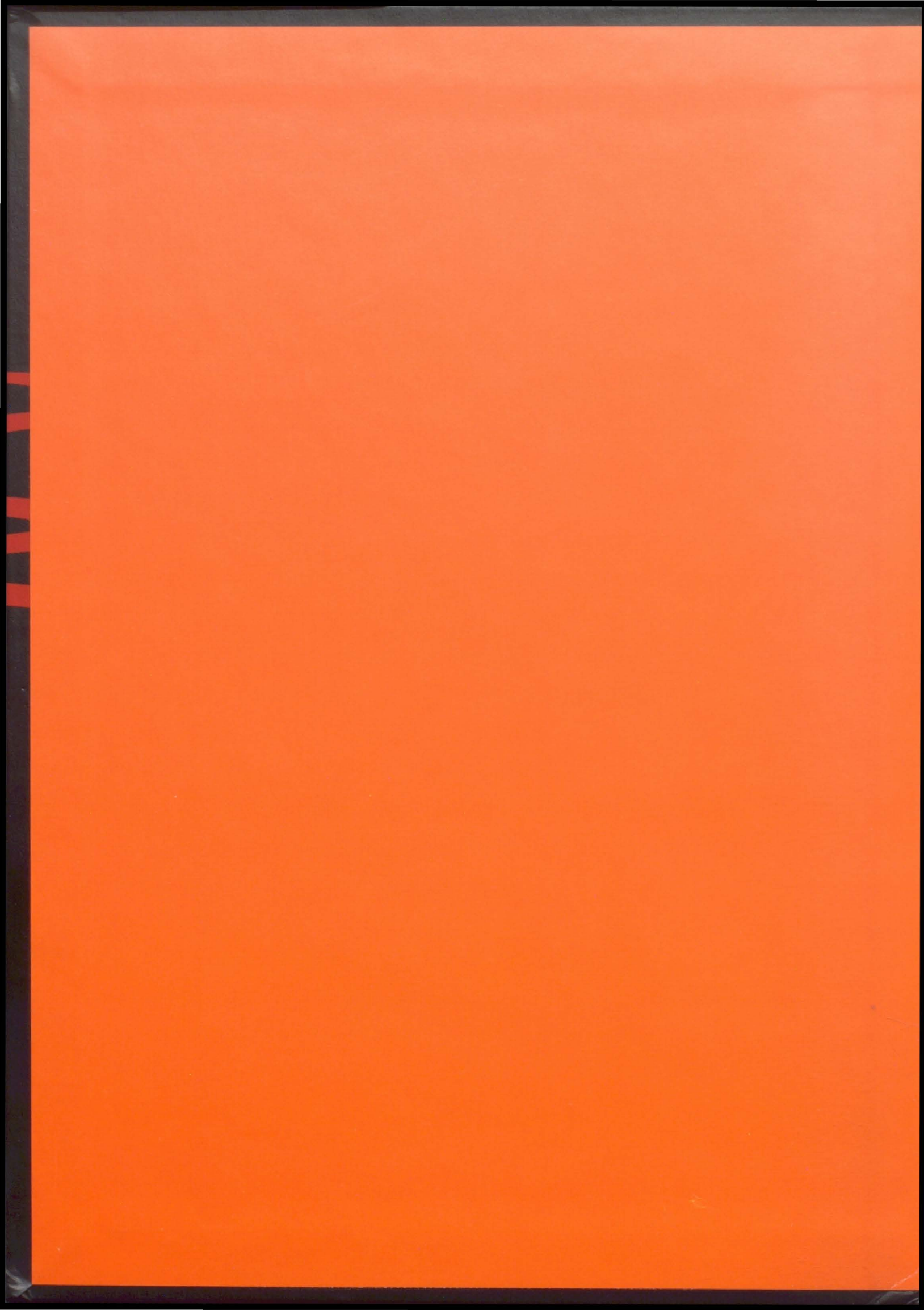
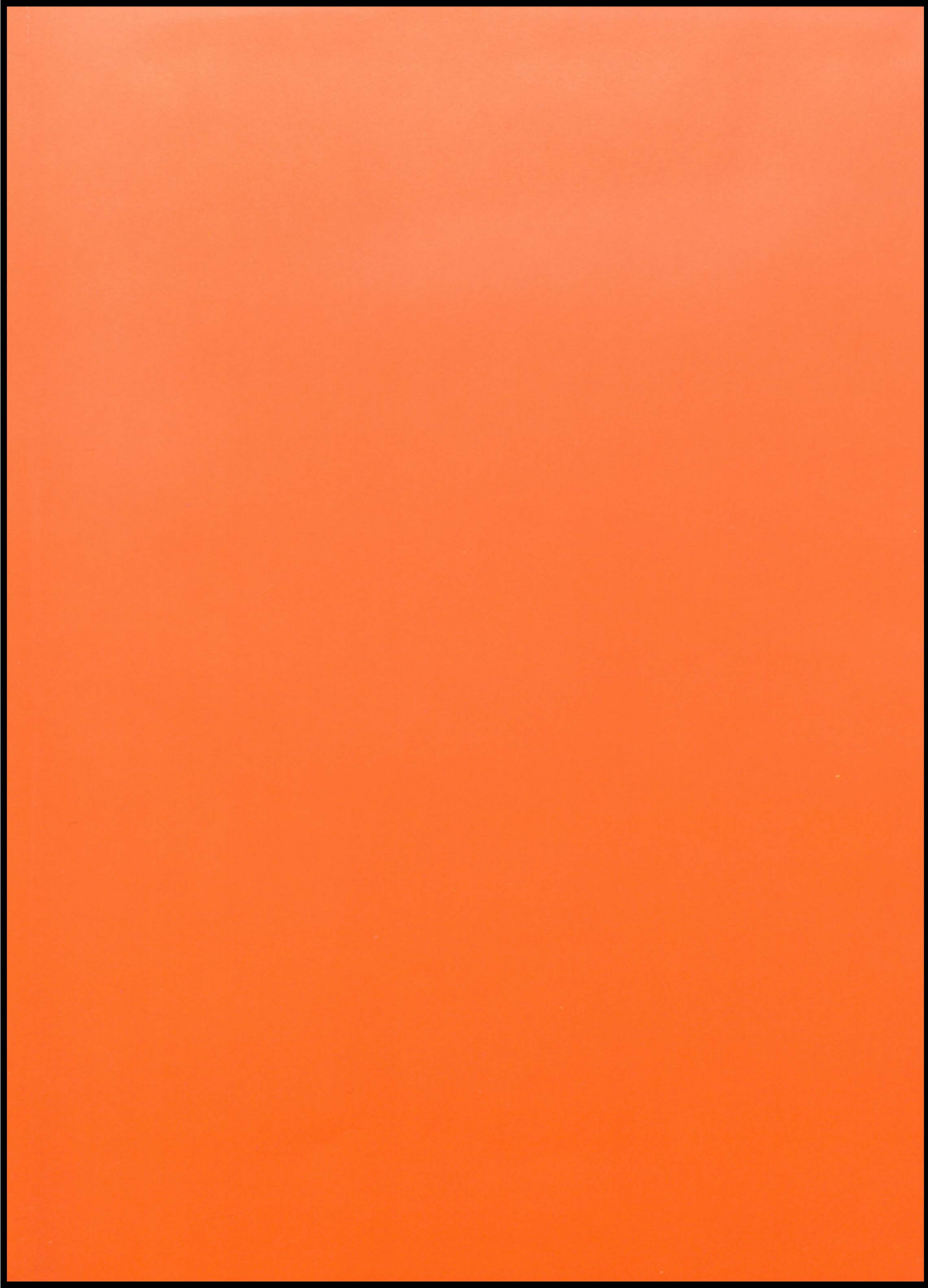
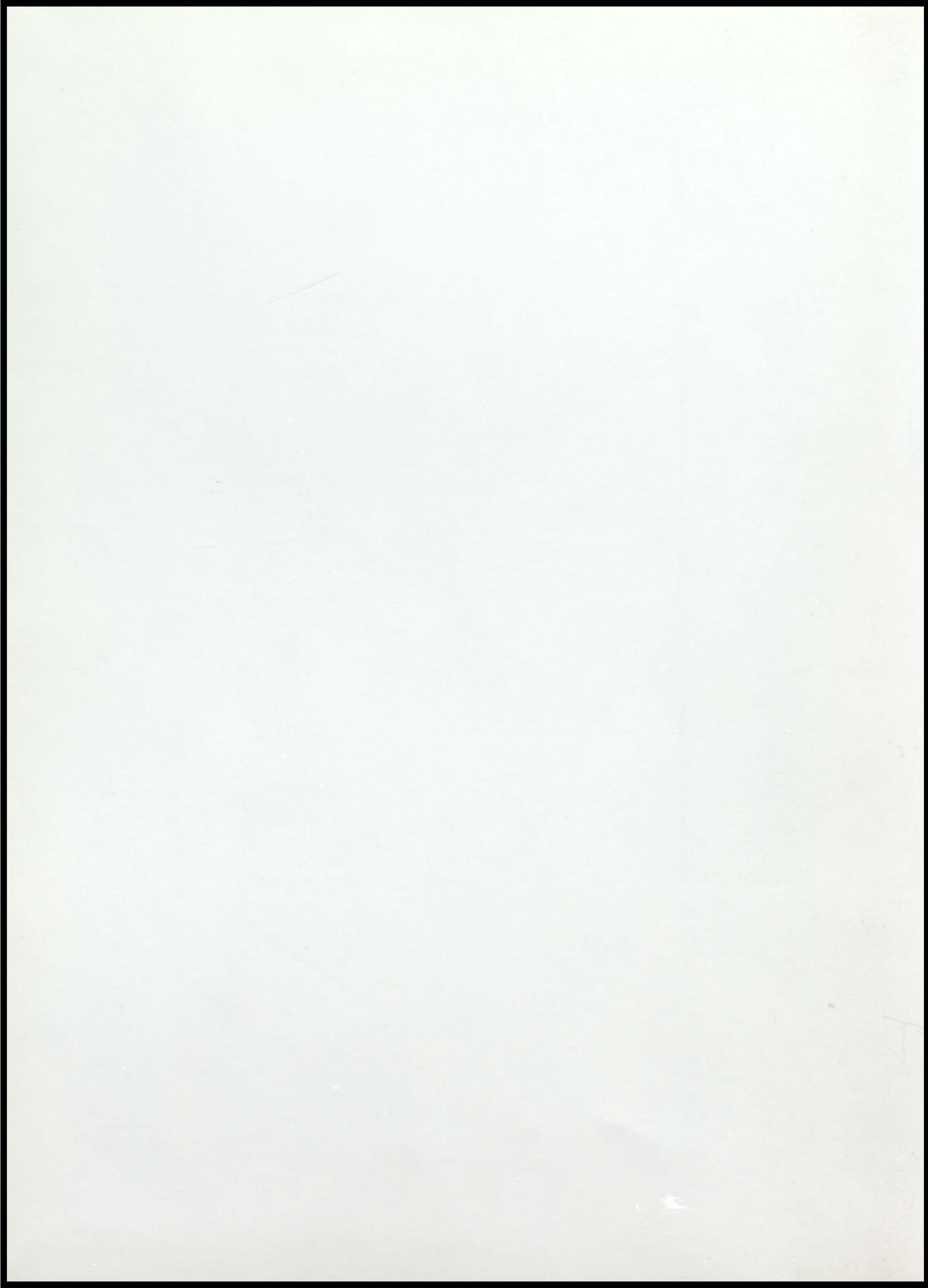


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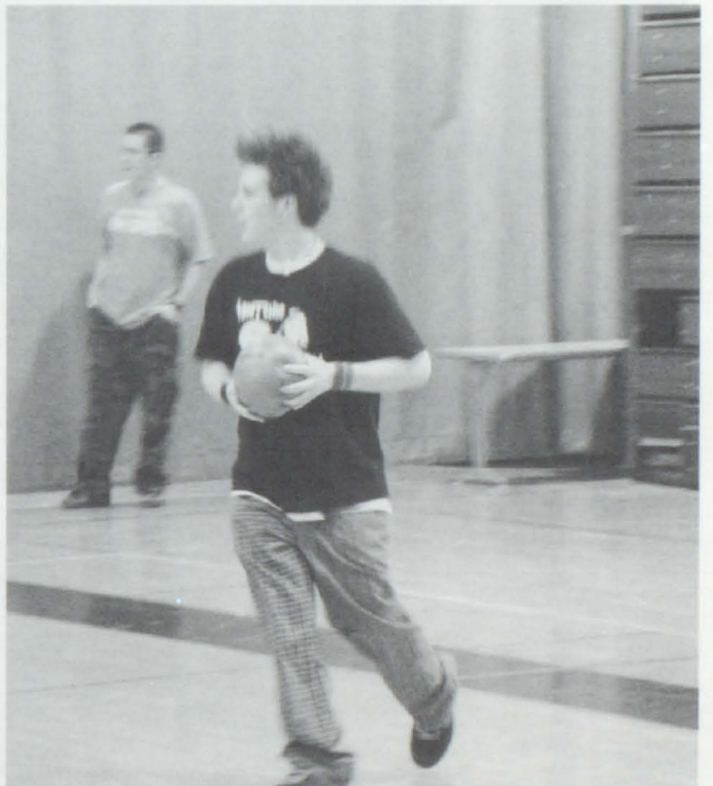


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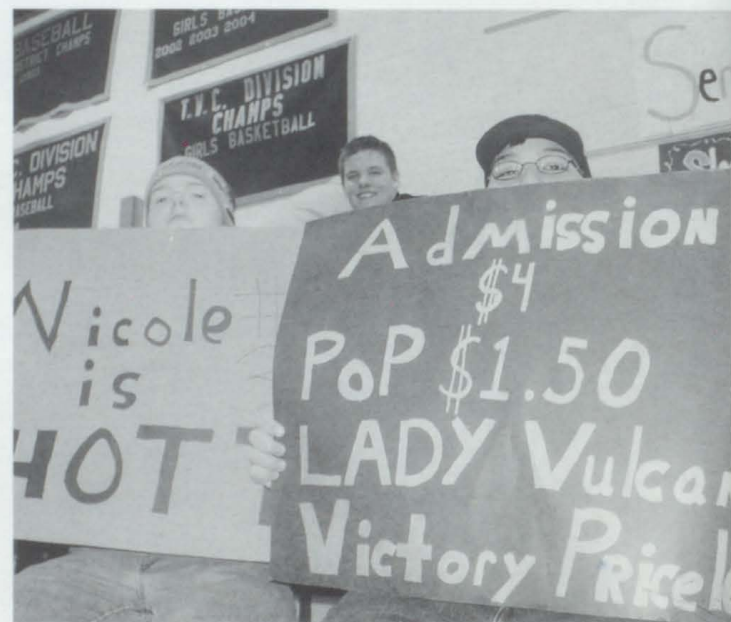
Fall Activities



Justin Pavlicek, Drumline leader, brought the spirit to the VHS football games.



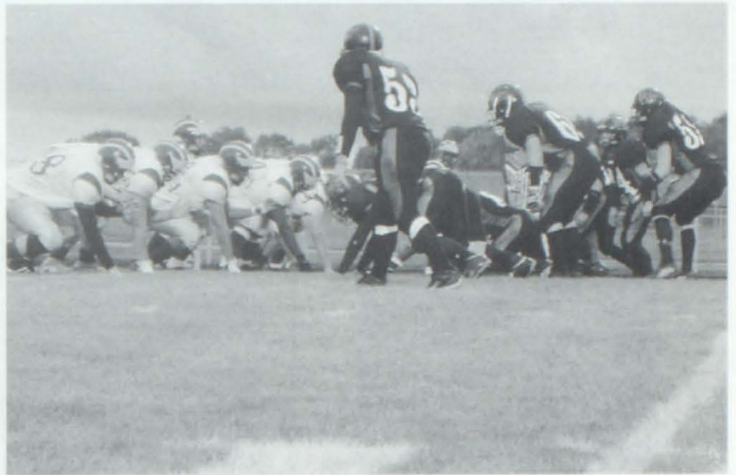
Coach Leveille plans the Vulcan strategy for victory.



The underclassmen show their support for VHS Girls' Basketball.



Cheerleaders do their touchdown duty of push-ups for the earned VHS points.

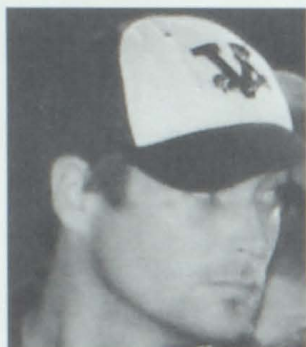


Our varsity Vulcan's defense wait anxiously for the snap.



Senior Class members struggle for their honor during our Homecoming Tug-of-War Competition.

VARSITY FOOTBALL



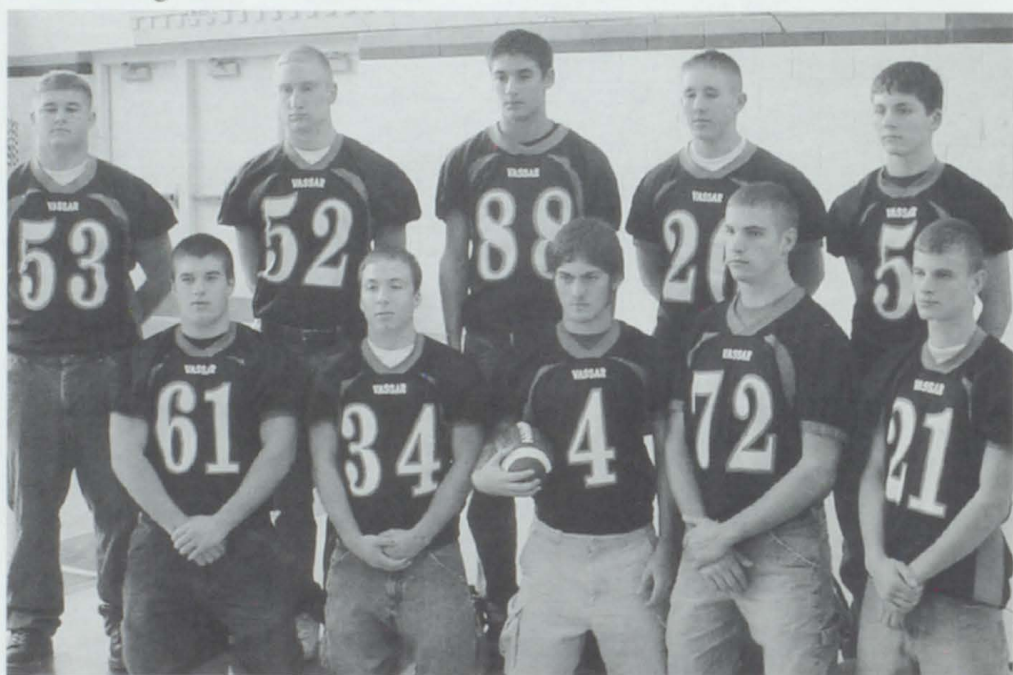
(Above) Coach Slough puts on his happy face



(Top) The Vulcan defense gets ready (Middle) The football team busts out of the tunnel (Bottom) The Vassar offense gets ready to take on the Bridgeport Defense



(Above) Members of the 2005 Varsity Football Team are: (front l.) Brandon Yeck, Zachariah Fisher, Rodger Buckley, Aaron Chernenko, Tyler Withers, Todd Wilson, Brad Opperman, J.T. Horwath, Ray Bickel, Andrew Espinoza; (middle l.) Scott Glenn, Justin Coffey, Billy Piazza, David Jackson, Chris Faircloth, Derek Call, Matt Hawley, Kevin Bacon, Brady Rupprecht, Micah Denome, Andy Opperman; (back l.) Alex Slosser, Zach Walker, Andrew Adkins, Jerod Bradley, J.J. Solgat, Zach Mills, Gary Pratt, Asst. Coach Slough and Coach Leveille.



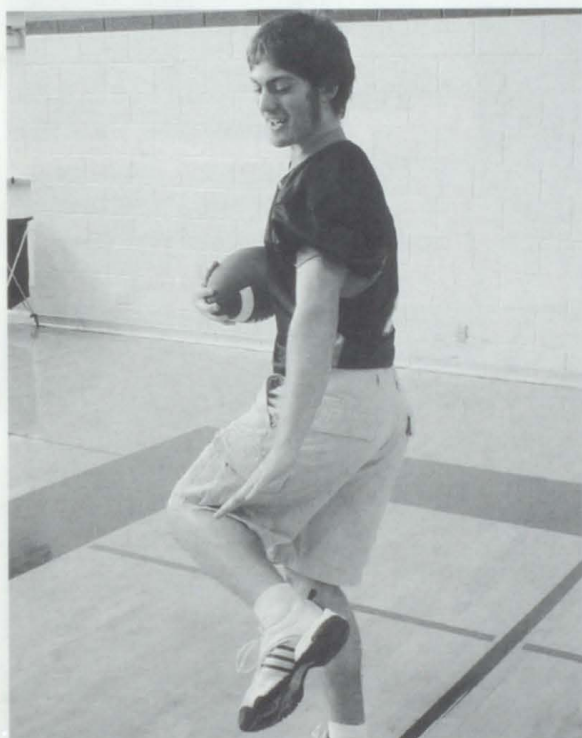
(Above) Vulcan Football players who recieved awards.(Front l.) Cameron Haines, Mark Bennett , Andrew Adkins, Brad Opperman, Rodger Buckley; (Back l.) J.J. Solgat, Andy Opperman, Kevin Bacon, Jimmy Marker, Gary Pratt

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Season Scores:

M.L.S.	19	28
Millington	34	0
Garber	27	15
Bridgeport	39	20
Frankenmuth	26	56
North Branch	19	42
Birch Run	15	48
Caro	27	15
Lake Ville	28	14

Despite the somewhat dissapointing season, the Vulcans never gave up, playing hard until their final game. There were some bright spots during the season like **Andrew Adkins** breaking the Vassar rushing record and an experienced team returning next season.



(Above) Andrew Adkins does the "Heisman" for the camera after breaking the Vassar season rushing record with 1,182 yards



(Left) Alex Slosser takes the Hand off from Gary Pratt
(Top) Players watch the game from the sidelines



(Above) Brady Rupprecht helps the referee out by making the call

Homecoming 2005



(above) 2005 Homecoming Queen's Court (l.) Makenzie Doud, Autumn Swackhamer, Danielle Callahan, Heaven Smith and Alyssa Cook.



(above) 2005 Homecoming King's Court (l.) Raymond Bickle, Joey Hamood, Brad Opperman, Nathan Hubbard and Mark Bennet.

Spirit Week Days

- Monday- Cowboy/Cowgirl Day
- Tuesday- Disco/Flashback Day
- Wednesday- Bling Bling Day
- Thursday- Senior Citizen Day
- Friday- Orange and Black Day

>Spirit Week winner: **Seniors**

>Float winners: **Sophomores**

>Game played against: **North Branch**



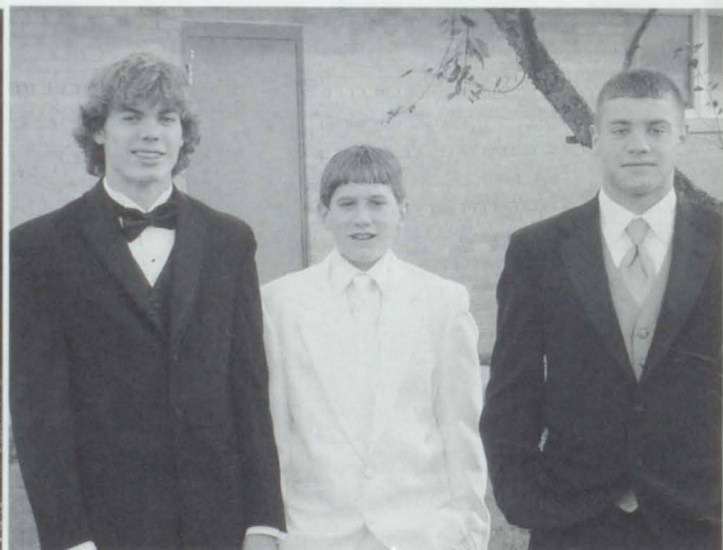
2005 Homecoming King and Queen: Joey Hamood and Danielle Callahan

Pep Assembly Games

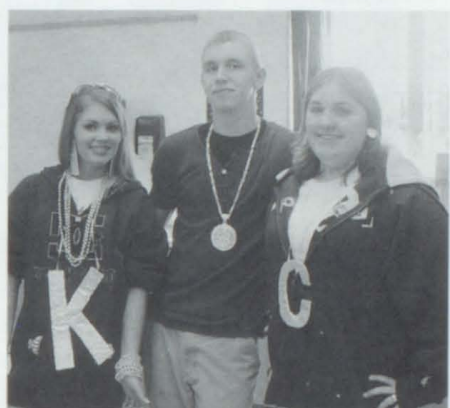
1. "**Baby Bottle**" -who can drink different liquids out a baby bottle the fastest (**won by Juniors**)
2. "**Tug o' War**" (won by **Seniors**)
3. "**Fashion Runway**" -boys dress up as the most fashionable in girl clothes (**won by Sophomores**)



(above) 2005 Homecoming Underclassmen Representitives (l.) Sophomore-Alexis McKay, Junior-Amberlee Kyritz, and Freshman-Ariel Cooper.



(above) 2005 Homecoming Representatives (l.) Sophomore-Winston Adkins, Freshman-Dennise Robstad and Junior-Alex Slosser.



VARSITY GOLF



(Above) Andrew Makl watches his drive at the districts round in Sandusky.



(Above left to right) The members of the 2005 Varsity Golf Team are (front l.) Jimmy Wickings, Ricky Palomares, Brian Makl, Alyssa Cook, Michael Hall, and Brandon Drews; (middle l.) Nick Andreychuk, Steven Bender, Andrew Makl, Grant Opperman, Chris Anderson, Cody Goodman, and Brett Stacer; (back l.) Matt Tompkins, Eric Drew, Juan Palomares, Nathan Wilder, Coach Jim Carlisle, Steven Newman, Daryse Foether, and Jeff Kidd.



(Left) Sophomore Brandon Drews holds his 2nd Team All Conference medal after the TVC championship match at The Fortress in Frankenmuth with an 84.



(Above) The members of the Vassar TVC team (from left to right) Jeff Kidd, Nick Andreychuk, Jimmy Wickings, Brandon Drews, Andrew Makl, and Michael Hall.

Cross Country



(l.) The whole team, junior high as well, celebrates the wins of their teammates.



(r.) The CC Seniors found time to relax at cross country camp.

Awards at the end of the season:

- Bob Palmer:**
Coaches Award & MVP
- Chris Hubbard:**
Most Improved
- Jessica Dues:**
Coaches Award
- Krystle Miller:**
MVP
- Kate Bilbee:**
Most Improved



Left: Frank, Zach, and Bob cheesin' it up for the camera.

The Vassar Cross Country Team of 2005: (standing l.) Coach Bissel, Justin Muntz, Kate Bilbee, Krystle Miller, Zach Palmer, Chris Hubbard, Lena Truett, and Coach Johnson; (kneeling l.) Jessica Dues, Bob Palmer, and Manager Michelle Kruse. (Missing: Frank Knickerbocker, Carl Safford, and Sarah Waterman.)

Girls' Varsity Basketball



Members of the 2005 Girls' Varsity Basketball Team are: (front l): Asst. Coach Toyzan and Coach Shoemate; (back r): Kelsey Bierlein, Kristi Toyzan, Kristen Shoemate, Michelle Schoenlein, Katie Tausch, Angelyn Kasper, Amberle Kyritz, Shantelle Parson, Jessica Solgat, Danielle Callahan, Sara Tausch, Melanie Kukulski, and Alicia Shaffer.



(l): The team does a breakdown before the game starts. (r): Melanie Kukulski is waiting to take the ball down the court.



(top): The senior girls mess around at practice; (bottom l): Jessie Solgat shoots a free throw as Melanie Kukulski and Sara Tausch watch from down court; (bottom r): Amberle Kyritz gives the thumbs up before a game.



Vassar Varsity Scoreboard

Vassar

Vassar 49
 Vassar 31
 Vassar 51
 Vassar 38
 Vassar 61
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 Vassar 30
 Vassar 23
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 Vassar 47
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 Vassar 26

Opponent

USA 47
 Millington 40
 Bay City John Glenn 48
 Caro 36
 Bridgeport 50
 Garber 31
 Bay City Central 49
 North Branch 31
 Frankenmuth 52
 Birch Run 56
 TVC Crossover Merrill 40
 Millington 25
 Caro 48
 Bridgeport 31
 Lakeville 38
 Garber 43
 North Branch 44
 Frankenmuth 49
 Birch Run 51
 TVC Crossover Swan Valley 46

Districts

Vassar 31

Brown City 63

Awards:

Danielle Callahan
 Angelyn Kasper
 Michelle Schoenlein
 Jessie Solgat
 Kristen Shoemate

Coaches Award; 2nd year pin
 Most Improved; 2nd year pin
 Most Valuable; 4th year plaque
 3rd year trophy
 2nd year pin



Varsity Football Cheerleading



Above: Lauren Kasper takes a break from practice to smile for the camera



2005 Football Cheerleaders are front: Coach Melissa Koch; middle (l to r) Shamara Smith, Katelyn Stelfox, Kasey Bey, and Autumn Swackhamer; back (l to r) Joana March, Molly Bender, Kourtnei Petzold, and Lauren Kasper.



Senior cheerleaders (front l.): Shamara Smith; back (l) Katelyn Stelfox, Kasey Bey, and Autumn Swackhamer are all smiles at one of their last home games.



Middle right: Some of the cheerleaders finish doing a cheer; Senior Autumn Swackhamer does an air stunt at the Homecoming pep-assembly; Lauren Kasper, Joana March, and Kourtnei Petzold flash their winning smiles.



The Equestrian Team



Heather Klein shows her horse at competition. Heather won First Team All Districts.



TJ Beckman rides his horse out to the competition field. TJ won Most Improved, and the Participation Award.



The members of the 2005 Equestrian team are Junior Heather Klein, Coach Guthrie, Coach Coons, and Junior TJ Beckman.

J.V. Fall Sports



Members of the 2005 J.V. Football team are: (front l.): Alex Kubisz, Kody Slough, Kyle Lemcke, Jordan McAuley, Benjamin Ward, Kristopher Colosky, Caleb Rittenberg, and Broc DeSander; (middle l.): Markus Huizar, Winston Adkins, Dylan Fackler, Evan Kobman, Nolan Opperman, Justin Woolwine, and Preston Goforth; (back l.): Coach Bill Germain, Cody McLaren, Michael Endert, Travis Davis, and Michael Arksey. (Missing: Lantz Porritt, Jesse Rae, Keith Knickerbocker, and Joshua Lamay.)



(left): The JV Football team celebrating after their final game, ending their perfect 9-0 season. (right): Kali Phillips and Nicole Koch get ready to go for a rebound against Swan Valley.



Member of the 2005 J.V. Football Cheerleaders are: (front l.):Kirstin Miller, Heather Carter, April Cooper, Kimberly Eastman, and Shelby Wright; (middle l.): Manager Sarah Stuart, Katie Withers, Samantha Helsel, Nicole Hartung, Heather Bell, and Katelynn Kennard; (back l.): Chelsea Premo, Coach Melissa Koch, Marina Taylor, and Kristen Walker.



Katie Withers takes time out from cheering to give us the "evil eye," or the "why are you taking my picture" look.



Members of the 2005 J.V. Girls' Basketball Team are: (front l.): Kayla Colosky, Erin Hicks, Kimberlee Kennard, Amanda Blaney, Amanda Shavrnock, Meghan Case, and Kerry Eskelson; (back l.): Manager Amanda Kennard, Asst. Coach Richard Withers, Kali Phillips, Alexis Mackay, Coach Josh Kennard, Nicole Koch, Sasha Davis, Kara Stevens, and Asst. Coach Tony Sevier.

Freshmen Fall Sports



The 2005 Freshman Girls' Basketball Team members are: (back l.); Manager Kayla King, Melissa Spencer, Jessica Hecht, Courtney Abbs, Jackie Torrez, Alicia Bierlein, and Coach Brandon Baker; (middle l.); Brandi Rupprecht, Lauren Bradley, Kari Johnston, Alicia McClenathen, and Sydney Strandberg; (front l.) Gretchen Call and Heather Stalsberg.



The 2005 Freshman Football Team members are: (back l.); Assistant Coach Ryan Love, Brandon Buckley, Jake Kokowicz, Leroy Amend, Shane Shoens, and Kirk Datz, (middle l.): Casey Williams, Ryan Huber, Tim Skarbek, Zach Germain, Cody Otter, Nicholas Landskroener, and Zachery Tebedo, (front l.); Michael Tebedo, Alex Pero, Jacob Ward, Luke Denome, Ryan Worden, Ryan Sulicki, and Joshua Dubois.

Marching Band



(above) The band in one of its many formations at a festival.



(r.) Seniors Autumn Swackhamer and Jennifer Salehi after Marching Band Festival 2005.



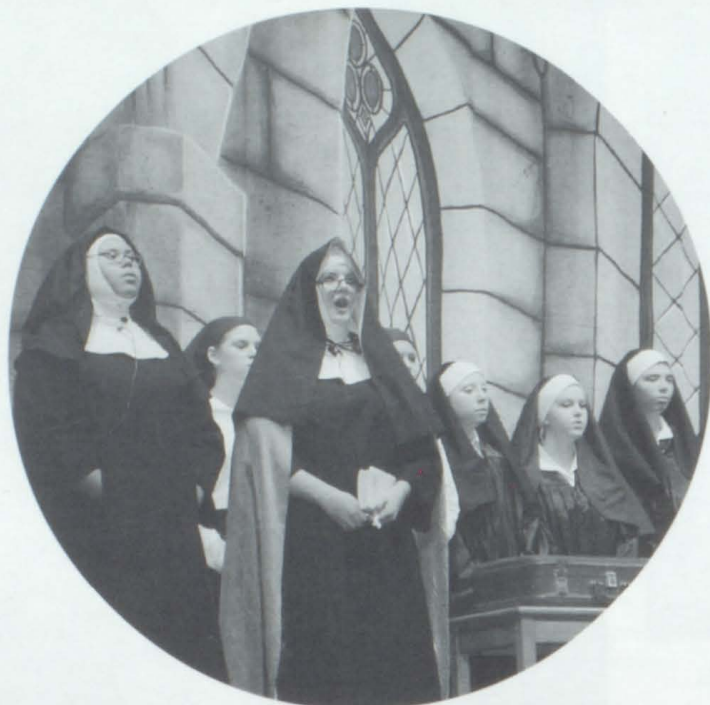
The band performs at Homecoming 2005.



(above) Seniors look into the beyond at their last band performance.

The Hills are alive, with...

The Sound of Music



(above) The nuns led by the Mother Abbess (Jessica Main) are all singing joyously because Maria has decided to wed the Captain.



(above) Elsa (Chelsea Loudon), Captain (Rich Safford), and Max (Brett Stacer) come together at an important moment in the play as Elsa must decide if she and the captain could be happy.



(l.) Cast of the Sound of Music



(above) Leisl (Gab Piazza) and Rolf (Caleb Rittenberg) sing to one another about the wonderful age between 16 and 17.

The fall musical was a huge hit! Every performance ended with a standing ovation. The wonderful acting and voices filled the auditorium on the nights of November 17-19. These young adults worked so hard and boy did it show each night. This was a phenomenal performance that will be remembered for years to come!



(1.) The captains' housekeeper Frau Schmidt (Jessica Dues) with the two youngest Von Trapp children.



(1.) Franz, the butler, serves Captain Von Trapp and Elsa.

(below) The two shining stars of "The Sound of Music" Captain Von Trapp (Rich Safford) and his new wife Maria Von Trapp (Elizabeth Stahl).

(below) The Von Trapp family say their last goodbyes to their fellow citizens before they make their getaway.



Winter Activity Introduction



Joey Hammood gives his all to score those two points.



(above): Jessie Solgat, Makenzie Doud, and Kristina Fall are all smiles at their first meet of the gymnastics' season.



(above): The wrestlers take a break after placing well at a meet; (left) the cheerleaders wait for their game to begin.



Andy Opperman is speechless with school spirit.



Tonia Carlisle puts the ball up for a new set.



Alyssa Cook wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!!!



Mr. Moore, advisor to the Student Senate, hands out candy canes during the group's fundraiser.

Varsity Boys' Basketball



Nathan Hubbard looks to inbound the ball.



Jimmy Marker shows his triple-threat position against Caro. Jimmy received the Coaches' Award.



Junior Brady Rupprecht puts in a clutch free throw. Brady was this year's Most Improved Player.



Junior Kevin Bacon controls the Vulcan offense from the top of the key.



Members of the Varsity Boys' Basketball are: (front l.) J.T. Horwath, Brady Rupprecht, Brad Opperman, Joey Hamood, Nathan Hubbard, and Manager Kara Stevens; (back l) Manager Andrew Adkins, Jerod Bradley, Jimmy Marker, Billy Piazza, Kevin Bacon, David Jackson, Mark Bennet, and Coach Rittenberg.



Vulcans Brad Opperman, Nathan Hubbard, and David Jackson, huddle during a timeout.

Opponent	Us	Them
Caro	44	52
BC John Glenn	58	64
Bridgeport	49	86
Mayville	52	54
Garber	37	48
North Branch	61	57
Frankenmuth	40	79
Reese	46	65
Birch Run	38	65
Carrolton	51	65
Millington	37	48
Caro	55	62
Bridgeport	42	62
Garber	57	60
Millington	42	56
North Branch	47	48
Frankenmuth	37	67
Birch Run	42	71
Merril	42	52
Marlette	57	46

Cook Out



A few teammates hangout during a tailgate party before a game against Bridgeport. Even when times were rough for the Vulcans, they always found a way to have fun and showed great respect for each other. That is what team unity is all about.



Joey Hamood does his best Superman impression with a 2-hand dunk against Caro. Hamood was this year's MVP.

Seniors



This year's Seniors for the basketball team: (l.) J.T. Horwath, Brad Opperman, Nathan Hubbard, Joey Hamood, and Mark Bennett.

Icefest 2006



(above) Ice Fest King Lance Heinlein and Ice Fest Queen Chelsea Williams; (below l.) Court members Jessica Dues, Chelsea Williams, Lance Heinlein, Sarah Gasper, and Shamara Smith.



(above) Freshman representatives Sara Stelfox and Andy Gohs.



(above) Sophomore representatives Dylan Fackler and Lauren Kasper; (below) Junior representatives Chelsea Goodman and Jimmy Marker.





(above l.) The class representatives wait to be announced during the Pep Assembly.; (above r.) Billy Piazza and Grant Opperman show their school spirit on Star Wars Day with a lightsaber fight; (left) Aaron Chernenko, Alyssa Cook, and Chewbacca (Lars Pearson) take time off during Mrs. Russell's class for a quick picture; (below) Students getting taped to the bleachers during the Pep Assembly.



(above) Senior Kara Aurenhamer gets dirty for a game at the Pep Assembly, which the Seniors won.

(r.) Autumn Swackhamer and Jessica Dues "change" their clothes for Gender Bender Day.



Winter Varsity Cheerleading



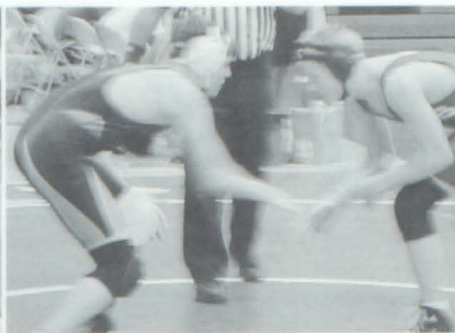
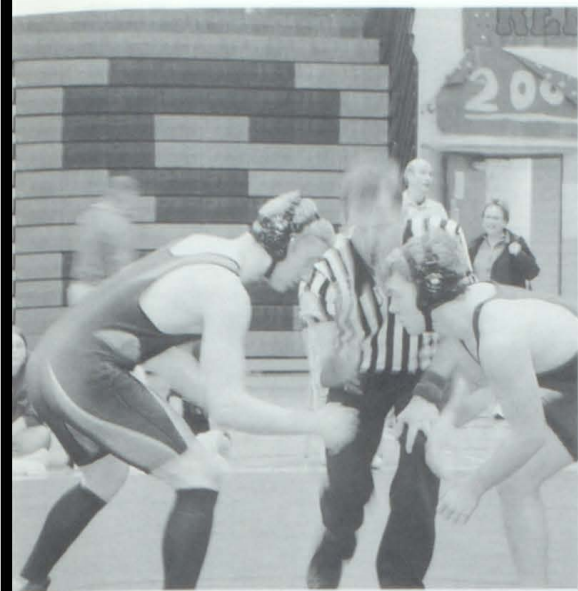
Varsity Cheerleaders for the basketball season are: (front l.): Shelby Wright, Molly Bender, Heather Bell, Jessica Dues, Shamara Smith, Autumn Swackhamer, Manuela Harper, Jade Roddamer, and Danielle Rodriguez; (middle) Sarah Gasper.; (back l.) Manager Sarah Stuart, Joana March, Chelsea Premo, Kirstin Miller, Coach Melissa Koch, and Derek Wade.



(above): Joana March, Molly Bender, and Manuela Harper rev up the crowd during a game.

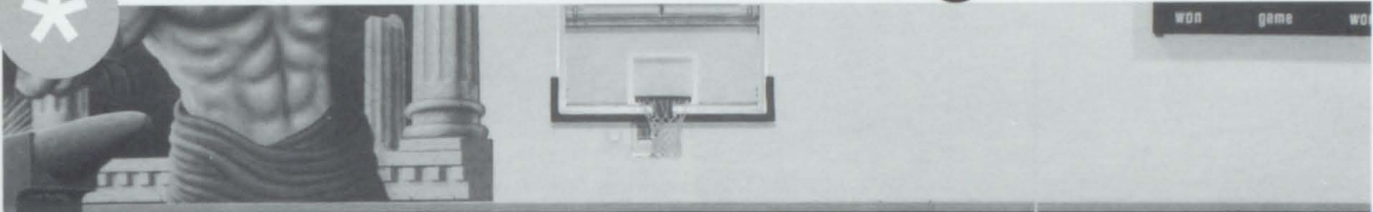


(above): Shamara Smith, Chelsea Premo, and Kirstin Miller in a stunt.



(top l.) Andrew Opperman gets ready for his match; Lantz Porritt waits for the start of his match; Markus Huizar pins his opponent; Bob Palmer, Frank Knickerbocker, and Mike Endert all made it to state.; Mike Tebedo, Mike Endert, Drew Davis, Markus Huizer, Bob Palmer, Lantz Porritt, Frank Knickerbocker made regionals. **Congratulations to Bob Palmer for his new record of 100 Career Pins.**

Wrestling



Members of the 2006 Wrestling Team are: (front l.) Drew Davis, Justin Muntz, Mike Endert, Bob Palmer, Rich Safford, Frank Knickerbocker, BJ LaMay, and Josh LaMay; (middle l.) Lantz Porritt, Winston Adkins, Ian Palmer, Mike Tebedo, Andrew Opperman, Keith Knickerbocker, Steven Bender, Markus Huizer, Scott Glenn, and Jordan McAuley; (back l.) Mgr Shantelle Parson, Coach Jerry Endert, Coach Gary King, Coach Ernie Huizar, and Mgr. Courtney Abbs

Varsity Volleyball



Members of the 2006 Varsity Volleyball team are: (front l.) Anna Kennard, and Whitney Huber ; (middle l.) Mgr. Faith Neuroth, Asst. Coach Katlyn Fricke, Brandy Putnam, Jessica Stanulis, Chelsea Goodman, Coach Tessa King, and Mgr. Kelsy Bierlein; (back l.) Megan Thorp, Kelly Fall, Alyssa 'Bob' Tompkins, Tonia Carlisle, Liz Stahl, Ashleigh Miller, and Karissa Tausch.



(above) Anxious players wait to play as the names are read off before the game; (right) Seniors and Co-Captions Anna Kennard and Whitney Huber pose for one last volleyball memory.





Anna Kennard and Kelly Fall congratulate each other on a job well done.

Awards

MVP: Whitney Huber
 Coaches Award: Anna Kennard, and Kelly Fall
 Most Improved: Jessica Stanulis

Jessica Stanulis, Whitney Huber and Anna Kennard also received honorable mention in the TVC's



Jessica Stanulis blocks as Chelsea Goodman waits for the ball to come to her.



Tonia Carlisle scopes out the perfect spot to serve the ball.



(above) Liz Stahl and Megan Thorp stand ready and waiting in their serve receive positions; (below) the team takes time for a photo op before a game.

Season Highlights

The team had a great start at their very first tournament which was the Lakeville Invitational. They brought home a second place trophy. The season continued to improve, ending with another second place, this time at districts. The girls lost in four to a strong New Lothrop team.



Gymnastics



(above) Mr. Purigroski spotting Ashley Gavitt on her vault at a home meet.



Gymnastics Team members are: (front l.) Sydney Strandberg, Amber Whittier, and Ashley Gavitt; (middle l.) Rebecca Fall, Amanda Shavrnoch, Kourtnei Petzold, Sarah Bodary, Jennifer Bickel, Lauren Kasper, and Sarah Stelfox; (back l.) Coach Cindy Briggs, Makenzie Doud, Kristina Fall, and Coach Walt Purigroski. (Missing is Jessie Solgat.)

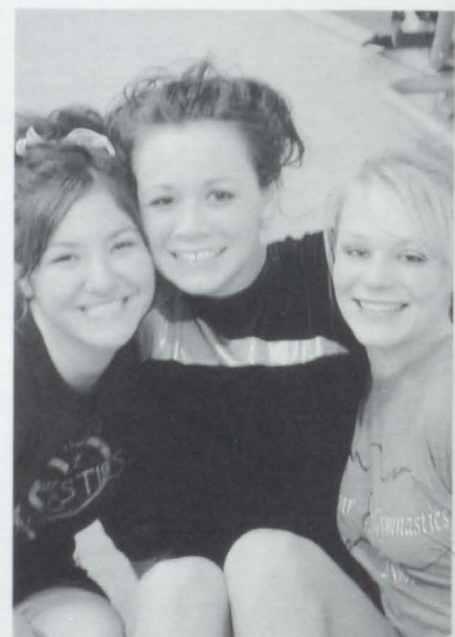
(below) Makenzie Doud as she poses on the beam at a home meet.

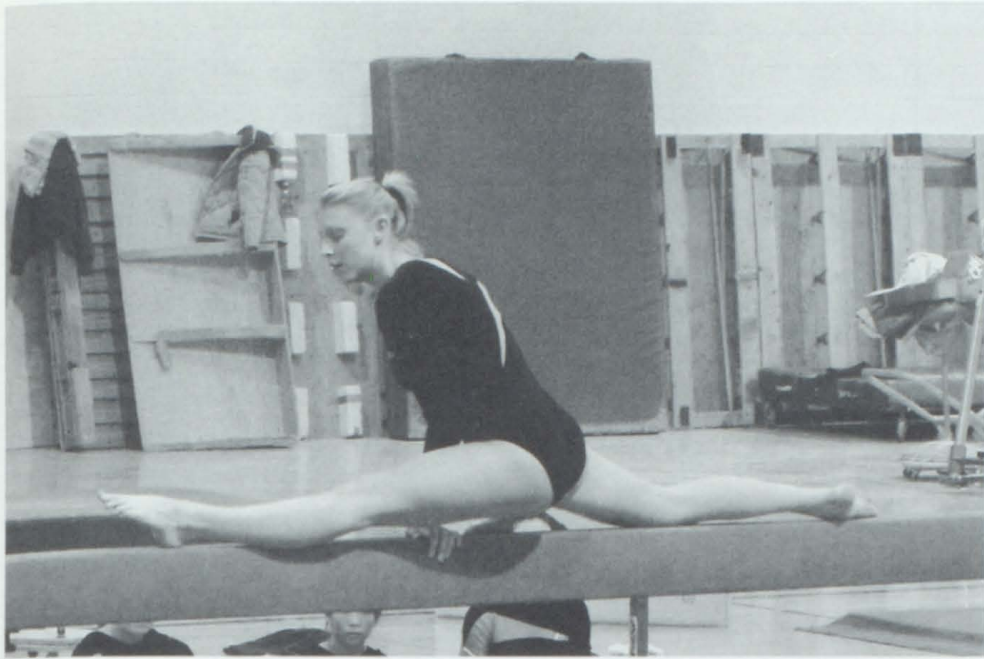


Most Improved - Kourtnei Petzold
Coachs Award - Kristina Fall
MVP - Lauren Kasper, and Millington
Co-op Ashley Gavitt



(above left) Kourtnei Petzold preforms her floor routine; (above right) Seniors Jessie Solgat, Makenzie Doud, and Kristina Fall enjoy their last home meet.





(left) Amanda Shavrnoch does the splits on the beam.
 (bottom) Lauren Kasper competes on the un-even bars.



(above) The gymnastics team performs their routine for the school at the Ice Fest pep assembly.

(above) Kristina Fall performs her floor exercise at a home meet.



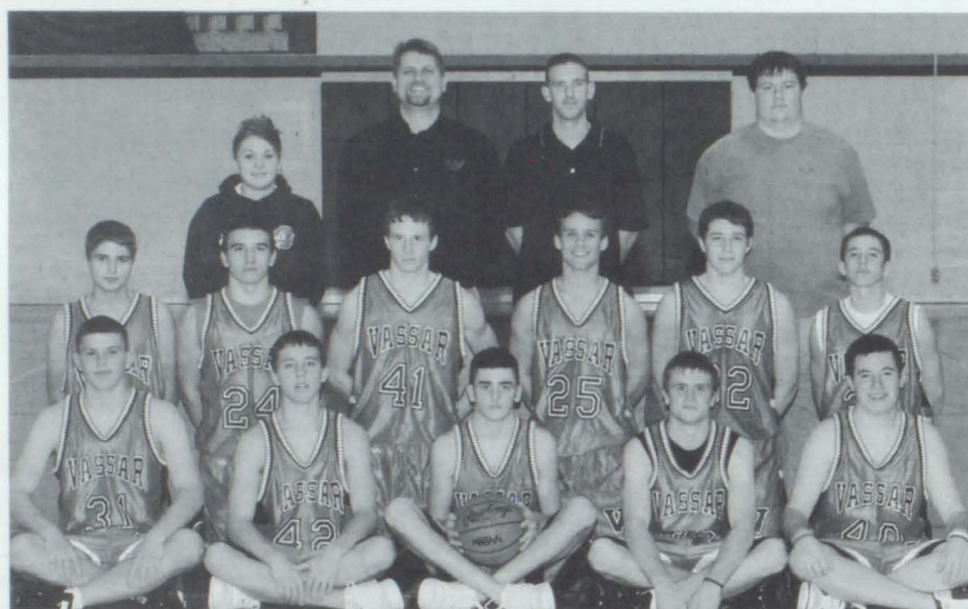
(left) Becca Fall as she performs her un-even bar routine. (right) Lauren Kasper, Sydney Strandberg, Ashley Gavitt, and Amber Whittier hang out at a home meet.



JV Winter Sports



Members of the JV Cheerleading Squad are: (front r.) Katelynn Kennard, Kimberly Eastman, April Cooper and Kathryn Withers; (middle r.) Morgan Sarazine, Kristin Walker, Nicole Hartung, Tami Germain, Marina Taylor and Jamie Perry; (back r.) Coach Melissa Koch, Heather Carter and manager Sarah Stuart.



Members of the JV Basketball team are: (front r.) Kyle Lemcke, Jon Ostrander, Zach Germain, Evan Kobman and Jordan Knudsen; (middle r.) Travis Davis, Michael Arksey, Kyle Hecht, Preston Goforth, Alex Kubisz and Tyler Rupprecht; (back r.) Manager Kayla Colosky, Coach Chuck Fabbro, Assistant Coach Craig McCloud and Manager Ben Ward.



Members of the JV Volleyball team are: (front r.) Ashli Losee, Andrea Armstrong, Amanda Blaney, Macey Funsch, Heather Partridge and Kim Kennard; (middle r.) Kim Lorenz, Kerry Eskelson, Ellie Frazier, Amber Mugan, Rebecca Fall and Sasha Davis; (back) Coach Tara Dundas.

Freshman Winter Sports

The 2006 Freshman Basketball Team

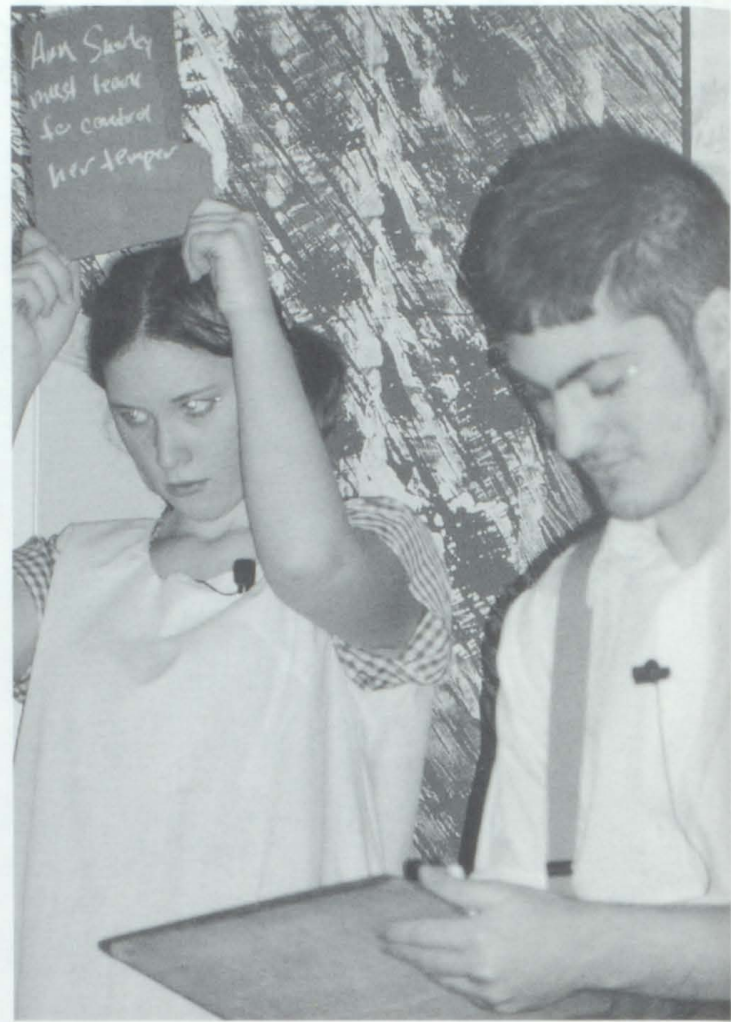


The 2006 Freshman Volleyball Team



(r.) Jessica Dues and Andrew Adkins wowed everyone with their performances in *Anne of Green Gables*.

(below) Mr. C. instructs his drummers as they prepare to play at state festival.



Amber Whittier gives an excellent effort at her track meet.



A VHS baseball player gets a hit during one of the season's home games.

Spring Activities

Introduction



(1.) Ryan Geesey pole vaults like a champ.

(below) Mrs. Parsell was overjoyed as students worked the Art Club Garage Sale.



(1.) Asst. Track coach Bill Germain seems to be enjoying himself during the student/staff basketball game.

Varsity Baseball

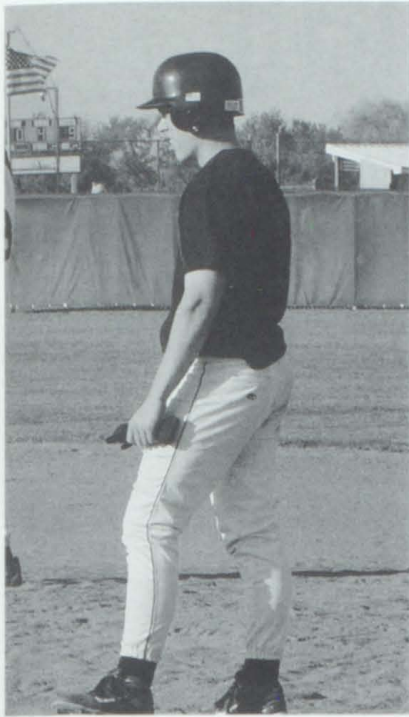


Members of the 2006 Varsity Baseball Team are: (front l.) Manager Katelyn Stelfox, Coach Cunningham, Andrew Espinoza, Jon Ostrander, Kyle Lemcke, Nathan Hubbard, Coach Moore, and Coach Baldwin; (back l.) Mark Bennett, Brandon Yeck, Gary Pratt, Mike Arksey, John Solgat, Andrew Opperman, Brady Rupprecht, Matt Hawley, Evan Kobman, and Brad Opperman.

JV Baseball



Members of the 2006 JV Baseball Team are: (front l.) Coach Cunningham, Shane Shoens, Tyler Jenkins, Casey Williams, Josh DuBois, Mike Endert, Jake Kokowitz, and Zach Tebedo; (back l.) Coach Robotham, Brock Desander, Derek Call, Adam Gohs, Nolan Opperman, Zach Germain, Justin Coffey, and Zach Walker.



Varsity Softball



Members of the 2006 Varsity Softball teams are: (front l.) Michelle Schoenlein, Kristi Toyzan, Chelsea Williams, Amanda McCurdy and Kara Auernhamer; (middle l.) Jenny Bickel, Ashleigh Miller, Kara Stevens, Kristen Shoemate, Kerry Esckelson, Sara Tausch, Katy Tausch, Kelsey Bierlein and Katie Harper; (back l.) Manager Kyle Auernhamer, Coach Hubbard, Coach Harper and Coach Hoover.

The Varsity Softball Team, with a lot of hard work and determination, had a very successful 2006 season. They broke the career wins record with 22 wins this season, beating the 2002 record of 21 wins. The team also managed to take a second place in district finals. Another record was broken this season by junior pitcher Katie Harper. The single season strikeout record, set in 2002 with 158 strikeouts, was shattered with a new record of 204 strikeouts. It was a very successful season for the Lady Vulcans. Great Season Girls!!

JV Softball



The members of the 2006 JV Softball team are: (front l.) Heather Stalsberg, Alexis MacKay, Kayla Colosky, Megan Case, Lauren Bradley, Alicia Bierlein and Ashley DuBay; (middle l.) Brandi Rupprecht, Heather Bell, Courtney Abbs, Shawnee Withers, Gretchen Call, Alicia McClenathen, Jessica Hecht and Katelynn Kennard; (back l.) Asst. Coach Michelle Nowotny, Head Coach Bob Nowotny, and Manager Olivia Germain.



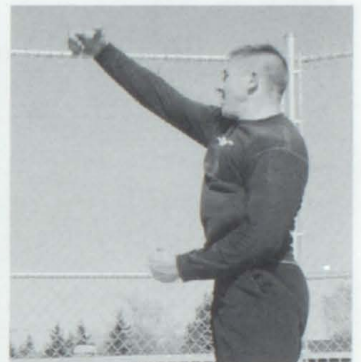
(near r.) Jared Bradley makes his way around the track; (far r.) Megan Thorp begins her race.



(middle above) (front l.) Autumn Swackhamer and Shamara Smith; (middle l.) Kevin Bacon and Bob Palmer; (back l.) Chelsea Goodman, Kelly Fall, Coach Bill Germain, Megan Thorp, Jessie Soglat, and Lauren Kasper get ready for the Meet of Champs events; (bottom) Megan Thorp, Jessie Solgat, Chelsea Goodman, and Lauren Kasper made up the girls' relay team.

(middle above) A Vassar vaulter makes his way over the pole; (bottom l.) Kevin Bacon, Alex Slosser, Andrew Adkins, and Kyle Hecht make up the boys' relay team.

Vassar Track 2006



(above) The 2006 Boys' Track Team; (bottom) the 2006 Girls' Track Team; (side photos top) Chelsea Goodman completes her event; Joey Hamood in the long jump; Jimmy Marker helped out during a meet; and Becca Fall runs her race.

Prom 2006

(below) Austin Nelson, Kendra Woolwine and (r.) Kourtnei Petzold and Kelsey Bierlein were among the many Vassar students who enjoyed this year's prom.



(above middle) Michelle Kruse and Jessica Dues join in a line dance; senior girls Kim Stack, Danielle Rodriguez, Autumn Swackhamer, Manuela Harper, Sarah Gasper and Sarah Stuart had a great time at prom; (r.) Kevin Bacon, Alex Slosser, Andrew Opperman and Jimmy Marker get into the groove with the dancing; (above) Amanda Cook and Chris Anderson enjoy the prom.



Juniors Heather Klein and T.J. Beckman wait for the fun to start as they line up for their pictures.



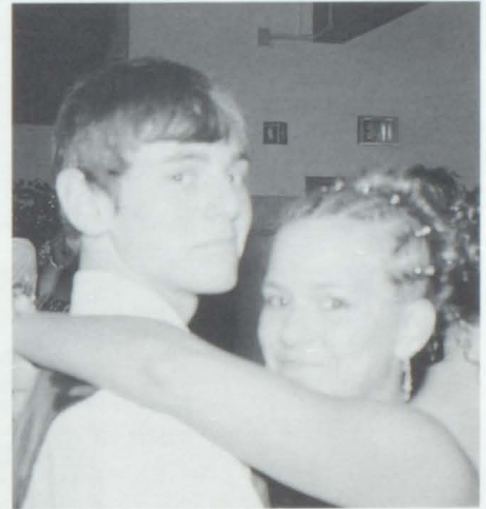
Senior class advisor Mr. Gary Lasceski is shown with senior Kasey Bey, one of his Youth in Government members.



Seniors Caitlyn Partridge and Evan Draper enjoyed the meal at prom.



(l.) Congratulations to Craig Datz and Alex Slosser who were named Co-Princes of the prom and Kelly Fall who was named Princess.



(above) Juniors Andrew Makl and Molly Bender took to the dance floor.



(l.) Senior Courtney Lemcke and junior Andrew Adkins are all smiles for the 2006 Prom.

(l.) Congratulations to Makenzie Doud and Brad Opperman who were named Queen and King of the 2006 Prom

Anne of Green Gables

Andrew Adkins (r.), who took on the role of Gilbert Blythe, takes notes while in class.



(above) Jessica Dues performed the lead role of Anne Shirley.

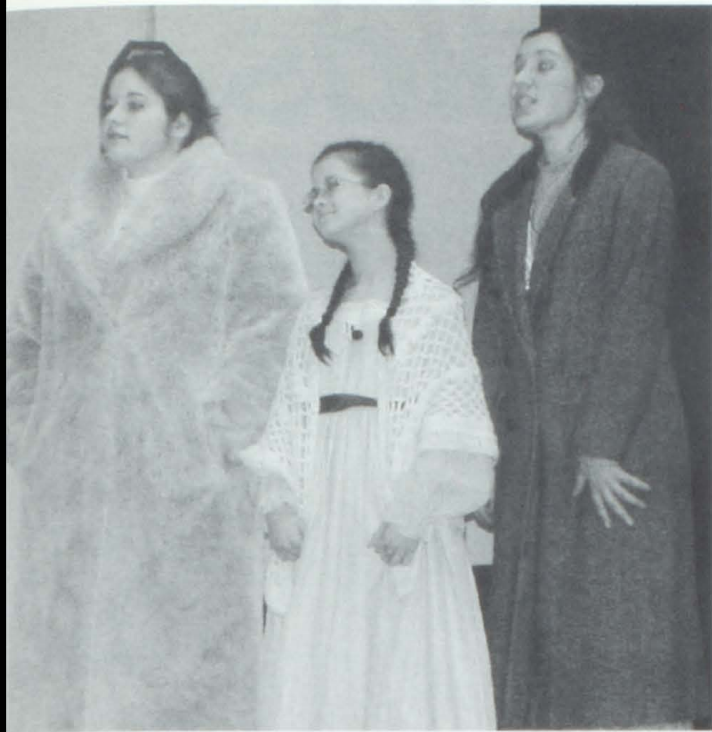


(above) Anne Shirley with her Aunt Josephine, played by Elizabeth Stahl; (c.) Anne talking to Marilla, while Matthew Cuthbert (played by Jon Ward) looks on.



Anne Shirley (Jessica) with her adopted mother Marilla Cuthbert, played by Jessica Main.

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Mrs. Barry (portrayed by Kim Stack) stands with her two daughters Diana (played by Gabrielle Piazza) and Minnie (played by Bonnie Peterson).



Anne Shirley and Diana Barry drink tea and chat with their friends.

Ellie Frazier plays Rachel Lynde, a nosy friend of Marilla Cuthbert.



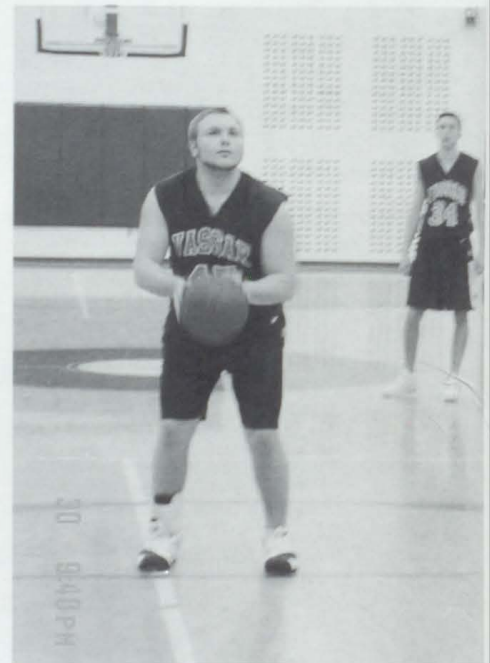
(r.) Jon Ward had the lead male role as Matthew Cuthbert, who with his sister Marilla adopted Anne.



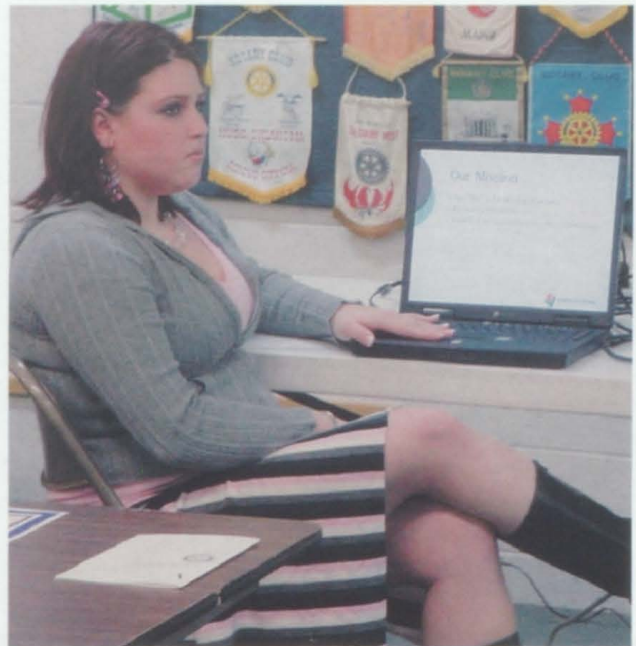
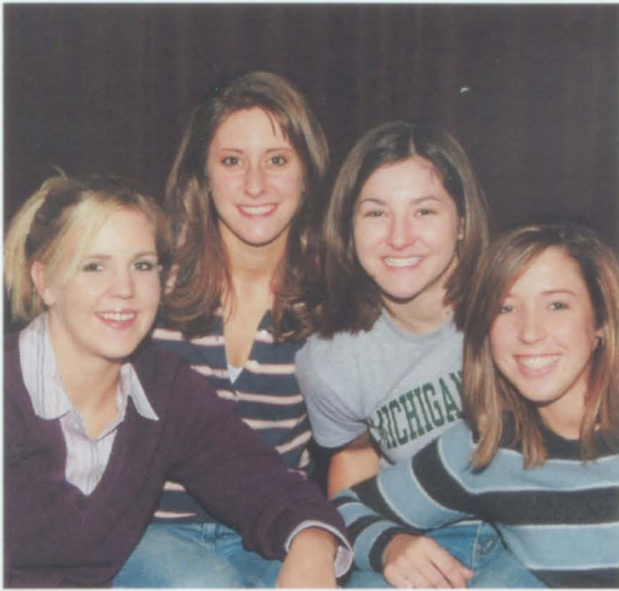
Mrs. Barry (Kim Stack) gives Anne a lecture about not being allowed to play with Diana anymore.



Sports Candida



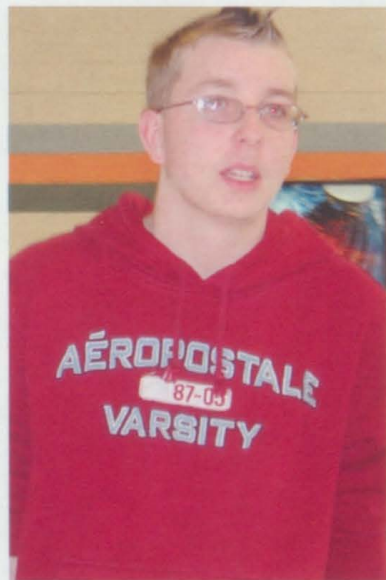
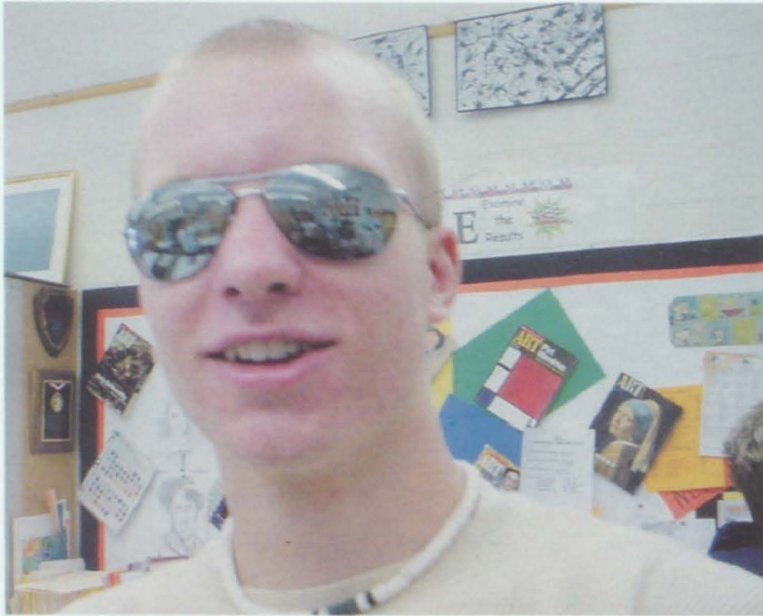
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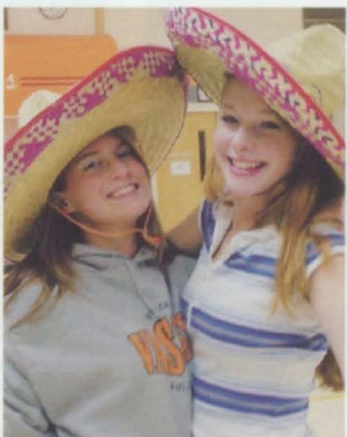
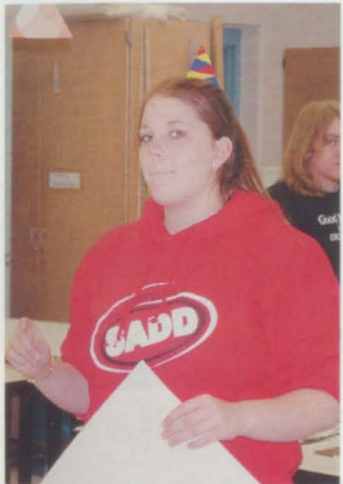
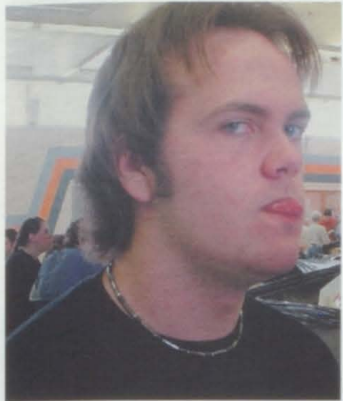
(top l) Senior class officers are Michelle Schoenlein (l.), Alyssa Cook, Jessie Solgat, and Kara Auernhamer; Tasha Torrez waits to do her presentation in her computer class; Shaun Spencer gives "the look"; Tyler Withers waits for the game to end so the dancing can begin.

Class of 2006

Just Hangin'



Out!!!



Class of 2006



Callie R. Atkins



Kara L. Auernhamer



Erica R. Aymer



Lindsay J. Bellamy



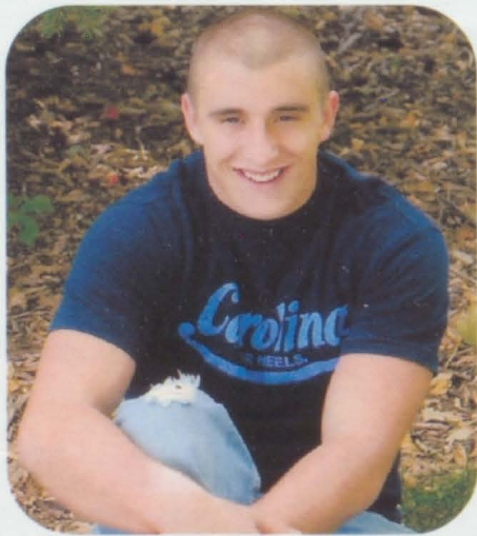
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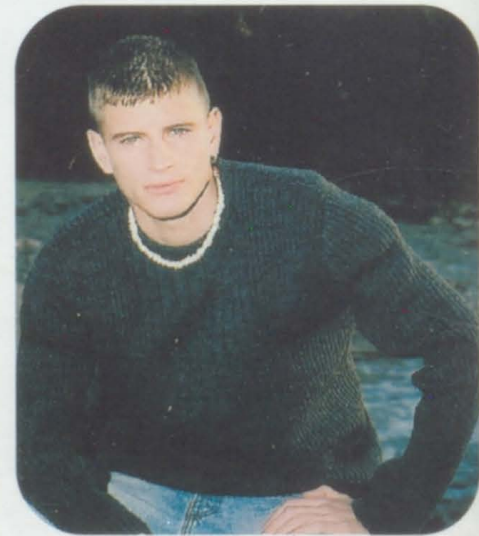
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Kasey C. Bey



Raymond E. Bickel



Rodger D. Buckley



Elizabeth A. Budzinski



Michael J. Bulko



Danielle L. Callahan



Aaron J.R. Chernenko



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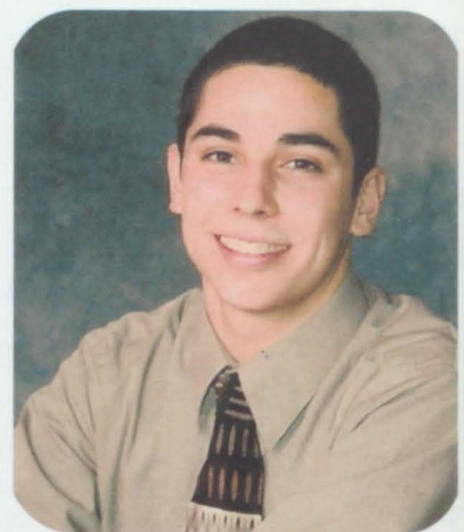
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Jessica L. Dues



Nicholas R. Elliott



Andrew N. Espinoza



Kristina N. Fall



Zachariah A. Fisher



Sarah M. Gasper



Cameron R. Haines



Michael A. Hall



Taylor A. Hamilton



Joseph R. Hamood



Manuela A.J. Harper



Jenna N. Hatfield



Mark H. Hecht



John T. Horwath



Tony Pollick won the People's Choice Award at Art at the Inn.



Nathan A. Hubbard



Whitney K. Huber



Angelyn E. Kasper



Anna M. Kennard



Michael S. King



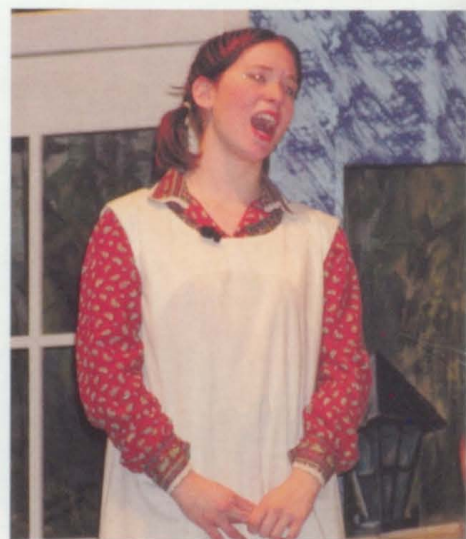
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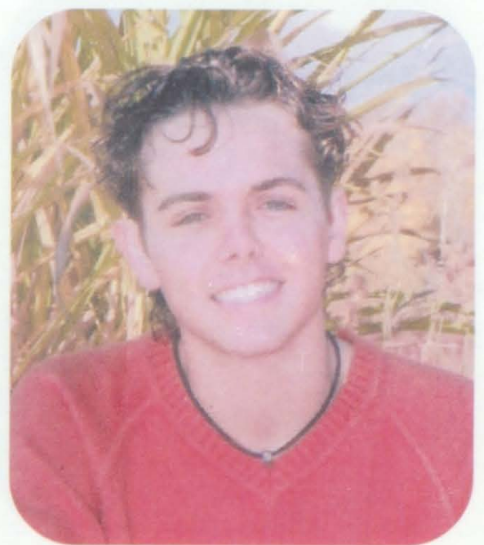
Jessica Dues played Anne in Anne of Green Gables.



Tiffanie R. Legue



Courtney E. Lemcke



Brian T. Makl Jr.



Danielle K. McAuley



Pattie A. McConnell



Perry E. McConnell III



Amanda K. McCurdy



Michael R. Moncman



Evan Draper made his first play debut in Anne of Green Gables.



Kayla M. Neeley



Bradley R. Opperman



Ryan L. Palm



Robert J. Palmer



Enrique G. Palomares



Jerraka Parker



Shantelle M. Parson



Caitlyn A. Partridge



Manuela Harper is awed at the invention of the camera.



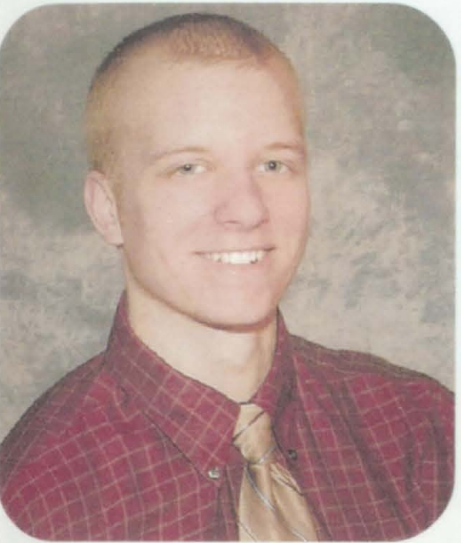
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Adam C. Phillips



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Justin E. Pratt



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Melody L. Schafsnitz



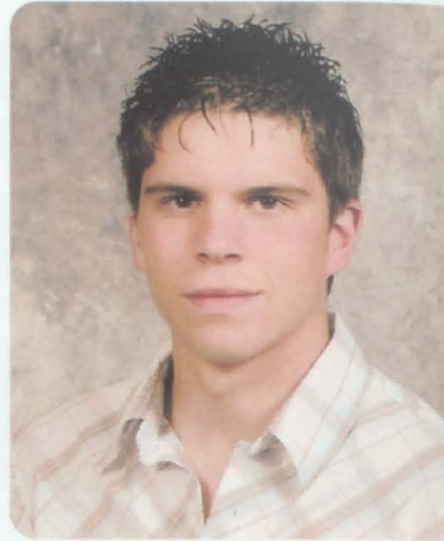
Aaron Chernenko, Alyssa Cook and Chewbacca fight for Vassar High School.



Timothy D. Schafsnitz



Shelia M. Scharff



Cody M. Schenk



Michelle B. Schoenlein



Laura I. Slosser



Heaven L. Smith



Shamara S. Smith



Jessica N. Solgat



Danielle Whitaker is taken aback by the surprise picture attack.



Shaun M. Spencer



Kimberly S. Stack



Katelyn E. Stelfox



Sarah A. Stuart



Sasha R. Sutton



Autumn L. Swackhamer



Natasha D. Torrez



Kristina M. Toyzan



Natacha Cintron stops on her way to class.



Brittney A. Walker



Bryan D. Waterman



Danielle N. Whitaker



Chelsea A. Williams



Todd J. Wilson



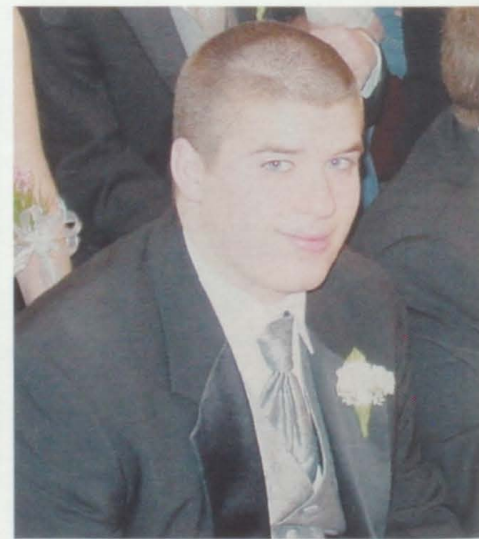
Douglas L. Wischmeyer Jr.



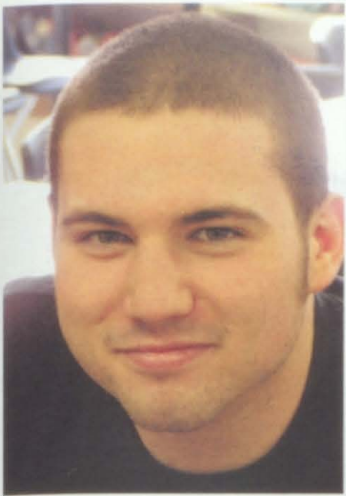
Tyler A. Withers



Brandon L. Yeck



Cameron Haines awaits to be announced at the Ice Fest Assembly.



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| Heather Bertelsmeyer | Andrea Reyes |
| Danielle Elliott | Lidia Rodriguez |
| Brock Evitts | Carl Safford |
| Jessica Harris | Jason Smith |
| Andrew Hecht | Tabitha Smith |
| Frank Knickerbocker | Stacey Spencer |
| Joshua Ledford | Jeremiah Sweeza |
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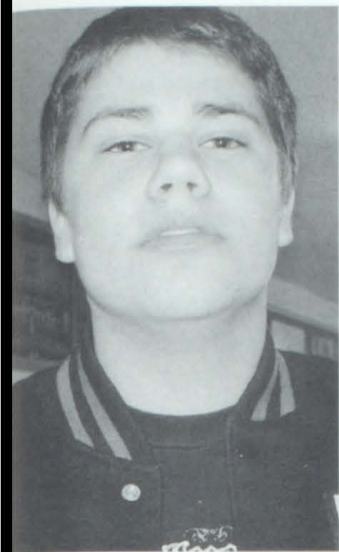
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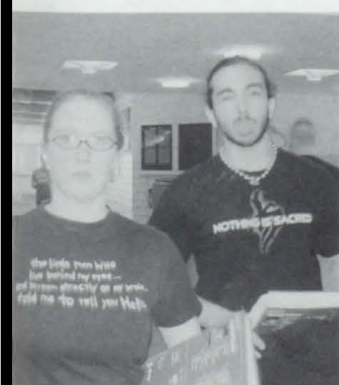
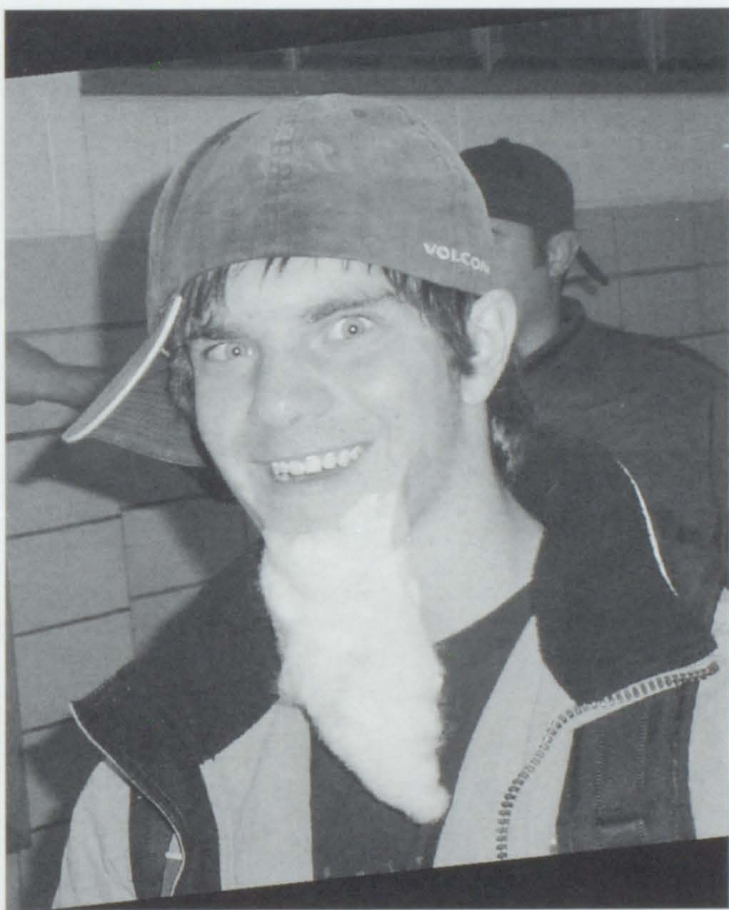
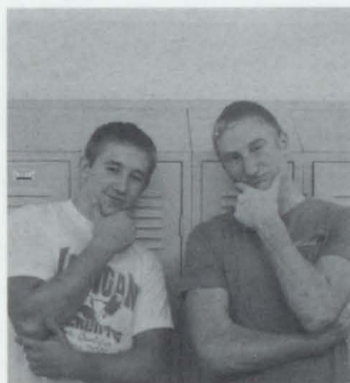
In memory of Evan Robert Turner.

He was our friend, our classmate, and he will always be in our hearts.

Class of 2006



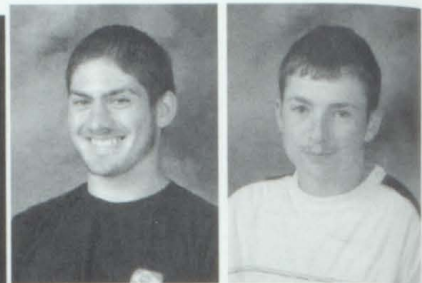
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Class of 2007

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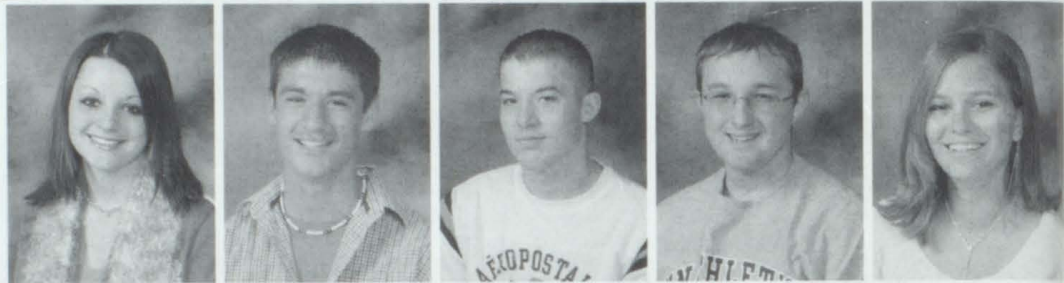
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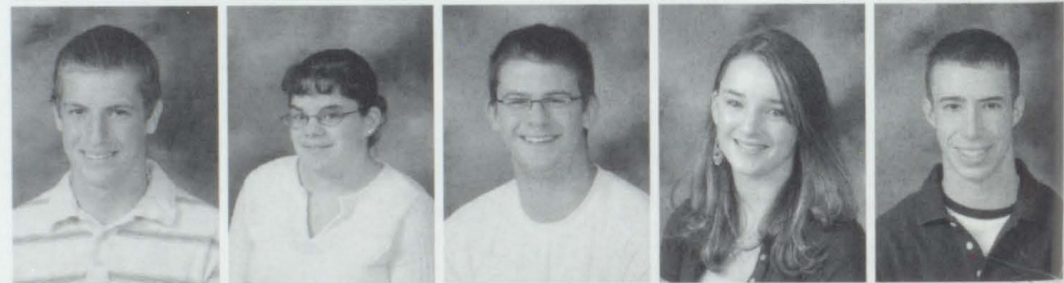
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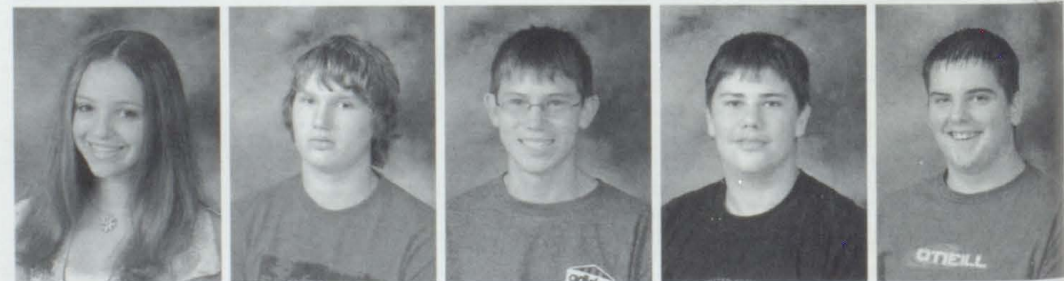
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Jillian Blogg
Thomas Bohl



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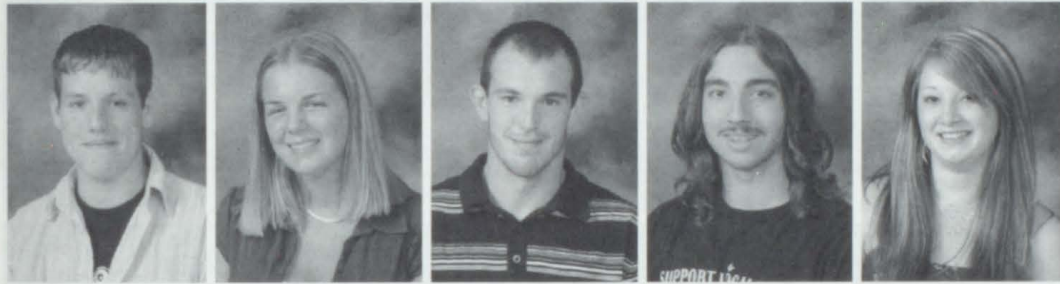
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Tyler Griffis
Katelynn Harper
Matthew Hawley
Adam Hebert



Jeremie Hecht
Taylor Hecht
David Jackson
Nicholas Janni
Nicole Jefferson



Neil Kabat
James Kasper
Amberle Kyrirtz
Julia Lackowski
Joshua LaMay



Charles Legue
Ashley Long
Krystle Lorenz
Chelsea Loudon
Jessica Main

Class of 2007

Joana March
James Marker
Jordan Masker
Ashleigh Miller
Zachary Mills



Matthew Moody
Justin Napper
Lacreisha Nard
Austin Nelson
Faith Neuroth



Andrew Opperman
Grant Opperman
Lars Pearson
Clinton Peck
Katherine Petterson



Kourtnei Petzold
William Piazza
Heather Pileri
Lantz Porritt
Gary Pratt



Brandy Putman
Raymond Quick
Jamie Radick
Jesse Rae
Laura Rae



Julia Reyes
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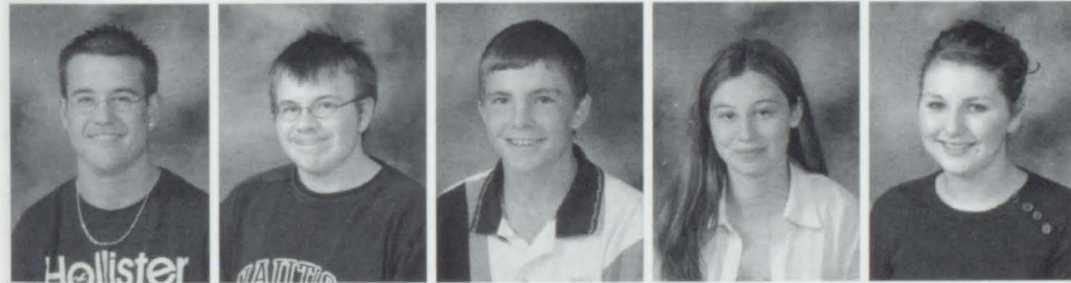
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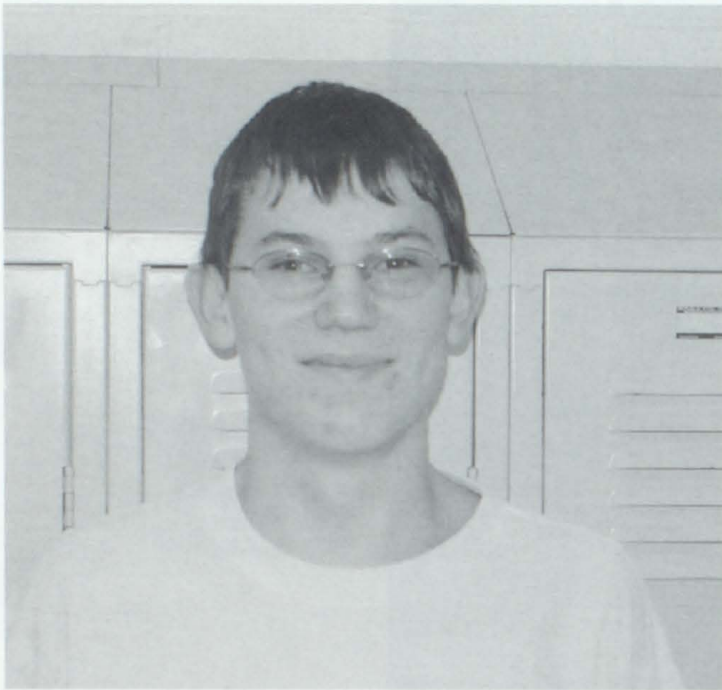


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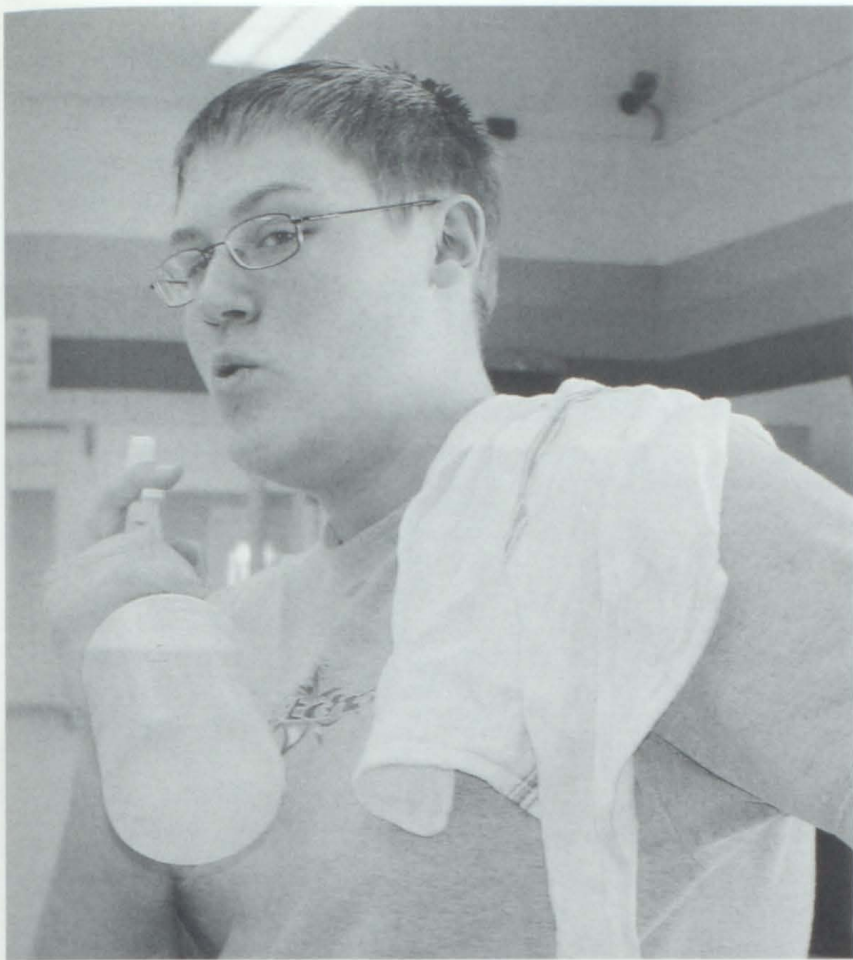
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Brandi Shaw
Kendra Woolwine

Right: Lantz Porritt working hard in class.



Above: Craig Datz stops to smile in the hallway. Right: Justin Napper sporting a tall hat. Below: Clinton Peck, Kelly Fall, and Andrea Sebert hanging out on the bench.



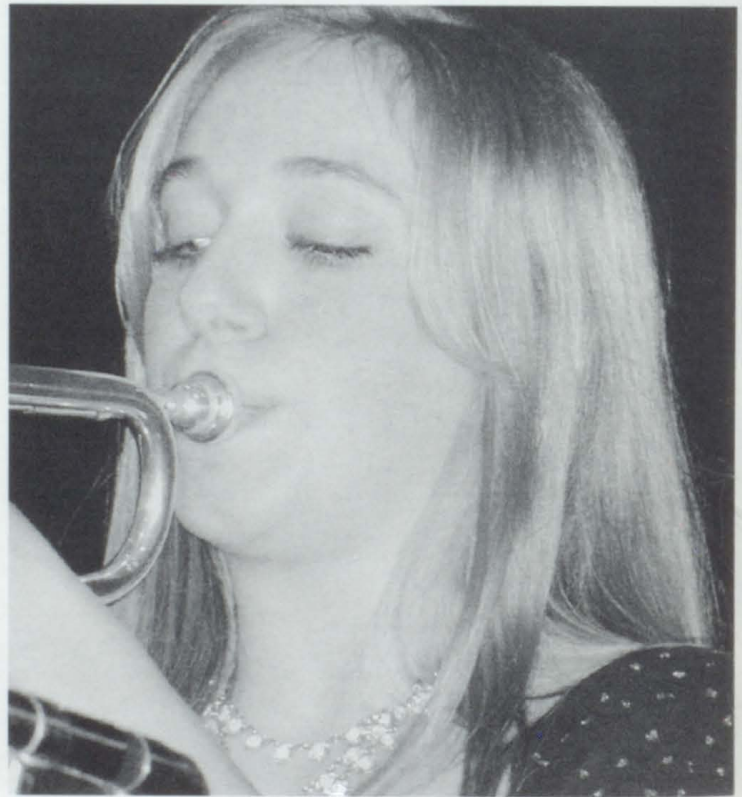
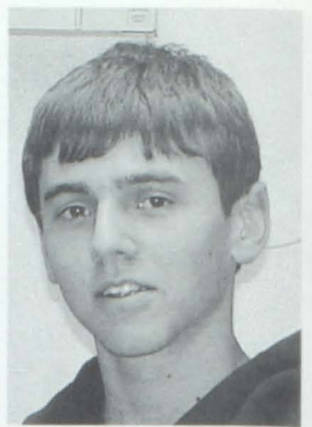
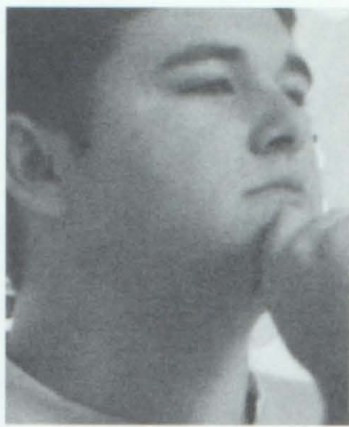


Top Left: Chris Anderson cleaning. Above: Nicole Jefferson smiling in the hall on her way to class. Below: Sara Tausch and Ashley Allen posing for the camera.



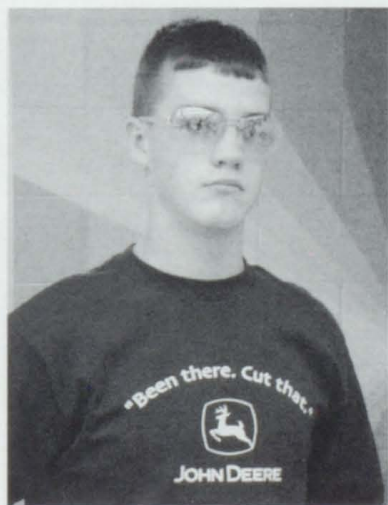
Above: Joana March and Jennifer Colosky wrapping Christmas presents for needy families. Right: T.J. Beckman presenting for psychology class.







Sophomores



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 Winston Adkins
 Holly Allbee
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Andrea Armstrong
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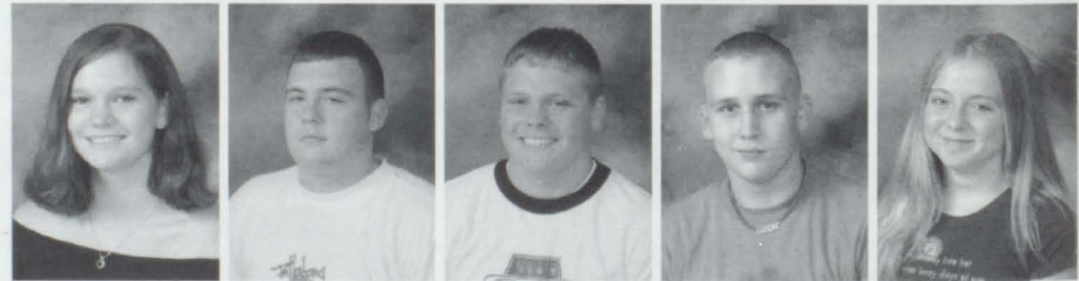
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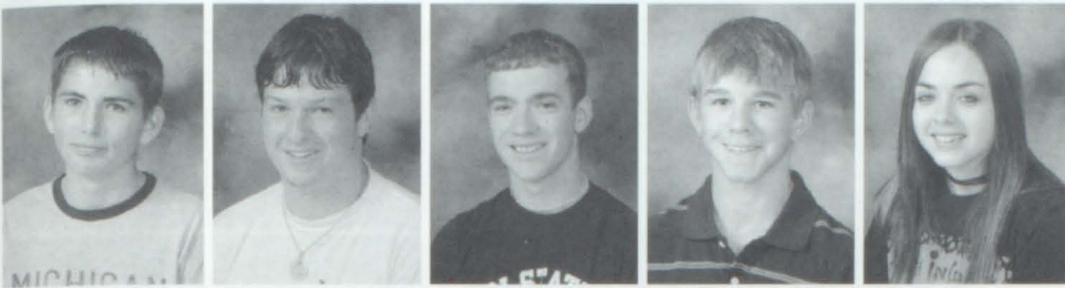


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 Amanda Cook



April Curtis
 Michael Curtis
 Robert Curtis
 Sean Curtis
 Sasha Davis





Travis Davis
 Brock DeSander
 Patrick Dodd
 Brandon Drews
 Krista Empey



Michael Endert
 Gwendolyn Ervin
 Kerry Eskelson
 Dylan Fackler
 Daryse Foether



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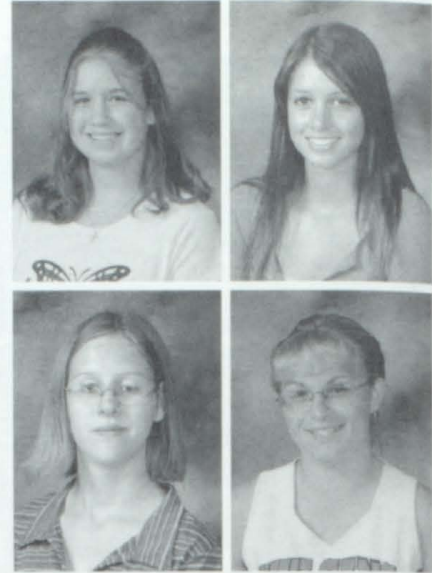
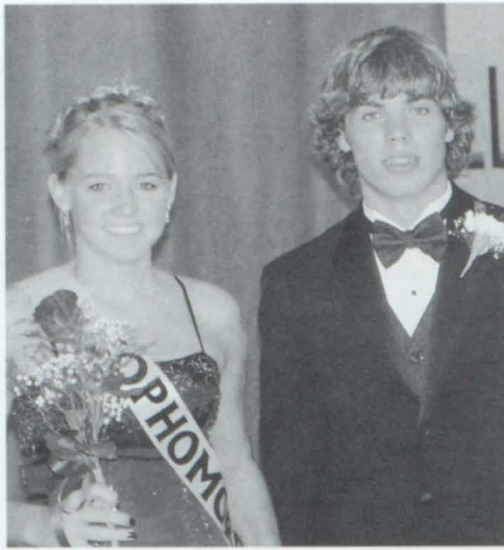


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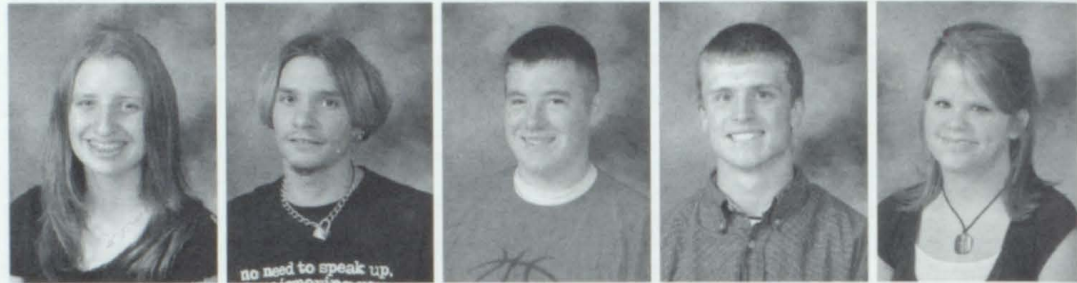
Sophomore Homecoming
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MacKay and Winston Adkins.



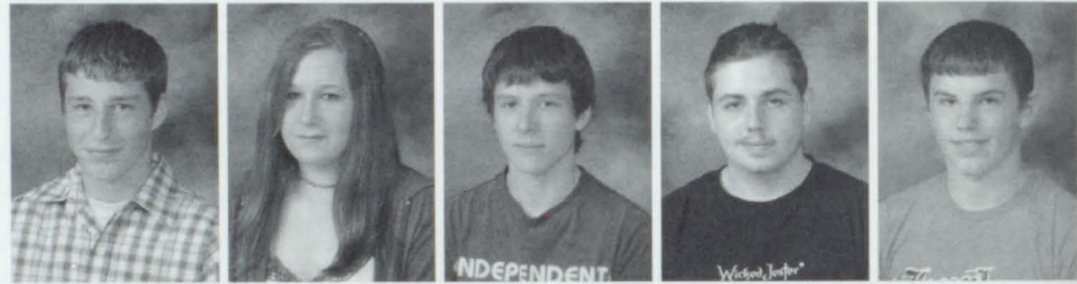
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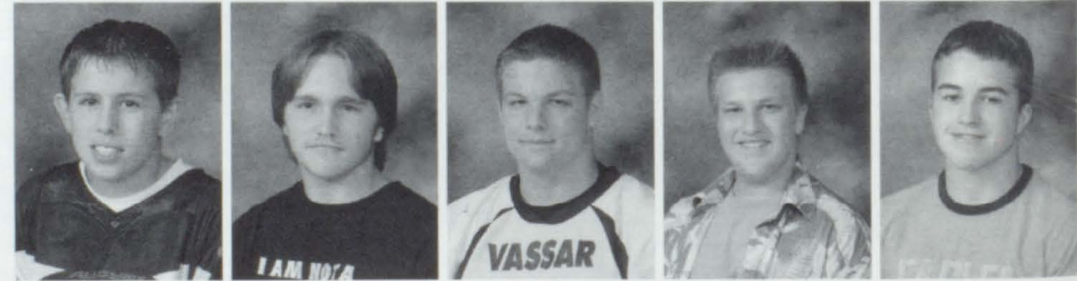
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Stephanie Lesko
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Raymond Markey
Joel Martin
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Cody McLaren





Sophomore Ice Fest
Representatives Dylan Fackler
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Kirstin Miller
Krystle Miller

Alan Mills
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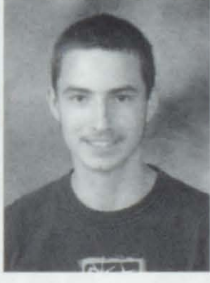
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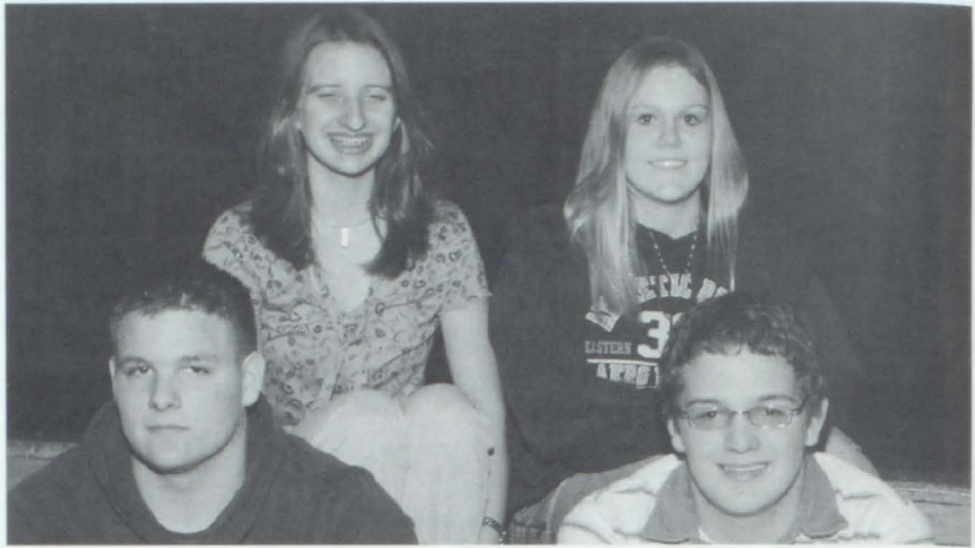


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Juan Palomares
Heather Partridge
Catherine Pecoraro
Isaac Peters



Kali Phillips
Gabrielle Piazza
Matthew Pickett
Chelsea Premo
Brianna Ratza

Sophomore Class
 Officers are: (front L.)
 Jordan McAuley and
 Alex Hubbard.; (back L.)
 Kim Kennard and Tami
 Germain.



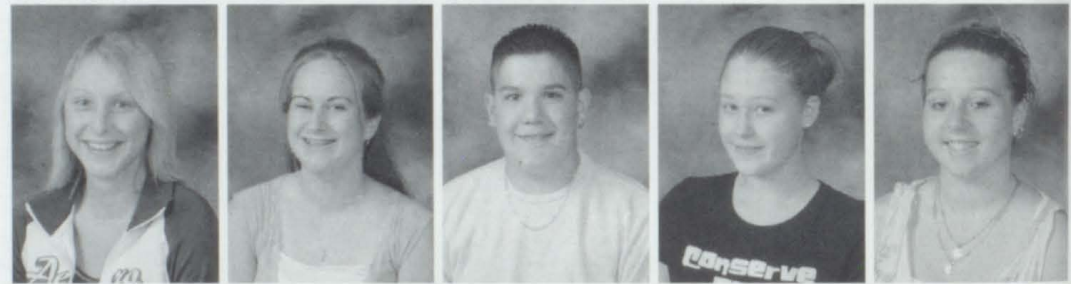
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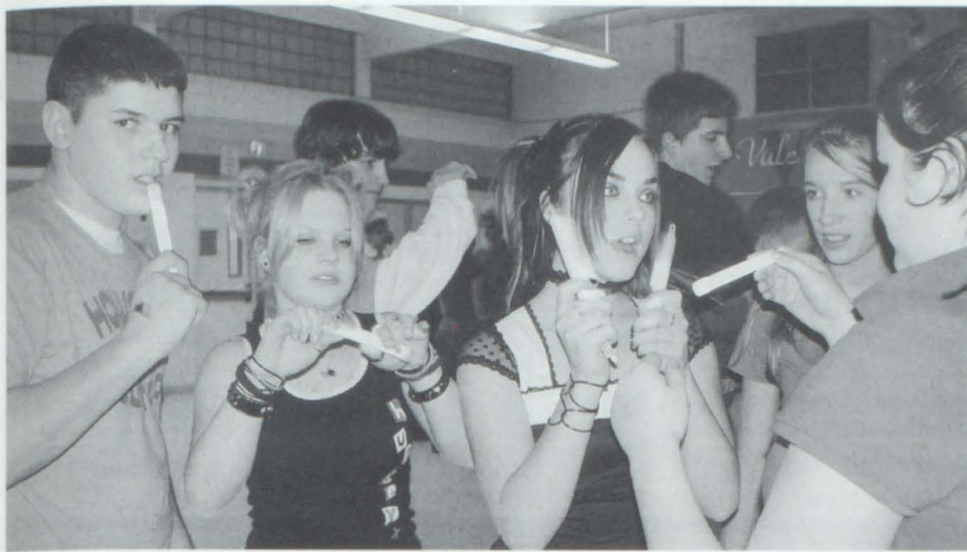


Amanda Shavrnoch
 Kristen Shoemate
 Kody Slough
 Crystal Smith
 Kara Smith



Tonia Smith
 Brett Stacer
 Kara Stevens
 Amber Stroup
 Amanda Summerfield





Some Sophomores
just hanging out
during the dance.



Cassandra Swackhamer
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Kristin Traster
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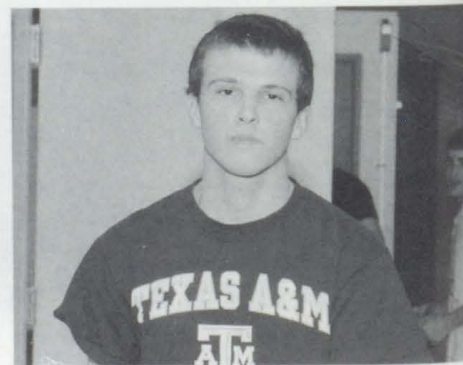
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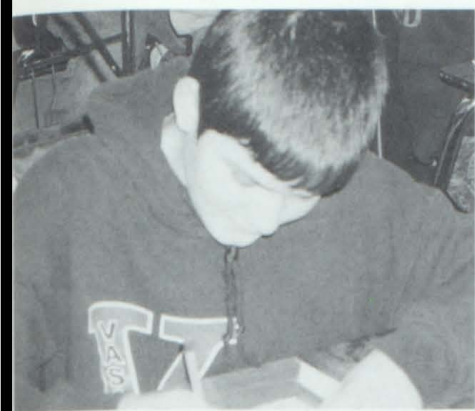
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Nancy Locke
Wendy Locke
Paul McConnell
Steven Schluckbier
Nicole Summerfield

CLASS OF 2008!





Freshmen



(left) Steve Neumann, Chris Sergent, and Cass Lackowski wait by their lockers for class to begin.

(bottom) Lena Truettis anxious for her freshman year to end.



Courtney Abbs
Christian Alberts
Leroy Amend
Mary Anthony
Justin Ayotte
Amber Baker



Mackenzie Bellamy
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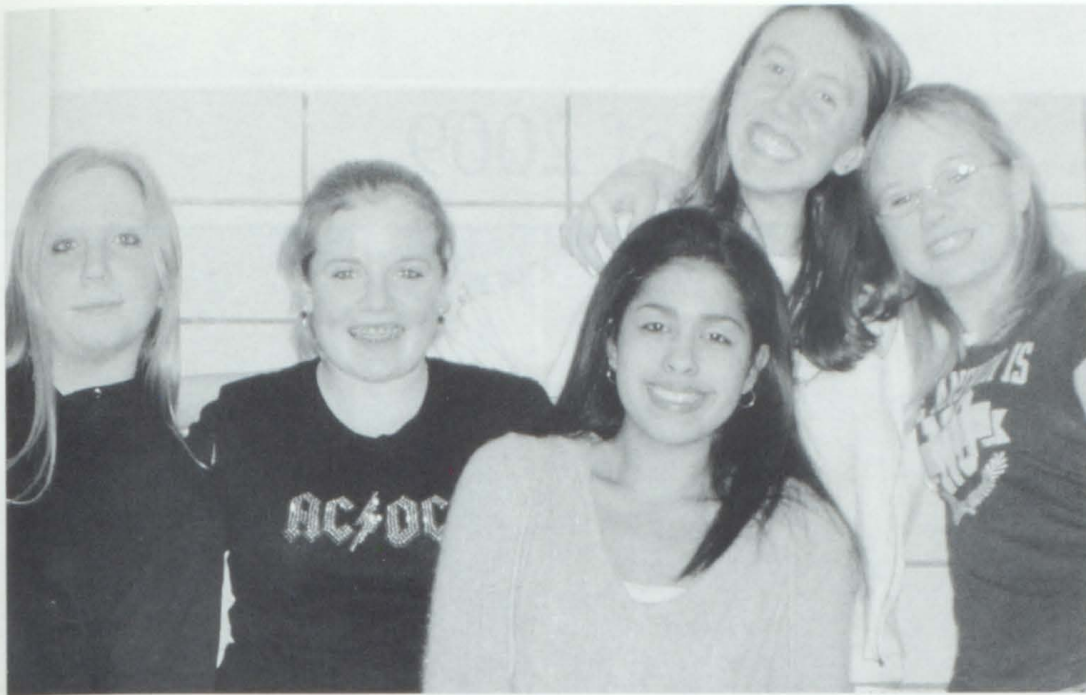


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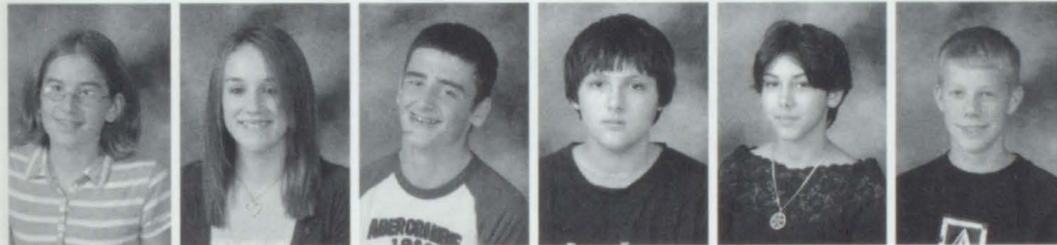
(left) Jamie Perry, Kristin Walker, Jackie Torrez, Melissa Spencer and Kayle Ridley smile for a picture outside of class.



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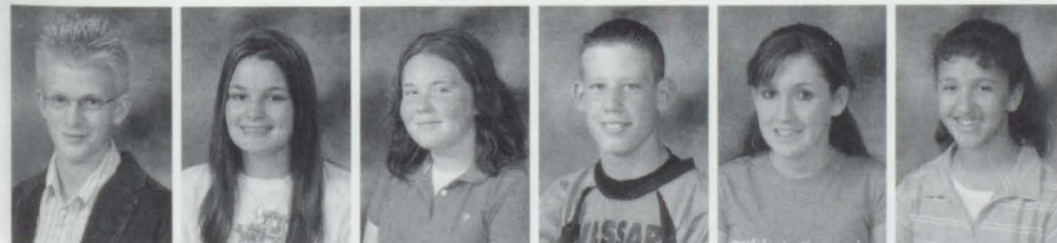
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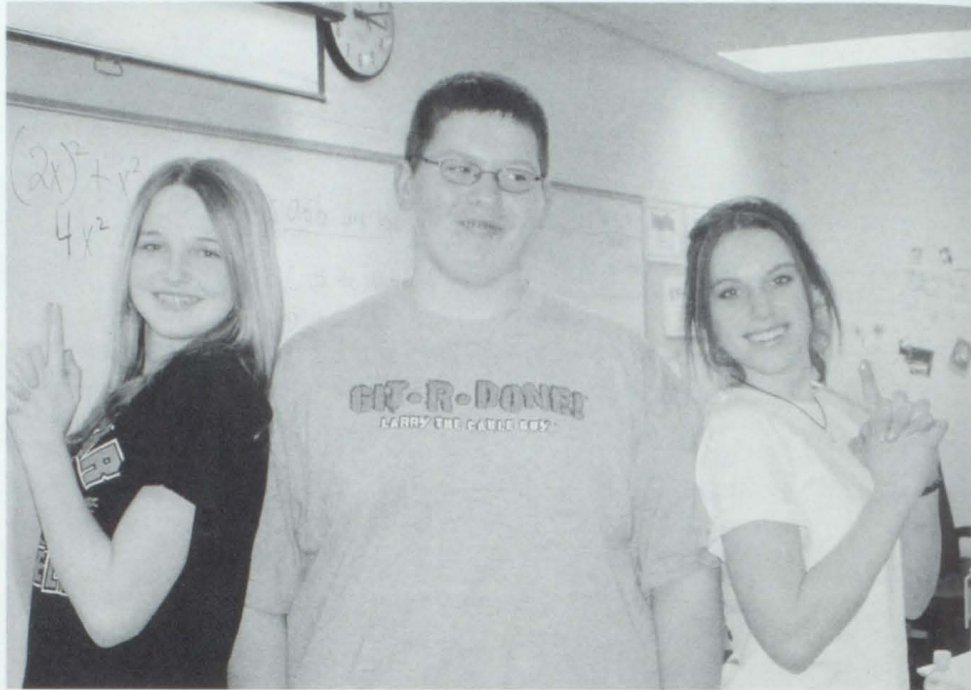
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Kayla Jaruzel

Class of 2009

Courtney Abbs, Jacob Ward, and Lauren Bradley goof around in math class.



Tyler Jenkins
Dedra Johnson
Kari Johnston
Samuel Kennard
Hans Kern
Patrick Kesemeyer



Jeffrey Kidd
Kayla King
Jake Kokowicz
Shannon Kyritz
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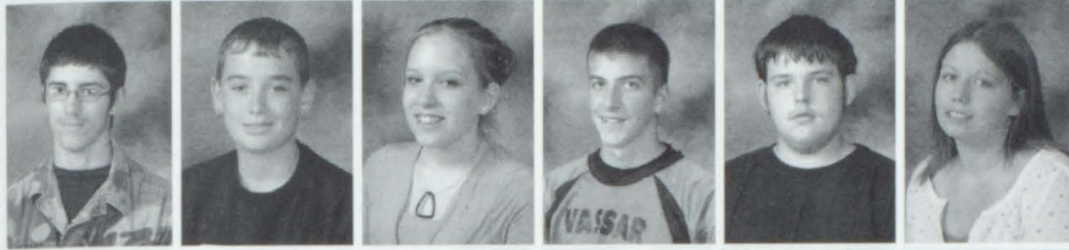
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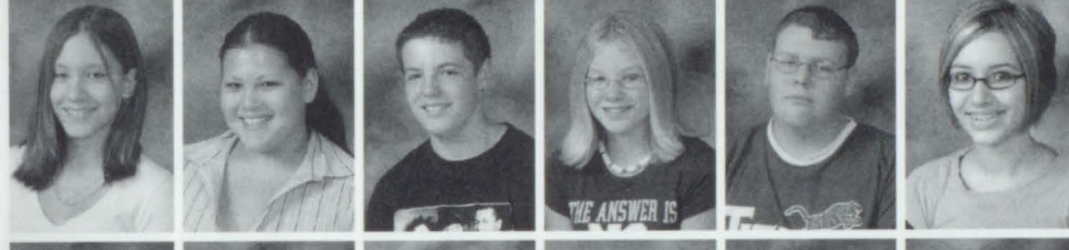
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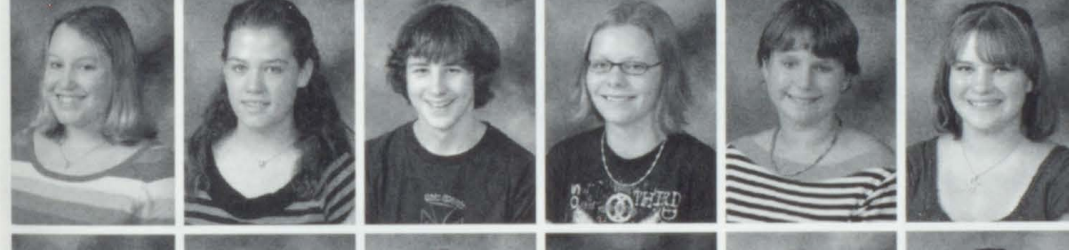
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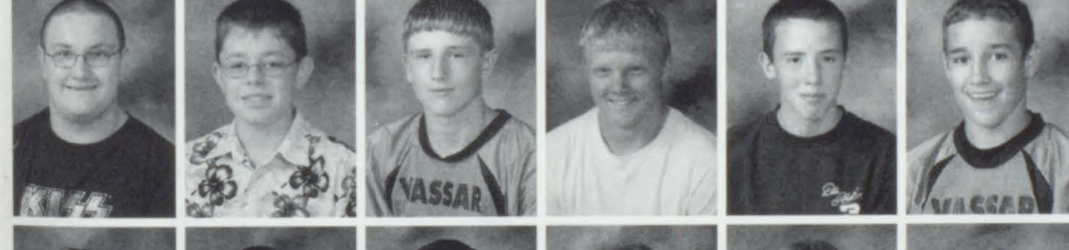
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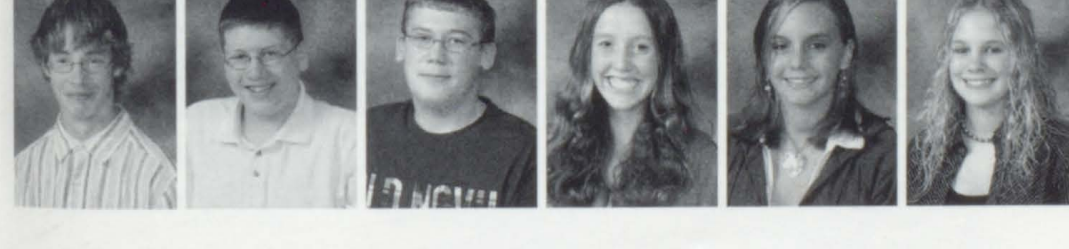
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Earl Schnepf
Christopher Sergent
Brent Severn
Robert Severn
Justin Shippey
Shane Shoens



Timothy Skarbek
Jonathan Smith
Thomas Smith
Melissa Spencer
Heather Stalsberg
Sara Stelfox

Jared Stierheim
 Sydney Strandberg
 Ryan Sulicki
 Trista Swinton
 Audreanna Symon
 Marcus Taylor



Marina Taylor
 Michael Tebedo
 Zachary Tebord
 Cameron Thorp
 Matthew Tompkins
 Jackie Torrez



Ryan Truax
 Lena Truett
 Michael Valente
 Racshelle Van Hollan
 Lashunda Vickers
 Ryan Waggoner



Kristin Walker
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Casey Williams
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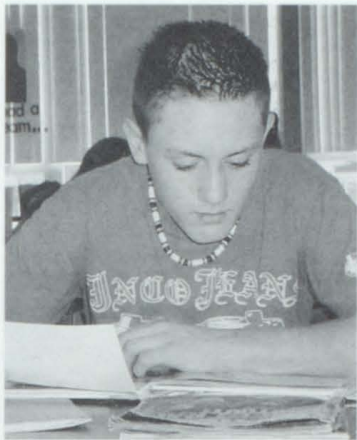
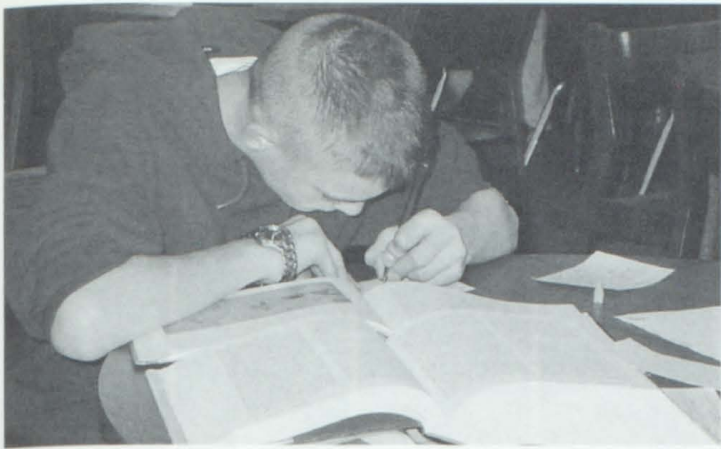
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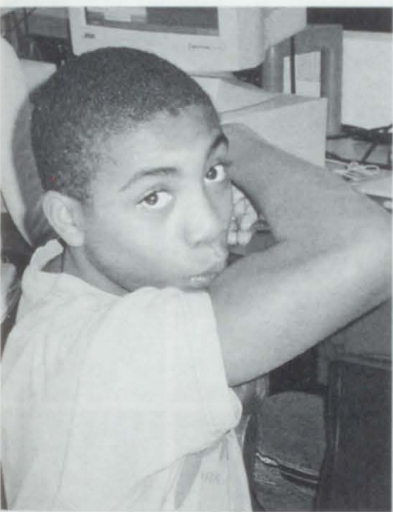
Class of 2009







Junior High



Seventh Grade

Abigail Amend
Brandi Amend
Jennifer Aranyos
Emily Aranyos
Jessica Armstrong
Kyle Auernhamer



Jordan Ayotte
Katie Bauer
Jeremiah Bell
Kayla Bell
Eric Bellman
Kayla Bender



Max Bender
Tyler Best
Ian Bradley
Joseph Brisbin
Mark Buckley
Chelsea Bukach



Alisha Campbell
Jack Campbell
Sean Chapman
Jazmine Clapper
Cody Clinesmith
Chelsea Coffey



Tiffany Cole
Tiffinee Colosky
Patience Crawford
Carly Curell
Joseph Dean
Scott Dean



Quinn Doran
Gregory Ellison
Natasha Gamet
Danielle Gamm
Lacey Germain
Guy Gilbert



Steven Green
Samantha Groen
Megan Haebler
Madison Harper
Codie Hartung
Nicolis Hartung



Class of 2011!!!



Johnny Riley and Max Bender perform at an Academic Track meet



Chelsey Hatfield
Bethany Hershberger
Jacob Hohman
Joshua Horwath
Leah Hoyt
Gina Hubbard

Austin Huber
Ashley Janke
Andrew Jobson
Daniel Kennard
Jesse Kern
Skyler King

Jillian Knudsen
Dallas Kokowicz
Kaycee Kowitz
Darcy LaFever
Megan Landskroener
Heather Lefler

Seventh Grade

Kelly Lefler
Cody Legue
Ashtin Lewis
Richard Lovelady
Robert Major
James McLaren



Casey Mileski
Christopher Miller
Destiny Milton
Jill Moreau
Ryan Muntz
Brittany Noblin



Nick Nowyorkas
Jessica Ostrander
Ryan Owens
Keegan Parks
Bradley Payzant
Brandon Peplinski



Brandon Peter
Eli Peters
Bonnie Petterson
Amanda Pomranky
Joshua Puchalla
Jennie Reid



John Riley
Dakota Robinet
Marshall Rochefort
Andrea Sarazine
Allison Schiefer
Morgan Seney



Rachael Sharp
Laura Sheppard
Samantha Shippey
Nicole Short
Ashley Sipes
Adrian Skinner



Jasmine Smith
Kala Smith
Lacey Smith
Megan Solgat
Julie Swackhamer
Enrico Torres



Class of 2011

Missing Photos:

Fred Locke

Brynne Pearson



Miles Clampet puts on a big smile for the camera after the geography bee.



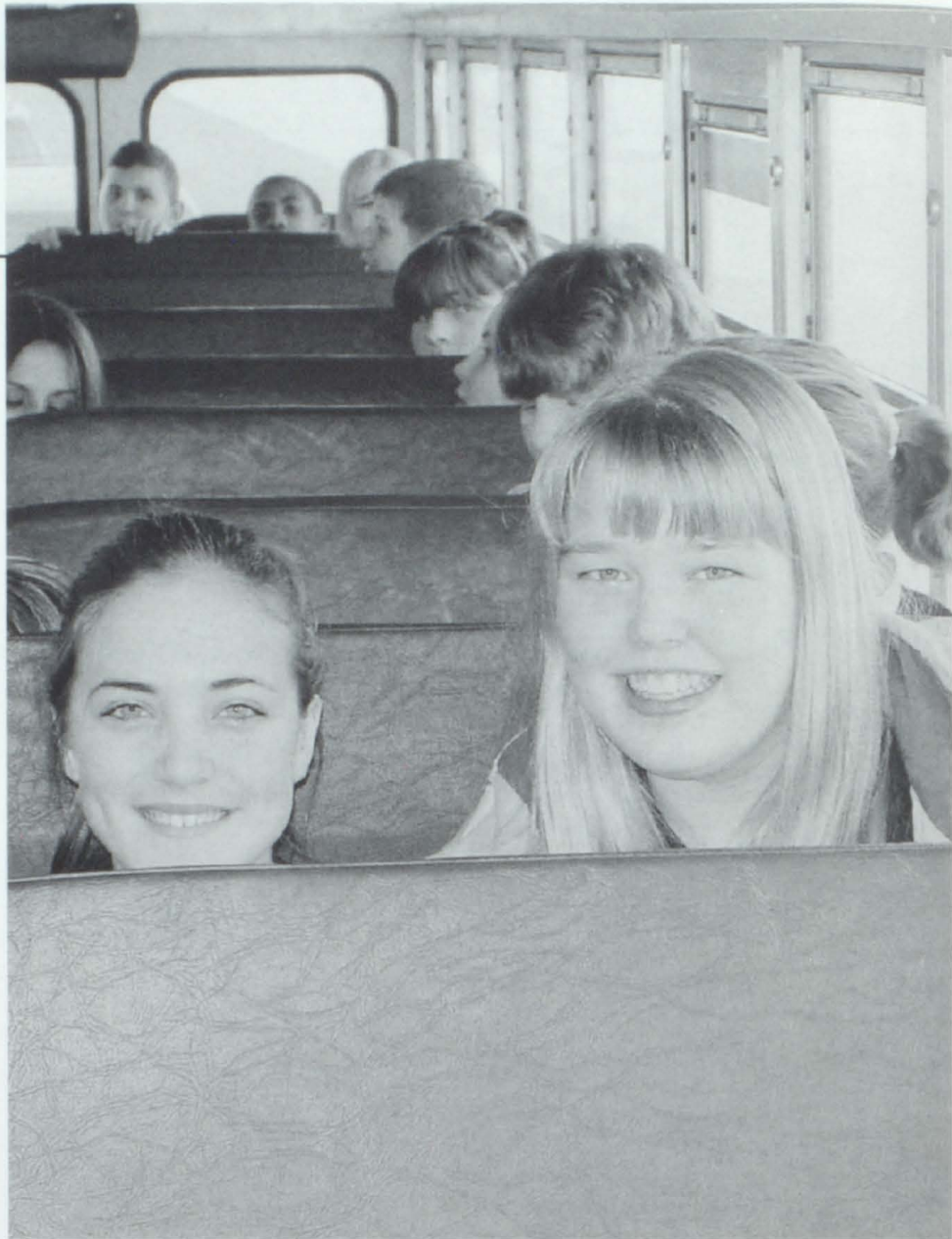
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Nolan Whitney

Kane Wickings
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Paul Wietecha
Charlotte Wilkinson
Carlos Wilson

Taylor Wilson
Danyell Woolwine
Ryan Woolwine
Taylor Worth

Fun at Academic Track!

Hannah Opperman and Kayla Verbeek pause to get a photo taken on the bus to an Academic Track meet.



Kelsey Hecht acts out her sketch at an Academic Track Meet.



Amanda Kennard, Sarah Neuman, and Dakota DuVuyst are all smiles at Academic track.



Eighth Grade



Zachary Allbee
 Ryan Amend
 Shelby Anker
 Nicholas Anthony
 Zachary Aranyos
 Cody Ayotte



Joshua Bauer
 Jesse Baumgarner
 Justin Beach
 Kimberly Bell
 Trent Bellamy
 Jessica Bellenir



Elizabeth Bissonnette
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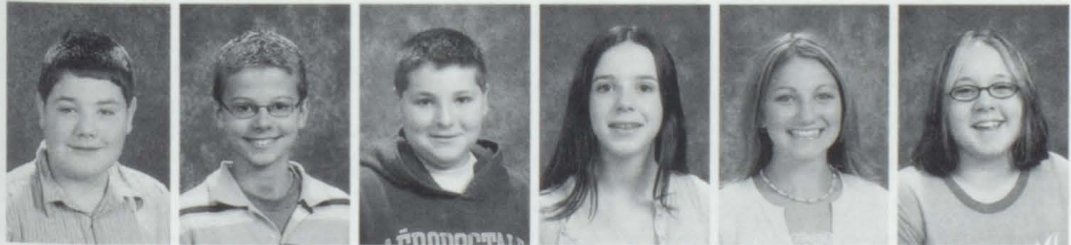
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 Jacob Clinesmith



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 Rachael Damm
 Krystal Dennis
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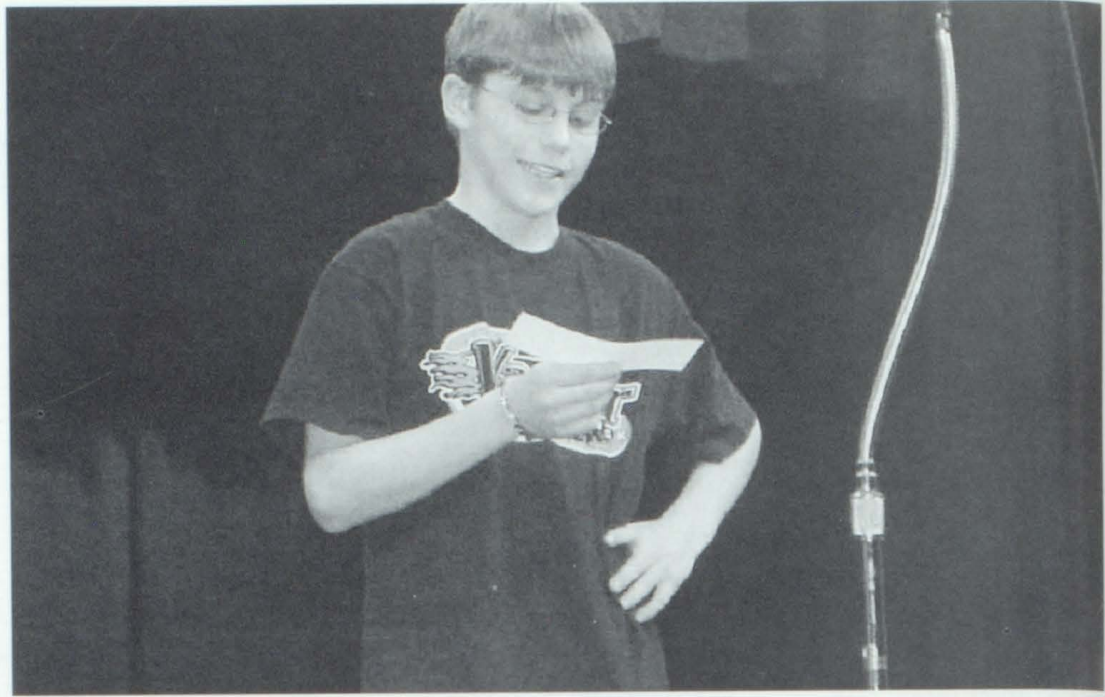


Cheyenne Doyle
 Lashawna Duckworth
 Rian Edler
 Santana Edler
 Shane Edler
 Jessica Ellis



Cody Ferrett
 Austin Fields
 Joseph Figard
 Kelsi Fisher
 Katelynn Fitzpatrick
 Megan Ford

Dallas Kokowicz prepares to present at the Vassar Academic track meet.



Kristie Fry
Tasha Galvin
Renae Gamm
Jessica Gatica
Olivia Germain
Alex Gibbs



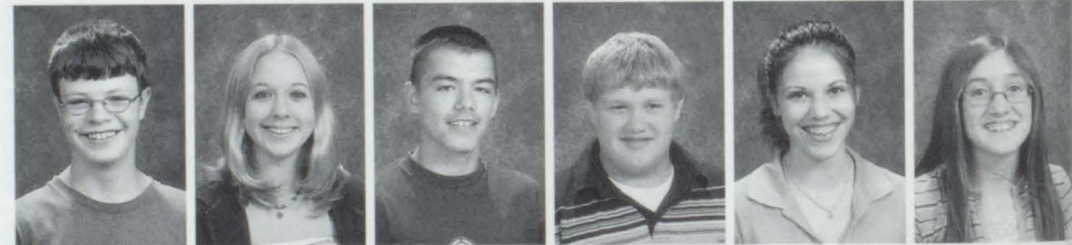
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Kyle Glenn
Aliva Godard
Shelby Goodman
Kay-Cie Hafer
Joseph Harper



Zachary Harper
Cory Harris
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Paul Heath
Kelsey Hecht



Douglas Hess
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Cody Hodgins
Brandon Hubbard
Renae Huizar
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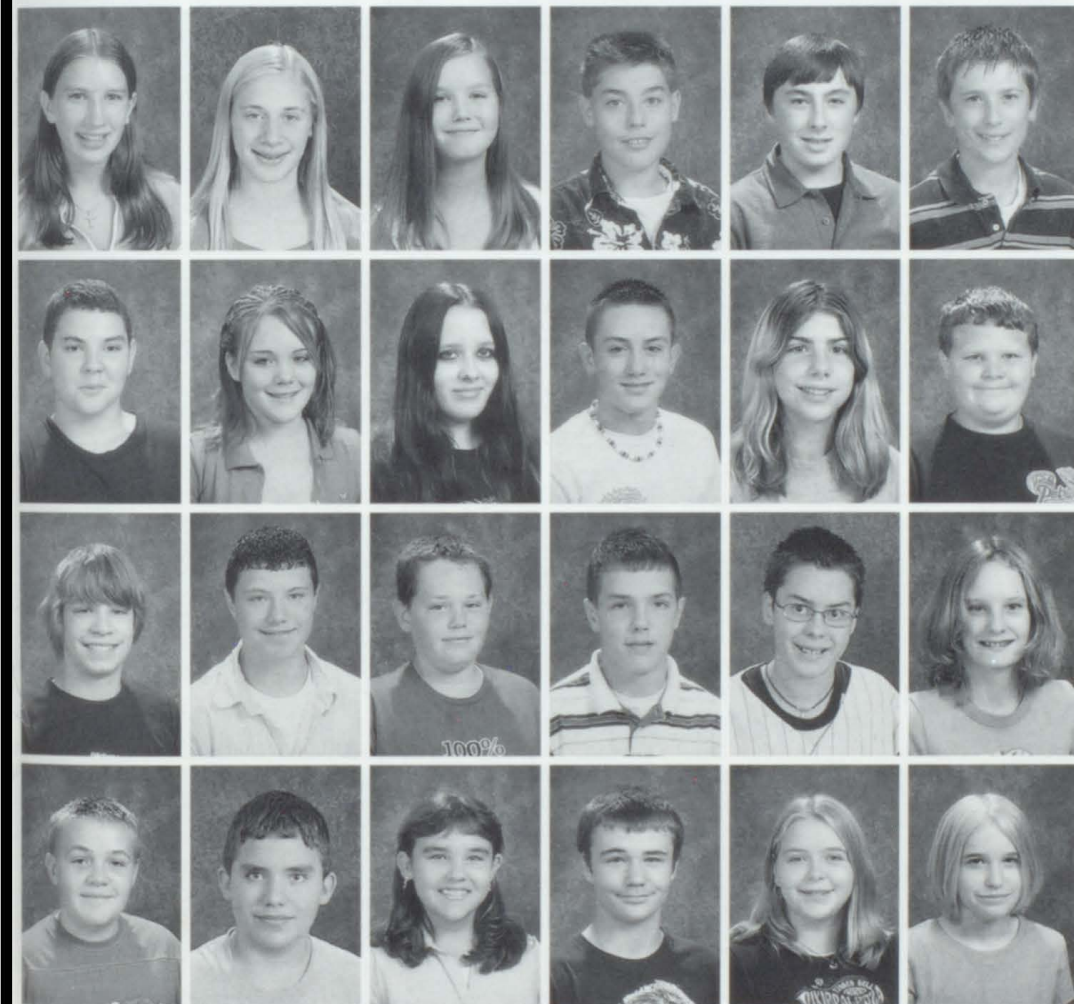


Allison Jacot
Joseph Jobson
Joshua Jobson
Angela Jones
Shannon Jones
Scott Kasper



Jamie Palmer smiles for the camera and enjoys it.

Katie Blasius says "What!" between classes in the hall.



Amanda Kennard
Haley Kern
Ashley Knapp
Zachary Knapp
Jamison Knudsen
Zachary Kobman

Scott LaBean
Jessica Langenburg
Sarah Langer
Anthony Leverett
Amber Lewis
Timothy Lovelady

James Lyons
Quinn MacEachern
Joshua Martin
Kyle Martin
Matthew McCormick
Hannah Meece

Steven Milton
Timothy Moody
Brooke Morin
Kyle Nantell
Ariel Napper
Sarah Neumann

Kyle Glenn and Geoffrey Wickings procrastinate during class.



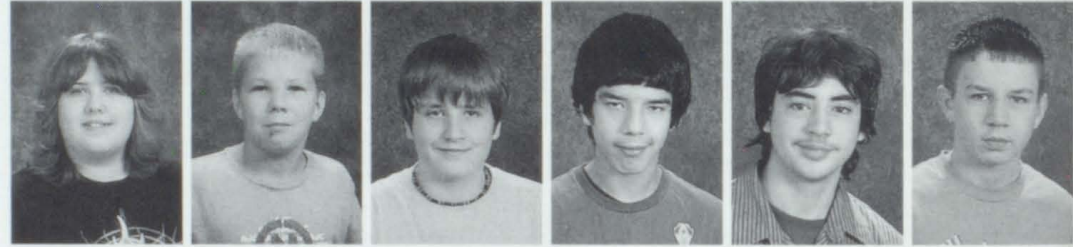
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Tyler Payea
Corey Peck



Autumn Pennell
Douglas Peters
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Jami Piotrowski
Clinton Ransom
Nicholas Reider



Rebecca Revez
Bradley Ridley
Thomas Riedel
Nick Rodriguez
Nicolaas Ronteltap
Bradley Rose



Ashley Schiefer
Jeremy Schiefer
Hillary Schnettler
Brandy Searles
Ashley Shavrnoch
Isaac Silvey



Danielle Slater
Brandon Smith
Brianna Smith
Harrison Smith
Kaci Smith
Miranda Smith



Class of 2010!!!



Quinn MacEachern look for information in a book while visiting the library.



Tiffany Smith
Nicole Stevens
Brandee Stratton
Justin Stratton
Rachel Summerfield
Wayne Szagesh

Brent Tebedo
Brandon Tereau
Bryce Torrey
Brandon Truax
Ashley Turner
Michelle Uttley

Kayla Verbeek
Keif Vickers
Katherine Vigil
Jamie Walter
Jeffrey Wickings
Angel Wilber

Kassandra Woolwine
Nathan Woolwine
Gary Wright
Justin Ydrogo
Katisha Zelmer

Jr. High



8th
Grade
Boys'
Basketball

8th Grade
Basketball
Cheerleading



8th Grade
Volleyball

Sports



7th
Grade
Boys'
Basketball

7th Grade
Basketball
Cheerleading



7th Grade
Volleyball

Jr. High Sports

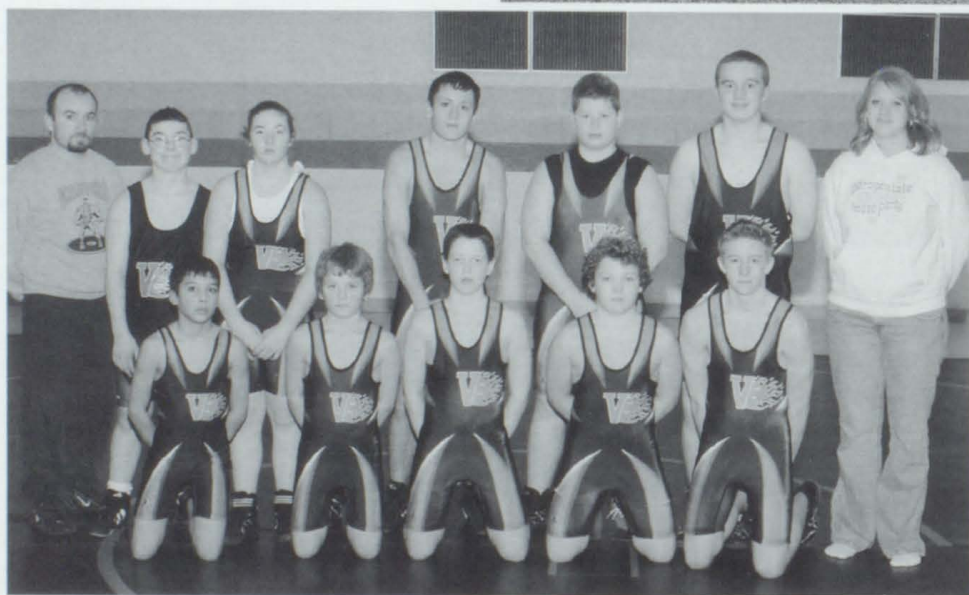


7th & 8th
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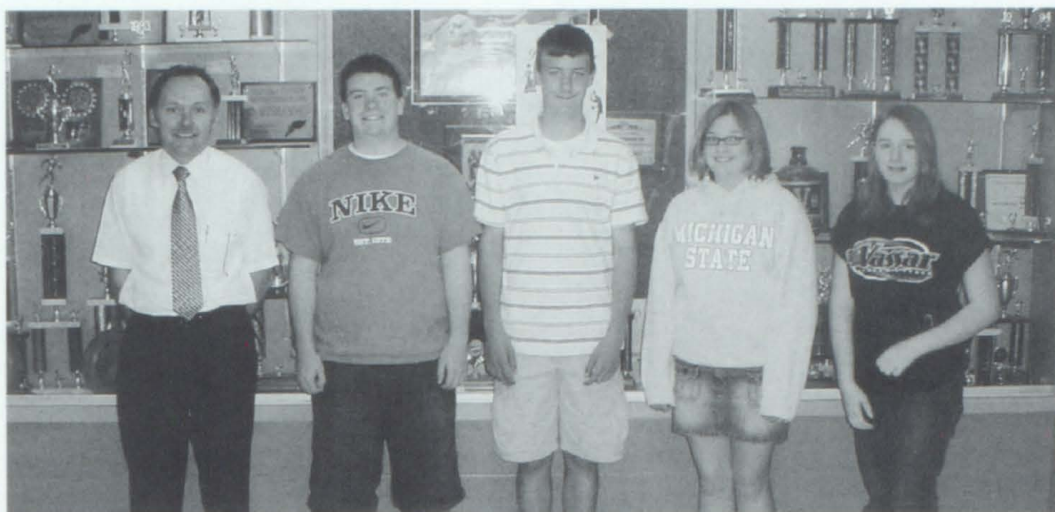
7th & 8th
Grade
Boys' Track



7th & 8th
Grade
Wrestling



Jr. High Humanitarian Award



Mr. Phil Marcy (l.), Vassar Junior High principal, was proud to recognize Zach Aranyos, Trent Bellamy, Jami Piotrowski, and Rachel Damm for their outstanding humanitarian efforts throughout the school year. The four received the Humanitarian Awards at the Junior High Awards Assembly.

8th Grade City Hall

Project



Staff and Administration

Mr. Moore is all smiles as he waits to go on Christmas vacation.

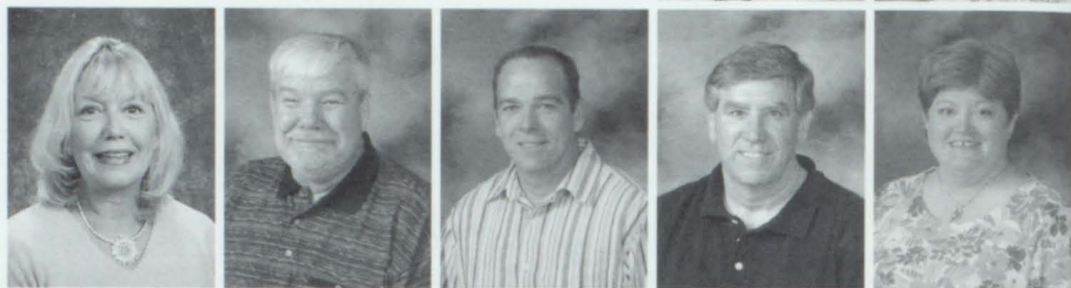


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Mr. Baldwin

Mrs. Becker
Mrs. Biery



Mrs. Butts
Mr. Carnes
Mr. Cassidy
Mr. Chelekis
Mrs. Chelekis



Mr. Collison
Ms. Coons
Ms. Dick
Mrs. Diener
Mrs. Hackett



Mrs. Heidenbarger
Mrs. Hershberger
Mrs. Jamison
Mr. Johnson
Mrs. Kimmerly



Mr. Kiss
Mr. Lasceski
Mrs. Legue
Mr. Maleck
Mr. Marcy



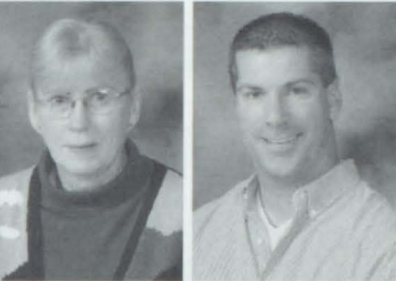
Staff and Administration



Mr. Buchman, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Kiss have their game faces on at Pioneer Work and Learn.



Mr. Middlin
Mr. Moore



Mr. Nowotny
Mrs. Parsell



Mrs. Peplinski
Mrs. Piske
Mrs. Ramsey
Mr. Rittenberg



Mrs. Rittenberg
Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Schaaf
Ms. Schluckbier



Mr. Simpson
Mrs. Vanden Brooks
Mr. Voss
Mr. Wojno



Mrs. Zeck

Mr. Buchman
Mrs. Cameron
Ms. Eilers
Mrs. Franko
Mrs. Haines
Mr. Hurd
Mrs. Haley
Mr. Gleeson

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Mr. Leveille
Mr. Mason
Mrs. Meier
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Mr. Purigroski
Ms. Ramer
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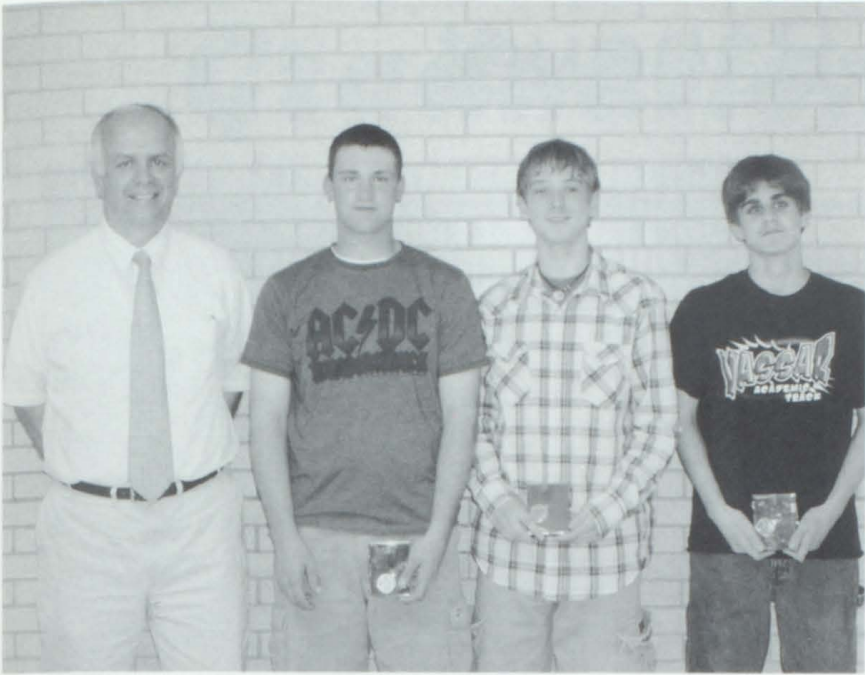
Awards Banquet

(below) Kristina Fall received the Eagles Scholarship; (r.) John Horwath and Kristy Toyzan received the Army Reserve Award.



(r.) Elizabeth Budzinski and Michael Hall received the Golden Hammer (missing from photo is Roger Buckley who also received a Golden Hammer award.) (bottom l.) Jessica Solgat and Bob Palmer received the MVP award; (bottom r.) Matt Hawley, Jenna Peter, and (far r.) Shaun Spencer received top honors in French awarded by Mrs. Hackett.





Mr. Paul Wojno, VHS principal congratulates Matt Hawley, Brett Stacer, and Martin Chelekis who received the Alpha Beta awards.



Above: Sarah Gasper (l.) and Courtney Lemcke (r.) received the Life Skills Award from Mrs. Becker.



(above) Kristi Toyzan received the Martin Hecht Memorial Scholarship from Mr. Wayne Hecht; (below) Tony Pollick received the Senior Art Award from Mrs. Parsell.



(above) Chelsea Williams received the Science award from Mrs. Hershberger; (below) Katelyn Stelfox and Elizabeth Budzinski received the Sparkle Award for Choir.



Awards Banquet

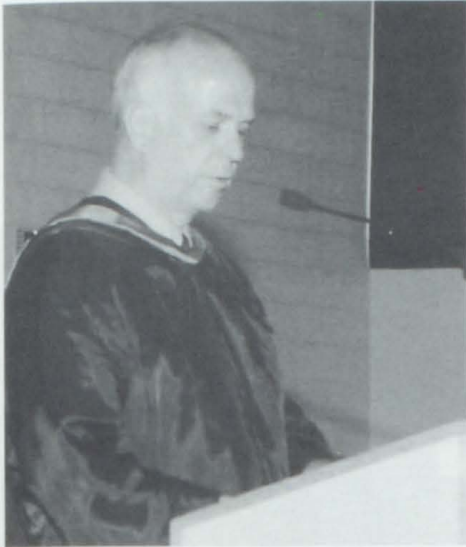
(r.) Mrs. Hackett (c.) awarded Elisabeth Wilder, Elizabeth Stahl, and Rich Safford the Honor Thespian Award and Jessica Dues and Rich Safford the Best Thespian award; (below) Jessica Stanulis received the Rochester Humanitarian Award from Mrs. Kimmerly.



(r.) Jessica Dues and JT Horwath received the Michigan Federal Credit Union Award from CU Manager Judy Schoenlein; (below) Jessica Stanulis and Tyler Griffis received the Journalism I award; (bottom r.) Alyssa Cook received the Social Studies award from Mrs. Kimmerly.



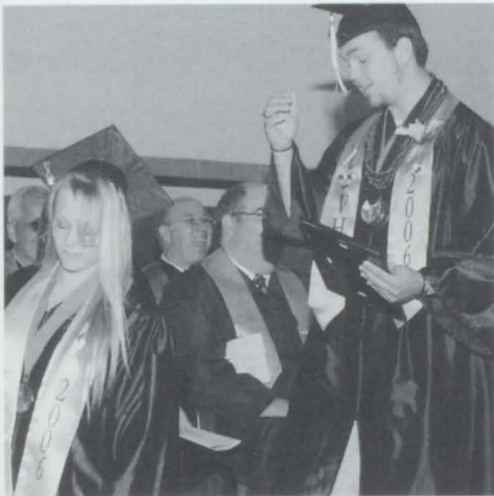
Graduation 2006



(above) Mr. Wojno honors the seniors in between fire alarms. (below) Justin Pavlicek and Kristina Fall received perfect attendance all through high school.



(above) The senior choir members sing one last song together; (below) Lance Clauss is happy to be taking that diploma off VHS's hands.



(left) Long time friends Chelsea Williams and Kara Auernhamer hug as Chelsea goes up to deliver her salutatorian speech; (above) Smiling faces from graduates Matt Bess, Adam Phillips, Natacha Cintron, Jason Smith, Makenzie Doud, Ryan Palm, and Joe Pecaroro.



(left) Andrea Reyes, Richie Safford, Sasha Sutton and Ricky Palomares are all happy to finally have their diplomas in hand.



(above) Valedictorian Kayla Neeley is all smiles at her achievement;
(below) Salutatorian Chelsaea Williams speaks to her classmates.



Sheila Sharff smiles as she leaves the stage, diploma in hand.



Aaron Chernenko double checks his long-awaited diploma after four years of study.



Congratulations Graduates - Class of 2006

(below Manuela Harper and Brian Maki wait for the ceremonies to begin; (l.) Jerraka Parker and Danielle Callahan are getting ready to line up for the ceremonies.



Goodbye Class of 2006



(above) Everyone does the traditional tassel flip after receiving diplomas; (r.) Liz Budzinski and Kasey Bey share this special day.



(above) Jessica Dues is all gussied up with her stylish sunglasses; (r.) Jennifer Salehi and Justin Pavlicek walk into the ceremonies.



Clubs Intro

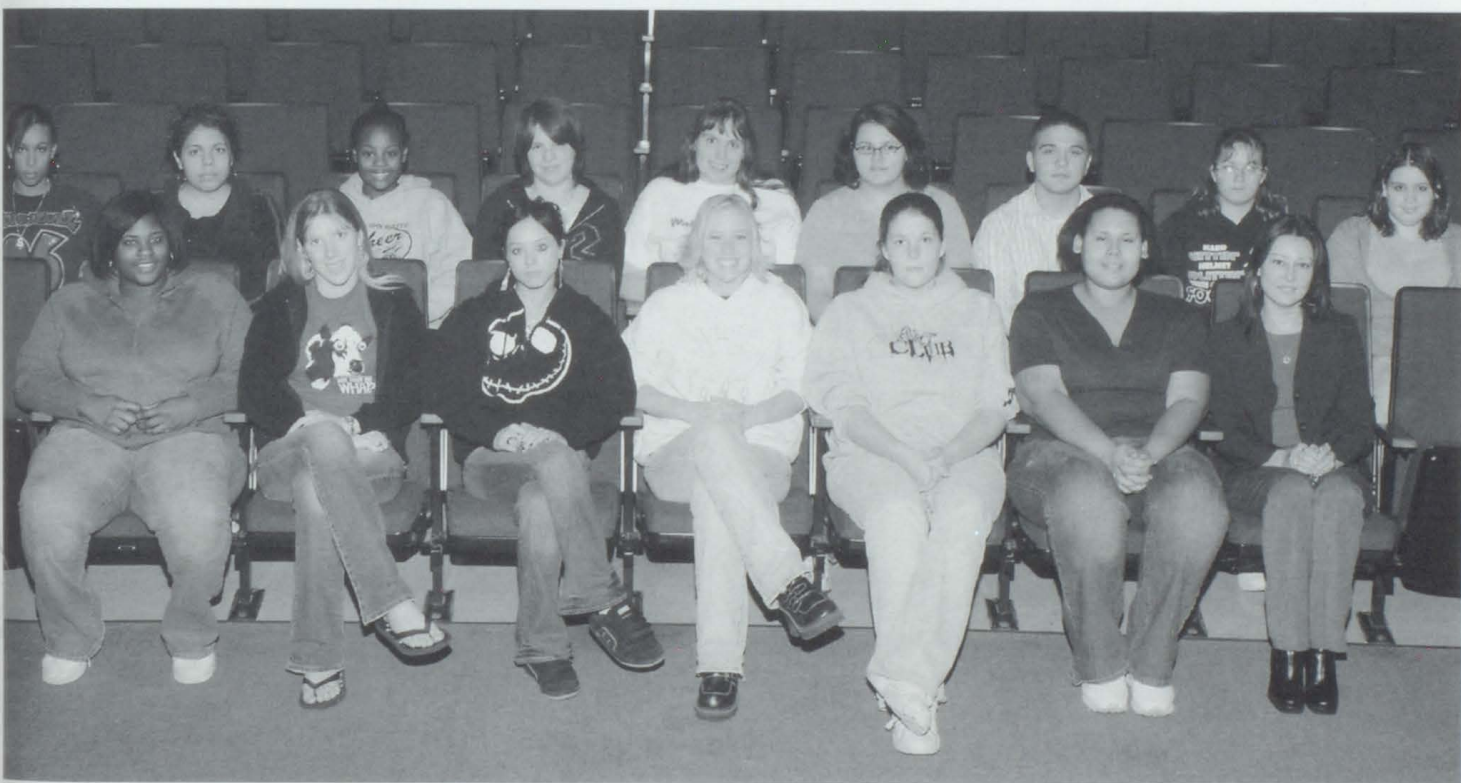
Club activities add so much to the high school experience and Vassar students have numerous activities to choose from. (photo below) members of the rocket team get ready for a launch; (top r.) Heaven Smith addressed the Rotary Club about the SADD activities; Mrs. Judi Chelekis advises the Book Club which has over 20 members; Andrea Sebert works with YIG, and the art club members work on one of their projects.



Art Club and SADD



The members of the Art Club are: (front l.) Amberle Kyritz, Evan Draper, Makenzie Doud, Heather Bertelsmeyer, Advisor Mrs. Parsell, Jessica Solgat, and Heaven Smith; (second l.) Sarah Gasper, Heather Pileri, Elizabeth Wilder, Sarah Bodary, Brett Stacer, Catherine Pecoraro, Justin Pavlicek, Caitlyn Partridge, Jenna Hatfield, and Kate Bilbee; (third l.) Courtney Lemcke, Katelyn Stelfox, Jenna Peters, Amber Whittier, Kasey Bey, Jenny Bickel, Tyler Griffis, Tonia Carlisle, Christopher Anderson, and Alex St. Clair; (back l.) Alexis McKay, Angelyn Kasper, Lindsey Baase, Anna Walters, Shannon Kyritz, Katie Petterson, Jessica Zimmerman, Tara Arnold, Krista Empey, Jade Rodammer, and Amber Mugan.



The members of the SADD Club are: (front l.) Gwen Ervin, Sarah Stuart, Danielle Whitaker, Jessica Dues, Heather Bertelsmeyer, Heaven Smith, Advisor Mrs. Torrez; (back l.) Manuela Harper, Danielle Rodriguez, Shamara Smith, Hannah Morse, Rachel Symon, Audrey Symon, Markus Huizer, Katelynn Kennard, and Natasha Torrez.

Rocket Team and Book Club



Members of the 2005-2006 Rocket Team are: (l.) Christopher Sergent, Scott McDonald, Steve Neumann, Kurt Rupprecht, Pat Sergent, Craig Datz, and Micheal Besko.



Members of the 2005-2006 Book Club are: (front l.) Brian Makl, Lars Pearson, Club Advisor Mrs. Chelekis, Jessica Dues, Sarah Gasper, Kim Kennard, and Jennifer Bickel; (middle l.) Ryan Huber, Mackenzie Doud, Amanda Summerfield, Gwen Ervin, Jamie Radick, Evan Draper, and Brittany Partridge. (back l.) Cameron Thorp, Rachel Symon, Mary Anthony, Audrey Symon, Jason Schnell, Thomas Hazen, Justin Muntz, and Martin Chelekis.

Student Senate



Members of the 2005/2006 student senate are: (front l.) Jessica Dues, J.T. Horwath, Sara Gasper, Jenna Hatfield, Ashleigh Miller, and Kasey Bey; (middle l.) Jessica Zimmerman, Heaven Smith, Kara Hatfield, Nicole Loveland, Amanda Summerfield, Chelsea Loudon, and Alex St.Clair; (back l.) Advisor Mr. Moore, Nathan Wilder, Markus Huizer, Jon Ward, Heather Bell, Brittany Partridge, and Mallory Makl.

Youth in Government



Members of the 2005/2006 Youth in Government are: (front l.) Michelle Schoenlein, Jessica Dues, Kasey Bey, Katelyn Stelfox, Alyssa Cook, and Joey Hamood; (second l.) Alexis MacKay, Jenny Bickel, Kim Kennard, Gab Piazza, Brett Stacer, Elisabeth Wilder, Kate Bilbee, Alex Hubbard, and Matt Tompkins; (third l.) Megan Case, Nicole Koch, Kirstin Miller, Nick Andreychuk, Alex Kubisz, Evan Kobman, Kirk Datz, Caleb Rittenberg, and Ellie Frazier; (back l.); Courtney Abbs, Sydney Strandberg, Heather Stalsberg, Jessica Hecht, Andrea Sebert, Tyler Jenkins, Justin Woolwine, and Kathryn Withers.

French and Viva Club



Members of the 2005-06 French Club are: (front l.) Ian Palmer, Jessica Dues, Sarah Gasper, Brian Makl, Jordan Masker, John Solgat, and Advisor Mrs. Hackett; (row two l.) Janet Sebert, Craig Datz, Brady Rupprecht, Alex Slosser, Megan Thorp, Jessica Main, Chelsea Loudon, and Melissa Wilmoth; (row three l.) Amber Whittier, Brandi Rupprecht, Alyssa Tompkins, Jamie Radick, Matt Moody, Andrea Sebert, Shaun Spencer, Tami Germain, Rachelle Betz, and Joana March; (back l.) Nicole Loveland, Kara Hatfield, Bob Palmer, Jeremy Hecht, Becca Fall, Kayla King, and Cody Salisbury.



Members of the 2005-06 Viva Club are (front l.) Katelyn Stelfox, Jessie Solgat, Alyssa Cook, Ellie Frazier, Jordan Masker, and Holly Albee; (row two l.) Sasha Sutton, Katelynn Harper, Kayla Smith, Brandon Yeck, Ricky Palomares, Neil Kabat, Gary Pratt, and Shantelle Parson; (row three l.) Katelynn Kennard, Brittany Searles, Shelby Wright, Juan Palomares, Stephanie Denniston, Joey Hamood, Erik Heath, and Courtney Lemke; (back l.) Jennifer Colosky, Tonia Carlisle, Ashleigh Miller, Elizabeth Stahl, Karissa Tausch, Kelsey Bierlein, Samantha Campbell, Kendra Woolwine, Kristen Walker, and Jackie Torrez.

Thespians



Members of the 2005/2006 Thespians are: (front l.) Nicole Loveland, Megan Thorp, Jessica Dues, Advisor Mrs. Hackett, Caitlyn Partridge, and Amber Mugan; (middle l.) Gabrielle Piazza, Brett Stacer, Elisabeth Wilder, Ellie Frazier, Zach Palmer, Chelsea Loudon, Elizabeth Stahl, and Caleb Rittenberg; (back l.) Daryse Foether, Krystle Miller, Jon Ward, Rich Safford, and Heather Bell.

Drama



The members of the 2005/2006 Drama Club are: (front l.) Ian Palmer, Megan Thorp, Jessica Dues, Advisor Mrs. Hackett, Heaven Smith, and Caitlyn Partridge; (second l.) Gab Piazza, Brett Stacer, Elisabeth Wilder, Ellie Frazier, Zach Palmer, Amber Mugan, Chelsea Loudon, and Jessica Main; (third l.) Patrick Sergent, Krystle Miller, Jon Ward, Rich Safford, Caleb Rittenberg, Kim Kennard, Heather Bell, Jason Schnell, and Jamie Perry; (fourth l.) Nicole Loveland, Chris Sergent, Andrew Hildner, Samantha Helsel, Daryse Foether, Hannah Morse, Martin Chelekis, Tiffany Briggs, Cameron Thorp, Kathryn Withers, and Morgan Sarazine; (back l.) Mary Anthony, Taylor DeVuyst, Elizabeth Stahl, Ryan Huber, Kim Stack, and Ashleigh Miller.

Choir & Environmental



Vassar High School Choir (some members pictured)



The members of the Environmental Club are (front l) Jessica Stanulis, Chelsea Goodman, Amberle Kyritz, Tyler Griffis, and Marina Taylor; (back l) Crystal Lambert, Sheena Petiprin, Kammie Wickings, Melissa Spencer, Shannon Kyritz, Celesta Opperman, Kayle Ridley, and Katie Lambert.



Symphonic Band

(L.) Nolan Opperman waits for state band festival to start and has a little fun.



(L.) Senior Brian Makl sets the stage for the state band festival.



(above) The Senior Class shows their funny side after their final festival.



Academic Games

VHS travelled to Saginaw Valley University for the annual Tuscola Academic Games competition, bringing home two trophies from the event.



Members of the English team are: (front l.) Katie Harper, Elizabeth Stahl, Molly Bender, Sarah Stelfox, Gabrielle Piazza; (back l.) Kimberly Kennard, Amanda Summerfield, Kayla Smith, and Brett Stacer. They were coached by Mrs. Russell and Ms. Schluckbier. Congratulations to the English Team for taking first!



Members of the Social Studies team are: (front l.) Alyssa Cook, Taylor Hecht, Elisabeth Wilder; (back l) Mike Hall, Andrew Adkins, Nick landskroener, and Nathan Wilder. The team was coached by Ms. Kimmerly. Students missing from picture are: Craig Datz, Richie Safford, and Derek Call. Congratulations to the Social Studies team for taking third!

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Members of the Math Team are: Bob Palmer, Brady Rupprecht, Jessie Solgat, Gary Pratt, and Matthew Moody. The team was coached by Ms. Eilers. (Missing from the photo is Chelsea Williams.)



Elizabeth Stahl leaves the podium with the English Team's first place trophy.

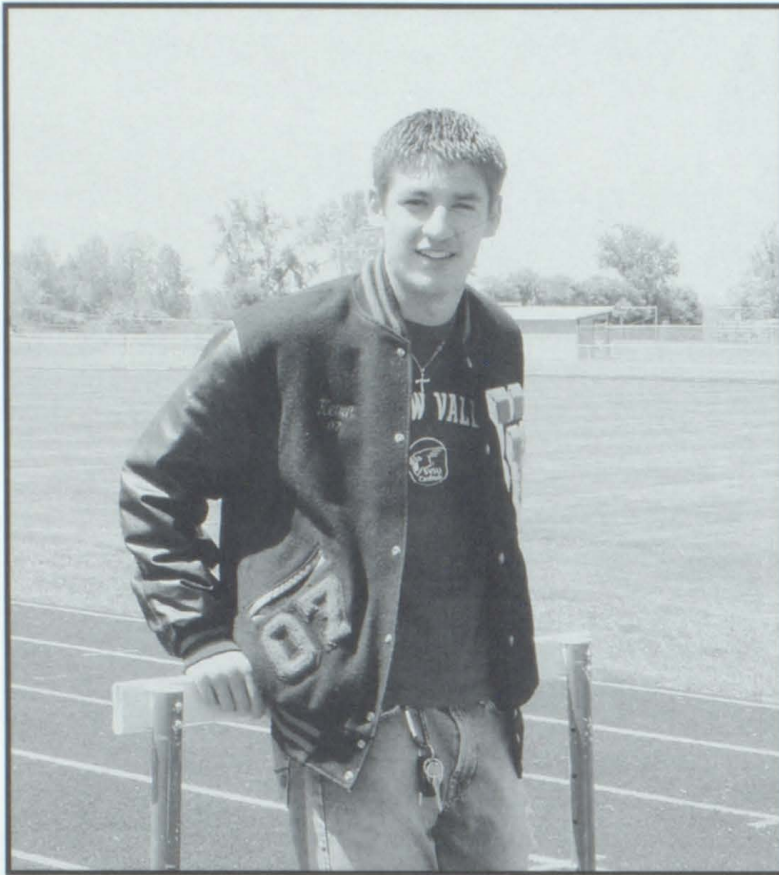


Members of the Science Team are: (front l.) Gretchen Call, Alyssa Tompkins, Alicia McClenethan; (back l.) Mr Cassidy, coach, Jon Ward, Evan Draper, and Brian Makl

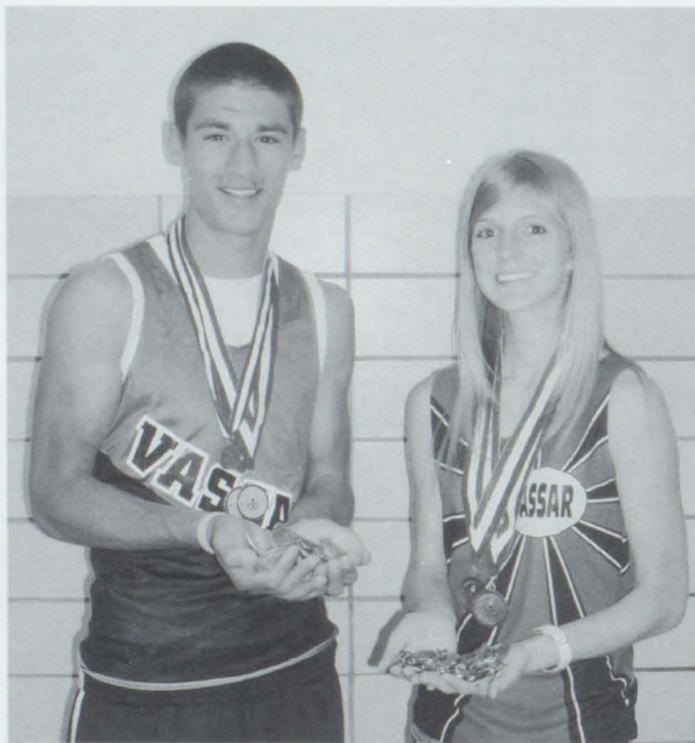
Members of the Tech Team are (front l.) Scott McDonald, Kurt Rupprecht, Andrew Opperman; (back) Patrick Sergent. They were coached by Mr. Wojno. Students missing from photo are Jimmy Marker, Brad Opperman, and Cameron Haines.



STATE CHAMPION



Junior Kevin Bacon has accomplished quite a bit in the 2006 track season. Some of his accomplishments are: First Team All Conference in High Jump, 110 Hurdles, and 300 Hurdles, and Honorable Mention All Conference in the Mile Relay. The Mile Relay Team consisted of Alex Slosser, Kyle Hecht, Andrew Adkins, and Kevin Bacon. One of his most well known accomplishments is breaking the school record in the 300 meter hurdles at Regionals on May 21 at Bad Axe. The record was originally set by Troy VanWormer in 1981. Vanwormer's 300 Hurdletime was 39.8, Bacon ran a 39.76 qualifying him for the Michigan State Finals. Bacon also qualified for state in the 110 High hurdles and High Jump. At State finals, Kevin took a 6th place finish in the 110 meter hurdles making him All State. Kevin also took a first place finish in the 300 hurdles with a time of 39.55 shattering his own school record and making him state champion!



Kevin Bacon and Chelsea Goodman show off their medals.

CHELSEA GOODMAN, ALL STATE

Junior Chelsea Goodman has also had a great year full of accomplishments. She ran a leg of the 1st Team All Conference 800 Relay team made up of: Megan Thorp, Lauren Kasper, Jessie Solgat, and Chelsea Goodman. She was also a 1st Team All Conference Long Jumper, and qualified



at Regionals in Bad Axe for Michigan State Track and Field Finals in Long Jump, too. At State Finals, Chelsea received an 8th Place finish in Long Jump making her All State. Chelsea's goals for next year are to long Jump 17 Feet, and medal again at Michigan State Track and Field Finals.

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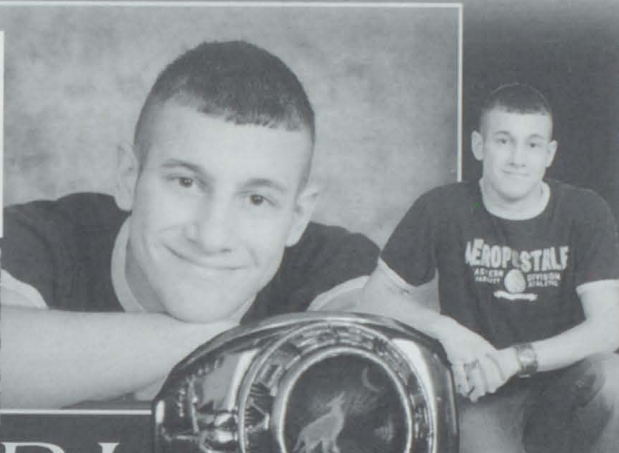


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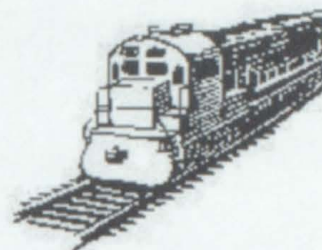
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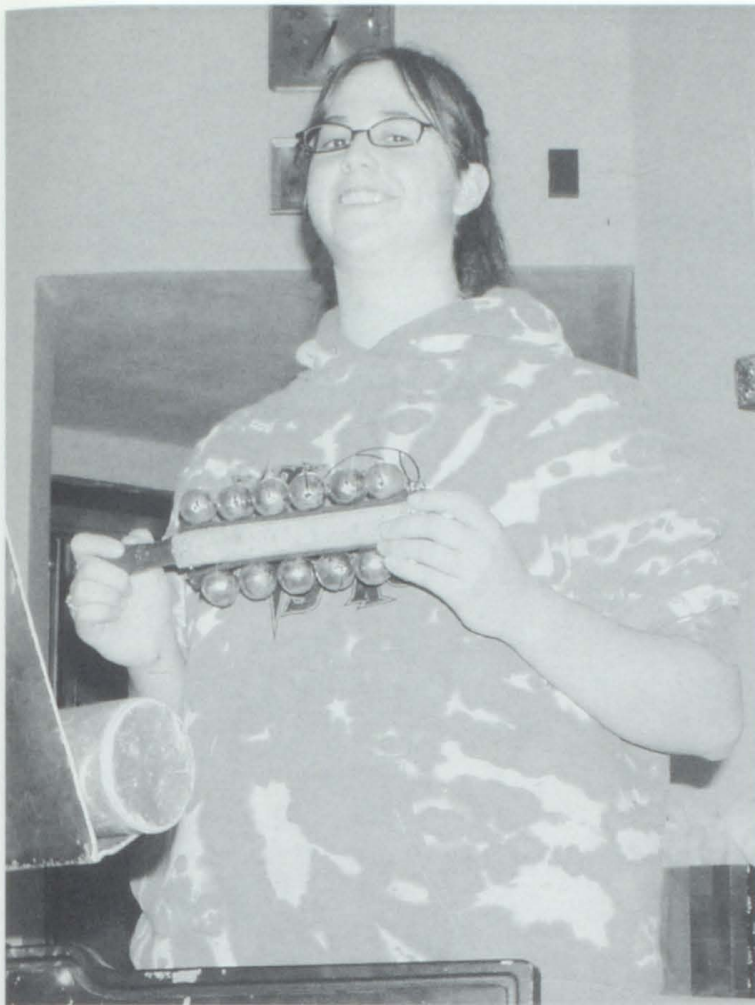


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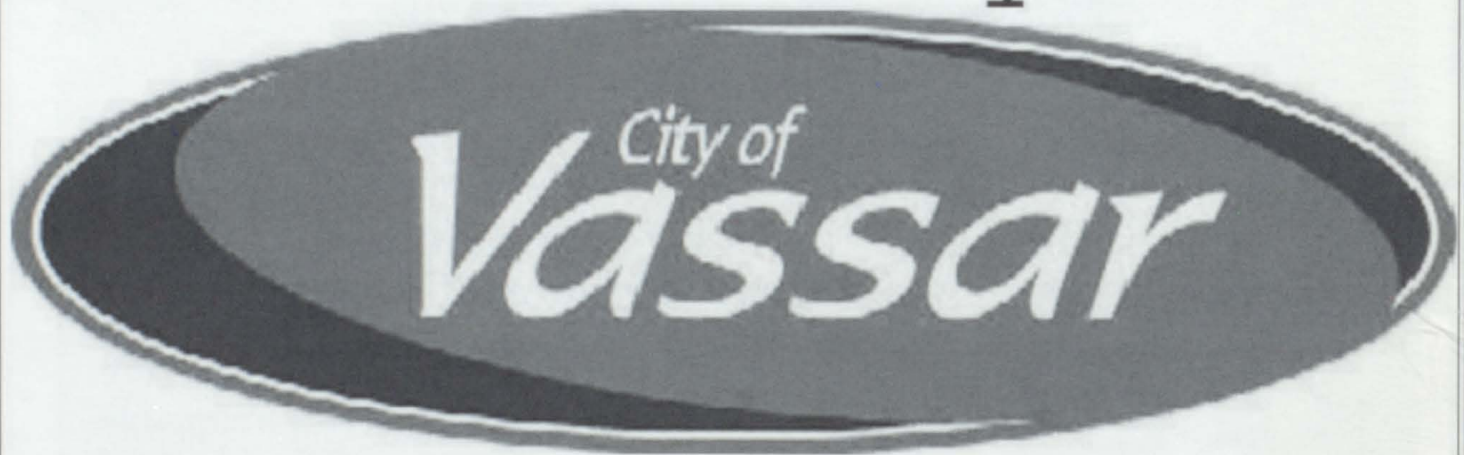
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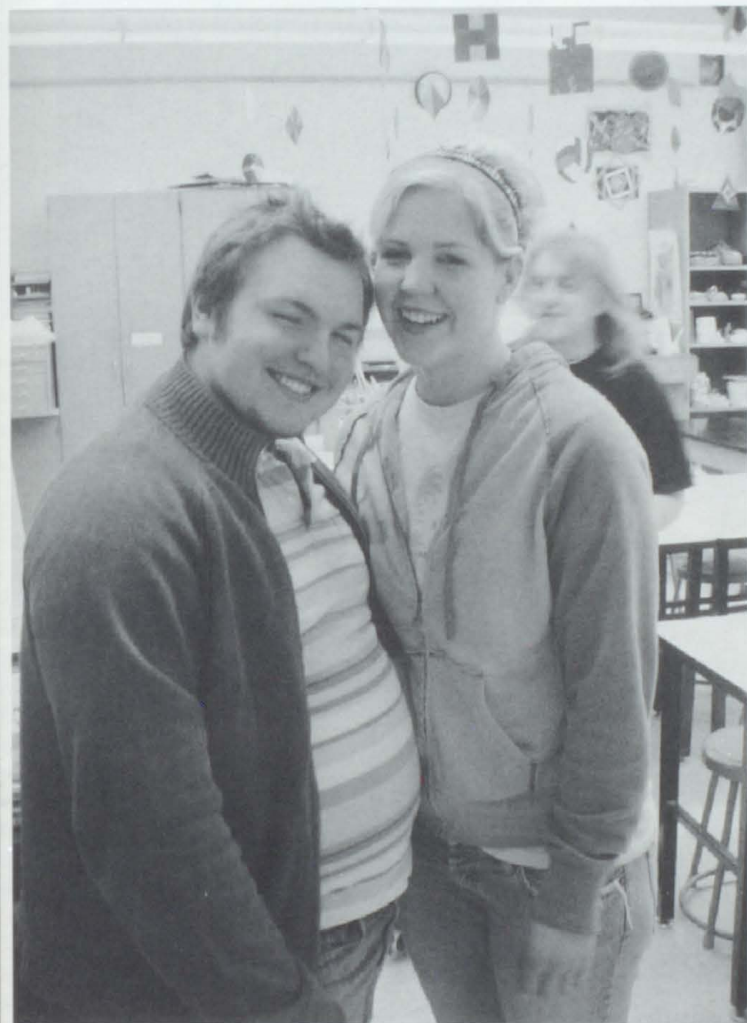


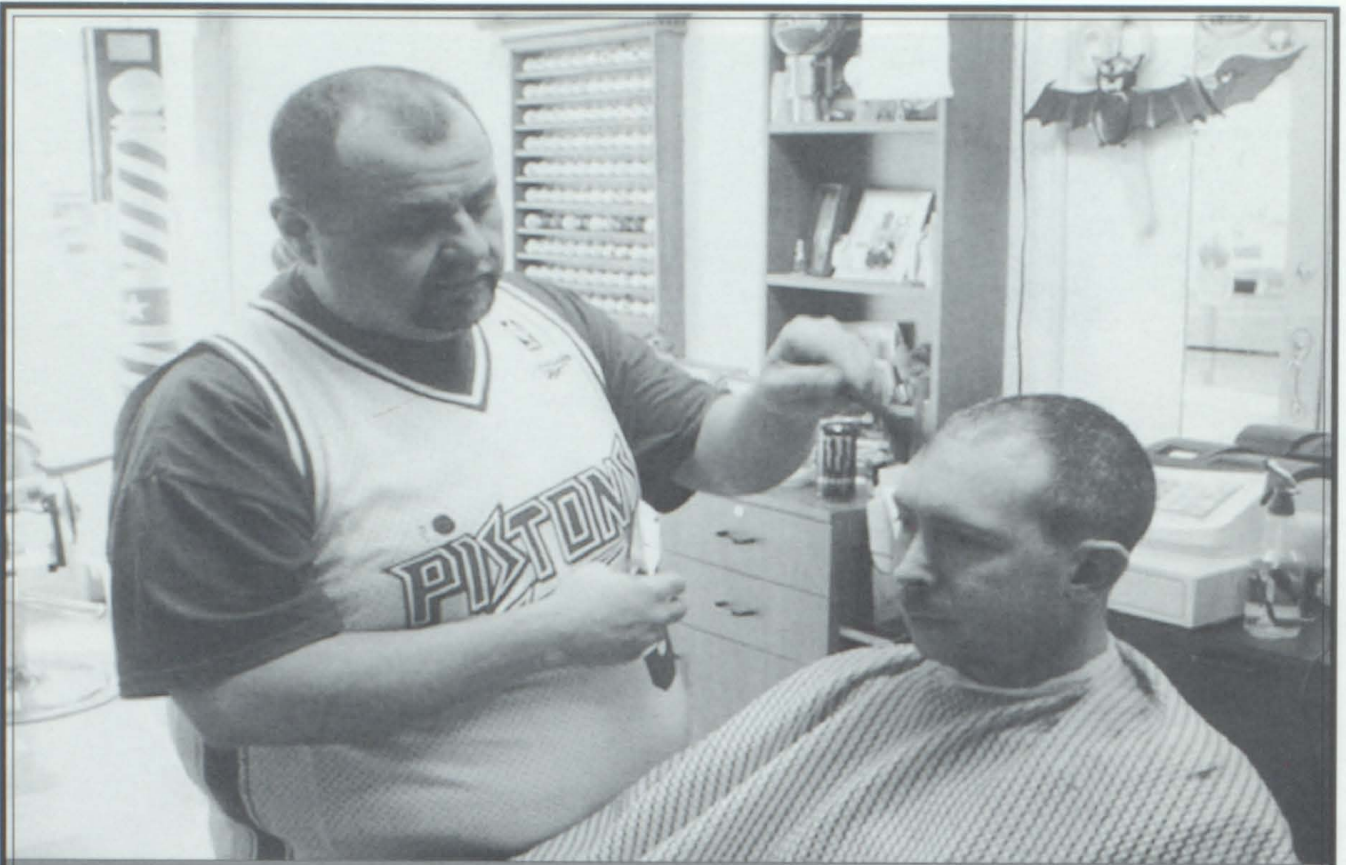
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(r.) Kerry Eskelson, Katelyn Bilbee, Jessica Dues, and Molly Bender wait for the ceremonies to begin as they were inducted into the NHS this year.

(middle) Senior members of NHS include Heaven Smith, Whitney Huber, Chelsea Williams, Cameron Haines, Michelle Schoenlein, John Horwath, Alyssa Cook, Kara Auernhamer, and Brad Opperman; (front l.) Jessica Dues, Kristi Toyzan, and Jessie Solgat. (Missing is Melanie Kukulski)



(above) New NHS member Tyler Rupprecht receives his certificate from Mr. Wojno.



(bottom r.) New NHS members are sworn in at the ceremonies. New members this year are: Winston Adkins, Molly Bender, Katelyn Bilbee, Jessica Dues, Kerry Eskelson, Daryse Foether, Tami Germain, Cameron Haines, Kyle Hecht, Katelynn Kennard, Kimberlee Kennard, Alexis MacKay, Joana March, Jordan McAuley, Scott McDonald, Kirsten Miller, Krystle Miller, Zach Palmer, Gabrielle Piazza, Tyler Rupprecht, Kristen Shoemate, Levi Silvey, Brett Stacer, Jessica Stanulis, Elisabeth Wilder, and Shelby Wright. Current members also include Justin Coffey, Jennifer Colosky, Micah Denome, Chelsea Goodman, Katelynn Harper, Matthew Hawley, Taylor Hecht, Chelsea Loudon, Ashleigh Miller, Brandy Putman, Brady Rupprecht, Kurt Rupprecht, Ashley Smith, Katie Tausch, Sara Tausch, and Megan Thorp.



2006 Top Ten



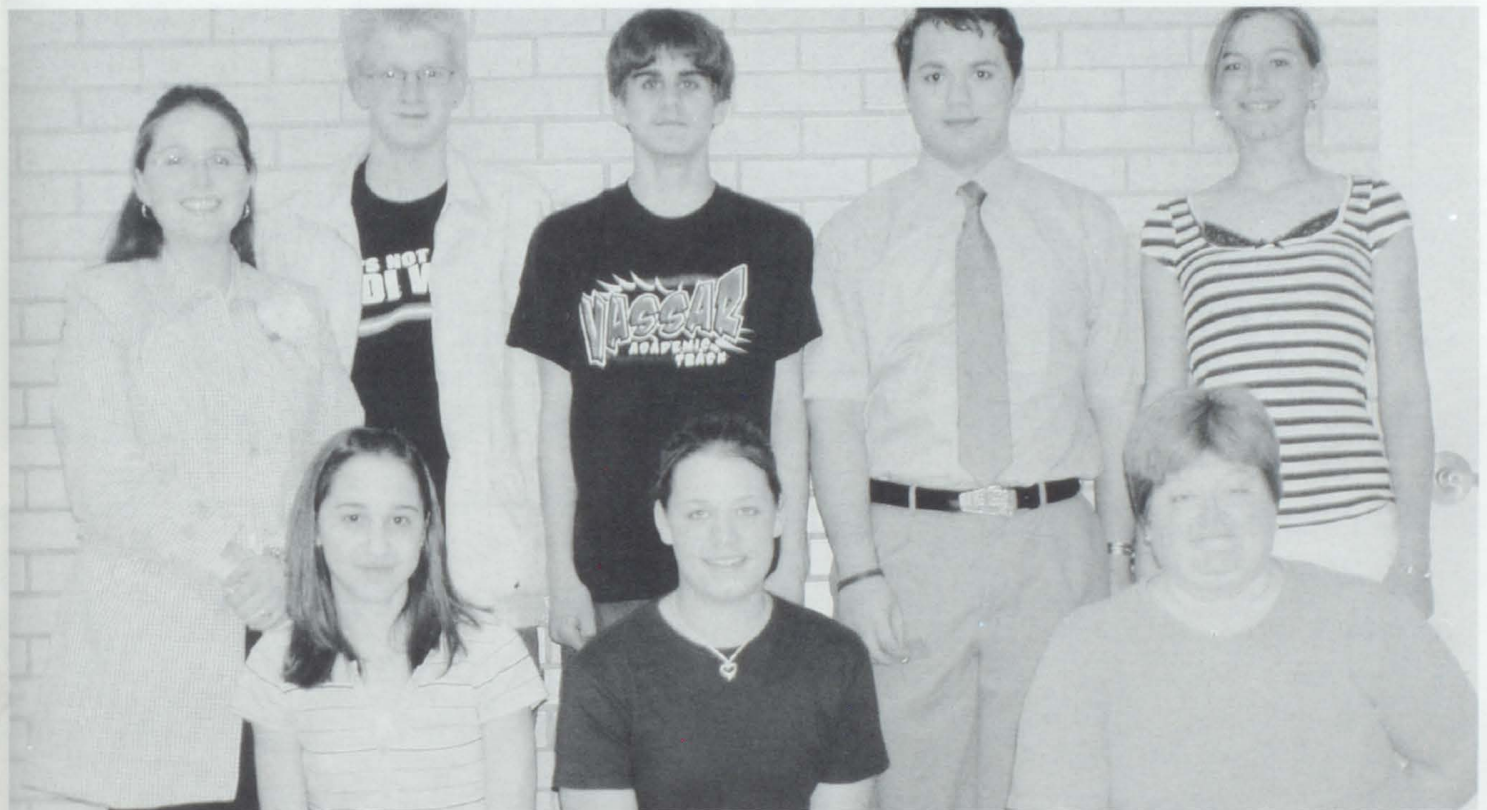
The members of the 2006 Senior Class Top Ten are: (front l.) Valedictorian Kayla Neeley, Alyssa Cook, Melanie Kukulski, Salutatorian Chelsea Williams and Kristi Toyzan; (back l.) Jessie Solgat, Brad Opperman, John Horwath and Michelle Schoenlein. Missing: Jeremiah Sweeza.



The members of the 2006 Junior Class Top Ten are: (front l.) Chelsea Goodman, Elizabeth Stahl, Kurt Rupprecht and Sara Tausch; (back l.) Katy Tausch, Jennifer Colosky, Matt Hawley, Taylor Hecht and Ashley Smith. Missing: Gary Pratt.



The members of the 2006 Sophomore Class Top Ten are: (front l.) Kimberlee Kennard, Gabrielle Piazza and Kerry Eskelson; (back l.) Brett Stacer, Elisabeth Wilder and Scott McDonald. Missing: Winston Adkins, Sarah Waterman, Zachary Palmer and Catherine Pecoraro.



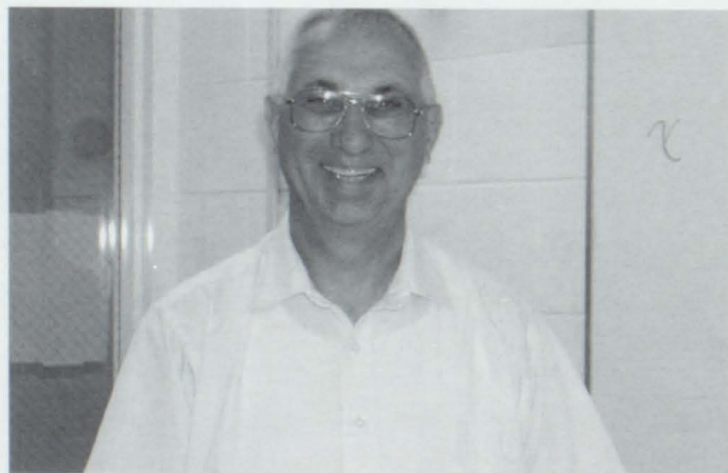
The members of the 2006 Freshman Class Top Ten are: (front l.) Jenna Peter, Brandi Rupprecht and Class Advisor Mrs. Chelekis; (back l.) Class Advisor Mrs. Hershberger, Andrew Hildner, Martin Chelekis, Nathan Wilder and Alicia McClenathen. Missing: Alicia Bierlein, Lauren Bradley, Jessie Hecht, Heather Stalsberg, Sara Stelfox and Zachary Tebedo.

Happy Retirement!!

They are leaving with the Class of 2006. We wish them the best in all the years ahead and thank them for all their efforts in educating the young people of Vassar. They will never know how many people they have affected. We just hope they know that their influence will live on in the lives of their students.

Total years of Service:

- Mr. Simpson (r) - 33 years
- Mr. Johnson (below l.) - 34 years
- Mr. Purigroski (below r.) - 40 years
- Mr. Voss (middle r.) - 40 years
- Mr. Maleck (bottom l.) - 41 years
- Mrs. Tuckwell (no photo) - 34 years



Congratulations to Mrs. Tuckwell of Central School who is also retiring this year.

World Yearbook

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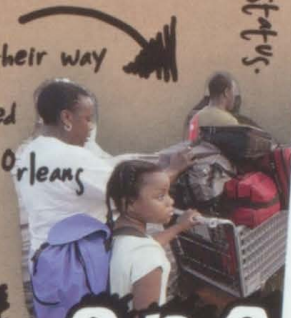
This hurricane season included 27 named storms, 13 of which were hurricanes,

seven were considered major and for the first time in recorded history, three reached Category 5 status.

A brutal and record-breaking Atlantic hurricane season saw seven storms pound the United States, devastating thousands of lives and causing more than \$100 billion in damages. Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma were among the most intense, destructive and costly storms ever recorded.

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Residents make their way through the flooded streets of New Orleans to a shelter.



The Gulf Coast braces itself for Hurricane Katrina, the most catastrophic storm ever to strike the United States.

Hurricane Season '05

In late September, Hurricane Rita devastates areas of Florida, Texas and Louisiana.

American tourists wait for flights to return to the United States after Wilma strikes Mexico.



On October 23 a waterspout from the first feeder bands of Hurricane Wilma approaches Key West, Fla.

The hurricane season made meteorological history by having the most named tropical cyclones ever recorded. For the first time, forecasters exhausted a list of 21 proper names and began using the Greek alphabet to name storms.

Hurricane Rita hits the Florida Keys on September 20.

Vermillion and Cameron Parish in Louisiana endure the brunt of Rita's tidal surge, incurring extensive damage.



Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist died of thyroid cancer at 80.

In an attempt to compete with Nike Inc., Adidas-Salomon AG purchased Reebok International Ltd. for \$3.8 billion.

U.S. officials discover a 2,400 foot cross-border drug tunnel running from Tijuana, Mexico to San Diego, Calif.

Bound for Pluto, the New Horizons spacecraft travels 47,000 mph during a 10-year, 3-billion-mile mission to collect data from the blue planet.



Alabama authorities investigated 10 Baptist church arsonists that appeared to be related.

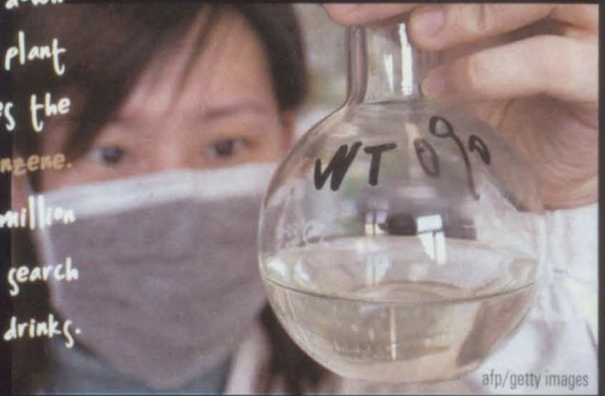


Families wait 44 heart-wrenching hours as rescue teams try to reach 13 coal miners that are trapped in West Virginia's Sago Mine. Tragically, only one miner survived.



Coretta Scott King, widow of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr., dies at 78.

The water system in Harbin, China shuts down for several days following a chemical plant explosion that contaminates the Songhua River with toxic benzene. As a result, Harbin's 3.8 million citizens rushed supermarkets in search of bottled water, milk and soft drinks.



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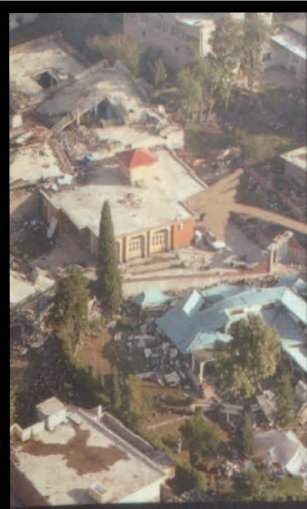
Runaway bride Jennifer Wilbanks is sentenced to two years of probation, 120 hours of community service and must repay Georgia's Swinnett County Sheriff's Department \$2,500 in restitution for feigning her own abduction.



It is revealed that W. Mark Felt, the FBI's former second-in-command, is "Deep Throat," the source of the Washington Post articles about the 1970's Watergate scandal.



World events



A 7.6 magnitude earthquake strikes Pakistan and parts of India and Afghanistan, killing more than 79,000 people.

The U.S. Treasury releases 800 million redesigned \$10 bills into circulation.



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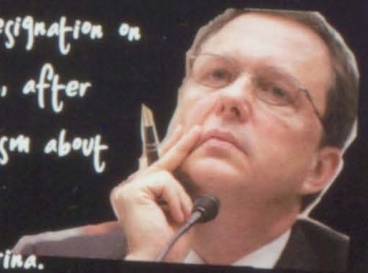
To reduce the frequency of dangerous high speed chases, California police implemented the use of adhesive GPS locator darts to track fleeing cars.



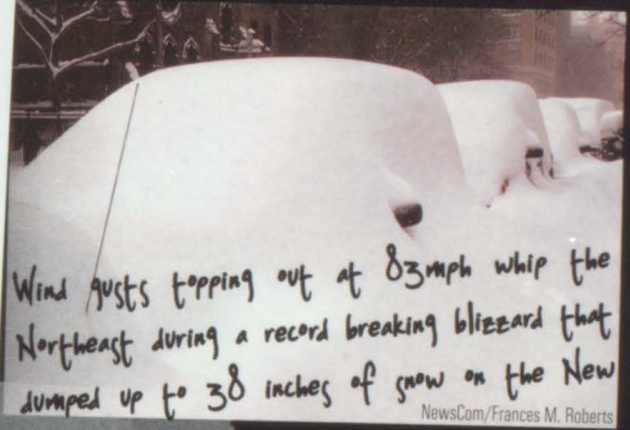
A large number of protests including many Sunnis participate in a historical parliamentary election.

Israeli archaeologists discovered two 2,000-year-old biblical scroll fragments hidden in the Judean Desert.

FEMA Director Michael Brown announces his resignation on September 12, after receiving criticism about his handling of Hurricane Katrina.



German cardinal Joseph Ratzinger is elected the 265th pontiff, Pope Benedict XVI.



NewsCom/Frances M. Roberts

Wind gusts topping out at 83mph whip the Northeast during a record breaking blizzard that dumped up to 38 inches of snow on the New England states.

An early winter snow storm buried the Plains states, causing widespread power outages and extensive highway closings before heading toward the Great Lakes and Eastern Seaboard.

More than 120,000 acres and hundreds of structures are charred by wildfires that sweep through Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.



A series of deadly tornadoes leave paths of mass destruction in Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas.

Heavy rains flood northern California's wine country, damaging homes, and threatening mud slides. In southern California, rains drenched the annual Rose Parade for the first time since 1955. As a result, a state of emergency was declared in seven California counties.



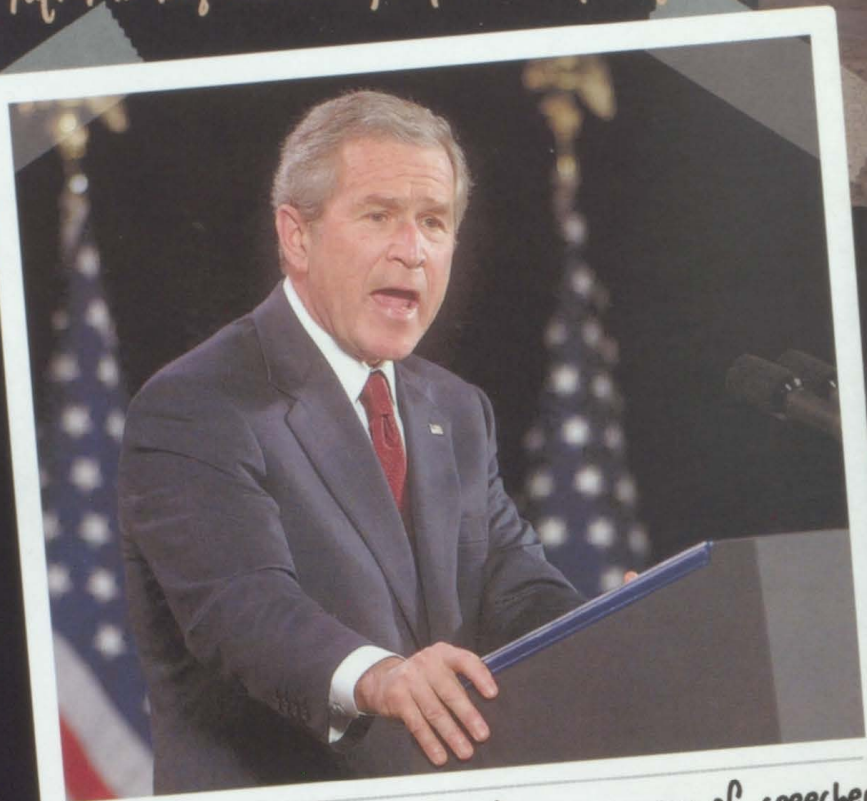
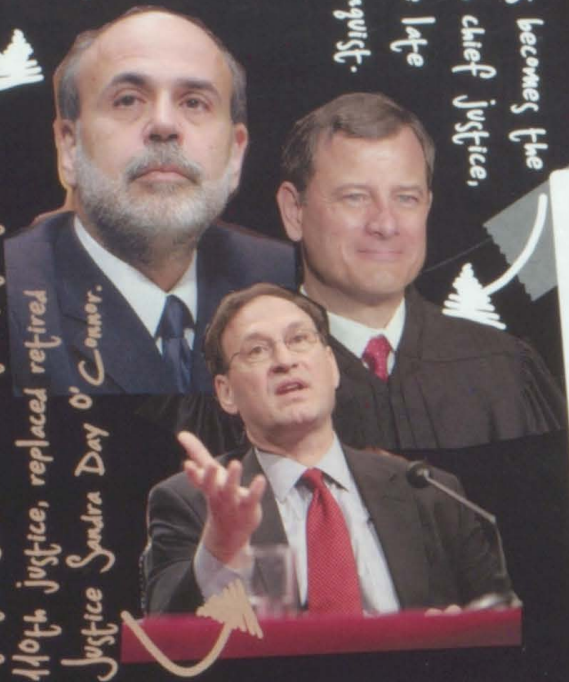
Political cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed published in European newspapers sparked Muslim protests.

Ben Bernanke is appointed chairman of the Federal Reserve, replacing Alan Greenspan.

John Roberts becomes the nation's 17th chief justice, replacing the late William Rehnquist.

Noor al-Zahra is flown from Iraq to Atlanta, GA where doctors surgically repair the effects of spina bifida. U.S. troops discovered 3-month-old "Baby Noor" while on patrol in Iraq and arranged for her life-altering journey.

The Senate confirms Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court. Alito, the 110th justice, replaced retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.



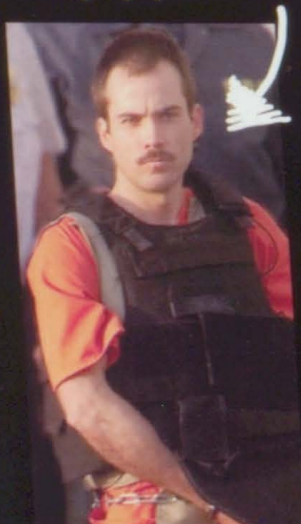
Canadians elect Conservative Party leader Stephen Harper to be their next prime minister.

President George W. Bush delivers a series of speeches aimed at boosting support for the War on Terrorism.



Federal Judge Constance Baker Motley, who once represented Martin Luther King, Jr. and was the first African American woman appointed to the federal bench, died at 84.

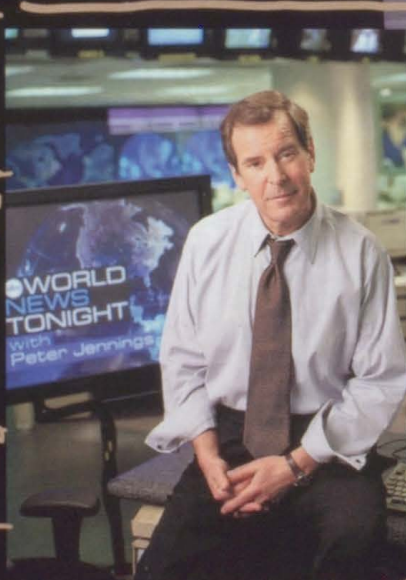
Eric Rudolph is ordered to serve multiple life sentences without parole for four bombings including the 1996 blast at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.



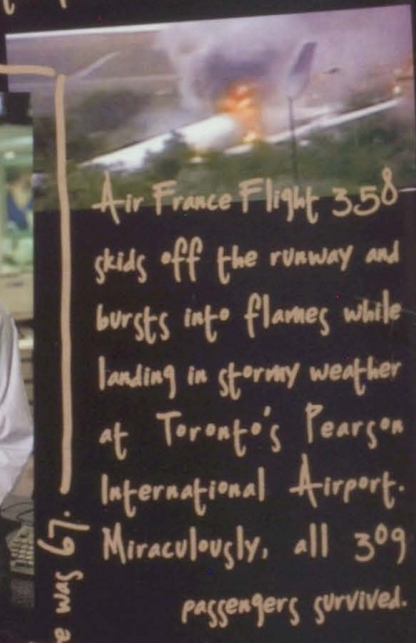
B L O G S

"Blog" sites such as Xanga and MySpace allow users to create online journals that anyone can view. In 2005, MySpace received more than 5 million teen hits per day.

Legendary ABC news anchor Peter Jennings



loses his fight with lung cancer.



Air France Flight 358 skids off the runway and bursts into flames while landing in stormy weather at Toronto's Pearson International Airport. Miraculously, all 309 passengers survived.

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Sinni men protest the death of senior Sinni leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin who was slain by Iraqi insurgents.

Cindy Sheehan, founder of Gold Star Families for Peace, camps outside President Bush's ranch near Crawford, Texas hoping to speak with the president about her son's death in Iraq. More than 2,000 military personnel have died in Iraq since the beginning of the War on Terrorism.



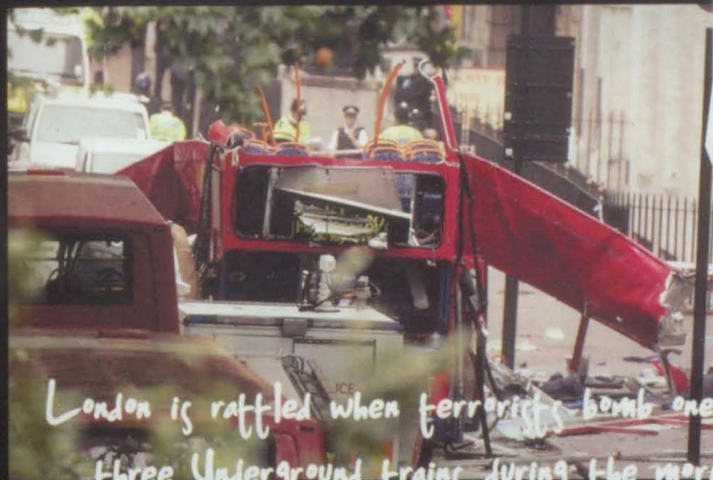
NASA's Stardust spacecraft returns from a seven-year, 2.9-billion-mile journey to Comet Wild-2, delivering the first samples of a comet back to Earth.



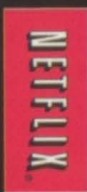
French doctors complete the world's first partial face transplant on a 38-year-old woman disfigured by a dog attack.



Microsoft unveils the Xbox 360, the new operating system "Vista," and iTunes' rival "Urge."



London is rattled when terrorists bomb one bus and three Underground trains during the morning rush hour. The attack killed 49 people and injured 700.



Movie rentals are made easier with Netflix and Redbox.

Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally sprays 78-year-old Harry Whittington with bird shot while quail hunting in Texas.

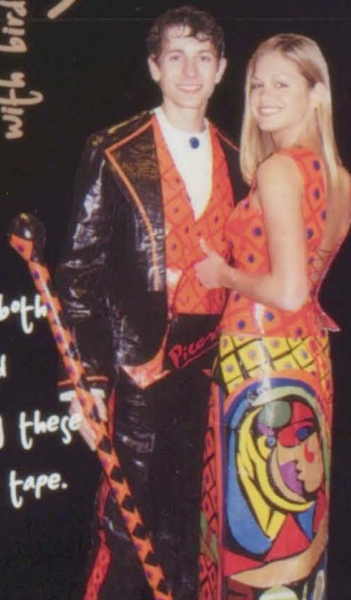


Michael Eisner, the former chief executive of The Walt Disney Co., resigned his position and severed all ties to the company.

Scientists discover the world's smallest fish, *Paedocypris progenetica*, found in an Indonesian acidic peat swamp, measured less than 1/3 of an inch.



Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest winners Krystal Long and Casey Igringhouse of Forrest City, Ark., both win a \$2,500 college scholarship and \$2,500 for their school by wearing these outfits made from Duck brand duct tape.



Guinness World Records declared 116-year-old Maria Esther Capovilla of Suvaquill, Ecuador, the oldest person alive.

For the first time, Japanese scientists photographed a live giant squid in the wild.

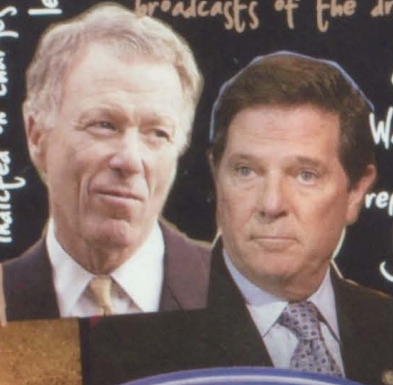
An Egyptian ferry carrying 1,500 passengers sank in the Red Sea. Only 401 survived.

Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, Lewis Libby, is indicted on charges related to a CIA leak that compromised the nation's security.

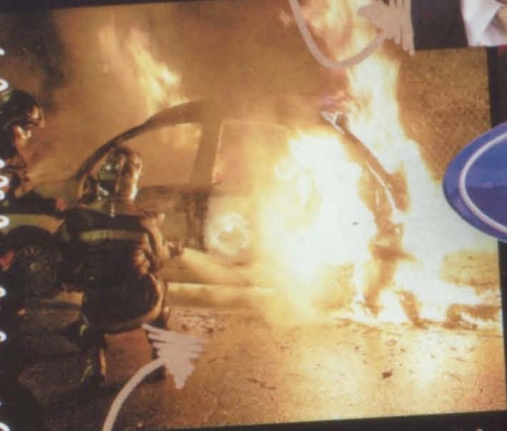
Sideways nose gear force JetBlue Flight 292 to make an emergency landing at Los Angeles International Airport. During the three hours that the plane circled southern California to burn fuel, passengers watched live Direct TV broadcasts of the drama.



Charges of illegal activities are brought against many Washington insiders including lobbyist Jack Abramoff and representatives Randy Cunningham and Tom DeLay. John Boehner replaced DeLay as House majority leader.

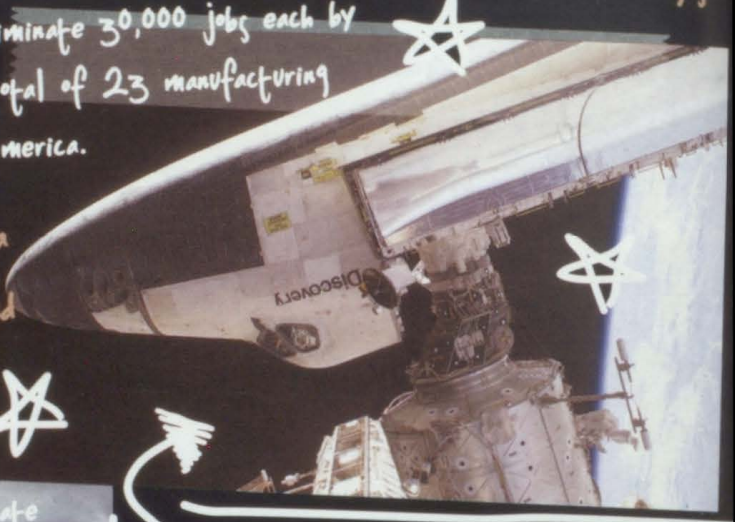


'Dirty bomb' suspect Jose Padilla was indicted with four other suspects on terrorism conspiracy charges.



GM General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. eliminate 30,000 jobs each by closing a combined total of 23 manufacturing plants in North America.

Bands of youths torch more than 1,300 cars and burn warehouses, garbage cans and a nursery school in nine nights of violence that spread from Paris suburbs to towns throughout France.



NASA's Discovery embarks on a 14-day mission to deliver supplies and repair the international space station. Once in orbit, the shuttle crew used a 50-foot orbital boom sensor system to survey Discovery for any damage that may have occurred at liftoff.

Following a heated debate, the U.S. Senate votes against a bill that would allow oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

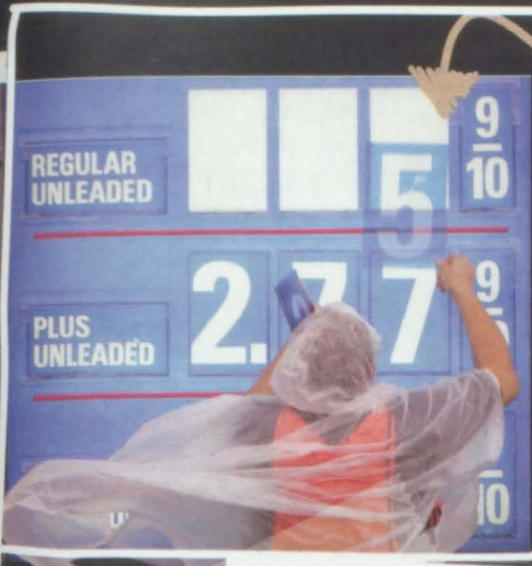


Following his death, King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia is succeeded by his half brother Crown Prince Abdullah, marking the first change in the Saudi throne in 23 years.



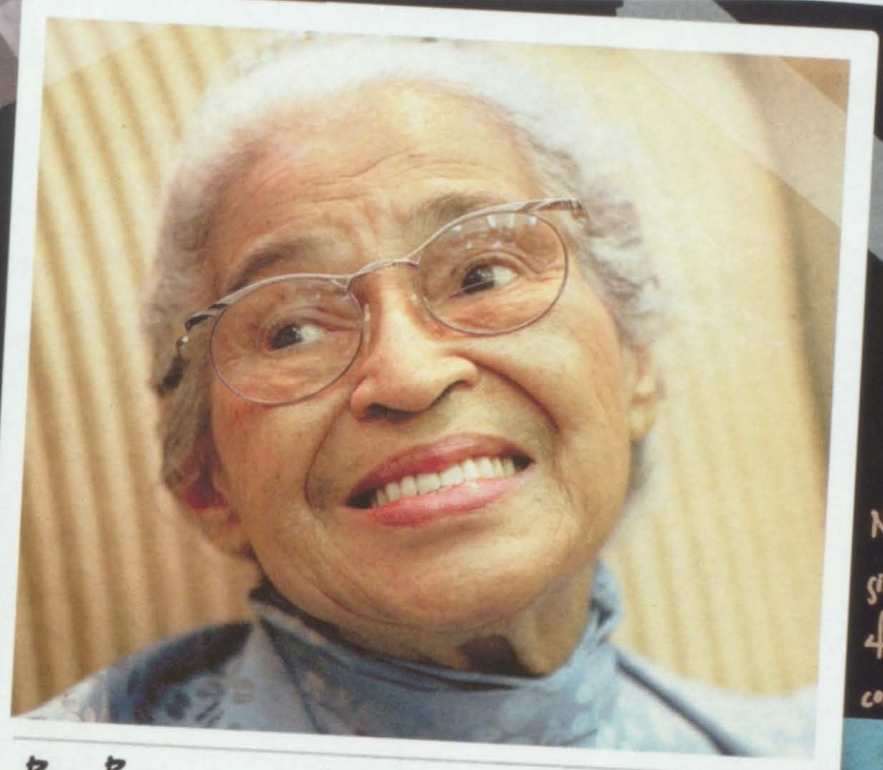
Nations around the world develop measures to stop the spread of the deadly bird flu virus. Since it emerged in 2003, more than 70 people from China, southeast Asia and Turkey have died from the disease.

Months after the cruise ship Seabourn Spirit evaded a pirate attack off the coast of Somalia, the guided missile destroyer USS Winston S. Churchill intercepts a suspected pirate ship in the same waters.



The effects of Hurricane Katrina, tension surrounding Iran's nuclear program and an interruption in Russia's gas supply cause fuel prices around the world to skyrocket. U.S. citizens saw a 30-60 percent rise in heating costs and paid an average high of \$3 per gallon at the pump. In response to the fuel crisis, President Bush urged researchers to seek alternative energy sources in his State of the Union address.

The Smithsonian Institute selected a location within the National Mall to build a 350,000-square-foot National Museum of African American History and Culture.

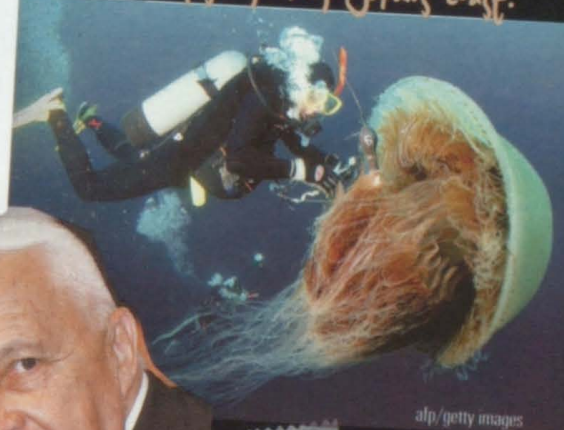


Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man 50 years ago, dies at 92.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffers a major stroke, leaving his country in political uncertainty just months before the Palestinian parliamentary elections. Hamas' election victory provoked Fatah supporters to protest against Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.



One month after their 3-month-old chick Toqa was abducted from Amazon World in southern England, African Penguin pair Kyala and Oscar produce a new egg. Nomura's jellyfish, measuring more than six feet in diameter and weighing up to 440 pounds, clog fishing nets and diminish commercial fishing along Japan's coast.



Israel completed a historic withdrawal of civilians from 25 settlements in Gaza and the West Bank.

Lawmakers approved a plan to rewrite the 1973 Endangered Species Act, the nation's most powerful environmental law.

Alabama teen Natalie Holloway disappears while on a senior trip in Aruba.

Deaths of more than 5,000 Chinese miners per year caused a government safety crackdown that closed 5,290 coal mines.

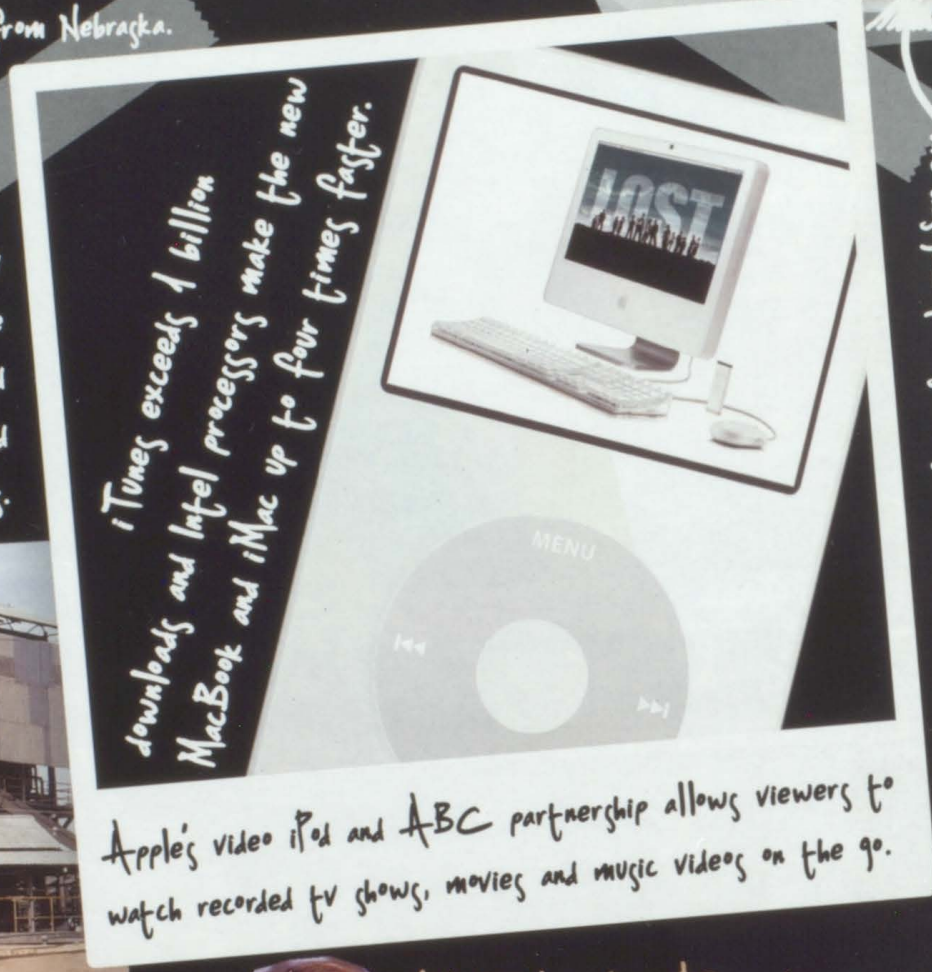
Despite international pressure, Iran refused to halt nuclear production and threatened to begin a uranium enrichment program if the country was referred to the U.N. Security Council.

The New York Fire Department released unedited audiotapes from the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center response.



A \$365 million Powerball jackpot, the largest lottery prize in U.S. history, is won by eight meat processing workers from Nebraska.

A Federal Air Marshal fatally shot Rigoberto Alvarado in the Miami airport after he claimed that he was carrying a bomb and fled from officials.

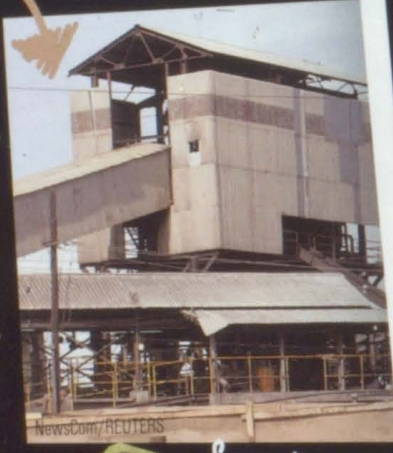


iTunes exceeds 1 billion downloads and Intel processors make the new MacBook and iMac up to four times faster.

Apple's video iPod and ABC partnership allows viewers to watch recorded TV shows, movies and music videos on the go.

The United Nations unveils the 'One Laptop per Child' initiative. Developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, these computers are designed for use by schoolchildren in third world countries.

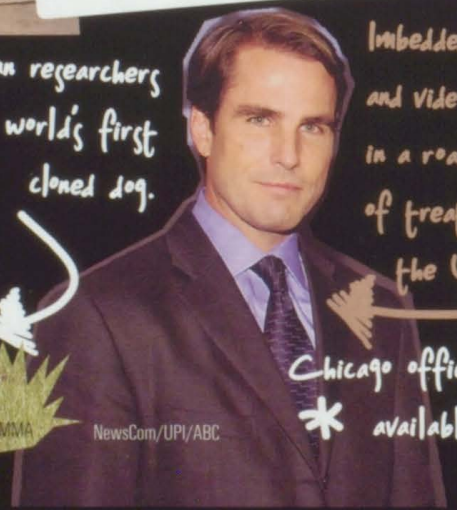
An explosion at the Pasta de Conchos mine in Mexico traps 65 miners deep underground.



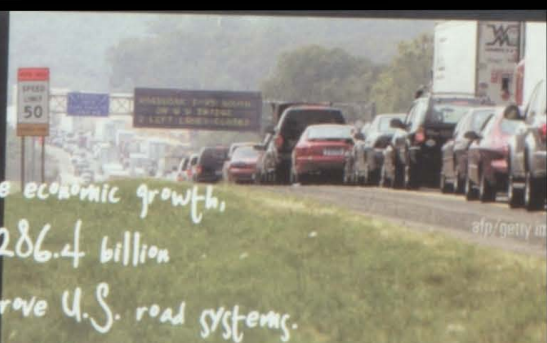
South Korean researchers created the world's first cloned dog.



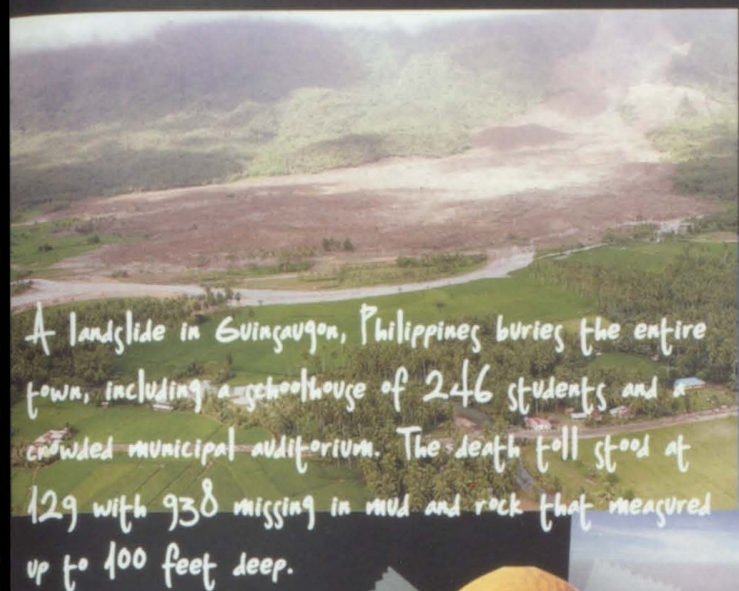
Imbedded journalist, ABC News anchor Bob Woodruff, and video journalist Doug Vogt receive serious head injuries in a roadside blast north of Baghdad. Following two days of treatment in Germany the pair were transported to the United State's National Naval Medical Center.



Chicago officials launched a plan to make wireless broadband available throughout the entire 228-square-mile city.



In an effort to stimulate economic growth, President Bush signs a \$286.4 billion transportation bill to improve U.S. road systems.



A landslide in Suingaigon, Philippines buries the entire town, including a schoolhouse of 246 students and a crowded municipal auditorium. The death toll stood at 129 with 938 missing in mud and rock that measured up to 100 feet deep.

Mexico partners with the United States to raise the world's largest millimeter wave telescope, featuring a 165-foot antenna. The \$120 million telescope was built high atop the 15,000-foot Sierra Negra volcano in Puebla, Mexico.



Choicepoint Inc. pays a \$15 million settlement in what is the largest civil data-security penalty in the Federal Trade Commission's history. It was discovered that Choicepoint's warehouse sold 163,000 customers' information to an alleged crime ring.



Verb Yellowball encourages kids to play outside together, then pass their ball to a new friend. Each ball's journey was tracked on-line.

In Britain's biggest robbery ever, professional thieves stole \$92 million in British pounds from the Securitas security firm in southern England.



Liberia's new president, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, is Africa's first elected female head of state.

A federal judge ruled that Pennsylvania's Dover Area School Board members violated the Constitution when they included "intelligent design" in the school's biology curriculum.

More than 900 people are killed during six days of torrential rain that left western India under water.



Conservationists found a two-million-acre "Lost World" in an isolated Papua New Guinea jungle. The expedition led to the discovery of several dozen new species of frogs, butterflies, flowers and birds as well as an abundance of animals that were near extinction in populated regions.

Sudoku sweeps the nation, puzzling players who try to evenly distribute the numerals 1-9 throughout a grid.

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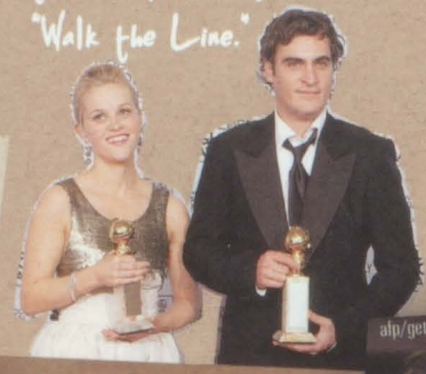
Former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and seven codefendants stand trial in Iraq for the 1982 murder of 140 men. The high-security trial saw witnesses testify under complete anonymity, two chief judge changes, and two defense lawyers assassinated. The trial continued amid multiple complaints from Hussein about the United States and the court system.

Crash · Charlie and the Chocolate Factory · Zathura: A Space Adventure · Rent

Favorite Movies: Hitch · Madagascar · Chicken Little · House of Wax · Cinderella Man · Brokeback Mountain

- TV Favorites:
- Lost
 - Grey's Anatomy
 - Desperate Housewives
 - America's Next Top Model
 - Supernatural
 - Extreme Makeover: Home Edition
 - Dancing with the Stars
 - CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
 - The Apprentice
 - Laguna Beach
 - The Ghost Whisperer
 - The OC

Reese Witherspoon and Joaquin Phoenix garner awards and accolades for their performances in "Walk the Line."

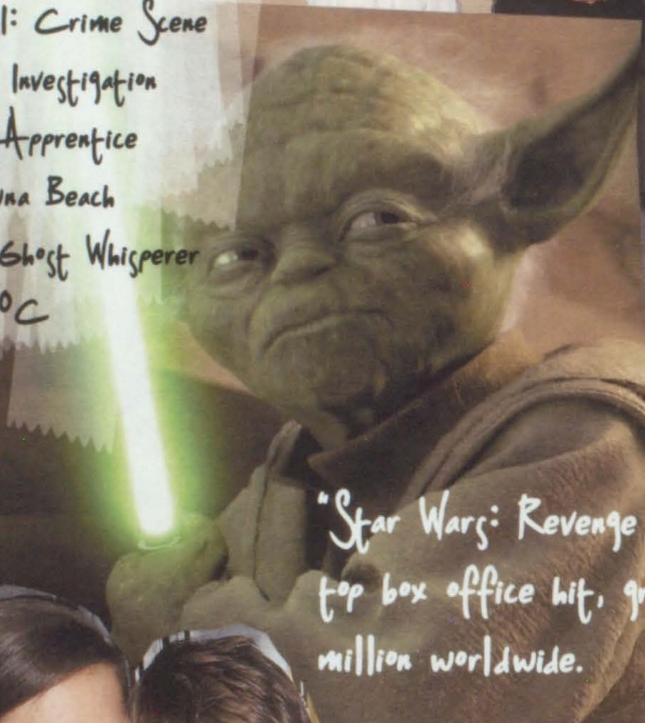


Hugh Laurie's performance in "House" earns him a Golden Globe Award.

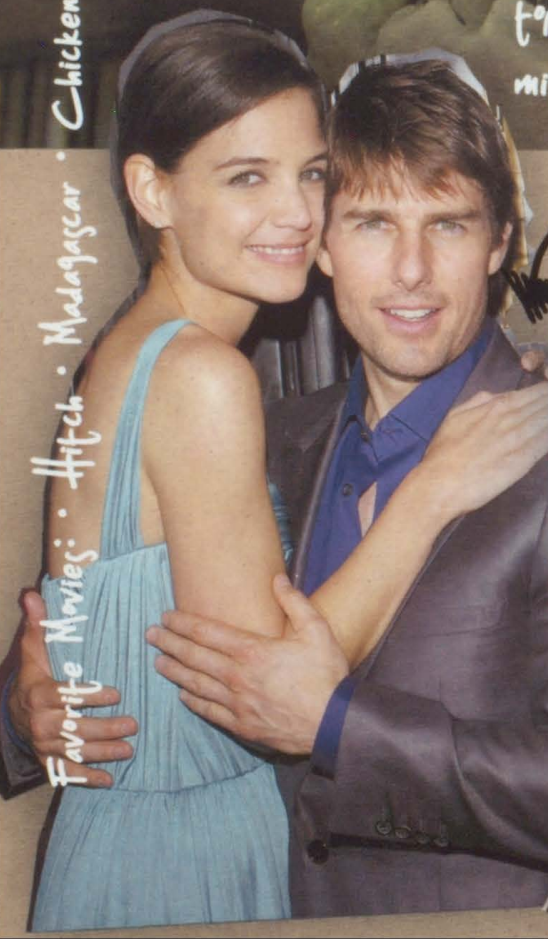


"Mr. and Mrs. Smith" co-stars Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie expect their first child.

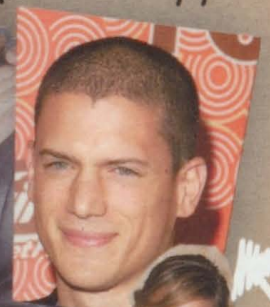
"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" earns more than \$590 million worldwide.



"Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith" is the top box office hit, grossing more than \$848 million worldwide.



"War of the Worlds" actor Tom Cruise and "Batman Begins" star Katie Holmes are engaged.

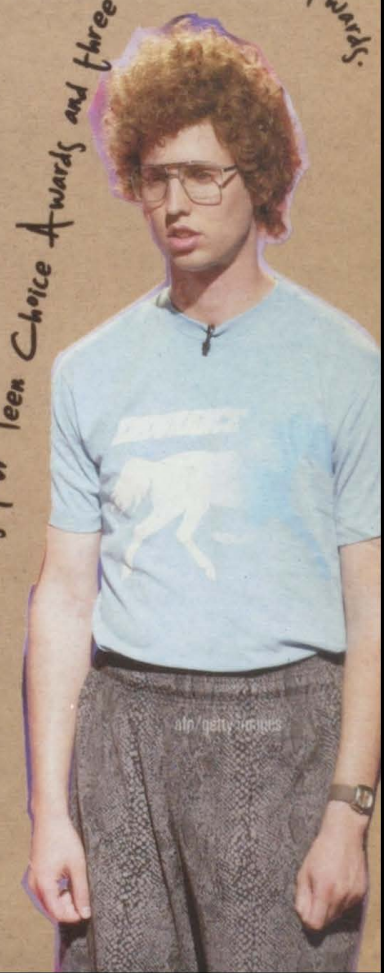


Wentworth Miller stars in this year's breakout drama "Prison Break."



Jessica Alba stars in "The Fantastic Four" and "Into the Blue."

Three MTV Movie Awards.



"Napoleon Dynamite" wins four Teen Choice Awards.

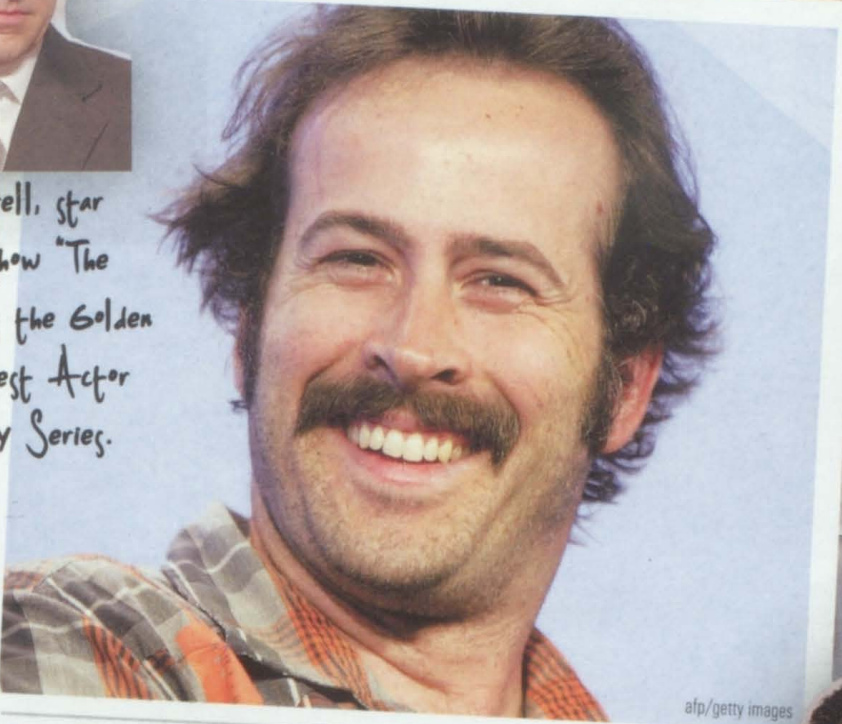
Paramount Pictures bought Dreamworks SKG for \$1.6 billion. Steven Spielberg was one of the founders of Dreamworks.

The Walt Disney Co. and Pixar Studios merged making Steve Jobs Disney's largest shareholder.

The world bids farewell to comedian Richard Pryor, Oscar-winning actress Anne Bancroft, "A Christmas Story's" Darren McGavin, Don Adams, Bob Denver, "The Karate Kid's" Pat Morita, Chris Penn, "The Munsters" Al Lewis, Don Knotts and Vincent Schiavelli.



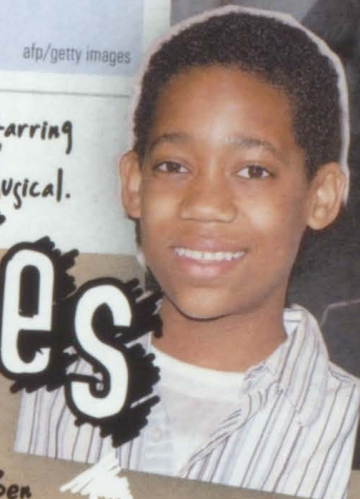
Steve Carrell, star of the hit show "The Office," wins the Golden Globe for Best Actor in a Comedy Series.



The Golden Globes recognize "My Name is Earl," starring Jason Lee, as the Best New Show Comedy or Musical.



tv & movies



Tyler James Williams stars in "Everybody Hates Chris," chronicling the childhood of Chris Rock.



Peter Jackson remakes the 1933 classic "King Kong," starring Jack Black and Naomi Watts.

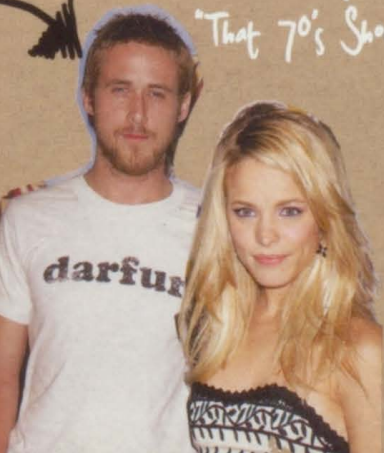


Terrence Howard receives an Oscar nod for his performance in "Hustle and Flow."

Weddings this year included Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner, Matt Damon and Luciana Bozan, Jesse James and Sandra Bullock and Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

Hit shows, "The West Wing," "Malcolm in the Middle," "Alias" and "That 70's Show" finish their runs.

The Notebook stars and offscreen couple Ryan Reynolds and Rachel McAdams collect six trophies at the Teen Choice Awards.



Jennifer Aniston stars in "Derailed," "Rumor Has It" and "The Break-up." Aniston was rumored to be dating "Break-up" co-star Vince Vaughn, who also starred in "Wedding Crashers."





Keith Urban wins Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year at the Country Music Awards. He also won a Grammy.

Actor and comedian Jamie Foxx releases his debut album "Unpredictable."

"Like We Never Loved at All" wins Faith Hill and Tim McGraw a Grammy for Best Country Collaboration with Vocals.



Other popular artists were Ciara, Coldplay, The Black Eyed Peas, Switchfoot, Ludacris, Weezer, Toby Keith, Rob Thomas and Eminem.

Mariah Carey releases "The Emancipation of Mimi," claiming her 17th No.1 hit with "Don't Forget About Us." Carey is tied with Elvis Presley in second place for the most No.1 hits.

Radio personality Howard Stern moves his show to Sirius Satellite Radio.



Singer/songwriter Sheryl Crow had breast cancer surgery.

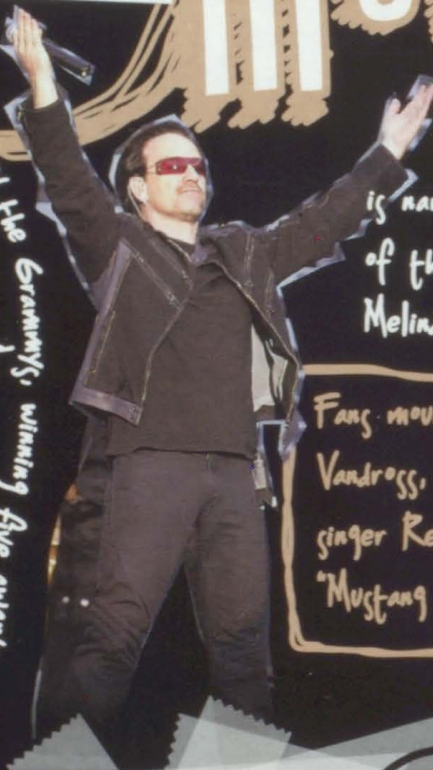
music

Former "American Idol" Kelly Clarkson wins Grammys for Best Female Vocal Performance for her song "Since U Been Gone" and Best Pop Vocal Album for "Breakaway."



How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb wins Album of the Year. It dominated the Grammys, winning five awards.

U2 front man Bono is named Time Magazine's Person of the Year along with Bill and Melinda Gates.

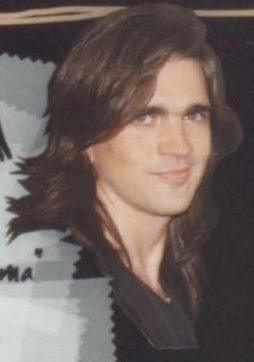


Fans mourned the losses of Luther Vandross, Lou Rawls, Four Tops bass singer Renaldo "Obie" Benson and "Mustang Sally" singer Wilson Pickett.

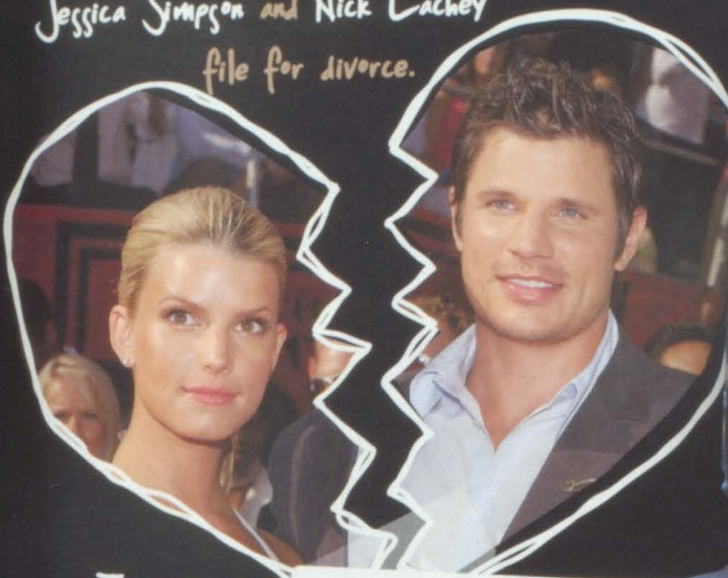


Kanye West's "Late Registration" wins a Grammy for Best Rap Album.

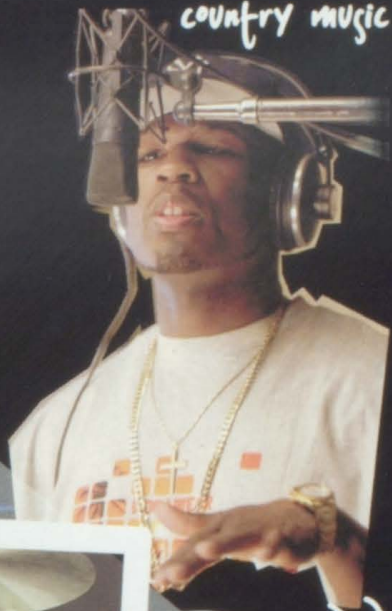
Alejandro Sanz wins Record of the Year for "Tu No Tienes Alma" at the Latin Grammy Awards.



After three years of marriage, "Newlyweds" Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey file for divorce.



Carrie Underwood is crowned American Idol 2005 and her album quickly climbs the country music charts.



Rapper 50 Cent wins six Billboard Music Awards including Album of the year for "The Massacre."

Daddy Yankee's album "Barrio Fino" is named Urban Album of the Year at the Latin Grammys.



John Legend wins three Grammys for Best New Artist, R&B Album and Best Male R&B Vocal Performance.

Rock trio Green Day takes home six trophies from the Billboard Music Awards.



Gorillaz is the second animated music group to win a Grammy. The first was Alvin and the Chipmunks in 1958.

Michael Jackson was acquitted of misconduct charges and relocated to Bahrain.

Britney Spears had a baby boy, Sean Preston, with husband Kevin Federline.

Giacomo, the 50-1 longshot ridden by Mike Smith, finishes first at the Kentucky Derby.

Tiger Woods wins his 9th and 10th career majors at The Masters and the British Open.



The Baylor Lady Bears dominate 84-62 over Michigan State in the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship finals.



Sports

Following a one-season lockout, the NFL and its players union reached a salary cap agreement.



Tennis star Venus Williams records her third Wimbledon title and fifth overall grand slam victory.

Terrell Owens is deactivated by the Philadelphia Eagles due to his controversial statements and conduct.

In the same season that coach Phil Jackson returned to the Los Angeles Lakers, Kobe Bryant scored the second highest single-game total in NBA history with 81 points against the Toronto Raptors.

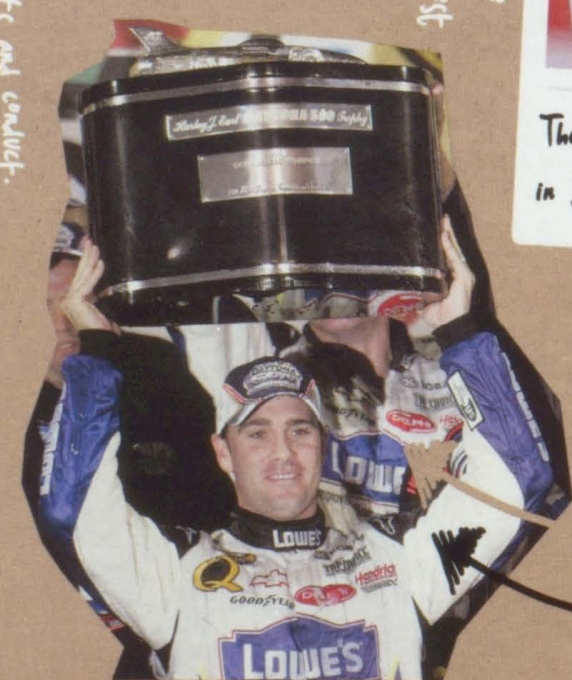


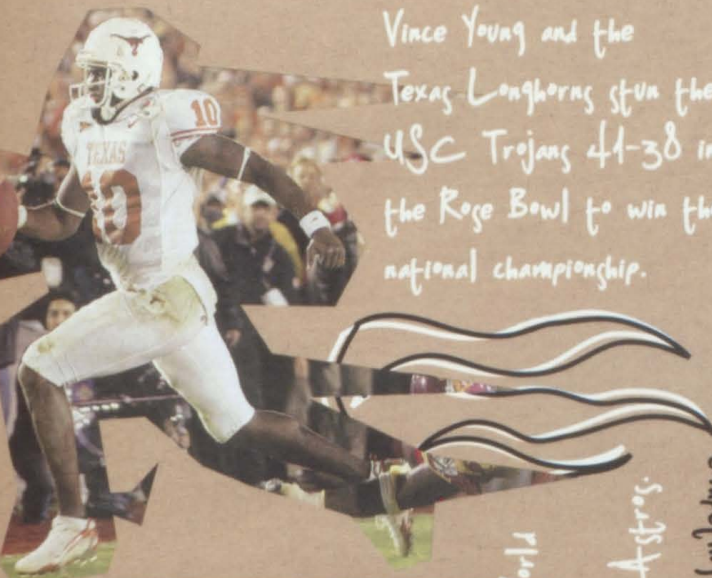
The Pittsburgh Steelers defeat the Seattle Seahawks 21-10 in Super Bowl XL. Game MVP was Hines Ward.

Women's golf witnessed the emergence of teen phenom Paula Creamer, who recorded two LPGA Tour wins in her rookie season.

The world bid farewell to NBA legend George Mikan, MLB All-Star outfielder Pat Kelly, Atlanta Hawks Center Jason Collier, San Francisco 49er Thomas Herrion and legendary sportscaster Curt Gowdy.

Less than a week after illegal car modifications suspend crew chief Chad Knaus, Jimmie Johnson rallies to win the Daytona 500.

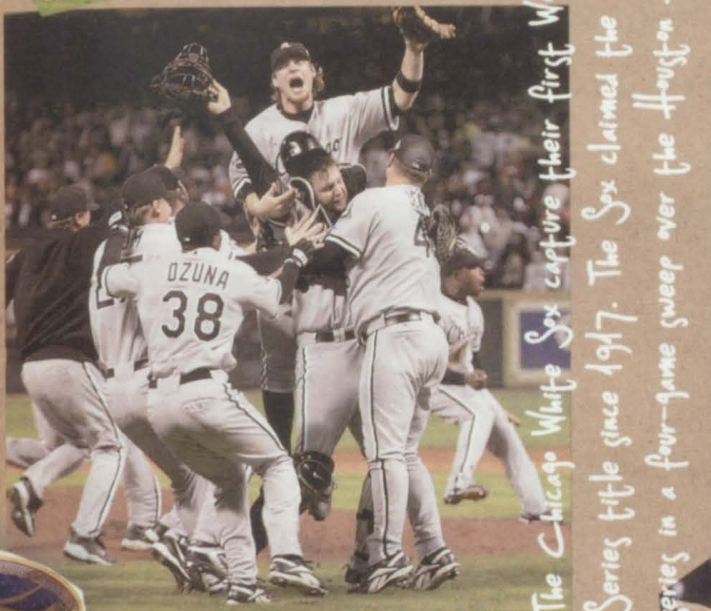




Vince Young and the Texas Longhorns stun the USC Trojans 41-38 in the Rose Bowl to win the national championship.



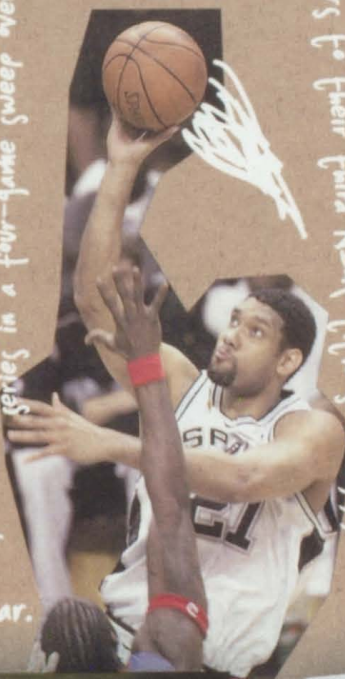
Roy Williams records his first title win as head coach when the North Carolina Tar Heels claim the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.



The Chicago White Sox capture their first World Series title since 1917. The Sox claimed the Series in a four-game sweep over the Houston Astros.

competing against boys.

Alaskan sophomore Michaela Hutchinson became the first girl to win a state high school wrestling title while



Finals MVP Tim Duncan leads the San Antonio Spurs to their third NBA title since 1999.

Outfielder Johnny Damon left the Boston Red Sox and signed a four-year, \$52 million contract with the New York Yankees.



Roger Federer wins his third consecutive Wimbledon title by defeating Andy Roddick.



In his final Tour de France, Lance Armstrong wins for the seventh consecutive year.



Annika Sorenstam is named AP Female Athlete of the Year for the third straight year.



Danica Patrick, 23, leads 19 laps in the Indy 500, finishing fourth. Patrick was the first woman to achieve either milestone.

A landslide vote elected USC Trojan Reggie Bush the Heisman Trophy Winner.

Silver medalists Taiith Belbin and Ben Agosto become the first U.S. ice dancers to medal in 30 years.



U.S. silver medalist Soňa Červená is outskated by Shizuka Arakawa, Japan's first Olympic gold medal figure skater. Russia's Irina Slutskaya won the bronze.



Ted Ligety edges Croatia's Ivica Kostelic by .053 seconds for the gold medal in combined slalom.



Julia Mancuso skied her way to a Giant Slalom gold.



Silver medalist Danny Kass and gold medalist Shaun White dominate the Halfpipe Snowboarding event.

Halfpipe snowboarders Hannah Teter and Gretchen Bleiler earn a gold and silver for Team USA.

Germany led the total medal count with 29. The United States was second with 25 and Canada third with 24.

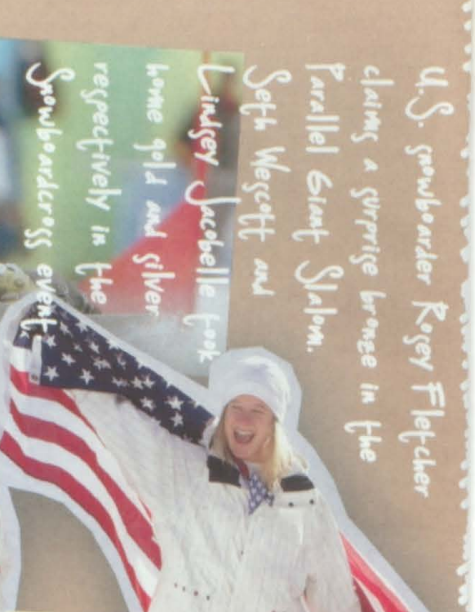
The Canadian Women's Hockey team defended its Olympic gold, beating Sweden 4-1. The U.S. women took the bronze.

American hero Joey Cheek donates his \$25,000 gold and \$15,000 silver medal bonuses to Right To Play, a charity that benefits children in Sudan.



Shani Davis is the first African American to earn an individual gold medal in the Winter Olympics. Davis won gold in the 1,000m and silver in the 1,500m.

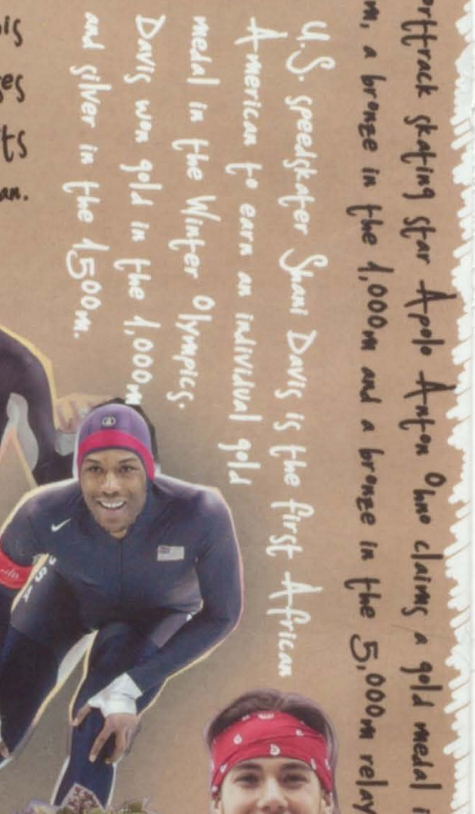
Chad Hedrick states to gold in the 5,000m, silver in the 10,000m and bronze in the 1,500m.



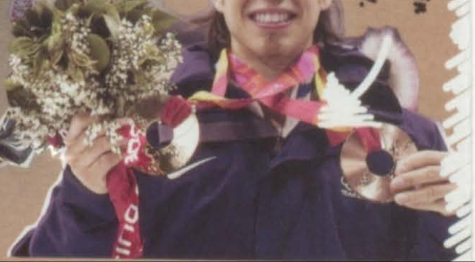
U.S. snowboarder Royce Fletcher claims a surprise bronze in the Parallel Giant Slalom. Seth Wescott and Lindsey Jacobelle took home gold and silver respectively in the Snowboarders' event.



The U.S. men's team captures the country's first curling medal in a battle for the bronze versus Great Britain.



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U.S. short-track star Apolo Anton Oino claims a gold medal in the 500m, a bronze in the 1,000m and a bronze in the 5,000m relay.

