I love you a bushel
and a peck!

Grandma

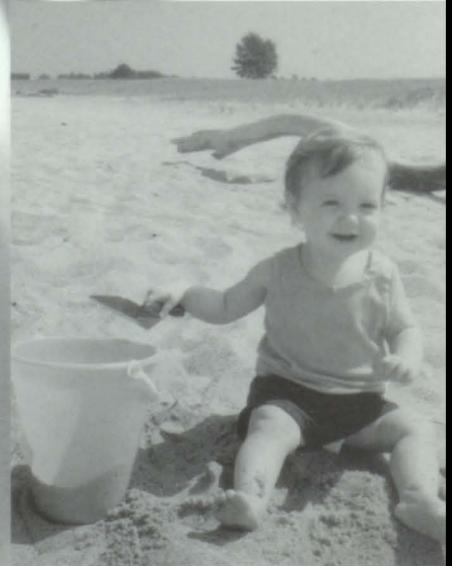
Katie,

On August 9, 1984,
you put a magical light into my
heart, and it continues to burn
brighter every year. Thank you for
giving us such joy and laughter.
I am so very proud of you.

Love,

Aunt Janie

Katie Cassidy



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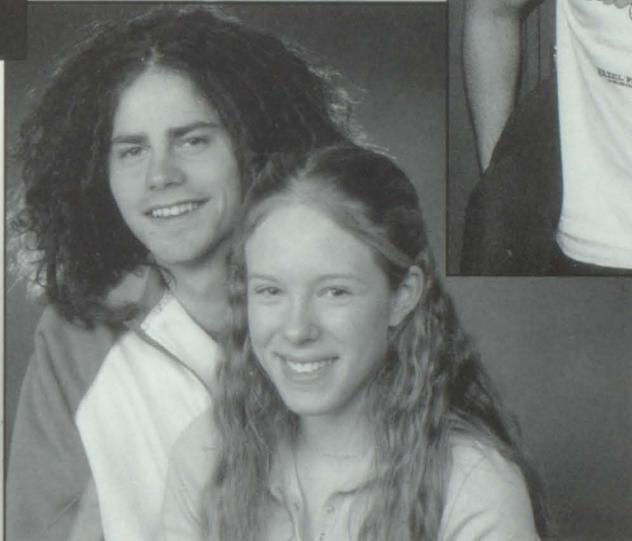
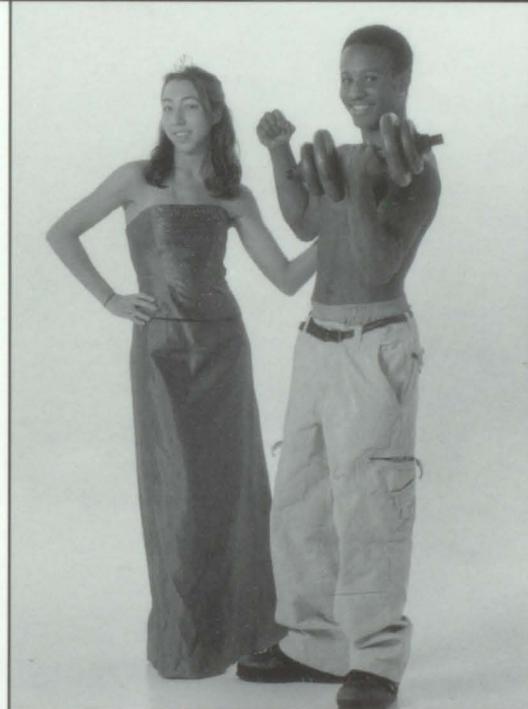
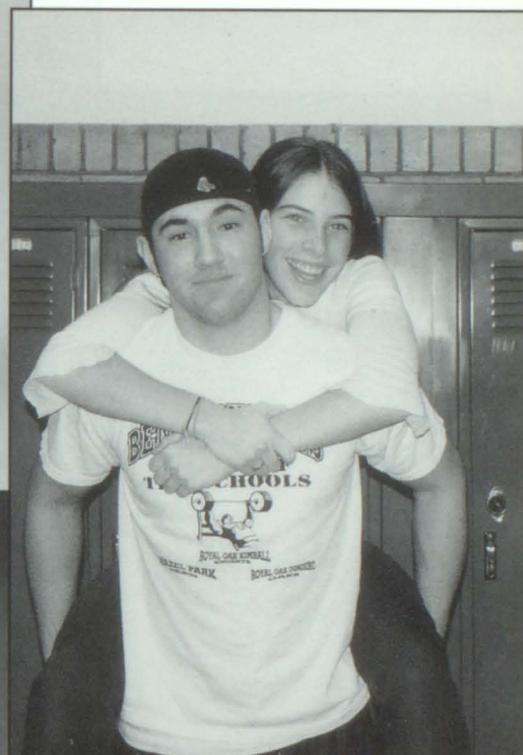
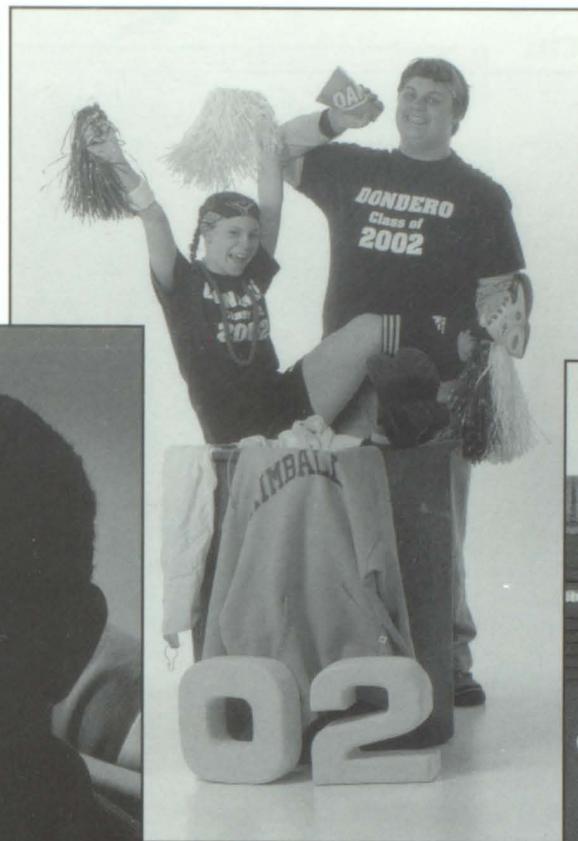
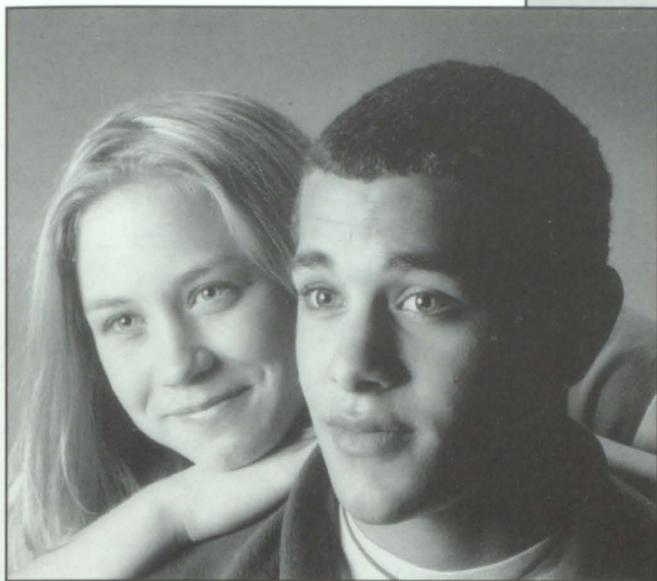
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Joseph Koehler
and
Jennifer Quinn

Awards

Prettiest Eyes

Megan Sulinski
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Justin Browder



Mr. & Miss Universe

Andrea Champagne
and
Caleb Fortune

Best Hair

Rachel Bonar
and
Daniel Maurer

Biggest Flirt

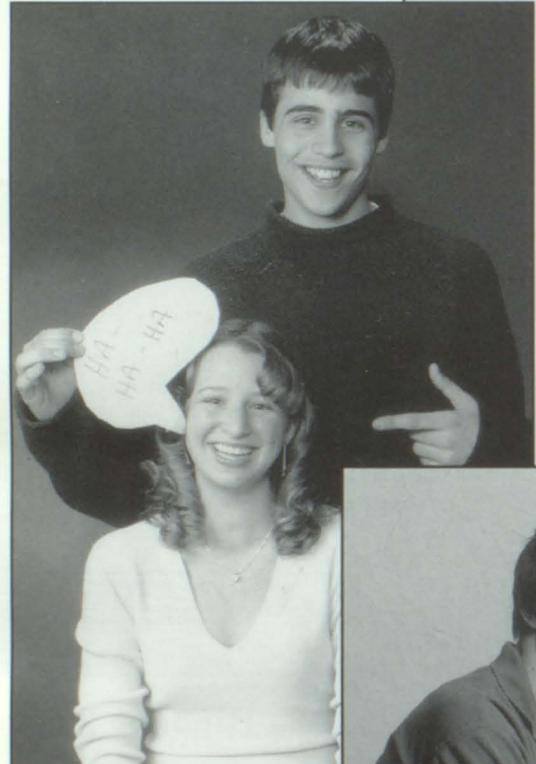
Jessica Olinski
and
Joseph Guzman

Senior

Mock

Most Likely to Win an Oscar

Andrew Buck
and
Caitlin Cassady



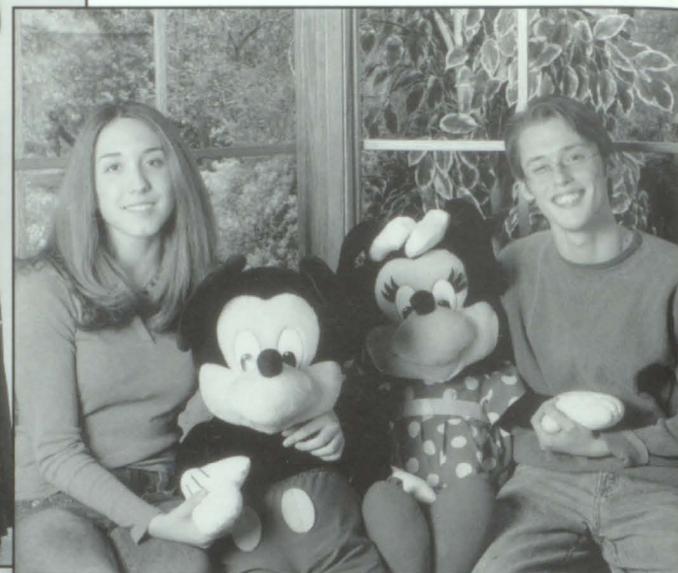
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Joel Bauer
and
Erin Morris



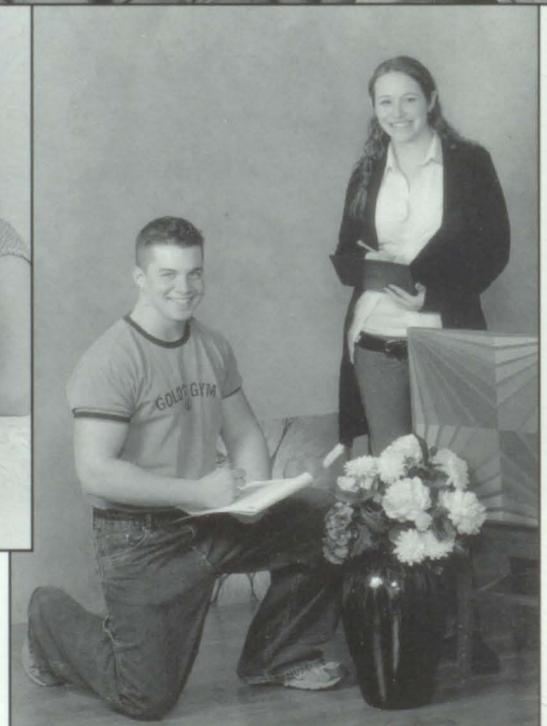
Romeo & Juliet

Matthew Klaver
and
Andrea Kendziorski



Best Personality

Jayna Estopellan
and
Jesse Smith



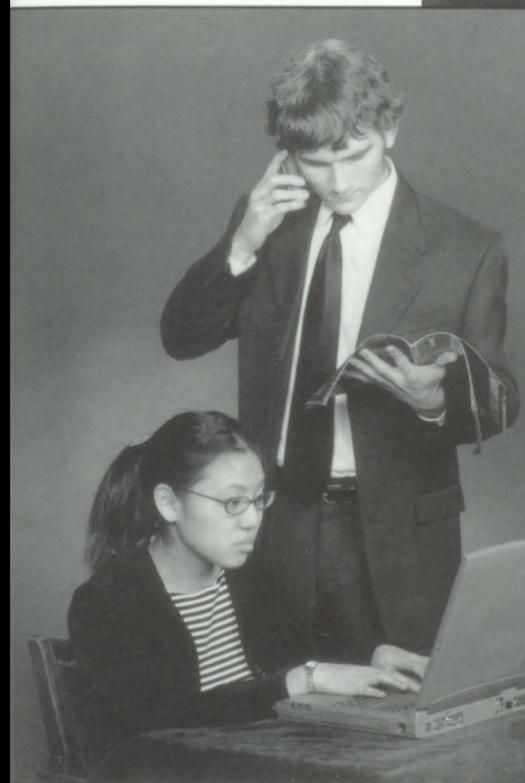
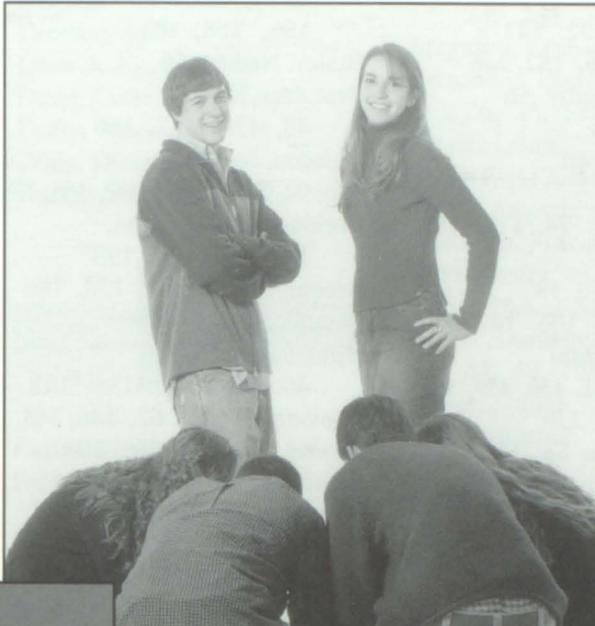
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Drew Budry
and
Rachel Nievelt

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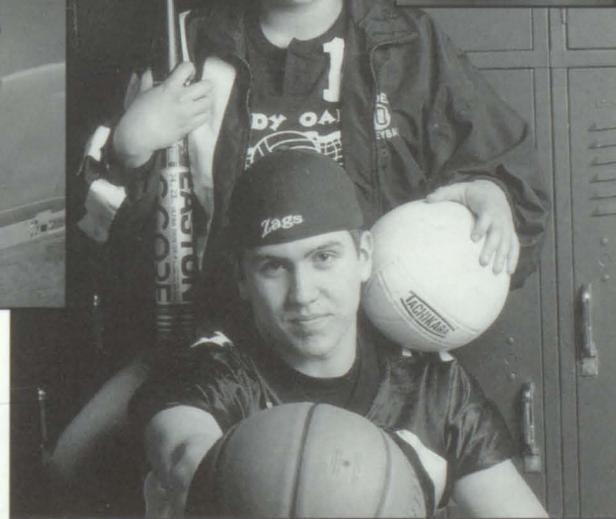
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James Martin
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Alexandra Kerrigan



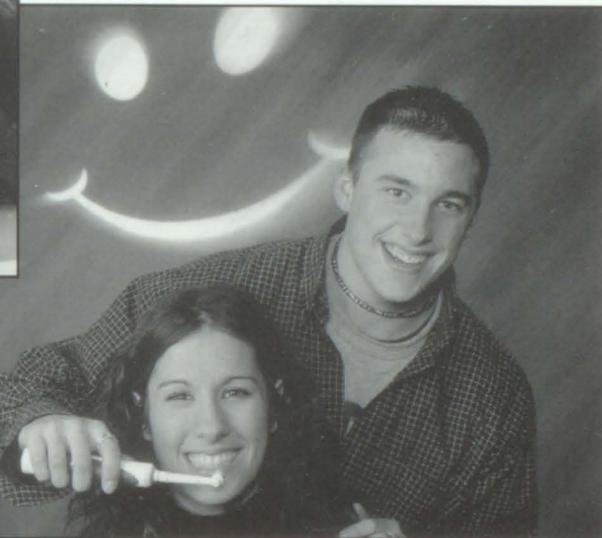
Most Likely to Succeed

Marianne Tassone
and
Edward Platt



Most Athletic

Courtney Park
and
Richard Calverley



Best Smile

Sara Brown
and
John Donnelly

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"Unless..."
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"Kim slapped a picture of Nate on my butt, and I had no clue it was there!"
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"My favorite part of yearbook was Camp Tamarack and working in the computer lab!"
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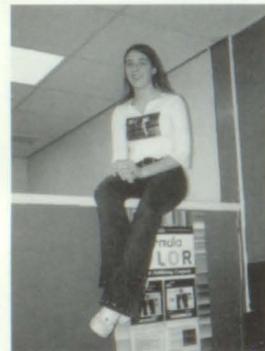
"Secret Santa!"
-Chelsea Feldman
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"Staff pictures when I fell on my bootie."
-Greg Boyer
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"Jamie Martin was my favorite part of yearbook!"
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"My favorite part of yearbook was when we went to Lansing!"
Jessica Olinski
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"I will never forget when Gabe, Jessica and I found the 'acorn' on the computer."
-Barbara Billmann
People



"My favorite part of yearbook was the pregnant lady."
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"All I want for Christmas is you. Need I say more?"
-Paul Baker
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"Yearbook has taught me things about myself and others that I would never have otherwise learned. ALSO...the staff pictures in the bathroom were a hoot! I love you guys!"
-Sara Brown
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"Staying very late to finish work that was due a week earlier."

-John Donnelly
Sports



"Camp Tamarack with both Acorn and Oak."

-Jamie Martin
Student Life



"Staying at school until 7:30 with Michelle listening to Plaid."

-Megan Kimmerle
Organizations



"I loved getting six hugs a day from Amber and John!"

-Stephanie Cooke
Photographer

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"I wish my computer at home was as fast as the one at school."

Megan Sulinski
Organizations



"It was so funny when we put Buddy Lee in the hallway and Jamie tackled and broke his arm."

-Danielle Fisher
Sports



"After being a part of it all, I will never again underestimate how much work goes into those @#!%* mugs."

-Gabrielle Poschadlo
People



"I remember the first day of yearbook when Holly came over to me and said 'Kim, we are going to be best friends.' And how could I ever forget her singing Britney in the lab!"

-Kim Michalski
Student Life



"John and Jamie would sing beautiful songs to me! Also, it doesn't get much better than staying after school until 7:30 with Megan singing New Kids."

-Michelle Hurd
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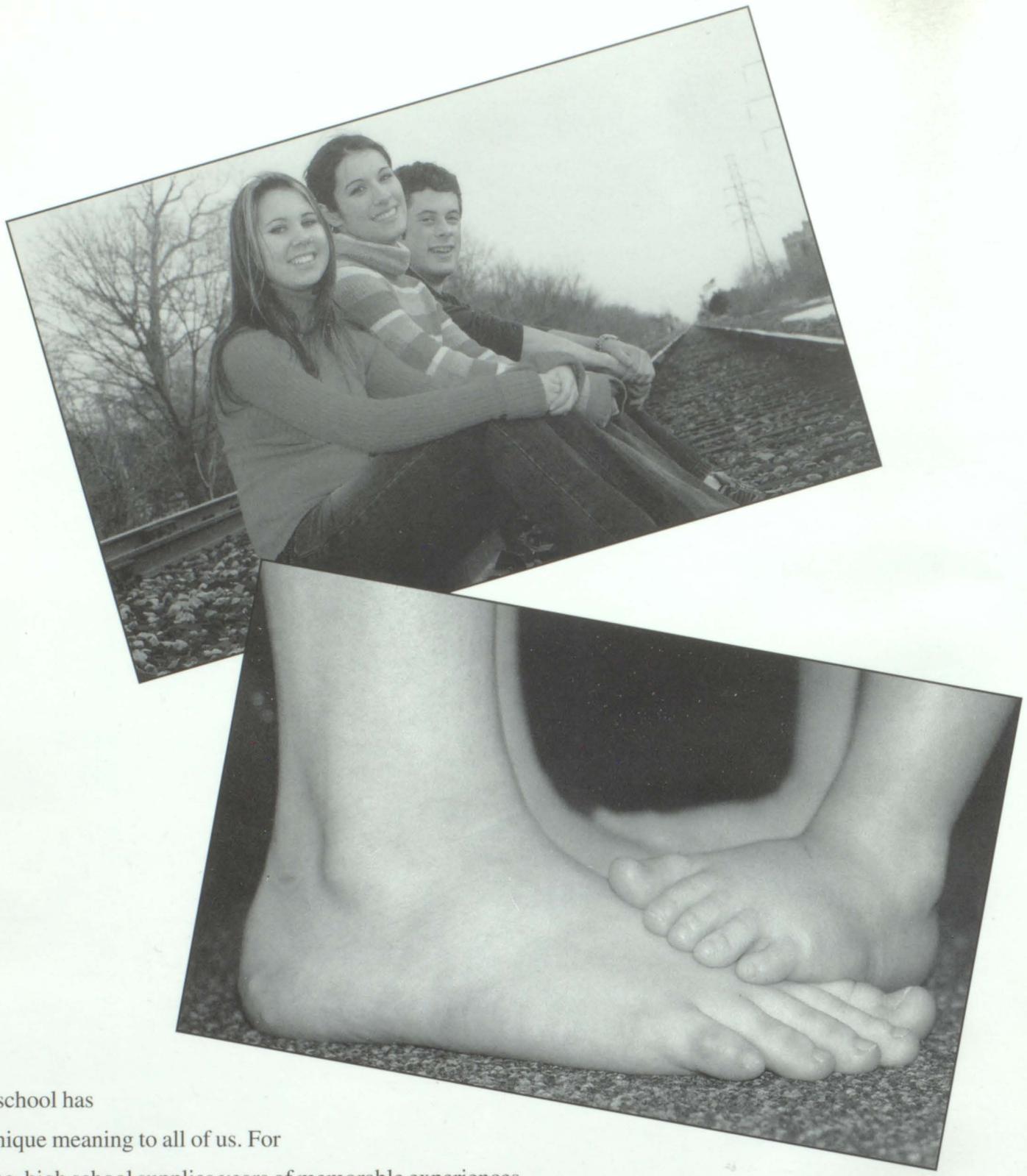
"Thanks to Colin and Megan K., I now start sentences with 'unless . . .' and 'also . . .'"

-Mrs. Kocis
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"My favorite yearbook memory was Holly singing Mariah Carey and becoming great friends with Kim."

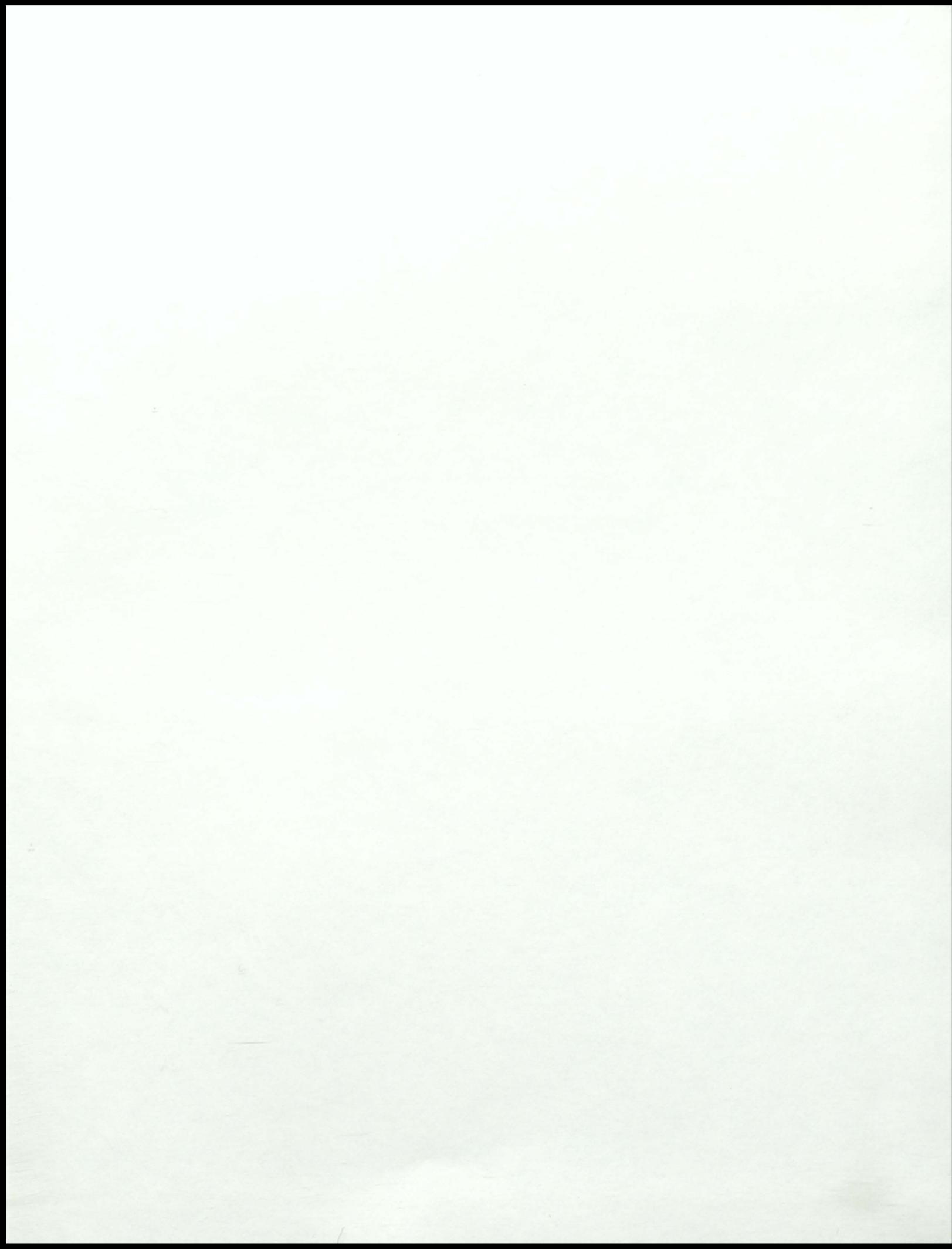
-Amber Marsh
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High school has

a unique meaning to all of us. For
some, high school supplies years of memorable experiences.

Others will just remember how much they wanted freedom from it all. We will all have our
own unique memories of Dondero, but whether we want to admit it or not, we will all desperately seek the
carefree times we shared in our journey here. We are all forever left with an imprint of Dondero, and no
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