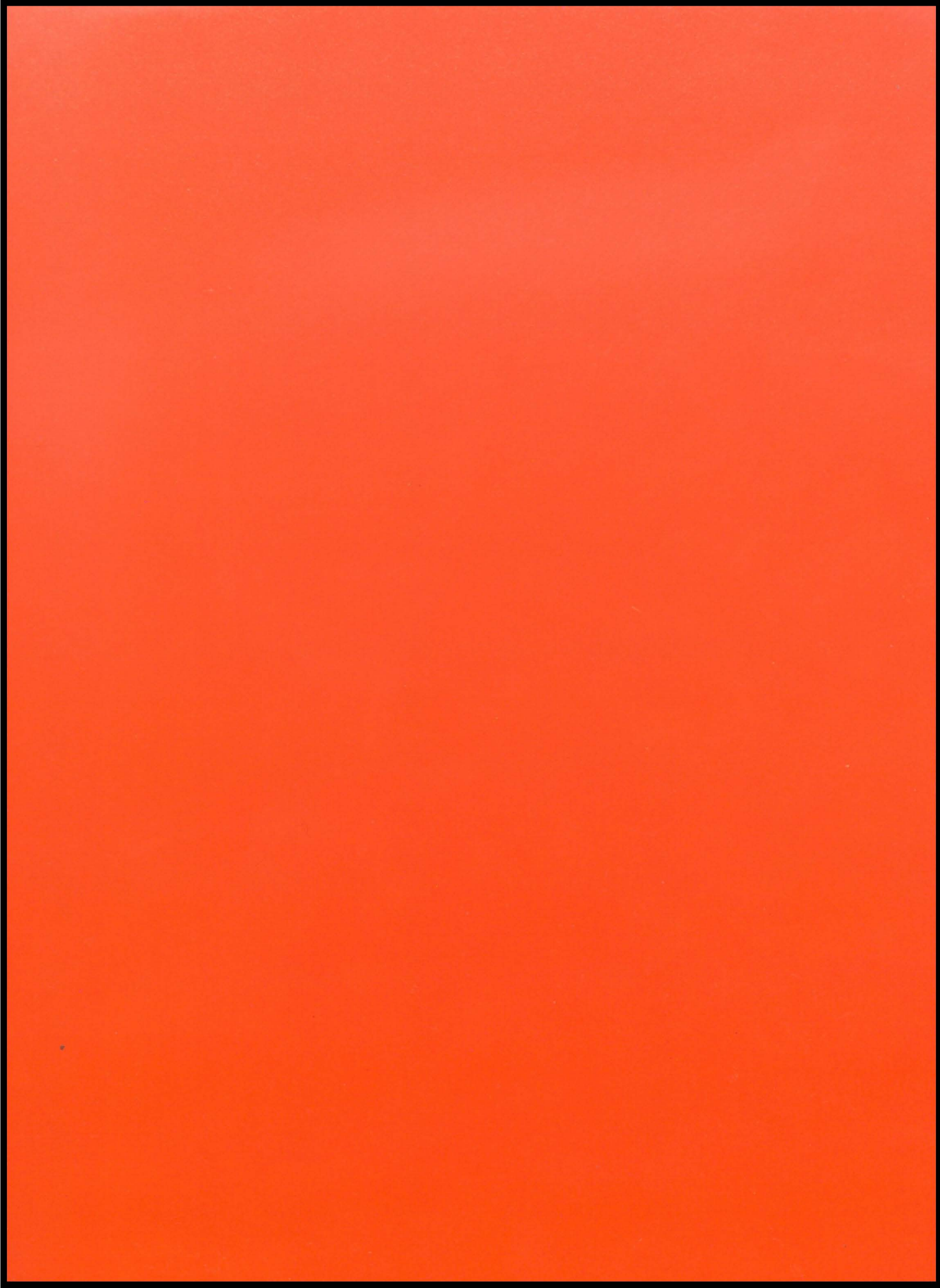


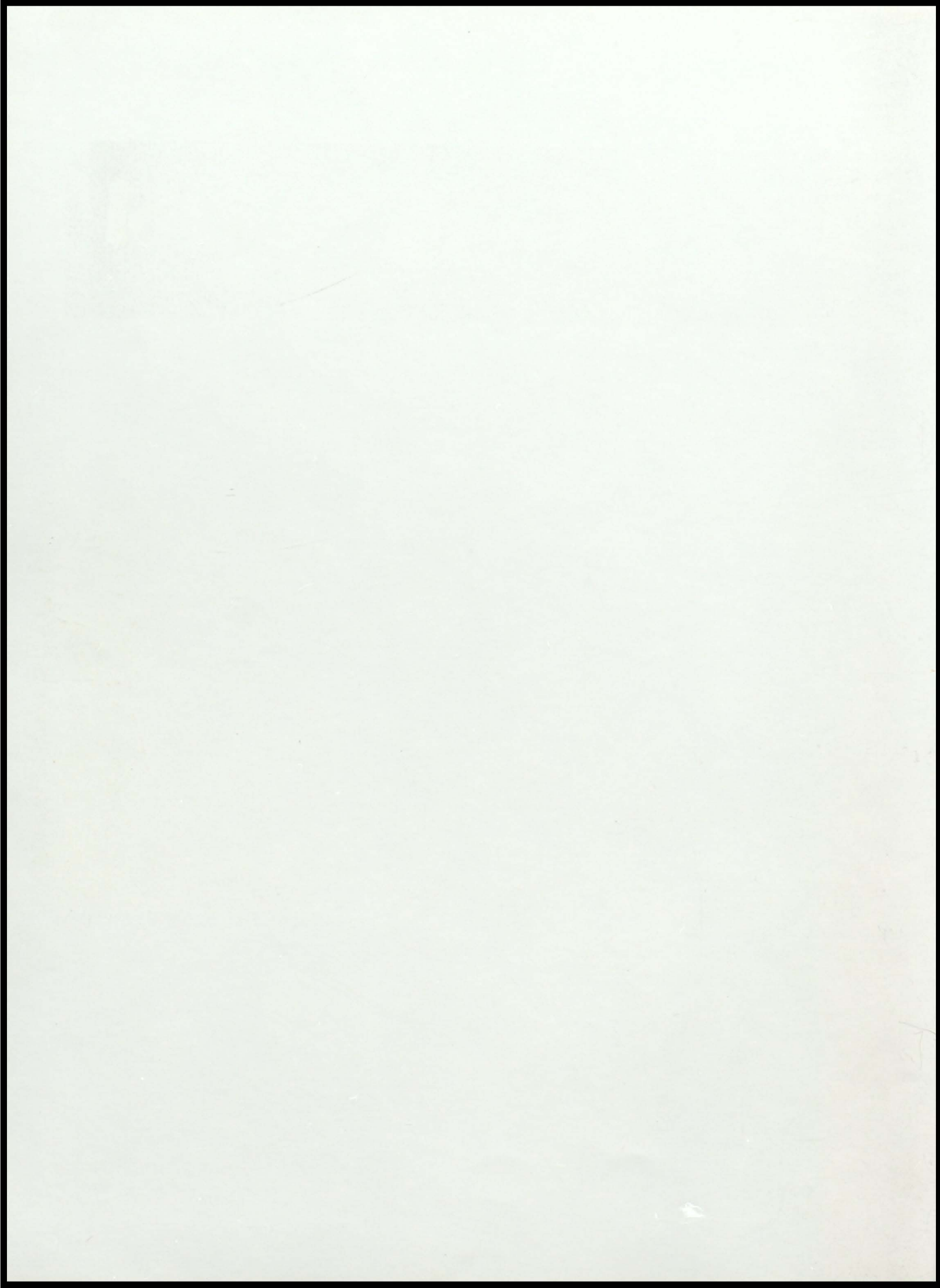
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2002 to 2003



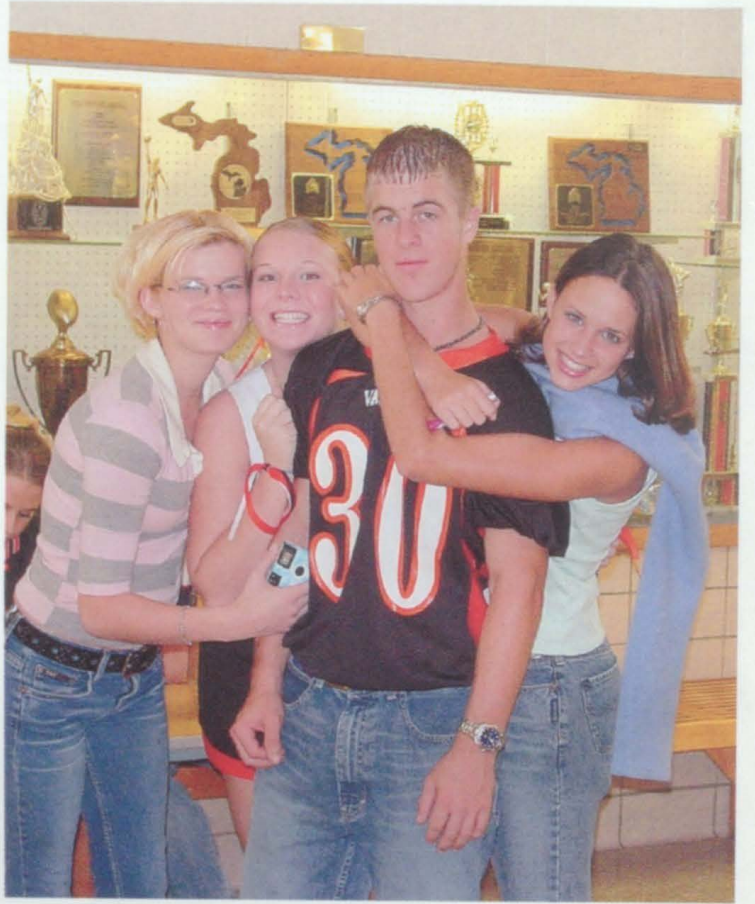
We welcome you to take a look at the 2002 to 2003 school year starting with our new Mural which represents the power of the Vassar Vulcans.

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Bobby Butterfield gives us "the look."



Rachael Bohl, Elyse Turner, and Corby Nearing show their affection for football player Keith McIntyre.



Karah Heinlein and Sarah Mills lean on each other as friends often do.



Eric Andrychuk and Alaina Garlick enjoy a quiet moment in front of the school.



Varsity football players Daniel Smith and Brandon Confer are completely covered with mud after one of their games.



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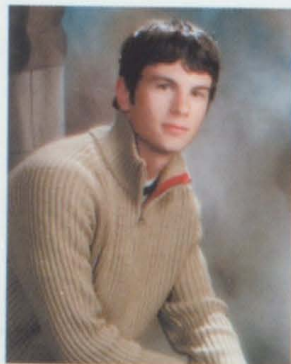
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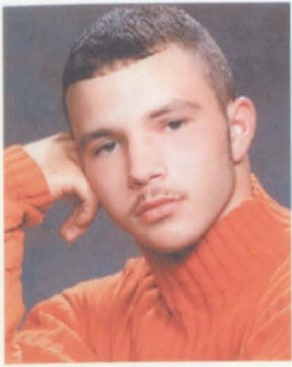
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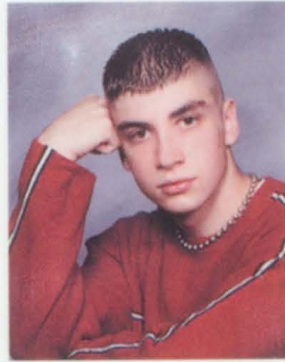


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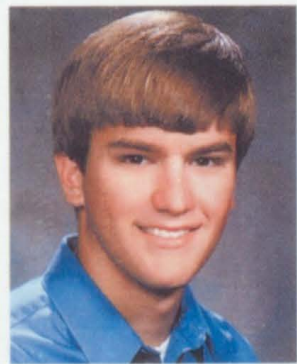


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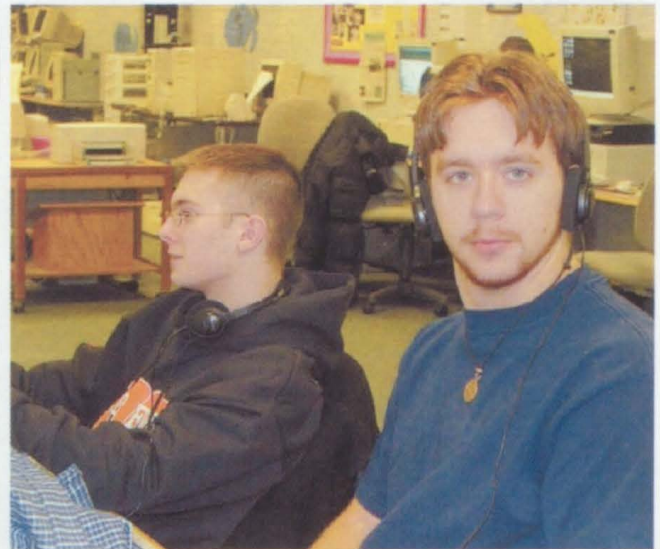
Ashley Yeager



Stephanie S. Ziegler



Joe Smith, Andrea Solgat, Matt Jaynes, Nick Hubbard, Tricia Barnes, and James Chelekis count off their last days as high school students.



Aaron Innes and Scott Fuller enjoyed working together in Computer Technology Management at the Tech Center.

Missing Photos

Katherine Aiken

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Jason Michel Balcer

Russel P. Lalko

Christina N. Vanluchene

Andrew James Custer

Christopher W. Lapratt

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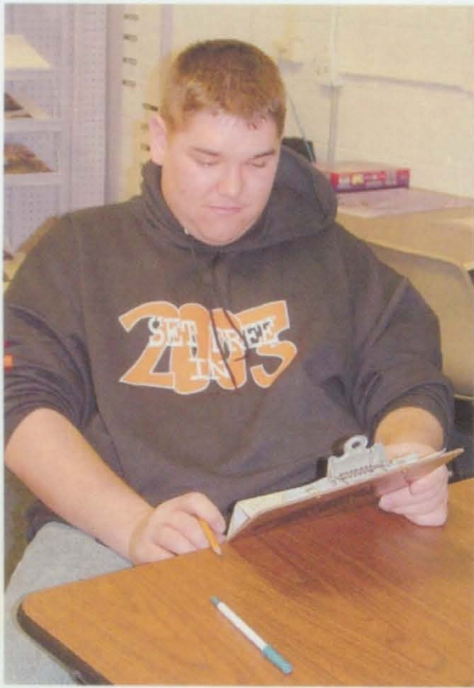
Jeremy J. Pratt

Seniors At Work and Play

(photo r.) Kim Bertelsmeyer, James Chelekis, and Andrea Solgat celebrate Homecoming.



(photo b.) Amos Perkins works on a mock crime scene investigation at Tech Center.



(photo m.) Nathan Buchinger, Tricia Barnes, and Gus Martinka are all dolled up for Homecoming.



(photo r.) Alien investigators Scott Sheppard, Mr. Middlin, and Chris Opperman are Vassar's version of "Men In Black."





(photo l.) Class officers (clockwise) are Eric Andreychuk, Andrea Solgat, Maegan Morley, and Tricia Barnes.

(photo b.) Corby Nearing and Michelle Peche hang out during drafting class.



Kelsey Guthrie was "crowned" by Kellie Moss, Miss Michigan 2002, who came to Vassar for a leadership presentation.



Rachael Tebedo entertains some children as part of her childcare class at Tech Center.



Billy LaBean shows off his metalworking skills at Tech Center.



(photo r.) Heather Hess was one of several workers at the soup supper fundraiser.



(photo r.) Trevor Perry takes time to read to a Townsend North student as part of Mr. Leveille's reading program.



(photo b.) Tom Kennard works on a deer blind at Tech Center.



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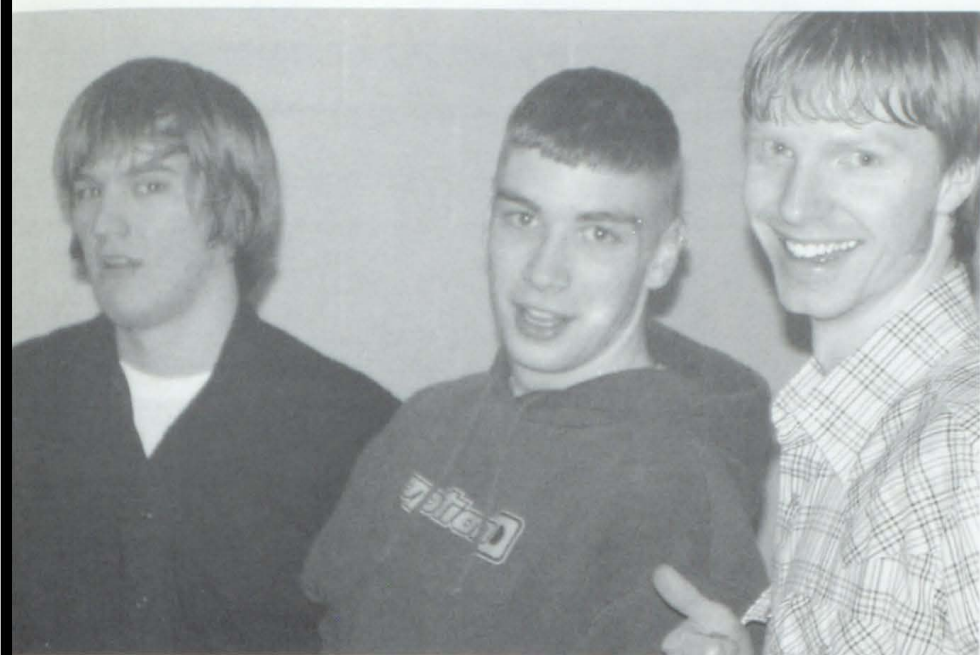


Ben Schmandt (above) suffers the losing end of a bet by getting his hair shaved off as a motivation for the basketball team.



Is it a bird? Is it a plane?...WHAT IS IT? That seems to be the question asked by Karah Heinlein (left), Nick Hubbard, and Matt Jaynes as they stare into space. (Actually they're are looking at the mural for the first time.)

FOG BATTLE



(l.) Gus Martinka, Dustin Irwin and Scott Sheppard, members of the DJ Club, take a break from their duties as DJ's of the sixth grade Valentine's Day Dance.

(below) Rich King works hard on his project for his physics exam. The physics students had to build a structure that could hold 350 grams. Their only tools were spaghetti and masking tape. Fortunately for the class, everyone made the minimum weight requirements with one group making it to 900 grams.



(l.) Kelsey Guthrie, Mary Raney, and Karah Heinlein are proud seniors during homecoming.



Nichole Rose (l.) and Holly Main are all smiles their senior year.



Brandon Sulicki sporting a parrot hat during Spirit Week.



Seniors 2003



(r)Ashley Yeager enjoys the time spent learning at Tech Center.



(above) Matt Jaynes strolls the hallways, a favorite senior pastime.

Best buds (l.) Sarah Mills and Elyse Turner look beautiful at the YIG field trip.



Class Poll 2003

Most Likely to Succeed

Male: Brian Keinath
Female: Kimberly Bertelsmeyer

Most Athletic

Male: Daniel Smith
Female: Heather Hess

Best Dressed

Male: Brandon Sulicki
Female: Kelsey Guthrie

Craziest

Male: Dustin Irwin
Female: Corby Nearing

Loudest

Male: Dustin Irwin
Female: Kelsey Guthrie

Quietest

Male: Matthew Hemmen
Female: Jennifer Tanke

Best Dancer

Male: Scott Sheppard
Female: Andrea Solgat

Best Looking

Male: Nathan Buchinger
Female: Maegan Morley

Most Outgoing

Male: Daniel Smith
Female: Sarah Mills

Most Artistic

Male: Patrick Kelly
Female: Karah Heinlein &
Vanessa Slack

Best Laugh

Male: John Scharff
Female: Kelsey Guthrie

Funniest

Male: Dustin Irwin
Female: Karah Heinlein

Most Opinionated

Male: Brandon DeLand
Female: Alaina Garlick

Most Likely to be on Broadway

Male: Eric Andreychuk
Female: Karah Heinlein

Most Daring

Male: Dustin Irwin
Female: Corby Nearing

Most Likely to be Famous

Male: Joshua Koch
Female: Karah Heinlein

Most Scholarly

Male: Brian Keinath
Female: Kimberly Bertelsmeyer

Class Partier

Male: Jacob Morse
Female: Corby Nearing

Nicest

Male: Nathan Buchinger
Female: Kimberly Bertelsmeyer
& Heather Hess

Class Historian

Male: Benjamin Schmandt
Female: Jennifer Tanke

Best Legs

Male: Daniel Smith
Female: Maegan Morley

Best Body

Male: Keith McIntyre
Female: Andrea Solgat

Best Smile

Male: Daniel Smith
Female: Kimberly Bertelsmeyer

Best Eyes:

Male: Casey Landskroener
Female: Amanda Kruse

Best Hair

Male: Gus Martinka
Female: Maegan Morley

Most Original

Male: Scott Sheppard
Female: Karah Heinlein



Justin Doud cheers the Vulcans on!



The football team enthusiastically takes the field.



Cheerleaders pep up the crowd.



The Lady Vulcans prepare for their game.



Jaimie Doud runs gracefully at the Frankenmuth Invite.



The home stands are packed for a Friday night football game.



Josh Faulk helps build the float.



Superfan Joe Smith with his basketball player Lyndsey Shepherd.

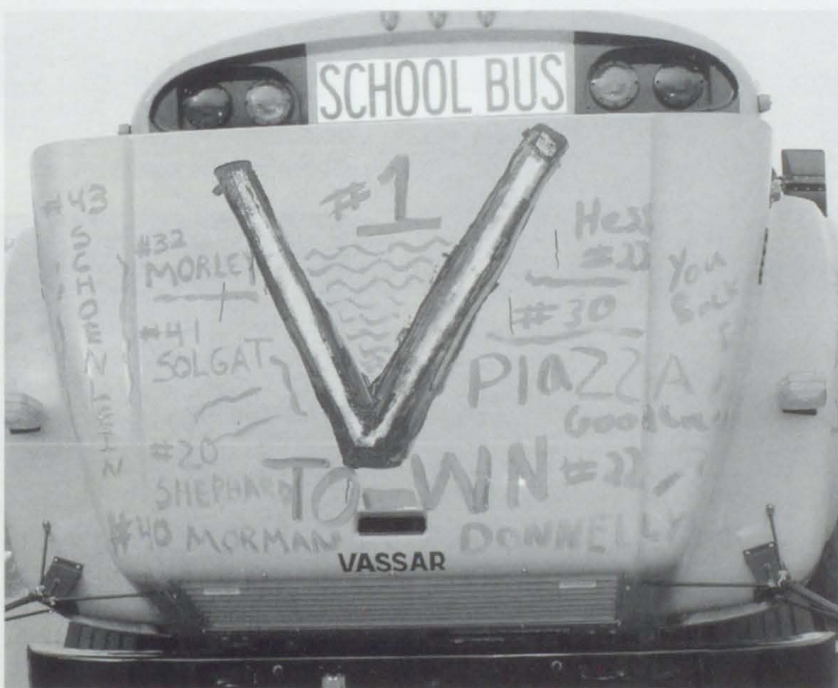
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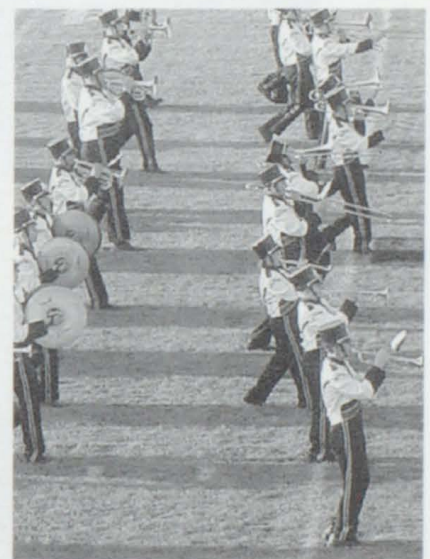
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The fans show their school spirit by decorating the Girls' Basketball's bus for their trip to districts.



The band entertains the crowd at the pre-game show.



Members of the Cross Country team for 2002 are: (front l.) Leigh Donnelly, Jaimie Doud, Karen Kennard, and Hope Huizar; (middle l.) Manager Josh Faulk, Eric Palmer, Jason Balcer, Brett Rosencrants, Ben Schmandt, Brandon Weber, Josh Tuthill, and Manager Kim Bertelsmeyer; (back l.) Coach Dan Johnson, Robert Palmer, Don Sebert, Richie Safford, Justin Doud, Ernie Huizar, Wesley Muntz, and Manager Mark Hecht. (Not Pictured, Frank Knickerbocker, Tommy Rosencrants, and Christina Peters)



Ben Schmandt won the 2002 Regional Championship at Bad Axe.



Members of the Vassar Cross Country team get caught in the pack in the beginning of the race.



Bob Palmer runs ahead.



Brandon Weber leads the pack at the Akron-Fairgrove Earlybird.



The Cross Country team shows off their trophy at the Akron-Fairgrove Earlybird.



Justin Doud runs through the woods at the Tuscola County Invite.



Seniors Brandon Weber and Brett Rosencrants at the last meet they will ever run at Frankenmuth.



Leigh Donnelly rounds the corner.

Cross Country



The varsity cross country team on the starting line at the Frankenmuth Invite.



Justin Doud stretching before the meet.



Hope Huizar and Karen Kennard run together at the Frankenmuth Invite.

Cross Country Awards:

Most Valuable Players:

Ben Schmandt Leigh Donnelly

Coaches Awards:

Ben Schmandt Leigh Donnelly

Most Improved Players:

Josh Tuthill Karen Kennard



Jaimie Doud runs hard at the start of the race at Corunna.

Golf

Members of the VHS 2002 Golf Team are (front I)- Bart Rittenberg, Michael Hall, C.J. Brimmer, Billy Woolwine, Craig Karr, Andrew Olsen, Nick Jablonski, Brian Makl, and Tom Kennard; (middle I)- James Chelekis, Matt Andreychuk, Ian Hamilton, Jimmy Stacer, Adam Wojno, Nathan Nephew, Mike Dickenson, Brett Thomas, and Josh Clauss; (back I)- Coach Simpson, Josh Koch, Brian Keinath, Chase Klecker, Nathan Hubbard, Mike Reinert, Colin Wade, Todd Wilson, Trevor Perry, and Assistant Coach Buchman



Nathan Nephew is preparing for a putt.



James Chelekis (above) is scoping out his situation for the perfect shot



Tom Kennard (right) is getting ready to putt the ball



Equestrian

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District Champs



(left) Kelsey Guthrie is concentrating hard on making the jump

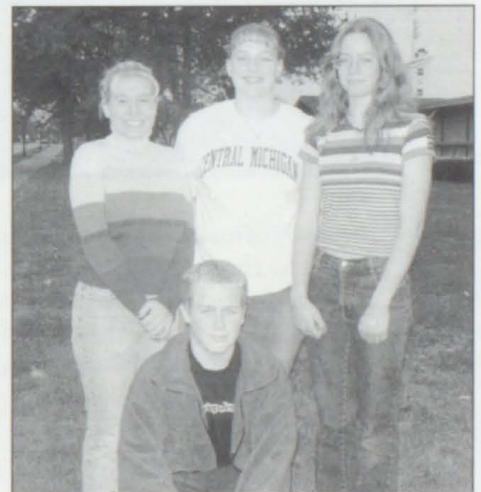
The Equestrian Team (front l).- Sue Campbell, Roxann Guthrie, and Tommy the dog; (back l).- Coach Dean Campbell, James Campbell, Crystal Sharrow, Kelsey Guthrie, and Mary Raney.



(above) Mary Raney heads for the starting point



(below) Kelsey Guthrie, Mary Raney, James Campbell, and Crystal Sharrow



Varsity Cheer Team

The varsity cheerleading squad had quite an exciting football season. The first big accomplishment by the team was their first ever cheerleading competition at the state fair in Detroit. Another new experience for the girls was a new cheer camp in the summer. They ventured to an N.C.A. cheer camp at Oakland University this year breaking tradition from the previous camp at S.V.S.U. The Vassar cheerleaders did extremely well at the camp taking such awards as the Herkie Team award, the stunt smart award, many spirit sticks and the top team award on the last day of camp. Vassar Varsity also had four girls qualify for the All-American cheerleading program.



(Above) The varsity squad poses excitedly in anticipation for the first football game of the year to begin.



Members of the 2002 Varsity Cheerleading Squad are: (front l.) Maegan Morley, Stephanie Huyghe, and Anne LaFave; (middle l.) Danielle Lesko, _____ Heather Toyzan, and Allison Bender; (back l.) Coach Melissa Koch, Molly Espinoza, _____ Sarah Schoenlein, Bobby Schmitzer, Elyse Turner, _____ and Mgr. Nicole Koch. Missing from photo, Shamara Smith.

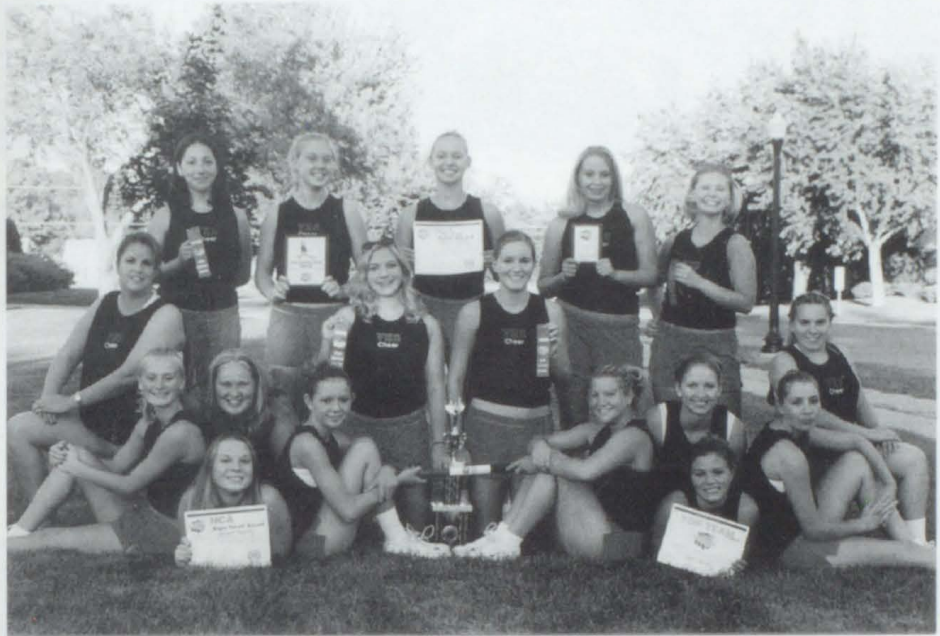


Senior, Elyse Turner yells a chant to the crowd at a football game.



(far left) Molly Espinoza and Danielle Lesko strike a pose for the camera.

(right) The squad smiles for one last picture of the season.



(left) The varsity cheerleaders proudly show off their camp awards.



Maegan Morley and Shamara Smith play the Vassar Vulcan and the Caro tiger to pump up the crowd at a pep assembly.



The varsity cheerleaders competed in their first competition this fall at the state fair in Detroit.



The senior girls on the squad hold back tears after the last home football game.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

2002 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

2002 Varsity basketball team: (back L to R) Kristi Morman, Anna Piazza, Lyndsey Shepherd, Linzi Morley, Michelle Schoenlein, Allison Thorp, and Coach Kris Shoemate. (Front L to R) Seniors Andrea Solgat, Kim Donnelly, Heather Hess, and Becky Hecht

Girls take time for a fun picture in the Frankenmuth locker room before the game. (Back L to R) Kim Donnelly, Lyndsey Shepherd, and Anna Piazza (front L to R) Kristi Morman, Michelle Schoenlein, and Linzi Morley.



(Middle Right) 2002 Girls District Champions holding the trophy. (Back row L to R) Assistant Coach Steve Toyzan, Linzi Morley, Michelle Schoenlein, Assistant Coach Jason Strunk, Melanie Kukulski, Nikole Lanfear, and Coach Kris Shoemate. (Middle row L to R) Allison Thorp, Alyse Reamy, Kristi Morman, Anna Piazza, and Lyndsey Shepherd. (Front row L to R) Becky Hecht, Heather Hess, Kim Donnelly, Andrea Solgat.

(Below) V-town posse members: Anna Piazza, Kim Donnelly, Linzi Morley, and Lyndsey Shepherd show their gangster side.



(Above) The girls bring it in at the Birch Run game on October 15, at Birch Run.



(Above) The seniors on this year's Varsity team show off their well deserved trophy. Becky Hecht, Heather Hess, Kim Donnelly, and Andrea Solgat

(Below) Freshman Michelle Schoenlein poses before the Frankenmuth game at Frankenmuth.



(Below) Sophomores Kristi Morman and Lyndsey Shepherd reflect on moments of the season during the district tournament.



(Above) Vassar fans cheer the girls on at Regionals.

(Middle) Lady Vulcans gather in with smiles for a great team picture before an away game.



(Below) The team hold their trophy way up high after beating North Branch at districts.



DISTRICT SCORE BOARD:

Vassar ~ 64
 Frankenmuth ~ 46
 Vassar ~ 48
 Millington ~ 39
 Vassar ~ 39
 North Branch ~ 35

REGIONAL SCORE BOARD

Vassar ~ 31
 Swan Valley ~ 57

*Senior Heather Hess broke the record for most points in a game. She ended one game with 34 points holding the new school record.



(Above) The great super fans! Joe Smith, Josh Trudeau, Rich King, and Josh Koch (Left) Linzi Morley, Linzi Shepherd, Anna Piazza, and Kim Donnelly ready for one more exciting picture.



The team gets fired up before the homecoming game against Frankenmuth where the Vulcans triumphed over the Eagles



The Vulcan seniors line up after the last game they would ever play on their home field in Vassar. (Front) Matt Jaynes, Bill Mathews, Casey Landskroener, Chris Lapratt, Adam Hadd, Chris Gonzales, (Back) TJ Keener, Nathan Buchinger, Mike Crandall, Brandon Sulicki, Brandon Confer, Keith McIntyre, Russel Lalko, Chris Lowrey, and Daniel Smith.

Vassar Vulcan

(Left) The Vulcans line up on defense against the Cardinal offense at home where in a close game Vassar suffered an upsetting loss at the hands of Millington (Right) Shannon Harper carries the ball with great skill.



Most Valuable

Player:

Daniel Smith

Most Improved

Player:

Casey Landskroener

Coaches Award:

Chris Gonzales

Team TVC East

Honorable Mention:

Aaron Schiefer
Troy Perry
Russell Lalko
Daniel Smith
Chris Lapratt
Brandon Confer
Adam Hadd
Andrew Leach
Nathan Buchinger
James Schmitzer
Shannon Harper

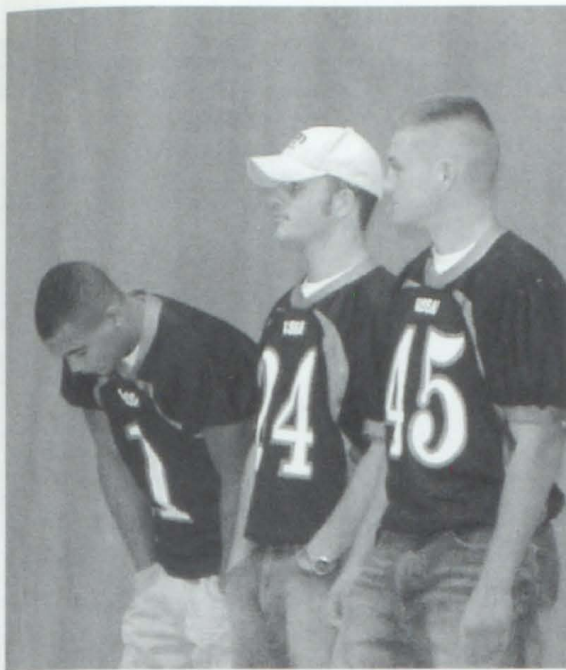
Records Broken:

Daniel Smith

Most passing yards in career-1676
Most rushing yards in 1 game-352
Most points scored in 1 game-36
Most touchdowns in 1 game-6
Most passing yards in 1 game-311
Most rushing touchdowns in 1 game-6
Most passing touchdowns in 1 game-4
Longest run-84

Shannon Harper

Most receiving yards in 1 game-State Record-302
Most receiving touchdowns in 1 game-4



(Left) Seniors Dan Smith, Brandon Confer, and Adam Hadd at the pep assembly nervously await their upcoming game.



Brian Cheshire shows off his great ball-carrying skill when he completes this successful run.



The football players showed their warm side when they voluntarily read to young elementary children. Above is Chris Lowrey reading to a young student.

Football 2002-2003



Members of the 2002 Vassar Vulcan Varsity Football team are: (front l.) Chris Gonzales, Casey Landskroener, Daniel Smith, Brandon Confer, Matt Jaynes, Nathan Buchinger, and Chris LaPratt, (middle l.) Coach Marcus Dukes, Aaron Schiefer, Shannon Harper, T.J. Keener, Mike Crandall, Chris Lowrey, Adam Hadd, Russ Lalko, Keith McIntyre, Bill Matthews, Tim Scharff, Sam Rowbotham, and Coach Brad Rittenberg, (back l.) Coach Vince Leveille, Mike Hecht, Troy Perry, Steve Clauss, Shawn Strandberg, Jared LaFramboise, Brian Cheshire, Jimmy Schmitzer, Shaman Harris, Mias Illian, Dan Scharff, Andy Erdman, Mason Gorleski, Josh David, Andrew Leach, Brent Shoemate, and Coach Jim Harper. (Missing Brandon Sulicki and Justin Harper.)

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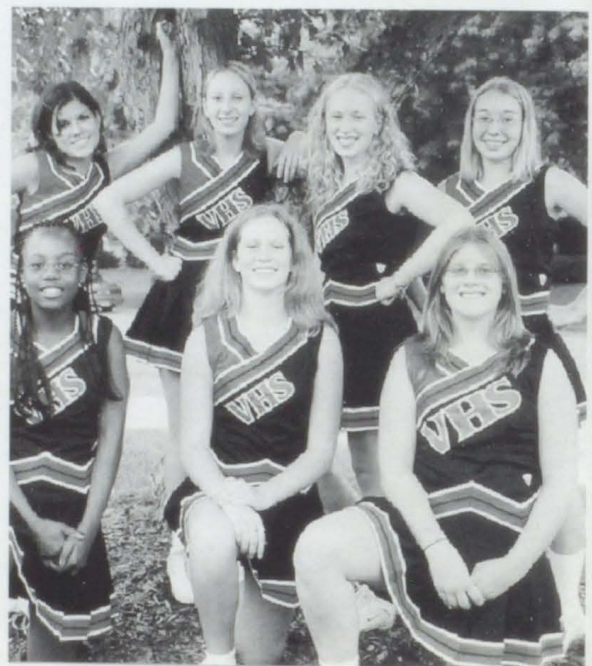
Members of the 2002 JV Girls' Basketball team are (front l.) Jessica Solgat, Heather Wilmoth, Melanie Kukulski, Jerika Parker, and Allyse Reamy; (back l.) Coach Josh Kennard, Chelsea Atkins, Michelle Crandall, Nikole Lanfear, Danielle Callahan, Ashley Pileri, and Asst. Coach Jason Strunk.



Katelyn Stelfox and Jaclyn Bell take some time out of cheering to smile for the camera.



The Members of the 2002 Freshmen Cheerleading Squad are (front l.) Danielle Whitaker, Mgr. Rachel Smith, and Makenzie Doud; (middle l.) Danielle Rodriguez, Coach Julie Smith, and Katelyn Stelfox; (back l.) Kasey Bey, Angelyn Kasper, Autumn Swackhamer, and Elizabeth Budzinski.

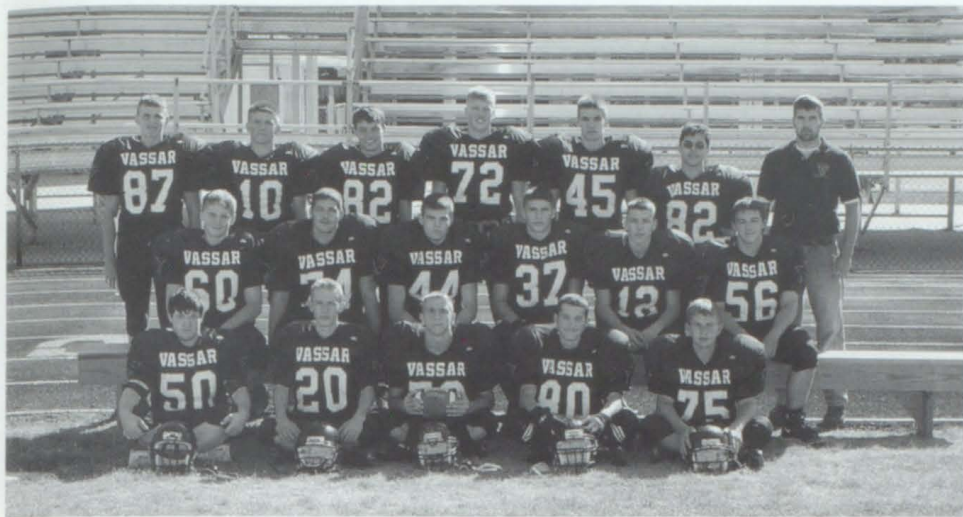


(below) Members of the 2002 Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad are (front l.) Shamara Smith, Ashley Legue, and Kristina Bowman; (back l.) Cheyanne Kosha, Amber Kubisz, Jessica Dues, and Jaclyn Bell.



(left) Members of the 2002 Freshmen Girls' Basketball team are: (front l.) Callie Atkins, Courtney Lemcke, Kristina Toyzan, and Shantelle Parson; (middle l.) Tabitha Wilson, Taylor Hamilton, Ashley Koper, Amanda McCurdy, and Chelsea Williams; (back l.) Melissa Tausch, Rachel Symon, Coach Brandon Baker, Heather Bertelsmeyer, and Kara Auernhamer.

Freshmen Sports



The Members of the Freshmen Football team are: (front l.) William Verbeek, Zachary Fisher, Aaron Chernenko, Ryan Palm, Aaron Baase, Rodger Buckley, Raymond Bickel, and Lance Clauss; (middle l.) Coach John Buckley, Greg Saunders, Andy Hecht, Russell June, Matthew Bess, Shaun Spencer, Nick Elliot, Andrew Espinoza, Brandon Yeck, and Coach Josh Hitsman; (back l.) Coach Mark Dowe, Chad Allen, Cameron Haines, Bradley Opperman, Mason Rabidue, John Horwath, Lance Heinlein, and Asst. Coach Bill Germain.



The freshmen football team celebrates after a big win!



Members of the 2002 Junior Varsity Football team are: (front l.) Paul Gurd, Brandon Haines, Josh David, Erick Pratt, and Conrad Dowe; (middle l.) Josh Trudeau, David Withers, Chris Hess, Chad Green, and T.J. Carlisle; (back l.) Coach Scott Teschendorf, Ryan Squires, Elliot Hubbard, Ben Kasper, Travis Mills, and Coach Friedhelm Illian.



The JV girls' team in for a quick huddle.





Senior Daniel Smith throws a pass against the Frankenmuth Eagles.



The freshmen Sponge Bob float took first place in the contest.



Seniors Erin Lanfear and Kadi Burrows work on the senior float at the Vassar Building Center.



A member of the Vassar Varsity football team tackles a Frankenmuth player.



(above) The cheerleaders perform a stunt from their pep assembly routine.(below) The senior boys get their groove on at the pep assembly.



Homecoming 2002



The senior boys court members(l-r): Nathan Buchinger, Gus Martinka, Brandon Deland, Adam Hadd, and Daniel Smith. looking smooth in their tuxedos.



The senior girls(l-r): Kim Bertelsmeyer, Andrea Solgat, Sarah Mills, Kim Donnelly, Holly Main, and Tricia Barnes strike a pose while getting their homecoming pictures taken.



The 2002 Homecoming Queen, Kim Bertelsmeyer and the Homecoming King Nathan Buchinger stand proud for pictures at the halftime ceremony.



High School Students enjoying the Homecoming Dance.



Students clap to the fight song at the homecoming Pep Assembly.

Homecoming 2002 was quite the event, starting of with an exciting spirit week. Monday began with "Crazy Sock Day"; Tuesday was "Hillbilly Day"; "Nerd Day" gave everyone a laugh on Wednesday; "Beach Day" warmed things up a little on Thursday; and Friday was the traditional "Orange and Black Day."

The Homecoming pep assembly pumped everyone up for the football game against long time rival, the Frankenmuth Eagles. The court members and representatives dressed up for the day in their formal wear, dazzling everyone.

Float building added to the anticipation of the week. The freshmen took first place; seniors came in second, and the sophomores placed third.

Homecoming got off to a great start and ended with a bang as the Vassar Vulcans beat the Frankenmuth Eagles 53-48. Also during the half-time festivities the Homecoming 2002 King and Queen were announced, Nathan Buchinger and Kim Bertelsmeyer.



(above) Freshmen representatives Heaven Smith and Joey Hamood.; (below) Sophomore representatives Kristy Morman and Chris Hess.



(l.) Junior representatives Chelsea Lichnovsky and Andrew Olson.

Homecoming Festivities



Seniors Kelsey Guthrie, Mary Raney, and Karah Heinlien are "wannabe" court members.



The Varsity Cheerleaders shout a cheer for the crowd from the truck during the Homecoming parade.



(above) The band marches in the Homecoming Parade.; (below) Scott Sheppard and John Scharff show off their threads for Hillbilly Day during spirit week.



Seniors Brandon Weber and Corby Nearing race to beat the underclassmen in a game during the Homecoming pep assembly.

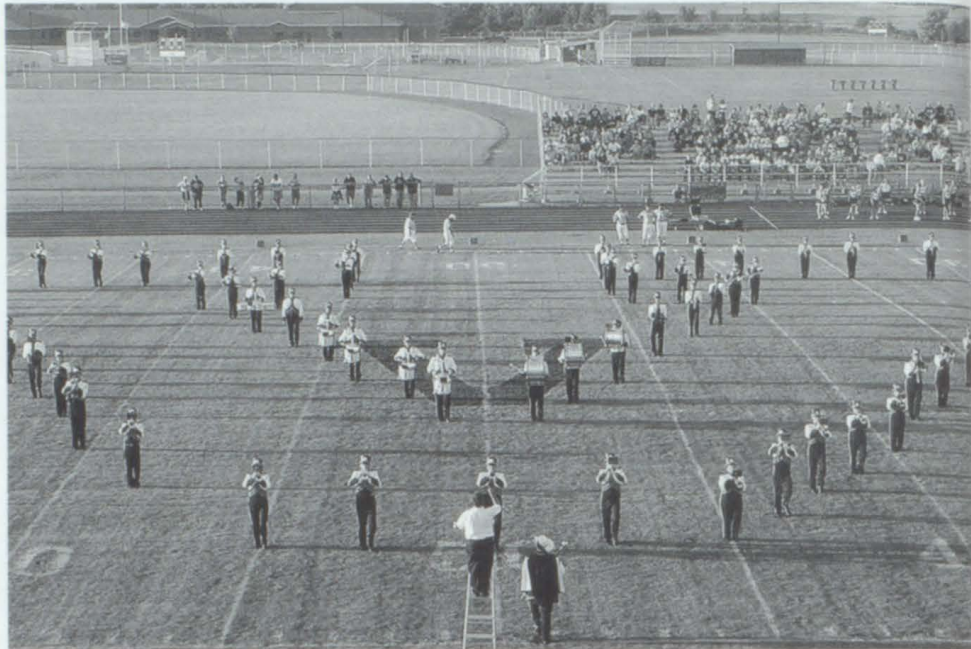


Junior Molly Espinoza and Senior Karah Heinlein smile for the camera on Nerd Day.

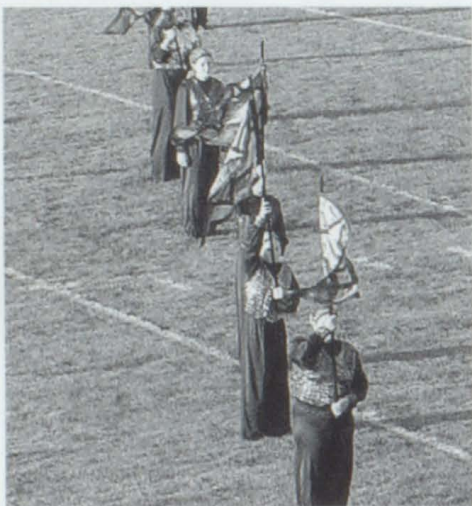
Band

This year the Vassar High School Marching Band marched in the Pumpkin Parade, Riverfest and Homecoming. The band also performed in the Marching Band Festival, received a II with songs from the Beatles, played at the Division III District Band and Orchestra Festival and received a I, and in May the band went to Disney World in Florida.

(right) Vassar Marching Band performs a "V" in the halftime of a football game.



(below) The Colorguard shows their skills at a football game.



(right) The Vassar Marching Band members sit in the stands waiting until they will perform at halftime.



(above) The Beatles (back: Nick Hubbard, middle l.: Nathan Buchinger, Michael Herzberger, Patrick Kelly) and (front) Bart Rittenberg at the Marching Band Festival.



(above) Part of the drum line at the halftime performance. (l.) Angelyn Kasper, Pia Kupetz, and Nick Hubbard.

Juniors



(L.) Alicia Patterson gets a free ride from Chelsea Lichnovski in the hall.

(R.) Brandon Tolliver hard at work and deep thought at Tech Center.



Jessica Francis works on a project in Spanish class.



Andrew Erdman and James Schmitzer work together in electronics class in Tech Center.

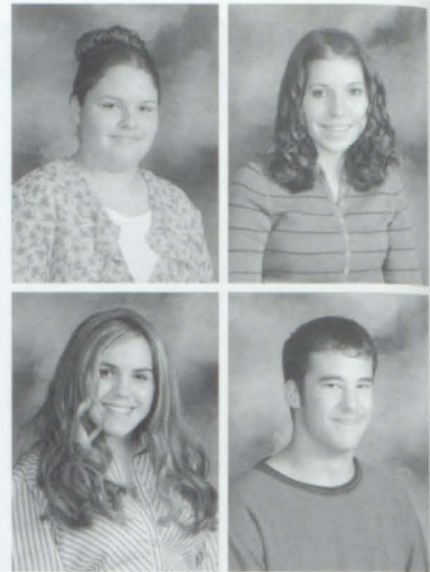


Kevin McIntyre hard at work in his precision machining class at tech center.

Stephanie Austin
Danielle Baker



Ben Respecki working on a drill press.



Allison Bender
Ryan Betz

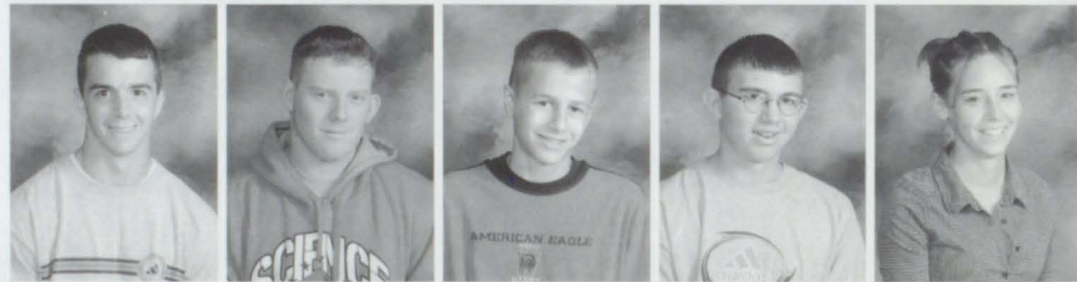
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Bethany Brugman
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Paul Carter

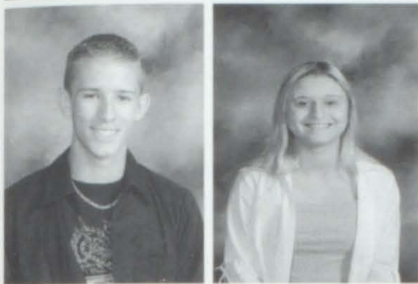
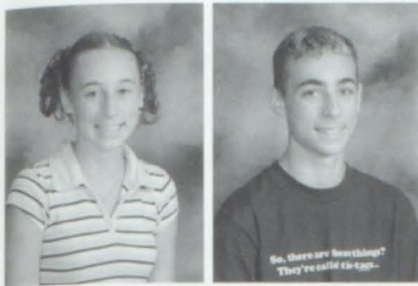


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Heather Curtis



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Leigh Donnelly

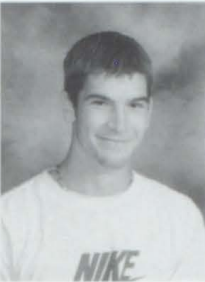




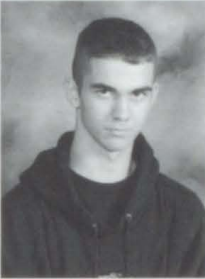
Anna Piazza in a skateboard relay at a pep assembly.

Jaimie Doud
Justin Doud

Conrad Dowe
Jessica Duvernois



Brandie Emerson
Andrew Erdman
Molly Espinoza
Michael Fall
Joshua Faulk



Jessica Francis
Daniel Garrison
Kristen Geesey
Donald Gilbert
Nicole Gilmore



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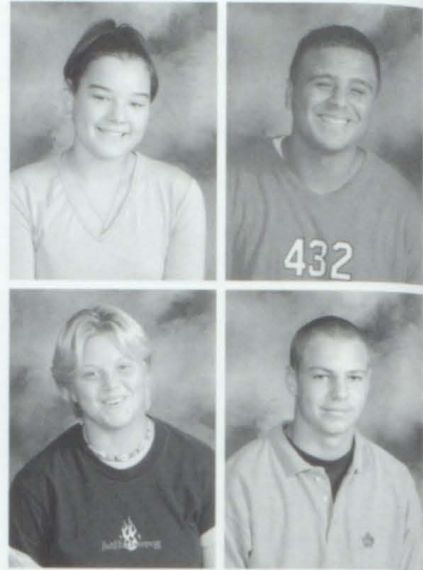


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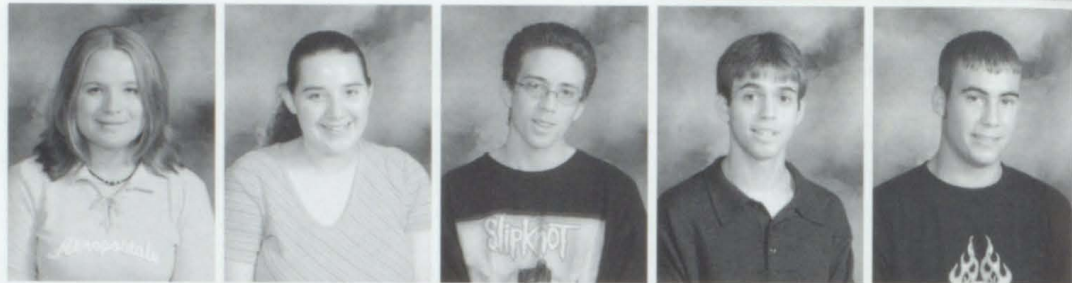
Sara Hubbard
Ernest Huizar



Jake Durussel learning the trade of construction.



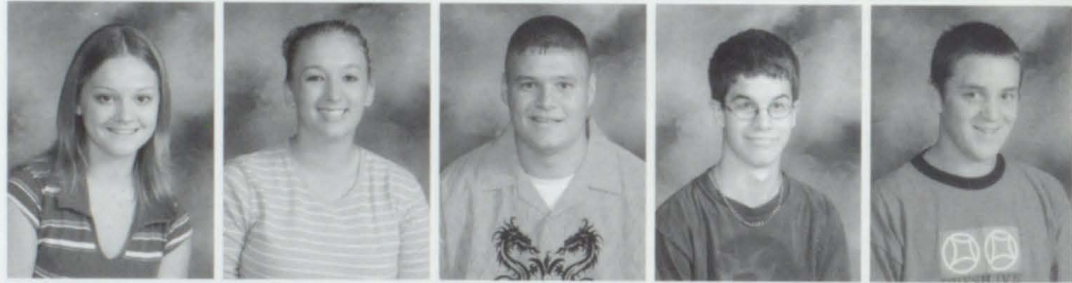
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Theodore Kabat
Anthony Karr



Jared LaFramboise
Andrew Leach
Amber Legue
Carin Legue
Chelsea Lichnovsky

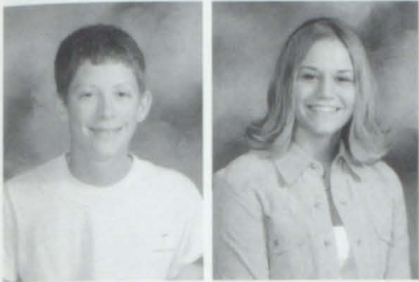
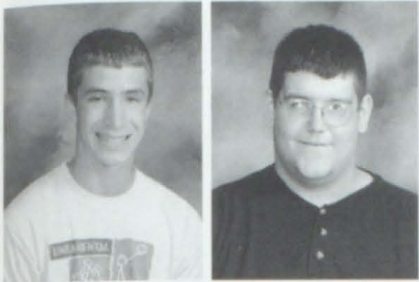


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Linzi Morley
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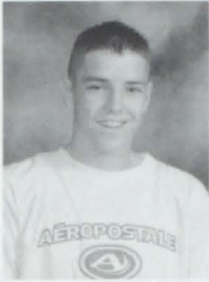




Billy Boyer dressed for success at the Tech Center interview day.

Brandon Newton
Johnathan Noyce

Andrew Olson
Alicia Patterson



Nickole Perez
Jason Perkins
Christina Peters
Janelle Petterson
Anna Piazza



Anthony Pileri
Casey Quick
Michael Reinert
Benjamin Respecki
Bart Rittenberg



Daniel Rodriguez
Corbin Rose
Samuel Rowbotham
Sara Rushford
Daniel Scharff



Timothy Scharff
Aaron Schiefer
Jamie Schiefer
Monica Schmidt
Bobby Schmitzer

James Schmitzer
 Sarah Schoenlein
 Carrie Scobbie
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Gregory Sinkel
 Jessie Stadler
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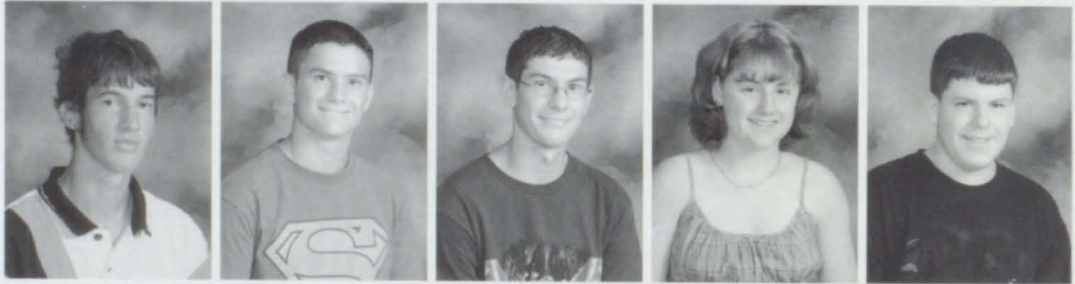
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 Craig White
 Cassie Wilcox
 Mathew Zawol



Ryan Zwerk



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Krista Bell
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Heather Gilbert
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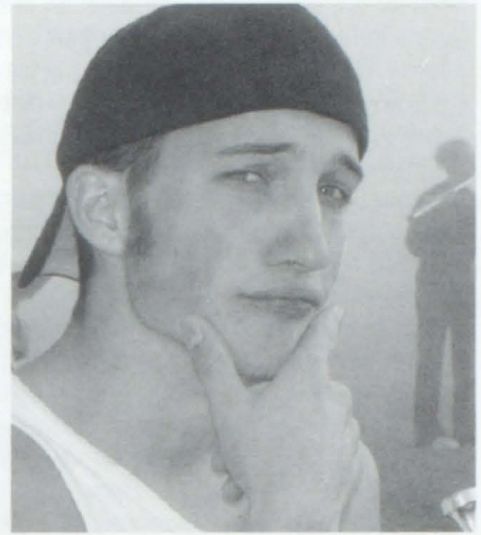
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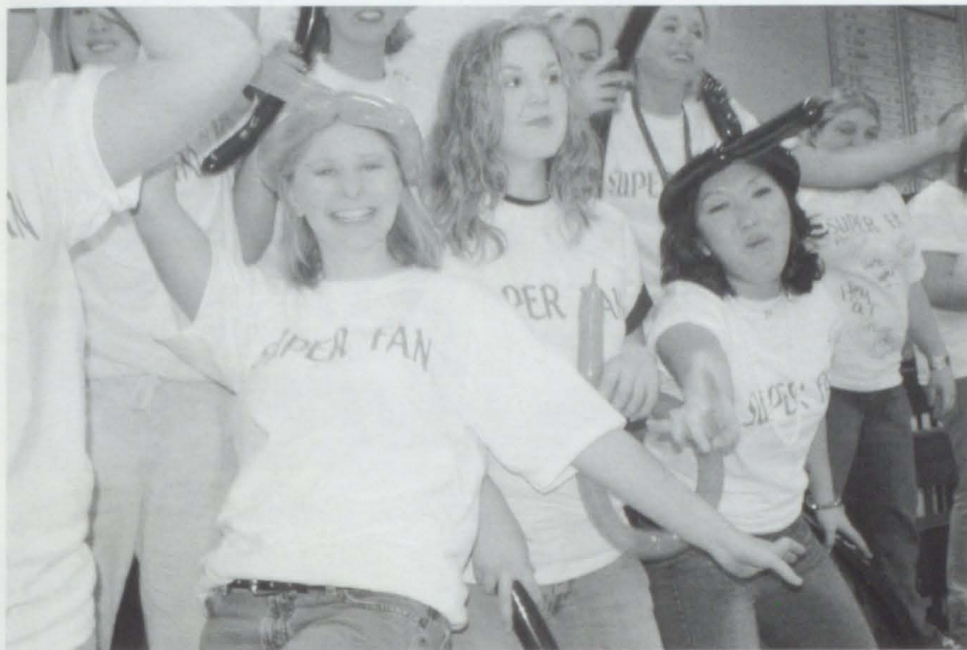
(above) Ben Merry takes a break from class to get a drink.



(above) Cara Starick works hard on her psychology project.



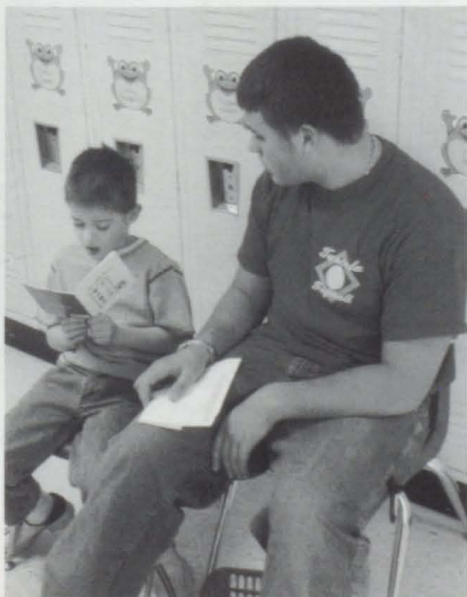
(above) Mike Herzberger ponders about what to do in band class.



(left) Superfans: Junior Heather Toyzan; Freshman Michelle Schoenlein; and Junior Chelsea Lichnovsky cheer on the boys during a basketball game.



(above) John Noyce is a good example of the juniors with his big smile.



(left) Ernie Huizar reads a story to a youngster to gain community service hours.



(left) Andrew Olson looks like he just woke up in one of his classes.



(left) Amanda Bodary is working on an assignment for art.

The International Thespian Society put on "The Music Man" as this year's fall musical. Eric Andreychuk and Alaina Garlick starred in the performances. The put on three night performances and a performance for the Junior High and High School.

The photo includes:(first row l to r) Carly Curell and Sydney Strandberg (second row) Jessica Temple, Melanie Truett, Molly Bender, Kara Auernhamer, Kristi Toyzan, Pia Kupetz, K.C. Quick, Michael Tebedo, and Adam Wolverton. (third row) Chris Sergent, Scott McDonald, Kim Bertlesmeyer, Tricia Donnelly, Jennifer Tanke, Laura Sheppard, Alaina Garlick, Eric Andreychuk, Max Bender, Karah Heinlien, Justina TerBush, Beth Brugman, Christina Brown, and TJ Kabat. (fourth row) Andrew Hildner, Brett Stacer, Alex Hubbard, Matt Andreychuk, Matt Jaynes, Darcy Buchman, Bart Rittenberg, Allison Bender, James Chelekis, Richie Safford, Caitlyn Partridge, Mrs. Beth Rittenberg, and Mrs. Pat Middlin. (fifth row) Director Dianne Hackett, Mrs. Nancy Andreychuk, Caleb Hazen, Scott Sheppard, Molly Espinoza, Devin Foether, Corbin Rose, Josh Koch and Roger Bacon. (sixth row) Kyle Davis, Mias Illian, Patrick Sergent, Jeff Rogner, and Caleb Rittenberg.

The Music Man



(left) The seniors search for something in their last musical picture.
(below) Tommy Djilas (Matt Jaynes) and Professor Harold Hill (Eric Andreychuk) lead the children in dance.



(above) The School Board Quartet serenades the city with "Lida Rose."



(above) The Society Ladies listen as the School Board Quartet sings to them.

(below) Zaneeta (Darcy Buchman) and Tommy dance away in the library.



(below) Winthrop (Max Bender) and Mrs. Paroo (Karah HeinLein) sit in the comfort of their living room



(below) Molly Espinoza (Mrs. Shinn) and the Wa Tan Ye Girls perform at the Fourth of July ceremonies. (center left) Amarylis (Carly Curell) and Winthrop (Max Bender) listen to Miss Marian Paroo (Alaina Garlick) tell them how to talk nice to each other.



(left) Eric Andreychuk and Bart Rittenberg (Marcellus) talk during a secret meeting.

(left) Matt Andreychuk leads the teens in a dance during the song "Seventy Six Trombones."

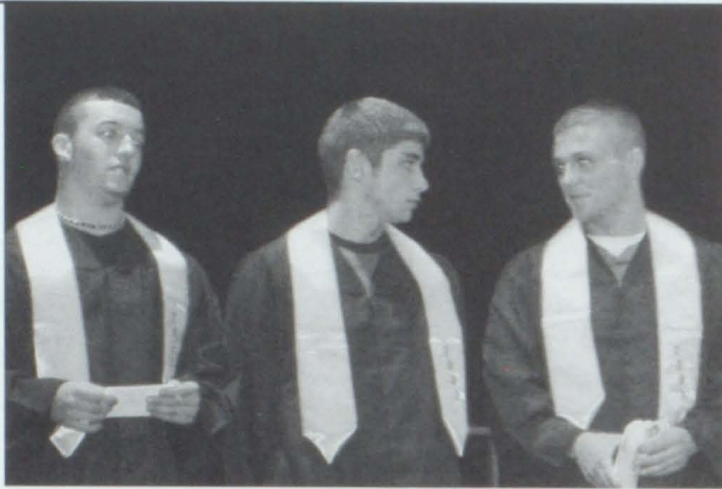
(right) Freshmen Angelyn Kasper and Kara Auernhamer dance to the song "Footloose."



(right) Alaina Garlick sings a solo of "What's Love Got to Do With It."



(below) Seniors Chris Lapratt, Dustin Irwin, and Adam Hadd receive an award from Mrs. Middlin.



Choir



This year's 2003 Spring concert theme was "At the Movies!"

(above) "Singing in the Rain" was just one of the many show tunes sung by the choir.

(right) Seniors Josh Koch, Anne Lafave, James Chelekis, Sarah Mills, Daniel Smith, and Karah Heinlein dance while they sing their last song while in choir, "We Go Together."



STUDENT

SENATE



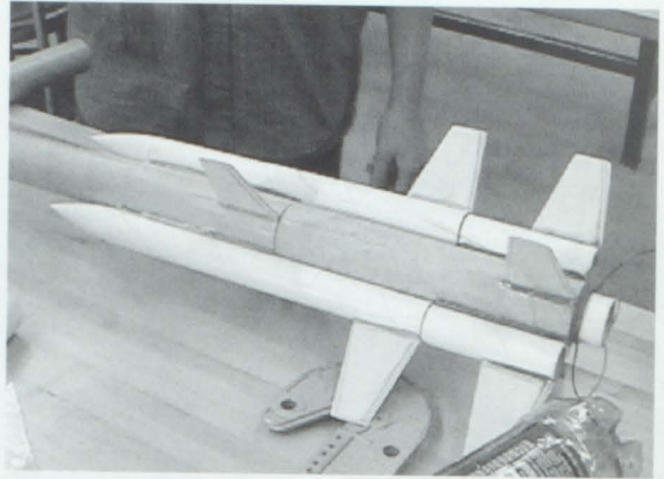
Members of the 2002-2003 Student Senate are: (front l.) President Kim Bertelsmeyer, Vice-President Heather Toyzan, Treasurer Ben Schmandt, Secretary Christopher Gonzales, and Secretary Allison Bender; (middle l.) Chelsea Williams, Chelsea Atkins, Alyse Reamy, Molly Espinoza, Jessica Spencer, and Sergeant of Arms Jessica Harper; (back l.) Kristi Toyzan, Kara Auernhamer, Jonathon Wegner, Kristi Morman, Sergeant of Arms Rich King, and Ernie Huizar.

The VHS Student Senate took care of festivities for both Homecoming and Icefest again this year, as well as seeing the new school mural being put up on the gym wall. The Student Senate also attended a Leadership Forum at the Tech Center where they came up with a service project to help the charities in the Vassar area.

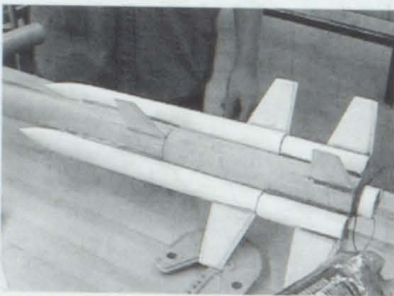


(right) As part of putting on Homecoming and Icefest pep assemblies, the Student Senate had fellow classmates play games, such as scooping through a tinpan of jello here at Homecoming.

Rocket Team/Technology Club



(below top) Devin Foether is so excited to be on the rocket team; (below bottom) Mr. Wojno and Ed Trinklein add some parts to the rocket.



(below) Matt Andreychuk, Ed Trinklein, and Corbin Rose add even more parts to the rocket.



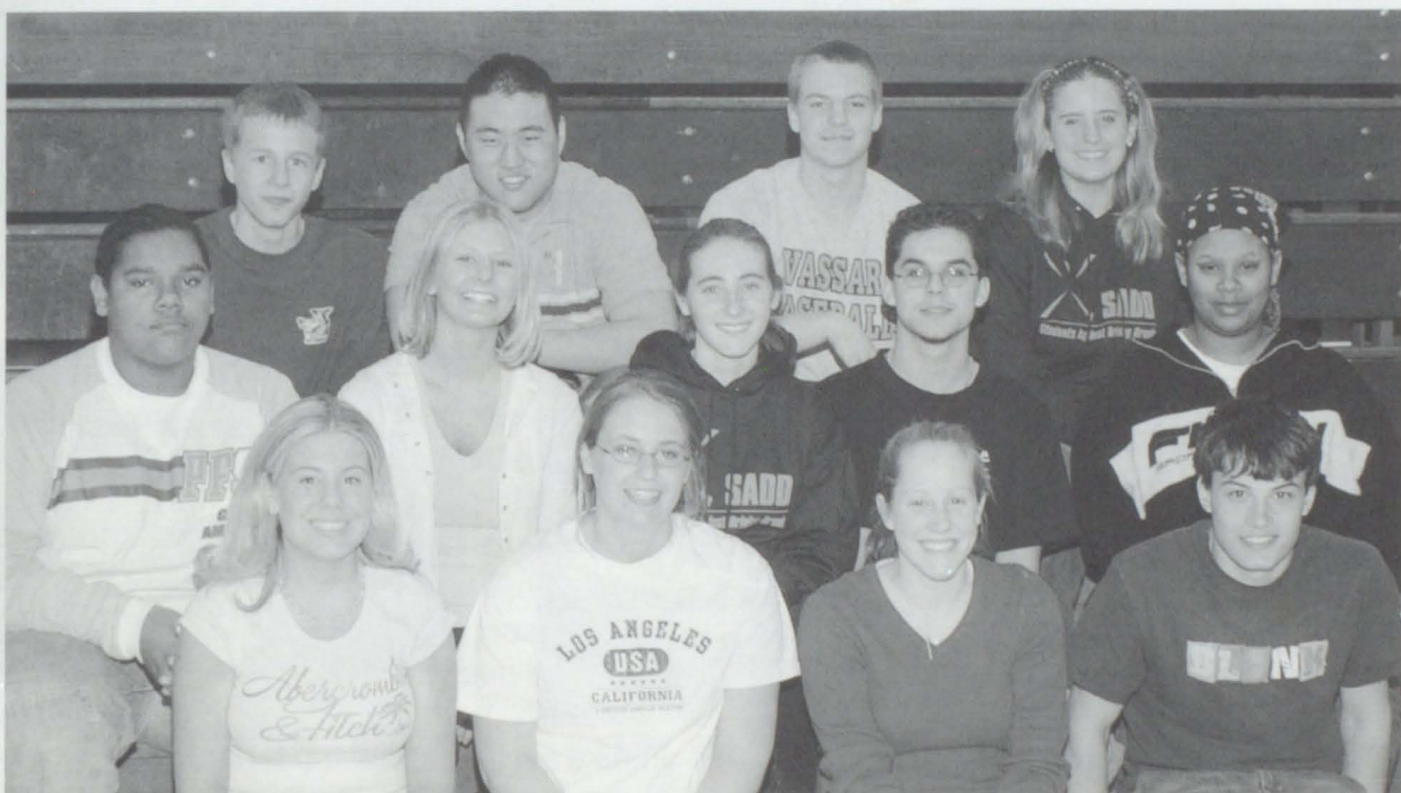
(above top) Members of the rocket team look at the rocket as it's almost completed; (middle) (l. to r.) Members of the Technology Club are: (front) Jeff Rogner, Nathan Nephew, Donald Gilbert, and Corbin Rose; (back) Justina Terbush, Ben Respecki, Devin Foether, and Mrs. Salesky; (bottom) Corbin Rose and Mike Reinert work on a project for the Tech Club.

(above top) Ben Respecki and Nathan Nephew fill out their registration forms to be in the Tech club; (middle) Members of the Tech Club listen to their advisors; (bottom) Justina Terbush works on one of the clubs' projects with a lot of concentration.

Language Clubs



Members of the 2002-2003 French Club are: (front l.) Molly Espinoza, Eric Templeton, and Jennifer Tanke; (middle l.) Colin Wade, Allison Bender, Danielle Baker, and Sara Rushford; (back l.) Shawn Strandberg., Mias Illian, Amber Kubisz, Wes Muntz and Kayla Ricklefs.



Members of the 2002-2003 Viva Club are: (front l.) Kelsey Guthrie, Sarah Schoelein, Kristi Morman, and Brandon Haines; (middle l.) Manuel Harper, Heather Toyzan, Becky Hecht, Jacob Newton, and Jessica L. Harper; (back l.) David Cooper, Shawn Strandbert, Mias Illian, and Rachelle Hecht.

S.A.D.D.

Students Against Drunk Driving



(Back l.) Erica Aymer, Jessica Francis, Sarah Stuart, Heather Bertelsmeyer, Nicole Schluckbeir, Kayla Racklifs, and Ashley Best
(middle l.) Natasha Torrez, Amber Kubish, Jaimie Doud, Josh Trudeau, Chris LaPratt, Evan Draper, and Rachel Simmon (front l.)
Josh David, Becky Hecht, Carrie Scobie, Ernie Huizar, Rachelle Hecht, Justina Terbush, and Havan Smith



Rescue workers came in to show students what its like when there is an accident caused by drinking and driving.



Junior Ernie Huizar was the "drunk-driver."



Rescue workers remove a "victim" from the scene of the accident.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

This year's National Honor Society went on a field trip to Pioneer Work & Learn. Some of the activities that they participated in there were the ropes course, carrying fellow members through a spiderweb, falling back and hoping your fellow members keep you off the ground, and seeing if they can lower a light tube down as close to the ground as possible. Through those activities, members learned the values of teamwork, cooperation, trust, leadership, and coming up with a good plan. Those values worked inside the NHS to get work done.



(left) Members of the 2002-2003 National Honor Society are: (first row l. to r.) President Brian Keinath, Vice-President Kim Bertelsmeyer, Treasurer Heather Hess, Eric Andreychuk, Ben Schmandt, and Devin Foether. (second row l. to r.) Sara Schoenlein, Becky Hecht, Rich King, Heather Toyzan, Leigh Donnelly, Eric Palmer, and Corbin Rose. (third row l. to r.) Bart Rittenberg, Jaimie Doud, Allison Bender, Sara Rushford, Alison Thorp, Shawn Strandberg, and Jessica Francis. Missing from the photo are: Katlyn Fricke, Dustin Hawley, Nick Hubbard, Nathan Nephew, Anna Piazza, Jennifer Sargent, Vanessa Slack, and Stephanie Ziegler.

(below) NHS members pose for a picture on the walking bridge during their trip to Pioneer Work & Learn.

Seventeen students were inducted into the National Honor Society at its annual induction ceremony, which was held in the high school auditorium on May 21, 2003. The new inductees were: Matthew Andreychuk, Andrew Colosky, Tricia Donnelly, Caleb Hazen, Christopher Hess, Nick Jablonski, Josh Koch, Kristin Ledford, Kristina Morman, Wesley Muntz, Christopher Opperman, Alyse Reamy, Tom Rosencrants, Kristine Schlicht, Jessica Slack, Colin Wade, and Adam Wojno.





(above) Kim Donnelly shows her skill as a gymnast on the beam.



(above) Heather Toyzan and Michelle Schoenlein show their spirit as Superfans at a Varsity Basketball game.



(above) Ryhan Carrier goes for the shot without opposition during the basketball game against Imlay City.

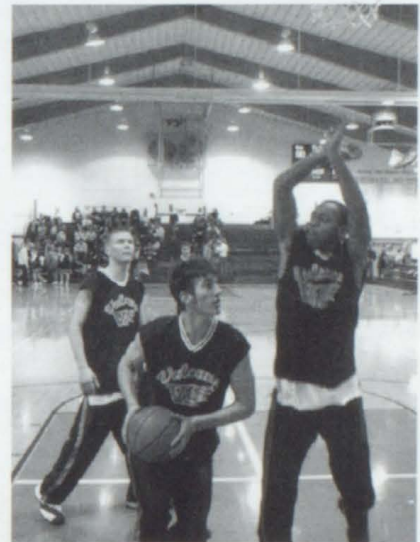


(above) The cheerleaders make a tunnel as the Varsity basketball team runs out to warm-up.

Winter Sports Intro



(above) Jason Balcer pins his opponent at a wrestling meet.



(above) Justin Harper, Colin Wade, and Brian Keinath shoot around during warm-up before the game.

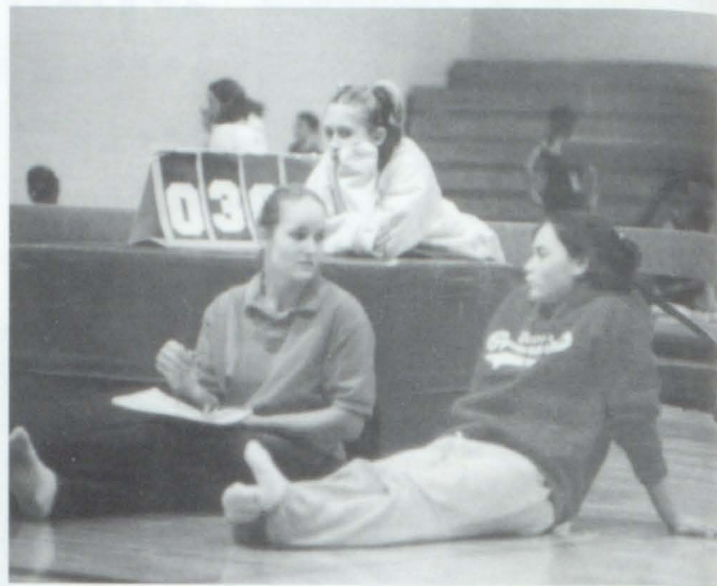


(above) The gymnastics team prepares to show what they can do at the IceFest pep assembly.

Gymnastics



(above) Sophomore Candice Nearing competes on the un-even bars.



(above) Assistant coach Cindy Teschendorf helps keep score at a home meet



(right) Makenzie Doud ends her floor exercise in the splits.



Sisters show their love for one another. (above left) Corby and Candice Nearing (above right) Jaimie and Makenzie Doud



(above) The girls take a break from their meet. (back l.) Candice Nearing, Alyse Reamy, Jessie Solgat, Kristi Fisher, and Kristi Leonard; (middle l.) Quinn Geesey, Kim Donnelly, Corby Nearing, Danielle Lesko, Jaimie Doud, and Amber Kubisz; (front l.) Makenzie Doud, Janelle Petterson, KC Quick, and Thera Card





Members of the 2002-2003 Gymnastics team are: (back l.) Coach Purigroski, KC Quick, Janelle Petterson, Kim Donnelly, Corby Nearing, Alyse Reamy, Chandra Hatfield, and Assistant Coach Cindy Teschendorf; (middle l.) Candice Nearing, and Kristi Fisher; (front l.) co-op Thera Card, Danielle Lesko, Jessica Solgat, Makenzie Doud, Amber Kubisz, and Kristi Leonard. Missing from photo are: Jaimie Doud, and Quinn Geesey.



(right) Mr. Purigroski talks with co-op gymnast Quinn Geesey, Kristi Fisher, Candice Nearing, and co-op gymnast Thera Card.

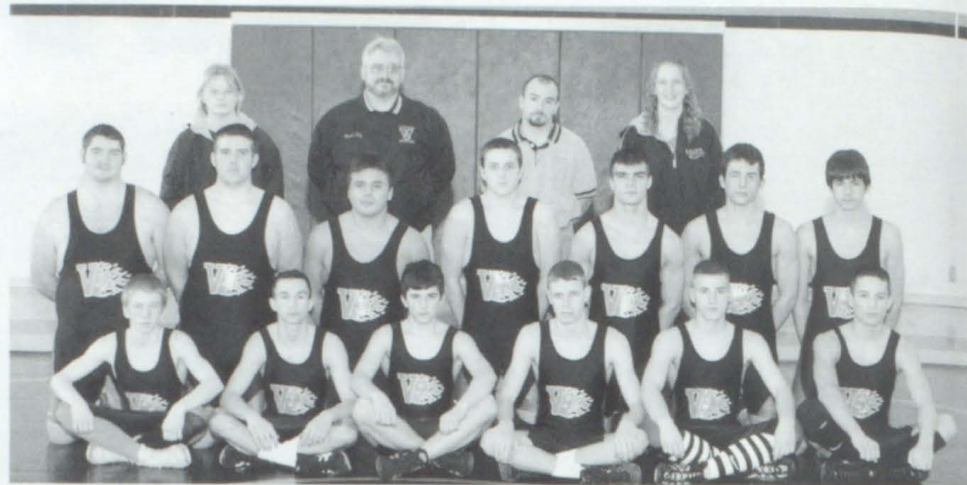
Most Valuable: Kim Donnelly

Most Improved: Kristi Fisher

Coaches Award: Candice Nearing & Janelle Petterson

Wrestling

The Vulcan wrestling team came out victorious during most of the 02-03 season. Through many injuries and hardships the Vulcans stayed strong and focused and came out on top. The team took a first place at the Vassar Invitational and sent two wrestlers, Robert Palmer, and Rich King, to the state finals. Freshman Robert Palmer took an amazing 7th place in the Division III State Finals.



The members of the 2003 Vassar Wrestling team are: (front l.) Robert Palmer, Don Sebert, Wes Muntz, Brandon Weber, Tom Rosencrants, and Josh Trudeau; (middle l.) Mike Crandall, Elliot Hubbard, Ernie Huizar, Ben Merry, Jason Balcer, Rich King, and Mike King; (back l.) Hope Huizar, Coach Gary King, Coach Jerry Endert, and Manager Leigh Donnelly.



Mike Crandall rages on in a tiresome battle in which he wins by pinfall.



Sitting down after a hard match are seniors Rich King, Jason Balcer, Brandon Weber, and Mike Crandall.

Special Awards

M.V.P.

Rich King and Bob Palmer

Most Improved

Ernie Huizar

Coaches Award

Jason Balcer



Brandon Weber showing his pure physical strength as he easily conquers another opponent at the Vassar Invitational.



Jason Balcer ties up his opponent and quickly pins his shoulders to the mat almost effortlessly.



The Vassar wrestling team took first place in the Vassar Invitational by beating out five other teams and winning the championship match against Sanford Meridian by result of a tie breaker.



Brandon Weber, Jason Balcer, Ernie Huizar, Frank Knickerbocker, and Bob Palmer are the medal winners after a long day of wrestling.



Josh Trudeau aggressively takes on his MLS opponent.

Varsity Volleyball 2003

Senior Kim Bertelsmeyer dives for the ball as Junior Anna Piazza, Sara Rushford, and Heather Hess try and help save the ball.

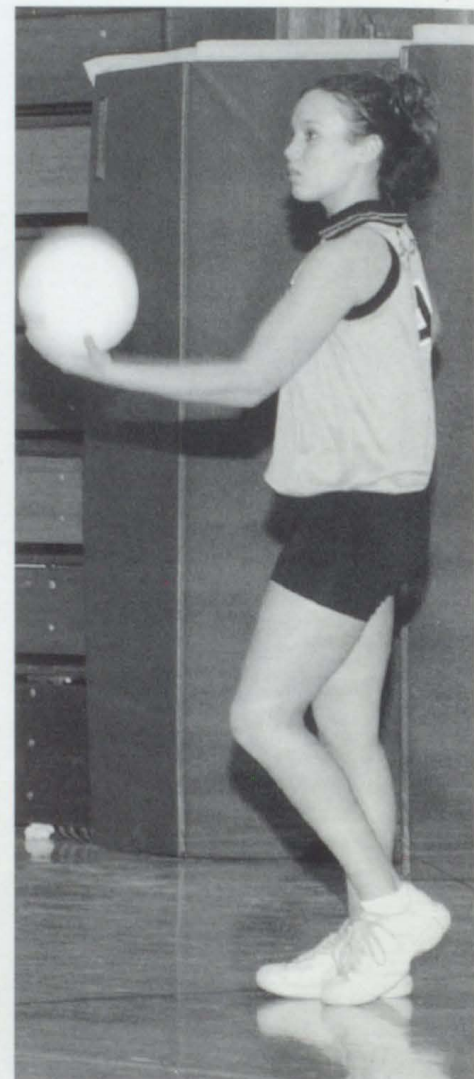


Anna Piazza goes for the ball as Ashley Pileri runs in to assist.



(above) Senior Kim Bertelsmeyer, and Sophomore Kristi Morman watch for the ball.

(l.) The Varsity girls volleyball team during a quick timeout.



Junior Anna Piazza gets ready to serve the ball.



Members of the 2003 Varsity Volleyball Team are: (front l.) Sara Rushford, Kim Bertelsmeyer, Bobby Schmitzer, Heather Hess, and Pia Kupetz; (middle l.) Katlyn Fricke, Lisa Perry, Vanessa Slack, and Mackenzie Thomas; (back l.) Coach Michelle Eilers, Anna Piazza, Ashley Pileri, and Kristi Morman.



Junior Sara Rushford passing the volleyball to her team mates.



Coach Eilers is all smiles before a game.



Senior Kim Bertelsmeyer hits the ball high in the air.

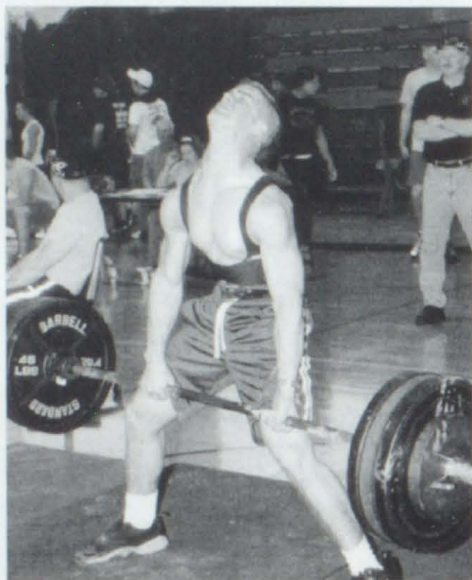
**Coaches Award:
Kristi Morman and Kim
Bertelsmeyer**

**MIP:
Katlyn Fricke**

**MVP:
Anna Piazza**

Powerlifting

(r.) Members of the Vassar Powerlifting Team include: (front l.) Eric Pratt, Mike Hecht, Keith McIntyre, and Brian Cheshire; (middle l.) Zac Morrison, Don Sebert, Elliot Hubbard, Rachelle Hecht, Mason Gorleski, Wes Muntz, and Jake DuRussell; (back l.) Jerry Callahan, Rich Safford, Travis Mills, Chris Hess, Aaron Baase, Zack Mills, and Kyle Lemcke.



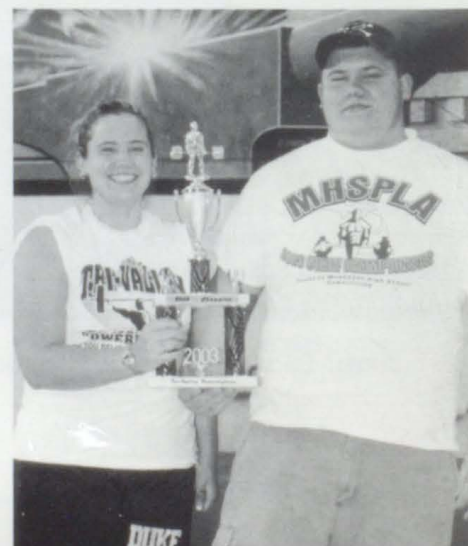
Keith McIntyre, the only senior on the team, deadlifts 350 lbs.



(above) Rachelle Hecht attempted to squat 245 lbs. (l.) Elliot Hubbard deadlifts 365 lbs.



Sister and brother teammates Rachelle and Mike Hecht proudly display the team's winning trophy from the Thumb Area Powerlifting Tournament. Mike was also successful this year in capturing a national title for powerlifting in his age and weight class for the second year in a row.



Winter Cheerleading



(left) The members of the 2003 Winter Cheerleading squad are (front l.) Maegan Morley, Anne LaFave and Andrea Solgat; (middle l.) Jessica Dues, Shamara Smith, Allison Bender, Katelyn Stelfox, and Katrina Timmons; (back l.) Coach Sara Hoogwerf and Manager Sarah Stuart.

(right) The cheerleaders have fun doing "The Vassar Fight Song" routine for the students at a pep assembly.

(right) The cheerleaders line up for the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" before the game begins.



(left) Anne LaFave lets her "cheerleader hair" fly at a game.



(above) Andrea Solgat and Autumn Swackhamer do a routine at a pep assembly.



(left) Jessica Dues, Andrea Solgat, Allison Bender, Katelyn Stelfox, and Anne LaFave catch Shamara Smith after performing a stunt during a game.

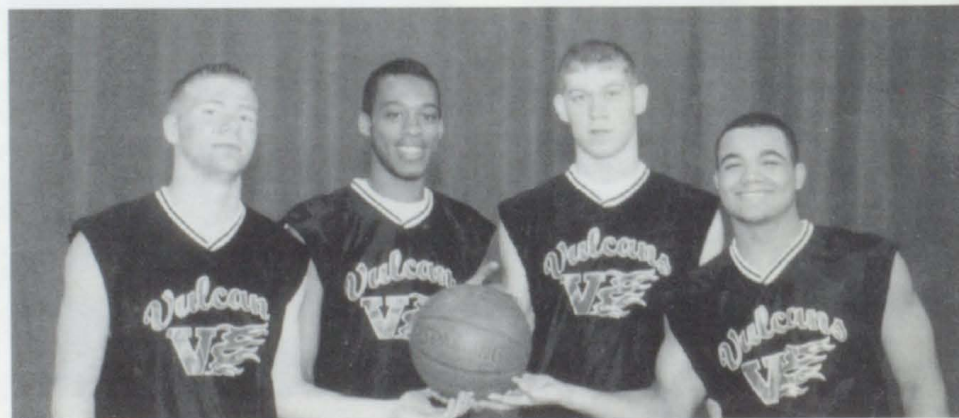
(right) Members of this year's boys' varsity basketball team are: (front row l. to r.) Brian Keinath, Justin Harper, Daniel Smith, (middle row, l. to r.) Brian Cheshire, Andrew Leach, Shannon Harper, Brendine Newton, (back row, l. to r.) Assistant Coach Joe Mason, Shaman Harris, Mias Illian, Colin Wade, Josh Morley, Jason Perkins, and Coach Brad Rittenberg.

(below) Brian Keinath flies for a rebound against the Frankenmuth Eagles.



(right, clockwise from top left picture) Shannon Harper teaches a Reese defender how to dribble between the legs; Andrew Leach is ready to make a pass right to you; and the bench looks on in amazement as they see Justin Harper whip a pass through three Millington defenders.

(right) This year's award winners are: (l. to r.) Brian Keinath, Coach's Award; Justin Harper, 1st Team All-TVC East, *Tuscola County Advertiser* All-Area recognition; Josh Morley, Most Improved; and Daniel Smith, Most Valuable Player, 1st Team All-TVC East, *Tuscola County Advertiser* All-Area recognition, *Bay City Times* Dream Team.



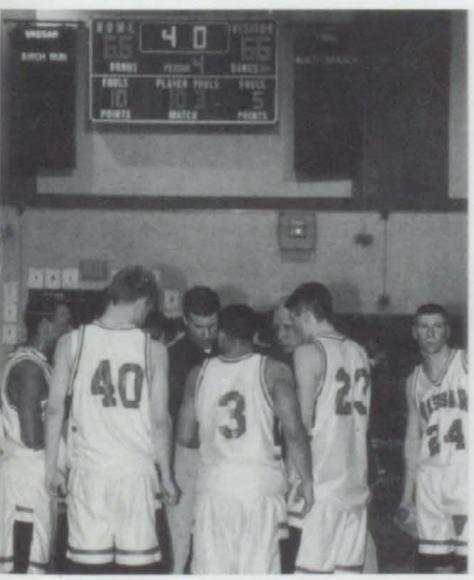
VULCAN VARSITY BASKETBALL- 2003 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



(left) The Vulcan team, coaches, and managers gather together for a picture after winning the district championship-the second in three years for Vassar.



(above) Josh Morley is ferocious in grabbing down a rebound, leaving a John Glenn player in disbelief.



(diagonal left) Daniel Smith is the unquestioned floor general for the Vulcans.

(left) The team gathers to design one more play. It turns out to be Justin Harper's game-winning shot over Caro in the district semifinals.

**Vassar Vulcans
11-12, 7-7 (T-4th)**

Vassar	Opp
61	Birch Run 53
70	@ USA 71
81	@ Millington 51
68	Frankenmuth 70
58	@ Reese 78
67	@ Bridgeport 73
65	Reese 76
51	@North Branch35
46	Garber 52
77	@ Caro 50
68	@ Freeland... 89
43	@ Birch Run 59
45	@Frankenmuth 57
64	Bridgeport... 75
57	Millington... 39
71	North Branch 70
78	@ Garber 84
71	Caro 65
(Icefest)	
80	Imlay City... 72
64	Freeland 63
(Parents' Night)	
DISTRICTS @	
FRANKENMUTH	
69	Caro 66
61	Birch Run 54
REGIONALS @ ALMA	
67	Bay City 70
John Glenn... 70

GREAT JOB VULCANS!!!

Winter JV and



(front l.) Josh David, Chris Hess, and Erick Pratt.(middle l.) Brandon Haines, Adam Wojno, Cory Slater, Brett Thomas, and Jared Jevicks. (back l.) T.J. Schiefer, Ben Kasper, and Travis Mills.



(front l.) Jamie Bush, and Ashley Legue.(middle l.) Manager Matt Dickinson, Jessica Slack, Jessica Harper, Heather Bertelsmeyer, and Callie Atkins. (back l.) Coach Michelle Eilers, Michelle Crandall, Michelle Schoenlein, Nichole Lanfear, and Coach Solberg.



(front l.) Tony Pollick, Andrew Espinoza, and Adam Phillips.(middle l.) J.T. Horwath, Nathan Hubbard, and Evan Turner. (back l.) Manager Rich Safford, Joey Hamood, Brad Opperman, Todd Wilson, and Coach Lasceski.

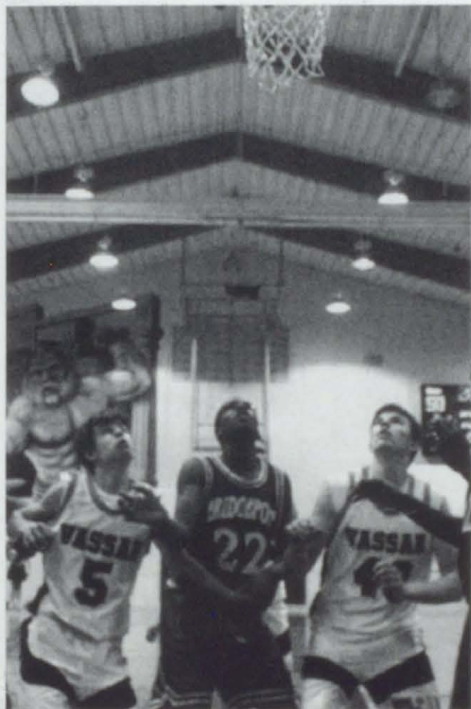


(front l.) Shana Smith, Whitney Huber, Anna Kennard, Natasha Torrez, and Robin Bank.(middle l.)Michelle Kruse, Ashley Harper, Melissa Tausch, and Rachel Symon. (back l.) Manager Sally VanDeveer, Coach King, and Manager Jessica Day.

Freshmen Sports



(front l.) Angelyn Kasper, Manager Rachel Smith, and Jaclyn Bell.(middle l.) Elizabeth Budzinski, and Jessica Spencer. (back l.) Autumnb Swackhammer, Manager Sara Stuart, Kristina Fall, Coach Julie Smith, Danielle Whittaker.



Adam Wojno and Travis Mills try desperately to get the rebound.



Danielle Whittaker is hoisted in the air by the other members of the squad.



Nichole Lanfear hits the ball with great precision and force.

(below top) A few girls take a break from the dance, Candice Nearing, Kristi Fisher, Darcy Buchman, and Jaimie Doud; (below middle) "Men in Black Day" participants Stacy Jevicks, Roger Bacon, Conrad Dowe, Ashley Pilieri, and Jessica Marks; (below bottom) Heather Hess smiles big as she's waiting for her flower.



(right) This year's representatives were: Sophomores Brandon Haines and Amber Kubisz; Juniors Heather Toyzan and Andy Erdman; Freshmen Autumn Swackhamer and Mark Hecht.

(right) Junior representatives Andy Erdman and Heather Toyzan take the floor at the pep assembly.
(below) Justin Harper is doing the King's court dance at the pep assembly.



(right) The 2002 -2003 gymnastics team is announced after doing a team floor exercise as part of the pep assembly.



Ice Fest



(left) This year's Queen's Court-Kadi Burrows, Heather Hess, Karah Heinlein, Mary Raney, and Maegan Morley- pose as "Charlie's Angels."

(below l.) This year's King and Queen court consisted of Brandon Sulicki, Karah Heinlein, Justin Harper, Mary Raney, Brian Keinath, Maegan Morley, Kadi Burrows, Josh Koch, Heather Hess, and Matt Jaynes. (below r.) This year the students voted for Justin Harper and Karah Heinlein as King and Queen.



(left) The cheerleaders try to pep up our school for a night full of fun festivities.

Sophomores

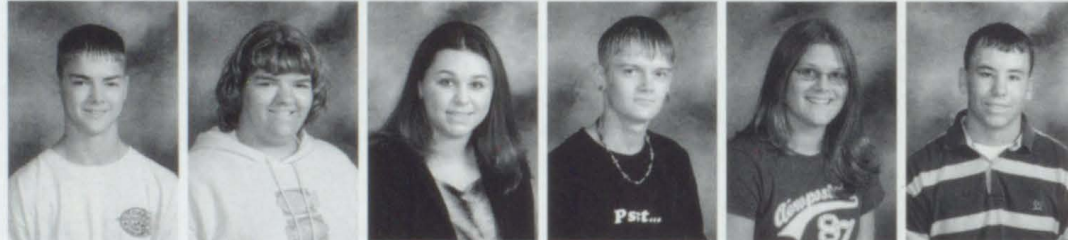
Ashley Legue and Jessica Slack read through a play during speech.



Matthew Andreychuk
Steven Ankney
Chelsea Atkins
Roger Bacon
Tyler Bailey
Jaelyn Bell



Michael Bertelsmeyer
Ashley Best
Britney Bierlein
Brian Bostater
Kristina Bowman
Charles Brimmer

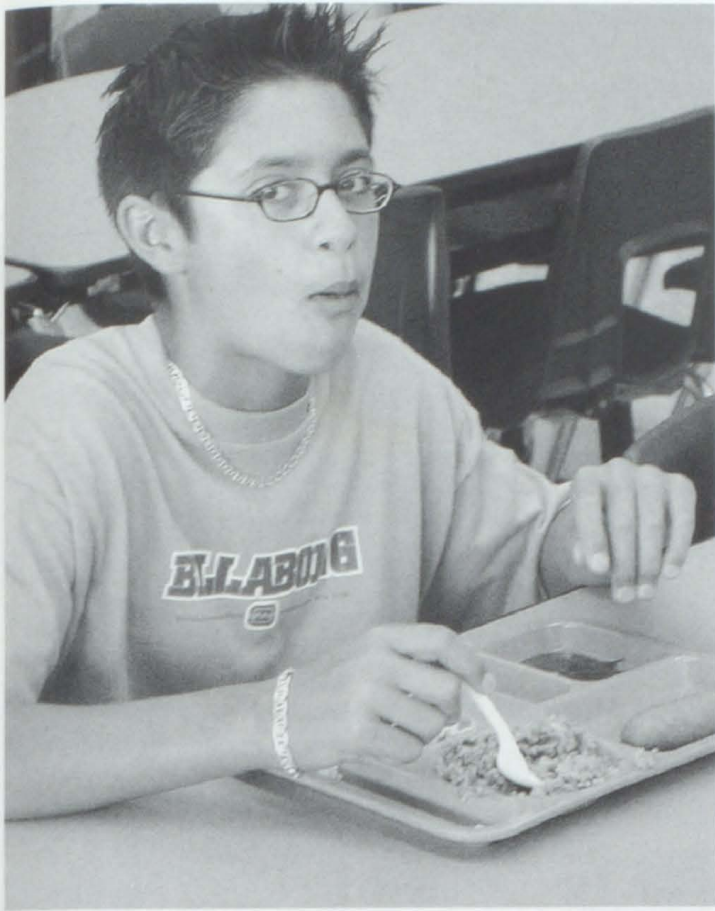


Amanda Brown
Darcy Buchman
Jaemi Bush
James Campbell
Thomas Carlisle
Joshua Clauss



Andrew Colosky
Nicholas Cooper
Michelle Crandall
Joshua David
Matthew Davis
Jessica Day





Roger Bacon enjoying school lunch.



Craig Eskelson smiles for the camera.



Jonathan Deming
 Matthew Dickenson
 Michael Dickenson
 Tricia Donnelly
 Rebecca Dye
 Craig Eskelson

Caleb Fackler
 Rebekah Field
 Kristi Fisher
 Brandy Gibisas
 Jonathon Graham
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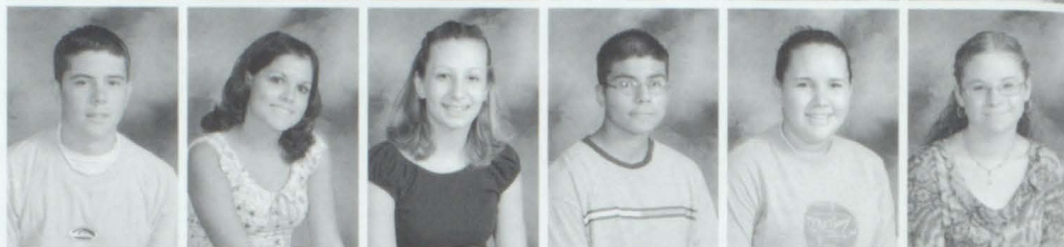
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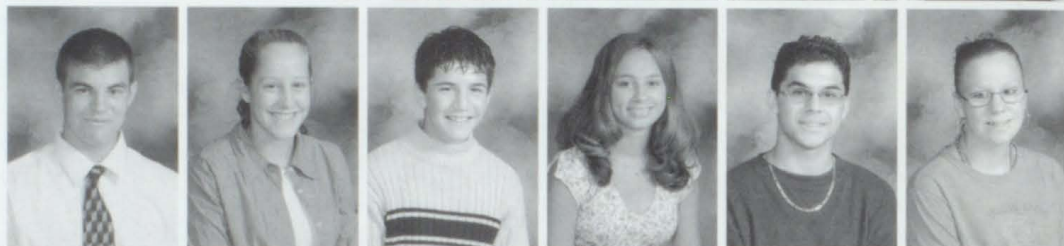
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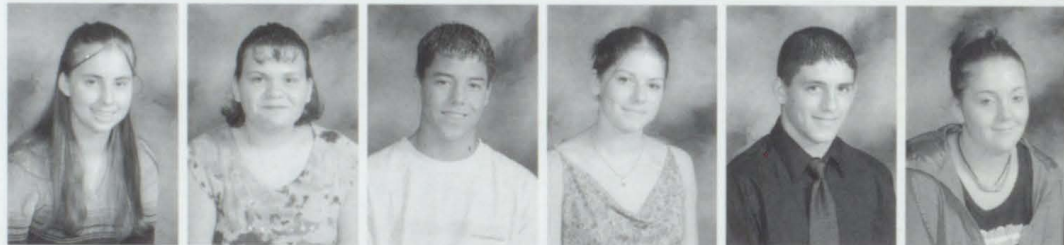
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Travis Mills
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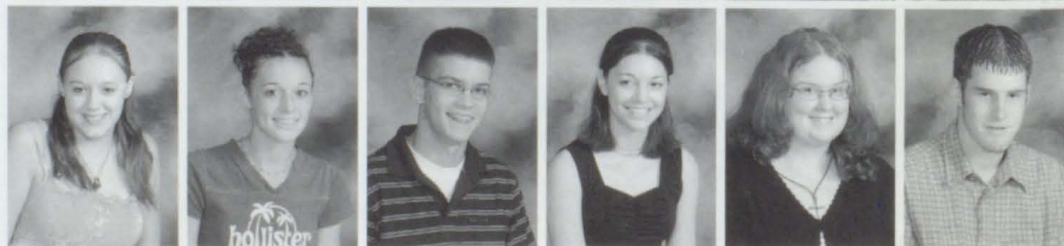
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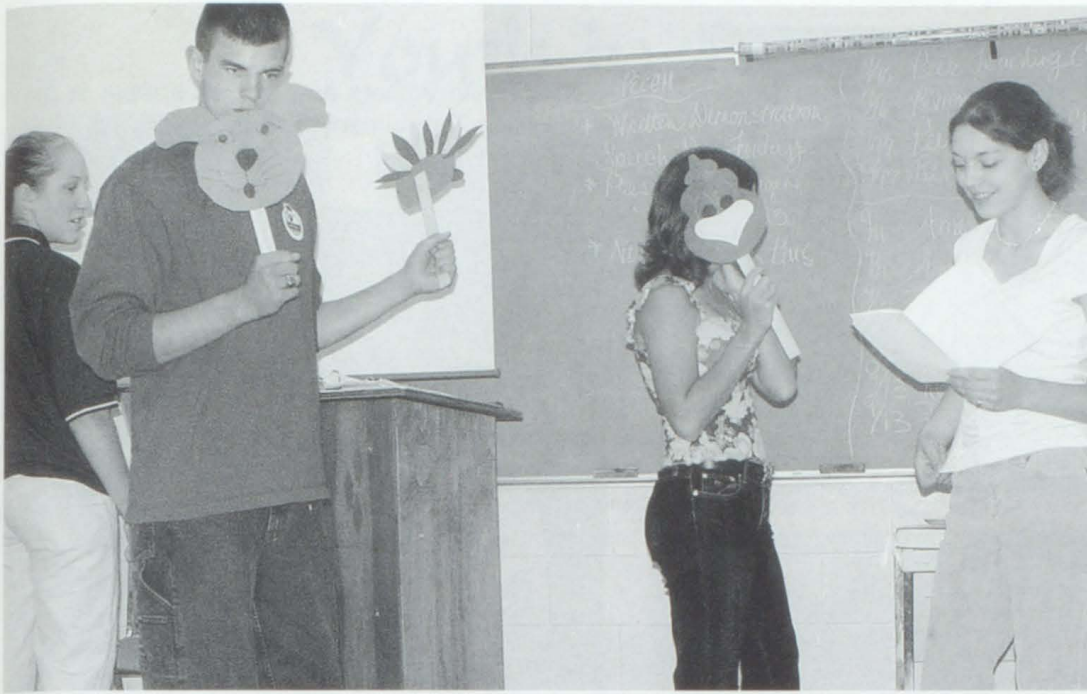


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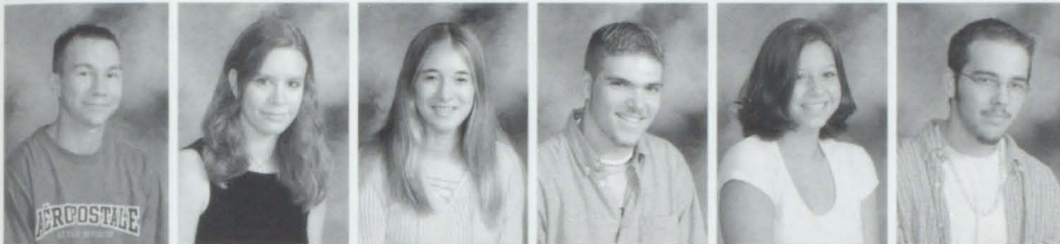


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 Travis Schiefer
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 Chad Schnell

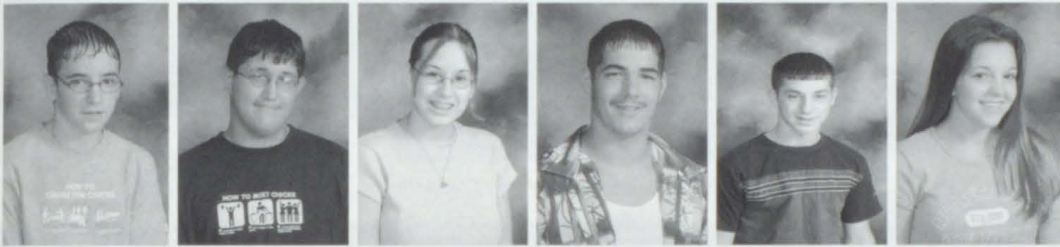




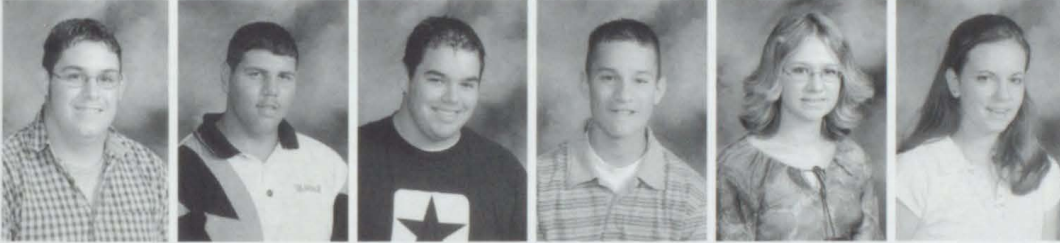
(photo 1.) Speech students Kristi Morman, Travis Mills, Cheyenne Kosha and Kristine Schlicht perform a skit as part of their class requirements.



Donald Sebert
Crystal Sharrow
Lyndsey Shepherd
David Show
Jessica Slack
Cory Slater



Anthony Smith
Timothy Smith
Jessica Spencer
Ryan Squires
James Stacer
Jessica Steinbacher



Eric Templeton
Brett Thomas
Jeremy Timlick
Joshua Trudeau
Melanie Truett
Sally Vandever



David Verbeek
Clarence Ward
Rachelle Wells
Heather Wilmoth
David Withers
Adam Wojno

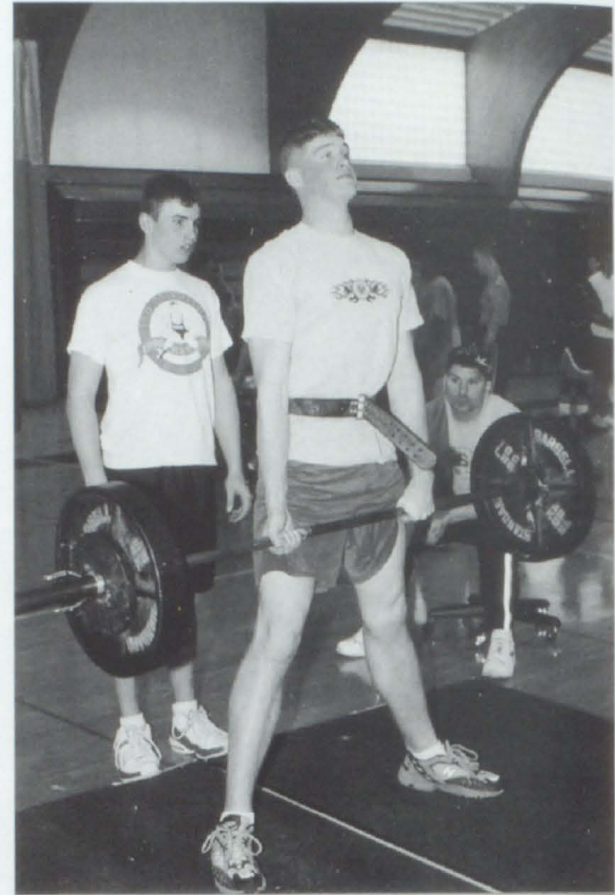


Billy Woolwine
Nicholas Wright
Jessica Zamora

(r.) Caleb Hazen was a hit at the choir concert with his song "Mr. Cellophane Man" from the movie *Chicago*; (below) Nichole Schluckbier really enjoyed art class.



(below) David Withers assists Ben Kaspar in the Powerlifting Tournament held at Vassar.



Missing Photos

Nicholas Cooper

Sarah Walker

Matthew Davis

Nicholas Wright

Thomas Jackman

Brandyn Partridge

Youth In Government



Bart Rittenberg gives his campaign speech in front of the General Assembly.

(below) Mrs. Lasceski is with the Best Written Press winners Sara Rushford, Kristi Fisher, and Darcy Buchman.



Danielle Baker and Trisha Rushford wait in the lobby for the General Assembly to begin.



Darcy Buchman, Sara Rushford and Allison Bender sing "Man I Feel Like a Woman" in the talent show



Some of the VHS students wait for the Governor's Banquet to begin.



(above) The Youth in Government members are: (front l.) Officers Elyse Turner, James Chelekis, Advisor Mr. Lasceski, Eric Andreychuk, and Brian Keinath; (second row l.) James Stacer, Matt Andreychuk, Bart Rittenberg, Heather Toyzan, Katelyn Stelfox, Candice Nearing, Lyndsey Shepherd, and Mias Illian; (third row l.): Erick Pratt, Travis Mills, Michelle Schoenlein, Trisha Rushford, Danielle Baker, Sara Rushford, Darcy Buchman, and Alyssa Cook; (back row l.) Nick Cooper, Adam Wojno, Shawn Strandberg, Andrew Leach, Tricia Donnelly, Andrew Olson, Kristi Fisher and Wesley Muntz.



Josh Koch sings his heart out in the talent show



(above) Eric Andreychuk listens to Bart Rittenberg as he responds to the caucus question he was asked.

(below) Andrew Leach, Andrew Olson, Lyndsey Shepherd, and Erick Pratt wait for the Governor's Banquet to begin.



(above) The seniors take time for a picture together after the banquet. The seniors from left to right are first row Tiffany Anderson of Coldwater and Eric Andreychuk; second row: James Chelekis, Sarah Mills, Matt Jaynes, Brian Keinath, Elyse Turner, and Josh Koch.



Hit and Misdemeanor



Hit and Misdemeanor Cast & Crew

(left) *The Hit and Misdemeanor* Cast and Crew (front l.): Derek Call, Richard Safford, Daryse Foether, Jessica Dues, Christina Brown, and Roger Bacon; (middle l.) Jennifer Tanke, Pia Kupetz, Alaina Garlick, Scott Sheppard, Karah Heinlein, Molly Espinoza, Nathan Buchinger, and Alison Thorp; (back l.) Justina TerBush, Kyle Davis, Corbin Rose, Devin Foether, Caleb Hazen and Melanie Truett.



(above) Belinda Pernel (Justina TerBush) shows her stuff.



(above) The whole cast gets arrested because they were all in trouble.



(above) Karah Heinlein and Caleb Hazen fight.

(below) Molly Espinoza and Scott Sheppard have a very serious discussion.



(below) Sisters (Alison Thorp) and (Karah Heinlien) finally see each other after a long period of seperation.



(left) The members of the VHS Drama Club: (front l.) Vice President Molly Espinoza, President Eric Ancreychuk, and Scott Sheppard; (second l.) Justina TerBush, Allison Bender, Darcy Buchman, Melanie Truett, Tricia Donnelly, and Roger Bacon; (third l.) Richard Safford, Pia Kupetz, Corbin Rose, Mias Illian, Caleb Hazen, Wes Muntz, and Alison Thorp; (back l.) Bart Rittenberg, Jennifer Tanke, Jessica Dues, Kara Auernhamer, Kristi Toyzan, Kyle Davis, and Christina Brown.



(above)Karah Heinlein and Molly Espinoza



(above) Laverne (Pia Kupetz) confessing her love for Howard.



(above) The members of the International Thespians Society: (front l.) Molly Espinoza, Eric Andreychuk, and Scott Sheppard; (middle l.) Allison Bender, Bart Rittenberg, Darcy Buchman, Melanie Truett, Roger Bacon, and Tricia Donnelly; (back l.) Jennifer Tanke, Corbin Rose, Mias Illian, Caleb Hazen, Matt Andreychuk, and Christina Brown.

STATE CHAMPION ONCE AGAIN!

Congratulations to Mary Raney, the Division III State Shot Put and Discus Champion. It was her second championship in shot put and her first in discus.

(below) Mary gets set to let the shot fly. (below middle) Mary and Coach Hurd size up the competition and smile because they know whose #1 (below right).





4-year athletes

The yearbook staff congratulates the seniors of VHS who have played a varsity sport for 4 years.

Heather Hess
Basketball
Track



Brian Keinath
Golf
Track



Tom Kennard
Golf



Josh Koch
Golf



Trevor Perry
Golf



Daniel Smith
Basketball



Kim Donnelly
Gymnastics

Corby Nearing
Gymnastics



Justin Harper
Basketball
Track



Ben Schmandt
Cross Country
Track



Brandon Weber
Cross Country
Wrestling



Rich King
Wrestling
Track



Jason Balcer
Wrestling



Brett Rosencrants
Cross Country



Eric Palmer
Track



Sarah Mills
Track

Spring Intro

(left) Softball team members (l.) Ashley Pileri, Lyndsey Shepherd, Andrea Solgat, and Bobby Schmitzer discuss how the game is going.



(below) David Withers hits a single down the right-field line



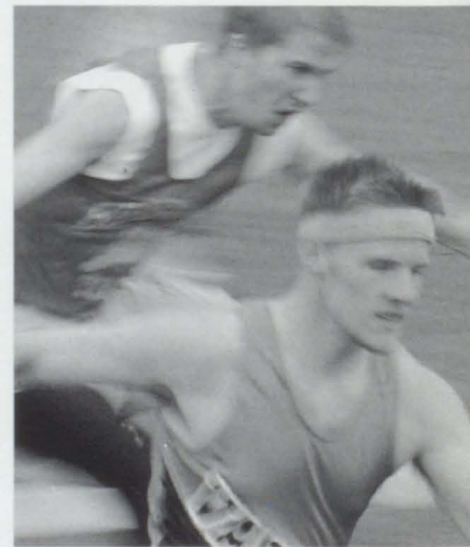
(right) l. to r. Jerraka Parker, Natachia Cintron, and Jessica A. Harper try to stay warm as they wait for their turn.



(right) Leigh Donnelly is running a leg of the 2-mile relay.



(far right) Eric Palmer is hurdling past Bridgeport.





(left) Jessie Solgat and Heather Hess are lining up for the start of their race.

(below) Ashley Pileri is getting ready to field a ground ball.



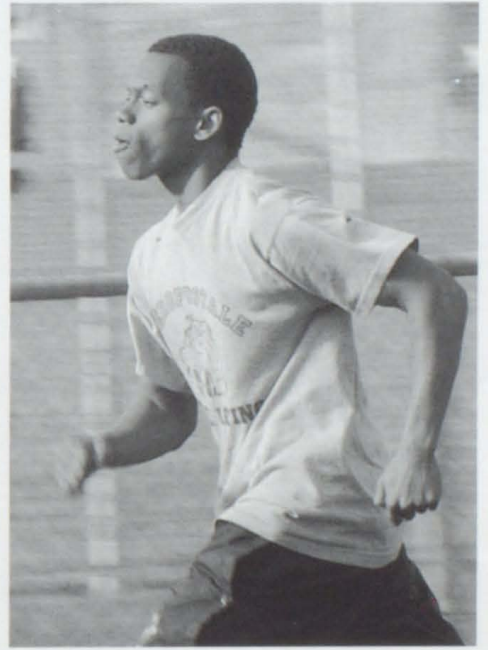
(left) The Baseball team is gathering to talk about the game.



Travis Mills is waiting for the incoming pitch.



Lyndsey Shepherd is throwing a strike to the opposing hitters.



Shannon Harper is preparing for his race.

Vassar Vulcan Varsity Baseball

(right) James Schmitzer delivers a pitch.
(below) Brent Shoemate throws a ball in from the outfield.

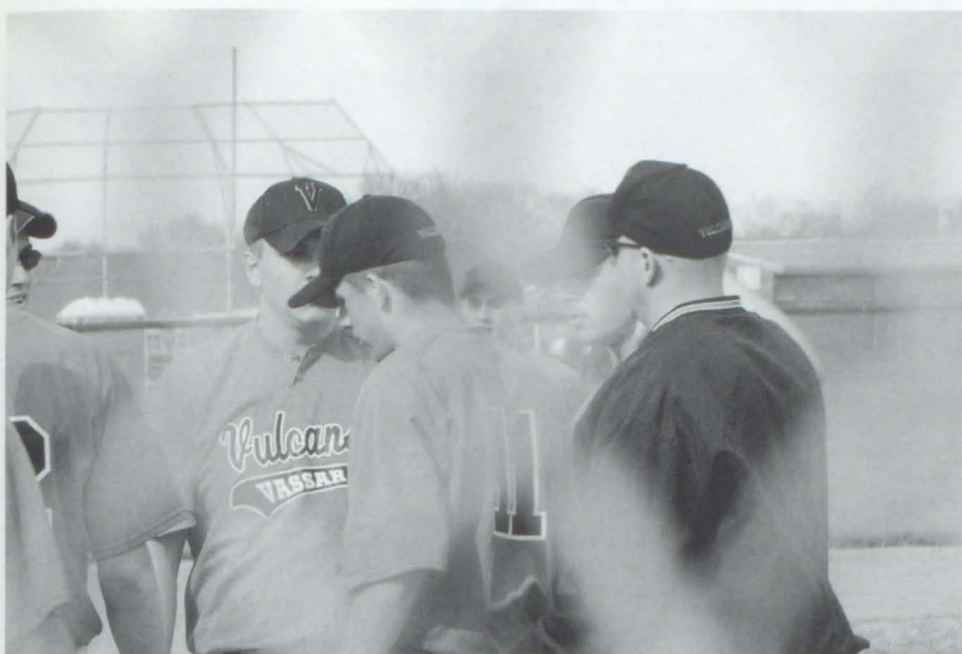


District Champs 2003



Members of the 2003 Vassar Vulcan Varsity Baseball Team include: (front l.) James Schmitzer, Aaron Schiefer, Daniel Smith, Raymond Quick, manager, Brandon Confer, Mason Gorleski, and Sam Rowbotham; (middle l.) Brent Shoemate, David Withers, Travis Mills, Benjamin Merry, and Jeremias Illian; (back l.) Assistant Coach Paul Cunningham, Coach Christopher Baldwin, and Assistant Coach Kris Shoemate. (Missing are Joshua David, Chris Hess, and Russell Lalko.)

2003 Varsity Baseball



(l.) Coach Baldwin gives some advice before the game; (above) Chris Hess gets ready to play.



(l.) The team meets before the game; (bottom) Brandon Confer gets ready to bat.



Regional Champs 2003

Softball



Andrea Solgat takes a hard swing.



The members of the 2003 Varsity softball team are: (front l.) Kim Bertelsmeyer, Andrea Solgat, Maegan Morley, and Rebecca Hecht. (middle l.) Assistant Coach Jeff Hoover, Hope Huizar, Bobby Schmitzer, Kristen Geesey, and Coach Jim Harper, (back l.) Kristi Morman, Lyndsey Shepherd, Nichole Lanfear, Alyse Reamy, and Danielle Lesko.



Lyndsey Shepherd shows great form as she puts all of her effort into this pitch.



Danielle Lesko gets ready to take a swing.



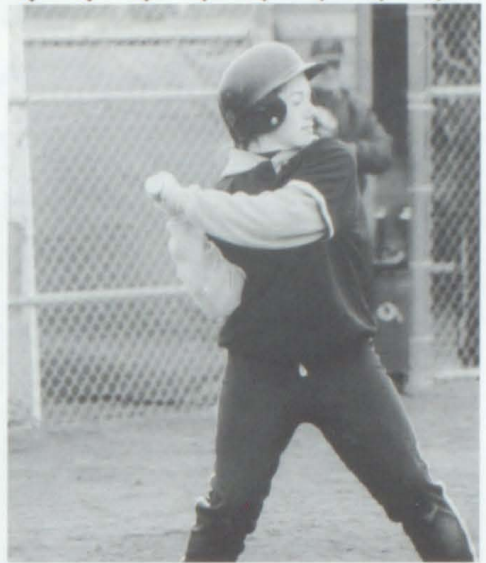
Kim Bertelsmeyer on base and ready to run.



Bobby Schmitzer unveils the girl behind the mask.



Kristi Morman gets ready to field the ball.



Ashley Pileri keeps her eye on the ball.



Danielle Lesko pitches the ball with great skill.



Maegan Morley waits to catch a ground ball.



Alyse Reamy swinging away at the ball.



Kristi Morman smiling as always after taking off her catcher's mask.

BOYS' TRACK



(left) Members of this year's boys' track team are: (front row, l. to r.) Zac Morrison, Eric Palmer, Danny King, Rich King, Ben Schmandt, Mike Herzberger, Ryan Carrier, Coach Tony Hurd, (middle row, l. to r.) Troy Perry, T.J. Schiefer, Kyle Davis, Mike King, Brian Cheshire, Wes Muntz, Brandon Haines, Bob Palmer, (back row, l. to r.) Shawn Strandberg, Matt Dickinson, Shannon Harper, Richie Safford, Jonathon Wegner, Tim Scharff, Andy Erdman, Mike Crandall, and Chris Opperman. Missing from the picture are: Justin Harper, Brian Keinath, Don Sebert, Colin Wade.



(clockwise from top left) Brian Keinath has the look of determination on his face as he gets ready for his race; Wes Muntz is as fast as the speed of light coming off the corner; Don Sebert is giving it everything he's got coming around the final turn; and Colin Wade is at the finish line, glad that the race is over.



(above) Chris Opperman lets the shot fly at a home meet.



AWARD WINNERS

Most Valuable-Justin Harper
 Most Improved-Bob Palmer
 Coach's Award-Ben Schmandt
 Captain's Award-Rich King
 Ben Schmandt

(left) The boys' team celebrates after they won their own track invitational on Friday, May 2, 2003.

GIRLS' TRACK



(left) Members of this year's girls' track team are: (front row, l. to r.) K.C. Quick, Jaemi Bush, Amber Kubisz, Jessica Harper, Karen Kennard, Ashley Pileri, (middle row, l. to r.) Melanie Kukulski, Jessica Solgat, Alyssa Cook, Kristina Fall, Leigh Donnelly, Alyse Reamy, Melissa Tausch, (back row, l. to r.) Coach John Liparoto, Melissa Manchester, Mary Raney, Heather Hess, and Sarah Mills. Missing from the picture is Kristi Fisher.

(below) Heather Hess is working hard to finish well in her race.



(left) Danielle Whitaker flies over the high jump bar at a home meet.

AWARD WINNERS

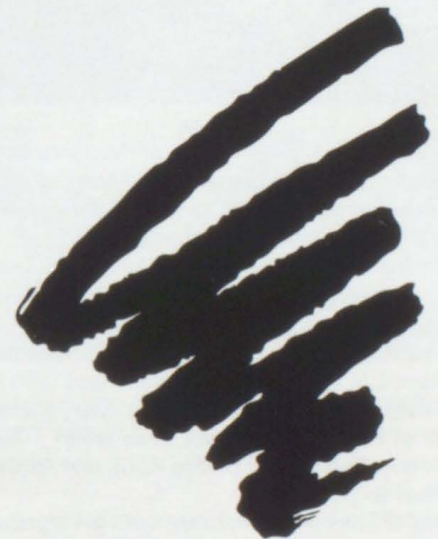
Most Valuable-Mary Raney
 Most Improved-Kristi Fisher
 Coach's Award-Jessica Solgat



(above) Kristi Fisher and Alyse Reamy battle each other in a hurdles race at conference.



(below) Jaemi Bush and Jessica Harper complete a successful baton handoff during a relay race.



Thumb Meet of Champions

(below) Vassar math teacher and cross country coach Dan Johnson is honored as the 2003 Thumb Sports Leader at the meet.

This year 11 Vassar athletes qualified to take part in the 31st Thumb Meet of Champions held at Stamats Field in Caro on Tuesday, May 28, 2003. Before the meet, Mr. Dan Johnson of Vassar was honored as the 2003 Thumb Sports Leader. Medalists this year were: Mary Raney, who took gold in both the shot and discus; the 4 x 100 relay team of Eric Palmer, Brian Cheshire, Justin Harper, and Shannon Harper, who won the silver with a time of 43.16, a school record; the 4 x 200 relay team of Eric Palmer, Brandon Haines, Justin Harper, and Shannon Harper, who took home the bronze with a time of 1:34.12; Justin Harper, who took fourth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.10, and fifth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.41; Rich King, who finished fifth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:06.99; and Ashley Pileri who finished sixth in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet.



(above) This year's track participants are: (front row, l. to r.) cheerleader Anne LaFave, Justin Harper (200 M Dash, 4 x 100 relay, 4 x 200 relay), Shannon Harper (200 M Dash, 4 x 100 relay, 4 x 200 relay), Eric Palmer (300 M hurdles, 4 x 100 relay, 4 x 200 relay), cheerleader Maegan Morley, (back row, l. to r.) Ben Schmandt (2 Mile Run), Brandon Haines (4 x 200 relay), Heather Hess (200 M Dash), Rich King (800 M Run), Mary Raney (Shot Put, Discus), Brian Cheshire (4 x 100 Relay), Bob Palmer (2 Mile Run), and Ashley Pileri (High Jump).

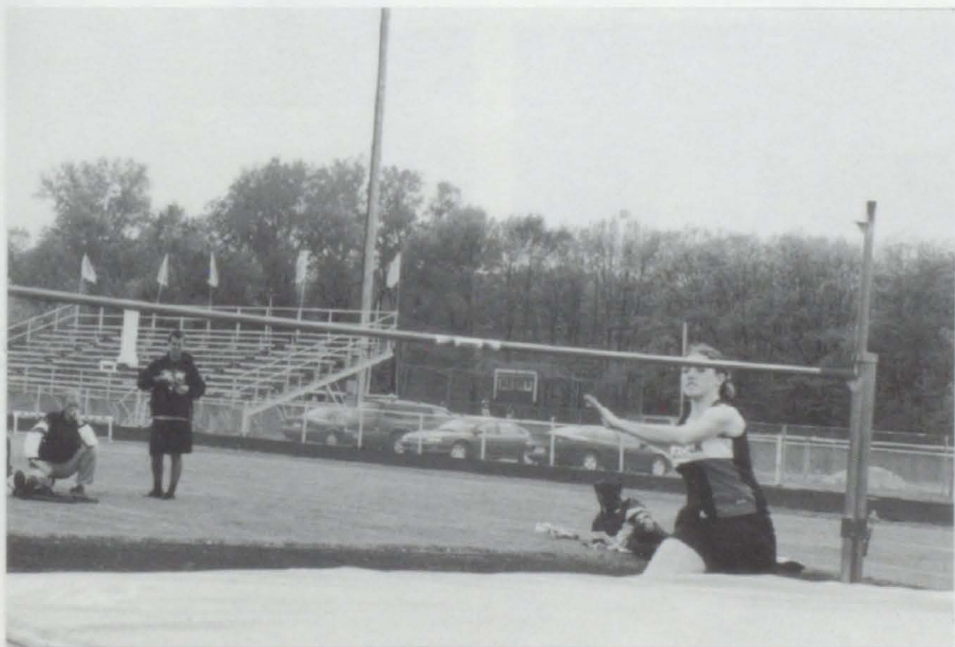
(right) The senior track members get together with Homecoming Queen Kim Bertelsmeyer, who handed out medals, for a photograph at their last local track meet of their high school careers.





(left) The 4 x 100 relay team waves to the crowd after they win the silver medal at the meet.

(below) Rich King is focused as he is about to finish his 800 meter run.



(above) Bob Palmer is leading the pack in the 2 mile run.

(left) Ashley Pileri is ready to clear the high jump bar on her way to a sixth place finish.

Prom 2003



(above) Posing beautifully in their dresses are Heather Toyzan, Kelsey Guthrie, and Karah Heinlein.



(above) Mason Gorleski and Molly Espinoza were this year's Prom Prince and Princess.



(above) Tim Pickett poses for the camera during his last prom.

(right) Junior Janelle Petterson dances with her date during a slow song.



This year Prom was held at Hereford and Hops in Bay City, with a theme of "Heaven Sent." Girls looked gorgeous in their dresses, and guys looked wonderful all dressed up in their tuxes. Kim Bertelsmeyer and Nathan Buchinger were crowned King and Queen, with Mason Gorleski and Molly Espinoza as Prince and Princess. Overall Prom was fun.



(left) Kim Bertelsmeyer and Nathan Buchinger were crowned Queen and King of Prom 2003.



(above) Brandon Deland was one of many who enjoyed this year's prom.



(left) Juniors Amber Legue and Nicole Gilmore are having a blast out on the dance floor.



(above) Friends Kristen Geesey and Bobby Schmitzer are all smiles on the big night.



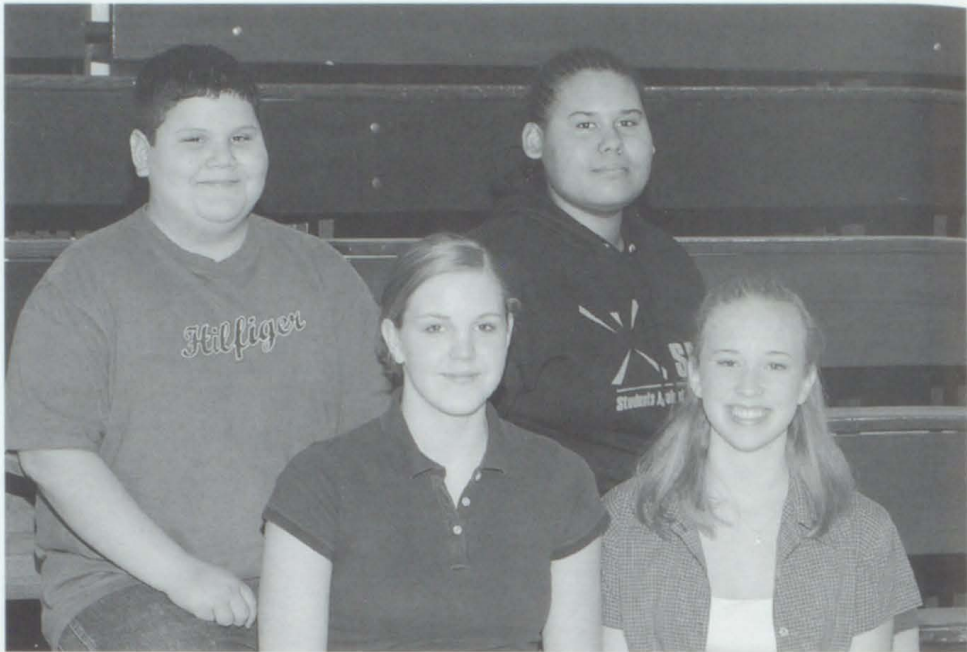
Seniors Erin Lanfear and Kadi Burrows pose for the camera at their last prom.



Gus Martinka and Molly Espinoza look amazing at prom.

Class of 2006

(left) Freshmen class officers: (top) Enrique Palomares and Heaven Smith; (bottom) Michelle Schoenlein and Jessica Dues; (below) Mike Moncman, Scott Drew, Justin Pratt, Lance Clauss, Brad Opperman work on the wireless laptops in Ms. Char's class.



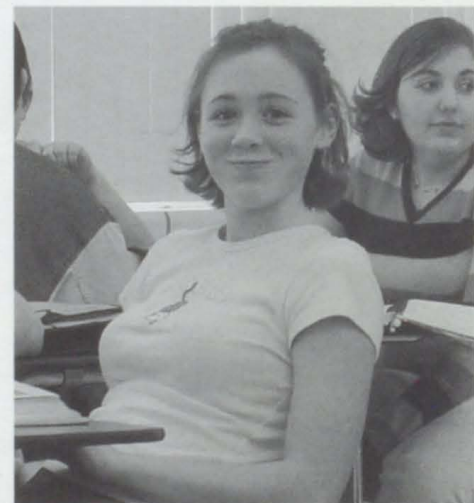
(left) Freshmen Homecoming Reps Joey Hammood and Heaven Smith



(below) Danae Newbold "breaks it down" at one of the dances after a game.



(above) Shamara Smith becomes the famous Caro Tiger at one of the pep assemblies.



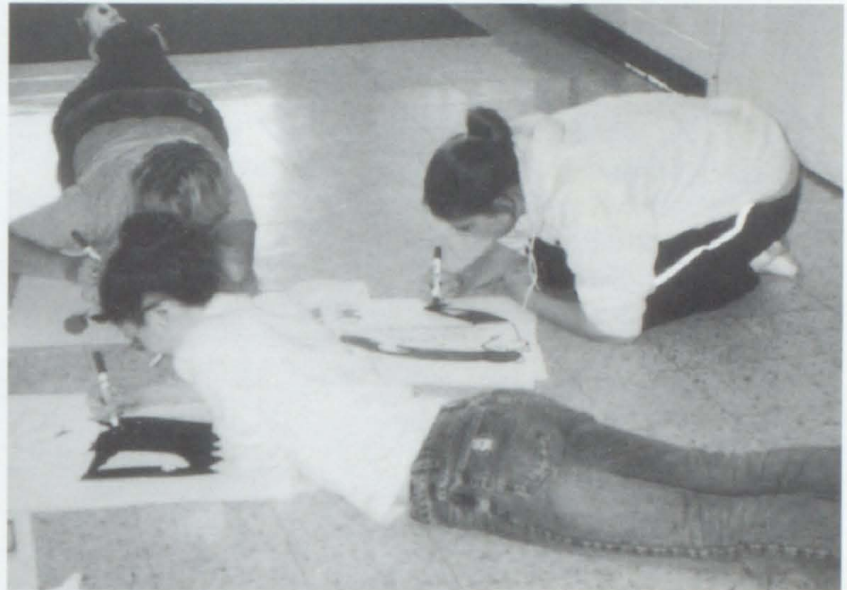
(above) Makenzie Doud gets caught making a funny face in class.

(below) Ice Fest Freshman rep Autumn Swackhamer gets her groove on at the dance after the basketball game.

Class of 2006



(below) Taylor Hamilton and Heather Bertelsmeyer have fun in art class coloring the Flintstones for a project.



Chad Allen
Callie Atkins
Kara Auernhamer
Bruce Aulbert
Erica Aymer
Aaron Baase

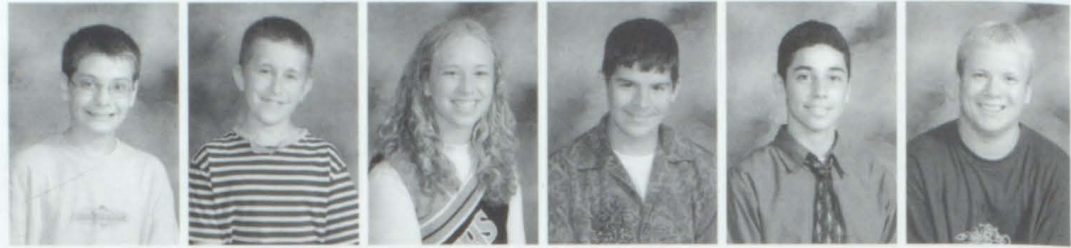
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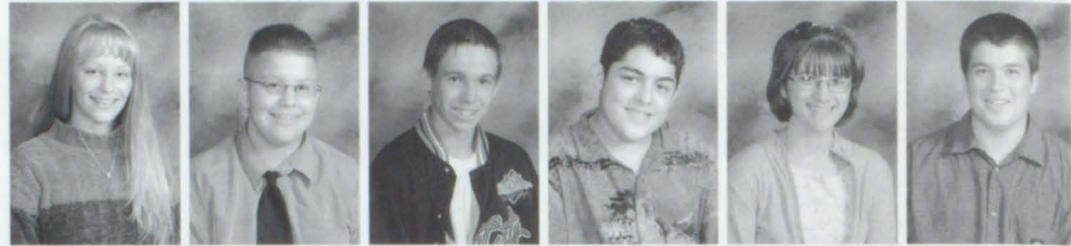
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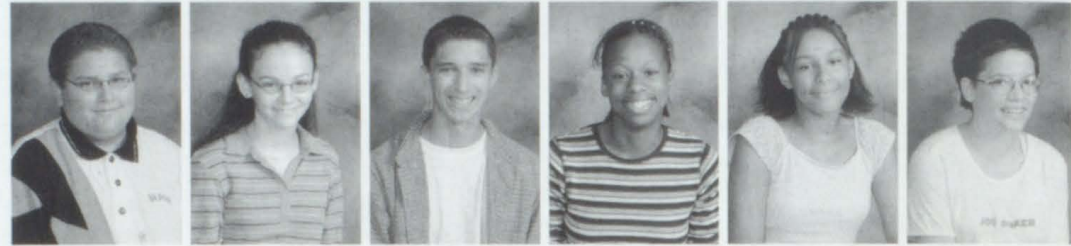
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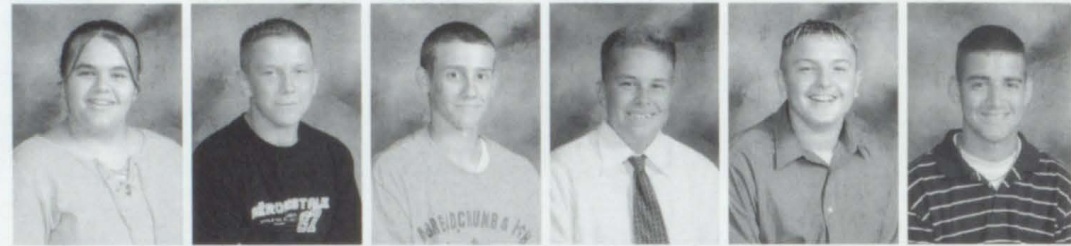
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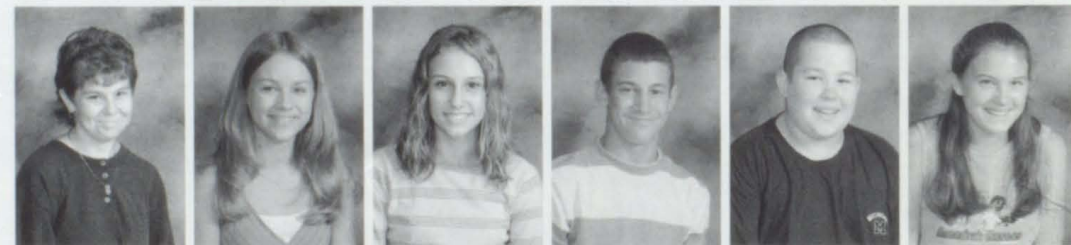
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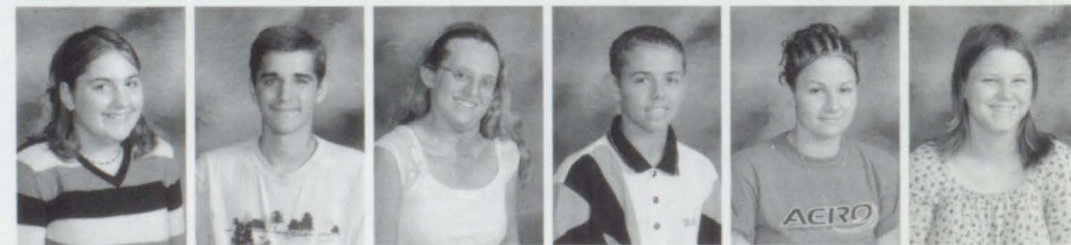
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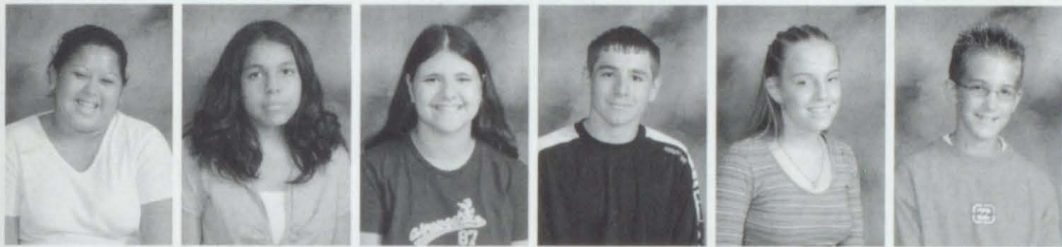
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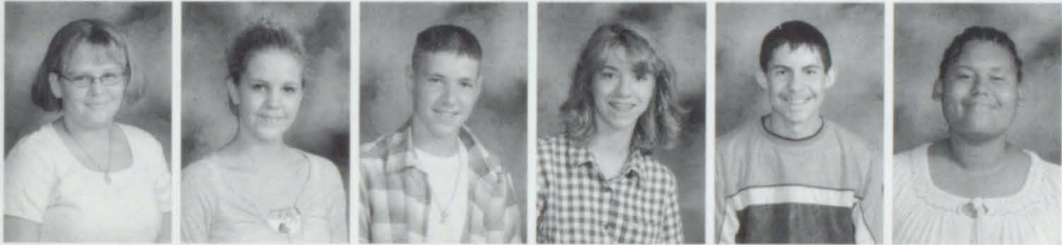
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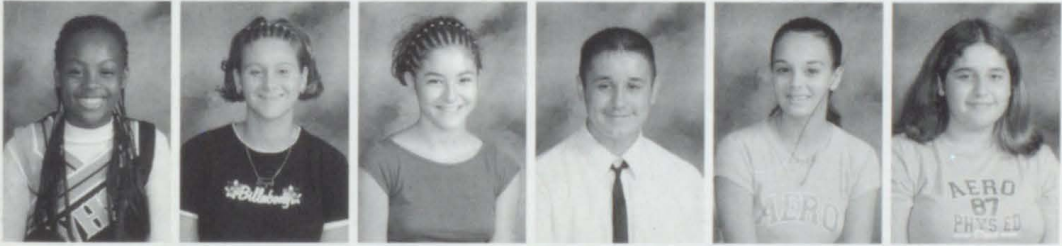
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Katelyn Stelfox
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Class of 2006

(below) The first place Freshman Sponge Bob Squarepants Homecoming float in the parade.



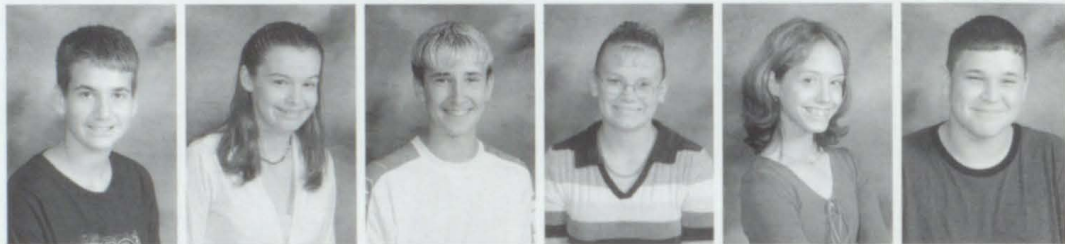
(right) Natachia Cintron works hard in English class.



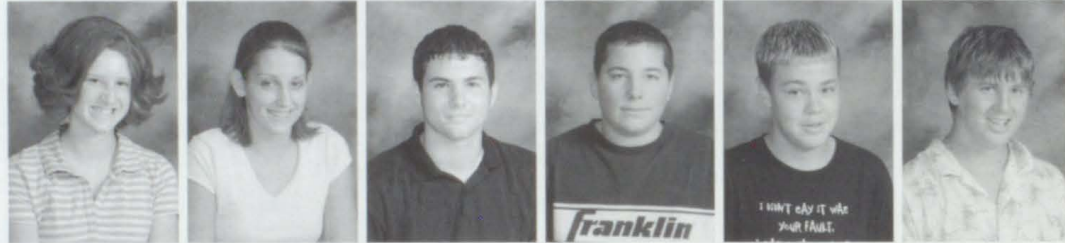
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Missing Freshmen:

Chad Schnell Laura Nazarijcuk
Samuel Davis Cassie Tappen
Richard Safford Bryan Waterman
Jeremiah Sweeza

(right) Katelyn Stelfox and Michelle Schoenlein wait for session to start in Youth In Government.



Jessica Francis works on her art project.



Mike Herzberger enjoys a snack after giving blood.



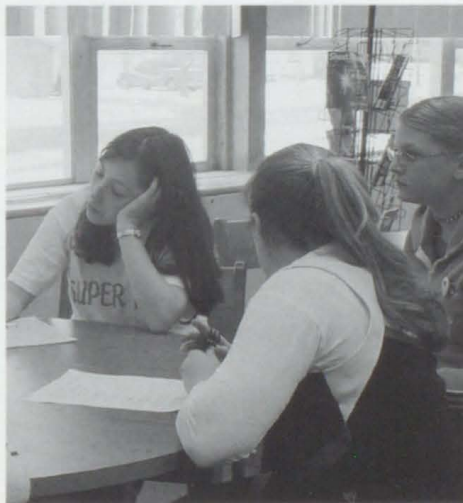
(l.) Mr. Nowotny waits for the next challenge during the Student Staff Basketball game.



Don Sebert, spotted by Wes Muntz, deadlifts 275 lbs. during a powerlifting event.



Amanda Bodary gets clay ready for her art project.

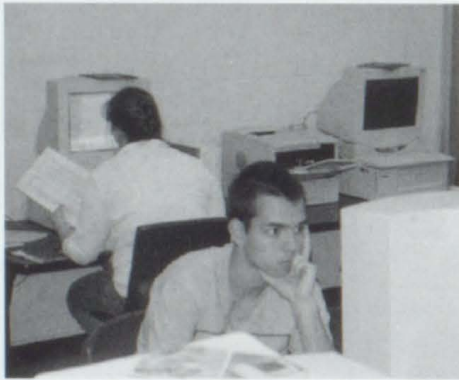


Molly Espinoza, Kayla Ricklefs and Allison Bender make a list of books to read for the new Book Club this year.

Newspaper



The members of the 2002-2003 Newspaper staff are: (front l.) Tricia Barnes, Molly Espinoza, Eric Andreychuk, Stacy Jevicks, and Trisia Stadler; (middle l.) Allison Bender, Scott Sheppard, Pia Kupetz, Elyse Turner, Rebecca Hall, and Stephanie Austin; (back l.) Katie Timmons, Joe Smith, James Chelekis, Kelsey Guthrie, Ben Schmandt, and Ryan Betz. (missing from photo Alania Garlick)



Ben Schmandt looks up from his newspaper stories.



Eric Andreychuk and Kelsey Guthrie work together to meet the deadline for the newspaper.



Scott Sheppard enjoys a nice afternoon in front of his computer in journalism class.

Yearbook



The Newspaper and Yearbook editors for 2002-2003 are (l.) Tricia Barnes, Eric Andreychuk, Brandon Weber, and Ryan Betz. (missing from photo Alania Garlick)



Brandon Weber takes a break from his yearbook pages.



The Members 2002-2003 Yearbook Staff are: (front l.) Tricia Barnes, Tricia Stadler, Jaimie Doud, Stacy Jevicks, Justin Doud, and Brandon Weber; (middle l.) Allison Bender, Katie Timmons, Pia Kupetz, Elyse Turner, Rebecca Hall, and Stephanie Austin; (back l.) Mike Crandall, Ben Schmandt, and Ryan Betz.



Mike Crandall working on his pages for the yearbook.

Awards Banquet

(l.) Congratulations to Ben Schmandt (c.) who received the Dustin Shannon Memorial Scholarship Award from Ethan Shannon (r.) and Gary Shannon.



(below) Heather Hess and Rich King received the Army Scholar Athlete Award from former VHS graduate Sgt. Scott Brunner.



(photo left) Math Awards were presented by Mrs. Hershberger (front l.) and Ms. Eilers (back row second from r.) to the following: (front l.) Allison Bender, Anna Piazza, Alyssa Cook, and Bob Palmer; (back l.) Kim Bertelsmeyer, Caleb Hazen, Ben Schmandt, Matt Colosky, and Adam Wojno.



Adam Wojno received the Top Speaker Male Award from Ms. Bruzewski.



Brian Keinath received the Martin Hecht Memorial Scholarship from Mr. Wayne Hecht.

Awards Banquet



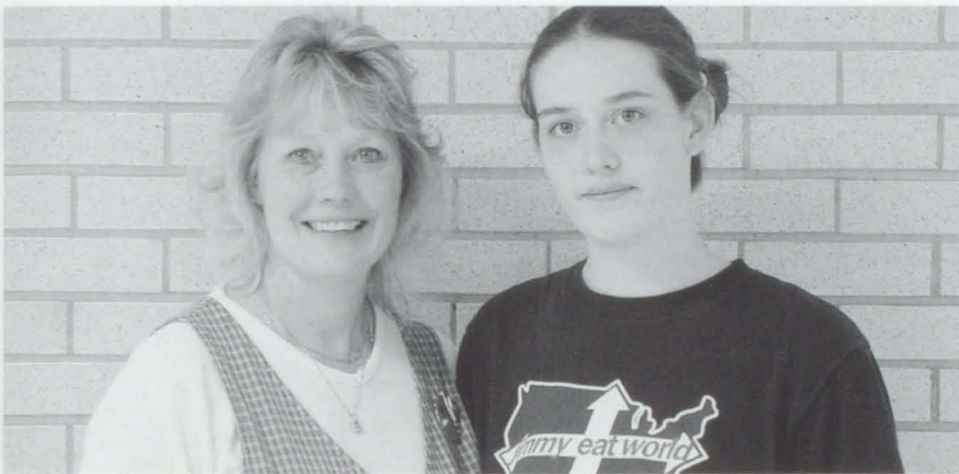
(photo l.) Receiving Thespian Honors from Mrs. Hackett were: Karah Heinlein (l.) Honor Thespian; Molly Espinoza, Honor Thespian; Alaina Garlick, Honor Thespian and Best Thespian; Eric Andreychuk, Best Thespian; Jennifer Tanke, Honor Thespian and Best Thespian; and Devin Foether, Best Thespian.

(photo below) Brian Keinath received the Science Award from Mr. Hackett.



(l.) Mrs. Lois Parsell presented the Senior Artist Award to Vanessa Slack.

(below r.) Dan King received the Horwath Family Scholarship from Mrs. Horwarth. The scholarship goes to a member of the senior class planning a career in law enforcement.



(photo l.) Dustin Hawley received the University of Rochester Humanities and Social Science Award.



Awards Banquet

(photo r.) Members of the Top Ten Seniors for the Class of 2003 include: (front l.) Jennifer Ziegler, Alaina Garlick, and Jennifer Tanke; (back l.) Eric Andreychuk, Brian Keinath, Richard King, and Ben Schmandt. Missing from photo are: Kim Bertelsmeyer, Scott Sheppard, and Jennifer Sargent.



(photo below) Mary Raney and Nathan Buchinger received the Marine Scholastic Excellence Award.



(photo right) Ben Schmandt earned the Journalism I Award for his outstanding work in the class; editors Alaina Garlick and Eric Andreychuk were honored for their leadership roles in the publications area. (Missing from photo is yearbook editor Brandon Weber.)



Jaemi Bush received the Spanish I Award from Mrs. Kimmerly.



Justin Harper received the Life Skills Award from Mrs. Becker.

Awards Banquet

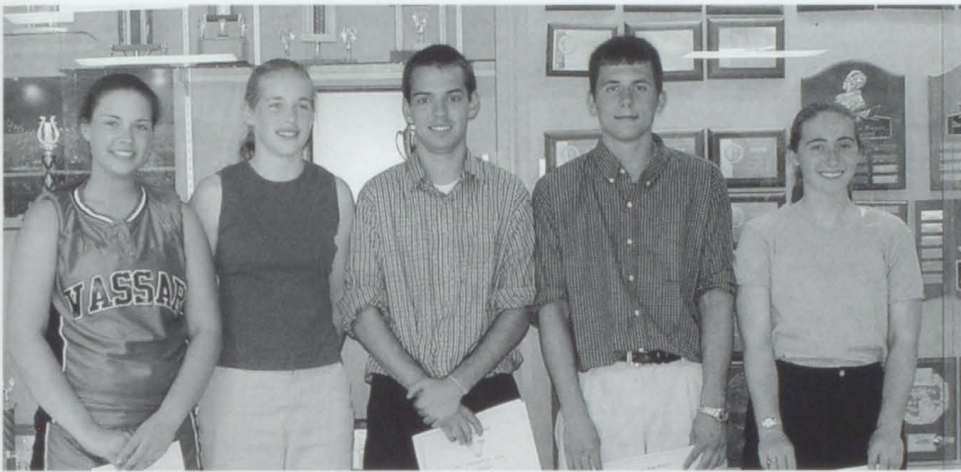


Student Senate Recognition went to (front l.) Molly Espinoza, Kim Bertelsmeyer, and Kristi Morman; (back l.) Ben Schmandt, Chris Gonzales, Dan King and Rich King, shown here with Mrs. Roberts, the Student Senate advisor.

(center) Athletic Awards were presented to (l.) Kim Bertelsmeyer, Heather Hess, Ben Schmandt, Richard King and Becky Hecht.



(above) The Alpha Beta Awards, the highest honor the school gives to a member of the student body, were presented to Freshman Alyssa Cook (l.), Junior Anna Piazza, and Sophomore Wes Muntz.



Jennifer Tanke came away with the English Honors Award presented by Mrs. Russell.



Nicholas Hubbard received the Michigan Federal Credit Union Scholarship.





Stephanie MacArthur and Jamie Schiefer build a deer blind in construction class.



Dan King works on a mock crime scene in law enforcement class.



Tim Pickett and Mrs. Morley sell food in the general store.



Jill Tucker studies the anatomy of a turtle.



Bill LaBean grinds on metal.

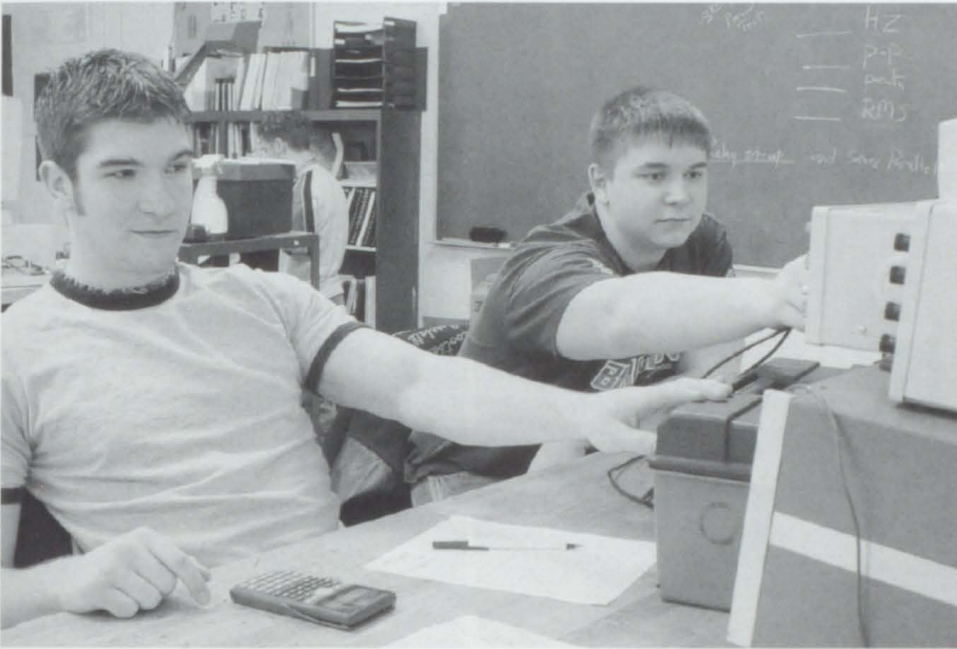


Jason Trudeau, just finished running the press in his graphic class.

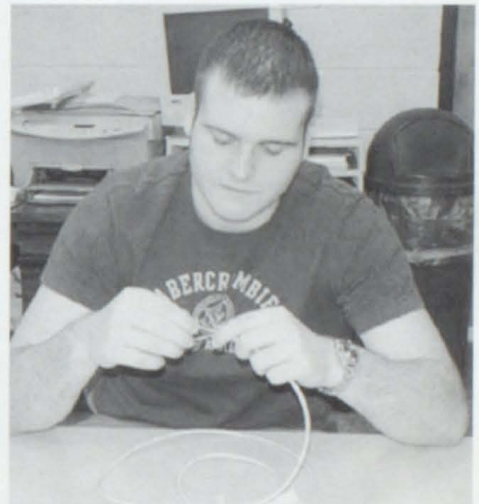


Jessica Huizer, the only girl in her construction class, is hard at work.

Tech Center



Andy Erdman and James Schmitzer work in electronics.



Troy Perry learns how to make a network cable.

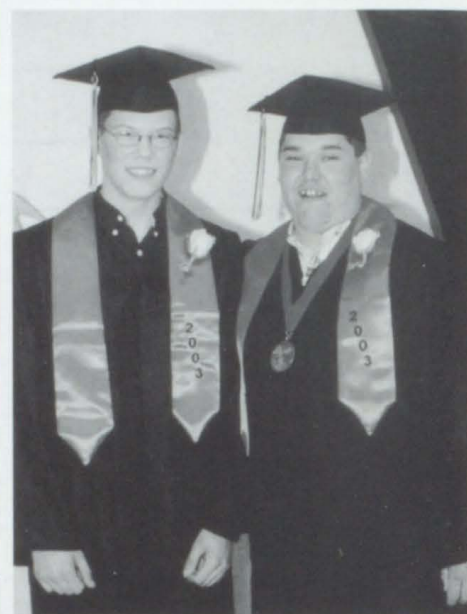


(left) Hope Huizer, Jared LaFramboise, and Tim Scharff prepare parts to be painted in auto body tech.

(left) Racheal Tebedo entertains her children from child care with hand puppets.

Graduation

(photo far right) Russ Lalko accepts congratulations from Mr. Wojno as he receives his diploma; (photo r.) Elyse Turner's smile sums up the events of the day; (below r.) Robert Petrach and Amos Perkins are all smiles as they prepare to graduate; (middle center) Rich Fisher and Stephanie Ziegler make their way in to the ceremonies; (below r.) Mr. Middlin congratulates Becky Hecht on her graduation.



(l.) Matt Hemmen, Mike Crandall, Josh Crawfis, Jason Schnittker, and Nich Hubbard move their tassels to signify they have graduated.

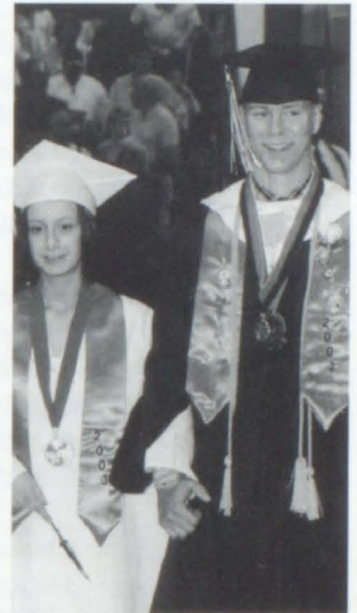


Ben Schmandt gave the salutatory speech at the ceremonies.



(l.) Lauren Allard and Rich King seek out their parents as they enter the gym; (below) Co-Valedictorian Kim Bertelsmeyer presents her speech.

(below) Kadi Burrows is escorted by Co-Valedictorian Brian Keinath; (middle l.) Matt Jaynes and Joe Smith listen to the speeches; (center) Christine VanLuchene and Vanessa Ward get ready to walk in.



(above) Co-Valedictorian Jennifer Tanke addresses the Class of 2003; (l.) Elizabeth Miles and Adam Hadd look forward to the graduation ceremonies.

(l.) Ashley Yaeger and Ashley DeSander check their hats before marching in.



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Vince Leveille
Mr. Marcy
Mrs. Andreychuk
Jim Baker



Mr. Baldwin
Emily Becker
Molly Bruzewski
Mrs. Butts
Judy Chelekis
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Mr. Colburn
Mr. Collison
Sharon Darling
Charlene Dick
Marcus Dukes
Michelle Eilers



Steve Gleeson
Dianne Hackett
Ann Hecht
Mrs. Heidenberger
Johnelle Hershberger
Daniel Johnson



Mr. Wojno with his shades and Chelsea Lichnovski take a break from the mad rush of Homecoming Week.



Mr. Buchman, Mr. Wojno, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Mason and Ms. Char spent a weekend learning the intricacies of the new machine purchased for Wood Shop.

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Gary Lasceski
Mr. Maleck
Ms Meier
Janice Mihora
Carol Miller



Lois Morley
Mr. Nowotny
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Fran Peplinski
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Deb Roberts



Pat Russell
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Misty Smaltz
Julie Smith
Dawn Torrez

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Ms. Ramer
Mrs. Rico
Mr. Rittenberg
Mrs. Stacer



Mrs. Vanden Brooks
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VHS Art teach Lois Parsell works with Nichole Rose on her clay bowl for the Empty Bowls Soup Supper, a fund raiser for the local food pantry.

Junior High



Katelyn Bilbee does a skit for Academic Games.

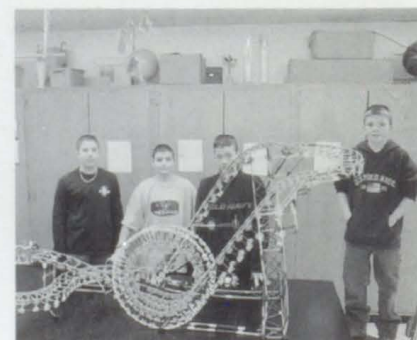


Junior High Principal Mr. Marcy accompanies Seventh Grader Ashleigh Waterman through the crowd at Brentwood Bowling Alley while on a field trip.



Daryse Foether Stands proudly as she just donated her hair to Locks of Love.

Jared Baker, Christopher Faircloth, William Piazza, and James Wickings working in science class.



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Jerry Aeschliman
Ashley Allen
Christopher Anderson
Lindsay Baase



Kevin Bacon
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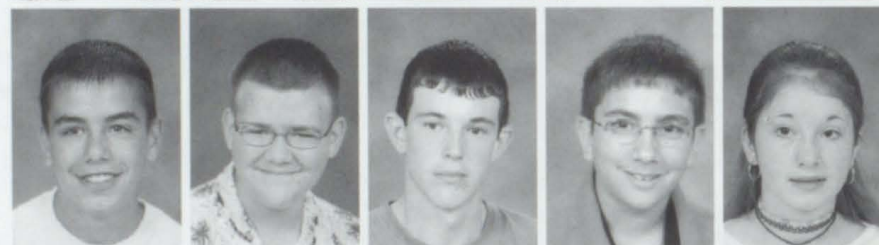
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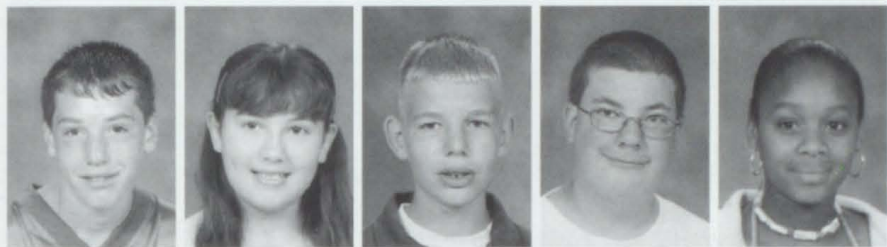
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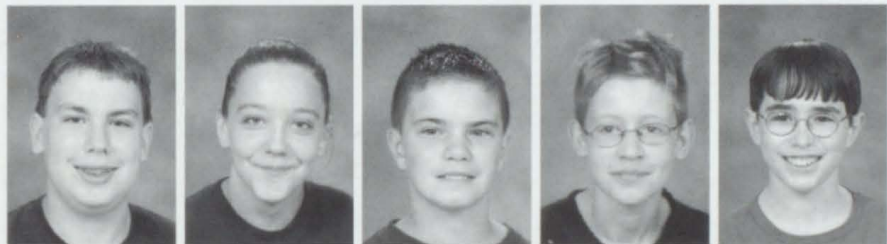
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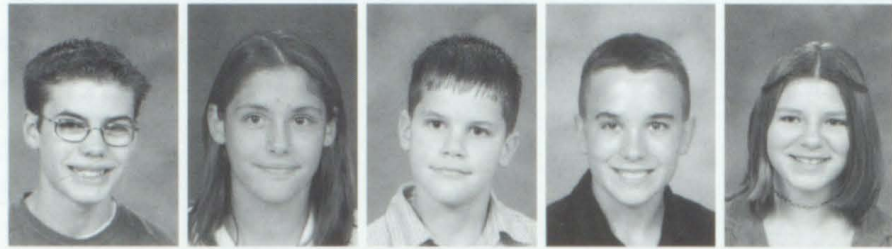
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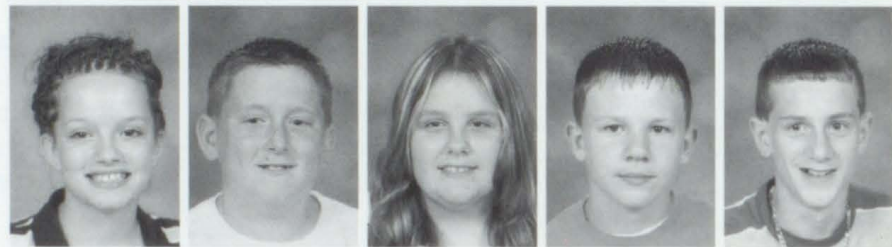
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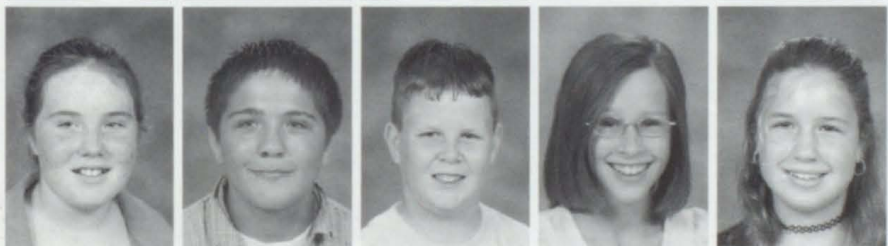
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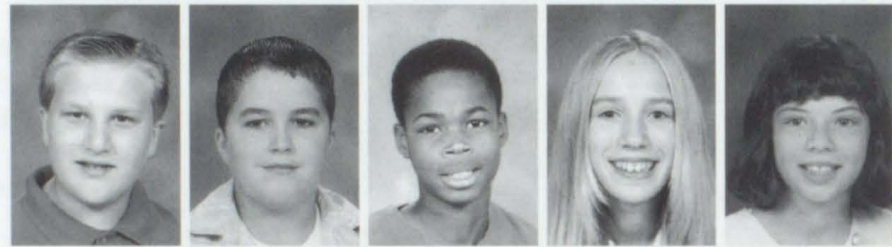
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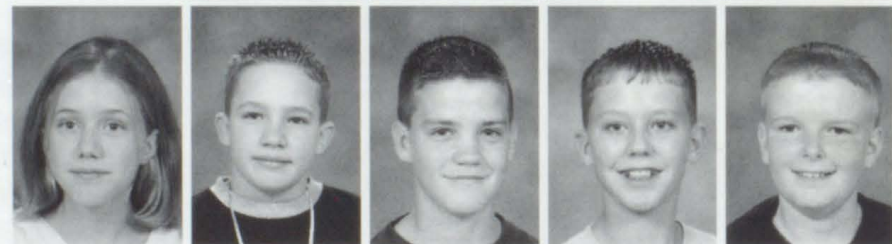
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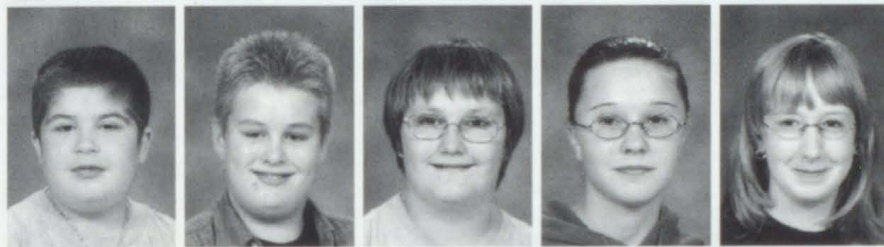
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**JUNIOR
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8th Grade Boys' Basketball



Members of the Eighth Grade Basketball team are: (front l.) Kevin Bacon, Mathew Hawley, David Jackson, and Andrew Adkins.; (back l.) James Wickings, Jerry Aeschliman, Gary Pratt, and Coach Mike Carnes

7th Grade Boys Basketball

Team A

Brandon Drews
 Nolan Opperman
 Travis Davis
 Michael Endert
 Jonathan Ostrander
 Richard Newbold
 Cameron Wilson
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Team B

Zachary Palmer
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 Tyler Brown
 Ian Palmer
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 Broc DeSander
 Alex Kubisz
 Nathan Clauss
 Michael Slack
 Dylan Fackler
 Jordan McAuley
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 Benjamin Ward

Junior High Volleyball



Seventh Grade Volleyball team members are: (front l.) Amanda Summerfield, Kimberly Kennard, Kristin Hrinik, Malleri Fowler, Macey Funsch, and Andrea Armstrong; (middle l.) Kara Stevens, Audrey Reyes, Lauren Kasper, Heather Bell, Darsye Foether, Jolyn VanHorn, and Shaune Withers.; (back l.) Amber Mugan, Liberty Rhodes, Krista Empey, Kara Hatfield, Katelyn Kennard, Kayla Colosky, Sarah Bodary, and Coach Jackie Dubois.



Eighth Grade Volleyball team members are: (front l.) Brandy Putman, Becca Savage, Alexandra Franz, Jessica Stanulis, Amberle Kyritz, Julia Lackowski, Tonia Carlisle, and Heather Klein; (middle l.) Andrea Sebert, Karissa Tausch, Ashley Smith, Chelsea Goodman, Alicia Shaffer, Jessica Gibisas, Lindsay Baase, Katie Tausch, Taylor Hecht, Ashleigh Miller, and Katie Petterson (back l.) Assistant Coach Amanda Summerfield, Ashley Allen, Jessica Temple, Rachelle Betz, Alyssia Tompkins, Elizabeth Stahl, Jennifer Colosky, Kelly Fall, Stephanie Lesko, Katie Harper, Amber Stroup, and Coach Paula Ramer.



Junior High Wrestling

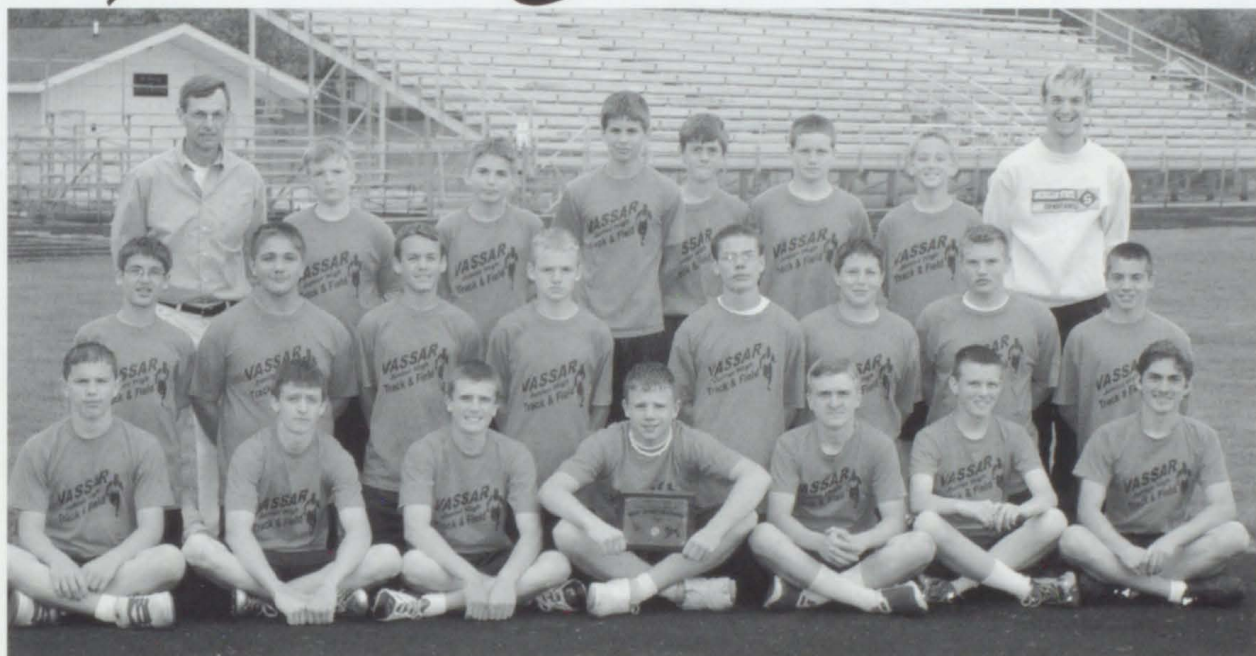


Wrestling team members re: (front l.) Ian Palmer, Michael Endert, Brandon Drews, Travis Davis, and Richard Newbold; (middle l.) Sara Tausch, Adam Lesko, Keith Knickerbocker, Markus Huizar, Brian Cartner, and Scott Glenn; (back l.) Coach Gary King and Coach Jerry Endert.



Girls' Track Team members are: (front l.) Lauren Kasper, Amanda Shavrnoch, Alexandra Franz, Ambele Kyritz, Jessica Main, Jessica Stanulis, Janet Sebert, and Alicia Schaffer; (middle l.) Kate Bilbee, Kristle Miller, Katelynn Harper, Katie Petterson, Kelly Fall, Chelsea Goodman, Jennifer Bickel, Kayla Colosky, Ashley Allen, and Kara Stevens; (back l.) Andrea Sebert, Brittany Fournier, Sasha Davis, Molly Bender, Gabrielle Piazza, Stephanie Lesko, Amber Stroup, Coach Sally Hoard, Karissa Tausch, Kristen Miller, Coach Kim Franz, Amber Mugan, Sarah Waterman, and Katie Tausch.

Jr. High Track



Boys' Track Team members are: (front l.) Kyle Lemcke, Allen Roggentine, Evan Kobman, Brian Cartner, James Dalrymple, Dylan Fackler, and Andrew Adkins; (middle l.) Kevin Bacon, Markus Huizar, Preston Goforth, Ryan Geesey, Winston Adkins, Alex Kubitz, Caleb Rittenberg, and Alex Slosser; (back l.) Coach Laceski, Ian Palmer, Travis Davis, Justin Woolwine, Joel Breeding, Zach Palmer, Brett Stacer, and Assistant Coach Jason Spencer.

Junior High Girls Basketball



Eighth Grade Girls' Basketball team members are: Laura Rae, Sara Tausch, Amber Stroup, Karissa Tausch, Ashley Allen, Jennifer Bickle, Anna Bauman, and Ashleigh Miller; (back l.) Coach Lasceski., Alicia Shaffer, Chelsea Goodman, Lindsay Baase, Alexander Franz, Amberle Kyrityz, Jessica Stanulis, Tonia Carlisle, Katie Tausch, Brandy Putman, and Assistant Coach Kim Franz



Seventh Grade Girls' Basketball team members are: (front l.) Kali Phillips, Kara Stevens, Nicole Loveland, Tara Arnold, Kara Hatfield, and Sara Carlisle; (middle l.) Shaunee Withers, Holly Allbee, Kayla Colosky, Tylir Carter, Darsye Foether, and Amanda Cook; (back l.) Jillian Parker, Amanda Shavmoch, Kimberlee Kennard, Audrey Symon, and Coach Sandy Kennard.

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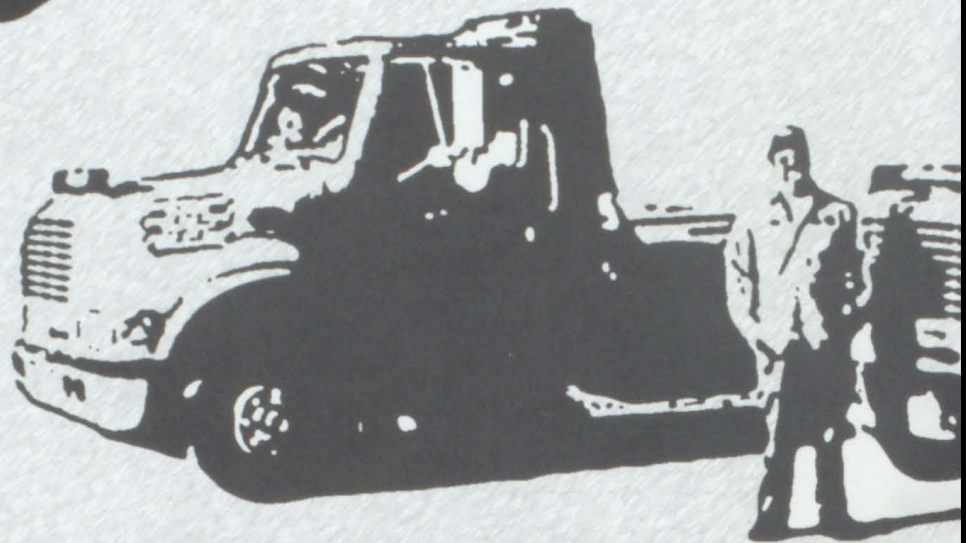
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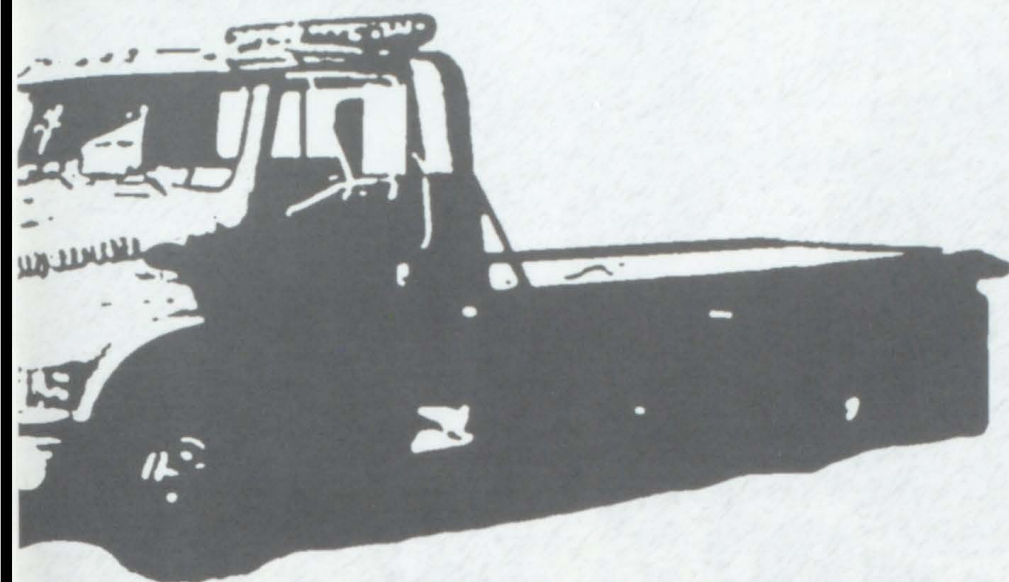
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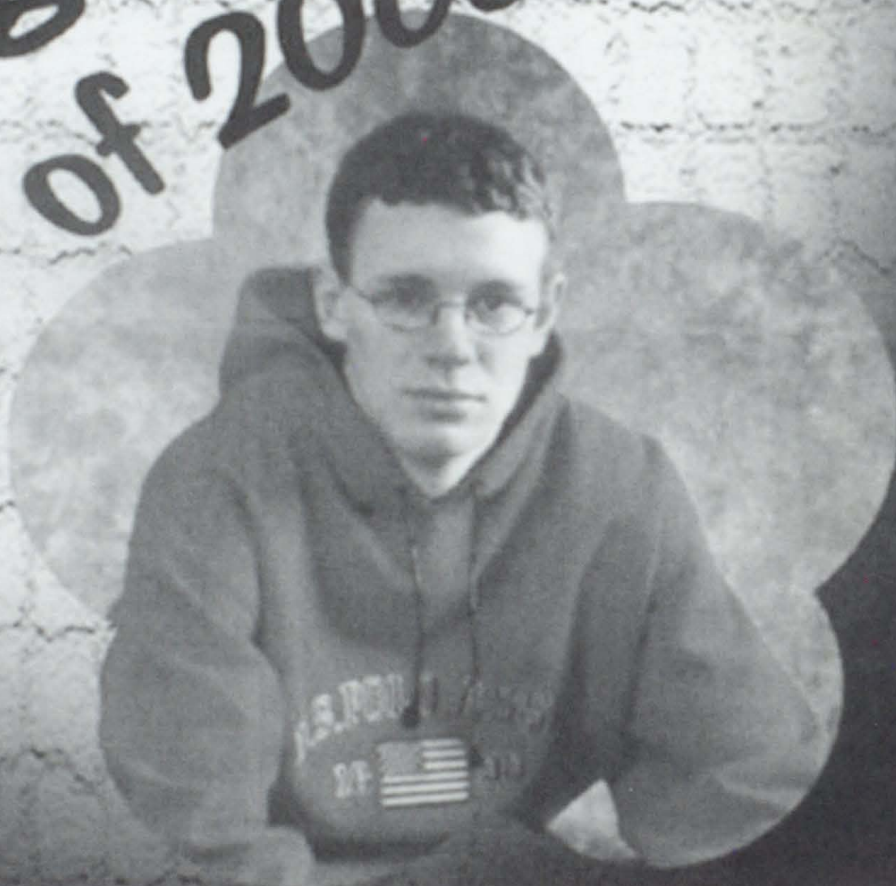
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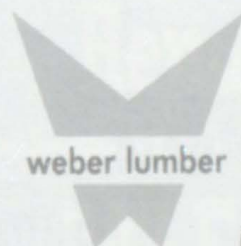
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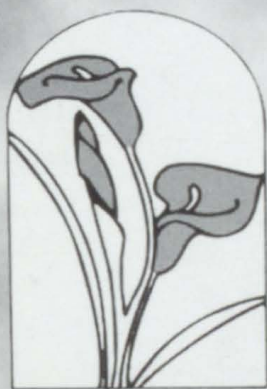
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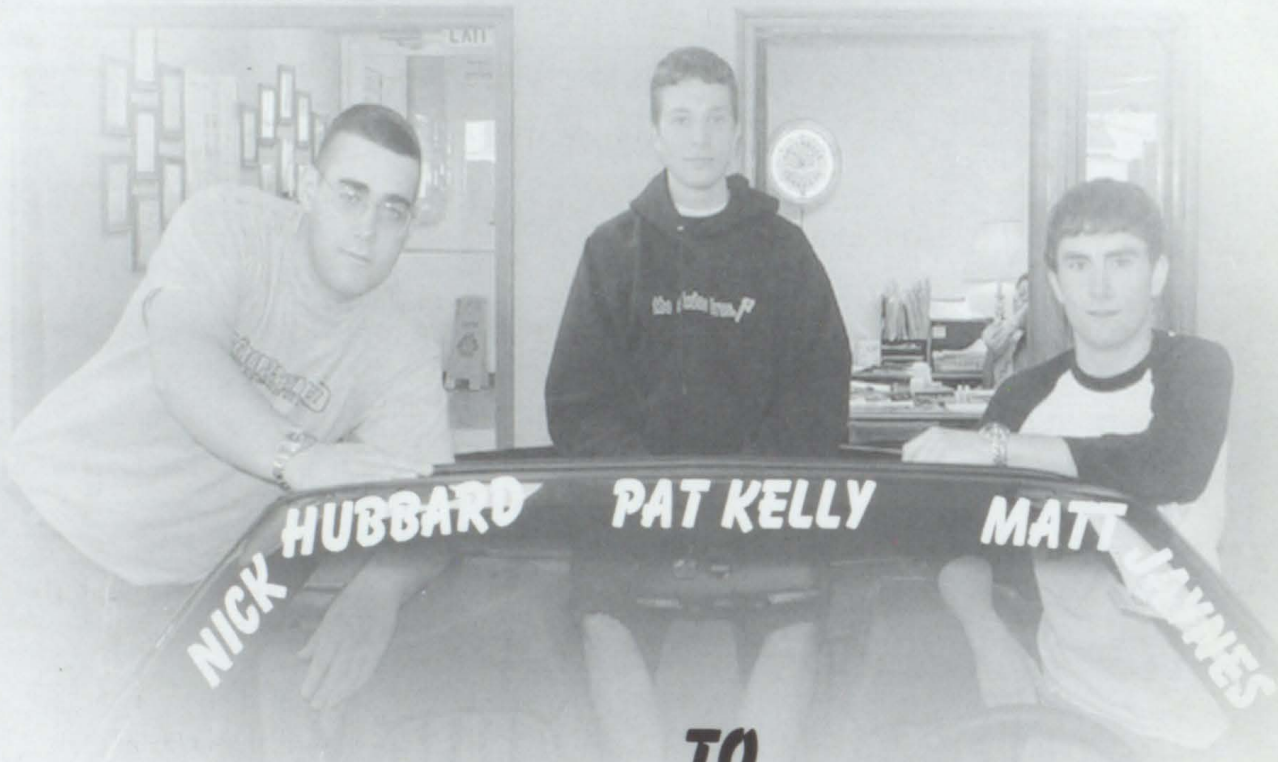
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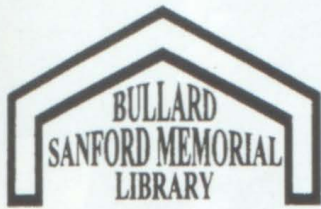


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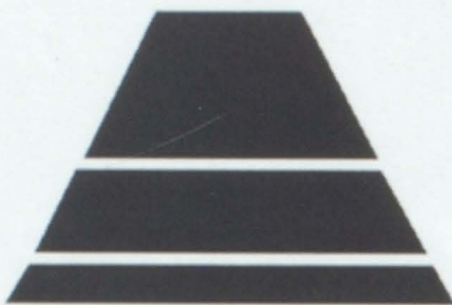
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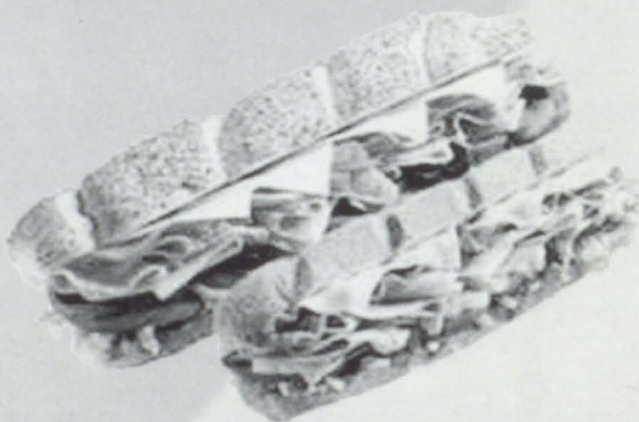
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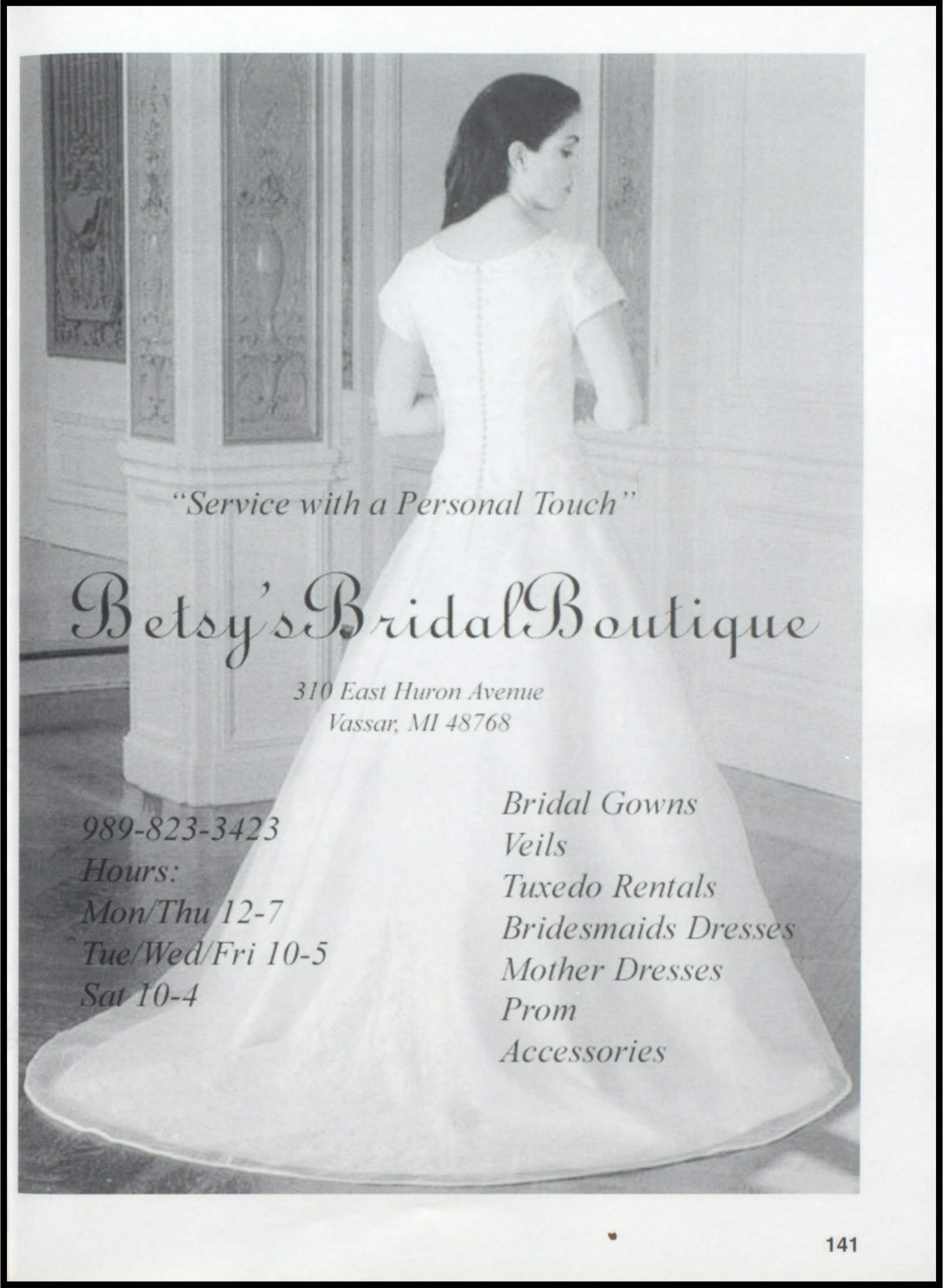
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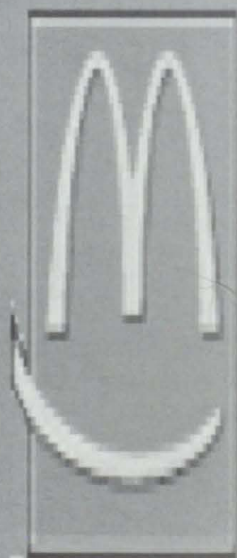
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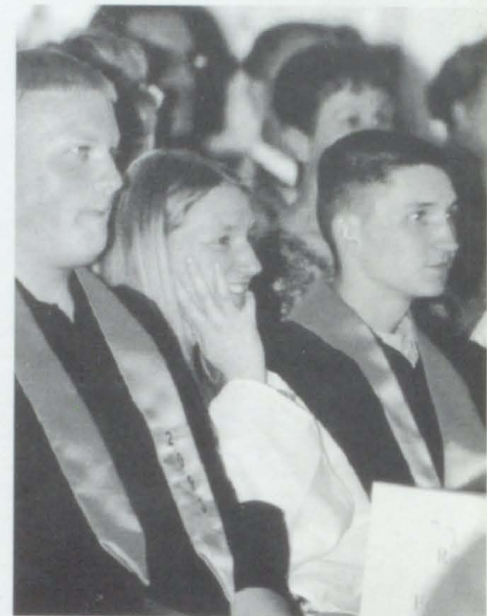
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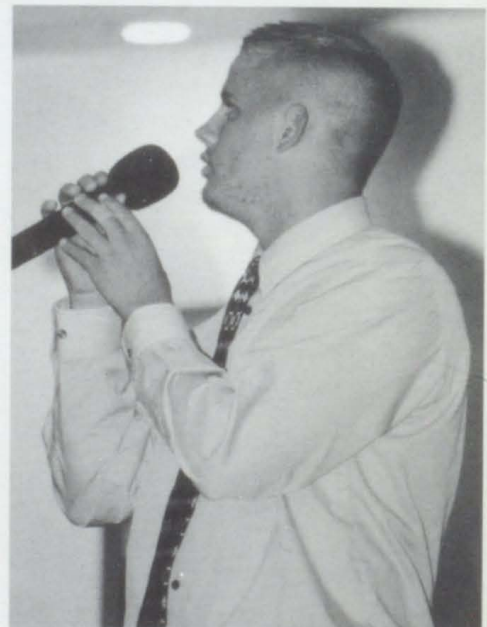
VHS senior choir members sang "The River" by Garth Brooks as their part of the program.

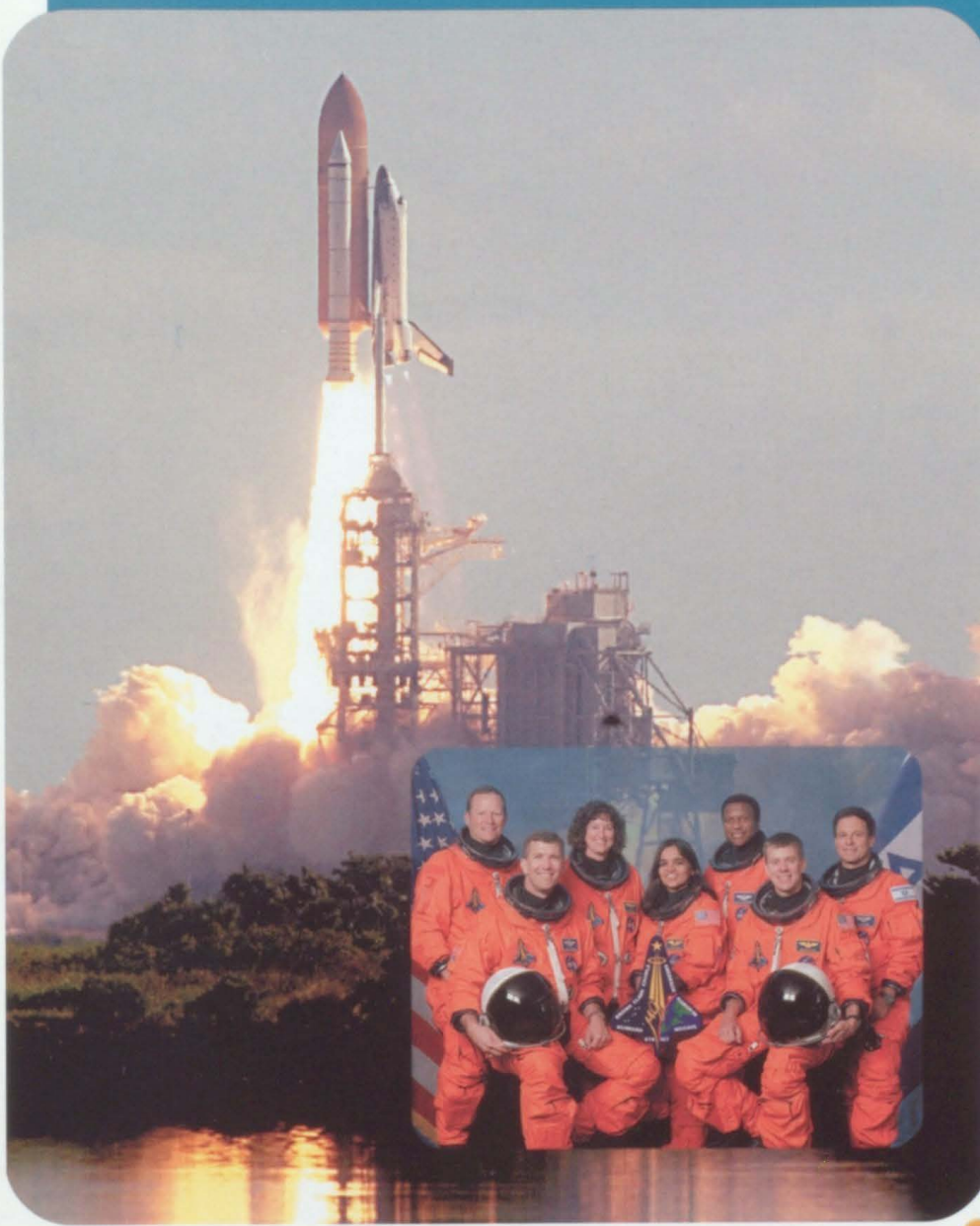


Eric Andreychuk smiles as he introduces the faculty members who were present at the service.



(photo above) Mrs. Pat Middlin, VHS choir director, was the faculty speaker at the event; (photo upper right) Chris Opperman, Pia Kupetz, and Ron Nichol watch the skit performed by Matt Jaynes, Karah Heinlein, James Chelekis and Nathan Buchinger; (r.) Josh Koch, a soloist, was one of the several performers at the baccalaureate.



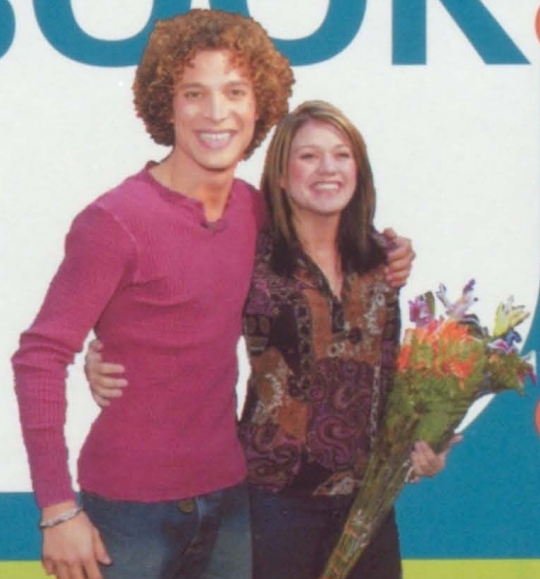


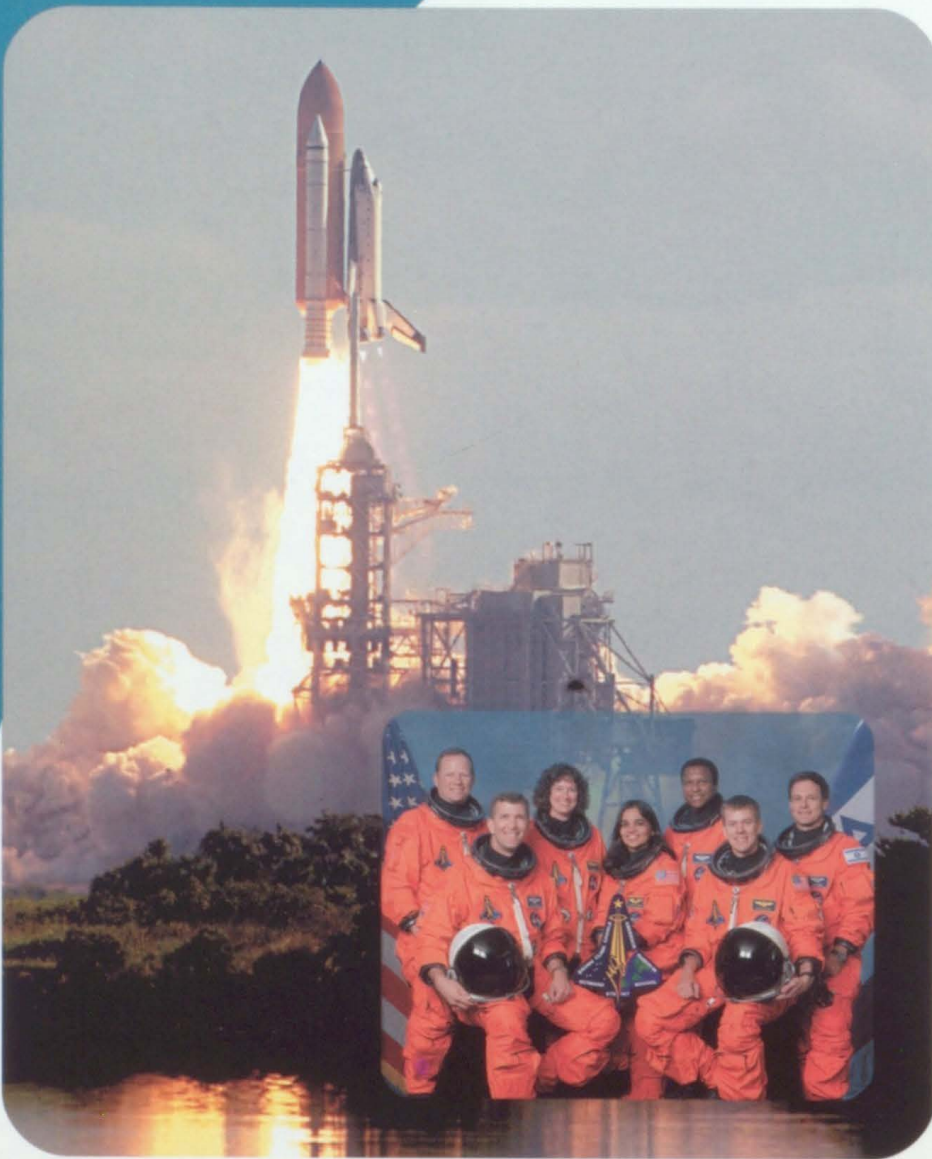
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Upon re-entry into Earth's atmosphere, NASA's space shuttle Columbia loses contact with Mission Control in Houston and breaks apart in the skies over Texas. A crew of seven astronauts, including the first Israeli in space, perished.

WORLD EVENTS



Rep. Nancy Pelosi becomes the first woman party leader in the House or Senate.



FBI agent Robert Hanssen receives life without parole for selling secrets to Russia.



Minnesota's Democratic Sen. Paul Wellstone is killed in a plane crash.



Bahamian oil tanker "Prestige," carrying 20 million gallons of oil, sinks off the coast of Spain. Nearly 2.6 million gallons of oil polluted the coast.



Because of improper accounting and a debt load of \$41 billion, WorldCom files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, the largest in U.S. history.



Police Chief Charles Moose arrests two snipers that terrorized the Washington, D.C. area.



An earthquake measuring 7.8 magnitude rocks Colima, Mexico. Iran and Italy experienced major quakes measuring 6.3 and 5.9.



A \$4 billion annual loss causes US Airways to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.



Hewlett-Packard and Compaq merge to create an \$87 billion global technology company.



AOL Time Warner's \$54.2 billion quarterly loss is the largest in U.S. history.



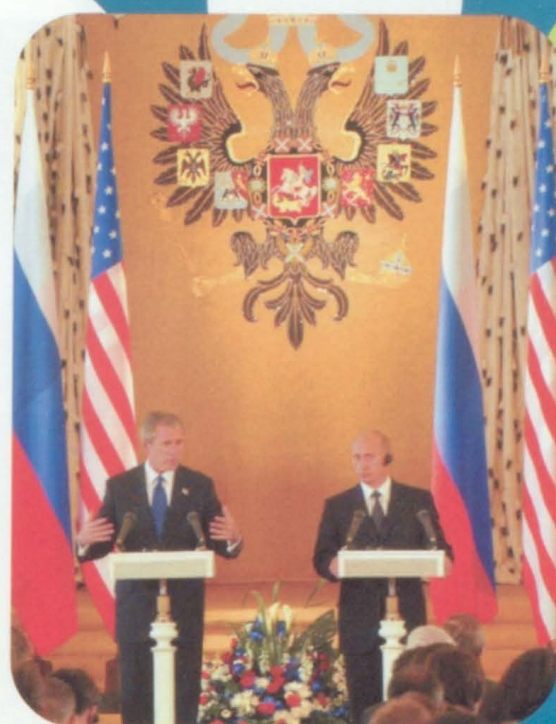
Rilya Wilson is missing for 13 months before Florida's child welfare realizes it.



Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter is awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize.



Luke John Helder is arrested for planting 18 pipe bombs in mailboxes.



U.S. President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin sign an historic arms treaty calling for a two-thirds reduction of nuclear warheads.



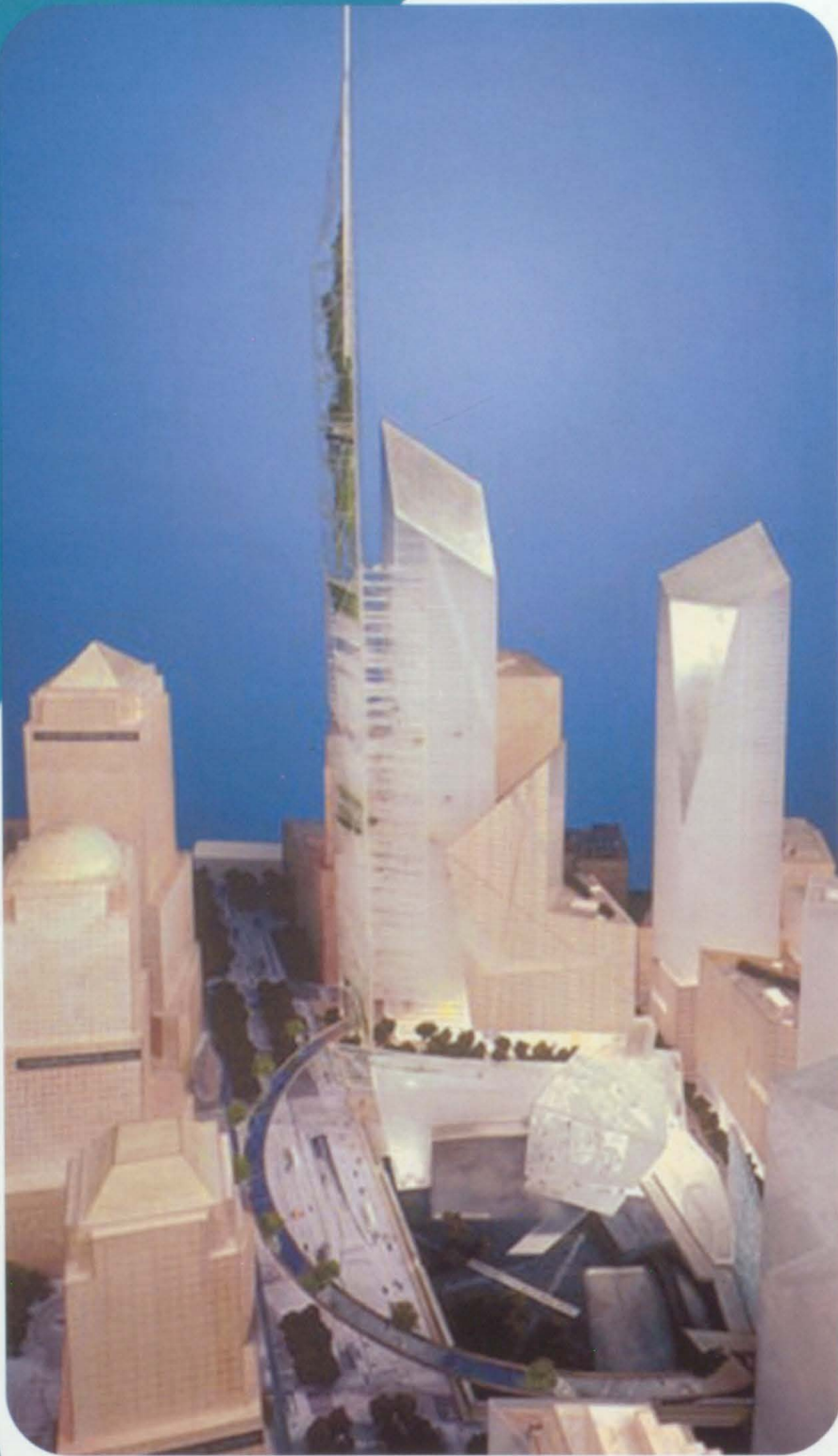
Nine miners are rescued from a flooded Pennsylvania coal mine after being trapped for more than three days. The entrapment occurred after the miners accidentally broke through to an adjacent, abandoned mine containing more than 50 million gallons of water.



Torrential rainfalls cause major flooding in Prague, Beijing and Lucknow, India.



UCLA doctors separate Guatemalan conjoined twins in a landmark surgery that lasts more than 24 hours. The twins returned home after a five-month recovery.



The new architectural design for the World Trade Center site features a memorial to the Sept. 11 victims and a 1,776 foot tower, making it the world's tallest building.



Chechen rebels hold 800 people hostage in a Moscow theater. More than 100 died after inhaling gas used to end the siege.



Longtime Forest Service employee Terry Barton is charged with setting the largest fire in Colorado's history.



Athina Onassis Roussel inherits \$1 billion on her 18th birthday.



Actor Robert Blake is arrested for the murder of his wife.



Elizabeth Smart is nabbed at gunpoint from her Salt Lake City home.



Bill Gates testifies for the first time in Microsoft's four-year antitrust trial.



The remains of intern Chandra Levy are found in a Washington, D.C. park.



McDonald's posts the first-ever quarterly loss in its 47-year history.



Germany's unemployment rate rises to a five-year high of 4.623 million.



England celebrates Queen Elizabeth's 50 year reign with an unprecedented Golden Jubilee. The month-long festivities included parades, parties, concerts, exhibits and more.



A four-winged Microraptor fossil is found in China.



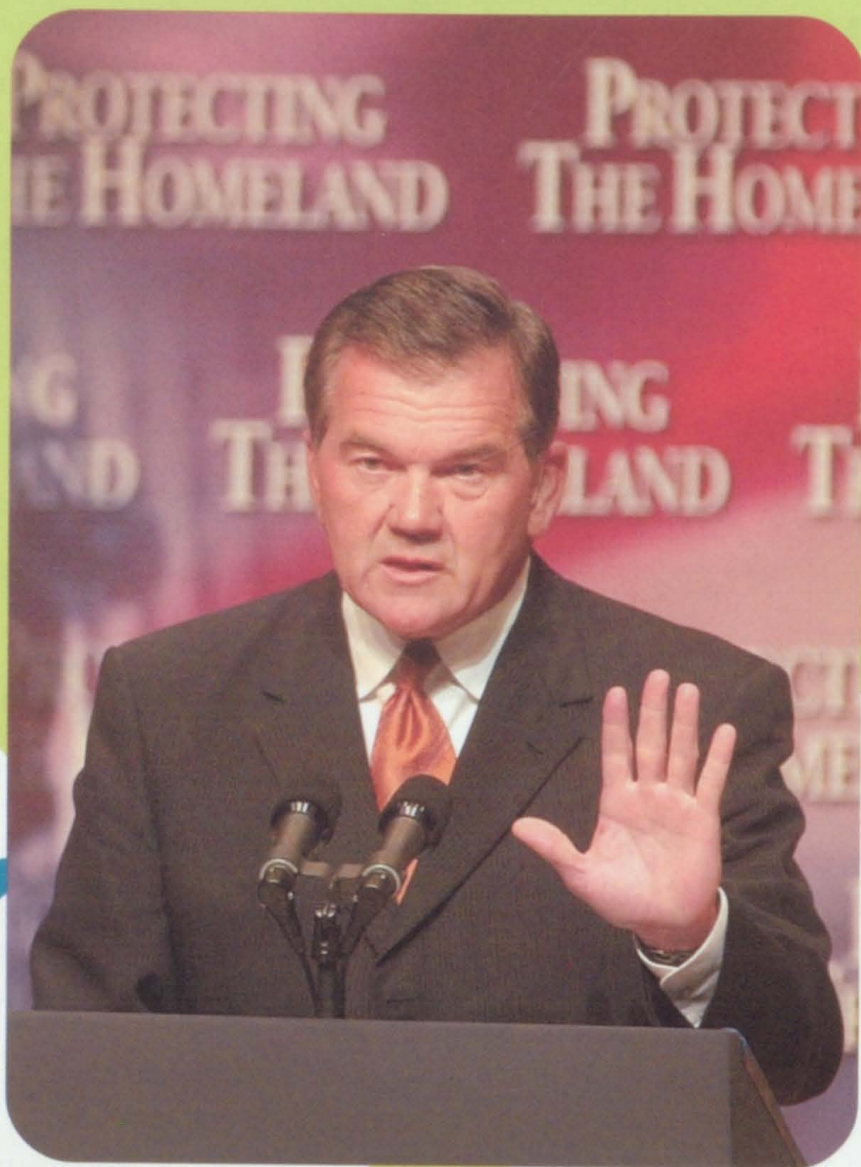
More than 120 people perish in a South Korean subway fire.



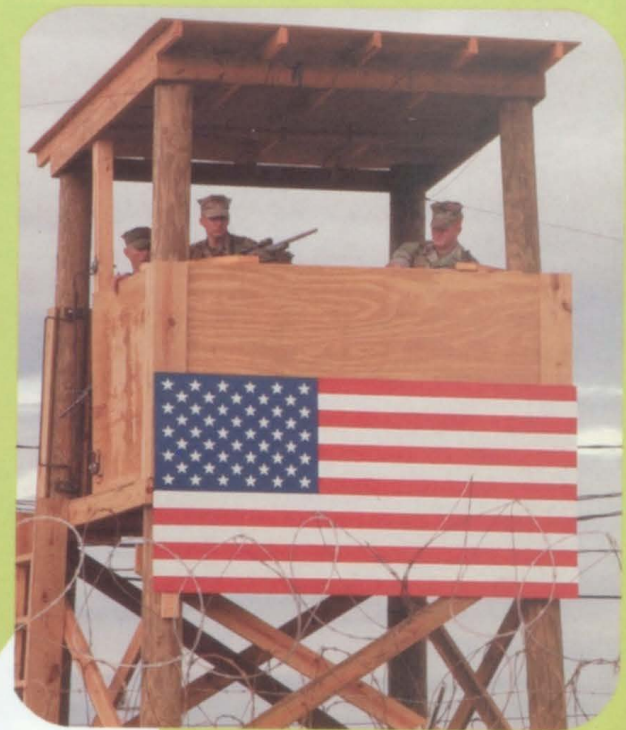
The credibility of the Catholic Church is severely threatened by allegations that church officials covered up molestations by current and former priests.

OTHER NEWS

- FBI Lawyer Coleen Rowley disclosed to Congress that the FBI disregarded information that could have prevented the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.
- A Chicago nightclub stampede left 21 people dead.
- A piece of the World Trade Center was buried at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, in honor of the Sept. 11 anniversary.
- Fifty-six beached pilot whales died at Chapin Beach, MA.
- Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel was convicted of the 1975 murder of Martha Moxley.
- A band's pyrotechnics ignited a Rhode Island nightclub fire that killed more than 90 people.
- R.J. Reynolds was fined \$20 million for targeting cigarette ads at teens.
- U.S. wildfires burned more than 1.5 million acres in 2002.
- Former Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry was convicted of the 1963 Alabama church bombing that killed four girls.
- Florida's Pembroke Pines Charter Middle School was the only middle school in the world to have an experiment aboard Shuttle Columbia.



President Bush names Tom Ridge the Department of Homeland Security Adviser. The new department is intended to analyze threats and guard U.S. borders, airports, and infrastructure. It will also coordinate responses to national emergencies.



Hundreds of suspected and known terrorists are arrested worldwide. The Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Station in Cuba held more than 500 al-Qaeda and Taliban prisoners.

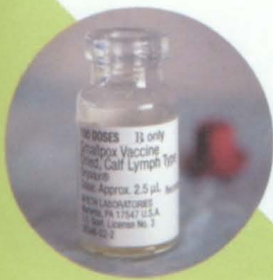


The Transportation Security Administration coordinates airport security measures including checked baggage screening, strict security checkpoints and random searches.

THE WAR ON TERRORISM

Over the course of the year, the world's attention focused on a chain of tumultuous terrorist events. In Afghanistan, the Taliban regime fell from power as U.S. troops crippled the al-Qaeda network and cleared caves in search of Osama bin Laden. World-wide, civilians and military personnel fell victim to terrorist bombs and acts of hatred. On the home front, "bioterrorism" became a common term after it was revealed that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was producing biological weapons. Hussein's defiance of United Nations imposed sanctions prompted the United States to

seek world support of military action against Iraq. Members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization wrestled over conflicting opinions on the issue, while North Korean leader Kim Jong Il threatened to deploy nuclear weapons if Iraq was attacked. As tensions rose among political leaders, the world watched and waited to see what the next chapter in "The War on Terrorism" would bring.



One million emergency and military personnel receive Smallpox vaccinations.



World-wide, terrorist linked bank accounts are frozen indefinitely.



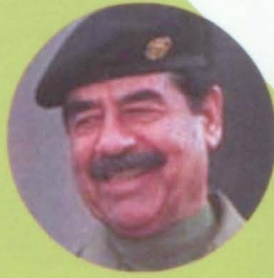
In Afghanistan, troops overtake the Taliban regime and dismantle the al-Qaeda network. More than 156,000 U.S. troops are deployed to Kuwait in case of a war with Iraq.



World economies cringe as oil prices rise because of threats of war.



Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden evades U.S. troops in Afghanistan.



Iraq's Saddam Hussein is uncooperative with U.N. weapons inspectors.



In response to a barrage of suicide bombings, Israeli troops invade Palestinian Yasser Arafat's Ramallah compound. Arafat is thought to have supported terrorist groups.



North Korea's Kim Jong Il threatens deployment of Korea's nuclear weapons.



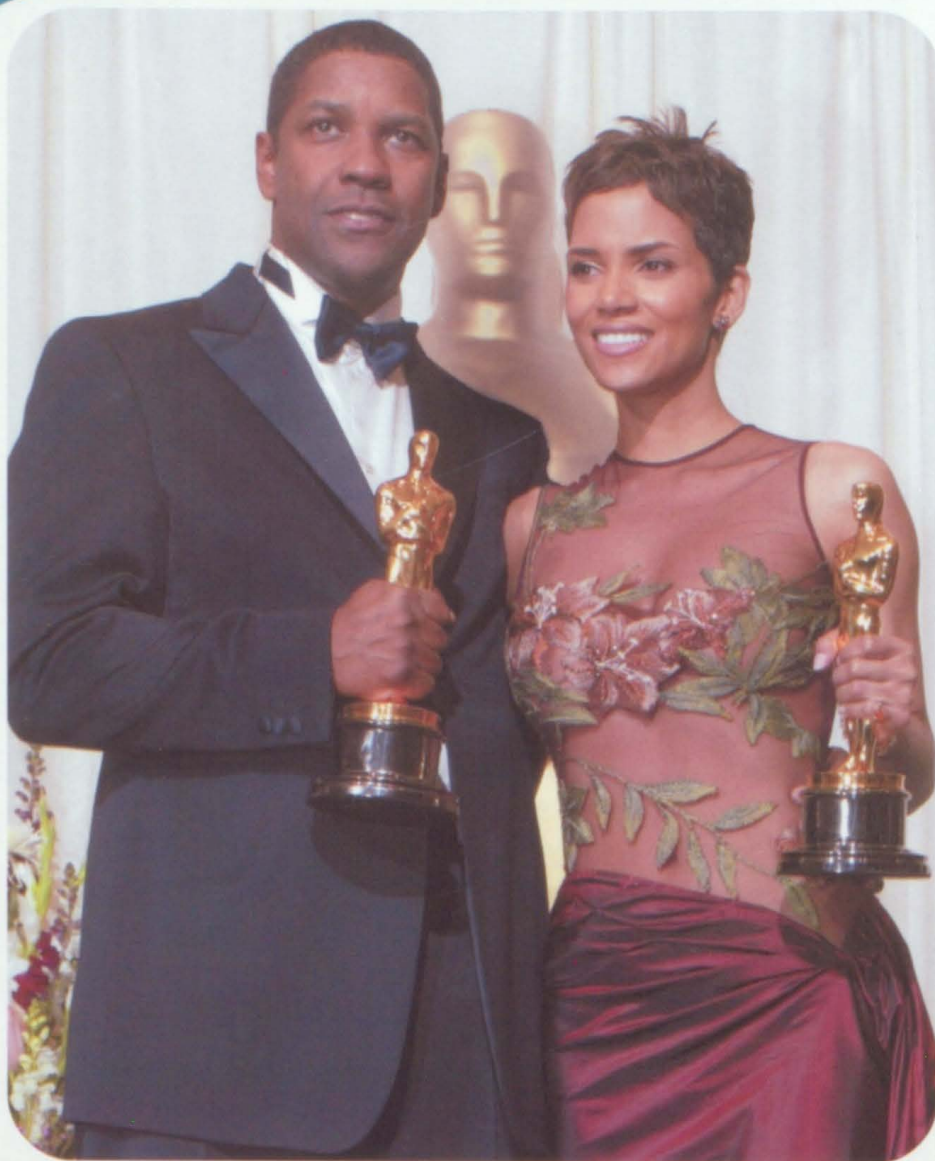
Anti-war marches across America and around the world are attended by thousands hoping for peace.



U.S. President George W. Bush urges the United Nations to impose military action on Iraq in response to Saddam Hussein's defiance of U.N. imposed disarmament resolutions.

OTHER EVENTS

- Top al-Qaeda operative Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi was killed during a U.S. missile strike in Yemen.
- Richard Reid pled guilty to charges that accused him of trying to smuggle explosives concealed in his shoes aboard an airplane.
- "Dirty Bomber" Abdullah al Muhajir was detained after evidence indicated he was plotting to detonate a radiological weapon.
- Malaysia, Kenya and the Philippines were hit by terrorist bombs.



Denzel Washington and Halle Berry win Oscars for Best Actor and Best Actress in 2002. Washington made his directorial debut with "Antwon Fisher" while Berry followed up as a "Die Another Day" Bond Girl.

TV & MOVIES



"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" earns more than \$240 million.



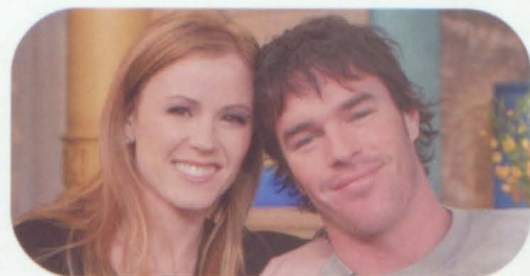
Leonardo DiCaprio shines in "Gangs of New York" and "Catch Me if You Can."



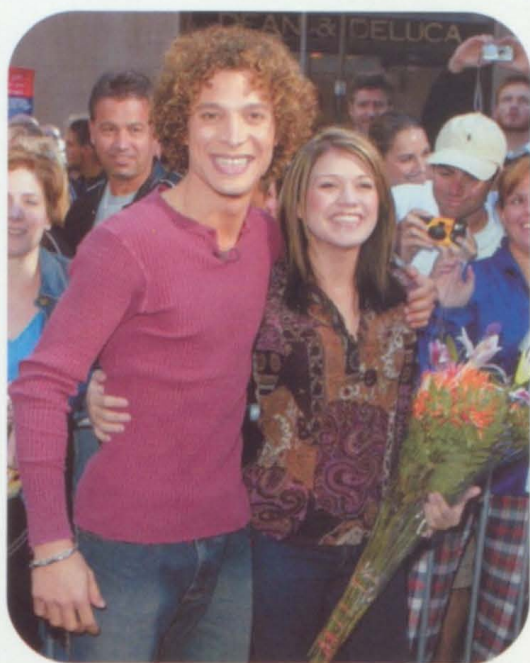
Actor Tom Hanks receives the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Golden Globe Awards.



"Friends" wins its first Emmy for Best Comedy Series. Star Jennifer Aniston collects Golden Globe, Emmy and People's Choice awards for her role as Rachel.



Reality shows such as "The Bachelorette," "The Bachelor," "Joe Millionaire," "Survivor" and "Fear Factor" sweep the nation.



Kelly Clarkson beats out Justin Guarini to win her own record deal and become the first "American Idol."



George Lucas's "Star Wars: Episode Two - Attack of the Clones" earns \$310 million, making it 2002's No. 2 box office hit.



Creator of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," Fred Rogers, dies at 74.



TV's "The Simpsons" airs its 300th episode during its fourteenth season.



Hollywood's hottest couple, Jennifer Lopez and "Daredevil" star Ben Affleck announce their engagement.



"The Bernie Mac Show" is one of Fox's new critically acclaimed comedies.



"The Osbournes" are America's favorite heavy metal family.



"Spider-man" celebrates his 40th birthday in 2002. Actor Tobey McGuire personified "Spidey" in the year's No. 1 box office hit that earned a record \$39.4 million on opening day.



Academy Award nominated "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" becomes the largest grossing romantic comedy of all time.



"Alias" star Jennifer Garner appears on the big screen in "Daredevil" and "Catch Me if You Can."

OTHER NEWS in TV & MOVIES

- History was made in 2002 when box office totals exceeded \$9 billion and more tickets were sold than in any year since the 1950s.
- Oprah Winfrey received the first-ever Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.
- Musical hit "Chicago" was nominated for 13 Academy Awards.
- Other hot TV shows: "Everybody Loves Raymond," "The George Lopez Show," "CSI" & "CSI: Miami," "My Wife and Kids," "Everwood," "Smallville," "Scrubs," "The Practice," "Six Feet Under," "24," "The Sopranos" and "Boston Public."
- Other hot movies: "Signs," "Lord of the Rings: the Fellowship of the Ring," "Unfaithful," "8 Mile," "Barbershop," "Sweet Home Alabama," "The Hours" and "XXX."
- Entertainers Milton Berle, James Coburn, Richard Harris, Dudley Moore and Richard Crenna died this year.



The Dixie Chicks win Favorite Album and Favorite Band, Group or Duo, Country, at the American Music Awards. They also won three Grammys including Best Country Album for "Home."



No Doubt wins the MTV Best Pop Video Award for "Hey Baby" and a Grammy for Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal. They also performed at the Superbowl XXXVII halftime show.

MUSIC



Michelle Branch records "The Spirit Room" featuring "Everywhere." She also won a Grammy for "The Game of Love" with Carlos Santana.



"Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)" by Alan Jackson pays tribute to September 11, 2001.



Run DMC's "Jam Master Jay" dies after being gunned down in October.



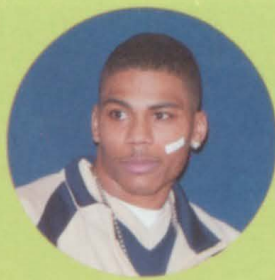
Creed wins Favorite Band, Pop/Rock and Favorite Artist, Alternative at the American Music Awards. Their album "Weathered" went platinum six times and featured "My Sacrifice."



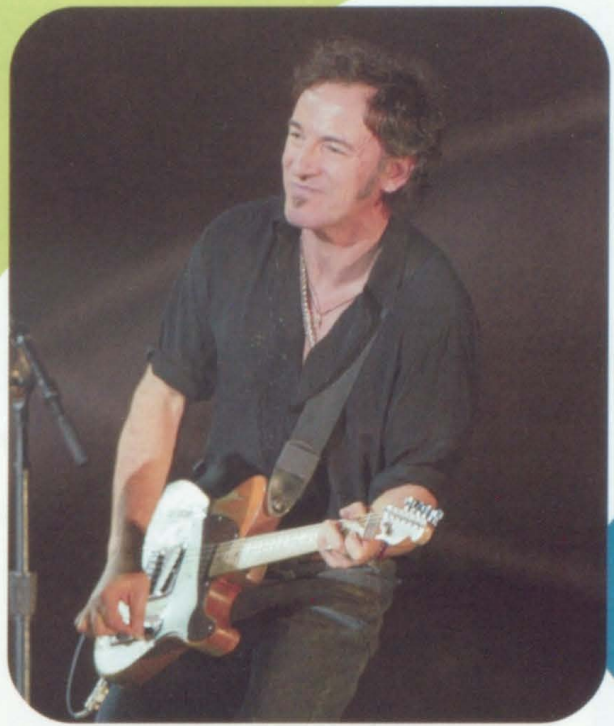
Trey Anastasio reunites with Phish after an extended hiatus.



Favorite New Artist is awarded to Ashanti at the American Music Awards.



Nelly releases "Nellyville" featuring songs "Dilemma" and "Hot In Herre."



Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band tour the United States and Europe following the release of their album "The Rising" which wins Best Rock Album at the Grammys.



Avril Lavigne debuts "Let Go" featuring "Sk8er Boi" and "Complicated."



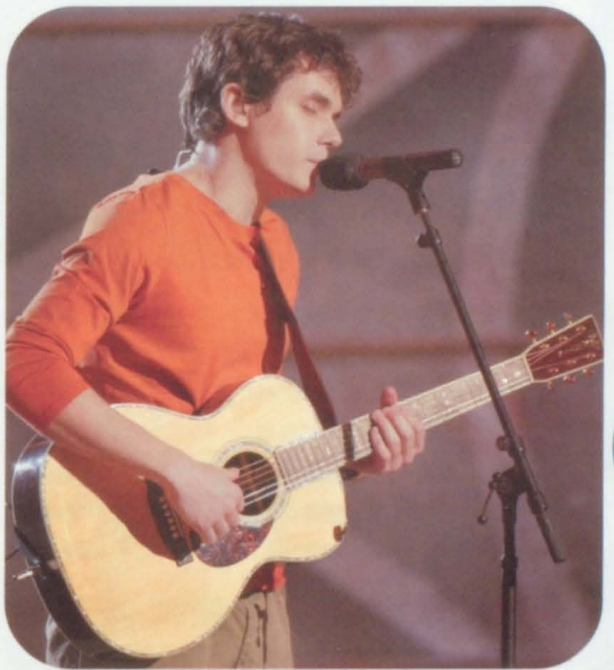
Eminem stars in "8 Mile" and releases a new album "The Eminem Show."



Lisa "Left Eye" Lopez, member of R&B trio TLC, dies in a car accident.



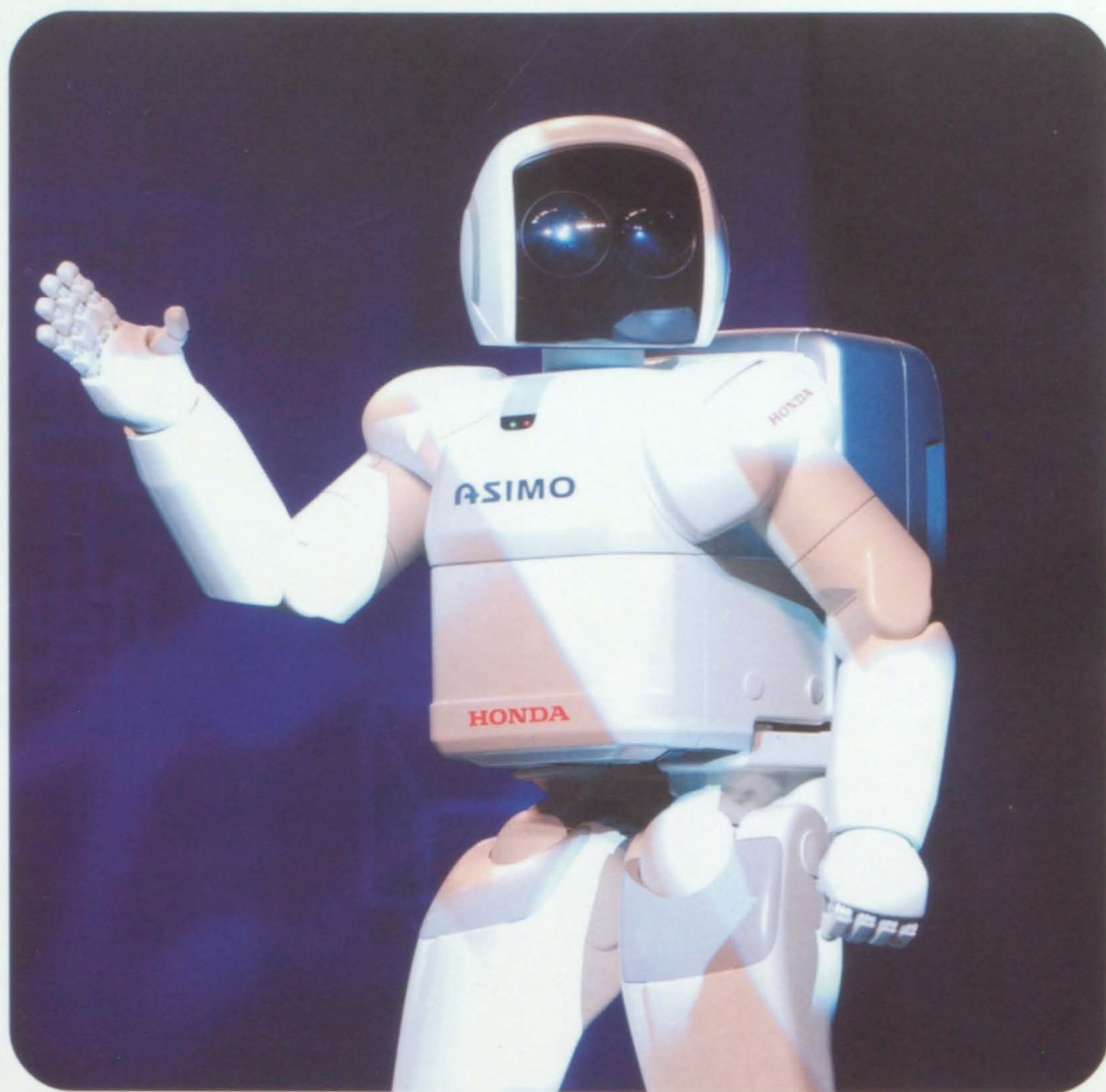
Norah Jones is Best New Artist and wins two Grammys for her album "Come Away With Me." She also took home two Grammys for the song "Don't Know Why."



John Mayer wins the Best Male Pop Vocal Performance Grammy for "Your Body Is A Wonderland."

OTHER NEWS in MUSIC

- Sheryl Crow released her new record "C'mon C'mon" and won a Grammy for "Steve McQueen." She also teamed up with Kid Rock for the single "Picture."
- "Spider-man" won Favorite Soundtrack at the American Music Awards.
- Britney Spears won Best Pop Vocal Album at the American Music Awards for her self-titled album.
- Justin Timberlake launched his solo career with the album "Justified."
- Rosemary Clooney died at 74 of cancer.
- Other names in music this year include Tim McGraw, Usher, Pink, Vanessa Carlton, Eve, Shania Twain and J.Lo.



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Digital camcorders, DVDs and digital media receivers are hot buys.



The technology industry introduces the handheld computer.



Cell phones connect to the internet, send e-mails and take pictures.

TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY



Yoga is a popular exercise for the mind, body and soul.



Honda and Toyota introduce hybrid cars. Gas engines and electric motors powered these environmentally advanced and fuel-efficient vehicles.



Pepsi Twist, Vanilla Coke, Jakada Coffee Latte and Red Bull are trendy drinks.



European-style sneakers and shoes are a popular look this year.



Nokia introduces "N-Gage," a video game console combined with a mobile phone. N-Gage played MP3 files, had multiplayer capabilities and could send e-mail and text messages.



Credit cards take on a new look with the Discover 260 Card.



GPS (Global Positioning System) is a satellite-aided tracking system.



Actors from the film "L.A. D.J." model fashion fads. Low-rise jeans, tank tops, wide belts, cargo pants, rugby shirts, 70's style clothing and terry cloth sweat suits were also popular.



Kelly Rowland is stylin' with extreme color highlights in her hair.



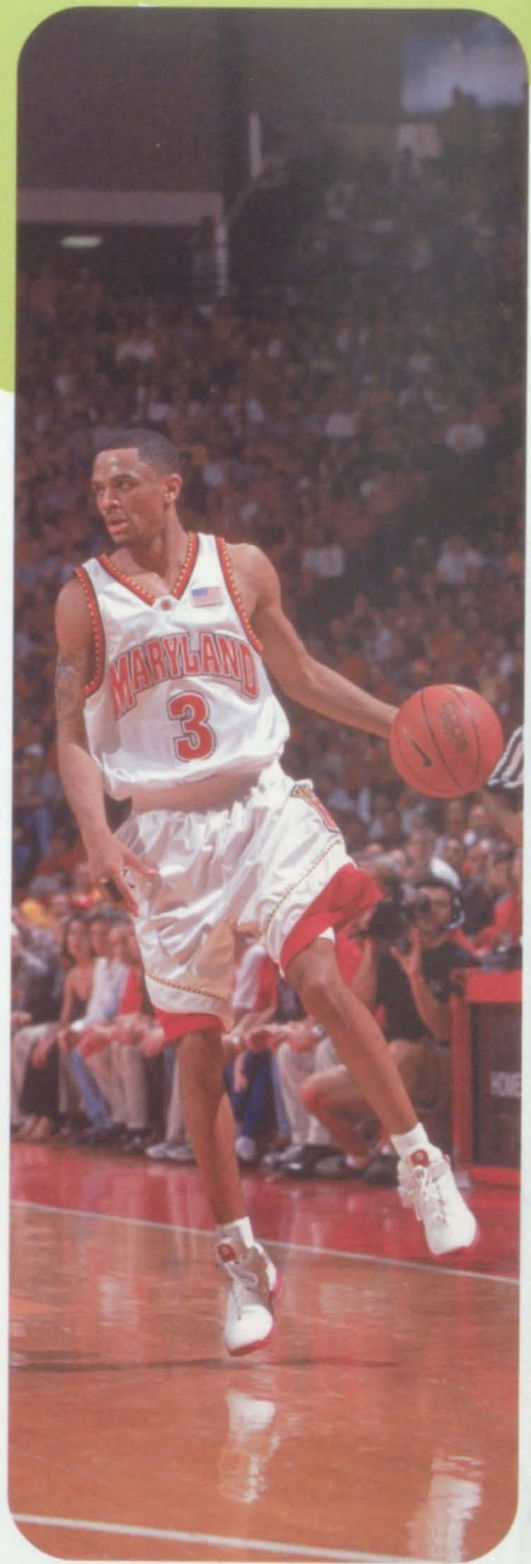
Advancements in laser technology give surgeons the ability to reshape the eye to reduce or eliminate the need for contact lenses and glasses.

OTHER NEWS in TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

- TiVo, a digital video recorder, allowed viewers to record their favorite shows without tapes or timers. It also had the ability to pause, rewind or replay live TV.
- The price of a 42-inch plasma television dropped to \$6,000. The gas-based displays were as thin as four inches.
- Nintendo released the limited edition Platinum Game Boy Advance priced at \$79.95. They also unveiled a new video game console, GameCube, which sold for \$199.95.
- Scientists turned to desktop printers in an effort to produce three-dimensional tubes of living tissue. Many laboratories were printing arrays of DNA, proteins and cells.
- Segway introduced the first "Human Transporter." The upright, personal transportation device was designed to operate in any pedestrian environment and retailed at \$4,950.
- The Packbot was recruited by the U.S. Army to help fight the war against terrorism. The robot transmitted images from inside caves, letting troops know if it was safe to proceed.



The Anaheim Angels celebrate their first World Series championship. They beat the San Francisco Giants in a seven-game series.



The University of Maryland claims the 2002 NCAA College Basketball Championship.

SPORTS



Andre Agassi wins his fourth Australian Open.



Michael Waltrip takes the flag at a rain-shortened Daytona 500. This was his second Daytona victory.



Brazil defeats Germany 2-0 in the first FIFA World Cup to be held in Asia.



Serena Williams becomes the fifth woman in history to hold all four Grand Slam tennis titles at once.



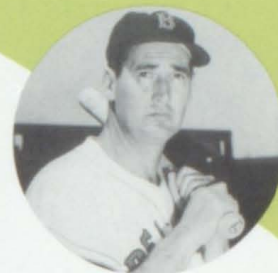
The PGA's money leaders for 2002 are Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh.



The University of Connecticut wins its 39th consecutive game and the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship by defeating Duke.



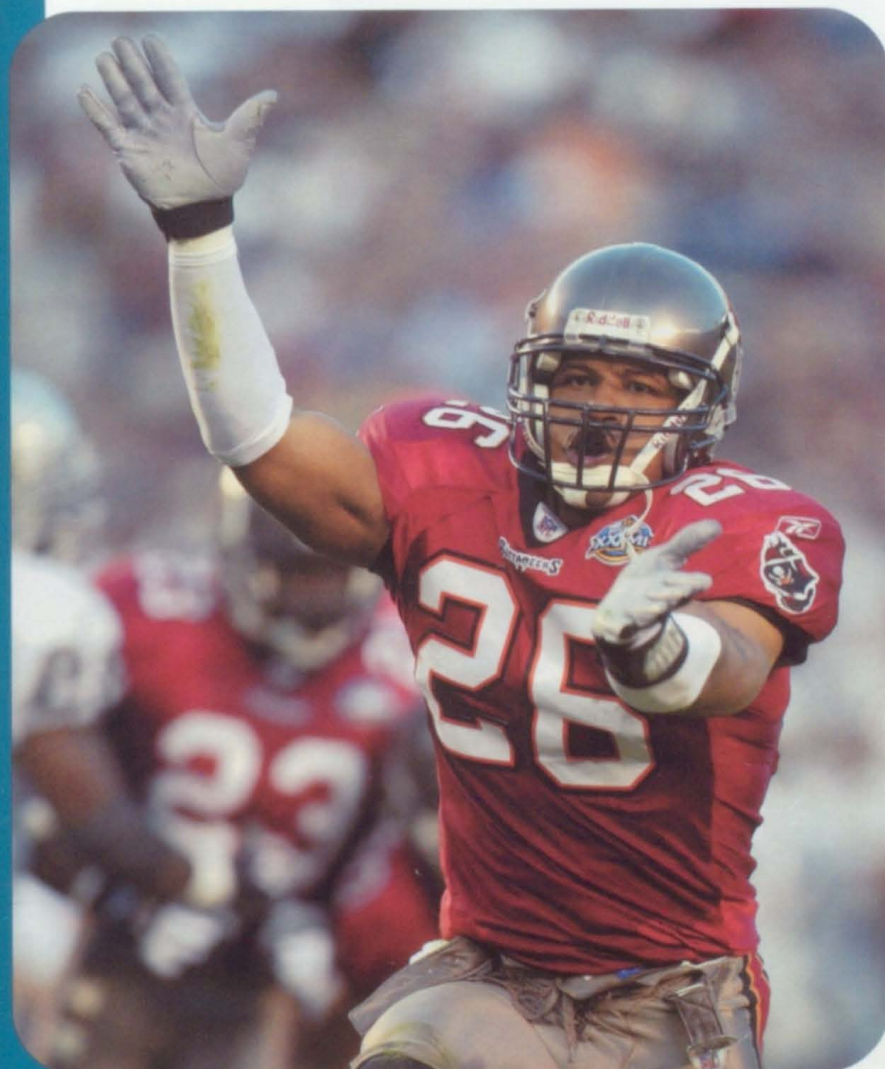
Lance Armstrong is the first American to win four consecutive Tour de France titles.



Boston Red Sox baseball legend Ted Williams dies at 83.



Baltimore Colts football great Johnny Unitas dies at 69.



The Tampa Bay Buccaneers claim their first Super Bowl Championship with a 48-21 victory over the Oakland Raiders.



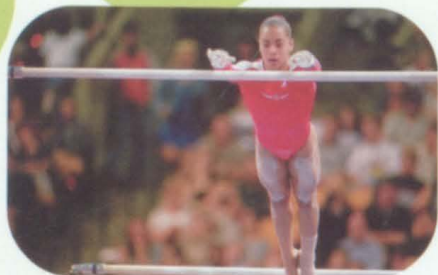
Ohio State stunned Miami in double overtime to win college football's national championship.



The Detroit Red Wings capture the Stanley Cup by defeating the Carolina Hurricanes.



War Emblem races to victory at the Kentucky Derby.



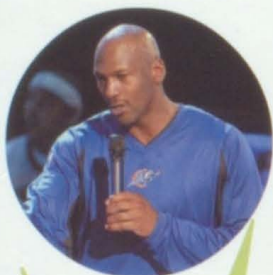
Tasha Schwikert wins the 2002 International Women's All-Around Gymnastics Championship.



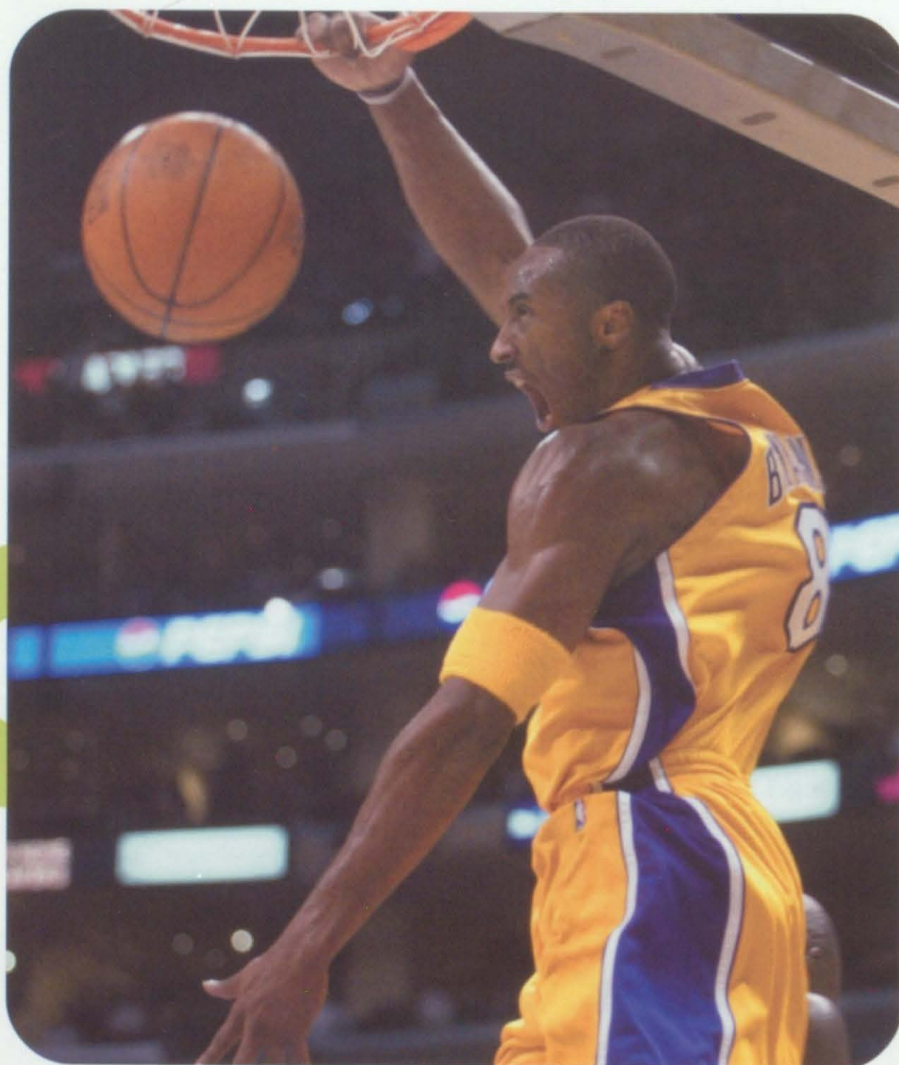
Winter X Gamers Shaun White and Gretchen Bleiler claim the gold in the Men's and Women's Superpipe.



Gary Kasparov beats a super computer after a four-hour chess match.



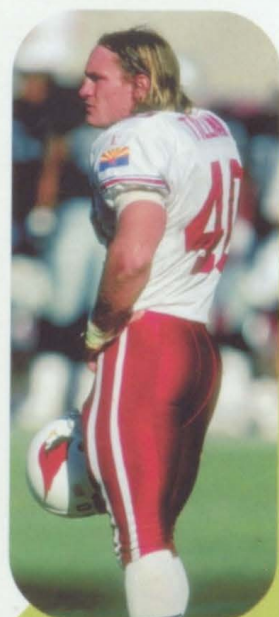
Michael Jordan announces his retirement at the NBA All Star game.



Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and the L.A. Lakers defeat the New Jersey Nets in a 4-0 sweep of the 2002 NBA Championship series. The win was the Lakers' third consecutive title.



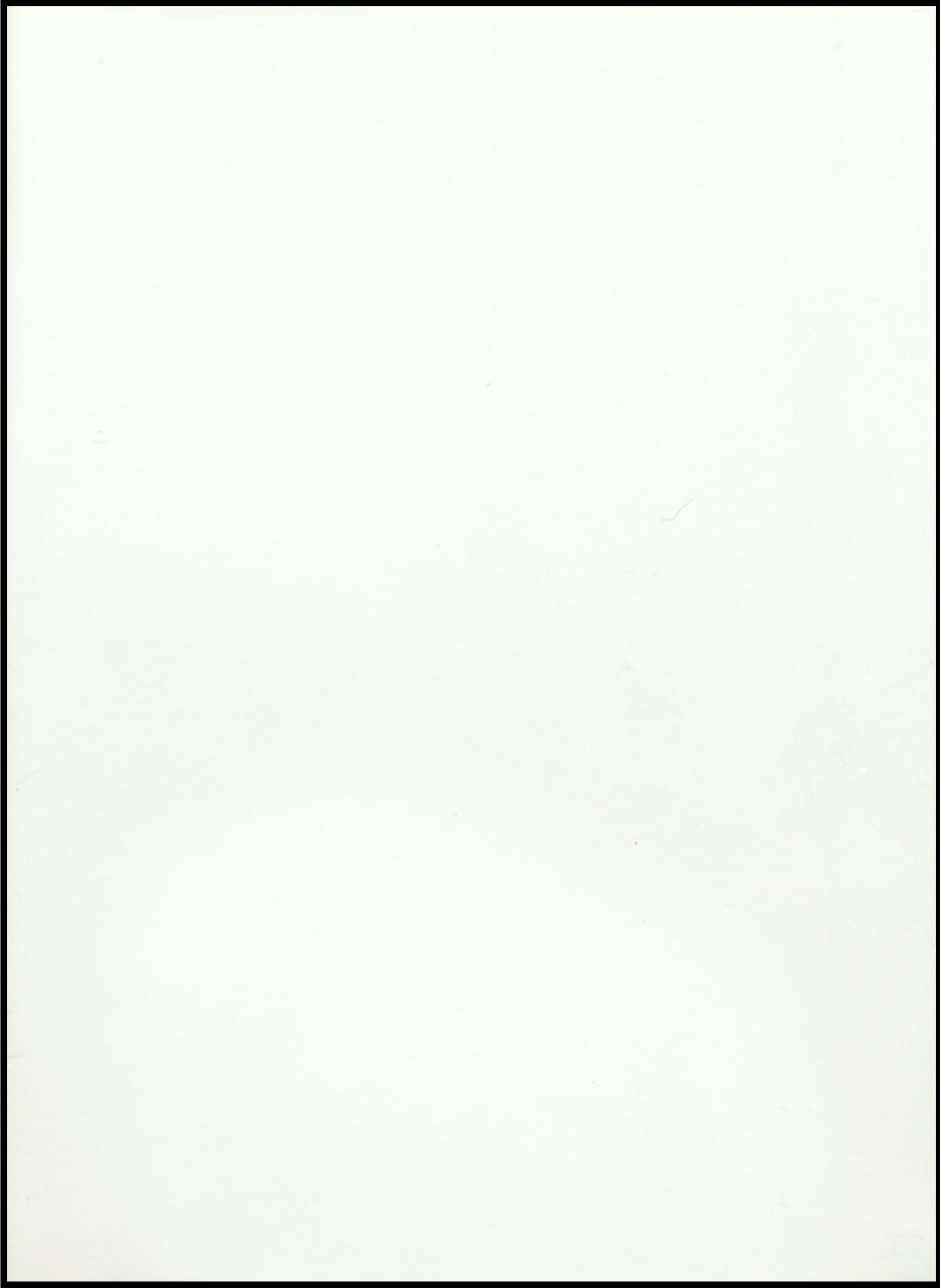
Annika Sorenstam is the first woman to play on the PGA tour in 58 years.

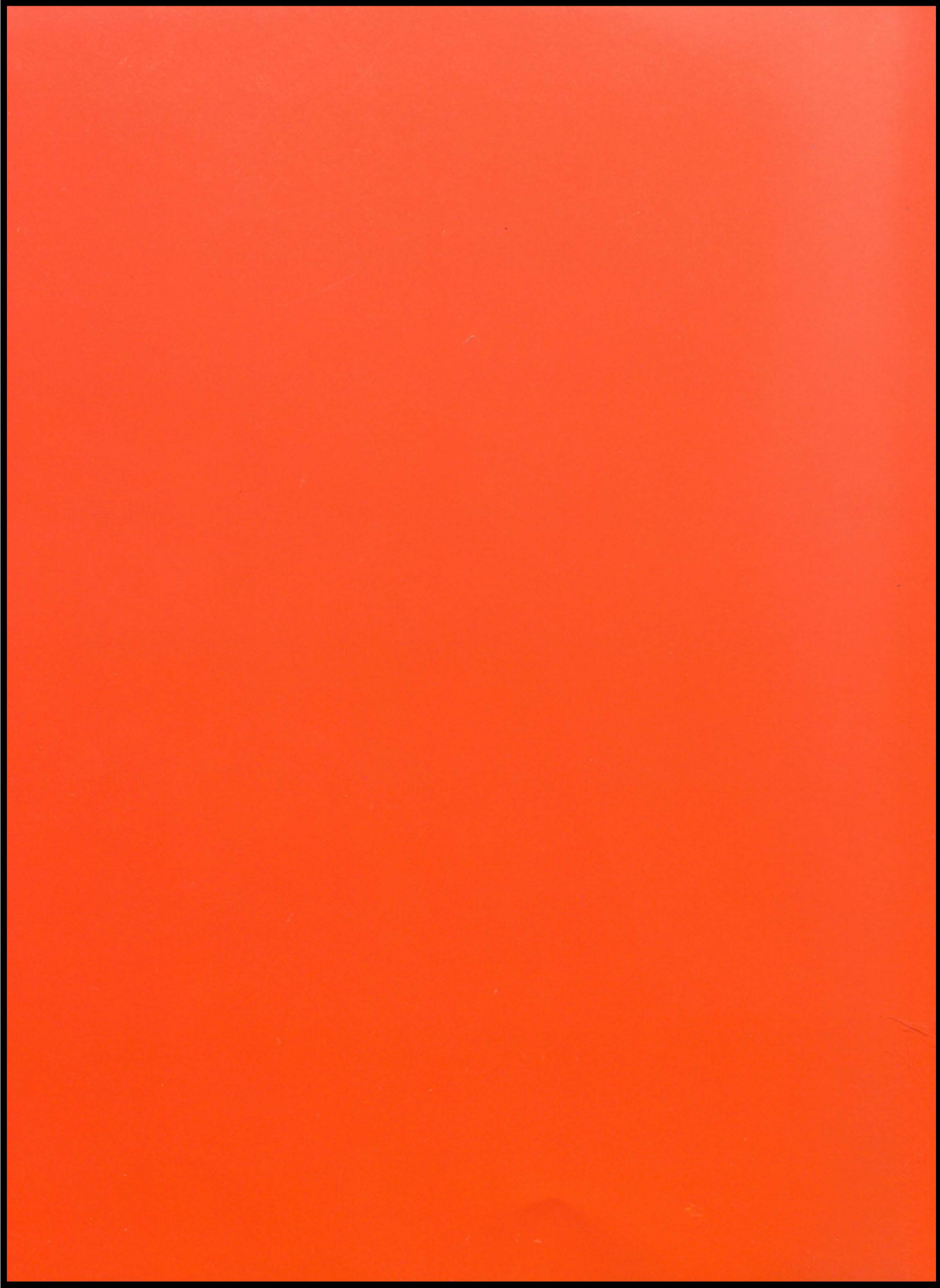


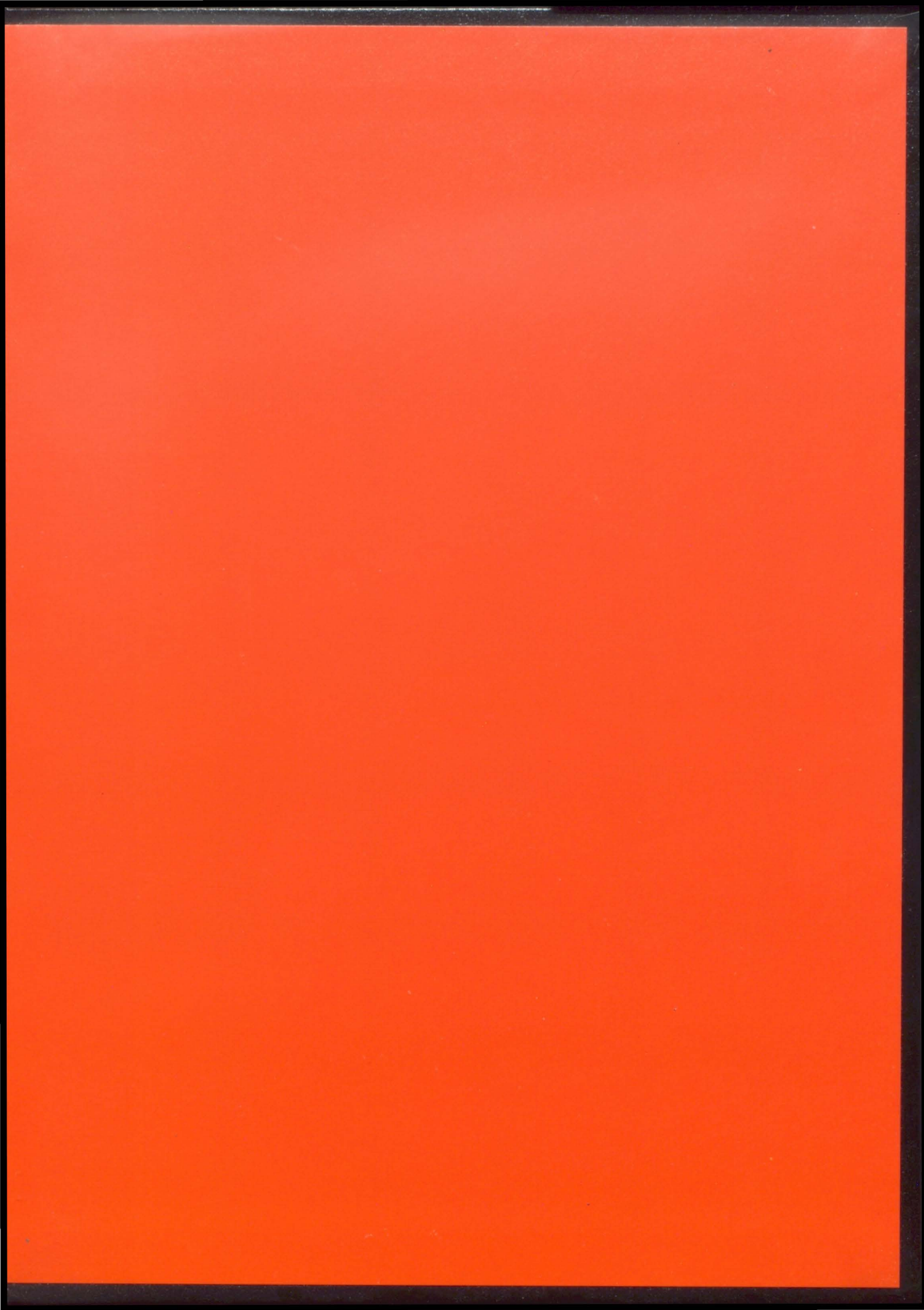
Patrick Tillman leaves his \$3.6 million NFL contract to enlist in the Army.

OTHER NEWS in SPORTS

- The University of Texas men and Auburn University women won the 2002 NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.
- Minnesota Timberwolves' Kevin Garnett was named the NBA All Star MVP. Garnett led the West to victory in double overtime.
- St. Louis Cardinals' Pitcher Darryl Kile died of a heart attack at 33. Boone Arledge, creator of "Wide World of Sports" and "Monday Night Football," died at 71.
- The University of Texas defeated the University of South Carolina to win the College World Series.







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