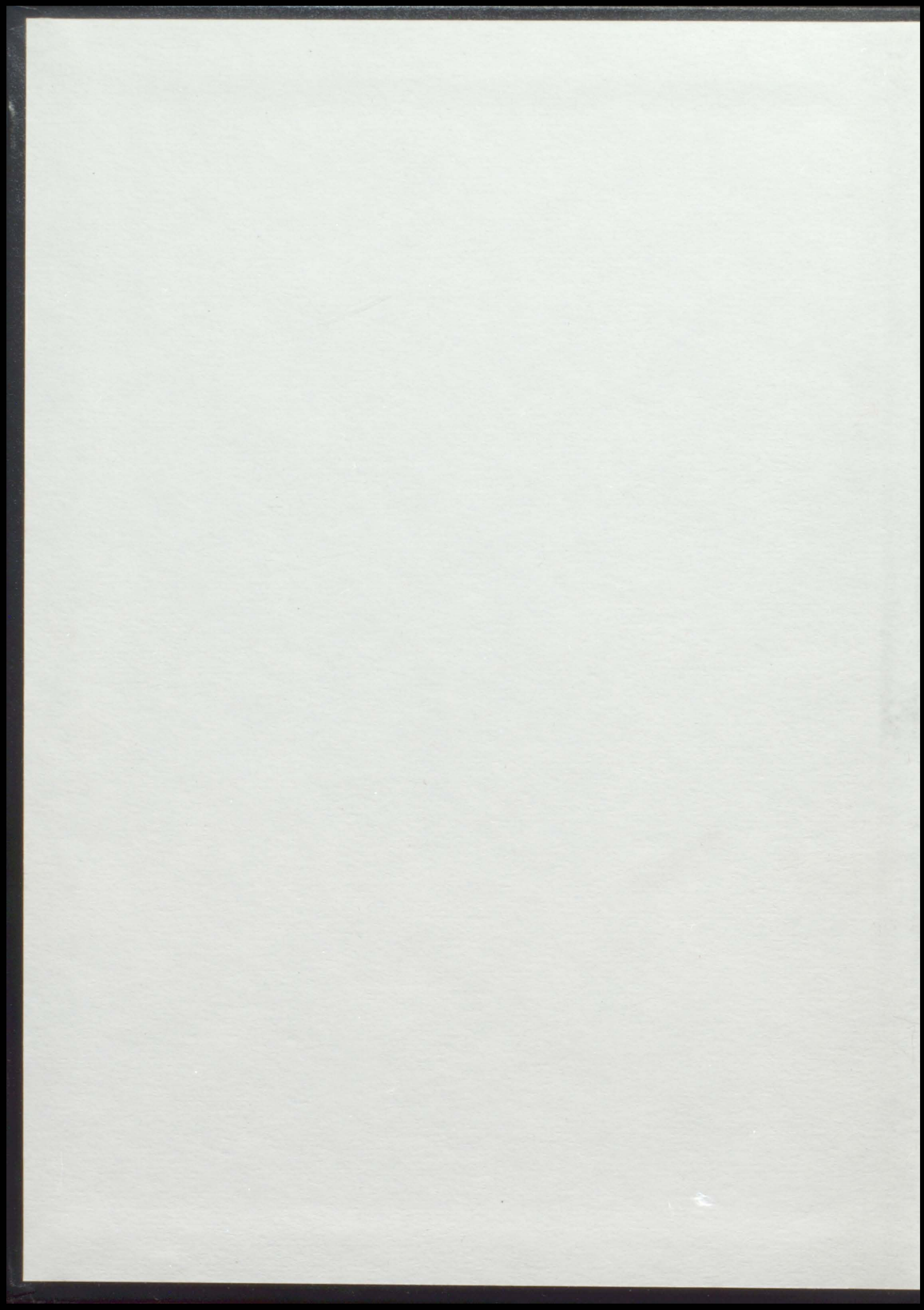


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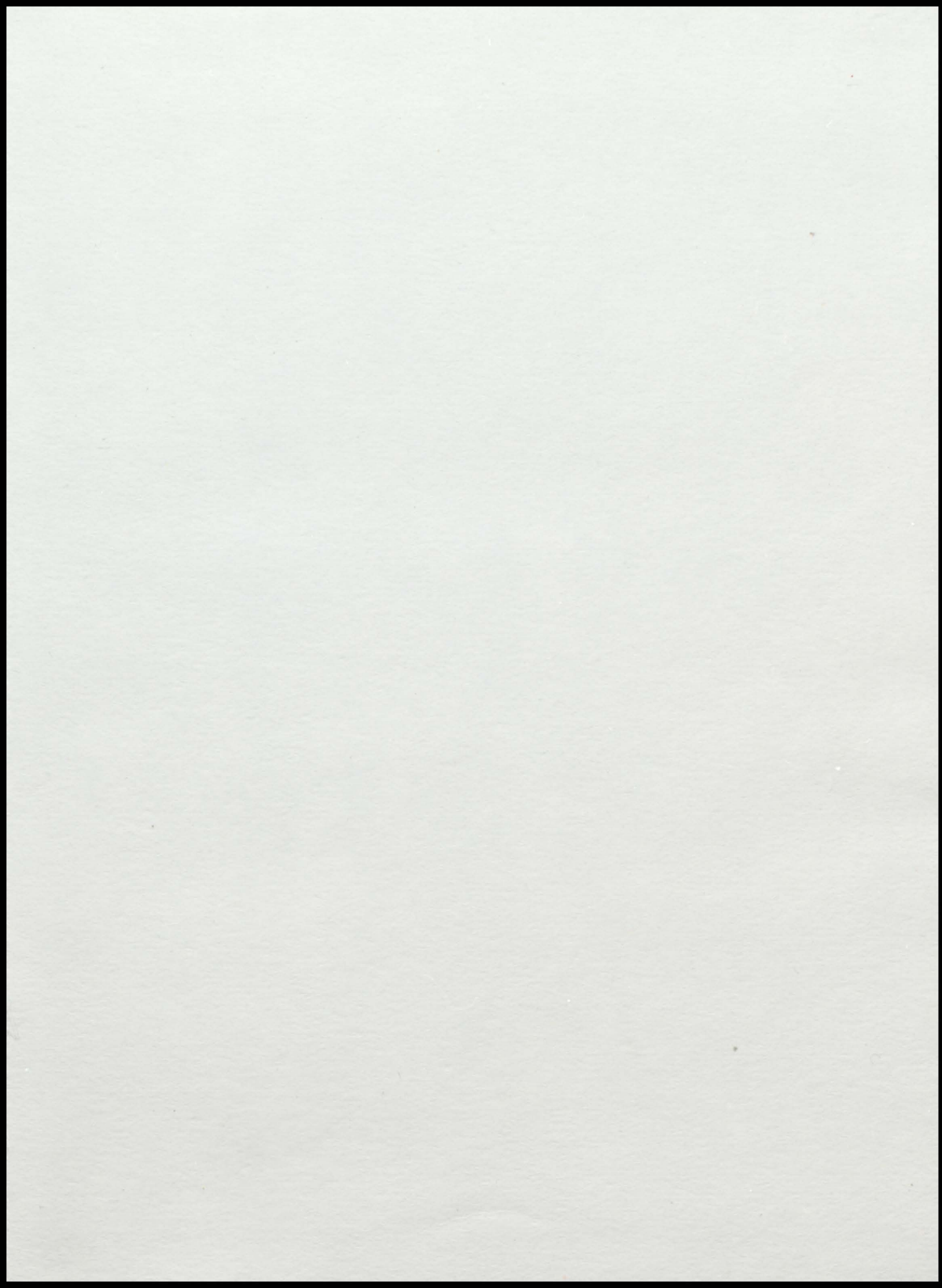


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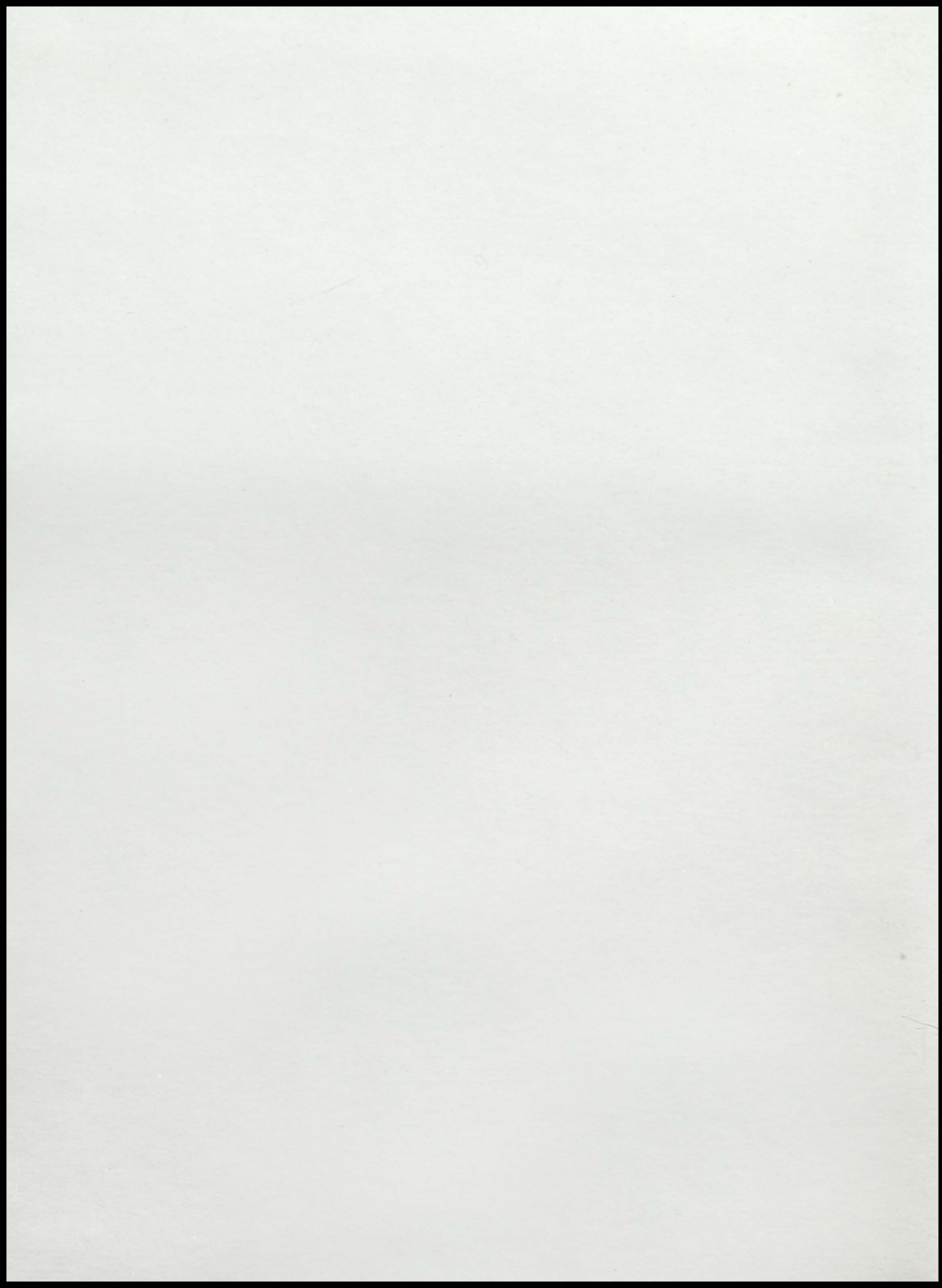














# VASSAR HIGH SCHOOL

2001 to 2002



YEARBOOK EDITORS KATIE WIACEK AND  
MELISSA MORMAN INVITE YOU TO TAKE A LOOK  
THROUGH A YEAR TO REMEMBER.

**The Echo**  
**Volume 56**



# Seniors...



Blair Lee, Abbey Wojno, Amy Cooper, Julia Nobles, and Angie Stacer smile for the camera during lunch.



John Buckley was all smiles during the Homecoming Pep Assembly.

James Yates shined as General Hamond during the Play: M\*A\*S\*H.



Senior Cheerleaders Kara Barden, Shannon Wilkinson, Rachel Olson, and Elishia Waterman represented the Class of 2002 all football season.



Angie Stacer, Emily Hazen, and Michelle Nowotny pose for a picture on Orange and Black Day during Homecoming Week.



Lydia Hendricks, and Melissa Morman stand at attention during a performance of M\*A\*S\*H.





Katie Wiacek and Kevin Whaley showed us what it meant to be "too cute."



(Top r.) Emily Hazen and Josh Illian celebrate his big day as a homecoming court member; (Middle R.) Elaine Kennard, Ryan Dauffenbach Icefest King, Michelle Beaujean, Josh Denniston, and Julia Nobles help the boys capture a moment outside Mrs. Stacer's Class. (Below) John MacArthur smiles as he gives blood.



(Above) Kate Blossom and Stephen Wilder helped paint the bus for a Girls' Basketball Game. (Below) Todd Solgat grins after the King's Court won the Court Dance.



# Class Of 2002





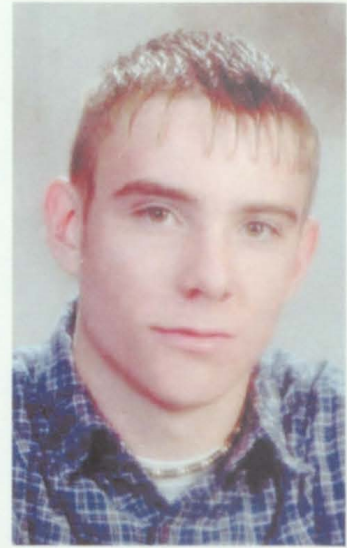
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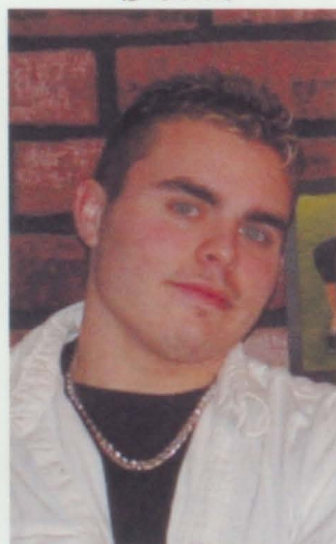
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Jessica Brink



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Cavanaugh



Tristan M.  
Cavanaugh



Alexandra Clauss



Fallon M. Cody



Jason Colosky



Amanda Lynn  
Cooper



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Matthew  
Cunningham



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Joshua Michael  
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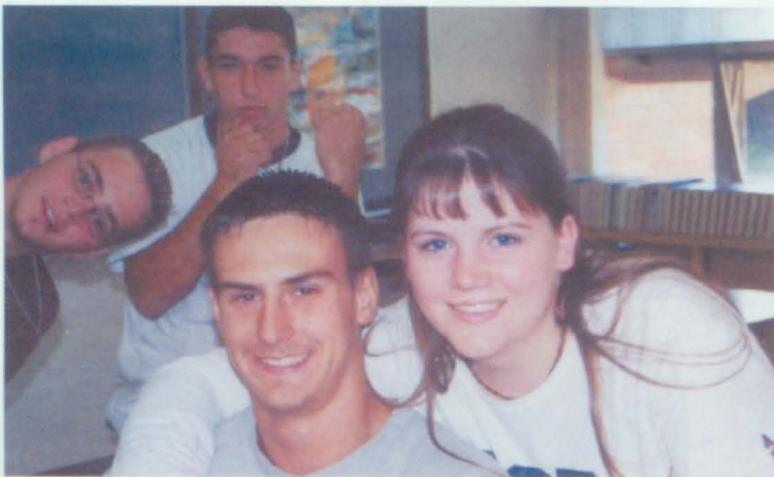
CaSondra Rae  
Empey



Christopher  
Eskelson



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(Above) Jason Knickerbocker, Jamie Owensby, John MacArthur, and Jon Gonda clown around in Mr. Lasceski's class.  
(Right) Amanda Cooper, Ashley Lichnovsky, Tyler Mietz, and Amy Cooper paraded along the route during Homecoming.



Daniel James Ford



Brandon Jeffrey  
Frank



Shannon Michelle  
Franklin



Megan Cathleen  
Franko





Brett A. Frazier



Trevor J. Gamet



William Gilbert



Jonathan Gonda



(Above) Another happy senior is Josh Miller, who could always be seen with a smile.

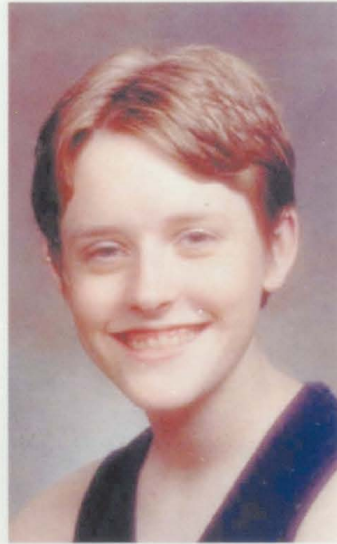
(Left) Elishia Waterman and Lydia Hendricks take a break from a busy senior year.



Peter Francisco  
Gonzales III



Tabitha Rose  
Greenwood



Christi Nichole  
Gribbis



Nolan Haley





Timothy Paul  
Harper



Emily Dawn  
Hazen



Erik Randall Hecht



Lydia Joy  
Hendricks



Kayla Hitsman



Nichole Hubbard



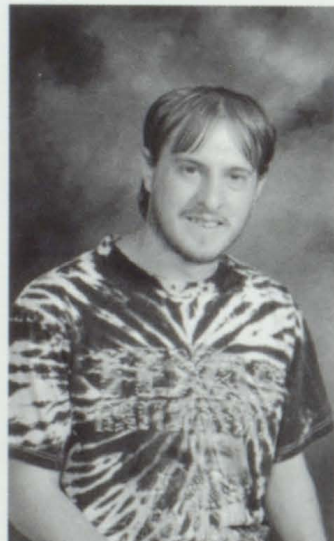
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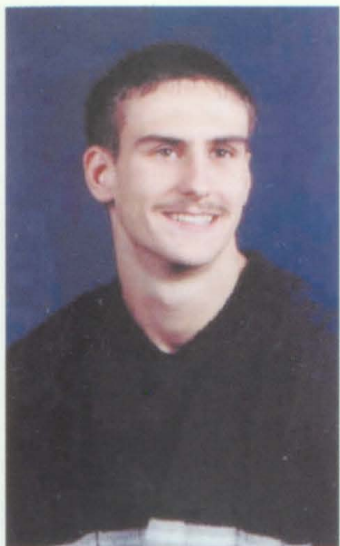


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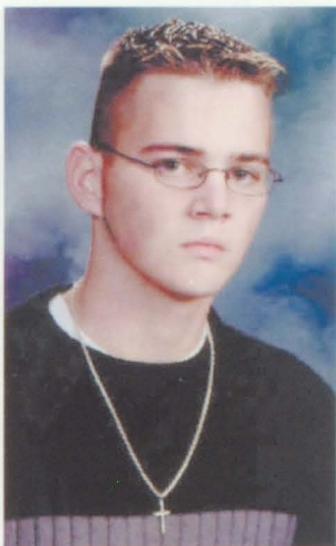
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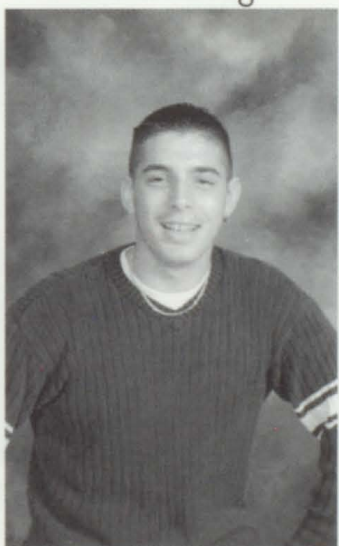
John MacArthur



Trista L.  
MacEachern



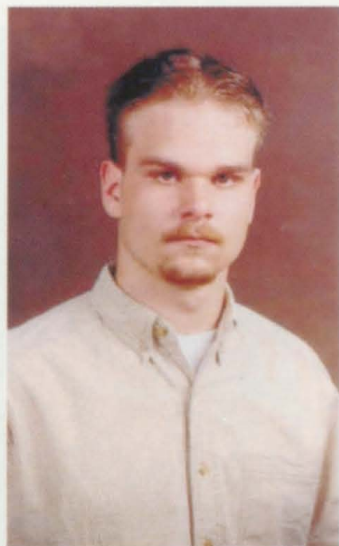
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Michael Joshua  
Main



Leah N. Masker



Brandon C.  
McAuley





Tiffany L.  
McClanahan



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Melissa Lee Morman



Perry "PJ"  
Morrison

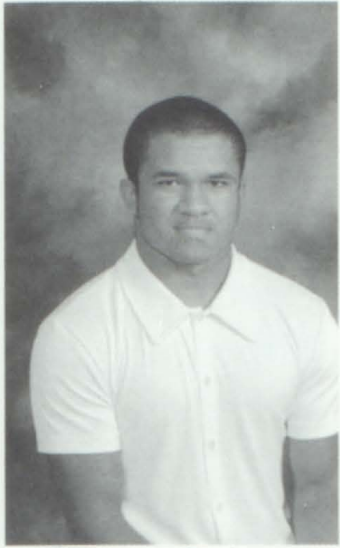


Julia Li Nobles



(left) Nichole Schlicht loved being an office aide this year. (above) Kara Barden, Shannon Wilkinson, and Rachel Olson are all smiles on Icefest.





Samuel Delgado  
Nobles



Beth Ann  
Norrington



Michelle Theresa  
Nowotny



Rachel Susan  
Olson



Shannon M.  
Owens



Jamie Derek  
Owensby



Eve M. Partridge



James T. Perreault



(above) Brandon Frank sneaks up on Erik Hecht, Danny Kischnick, and Ben Riedel; (right) Christi Griffis and Elaine Kennard made cookies for soldiers in Korea as part of Mrs. Becker's class.







Tammy Petty



Tonya Plummer



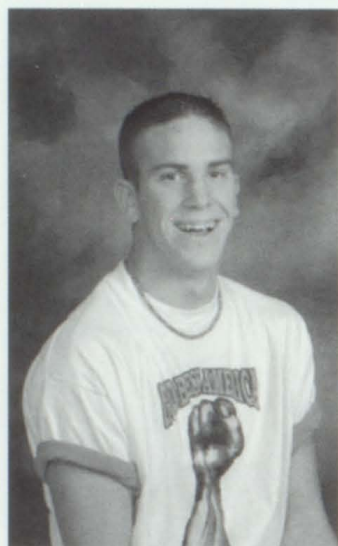
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Sara Kay Richards



Kenneth Ricklefs



Benjamin Riedel



Andrea Jeanne  
Roedel



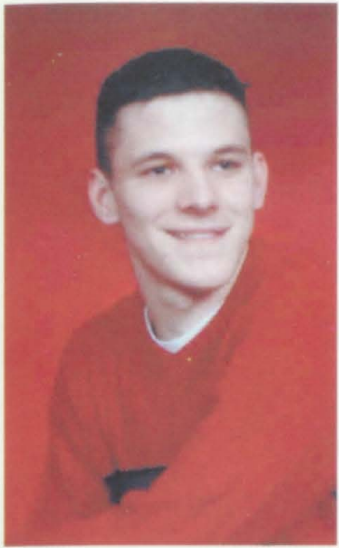
Nichole Len  
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(Above) CaSondra Empey went all out on "Dork Day" during Icefest Week.

(Left) Stephen Wilder and Chris Blake take some time to read a magazine in the Library.

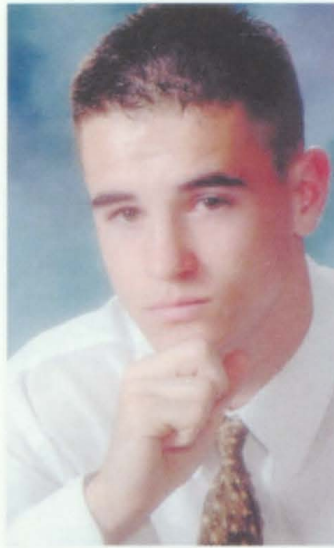




Joshua Shepherd



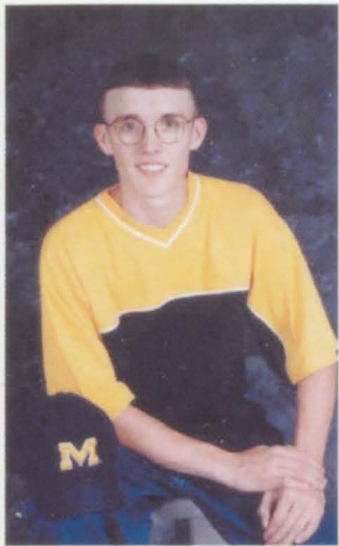
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Solgat



Angela Spencer



Matthew Spencer



Angenette Stacer



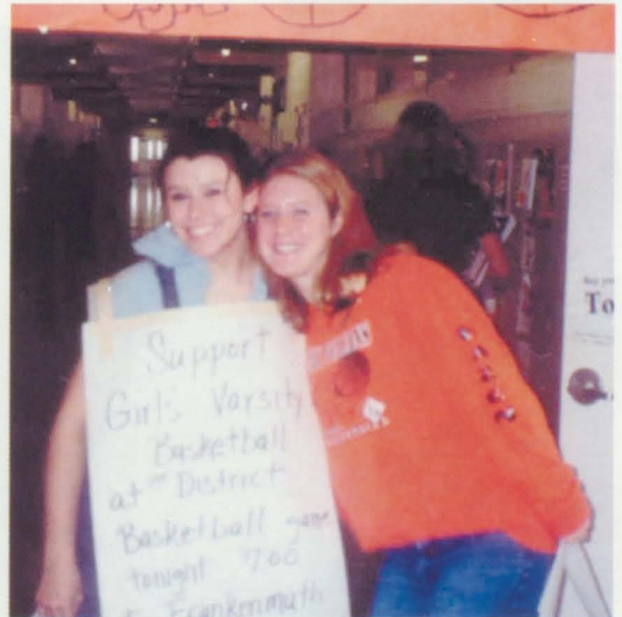
Daniel Stack



Robin VanDeVeer



(Left) Jamie Owensby and Jessica Irvine, had an easy first hour working as office aides. (Right) Andrea Roedel tries to raise some support for the girl's basketball team by wearing a sign. Emily Hazen thanks her.



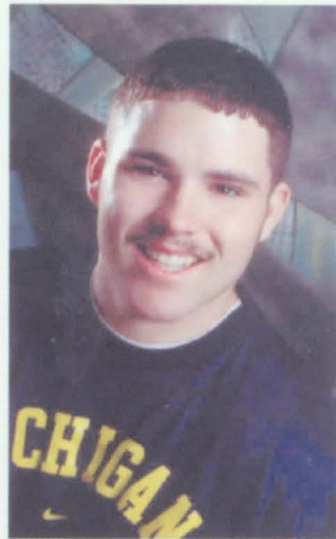




Marie L.  
Vanluchene



Elishia Waterman



Kevin C. Whaley



Laura Danielle  
White



Katie Lynn Wiacek



(top) Football players Josh Illian, Todd Solgat, Erik Hecht, John Buckley, Kevin Whaley, and Cheerleaders Rachel Olson, Kara Barden, and Shannon Wilkinson smile for the camera after the last football game of their high school career. (below) This year's Senior Class officers were: (clockwise) Vice-President Tristan Cavanaugh, Secretary Kate Blossom, Treasurer Josh Illian, and President Rachel Olson.



Stephen Ray Wilder







Shannon Renee  
Wilkinson



Abbey Elizabeth  
Wojno



Jason Alan  
Woolman



James Gates



(left) Sara Richards smiles as the camera flashes for a quick picture. (above) Mel Morman and Abbey Wojno pose with Lloyd the Lobster at Meijers.



Jennifer Ziegler

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## MISSING PHOTOS

Stacey L. Allen

Thomas J. Gates

Jennifer A. Germaine

Jessica Leigh Irwine

Darcy R. Letts

Josette M. Blogg

Timothy A. Gates

Jessica L. Germaine

Elaine Marie Kennard

Terry L. Parsons

Ryan A. Ratcliff

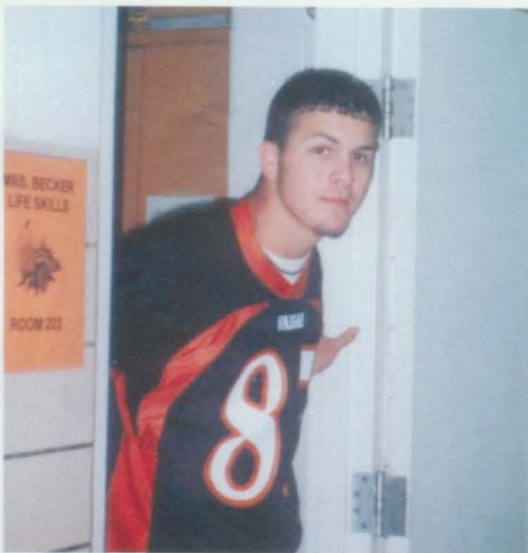


# SENIOR CANDIDS



(Left) Cheerleaders Elishia Waterman and Rachel Olson show off some signs they made while at camp during the summer.

(Right) Members of the 2001 Varsity Basketball Team Tabitha Greenwood, Emily Hazen, and Michelle Nowotny try to help manager Kate Blossom with her stats.



Dan Ford peeks out of Mrs. Becker's class just in time to get a glimpse of the camera.



Mel Morman and Tristan Cavanaugh who both volunteered at the annual blood drive take a quick break for a photo.



Andrea Roedel and Shannon Franklin aren't camera shy.



# \* CLASS POLL \*

## **Craziest**

Male: Josh Shepherd  
Female: Lydia Hendricks

## **Funniest**

Male: PJ Morrison  
Female: Tabitha Greenwood

## **Most Opinionated**

Male: Brandon McAuley  
Female: Lydia Hendricks

## **Most Likely to be on Broadway**

Male: John MacArthur  
Female: Angie Stacer

## **Most Likely to Become Famous**

Male: Stephen Wilder  
Female: Angie Stacer

## **Most Original**

Male: Kenny Ricklefs  
Female: Lydia Hendricks

## **Most Athletic**

Male: Erik Hecht  
Female: Tabitha Greenwood

## **Best Hair**

Male: James Perreault  
Female: Michelle Nowotny

## **Best Eyes**

Male: John Buckley  
Female: Jamie Owensby

## **Best Smile**

Male: Erik Hecht  
Female: Elishia Waterman

## **Best Body**

Male: Todd Solgat  
Female: Yvonne Donnelly

## **Best Legs**

Male: Todd Solgat  
Female: Michelle Nowotny

## **Best Dressed**

Male: Brandon Cavanaugh  
Female: Kara Barden

## **Best Looking**

Male: Dan Ford  
Female: Rachel Olson

## **Best Dancer**

Male: Dan Ford  
Female: Rachel Olson

## **Most Daring**

Male: Josh Shepherd  
Female: Jessica Brink

## **Most School Spirit**

Male: Todd Solgat  
Female: Lydia Hendricks

## **Most Likely to Succeed**

Male: Josh Illian  
Female: Emily Hazen

## **Most Outgoing**

Male: Brandon Cavanaugh  
Female: Kate Blossom

## **Most Artistic**

Male: Stephen Wilder  
Female: Shannon Franklin

## **Most Likely to be President**

Male: Stephen Wilder  
Female: Abbey Wojno

## **Loudest**

Male: John MacArthur  
Female: Megan Franko

## **Most Watchable Walk**

Male: James Perreault  
Female: Rachel Olson

## **Best Laugh**

Male: Chris Blake  
Female: Angie Stacer



**Stacey Allen**

**Nichole Arnold**

**Kara Lyn Barden**

Cheerleading 1,2,3,4; Baseball Manager 1; NHS 3,4; Close-Up 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Viva Club 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Science Academic Team 2,3,4; Captain of Science Academic Team 4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 2,3,4; Sportsmanship Committee 3,4; Member of Code of Conduct Committee 3; Scholar Athlete Award 1,2,3,4

**Michelle Renee Beaujean**

Pom-pon 2; Spring Musical 2; Marching Band 1,2; Pep Band 1,2; Choir 1,2,3,4; French Club 2,3,4; Top Ten French 2,3; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Student Senate 1,2,3; Student Senate Vice-President 3; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4

**Jonathan Beulla**

**Christopher Blake**

Fall Play 2,3,4; Spring Musical 2,3,4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Newspaper Editor 4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4

**Dana Lynn Blasius**

Cheerleading 1,2; Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; SADD 3,4; SADD President 3,4; Choir 3,4; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Newspaper Staff 3; Varsity Letter 2,3,4

**Josette Blogg**

**Kate Reif Blossom**

Basketball Manager 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1; SADD 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Cap/Gown Committee Co-Chairperson 3,4; Class Secretary 4; Academic Technology Team 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3; Newspaper Staff 3; Youth in Government 1,2,3,4; Youth in

Government Co-President 4; Youth Action Committee 2; Future Youth Involvement 3,4; Resource Officer Committee 2,3,4; Homecoming Court 4; Icefest Representative 3; Prom Princess 3

**Thomas Bodary**

**Jessica Brink**

Viva Club 2; Natural Helpers 2,3; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Environmental Awareness 2,3,4

**John Mathew Buckley**

Football 1,2,3,4; Honorable Mention All Conference Football 4; Football Best Defensive Lineman 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Baseball Captain 4; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Regional Powerlifting; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Band Most Valuable Freshmen 1; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Solo Ensemble 1,2,3; Natural Helpers 1,2,3; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Academic Letter 1,2,3; Varsity Letter 3,4; Homecoming Representative 1; Homecoming Court 4; Prom Prince 3

**Matthew James Bulko**

Track 2; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 1

**Larry H. Burrows II**

Baseball 1,2,4; Academic Letter 1; Varsity Letter 1

**James Terence Cain**

Football 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 3,4

**Brandon Cavanaugh**

**Tristan Michael Cavanaugh**

**Alexandra Clauss**

**Fallon Cody**

**Jason Colosky**

Football 1,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3; Varsity Letter 3

**Amanda Lynn Cooper**

Basketball 1; Pom-pon 3,4; Gymnastics 3; Choir 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4

**Amy Cooper**

Viva Club 4; Viva Club Vice Presi-



dent 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Academic Letter 1,3

**Matthew Cunningham**

**Ryan James Dauffenbach**  
Track 4; Icefest Court 4; Icefest King 4

**Geneva Delory**

**Joshua M. Denniston**

Track 1,2,3,4; Track Team Captain 4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Cross Country Team Captain 4; Wrestling 3; Academic Letter 3,4; Varsity Letter 4; Icefest Court 4



**Yvonne Donnelly**

Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Academic All State Volleyball 3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; First Team All Conference Track 3; Track Captain 3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Cross Country Captain 2,3,4; 1<sup>st</sup> Team Tri Valley East Cross Country 1,2,3; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Tri Valley East Cross Country 4; NHS 3,4; SADD 3; Choir 1,2,3,4; German Club 1,2; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Student Senate 1,2,3; Student Senate Secretary 2; Science Academic Team 2,3,4; Top Ten 1,2,3,4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 3; Icefest Court 4

**CaSondra Rae Empey**

Cheerleading 1,2,3,4; Cheerleading Captain 2; Cheerleading Coach's Award 3; Viva Club 2; Academic Letter 1,4; Varsity Letter 3,4

**Christopher Esckelson****Ezechiel Lucas Espinoza**

Football 1,2,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Spring Musical 2; Viva Club 2,3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Academic Letter 1,2; Varsity Letter 2,3,4; Homecoming Representative 2; Homecoming Court 4; Baseball Team Captain 3,4; Baseball All-Conference Honorable Mention 2; Baseball 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference 3; Baseball All-Area Honorable Mention 2,3

**Daniel James Ford**

Football 1,2,3,4; Football Captain 3,4; Football All Conference Honorable Mention 3,4; Basketball 2; Baseball 1,2,3; Baseball All Conference Honorable Mention 3

**Brandon Jeffrey Frank**

Football 1,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Viva Club 3,4; Varsity Letter 3,4; Icefest Court 4

**Shannon****Michelle****Franklin**

Cross Country 3; Fall Play 1; Spring Musical 1,2,3,4; Thespians 2,3,4 Drama Club 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3; Jazz Band 2,3; Pep Band 1,2,3; Colorgaurd Captain 1,3; Choir 1,2,3,4; Student Senate 2,3,4; Student Senate Treasurer 3; Student Senate Secretary 4; Class Secretary 1; Top Ten 1,2,3,4; Salutatorian 4; Newspaper 4; Youth In Government 1; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Icefest Representative 2; Homecoming Court 4

**Megan Cathleen Franko**

Volleyball 1,2; Cheerleading 2,3; Baseball Manager 1; Spring Musical 2; NHS 3,4; Close-Up 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Viva Club 1,2,3; Top Ten Spanish 2; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Natural Helpers 1,2,3; Class Officer 1,3; Class Vice President 1; Class Secretary 3; Social Studies Academic Team 4; Yearbook Staff 3; Newspaper Staff 3; Youth In Government 1,2,3,4; Camp Hartley Counselor 4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 3

**Brett Frazier****Trevor Gamet****Thomas Gates****Timothy Gates****Jennifer Germaine****Jessica Germaine****William Gilbert**

Science Academic Team 2,3,4;



Academic Letter 1

**Jonathan Gonda**

Football 1,2,3,4; 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference Receiver 3,4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Conference Defensive Back 4; MVP Offense 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 3,4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Conference 400 Meter 3; Varsity Letter 3,4; Powerlifting; Captain's Club 4; Lettermen's Club 4

**Peter Francisco Gonzales III**

Baseball 1; Cross Country 4; Varsity Letter 4

**Tabitha Rose Greenwood**

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Most Wins in a Season 3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Most Wins in a Season 3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; All State 2,3,4; Dream Team 2,3,4; Captain of Dream Team 3,4; All Area 1,2,3,4; All District 1,2,3,4; Academic All State 1,2,3,4; Thumb Meet Of Champs Participant 3; SADD 1,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Student Senate 3; Tech Academic Team 3,4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 3; All Conference 1,2,3,4; Team Captain 2,3,4; Homecoming Representative 3; Homecoming Court 4; Homecoming Queen 4





**Christi Nichole**

**Griffis**

Viva Club 1,2,3; Academic Letter 1,2,3

**Nolan Haley**

**Timothy Harper**

**Emily Dawn Hazen**

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Basketball Co-Captain 4; Softball 2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Academic All State Volleyball 3,4; Track 1,3; NHS 3,4; NHS Vice-President 4; Marching Band 1,2; Pep Band 1,2; Choir 2,3,4; Top Ten Spanish 2; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Science Academic Team 3,4; Top Ten 1,2,3,4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 1,2,3,4; Youth in Government 2,3,4; Varsity Letter 3; Icefest Court 4

**Erik Hecht**

**Lydia Hendricks**

Track 4; Cross Country 4; Gymnastics 4; Fall Play 4; NHS 3,4; SADD 2,3; Yellow Ribbon Club 2,3; Yellow Ribbon President 3; Youth in Government 2,3,4; Youth in Government Vice President 4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Solo Ensemble 4; Symphonic Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 3,4; Viva Club 2,3; Viva Club Secretary 3; Top Ten Spanish 2,3; Prom Committee 3;

Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Student Senate 2,3; English Academic Team 1,2,3,4; English Academic Team Captain 4; Top Ten 1,4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Newspaper Assistant Editor 3; Newspaper

Editor 4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 4

**Kayla Hitsman**

Softball 3; Cheerleading 1,2,3; Yearbook Staff 3; Newspaper Staff 3

**Nichole Hubbard**

Yellow Ribbon Chapter 3,4; Yellow Ribbon President 4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Colorguard Co-Captain 4; Band Most Valuable Junior 3; Solo Ensemble 3,4

**Josua Christian Illian**

Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Fall Play 4; NHS 3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,4; Solo Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3;

Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Class Treasurer 1,4; Math Academic Team 2,3,4; Top Ten 1,2,3,4; Valedictorian 4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 1,2,3,4; Icefest Representative 2; Homecoming Court 4; Football Captain 3,4; Baseball Captain 3,4; Top Ten Spanish 3; Trigonometry Award 3; Math Academic Team 1<sup>st</sup> Place 3; Tri-County Honors Band 2,3,4; Academic All-State Football 4; All-Conference 4; Football MVP Defense 3,4; All-Conference Honorable Mention Baseball 3,4; Baseball Team MVP 3

**Jessica Leigh Irvine**

Gymnastics 1,2; Marching Band 1,2; Academic Letter 4; Varsity Letter 1

**Jennifer M. Jones**

**Elaine Marie Kennard**

Cheerleading 2; Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; Pom-pom 3,4; SADD 3,4; SADD President 3,4; Yellow Ribbon 3; Choir 1,2,3,4; French Club 1; French Club Secretary 1; Prom Committee 3; Newspaper Staff 3; Varsity Letter 1,2,3,4

**Robert Kern**

Football 2







Ten  
Spanish  
1; Top  
Ten 1;  
Academic  
Letter  
1,3

**John  
MacArthur**  
Football  
1,2,3,4;  
Baseball  
1,2,4;  
Fall  
Play 4;  
Drama  
Club 4;

Team 3,4; Photo Editor 3,4

**Raymond A. Milam**

**Joshua Stephen Miller**  
Football 2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4;  
Fall Play 1; Newspaper Staff 1,2;  
Varsity Letter 2,3,4; Most Improved  
Wrestling 2; Football Captain 4

**Melissa Lee Morman**

Basketball 1,2,3; Most Wins in a  
Season 3; Softball 1,2,3,4; Most  
Wins in a Season 3; Academic All  
State Softball 3; Volleyball 1,2;  
Track 1; Wrestling Manager 3,4;  
Fall Play 4; Spring Musical 4;  
Drama Club 4; NHS 3,4; NHS  
Secretary 4; Choir 4; Viva Club  
1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/  
Gown Committee 3,4; Student  
Senate 3,4; Student Senate  
Secretary 3; Student Senate  
President 4; Youth In Government  
3,4; Youth In Government Treasurer  
4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Yearbook  
Assistant Editor 3; Yearbook Editor  
4; Newspaper Staff 4; Photographer  
3,4; Speech Award 3; Academic  
Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 3,4;

**Perry L. Morrison**

**Adam J. Killian**

Viva Club 4; Varsity Letter 3,4

**Daniel D. Kischnick**

**Trista L. MacEachern**

**Steven H. Kischnick**

**Robin L. Maharg**

**Jason Earl Knickerbocker**

Cross Country 4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4;  
Academic Letter 1,3; Varsity Letter  
1,2,3,4; Wrestling Team Captain 3,4

**Michael Joshua Main**

**Leah N. Masker**

**Brandon C. McAuley**

**Frederik Kristensen**

Jazz Band 4; Choir 4; Exchange  
Student 4

**Tiffany L. McClanahan**

**Jessica D. McCrumb**

**Christy S. Labean**

**Jasmine Ann Lackowski**

Basketball 1,2; Manager Boys'  
Basketball 3; SADD 3,4; SADD  
President 4; SADD Vice-President  
3; Viva Club 1,2; Cap/Gown Com-  
mittee 3,4; Natural Helpers 1,2,3

**Blair Renee Lee**

Basketball 1,2; Softball 1,2;  
Cheerleading 2,3; Choir 1,4; Cap/  
Gown Committee 3,4; Academic  
Letter 3; Varsity Letter 3

**Darcy R. Letts**

**Ashley Megan-Shin Lichnovsky**

Close-Up 1,2; Viva Club 1,2; Top

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**Julia Li Nobles**

Cheerleading 1; Pom Pon 2; Boys' Basketball Manager 1,2; Choir 4; Viva Club 1,2,3; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4

**Samuel Delgado Nobles II**

Football 2,3,4; Powerlifting 1,2,3,4; Icefest Representative 2, Tiger Powerlifting East Regional 165 lbs. Champion 4

**Beth Ann Norrington**

Yellow Ribbon Club 3,4; Academic Letter 3,4

**Michelle Theresa Nowotny**

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Most Wins in a Season 3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Most Wins in a Season 3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,3; Choir 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Top Ten 1,2,3; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 1,2,3,4; Icefest Representative 3; Homecoming Court 4; Co-Captain Basketball 4; Varsity Club 3; Alpha-Beta 1

**Rachel Susan Olson**

Cheerleading 1,2,3,4; Gymnastics 2,3,4; Baseball Team Manager 1; NHS 3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Viva Club 1,2,3; Top Ten Spanish 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Class Officer 3,4; Vice-President 3; President 4; Top Ten 4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 2,3,4; Homecoming Representative 2; Homecoming

Court 4; Gymnastics Team Captain 4; All-American Cheerleading Award 3,4; Gymnastics Coaches Award 3

**Shannon M. Owens****Jamie Derek Owensby**

Basketball 1,2; Softball 1; Volleyball 1,2; Spring Musical 1; SADD 3,4; SADD Secretary 4; SADD Treasurer 3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Viva Club 2,3; Yearbook Staff 4

**Terry L. Parsons****Eve M. Partridge****James T. Perreault****Tammy L. Petty****Tonya L. Plummer****Ryan A. Ratcliff****Christopher T. Richard****Sara Kay Richards**

Track 1; Volleyball Team Manager 2; Little Sister of the Year 3

**Kenneth Ricklefs**

Track 1; Fall Play 1,2,4; Spring Musical 1,4; Thespians 1,2,3,4; Drama Club 1,2,3,4; Close-Up 2,3,4; SADD 2,3; Yellow Ribbon Club 3; Choir 4; Viva Club 1,2,3; Varsity Letter 1; Yellow Ribbon Club Representative 3; Environmental Awareness Club 2,3,4; Environmental Awareness Club President 2

**Benjamin C. Riedel****Andrea Jeanne Roedel**

Basketball 1,2; Softball 1; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Academic All-State Volleyball Team 3,4; Academic All-State Volleyball Player 4; Volleyball Most Improved Player 4; Volleyball All-Conference Honorable Mention 4; Spring Musical 4; NHS 3,4; SADD 1,3,4; SADD President 3,4; YIG 1,2,3,4; YIG Vice-President 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Viva Club 4; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Student Senate 4; Technology Academic Team 4; Top Ten 1,2,3,4; Salutatorian 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 3,4; Icefest Court 4; Student of the Month 4; Artist of the Month 4

**Nichole Len Schlicht**

Academic Letter 1

**Joshua J. Shepherd****Chandra R. Smith****Todd Michael Solgat**

Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4; Close-Up 1,2,3; Varsity Letter 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Representative 3; Homecoming Court 4; Homecoming King 4;



Varsity Football Captain 3,4;  
Football Second Team All-Conference 4; Most Improved Player Football 4; Football All-Area Honorable Mention 4; Football Saginaw County Honorable Mention 4; Artist of the Month 4; Letterman's Club 3,4

**Angela M. Spencer**

**Matthew Spencer**  
Academic Letter 3

**Angenette Stacer**

Pom Pon 2; Gymnastics 1,3,4; Fall Play 1,2,3,4; Spring Musical 1,2,3,4; Thespians 2,3,4; Drama Club 1,2,3,4; Drama Club President 4; NHS 3,4; Close-Up 1,2; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2; Solo Ensemble 1,2,3; Choir 1,2,3,4; French Club 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Student Senate 1,2,3; English Academic Team 1,2,3,4; Top Ten 3,4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Newspaper Editor 4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 1,2,3,4; Band Letter 1,2,3,4; YIG 1,2,3,4; Icefest Court 4; Symphonic Band 1,2,3,4

**Dan Stack**

Football 1; Baseball 1; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair Woodcarving 1<sup>st</sup> in Regional 2,3; Honorable Mention in State 2; 2<sup>nd</sup> in State 3;

**Robin Lyn VanDeVeer**

Softball 3; Volleyball 1,3; Symphonic Band 1,2,3,4; Yellow Ribbon Club 3; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Solo Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Academic Letter 1,2; Varsity Letter 3; Band Letter 1,2,3,4

**Marie L. Vanluchene**

**Elishia Waterman**

Softball 1,2,3; Cheerleading 2,3,4; Gymnastics 3; Fall Play 4; March-

ing Band 1,2,3; Pep Band 1,2; Prom Committee 3; Academic Letter 1,2,3; Varsity Letter 2,3,4; Icefest Court 4; Icefest Queen 4

**Kevin C. Whaley**

Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; German Club 2; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Academic Letter 3; Varsity Letter 1,2,3,4; Captain's Club 4; Football Honorable Mention All-Conference 4

**Laura Danielle White**

VICA Ad Award 4

**Katie Lynn Wiacek**

Basketball 1,2,3; Most Wins in a Season 3; Softball 1,2,3,4; Most Wins in a Season 3; Volleyball 1,2; Wrestling Team Manager 3,4; NHS 3,4; SADD 1; German Club 2; Top Ten German 2; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Student Senate 4; Science Academic Team 2; Technology Academic Team 3; Social Studies Academic Team 4; Top Ten 1,2,3,4; Valedictorian 4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Assistant Yearbook Editor 3; Yearbook Editor 4; Newspaper Staff 3; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 2,3,4; Softball Honorable Mention All-Conference 2,3; Softball Academic All-State Team 3

**Stephen Ray Wilder**

Fall Play 2,3; Spring Musical 1,2; Thespians 2; NHS 3,4; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Math Academic Team 1,2,3,4; Top Ten 1,2,3,4; Valedictorian 4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Yearbook and Newspaper Ads Editor 3,4; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Alpha Beta Award 2,3

**Shannon Renee Wilkinson**

Cheerleading 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Choir 4; Viva Club 2,3; Top Ten Spanish 2,3; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Science Academic Team 3,4; Top Ten 4;

Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 2,3,4; Icefest Court 4; Cheerleading Captain 1,2,4

**Abbey Elizabeth Wojno**

Basketball 1,2; Softball 1,2,3,4; Most Wins in a Season 3; Academic All State Softball 3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Captain 4; Academic All State Volleyball 3,4; Individual Academic All State Volleyball 4; NHS 3,4; NHS President 4; Youth in Government 2,3,4; Youth in Government President 4; Youth Governor of Michigan 4; SADD 1; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Field Commander 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Natural Helpers 1,2; Class President 1,2,3; Technology Academic Team 3,4; Top Ten 1,2; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 3,4

**Jason A. Woolman**

**James Yates**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Manager 1; Fall Play 1,2,3,4; Spring Musical 1,2,3; Thespians 2,3,4; Drama Club 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; French Club 3; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3,4; Student Senate 3,4; Academic Letter 1,3; YIG 2,3,4; Summer Institute 3; Camp Hartley Counselor 4; Fall Play Stage Manager 1

**Jennifer Ziegler**

Basketball 1; Volleyball 1,2; Volleyball Team Captain 1; Choir 2; Top Ten Spanish 1,2; Academic Letter 1,2,3,4; Varsity Letter 2

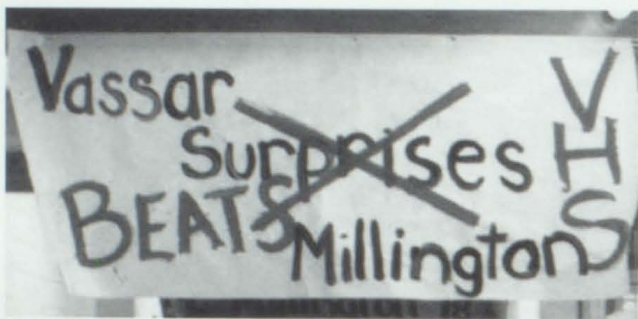






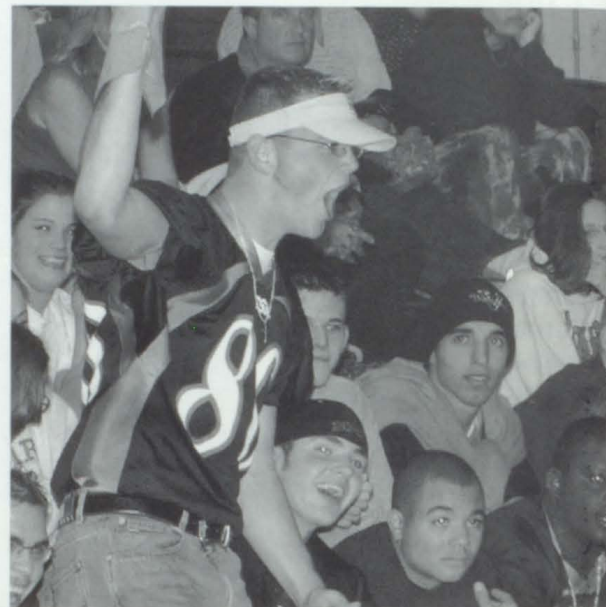
(Above) Coach Leveille gives the boys a pep talk after the big game.

(Below) 22-18. After 17 years we finally did it!



(Above) Tabitha Greenwood tries to get around a tough Millington defense.

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Fans showed the girls tremendous support all season.

# SPORTS

## INTRO

Kara Barden yells out a chant from the top of a pyramid during the Homecoming Game.







Lyndsey Shepherd proves you can chew gum and pay attention as she and Mandi Moore listen intently during a timeout this season.



Brandon Confer tries to get around a tough Caro defense late in the season.

Girl's Basketball

Cross Country

Cheerleading

Football

Golf



# CROSS COUNTRY

After losing several of its top runners from the previous season, this relatively new team displayed the skill to go the distance. The team showed to be competitive in some very challenging meets. Both the boys' and girls' teams came very close to qualifying for the state meet at regionals.

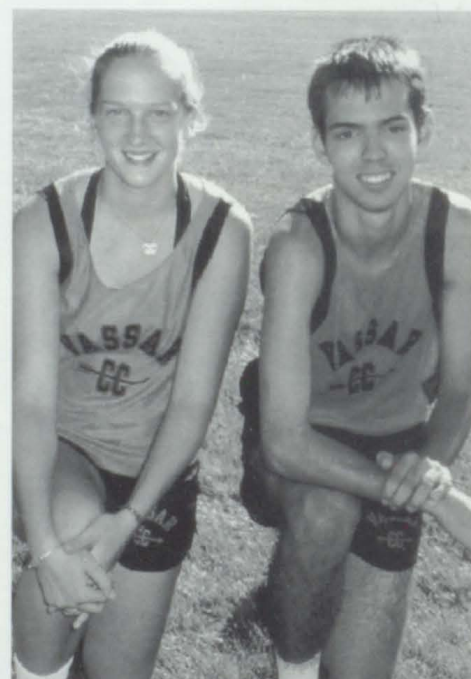
The team also did well in individual competition. Throughout the season several medals were earned by both boys and girls. Three Vassar runners earned 1st and 2nd Team All-Conference honors and qualified individually for the state meet. They were captains Ben Schmandt with 1st Team Honors, Josh Denniston with 2nd Team Honors, and Yvonne Donnelly with 2nd Team Honors.



TVC All-Conference Qualifiers: Captains Ben Schmandt, Yvonne Donnelly, and Josh Denniston.



Medal winners at Caro's annual Thumb Area Championship meet were: (Front l.) Ben Schmandt, Josh Denniston, (Back l.) Tom Rosencrants, Peter Gonzales, Jason Knickerbocker, TJ Kabot, and Brandon Weber.



Leigh Donnelly and Ben Schmandt wait for their chance to run.





Members of the 2001 Cross Country team: (front l.) Josh Denniston, Yvonne Donnelly, Lydia Hendricks, Peter Gonzales, and Jason Knickerbocker; (middle l.) Coach Dan Johnson, Josh Tuthill, Brandon Weber, Ben Schmandt, Rich King, Eric Palmer, Brett Rosencrants, and Pat Kelly; (back l.) Don Sebert, Tom Rosencrants, Jaimie Doud, Leigh Donnelly, Mike Fall, TJ Kabot, Justin Doud, Mike Herzberger, and Hope Huizar.



(Above) Medal winners at the Mayville Tuscola County Invitational included Ben Schmandt, Josh Denniston, Mike Fall, Lydia Hendricks, Jaimie Doud, Yvonne Donnelly, and Leigh Donnelly.

(Top Right) Coach Johnson was proud of his Seniors Lydia Hendricks, Josh Denniston, Yvonne Donnelly, Peter Gonzales, and Jason Knickerbocker after a meet this season.

(Middle Right) Lydia Hendricks running at Harbor Beach for the Regional meet.

(Bottom Right) Ben Schmandt strides through the forest with valiant grace and blazing speed.





# VARSITY GOLF



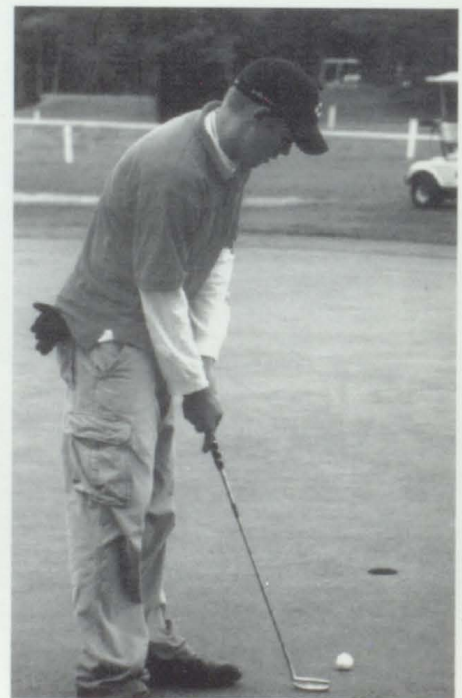
Tom Kennard and Josh Koch getting ready for the putt.



(Above) Josh Koch and Nick Hubbard kicking back. (Below) Josh Koch concentrates on the putt.



Trevor Perry ponders his next move.







Members of the 2001 Varsity Golf Team are: (front l.) Andrew Olson, Craig Karr, Nick Cooper, Nick Jablonski, Billy Woolwine, Roger Bacon, and C.J. Brimmer; (middle l.) Nathan Nephew, James Chelekis, Ian Hamilton, Josh Koch, Trevor Perry, Matt Andreychuck, Chase Klecker, Josh Clauss; (back l.) Jimmy Stacer, Tom Kennard, Brian Keinath, Colin Wade, Nick Hubbard, Bart Rittenberg, Ryan Howse, Coach Gerry Simpson, and Manager Mike Dickenson.

MOST VALUABLE GOLFER: JOSH KOCH  
 MOST IMPROVED GOLFER: ANDREW OLSON  
 COACHES AWARD: TOM KENNARD AND TREVOR PERRY  
 SEASON LOW AVERAGE: JOSH KOCH  
 RUNNER UP: NICK JABLONSKI  
 MOST BIRDIES: TOM KENNARD  
 MOST PARS: JOSH KOCH



# EQUESTRIAN TEAM



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The members of the 2001 Equestrian Team are: (front l.) Coach Dean Campbell, and Coach Sue Campbell; (back l.) Chelsea Atkins, Crystal Sharrow, and James Campbell.



The Senior "Veterans" Kara Barden, Elishia Waterman, Rachel Olson, and Shannon Wilkinson pose for one last photo.



Juniors Elyse Turner, Stephanie Hugye, Maegan Morley, Rachel Hill, and Anne LaFave smile during the Homecoming Parade.



# FALL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



The members of the 2001 Fall Varsity Cheerleading Squad are: (front l.) Coach Melissa Koch, Shannon Wilkinson, and Manager Nicole Koch; (middle l.) Kara Barden, Elishia Waterman, and Rachel Olson; (back l.) Anne LaFave, Stephanie Huyghe, Rachel Hill, Elyse Turner, and Maegan Morley.

The Varsity squad dominated at camp during the summer of 2001. They received many awards including: The NCA Spirit Award, The Herkie Team Award, The Champion Chant Award, The Team Award, The Spirit Stick Award, The Motion Technique Award, The Smart Stunting Award, and a bid to Nationals. The squad had a great year!

(Right) Elyse Turner received the Coaches Award and Maegan Morley received Most Improved.



(right) The Squad shows off all their awards while at camp. (bottom left) Maegan Morley and Anne LaFave pose for a quick picture during a game. (bottom middle) The squad comes together for one last picture at their final game. (bottom right) Seniors Kara Barden and Rachel Olson run the flags wearing red, white and blue after September 11th attacks.





# GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL



(below) Junior Heather Hess begins the game at Millington with a nice, high jump.

(right) Senior Michelle Nowotny drives towards the basket in an exciting game at home.



## AWARDS

**Tabitha Greenwood:** Most Valuable Player, 1st Team TVC, *Tuscola County Advertiser* 1st Team Dream Team, *Bay City Times* 1st Team Dream Team, and *Saginaw News* 1st Team All-Area Class "B".

**Michelle Nowotny:** 1st Team TVC, *Tuscola County Advertiser* Honorable Mention Dream Team, and *Saginaw News* 1st Team All-Area Class "B".

**Emily Hazen:** Honorable Mention TVC.

**Heather Hess:** Honorable Mention TVC, and *Tuscola County Advertiser* 2nd Team Dream Team.

**Andrea Solgat:** Honorable Mention TVC.

**Nichole Rose:** Most Improved Player.

**Becky Hecht:** Coaches Award.

**Lyndsey Shepherd:** Honorable Mention TVC.



The members of the 2001 Girls' Varsity Basketball Team are: (front l.) Head Coach Bob Nowotny, Michelle Nowotny, Tabitha Greenwood, Emily Hazen, and Coach Tim Greenwood; (back l.) Becky Hecht, Mandi Moore, Heather Hess, Andrea Solgat, Kim Donnelly, Nichole Rose, and Lyndsey Shepherd.





# SCOREBOARD

Vassar 73  
Reese 53

Vassar 46  
North Branch 40

Vassar 45  
Bridgeport 36

Vassar 63  
Imlay City 36

Vassar 59  
Garber 52

Vassar 51  
North Branch 43

Vassar 63  
Birch Run 27

Vassar 69  
Caro 36

Vassar 59  
Garber 35

Vassar 68  
Yale 26

Vassar 54  
Freeland 62

Vassar 54  
Caro 40

Vassar 42  
Frankenmuth 36

Vassar 56  
Birch Run 31

Vassar 51  
Swan Valley 54

Vassar 59  
Bridgeport 36

Vassar 50  
Millington 54

Vassar 74  
Caro 52

Vassar 56  
Reese 51

Vassar 50  
Millington 62

Vassar 45  
Frankenmuth 59



(left) Senior Tabitha Greenwood goes one-on-one with a Millington player during an intense, emotional high game.



(above) Junior Andrea Solgat runs in and shoots a layup as Junior Heather Hess waits to rebound.



(left) Junior Nichole Rose takes a shot at the basket.



(right) Freshman guard Lyndsey Shepherd brings the ball down the court trailed by a Millington player.



(left) The team listens intently as Coaches Nowotny and Greenwood call a new play.



(above) Senior Emily Hazen takes the ball down the court in a breakaway at Millington.





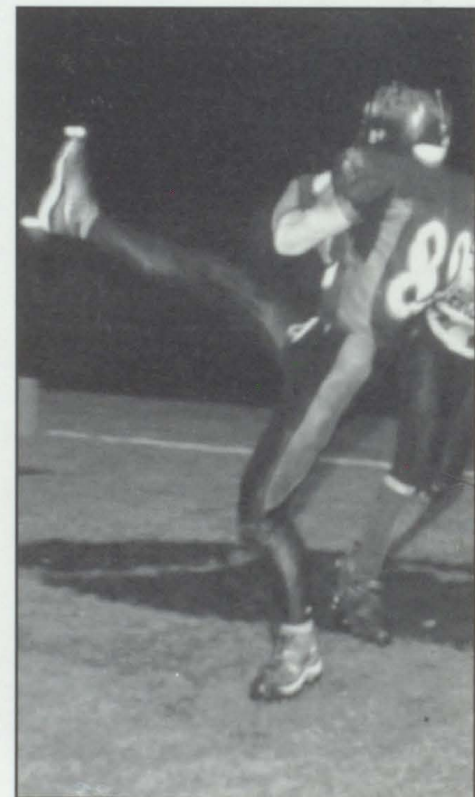
(top) Dan Ford, Daniel Smith, Deontae Morrison, and John Buckley team up to bring down a Caro player during their October 12th game; (right) Daniel Smith breaks through the hole during the Garber game on September 7th.



Vassar 8	Vassar 22	Vassar 36	Vassar
Reese 38	Garber 39	Bridgeport 13	Caro
Vassar 25	Vassar 22	Vassar 38	
Frankenmuth 26	Millington 18	North Branch 36 O.T.	
		Vassar 18	
		Birch Run 15	

(right) Vassar lines up its offense during the game with the Broncos on Homecoming. Vassar won the game in overtime, 38-36; (far right) Todd Solgat jumps high into the air in the Bridgeport game and makes the catch.

TOUCHDOWN!



**1<sup>st</sup> Team TVC East**

- Josh Illian-Linebacker and Offensive Line
- Erik Hecht-Running Back
- Jon Gonda-Receiver

**2<sup>nd</sup> Team TVC East**

- Todd Solgat-Defensive Back
- Chris Eskelson-Defensive Line

**Most Valuable Player**

- Josh Illian-Defense
- Erik Hect-Offense

**Coaches Award**

- Adam Hadd

**Honorable Mention**

- John MacArthur-Offensive Line
- Russ Lalko-Offensive Line
- Dan Smith-Quarterback
- John Buckley-Defensive Line
- Dan Ford-Linebacker
- Chris Lowrey-Offensive Line
- Kevin Whaley-Defensive Line

**Most Improved Player**

- John MacArthur-Offense
- Todd Solgat-Defense





(left) Jon Gonda gets a breakaway run as a Bridgeport player trails behind.



(above) Running back Erik Hecht runs the ball in an exciting game vs Millington. Vassar scored the victory 22-18.

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Vassar 28  
Carrollton

# VULCAN FOOTBALL



The members of the 2001 Varsity Football Team are: (front l.) Coach Pat Dillon, Tristan Cavanaugh, Brandon Frank, Josh Miller, Dan Ford, Chris Eskelson, Zeke Espinoza, John MacArthur, Terrence Cain, Ben Riedel, Todd Solgat, Jason Colosky, Josh Illian, Erik Hecht, Kevin Whaley, Jon Gonda, and Coach Marcus Dukes; (middle l.) Matt Jaynes, Brandon Sulicki, John Scharff, Brandon Confer, Jason Balcer, Chris Lapratt, Trevor Gamet, Brandon Cavanaugh, Deontae Morrison, Sam Nobles, John Buckley, Chris Lowrey, Russ Lalko, and Daniel Smith; (back l.) Tim Pickett, T.J. Keener, Adam Hadd, Chris Gonzales, Nathan Buchinger, Keith McIntyre, and Mike Crandall. (Missing from photo: Head Coach Vince Leveille)



# FALL JV & FRESHMEN



Members of the 2001 Junior Varsity Football Team are: (front l.) Coach Bill Germain, Jared Laframboise, Shannon Harper, Tim Scharff, Mason Gorleski, Steven Clauss, Andrew Erdman, James Schmitzer, Aaron Schiefer, Sam Robotham, Brian Cheshire, Jake DuRussell, and Coach Scott Teschendorf; (back l.) Dustin Hawley, Brent Shoemate, Jeremias Illian, Shawn Strandberg, Troy Perry, Brad Marr, Elliot Hubbard, Ernie Huizar III, Tony Karr, and Coach Friedhelm Illian.



Members of the 2001 Freshmen Football Team are: (front l.) Charles Derrick, Cliff Aulbert, Josh David, Tom Carlisle, Adam Wojno, Craig Eskelson, Ryan Palm, James Campbell, Erick Pratt, Chad Green, and Chris Hess; (back l.) Coach Mark Dowe, Jeremy Timlick, Travis Mills, T.J. Schiefer, Brandon Haines, Ben Kasper, David Withers, Jerry Callahan, Josh Trudeau, Nicholas Wright, and Coach Jim Horn.





Members of the 2001 Fall Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are: (front l.) Heather Toyzan, Allison Bender, and Molly Espinoza; (back l.) Jaime Schiefer, Sarah Schoenlein, and Kristen Geesey. (Missing from photo: Coach Monica Whitburn.)



Members of the 2001 Fall Freshman Cheerleaders are: (front l.) Cheyenne Kosha, Danielle Lesko, Brandy Gibisas, Jessica Harper, and Ashley Legue; (back l.) Coach Amy Fall, and Jaclyn Bell.



Members of the 2001 Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Team are: (front l.) Chelsea Lichnovsky, Sara Rushford, Linzi Morley, Anna Piazza, and Danielle Baker; (back l.) Coach Kris Shoemate, Alison Thorp, Chandra Hatfield, Alyse Reamy, and Kristi Morman.



Members of the 2001 Freshmen Girls' Basketball Team are: (front l.) Coach Josh Kennard, Jessica Zamora, Ashely Pileri, Nikole Lanfear, Jamie Middaugh, Kristi Fisher, and Coach Brandon Baker; (back l.) Heather Wilmoth, Chelsea Atkins, Michelle Crandall, and Candice Nearing.



Kristi Morman drives to the basket.



Nikole Lanfear shoots for two points.



Linzi Morley dribbles the ball down the court.

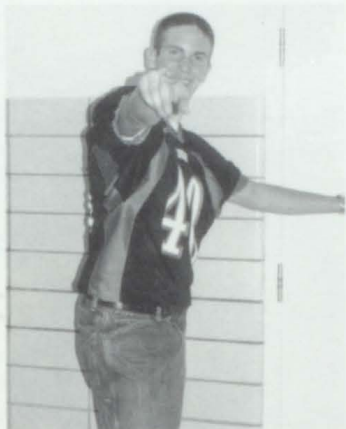
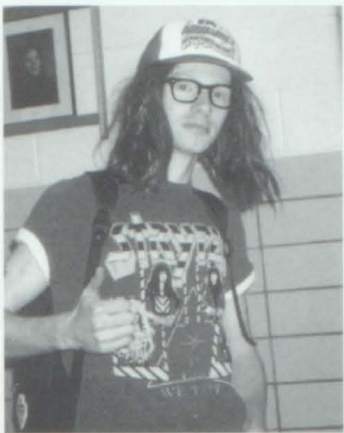




Todd Solgat and Tabitha Greenwood were all smiles after they were crowned 2001 Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the football game.



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# A HOMECOMING TO REMEMBER

Homecoming 2001, how could we forget? For the seniors, it was the last time to win the Tug of War, and for the freshmen, the start of many new memories. No matter the grade, Homecoming was special for all of us. The theme chosen by Student Senate was Board Games. As the week started, students began building their floats and getting ready for the big game on Friday. Many of us showed our school spirit throughout Homecoming Week by dressing up. Monday, Pajama Day, gave everyone a good excuse to sleep in. Tuesday was named Flag Day to show patriotism for our country. Wednesday, students and staff let out a little bit of craziness on Crazy Day. Thursday was Dress Like a Famous Person Day, and Friday was Orange and Black Day. As the week came to a close, the Representatives and Senior Court got ready for their big day. When Friday rolled around, they came to school dressed like royalty, and after a day filled with pictures, they filed into the gym for the long awaited Pep Assembly. Sports teams got some recognition and lots of games were played before the long awaited Court Dance. Both the guys and girls gave a good show, but in the end, the guys reigned victorious. After school, everyone made their way downtown to watch the annual parade, and after that, they followed the procession back to the football field. At halftime of the game, Todd Solgat and Tabitha Greenwood were crowned King and Queen. Over all, Homecoming was a great success, and everyone is looking forward to next year.





Some of the Teachers dressed up like Mr. Wojno on Dress Like A Famous Person Day

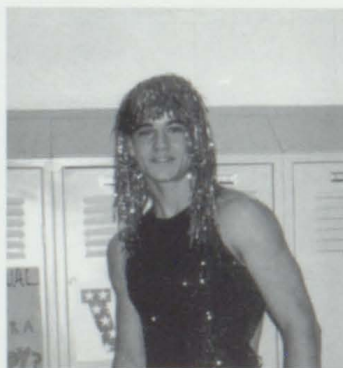


Who could forget the game? We beat North Branch 38-36. Here the boys celebrate after the win.



(Right) Freshman Roger Bacon sings "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" during a game

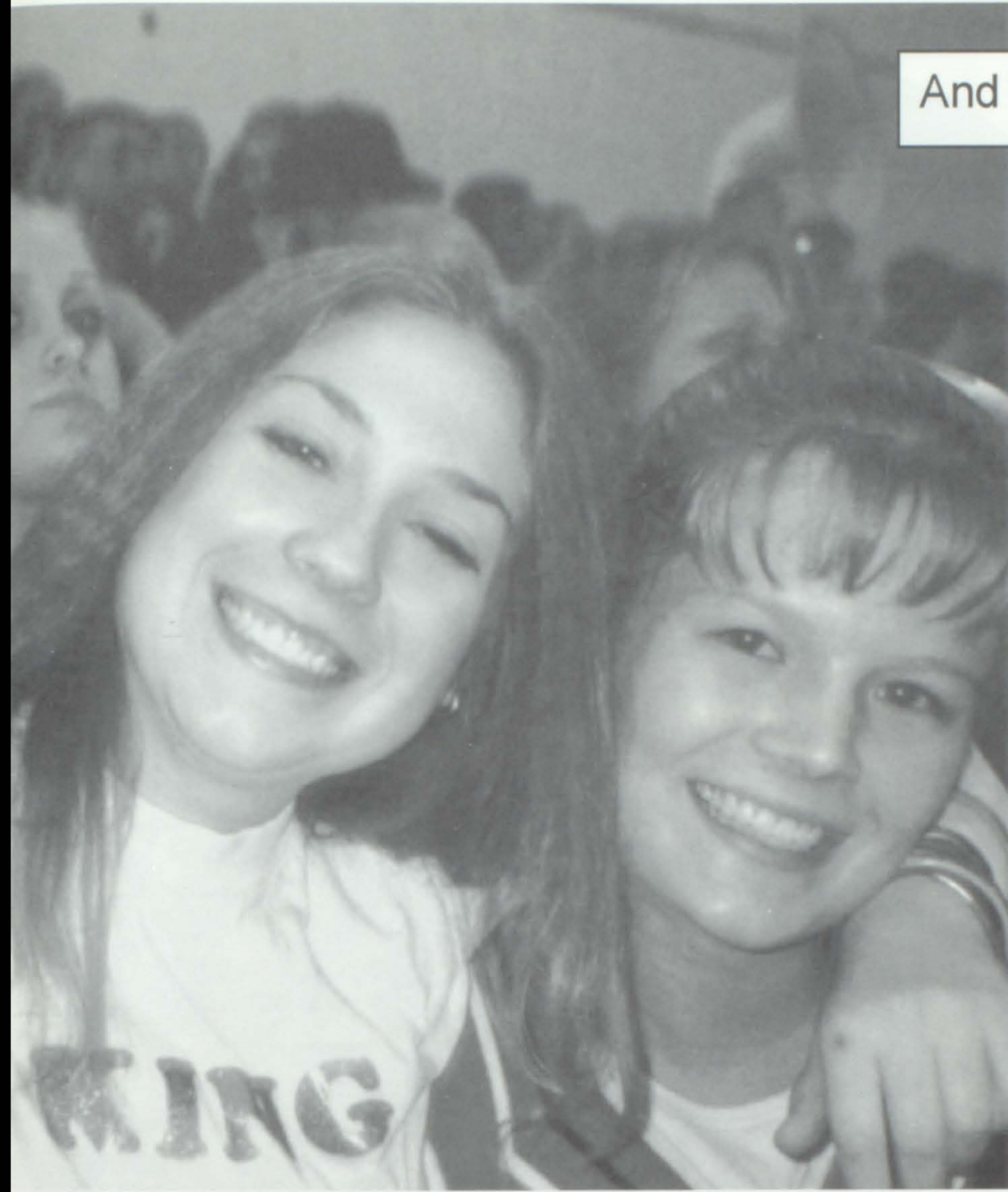
which the Seniors won. (Below) Todd Solgat came dressed in a Prom dress for Crazy Day.



The 2001 Homecoming Representatives and Court Members are: (front l.) Ashley Legue, and K.C. Quick; (middle l.) Mike Dickenson, Shannon Franklin, Tabitha Greenwood, Kate Blossom, Kim Bertelsmeyer, Rachel Olson, Michelle Nowotny, and Mias Illian; (back l.) John Buckley, Zeke Espinoza, Nathan Buchinger, Terrence Cain, Todd Solgat, and Josh Illian.



And The Winners Are...

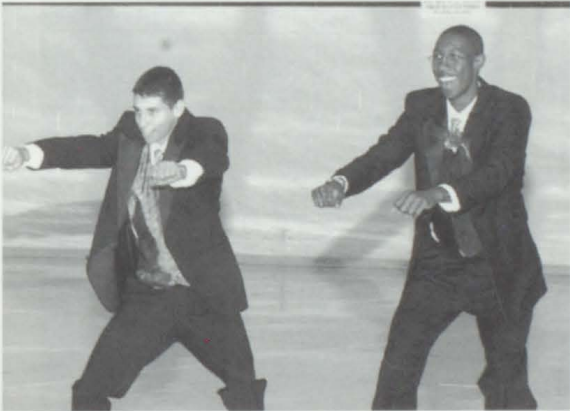


Spirit Week

- 1st Place- The Freshmen
- 2nd Place- The Juniors
- 3rd Place- The Sophomores
- 4th Place- The Seniors



(Above) Seniors Abbey Wojno, Angie Stacer, and Elishia Waterman are all smiles during the Pep Assembly.



Court Members Tabitha Greenwood, Kate Blossom, Zeke Espinoza, and Terrence Cain do a little dance at the assembly. The boys won.





# BAND

Vassar High School's marching band participated in the following events: the Marching Band Festival with a Latin theme where they received a I for their performance, the Richville Parade and the Pumpkin Parade.

The band also participated in the Symphonic Band Festival and received a II.

(right) The Vassar Pep Band sits with anticipation waiting for the pep assembly to begin.



(above) Vassar band members gear up for practice early in the morning.



Eric Palmer marches to the beat of his own drum.



The Vassar marching band gets the Vassar Homecoming Parade off to a good start.



Josh Koch, Sarah Mills, and Nick Hubbard enjoy a day outside after playing during half time of the WMU and NMU football game.



Mrs. Stacer and Mrs. Salesky

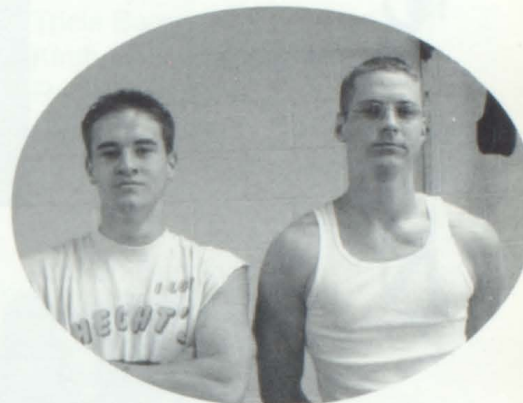


Kenny Ricklefs and Jessica Brink



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SOMEONE ONCE SAID  
"TRUE FRIENDSHIP MUL-  
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FRIENDS THAT PROVE IT.



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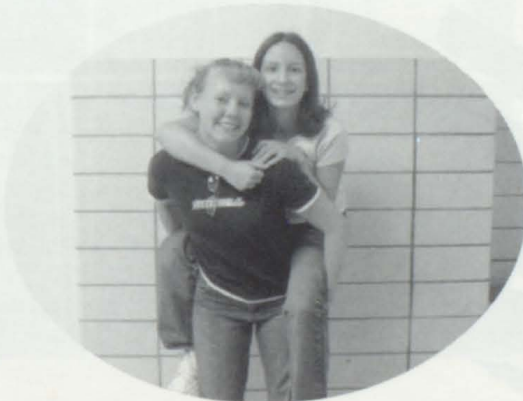


Holly Main and Elyse Turner



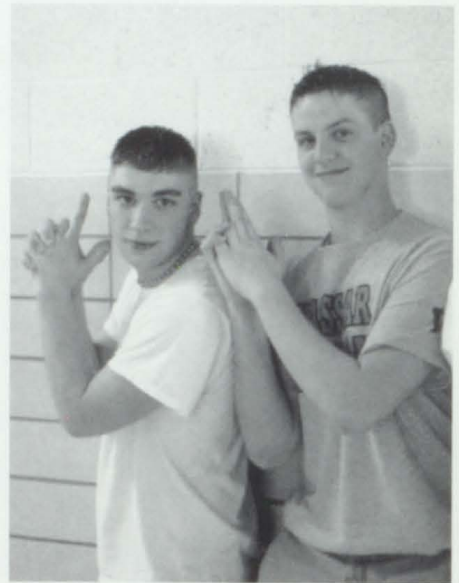
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(Top) The 2001-2002 Junior Class Officers were: Maegan Morley, Andrea Solgat, Tricia Barnes, and Holly Main; (Bottom l.) Elyse Turner, Anne LaFave, and Maegan Morley are looking cute as "Charlie's Angels"; (Bottom r.) Dustin Irwin and Brandon DeLand try to pull off a "Charlie's Angels" look, but aren't very successful.





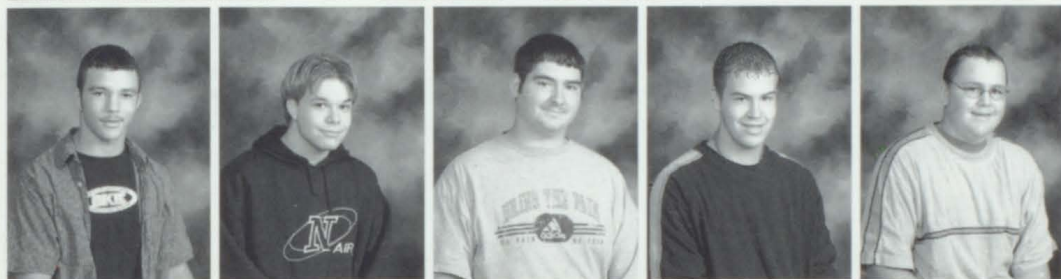
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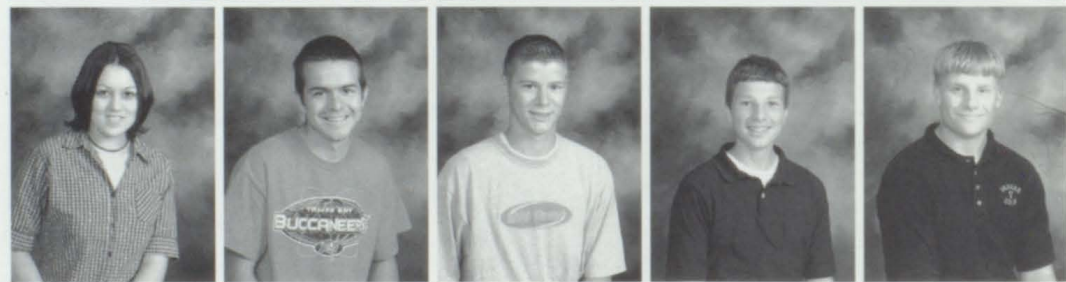
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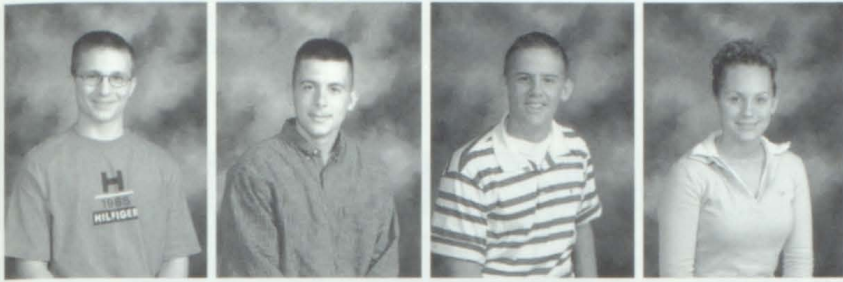
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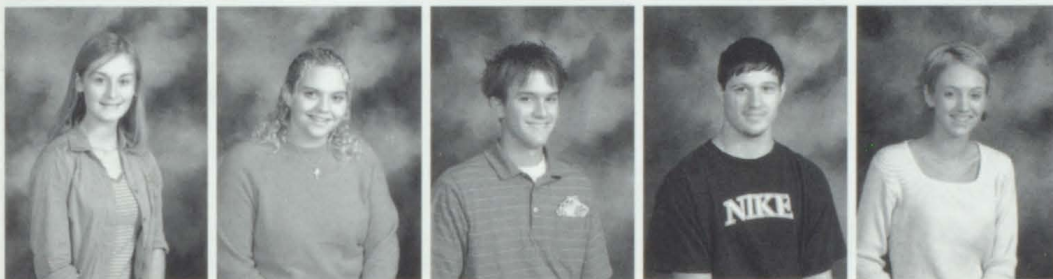
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Alysha Lich  
Sarah Low  
Christopher Lowrey



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Gus Martinka  
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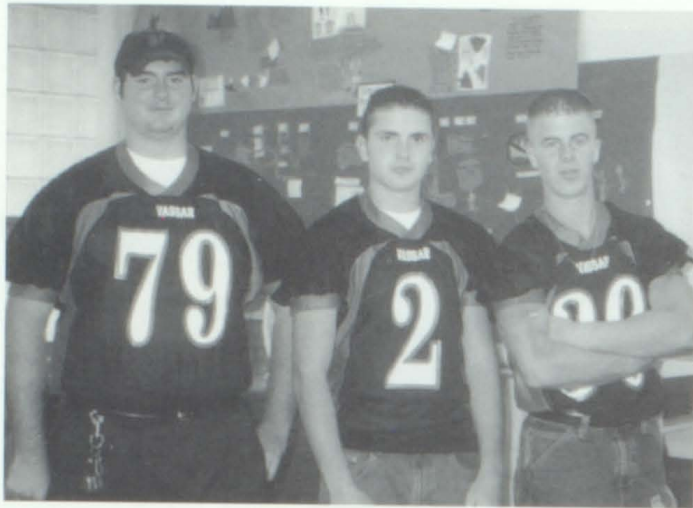
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(Left) Mike Crandall, John Scharff, and Keith McIntyre try to look like football stars; (Below) Michelle Peche, Tracy Searles, and Jessica Huizar goof off in the hallway.



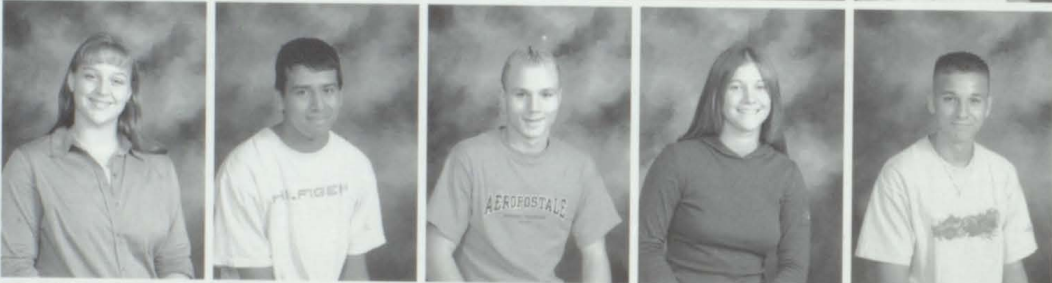
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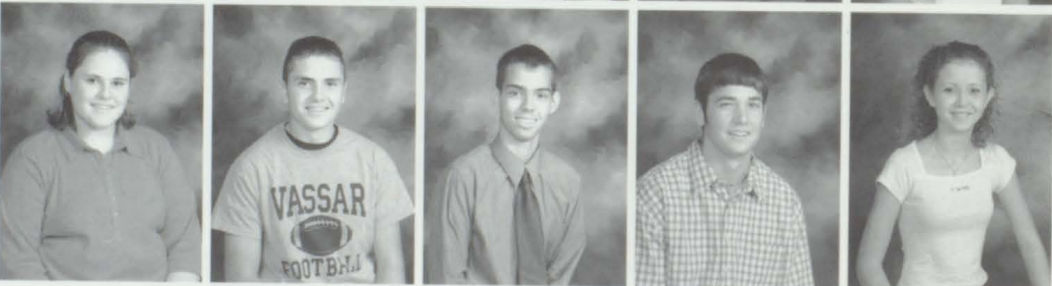
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Jennifer Sargent  
John Scharff  
Benjamin Schmandt  
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(Top l.) Daniel Smith shows off his modeling abilities; (Bottom l.) Karah Heinlein wants to be a "Crest kid"; (Right) Chris Gonzales reads to students at Townsend North for his football hours.



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Joseph Smith



Andrea Solgat  
Andrew Stevens  
Brandon Sulicki  
Jennifer Tanke  
Racheal Tebedo



Mackenzie Thomas  
Elyse Turner  
Josh Tuthill  
Christina Vanluchene  
Kevin Wakefield



Vanessa Ward  
Brandon Weber  
Kyle Woolman  
Ryan Ziegler  
Stephanie Ziegler



# ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

(right) Nathan Buchinger, Angie Stacer, Scott Sheppard, and Eric Andreychuk sing about the wonders of show business.



(below) Annie (Angie Stacer) gives Frank (Nathan Buchinger) an uncertain look.



(above) The dancers of Buffalo Bills Wild West Show kick their legs up high.

(below) Chief Sitting Bull (Bart Rittenberg) takes a breather.



(above) Shannon Franklin and Darcy Buchman listen with rapt attention to the scene unfolding before their eyes.



(above) Scott Sheppard, Matt Jaynes, and Bart Rittenberg consider combining the two shows.



(below) Roger Bacon and Matt Jaynes do a little song and dance number.



(below) Shannon Franklin twirls a rope in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.



(above) Molly Espinoza and Mias Illian take a bow.



(above) The Seventh Calvary Sharp Shooters in a musical precision drill.



(above) Dolly Tate (Karah Heinlein) and Frank (Nathan Buchinger) exchange sarcastic glances.



Members of the 2001-2002 Vassar High School Drama Club are: (top l.) Karah Heinlein, Bart Rittenberg, Matt Andreychuk, Scott Sheppard, Mias Illian, Wes Muntz, and Melanie Truett; (middle l.) Jennifer Tanke, Allison Bender, Corbin Rose, Devin Foether, Darcy Buchman, Kim Bertelsmeyer, Shannon Franklin, John Mac Arthur, and Roger Bacon; (bottom l.) Drama Club Officers: Alaina Garlick-Secretary, Eric Andreychuk- Vice President, and Angie Stacer-President.



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(above) Stacy Jevicks, and Chelsea Atkins take a time out from planting flowers. (top right) Senior Journalism students goof off during class. (middle right) Brandon Frank and Lyndsey Shepard fooling around. (below) Ian Hamilton, Josh Koch, and Anna Piazza hang out after lunch.



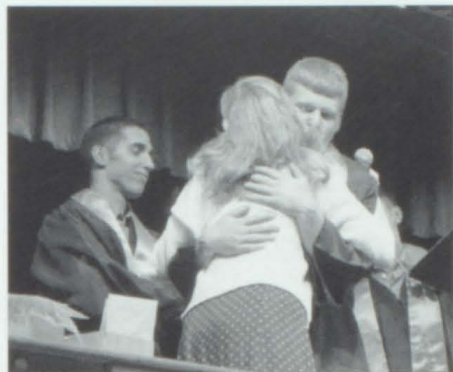
(left) Anne LaFave, Maegan Morley, Holly Main, Tricia Barnes, Rachel Hill, and Jenny Jones goof around in the hall. (right) Sara Richards and Shaman Harris give a thumbs up while selling concessions.



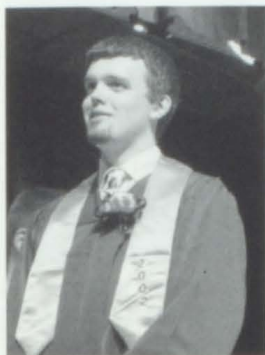


# CHOIR!

(Top l.) Mrs. Middlin shares memories of her longtime students, Seniors Blair Lee, Kara Barden, Dana Blasius and Lydia Hendricks; (Top r.) Josh Koch and Anna Piazza sing the love song "Last Night of the World"; (Right) Mrs. Middlin hugs Josh Illian after sharing a moment of his childhood with the audience.



Vassar High School's 2001-2002 Choir had a great year. This year's spring concert was based on the theme of Broadway.



(Top l.) Foreign exchange student Frederick Kristenson joined our Choir this year. He was very enthusiastic, and also contributed by playing some pieces on the piano for our concert; (Bottom l.) Lydia Hendricks pours her heart into her solo during "The Circle of Life".

(Below) The Seniors take one last Choir picture together in their robes.



(Bottom l.) Singing "Get Me To the Church on Time", the boys show off their two left feet; (Bottom r.) The Senior girls shake their booties dancing during "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair."





# STUDENT SENATE



Members of the 2001-2002 Student Senate are: (front l.) Treasurer Shannon Franklin, President Melissa Morman, Vice-President Brandon Cavanaugh, Secretary Kim Bertelsmeyer, and Secretary Anne Lafave; (middle l.) Nathan Nephew, Corbin Rose, Rich King, Alyse Reamy, Chelsea Atkins, Katie Wiacek, Allison Bender, and Ashley Pileri; (back l.) Andrea Roedel, Heather Toyzan, Ben Schmandt, Chris Gonzales, Stacy Jevicks, Dan King, and Jessica Harper.

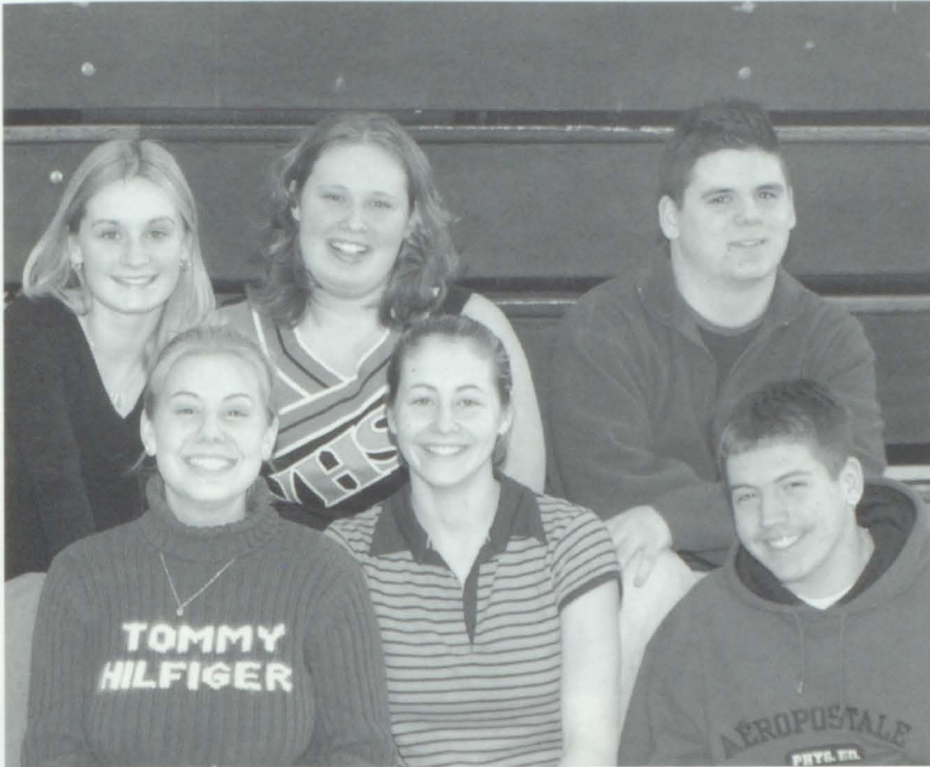
VHS Student Senate completed a lot of projects this year including many leadership activities, Homecoming, Icefest, a new school mural which will be in the gym next year, and flower planting in the band shell. "I think that for the lack of experience we had this year we did quite well," commented President **Melissa Morman**.



(left) Anne LaFave and Heather Toyzan get ready for the Homecoming Festivities. (right) Alyse Reamy and Jessica Harper help out during the Icefest Pep Assembly.



# STUDENTS ASK CLOSE-UP



Members of the 2001-2002 Close-Up Organization are: (front l.) Kelsey Guthrie, Andrea Solgat, and Chris Gonazlas. (Back l.): Holly Main, Stephanie Huyghe, and Kenny Ricklefs.

The Close-up Club had their annual spaghetti dinner in October. The group is planning a trip to Washington D.C. next year.

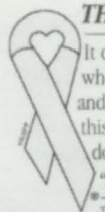


Daniel Smith and Corby Nearing enjoying some spaghetti during the fundraiser.

# STUDENTS ASK YELLOW

# RIBBON

Pictured below is the yellow ribbon help card. In the case of an emergency simply present the card to a friend and say: " I need to use my yellow ribbon."



**THIS RIBBON IS A LIFELINE!**

It carries the message that there are those who care and will help! If you are in need and don't know how to ask for help, take this card to a counselor, teacher, clergy, doctor, parent or friend and say:

**"I NEED TO USE MY YELLOW RIBBON"**

The Yellow Ribbon Program is in loving memory of Michael Emme



Members of the 2001-2002 Yellow Ribbon Chapter are: (front l.) Jessica Francis, Tricia Stadler, Jaimie Doud, Don Gilbert, and Joel Connor; (middle l.) Heather Hatfield, Tyler Cooper, Carin Legue, Samantha Coffey, and Krista Bell; (back l.) Beth Norrington, Nicole Gilmore, Bobby Schmitzer, Ernie Huizar, and Sara Hubbard.



# FRENCH CLUB



The members of the 2001-2002 French Club are: (front l.) Alaina Garlick, and Eric Andreychuk; (middle l.) Nathan Nephew, Tyler Cooper, Leigh Donnelly, Josh Faulk, Heather Hess, Eric Palmer, and Rebecca Hall; (back l.) Mike Fall, Colin Wade, Shawn Strandberg, Mias Illian, Travis Mills, Joel Conner, and Alysha Lich.

# Viva CLUB



The members of the 2001-2002 Viva Club are: (front l.) Keith McIntyre, Kelsey Guthrie, Stephanie Huyghe, and Amy Cooper; (second l.) Crystal Nelson, Erin Lanfear, Holly Main, Andrea Solgat, John MacArthur, Daniel Smith, Brandon Confer, Maegan Morley, Jessica Spencer, and Laurin Hill; (third l.) Chris Richard, Jillian Tucker, Nichole Schluckebier, Andrea Roedel, Anna Piazza, Daniel Rodriguez, David Cooper, Stephanie Ziegler, and Lisa Perry; (back l.) Sarah Schoenlein, Brandon Haines, Kristi Morman, Karah Heinlein, Mary Raney, Nichole Opperman, Mackenzie Thomas, and Katlyn Fricke.



# STUDENTS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING



Members of the 2001-2002 SADD Organization are: (front l.) Danny King, School Resource Officer Amanda Stark, Jamie Owensby (Treasurer/Secretary), Andrea Roedel (President), and Becky Hecht; (back l.) Beth Brugman, Christina Brown, Janet Inglis, Carin Legue, and Kim Bertelsmeyer. Missing from photo are: Tabitha Greenwood, and Brett Cassidy (Advisor).

The members of Students Against Drunk Driving organized the 2001-2002 Student-Staff Basketball game. They also printed this message on the back of everyone's Prom tickets: *"Think of your future, think of your date, then think before making that fatal mistake."*



(right) Mr. Nowotny looks to pass the ball over sophomore Brandon Newton.



Senior Terence Cain is getting ready to go up strong over Mr. Nowotny as Ms. Bruzewski comes back down the floor to play defense.



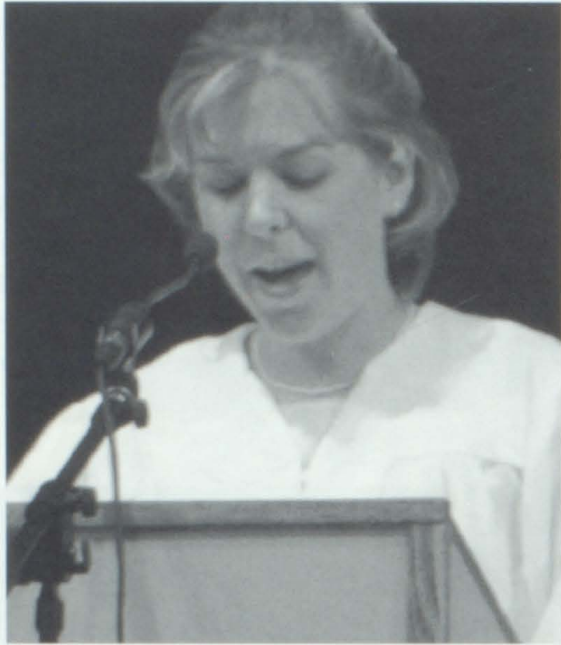
The ball is tipped by teacher Ms. Eilers and freshman Eric Loy in the beginning of the 2001-2002 Student-Staff Basketball game. School Resource Officer Amanda Stark looks on as junior Justin Harper referees the game.



Seniors Andrea Roedel and Jamie Owensby wearing their long-awaited SADD t-shirts.



# NATIONAL HO



NHS President Abbey Wojno welcomes members and their families to the induction ceremonies.



Inductees(l.) and current members await the beginning of the ceremony welcoming the new members.



NHS member Tabitha Greenwood lights a candle as part of the ceremony.

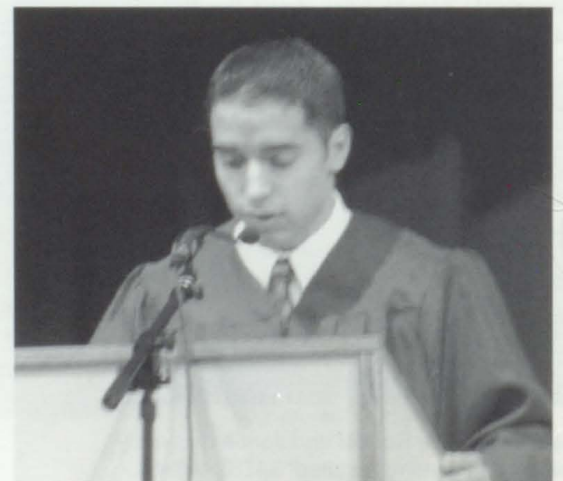


Mias Illian is inducted into the National Honor Society.



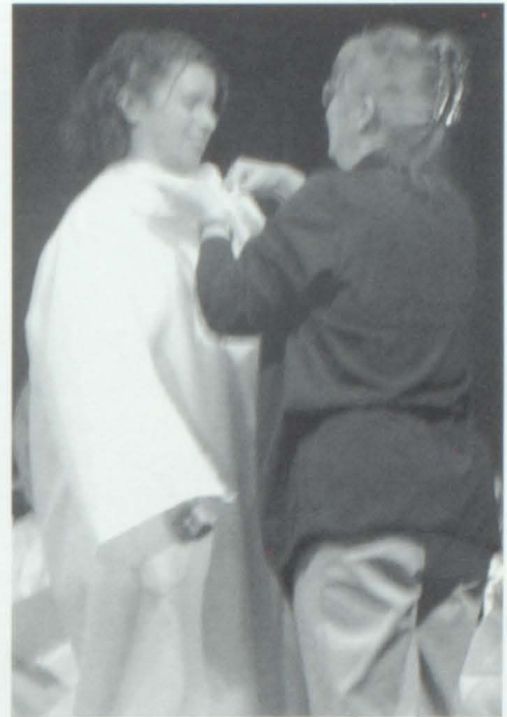
Megan Franko, NHS member, participates in the ceremonies.

Tristan Cavanaugh talks about the responsibility of being a member of NHS.





# NOR SOCIETY



(above) New members (l.) Jessica Francis, Dustin Hawley, Corbin Rose, Mias Illian, Sara Rushford, Sara Schoenlein, and Shawn Strandberg take their oath. Other inductees included: Allison Bender, Brian Cheshire, Leigh Donnelly, Jaimie Doud, Nathan Nephew, Anna Piazza, Bort Rittenberg, Alison Thorp, and Heather Toyzan; (above r.) Andrea Roedel gets her cords for graduation from her mom.



(photo l.) Emily Hazen, Melissa Morman and Stephen Wilder, current NHS members, and Mr. Wojno, NHS advisor, participated in the lighting of the candles during the beginning of the ceremony.



Members of the Vassar Chapter of the National Honor Society include: (front l.) Brandon Cavanaugh, Yvonne Donnelly, Angie Stacer, Andrea Roedel, Emily Hazen, Abbey Wojno, Melissa Morman, Lydia Hendricks, Josh Illian, Anna Piazza, and Katie Wiacek; (middle l.) Kara Barden, Shannon Wilkinson, Eric Andreychuk, Shannon Franklin, Kim Bertelsmeyer, Megan Franko, Eric Palmer, Stephanie Ziegler, Katlyn Fricke, and Vanessa Slack; (back l.) Tristan Cavanaugh, Rich King, Brian Keinath, Devin Foether, Stephen Wilder, Becky Hecht, Heather Hess, Nick Hubbard, Ben Schmandt, Jennifer Sargent, and Terrance Cain.





Senior Erik Hecht tips the ball in during a game this season.

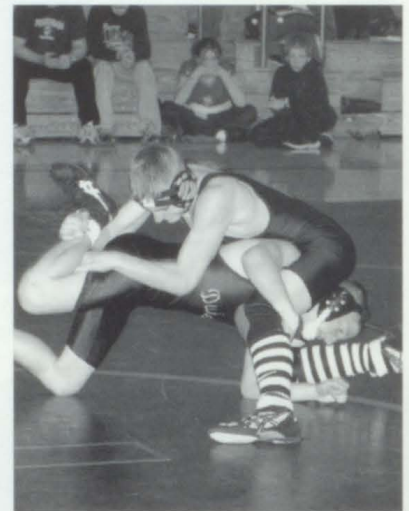
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(Right) Tabitha Greenwood anxiously waits for the ball while teammate Yvonne Donnelly looks on.



(Below) Freshmen Tommy Rosencrants ties up with a Garber wrestler during the season.

(Right) Michelle Nowotny goes up for a spike during one of her games.



# SPORTS

## INTRO

Boys' Basketball

Gymnastics

Cheerleading

Volleyball

Wrestling

The Cheerleaders pumped up the crowd during a time-out this season.





Senior gymnasts Angie Stacer and Lydia Hendricks led the team to victory.



Above, Junior Co-captain Rich King has a Garber Wrestler on his back during the match.





# Gymnastics



(Top) Elaine Kennard, Dana Blasius, Rachel Olson, and Angie Stacer, along with the rest of the team, practice the splits before a meet. (Above) Lydia Hendricks and Stephanie MacArthur lean on each other as they take a quick breather during a meet. (Top right) This year's team was led by the seven returning seniors: Dana Blasius, Lydia Hendricks, Elaine Kennard, Rachel Olson, Angie Stacer, Tiffany McClanahan, and Cindy Titsworth. (Middle right) Rachel Olson looks up as she finishes practicing her floor routine. (Bottom right) Juniors Corby Nearing and Kim Donnelly take time for a little fun before a meet.







(Top left) Senior Tiffany McClanahan finishes her floor routine. (Middle left) Coach Walt Purigroski was all smiles as his team competed well at a home meet. (Bottom left) The team gathers together to take a picture to give Coach Purigroski as part of a thank-you gift. (Top middle) Sophomore Kristy Bohl competes on the balance beam. (Bottom Middle) Freshman Candice Nearing finishes her floor routine. (Above) Senior Angie Stacer looks as graceful as a dancer during her floor routine.



## Awards

**Most Valuable Gymnast:** Rachel Olson & Cindy Titsworth  
**Most Improved Gymnast:** Kristy Fisher  
**Coaches Award:** Kim Donnelly

The members of the 2001-2002 Gymnastics Team are: (front l.) Alyse Reamy, Kristi Fisher, and Candice Nearing; (middle l.) Janelle Petterson, Stephanie MacArthur, Rachel Olson, Tiffany McClanahan, Kristy Bohl, Corby Nearing, Dana Blasius, Cindy Titsworth, Elaine Kennard, and Hope Wirta; (back l.) Angie Stacer, Coach Cindy Teschendorf, Lydia Hendricks, and Coach Walt Purigroski.



# VULCAN '02

# WRESTLING



(above) Junior Dan King tries to escape from Caro's Steve Burcham during a match late in the season.



(above) Adam Hadd tries to escape from an opponent during the season.  
(right) Tommy Rosencrants pins a Garber wrestler during a match this year.



Co-captain Rich King has Caro's Robbie Gotwalt on his back during the district championship match at Cass City.

The Vassar High School Varsity Wrestling Team did extremely well this year placing in many of the tournaments they were in. "I had a lot of fun this year," Senior Co-Captain Jason Knickerbocker commented.

## SCOREBOARD

Vassar 45	Vassar 15	Vassar 19	Vassar 18	Vassar 21
Mayville 30	Bridgeport 62	Garber 50	Caro 64	Bridgeport 55
Vassar 54	Vassar 36	Vassar 24	Vassar 45	
Millington 27	North Branch 36	Flint Powers 54	Millington 27	

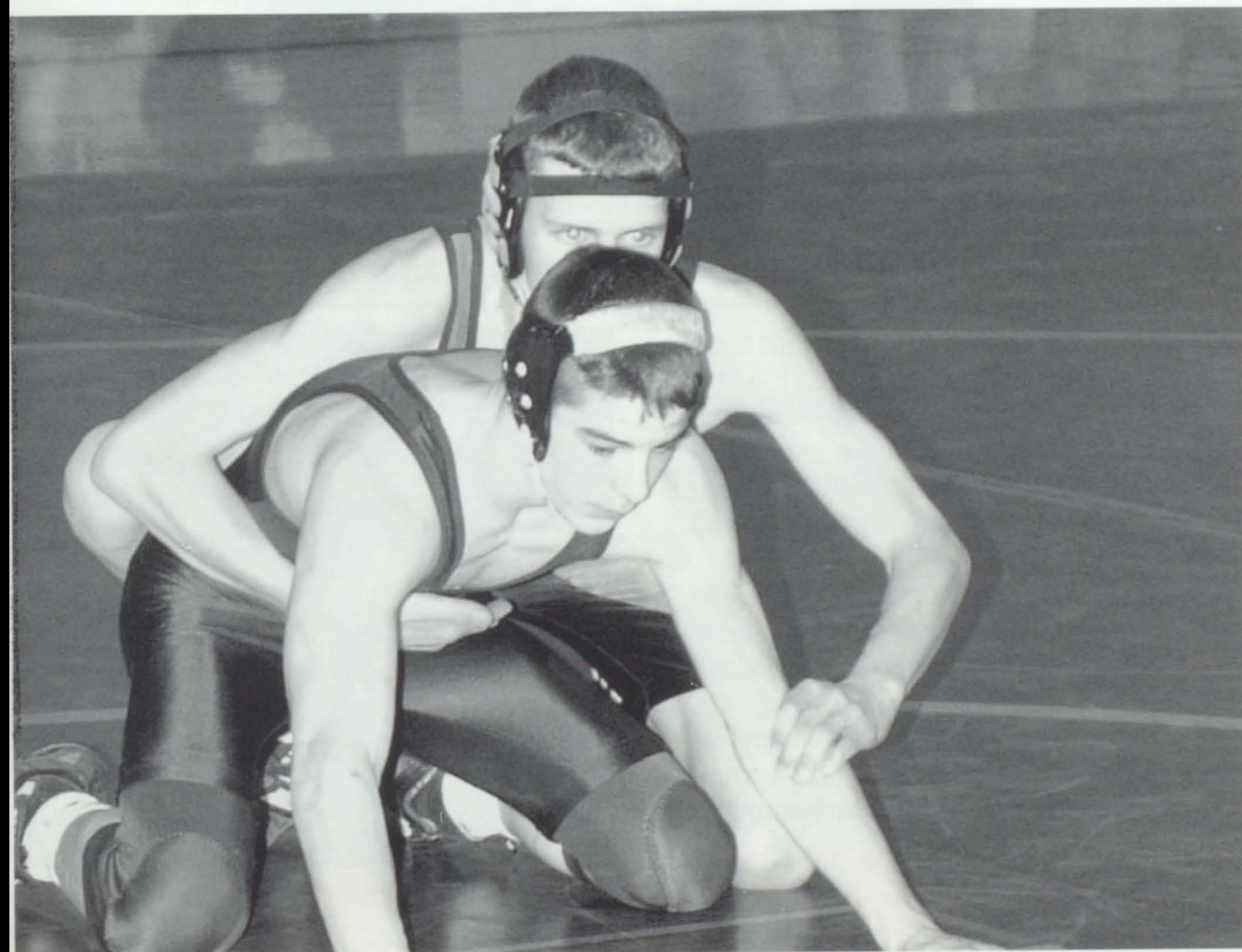
(right) Brandon Weber awaits the referee's whistle during a match early in the season.



Ernie Huizar takes a quick breather during his match.



The members of the 2002 Varsity Wrestling Team are: (front l.) Manager Melissa Morman, Jason Knickerbocker, Josh Miller, Kevin Whaley, and Manager Katie Wiacek; (middle l.) Coach Gary King, Adam Hadd, Rich King, Dan King, Jason Balcer, Brandon Weber, Nick Ewing; (back l.) Coach Jerry Endert, Billy Davis, Tommy Rosencrants, Ryan House, Devin Foether, Mike Crandall, Justin Doud, and Coach Ernie Huizar. (Missing from photo are Brian Bostater, Brett Rosencrants, and Ernie Huizar.)





# VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

ONE TEAM ONE GOAL



The members of the 2002 Varsity Volleyball Team are: (front l.) Anna Piazza, Co-Captain Abbey Wojno, and Rachel Hill; (middle l.) Manager Alison Thorp, Stephanie Ziegler, Kim Bertelsmeyer, Andrea Roedel, Emily Hazen, Mary Raney, Lisa Perry, and Coach Paula Ramer; (back l.) Yvonne Donnelly, Co-Captain Tabitha Greenwood, and Michelle Nowotny. (Missing: Assistant Coach Chrissy Solberg.)

The Vassar Varsity Volleyball team had an excellent season, with a 33-11-6 record, the second best in school history. Two new personal records went up on the record board this season and two first-place tournament trophies were added to the trophy cases.

The two tournaments won by the Vulcans this year were the Standish-Sterling Invitational on January 5 and the North Branch Invitational on February 16. Vassar also placed second in tournaments held in Vassar and Millington and were runners-up at districts held in Frankenmuth.







Michelle Nowotny goes up for the spike.



Abbey Wojno and Andrea Roedel watch a game during tournament play.



Emily Hazen hammers the ball, as Andrea Roedel covers her, and Tabitha Greenwood acts as a decoy.

## A W A R D S

**MVP:** Yvonne Donnelly & Tabitha Greenwood

**Most Improved Player:** Andrea Roedel

**Coach's Award:** Anna Piazza

**Class 'B' All-Region:**

Michelle Nowotny-1st Team

Tabitha Greenwood-2nd Team

**Tuscola Advertiser Dream Team:**

Michelle Nowotny-1st Team

Tabitha Greenwood-2nd Team

**Tuscola Advertiser Honorable Mention:**

Emily Hazen & Anna Piazza

**TVC East All-Conference:**

Tabitha Greenwood-1st Team

Michelle Nowotny-2nd Team

**TVC East Honorable Mention:** Yvonne Donnelly,

Emily Hazen, Andrea Roedel, & Anna Piazza

**Individual Academic All-State:** Yvonne Donnelly,

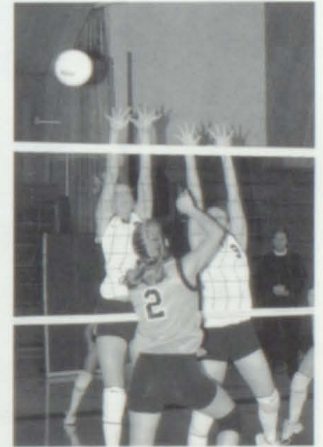
Emily Hazen, Michelle Nowotny, Andrea Roedel, &

Abbey Wojno

**Class 'B' Team Academic All-State - 2nd Consecutive Year**



Mike Piazza congratulates his sister, Anna (left) after breaking the season assist record. Piazza shattered the record, which was formerly held by Brenda Becker. Piazza had 867 assists, while Becker's record stood at 495. Tabitha Greenwood (right) set a new record for kills in a career at 767. The record was formerly held by Sheree McFarland.



Yvonne Donnelly gets ready to spike the ball.

(Left) The seniors of this year's Varsity Volleyball Team are: (front l.) Abbey Wojno and Andrea Roedel; (back l.) Emily Hazen, Michelle Nowotny, Yvonne Donnelly, and Tabitha Greenwood.

**UNITY: THE STATE OF BEING ONE**



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(Top l.) The squad lines up for the National Anthem. (Top r.) Maegan Morley, Anne LaFave, and Elyse Turner stop for a breather during a game. (Middle l.) The group gets Maegan Morley ready to fly.

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(Top) The squad puts up a pyramid during a time-out. (Below) The girls patiently watch the game on the sidelines.

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The members of the 2001-2002 Winter Cheerleading Squad are: (front l.) Allison Bender, Heather Toyzan, CaSondra Empey, Kara Barden, and Stephanie Huyghe; (middle l.) Maegan Morley, Elyse Turner, Manager Nicole Koch, Sarah Schoenlein, and Anne LaFave; (back l.) Coach Melissa Koch, Amber Kubisz, and Jaclyn Bell.

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(Top l.) A few of the girls help CaSondra Empey flip out of a stunt. (Top r.) Jaclyn Bell in a "Kewpie" pose. (Middle) The squad smiles while in mid-cheer. (Bottom l.) Heather Toyzan encourages the crowd. (Bottom m.) Senior CaSondra Empey cheering in one of her final games. (Bottom r.) Maegan Morley "v-sits" while flying out of a stunt.



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(right) Senior guard Jon Gonda flies through the air to make a layup at the Caro game. (below) Senior forward Ben Riedel adds two points to the score with a reverse layup.



(left) Senior forward Terence Cain makes a breakaway layup in an exciting game vs Caro. (top) Junior Daniel Smith looks for the pass inside. (right) Senior forward Erik Hecht looks to pass or shoot while being guarded during the Garber game at home.





# Boys' Varsity

## BASKETBALL

### SCOREBOARD

Vassar 56  
Brown City 35

Vassar 52  
Birch Run 50

Vassar 65  
Caseville 51

Vassar 49  
Reese 48

Vassar 62  
Millington 48

Vassar 53  
Frankenmuth 60

Vassar 46  
Bridgeport 45

Vassar 45  
North Branch 60

Vassar 61  
Garber 56

Vassar 31  
Reese 50

Vassar 53  
Caro 58

Vassar 50  
Hemlock 64

Vassar 65  
Millington 55

Vassar 44  
Frankenmuth 41

Vassar 49  
Bridgeport 85

Vassar 52  
Birch Run 45

Vassar 45  
North Branch 47

Vassar 70  
Garber 66

Vassar 62  
Caro 54

Vassar 38  
Freeland 71

Districts:  
Vassar 43  
Caro 49



The members of the 2001-2002 Boys' Varsity Basketball Team are: (front l.) Coach Bob Nowotny, Justin Harper, Erik Hecht, Ben Riedel, Terence Cain, John Scharff, and Daniel Smith; (back l.) Assistant Coach Brandon Baker, Ben Schmandt, Erik Palmer, Josh Koch, Brian Keinath, Jason Perkins, Jon Gonda, and Assistant Coach Dave Grimshaw.



(left) The Vulcans get pumped up together before game vs Garber. (top) Junior forward Justin Harper shoots for two during the first half of the Caro game.



# FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL



The members of the 2001-2002 Freshmen Volleyball Team are: (front l.) Laurin Hill, Sally VanDeVeer, Jessica Day, Michelle Crandall, Kristina Bowman, and Jessica Slack; (back l.) Coach Tessa King, Tricia Donnelly, Melanie Truett, Crystal Nelson, Ashley Legue, Chelsea Atkins, Jessica Spencer, and Jaemi Bush.

# JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



The members of the 2001-2002 Junior Varsity Volleyball Team are: (front l.) Trisha Rushford, Chelsea Lichnovsky, Hope Huizar, Jaimie Doud, Lyndsey Shepherd, and Kristi Morman; (back l.) Jessica Harper, Alicia Patterson, Sara Rushford, Britney Bierlein, Danielle Lesko, Ashley Pileri, Nikole Lanfear, and Coach Michelle Eilers.



## FRESHMEN BOYS' BASKETBALL



The members of the 2001-2002 Freshmen Boys' Basketball Team are: (front l.) David Withers, Erick Pratt, TJ Schiefer, Ben Kasper, Travis Mills, and Josh David; (back l.) Coach Gary Lasceski, Wesley Muntz, Chris Hess, Cory Slater, Brandon Haines, Brett Thomas, Adam Wojno, and Roger Bacon. (Missing from photo: Asst. Coach Steve Toyzan and Managers Heather Hess, Darcy Buchman, and Christina Brown.)

## JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL



The members of the 2001-2002 J.V. Boys' Basketball Team are: (front l.) Manager Kristin Geesey, Brandon Newton, Shaman Harris, Brent Shoemate, Shannon Harper, Josh Morley, Colin Wade, and Ben Dietrich; (back l.) Coach Joe Mason, Andrew Leach, Mason Gorleski, Andy Erdman, Mias Illian, Brian Cheshire, Asst. Coach Tony Sevier, and Manager Stacy Jevicks,

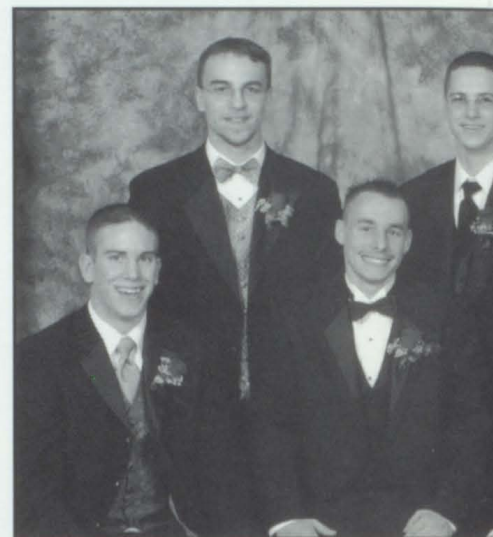


# ICEFEST

## 2002



(left) This year's Freshmen Icefest Representatives were Jamie Bush and Wesley Muntz. (below) During the Pep Assembly on Friday, the Freshmen turned Danielle Lesko into a creature from Outer Space.



(above) The 2002 Icefest King and Queen Elishia Waterman and Ryan Dauffenbach. (middle right) This year's Sophomore Representatives were Alicia Patterson and Jonathan Briggs. (bottom right) The Junior Representatives were Justin Harper, Andrea Solgat, and John Scharff. (far right) The King's Court consisted of Ben Riedel, Ryan Dauffenbach, Josh Denniston, James Perreault, and Brandon Frank.



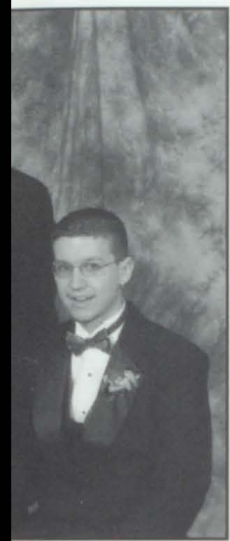
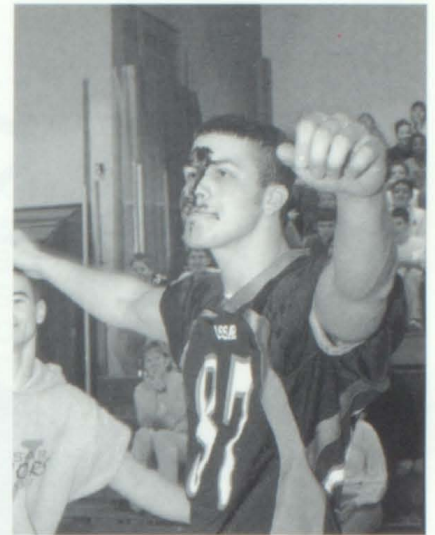
The 2002 Icefest Representatives were: (front l.) Alicia Patterson, Elishia Waterman, Andrea Roedel, Angie Stacer, and Andrea Solgat; (middle l.) Wesley Muntz, Jamie Bush, Yvonne Donnelly, Emily Hazen, Josh Denniston, Shannon Wilkinson, Brandon Frank, Justin Harper, and John Scharff; (back l.) Jonathan Briggs, James Perreault, Ryan Dauffenbach, and Ben Reidel.







(above) John Noyce tries to look intimidating as an alien. (right) During the second week of Icefest the seniors decided to take Spirit Days into their own hands. Here they are on Sweat Day.



(above) The Queen's Court consisted of Seniors Yvonne Donnelly, Elishia Waterman, Emily Hazen, Andrea Roedel, Shannon Wilkinson, and Angie Stacer. (top right) Dan Ford had a chocolate face after one of the games during the Icefest Pep Assembly. (middle right) Chris Richard shows us its cool to be a dork, on the Senior-made Dork Day. (bottom right) After Ryan Dauffenbach was crowned King, his sister Alicia Patterson couldn't contain her excitement as she rushed to congratulate him. (left) Senior John MacArthur and Junior Trisha Barnes got into the Outer Space Spirit. (below) The staff enjoyed the Pep Assembly as well.





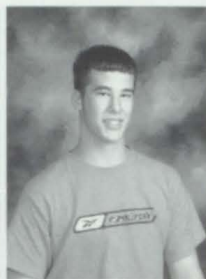
# SOPHOMORES



The Sophomore Class Officers are Anna Piazza (I) and Sarah Schoenlein.



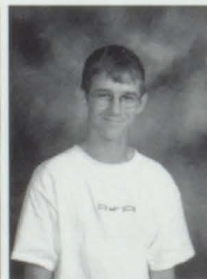
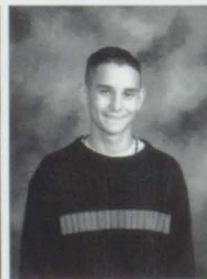
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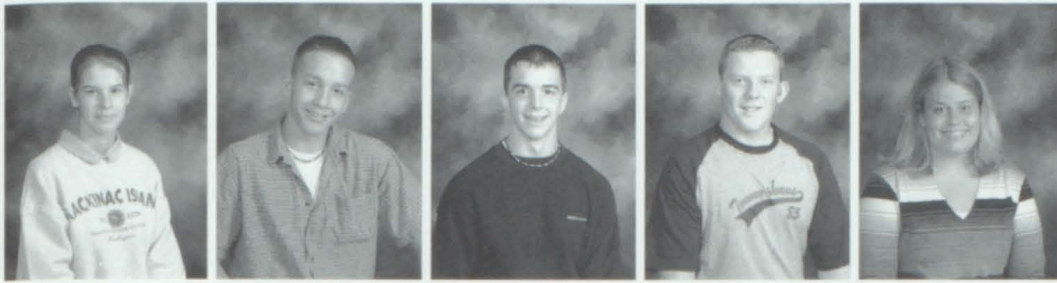
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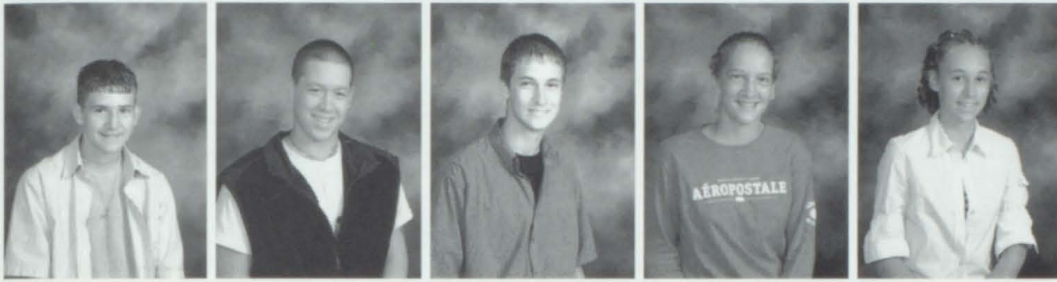




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David Diener  
Benjamin Dietrich  
Leah Donnelly  
Jaimie Doud



Justin Doud  
Conrad Dowe  
Joshua Dubbeld  
Jacob Durussel  
Brandie Emerson



Andrew Erdman  
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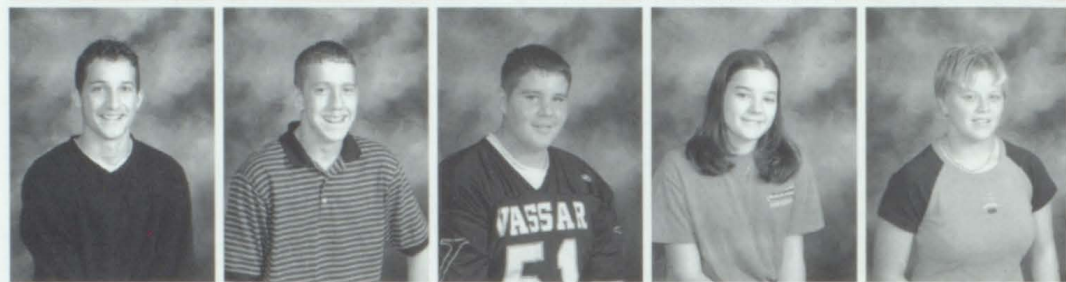
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 Ryan Howse  
 Elliot Hubbard  
 Sara Hubbard  
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Ernest Huizar III  
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 Janet Inglis  
 Stacy Jevicks  
 Brandon Johnson



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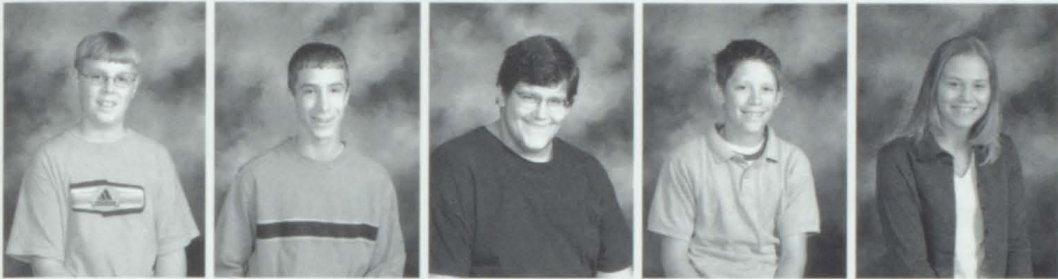




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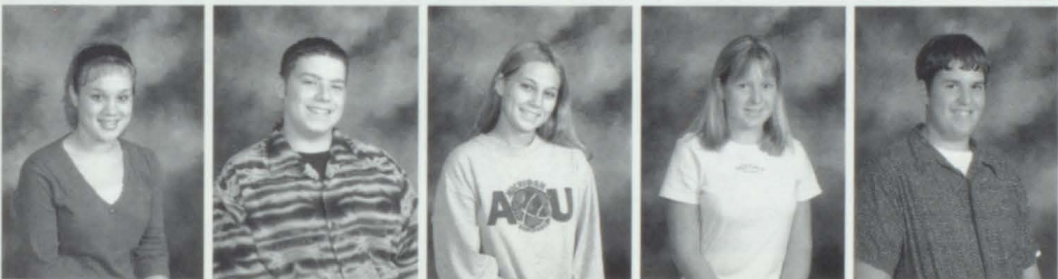
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Nickole Perez  
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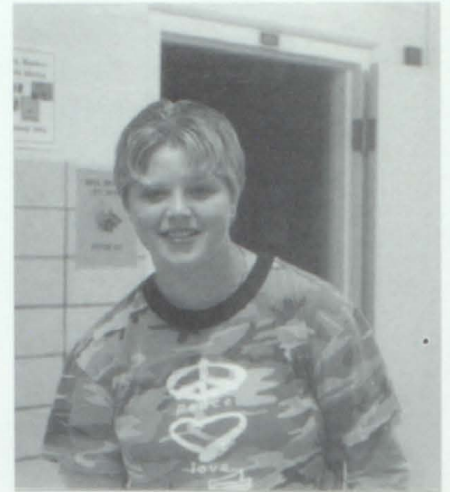
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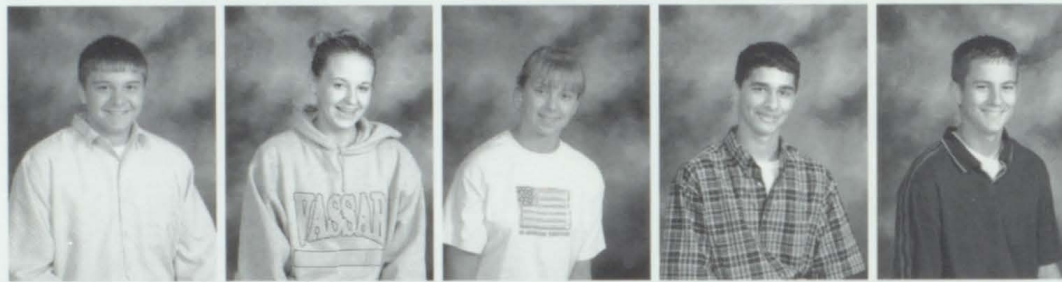
(left) Junior Stephanie Huyghe helps out Sarah Schoenlein, Anna Piazza, and Heather Toyzan.  
(right) Hope Huizar smiles for the camera.



Sara Rushford  
Daniel Scharff  
Timothy Scharff  
Aaron Schiefer  
Jamie Schiefer



James Schmitzer  
Sarah Schoenlein  
Carrie Scobbie  
Brandon Sherman  
Brent Shoemate



Gregory Sinkel  
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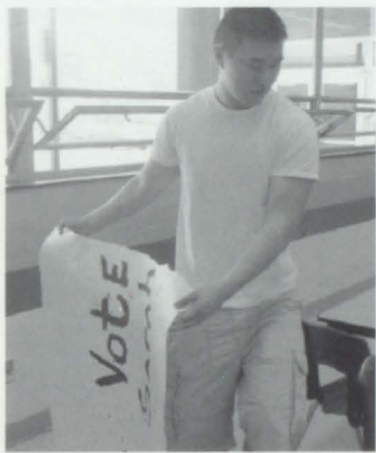
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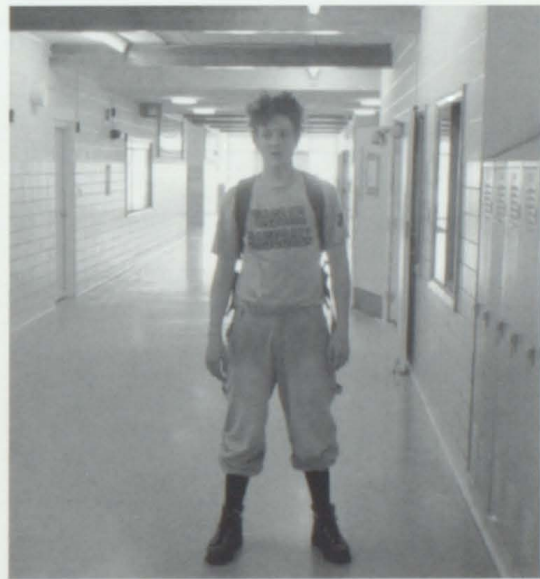
Kevin Woolman  
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 Matthew Zawol  
 Ryan Zwerk



Sarah Hubbard helps out the first graders in a semester long project for Mrs. Becker's first hour class.



Shawn Strandberg helps make signs for Youth in Government.



Ben Merry stunned by the camera!





# YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



(Upper Left) Abbey Wojno signs her very first bill submitted by Megan Franko. (Upper Right) The MJP team consisting of Andrew Leach, Trevor Perry, Shawn Strandberg, and Kate Blossom suits up for battle. (Lower Left) Andrew Olson and Elyse Turner are ready for the Governor's Banquet. (Lower Right) Seniors Abbey Wojno, Megan Franko, Kate Blossom, Emily Hazen, Angie Stacer, Melissa Morman, Andrea Roedel, James Yates, and Josh Illian goof around in their time off.



The 2001-2002 Youth in Government Delegation are: (front l.) Megan Franko, Angie Stacer, Melissa Morman, Andrea Roedel, Emily Hazen, Abbey Wojno, Josh Illian and Mr. Lasceski. (middle l.) Matt Andreychuk, Elyse Turner, Sarah Mills, Eric Andreychuk, Matt Jaynes, Adam Wojno, Allison Bender, Bart Rittenberg and Dan King; (back l.) Brian Keinath, Josh Koch, Sarah Rushford, Danielle Baker, Darcy Buchman, Tricia Donnelly, Stacey Jevicks, Andrew Olson, Jessica Slack, Nick Cooper and James Chelekis.





(left) Danny King, Bart Rittenberg, Matt Andreychuk, Adam Wojno, and Nick Cooper soak in the sights and sounds of the Governor's Banquet.



(left) Brian Keinath, Eric Andreychuk and Josh Koch show off in the Senate.



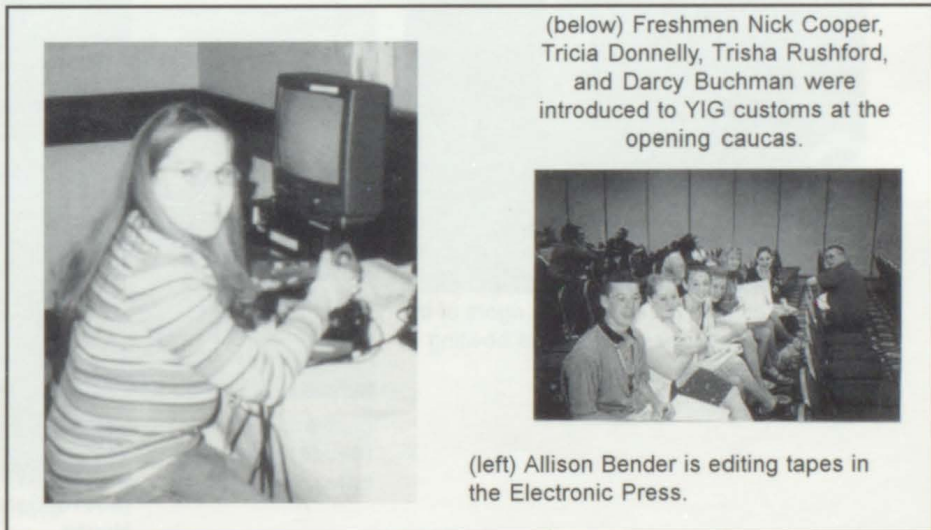
(above) Megan Franko and Sarah Mills take a break after a hard day's work.



(below) Eric Andreychuk gets sworn in as Lt. Governor.

The Vassar Youth in Government Delegation completed a very successful term at this year's conference. With Abbey Wojno as this year's Youth Governor, a plethora of good things were accomplished. Many informative bills were passed, including Megan Franko's bill banning the use of cell phones while driving unless using handless cell phone equipment. When all was said and done, our delegation returned home feeling like we had accomplished a tremendous amount and had become very close. "This was one of the best years at YIG, if not the best. I was so proud of all of our students..." noted Mr. Lasceski, one of the YIG advisors.

(right) Nick Cooper and Adam Wojno debate bills in the Freshmen House.



(below) Freshmen Nick Cooper, Tricia Donnelly, Trisha Rushford, and Darcy Buchman were introduced to YIG customs at the opening caucus.

(left) Allison Bender is editing tapes in the Electronic Press.



(right) Angie Stacer, Elyse Turner, Megan Franko and Kate Blossom get ready to view the talent show.



(below) Abbey Wojno, this year's Youth Governor, with Mr. and Mrs. Lasceski at the Governor's Banquet.



(above) Taking a break from the rigors of the MJP trials, Lydia Hendricks goes bowling at the local Goodwill.



(above) The Freshmen are ready for another day of hard work.



(above) Sarah Rushford debates a bill in the House.



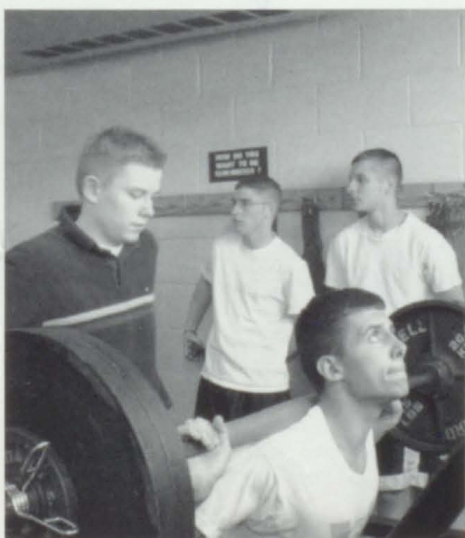
# SCHOOL MOMENTS...



(left) Mr. Lasceski should have learned not to leave his lights on after he had to have his truck jumped after school one day this year.



(left) Mrs. Parsell helps senior Andrea Roedel make a bowl on the pottery wheel. (above) Sophomore Ernie Huizar helps Student Senate plant flowers at the band shell.



(left) Rich King squats during weightlifting class as Nick Powell spots him. (above) Daniel Smith and Jon Gonda show some brotherly love.



# M\*A\*S\*H



(right) Josh Illian holds down the party.  
(left) Alaina Garlick wonders if "she's the prettiest of them all."



(above) Angie Stacer comforts Alaina Garlick as she bemoans her fate.

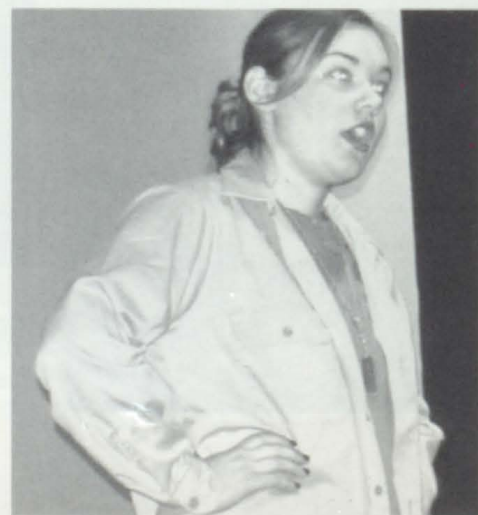


(right) John MacArthur tries to convince Jennifer Tanke that he's the "el-phant boy."



(above) Singing Koreans wonder if Ho-Jon will survive.

(right) Karah Heinlein gets ready to ream someone out.







(above) Devin Foether tries to accomplish some business on the phone.

(below) Angie Stacer scoffs at Josh Illian's futile attempts to hit on her.



(below) Corbin Rose prays for the unorthodox M\*A\*S\*H unit.



(above) John MacArthur and Eric Andreychuk pay Ho-Jon for his cleaning services.



(left) Members of the 2001-2002 Thespian Troupe are: (top l.) Karah Heinlein, Bart Rittenberg, Scott Sheppard, and Mias Illian; (middle l.) Jennifer Tanke, Corbin Rose, Devin Foether, Kim Bertelsmeyer, and Shannon Franklin; (bottom l.) Allison Bender, Alaina Garlick, Eric Andreychuk, Angie Stacer, and Kenny Ricklefs.



(right) Bart Rittenberg stands firm on his belief that he likes tap dancing girls.



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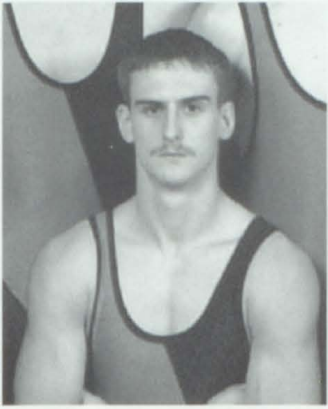
# CHAMPION



Congratulations to Mary Raney  
2002 Division III State  
Shot Put  
Champion -  
44'2".



THE YEARBOOK STAFF CONGRATULATES THE SENIORS OF VHS  
WHO HAVE PLAYED A VARSITY SPORT FOR 4 YEARS.



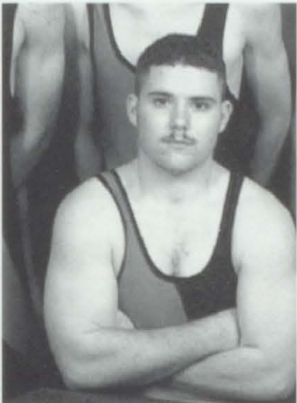
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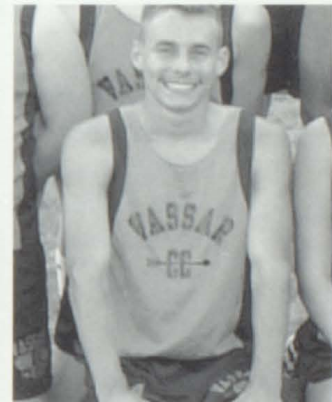
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KEVIN WHALEY  
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TABITHA GREENWOOD  
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TRACK



JOSH DENNISTON  
CROSS COUNTRY  
TRACK



YVONNE DONNELLY  
CROSS COUNTRY  
TRACK

A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO TABITHA  
GREENWOOD FOR EARNING 16 VARSITY LETTERS  
IN HER FOUR YEARS AT VHS.



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Mr Marcy  
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Mr. Dillon  
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Miss Eilers  
Lynn Franko



Janelle Goodell  
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## MISSING PHOTOS

MR. CHAPMAN, MR. HACKETT, MR. JOHNSON,  
MR. MASON, MRS. MIDLIN, MR. PURIGROSKI,  
MS. RAMER, MRS. VANDENBROOKS.





(above) Varsity Softball takes a time out during the game.  
 (below) Josh Illian makes a play during the game.



Brian Keinath passes the baton to a teammate during a meet.



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# SPORTS

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INTRO







(above) Hurdlers begin a race. (right) Josh Denniston runs a relay. (middle right) Peter Gonzales did the long jump. (Below) Anne LaFave waits for a pitch during a game this season.(middle opposite page) Zeke Espinoza fires a pitch during a game.



(right) Chris LaPratt and Heather Toyzan smile from the bench. (Left) Tabitha Greenwood awaits the next pitch.



Baseball

Softball

Boy's Track

Girl's Track



# VARSITY



(above) Senior Chris Eskelson looks for a hit early in the season. (right) Senior Jon Gonda watches as his home run during districts leaves the park. (below) Five of this year's seniors try to look intimidating before districts.



## AWARDS

### TVC All-Conference

#### 2nd Team:

John Buckley

#### Honorable Mention:

Zeke Espinoza

Jon Gonda

Russ Lalko

Brent Shoemate

### Academic All-District:

Josh Illian

### Records Broken

#### Doubles in a Season:

Jon Gonda with 14



The members of the 2002 Varsity Baseball Team are: (front l.) Brandon Frank, Chris Eskelson, Zeke Espinoza, and Jon Gonda; (middle l.) Chris Lapratt, Daniel Smith, John Buckley, Josh Illian, John MacArthur, Tom Kennard, and Brent Shoemate; (back l.) Coach Kris Shoemate, Coach Zietz, Brandon Confer, Russ Lalko, Nick Hubbard, Brandon Deland, Mias Illian, Coach Chris Baldwin, and Manager Heather Toyzan.



# BASEBALL

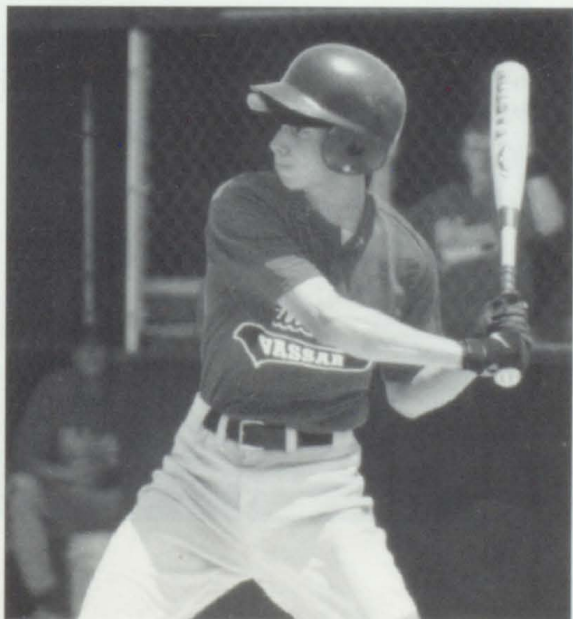
(left) Senior Josh Illian looks out at the field before the inning begins. (right) Sophomore Mias Illian looks to catch the ball on an infield pop up. (below) Senior John Buckley catches the ball at second during district play.



(above) Junior Russ Lalko delivers a pitch to a waiting batter. (below) Junior Brandon Confer makes connection with the ball.



(below) Senior Zeke Espinoza awaits the pitch during their district game in Deckerville.



The members of the 2002 Junior Varsity Baseball Team are: (front l.) Steve Clauss, Travis Mills, Aaron Schiefer, Ben Merry, Jimmy Schmitzer, and Josh Faulk; (middle l.) Josh David, Eric Pratt, Jason Perkins, Mason Gorleski, Sam Robatham, and Chris Hess; (back l.) Craig Eskelson, Ian Hamilton, Manager Sarah Schoenlein, Coach Marcus Dukes, Dan Scharff, and Adam Wojno.



# 2002 VARSITY



(above) Senior Mel Morman guns the ball towards first base at Frankenmuth. (below) Senior Michelle Nowotny flicks the ball to Abbey Wojno. (bottom) Junior Andrea Solgat whips the ball towards first base during a home game.



(above) The Varsity team celebrates after they won 2nd place at the St. Louis Invite on May 4. The team tied the record for Most Wins in a Season with 21. They also earned 2002 Academic All-State Honors. Congratulations Ladies.



(below) Senior Tabitha Greenwood throws back to the pitcher during district play. Tabitha broke the record of Most Hits in a Career with 182. Congratulations Tabitha.



(above) Rachel Hill swings with determination during the Frankenmuth game.



The members of the 2002 Varsity Softball Team are: (front l.) Mel Morman, Abbey Wojno, Emily Hazen, and Michelle Nowotny; (middle l.) Becky Hecht, Kim Bertelsmeyer, Katie Wiacek, Tabitha Greenwood, Elyse Turner, and Andrea Solgat; (back l.) Manager Tricia Barnes, Coach Jim Harper, Anne LaFave, Maegan Morley, Rachel Hill, and Nichole Rose.





# SOFTBALL



(left) Junior Maegan Morley gets her head in the game. (right) Junior Nichole Rose is called safe at close play at the plate. Nichole also broke a record this season. She had a 158 strikeouts to claim the Single Season Strikeout Record. Good Job Nichole.



(left) Senior Emily Hazen gets a hit during district play. (right) Senior Katie Wiacek is ready for action in the outfield.



The Varsity Softball Team finished with a record of 21 wins and 18 losses. They were 7-7 in the league, which was good enough to tie for third with Frankenmuth. They were runners-up at the Tuscola County Tournament, the St. Louis Invite, the Caro Invite, and districts. Michelle Nowotny ends her 4-year Varsity career here at Vassar holding two pitching records, Most Wins in Career with 39 and Most Strikeouts in a Career with 384.

## AWARDS

### TVC Conference Awards

1st Team:

**Tabitha Greenwood-Catcher**

2nd Team:

**Andrea Solgat-Shortstop**

Honorable Mention:

**Nichole Rose-Pitcher**

**Mel Morman-3rd Base**

Coaches Award:

**Kim Bertelsmeyer**

Most Improved Player:

**Melissa Morman &**

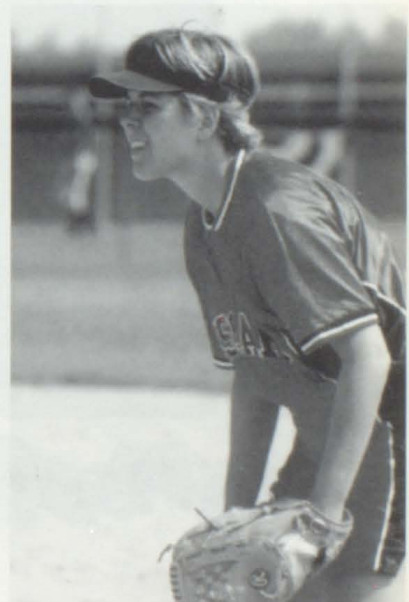
**Andrea Solgat**

Most Valuable Player:

**Nichole Rose**



The members of the 2002 Junior Varsity Softball Team are: (front l.) Jami Middaugh, Candice Nearing, Lyndsey Shepherd, Bobbi Schmitzer, Danielle Lesko, and Cara Starick; (middle l.) Hope Huizar, Kristi Fisher, Brittney Bierlein, Nikole Lanfear, Kristi Morman, Sally VanDeVeer, and Michelle Crandall; (back l.) Jessica Duvenois, Alyse Reamy, Coach Pat Riley, Coach Mike Riley, and Ashley Pileri.







# BOYS'



The members of the 2002 Varsity Boys' Track Team are: (Front l.) Pat Kelly, Eric Palmer, Peter Gonzales, Josh Denniston, Todd Solgat, James Perreault, Jon Gonda, Rich King and Keith McIntyre; (Middle l.) Josh Faulk, Mike Herzberger, Chris Opperman, Justin Harper, Ben Schmandt, Brian Keinath, T.J. Keener, Mike Crandall, Ernie Huizar, and Tim Scharff; (Back l.) Coach Keinath, Coach Spencer, Coach Teschendorf, Don Sebert, Brandon Haines, Brian Cheshire, Coach Hurd, Colin Wade, Chad Green, Tom Rosencrants, Wes Muntz, Manager Karah Heinlein and Manager Molly Espinoza.



(Left) Todd Solgat flies through the air; (Middle) Peter Gonzales runs with style; (Right) Mike Hecht gets ready to release the shot put.





# Track



(Top l.) Travis Mills shows perfect form while throwing the shot put; (Top middle l.) Don Sebert is giving his all while running; (Top middle r.) James Perreault is getting ready to show off his pole vaulting skills; (Top r.) Ben Kasper is set to heave the discus; (Below l.) Chad Green crosses the finish line; (Below middle l.) Rich King contributes to his leg of the race; (Below middle r.) T.J. Keener jumps the hurdle; Justin Harper and Eric Palmer pass off the baton with ease.





# GIRLS' TRACK



(Above)  
Amber Kubisz and Christina Peters look like they are enjoying their race.



(Above)  
Tabitha Greenwood prepares to give it everything she has.



(Above)  
Heather Hess plunges her way across the finish line.

The members of the 2002 Girls' Track Team are: (Front l.) Sarah Mills, Tabitha Greenwood, Yvonne Donnelly, Lydia Hendricks, Elishia Waterman, Mary Raney, and Heather Hess; (Middle l.) Cassie Quick, Christina Peters, Jessica Harper, Karen Kennard, Kristin Geesey, Leigh Donnelly, Jaimie Doud, Amber Kubisz, and Alyse Reamy; (Back l.) Coach Keinath, Coach Teschendorf, Coach Hurd, Coach Spencer, Manager Molly Espinoza and Manager Karah Heinlein.







(Above) Molly Espinoza gives an example of how fun track meets can actually be; (Below) Lydia Hendricks contributes to her part of the race.



(Above) Michelle Nowotny easily jumps over the high jump pole; (Below) Jaimie Doud pushes it throughout her race.



(Above) Sarah Mills stays warm while she isn't competing.

(Below) Melissa Manchester is getting ready to release the shot put.



Congratulations to Yvonne Donnelly and Mary Raney for breaking new track records this year. Yvonne set a new pole vault record of 8' 10" and Mary set the shot put record of 44' 11". Way to go girls!





# MEET

(Right) Varsity Cheerleaders CaSondra Empey and Stephanie Huyghe lead the way with our banner during the Meet of Champs Victory Parade.



This year's Meet of Champions took place on Tuesday, May 28th, 2002. Students Mary Raney, Tabitha Greenwood, Michelle Nowotny, Heather Hess, Yvonne Donnelly, Emily Hazen, Ben Schmandt, Rich King, Keinath, Todd Solgat participated in the event this very successful in taking

(Right) Yvonne Donnelly, Emily Hazen, Michelle Nowotny, and Heather Hess wait patiently to run in the 400 M relay. They took 4th in this event, and also 5th in the 800 M relay.



Josh Denniston, Brian and Justin Harper all participated in the event. Vassar's team was home many medals.

# OF



(Top) Todd Solgat competes in the Long Jump. He placed 5th in this event; (Right) Rich King runs hard in the 3200 M relay.



(Below) Tabitha Greenwood throws discus, placing 2nd, with a 115'6 throw.







(Top l.) Mary Raney throws a Discus. She placed 4th in this event; (Top r.) Mary gets her medal for placing 1st in Shot Put. She was a star this year, throwing very well in both Shot Put and Discus. Not only did Mary place 1st, but she threw 42'4 making a New Meet record.

(Above) Ben Schmandt paces himself out for the 3200 M run. Ben placed 2nd in this event, and he also placed 5th in the 1600 M run; (Below) Yvonne Donnelly runs hard in the 400 M relay.



(Right) Rich King, Brian Keinath, Josh Denniston, and Ben Schmandt get together for a quick picture after running the 3200 M relay. The boys placed 4th in this event.



(Below) Tabitha Greenwood is gets awarded her medal for placing 2nd in Discus.



(Bottom l.) Yvonne in action Pole Vaulting flying over the pole; (Bottom r.) Yvonne lands after making a terrific vault. Yvonne did awesome in this event this year placing 2nd. She vaulted an 8'10 also making a New School record.



# CHAMPS



# PROM

For most of us, the day probably started early in the morning. With hair appointments, nail appointments, and tons of other things to do, Prom 2002 was a day of nonstop fun. This year, the Prom was held at Hereford and Hopps in Bay City. After dinner the dancing began and towards the end of the evening, Juniors Karah Heinlein and John Scharff were crowned prince and princess, and Seniors James Cain and Shannon Franklin were dubbed Prom King and Queen. Over all, Prom was a great experience for all.



Freshmen Danielle Lesko, Kristi Morman, and Ashley Legue danced the night away.



Bob Kern had a great time at Prom 2002.



(above) Nichole Hubbard and Chris Blake take a turn on the dance floor.



Andrew Stevens (r.), Peter Gonzales, Scott Fuller and Aaron Innes were all smiles during a break in the festivities.



Chris Eskelson was the lucky guy picked to help out the entertainer.





Seniors Elaine Kennard and Christy Griffis stood proudly with foreign exchange student Frederick Kristensen and his date.



Friends Abbey Wojno, James Yates, and Andrea Roedel were ready for the music to begin.



(above) John MacArthur and Elyse Turner were among the many Vassar students who enjoyed the prom.



(above) Leah Masker and Laura White sing to each other. (below) Prom King and Queen Terence Cain and Shannon Franklin.



Angie Stacer and Lydia Hendricks remind Mr. Lasceski that this is the last prom they will have together.





# FRESHMEN

CLASS OF 2005



Ashley Legue shows off her smile during Homecoming.



Travis Mills looking not so thrilled.



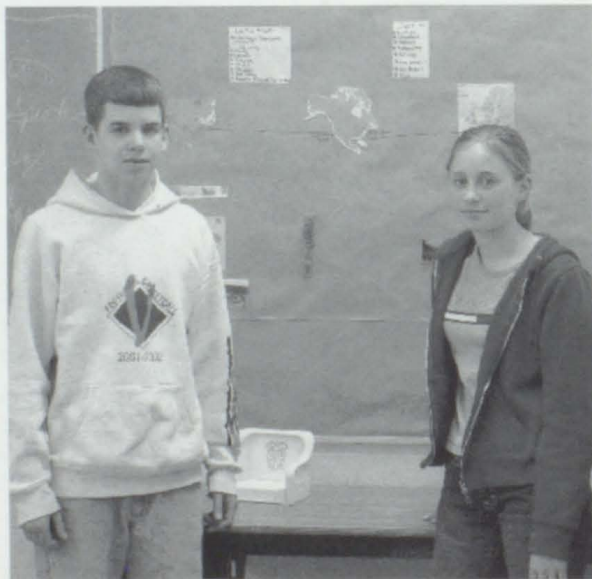
(above) Mike Hecht shows his muscles in his powerlifting shirt. (below) Chris Hess works hard in one of his classes.



Freshmen class officers: (top r.) Jessica Spencer (bottom l.) Emily Meyer, and (bottom r.) Jessica Woolman.



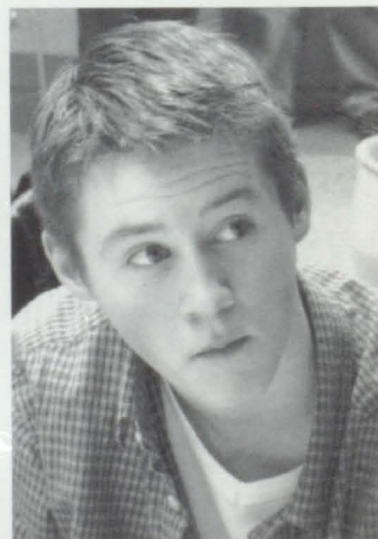
(above) Caleb Hazen and Kristi Fischer work on a project. (below) Adam Wojno and Candice Nearing take some time out for a photo.



(above) Brandy Gibisas cheered in the Homecoming Parade. (below) Freshmen Homecoming Representatives Jaemi Bush and Wes Muntz.



(below) Caleb Hazen concentrates on a question during the Academic Games







Matthew Andreychuk  
 Steven Ankney  
 Robert Arnold  
 Chelsea Atkins  
 Clifford Aulbert



Roger Bacon  
 Tyler Bailey  
 Nancy Bauman  
 Stephanie Bekemeier  
 Jaclyn Bell



Michael Bertelsmeyer  
 Ashley Best  
 Britney Bierlein  
 Brian Bostater  
 Kristina Bowman



Charles Brimmer  
 Ashley Brown  
 Bradley Bryson  
 Brandon Bryson  
 Darcy Buchman



Jaemi Bush  
 James Campbell  
 T.J. Carlisle  
 Joshua Clauss  
 Samantha Coffey



Andrew Colosky  
 Nicholas Cooper  
 Michelle Crandall  
 Joshua David  
 Matthew Davis



Jessica Day  
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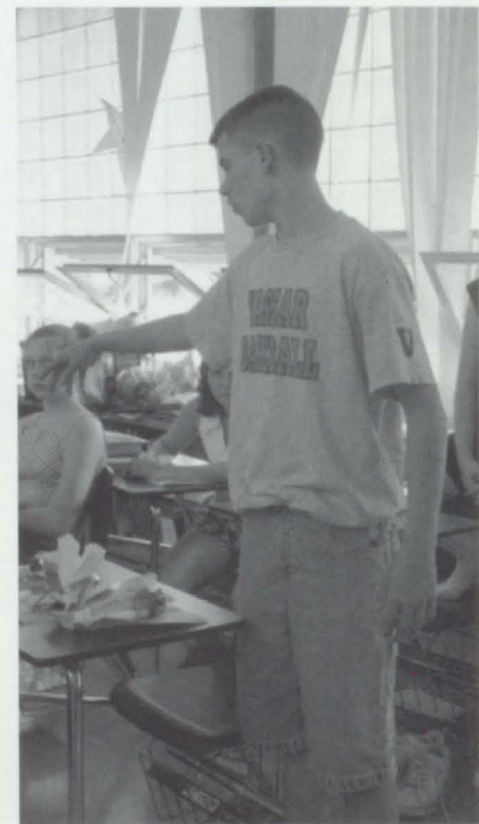
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Nick Cooper, Eric Templeton,  
and Caleb Hazen play a review  
game in Miss B.'s U.S. History  
class.



Ben Kasper, Nick Cooper, Don Sebert, Nikole  
Lanfeart, and Candice Nearing prepare a  
project for a chapter review.



Adam Wojno supervises over a review in U.S.  
History class.





The Freshman class float received 3rd place in the Homecoming Parade.



Brian Bostater gives a speech during a review in U.S. History class.



Ian Hamilton  
Jessica Harper  
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Christopher Hawkins  
Caleb Hazen



Michael Hecht  
Benjamin Hendricks  
Christopher Hess  
Laurin Hill  
Ronnie Huyghe



Nicholas Jablonski  
Thomas Jackman  
Craig Karr  
Ben Kasper  
John Keener



Karen Kennard  
Chase Klecker  
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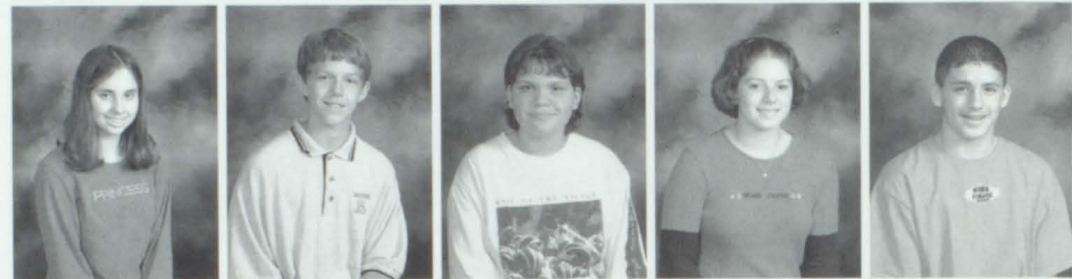
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 Brandyn Partridge  
 Sara Periso  
 Ashley Pileri  
 Erick Pratt



Savanna Rabidue  
 Alyse Reamy  
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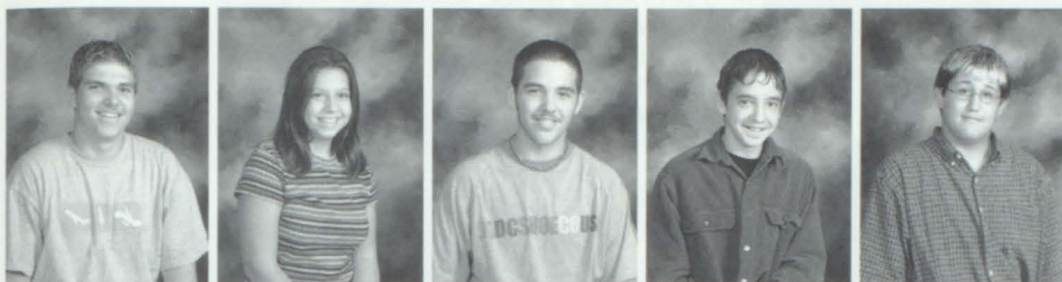
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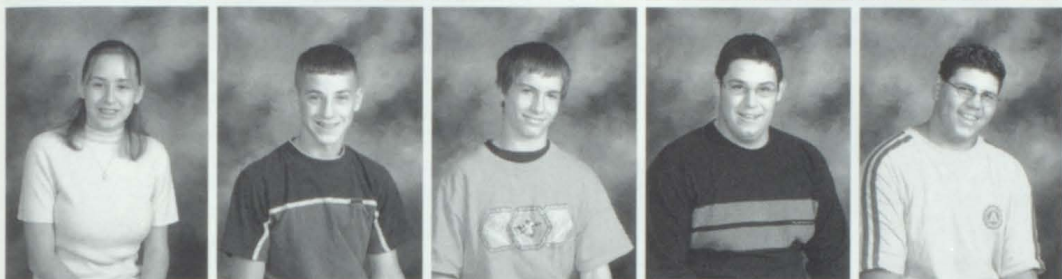




Chris Hess, Craig Karr, Kristine Schilict, and Tom Rosencrants study hard in Mr. Hurd's class.



David Show  
Jessica Slack  
Cory Slater  
Anthony Smith  
Timothy Smith



Jessica Spencer  
Jimmy Stacer  
William Sweet  
Eric Templeton  
Brett Thomas



Jeremy Timlick  
Joshua Trudeau  
Melanie Truett  
Sally VanDeVeer  
Sarah Walker



Clarence Ward  
Rachelle Wells  
Heather Wilmoth  
David Withers  
Adam Wojno



Christopher Woodhall  
Jessica Woolman  
Billy Woolwine  
Nicholas Wright  
Jessica Zamora



# NEWSPAPER STAFF



The members of the 2001-2002 Newspaper Staff are: (front l.) Angie Stacer, Andrea Roedel, Lydia Hendricks, Anne LaFave, Maegan Morley, Erin Lanfear, and Rachel Hill; (middle l.) Alaina Garlick, Eric Andreychuk, Shannon Franklin, Sarah Mills, Gus Martinka, and Holly Main; (back l.) Ben Riedel, Josh Koch, Jason Woolman, Steven Wilder, Chris Blake, and Brandon Weber.



The juniors and seniors of the class get together for a little fun.



Co-editor Jason Woolman is thinking ahead to graduation - must be time for the senior edition!



Angie Stacer stares demonically over Eric Andreychuk's shoulder.

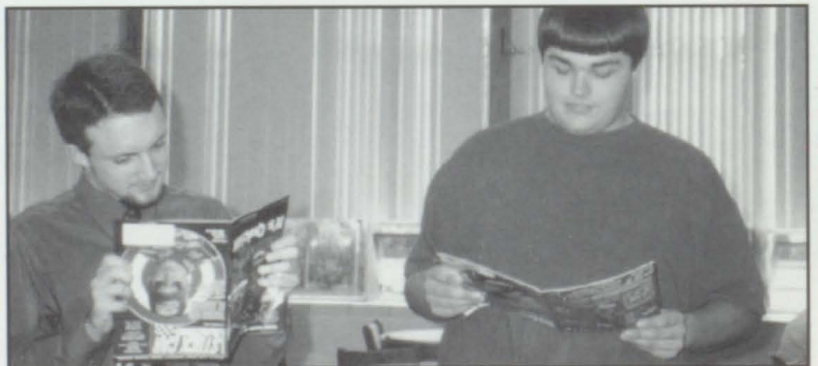


Eric Andreychuk and Alaina Garlick are all smiles right now, but wait until they take over next year!!



Josh Koch, Tricia Barnes, John Buckley, and Andrea Roedel are supposed to be busy with the newspaper.

Ad editor Stephen Wilder and Vulcan Voice co-editor Chris Blake look for some new ideas.





With a new program, and an entirely new staff, editors Melissa Morman and Katie Wiacek had a tough job ahead of them, but we got through the year and made this awesome book for you.



Erin Lanfear, Anne Lafave, and Maegan Morley.



Melissa Morman and Jamie Owensby grin after completing a page.



Brandon Weber, frustrated with trying to do a layout on his computer, looks away.



Members of the 2002 Yearbook Staff are: (front l.) Editors Katie Wiacek and Melissa Morman; (middle l.) Jamie Owensby, Andrea Roedel, Angie Stacer, and Brandon Weber; (back l.) Stephen Wilder. (Missing from photo are: Anne LaFave, Maegan Morley, Erin Lanfear, and Rachel Hill.)

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# Awards

The 19th Annual Awards Banquet for Vassar High School was held on May 20, 2002. Many students were honored for academic achievements and services.

## ~Alpha Beta Award~

The Alpha Beta Award is given to that student in each grade who has made the greatest contribution to the school for that year. These students include: **Freshman:** Brandon Haines; **Sophomore:** Anna Piazza; **Junior:** Ben Schmandt; and **Senior:** Stephen Wilder. Missing from picture: Stephen Wilder



## ~Tri-Valley Academic All League~

**Seniors** Katie Wiacek, Josua Illian, and Stephen Wilder.



**Top Ten Freshman** include: Tricia Donnelly, Brandon Haines, Caleb Hazen, Nicholas Jablonski, Ashley Pileri, and Adam Wojno, all 4.0; Candice Nearing and Jessica Slack, 3.846; and Andrew Colosky and Nikki Long, both 3.833. Missing from picture are: Adam Wojno, Jessica Slack and Nikki Long. **Top Ten Sophomores** include: Nathan Nephew and Shawn Strandberg, both 4.0; Jaimie Doud, 3.952; Anna Piazza, 3.894; David Cooper and Dustin Hawley, 3.833; Alison Bender, Corbin Rose, and Alison Thorp, 3.809; and Jessica Francis and Justina Terbush, both 3.722. Missing from picture are: David Cooper, Jessica Francis, and Justina Terbush. **Top Ten Juniors** include: Kim Bertelsmeyer, Brian



Keinath, Benjamin Schmandt, and Jennifer Tanke, all 4.0; Richard King and Scott Sheppard, both 3.967; Eric Andreychuk, 3.909; Alaina Garlick, 3.841; and Jennifer Sargent and Stephanie Ziegler, both 3.828. Missing from picture are: Jennifer Tanke, Scott Sheppard, and Jennifer Sargent.



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## \*Top Ten Seniors\*

This years Top Ten Seniors are: Josua Illian, Katie Wiacek, Stephen Wilder, all 4.0; Shannon Franklin and Andrea Roedel, both 3.977; Emily Hazen, 3.955; Robin Maharg, 3.948; Yvonne Donnelly, 3.881; Rachel Olson, 3.855; and Lydia Hendricks, 3.835.





# \*Military Awards\*



The Cavanaugh boys are finally off on their separate ways- to opposing colleges and military branches. Brandon Cavanaugh (left) will be attending the University of Michigan this fall, with the aid of an

Air Force R.O.T.C Scholarship which he has received. Tristan

Cavanaugh (below) has received an Army R.O.T.C. scholarship, and will be attending Michigan State University.

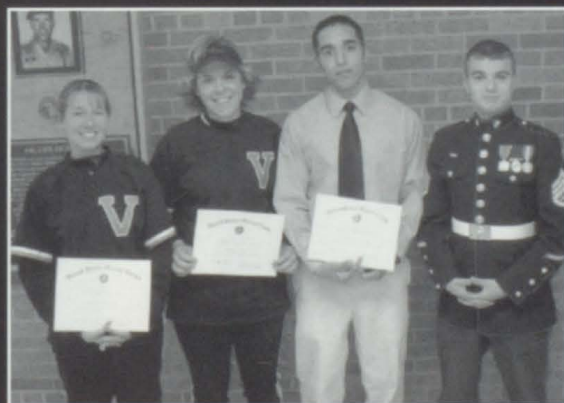
The Air Force Math and Science Awards were given to Robin Maharg and Josh Illian. Josh Illian also received along with Emily Hazen



(left) the US Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award, along with the US Army Reserves Scholastic Excellence Award. The U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Awards were given to James Cain and Katie Wiacek (below). Abby Wojno and Brandon



Cavanaugh (below) were awarded with the US Marines Scholar Athlete Awards.



# BANQUET

## \*Athletic Awards\*



Athletic awards were given as follows: Josh Illian-Detroit Free Press Scholar/Athlete Award; Josh Illian and Emily Hazen MHSAA Scholar Athlete; Josh Denniston and Emily Hazen-Sportsmanship Award; Josh

Illian- Dr. Barbour Scholar Athlete Award; Yvonne Donnelly- Mrs. Barbour Scholar Athlete Award; Jon Gonda- Male MVP; and Michelle Nowotny and Tabitha Greenwood- Female MVP's.

## ~Life Skills~

## ~Golden Hammer~

This years Life Skills Award was given to Shannon Owens.

The Golden Hammer Award was received by Dan Stack, Ben Riedel, and Jason Knickerbocker.



# Awards

## \*Local Scholarships\*



Melissa Morman- Masonic Lodge Scholarship (below); Emily Hazen-Martic Hecht Memorial Scholarship, Cook GM Superstore, and Gulliver Family Scholarships; Amanda Cooper- Oliver Family Scholarships; Tabitha Greenwood- Means Industries Scholarship; Andrea Roedel-Moose Galloway Memorial (VEA) Scholarship; and Shannon Franklin and John Buckley- Faculty Dress Down Day Scholarship.

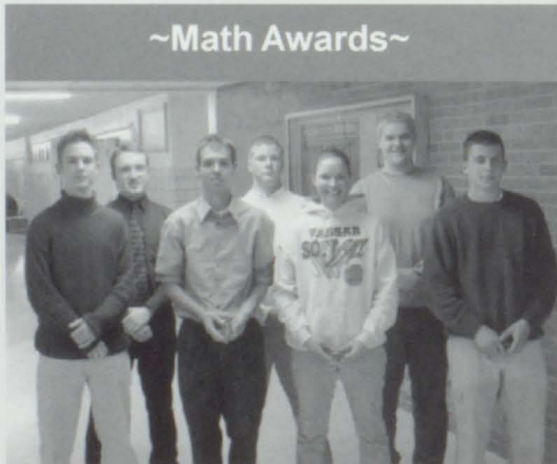
## ~Social Studies Awards~



Social Studies Awards (left) were given to the following: Jason Woolman- Xerox Award; Ben Schmandt- University of Rochester Humanities and Social Science Award.

## ~Math Awards~

Math Awards (right) were given to the following: Stephen Wilder, Robin Maharg, and Josh Illian- Calculus Award; Nathan Buchinger, Jennifer Tanke, Kim Bertelsmeyer, and Brian Keinath- Trigonometry Award.



Many scholarships were given out to students this year. Congratulations to all who received them. These students were given the following: Jennifer Ziegler- Horwath Family Scholarship; Angie Stacer- Michigan Federal Credit Union, Masonic Lodge (below), and American Legion Scholarships; Stephen Wilder and Robin Maharg- Michigan Tech Board of Control Scholarship;

## ~Masonic Lodge Award~



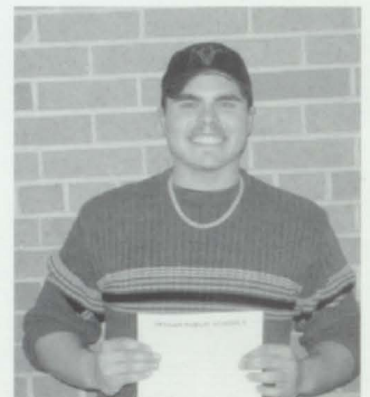
## \*Local Scholarships\*

### ~Horwath Family Scholarship~



Jennifer Ziegler received the Horwath Family Scholarship this year.

### ~Faculty Dress Down Day Scholarship~



John Buckley (above) and Shannon Franklin both received the Faculty Dress Down Day Scholarship.



# BANQUET

## \*Choir Awards\*



National School Choral Awards were given to: (l.) Shannon Franklin, Michelle Beaujean, Rachel Olson, Megan Franko, and Angie Stacer; Michelle Nowotny (r.) received the Director's Award.

## \*Thespian Awards\*



Thespian Award Winners received their awards from Mrs. Hackett (l.): James Yates, Angie Stacer, Shannon Franklin, Eric Andreychuk, and Devin Foether.

## \*Journalism Awards\*

Journalism editors were honored at the banquet by Mrs. Russell. Receiving awards were: (l.) Tyler Mletz, Jason Woolman, Stephen Wilder, Angie Stacer, Melissa Morman, Katie Wiacek, Chris Blake, and (front) Lydia Hendricks. Alaina Garlick (front r.) received the Journalism I award.



## \*French Awards\*



Mrs. Hackett presented the French I award to Eric Andreychuk. French II honors went to Jennifer Tanke.

## \*Spanish Awards\*

Anna Piazza received the Spanish II award from Mrs. Kimmerly. Jennifer Tanke received Spanish I honors and Kelsey Guthrie received the Spanish III award.



## \*Art Awards\*



Congratulations to Stephen Wilder who was Named Senior Artist for 2002. He received his award from Mrs. Parsell.



# ACADEMIC



Members of the English team include: (bottom l.) Angie Stacer and Lydia Hendricks (middle l.) Darcy Buchman, Sara Mills, and Eric Andreychuk (top l.) Alison Thorp, Allison Bender, and Alaina Garlick. They received 2nd place edging out Caro by one point.



Adam Wojno, Kate Blossom, and Brandon Haines are taking it all in stride as the Tech Team finished with a first place tie at the competition.



Andrea Roedel takes time out of her busy day to show us a smile.



Kara Barden concentrates on the problem during the competition.



Members of the Science team include: (front l.) Kara Barden, Shannon Wilkinson, Emily Hazen, and Yvonne Donnelly (back l.) Andrew Colosky, Caleb Hazen, and Eric Palmer.



# GAMES



Members of the Social Studies Academic Team include: (Front l.) Crystal Nelson, Anna Piazza, Chris Gonzales, Megan Franko, and Katie Wiacek (back l.) Shawn Strandberg Ben Schmundt, Tristan Cavanaugh, Brandon Cavanaugh and Jason Woolman.



The English team takes a minute to unwind from the pace of competition.



Members of the Math Academic Team came away with a first place for the third year in a row: (front) Josh Illian and Stephen Wilder show off their prize; (back l.) Nathan Nephew, Colin Wade, Kim Bertelsmeyer, Brian Keinath, and Nathan Buchinger. The team's advisor was Mr. McArdle.



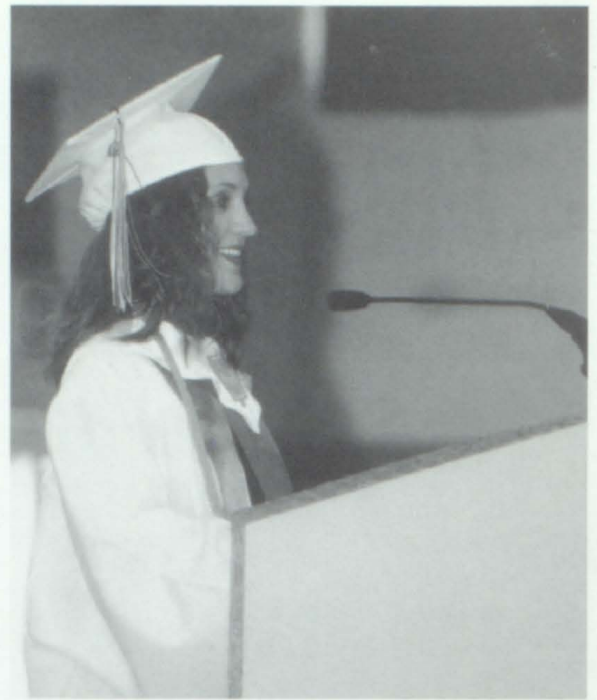
Megan Franko and Anna Piazza were among the students participating in the Academic Games.



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James Yates and Michelle Beaujean anxiously await the beginning of the ceremony.



Class President Rachel Olson gives a speech.



John MacArthur and Sam Nobles prepare for the big event.



Friends Nichole Hubbard and Nicole Schlicht help each other with some last minute things.



Soon to be graduates listen the to speeches.





## The Class of 2002

### Class Motto

Looking back the years sure flew by,  
 And now here we stand trying not to cry.  
 The good times we've had along the way,  
 Will become only memories after today.  
 Never again will we walk down these halls,  
 But our laughter will echo inside the walls.  
 Many have helped us to get where we are,  
 And with that help we know we'll go far.  
 As we look toward the future we'll miss all of you,  
 Vassar High School Class of 2002.

by Melissa Morman

for more graduation, see pages 158 & 159

### Class Song

In the End by Linkin' Park

### Class Flower

White Rose with Red, White, and Blue  
 Ribbon



Above, valedictorians Josh Illian, Katie Wiacek and Stephen Wilder.



# JUNIOR HIGH



Jessie Solgat shows off her smile.



A group of friends, Jessica Templeton, Danae Newbold, and Roger Woolworth, casually walk down the Junior High Hallway.



Kara Auernhamer competes in academic track.

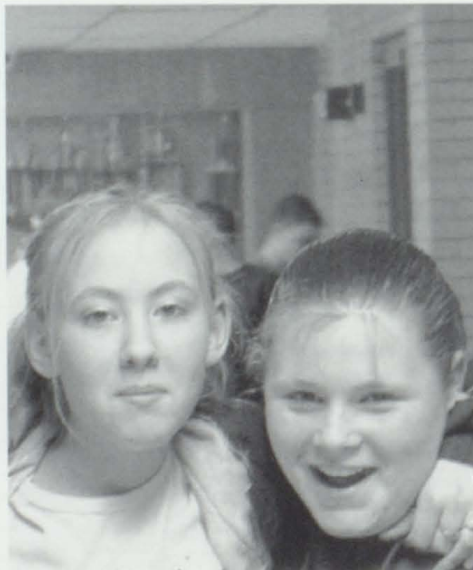


(right) The junior high cheerleaders play tug-of-war with the junior high football team during an assembly.



(left) Molly Bender shows off her singing and dancing ability in Academic Track.

Jessica Temple shouts out her song.



Best friends, Nicole Summerfield and Courtney Herrington, having fun.



## 8TH GRADE



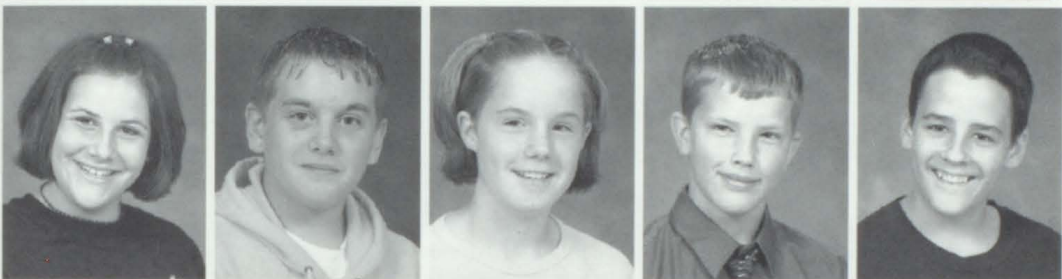
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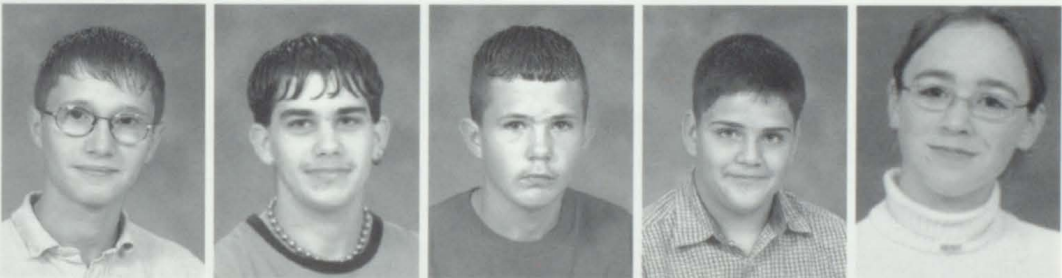
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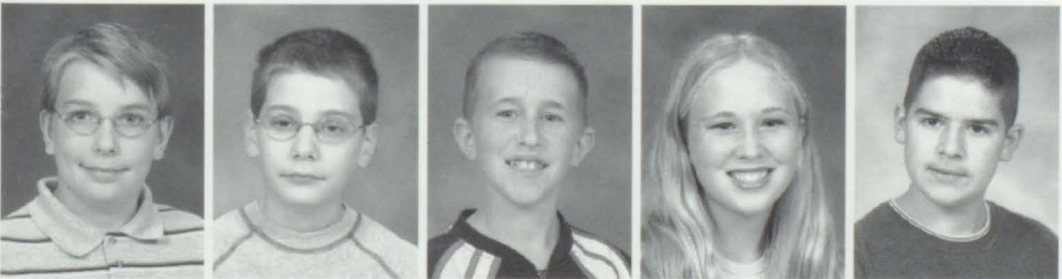
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Kenneth H Colosky  
Jon Crevesten  
Samuel J Davis  
Ronnie A Dixon  
Makenzie L Doud



Evan J Draper  
Michael H Drayton  
Scott M Drew  
Jessica L Dues  
Nicholas R Elliott



# 8TH GRADE

Andrew N Espinoza  
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Cameron R Haines  
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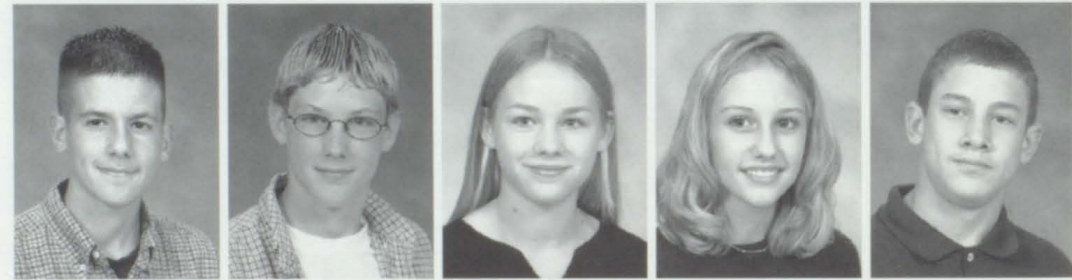
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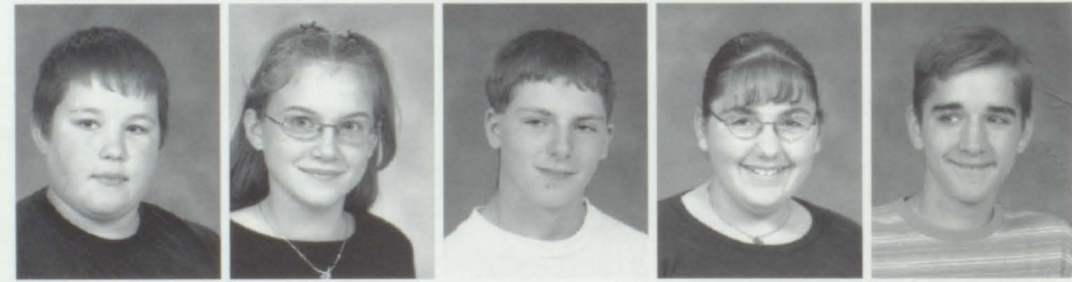
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 B.J. Lamay



Joshua D Ledford  
 Tiffanie R Legue  
 Christopher M Leiner  
 Courtney Lemcke  
 Torrey A Lichnovsky





## 8TH GRADE



Brian T Makl  
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Pattie A McConnell  
Perry E McConnell  
Amanda K McCurdy



Michael R Moncman  
Kristy L Mowery  
Danae M Newbold  
Tracy R. R Oginsky  
Ryan L Palm



Robert J Palmer  
Enrique G Palomares  
Jerraka C Parker  
Shantelle M Parson  
Caitlyn A Partridge



Justin A Pavlicek  
Joseph D Pecoraro  
Christopher D Perez  
Adam C Phillips  
Anthony J Pollick



Justin E Pratt  
Danielle A Rodriguez  
Richard C Safford  
Jennifer F Salehi  
Gregory T Saunders



Melody L Schafsnitz  
Timothy D Schafsnitz  
Shelia M Scharff  
Michelle B Schoenlein  
Jonathan A Show



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Laura I Slosser  
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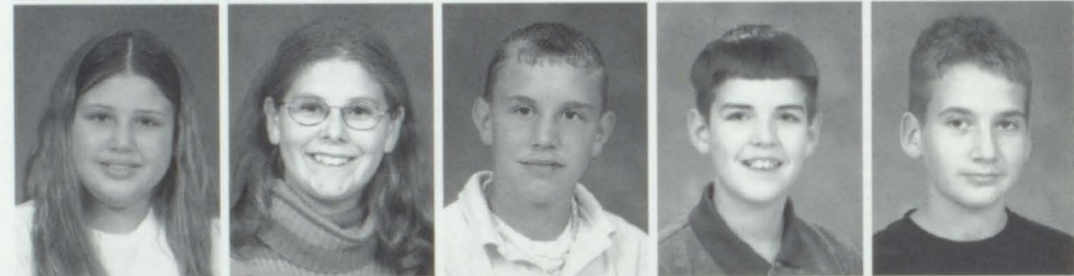
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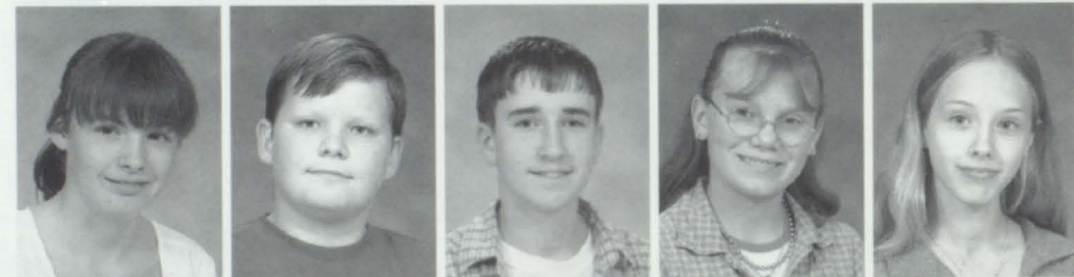
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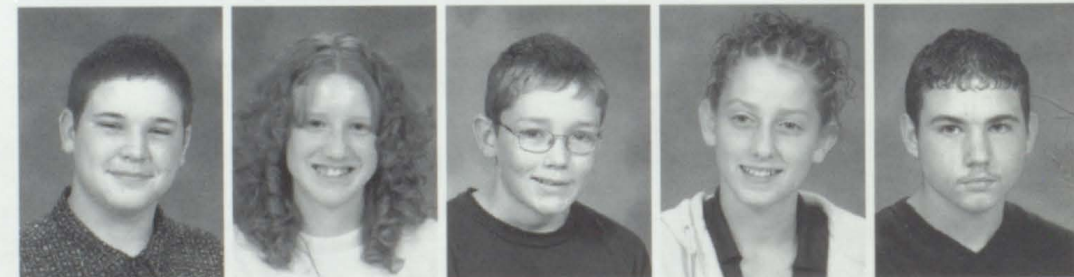
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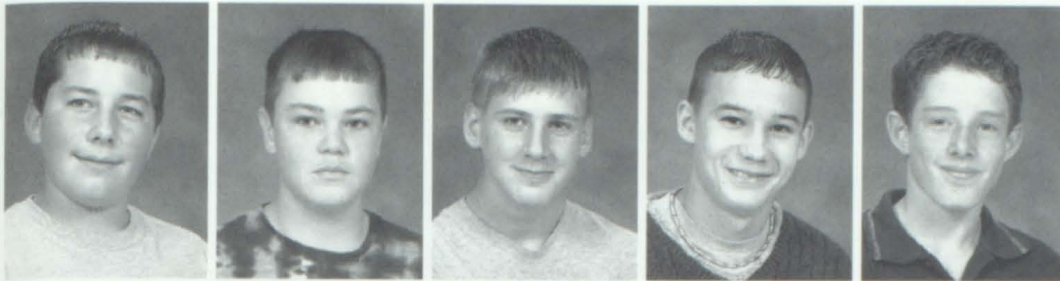


Cory J White  
 Chelsea Williams  
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Doug L Wischmeyer  
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Roger L Woolworth  
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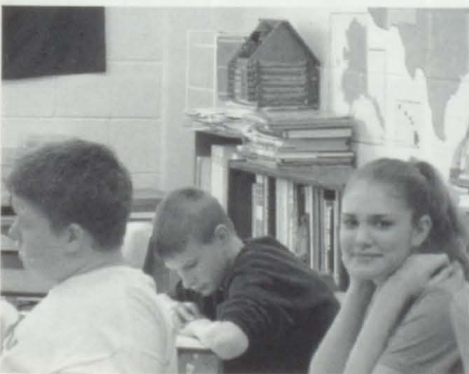
Joshua D Zimmerman  
Stephanie A Zwerk



Junior High cheerleaders were also represented in the parade.



The 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams rode along in the Homecoming Parade.



Hard at work in Mrs. Jamison's class: "Bubba" Bess, Rodger Buckley, and Katelyn Stelfox.



Students sitting around in Mrs. VanDanBrooks' class.



Jennifer Bickel looks uncertainly at the camera.



# 7TH GRADE

Jerry L Aeschliman  
Ashley N Allen  
Christopher J Anderson  
Jonathan M Aulbert  
Samantha J Aymer



Lindsay D Baase  
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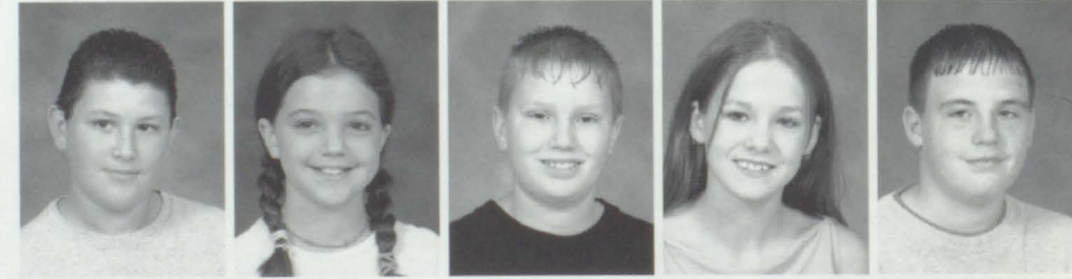
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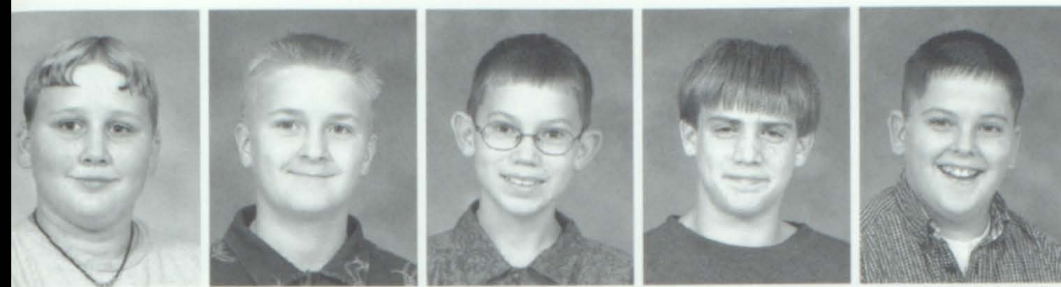


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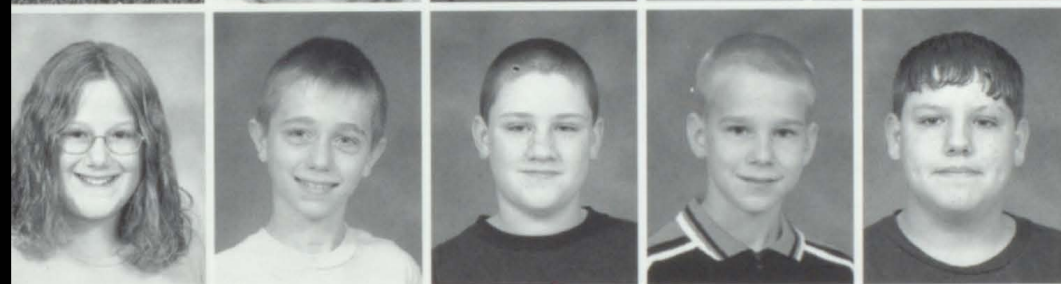
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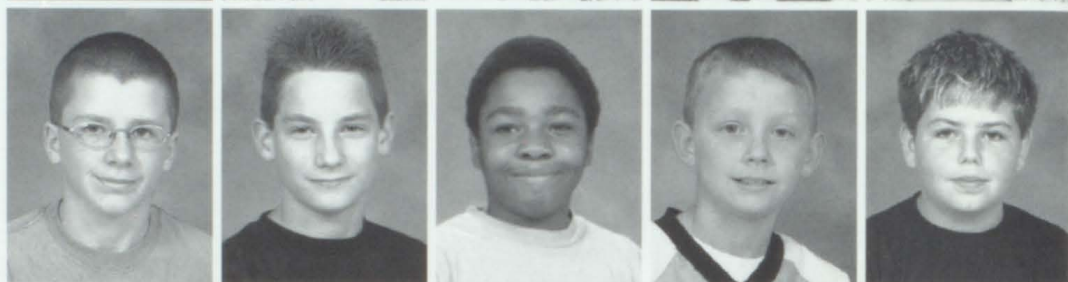
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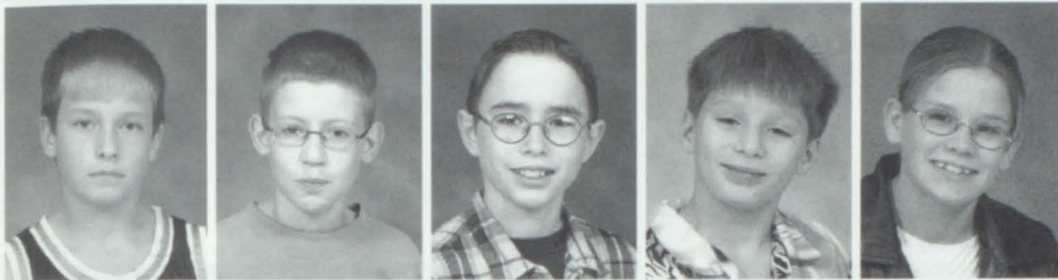




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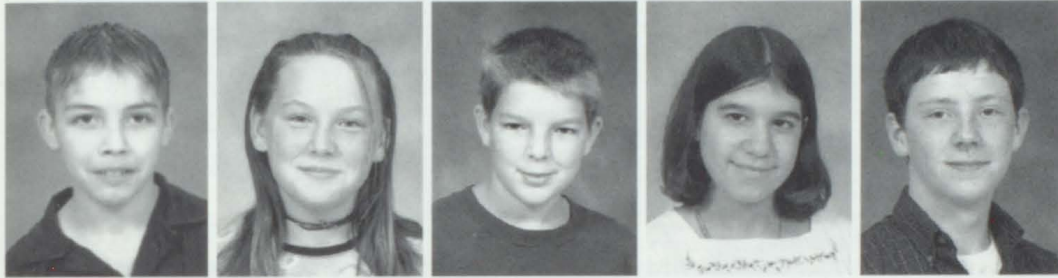
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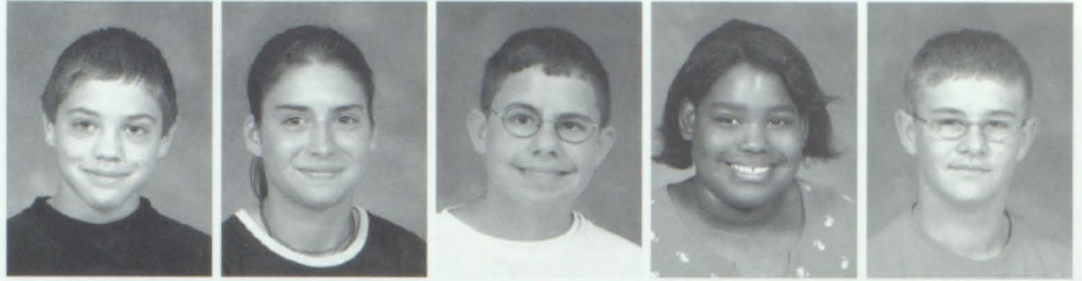


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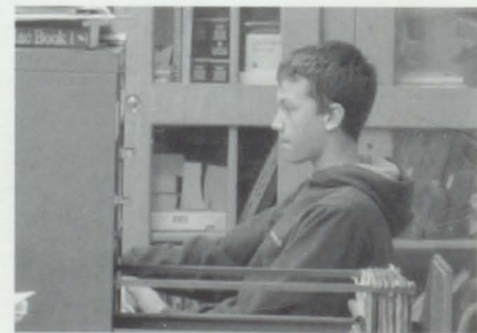
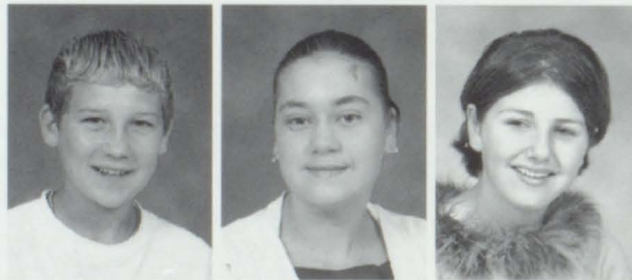
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## CROSS COUNTRY



(Front l.) Coach Dan Johnson, Kelly Fall, Chelsea Loudon, Kristina Fall, (Back l.) Richard Safford, Mike King, Robert Palmer.

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(Front I.) Jessica Gibisas, Elizabeth Stahl, Stephanie Lesko, Molly Bender, Anna Bauman, Jessica Temple, (Middle I.) Katie Harper, Katie Petterson, Brandy Putnam, Lecreisha Nard, Ashley Franz, Joana March, (Back I.) Alicia Shaffer, Andrea Sebert, Jessica Zimmerman, Lindsay Baase, Taylor Hecht, Kiarra Cheathem, Kelly Fall, Coach Julie Smith.



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(Front I.) Nathan Hubbard, Todd Wilson, Joey Hamood, Evan Turner, Derek Wade, Perry McConnell. (Middle I.) Andrew Espinoza, John Horwath, William Verbeek, Raymond Bickle, Richard Safford, Aaron Baase, Brandon Yeck, Tyler Withers, (Back I.) Tony Pollick, William Blackmore, Roger Buckley, Aaron Chernenko, Tim Schafsnitz, Lance Clauss, Mike Bulko, Scott Drew.

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(Front I.) Amber Stroup, Rachelle Betz, Katie Tausch, Alicia Shaffer, Ashely Allen, Jennifer Bickel, (Middle I.) Chelsea Goodman, Ashley Franz, Sarah Tausch, Jamie Lowell, Kimberly Wilber, Brandy Putnam, (Back I.) Coach Kennard, Tonya Carlisle, Nicole Jefferson, Jessica Stanulis, Alexandra Franz, Amberle Kyritz, Lindsay Baase, Coach Kukulski.

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(Front l.) Manager Jaimie Doud, Ryan Geesey, Adam Hebert, Robert Palmer, Sara Tausch, Lantz Porritt, Frank Knickerbocker, (Back l.) Coach Brian Porritt, Michael King, Sam Davis, Aaron Baase, Keith Knickerbocker, Alex St. Clair, Scott Glenn.

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(Front l.) Kristina Fall, Callie Atkins, Melanie Kukulski, Taylor Hamilton, Shamara Smith, Chelsea Williams, Makenzie Doud, (Middle l.) Amanda McCurdy, Melissa Tausch, Stephanie Zwerk, Danae Newbold, Kristi Toyzan, Kara Auernhamer, Whitney Huber, Anna Kennard, Elizabeth Budzinski, (Back l.) Katelyn Stelfox, Ashley Harper, Natasha Torrez, Michelle Schoenlein, Angelyn Kasper, Heather Bertelsmeyer, Coach Rose.

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(Front l.) Katie Tausch, Alicia Shaffer, Stephanie Lesko, Jessica Gibisas, Nicole Joubran, Ashley Allen, (Middle l.) Elizabeth Stahl, Julia Lackowski, Chelsea Loudan, Katie Harper, Ashley Franz, Heather Klein, Tonya Carlisle, (Back l.) Kelly Fall, Katie Petterson, Janet Sebert, Jessica Zimmerman, Alexandra Franz, Chelsea Goodman, Amber Stroup, Coach Brett Cassidy.



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(Front I.) Zack Mills, Jeremy Fuller, Shawn Huizar, John Horwath, Tony Pollick, Michael King, Joey Hamood, Evan Turner, Derek Wade, Brandon Yeck, Jesse Rae, (Back I.) Assist. Coach Matt Bierlien, Gary Pratt, Alex Slosser, Raymond Quick, Justin Coffey, Aaron Baase, Raymond Bickel, Doug Wischmeyer, Andrew Espinoza, J.J. Solgat, Kevin Bacon, Ryan Geesey, Robert Palmer, Lantz Porritt, Coach Lasceski.

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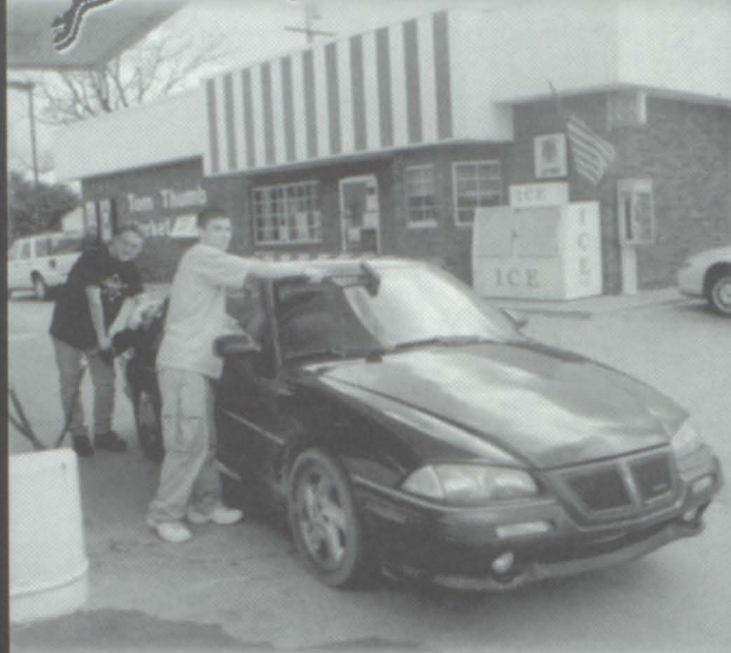
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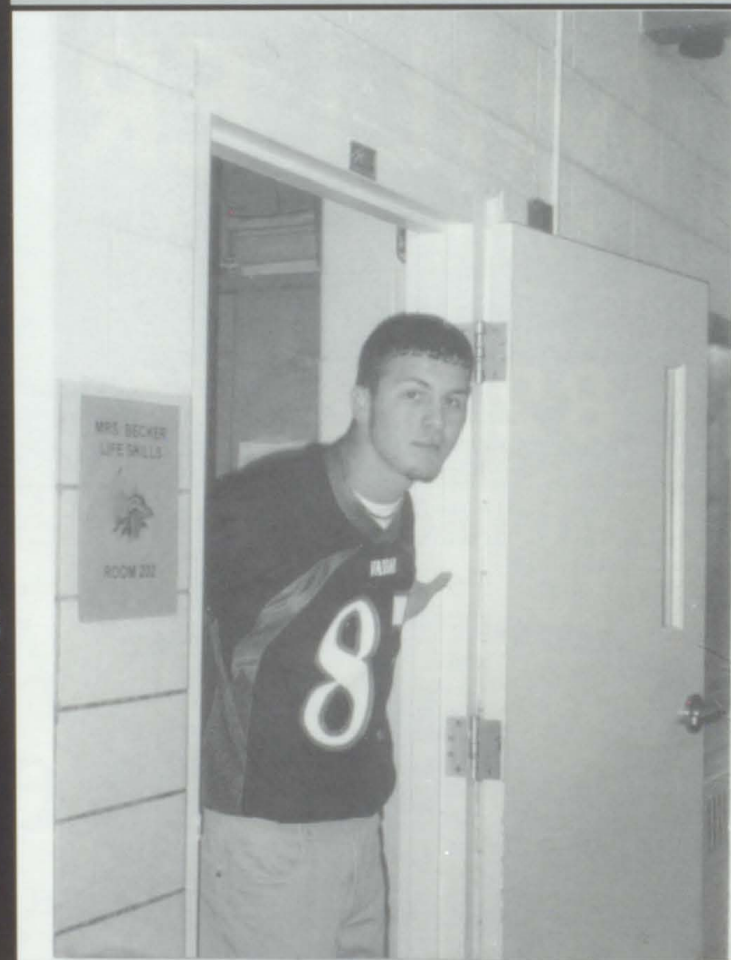
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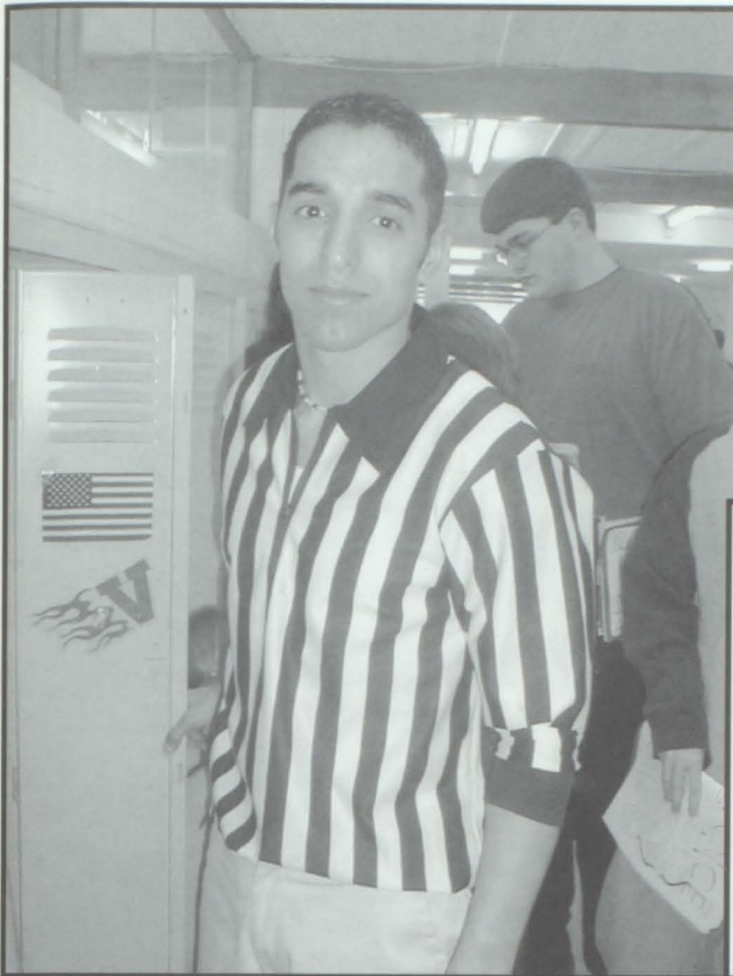
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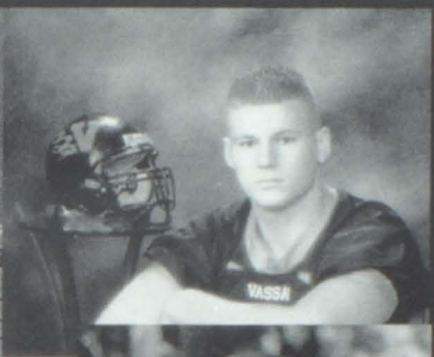
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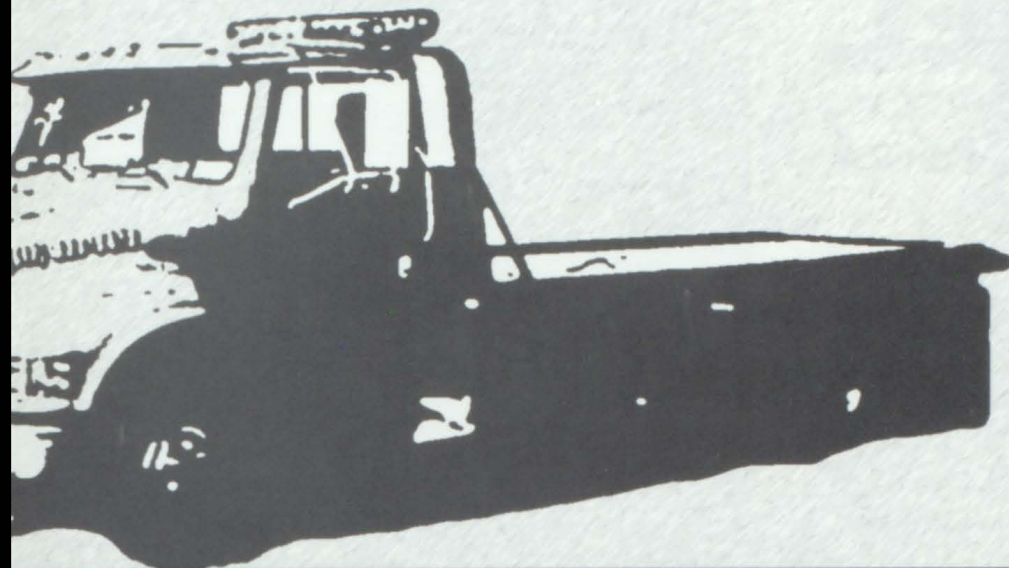
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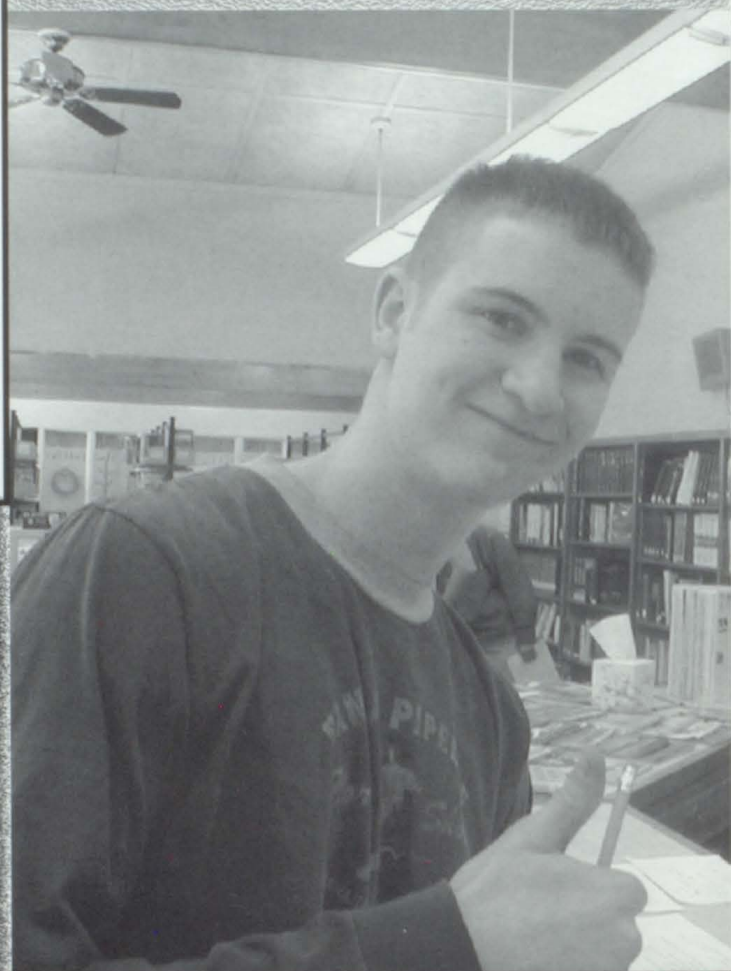
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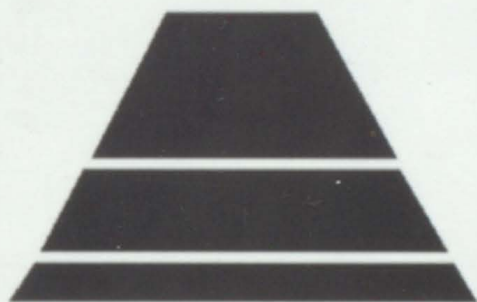
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(top) CaSondra Empey, Elaine Kennard, Christi Griffis, and Robin Maharg are all smiles as graduation approaches. (bottom l.) A grandmother's love is always welcome as John Buckley is greeted by his grandmother. (bottom r.) Jasmine Lackowski is congratulated by Mr. Wojno as she receives her diploma.

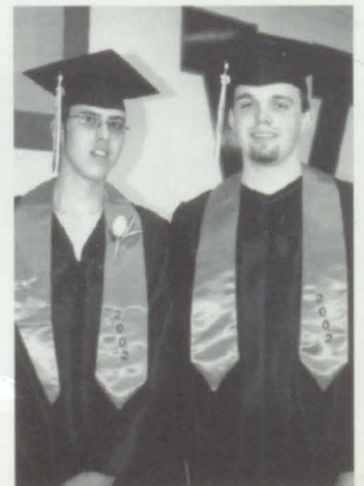
# MORE GRA



(bottom l.) This year's salutatorians were Shannon Franklin and Andrea Roedel. (below) Eve Partridge walks across after receiving her diploma.



(top) The infamous sign no one wanted to claim was returned to the seniors during graduation by the Vassar Police Department. (below) Tyler Meitz and Fredrick Kristenson anticipate graduation. (bottom r.) Siblings Sam and Julia Nobles take time for a family shot.





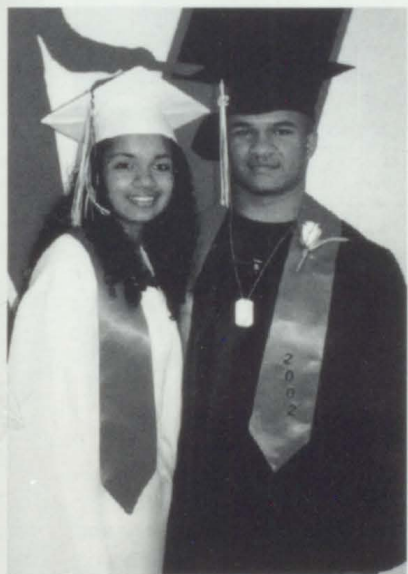
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(top) (front l.) Kevin Whaley, Jon Gonda, Todd Solgat, (back l.) Bobby Kern, John MacArthur, Ben Riedel, Eric Hecht, and Chris Eskelson clown around as graduation draws closer. (below) The senior members of the choir sing during the ceremony.



(above) Friends Jennifer Germain, Jessica Irvine, Jessica Germain, Trista MacEachern, Leah Masker, and Jessica McCrumb share one last high school moment.



(left) Abbey Wojno and Terence Cain walk into the ceremonies. (right) Friends John Beulla and Steve Kischinck, along with Ashley Lichnovsky wait to line up.

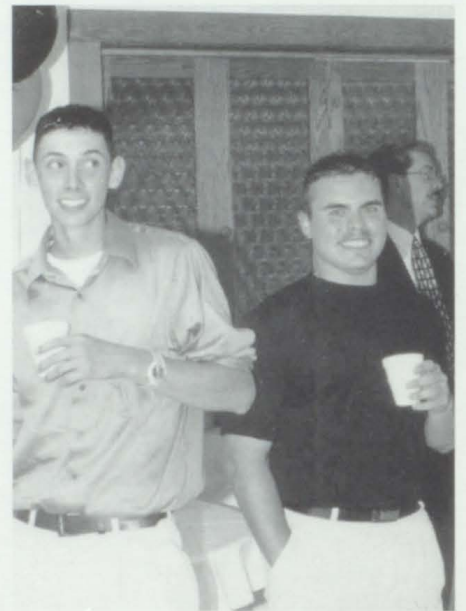




# Baccalaureate

We finished our senior year with a Baccalaureate Service, the first one for VHS seniors since 1982. Our guest speakers were Mrs. Russell, a VHS English teacher, and the Reverends Roger Hazen and Friedhelm Illian, the fathers of Emily Hazen and Josh Illian, members of the Class of 2002. A special thanks to all who participated and helped make this a memorable evening for us.

(below) Senior members of the VHS Choir sang during the baccalaureate; (bottom) Ben Riedel, Eve Partridge, and Amanda Cooper were among the seniors participating in the event.



(top) Angie Stacer and Josh Illian performed a skit about making good choices during their part of the baccalaureate; (above) Zeke Espinoza and John Buckley enjoy the refreshments after baccalaureate.

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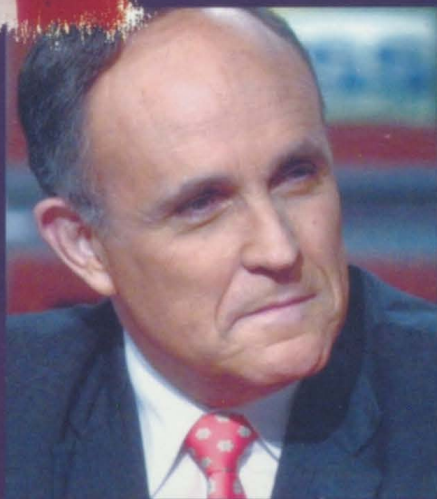
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# YEARBOOK

2001-2002



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# w o r l d EVENTS



Even though the total number of shark attacks decreased in 2001, a rash of highly publicized cases make this "the Summer of the Shark."



John Walker, the American Taliban, is being held for war crimes against the United States.



Princess Margaret, sister of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, dies at age 71.



Enron is the largest company in U.S. history to file for bankruptcy. Allegations arose concerning the shredding of documents believed to be connected to the company's use of funds from its employees' 401k program.



On Jan. 1, 2001, 12 European nations adopt a single currency called the Euro which becomes legal tender in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal and Spain.



Daniel Pearl, a Wall Street Journal reporter, is kidnapped and murdered by the National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty. President Bush declares, "The United States of America will rid the world of these agents of terror."

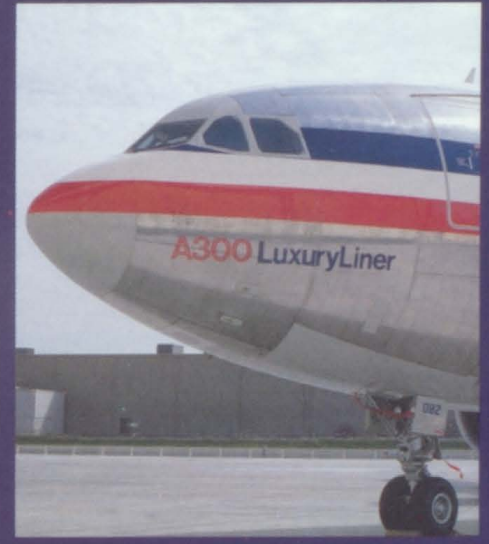




Million of acres of southeastern Australia are scorched by wildfires.



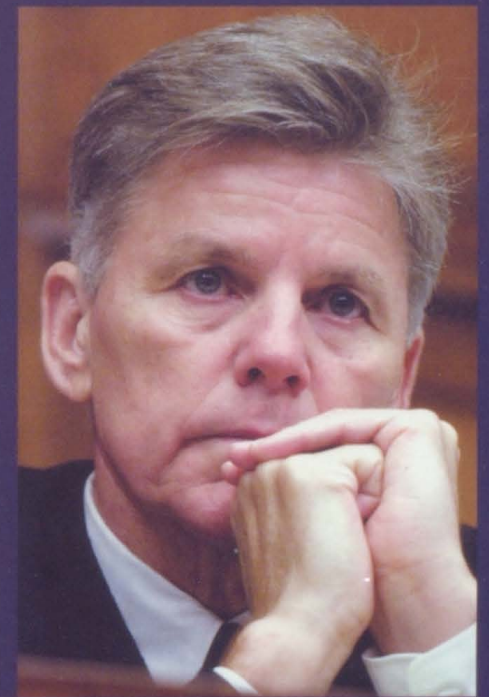
Ford and Firestone go their separate ways after a year of finger pointing in the deaths of more than 170 people in Ford Explorers equipped with Firestone Tires.



American Airlines Flight 587 leaving New York for Santo Domingo crashes three minutes after take off, killing 251 passengers and nine crew members.



The sun sets on the Taliban as U.S. soldiers raise an American flag from the World Trade Center at a U.S. Air Force base near the Afghan city of Kandahar. The United States organized its allies and began an all-out "War on Terrorism."



Congressman Gary Condit is a central figure in the search for Chandra Levy, a Department of Justice Intern, who has been missing since April 2001.



Slobodan Milosevic appears before the U.N. War Crimes Tribunal on charges for crimes against humanity during Yugoslavia's breakup in the 1990's.





Elizabeth Dole, former president of the American Red Cross and spouse of former presidential candidate Bob Dole, announces her candidacy for the Senate.



After being detained for more than three months by the Taliban, American aid workers Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry are rescued from Afghanistan.



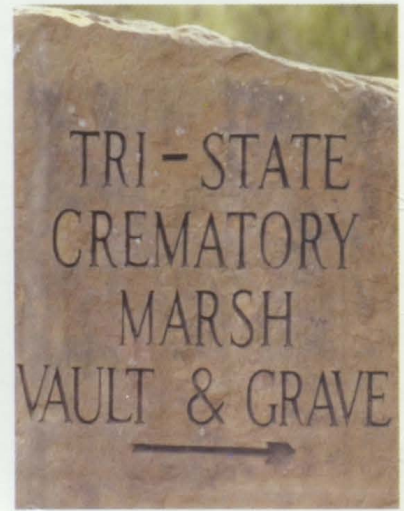
Letters containing anthrax are delivered to U.S. senators Patrick Leahy and Tom Daschle, and NBC News Anchor Tom Brokaw. The Senate office building was closed for three months. Five people died from inhalation anthrax.



On June 11, Timothy McVeigh, convicted of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, is executed by lethal injection.



A missile defense shield to protect the United States is a priority of the Bush Administration.



Hundreds of bodies are discovered at a Noble, Georgia crematory, some dating back more than 10 years.

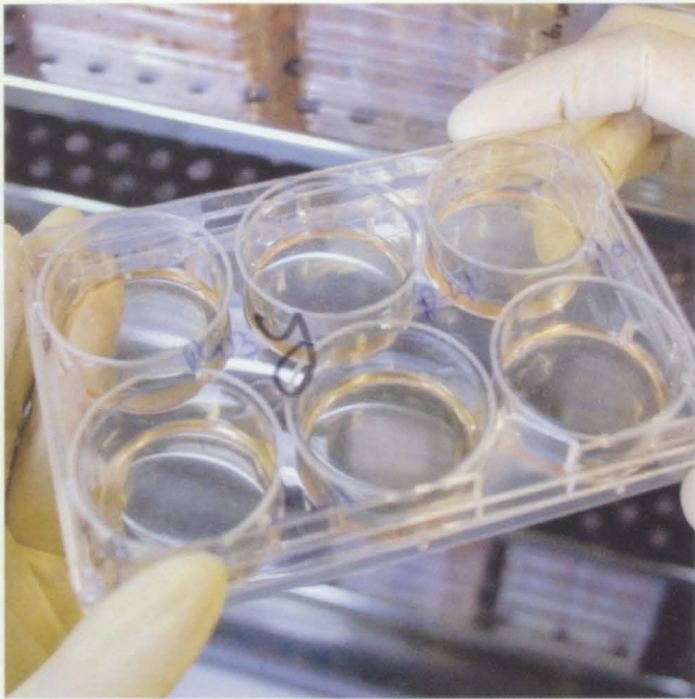




After 12 years of construction, the efforts to stabilize the Leaning Tower of Pisa are complete.



Amnesty for illegal Mexican immigrants is promoted by President Bush.



The decision to allow federal funding for embryonic stem cell research only on stem cells from embryos already collected raises ethical questions.



Kmart, the giant discount retailer, files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection while it reorganizes its holdings.

## other NEWS

- Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced a plan to set buffer zones after an increase in violence against the Palestinian Authority.
- Jim Jeffords switched from the Republican GOP to the Democratic party's side of the aisle, causing an important shift in power and reorganization of the Senate.
- Crown Prince Dipendra of Nepal gunned down 10 members of the Nepalese Royal family before turning the gun on himself.
- A North Carolina state trooper killed one Green Beret and injured another when they tried to disarm him, believing that he was part of a training exercise.
- Experimental drug BL22, which targets only a rare form of leukemia cell, showed signs of great success in fighting hairy cell leukemia.
- Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the bathtub of her Texas home. She pled not guilty by reason of insanity.
- Charles Bishop, 15, stole a Cessna aircraft and crashed it into the Bank of America Plaza in Tampa, Florida.



GM launches a program to cut its workforce by 10 percent through an early retirement program.



Ford looks to cut 12,000 union jobs and 8,000 salaried positions.



Britain's Prince Harry may face charges stemming from smoking marijuana and drinking underage.

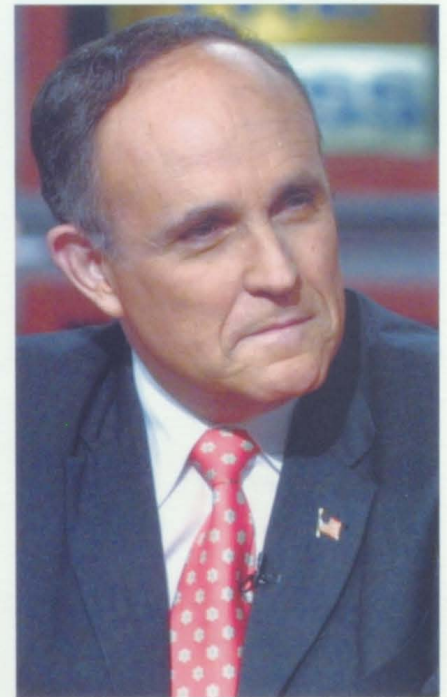


Wendy's founder and spokesman Dave Thomas dies at age 69.





World leaders, such as Prime Minister of England Tony Blair, profess their sympathy and support for the United States.

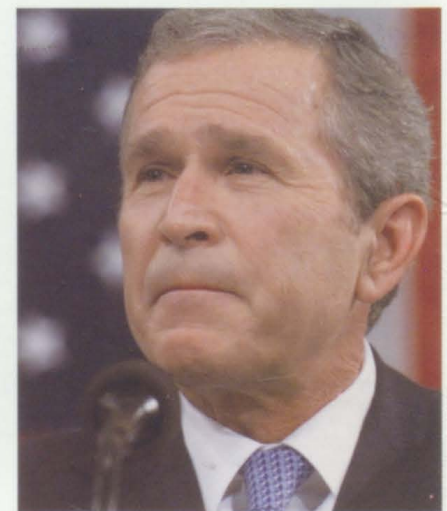


Through his courageous leadership, NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani becomes known as "Mayor of the World" and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth.

# e n d u r i n g FREEDOM

Tuesday, September 11, 2001, will be remembered as a tragic day that changed the world. That morning, a plot, masterminded by terrorist Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaeda network, was put into action. Two hijacked commercial airliners were flown into New York City's World Trade Center Towers, ultimately causing their collapse. Immediately following the incident, another hijacked airliner crashed into one side of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C, and a fourth plane crashed in Pennsylvania. Thousands of lives were lost, citizens were terrified and the world was in shock.

Following that mournful day the United States experienced anthrax scares, continued security threats and the reality of war. Despite the horror, fear and heartache, U.S. citizens united and their patriotic spirit soared. President Bush promised: "We will not tire, we will not falter, we will not fail." Through that statement and the remarkable sense of national pride exuded by U.S. citizens, it became evident that no threat, great or small, could deter the United States resolve for enduring freedom.



In response to the shocking tragedy, President George W. Bush addresses the nation offering strength, comfort and patriotism.





Ailing airlines urge citizens to defy terrorists' attempts to disrupt lives by reboarding airplanes.



Thousands of people world-wide donate blood and volunteer their services to aid U.S. recovery.



An overwhelming spirit of unity and national pride arises out of the smoldering ashes and human devastation from the September 11 attacks on the United States.

## america's HEROES

- Michael Benfante and John Cerqueira, employees on the 81st floor of the World Trade Center, selflessly carried wheelchair-bound Tina Hanson down 68 flights of stairs to safety.
- New York City Fire Department Chaplain Father Mychal Judge, lost his life at Ground Zero while offering last rights to another victim.
- While attempting to rescue others, 343 firemen and 60 police officers died during the attack on the World Trade Center Towers.
- Army Chief Warrant Officer Craig Sincock, despite losing his wife at the Pentagon, offered assistance to those he could aid at the scene. On Sept. 12, Sincock began acting as a grief counselor for others who had lost family members at the site.
- Passengers Todd Beamer, Tom Burnett, Mark Bingham and Jeremy Glick joined to overcome hijackers aboard Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania. Beamer's final statement "Let's roll," has become a symbolic phrase since then.



Canine rescue teams help firefighters search for survivors among the wreckage.



U.S. troops dedicate their lives to preserving freedom and keeping America safe.



Citizens and communities across the country proudly display patriotic decor.



# t v & MOVIES



Academy Award-winning actor Russell Crowe claims a Golden Globe Award and an Academy Award nomination for his performance in "A Beautiful Mind." The movie is nominated for five Academy Awards.



Actress Julia Roberts wins her eighth People's Choice Award for favorite motion picture actress.



Hit movie "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" breaks box office records.



ABC's "My Wife and Kids" and Damon Wayans win People's Choice Awards.



NBC's "The Weakest Link" puts a new edge on quiz show standards.



"Shrek" wins an Oscar nomination and the People's Choice Award for Favorite Motion Picture.



Jack Lemmon, an Academy and Emmy Award-winning actor, dies at age 76.

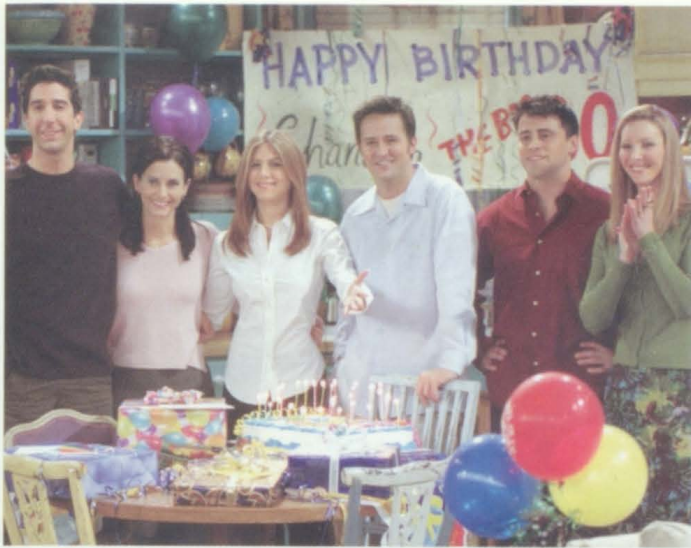


Professional soccer player Ethan Zohn is the \$1million dollar winner of Survivor: Africa.



In honor of those involved in the events surrounding September 11, Hollywood actors and musicians combine efforts to produce "America: A Tribute to Heroes." The benefit, which was aired simultaneously and commercial-free by dozens of broadcast and cable networks, raised more than \$100 million in donations.





Stars of the No. 1 rated show "Friends" agree to return for a ninth season in 2002-2003. Each cast member received a 33 percent salary increase bringing their wages to \$1 million dollars per episode.



Actress Nicole Kidman wins a Golden Globe award for her musical performance in "Moulin Rouge." Kidman and "Moulin Rouge" were both nominated for Academy Awards.

## other NEWS

IN ENTERTAINMENT

- Soap star Kelly Ripa replaced Kathy Lee Gifford on "Live with Regis."
- Box office hit "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings" earned 13 Academy Award nominations.
- Actress Winona Ryder was arrested for allegedly shoplifting \$5,000 worth of clothing and accessories from Saks Fifth Avenue.
- Actors Kelsey Grammer and Ray Romano tied for favorite male television star at the annual People's Choice Awards.
- The world bids farewell to Academy Award-winning actor Anthony Quinn.
- The 2001 Emmy Awards were postponed twice because of security concerns. The eventual winners were "The West Wing," "Sex and the City," "The Sopranos," "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Will and Grace." Other popular shows were "ER," "CSI," "That 70's Show," "Smallville" and "Scrubs."
- Other popular movies were "Rush Hour 2," "Monsters, Inc.," "The Mummy Returns," "Jurassic Park III," "John Q" and "We Were Soldiers."



"Pearl Harbor" heart-throb Josh Hartnett furthers his career with his role in "Black Hawk Down."



Popular television star Carroll O'Connor dies at age 76.



The United Nations names actress Angelina Jolie its goodwill ambassador.



Hit television show "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" takes a bold step by producing a musical episode.



# MUSIC



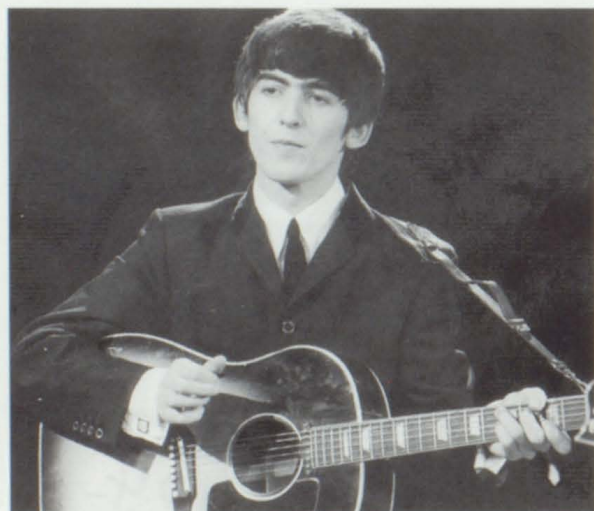
Favorite Album, Pop/Rock 'n Roll, is awarded to Destiny's Child for "Survivor" at the American Music Awards. They also won a Grammy for Best R&B Performance by a Duo/Group.



Jennifer Lopez says "I do" to dancer and choreographer Chris Judd just eight months after the announcement of her split from boyfriend of two years, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.



Pop superstar Britney Spears makes her debut on the big screen in the movie "Crossroads." She also released her self-titled album, went on tour, performed in her "Live from Las Vegas" HBO special and dated 'N SYNC pop singer Justin Timberlake.



George Harrison, known as "The Quiet Beatle," dies at 58 of cancer. The death of John Lennon in 1980 leaves Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr as the only remaining Beatles.



Nelly wins Favorite Artist, Rap/Hip-Hop, at the American Music Awards.



Michael Jackson is named Artist of the Century at the 2002 American Music Awards.

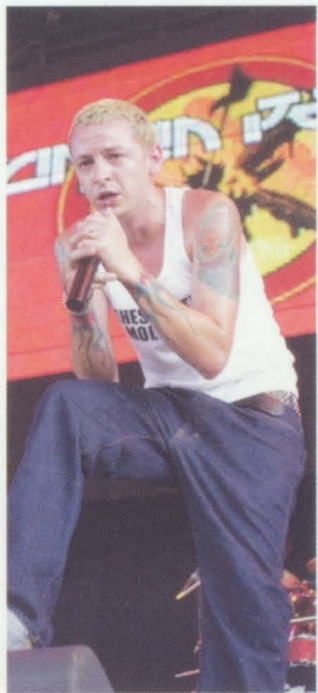




Alicia Keys wins Favorite New Artist, Soul/Rhythm and Blues, and Favorite New Artist, Pop/Rock 'n Roll, at the American Music Awards. Keys also won five Grammys, including Song of the Year for "Fallin'."



Madonna tours the United States for the first time in eight years. Tickets sold for \$250 each.



Linkin Park's "Hybrid Theory" is the best selling album and the song "Crawling" wins a Grammy.



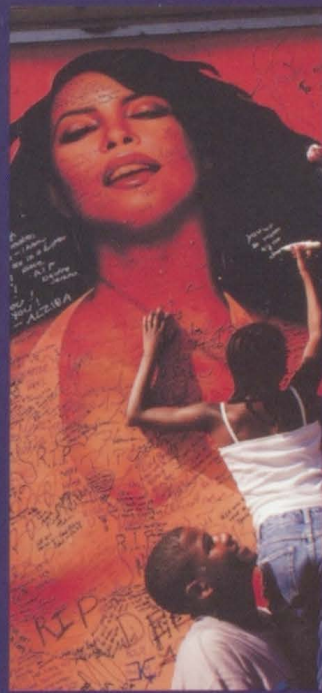
Tim McGraw and wife Faith Hill win Favorite Male and Female Country Music Artist at the American Music Awards.

## other NEWS IN MUSIC

- Pop group 'N SYNC took the title Favorite Group/Band/Duo for Pop/Rock 'n Roll at the American Music Awards. In addition, they won a People's Choice Award for Favorite Musical Group.
- Bush's lead singer Gavin Rossdale and No Doubt's Gwen Stefani announced their engagement.
- Christina Aguilera, Mya, Lil' Kim, and Pink won a Grammy for Best Pop Collaboration "Lady Marmalade."
- U2 earned \$109.7 million from their U.S. concert tour this year. They won Internet Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards and performed at the Superbowl XXXVI halftime show. They also won four Grammys.
- Garth Brooks received the Award of Merit at the American Music Awards.
- Movie soundtrack "O Brother, Where Art Thou" won five Grammys at the 2002 awards ceremony and was awarded Album of the Year.
- Other musicians who made headlines this year included Nelly Furtado, Outkast, Train, Staind, India.Arie, Lenny Kravitz, Lucinda Williams and Craig David.



Janet Jackson wins Favorite Female, Pop/Rock, at the American Music Awards. She also won two Grammys.



Rising music and movie star Aaliyah dies in an airplane crash. She was 22.



Mariah Carey's first movie "Glitter" and its soundtrack are panned by critics and ignored by fans.



# t r e n d s & TECHNOLOGY



A new top-of-the-line iMac is introduced by Apple Computer. The redesigned computer has a floating 15-inch LCD flat screen, allowing users one-touch adjustment, a 700 MHz or 800 MHz PowerPC G4 processor, and the SuperDrive for playing and burning CDs and DVDs.



Cell phones in schools are considered a distraction and banned by some administrators.



The Intel Pentium 4 processor is the next evolution in desktop processing technology.

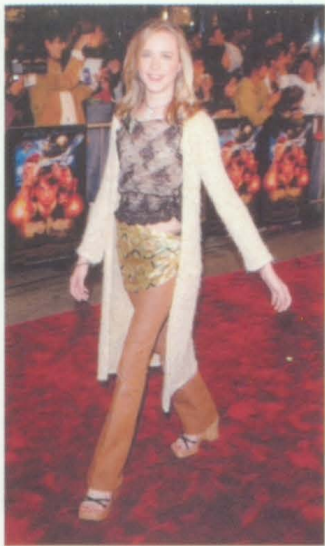


Microsoft's future generation video game system X-Box delivers the most powerful game experiences ever.



Handspring, Inc. introduces a handheld computer with a built-in cell phone.





Dusters, as worn here by actress Evan Rachel Wood, are a new trend in stores everywhere.



Reggae/pop superstar Shaggy wears his colored sunglasses, a hot trend for the year.



There is a different attitude in American culture this year for Halloween. A shift to the "hero concept" make firemen and policemen costumes the most popular choices among children.



After September 11, Americans unite and show their patriotism by wearing red, white and blue.

## other NEWS

IN TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

- Hewlett Packard and University of California scientists patented a process that will eventually develop a computer chip small enough to fit on the head of a pin.
- SONICblue unveiled its first hard drive-based portable music player, The Rio Riot, which holds up to 5,000 songs or 400 CDs worth of digital music.

- Glitter, sparkle and shimmer were found in makeup, nail polish, body lotion, hair gel and on clothing. Corduroy pants, studded belts, hoodies, vintage and unique cut jeans were also popular.

- A travel-size camera from Intel was designed to shoot Internet-ready photos and videos for easy upload.

- An electric toothbrush was a necessity when it came to serious dental hygiene.

- DVD players gained popularity and threatened to replace VCRs.

- From the court to the classroom, Adidas All Day All Night sneakers were the "cool kicks" for the year.

- Cell phone cases were a hot item to coordinate with an outfit.



Claudia Schiffer shows off some hot trends: low-rise jeans, fat belts and tops with some sparkle.



Body and skin jewelry continue to be a "cool thing to do."



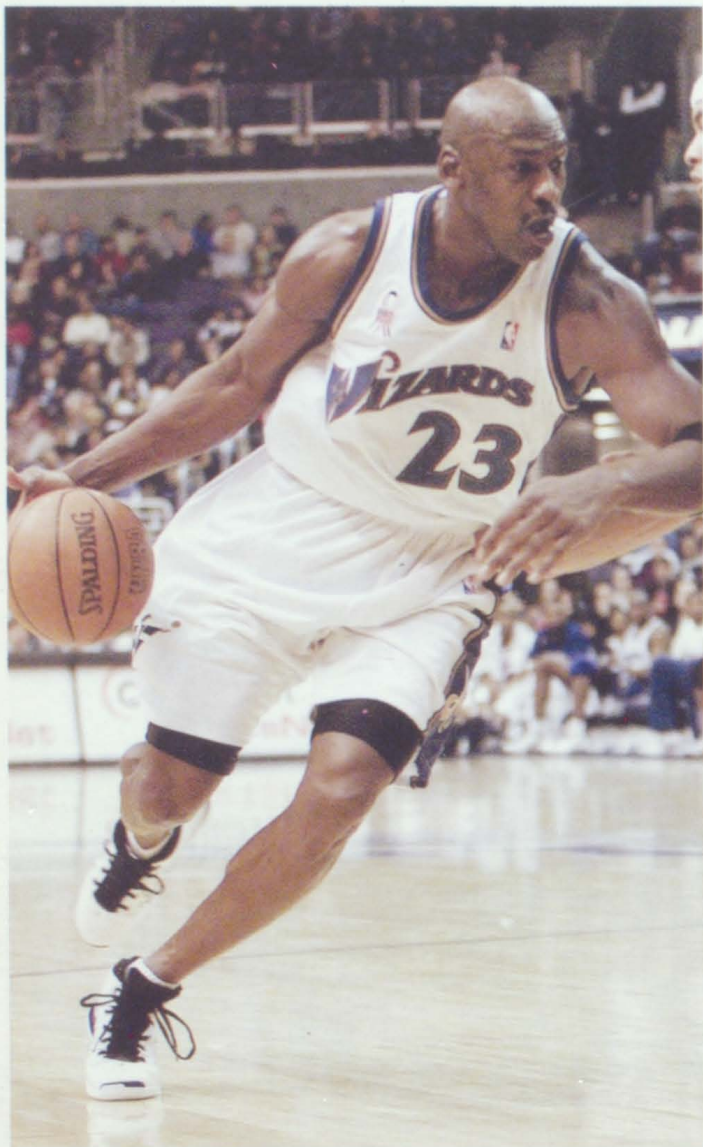
Flip-flops make a comeback. They were available in an assortment of funky colors and styles.



Boots that rise to the knee are in stores everywhere.



# SPORTS



"His Airness" returns to the court after three years in retirement. Michael Jordan, 39, faced perhaps his toughest challenge in leading the Washington Wizards to the 2002 playoffs.



Barry Bonds sets a new Major League record for most home runs in a single season with 73.



Jennifer Capriati wins the French Open in 2001, then wins a second straight Australian Open in 2002.



The New England Patriots claim their first Super Bowl title with a win over the St. Louis Rams. A dramatic fourth-quarter field goal gave the Patriots a 20-17 victory.



During a game following the Sept. 11 tragedy, the football team at John R. Rogers High School in Spokane, Wash., proudly carries the American flag onto the field. This photo appeared in several major newspapers and was featured in Sports Illustrated.



Tiger Woods wins a fourth consecutive major, The Masters.





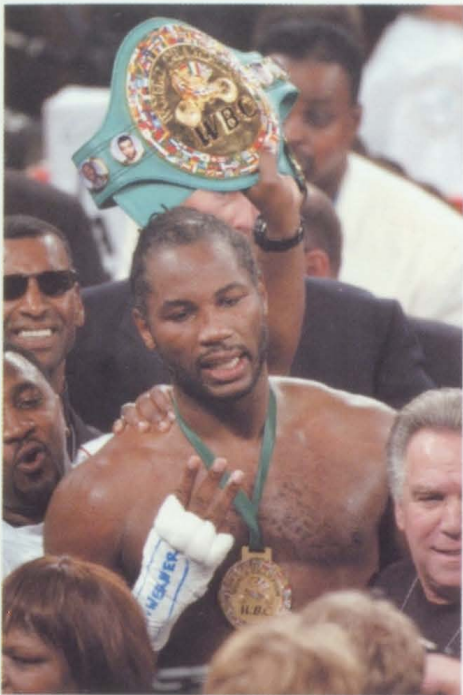
Venus Williams repeats as Wimbledon and U.S. Open Champion. In the U.S. Open finals, Venus defeated her sister Serena.



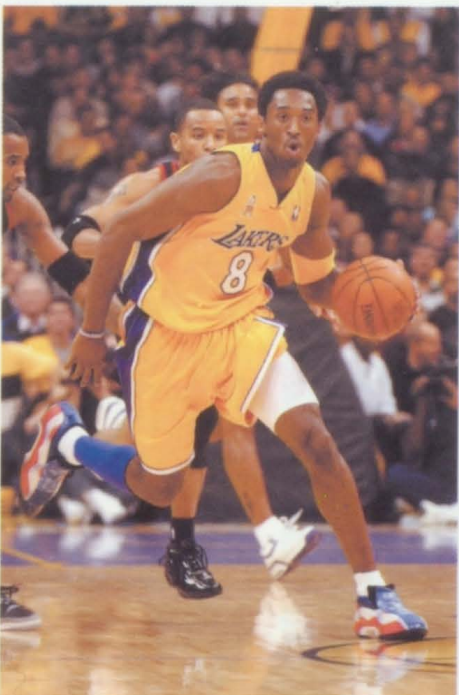
American cyclist Lance Armstrong claims his third consecutive Tour De France title in July.



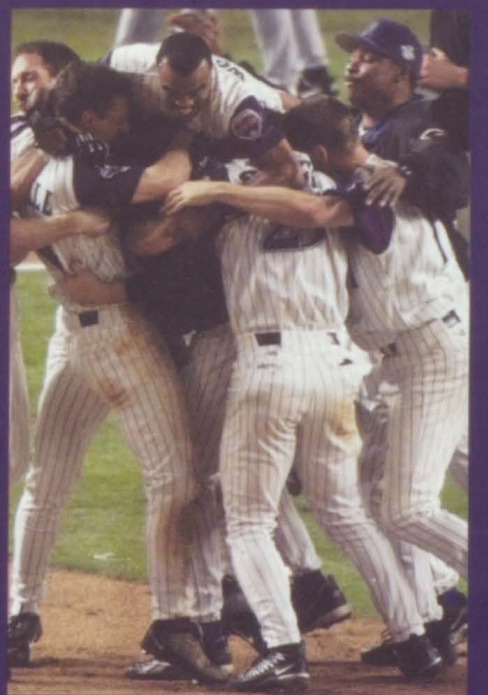
With six victories and nearly \$7 million in earnings, Jeff Gordon claims another Winston Cup Championship for the 2001 NASCAR season.



Lennox Lewis regains his World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation heavyweight titles from Hasim Rahman in Las Vegas, in November.



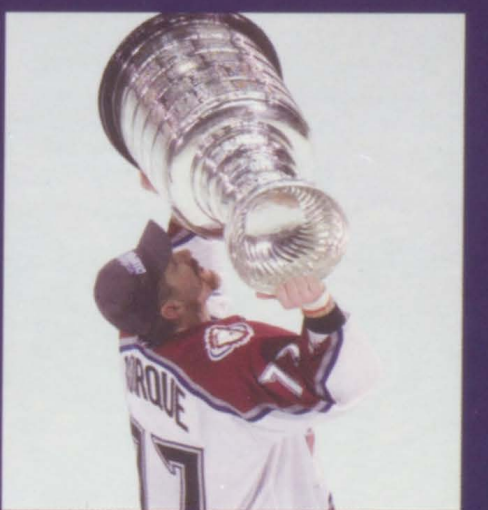
L.A. Laker Kobe Bryant earns MVP honors at the NBA All-Star Game, leading the West All-Stars over the East, 135-120.



The Arizona Diamondbacks win their first World Series crown, defeating the New York Yankees, champions in 1998, 1999 and 2000.



Dale Earnhardt, Jr. returns to Daytona in July to win an emotional Pepsi 400. Just five months earlier, a crash during the Daytona 500 took the life of his legendary father, Dale Earnhardt, Sr.



The Colorado Avalanche win the 2001 Stanley Cup, defeating the New Jersey Devils.





American snowboarding sensation Kelly Clark takes the United States' first gold medal in the Women's Half-Pipe Snowboarding competition at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.



Americans Ross Powers (gold), Danny Krass (silver), and Jarret Thomas (bronze) sweep the medals in Men's Half-Pipe Snowboarding at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

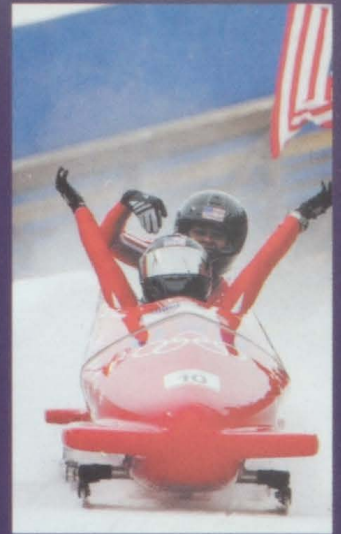


Anton Sikharulidze and Elena Berezhnaya of Russia and David Pelletier and Jamie Sale of Canada receive gold medals in Pairs Figure Skating. Initially given the silver medal, the Canadians were awarded gold after misconduct by a French judge was discovered.

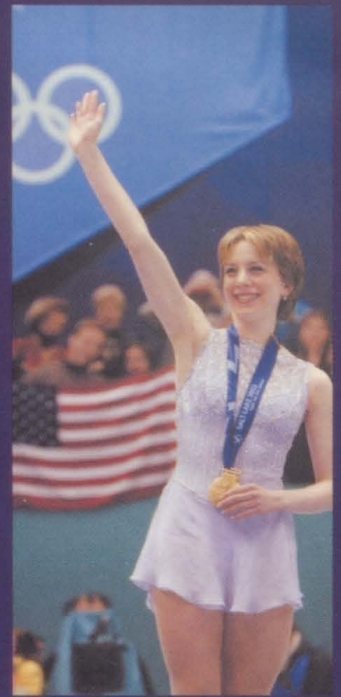
## other NEWS IN SPORTS

- American Chris Witty took the gold in world record time in the Women's 1000-meter Speed Skating competition at the Winter Olympics.
- The United States earned 34 medals in the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, the most ever by the United States in the winter games.
- Third generation American Olympian Jim Shea captured the gold in the Men's Skeleton competition.
- The Miami Hurricanes won the Rose Bowl and their fifth NCAA Division I Football Championship with a decisive 37-14 victory over the Nebraska Cornhuskers. The Hurricanes' baseball team also won the College World Series 12-1 over Stanford in the final game.
- Pitcher Danny Almonte dominated Little League Baseball with an untouchable slider and grueling fastball. It was discovered at season's end that Almonte was 14 years old, two years over the league age limit.
- PGA star David Duval took home his first career major title, the 2001 British Open, in July.

All photos, with the exception of the Rodgers High School football image were supplied by Getty Images. The Rodgers High School image is courtesy of the Spokesman-Review.



The U.S. two-woman bobsled team of Vonetta Flowers and Jill Bakken win the gold medal.



Sixteen-year-old American Sarah Hughes shocks the world, winning the gold in Women's Figure Skating.



Casey Fitzrandolph takes the gold in the Men's 500-meter Speed Skating event.



