

*A Gold Standard*





Without its **students**, CHS  
is just a **campus**.

Taking tests, joining **clubs**,  
participating in sports, or just  
being a **fan**, we *became* CHS.

We **became** a part of  
it...then, it became a part of  
**us**.

Making memories, carrying on  
**traditions**,  
we set the standard,  
**A Gold Standard.**

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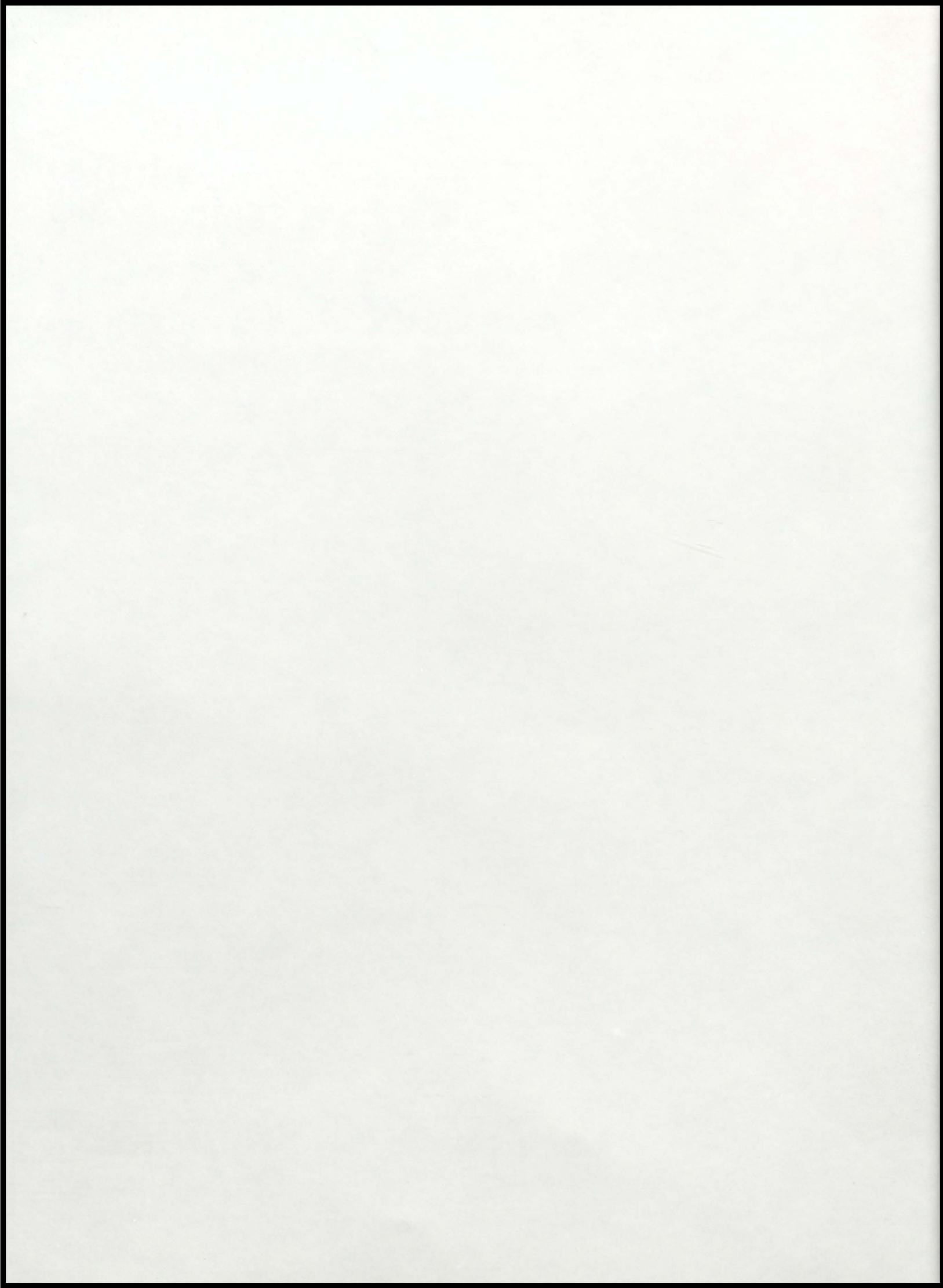


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# Without its students...



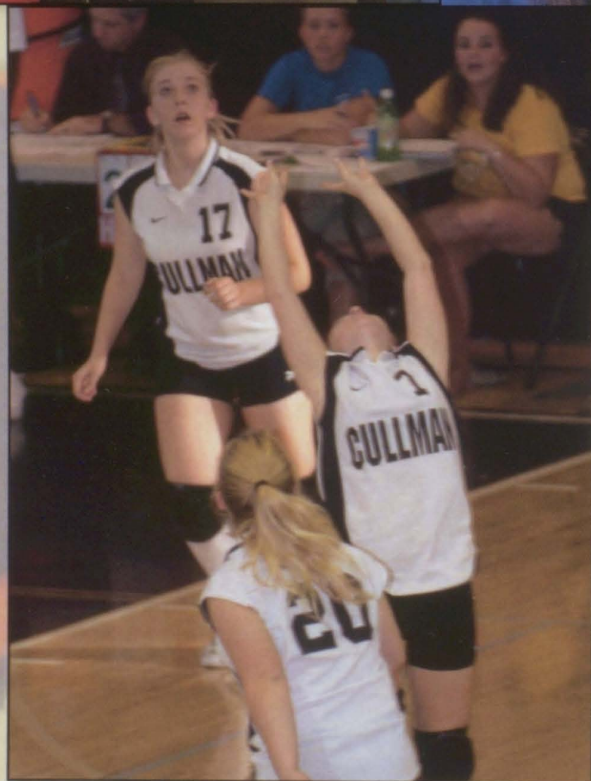
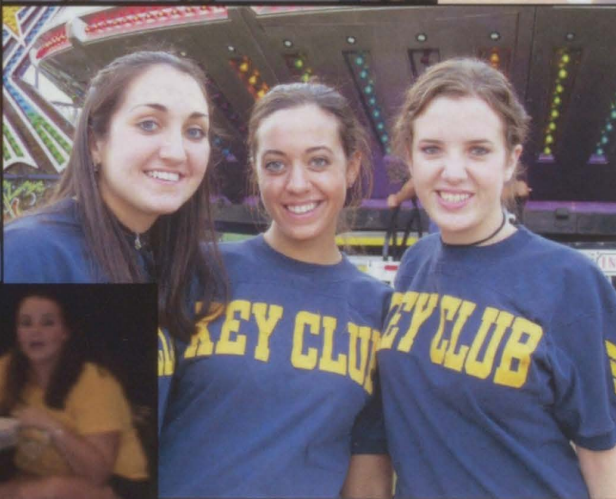
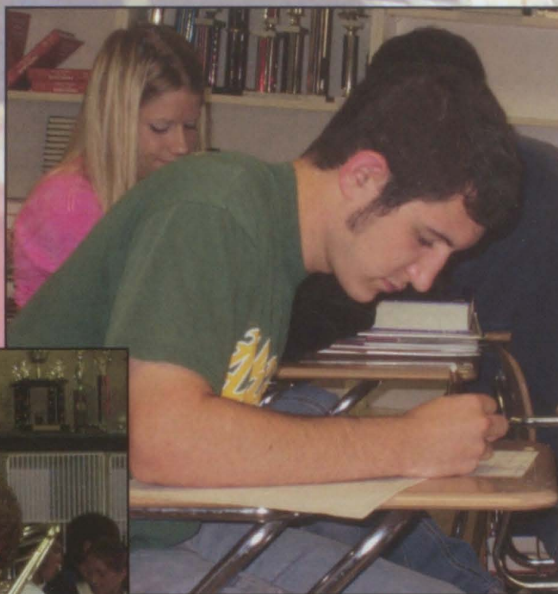


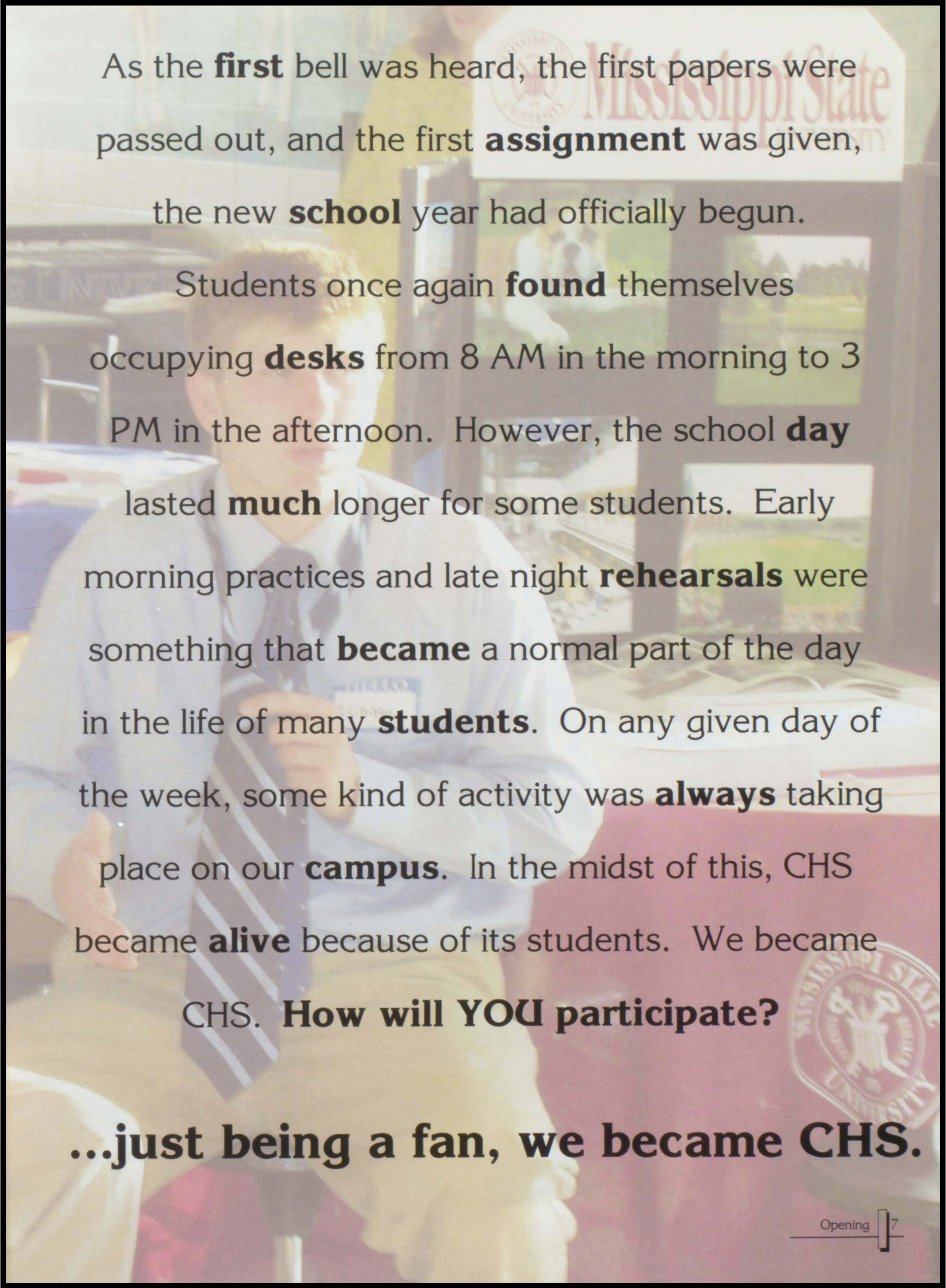
On August 11, 2004, **students** stepped onto the CHS **campus** having papers to write, tests to take, and no idea where **summer** had gone. As **students** began to fill the classrooms, CHS became our familiar, **thriving** campus. With **laughter** and conversation replacing the silence, the ambiance of **CHS** became more than just a lifeless campus filled with empty **classrooms** and deserted **sidewalks**. Within our halls, the **vibrant** heartbeat of CHS was found once again: its students.

How will **YOU** fill the halls?

**...CHS is just a campus.**

# Taking tests, joining clubs, participating in sports, or...



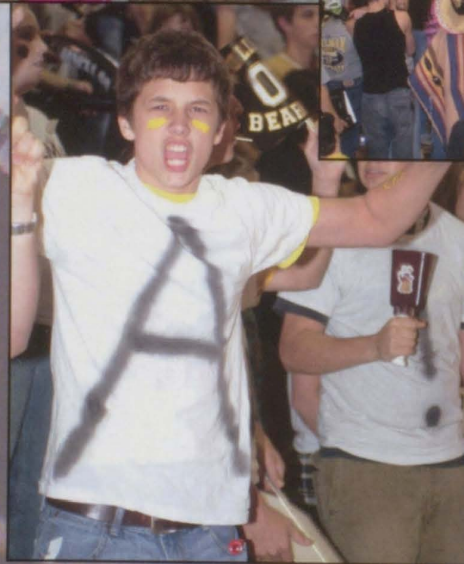
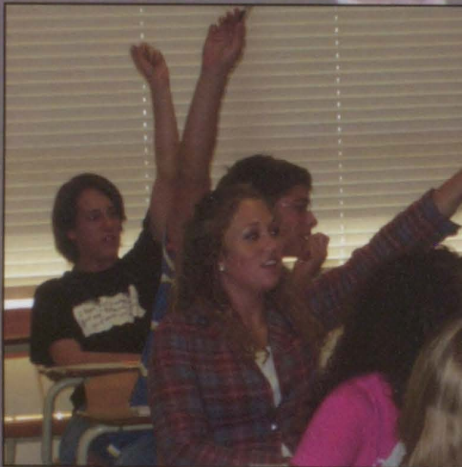
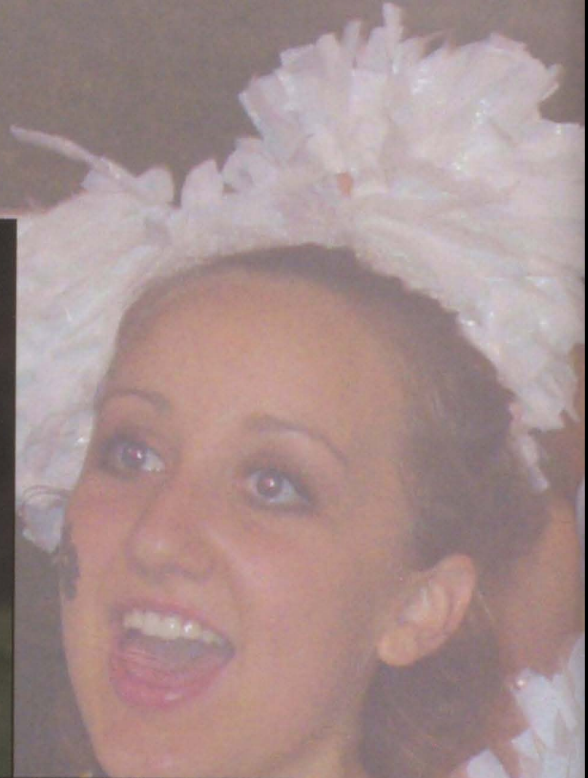


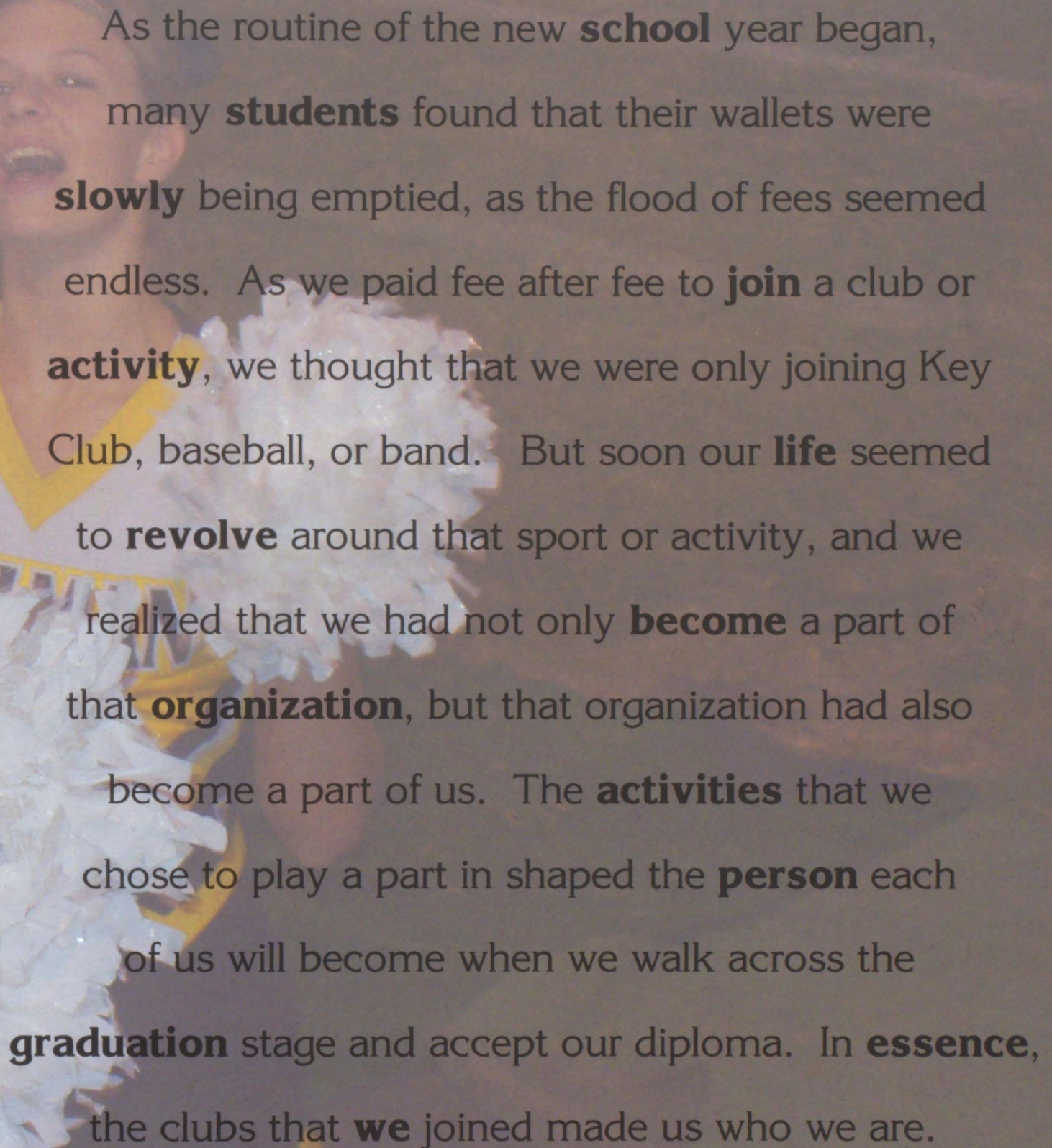
As the **first** bell was heard, the first papers were passed out, and the first **assignment** was given, the new **school** year had officially begun.

Students once again **found** themselves occupying **desks** from 8 AM in the morning to 3 PM in the afternoon. However, the school **day** lasted **much** longer for some students. Early morning practices and late night **rehearsals** were something that **became** a normal part of the day in the life of many **students**. On any given day of the week, some kind of activity was **always** taking place on our **campus**. In the midst of this, CHS became **alive** because of its students. We became CHS. **How will YOU participate?**

**...just being a fan, we became CHS.**

# We became a part of it...



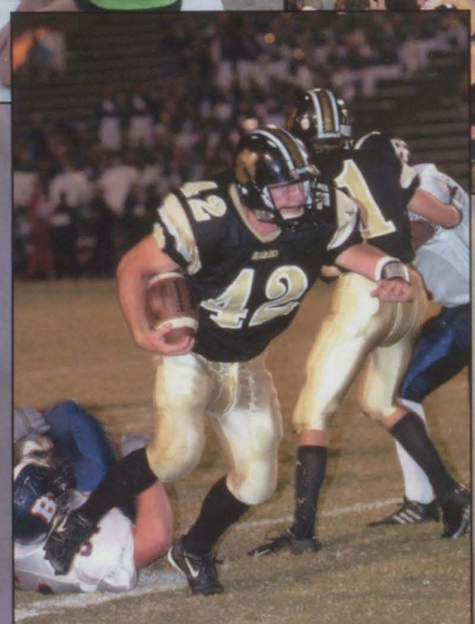
A cheerleader in a white and yellow outfit is shown from the waist up, holding a large, fluffy white pom-pom. She is looking upwards and to the left with a slight smile. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

As the routine of the new **school** year began, many **students** found that their wallets were **slowly** being emptied, as the flood of fees seemed endless. As we paid fee after fee to **join** a club or **activity**, we thought that we were only joining Key Club, baseball, or band. But soon our **life** seemed to **revolve** around that sport or activity, and we realized that we had not only **become** a part of that **organization**, but that organization had also become a part of us. The **activities** that we chose to play a part in shaped the **person** each of us will become when we walk across the **graduation** stage and accept our diploma. In **essence**, the clubs that **we** joined made us who we are.

Who will **YOU** become?

**... then it became a part of us.**

# Making memories...





**Memories** are all from the past. In the blinking of an eye, this day becomes **yesterday**, and memories we've made are traded for that day. Many of our **teenage** memories will be **made** right here through the traditions that we continue at school. Although school may **sometimes** be a stressful place, with endless **homework**, difficult tests, and busy **schedules** hovering over our heads, we somehow seem to tuck those **daunting** tasks aside and find ways to enjoy our time here at CHS. However **our** memories are **made**, whether they are made marching with the band at practice, painting with your **friends** at a poster party, celebrating the win **after** the game, or just hanging out with your friends on **weekends**, all of us share the common bond of being a part of the **Bearcat** tradition.

How will **YOU** carry on the Bearcat tradition?

**...carrying on traditions**

# We set the standard...

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WOODARD STADIUM

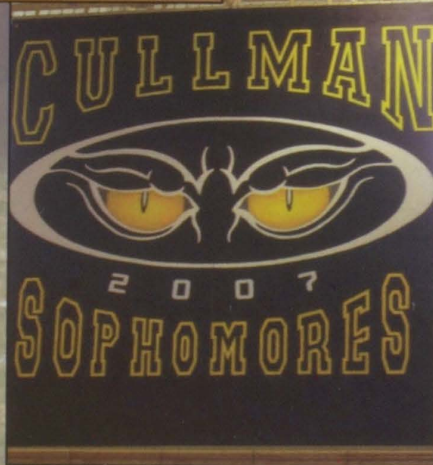
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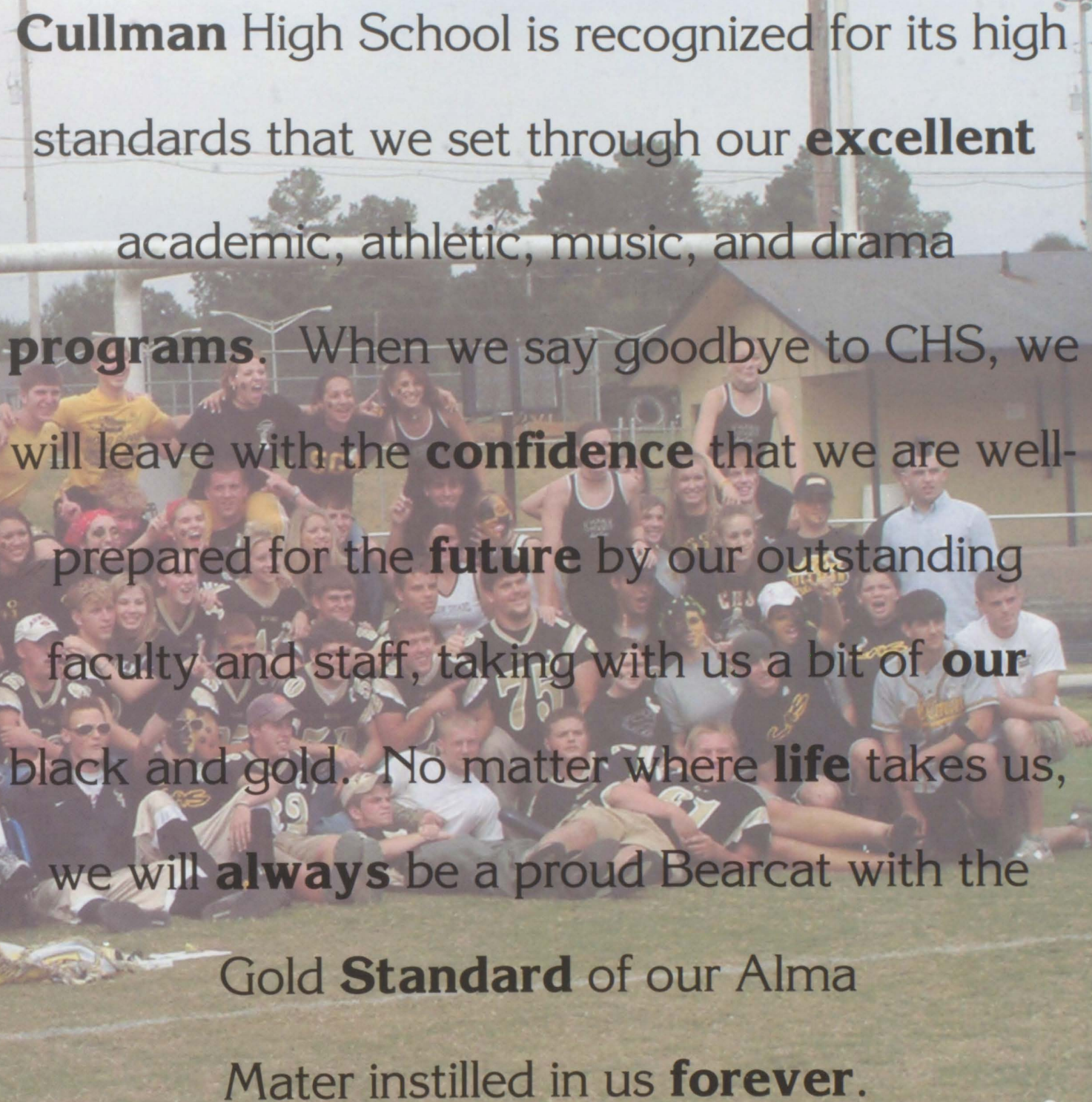
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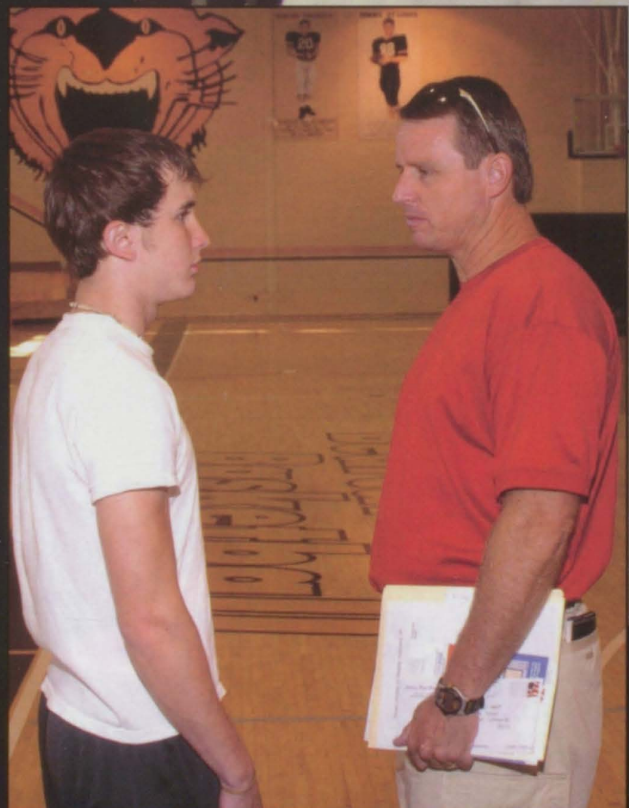


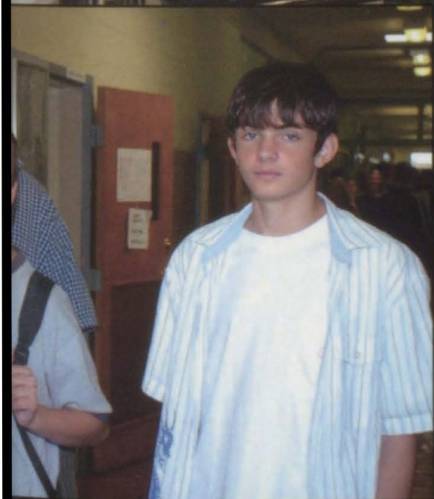
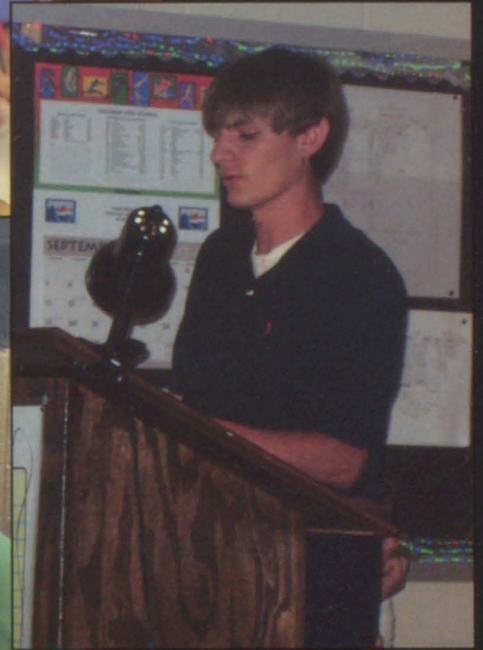
**Cullman** High School is recognized for its high standards that we set through our **excellent** academic, athletic, music, and drama **programs**. When we say goodbye to CHS, we will leave with the **confidence** that we are well-prepared for the **future** by our outstanding faculty and staff, taking with us a bit of **our** black and gold. No matter where **life** takes us, we will **always** be a proud Bearcat with the Gold **Standard** of our Alma Mater instilled in us **forever**.

**...A Gold Standard.**

# Standard of Excellence

Entering the doors as freshmen, we have **four** years ahead of us like an empty slate **waiting** to be filled. The honors we will receive and the **friends** we will make all play a part in how we will leave our mark on this campus. Some **excel** in drama while others excel in sports or academics, but each **student** contributes his or her talents and abilities to the standard: **our** standard of excellence.





# Officer David Brannon

October 11, 1970 - August 12, 2004

David Brannon was a man that could brighten anyone's day. His humorous personality, one of his many characteristics, was probably most noticed. His desire to make everyone laugh made him the person he was: a friend to those who were friendless and a leader to those unable to lead. Although the students and adults were blessed with the honor and pleasure of having this man of such great stature at our school, little did we know that within one day, all would be taken away.

On August 12, Thursday morning, David checked himself into Woodland Medical Center complaining of chest pain. "Tell the kids I got bit by a poisonous snake or something," David said as he was being transferred to a Birmingham hospital. During the ride to Birmingham, David went into full cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead. The line waiting to see him stacked all the way into the parking lot of the funeral home. At his funeral that Saturday, over half of the student body attended.

Although David Brannon is no longer with us, the memory of his outstanding character will forever remain. The exaggerated and over enthusiastic stories that he told will also be remembered, for it seemed as if he always had a story to tell. People can try all their lives and never become the man David Brannon was.

Carson Williams

Dave had a way of balancing his police professionalism with an off-the-wall humor that made him exactly what we needed in a school resource officer. He made students feel safe and secure, but at the same time they were not intimidated by him. He was a special, special person, and he's going to be missed.

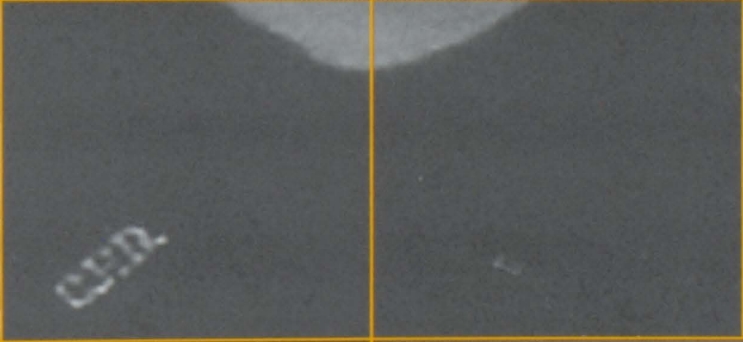
William Calvert

When I saw he was back Wednesday I shook his hand and asked him what brought him back to Cullman High and he said, 'Just love of the work.'

Ethan McClellan

For me personally, he just made life more fun to live. Half of my conversations with close friends of Dave would be about something he'd say or do. He was so funny, yet so dependable. He's definitely somebody you'd want in your foxhole. Life won't be the same for me.

Oscar Glasscock



# A Hill of Changes

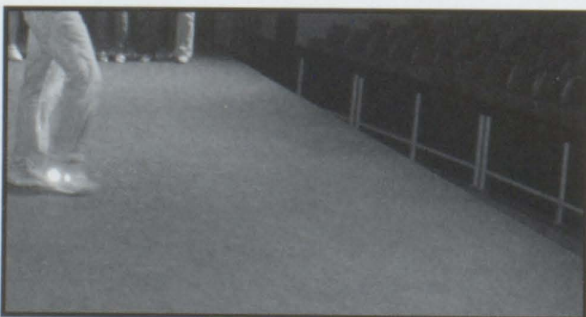
Mr. Lane Hill provides promising future for CHS and its campus.

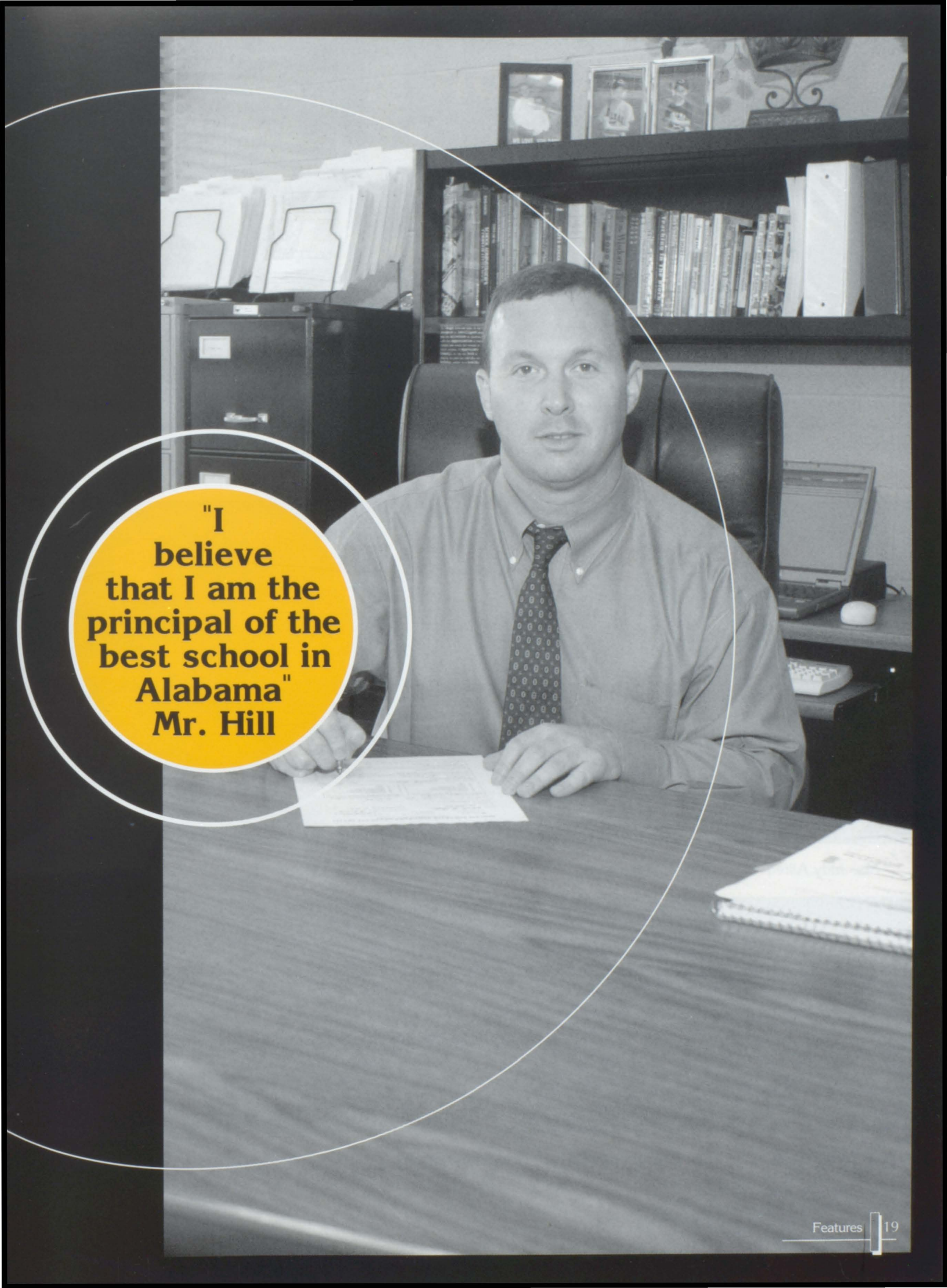
Sun glaring in students eyes while working at their desks, doors too heavy to open with your arms full of books, a stage with splinters so dangerous it could turn into a liability, and walls of baby blue paint looming over students as they walk from class to class -these are all things of the past. We now have blinds on our windows, new doors on our buildings, a recovered stage, and new exterior paint on our auditorium. In addition to our campus's physical changes, we also attained new administration. Mr. Lane Hill accepted the position of principal after our past principal Mr. Jack Pennington retired. Mr. Hill previously served as vice-principal at Bob Jones High School.

Two young faces have also become familiar on the CHS campus, as Mr. Hill's two sons accompany him in cheering on our teams at various activities. He enjoys spending time with Garrison and Branch, ages seven and five respectively, as well as his wife Lynn.

Mr. Hill's interest in education began as a student at West End High School in Walnut Grove, Alabama. He attended college at the University of North Alabama, Auburn University, and University of Alabama at Birmingham before beginning his career as a science teacher.

During his time here Mr. Hill has worked to maintain and enhance CHS's reputation of producing motivated and educated young men and women of high moral standing. His goal for CHS is to provide the best academic and extra-curricular program in the state. Claiming to have acquired his ideal administration position, Mr. Hill says, "I believe that I am the principal of the best school in Alabama."





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Alabama"  
Mr. Hill**

# Administration



Vice-Principal/Curriculum  
Coordinator  
Mrs. Mona Hopper



Vice-Principal  
Mr. William Cavert



Principal Mr. Lane Hill



# Faculty



Ms. Judy Allred



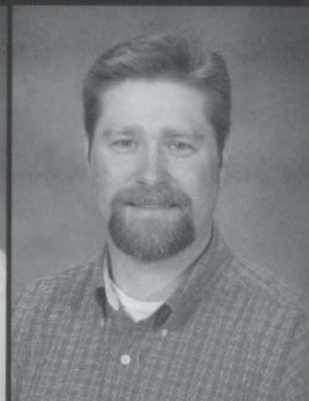
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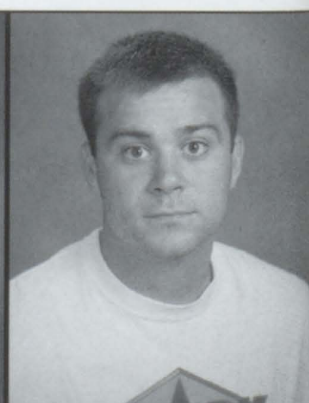
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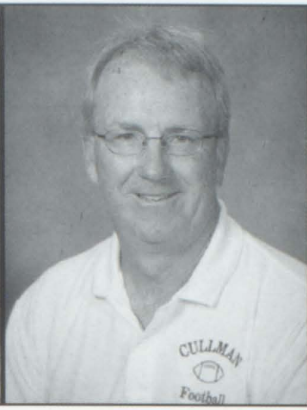


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Mr. Mark Britton



Mrs. Jennifer Calahan



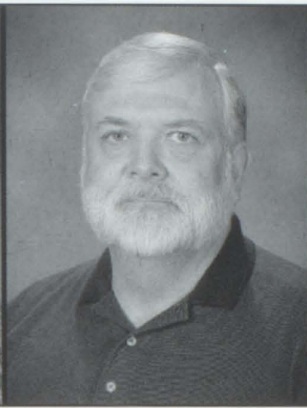
Miss Beth Calvert



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Mr. Rick Connell



Mrs. Janice Cook



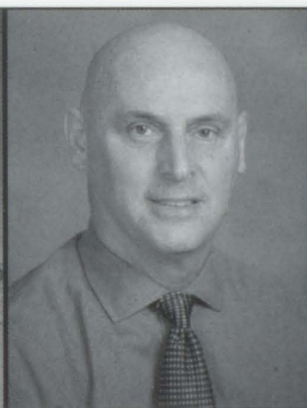
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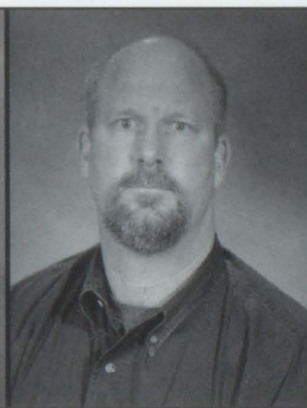
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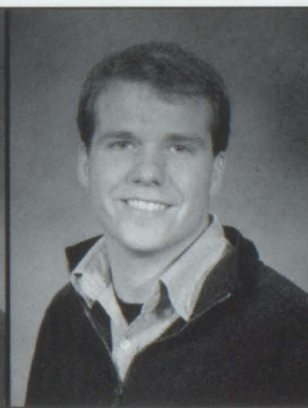
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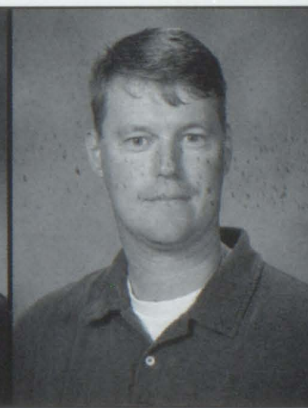
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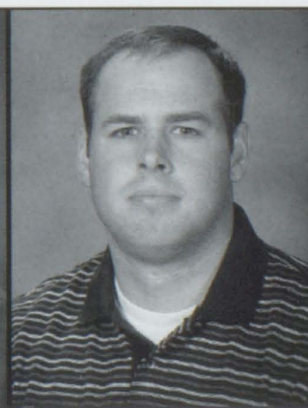
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Mr. Oscar Glasscock



Mrs. Donna Heptinstall



Mr. Matt Hopper



Miss Schenaye Mauldin



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Mrs. Kathy Miller

Mrs. Karen Murphree

Mr. Brent Patterson

Ms. Shelley Perry



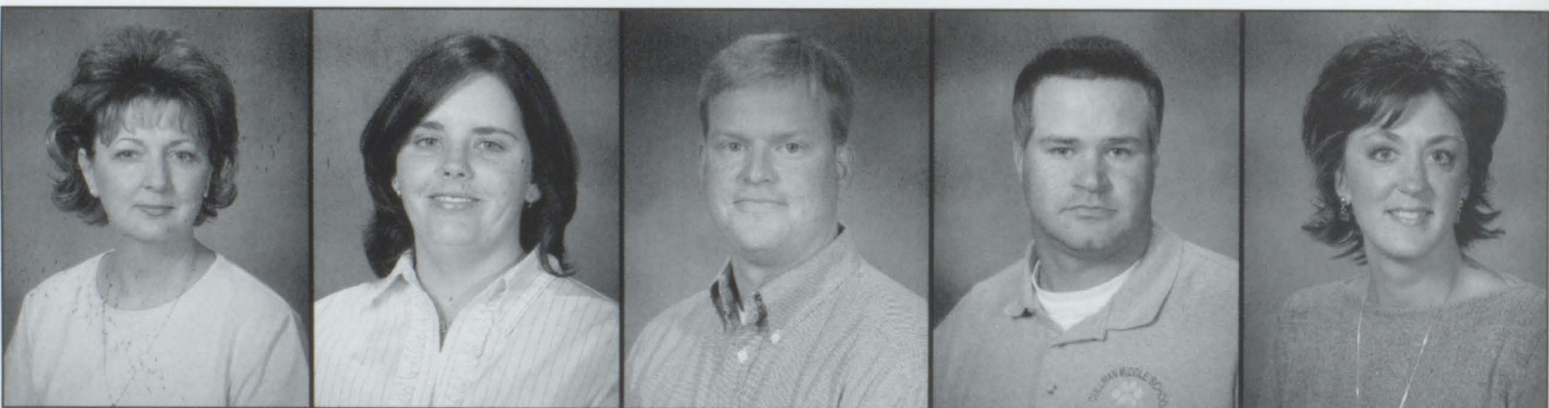
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Mrs. Lanette Satterfield

Mrs. Allison Schug

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Mr. Aaron Sparks

Mrs. Angela Stansberry



Mrs. Dorenda Taff

Mr. Garry Taylor

Mr. Derrick Waddell

Mrs. Lynelle Wilbanks

Mr. Mike Wilhite



Mrs. Elaine Williams



Mrs. Stacie Wren



Mrs. Hopper delivers a poem at the Homecoming pep rally. Written by Mrs. Donaldson, the poem reflected CHS's love for Coach Brannon.



Mrs. Taff demonstrates the correct way to dance to the "YMCA". She and other teachers dressed up like the Village People for the teachers' skit at the pep rally.



Above: A-building teachers turn their hall into a Christmas in October. Mr. Connell made sure they got an early start on their toymaking.

Below: Performing to Jailhouse Rock, the teachers show that they are not only talented in the classroom but the dancefloor as well.



Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Heptinstall show their school spirit during homecoming week. The C-building teachers turned the hall into a city block with its own set of traffic police.



Mr. Hill smiles as he awaits a Mountain Dew from Ethan McClellan. Ethan bet Mr. Hill that all club pictures could not be taken in 45 minutes but was proved wrong.

# Support Personnel



Mrs. Erica Ball



Mrs. Janice Osborne



Lunchroom Staff



Always avoiding the camera, two of our busy janitors are caught by our photographers.

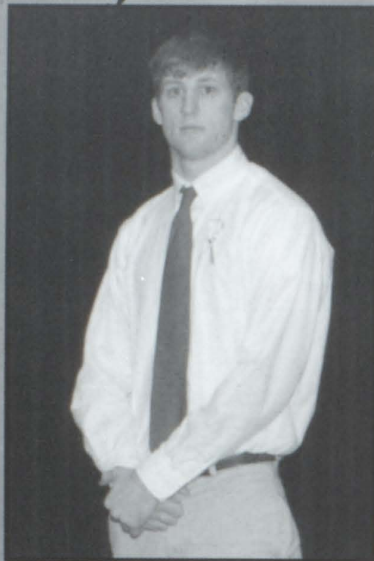
# Outstanding Students

Senior



EC Gibbs

Junior



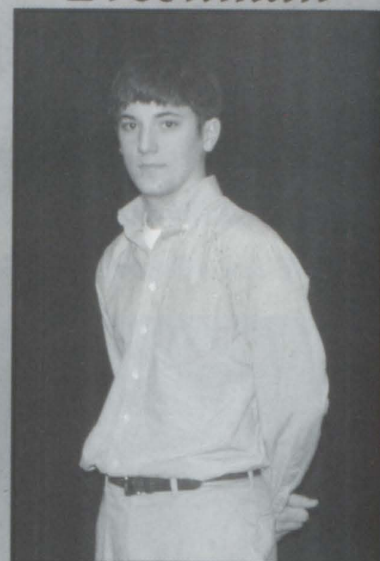
Jacob Dellinger

Sophomore



Christopher Holland

Freshman



Luke Satterfield

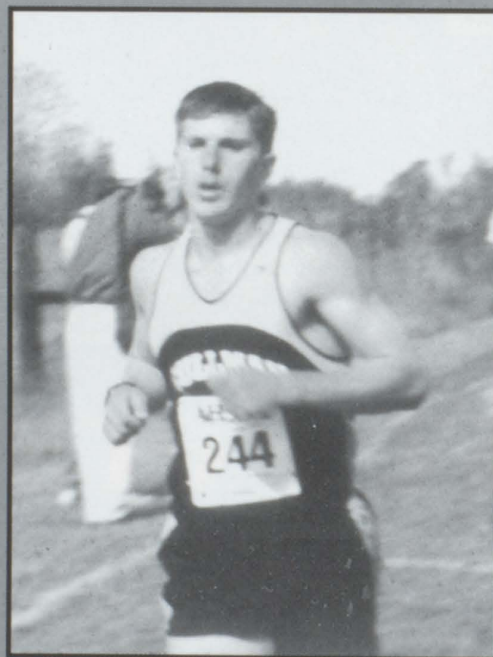
**DAR Good Citizenship Award**



Joan Reichwein

This award is given to a senior who possesses admirable qualities such as service, leadership, and patriotism. Nominees are also required to write a timed essay.

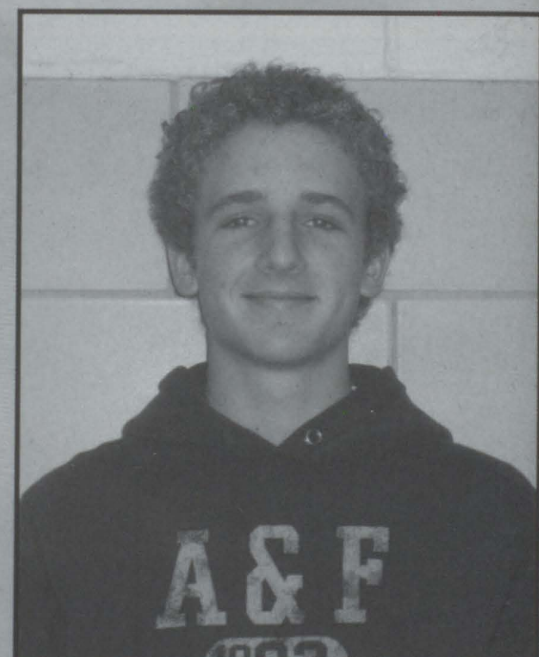
**Wendy's High School Heisman**



EC Gibbs

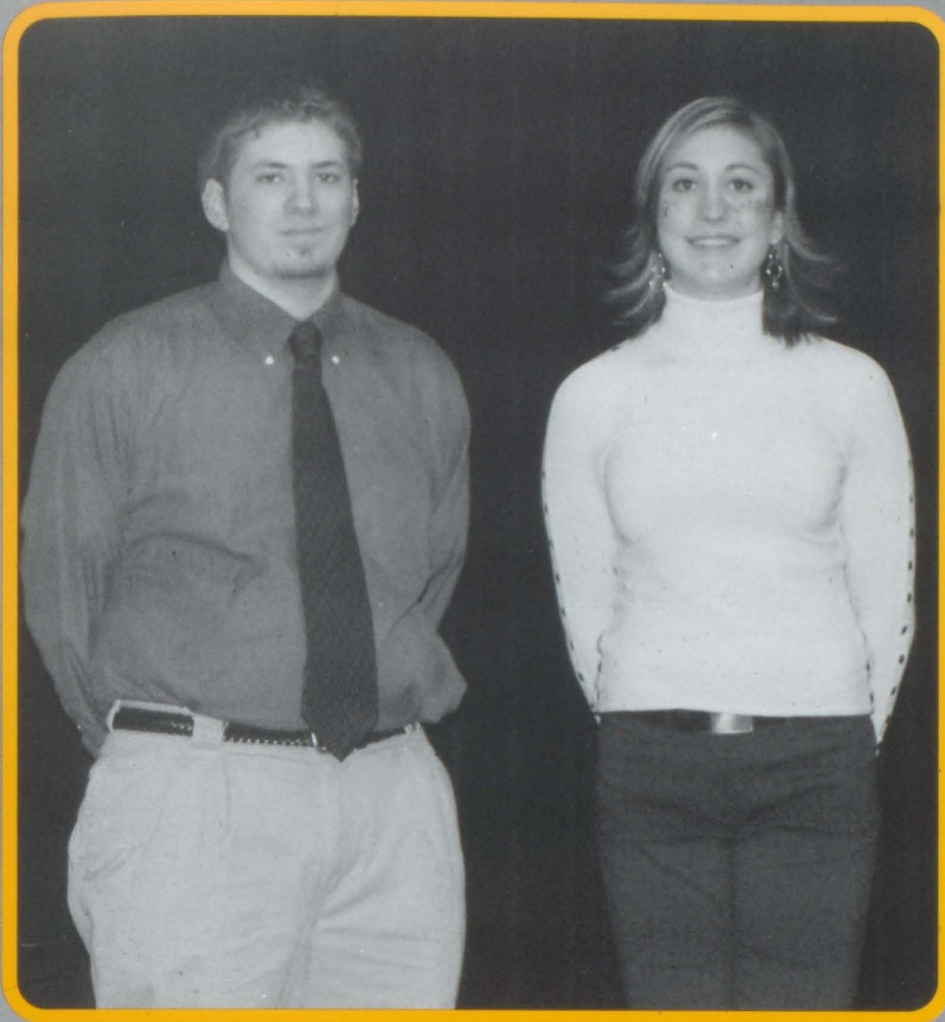
EC was the male recipient of the Wendy's High School Heisman Award in the state of Alabama. EC was chosen because of his outstanding athletic ability and leadership as well as his excellent academic accomplishments.

**HOBY Leadership Award**



Andrew Warnke

Each year the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Foundation selects a sophomore based on leadership, academic achievement, and a submitted essay.



## National Merit Semi-Finalists

Stuart Waugh  
and  
Claire Vinson

National Merit Semi-Finalists are those students who score in the top percentile of the millions of high school students taking the PSAT/NMSQT. These students will go on to compete with semi-finalists around the nation in order to achieve the title of National Merit Finalists.

## National Merit Commended Students

Jack St. John, Sarah Hamm,  
Melissa Johnson, and Wade Smith

The National Merit Scholarship Program is open to all high school juniors who score well on the PSAT/NMSQT. High test scores reflect the academic excellence of the commended students.



# Alabama Girls' State

## Lauren Perry

Alabama Girls' State is a mock legislative program held at Troy University. During the week spent on Troy's campus, the students ran for office, held elections, and passed legislative bills.



## Russ Arnold and Jared Rice

Boys' State is a one-week mock legislative program. The students chosen to attend meet at the University of Montevallo to campaign for office, debate issues, propose laws, and attend briefings from state officials.

# Alabama Boys' State

# Alabama Governor's School



Wade Smith, Melissa Johnson,  
and Lance Pruitt

Alabama Governor's School is a two-week program in which students reside on the campus of Samford University and take classes in their possible future career fields. Recreational activities are also planned, allowing students to experience the college life while meeting other students around the state who share their same ambitions and goals. At the conclusion of the two weeks, Melissa Johnson was chosen as the most outstanding female student by students, faculty, and staff.

## Model Senate



Russ Arnold, Peyton Guthrie,  
Claire Vinson, Wade Smith,  
Melissa Johnson, Sarah Bussey,  
and Leah Miller

Students from all over the state of Alabama participated in the Model Senate program in March. Seven Cullman High School students were chosen to attend the four days of mock legislature at Birmingham Southern College. During those four days, students proposed, debated, and passed bills through parliamentary procedure.

# Senior

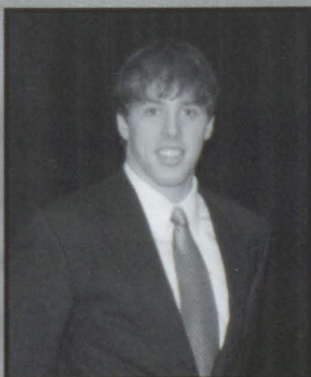


**Front Row L to R: Leah Miller, Melissa Johnson, Elisabeth Nesbitt, Joan Reichwein  
Back Row L to R: Trent Walker, Lauren Perry, Bradley Nesbitt, EC Gibbs**

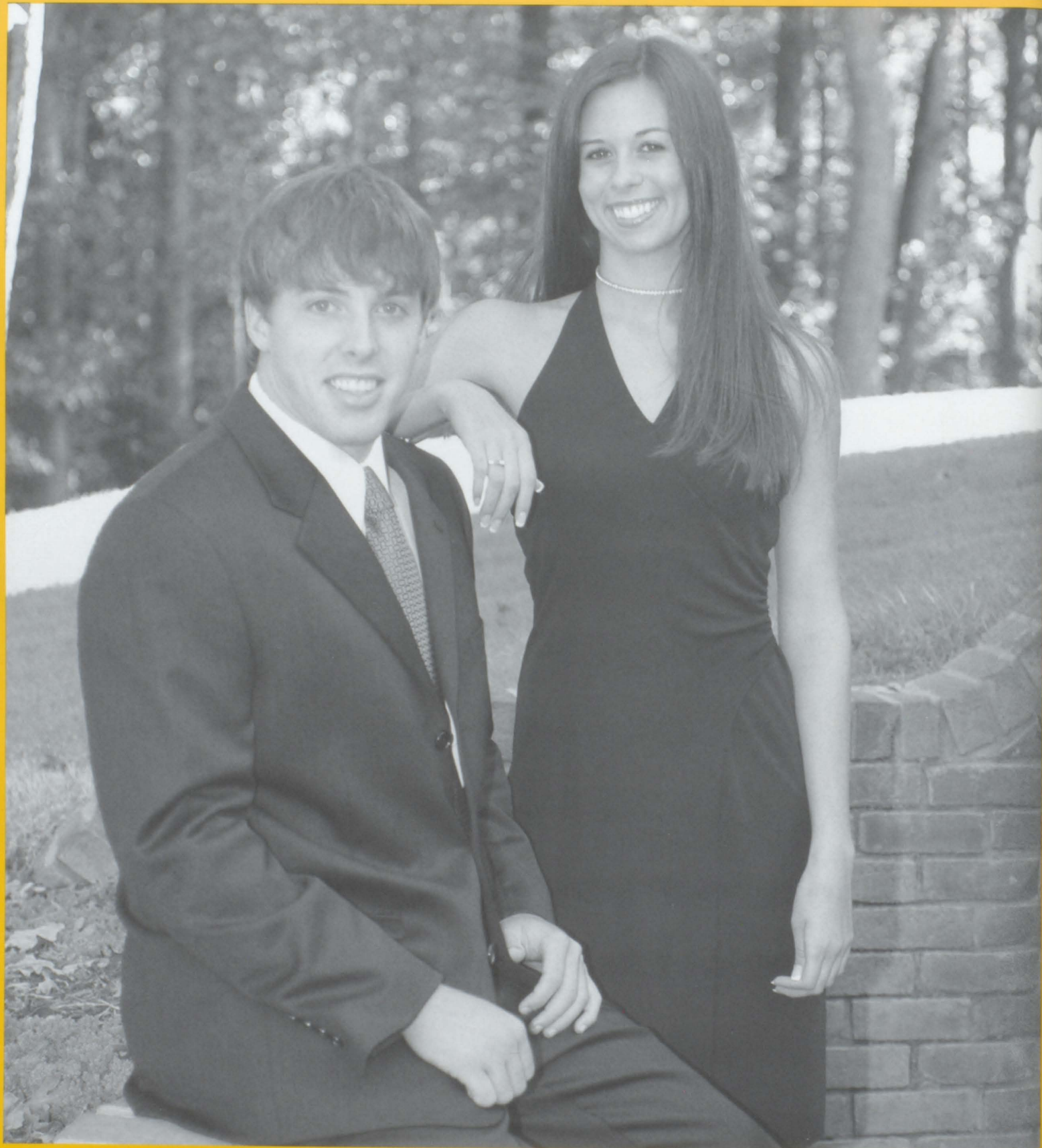


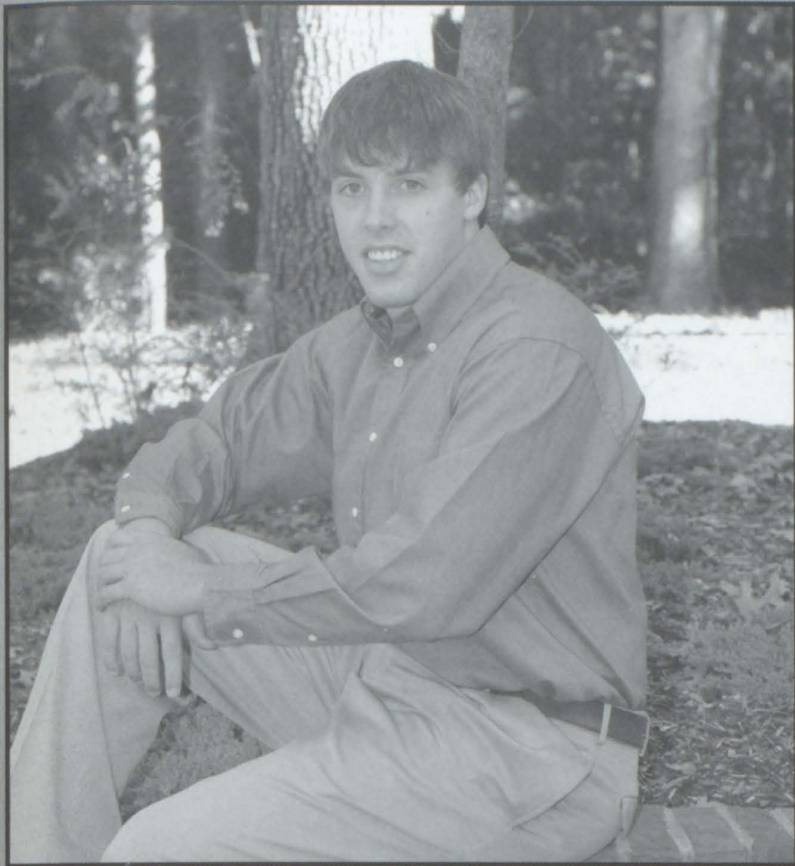
# Hall of Fame

The Senior Hall of Fame is the highest honor a senior can receive. These students, who were selected by teachers, exemplify academic excellence, leadership skills, good character, and school involvement. Their fellow classmates can attest to the standards set by these outstanding seniors.



# Mr. and Miss CHS





Mr. CHS Trent Walker demonstrated outstanding leadership and character in the classroom and on the athletic field during his four years here. Trent has served as president of both Student Government and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as well as being a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, LEO Club, French Honor Society, and Southerner Staff. In addition, his classmates elected him as president of both his sophomore and junior classes. Athletically, Trent has excelled as a varsity member of the football and basketball team, as well as the back-to-back state runner-up baseball team. His positive attitude and commitment make Trent an excellent choice for Mr. CHS.

**Mr. Trent Walker**

**and**

**Miss Blakeley Burns**



Miss CHS Blakeley Burns showed excellent leadership qualities while serving as secretary and vice-president of the LEO Club, as well as a junior and sophomore class officer. She held active membership in other organizations such as Student Government Association, National Honor Society, German National Honor Society, Key Club, DNA Science Club, and Southerner Staff. Performing with the CHS Dance Line, Blakeley demonstrated both agility and charm, talents also useful to her as a Diamond Doll for the baseball team. With her involvement in school and her charismatic personality, Blakeley is an excellent choice for Miss CHS.

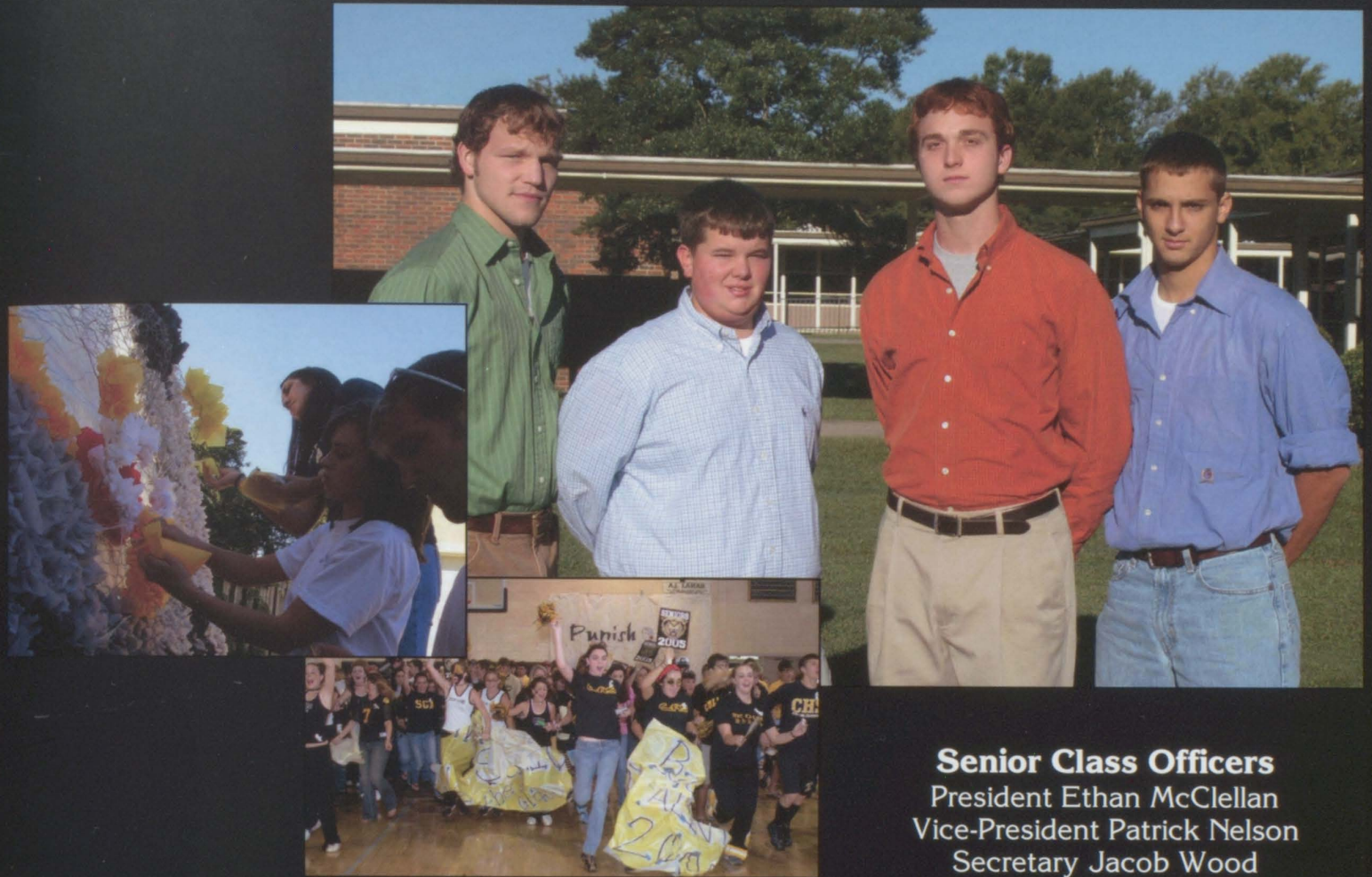


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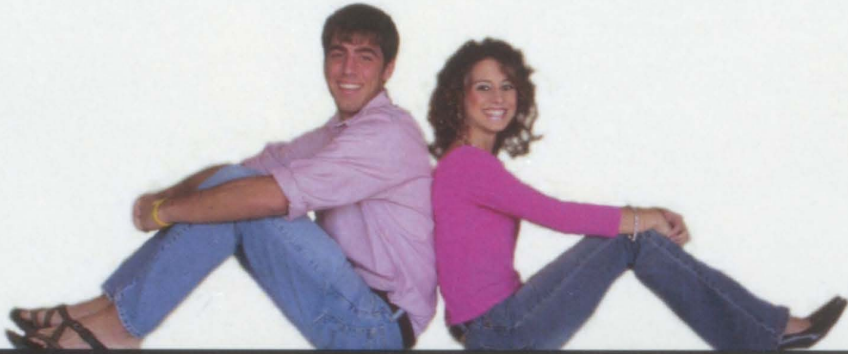


**Senior Class Officers**  
 President Ethan McClellan  
 Vice-President Patrick Nelson  
 Secretary Jacob Wood  
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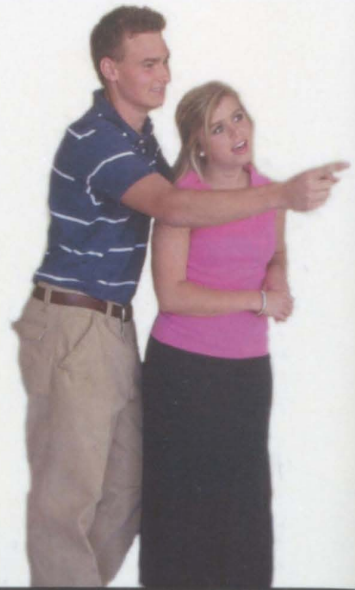
As seniors, we've reached the culmination of all our years in public education; it's the apex of our long climb towards a now very near summit. It was this long, arduous climb that not only formed and molded most of our character but also polished us into the most presentable people we can be for the stage of life to come. We've been travelers, coming such a long way over the past thirteen years. We've journeyed long and matured greatly. Our paths have crossed with many significant and beloved sojourners that have traveled so long with us that we call them friends. We can't imagine our journey without them, but now we are packing our bags, many of us literally, and about to begin a new and probably the most exciting journey of our lives. Lets hope our paths cross again.

Ethan McClellan  
 Senior Class President

Best Smile:  
Landon Brown &  
Stephanie Taylor



Most Gullible:  
Nick Canaday &  
Hillary Smith



# Senior Standouts

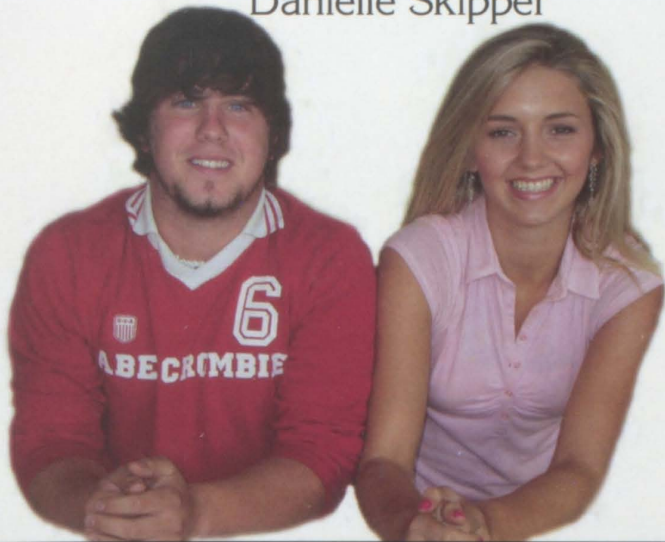
Best Personality:  
Mackenzie Sutton, David Lowry, &  
Jennifer Easterwood



Most Likely to Have Their  
Own T.V. Show:  
Kevin Blicker &  
Peyton Guthrie



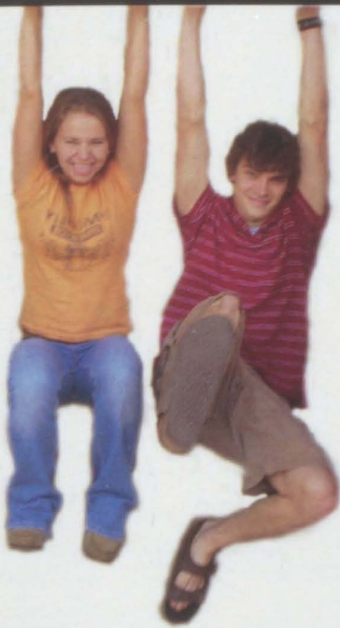
Best Eyes:  
Zach Southead &  
Danielle Skipper



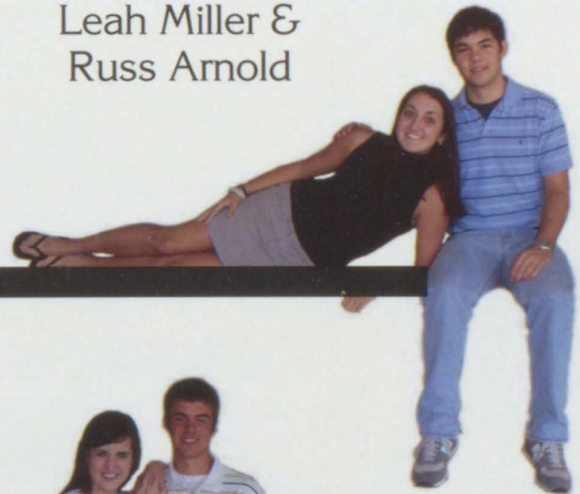
Most Fashionable:  
Jack St. John &  
Bradley Nesbitt



Most Adventurous:  
Natasha Cupp &  
Joey Clark



Most Dependable:  
Leah Miller &  
Russ Arnold



Most Dramatic:  
Lindsey Folsom &  
Kyle Morris



Best to Bring Home to  
Mom & Dad:  
Emily Britt &  
James Nyquist



# Class Favorites



L to R: Meagan Shadix, Kyle Timmerman, Elisabeth Nesbitt, Caleb Tubbs, CJ Smith, Ethan McClellan

## Most Likely to Succeed



Jared Rice and Melissa Johnson

## Most Talented



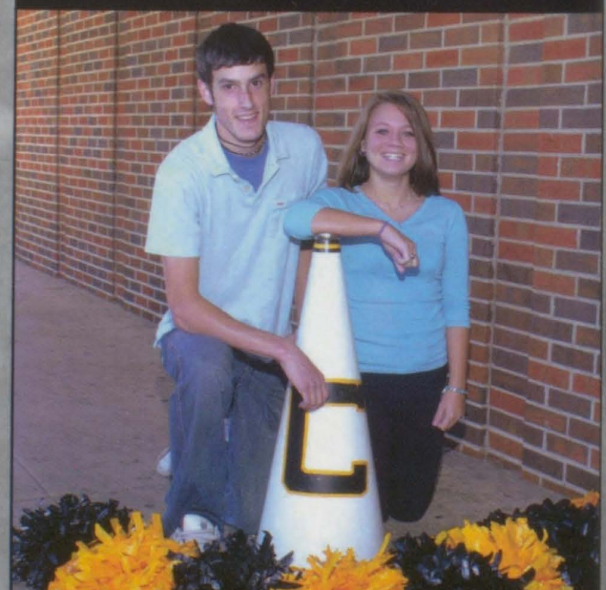
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## Most Athletic

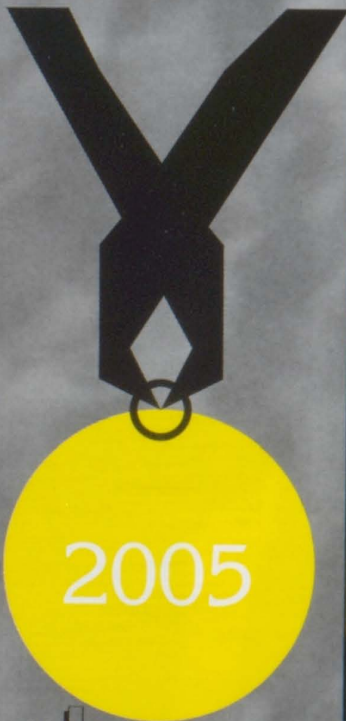


Daniel Munger and Lauren Perry

## Most School Spirit



Anthony Reynolds and Meagan Morrison







Shoko Akama

Elizabeth Leigh Akridge

Daniel Edward Allison

Russell Edward Arnold

Kevin Mitchell Artist



Loren Hillary Ashbaugh

Brian Keith Bagwell

Mollie Susan Bailey

Ashley Rose Ball

Felicia Michelle Banister



Travis James Barnes IV

Kody Ryan Baswell

Gregory Rhys Battles

Dorothy DeeAnn Bennett

Tyler Garon Bice



Joseph Lee Blackman

Kevin Brien Blicher

Wesley Channing Boleware

Caleb Edward Bonds

Blake Aaron Brauer

# Class of 2005



Emily Michelle Britt

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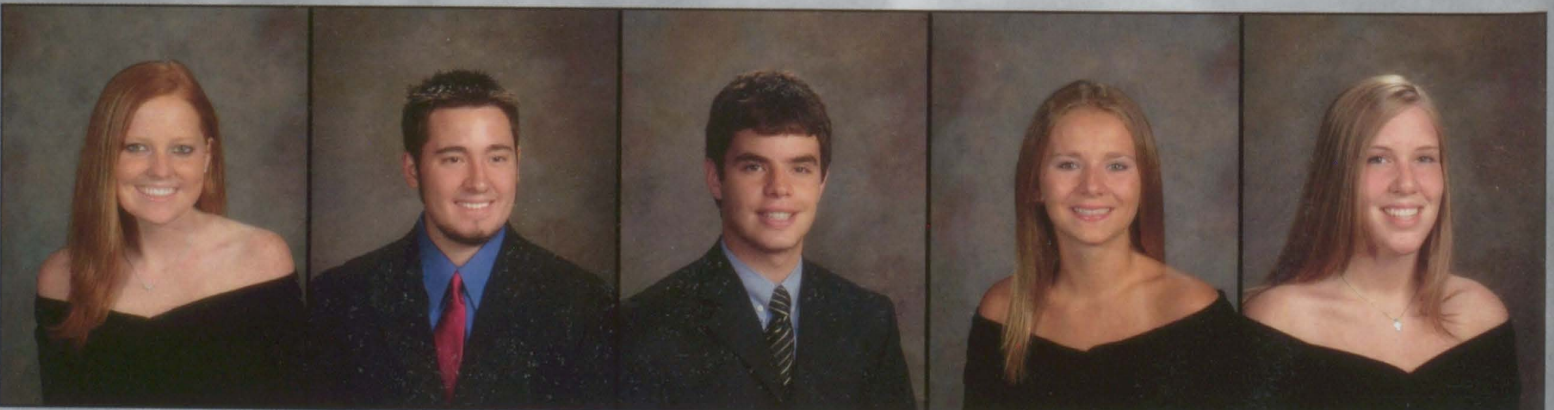
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Joseph Alexander Clark

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# The Ultimate Summer Vacation

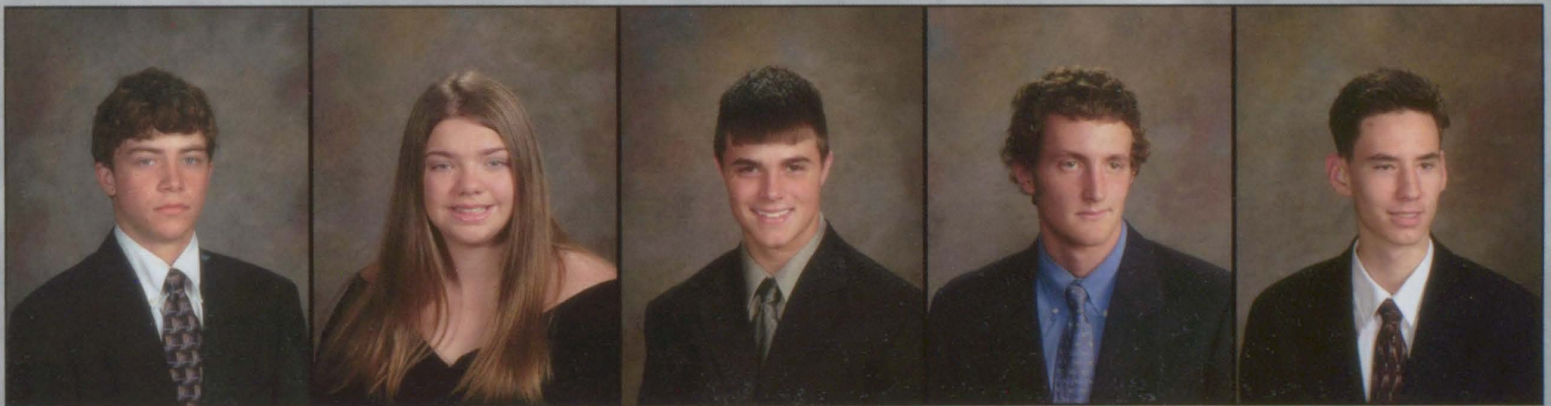


## James and David's Excellent Adventure

Picture this, two young men, exhausted after a long day's hike, relaxing by a clear, glacial lake surrounded by snow-capped peaks. Their tent behind them, they enjoy each other's company while waiting for their meals to finish cooking on their three-ounce titanium stoves. For most people that scene is only found in the latest Patagonia ad or outdoor adventure flick, but for our school's most adventurous seniors, that scene was not only a reality, but it also led them to one of the most heroic experiences of their lives. James Nyquist and David Haynes spent the greater part of their summer hiking in Montana across the beautiful

Glacier National Park. An ordinary day this summer for James and David might be quite extraordinary for you and me. One day might consist of waking before the sun, hiking six miles up the sides of bluffs and behind waterfalls, pausing for an attempt at fly-fishing in one of the many surrounding lakes, and finally trekking back to an RV park to try to sleep. Another day's expedition led the boys to an eleven-mile journey through valleys and over mountains, an icy swim in a crystal-blue lake, and finished off by spending the night on the side of a treacherous cliff. The summer was not all fun and games for James and David. Taylor Eidson, their companion on the excursion, was severely injured while sliding down one very rocky glacier. James and David were able to maintain their composure and save their friend's life. James managed to stabilize Taylor, while David ran the three miles back to the ranger station for help. Taylor was airlifted out of Logan Pass, one site in the park, and Taylor's dad, the chaperone for the summer went with him; so James and David were left to fend for themselves in Montana. Knowing that there was nothing more they could do to help their friend, the boys decided to make the most of the remainder of their time at the park. They spent their last week exploring Montana and camping whenever and wherever possible. The boys made it safely home and are happy to know that Taylor has made a full recovery. Even though there was a major setback in their adventure, James and David definitely set the standard for the ultimate summer vacation.

Leah Miller



Jarod Edward Davis

Tosha Michelle Dobson

Patrick Tyler Duke

Kyle Benton Dunlap

Benjamin Calvin Easterwood



Jennifer Carol Easterwood

Kevin Randall Edmondson

Stephen Daniel Edwards

Stacey Nicole Fallin

Andrew Mark Farmer Jr.

# Class Flower: White Rose



Jacob Matthew Fine



Lindsey Ryan Folsom



Adam Ryan Fox



Megan Rose Fox



Jason Robert Freeman



Amber Teresa Gamble



Emory Clarence Gibbs IV



Krystal Dawn Glenn



Beth Lorraine Gonstad



Clint Franklin Goodlett



Cory Nicholas Goodlett



Andre Anatolyvich  
Gouchtchine



Aaron Heath Graves



Amanda Freia Grenaway



Peyton Marissa Guthrie



Desiree Marie Guzman



Scott Corbin Hackleman



Lindsay Danielle Hagood



Chelsea Marie Hall



Sarah Elizabeth Hamm

# Class Colors: Black and Silver



Heather Leigh Hankey

Tyler Brian Harbin

Elizabeth Anne Hardeman

Jacob Ross Harris

Jonathon Mitchell Harrison



Morgan Michael Hatfield

David Quinn Haynes

Jennifer Marie Healy

Paul Philipp Heinisch

Daniel Brock Hendrix



Jeremy James Hicks

Cory Burtan Holcomb

Chasity Diane Holmes

Laura Shay Holt

Keegan Tyler Homan



Kyle James Hope

Ryne Herman Hopper

Meaghan Nicole Howard

Stephen Douglas Hudson

Dustin Tyler Isom

# Class Fast Song: "I Go Back" by Kenny Chesney



Heath Kerry Johnson



Melissa Dawn Johnson



Elizabeth Rebecca Johnston



Tyler Mitchell Jones



Darcel Dianne King



Matthew Wayne Knight



Erika Brooke Knop



Brittney Danielle Lambert



Kolby Eli Lawrence



Chassi Chabrin Lee



Christopher Thomas Lettis



Meagan Lashay Lovvorn



David Harrison Lowry



Sable Barbara Lucas



Bailey Scott Mahler



Rachel Elizabeth Malone



Jonathan Heath Marsh



Patricia Marie Mathews



Laura Merritt Mayo



William Bryan Mayo

# Class Slow Song: "Free Bird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd



Cara Kathleen McCarthy



Ethan Samuel McClellan



Kevin Marcus McEntire



Laura Elizabeth McHan



Brandy Nichole McKleroy



Kevin Heath Miller



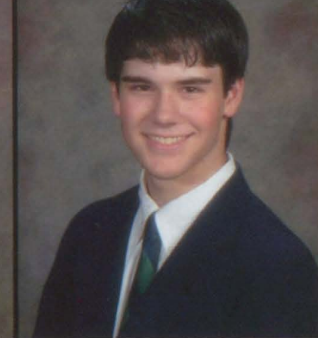
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Brandon James Miner



Debra Anne Monte



Jackson Parker Montgomery



Sarah Kathryn Montgomery



Stacy Nichole Moore



Thomas Moritz



Kyle Matthew Morris



Meagan Beth Morrison



Nicholas Jay Mosley



Daniel Matthew Munger



Patrick Jamison Nelson



Bradley Webster Nesbitt



Elisabeth Coleman Nesbitt

# For the love of Running

## Running Away with the Gold

When you take a moment to think about some of the greatest runners of all time, several names pop into your head. Some of these names might include Pre Fontaine, Jim Ryan, Michael Johnson, or even Jesse Owens. There is one name, however, that is not yet on that list, but in the not-so-distant future, it will be making its way to the top spot. That name belongs to senior E.C. Gibbs. E.C. had made quite a name for himself running cross-country, indoor track, and outdoor track for CHS. He has helped the Bearcats to numerous victories in all of these sports.

This summer E.C. had the chance to prove what a great runner he actually is. He traveled all over the country, running in places such as Raleigh, NC; Atlanta, GA; College Station, TX; and Baltimore, MD. His travels ended at the United States Track and Field National Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships in Eugene, OR. E.C.'s first race was the 800-meter run (a distance equivalent to half a mile). At the race E.C. was surrounded by young men from across the country, but he was able to hold them off long enough to earn the bronze medal after running a time of 1:53.54. This time was only one-hundredth of a second behind the second place person. E.C.'s success in the 800 made him excited about his possibilities in the 1,500-meter run the next day. E.C. started his race at a good pace, staying in about the middle of the pack of runners. When he had about 150 yards left in the race, E.C.'s adrenaline was pumping and he decided to see what he could do with his current third place position. E.C. took off, surging past the 1st and 2nd place runners. He finished the race with a time of 4:01.50, beating the 2nd place finisher by a huge margin of 12 yards. E.C. became the first Cullman High School athlete to win a gold medal in the Junior Olympics for running. His wins in the 800-meter and 1,500-meter were enough to crown him a Junior Olympic All-American in both events.

The National Junior Olympics is not the end for E.C.'s racing on a national scale; his next goal is the World Junior Championships in Morocco set for the summer of 2005. E.C. has proven himself to be one of the greatest runners Cullman has ever seen. It is easy to see that E.C. Gibbs is one Bearcat that will continue to make CHS proud for years to come.



Leah Miller

Benjamin Charles Nobrega

Jennifer Gail Norris



James Stephen Nyquist

Kari Michelle Osborne

Charles Herman Paine V

Elizabeth Ann Paine

Callahan Lee Parrish



James Wayne Pass

Keri Ann Payne

Lauren Ashley Perry

Lawrence McCromick Pruitt II

Joan Nancy Reichwein



Class Quote: "What lies behind you and what lies before  
you are tiny matters compared to what lies within you."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson



Kayla Lindsey Reid



Anthony Keith Reynolds



Jared Joseph Rice



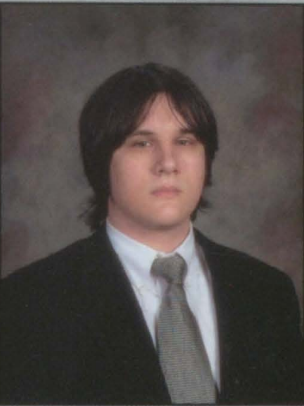
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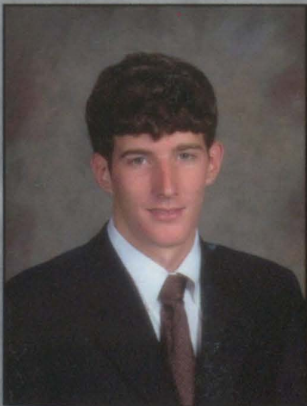
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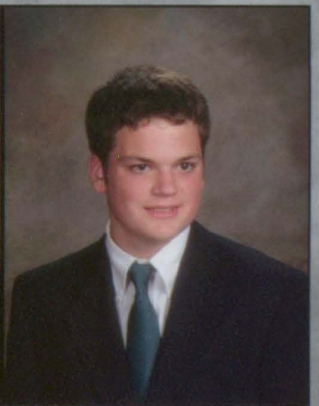
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Tyler James Skipper



Adam Bradford Smith



Courtney Jade Smith



Jeremy Kyle Smith



Jessica Che Smith



Matthew Leon Smith



Shane Thomas Smith

*We're the coolest cats alive...*



Wade Blake Smith

William Kenneth Smith

William Sage Smith

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Zachary Taylor Southead



John Jefferson St. John

Alex Christopher Stallings

Joshua Adam Stancil

Ashton Joy Stansberry

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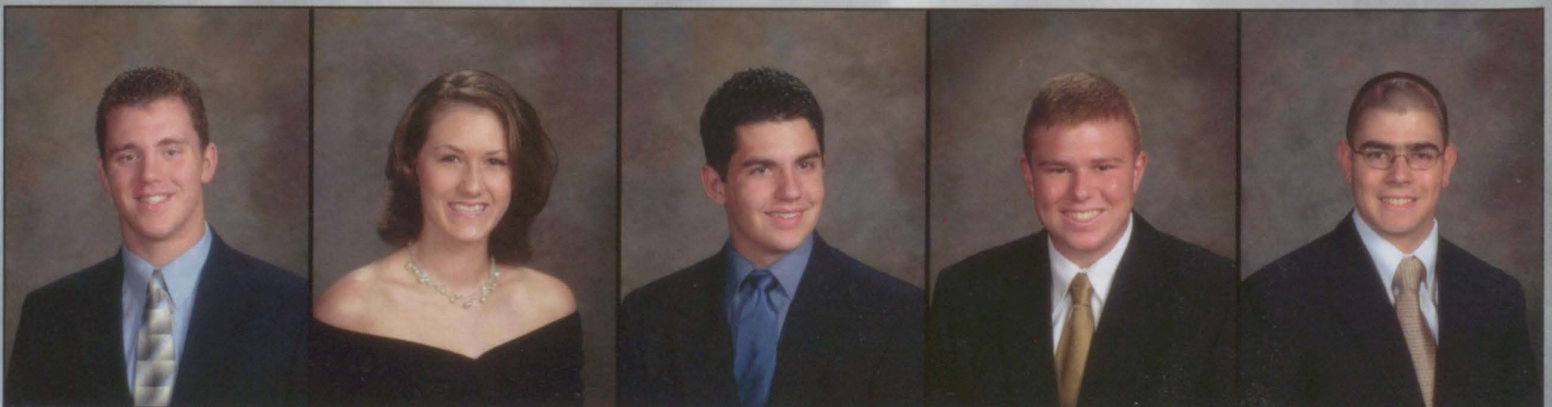
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Ryan Lynn Thompson

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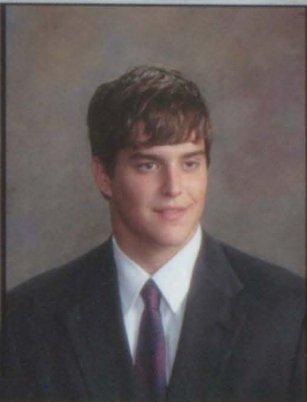
# We're the Class of 2005!



Caleb Micah Tubbs



Zac Luther Tucker



Gerald Kyle Turner



Elizabeth Claire Vinson



Trent Alan Walker



Adam Lee Warnke



Stuart Ames Waugh



Joshua Lee Welch



Kathyne Frances Wells



Laura Elizabeth Wells



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Hannah Marie White



Lyndsey Anne Williams



Matthew Stephen Wilson



Joshua Michael Windham



Jacob Whitney Wood



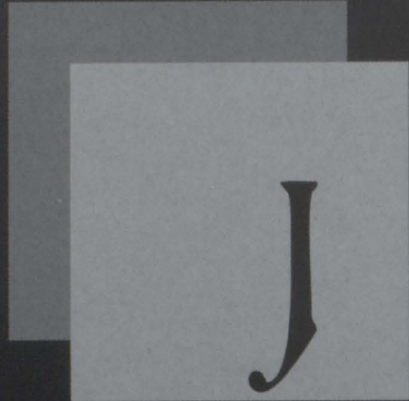
Justin Paul Yoho



Andrew Ross York



Jeremy Ray Young



JUNIORS

class of

2006



### **Junior Class Officers**

President Jesse Bouldin  
Vice-President Meagan Griggs  
Secretary Katie Blaylock  
Treasurer Meghan Willoughby

We're Juniors. In theory, this means we are studying hard and doing many activities to create the most impressive resume possible. I suppose this is true to a certain extent because we are applying to colleges and preparing for the next step of our lives. However, in reality, it's beginning to hit us that soon we will have more responsibilities. This is the year we all can finally drive, and we're making the best of it. Some of us try, some of us are slackers, and some of us are just a bit confused, but we all have one thing in common: we're the class of 2006.

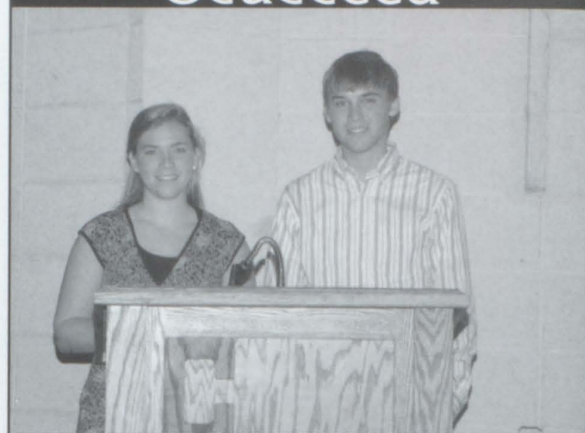
Jesse Bouldin  
Junior Class President

# Class Favorites



L to R: Meagan Griggs, Levi Haynes, Bethany Donaldson, Joey Blicher, Ashley Campbell, Trey Chism

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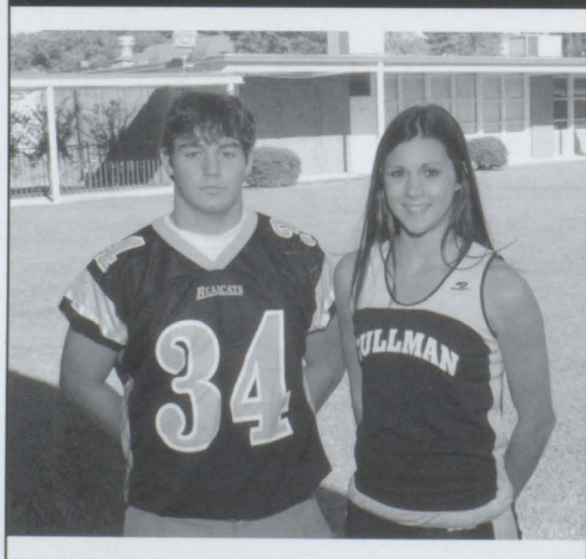
Caroline Weatherly and Austen Weatherly

## Most Talented



Hanna Taylor and Miguel Rodriguez

## Most Athletic



Michael Ugarkovich and Christina Chambers

## Most School Spirit

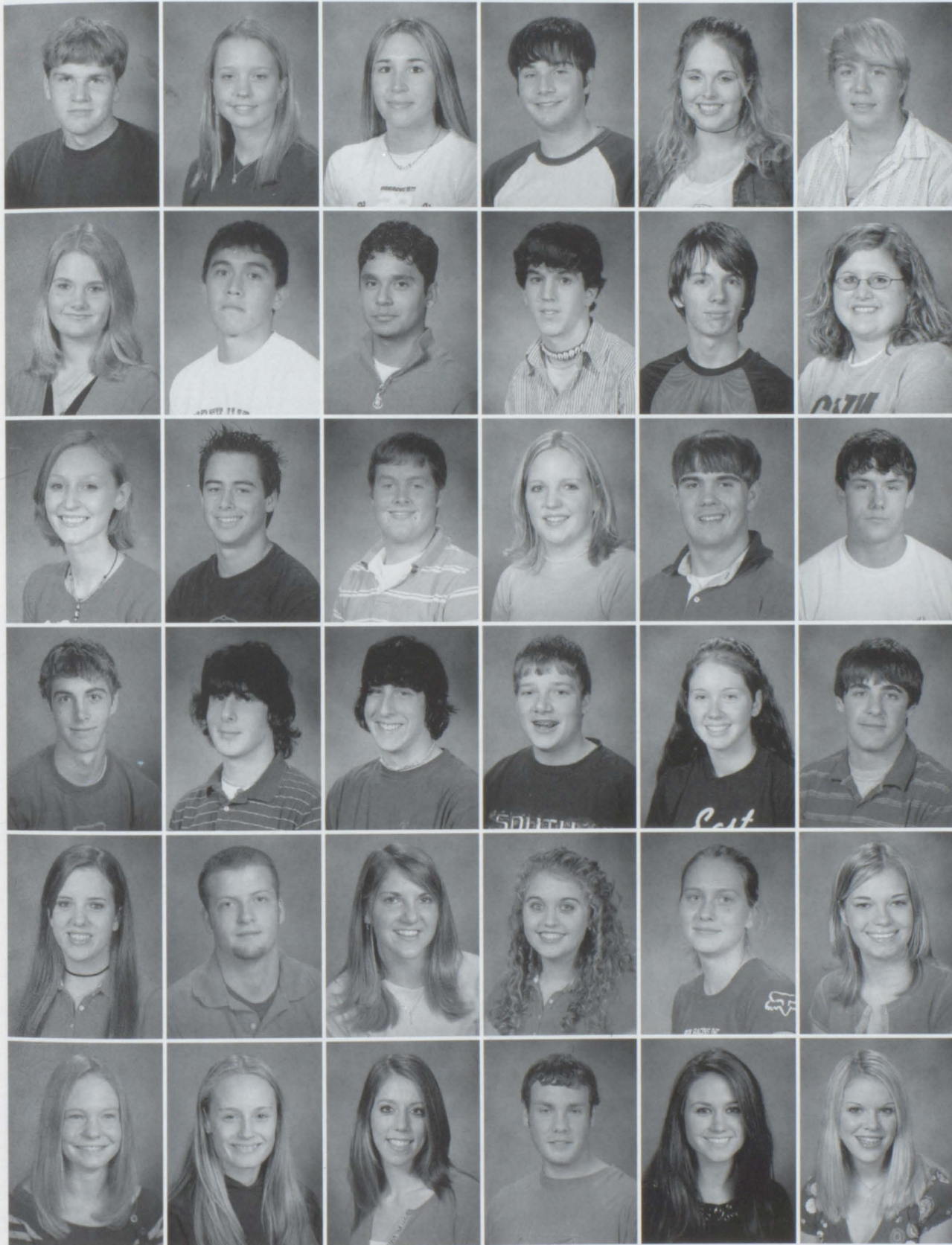


Kyle Waldrop and Maegan Carden



# Juniors

## Class of 2006



Jared Aaron  
Katie Abt  
Elizabeth Acocella  
Alex Adams  
Samantha Adams  
Brett Alldredge

Stephanie Allen  
Daniel Alonso  
Alejandro Aviles  
Josh Baggett  
Kris Bailey  
Samantha Bailey

Stephanie Bell  
Joey Binion  
Keith Blackwood  
Katie Blaylock  
Joey Blicher  
Chris Bontrager

Jesse Bouldin  
Nick Bowling  
Noah Bowling  
Lucas Boyd  
Erica Braswell  
Blake Bright

Stephanie Britt  
Bruce Brooks  
Courtney Brown  
Jill Brown  
Leila Brown  
Amanda Bullock

April Burgess  
Brandi Burk  
Katie Burkett  
Anthony Burks  
Juli Bussman  
Kelsie Butler

# Two of a Kind

Twins dominate the junior class.

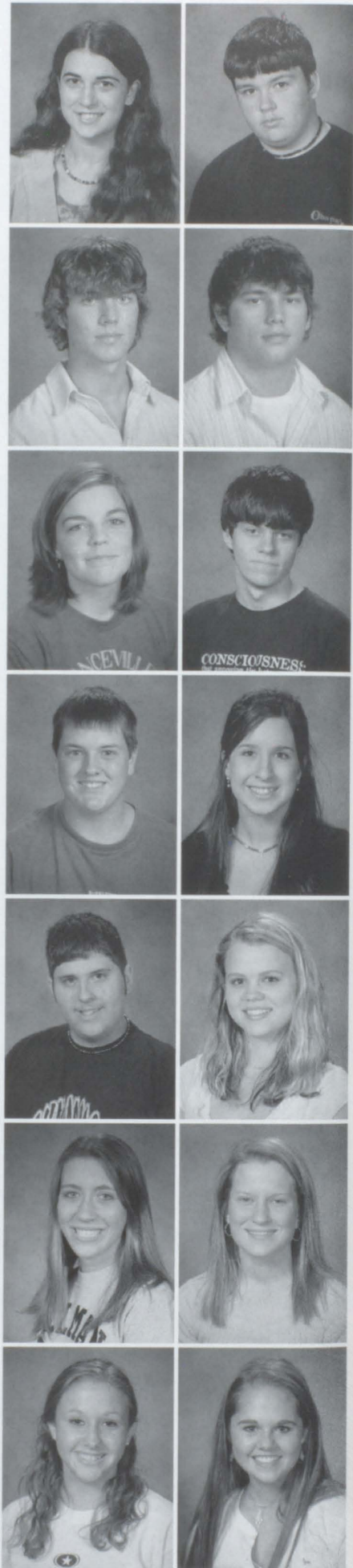


As you look upon the halls of our school, you see different faces. Well, in some cases you do. In our junior class, there are some circumstances where you might see the same face twice.

Twins are common among our class, whether they are identical or fraternal. The junior class has a set of fraternal twins, Caroline and Austen Weatherly. The three sets of identical twins are Nick and Noah Bowling, Shayna and Shawna Finn, and Casey and April McElduff. If you did not know these students, then you would probably not be able to tell them apart.

Although these siblings have identical gene pools, they still have individual personalities.

Kinlee Nelson and Dana O'Bara



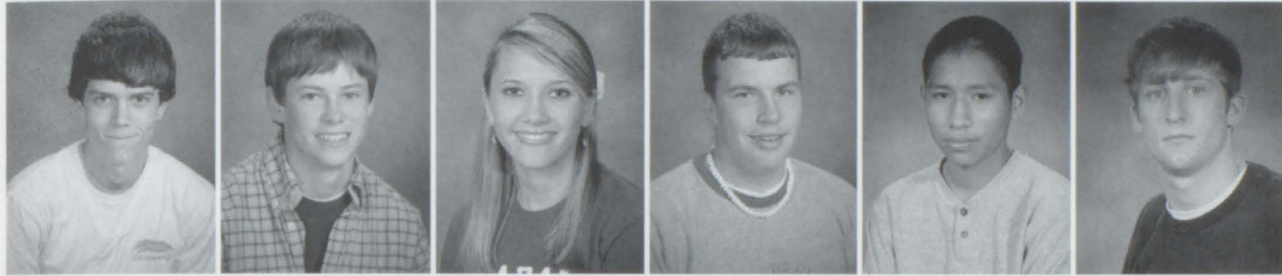




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Adam Carpenter  
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Kyle Chandler  
Ben Chapman



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Caleb Clay  
Rachael Cordes  
Carissa Cosper  
Sarah Craft  
Hunter Creel  
Andrew Crisologo



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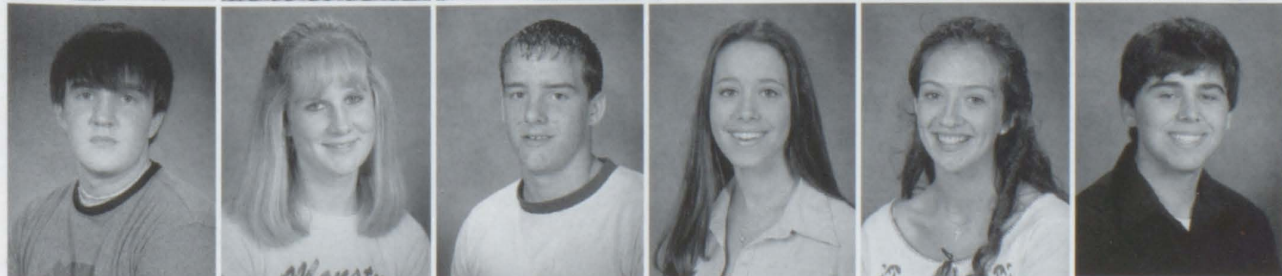
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Shawna Finn  
Shayna Finn  
Kristin Foote



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Vanessa Ford  
Dan Fuller  
Jessica Geisen  
Adrienne Gibbs  
Tyler Gibbs  
Erica Graves  
Lydia Grenaway



Jessica Grey  
Meagan Griggs  
Abbey Hale  
Anthony Hamilton  
Beth Handley  
Marla Harbin  
Anthony Harbison  
Bethany Harbison



Nikki Harris  
Amanda Harrison  
Levi Haynes  
Brooke Hice  
Jesse Hicks  
Melissa Hill  
Hannah Hogland  
Daniel Hollis

Cassie Holtkamp  
Tomie Howard  
Aaron Howell  
Hunter Hudson  
Meagan Hunt  
Claire Jacobs  
Erin Johnson  
Glendalyn Johnson



Heather Johnson  
Kelsi Johnston  
Ryan Jones  
Elizabeth Kinkennon  
Brandon Kinney  
Milly Klopfer  
Josh Knight  
Mollie Krenik



Drew Krenkel  
Amy Laseter  
Justin Lee  
Nancy Lee  
Veronica Lee  
Levi Lindsey  
Meg Livingston  
Letitia Lockhart



Briant Lopez  
Tyler Loveless  
Erin Loyd  
Brittnie Mabry  
Star McQueen  
Maranda McCracken  
Colleen McDaniel  
April McElduff



Casey McElduff  
Anna McSwain  
Colby McWhirter  
Drew Meggs  
Erin Meriwether  
Matthew Morgan  
Theo Munger  
Katie Murphree



Joseph Nabors  
Kinlee Nelson  
Tyler Newman  
Kevin Nix  
Ashley Nolen  
Stuart Norman  
Brandon Norris  
Dana O'Bara



Alex Piper  
Jaclyn Poole  
Mallory Porch  
Kimberly Powers  
Shelby Putman  
Jessica Quinn  
Alisha Regelin  
Elise Rester



# The Fast and the Furious

## Juniors display a vast array of cars at CHS.

You will find a variety of cars in the CHS parking lot. From Mustangs to Hondas, our students drive them all. Whether you love or hate your car, you have to admit that it's much better than being taxied around by your parents.

Many students express themselves through their cars. Students use paint jobs, personalized tags, sound systems, lifts, and rims to customize their cars. "I haven't customized my car yet, but I did finally learn how to put the top down," remarks Sarah Craft on her white Mercury Capri. For other students, the cost to customize their cars is just too much.

The day you turn sixteen, your number one priority is owning a car. Some students will receive their car as a present; however, most work hard to purchase their own. "I have to work three jobs to pay my car payment on time," says Meagan Griggs, "but it definitely makes me appreciate my car."

Other junior students are responsible for paying their own gas or insurance, yet some students are lucky enough not to have to pay for anything at all. One such student is Jill Brown. "I'm very spoiled. I usually don't even pump my own gas because I'm not very good at it."

The next time you are driving in the madness of the school parking lot, look around. You might be surprised at what you see.

Kinlee Nelson and Dana O'Bara

### Matching:

Some students' cars reflect their personality. Can you match each junior Bearcat to his or her own car?



Brandon Kinney



Stephanie Bell



Kyle Sexton



Answers: Brandon - 3; Stephanie - 1; Kyle - 2

# Day in the Life of a Junior

Cole Cunningham takes us through a day in his life.

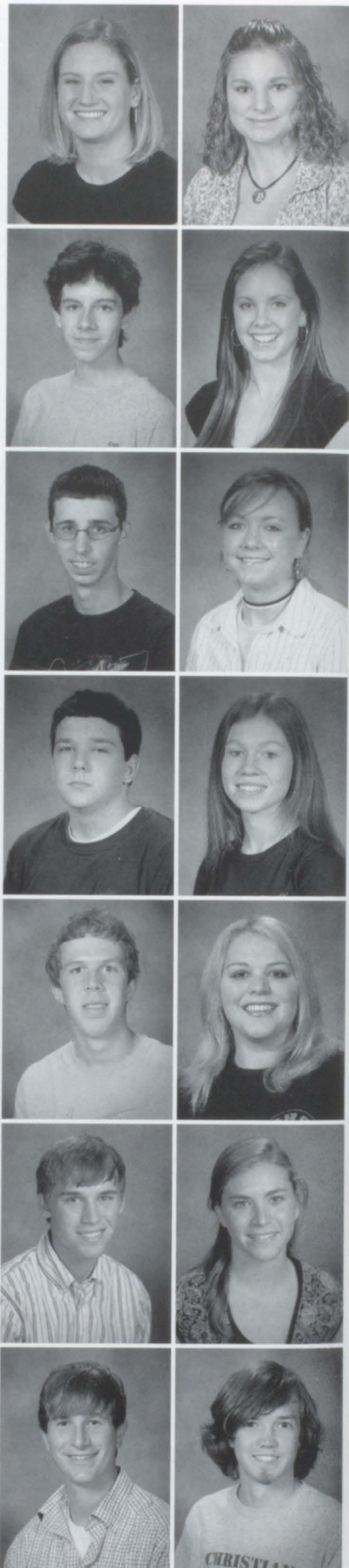


Beep, Beep, Beep!! As your alarm clock sounds, you drudgingly roll yourself out of bed to begin your day. At the same time, 844 CHS students are doing the same. One student in particular, shares what it is like to live a day in his life.

"I wake up about 6:45, let the dog out and watch ESPN. After about ten minutes, I let the dog in and go take a shower. Once I think I'm clean, I dry off and pick from my selection of Auburn shirts. If I

have time, I play around with my dog and then leave for school. I usually arrive in a good mood, but that diminishes in my first three periods. Fourth period is a special time for me; a time I spend in Honors English. Our class is a tight-knit family, and over the years we have developed many things to occupy our minds. A typical day in fourth period would consist of Jessica Geisen and me battling it out in a game of last man standing during class, no matter what the teacher says. I obviously win every time. When the bell rings, I'm forced to leave my utopian English class and head to fifth. When it's finally 3:05, I get to go home. After I arrive, I get into some basketball shorts and a T-shirt. I play in the yard with the dog before watching some TV and talking to my sister. If absolutely necessary, I make time to complete my homework. Finally, I collect my thoughts and head to bed around 11 pm. Good Night!"

Cole Cunningham

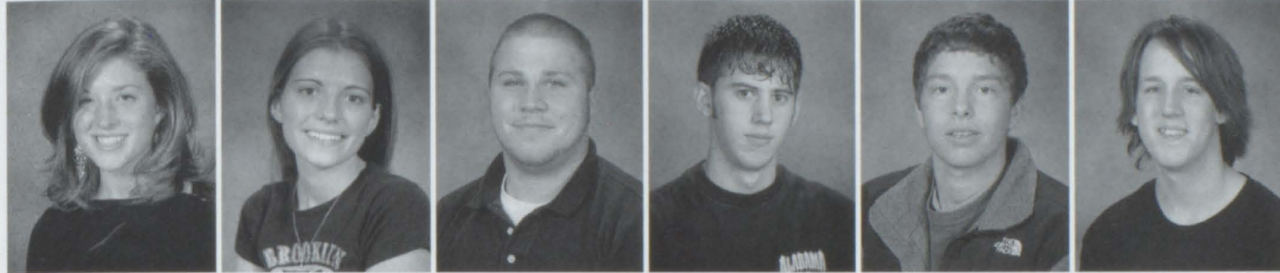




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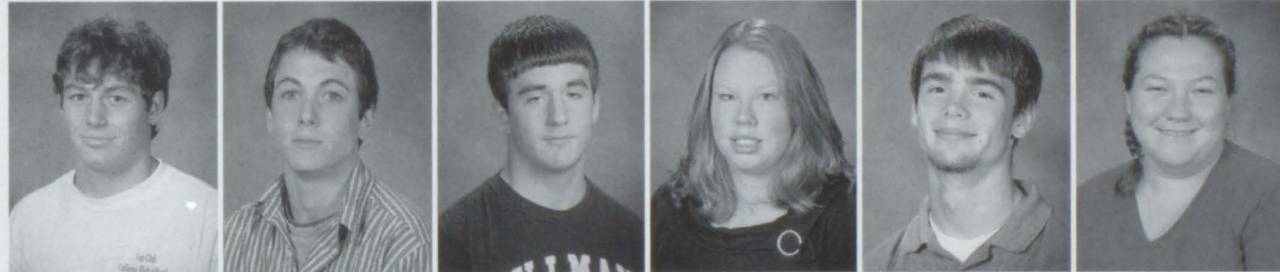
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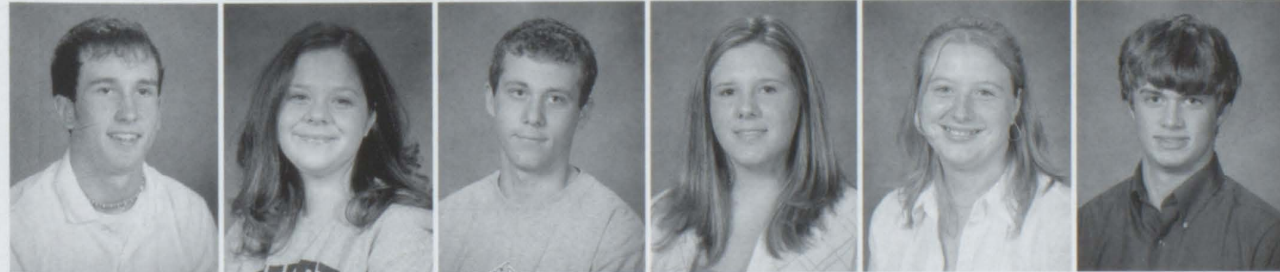
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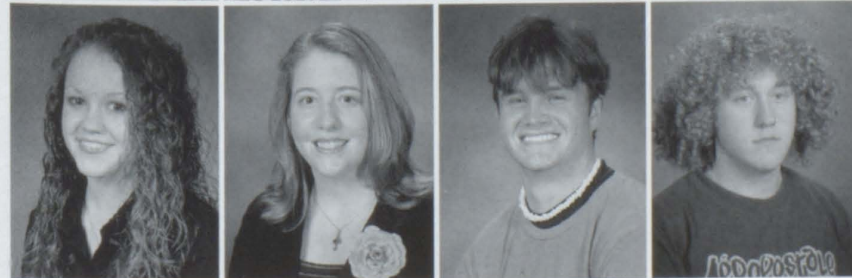
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 Michael Ugarkovich  
 Kyle Waldrop  
 Alex Walsh  
 Tynisha Ward  
 Daniel Watson  
 Ashley Watwood



Austen Weatherly  
 Caroline Weatherly  
 Ross Weathersby  
 Caitlin White  
 Nick Whitley  
 Elizabeth Whitlock  
 Sarah Whitlock  
 Trey Whitlock



Carson Williams  
 John Williams  
 Meghan Willoughby  
 Kayla Willoughby  
 Alex Witcher  
 Chad Woodis



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class of

2007

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**Sophomore Class Officers**  
President Megan Hunter  
Vice-President Carissa Hearin  
Secretary Katie Beth Miller  
Treasurer Lance Walker

Here we are midway through our high school career. Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. Promise yourself that you will make all your friends feel that there is something in them. Promise yourself that you will always look as the positive side of things, and make your dreams come true. Promise yourself that you will think only the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best. Promise yourself to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. Promise yourself to never dwell on the mistakes of the past and press on to the future. Promise yourself to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. Promise yourself to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to hurt anyone around you. Make the most of your next two years!

Megan Hunter  
Sophomore Class President

# Class Favorites



L to R: Jessi Knight, Joshua Rutledge, Carissa Hearin, John Nyquist, Kristin Brown, Paul King

## Most Likely to Succeed



Hannah Holland, Christopher Holland and Anna Eidson

## Most Talented



Ashley Stansell and Connor Johnson

## Most Athletic



Emily Miller and Zeb Smith

## Most School Spirit



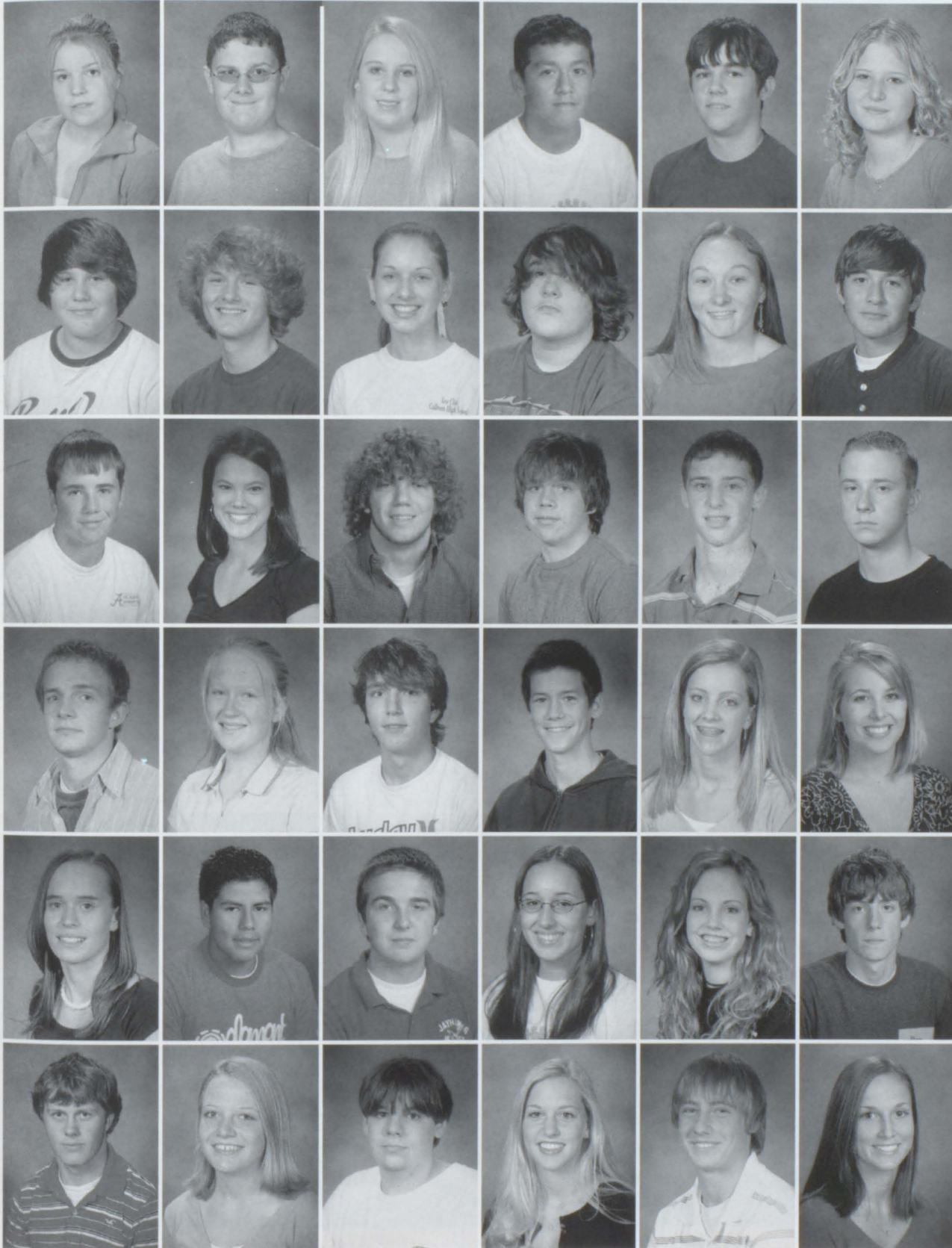
Kory Sexton and Katie Beth Miller





# Sophomores

## Class of 2007



Anna Aaron  
Logan Atkins  
Pam Allison  
David Alonso  
Brad Arnold  
Chelsey Bailey

John Ball  
Justin Ballard  
Emily Beckett  
Dempsey Bittle  
Sarah Bonds  
Michael Brauer

Patrick Britton  
Kristin Brown  
David Brunick  
Corey Buchanan  
Chris Cain  
Chasen Chandler

Tim Childers  
Cassie Clark  
Jacob Clark  
Charles Clayton  
Mackenzie Cogle  
Natalie Collier

Christina Connors  
Cesar Contreras  
Christopher Coots  
Sharla Crauswell  
Tori Craven  
Clay Culpepper

Terry Cupp  
Mary Day  
Shane Day  
Erin Dulaney  
Sam Edwards  
Anna Eidson

# "Swimmers, Take Your Mark!"

Sophomores share swim team experiences.



"Swimmers, take your mark!" These words may not mean much to you, but to four highly dedicated sophomores, these words mean the beginning of another intense swim. When asked how much dedication swimming takes, Sophia Machen replies with a chuckle. "A lot. We go to practice every morning and swim over a mile."

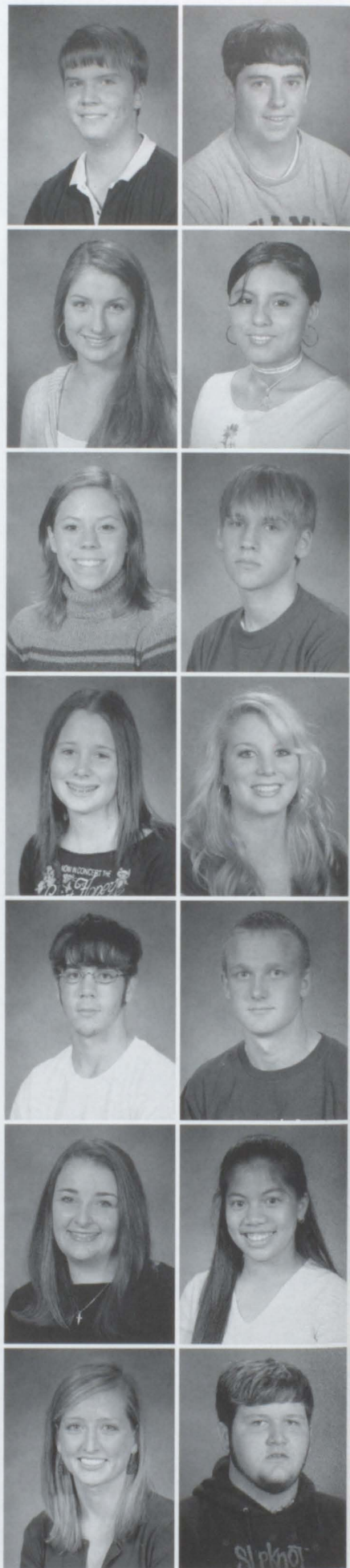
Lauren Odell adds, "We never get to sleep in." With the great dedication also comes personal triumph. Achievements in swimming range from broken records to simply not being last.

When asked about his greatest achievement, Chris Jones replies, "I'd say the record I broke two years ago."

Meets are the big games for swimmers, according to Christopher Holland. "You get to the pool about 5 a.m. hoping that it doesn't rain, sit around because it rains, finally warm up, sit around and talk for a while, then the first race of yours comes! You swim, dry off, sit around again, wait, and eat some more. If you're lucky, you swim another race, then the meet's over. Four hours long, and two minutes of swimming for you. You must celebrate by going out to eat. Then the next morning you get up early and go swim again!"

Swim meets may not sound appealing to those of us who enjoy being lazy all summer, but for our four sophomore swimmers, they couldn't imagine their summers any other way.

Bethany Donaldson





Lee Edmond  
 Kyle Farmer  
 Chelsea Farrow  
 Cole Fetner  
 Laina Fine  
 Laura Folsom  
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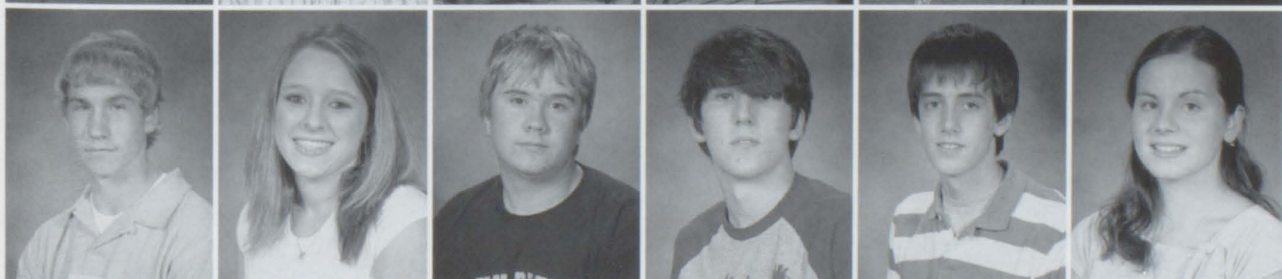
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 Benjamin Hendrix  
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 Kelsey Hoggatt  
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 Hannah Holland  
 Taylor Holland



Camden Holmes  
 Todd Hood  
 Samuel Hook  
 Barrett Hoover  
 Cameron Howell  
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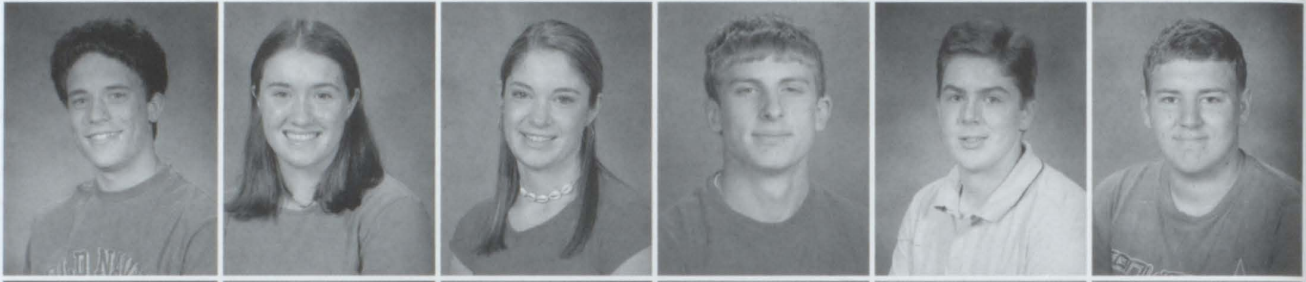
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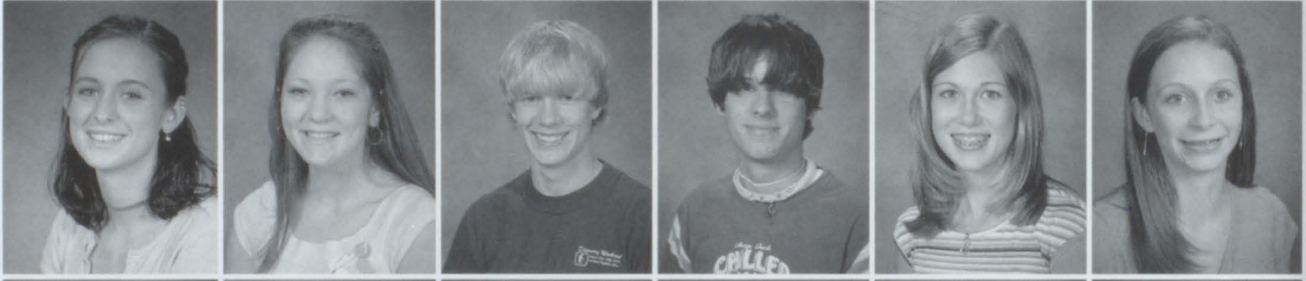
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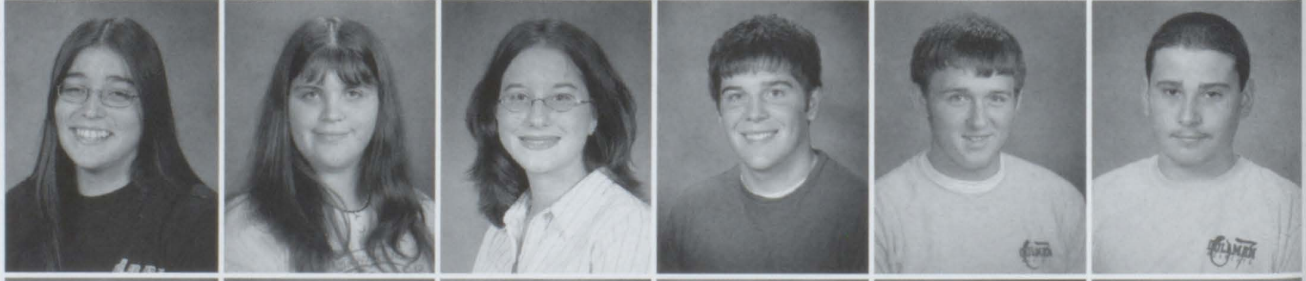
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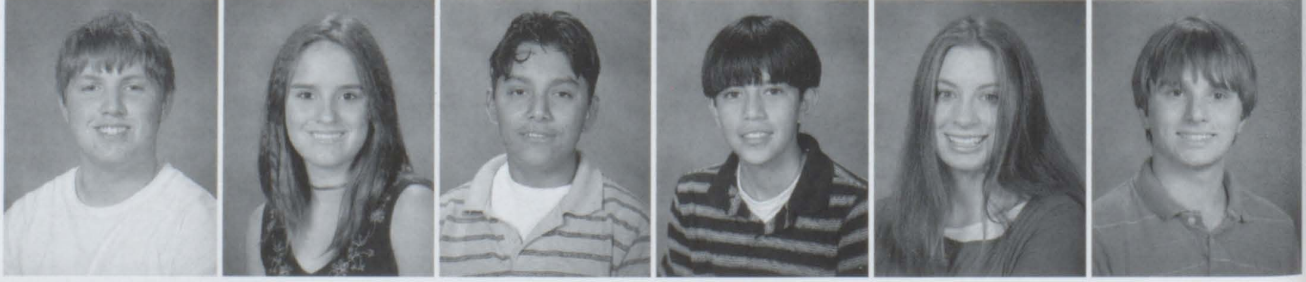
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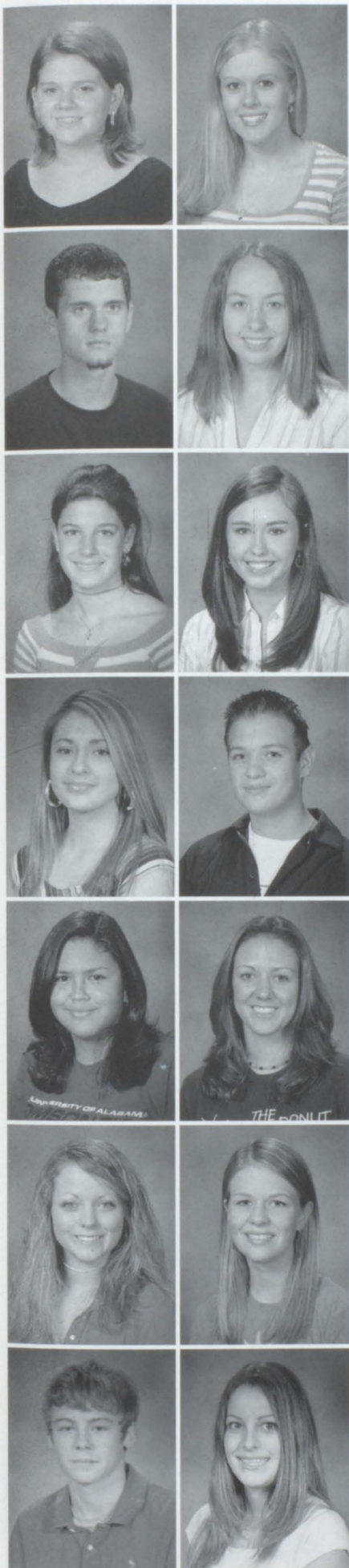


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 Rachel Rowlette  
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 Joshua Rutledge  
 Laura Sachs





# Up, Up, and away!

Ben Waid and Britt Smallwood experience the sport of parasailing.

Almost everyone has been to the beach, and the average beach trip includes lounging in the sun and enjoying the wonderful seafood, which is definitely in abundance.

Ben Waid's vacation started out normal enough: a few trips to the ocean to throw the football and a little seafood here and there, but all of that was about to change.

"Ben, let's go parasailing!" Ben's friend Britt Smallwood exclaimed.

"Uh, okay." Ben reluctantly agreed. As Ben and the Smallwood family pulled away from the beige condominium, Ben felt a lump rise in his throat.

"Okay boys, here's the deal." The man was handing them strange papers. "We just need you to sign these in case we experience any problems."

"Problems, what kind of problems?" Ben thought, but it was too late now. The harness was on, and the sly little man was now letting the attached rope slide out of his hand. Ben could feel his body rising from the boat.

"I don't know about this!" Ben yelled to Britt.

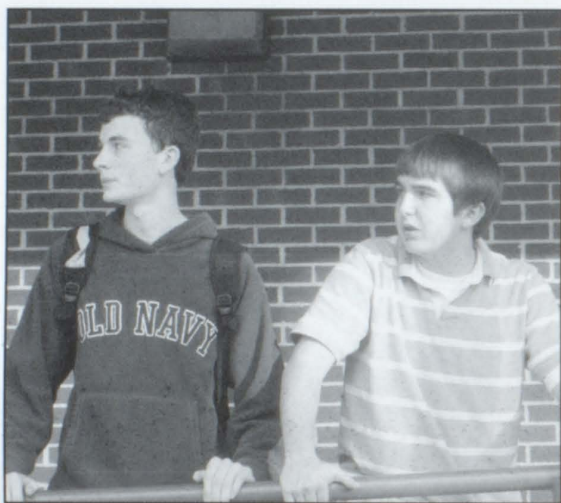
With the new experience of parasailing under their belts, the two boys were soon on the ground describing their adventure to Britt's parents. It was truly a beach trip that neither will be able to forget.



Bethany Donaldson

# Sweet Sixteen

Sophomores anxiously await the arrival of their sixteenth birthday.



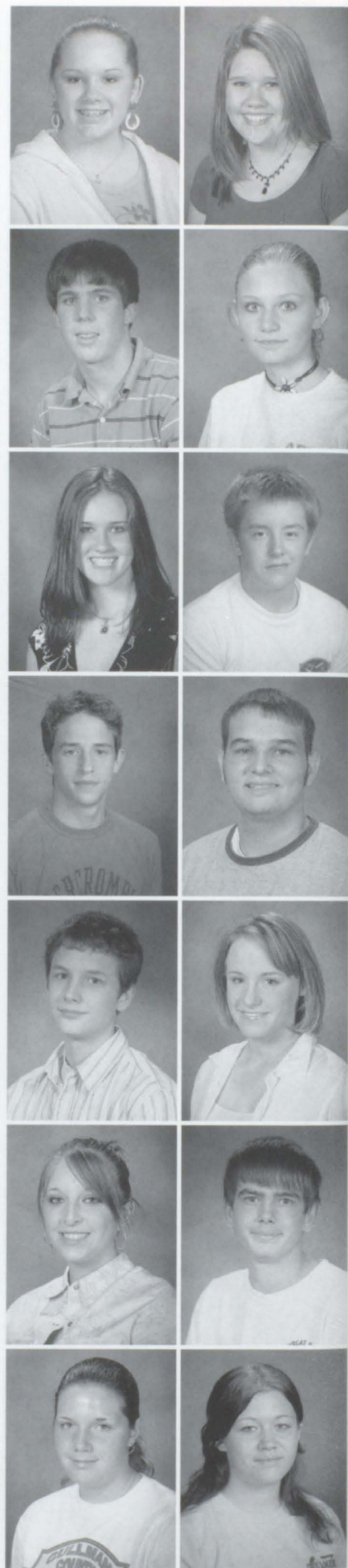
As the bell rings at 3:05 on Friday, the sounds of engines revving and CB radio announcements fill the parking lot. Those students lucky enough to already be sixteen get an early jump on their weekend activities. If the upperclassmen were to take the time to turn their heads as they sped away from the high school, they would notice several lowly sophomores

patiently awaiting the arrival of their parents.

Many students have heard horror stories about the many stresses of a typical senior year; the essays, college applications, and job searches are all at the top of the list. There is one year of school, however, whose stresses may go unnoticed. For most sophomores, finding rides to and from after-school activities is a hassle. This responsibility normally falls on older siblings attending the same event, but for those poor souls without the luxury of a kind older sibling, they must rely on their upper-classmen friends. "I really owe it to CJ Smith and some of my other friends for taking the time to take me places I need to go," says Jessi Knight.

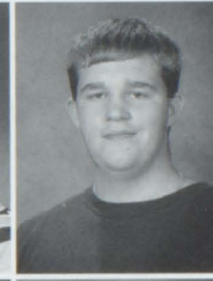
The sixteenth birthday is quite possibly the most anticipated of all the annual occurrences for high school students. With it comes freedom behind the wheel and a greater opportunity to enjoy the social scene. After the excitement of a new sixteen-year-old driver dies down, he or she must, of course, pass on the tradition of driving younger friends.

Leah Miller

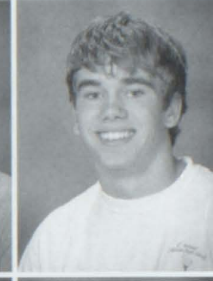




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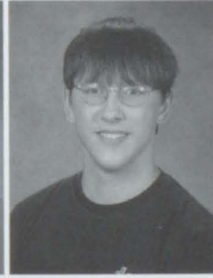
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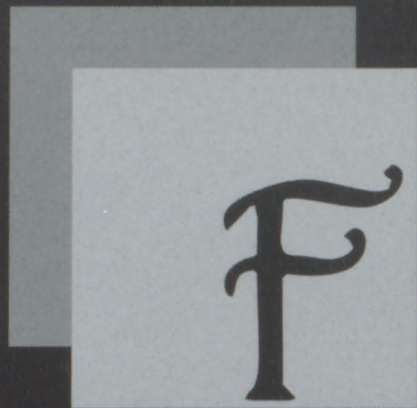
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Heather Wood  
Jessica Young  
Michael Young



FRESHMEN

class of

2008





**Freshman Class Officers**  
President Cecily Fowler  
Vice-President Jilian Edwards  
Secretary Emily Grenaway  
Treasurer Laurel Hicks

Freshman year has rocked. We all adjusted, slowly but surely, to the huge contrast from middle school to high school. Since elementary school we have been striving to become the big fish in the pond, yet in the blink of an eye, we have once again become the little fish again, swimming around in the unfamiliar but somehow exciting place. These next few years will pass us by in a heartbeat. Live life to the fullest, having no regrets. Something can happen in an instant that can change your life forever. Live every single day like it is your last; breathe like it is your last breath; love like there is no hate; dance like no one is watching. Laugh...until you cry.

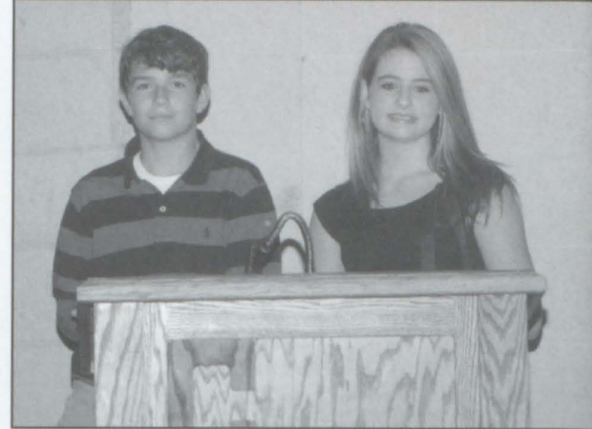
Cecily Fowler  
Freshman Class President

# Class Favorites



L to R: Jillian Edwards, Michael Timmons, Nohe Naehu, Spencer Hale, Emily Grenaway, and Derek Dean

## Most Likely to Succeed



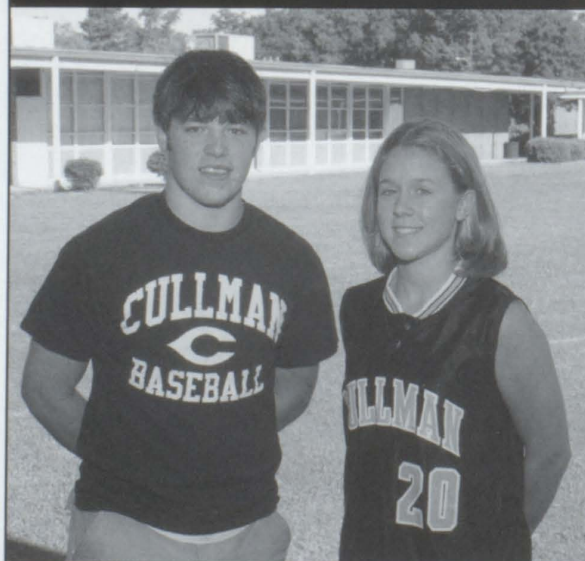
Will Barnes and Mackenzie Persall

## Most Talented



Courtney Brooks and Wesley Harrison

## Most Athletic



Matt Drake and Cassie Gable

## Most School Spirit



Justin Woljevach and Katie Latham



# Freshmen

## Class of 2008



Jonathan Adams  
Humberto Albarran  
Tyler Allen  
Josh Arnold  
Jose Aviles  
Josh Bagwell

Katelyn Barksdale  
Will Barnes  
Julia Bates  
Braxton Battles  
Regina Beason  
Josh Bell

Mitch Benton  
Aubrey Binion  
Beth Binkowski  
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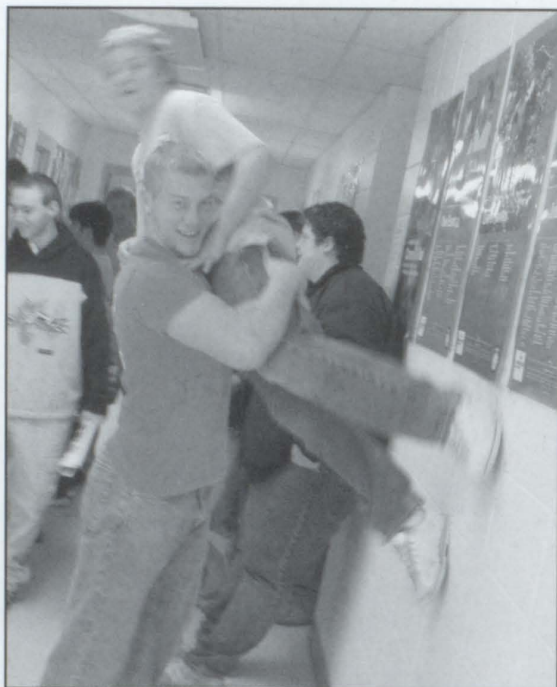
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# Intimidation Factor

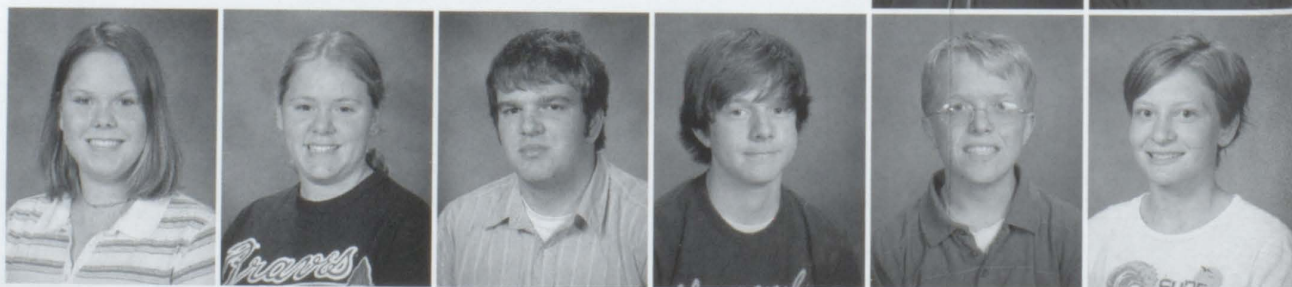
## Freshmen reveal their fears of upperclassmen

Rumors of big guys bullying underclassmen circulate around school and terrify freshmen males. The thoughts of being yelled at, pushed around, or just completely ignored haunt their every waking day of high school. Although many of the upperclassmen may have rough exteriors, this is not always a relevant factor when searching for a true judge of one's character. To test just how terrifying rumors and appearances make people seem, this year's freshmen males participated in a survey indicating the most intimidating upperclassmen. Caleb Bonds, a senior linebacker for the football team, seems to be the most feared male of them all. "Definitely Bonds!" a high pitched voice squeaked during the survey. Caleb is approximately 5'11" and weighs 175 pounds, making him a freshman's worst nightmare. For the protection of their lunch money and future in general, freshmen believe it would be wise to remain clear of Caleb's path. Some other upperclassmen with high intimidation factors are Nick Mosley and Josh Windham. Though the freshmen may believe these young men to be scary, their genuine personalities shine through.



Leah Miller and Carson Williams

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Kacee Haney  
Wesley Harrison  
Benjamin Harvell  
Matthew Hawsey  
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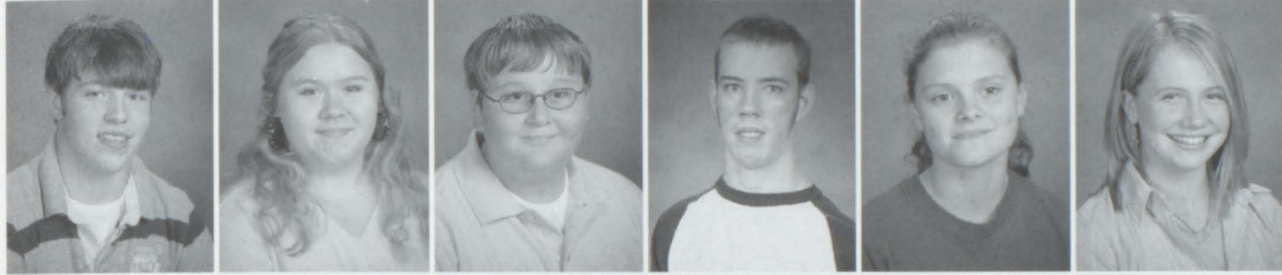




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 Lacey Cork



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 Steven Cummings  
 Michael Davis  
 Derek Dean  
 Mary Dew  
 Tiffini Dicus  
 Josh Dotson



Amy Dove  
 Lorie Dove  
 Matt Drake  
 Katy Dutton  
 Christopher Dye  
 Christopher Eason  
 Monika Eddy  
 Jillian Edwards



Gavin Ellis  
 Christopher Fisher  
 Justin Floyd  
 Cecily Fowler  
 Ashley Freeman  
 Cassie Gable  
 Katherine Gibson  
 Benjamin Gomez



Kate Gonstad  
 Stephanie Gonzales  
 Jeremy Goodwin  
 Christopher Grant  
 Justin Graves  
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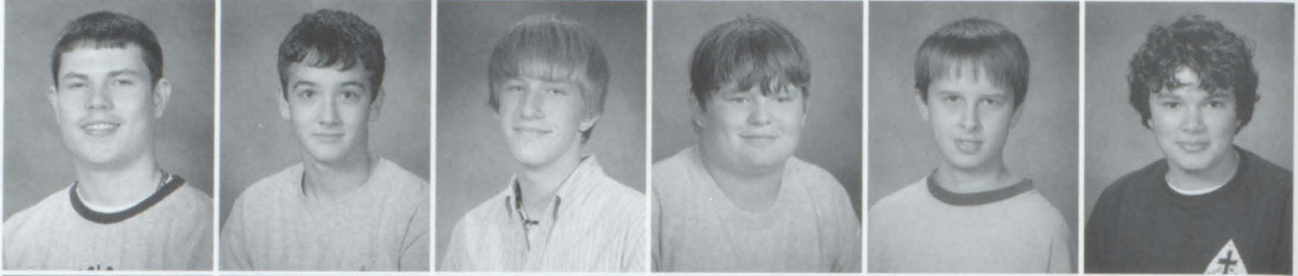


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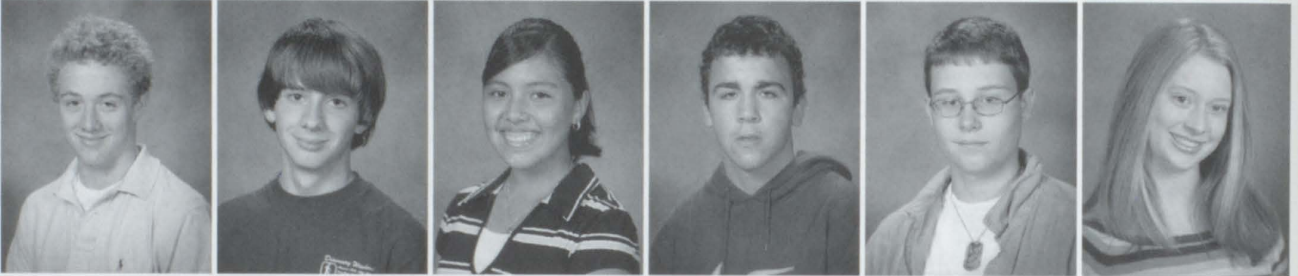
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 Cesar Lopez  
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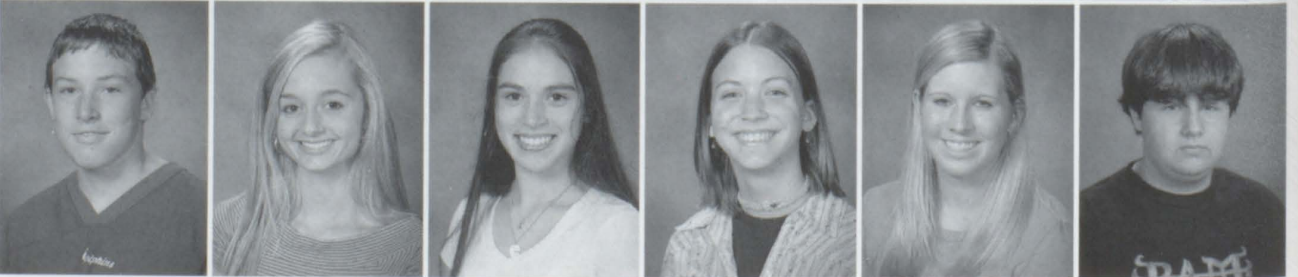
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# Movin' on Up

Ninth grade football players join the varsity team.

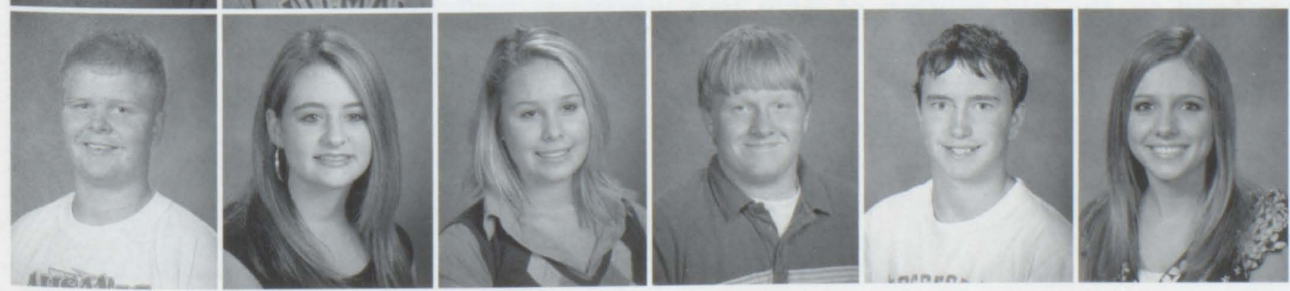


This year, ninth grade football players played with the sophomores, juniors, and seniors. In the past, the freshmen had played with the middle school under Coach Miller, but this year they were a part of the varsity team. "I honestly didn't like the decision at all," freshman Josh Bagwell said. "I was expecting to be the oldest, and instead, I am the youngest again." All those who participate in sports wish to be the oldest and strongest player on the team, and from the beginning of their middle school football career, these ninth graders have waited for their chance to be the star.

Although the ninth graders didn't take many snaps during varsity games, they gained confidence while practicing and playing with their older team members. The freshmen were also able to experience camaraderie and team chemistry, which helped attribute to more assurance on and off the field.

"I was scared at first, but now everything is good. I have even made some new friends," Colton Turner said, and his remaining freshmen teammates seemed to also adjust well to the change.

Carson Williams



Jeremy Peek  
Mackenzie Persall  
Mikaela Pitzing  
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Daiquiri Powell

# First Day Jitters

The first day of high school puts butterflies in the stomachs of the freshmen.

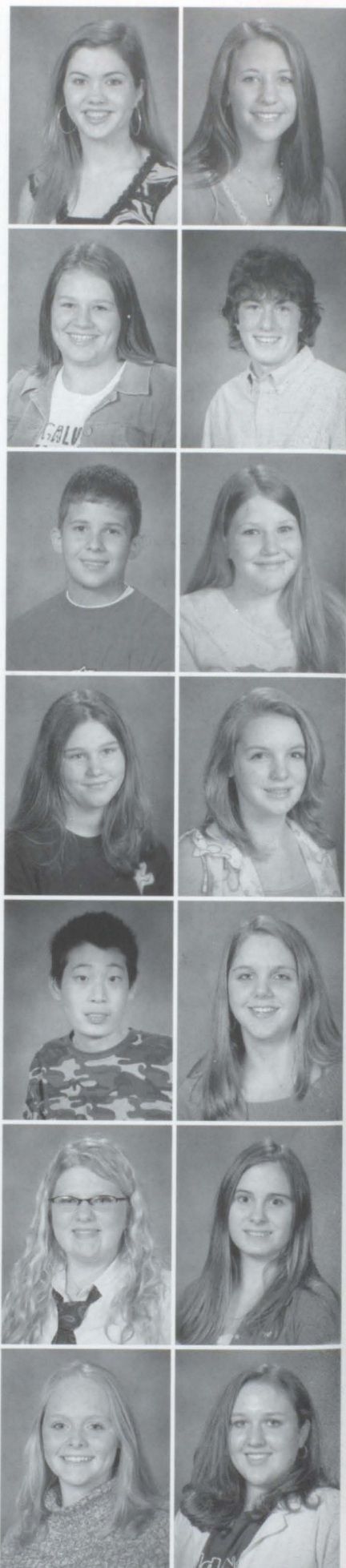


Everyone knows the certain exhilaration that comes with the first day at a new school; after all, every journey must have a first step. None have that mix of feelings more freshly on their minds than the freshmen class. This exhilaration is nearly indescribable and has been compared to a combination of intrigue, excitement, and anxiety, mixed in with the stress of finding classes and the mind-numbing effect of reverting to a school

schedule after several months of summer. The bliss of summer has been eradicated and replaced with new teachers, schoolwork, and school lunches among countless other experiences. The freshmen are now the small fishes in a sea of over eight hundred.

"I didn't want to go back to school and actually work, because my summer consisted mainly of lying by the pool," commented Bailey Dew. Adding to the first day stress, all CHS students attended at the same time, as opposed to the old routine of only two grades at a time. When the three o'clock bell rang, the freshmen students definitely had their share of new experiences along with many memories that they will take with them throughout their remaining years in high school.

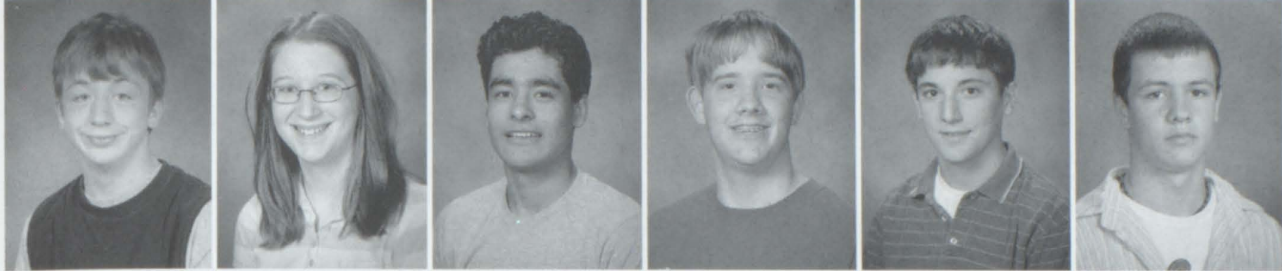
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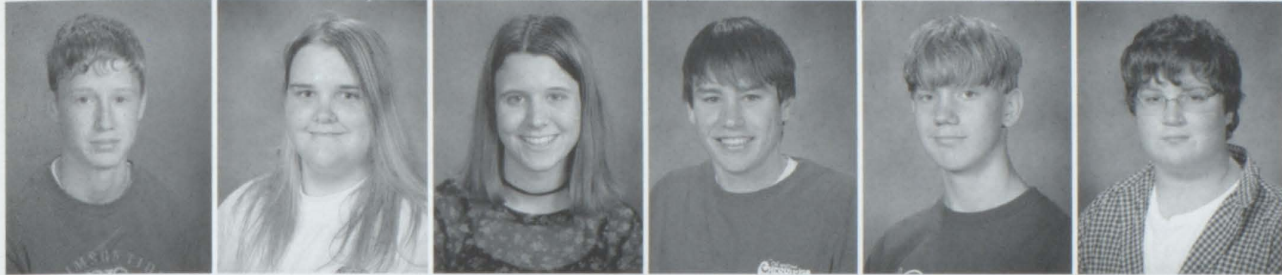




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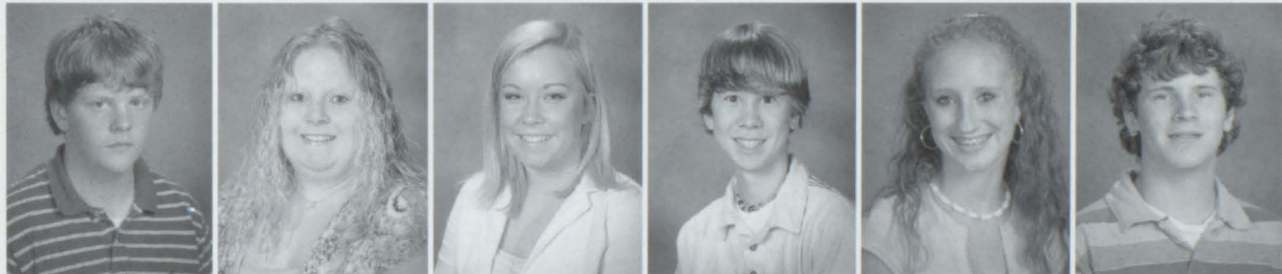
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Nicole Smelser  
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Jonathan Smith  
Jacob Sotherland



Stacy Spencley  
Megan St. John  
Phillip Stephens  
Justin Thoma  
Michael Timmons  
Nathan Tolbert  
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Raegan White  
Anna Whited  
Ryan Whitley  
Marie Williams



Kendra Wilson  
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Patrick Windsor  
Justin Woljevach  
Luke Wood

# Setting Our Standards

**The** standard that is established at Cullman High School is **far** from average. Excelling in academics, extra-curricular activities, athletics, or **all** three, the students that represent our school are of the highest **caliber**.

With a pride for their accomplishments as well as their **school**, the students of Cullman High School will leave fully prepared to make an impact on **our** world.





# Golden Girls

"...And your 2005 Miss Southerner is...": these were the words that everyone in the auditorium was waiting to hear and the competitors had been anticipating through the many practice sessions and during the actual day of the pageant. Although the pageant had only lasted a couple hours, the day actually began bright and early long before the curtain opened.

Milly Klopfer began her day with a hair appointment at Studio 412. After blow drying, curling, and clipping, Milly was ready for her makeup. At the end of the session, Milly's hair and makeup looked like that of a true beauty queen.

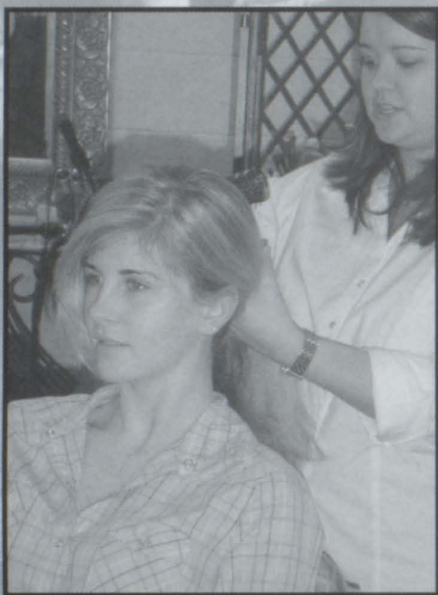
Soon after their beauty routine, it was time for the

pageant, the girls fought anxiety as they walked on to the stage.

Number eighteen walked onto the stage looking like a princess. It was Milly in her strapless pink gown adorned with sequins. She gracefully walked around the stage with an excited smile, just as the others before her had done.

Throughout the rest of the pageant, there were a few technical problems, but the emcees kept the audience well entertained with a few jokes. The escorts also brought a sense of light-heartedness with their choreographed dance to "New York, New York". Overall, the pageant was a success, and the winner Chasity Holmes looked beautiful in her golden dress.

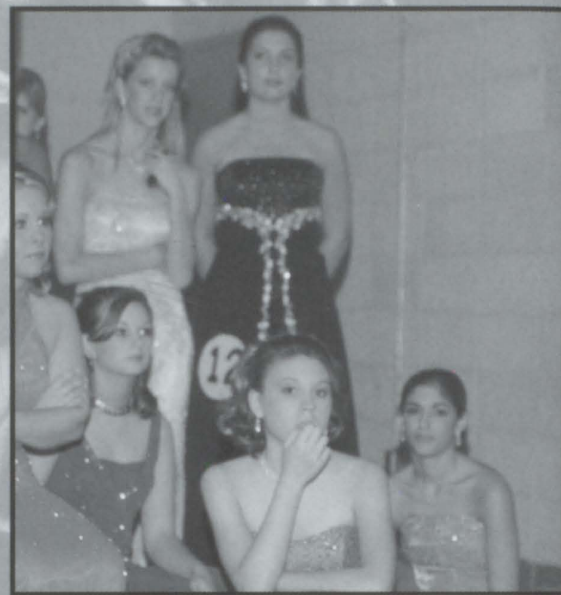
Bethany Donaldson



Milly and her stylist choose a hairstyle. Milly decided on a classy, low ponytail.



At practice, the girls learn their opening number. To get the timing correct, the routine was drilled several times.



Looking on from the hallway, the girls watch as friends in the top 10 answer their on-stage question.



Meagan Griggs and Jesse Bouldin tell jokes at the pageant. They were the emcees for the night.



Jesse Bouldin, Blake Bright, Jacob Dellinger, Carson Williams, Caleb Clay, and Levi Haynes perform a kickline for the audience. Serving as the escorts for the pageant, they brought a sense of humor to the pageant.

# Miss Southerner 2005



## Miss Chasity Holmes



L to R: Miss Congeniality Lindsay Hagood and Danielle Davis, 4th Alternate Melissa Johnson, 1st Alternate Kristen Brown, Miss Southerner Chasity Holmes, 2nd Alternate Maegan Carden, 3rd Alternate and Miss Congeniality Nohe Naehu, and Miss Photogenic Mackenzie Sutton

The top ten contestants anxiously await the results of the pageant. Excitement and nervousness were just two of the many emotions the girls were feeling.

2004 Cullman Fair Queen Representative  
Miss Peyton Guthrie





Nine entered the stage, but only one walked away a queen...

## The Quest for the Crown

Behind the curtains at the Fair Queen Pageant is total chaos. Twelve contestants are crammed into one dressing room trying to prepare. A fog of hairspray hangs over the contestants as they practice their talents in the hallway. Emotions are high as anxiety sets in.

Backstage, minor trivialities turn into major disasters in a matter of seconds. Stains or tears in gowns need to be removed or repaired. Make-up and bobby pins are constantly being misplaced.

You may ask why anyone would put herself through this. The answer is

simple: the contestants are all on a quest for the Fair Queen crown.

With sweaty palms and pounding hearts, the contestants await the judges decision. Finally, after what seems like an eternity, the emcee calls out the name of the winner.

"And this year's 2004 Cullman High School Fair Queen is... Peyton Guthrie!"

"It was an honor to be chosen, and I hope that I have served CHS well," Peyton remarks on her experience.

Peyton later went on to represent Cullman in the countywide Fair Queen Pageant. She performed well and was named second alternate.

Dana O'Bara



Above: Sarah Montgomery, Claire Vinson, Mirandy Britton, and Kari Moore flash their smiles to the audience.

Below: Landon Brown and Melissa Johnson serve as the emcees for the pageant.



Miss Congeniality:  
Miss Chasity Holmes

Fair Queen Representative:  
Miss Peyton Guthrie

1st Runner-up:  
Miss Rachel Malone

2nd Runner-up and Miss Photogenic:  
Miss Amber Gamble



# Showing our SPIRIT

Pajama Day - Toothbrush Search - Volleyball Game - Camo Day - Soldier Search



1: Several juniors go over their strategy for the volleyball tournament. The juniors received third place in the tournament.

2: Mrs. Miller teaches a sleepy class of sophomores on pajama day. Going through the day in a pair of pajamas made concentrating a very difficult task.

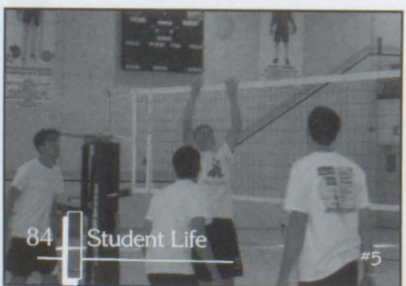
3: Juniors Mallory Shaw and Marla Harbin search for soldiers on camo day. Sadly, the juniors did not succeed in this endeavor; the seniors, however, found all 4 soldiers!

4: Senior Tyler Harbin uses all body parts in order to block freshman Calan Hollingsworth's attempts to pass the disc to another teammate. The seniors dominated the Ultimate Frisbee tournament and easily won first place.

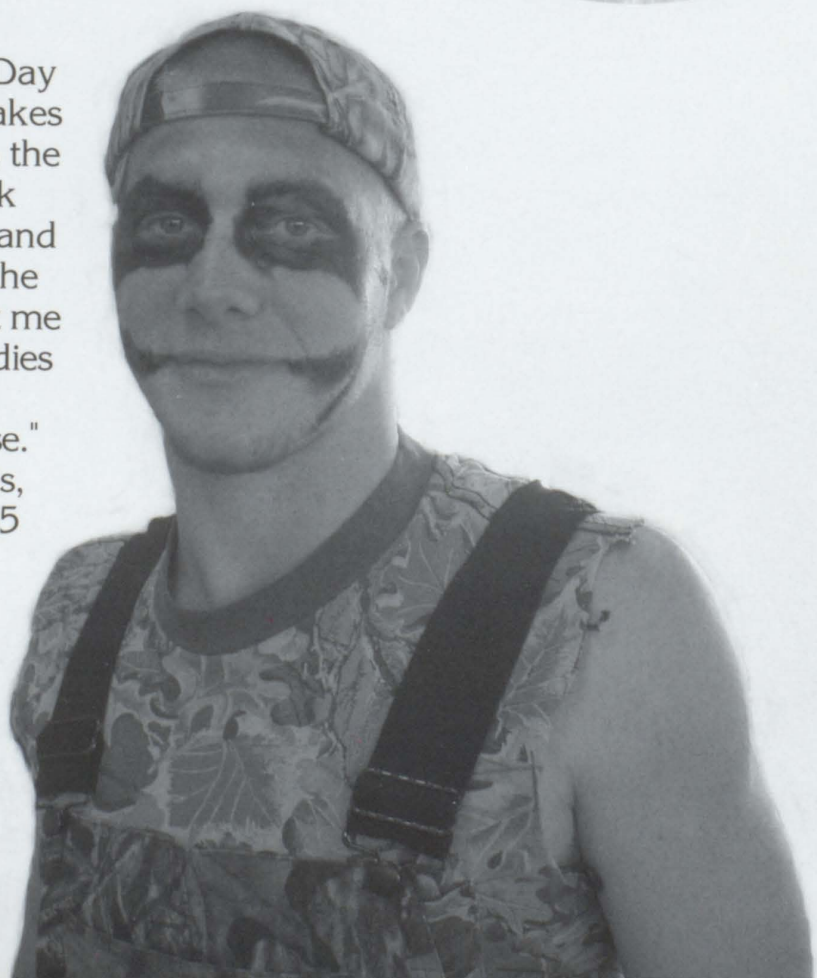
5: Tyler Harbin sets the ball as Landon Brown prepares to spike it down the court. The seniors ran away with the competition receiving first place and 4 Homecoming points.



"I like Camo Day because it makes everybody in the school look pretty mean and rough. It's the only day that me and my buddies fit in with everyone else."  
Caleb Bonds,  
Senior 2005



PJs	
<b>&amp; Toothbrush search</b>	
Seniors-	3
Juniors-	2
Sophomores-	5
Freshmen-	4
<b>Camo &amp; Soldier search</b>	
8 -Seniors	
2 -Juniors	
3 -Sophomores	
1 -Freshmen	
<b>Costume &amp; Mask search</b>	
Seniors-	7
Juniors-	2
Sophomores-	3
Freshmen-	2







-Warball Game - Costume Day - Mask Search - Ultimate Frisbee



Rolling into the parking lot early Monday morning, students were amazed at the site that greeted them. Just beside the pile of wood for the bonfire were two camping tents, and sitting in front of these tents were twelve seniors enjoying their breakfast and relaxing in their pajamas. Monday, of course, was pajama day, and these seniors decided that the best way to kick off their final Homecoming was through a campout by the school. After a fun night, everyone was ready for a great Homecoming week, which it definitely proved to be! Tuesday, Camo Day, took an exciting turn with the addition of the warball game played during school hours. Fans all across the gym were on their feet and cheering loudly for their respective classes. All the money from admission to the game went to the Officer Brannon Memorial Fund. Wednesday was filled with crazy costumes; C-Building was even transformed into an entire city block with its own set of traffic police. The students and faculty went all out to show their spirit for the Bearcats.

Leah Miller



# Showing our true COLORS



Class Color Day:--Seniors: white; Juniors: black; Sophomores: gold; Freshmen: blue



1: Mrs. Putman practices for the teacher skit for Friday's pep rally. The teachers performed a routine to "Jailhouse Rock" and "YMCA".



2: Jennifer Easterwood, Stephanie Taylor, and Ethan McClellan work hard to set up the door before the judges arrive. The seniors received first place in door decorations.



3: The senior/sophomore defense anxiously awaits the outcome of the offense's execution of the water bucket play. The powder puff game was the highlight of Thursday's homecoming activities.



4: Several very blue freshmen put the finishing touches on their pomping. The freshmen received third place in this category.



5: Anthony Reynolds, Ben Nobrega, and Sage Smith relax atop the wood for the bonfire and proudly display their senior spirit. Several seniors claimed Thursday night's bonfire was the biggest they'd seen in all their years at CHS.

## Class Color & Crayon Search

Seniors- 8  
Juniors- 2  
Sophomores- 7  
Freshmen- 5

## Aluminum Can Drive

Seniors- 8  
Juniors- 4  
Sophomores- 6  
Freshmen- 2

## Powder Puff

Seniors/Sophomores- 7  
Juniors/Freshmen- 0

"I've always been a big fan of the movie *Animal House*, and Class Color Day was the best way to show it."  
Kevin Artist,  
Senior 2005





## Crayon Search - Aluminum Can Drive - Powder Puff



Thursday was filled with colors of every kind. The students and teachers came to school dressed from head to toe in their class colors. The freshmen resembled Smurfs; the sophomores took the easy way out wearing their yellow class shirts; the juniors attempted to be seniors by wearing graduation robes, but they'll just have to wait until next year; and the costume of choice for the seniors was a toga. Thursday night's powder puff game was a much anticipated event by most of the girls at school. "You'll have to get after it girls," said Coach Trent Walker as he tried to impart words of wisdom to his senior/sophomore team of girls. Both teams were incredibly pumped for the game; they were practically bleeding black and gold. Both teams paraded around the bonfire cheering for themselves. The seniors took advantage of the opportunity to overpower the junior/freshmen team in their chants around the fire. During the game through trick plays and tough defense, the seniors and sophomores were able to pull out a win. Thursday made it clear that the true colors in the hearts of all Bearcats are black and gold.

Leah Miller





# Showing our BEARCAT PRIDE

## Black and Gold Day - Football Search - Field Day



1: The cheerleaders complete another amazing stunt. They pumped up the fans through their cheers and succeeded in raising school spirit.

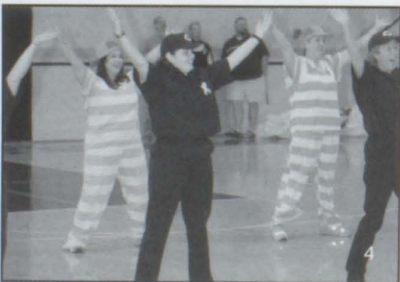


2: The football players enjoy the support of their classmates. However, thoughts of the big game raced through their minds.

3: The sophomores try their best to outdo the seniors at the pep rally. For their efforts they were awarded with the spirit stick, as well as a slew of silly string, compliments of the seniors.

4: After completing "Jailhouse Rock," the teachers roll into "YMCA" continuing the tradition of excellent teacher skits. Choreographed by Mrs. Keller, the dance featured new and veteran teachers.

5: Freshman Will Barnes enjoys the lunchroom's homecoming decorations and music. SGA decorated the lunchroom in standard black and gold.



"I have always heard Coach Britton say, 'Seniors, it's your last Homecoming.' Now that I am the senior, I understand what he has been talking about. I will never forget how it felt to go out there on my home field and get a win as a senior."

Daniel Munger,  
Senior 2005

### Black & Gold & Football Search

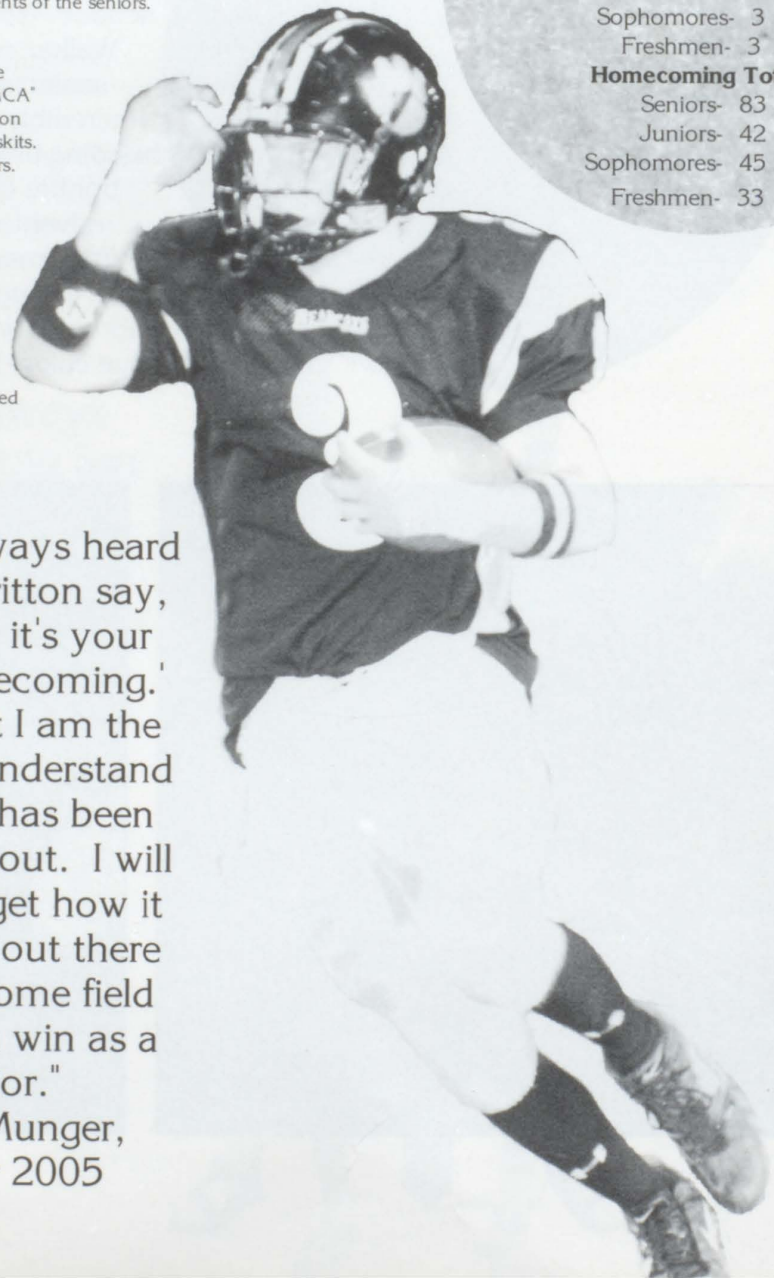
Seniors- 8  
Juniors- 4  
Sophomores- 3  
Freshmen- 1

### Field Day

Seniors- 8  
Juniors- 6  
Sophomores- 3  
Freshmen- 3

### Homecoming Totals

Seniors- 83  
Juniors- 42  
Sophomores- 45  
Freshmen- 33



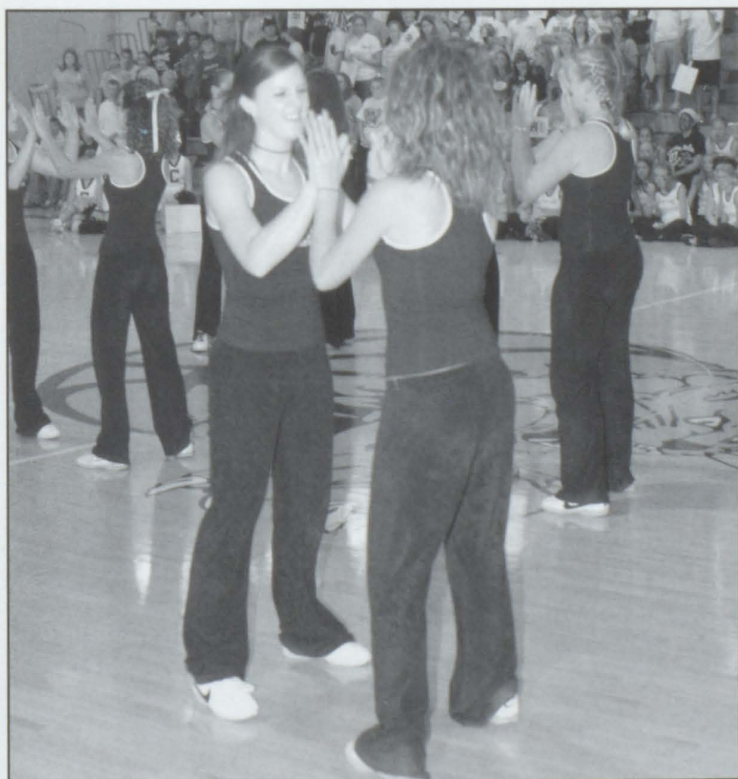


## Cullman 54 vs. Brewer 14



"So look at me now, I'm just making my play. Don't try to push your luck, just get out of my way." AC/DC's familiar lyrics of "Back in Black" were blasting in the lunchroom, getting everyone excited about all the events taking place on Friday. The Bearcat tradition continued as always with Black and Gold Day and a football search in the morning. Inside the lunchroom were festive decorations consisting of balloons and streamers, compliments of SGA. The seniors took care of the outside with a Patriot that had tragically been shot from a cannon and had his legs sticking out of the lunchroom roof. After a hearty Homecoming meal, all the students were full of energy for the pep rally and field day. With so much excitement during the day, all knew they would have to arrive at the game early to get a good seat. During the Homecoming game, the Bearcats completely overpowered the Patriots. When it came down to who deserved to win the game, there was absolutely no question that the Bearcats owned that title. All the supporters of the Bearcats were bursting with pride as the stadium emptied and Homecoming Week 2004 came to a close.

Leah Miller





# Homecoming Court 2004



Homecoming Queen  
Miss Blakeley Burns  
escorted by Nick Canaday



Miss Melissa Johnson  
escorted by James Nyquist



Miss Bradley Nesbitt  
escorted by Landon Brown



Miss Hillary Smith  
escorted by Kolby Lawrence



Miss Juli Bussman  
escorted by Jacob Dellinger



Miss Maegan Carden  
escorted by Drew Krenkel



Miss Carissa Hearin  
escorted by Joshua Rutledge



Miss Katie Beth Miller  
escorted by Clay Culpepper



Miss Emily Grenaway  
escorted by Allen Schiehl



Miss Nohe Naehu  
escorted by Derek Dean



**Above:** Josh Brown shows his class spirit, and below, Anthony Reynolds presents a compensation to the seniors who lost the spirit stick.



# Pep Rallies



"Once I got past being nervous, I enjoyed getting to pump everyone up for the upcoming football games."

Meagan Morrison

Pep rallies help to light the fires of excitement before many of our biggest football games. Held on Friday afternoons in the gym, pep rallies are an explosion of pent up energy that many students have held in throughout the week. Their energy is released with cheering, jumping, flailing, screaming, the blast of plastic horns,

and, last but not least, the fight songs from our very talented marching band. Banners hang on the walls while others are trampled and broken. The gym goes from loud and chaotic to even louder and more chaotic as the air is filled with flapping placards. The

cheerleaders also add to the excitement with their energetic cheers and gravity-defying stunts. On a good day, utter madness ensues from the lust for victory over rival schools.

"I'm almost afraid they would run over me if they tried to leave," commented a teacher who was keeping students from skipping school during a pep rally.

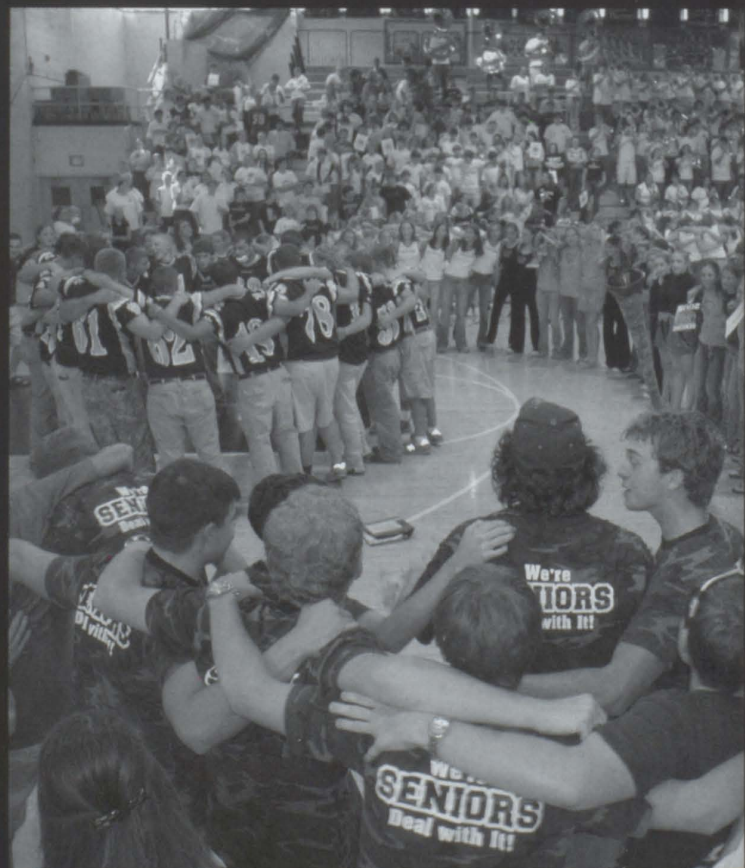
Although there are competitions between the classes, our ultimate purpose for pep rallies is to show our football team that we support them 100%.

John Williams

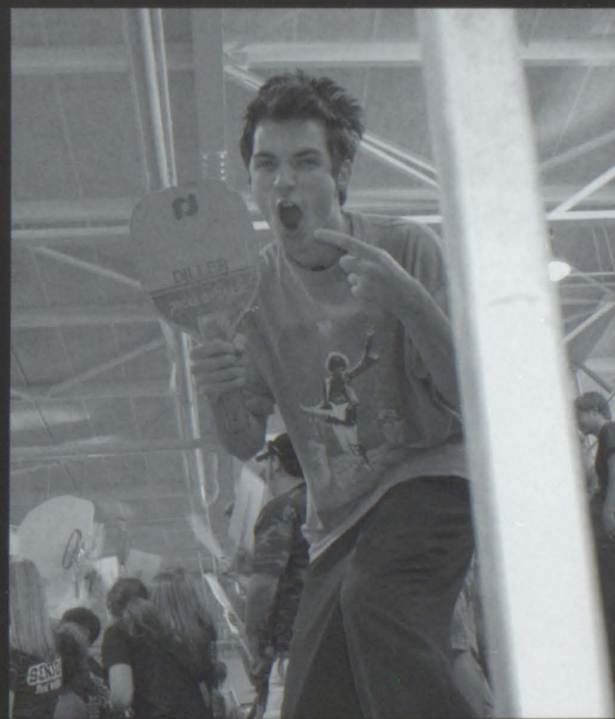


**Above:** Every year's first pep rally includes rolling the gym. Many seniors remarked that this year's rolling was the best they had seen.

**Right:** It is tradition that the seniors take the court as the school sings the Alma Mater. The seniors greatly enjoyed having this privilege.







**Top:** Nikki LaRue and Emily Miller show their spirit by waving their sophomore placards. Waving placards was the main item students used to display their support.

**Above:** The varsity cheerleaders perform a challenging stunt during the homecoming pep rally. The cheerleaders did their best during the pep rallies to get everyone cheering and showing spirit.

**Above:** Adam Loyd does his best to get his fellow seniors pumped up during the pep rally. Adam did this by showing off his prized possession: a pickleball racket.

# Dances



**Above:** Zach Souheard and Katie Latham head back to the dance floor after a short water break.

**Below:** Lindsay Hagood breaks it down on the dance floor.



Flashing lights, loud music, and, of course, lots of dancing are all very important parts of the dance scene at school. From the teachers swaying to the music and trying to hide the fact that they actually are enjoying themselves, to the students getting down with their bad selves, everyone loves school dances. Numerous clubs sponsor dances and use the profits for various special causes. These clubs provide chaperones and police protection for all students.

Most of our dances occur after home football



"The Rave from the Grave was a fun approach to celebrating Halloween."  
Elisabeth Nesbitt

games; a win from our Bearcats always makes the dance more enjoyable. Sometimes dances are slow to get started because often we have a shy group of freshmen at the start, but the dances will start to heat up after the experienced upperclassmen hit the dance floor.

There are, however, several dances that occur outside of football season; some of these include the Key Club dance,

and this year's new Halloween addition The Rave from the Grave. These dances require a different dress code. In place of the casual clothes for the football dances, we wear semi-formal attire for the Key Club dance and Halloween costumes for The Rave.

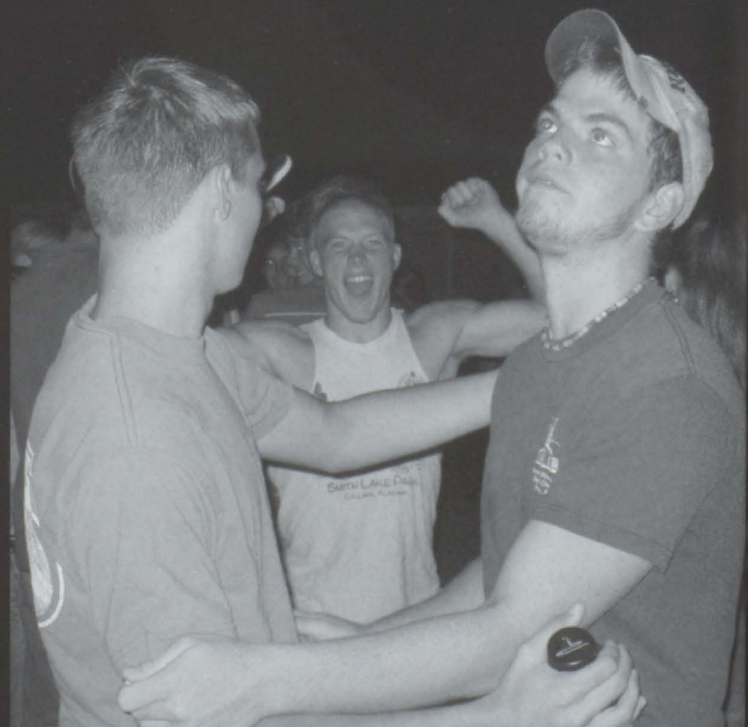
Students look forward to dances every year. We take pride in having great music, thirst-quenching drinks, and a fun time. After graduating, seniors will remember all of the dances and their classmates' dancing abilities. The underclassmen need not worry, for they have a few more years to work on their skills. Whether you decide to dance or just hang out, dances definitely equal a good time for all.

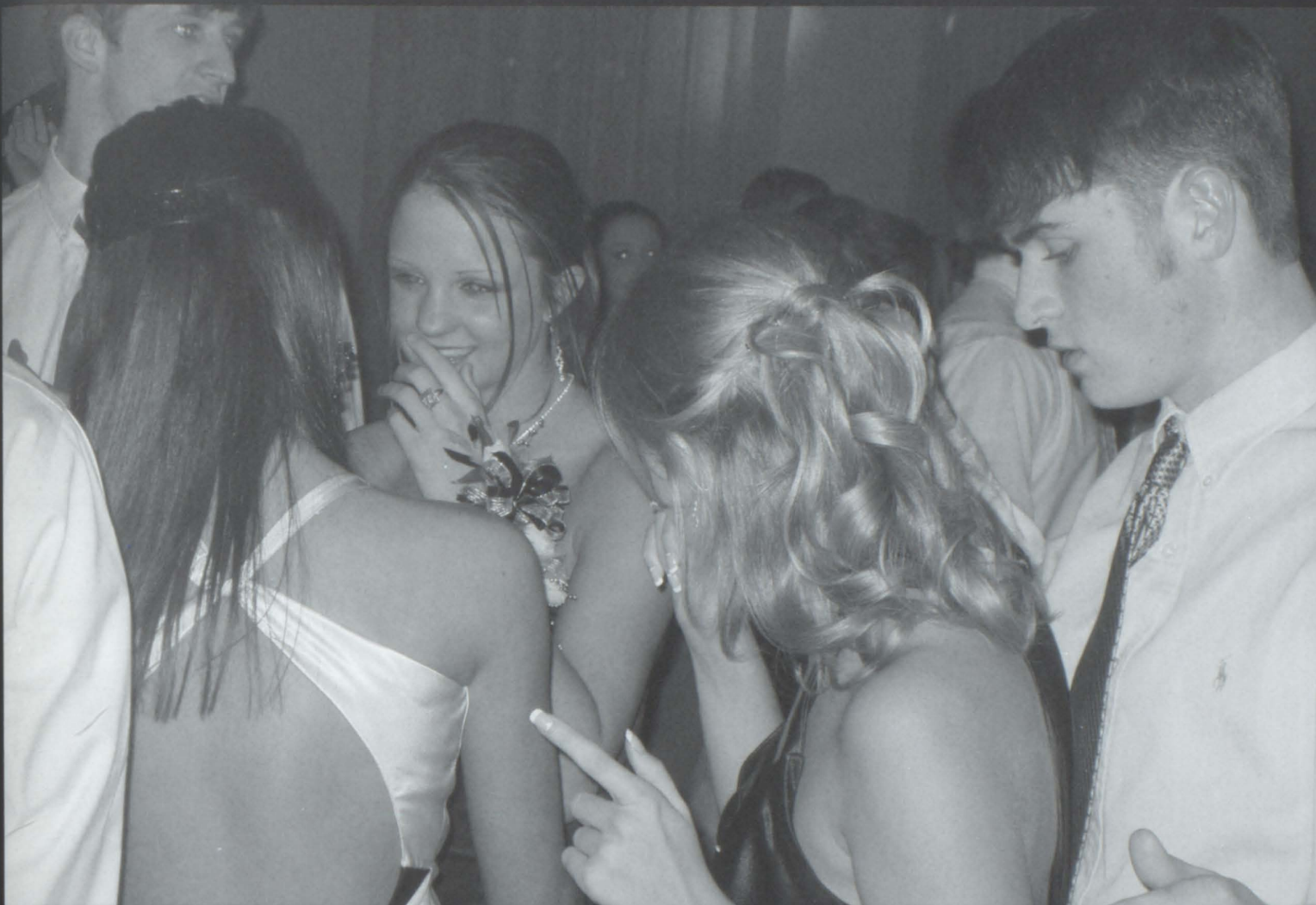
Meagan Griggs



**Above:** John Nyquist gets his groove on with Stephanie Moore at the Key Club Dance. The Rotunda proved to be an outstanding location for the dance.

**Right:** Brandon Miner serenades Tyler Skipper as Caleb Bonds shares their excitement while showing off his muscular physique.





**Top:** Carissa Hearin socializes before heading to the dance floor. Meanwhile, Zac Tucker was already a step ahead of her.



**Above:** Eating out before the Key Club Dance, Wayne Pass shares with his friends a sampling of his humor. Many students who attended the Key Club dance chose to have dinner before the dance.



**Above:** Officer Patillo maintains order at a school dance after a football game. Although dance sometimes got our of hand, it was always in good fun.

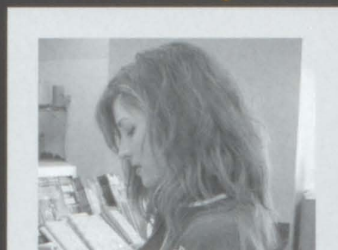
# Where Teens Spend Their Money



**Above:** Emily McCreless purchases a sandwich from Rumors Deli. Since its opening, Rumors has been a favorite restaurant among students.

Teenagers today are forced to live on a budget, and they must learn to spend their money wisely. Obviously, gas tends to deduct the most amount of money from a teen's wallet. Most breathe a sigh of frustration when they realize their low fuel light is on and that their car is out of gas. Gas is a necessity for busy teens who have to keep up with hectic schedules, and unfortunately, since the beginning of the war in Iraq, average gas prices have skyrocketed from \$1.41 to \$1.89. This dramatic rise in the price of gas has left many students stuck in a money crunch.

With the remainder of their budget, teens enjoy and purchase various things. Many students tend to spend a large



"I go to Books-a-Million everyday after school. It's a good way to relax after a busy day."  
Emily St. John

portion of their money on food. Although many do have the option of eating at home with their families, teens of today often prefer to enjoy a meal out with their friends, and when they get a craving for something enjoyable yet affordable, they have many hot spots where they can gather. Cullman is lucky to have great Italian, Mexican, Chinese, and American restaurants to suit anyone's taste. Also, since many of these restaurants are locally owned and operated, they easily fit the fast-paced, low-budget lifestyle of most teens.

Teens, especially girls, also use a great deal of their money on clothes and fashion. Their year, styles from the 50s and 60s have made a huge comeback. Rounded-toe pumps, circle skirts, and brooches are very trendy, as well as bright colors. Many stores have embraced these styles, and they are sure to be popular again this year.

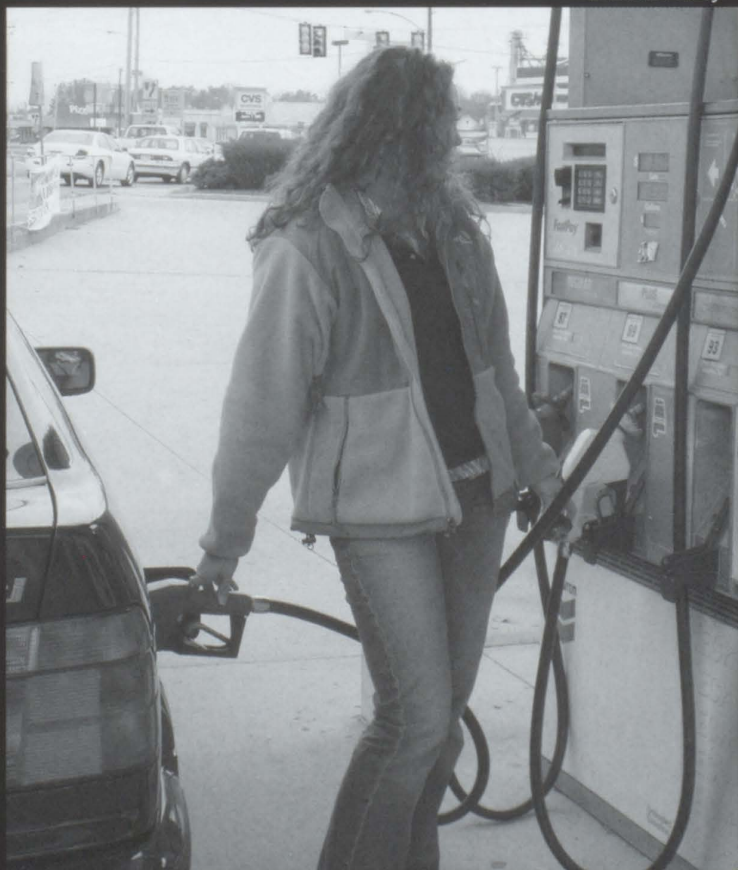
Aside from the essentials of gas, food, and fashion, teens also spend a significant amount of their money at Books-A-Million. Since its opening in 2000, BAM with Joe Muggs Coffee Shop has been a popular hangout among students. Any night of the week, the big comfy chairs are filled with students studying or reading, and the coffee shop is always buzzing with friendly conversations over coffee and snacks. Many students even make daily trips after school to rejuvenate them after a chaotic day. The cost of these frequent visits adds up, and Cullman's teens spend a large portion of their money here.

Brittanie Mabry



**Above:** Mallory Shaw checks out new spring trends at Belk department store. Keeping her tight budget in mind, she purchased a new outfit.

**Right:** Rheana Scarborough fills her car's gas tank. After many months of continuous increase, gas prices leveled off during the winter.





**Above:** David Lowry and Josh Shaddix enjoy their chicken finger snacks at Zaxby's. David and Josh eat out regularly to have fun and chat about all the things they have done recently. "I enjoy eating out with Dave every so often because it's a time where we can just relax and hang out." -Josh Shaddix



**Above:** Emily St. John stops by Books-a-Million after school for an afternoon treat of coffee and a muffin. Books-a-Million was also a place where teens could relax while reading a book or magazine.



**Above:** Jennifer Easterwood tries on a North Face jacket at Werner's. North Face jackets were a popular item with students.

# Jobs



**Above:** Brad Arnold works the scoreboard at East Side Park. This was Brad's first year to work for the Parks and Recreation.

After school, some students are fortunate enough to be able to go home, fix themselves a snack, lie on the couch, watch some television, and relax. For a large percentage of students, this is not an option. Their after-school agenda requires them to hit the work force. High school occupations often include waiting at the local high school hot spot, keeping score at a muggy ballgame, or spending the afternoon riding on a lawn mower.

Jessica Geisen is one of our students who has an after-school job. She has been working at Carlton's Italian for about six months and usually works five hours a day two to three days a week. Jessica says she has a decent salary, but the biggest salaries are made on a crowded



"Most people think of me as a yardworker, but I prefer yard maintenance engineer."  
Jon Harrison

Friday night when making \$30.00 in tips is not unusual. "I really enjoy working here," she says, "I love the people I work with, most of the people I serve, and the laid-back atmosphere at Carlton's."

Another student who holds an after-school job is sophomore Brad Arnold. He works for the Cullman City Parks and Recreation, keeping the scores and statistics for baseball games at Eastside and Heritage Park. He does most of his work during baseball season, usually working around two games a night. He mainly keeps score for the nine and ten-year-old games, but he occasionally works girls' softball

games. Brad says he makes \$12.00 a game, but his favorite part about his job is not the money. "I enjoy watching the games, and I get all the free concessions I can handle."

Mowing yards, pressure washing drives, and raking leaves are just a few of the things that senior Jon Harrison has to do in his job. He has been mowing lawns for three years and has even started his own business: Jon's Lawn Care. An average yard for Jon lasts from thirty minutes to an hour. Jon says his main business is homeowners, but recently he has started doing some commercial work. "I like having my own business because I get to decide my own hours, and if I don't feel like working, I just don't worry about it, and I am able to go and relax with my friends."

Whether you are a waitress, scorekeeper, or are lucky enough to own your own business, you can be sure that you are not the only student who has an after-school job. Although holding a job may be stressful at times, rest assured that you are already a step ahead of your fellow classmates who do not hold a job.

James Nyquist



**Above:** The crew at Zaxby's takes a break during work to pose for a picture. Zaxby's was a popular place for students to work.

**Right:** Jessica Geisen delivers a hot plate of lasagna to a hungry customer. Jessica worked at Carlton's as a waitress during the year.



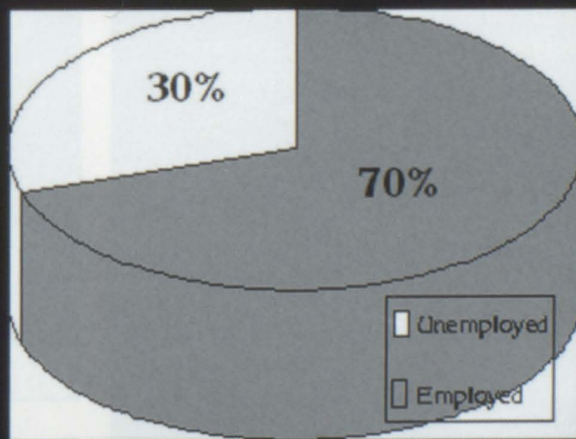


**Above:** Daniel Munger, Kyle Timmerman, and Ethan McClellan roll a bar out to the trailer to be loaded and hauled to its new owner. Working at Southern Accents, these guys did most of the brunt work moving doors, mantles, and tubs.



**Above:** Bradley Nesbitt assists Jennifer Easterwood try on a new pair of shoes at Werner's. Bradley, Cullman's fashion fairy, loves giving Werner's customers clothing advice.

**Percentage Of Seniors That Are Or Have Been Recently Employed**



# Counting Possibilities

Math students have more options

Maegan Carden

As you sit, listening contently to the guidance counselor deliver a speech about the school classes available in each subject, she comes to the math section. You scan the list of courses available, and the numbers are endless. With all the classes offered, each and every student can choose what path he or she wants to take.

This year our math department had two new options available to our students: Algebraic Connections and Algebra III with Statistics.

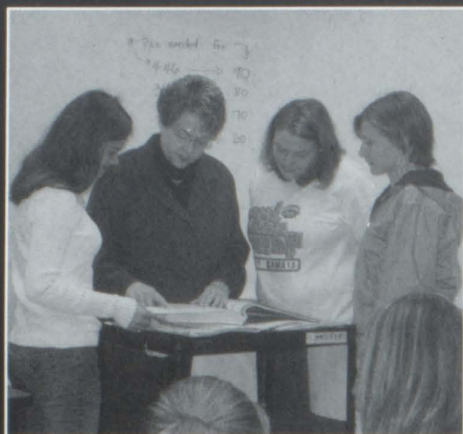
"This is the first time Cullman has ever offered it,"

Mrs. Heptinstall said about Algebraic Connections.

Mrs. Ray, who taught Algebra III with Statistics beginning in the second trimester, claimed, "Algebra III is an alternative for students who are not planning to pursue studies in math and science fields." Both teachers were confident in the positive results thought to come from the new courses.

Next time you consider the class and path you take, remember the growing opportunities that are becoming available with these new math classes.

**"Algebra III is an alternative for students who are not planning to pursue studies in math and science fields." Mrs. Ray**



Students ask Mrs. Bentley questions during Algebra I. Mrs. Bentley has always had a special way of relating to students through her after school tutoring.



Jared Burke types in digits on his calculator during Coach Freeman's class. Calculators have become a necessity in any math class.

"Math is not my best subject; therefore, I have to try really hard to do well."

Nikki Harris

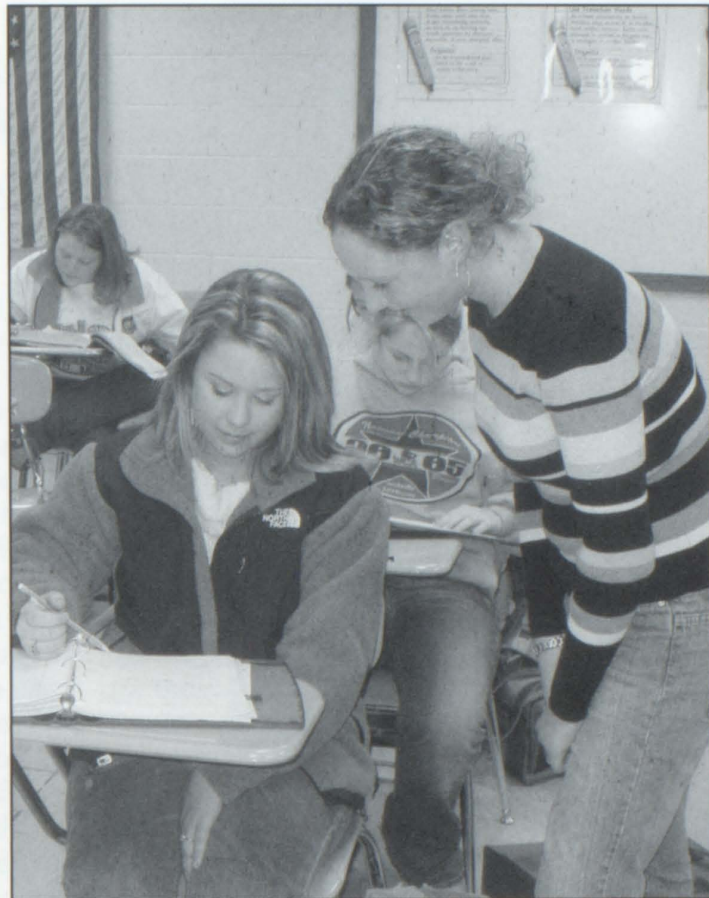
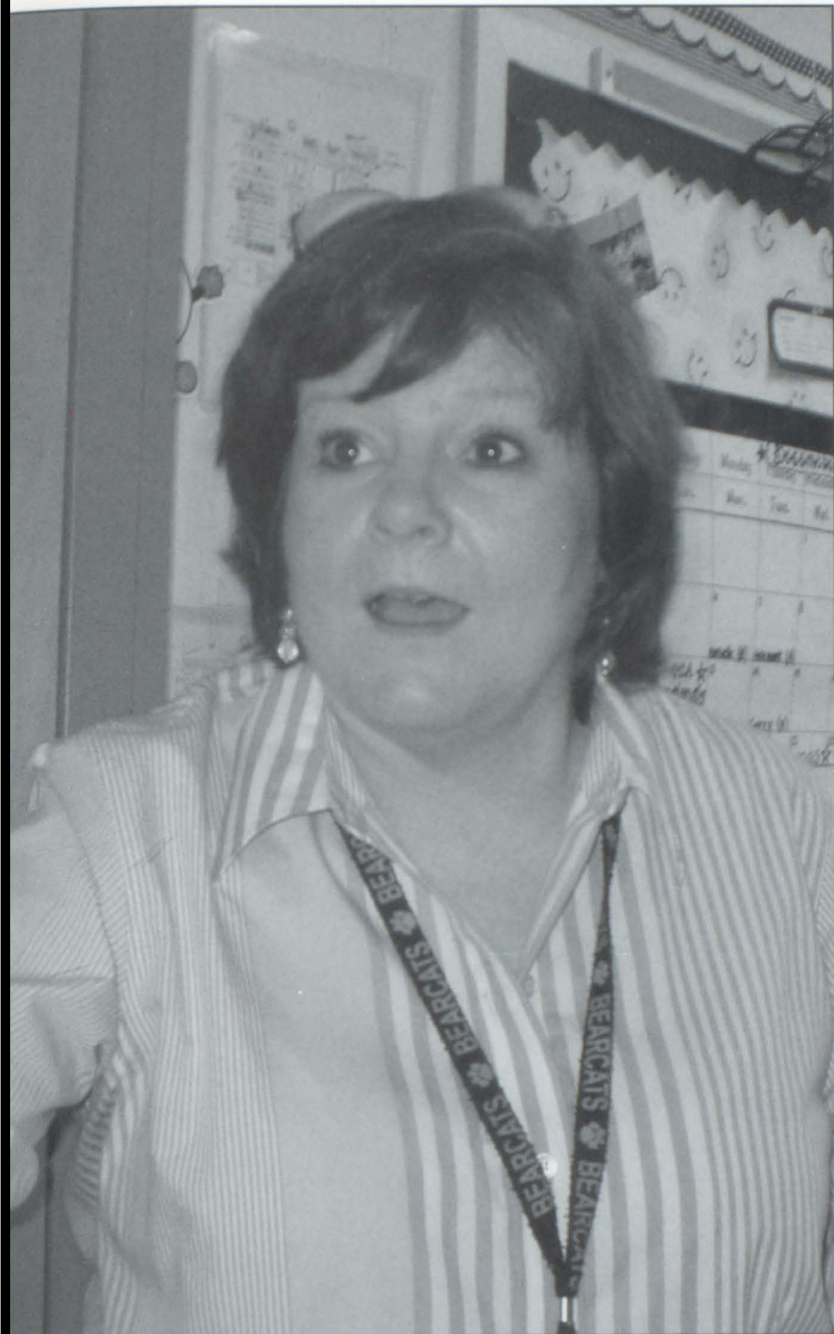


Cara McCarthy listens intently as she tries to take notes from the board. Cara hoped the notes would help her recount everything she heard.



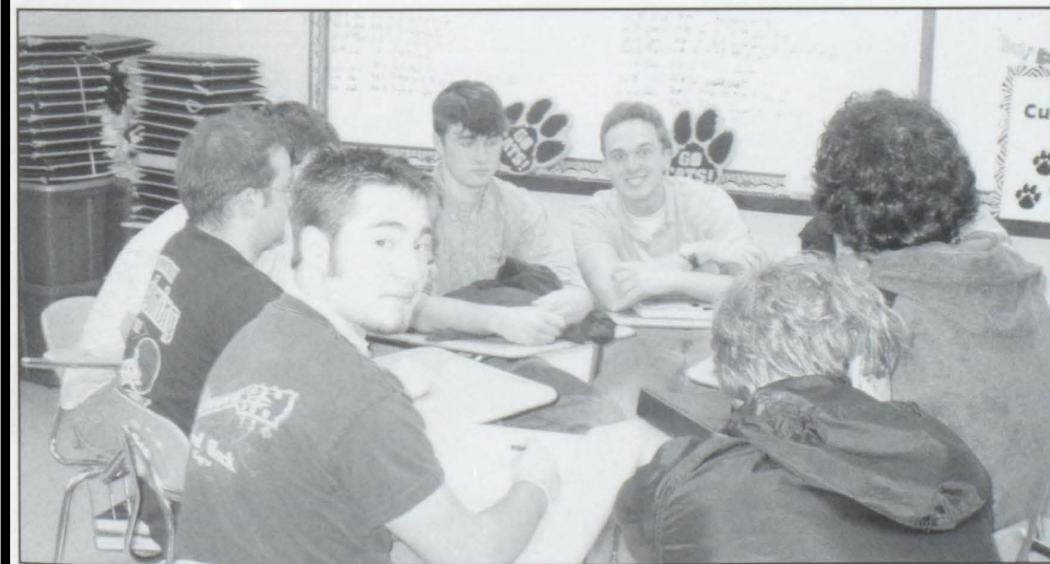
Emily Grenaway points to a problem on Skylar King's paper. Emily listened attentively while Skylar explained how to work the difficult problem.





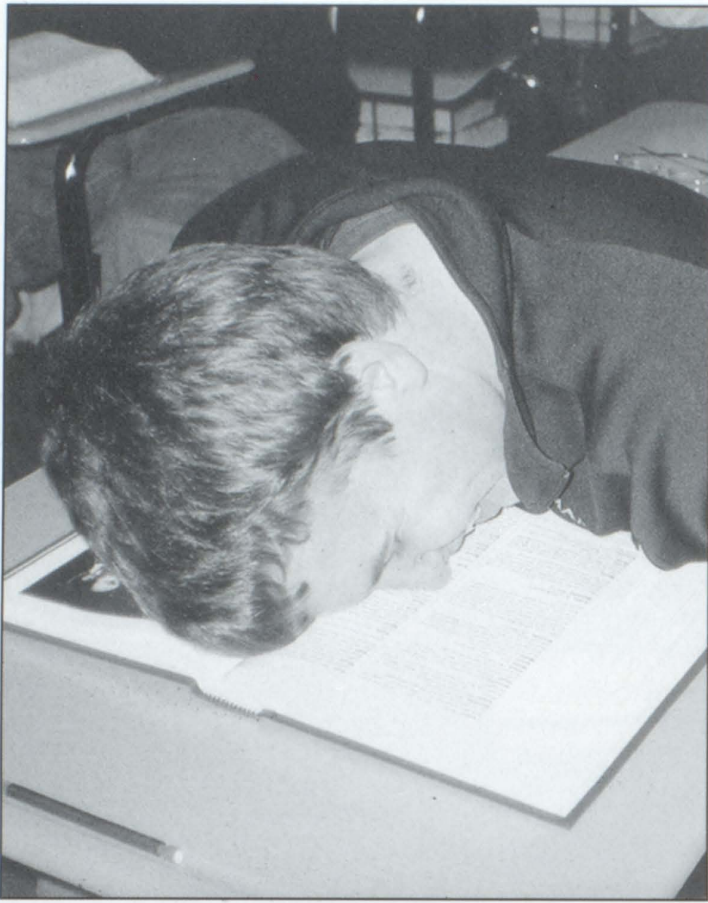
**Left:** Mrs. Heptinstall is surprised by her unannounced visitor that greets her. Mrs. Heptinstall taught Algebra I while also coaching the varsity cheerleaders.

**Above:** Mikaela Pitzing explains a problem to a fellow classmate. Mikaela offered help to other students whenever she was able.



Working together, Hillary Smith and Jennifer Easterwood contemplate their answer to a challenging problem. Hillary and Jennifer hoped their hard work would pay off on their next exam.

Sage Smith, Chase Crider, Zac Tucker, Jacob Wood and a fortress of other senior guys huddle together in Mrs. Heptinstall's classroom to discuss their work. Participating in group work was an essential part of the learning process.



**Above:** A short nap seems like a good idea for Taylor Davis. After a hard days work in English class, a short break didn't hurt.

**Right:** Mrs. Allred's class enjoys re-enacting William Shakespeare's *A Mid-Summer Nights Dream*. Having students do a re-enactment helped them get a better understanding of the book.



Levi Haynes and Blake Bright pretend to follow along with the reading assignments. Their trick was discovered when Mrs. Putman pointed out that their books were upside down.



Mrs. Allred's class shakes their ice cream bags to aid in the freezing process. After writing a process essay on making ice cream, they enjoyed a sweet reward.

# Read Any Good Books Lately?

## Students cope with summer reading

Kinlee Nelson

As the bell rings on the last day of school, the last thing on a teenager's mind is homework. To some students, summer is spent hanging out with friends, lounging by the pool, or just laying around the house. Summer vacation just doesn't bring fun; however, it also brings summer reading. Summer reading is new to many regular English classes, but to Honors English classes is just a thing of the past.

The books read during summer break varies among classes. From the freshman class reading *The Pigman* and also *And Then There Were None*, to the senior class reading *Out of the*

*Night That Covers Me* and *The Hobbit*. Many students' summers were interfered by having to read a book, but to others reading a book didn't have a major effect. "Summer reading would have affected my summer if I had actually opened the book before the period it was due," comments junior Sarah Craft on the novel *The Scarlet Letter*.

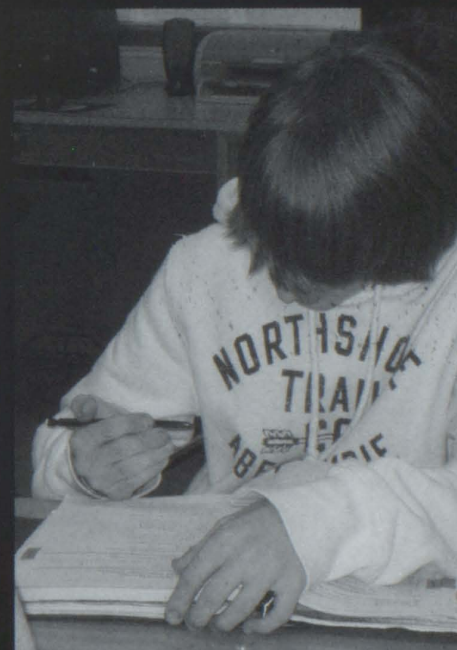
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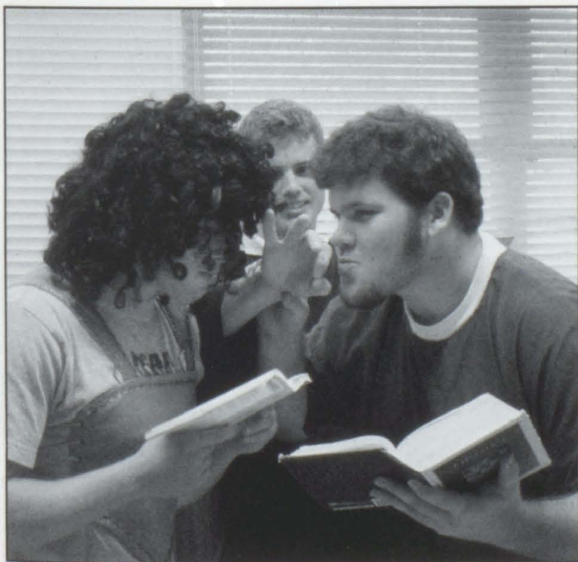
Summer reading had a different effect on every reader. To most it made a big impression on their summer plans, but to others it was just a regular situation. Whether the book was good or bad, reading still seemed to change the ways of a teen's "typical" summer. So, this summer, how will summer reading effect your plans?



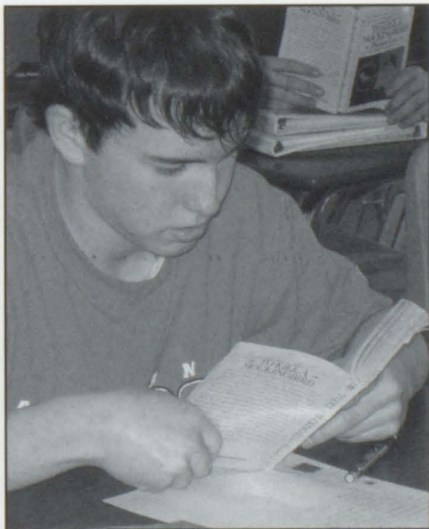
Star McBee and Alisha Reglin work on gathering research for an English project in Mrs. Murphree's class. The two girls put in a hard day's work to get their work done.



Dallas Malone ponders about one of the questions in his workbook. He worked hard on his homework so that he wouldn't have any to take home.



Wayne Pass and Landon Brown act out one of the famous scenes from *A Mid-Summer Nights Dream*. The guys had a fun experience acting out the scene.



Jake Poor reads the novel *To Kill A Mockingbird* in Mr. Waddell's English class. *To Kill A Mockingbird* is another book that the Freshmen class had to read this year.

# Making Babies

Biology students learn about genetics

Dana O'Bara

Imagine walking into your science class, and your teacher saying, "We're making babies today." That was exactly what happened in Mrs. Donaldson's sophomore class one fall day. That day her class was involved in a genetics lab using candy. The students paired up with a partner and began the baby-making process.

Each partner drew a piece of candy that was either a dominant or recessive gene. The selected candy determined the "baby's" physical traits, which varied tremendously from the next.

Vi Huynh and Paige Hempfling's baby girl was very attractive with blonde hair and blue eyes. "We had a fun time doing the candy lab," Vi said of her experience.

Barrett Hoover and Adam Witcher's baby boy was, well, not what they expected. His red curly hair and freckles made him closely resemble the famous comedian, Carrot Top. "We've named him Art," said Barrett and Adam, "because he looks like Art Garfunkle."

At the end of class, students ate their candy and reflected on the lab. No matter what their babies looked like, all students agreed that they had a fun time in class, and when the students arrived home, they finally had an interesting answer to the age-old parent question, "What did you do in school today?" They could reply, "Nothing much, but we did make babies in Biology."

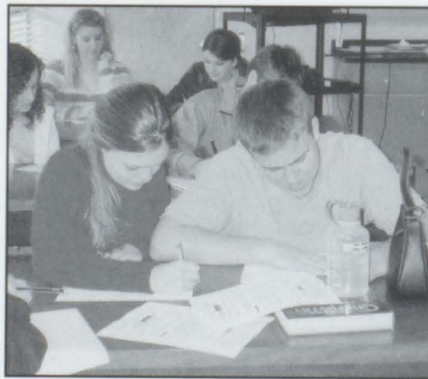
**"We've named him Art because he looks like Art Garfunkle." Barrett Hoover & Adam Witcher**



Joan Reichwein and Chassi Lee measure a solution in AP Chemistry. Students used their accuracy skills to pour the exact amount in their experiments. "Chassi and I have been lab partners for years. We've done tons of experiments together making sure to always be 'prexact'," remarked Joan.



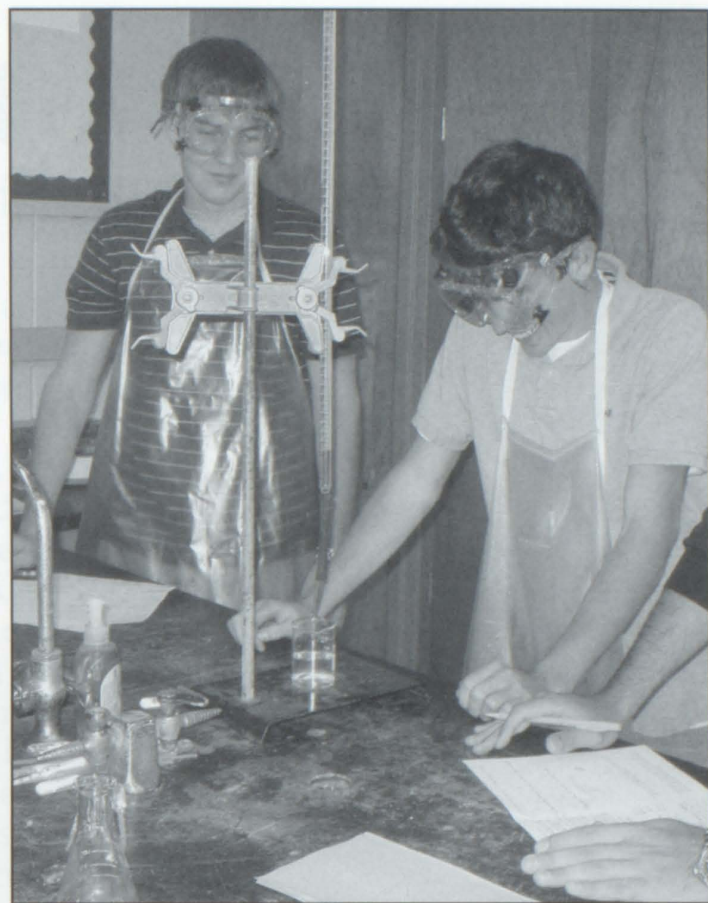
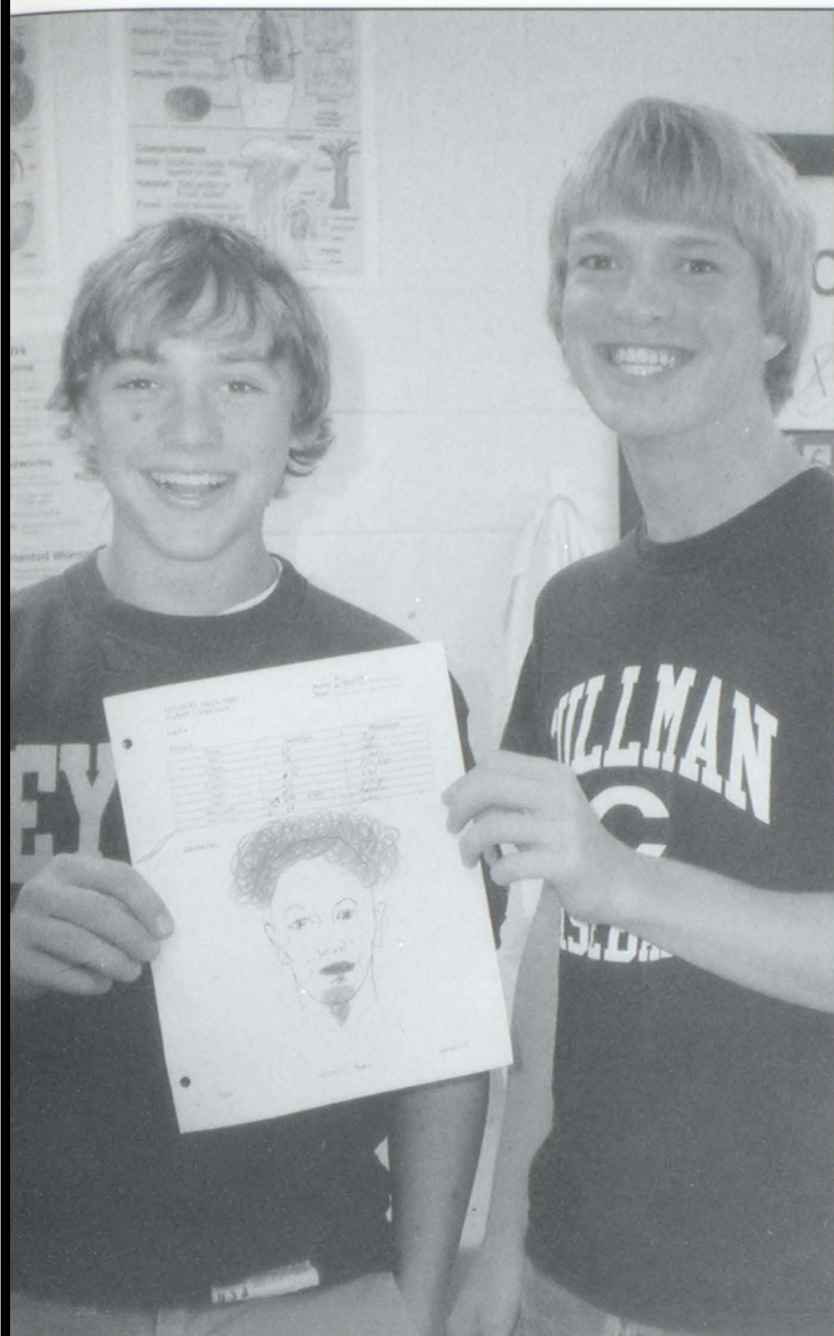
Alecia Wier mashes strawberries into a cup. Mrs. Sapp's class performed a lab to extract a strawberry's DNA. "I never knew that even strawberries have DNA," said Alecia.



Ashley Nolen and Josh Singleton study diligently together in Ms. Calvert's class. Juniors in all the Chemistry classes worked hard to learn their elements and ions. "The work in Chemistry is very hard, but I really enjoy going to the lab," said Ashley

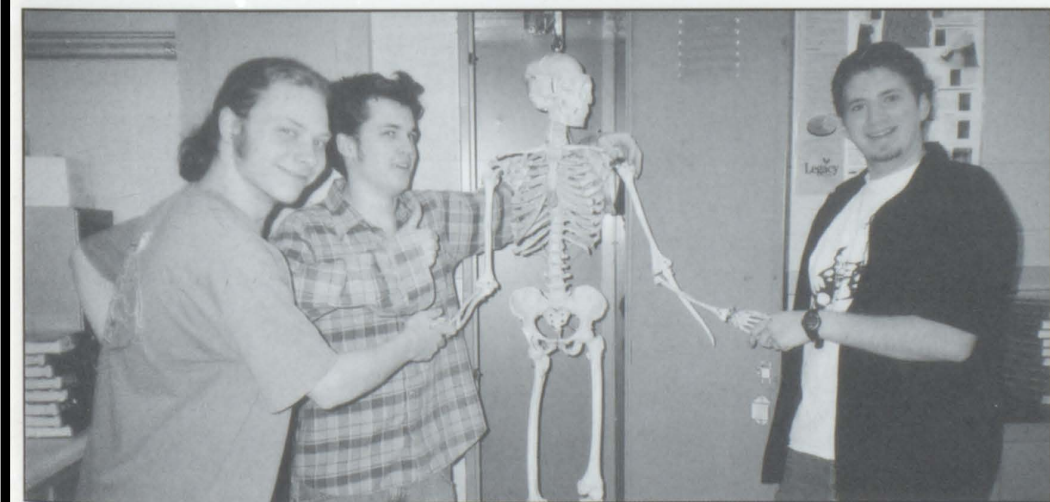


Ashton Warnke, Laina Fine, Judy Ortiz, and Rodrigo Rodriguez stir their solution in a controlled temperature. The students had to stir the solution for fifteen minutes during this lab.



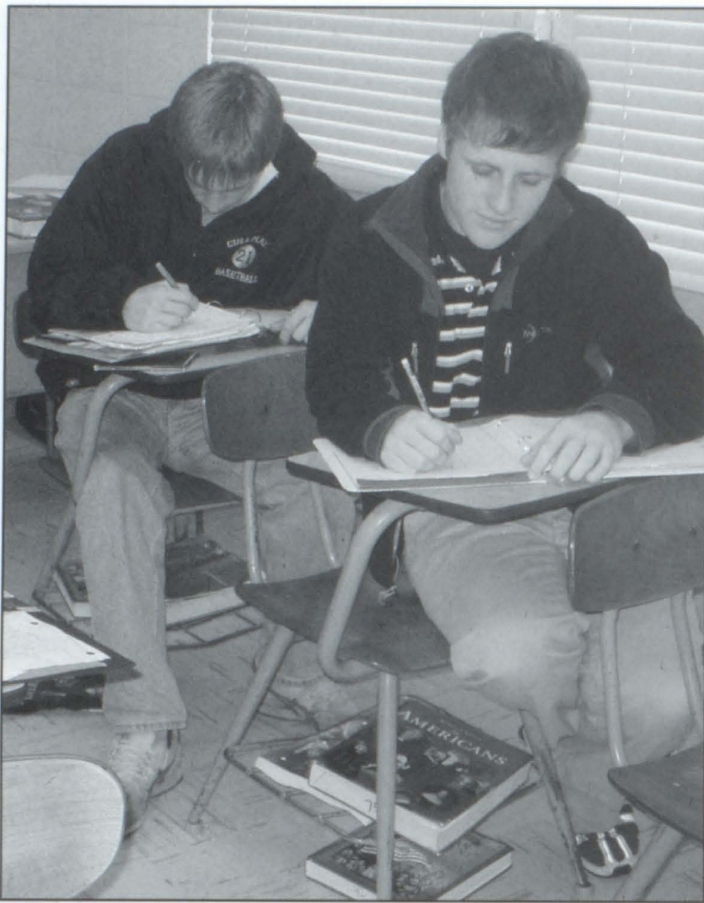
**Left:** Proud parents Adam Witcher and Barrett Hoover pose with their "son," Art. In one of the Biology labs, students drew candy's students draw candy to determine their baby's traits.

**Above:** Scott Hackleman and Cory Goodlett use an eudiometer to measure water in the lab. Students had to take a lab equipment quiz to familiarize them with an instrument such as this.



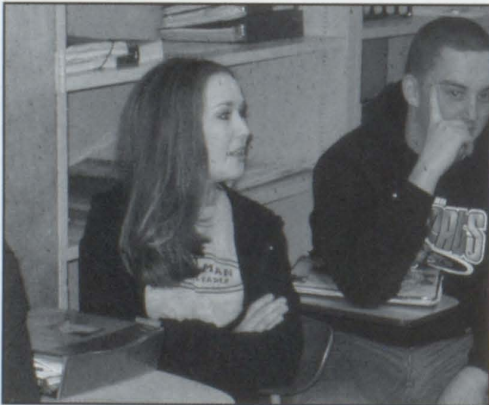
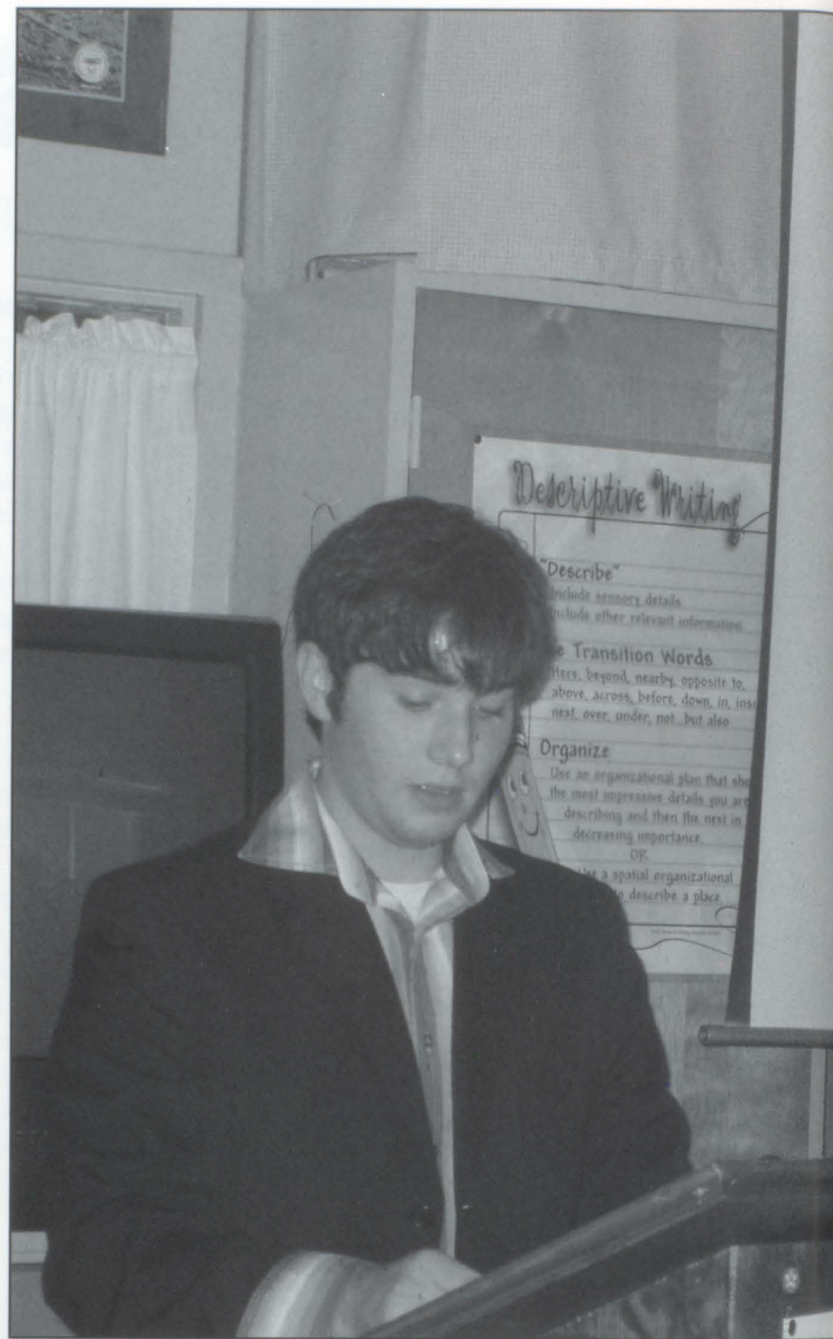
Matt Lee and Andrew Underwood work on a candy lab. After students completed the lab, they were allowed to eat the candy.

Morgan Hatfield, Adam Lloyd, and Stuart Waugh pose with their skeletal friend. Mr. Feldner used this skeleton to teach his Anatomy classes about human bones. "Mr. Feldner's skeleton is finally coming out of the closet," Adam announced.



**Above:** Kevin Artist and Adam Warnke take notes on the evolution of America's democratic society. Most seniors found Democracy an interesting and thought-provoking class.

**Right:** Alex Adams is presenting his part of the presentation, his speech. He worked diligently coming up with enough interesting information to keep the class entertained.



While Bailey Mahler looks on, Loren Ashbaugh looks up in preparation to answer one of Coach Patterson's harder questions. Loren tried to keep involved in class discussions by answering teachers' questions.



Talking about Caterpillar Machinery, Blake Bright refers to his poster being held up by Kyle Waldrop and Zak Ivey. Many did not know that Caterpillar is the world's number one maker of earth-moving equipment.

# Facing Mr. Bagley

*Juniors dread the ex-Marine*

Mollie Bailey

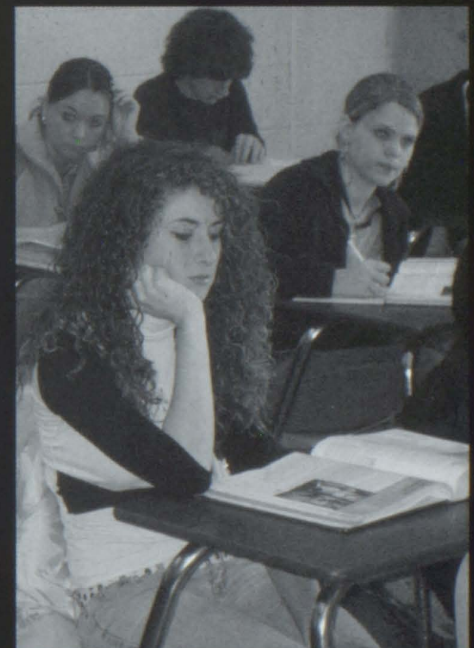
As Katie Abt, Alex Adams, Blake Bright, and Kyle Waldrop enter B-Building their hearts begin to race in anticipation that today is the big day that they have been preparing for. For the past three weeks working schedules around football, basketball, baseball, church, and other extracurricular activities has not been easy, but every minute was worth it. As they enter the classroom, they get the

"Going into Mr. Bagley's class you hear all of these horror stories about pulling all-nighters in preparation for his presentations or failing miserably during the presentation."  
Alex Adams

PowerPoint and video clips ready, pass out the worksheets, and turn off the lights to begin the show. Katie, the group leader, introduces each member of the group and gives the class a brief introduction. Forty-five minutes later, their presentation has ended, and their critiquing has begun, but already a heavy burden has been lifted from them. In the end, all of them have learned the lesson that working together pays off.



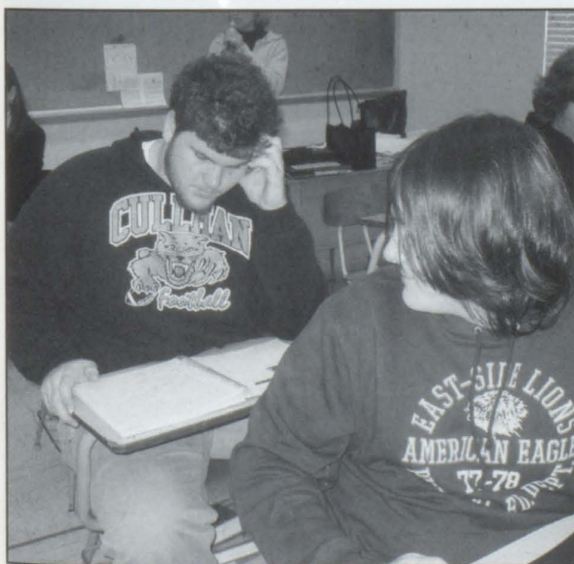
Mr. Bagley, taking closer observation of the presentation, jots down notes such as "needs more eye contact" and "needs more class participation." The notes are used to help the students be better prepared.



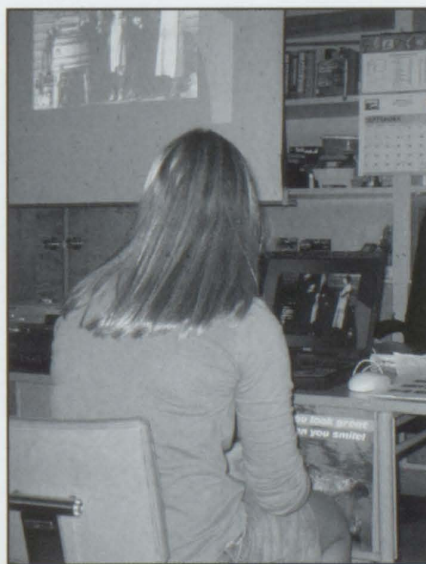
Erika Rowell glances down at her textbook during one of Coach Britton's World History lectures. Paying attention during the complex lectures was the key to Erika's success in the class.

"I do presentations because it teaches students skills they need to succeed after they leave high school and most importantly working with other people and getting along with others."

Mr. Bagley



Doing his best to help out a friend, Patrick Sandlin glances back to make sure Wayne Pass is still conscious. While falling asleep was a rare occurrence for most students, others took advantage of less interesting topics.



Katie Abt works the computer for the PowerPoint presentation. The group printed out a copy of their script so that she could follow along.

# Setting the Standard

*Southerner* staff carries out the theme.

"I'm  
so glad I got  
chosen for  
**Southerner Staff. It  
has been so much fun."**  
James Nyquist

All work and no play is far from the principles established in *Southerner* Staff. Between the singing, eating, and tossing of various objects, staff members are expected to meet their deadlines. The atmosphere swings from relaxed and nonchalant to frantic and stressful as the procrastinating staff members realize their looming deadline and fear for their grade. A usual day in *Southerner* Staff consists of taking pictures, writing copy, and laying out those pesky ad pages, which many seniors choose to purchase. Countless hours are spent organizing these pictures and arranging them to fit the page guidelines. Between picture cropping, caption writing, and the never-ending quest for pictures, there is always time for pinball. The males (except Russ) of yearbook staff can usually be found surrounding the "pinball computer," while the females are hard at work completing their own spreads as well as the boys', while chatting about Key Club dates and limos for prom. "I just set the standard," says James, quoting the yearbook theme, after breaking the high score. However, aside from the fun and games, the *Southerner* Staff works three trimesters, combining pictures and text to create a book that students will cherish throughout their lives. Our goal is to capture the year, like a snapshot that forever brings back fond memories of their short time here at Cullman High School.

Sarah Hamm and Melissa Johnson

## Southerner Staff

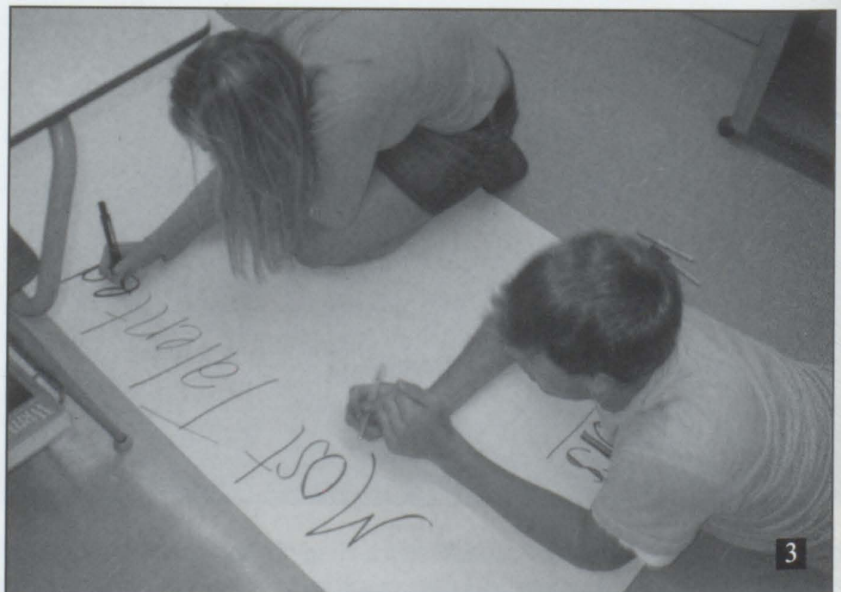
1. Creating make-shift beds, Jack St. John and Trey Barnes take a break from their captions to nap. Days later their captions were started.



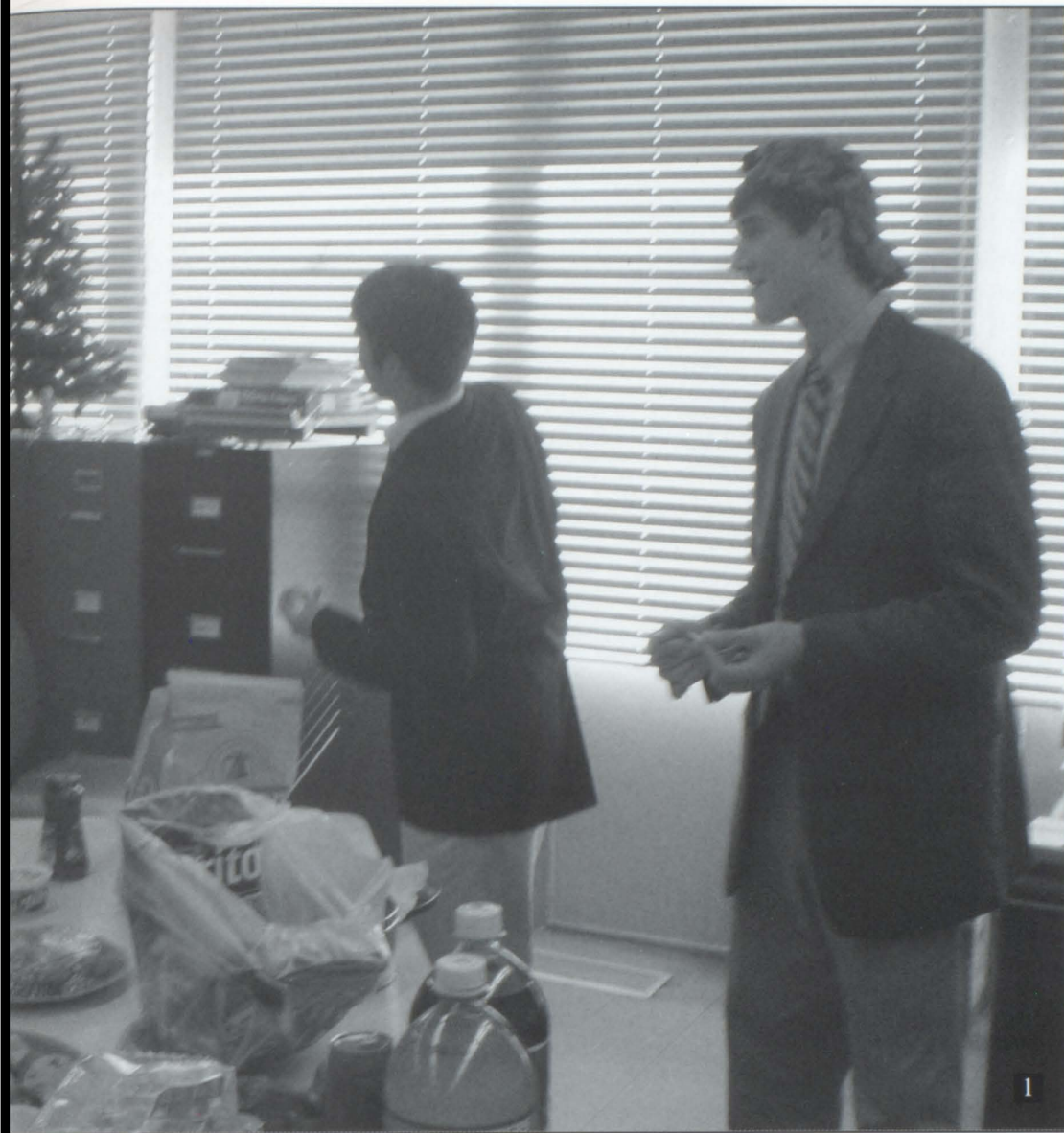
2. James Nyquist saves the day by catching the tennis ball only inches from Melissa's face. After apologizing for the close call, he got back to work immediately afterwards.



3. Brittnie Mabry and Carson Williams make the sign for the Most Talented. This was just one of their many tasks.







1. Southerner members celebrate their upcoming Christmas Break. It was an opportunity to get away from the stress of looming deadlines.

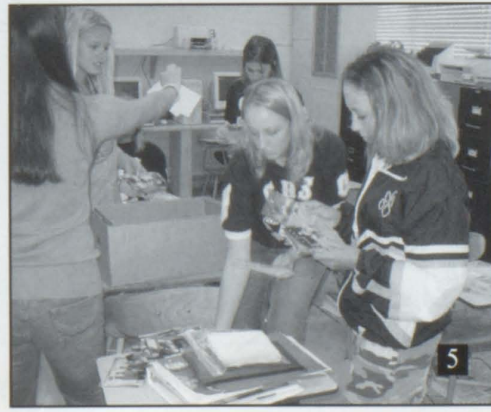
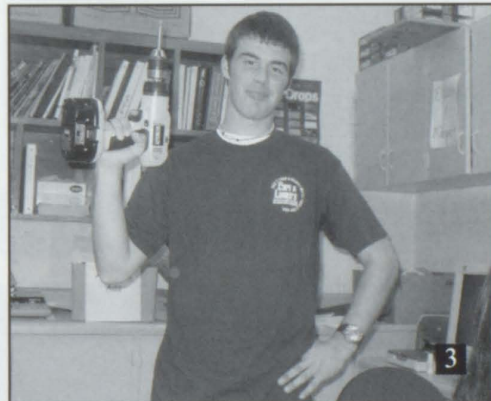
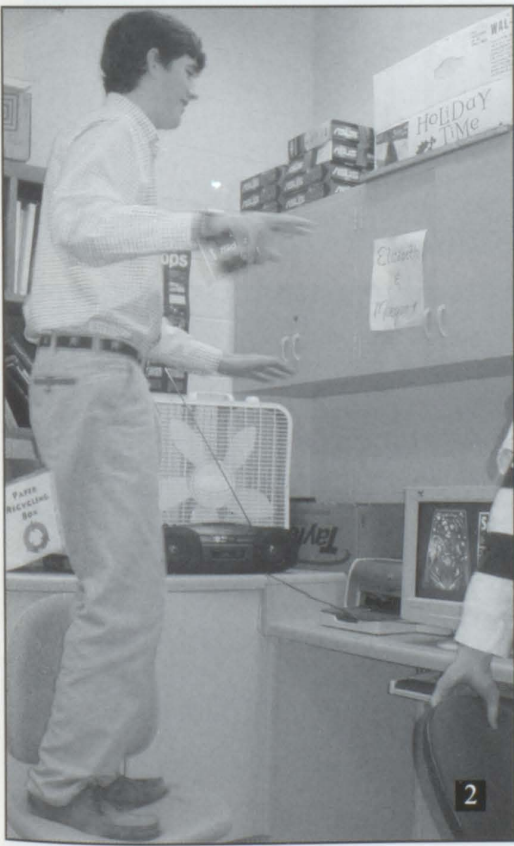
2. Jack St. John shows off his amazing skill of being able to rotate on a swivel chair until he can't walk. This was just one of the many talents that Southerner members performed during the year.

3. Serving as the tool/repair man for the Southerner Staff, James Nyquist successfully replaces the broken keyboard holder. Many weeks later, the keyboard holder was still solidly in place.

4. Melissa Johnson and Sarah Hamm debate with Russ over the use of the picture of the flower. The picture could now be found on page 4.

5. The girls on staff sort through pictures sent by Belmont Studios. The pictures were used on the homecoming section of the yearbook.

6. Emily Britt, John Williams, Maegan Carden, and Kinlee Nelson discuss plans for their assigned pages.





Maegan Carden, Kinlee Nelson, and Emily Britt



Trey Barnes, James Nyquist, and Jack St. John



Meagan Griggs and Leah Miller



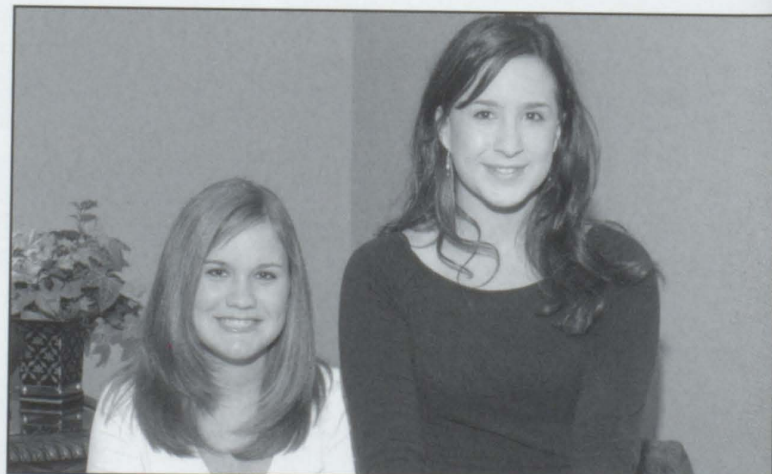
Carson Williams, Britney Thomas, John Williams, and Brittnie Mabry



Blakeley Burns, CJ Smith, and Erika Knop



Mollie Bailey and Elizabeth Johnston



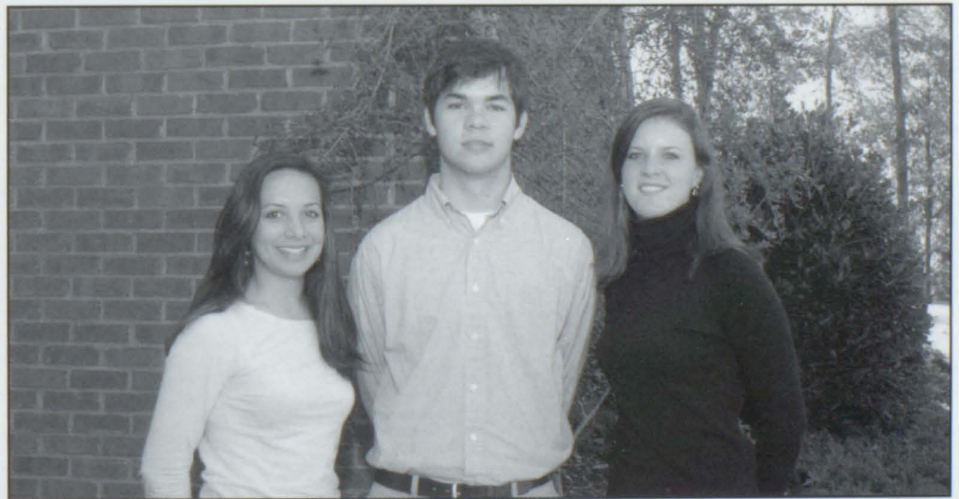
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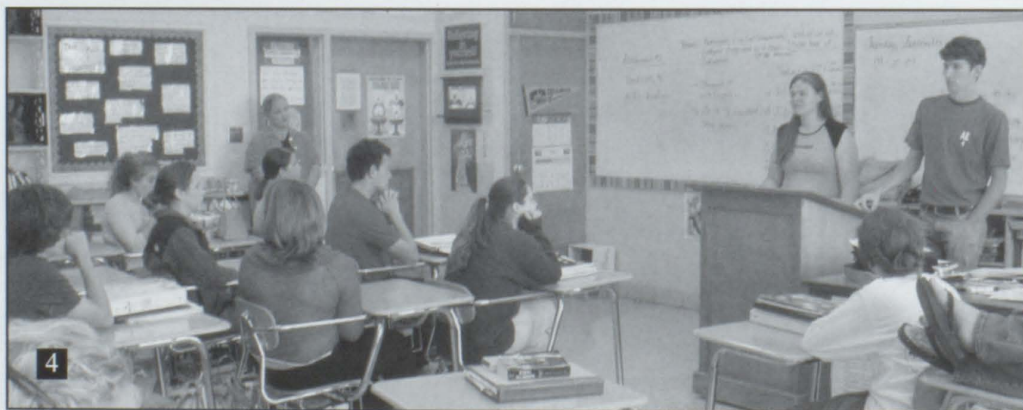
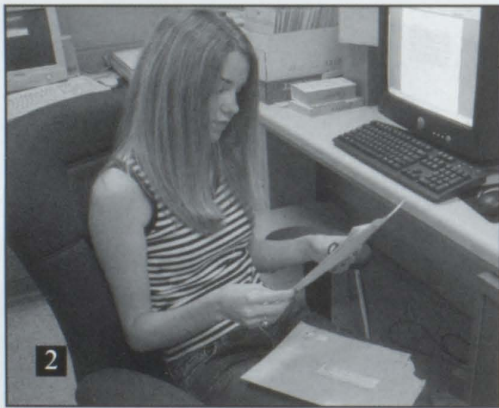
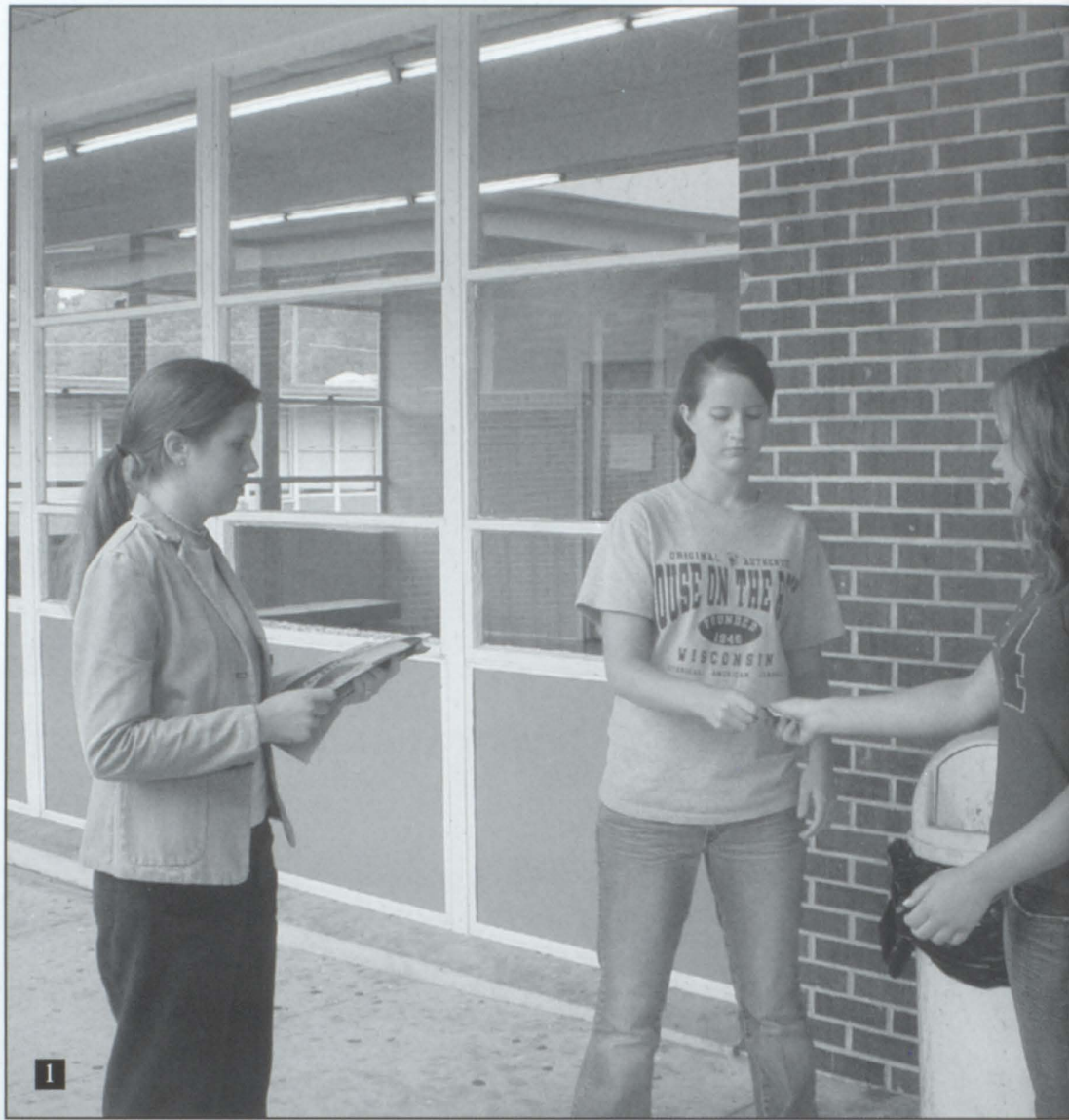
1. Staff members Stephanie Britt and Bethany Harbison try their hardest to convince Dana O'Bara to purchase the back-to-school issue of the *Hilight*. It is always one of *Hilight's* best selling issues.

2. Making sure to meet her deadline, Sarah Craft works diligently proofreading her copy. Staff members had to check their copy numerous times for grammatical and content errors.

3. Christopher Holland instructs Joey Blicher and Bethany Harbison on how to use Adobe Pagemaker. Cropping pictures to the exact size was one of the *Hilight's* biggest challenges.

4. Joan Reichwein and Josh Shaddix, editors, make comments on how to do better in the next issue. They tried to make every issue better than the previous one.

5. Keri Payne and Laura Wells inspect staff advisor Mrs. Calahan's outfit for pajama day. While the *Hilight* was concerned on putting out intriguing issues, they still managed to have a good time doing it.



# Step Right Up!

*Hilight* is not your normal newspaper

"It's  
like a buffet.  
You get a little bit  
of everything."  
Bradley Nesbitt

The Fashion Fairy, inside reports, guest artists, and CD critiques are not what one would expect to find in the average newspaper. However, *Hilight* is not your average newspaper; it is actually a newsmagazine.

What exactly is a newsmagazine? According to senior *Hilight* member Bradley Nesbitt, "It's like a buffet. You get a little bit of everything." The *Hilight* offers a variety of things that a newspaper would not. It is not regularly published—that is, weekly or monthly—but by seasons or events. In addition, it is not as factual as a newspaper.

A newsmagazine is also much more artistic. "The writing in a newsmagazine is more creative and less frequent," explains *Hilight* editor Joan Reichwein. This often makes a newsmagazine more interesting.

The staff has great camaraderie. They even take time to celebrate everyone's birthday. "It is a great occasion to bring the staff together," junior staff member Stephanie Britt comments.

Applications for the *Hilight* are available in the spring to those who have a passion for writing or photography.

Blakeley Burns

## Hilight



Editors: Josh Shaddix  
and Joan Reichwein  
Advisor: Mrs. Calahan



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1. First-year staff member Thomas Moritz takes a break from his article. Thomas was a great addition to the staff because of his descriptive articles and creative ideas.



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2. A few of the *Hilight* staff members try to persuade students to buy their latest issue. Selling papers was the one aspect of being on staff that most member despise doing.

# Traveling to Troy

Band performs at the Movie Gallery Stadium

**I**t's the end of the second quarter at the Movie Gallery Stadium at Troy State University. The widely known Cullman High School Band, who was invited to perform, steps onto the field. Drum major Lance Pruitt calls his band to attention causing the audience to fall to a complete silence. The band begins playing its half time show, which includes *Open Up Wide*, *Well Git It*, and *C-Jam Blues*. After the last song, the Troy State Band and other bands from around Alabama marched on with the Bearcat Band to perform *Celebration* and *My Home's in Alabama*. When senior Meaghen Howard was asked what she enjoyed most about the performance, she replied, "Performing in front of such a large crowd and the applause afterwards." Earlier that day when Cullman's band arrived at Troy the day of the performance, they warmed up with the other bands and began one mass band practice including running through the entire show. After a quick lunch and change into uniforms, they marched into the stadium to deliver an outstanding performance.

"I knew since the beginning of the summer this was a special group. Outstanding leadership, terrific attitudes, and a great group of rookies all contributed to the success of the group."  
Mr. Taylor

Mollie Bailey



## Marching Band

**1.** Mr. Smith relaxes as Mr. Taylor instructs the band on what time they need to be back in their seats after halftime. The students were happy to have such a dedicated band director.

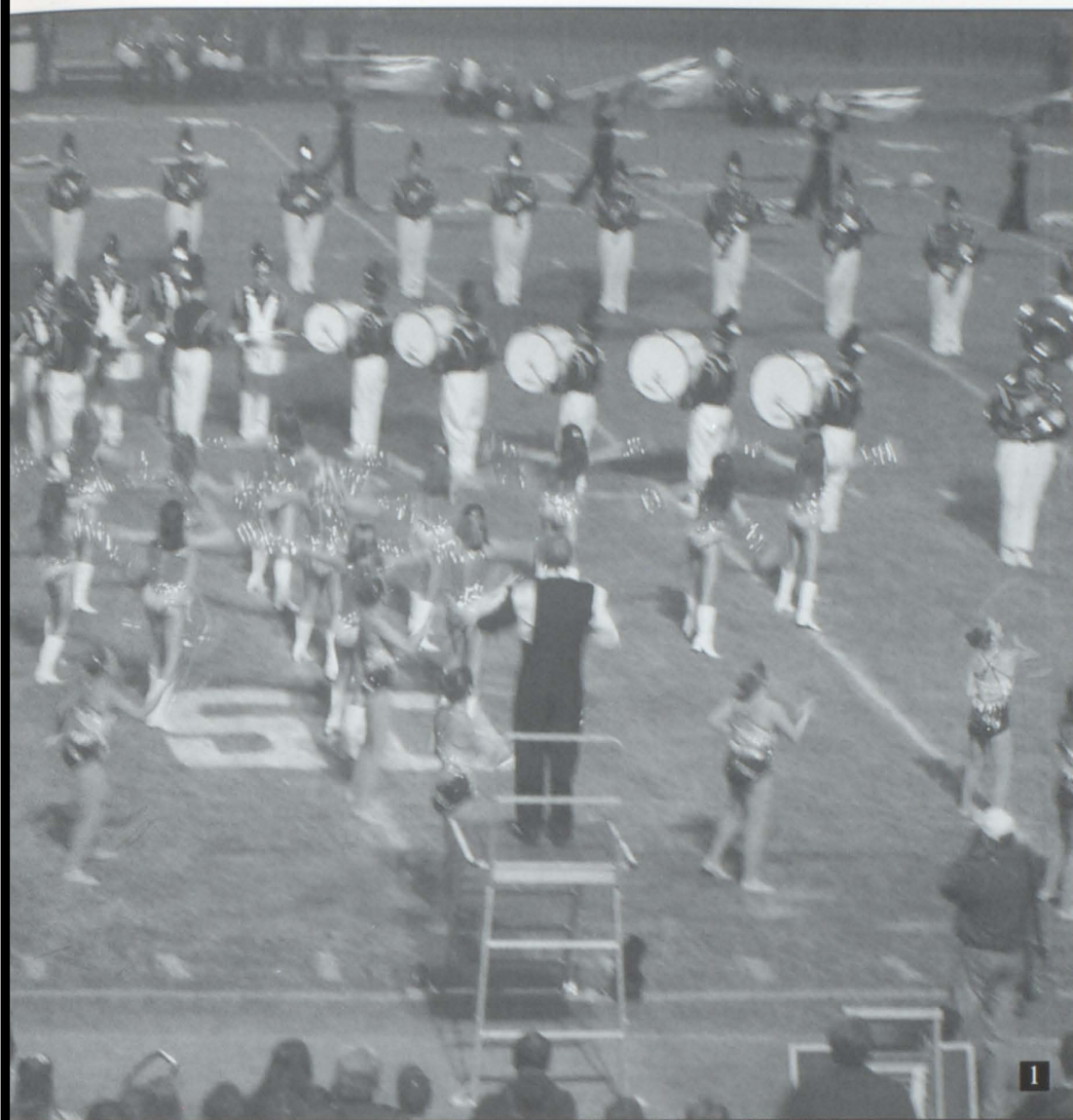


**2.** Tyler Allen is deeply concentrating on the drum major. It was easy to get distracted from the music during a football game.



**3.** The Bearcat band watches as the Russellville band marches into the stadium.





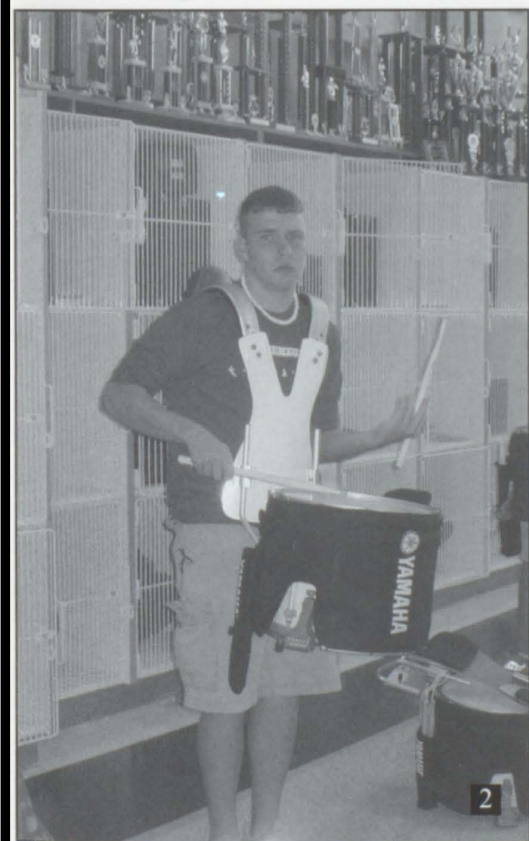
**1.** The band performs their show that they worked so hard on during the summer. Their hard work always paid off in the end.

**2.** Taylor Davis practices for sectionals. The drummers had to be sure to keep a steady tempo because the band relied on them for the beat.

**3.** The members of the danceline have a smiling face as they help make up the spirit line. The spirit line consisted of the cheerleaders, danceline, colorguard and the fans.

**4.** Some of the brass section is taking a breather from playing stand tunes. The uniforms the band wore were extremely uncomfortable.

**5.** Walking across the road to the practice field, the band carries their instruments and equipment. With the thorough practices that Mr. Taylor ran, no wonder the band was repeatedly Best in Class.



1. The majorettes prepare to catch a double knee roll during the opening tune. Their many tricks and tosses entertained the halftime audience.

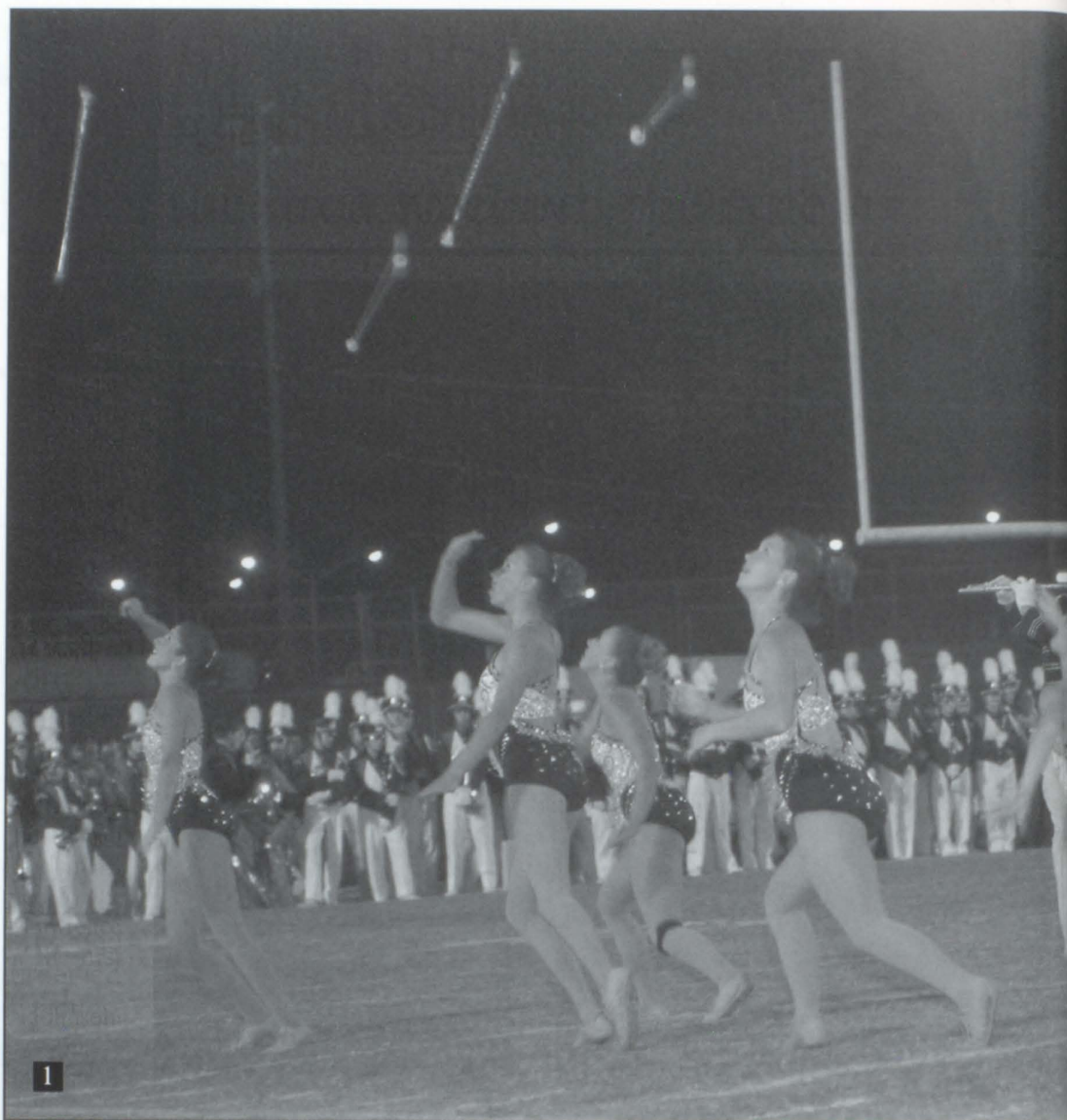
2. The danceline always enjoys dancing to stand tunes. Many of their dances were passed down from previous years, but each year dances are added to their repertoire.

3. The majorettes are excited about performing at the first pep rally. Their hard work paid off when they won Best in Class at the Hoover Band Competition.

4. Kinlee Nelson grins after the Bearcats complete a long pass. Always the fan, she enjoyed cheering on the team.

5. Elizabeth Hardeman, Beth Gonstad, and Leann Healy gather their flags for practice. They have a separate set of flags for practice to keep their show flags clean.

6. Christin Tanner and Melissa Hill dressed for the game are headed to the band room. They have a devotion before the home games.



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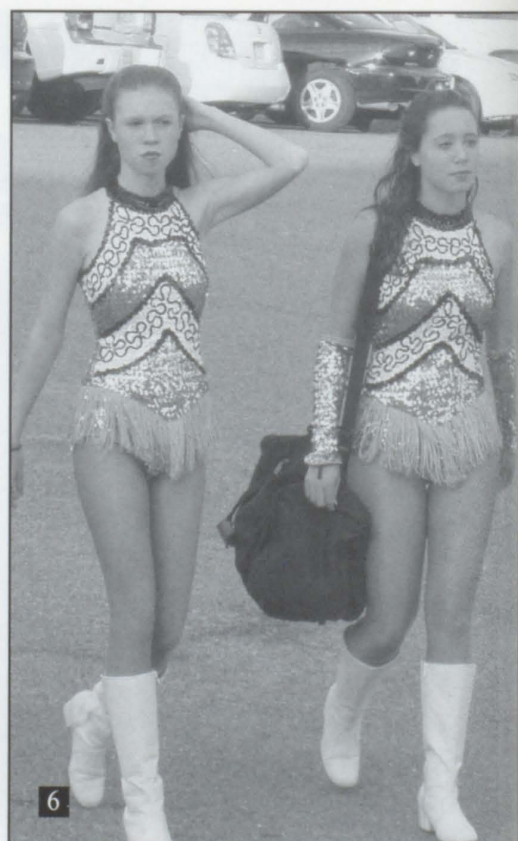
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# We've Got Spirit

"For me Colorguard isn't just winning Best in Class at Hoover. It's knowing that you're out on the field having fun and giving it everything you've got."  
-Jennifer Healy

Auxillaries add pizazz to halftime shows.

With pounding hearts, shaking smiles, and wobbling knees, the band sets up on the sideline for their its performance of the season. Colorguard, Dance Line, and Majorettes scurry around placing props, batons, and flags for the show. "Band! Ten Hut!" "HUT!" Jogging onto the

field as opposed to the traditional march, the band sets the tone for the fast- paced, crowd-pleasing show. After seven minutes packed with double illusions, high kicks, and flag tosses, the band's performance caused the audience to explode in applause.

Preparation for the first halftime performance had been underway since early July when the groups first met with their respective choreographers to design their routines. After hundreds of hours of practice later the groups are ready to perform their first show. Performing as three separate entities, the auxiliaries collaborate moves, colors, and props to create a visually entertaining performance, but their performances are not limited to football games alone. The band traveled to Hoover Marching Band Festival, a competition renowned throughout the Southeast, where each auxiliary received Best in Class. An activity that includes almost fifty high school girls, the band auxiliaries are a great opportunity to display talent, gain leadership experience, and acquire many new friends.

Sarah Hamm

## Dance Line, Majorettes, and Colorguard



1. Erin Dulaney and Bret Alldredge discuss the performance of Stockbridge High School. Performing before our symphonic band, they were a tough band to follow.

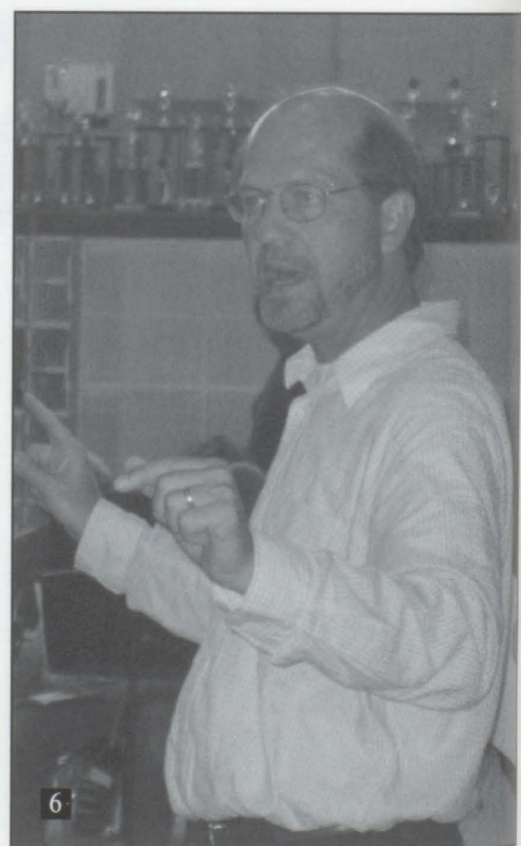
2. Mr. Taylor conducts the band on the song's last note. Having a precise final note was important because it was what the audience last heard.

3. Jennifer Healy and Lance Pruitt play their saxophones in the Christmas concert. Held every December, the concert was a favorite among our audiences.

4. Waiting outside the theater, Beth Handley shields her eyes from the sun. The thirty minute wait provided mischief time for many band members.

5. Playing his trumpet, Nick Shabel practices with the concert band. Mr. Smith is the new teacher for fifth period concert band.

6. Lecturing the band on the importance of breathing together, Mr. Taylor directs the downbeat. Breathing together insured that all instruments came in on cue.





**"SEUS  
was a great  
opportunity for us  
to showcase our  
talents for other  
southeastern bands"  
Ryan Jones**

# Oh! The Places You'll Go!

Symphonic band performs at SEUS

"Wake up. We're here," I said to Sarah as we arrived at the campus of Troy University. As she sat up, our friends around us did the same. After the three-hour bus ride, we were ready to stand up, walk around, and, of course, have lunch. By the time we had finished our meals, it was time to fulfil our purpose for the day's excursion. We

headed to the Claudia Crosby Theater to watch another band's performance before changing into our formal wear for our own performance.

Recognized as one of the best bands in the Southeast by our performances both on the football field and concert stage, we were invited to perform in the Southeastern United States Concert Band Clinic, known as SEUS. Performing at the clinic was a distinct honor for us because we were one of only four bands invited to participate. With guest conductors including Mr. Robert Bean, the head of the music department at Wallace State and Mr. Robert Sheldon, a world renowned composer, our fifty-minute concert was a memorable and enriching performance. After music pass-offs for grades, many practices after school, and individual work at home, our concert was an accomplishment that both the seniors and Mr. Taylor will treasure as the end of their Cullman High School Band legacy.

Melissa Johnson

## Symphonic Band and Concert Band



# Lights, Camera, Action!

Drama Club entertains audiences

**T**ake a minute to flashback to the South during the 1860's. Old money and plantations were common, and elaborate gowns and styles were in fashion. However, the terrible and bloody Civil War was taking place. This is the setting behind the Drama Club's presentation of the one act play, "Sin of the South." With humor, romance, and conniving schemes, the play had something for everyone in the audience to enjoy.

The cast worked hard, practicing three days a week for two months. Nevertheless, they were rewarded, as the final results showed all of their hard work. The cast competed at the Trumauer District competition, and although they didn't make it to state, various people earned honors. Lindsey Folsom received Best Supporting Actress and Sarah Craft, Lance Pruitt, and Danny Watson received All-Star Cast. The play also received the award for Best Costumes.

Everyone involved in the play had something great to say about it. "It was such a fun and challenging experience, and I'm proud to be involved," said Sarah Craft who played the lead character of Violet Loo. Junior Jessica Geisen recapped her play experiences, "I really enjoyed being with the cast and the play was a great warm-up for Into the Woods."

Jessica was referring to the Spring Musical that Drama Club also presented. It is currently a Broadway hit and deals with what happens after a fairy tale ends. With a bigger cast and longer script, "Into the Woods" was a much larger production than "Sin of the South."

Being involved in a play is an extraordinary experience. When else is it considered okay to dress up funny and act like someone else?

Dana O'Bara

**"It was such a fun and challenging experience, and I'm proud to be involved."  
Sarah Craft**

## Drama Club and Tech Crew





1. Chassi Lee brings distressing news to Sarah Craft while Liz Paine looks on. The three girls formed a tight bond throughout the course of the play. "It was a lot of fun to get to work with some of my best friends on such a great production."

2. Chris Lettis works the curtain. The backstage crew was a significant addition to the play.

3. Leann Healy, Kevin Blicher, and Tommy Messersmith work together to build a prop. Most of the sets were put together by student volunteers.

4. Danny Watson defends his unconscious fiancée as Lindsey Folsom listens. All three actors received honors at the Trumauer District.

5. The crowd applauds the cast at curtain call. The one-night play was widely accepted by the audience



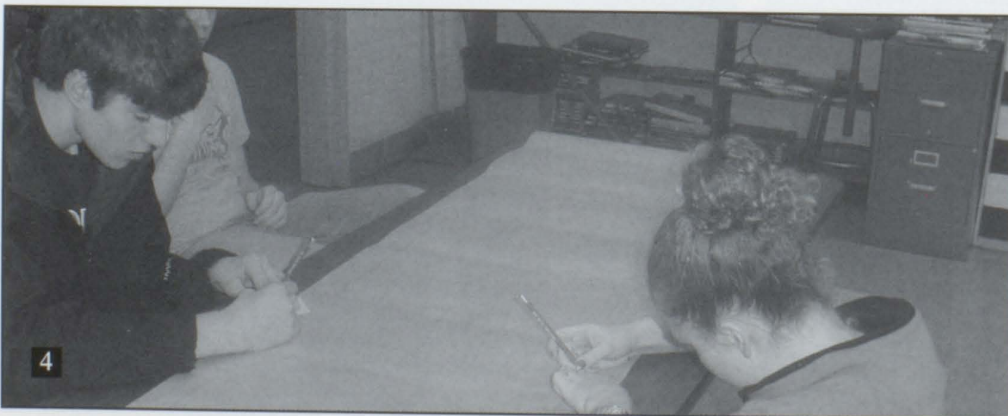
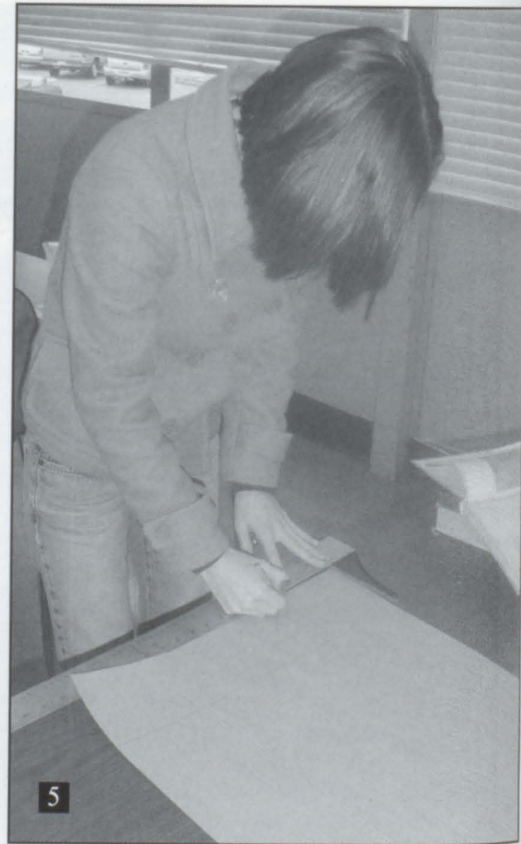
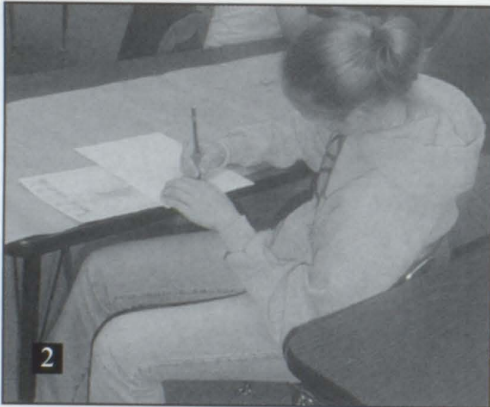
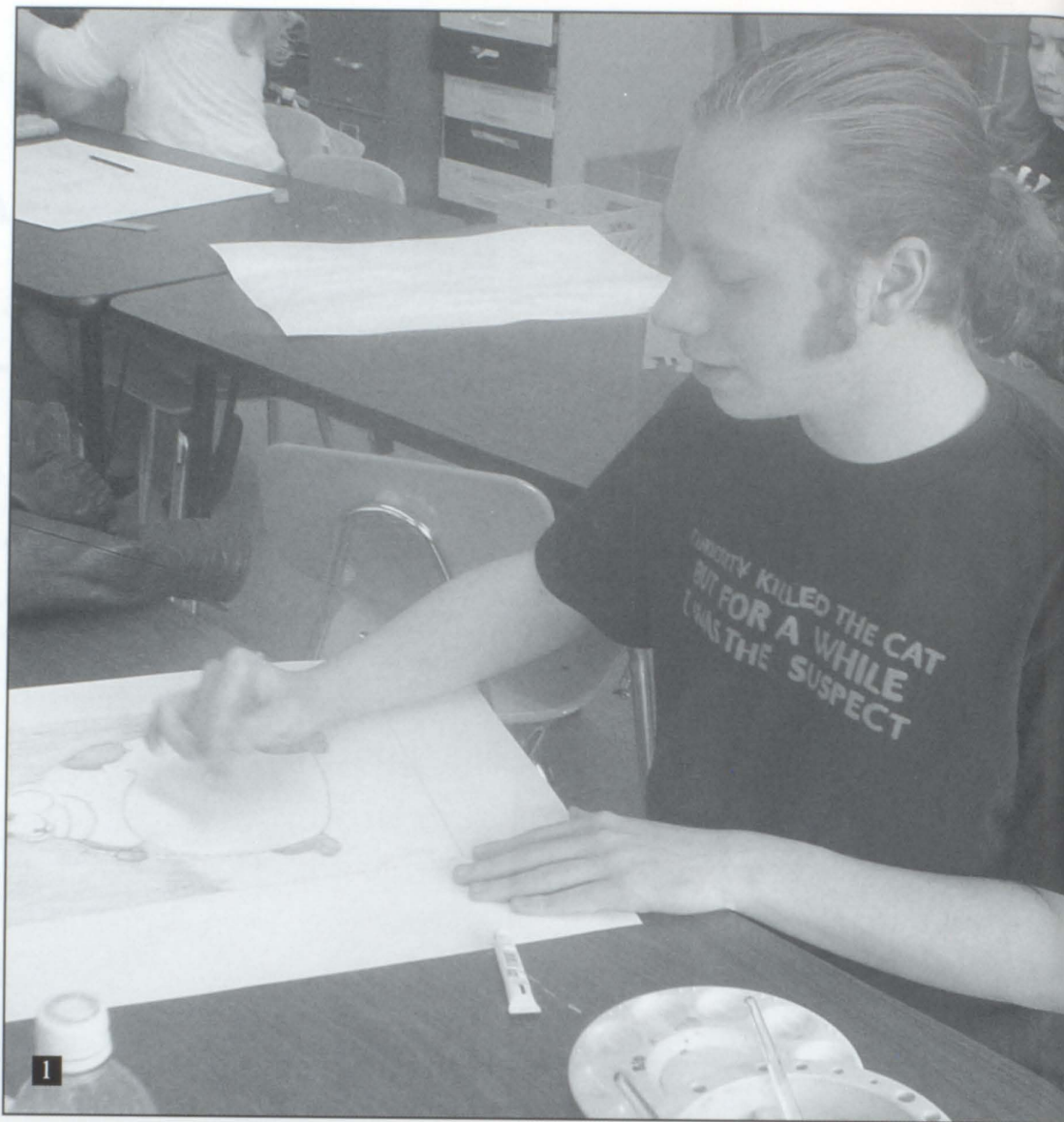
1. Morgan Hatfield uses colored pencils to draw a panda bear during art. Morgan was involved in many projects and was regarded by many as one of the best artists in the school

2. Allison Meriwether uses her skill to freehand a drawing. Allison looked forward to art class each day.

3. Morgan Hatfield and Stuart Waugh take a break from art to goof off. They had a wonderful time displaying the paper mache hat that Stuart made.

4. Derek Dean looks on as one of his classmates finishes her art project. Students made many paintings, drawings, and sculptures throughout the year for Mrs. Arnold's class.

5. Stephanie Bell measures out paper to slice into segments. Stephanie used this paper to detail her poster.



# Standing in the Background

Art Club paints backdrop

"Being  
in Mrs. Arnold's  
art class is a very  
rewarding experience. It  
can be a release of stress  
and artistic expression."  
Stephanie Bell

"O kay, I'll go bake some cookies; you all go ahead and get started," Mrs. Arnold said cheerfully. As soon as Mrs. Arnold had left the room, it was time for the work to begin. "Touche!" Adam Lloyd shouted to Morgan Hatfield from across the room. Adam jumped at Morgan with a cardboard tube.

"I don't think so!" cried Morgan as he grabbed his own cardboard tube. The two continued "sword" fighting until Mrs. Arnold came back with her batch of cookies. "Boys!" she cried, "We have to finish this backdrop for the play!" The two boys settled down to enjoy their "motivation" or snack. They also began to brainstorm and paint.

"Adam!" Mrs. Arnold shouted.

"Yes?" Adam asked curiously.

"You've painted over your hand!" she said excitedly.

Sure enough, surrounded by black paint was a white handprint. Adam simply laughed and painted the other side to match. These actions continued for two and half weeks before the backdrop was finalized.

"Good job, guys," Mrs. Arnold thought the night of the play as she reminisced on the hard work creating the backdrop together. She gazed at the members of the audience who were watching the animated actors and knew they did not realize that without the Art Club none of this would have been possible.

Bethany Donaldson

## Art, Ceramics, & Art Club



1. Morgan Hatfield assists Allison Meriwether on their background. Morgan and Allison both help construct the background for the drama department's play.



2. Matt Wilson and Connor Johnson work on their Egyptian posters in Mrs. Arnold's art class. Matt and Connor both perfected their art skills during the class.

# A Day in the Great Outdoors

Students travel to Camp Meadowbrook

**F**or most students it was just another ordinary day, but for twenty students in Mr. Benefield's class it was a day to enjoy the great outdoors and hone their hunting and fishing skills. The Fish and Wildlife Management class left early on a brisk October morning to go on a field trip to Camp Meadowbrook. Located in Simcoe, Camp Meadowbrook is a small boy scout camp. When the class arrived, they visited with the local game warden who instructed them on basic safety measures when handling different kinds of weaponry. They then dispersed to participate in different activities such as target shooting and fishing. The group got the opportunity to use many different types of weaponry such as shotguns, muzzleloaders, and crossbows. Skeet shooting competitions were one of the highlights of the day when the best of the best squared off to claim the title of best marksman. After a hearty picnic lunch, the students were given the opportunity to do a little fishing in the pond and were given tips on the best way to catch a bass. As the day ended and the students prepared to return to their normal lives, they determined that the day was a success and that they would be able to take what they had learned and apply it to their future hunting and fishing endeavors.

**"It was a great opportunity for those who are not active in the outdoors."  
Mollie Bailey**

James Nyquist



## Shop, Ag, & Vocational

1. Casey Bulter works at his workstation during shop class. During the class, students were able to build projects such as gun racks.



2. Elise Rester loads a muzzleloader by pouring powder into the barrel. Shooting muzzleloaders, shotguns, and crossbows were some of the activities available during the day at Camp Meadowbrook







**1.** Joey Clark takes aim during a skeet shooting competition. The skeet competition was one of the highlights of the trip to Camp Meadowbrook.

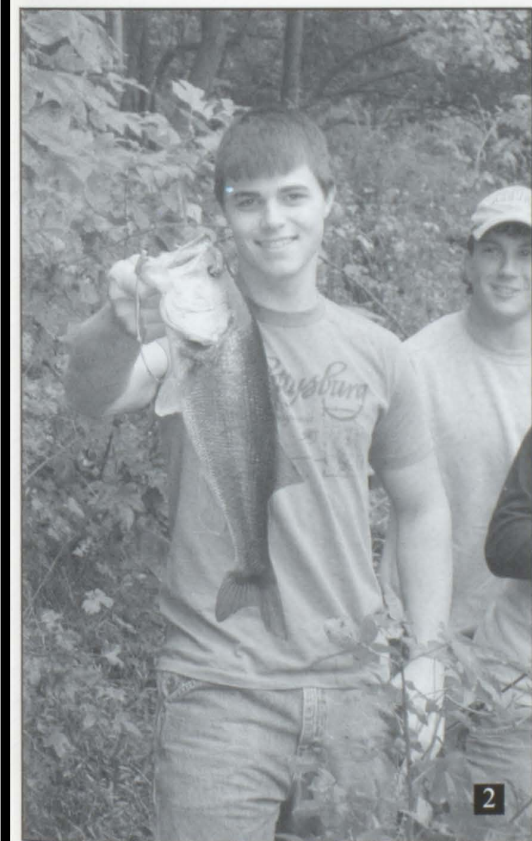
**2.** Tyler Duke proudly displays the catch of the day while Trey Tidwell looks on. Students caught many fish during the day, but Tyler's fish trumped them all.

**3.** Ethan McClellan is shown living on the wild side by attempting to stick his tongue dangerously close to a bansaw. He was in the process of building toys to be given to DHR.

**4.** Austin Jarrett and Jeremy Peek work on the framing of the greenhouse on campus. This gave them hands-on training for their shop class.

**5.** Caleb Bonds goes about his work, obviously sanding a piece of wood, while Kyle Timmerman prepares for a sneak attack with his hammer. While these guys appear reckless, the utmost safety was always used while in shop class.

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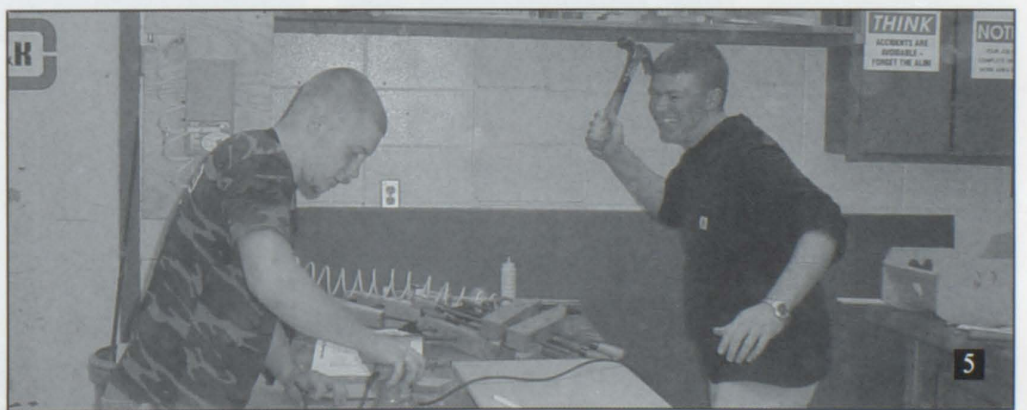
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1. Jennifer Easterwood purchases a parking decal from EC Gibbs. The selling of parking decals was the fundraiser for SGA.

2. Senior Members: Bradley Nesbitt, Ethan McClellan, Melissa Johnson, Leah Miller, Jennifer Easterwood, Emily Britt, Elisabeth Nesbitt, and Blakeley Burns

3. Junior Members: Stephanie Britt, Maegan Carden, Ashley Campbell, Jesse Bouldin, Jacob Dellinger, Christina Chambers, Juli Bussman, and Bethany Donaldson

4. Landon Brown uses the "peencher" to pick up trash. SGA members cleaned the campus at 7:30 every morning during first trimester.

5. Sophomore Members: Abbay King, Connor Johnson, Barrett Hoover, Carissa Hearin, Lance Walker, Megan Hunter, Adam Witcher, and Emily Mullaney

6. Freshmen Members: Nohe Naehu, Mackenzie Persall, Katie Nelms, Laurel Hicks, Emily Grenaway, Katie Latham, and Graegan White



# Student Leaders in Action

SGA works to make homecoming a success.

"Homecoming was my favorite SGA event. Working behind the scenes of Field Day put into perspective how much time and effort goes into putting it all together"  
**Lauren Perry**

I am sure everyone would agree that homecoming week was one of the highlights of the year. With so many exciting activities throughout the week, no one really had the time to think about who was responsible for all the festivities. One long look would surely point in the direction of the Student Government Association.

It took the SGA weeks of meetings before and after school, careful delegation of responsibilities, and tons of planning for homecoming week to become such a success. The SGA representatives thought deciding on creative dress-up days was a difficult task, but it did not compare to the duties that lay ahead. Even after obtaining the homecoming queen's crown, purchasing the bananas and hula-hoops for field day, and providing everyone involved in the big game with delicious treats at break, SGA members' responsibilities were not yet over. The fine students had to stay late into the night helping with the Homecoming dance. Though homecoming week is an enormous feat in itself, the SGA still finds the time for other community service activities. Whether it's introducing freshmen to a new high school, volunteering at a company picnic, or sponsoring children for Christmas, the SGA is always there to lend a helping hand.

Leah Miller

## Student Government



### 1. SGA Officers

Vice-President:  
 EC Gibbs  
 President:  
 Trent Walker  
 Treasurer:  
 Landon Brown  
 Secretary:  
 Lauren Perry



### 2. County Rep.

Emily Britt  
**Chaplains**  
 Bradley Nesbitt  
 Elisabeth Nesbitt

# New Helping Service

## NHS tutors struggling students

"NHS  
is trying to  
give these students  
the opportunity to  
excel."  
Joan Reichwein

**A**re you struggling in Algebra II with Trig? Or could it be another subject? If so, then you should contact a NHS member and ask about their tutoring service. Do not worry about their credentials; the most elite club at our school requires a GPA of 90.00 or above to even be considered for membership. Do not worry about the cost; this service program is free. Joan Reichwein, president of NHS, is one of the most active peer tutors on campus. Joan tutors other students at least twice a week for no charge. You might wonder why she does this. "Many students struggle in one or more subjects, but they cannot afford to pay for this service. NHS is trying to give these students the opportunity to excel," Joan says. Sounds like a good reason to me. Besides tutoring, NHS cleans the campus, puts on college night, and sponsors needy children. This club takes the brightest kids in the school and puts them to work doing service projects for their school and community.

Trey Barnes



# National Honor Society

1. Joan Reichwein puts the finishing touches on her speech on scholarship. She presented it during the National Honor Society tapping ceremony.



2. Adam Smith tries to laugh off his nervousness about going on stage. He received an award for his academic excellence.





**1.** C.J. Smith lends a hand to the college recruiter from the University of Alabama. It was just one of the schools that were present during NHS's college night.

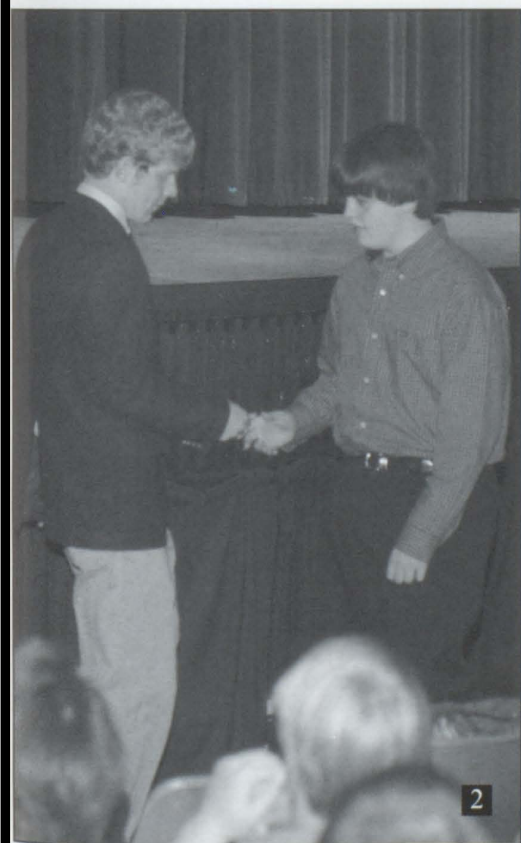
**2.** Jared Rice welcomes Andrew Crisologo into NHS. Andrew was one of the many juniors tapped on that day.

**3.** Several juniors boast about their induction into NHS. At the same time, they enjoyed their tasteful refreshments.

**4.** Daniel Allison watches while a college recruiter is setting up his station. Daniel asked questions concerning campus life and cost.

**5.** Joan Reichwein, Leah Miller, and Lauren Perry prepare drinks for the incoming members while Mr. Hill and Mrs. Perry converse about the induction ceremony. The drinks for the reception were provided by Pepsi.

**6.** Tyler Skipper assists an Army recruiter during NHS's College Night. Tyler was one of many students who participated in the event.



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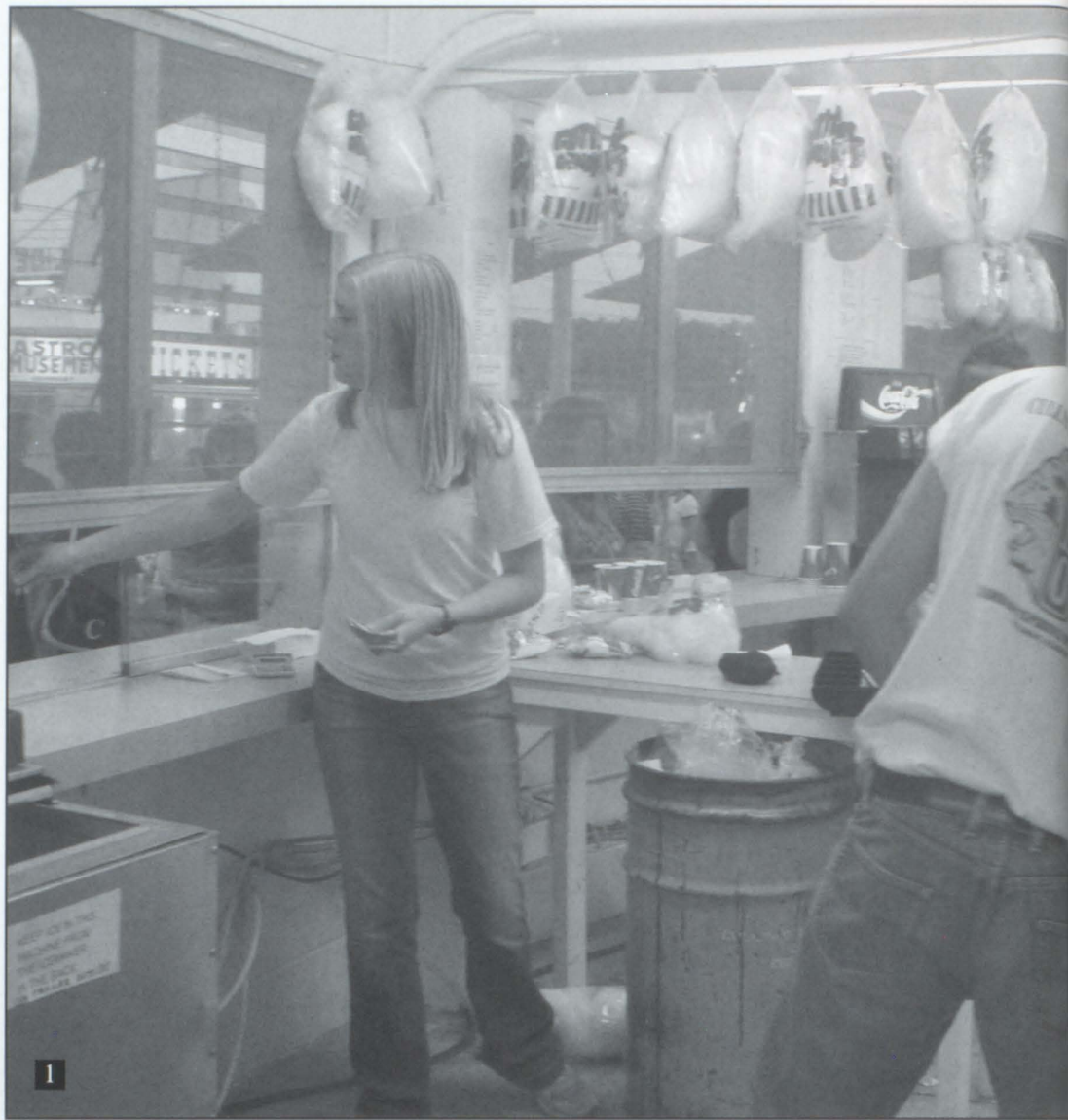
1. Elena Daum and Phillip Heinisch take money from customers while working at the Cullman County Fair. LEO Club assisted the Lions Club this year by working the concession stand and taking tickets.

2. When asked by Melissa Hill how many drinks she would like, the little girl responds by raising up two little fingers. Melissa and other LEO Club members felt that taking up money at the concession stand was a way for them to give back to the community.

3. With a smile on her face, Milly Klopfer assists a family during this year's Empty Bowls fund raiser. All of the proceeds from Empty Bowls went directly to the Cullman Caring for Kids Food Bank.

4. As Ben Hamm, youth minister at First United Methodist Church, delivers his message during the induction banquet, everyone sits back and listens intently. Ben spoke about everyone being called to serve.

5. Trent Walker, making sure not to get too dirty, picks up a trash bag out of a can during Empty Bowls. Trent was just one of many members who volunteered for this outstanding cause.



# Serving Others in Need

LEO Club works on various projects

"Being involved in LEO Club has helped me realize how much more could be done in the community."  
Russ Arnold

The smell of hot dogs, butter popcorn, and cotton candy fill the air at the annual Cullman County Fair sponsored by the Cullman Lions Club. Sounds of children cheering and kids screaming accompany the bright lights on the rides. You can also find

smiling faces and gracious spirits quick on their toes to serve you at the concession stand. This is just one of the many service projects of the LEO Club. Others include working the Ham and Catfish Dinner, visiting nursing homes to dance with the elderly, and donating Little Golden books to the Cullman Primary School around Christmas. LEO Club is also involved in selling candy at halftime of a football game to benefit Alabama Sight. The money raised is given to the needy children who need glasses or those who need eye surgery but cannot afford it.

Emily Britt

## LEO Club



1. CJ Smith smiles as she awaits the next person to walk through her line and drop their ticket. C.J. served most of the night taking up tickets at Empty Bowls.



2. Being careful not to spill his drinks, Kevin Edmondson walks graciously back to his customer. Making sure not to spill the food or the drinks was the major concern for everyone working in the concession stand.

# The Key to Success

Key Club members gain leadership skills

Viewing St. Louis from the top of the Arc, traveling to Indianapolis for International Convention, and staying at the Key Club beach house were far from the mind of Jack St. John as he faced his first caucus as an 8th grader hoping to be accepted into the Key Club. He would face many more caucuses over the coming years as he ran for local and state offices. He is currently serving as the Governor of the Alabama District of Key Club International. While vacationing all over the U.S. may seem far from stressful, Jack also has many responsibilities. His duties include presiding over district board meetings, presiding over district convention, giving guidance and instruction to all other district board members, representing the Alabama District as a member of the International Council, and attending various other Key Club functions across the state. Another member of the Key Club, Sarah Hamm, is also on the District Board serving as a Lieutenant Governor. Besides writing monthly newsletters, contacting club officers, and attending board meetings, Sarah also has the opportunity to attend trips to places such as St. Louis and Gulf Shores.

Sarah Hamm

"Being a member of the District Board has given me the opportunity to make friends all over state."  
Sarah Hamm



## Key Club

1. Elisabeth Nesbitt and Kari Osborne show someone from Margaret Jean Jones Center around the County Fair. They enjoyed making a new friend.



2. Escaping from the commotion, Ellen Hamm counts the proceeds of the Empty Bowl fundraiser in the church parlor. Ellen was a member of the Empty Bowls Organizational Committee.







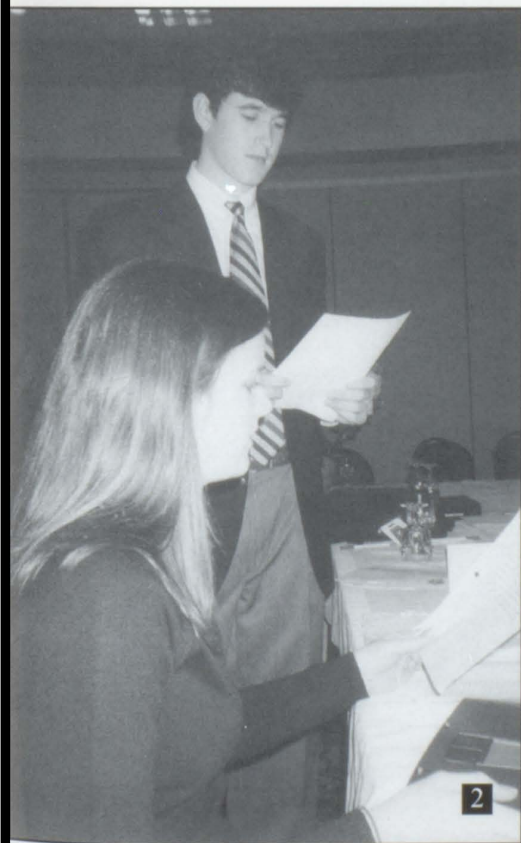
**1.** Courtney Brown and Christina Chambers bus tables at the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser. With the help of Key Club volunteers, the event raised \$8000.00 for the food bank.

**2.** Lieutenant Governor Sarah Hamm and District Governor Jack St. John work on plans for the District Convention at the January board meeting. The board meeting was held at the Birmingham Marriott.

**3.** Trey Barnes and David Haynes escort Greg on the Express the Dragon ride at the Fair. It was Greg's favorite attraction at the fair.

**4.** Always the gentleman, Nick Canaday helps attendants of Empty Bowls carry their drinks to their seats. He was one of many students who volunteered at the event.

**5.** Members of Key Club anxiously await the beginning of the ride. The Avalanche was one of the most exhilarating rides at the fair.



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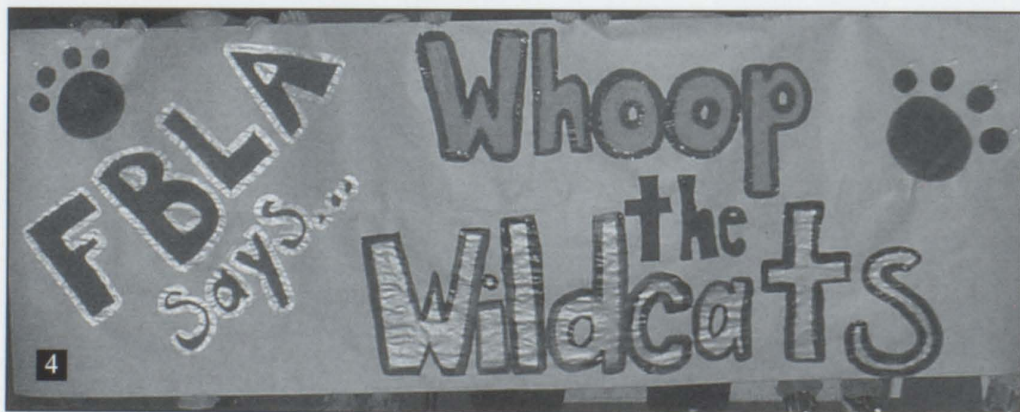
1. The members of FBLA are diligently working to get the Meals on Wheels ready to send. They delivered the meals on Thanksgiving and were able to meet several interesting people.

2. Everyone gathers around the food before they pass it out for Meals on Wheels. All of the students felt grateful for what they had after this service project.

3. Up to their eyes in presents, everyone gets ready to give out the gifts for Christmas Love. FBLA thanked the entire student body for their support.

4. FBLA shows their support for the Bearcats through an encouraging banner. This was just one of the many things that FBLA did to be involved.

5. Vi Huynh, FBLA president, accepts her award at a business competition. She represented the school in different areas such as public speaking and computer work.



# Sharing Thanksgiving Dinner

FBLA helps with Meals on Wheels

"FBLA  
has grown into  
one of the largest  
clubs on campus, and  
I hope we won't stop  
growing."  
Mrs. Doyle

**M**ost people think of Thanksgiving as a time to spend with family eating hearty meals and watching football. For those not fortunate enough to have a wonderful family or the resources for a hearty meal, all is not lost. The FBLA dedicated time and money

to the Meals on Wheels organization this year. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, members piled into the CARTS bus. In their laps were large baskets filled with canned goods and other everyday necessities, festively decorated for the season. The bus made stops at the nursing home and other houses throughout the community. Along the way, students met interesting characters, including a small woman with exceptional piano skills, a war veteran with amazing stories to tell, and other kind-hearted senior citizens wanting the club to stay just a little longer. With the generous efforts of FBLA, many people in our community had a happier Thanksgiving this year.

Leah Miller

## FBLA



**1.** Dusty Isom poses after receiving his award at regional competition. Even while facing stiff competition, Dusty proved his business skills were worthy of recognition.

# A Fertile Future

FFA gets ready for another year

When people here mention FFA, others automatically think it stands for Future Farmers of America. However, FFA no longer stands for that. The club's new name is the National FFA Association. Don't let the name fool you, FFA is still agriculturally oriented and continues to compete in many year-round competitions. They travel to Wallace State College each year in April to compete in the District FFA Competition. Along with traveling to Wallace State, they also make the trip to Montgomery for the State FFA Convention.

FFA is not just about competitions; it is about much more. To raise money, the club sells various items such as mums, poinsettias, citrus, ferns, and spring bedding plants. The citrus sale offers everything from tangelos to tangerines. They even offer cases of mixed fruit for those who cannot make up their minds.

Even after the competitions and fundraisers there is still more. FFA offers information and experience in agriscience for those who would like to pursue a career in that area. The club also creates many opportunities in agriscience through field trips and knowledge of agriculture.

Kinlee Nelson

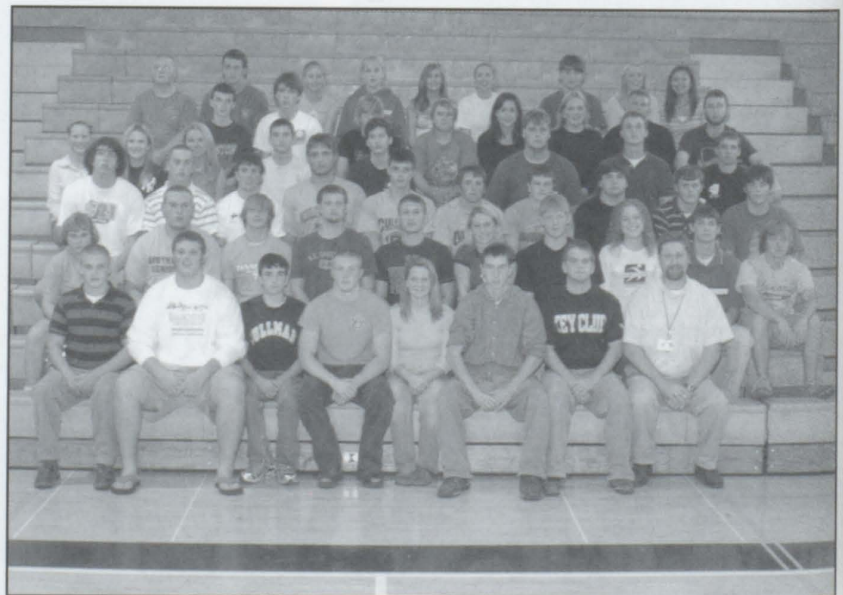
"Being in FFA has given me a better understanding of agricultural values."  
Cory Goodlett

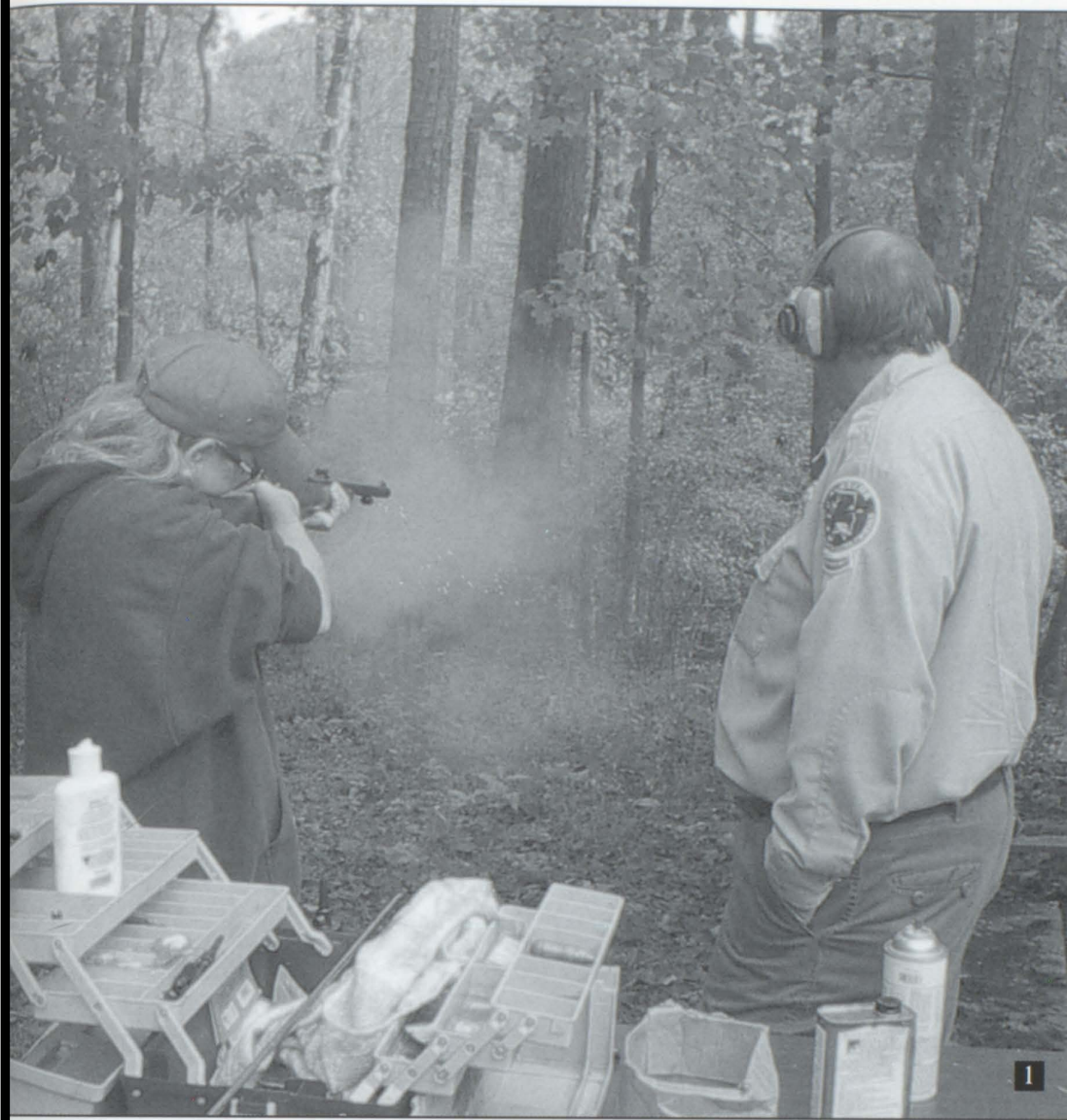
## FFA

1. Mr. Benefield advises Robert Payne on the correct form for holding a rifle. Robert learned many things about firing a gun during his session with Mr. Benefield.



2. Trey Tidwell casts his line into a pond during an FFA field trip. Trey enjoyed the opportunity to miss school and fish for largemouth bass.





1. Elise Rester finishes shooting on the field trip. She was one of the many that got their try at it while they were on the field trip.

2. Kody Baswell feeds a calf through the pen as Colton Turner looks on. They both had a fun time on the trip.

3. Bruce Brooks tries his turn at shooting on the field trip. He hoped to make a good shot.

4. A group of FFA members judge soil at the soil judging competition. In this competition, they received high honors.

5. FFA members show off their award. They received their award for excellence in one of the competitions.



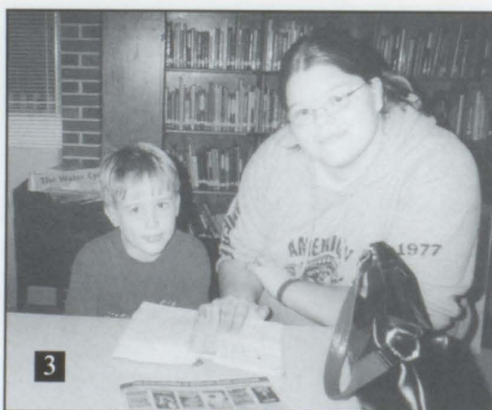
1. Jennifer Healy, Mallory Porch, Alex McGriff, and Samantha Sanford raise their right hand and recite the membership pledge. The pledge was recited at the begin of each meeting.

2. Erin Johnson and Ashley Watwood serve drinks to children. Watching the teachers' children during the faculty meeting was one of thier many service projects.

3. Aleshia Bishop reads to children at the West Elementary Extended Day program. Working with students prepared her for her career as an educator.

4. After filling up on lasagna and pizza, FTA members get together for a group shot. They gathered at Carltons for the Officer and Membership Induction ceremony.

5. Elizabeth Johnston delivers cookies to each of the faculty during the Christmas season. The teachers enjoyed FTA's token of appreciation.



# Learning Today Leading Tomorrow

"Being  
an officer at a  
state level has been  
rewarding in many  
ways."  
Elizabeth Johnston

FTA learns how to lead

"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow" is a motto uncommon to an ordinary CHS student, but to a member of Future Teachers of Alabama, it is a reminder of how influential the education field can be. Future Teachers of Alabama adopted the school's motto at the end of last year as their club motto. The club is an organization that benefits most students

who are planning to go into education. FTA engages in several activities throughout the school year. They provide daycare for the teacher's children during faculty meetings at the first of each month, work at East and West Elementary during the extended day program and provide ornaments for the faculty Christmas tree. Members participate in Teacher Shadow Day, when the student leaves school for a day and observes the teacher of his or her choice. In October, the club held the officer and member induction ceremony at Carlton's. FTA also attended the state conference in Birmingham, where Elizabeth Johnston was chosen to become the State Secretary of Future Teachers of Alabama. By becoming state secretary, Elizabeth participated in the planning of the state conference as well as changing the Future Teachers of Alabama bylaws. "Being an officer at a state level has been rewarding in many ways. It has given me a great deal of insight of how other clubs work and how we can improve our local chapter," comments president, Elizabeth Johnston.

Erika Knop

## FTA



1. Elizabeth Johnston serves as the local president of Future Teachers of Alabama. She also had the honor of serving as secretary for the state board.

# Taking over Nashville

FCCLA goes to Opryland

**e**very year a small group of FCCLA members attend the national cluster meeting where five thousand members from all across the nation join together to learn more about the club. In Nashville, Tennessee, at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, members attended leadership sessions and listened to various motivational speakers. "The Nashville cluster meeting was a lot of fun. It was a great way to meet club members from all over the country and to learn how to improve our local club," said the club President, Dana O'Bara. FCCLA assists with other activities throughout the year. One such activity is Christmas Love. Many clubs buy gifts for needy children, but FCCLA takes it one step further. While the parents of the needy children pick up their presents, club members from across the county host a Holiday Fair for the children. The children can eat cookies, get their faces painted, and make holiday ornaments; all of these for free! FCCLA is no longer the Future Homemakers of America; however, it is a club for anyone who is a leader, boy or girl, in their family, career, and/or community.

"I  
had a blast  
on the trip. It  
was a great  
experience."  
Dana O'Bara

Erika Knop



## FCCLA

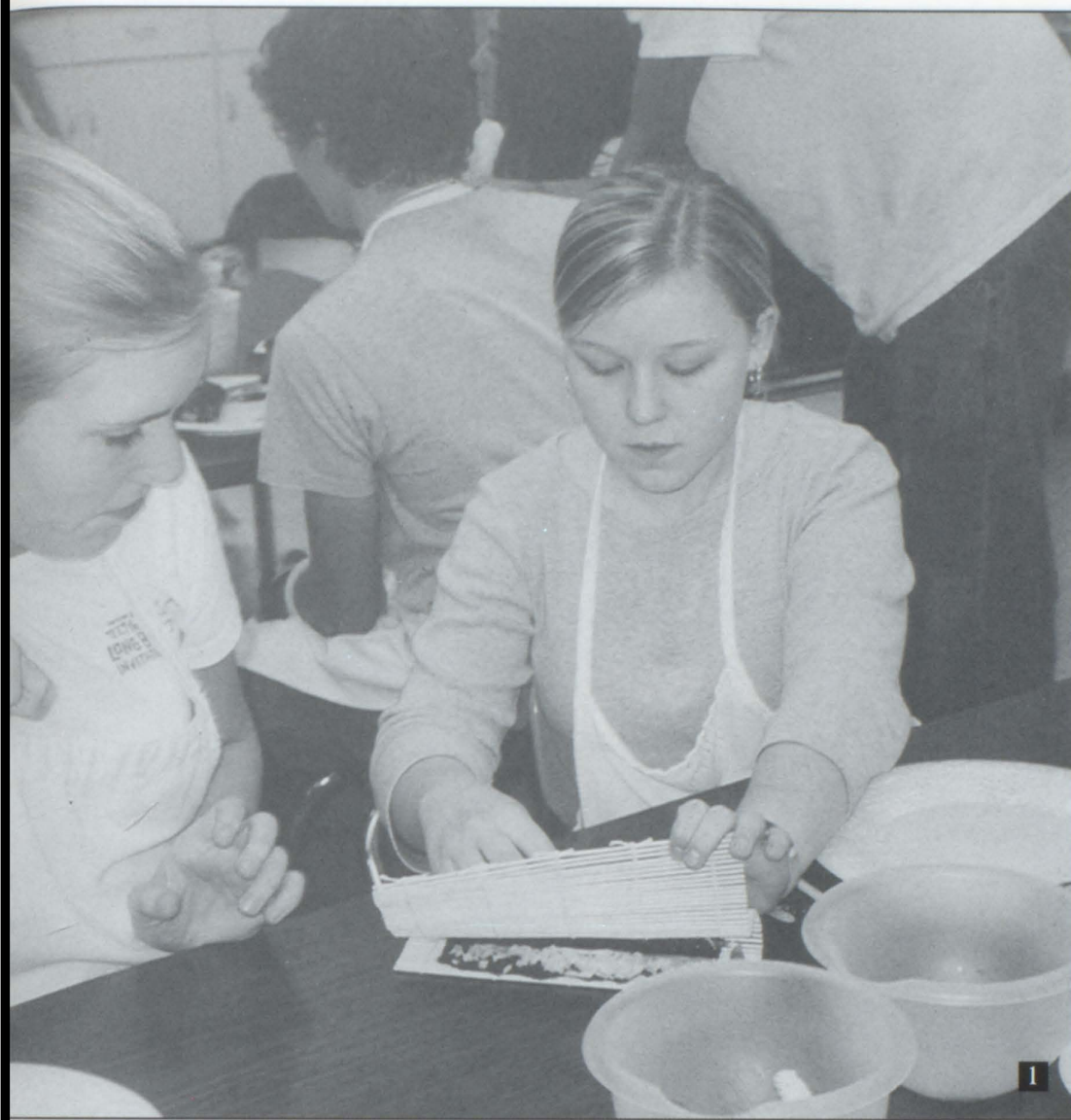
1. Meagan Lovvorn, Emily Britt, Emily Beckett, and Hillary Smith face-paint children's faces for Christmas Love. This was just one of the many Christmas Love activities for FCCLA.



2. Emily Mullaney, Ashley Ball, Meagan Morrison, Christina Chambers, and Loren Ashbaugh are laughing as they dig into a large cake they have baked. Each girl said that the class helped them in various ways with their cooking.







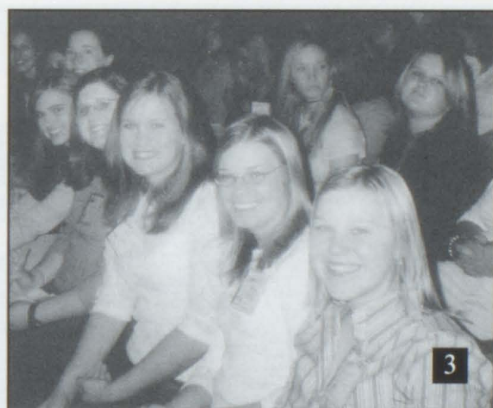
**1.** Elena Daum and Abbey Hale experiment with making sushi. Elena and Abbey were grateful to be able to try new things in Creative Foods.

**2.** Emily Beckett, Alex McGriff, and Whitney Smith are excited about the message that their keynote speaker finished delivering. All of the members that attended the meeting said that it was a great way to learn new things and meet new people.

**3.** Samantha Bailey, Dana O'Bara, Amanda Bullock, and Abbey Hale are all awaiting the next presentation on stage. All of the presentations helped each member in a different way.

**4.** Several members of FCCLA sit back and relax on their trip to Opryland. They did not mind the long trip because they were anticipating the fun that was ahead.

**5.** Natacha Calvert, Megan Roberts, Jillian Edwards, Beth Binkowski, and Peyton Guthrie enjoy their time in Creative Foods. They made many interesting foods including this bunny cake.



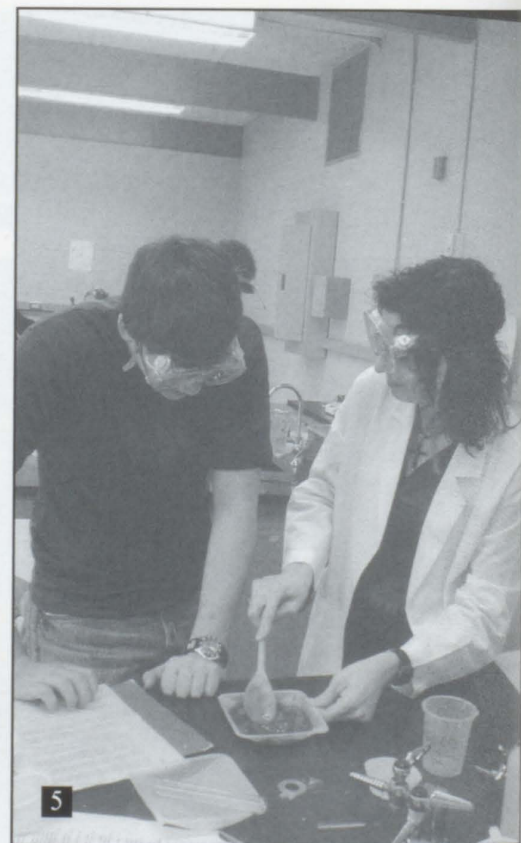
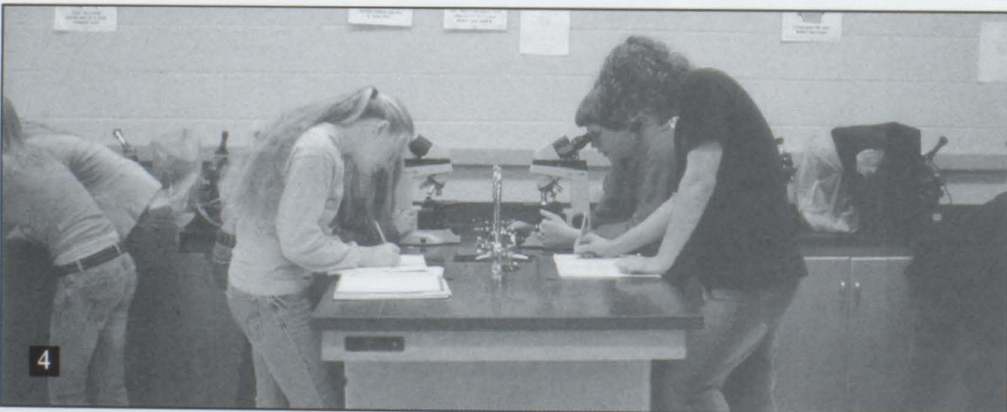
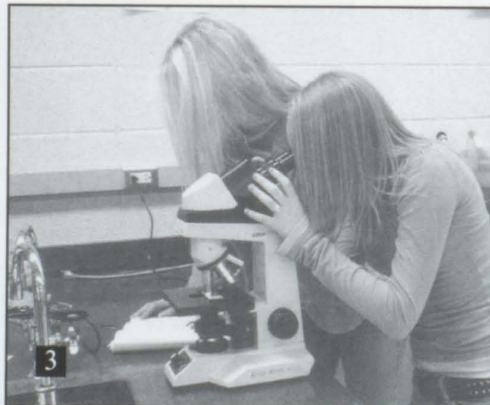
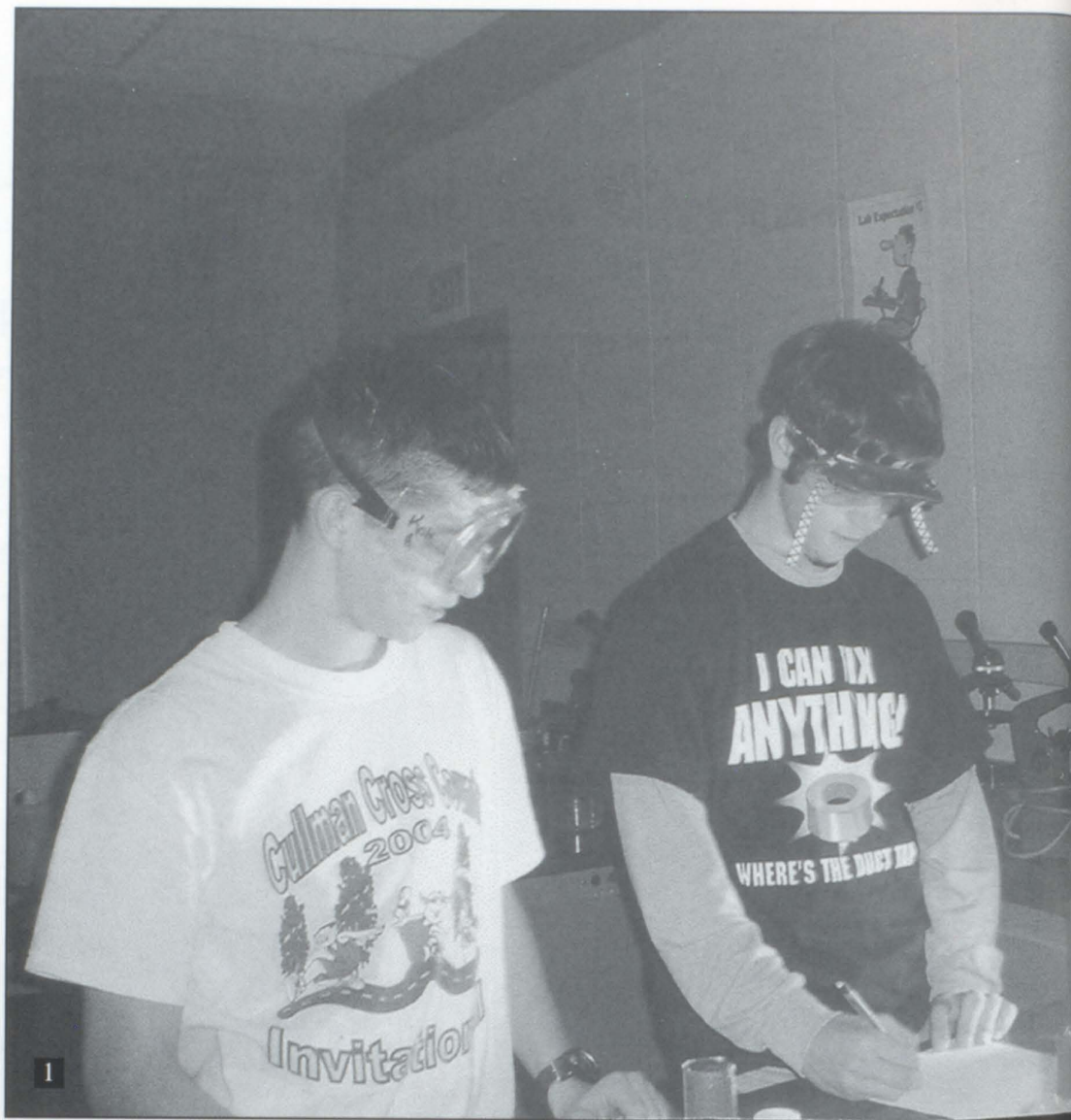
1. Cole Fetner and Camden Holmes inspect their make-shift glowing light bulb they will take with them to the Science Olympiad Competition. Cole and Camden had to be very careful to prevent burning themselves.

2. Making sure not to mess up, Christopher Holland cuts shapes out of construction paper. Christopher attempted to make a replica of the DNA double helix.

3. Two female members of DNA look through their microscope at a sample of brown algae. Differing between brown, green, and red algae was not a very difficult task.

4. Cassie Holtkamp, Nick Stoneburner, and David Brunick inspect a slide and write their results. They had to make sure they evaluated their results and got a low percentage of error.

5. Mrs. Donaldson instructs Tommy Phillips on the correct way to mix his solution. The solution was a heated cherry compound.



# Ready To Launch

DNA prepares for Science Olympiad

"DNA...all  
the way!"  
Bradley Nesbitt

The DNA Science Club gets involved in many different service projects. The members coordinated the aluminum can drive; furthermore, they were involved with the soil and water conservation conference at Wallace State College.

Many students also participated in the Science Olympiad competition February 19th in Huntsville. Austin Monk has been planning for the competition for over two months. He is building a rocket, and he has been focused on it for almost a month. "The actual rocket is a two-liter Coke bottle. The bottle will be sprayed with expand insulation, then sanded down to be aerodynamic. Next, I will cover it in paper or spray paint it." explained Austin. He hopes that the rocket will bring home the winning prize at the Science Olympiad, and he will make Mrs. Donaldson and his school proud.

Britney Thomas

## DNA & Science Olympiad



1. Emma Morrison, along with her lab partner, glances at a slide of a DNA molecule.



2. Chayla Handley and Ellen Hamm place an object in the water bath. The water bath was used in order to obtain the volume.

# A Standard in Housing

VICA volunteers with Habitat for Humanity

Everyone ought to have a place to relax, a spot to lay his head, somewhere to call home. That was part of the goal set aside as VICA Club members worked with Habitat for Humanity in November. Club members Ethan McClellan, Matt Smith, Kyle Timmerman, and Jacob Wood did early construction work on a house with Habitat for Humanity.

"It was really hands on, and there was a lot of work to be done since it was early in construction," commented Ethan when asked why they chose this as a project. "We ended up doing framing early in the day, and we reframed the whole back half of the house," he later added. In addition to framing work, they also did cleanup around the construction site.

In the course of the day they worked on the house, they met numerous construction workers, made countless friends, and made memories. "I sure can remember the wasps..." recalled Kyle Timmerman as he told the story of Jacob Wood tearing into a large wasp's nest with a crowbar.

All things considered, the day was a success with plenty of progress on the house and all the added benefits of a day spent hard at work serving others. "We had a blast with the whole thing," said Kyle Timmerman when he recounted the day.

**"It  
was really  
hands on, and  
there was a lot of  
work to be done."  
Ethan McClellan**

John Williams



## VICA

1. This house is soon to be rebuilt. Members of VICA worked with the Habitat for Humanity, volunteering to repair houses.



2. Caleb Bonds and Matt Smith measure a board. The boards were used to make Christmas gifts for Toy for Tots.



3. Jacob Wood, Ethan McClellan, Kyle Timmerman, and Matt Smith pause for a photo before returning to work.





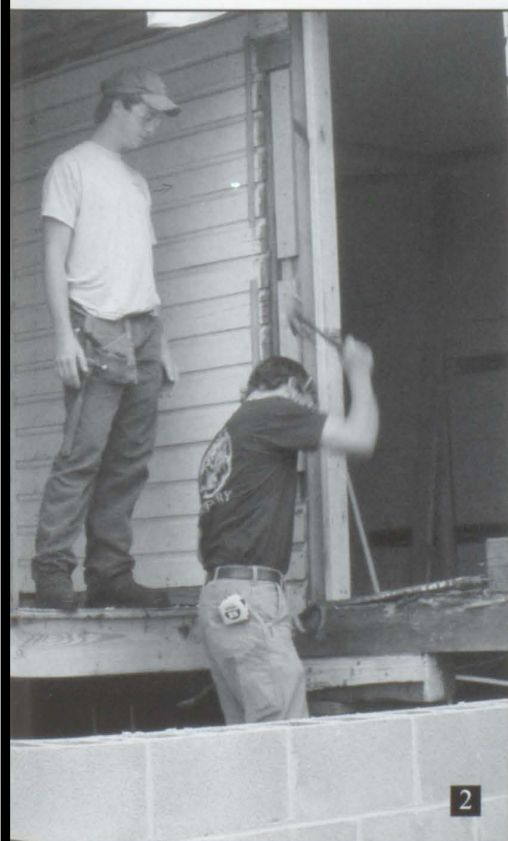
**1.** The stud, Kyle Timmerman, rips a few 2x4's. The wood was later used as framing for the house.

**2.** Jacob Wood looks on as Ethan McClellan demolishes some old wood. The old wood was replaced with new, more sturdy wood.

**3.** VICA members work alongside many construction workers with the Habitat for Humanity. The members tried to keep up a positive attitude while working alongside the crew.

**4.** Caleb Bonds prepares to sand a piece of plywood in the shop. Making sure the blade did not get too close to his fingers, Caleb made a smooth cut.

**5.** Taking all of the necessary precautions, Heath Turney measures and squares a board. His project was used in the Toys for Tots program.



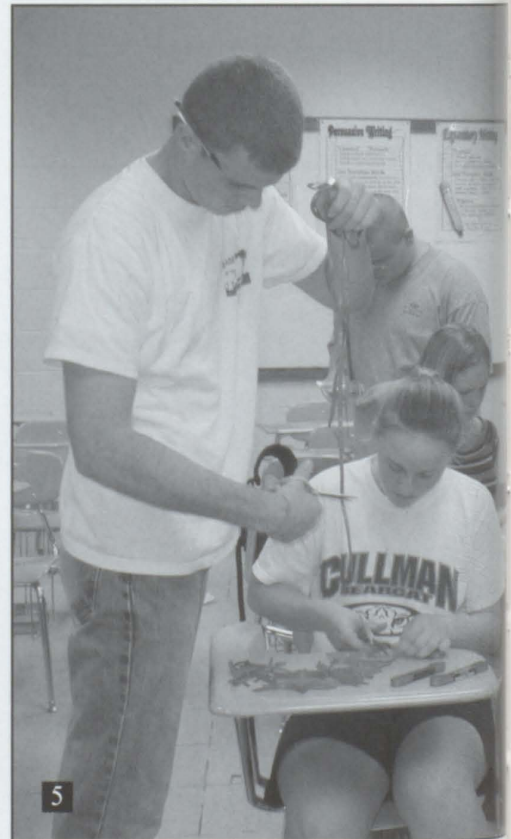
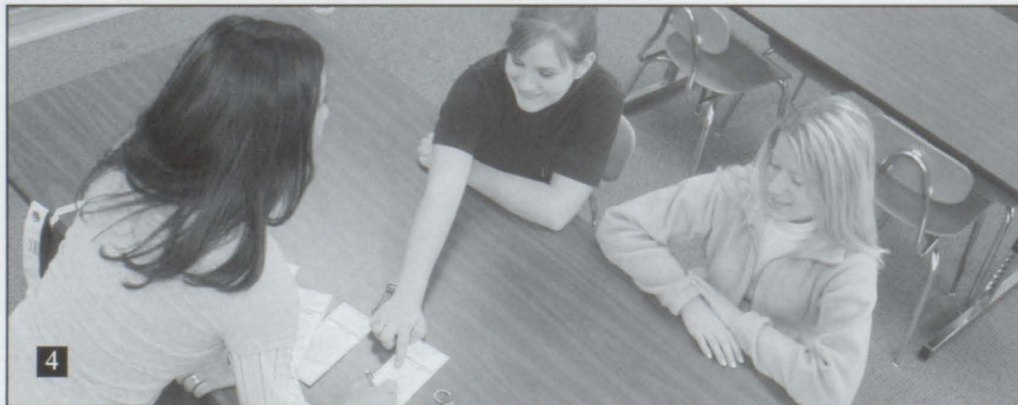
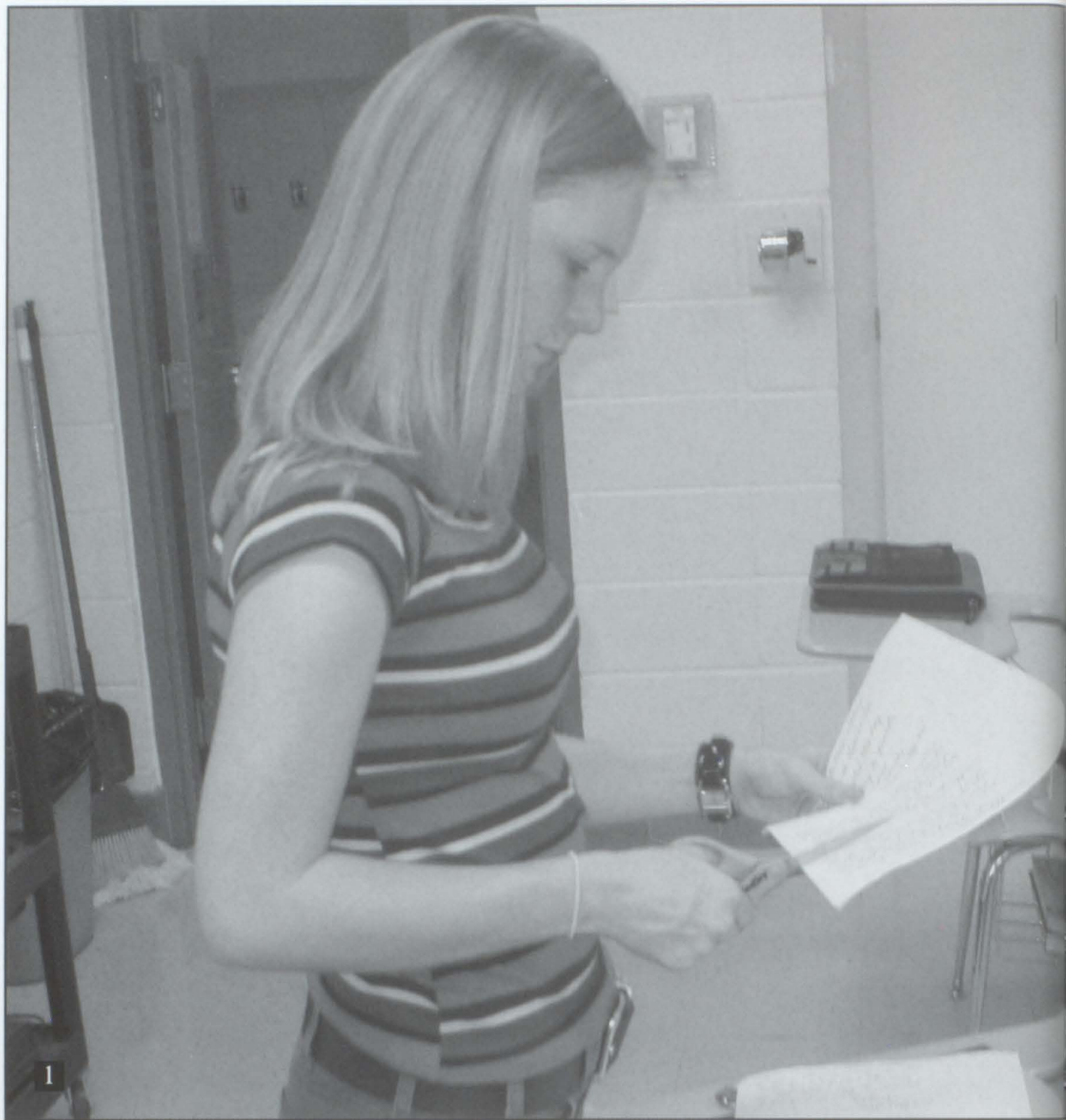
1. April Burgess cuts the instructions for the teachers. These instructions informed the teachers to handout their ribbons on Red Ribbon Day during first period.

2. Mrs. Bentley passes on the Prom Promise flag to Dana O'Bara. The flag was proudly displayed in the lunchroom to inform students of SADD's location.

3. Leah Miller and Ashton Stansberry work on cutting the ribbons and labeling the bags. This was just one of the many responsibilities involved in Red Ribbon Day.

4. Melissa Johnson signs her Prom Promise card. Dana O'Bara and Kari Osborne worked during lunch to obtain these signatures.

5. Being careful not to poke Lauren Perry in the eye, Stephen Edward cuts strands of ribbon. Red Ribbon Day would not have been possible without the help of SADD members.



# Saving Teens' Lives

SADD guards against harmful decisions

"It  
is a privilege  
to work with  
students who want to  
make responsible  
decisions."  
Mrs. Bentley

"Every eight seconds a tobacco company loses a customer because they die." This sobering statement awakened students Thursday, November 18, 2004, National Smoke-Out Day. During this week we were informed of the dangers of smoking and encouraged to give up the destructive habit. Each morning during the announcements, Leah Miller, the SADD reporter, read a

different statistic about the harmful effects that smoking has on smokers and the people around them. On Thursday, students and faculty were asked to honor the day by not smoking.

During the Christmas season, SADD sponsored another encouraging project. Students were asked to sign ornaments on a Christmas tree in the lunchroom as their pledge to make wise decisions during the holidays.

"It is a privilege to work with students who want to make responsible decisions," commented Mrs. Bentley on her reason for being the SADD advisor.

Even though SADD did not have an attendance policy club, it was one of the most influential clubs on our campus because it promoted positive decision making for students.

Brittnie Mabry

## SADD



1. Leah Miller announces some "SADD" news for American Smoke-Out Day. This was the first year our club sponsored this event.



2. Stephanie Britt and Emily Britt aid in member sign up. SADD was one of the more popular clubs to join this year because of its easy membership requirements.

# For the Love of the Game

Chess Club thrives on competition

If students were to put their ear to the door of Mrs. Doyle's classroom on Thursdays after school, they would assume little or no activity was taking place inside. If the door were to swing open, however, everyone would find a room full of intelligent students in heated competition that lasts until their hearts are content. What sort of activity could cause such adrenaline rushes and cause almost no sound? Nothing but the wonderful game of chess! Chess Club is no ordinary club; it is a special interest club, meaning that its members have no publicized food days, no preparation for state competitions, and no dances to sponsor, but they do know how to have fun. What are the requirements to join the competitive and thought-provoking club? You must be a student, and of course, you must love to play chess.

"I'm  
so glad I joined  
Chess Club. It's  
been chess-tastic!"  
Stuart Waugh

Leah Miller



## Chess Club

1. Serving as Chess Club advisor, Mrs. Doyle supervises and instructs the students as they practice and compete. She had the opportunity to teach many students the art of chess.



2. During an intense chess battle, "checkmate!" was screamed signifying the end of the match.







**1.** Elizabeth Kinkennon polishes up her chess skills against some tougher, more experienced CHS graduates. This was just one of the ways that Elizabeth made herself the best chess player she could be.

**2.** Josh Welch looks on during a heated game against Bethany Whaley. As Josh looked up, Bethany unexpectedly took Josh's queen.

**3.** A large group of Chess Club members take a break from the intensity. After a long chess game, they all admitted they needed a quick break.

**4.** Brandi Leiter slams down her Pepsi bottle in frustration. This was because Darcel King took put her in checkmate with a heart-stopping move.

**5.** A large group of chess players including Bethany Whaley, Claire Vinson, Liz Paine, Brandi Leiter, and Darcel King listen to CHS graduate Jeff Jackson give tips on mastering the game. Jeff was one of many graduates that came back to tutor new players.



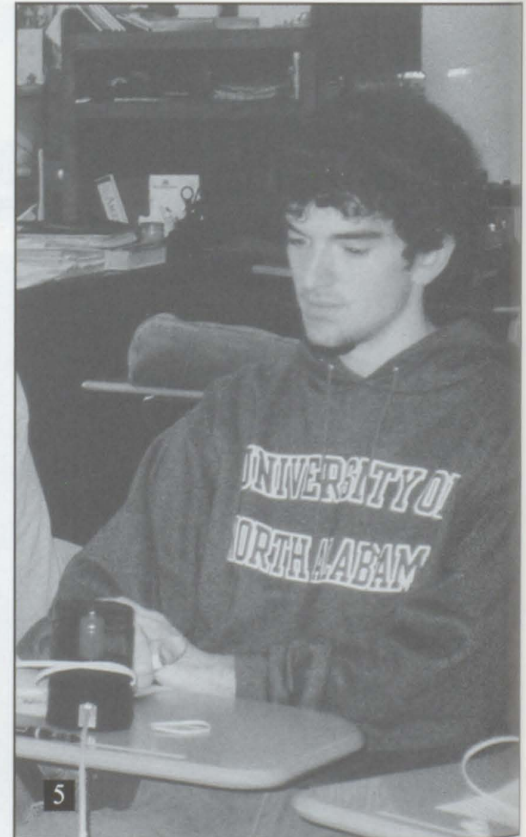
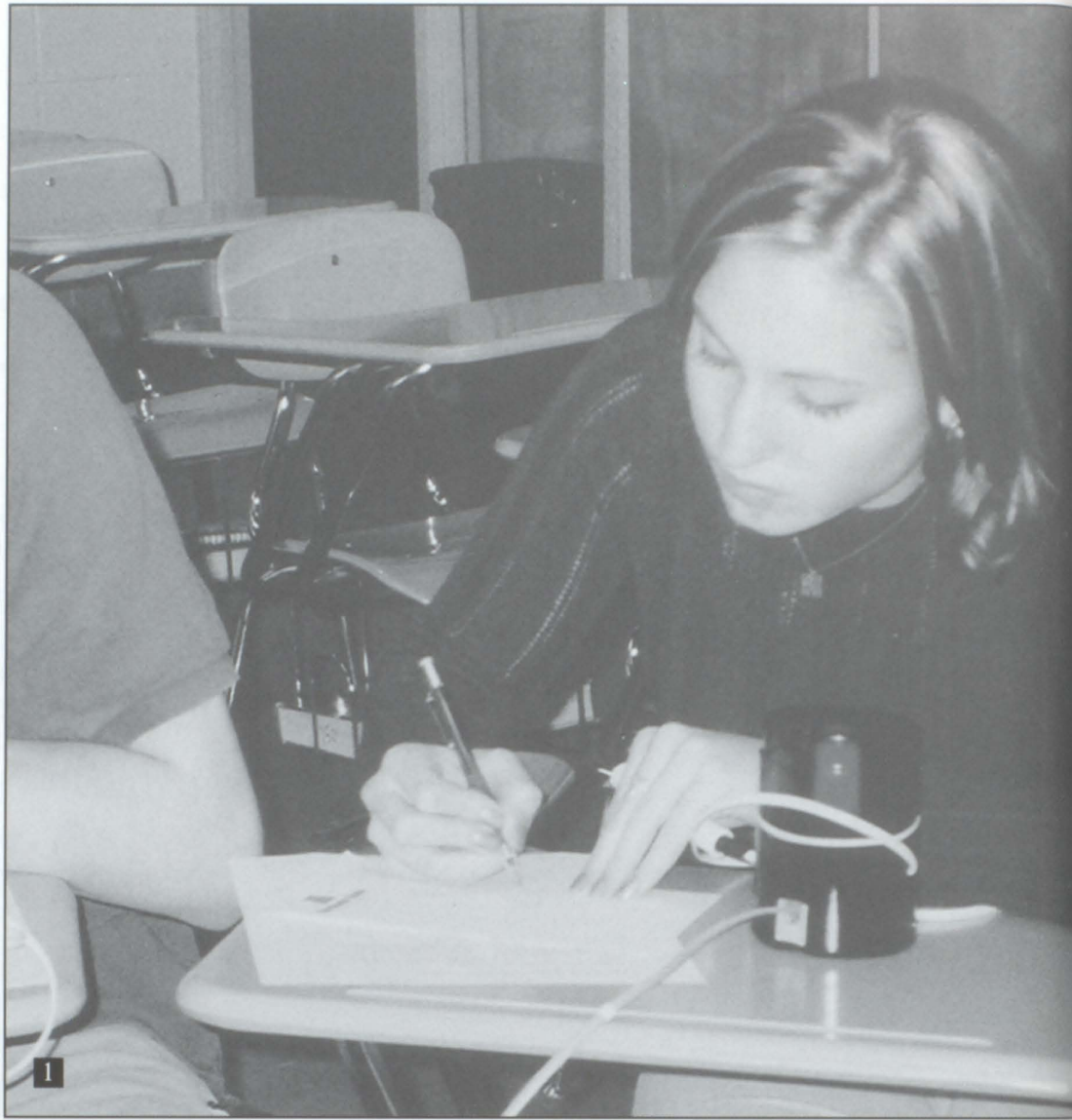
1. Scholars Bowl veteran, Claire Vinson, ponders Mrs. Miller's math questions during Scholar's Bowl practice. Team members can only use a pencil and paper on math questions.

2. Mrs. Miller asks a large group of players including Chris Myers a question on the Civil War. Team members were required to know a large variety of subject matter.

3. Scholars Bowl team members are puzzled by a Algebra problem. Daniel Hollis answered the problem by buzzing in just before Claire Vinson.

4. The entire Scholars Bowl team awaits the next question from sponsor, Mrs. Miller. Many members said after they missed one question, it made them hungrier for the next.

5. Greg Earnest holds his finger on the buzzer. Greg hoped the answer would come to him in time to get the points.



# Is that your final answer?

Scholars Bowl continues winning tradition

"We  
really hope  
we have a chance  
to go back to state  
this year."  
Greg Earnest

"That is correct," replies the announcer as Cullman precisely answers another baffling question. Over the years Scholars Bowl has achieved numerous awards, and they hope to achieve just as many this year. Last year the team was extremely excited that they had a chance to participate in the state tournament. One member

of the team, Greg Earnest, comments, "We really hope we have a chance to go back to state this year."

Many of the team's returning members have been on Scholars Bowl for many years and have taken a great interest in it. Greg Earnest has been involved since his seventh grade year. He was captain when they won state in eighth grade. Daniel Hollis, team captain, has been involved for an astonishing seven years. He has won several MVP awards since fifth grade when he first joined the team.

Scholars Bowl travels to many tournaments; some tournaments are as far away Athens and Brindlee Mountain. In county competition, the Scholars Bowl has been carrying an undefeated streak for quite some time and hopes to keep that alive while taking the team to another state tournament.

Kinlee Nelson

## Scholars Bowl



1. Chris Myers quickly jots down the answer to a circumference problem. Chris was known for his ability to buzz in quickly.



2. Pondering the answer, one Scholars Bowl member tries to rack his brain for knowledge. All of the members had to avoid becoming depressed if they missed one or two problems.

# Bringing Home the Hardware

Math Teams aim for more state titles

“What did you make?” Joey Blicker asks of one of his teammates. “I got a 24.2!” replies Jill Brown. When the highest possible points could be a 100.3, numbers such as these may not like your test score typical of such intelligent students, but after attending math tournaments such as Vestavia Hills or Hoover, a score of 30 may be all you need to take it all.

Most tournament Saturdays hold the same basic agenda: waking early to meet the bus at 6:30 AM, arriving at the testing site, taking the actual exam, ciphering, shopping and eating at the local mall for lunch, and of course, attending the awards ceremony! A short break between testing and ciphering is always allowed where the math teamers partake in the snack foods to boost their energy levels. For those of you not up to speed on your math team lingo, “ciphering” occurs when five members from every team at the tournament individually work problems flashed up on an overhead projector. The students are awarded points for a correct answer within an allotted time, normally about one minute and thirty seconds per problem. After the stress of ciphering, the mall is a welcomed break for our brainiacs. With empty wallets and fully bellies, the math teams head back to the tournament where trophies are awarded. The Cullman crowd goes wild when one of our own brings home the hardware, such as when Claire Vinson won 1st place at the Wallace State College Tournament. From week to week, the math teams never cease to make us proud.

"I got a negative score on the test, so the food was the best part to me."  
Charlie Clayton

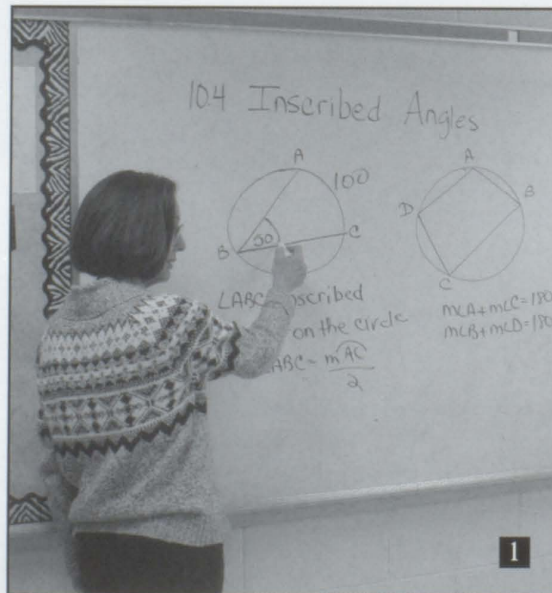
Leah Miller



## Math Team

1. Teaching the Geometry Team, Mrs. McGee shows how to find the degrees of an inscribed angle. This was just one of the many areas tested.

2. On the way to the Wallace State Math Tournament, Alex Stallings talks strategy with Claire Vinson. They enjoyed the time before tournaments when they could relax.





1. Mrs. Fox works out one of the problems on the Analysis test for Claire Vinson, Alex Stallings, and Wade Smith. As serious math students, they listened intently to her explanation.

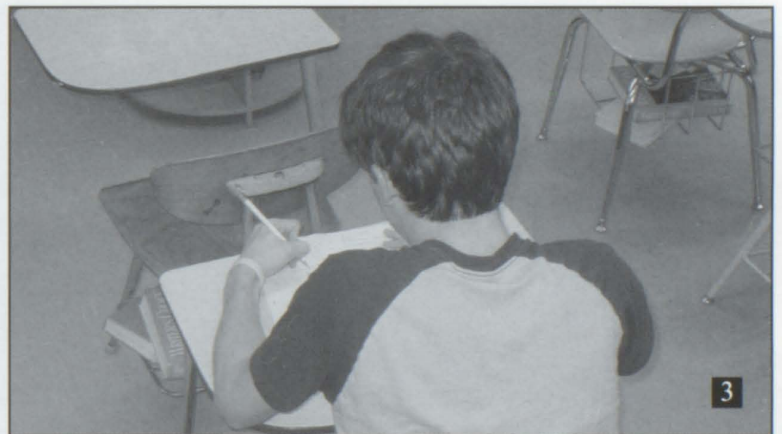
2. As Joan Reichwein looks on, Russ Arnold accepts his second place trophy at the Wallace State Math Tournament. Russ received a trophy and a new Calculus book.

3. Connor Johnson focuses intently on his Algebra II test. Connor also competed in many Analysis tournaments with older students.

4. Analysis Math Team

5. Algebra II Math Team

6. Geometry Math Team



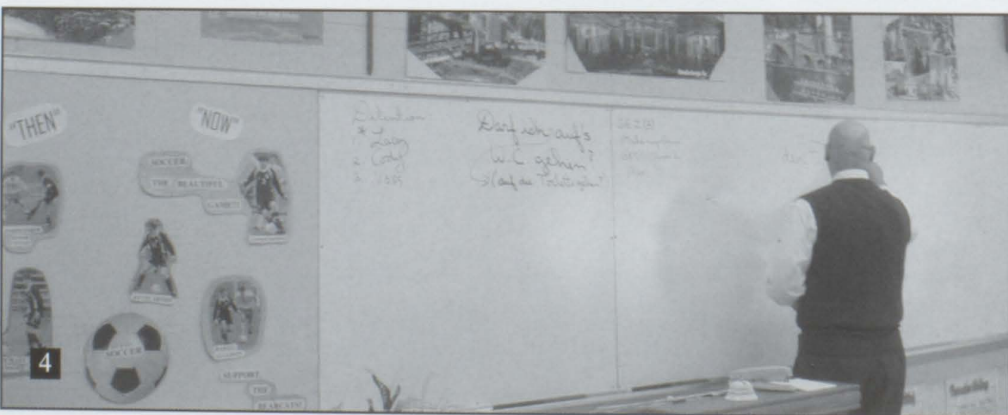
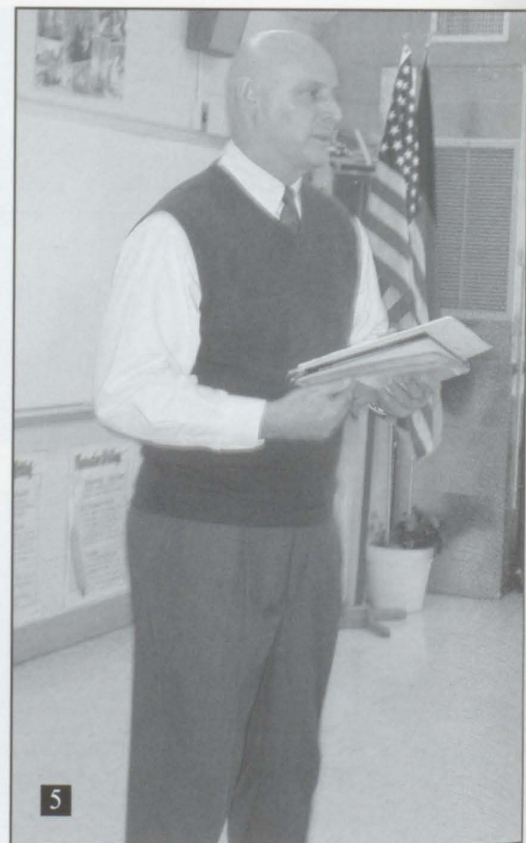
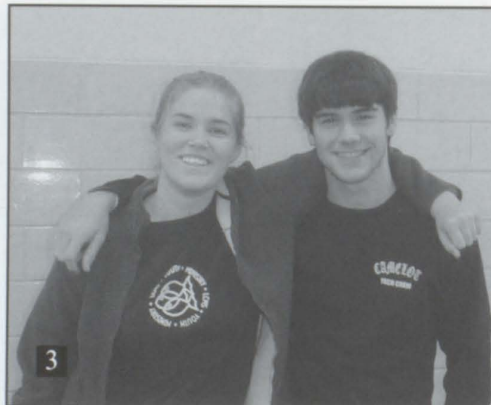
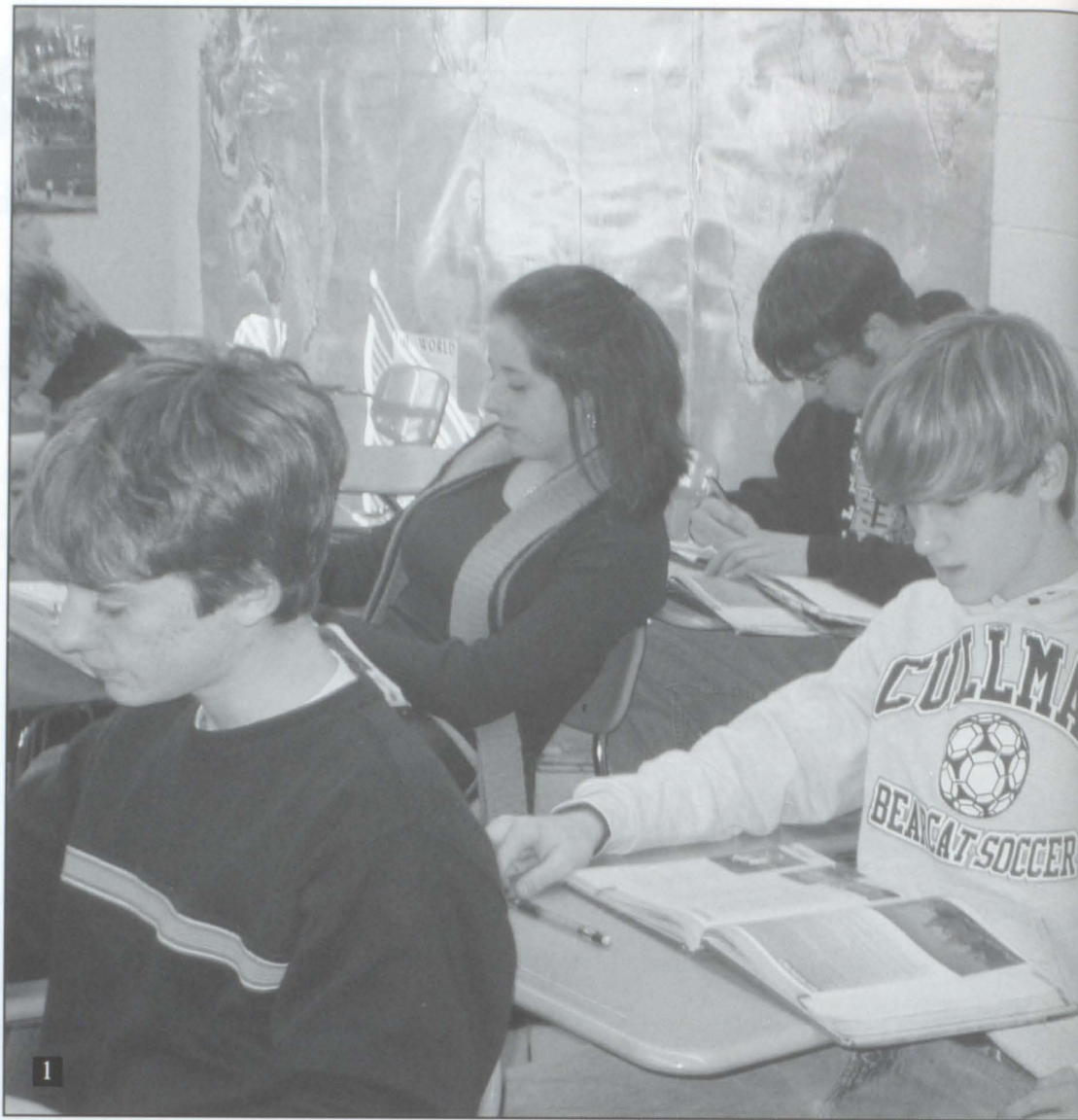
1. Staring in bewilderment at their textbooks, Josh Dotson and Calan Hollingsworth try to follow along with the reading assignment. They had escaped being called upon for the moment.

2. Many students from a German I class take a test. The test was on the vocabulary words for the day.

3. Laura McHan and Jackson Montgomery practice their German. Having been a foreign exchange student last year in Germany, Laura has mastered the German language.

4. Conjugating verbs on the board, Mr. Eschrig prepares his students for an upcoming trip to Germany. Several students chose to participate in the tour of Europe.

5. Mr. Eschrig outlines a plan for German competition. Each member of the club was expected to participate in an event.



# Kinder Eggs for All

German Club offers fun and learning

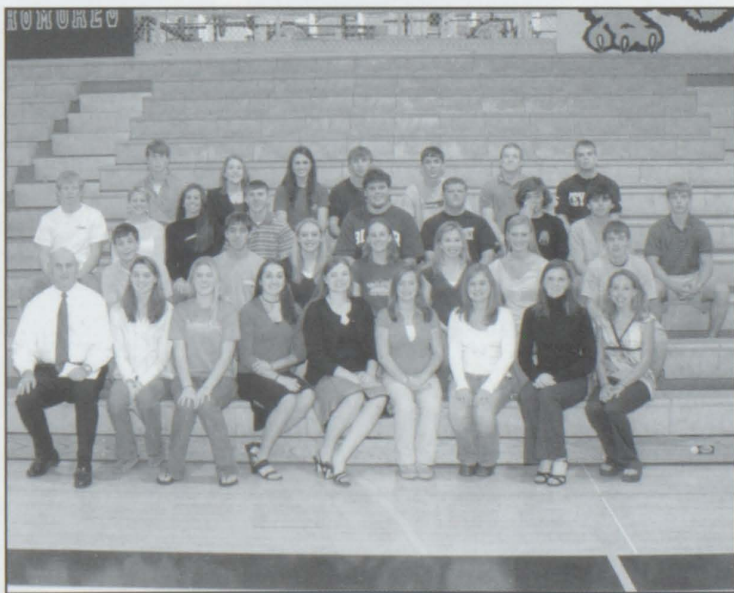
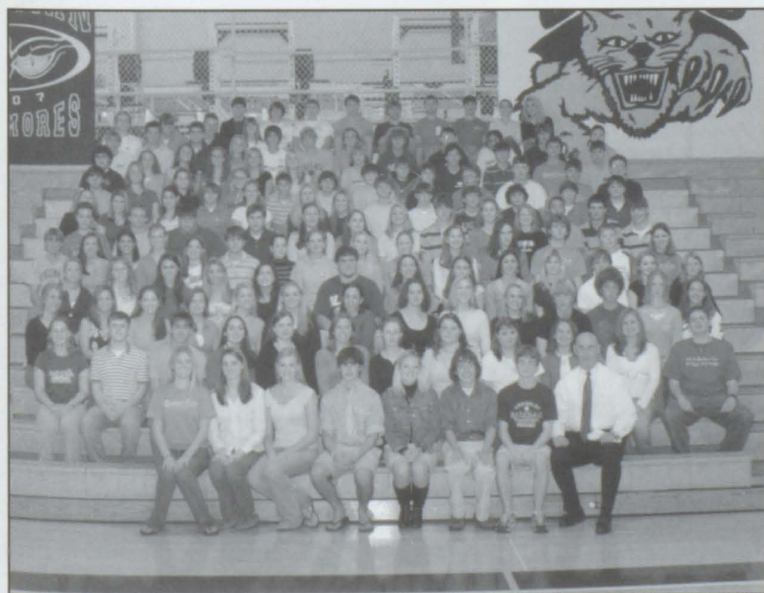
"Being in German Club has taught me about the German language and its heritage."  
Bethany Donaldson

**G**uten Tag. Hallo. These are just a few ways to say hello in German. In addition to practicing the language, the German Club actively participates in the Oktoberfest each year. During this time, club members serve at dinners for various organizations and assist in selling the Oktoberfest merchandise. At the opening and

closing ceremonies, students perform by singing and dancing. Members also conduct basic German language classes for young children. In addition, the club sponsors an orphan annually with the funds they collect at the beginning of the year. Many members of the club participate in the annual German Language Competition at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa with support coming from dues and donations. To be accepted into the German National Honor Society (Delta Epsilon Phi), a student must have an understanding and appreciation for the German-speaking people, their language, and their culture. Additional requirements include having an average of 90 or higher each trimester for the first three trimesters and an overall average of 85. Students must also be recommended and approved by Mr. Eschrig. Students are inducted annually in the presence of all current and former foreign language students.

Erika Knop

## German Club & German NHS



# A Message from Cupid

French Club delivers carnations for Valentine's Day

**R**ed and pink balloons; sweet, sappy cards; and heart-shaped chocolates: all of these are great gift ideas to brighten someone's Valentine's Day, but nothing says, "I love you" quite like a beautiful carnation delivered by the French Club. Every year the French Club works hard to prepare for a romantic Valentine's Day for all. They spend numerous lunch periods helping other students order their carnations. At times, it has taken students several minutes at lunch, or even several days of school, to deliberate over the message to go along with the carnation. Everyone at school understands how important the little message is, and who knows, the right words may make that special someone fall in love with the sender of the carnation on the spot. The French Club is clearly a huge help with the romantic linguistics. In addition to aiding with the poetic message, the club also spends countless hours attaching the special message tags to the carnations. On delivery day, seeing the expression on the faces of the carnation recipients makes the time spent well worth it. In addition to improving everyone's Valentine's Day, the French Club also finds the time to send Christmas stockings to soldiers in Iraq, make monetary donations to the custodians for a Christmas gift, and sponsor needy children for Christmas.

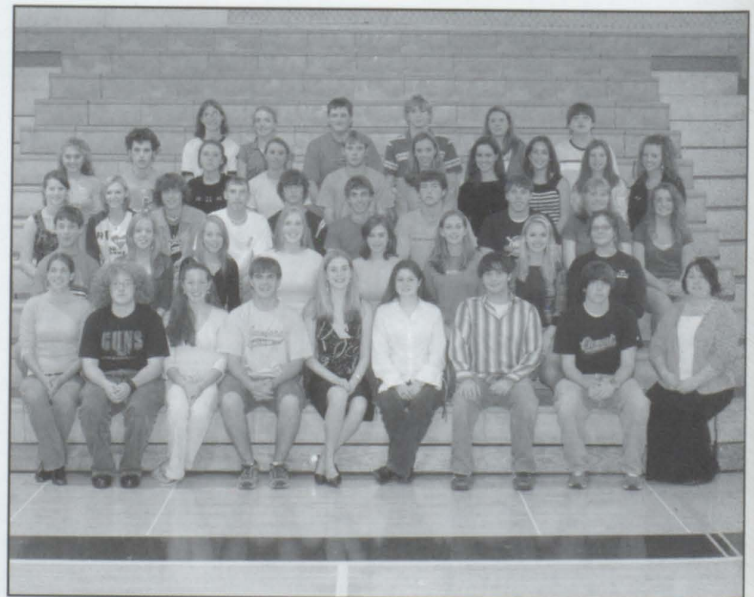
Leah Miller

"It took a lot of hard work to get into French Honor Society and learn a third language, but I'm glad I did it."

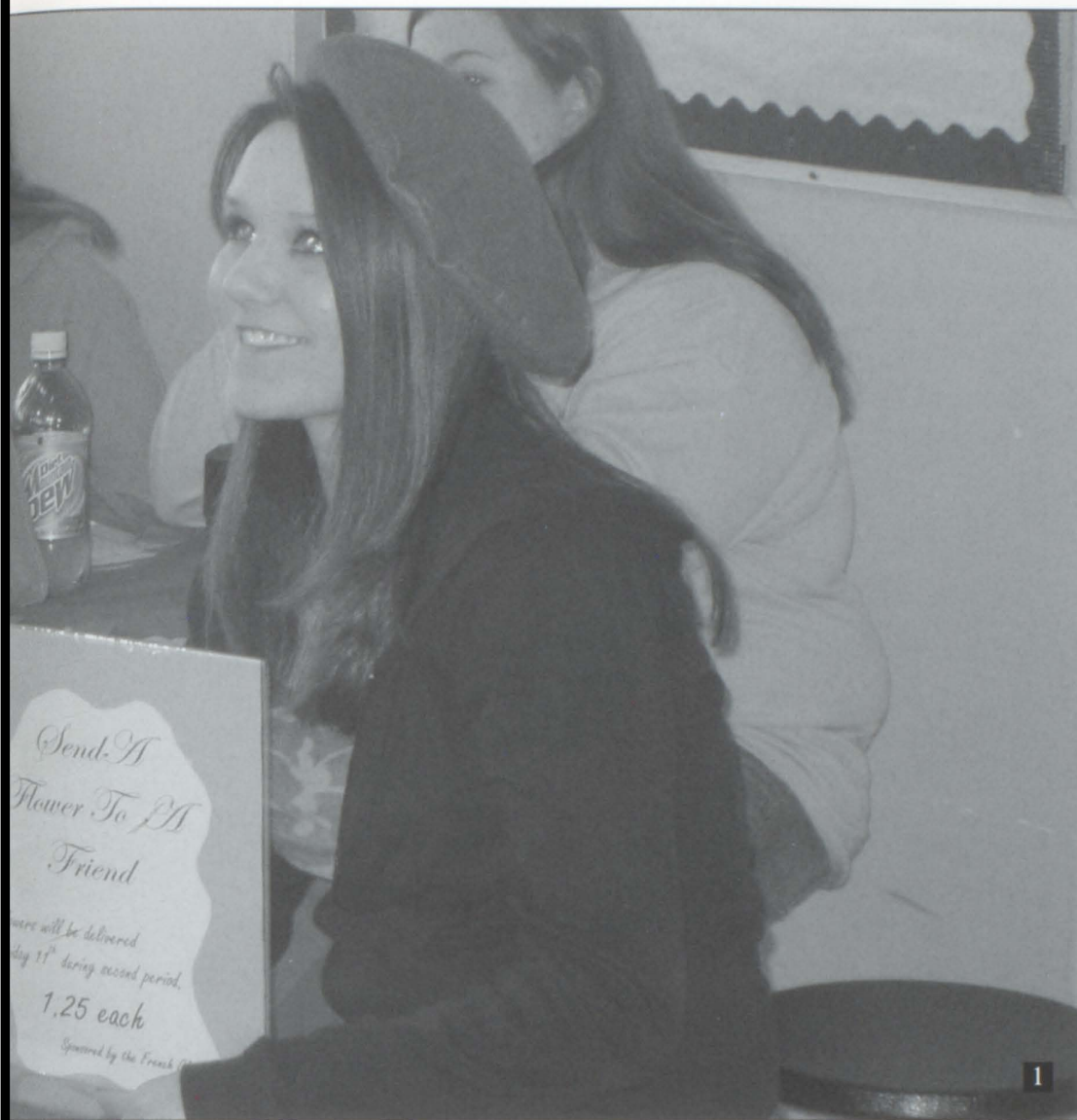
Elena Daum



## French Club & French NHS







**1.** Proudly sporting her French beret, Katie Sides encourages others to purchase carnations. Carnations are popular gift ideas for many high school couples.

**2.** Alexes Murillo and Sarah Mayo chat about their love lives as they anxiously await another carnation sale. Selling carnations at lunch is a long-standing French club tradition.

**3.** Dallan Sellers sorts through the French cuisine on French food day. On food days other students were always envious of the French students' delicacies.

**4.** These French students get together to work on their French dialogue. The students always enjoyed interacting with each other in another language.

**5.** Ms. Askea smiles as she watches over her students. She was very impressed with the progress her French students had made.

**6.** JJ Guthrie and Thomas Moritz prepare their plates on French food day. An outstanding language student, Thomas is on his way to becoming tri-lingual.



1. Angel Goodwin shows the class proper Spanish grammar. After her demonstration, the class had a better understanding of articles.

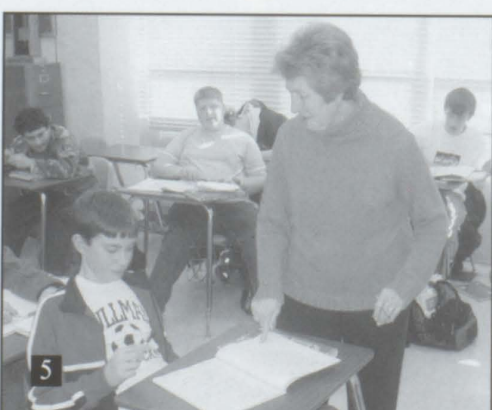
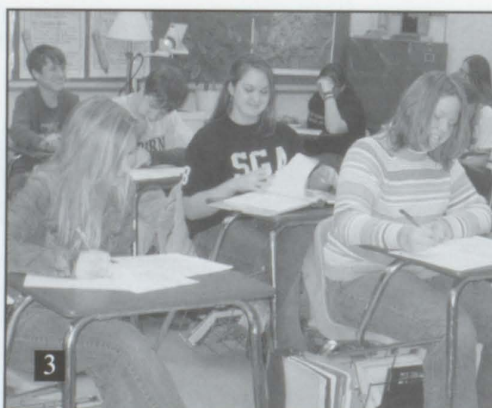
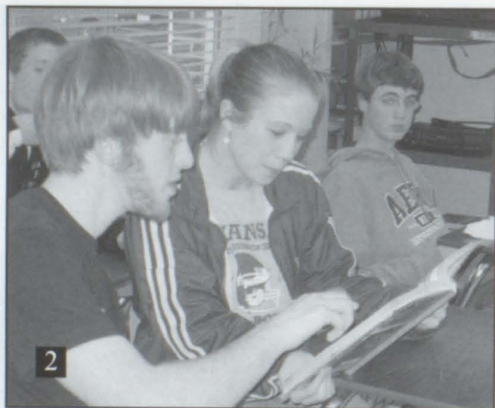
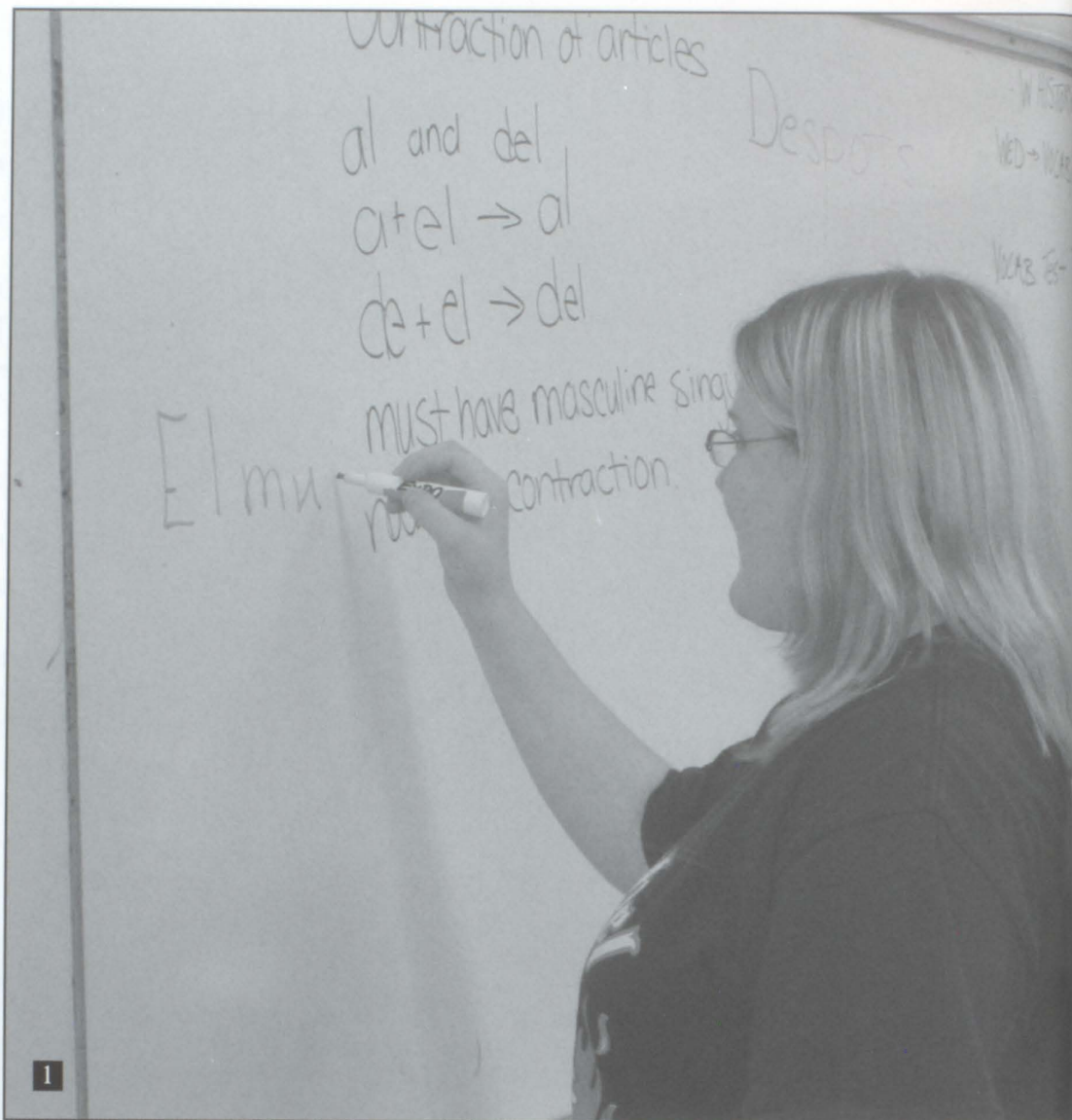
2. Lance Pruitt helps Kimberly Thrasher with her reading assignment. A senior, Lance was always willing to advise younger classmates.

3. Pop quizzes are a fact of life in Spanish class. After looking over the material the night before, Katie Milligan was prepared for this quiz.

4. Blake Waddle enjoys his meal at the Spanish class fiesta. Each student brought a Spanish dish for the event.

5. Mrs. Wilbanks helps Kaleb "Alonso" Graves on his homework. All Spanish students chose a Spanish name for the class.

6. Mack McDaniel stocks his plate with authentic Spanish cuisine. Food day was a favorite among the students.



# Livin' la Vida Loca

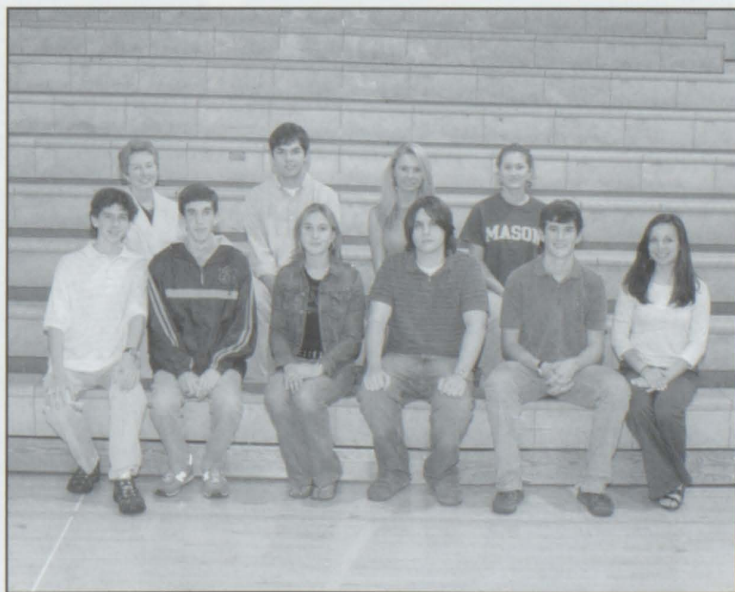
Spanish Club celebrates a fiesta

"The  
best part of  
being in Spanish  
Club was learning  
about another culture  
and appreciating it."  
Emily Leonard

**B**uenos dias, como estas? Good day, how are you? The Spanish language is the basis of the Spanish Club. It is an organization for those students with a love of the Spanish language and Spanish customs. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Wilbanks and celebrates the study of this romance language. Every year the club practices Spanish, celebrates with fiestas, and performs community projects. During the Christmas season, the club comes together to sponsor a needy family with gifts, food, and household supplies. Exceptionally gifted Spanish students are inducted into the Spanish National Honor Society during a special ceremony specifically devoted to honoring outstanding language students in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade.

Jack St. John

## Spanish Club & Spanish NHS



# Wednesday

## Morning Worship

Students participate in campus ministry

"I will lift my voice to worship you my King..." Inside the lunchroom on Wednesday mornings, these lyrics and other contemporary Christian songs can be found bursting from the lips of Cullman High School Christians. These students share one common interest when they attend these meetings: they love Jesus. The music the students play at the meetings serves two purposes: to worship God and to entertain the other members. The Cats for Christ members spend half-an-hour each Wednesday morning growing spiritually and learning a valuable lesson to help carry them through the day. Their organization may not receive much recognition, but that is not their intent. These students want only to expand their mission field to the campus.

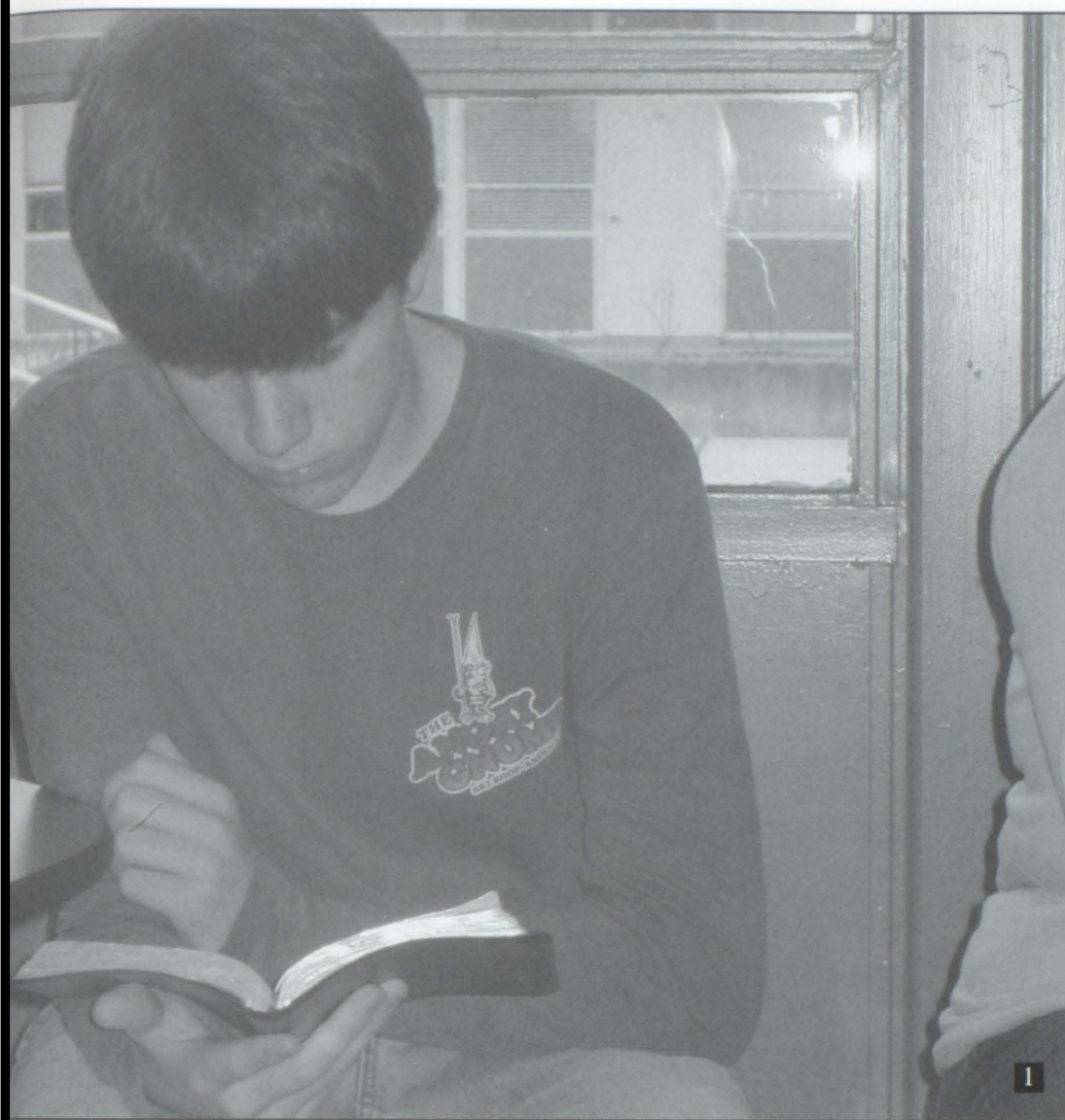
Leah Miller

"Cats for Christ is a great way to start out my morning. It gives me the inspiration to live the way I should."  
Jill Brown

## Cats for Christ

1. Megan Hunter follows along in her Bible while Felicia King listens to the speaker. Students enjoyed growing in their relationship with God through Cats for Christ.





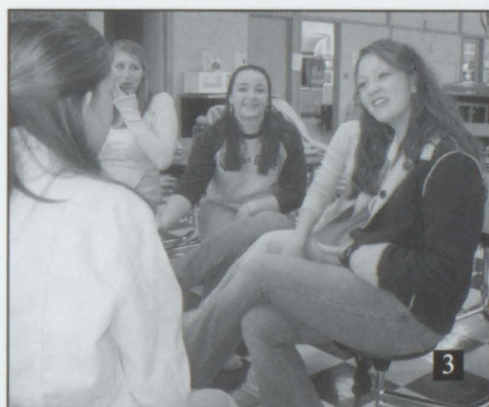
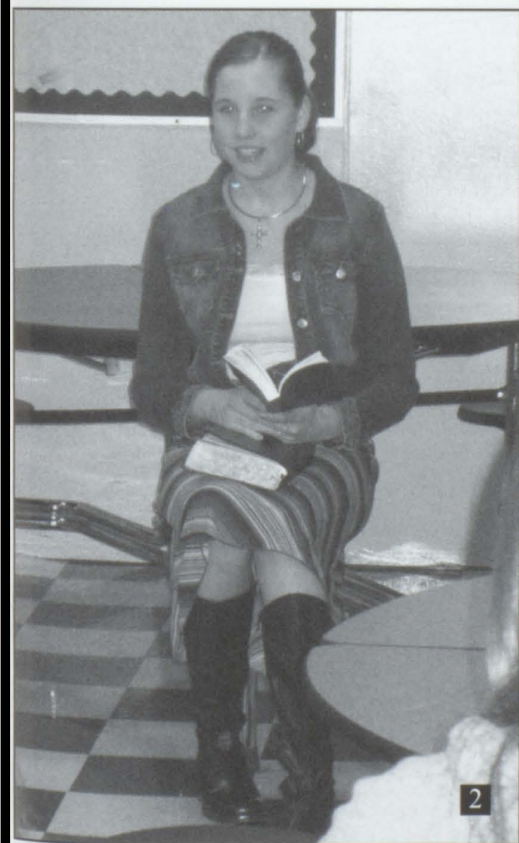
1. Tyler Trakel is intently following along with the scripture. Being involved in the lessons was an important aspect of Cats for Christ this year.

2. Kayla Swartout is enthusiastically sharing her devotion one Wednesday morning. She inspired the club to fully rely on God.

3. Emma Morrison, Meagan Hunter, and Julie Simons enjoy fellowship at Cats for Christ. Visiting was one of their favorite ways to begin their mornings.

4. Thad Copeland, a local youth minister, volunteers his time to speak. Adult speakers always provided a new perspective to the students.

5. The club listens intently to the message early one morning. They left with the confidence to share and witness to their peers.



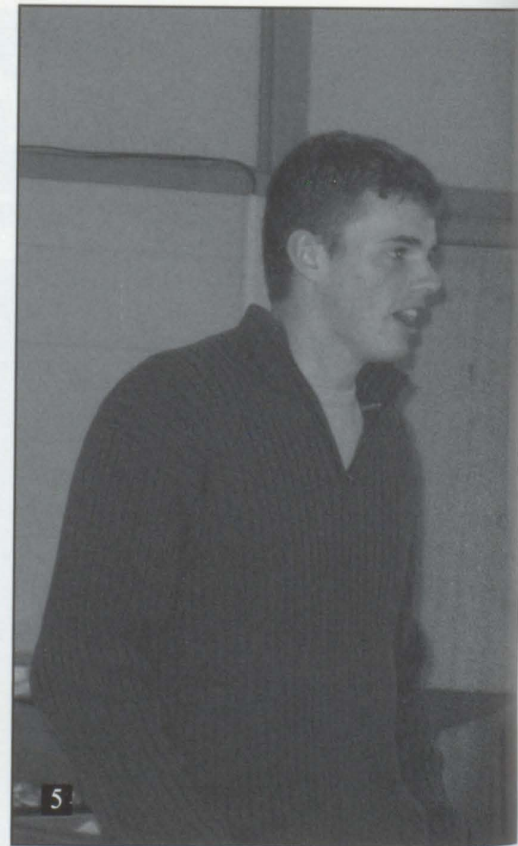
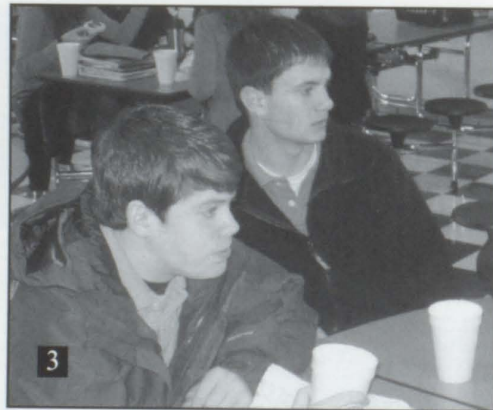
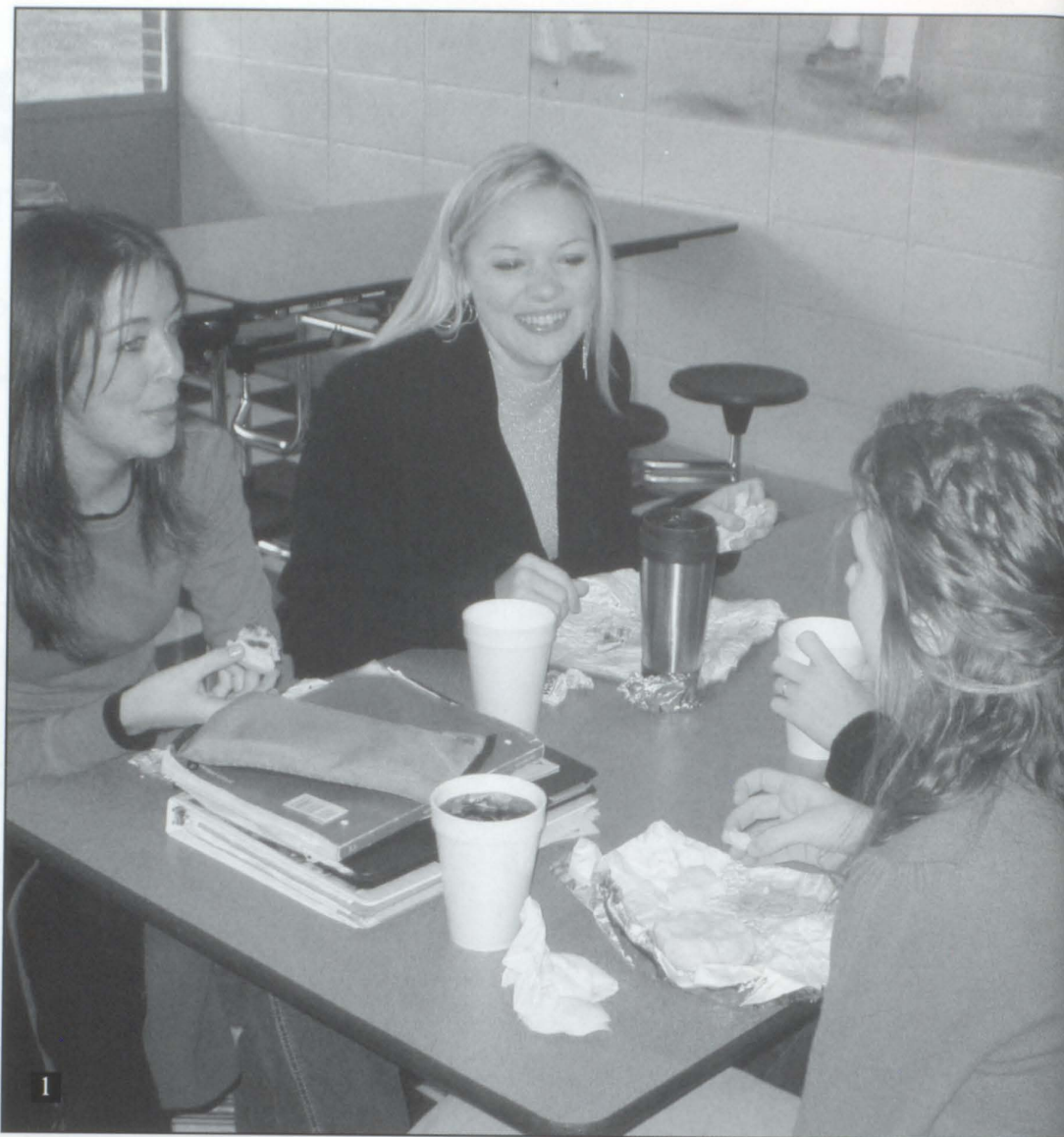
1. Hanna Taylor, Maegan Carden, Stephanie Britt, and Emily Britt enjoy biscuits and coffee before the meeting. Fellowship before the meetings was important to all FCA members.

2. A large group of FCA members look on as a local youth pastor delivers the message. Having pastors from local churches come and give the message was something that all of the members enjoyed.

3. Lance Walker and Matt Lee listen intently as a parent of an FCA member reads a Bible verse. Growing as a Christian was what Lance and Matt thought was the most important thing about the club.

4. Jennifer Easterwood and Kevin Artist try to soak up everything that CHS graduate Michael Pugh is saying. Michael was one of many CHS graduates that returned to share their message and testimony.

5. Laughing at a joke, Stephen Edwards tells how Christ should be viewed with a sense of humor. Stephen delivered a meaningful lesson when he spoke to the club.





"Know ye not that they, which run in a race, run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain."  
1 Corinthians 9:24

# Embodying The Christian Athlete

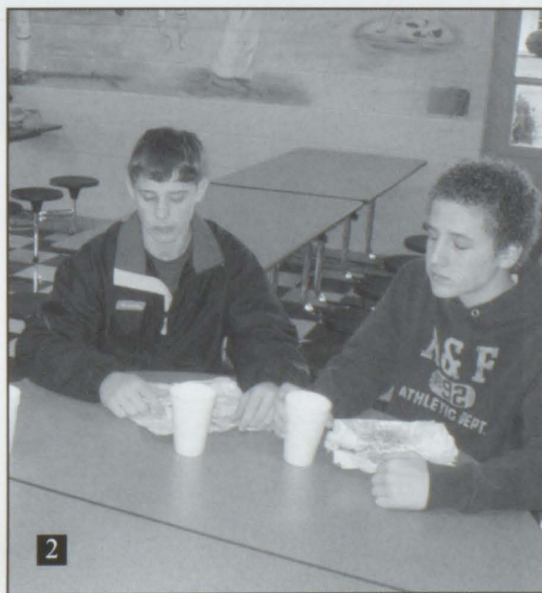
FCA comes together in Christian fellowship

"K now ye not that they, which run in a race, run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain," 1 Corinthians 9:24. This is just the beginning of a very important message Daniel Munger shared with a group of FCA members at one of the

early Friday morning meetings. Each week the FCA officers look within our community for a person embodying the Christian athlete ideal or the one person with a few words to share with the group about the importance of Christianity, not only in athletics, but in our daily lives. Some of the speakers have included past graduates, adults from various area churches, parents of FCA members, and other students from our high school. After enjoying Mountain Dew and jelly biscuits, some of the students opt to donate a dollar to help defray the costs of the treats before heading out the door to their respective classes. Though most of the participants are athletes, this is not a requirement. Everyone is welcome to join in on the light-hearted fellowship of FCA.

Leah Miller

## FCA



1. Nikki LaRue and Emily Miller smile as they enjoy their breakfast. Being able to socialize before school with Christian friends got the day started well for both of them.

2. Chris Cain and Andrew Warnke say a quick prayer to bless their food. Praying was an essential part of any FCA meeting.

Football team was led by an

# FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

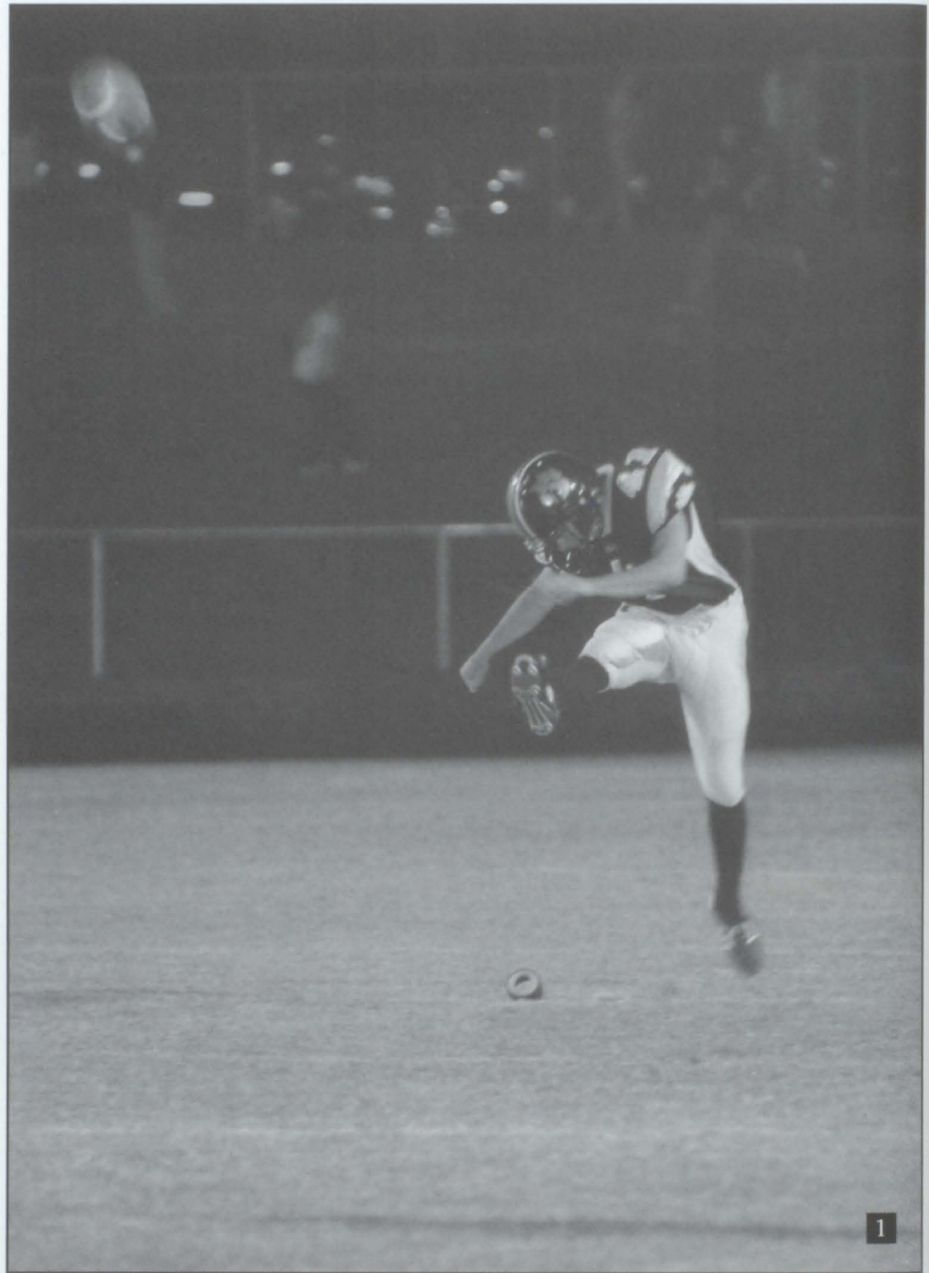
experienced group of seniors

As the players began to arrive in the fall of 2004 to prepare for the upcoming season, things looked promising. The offense was chocked full with experience and skill while the defense was brimming with raw, unproven talent. With the season growing nearer, the players seemed energized and ready to prove themselves on the field.

This year's senior class was one where no one player stood out above the rest. It was a group that loved to play the game and led this year's team to be one of the hardest working teams in recent history. The offensive line was comprised of five seniors who have been dominating defensive linemen since their fireplug days. Daniel Munger and Trent Walker, along with several other senior players, led the offense with their outstanding production, and Caleb Bonds and newcomer Kyle Turner led the defense with their kamikaze tactics. These players demonstrated their leadership through dedication and a strong work ethic throughout the season.

The team ended the season with a 5-5 record and narrowly missed the playoffs. The Bearcats played in what was the most competitive region in the state, with four teams making the playoffs, two making the final four, and one making the state championship. While the Bearcats' season was not as successful as hoped, there is talent and optimism on the horizon.

James Nyquist



1. John Nyquist kicks a touchback deep into the endzone. John kicked a 52-yard and a 48-yard field goal in a game against Hanceville.



## SCOREBOARD

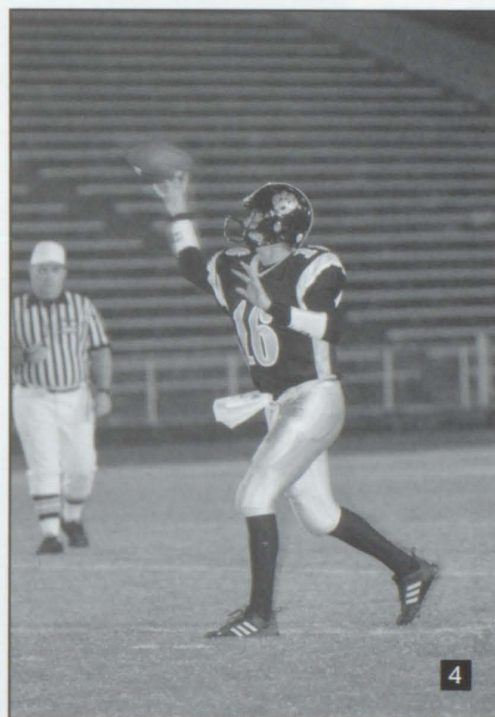
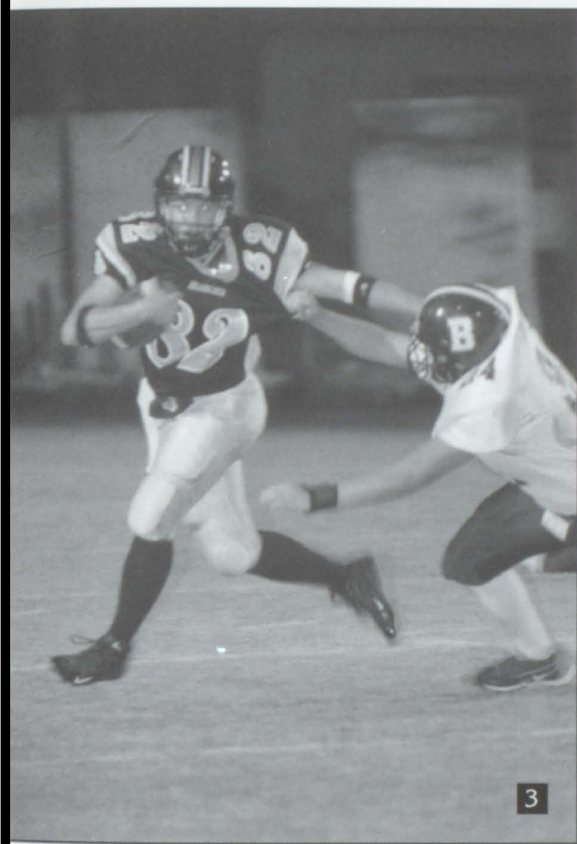
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Walker.....	13-35
Curry.....	57-21
Hanceville.....	54-12
Athens.....	14-21
Brewer.....	49-21
Hartselle.....	21-47
Russellville.....	21-55
Muscle Shoals.....	21-0
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"All of the seniors were very instrumental in our program. Leaving with a 22-12 record is no small feat."  
 Coach Mark Britton



## Varsity Football



**1.** Carson Williams lines up behind a veteran offensive line to take the snap from center, Caleb Tubbs. The offensive line was led by five seniors the entire year.

**2.** Coach Sparks patrols the sidelines as he contemplates which players to signal in next. The players behind him waited anxiously for their number to be called.

**3.** Wide receiver and tight end, Trent Walker stiff-arms a defensive player on his way to the endzone. Trent finished the game with two touchdowns.

**4.** Carson Williams releases the ball to his target ten yards down field. Carson went through most of the regular season with pinpoint accuracy.

**5.** Throwing the fade route, Carson Williams floats the ball to one of the many skilled wide receivers on the team. Carson credited his success to the hands of his wide receivers.

**6.** Leaving defenders in his wake, Daniel Munger looks ahead to the next gap he needs to hit. Daniel was a solid force in the backfield this year.

# Varsity Cheerleaders



"This is probably the best group of girls I've had that get along and work hard."  
Coach Heptinstall

1. Sophomore Samantha Reynolds throws a football into the student section at a football game earlier this year. The students fought to catch it.

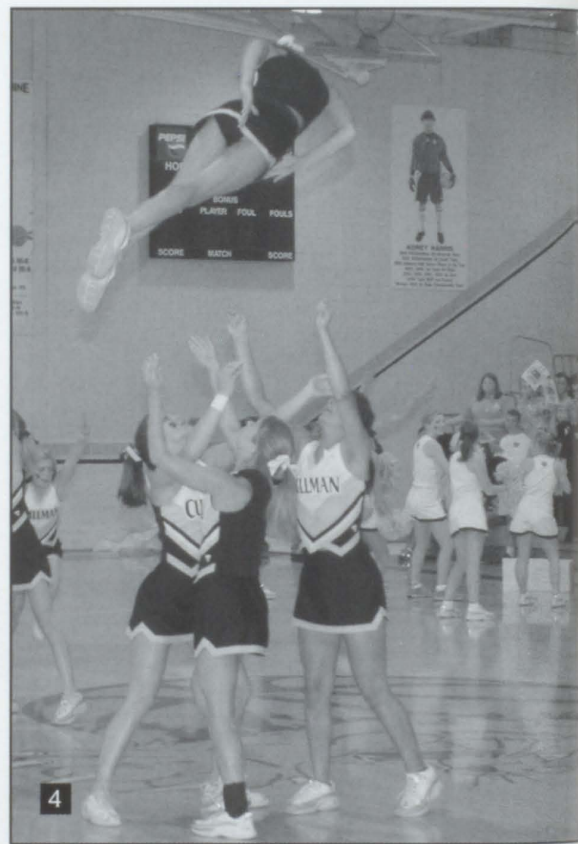
2. The cheerleaders perform the "Land Dance" at a football game. Much of the crowd joined them from the stands.

3. Sophomore Jessi Knight fixes her hair after a tumbling pass while Britney Thomas flips in the background.

4. A varsity cheerleader doubles down from a stunt. The cheerleaders' stunts were always the highlight of their routines.

5. The cheerleaders prepare for their upcoming pep rally performance. Because the cheerleaders were successful in generating school spirit, the football team knew their school supported them.

6. Meagan Griggs cheers to the Bearcat fans at the game. She and the rest of the cheerleaders were an integral part of the atmosphere at football games.



# Cheerleaders bring spirit to **BRING IT ON**

sidelines and competition floor



The National Cheerleading Competition is the king of all other cheerleading competitions. From the first time she steps into her uniform, a cheerleader dreams of the opportunity to compete there. This year, the dream of our varsity cheerleaders came true. After placing 2nd in the Regional Cheerleading competition, the girls received a bid to compete at Nationals on February 11, 2005. No previous squads in our history have accomplished this before now. "This is the best squad we've had in a long time, and we are confident that we can accomplish our goal," captain CJ Smith exclaimed, "We are really excited about this opportunity!" Unfortunately, it will cost the cheerleaders \$2,000 each to make the journey to Disney World where they will compete. In an effort to complete their goal, the cheerleaders hosted the 1st Annual Womanless Beauty Pageant on January 27, 2005. Approximately twenty guys showed off their feminine sides in stunning dresses and vied for the coveted title. A winner was chosen from each grade, and he received an exclusive trophy that the shop class personally created. Also, the contestants chose a fellow participant to receive the title of Miss Congeniality. All of the guys were on their best behavior with hopes of receiving this high honor. After John Nyquist was crowned the winner, all of the cheerleaders were excited about the success of the fundraiser.

Brittnie Mabry



1. Jessi Knight stays strong as she is pushed up into an elevator by her two bases and a spot. Impressing the students, the stunt group perfected their stunts at the pep rally.

2. Senior Erika Knop and sophomore Samantha Reynolds pump up the crowd at a football game. They cheered their hardest in hopes of helping the team earn a victory.

# JV Cheerleaders get to show off talent

## THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

and be regular fans

If you are a fan of football, and you love tumbling, dancing, cheering, and stunting, then the JV cheerleading squad is the team for you. Every week these seven girls practice all their favorite activities. Whether it's tossing people to the ceiling, dancing to fun music, or turning flips in the air, the JV cheerleading squad masters it all. They show off their hard work and talent at all the home football games during the fall. In addition to showing their support for the team as cheerleaders, they also become fans in the stands for the away games. In order to save money on bus fare, the JV cheerleaders have the option of attending the games as diehard Bearcat fans instead of lovely cheerleaders. When the time for pep rallies rolls around, it's back on the court for these ladies where they yell and somersault with the best of them. In my opinion, JV cheerleading is the best way to go when supporting our Bearcats.

Leah Miller



1. Showing their spirit to the freshmen section, the JV cheerleaders cheer to the beat of "Go Cats Go!" Having to learn many different cheers was one of the difficult things about transitioning from middle school cheerleading.

2. The seven JV cheerleaders dress up as the seven dwarfs on costume day. Emily Britt also made a special appearance as Snow White.



"I had a great time with each one of these girls. They all worked extremely hard and are still very special to me."  
Coach Schenaye Mauldin



## Junior Varsity Cheerleaders



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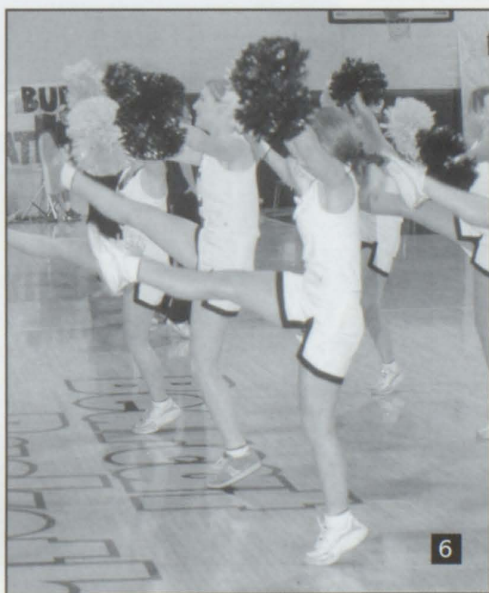
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1. Brittany Morris smiles while doing a cheer during a pep rally before the Gadsden game. All of the cheerleaders took it upon themselves to get the crowd pepped up, especially during pep rallies.

2. Walking off the field before it starts, the cheerleaders feel what it's like to be a part of a homecoming football game.

3. Jillian Edwards and Erica Nail try their hardest to get the freshmen the spirit stick. All of the cheerleaders encouraged their classes to cheer the loudest so they could have the spirit stick.

4. After taking Katie Latham's pom-poms, Lindsay Hagood, the team mascot, walks to the other side of the track to encourage fans in the stands. Katie tracked Lindsay down later to make sure that she returned her pom-poms.

5. Feeling relieved, the JV cheerleaders yell and scream in support of the football team. For many of the cheerleaders, it was a massive weight lifted off their shoulders after a cheer was completed.

6. The JV cheerleaders show their limberness by doing high kicks. Having to stay stretched and limber was an ongoing task for the girls.

# Cross Country



Ashton Stansberry stops her timer as she crosses the finish line. With an outstanding performance, Ashton was named an All-State runner this season.

1. Megan Fox passes three girls as she nears the finish line. Running cross country since seventh grade, Megan has learned how to find a burst of energy in the final stretch of the race.



2. EC Gibbs passes a runner from Scottsboro, which is the cross country team's biggest rival. Because of his talent, ability, and dedication, EC was offered cross country scholarships from many colleges and universities.



3. Cassie Clark pick up her pace when she sees the second mile marker. Cassie improved her time tremendously this season.



4. Charlie Clayton sprint through the finish line. Known for his dedication, Charlie always put in the extra effort.



5. Christopher Holland keeps up the pace with his hair following behind him. Christopher enjoyed participating in cross country meets; "Running keep you in shape so you can run away when the girls' team catches you taking their keys."



6. Camden Holmes struggles to keep his fast pace. Seeing the mile marker in the distance helped him surge forward.



# WAKE UP CALL

The story of success through perseverance and dedication.



"Beep, beep, beep!" There it was, one of the most awful sounds in the entire world. Ashley Ricketts reluctantly rolls over to look at the clock. It seemed to glare back at her: five o'clock.

Ashley climbed out of bed and began to prepare for another run. She quickly tied her shoes and glanced again at the clock: five-fifteen. She grabbed a bottle of water and dashed to her car. She knew that if she were late, Coach Calvert would not be very happy.

Ashley arrived at the tennis courts just in time to join the cross-country team in their regular warm-up: two trails. After running through the woods and getting sweaty enough to qualify as "warm", it was time for the work out.

Coach Calvert had decided that the team would run the Ninth Street course and finish with laps at the track. The boys and girls reluctantly left the tennis courts and began to run their long journey. After an hour of constant pain, it came time to hit the track.

"Four laps around," Coach Calvert said casually, "and make it fast." After hearing their orders, the team began making their rounds around the track. The first lap went by smoothly, and before they knew it, it was time for a hot shower. They also treated themselves to lots of Duchess Bakery doughnuts to end the morning happily.

Bethany Donaldson



**1.** Christina Chambers crosses the finish line. Although she was exhausted after her 5K race, it was a race she could be proud of because she gave it her all.

**2.** The girls' cross country team prepares for the race on the starting line. They tried to not think about the grueling twenty minutes ahead, while chatting with the other girls participating in the race.

Indoor track team competes

# COMPETING IN THE BARN

in Celebration Arena

As a gun is fired in the background, it sounds like a herd of cattle as the runners' racing spikes pound on the flimsy, bright yellow track. However, this track is not level and slightly bouncy like the track that surrounds our football field; it is wooden and inclined at the curves, making the turns approximately five feet off the ground. It is also only 200 meters long, half the size of outdoor tracks. But the track itself is not the only attribute that makes the arena unusual.

Off-season, the Celebration Arena is a horse barn. Lacking any form of temperature control or flooring, the barn is continuously bitter cold, with a thick cloud of dust hanging in the air. With stalls lining the walls, the competing teams can be found inside lounging, sleeping, or just trying to keep warm during the majority of the meet.

Lasting anywhere from eight to ten hours, the meets involve much down time. Most of the team members participate in two to three events during the day, and although their respective events are sometimes back-to-back, many events have hours between them, with the actual event lasting anywhere from seven seconds to thirteen minutes.

In spite of the fact that indoor season is not a favorite among members of the track team, they all agree that competing in the barn is definitely an experience in itself.

Melissa Johnson



1. EC Gibbs rounds the curve of the 1600-meter run. Racing his best indoor mile ever, he broke the indoor record as well as his personal best.

2. Coach Calvert sets the pace for the practice on Wednesday. Always consisting of a 50 minutes run, Wednesdays were a relief from the harder workouts during the week.

3. Charlie Clayton begins his second lap of his race. As a member of the 4X800 team, he kept the lead his teammates had established.





"Throwing shotput for indoor track has really strengthened my arm, which will be useful when I throw the javelin at Auburn next fall."  
David Lowry



## Indoor Track

**1.** Ashley Ricketts tries to relax as she competes in the 1600-meter run. Relaxed motions were important in keeping a steady pace.

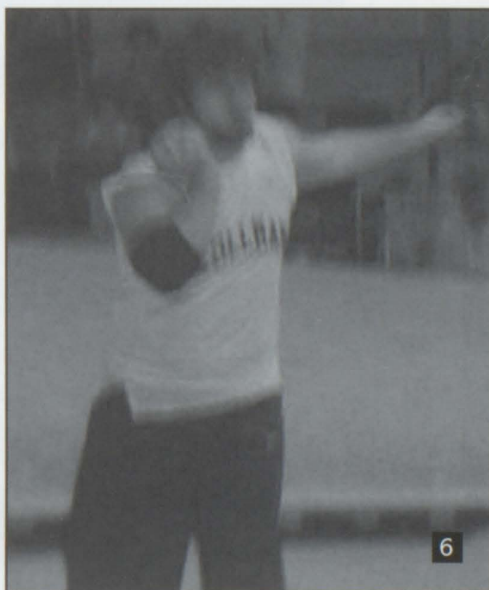
**2.** The boys competing in the 800-meter run take off after hearing the gunshot. The firing of the gun always startled onlookers at the meet.

**3.** David Lowry prepares to throw the shotput. Weighing twelve pounds, the shotput was thrown approximately forty feet.

**4.** Meagan Morrison is careful not to fall off the track in the two-mile run. Falling off the track constitutes a disqualification from the race.

**5.** Christopher Holland races to the finish line in his last lap of the two-mile run. Since the track was only 200 meters long, the two-mile run was 16 laps long.

**6.** Wesley Harrison uses perfect form in the release of his shotput. Though he is only a sophomore, he was able to compete on a level of older, more experienced throwers.



# Varsity Volleyball



"Every year the girls set a team goal. This year our goal was that no matter what the outcome, we would play with a classy representation of Cullman High School. I feel we achieved that at each school we played."  
Coach Wren

1. The team huddles together to figure out a game plan. The Varsity girls did this often during their games to strategize their plan of attack. "Volleyball can be hard, but we have a lot of fun times too," says junior player Meghan Willoughby.

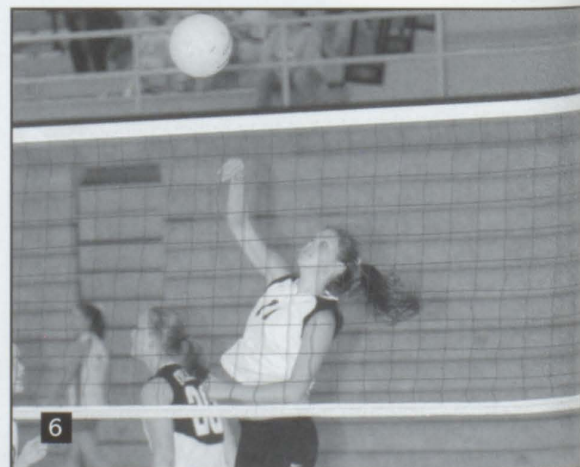
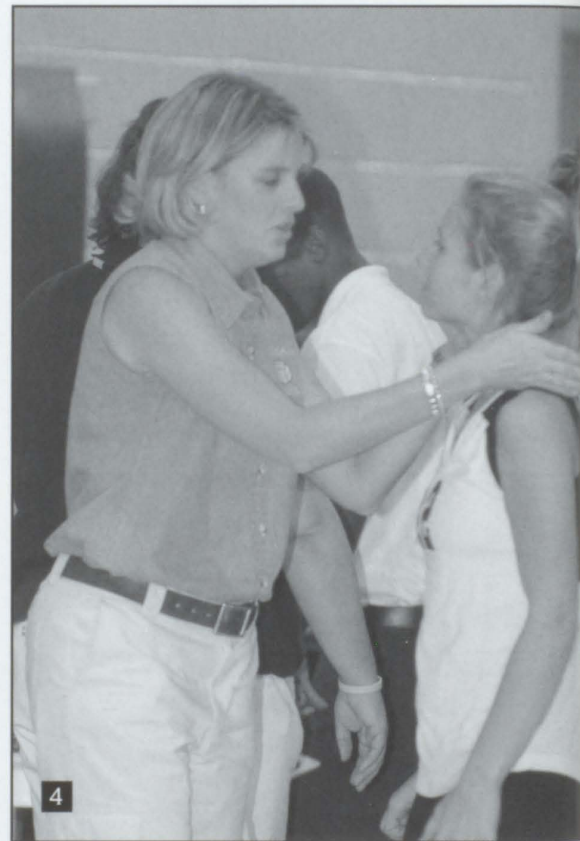
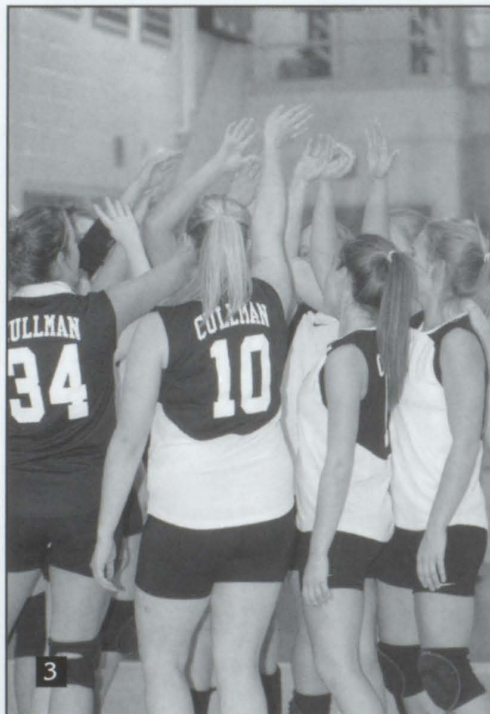
2. Laura McHan and Danielle Skipper work together to defeat the Holly Pond Broncos. Throughout the season, the team competed against many schools across the state.

3. The team gets pumped up before the big game. This pre-game ritual helped get the girls' adrenaline flowing.

4. Coach Wren gives Natasha Cupp an encouraging pat on the back. Coach Wren worked hard to lead the team into many victories.

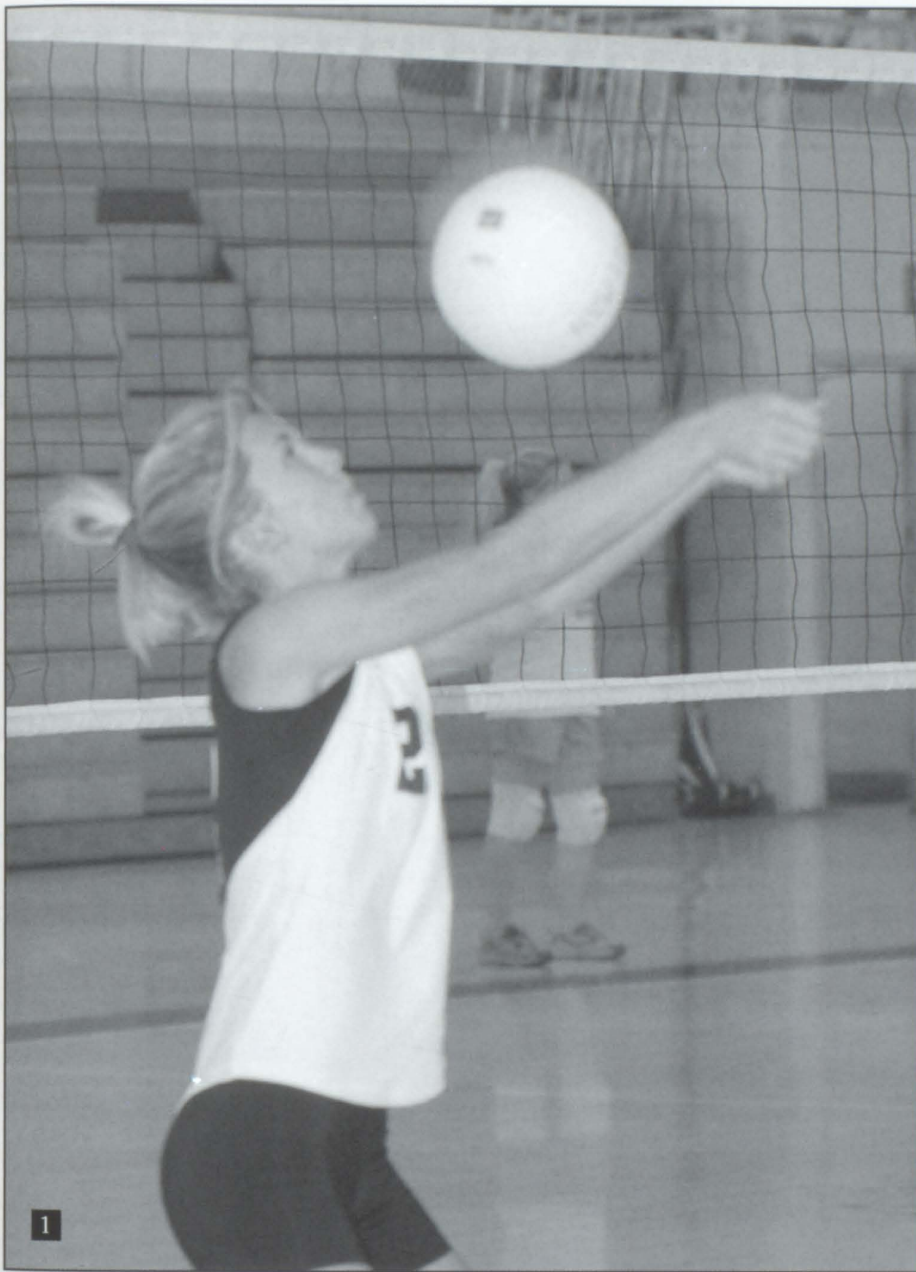
5. Lauren Perry rushes to set the ball as Mallory Shaw sets it. Teamwork was one of the keys to their success.

6. Mallory Shaw spikes the ball over the net. Ferocious spikes helped the Lady Bearcats score many points.



# Volleyball players make sacrifices **YOU GOT SERVED**

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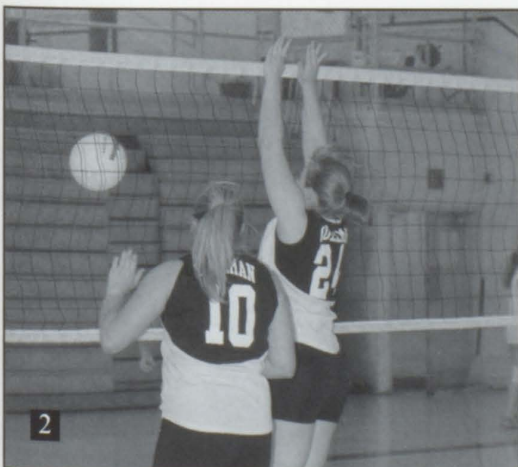


At the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, the U.S. Girls Volleyball Team took home the gold medal. This thought was in the minds of our girls volleyball team as they practiced hard for the upcoming season. The girls bumped, spiked, and served the volleyball over and over again during practice. With strong determination and set minds, the girls improved individually and as a team. "Overall, I was very pleased with how much we have progressed over the season. The girls have played hard and have grown as a team," says Varsity coach, Stacie Wren.

The girls faced many obstacles this season. Some key players faced injuries but worked through the pain and stuck with their teammates. Seniors were faced with a tough decision at the end of the year when the final ACT date fell on the same day as the regional tournament. Even so, the girls overcame these barriers and won many games on their tough schedule.

The team had an admirable record with 16 wins and 17 losses. The team hopes to develop even more and improve their season record next year.

Dana O'Bara



1. Danielle Skipper bumps the ball over the net. Quick defensive actions like this helped lead the Lady Bearcats into several victories. "Overall I think we played pretty well," commented Danielle on the season.

2. Nikki Scroggins and Lauren Perry block the ball from going over the net. After a quick play like that, it is sometimes difficult to set back up for defense.

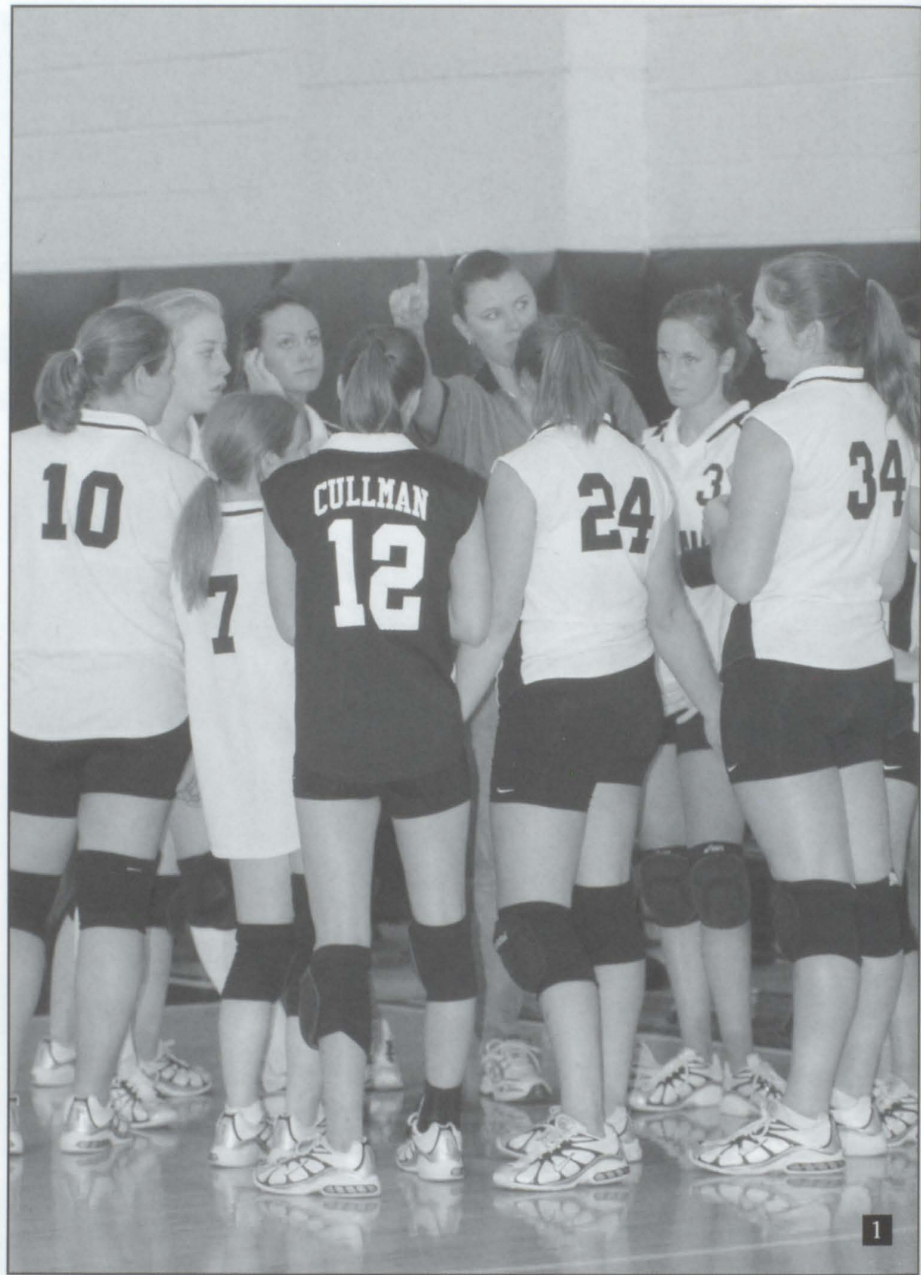
## Girls learn the fundamentals

# BUMP, SET, SPIKE

of playing volleyball

The Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball team's main objective is to develop their individual skills to prepare the girls for varsity action. In that case, this year would have to be considered a success. The girls have improved tremendously under the tutelage of Coach Beth Calvert. Calvert says, "We have had a very successful season due to the hard work of each player. Many of the girls on the team will be ready to step up and contribute to the varsity team next year. I was glad I was able to coach the girls. Everyone of them is truly special." Not only did the girls tremendously improve, they had a very formidable win-loss record as well. The Bearcats' record of 20-7 gives them the best record of any junior varsity in history. To top it off, the girls won first place in their tournament group in the Scottsboro Invitational. They finished the entire tournament in second place. The teams on the varsity girls schedule for next year better watch out because some very talented girls are ready to play.

Trey Barnes



1. Coach Calvert preps the team for the upcoming game. The girls worked together and bonded as a team throughout the season.

2. Abigail Jacobs and Jordon Rollo warm-up before a game. This year's team was always well prepared.



We  
had a very successful season,  
and I am looking forward to playing  
next year.  
Anna Eidson



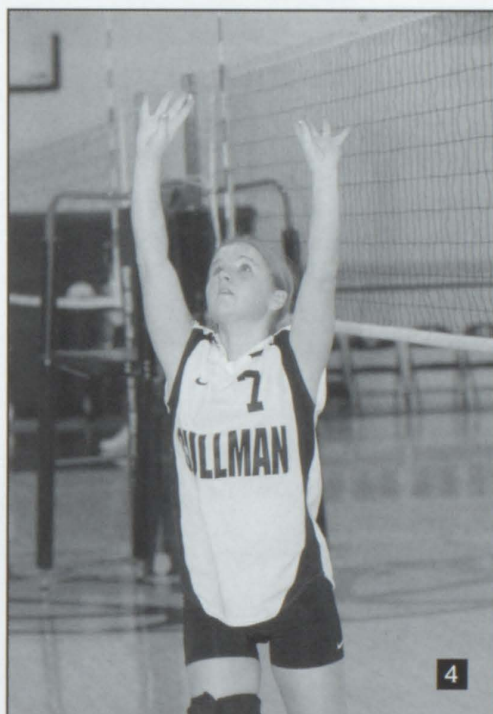
## Junior Varsity Volleyball



**1.** The JV Volleyball team happily poses while holding their trophy. The team finished 2nd in the Scotsboro Tournament.

**2.** Pam Allison motivates the team before the game. This year's team was very spirited.

**3.** Jordon Rollo jumps for a spike. Plays like this launched their team to a successful season.



**4.** Laina Fine sets the ball for another teammate. Teamwork was a critical part in team strategy.

**5.** Tiffany McNabb pounds the ball over the net. Many players made positive contributions to this year's team.



**6.** Pam Allison prepares for a dig. The lyrics for a popular rap song "Get Low" are also important fundamentals in volleyball.

# Varsity Girls' Basketball



"I had so much fun at camp! It used to be that the girls would break into little cliques and just talk to each other, but ever since camp, we really came together as a team."  
Andrea Mason

1. Determined to overcome the opposing player, Caroline Weatherly races down the court towards the basket. Though small in stature, Caroline was one of the dominant players on the court.



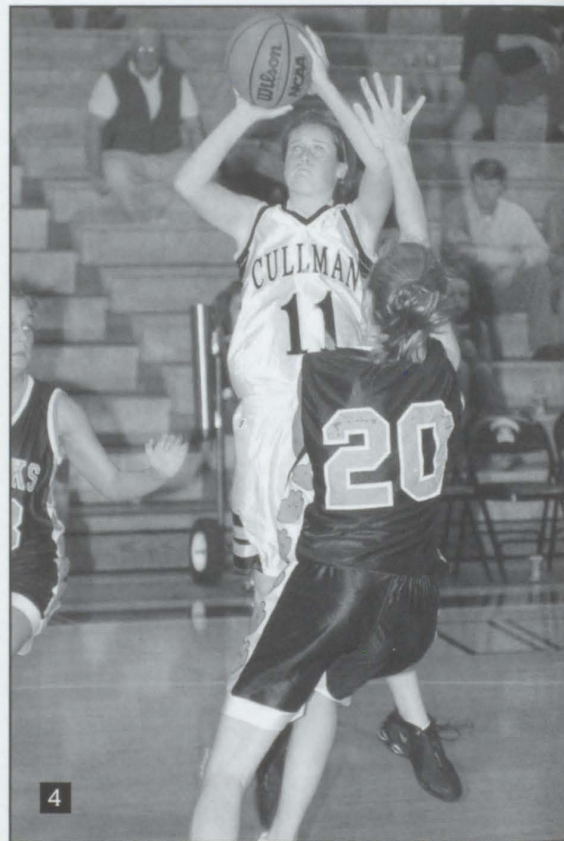
2. Coach Ponder gives the Lady Cats a pep talk before their hard-fought battle with Hartselle. The girls were very emotional after their big win.



3. Senior Laura McHan pulls up in the opponents face for a jump shot. McHan was the lone senior on the Lady Cats team, but held strong leadership



4. Erin Meriwether adds two points to the Lady Bearcats lead over Gardendale. With her sharp shooting ability, she added a perimeter attack to the already potent Bearcat offense.



5. Colleen McDaniel fights to protect the ball from her opponent before passing it down the court. Colleen's intensity in the game kept opposing players on their toes the whole season.



6. The girls still manage to look beautiful even after their difficult week of camp as they pause for a picture at their favorite restaurant at the beach.



The girls' basketball team heads to the beach

# FUN IN THE SUN

for a week of practice and team fellowship



With the gym bleachers filled with girls' basketball supporters, it seemed as though just another normal basketball season had begun. This, however, was quite the understatement. This year's team was very different from last year's. Thanks to summer camps, practices, and tons of visits to Triple Play Sports Academy, this year's Lady Cats team was the best conditioned of any that fans had seen in quite some time. The favorite week of practice for all the girls was, of course, their week spent at the beach. This week of practice took place during fall break when the coaches decided to give their teams a five-day change of scenery. Colleen McDaniel commented, "The week at the beach was the most fun, but the most intense week of practice for the entire season." A typical day of training consisted of waking early in the morning and eating breakfast before the first practice of the day that began at 7:00 A.M. After a long and rigorous set of drills and exercise, the girls were allowed to eat lunch and lounge by the pool before their second practice of the day. After running through plays and their second tough practice, the girls had the opportunity to walk on the beach and relax in the hot tub before the cycle began again the next day. Though all the girls thoroughly enjoyed the trip, by the end of the week they were rightfully exhausted, ready for some well-deserved rest, and adeptly prepared for the upcoming season where they would clench the title of Area 11 Champs.

Leah Miller



1. Junior Elizabeth Rowe elevates to grab the tip to get the Bearcats started in their game against the Gardendale Rockets. They dominated the game.

2. The team celebrates their area championship by passing around the trophy. This was the first area title in recent memory.

# The boys' basketball team goes 10-0

## UNBLEMISHED

in the area to claim the title

The Varsity Bearcats rolled through 5-A Area 11 in the 2004-2005 season, going 10-0 in area play, finishing as Area 11 champions, with a victory over Gardendale in the championship game. Cullman seniors Zac Tucker, Adam Fox, Anthony Reynolds, Trent Walker, Kevin Artist, Ben Nobrega, Kolby Lawrence, and Nick Canaday flashed brilliance and provided leadership to juniors Jesse Bouldin, Jacob Dellinger, Carson Williams and sophomore Dylan Smith. The Bearcats started the season on an 8-0 run, including a one-point victory in Gardendale that proved to the state that the 'Cats were for real. As the season wore on, the boys played at Walker with a chance to grab home court advantage for the area tournament. The 'Cats responded again when they trounced a vaunted Walker team, bringing the first area tournament in recent memory to Cullman High Gymnasium.

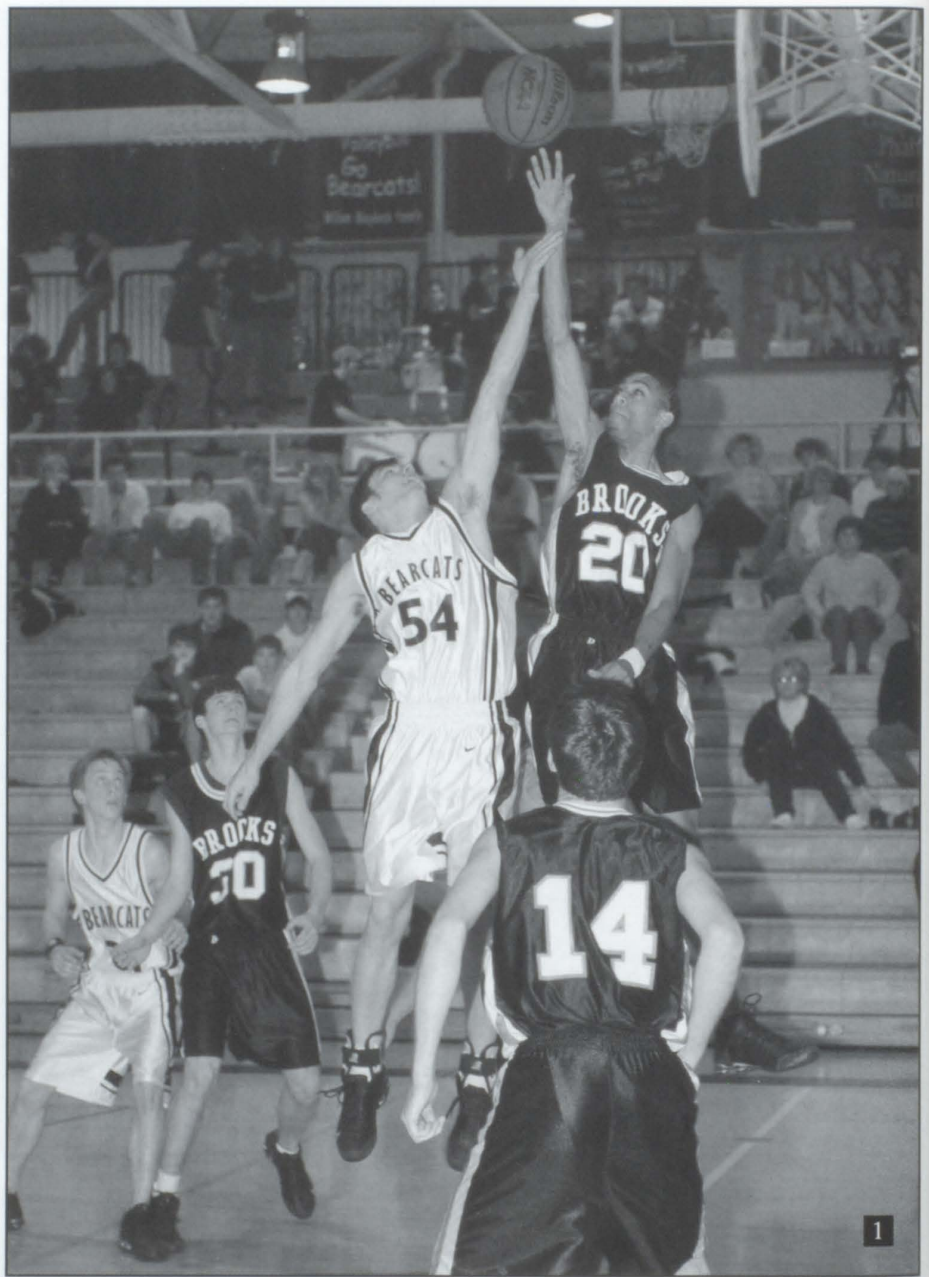
In the Area 11 tournament, the boys demolished Curry and then took care of Gardendale in the finals. Ben Nobrega and Jesse Bouldin were named to the All-Area 11 Tournament team, and Kolby Lawrence received MVP honors for his play to win the first area championship in years.

"It feels great. We worked with Steve (Johnson, the Bearcats team trainer) all summer, and it finally paid off," said an ecstatic Ben Nobrega after cutting down the net for winning the area championship.

Cullman basketball experienced success and fan support unknown in recent years. This is an omen of a basketball tradition to rival any in the state.

The boys also went on to become sub-regional champs in the game against Muscle Shoals, which proved to be the most exciting game of the season. The Bearcats pulled a 69-64 victory in the last few excruciating seconds of the game.

Kyle Morris



1. As Kevin Artist glances up, Ben Nobrega attempts to win the tipoff against a player from Brooks. Leading the team in rebounds, Ben was a dominant force inside throughout the year.

2. Anthony Reynolds, Nick Canaday, and Zac Tucker raise up their area championship trophy. The entire team was excited to celebrate their first area championship in years.

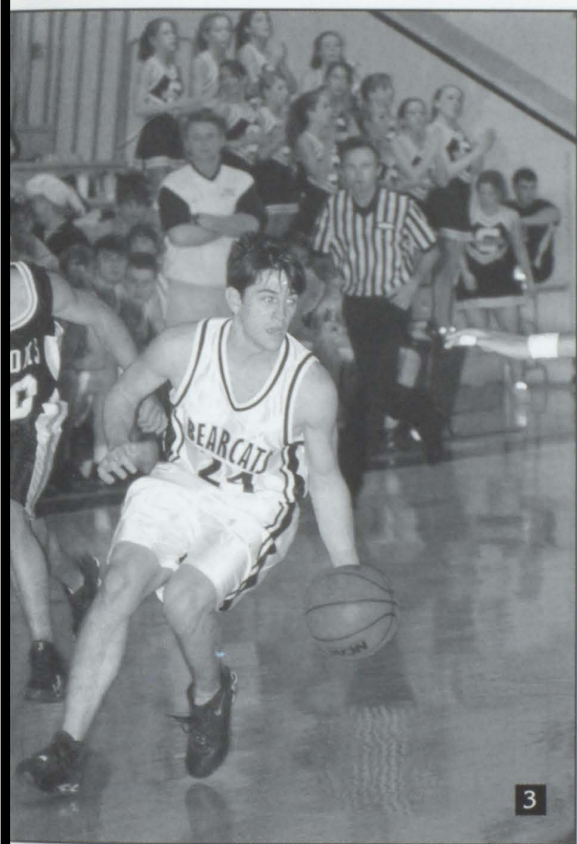




"I am glad that I was able to help the teams get more publicity, and hopefully they enjoyed having a fellow student write their games instead of a stranger."  
 Kyle Morris



## Varsity Boys' Basketball



**1.** Trent Walker, Dylan Smith, and Zac Tucker are greeted by the cheerleaders and girls' basketball players as they jog through the victory line. Fan support was one of the key elements to the team's success at home.

**2.** Fighting for the loose ball, Carson Williams is able to avoid a jumpball situation. Carson was one of the many forwards that Coach Dean was able to rotate into the lineup.

**3.** Kolby Lawrence drives by a Brooks player on the way to the basket. Kolby used his talent deep into the season by being named the area tournament MVP.

**4.** Leading the fast break, Jesse Bouldin looks for the open man. Jesse led the team in assists from the point guard position.

**5.** In the area championship game against Gardendale, Coach Dean drills the team on the importance of closing out the game. The team went on to defeat Gardendale and claim the area title.

**6.** After being introduced by the announcer, Kevin Artist makes sure to say a quick word to the referees. Kevin wanted to make sure all the calls were made in his favor throughout the night.

# Junior Varsity Basketball

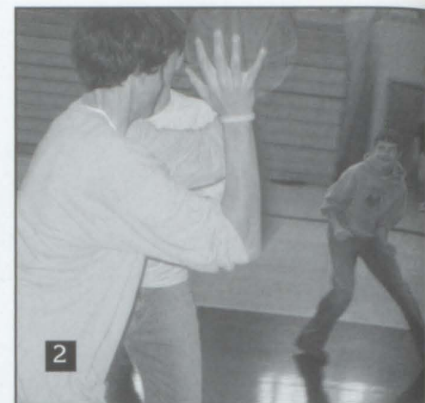


"When it came down to it we always worked hard, and all the hard work paid off in our winning season."  
Emily Miller

1. The JV boys listen intently as Coach Freeman gives them a pre-game pep talk against Hartselle. Coach Freeman attributed their success to the leadership of the older players on the team.



2. Practicing in the gym, Jacob Lovetto prepares to pass the ball to Will Barnes. The team used any free space in the gym to keep up their game.



3. Keith Chumley goes for a layup over a defender. Keith was a dominant force down low for the team throughout the season.



4. Leading scorer Ben Waid looks for an open teammate. He helped lead the team to a winning season.

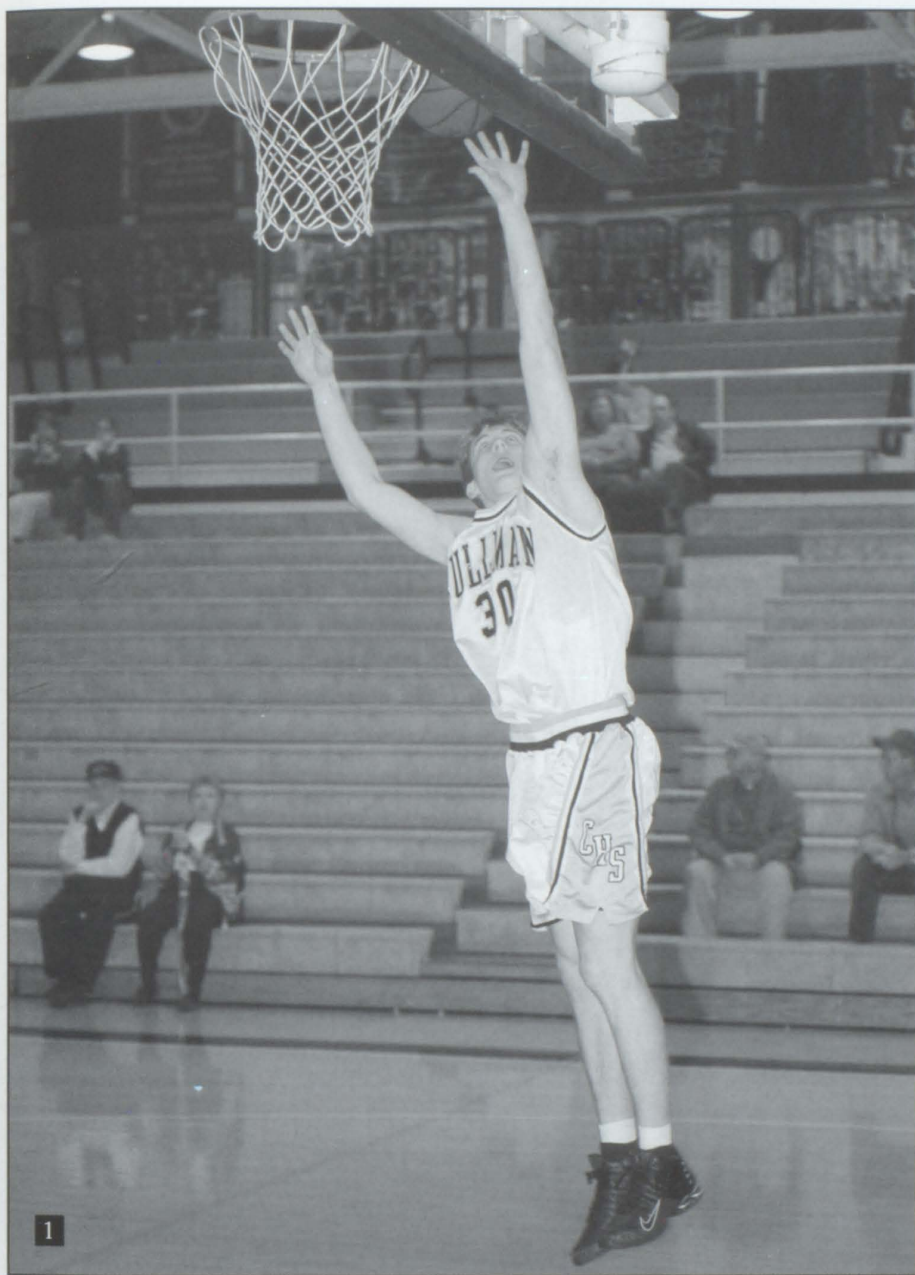


5. With a little help from his buddies, Will Barnes attempts a slam dunk. What Will lacked in height, he made up for in speed and intellect on the 9th grade team.



# JV Boys, JV Girls, and Ninth Grade Boys NOTHIN' BUT NET

build foundation for future in basketball



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The JV Basketball teams began the season with 12 young players on each team excited and anxious about the 2005 season. They attended the Alabama Team Camp in June, which gave them an early edge on the competition. "We are a very good defensive team. Lots of speed" said head coach Chris Freeman about his JV boys. There were a few obstacles along the way that the boys had to overcome. Zeb Smith began the season with a shoulder injury that called for surgery. They lost three other members due various circumstances. The team then consisted of eight boys who had to work hard to pick up the slack. Ross Weathersby, Josh Knight, and Ben Waid led the team to a 13-5 season. The girls' JV team managed to keep all their members and suffered only minor injuries throughout the season. Cassie Gable, Allison Meriwether, and Emily Miller led the girls' JV team in points scored for a 8-7 season.

The Ninth Grade boys have also been hard at work this season. Under the direction of Coach Ty Campbell, the boys were well prepared for life on varsity in years to come.

Bethany Donaldson, Sarah Hamm, Leah Miller, & CJ Smith



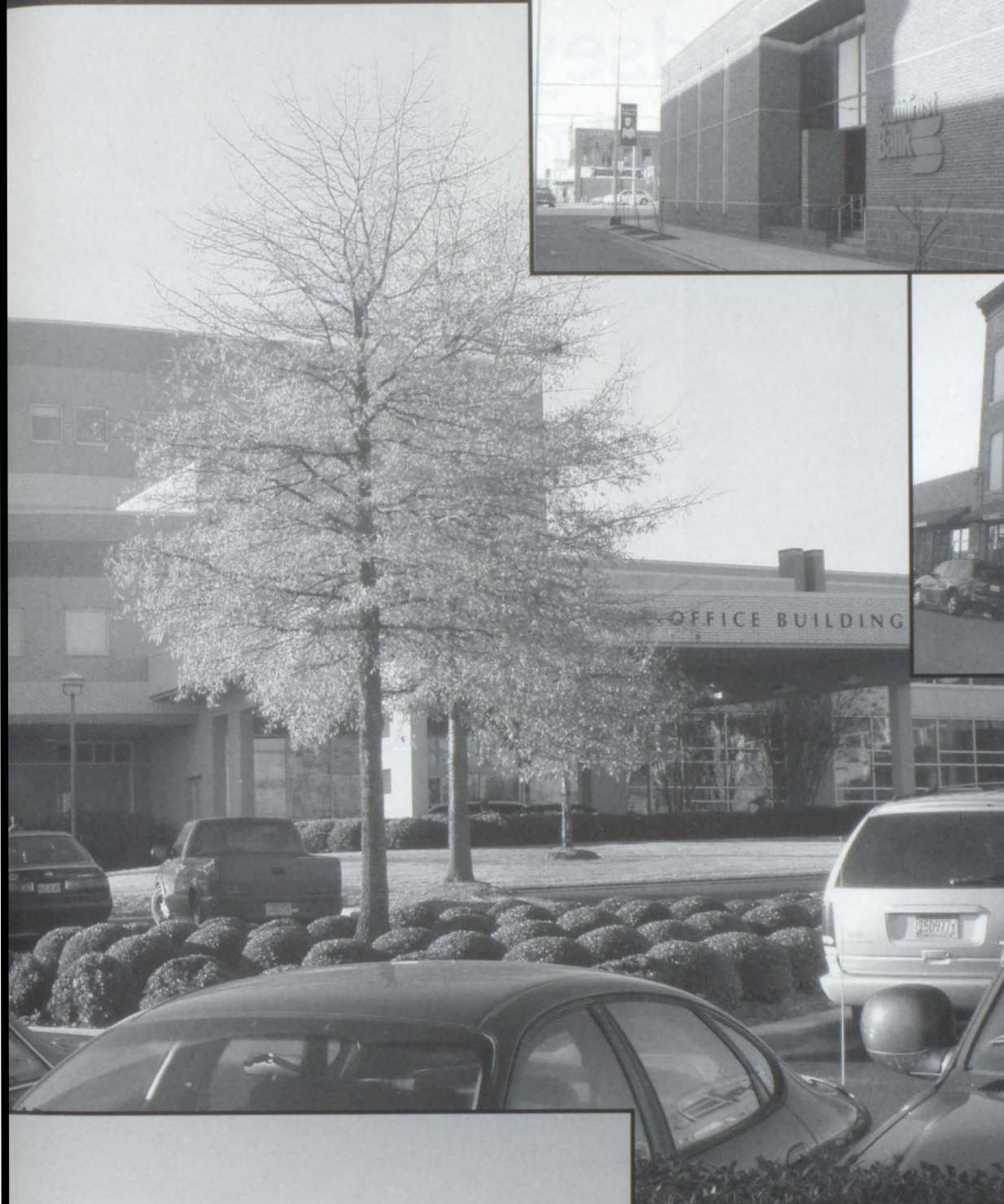
1. After stealing the ball and running back down the court, Russell Miller gives the Bearcats two points to add to their score. Russell was a key player in that game.

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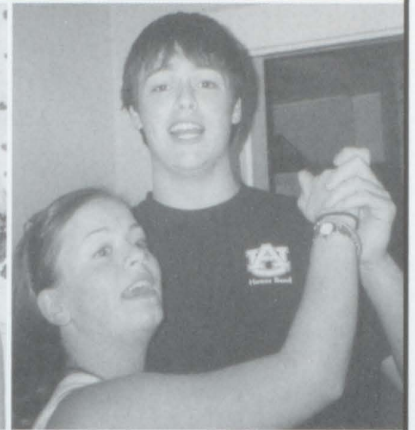
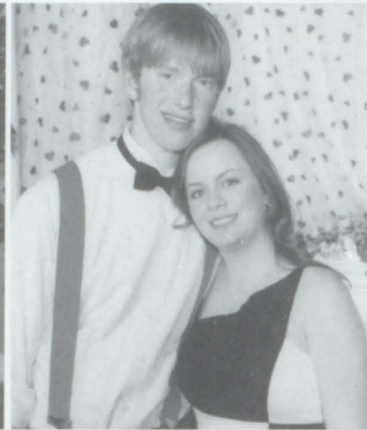
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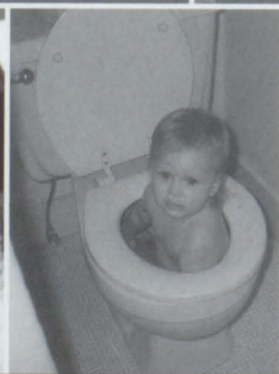
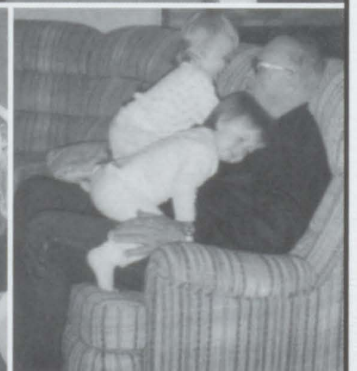
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The world breaks everyone  
and afterward many are  
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- Ernest Hemingway

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The Lord is the strong hold  
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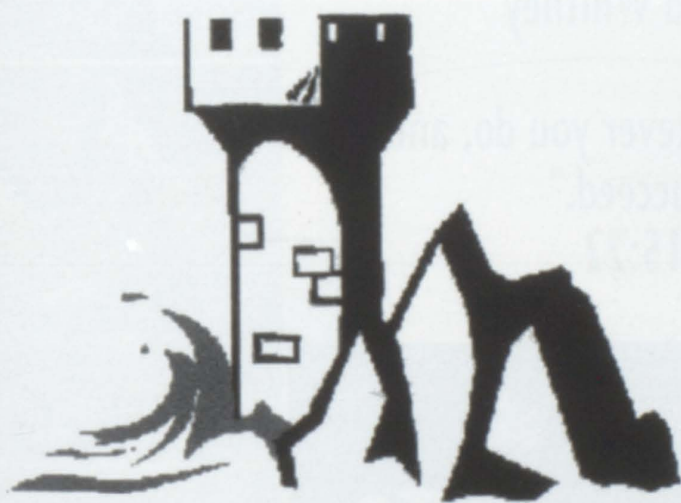
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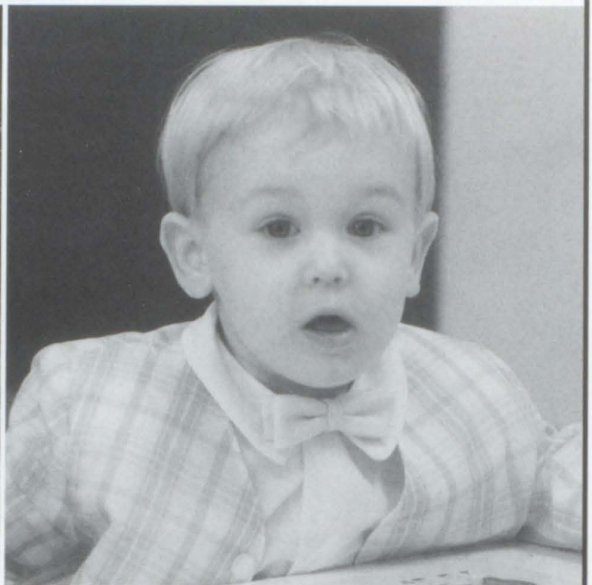
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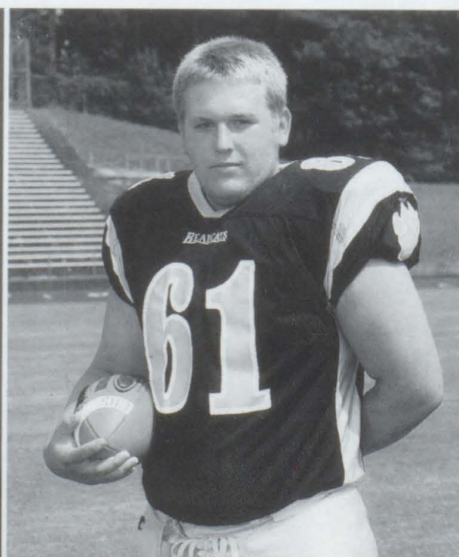
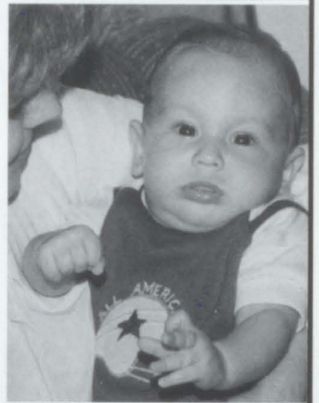


We pray for you much happiness and success as you journey toward your future. We love you and are so very proud of you!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Whitney

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

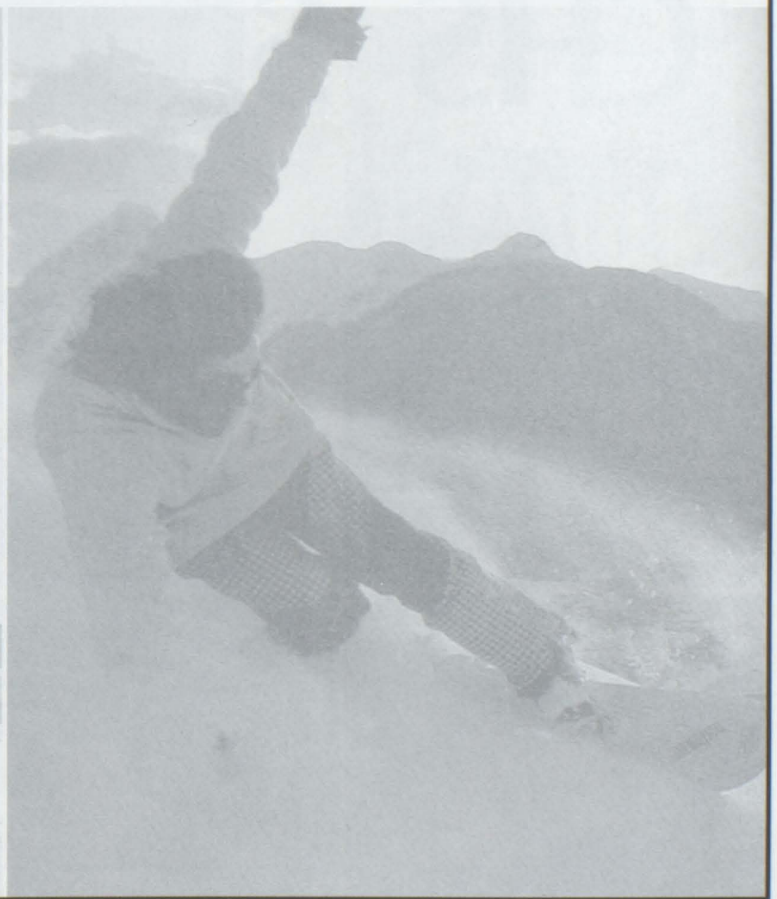
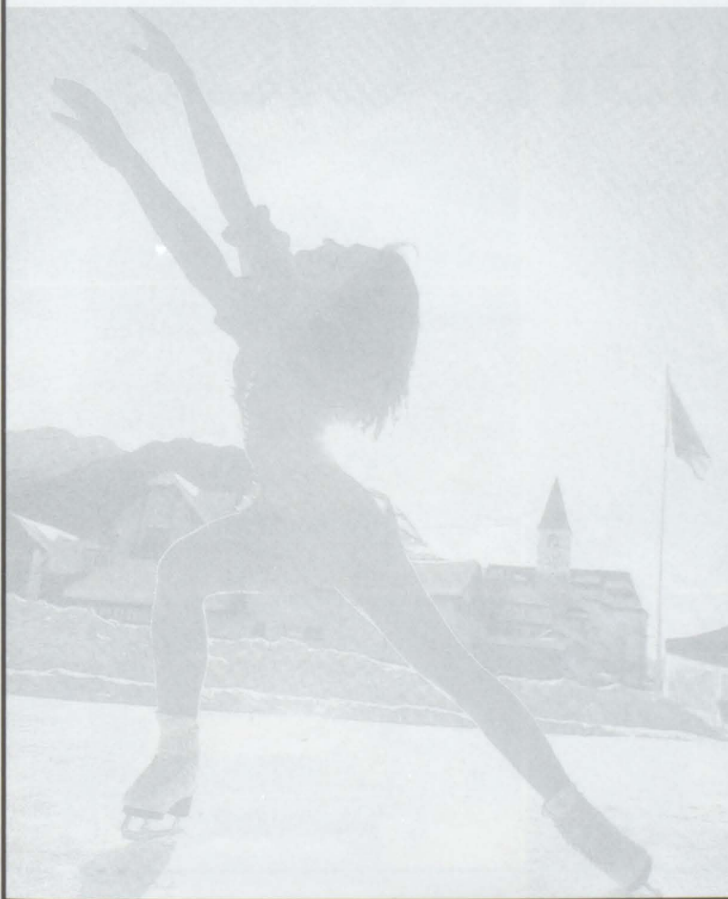
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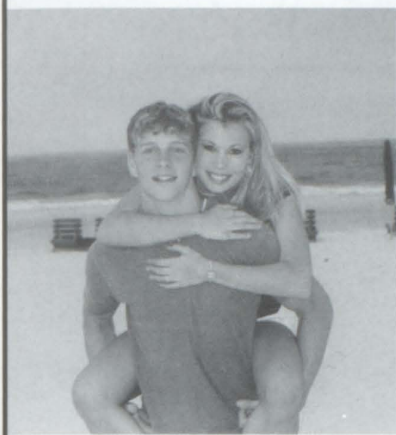
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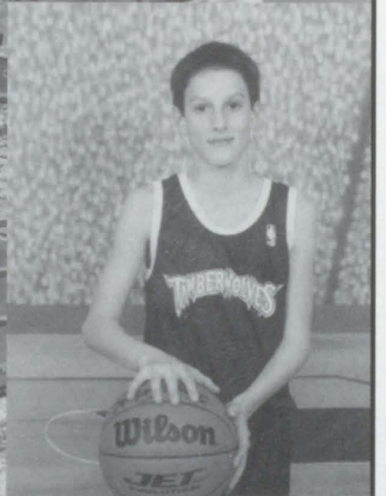
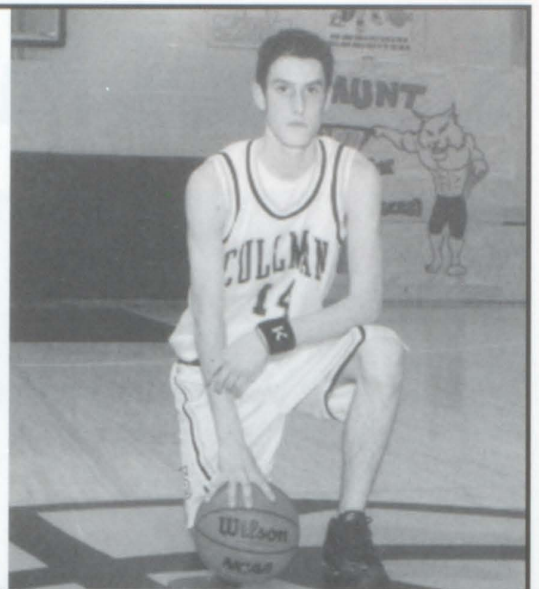
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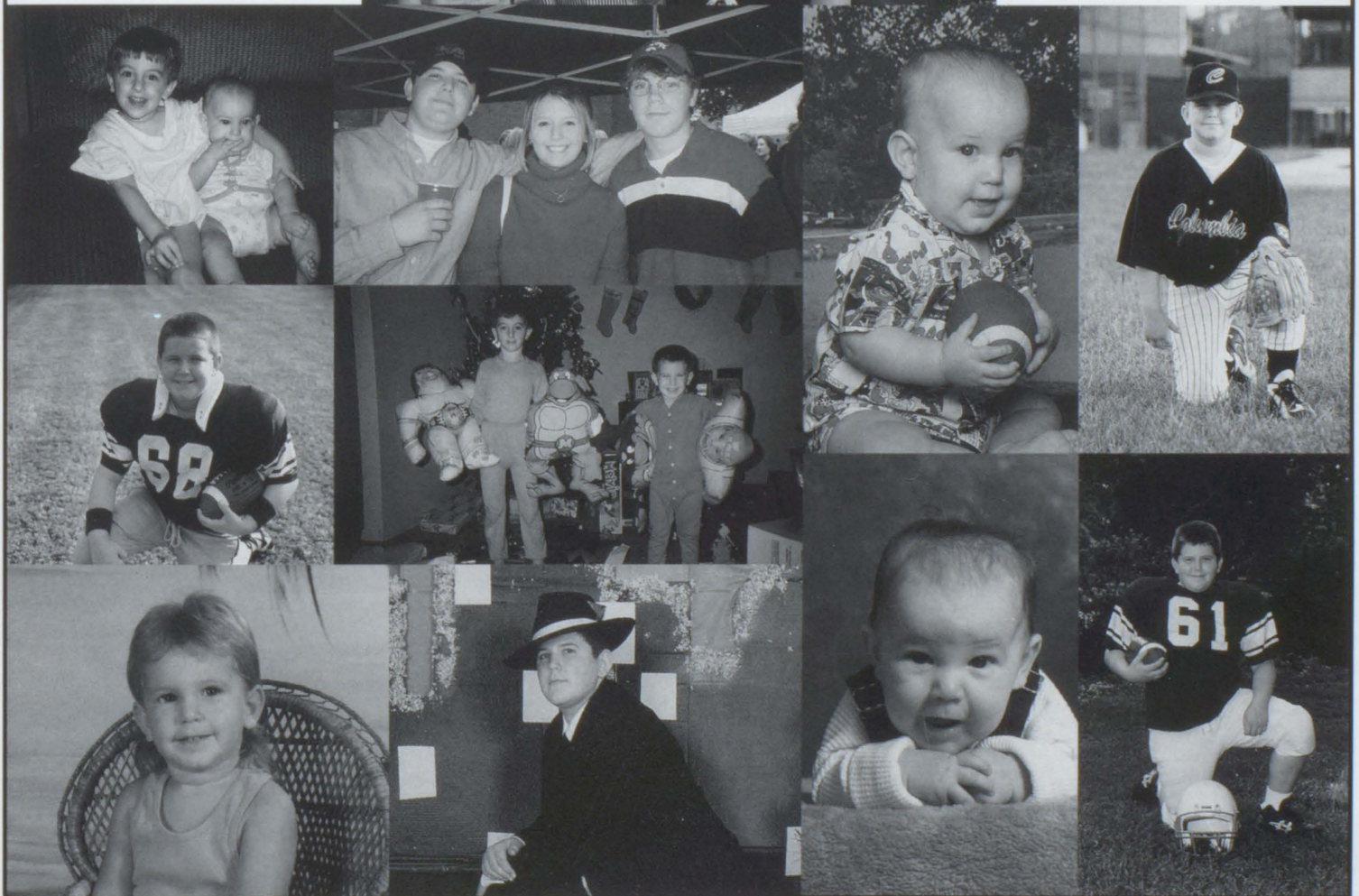
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Wesley our second born son and little brother. Yet only seems like yesterday you were toddling and playing little league baseball and football and now you are graduating from high school and have grown into a fine young man. It's with all the memories of your childhood that you have made me and your Dad so proud of you. We want you to know how much you are loved. Wesley you have a special warmth within and blessing and caring and such a personality that you will succeed in whatever you strive and work hard to do. Remember to always put God and family first. Let this special day be memorable and may you succeed in life.

With all our love,  
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brother, and I am so  
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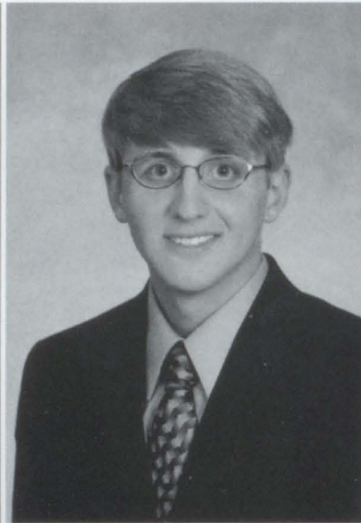
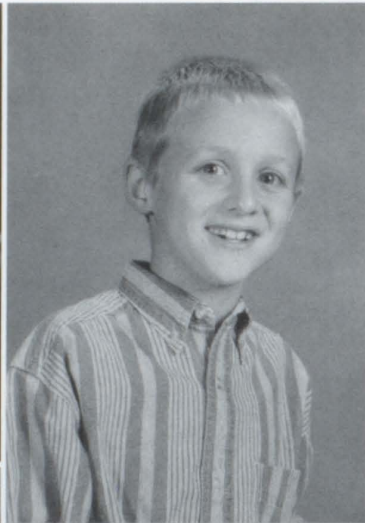
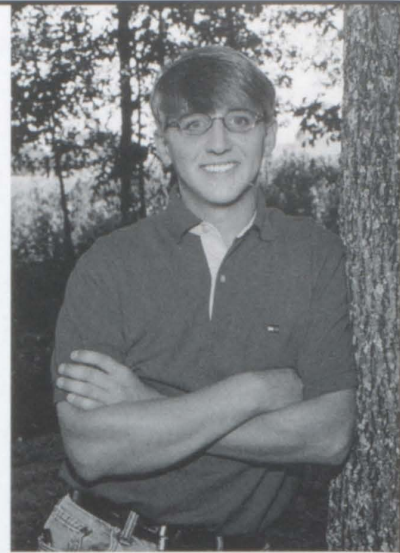


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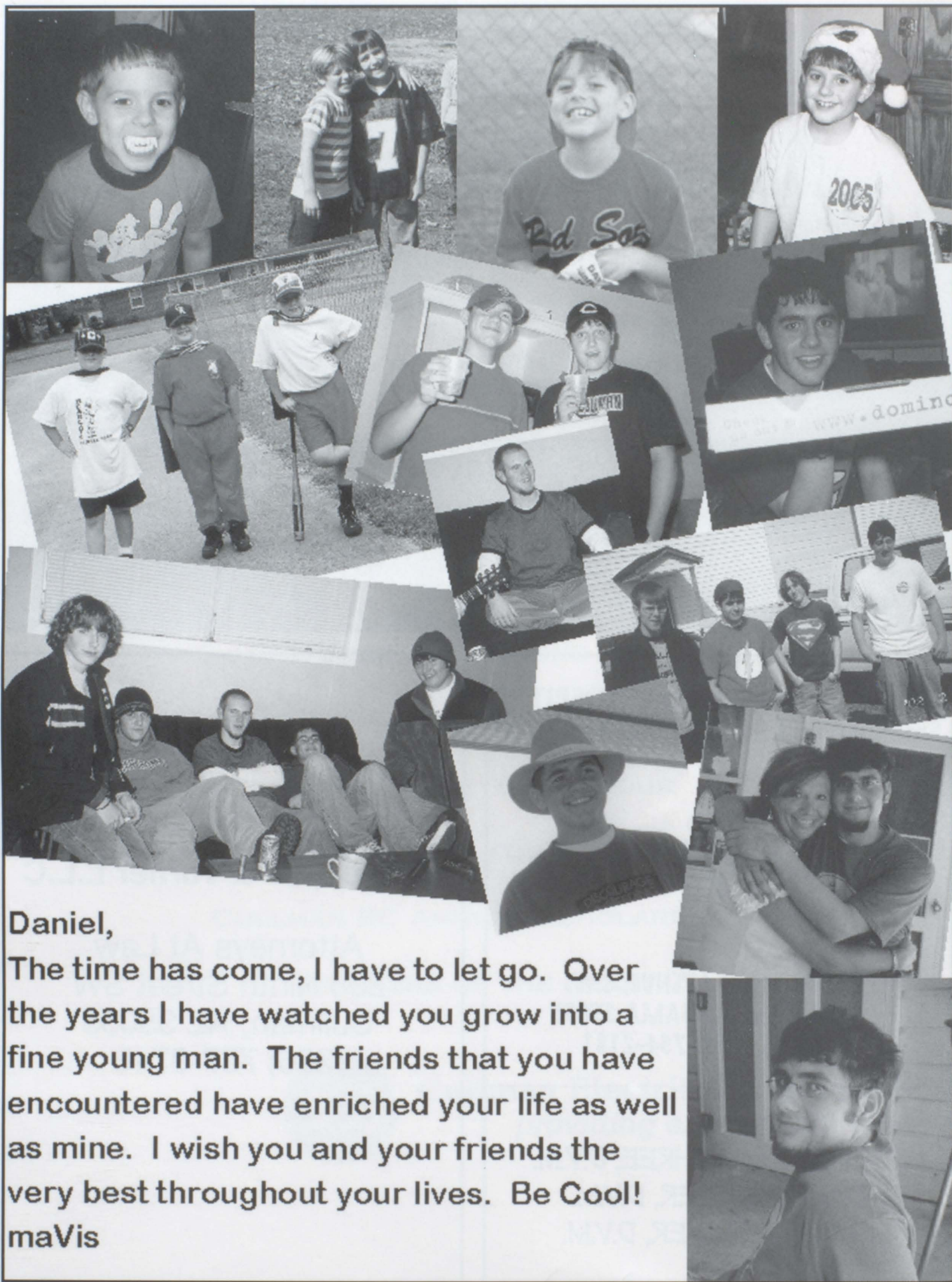


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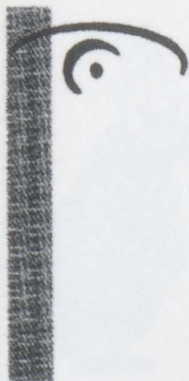
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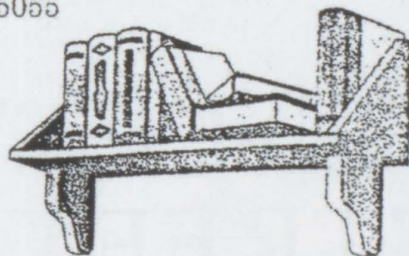
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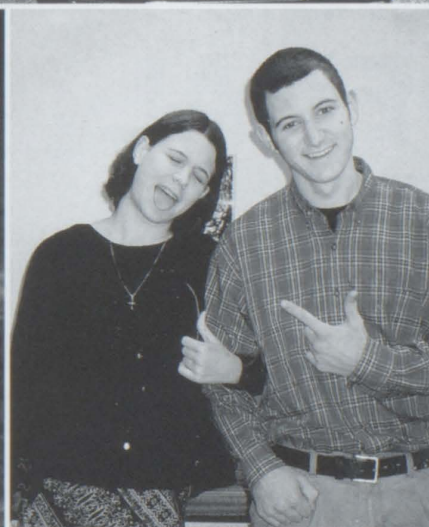
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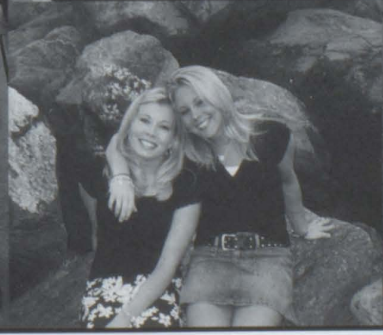
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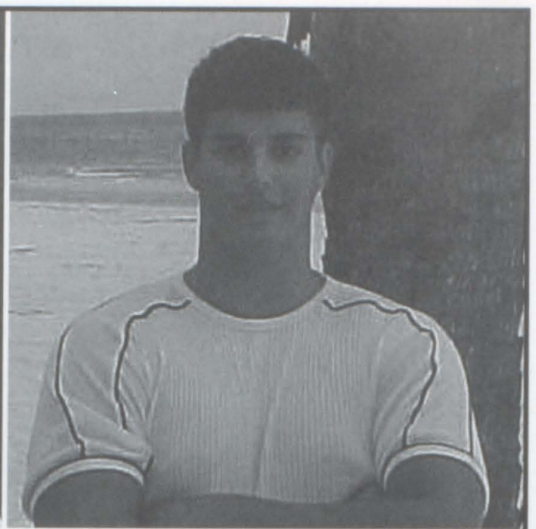


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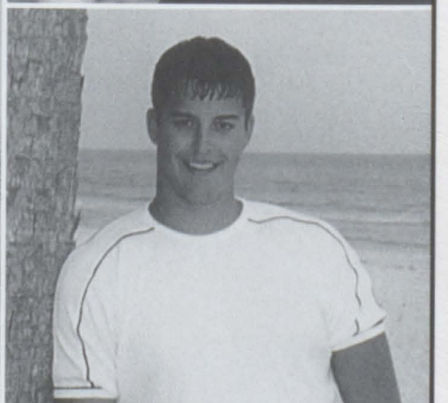
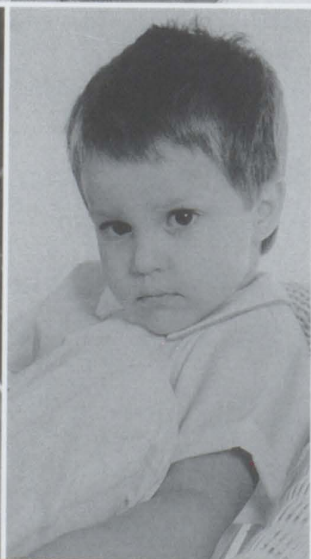
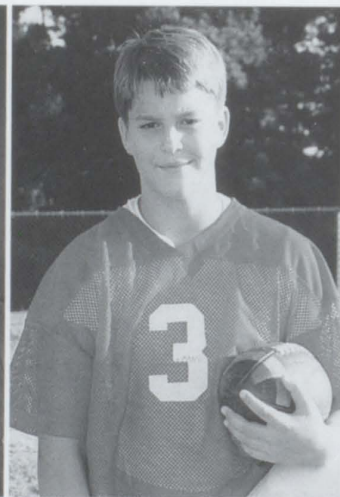
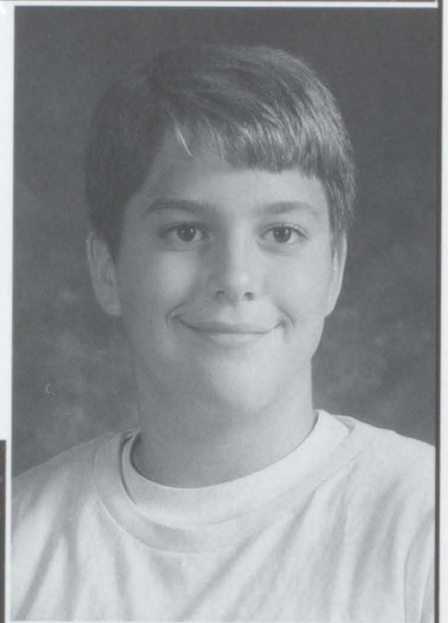
I always knew looking back on the tears would make me laugh, but I never knew looking back on the laughs would make me cry!





Kyle,  
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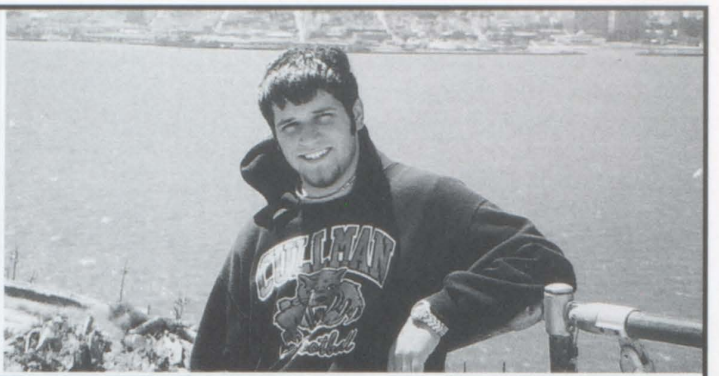
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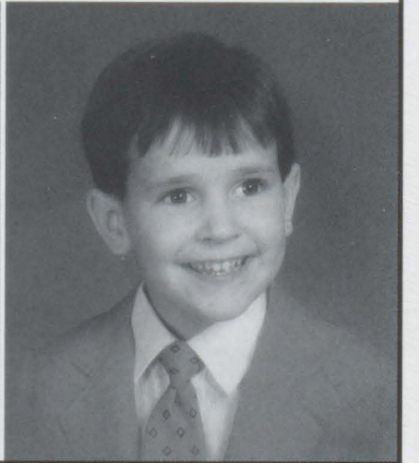
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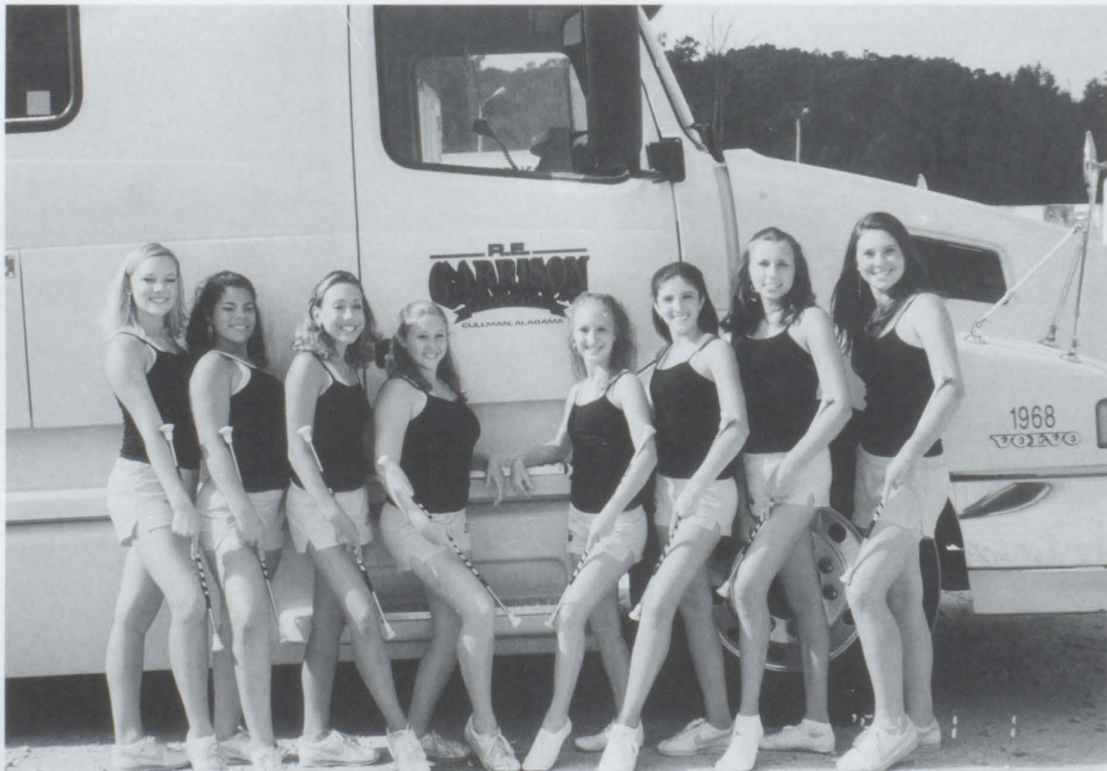
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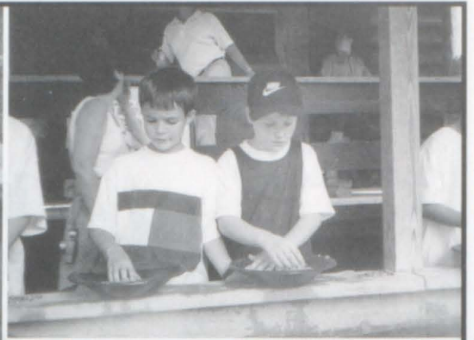


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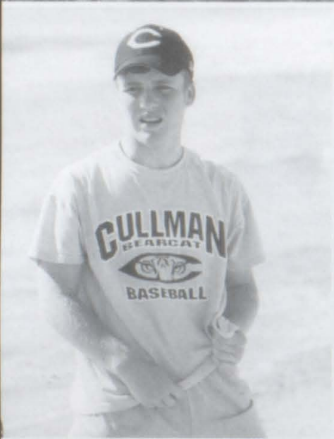
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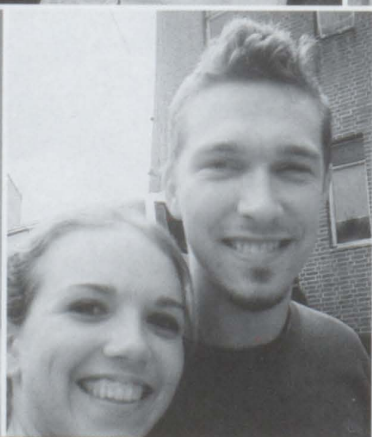
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when the rest of the world walks  
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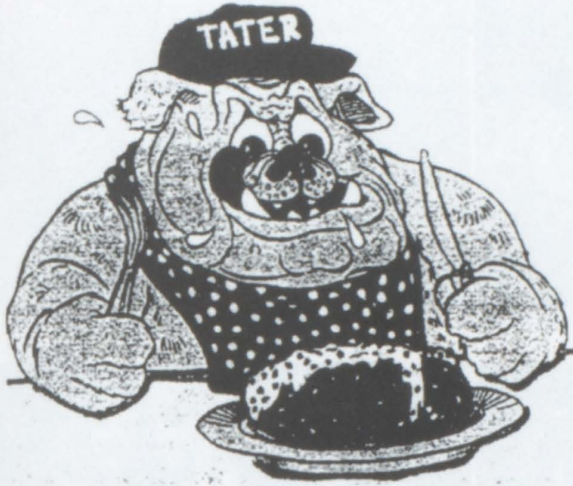


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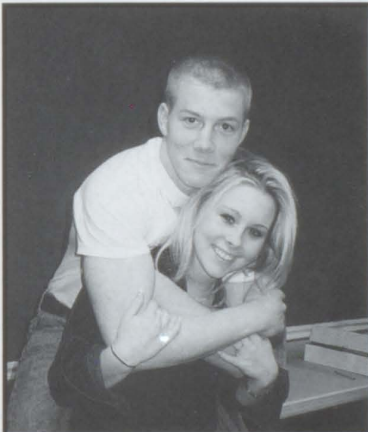
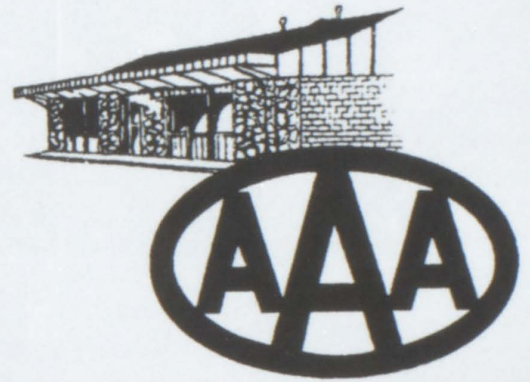
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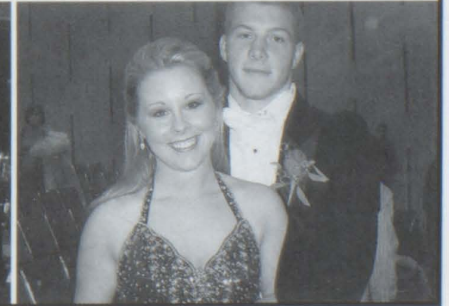
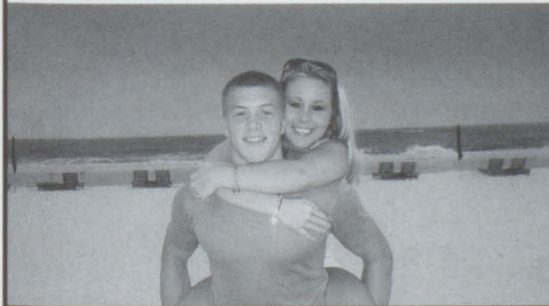
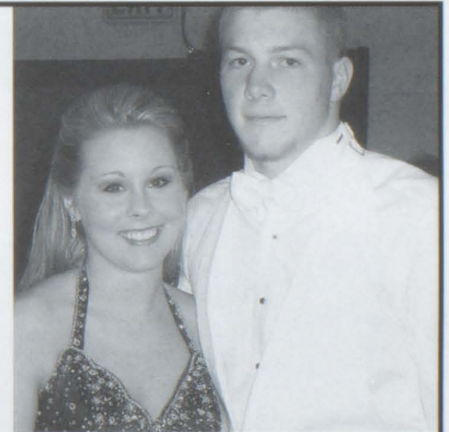
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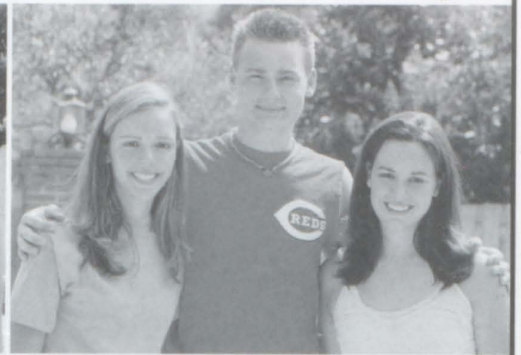
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4 years old



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18 years old



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We are so proud of you. You are such a blessing to our family: a wonderful daughter, sister, and friend.

Life is God's gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to God. Make it a fantastic one.

And remember, "Don't worry about the future, but know that worrying is as effective as trying to solve an algebra equation by chewing bubble gum."

Love,  
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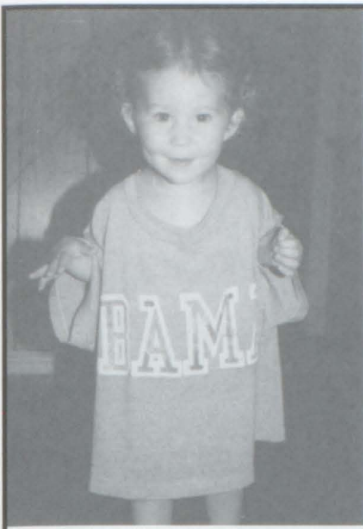
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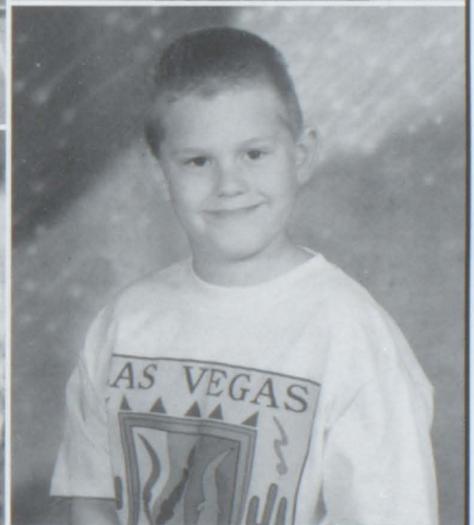
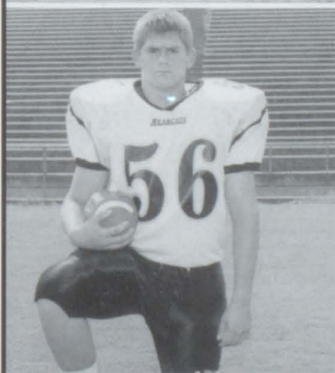
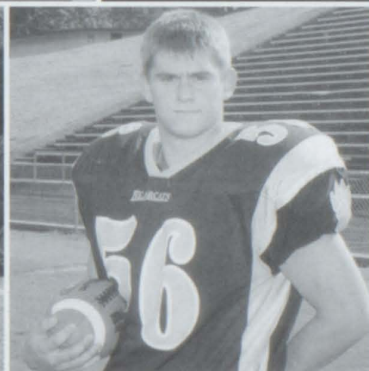
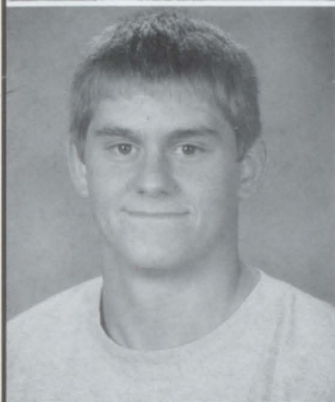
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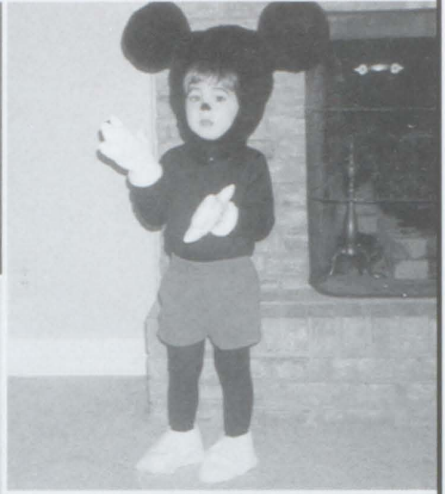
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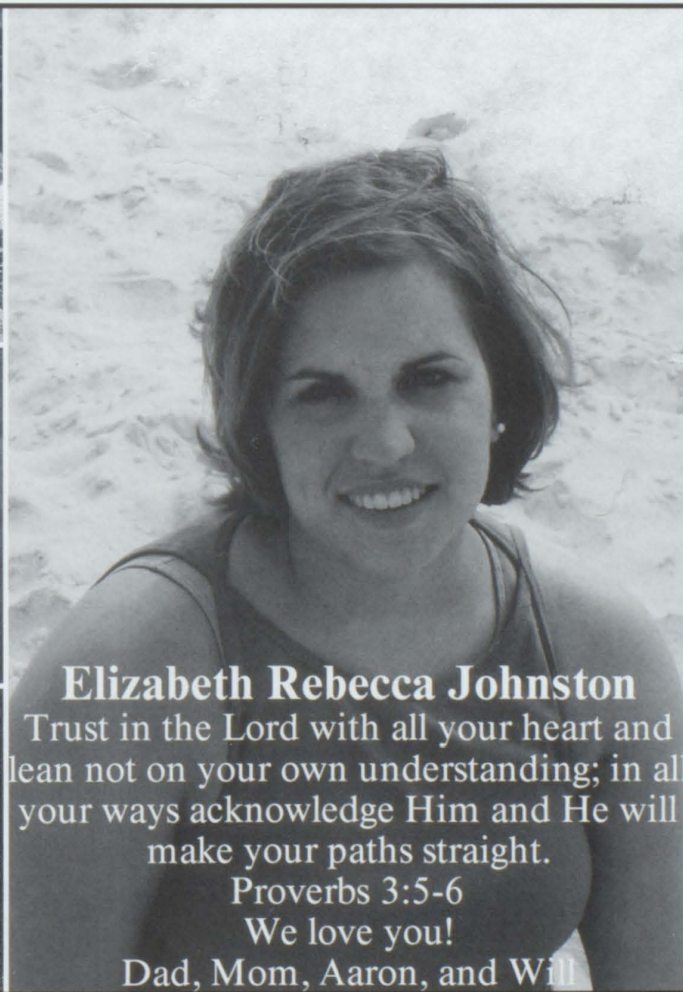
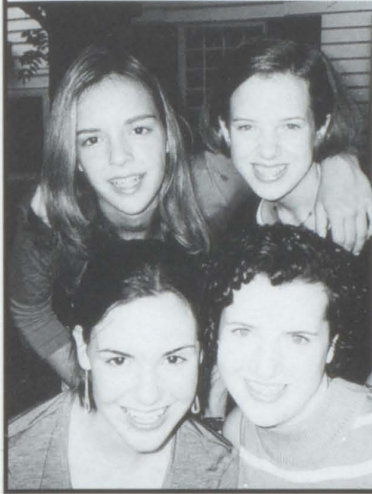


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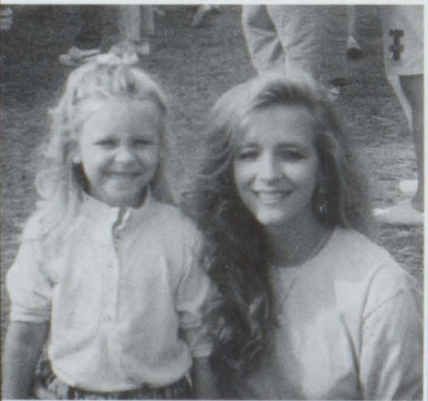
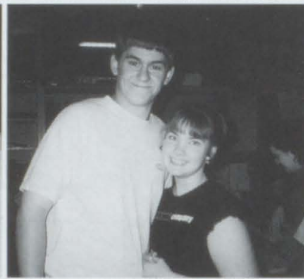
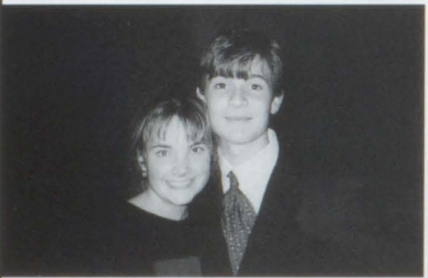
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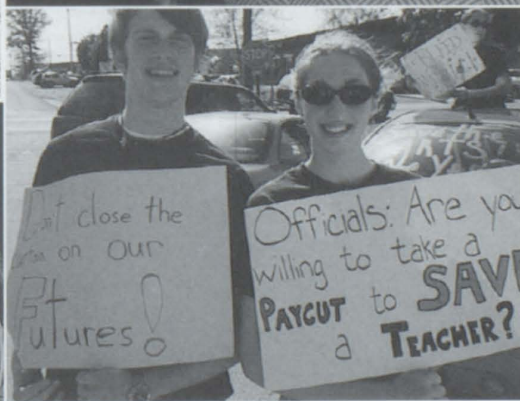
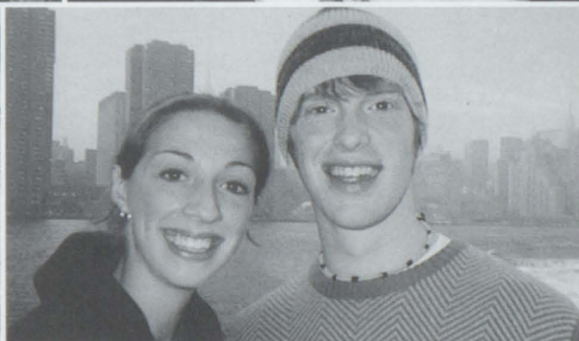
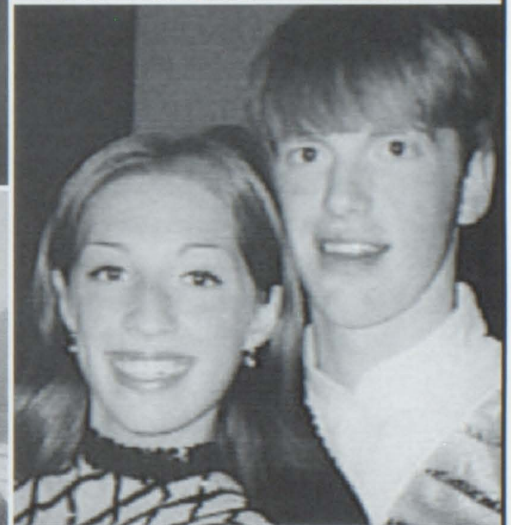
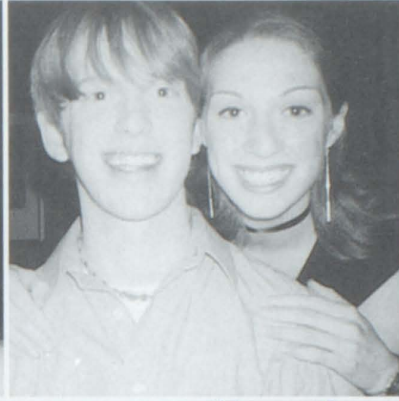


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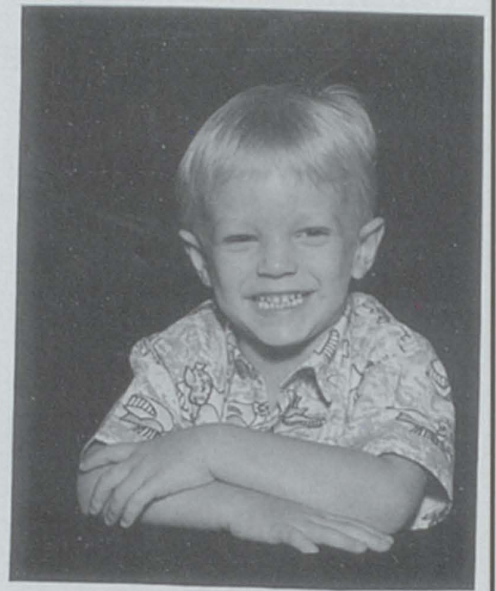


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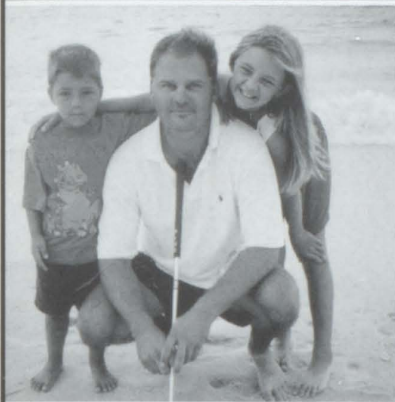




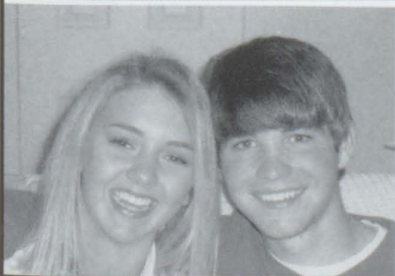
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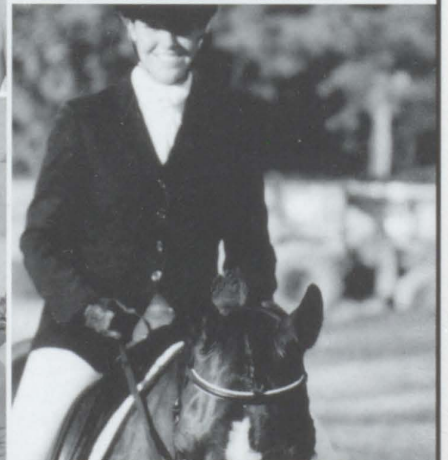
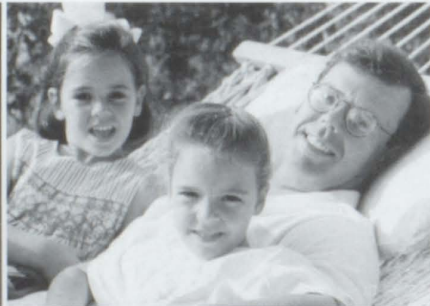


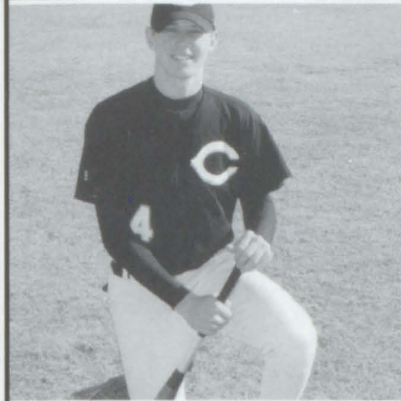
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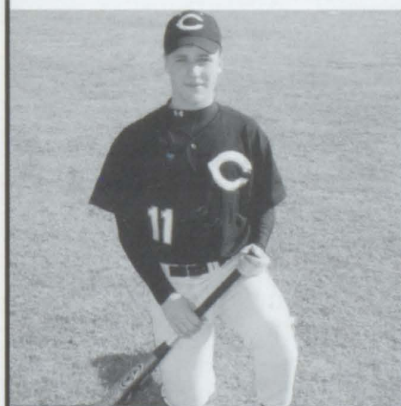




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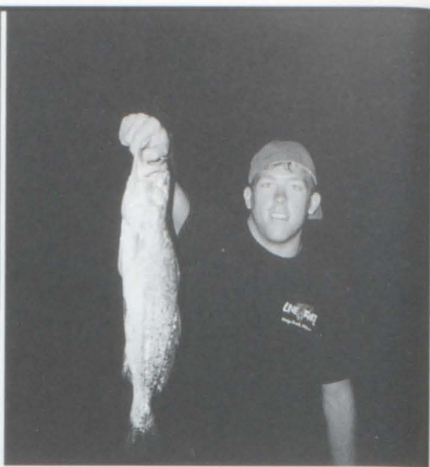
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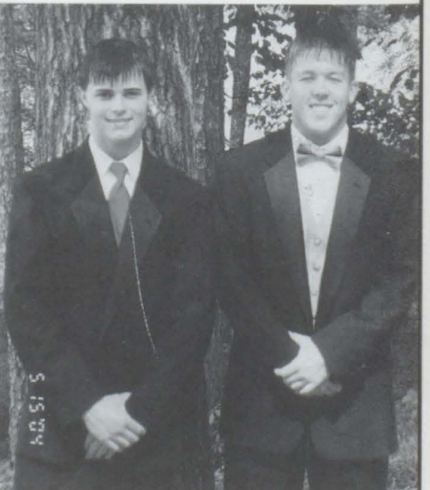
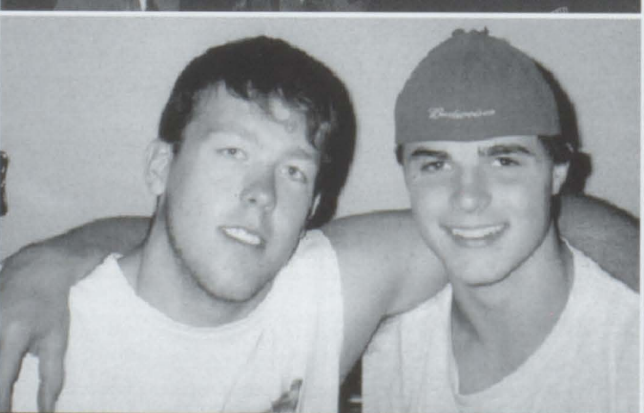
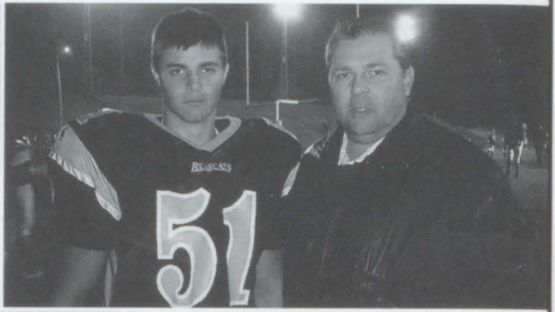
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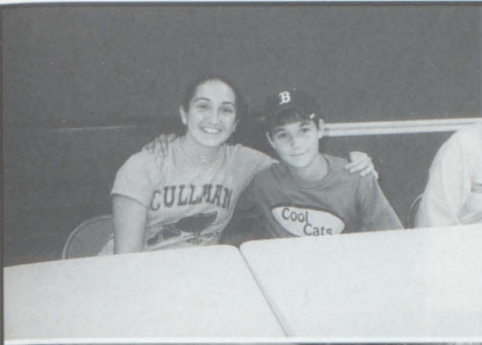
**Josh Stancil**



**Tyler Duke**



# Trey Barnes and Leah Miller



# Color Guard 2004-2005

"The heart and soul of every guard member is fueled by the desire to take the emotion out of the crowd and replace it with the fury of the best performance of their lives."





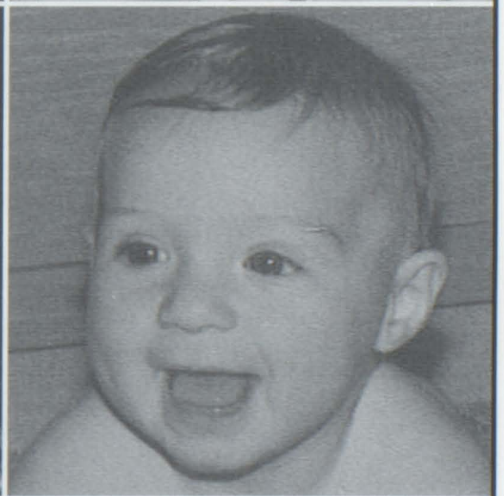


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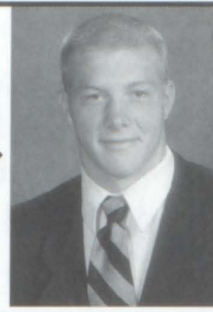
Class of 2005

"Go confidently in the direction  
of your dreams. Live the life  
you have imagined."

-H.D. Thoreau



May God bless you. We love you,  
Mom, Leann, and your special angel

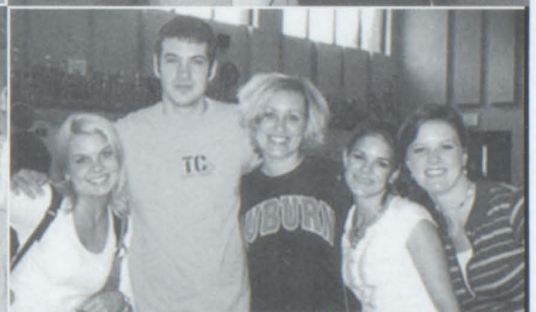
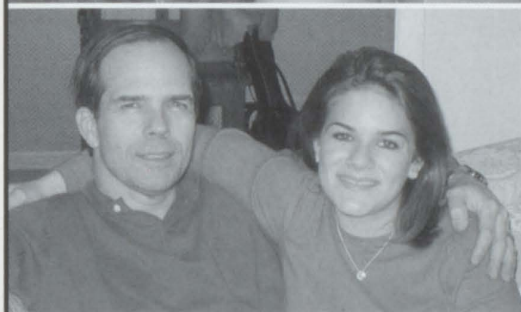
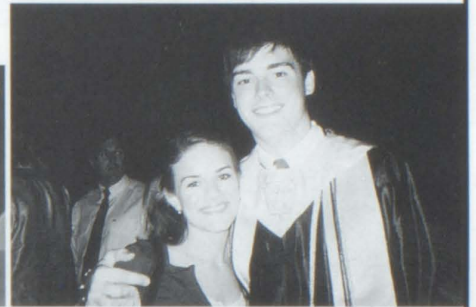


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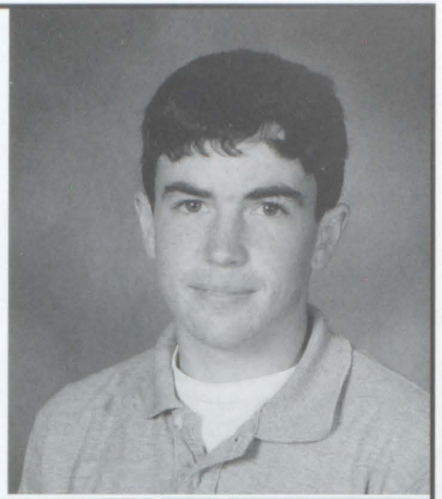


Sarah  
 Montgomery  
 To our wonderful daughter and sister,  
 Sarah, past, present and future.  
 We Love You--  
 Dad, Mom, Daniel, and James

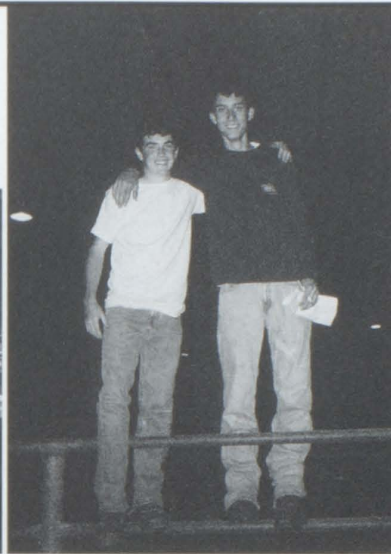


# Cory Nicholas Goodlett

We are proud of you and of the young man you've become. We wish for you a wonderful life and know you'll be successful. We love you.  
Mom & Dad



# Cory Goodlett



# Callahan Parrish



# Zack Roden

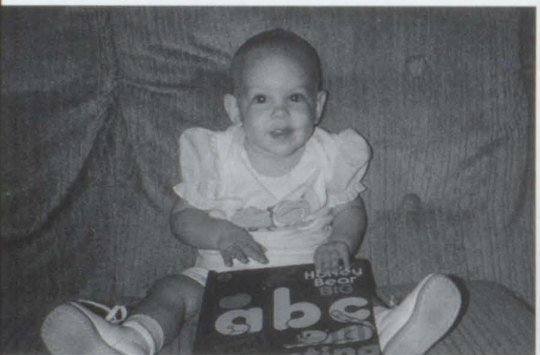
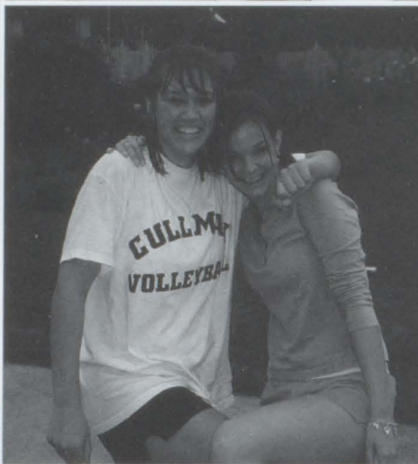
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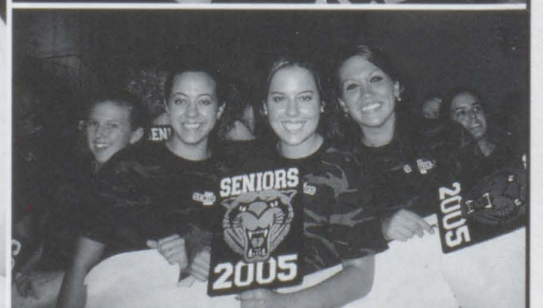
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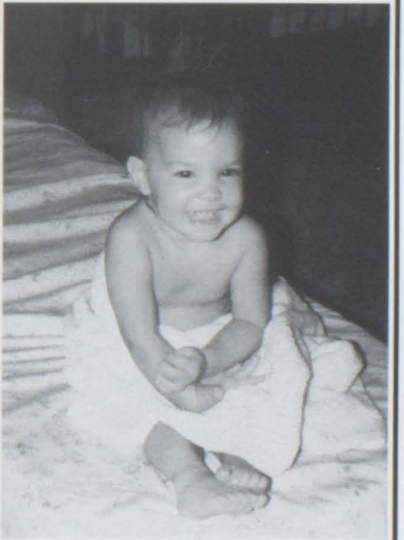




**Erin**



**Sarah**



**Stacy**



# IN MEMORY OF JILL WRIGHT



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Peyton Guthrie  
Kayla Reid  
Ashley Ball  
Krystal Glenn

## Pledges:

Shalea Sartin  
Kelsey Weaver

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Cara McCarthy- Vice President  
Kathryne Wells- Secretary/ Treasurer

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Jaclyn Poole

Nikki Scroggins  
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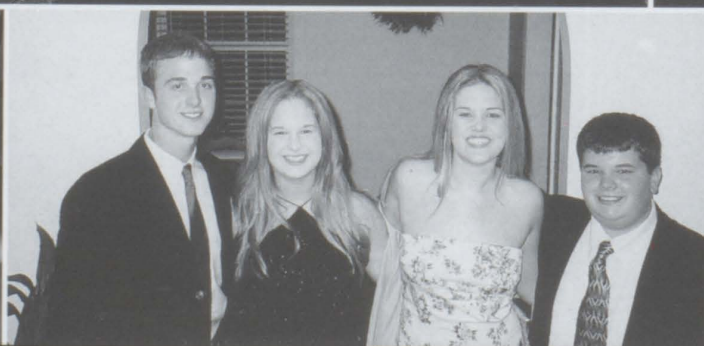
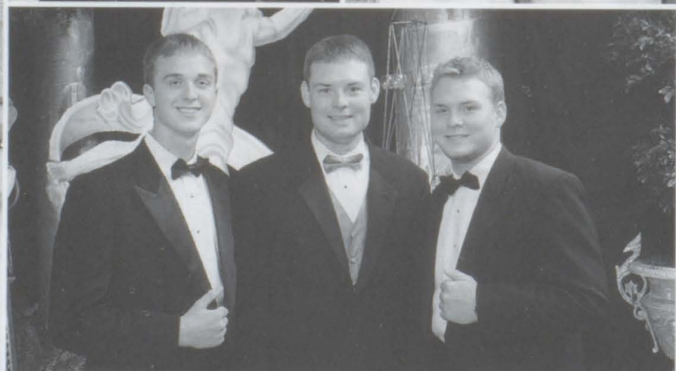
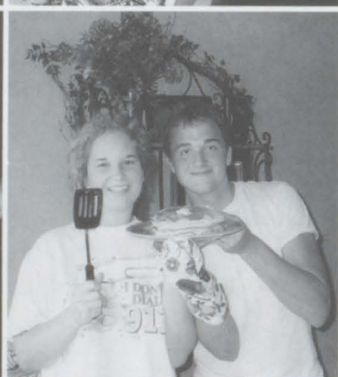
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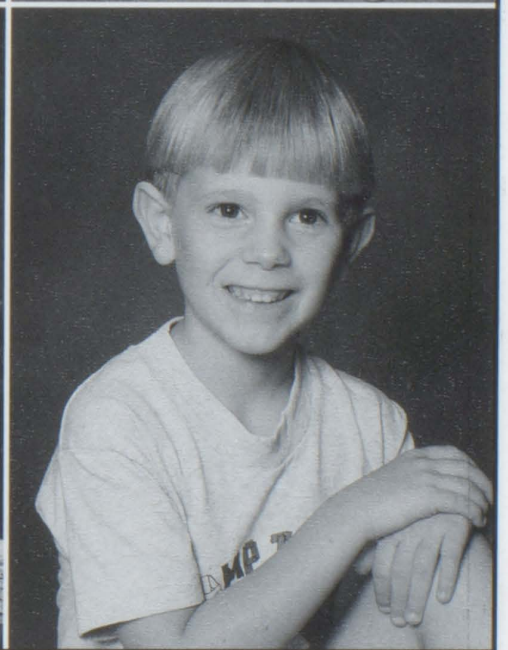
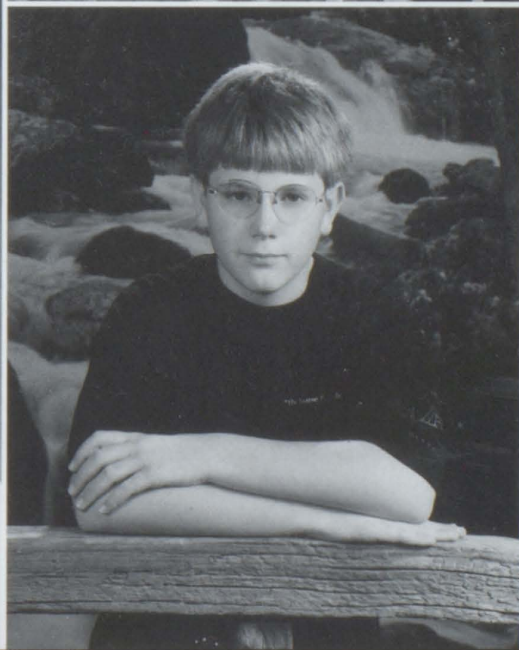
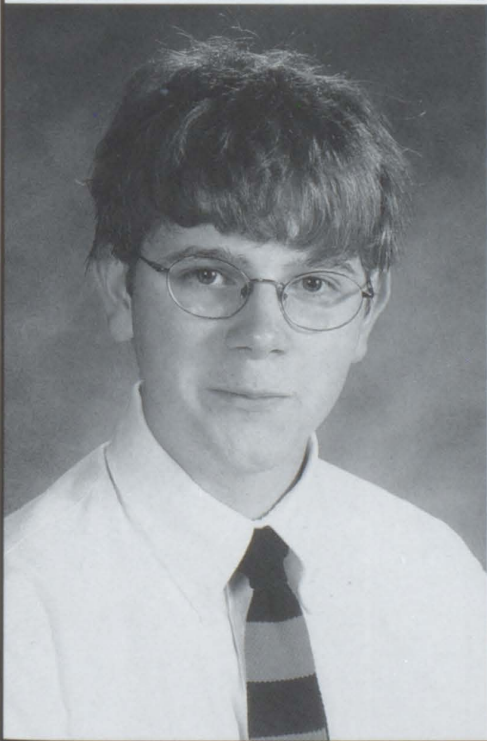
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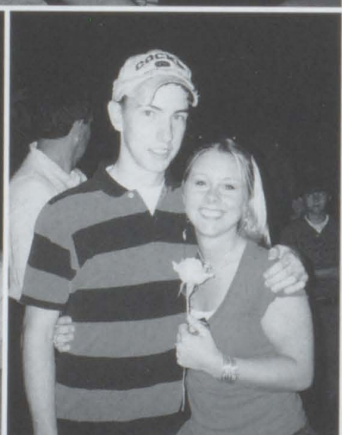


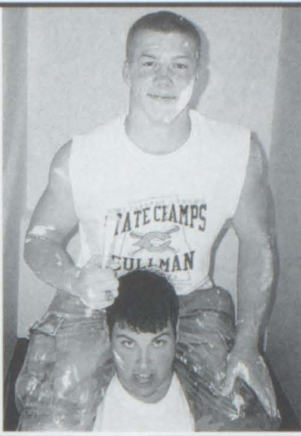
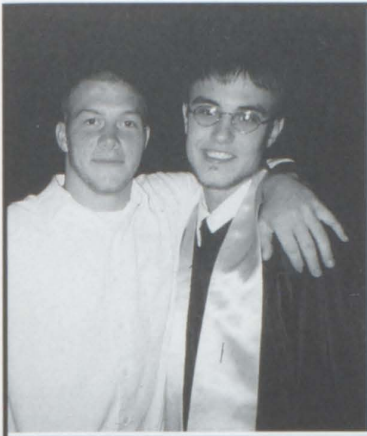
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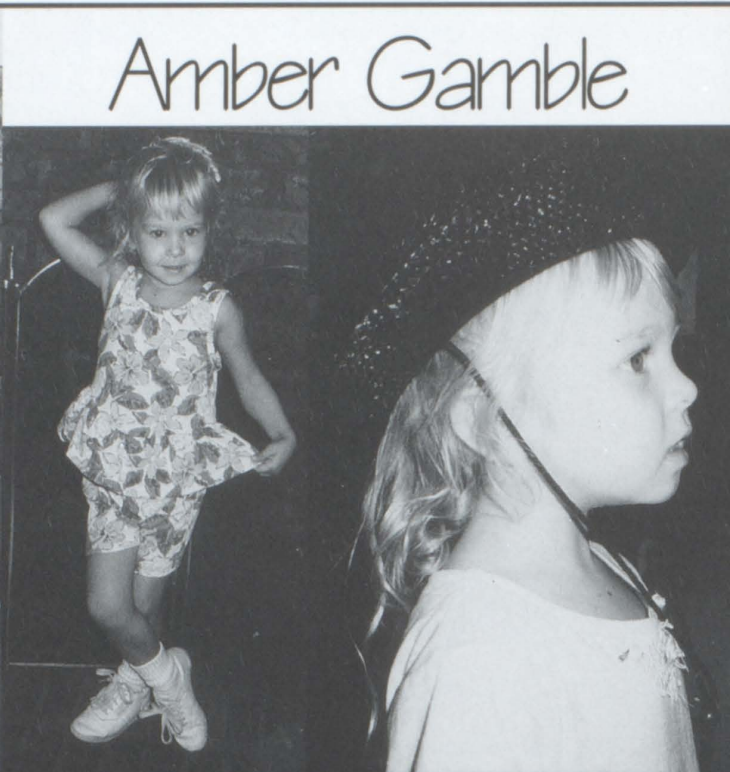
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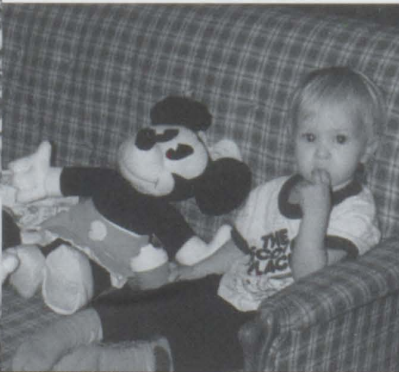




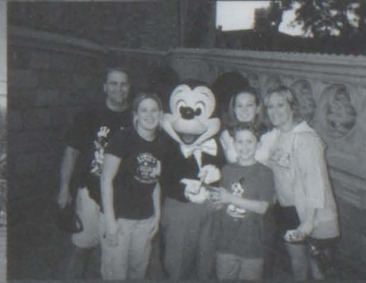
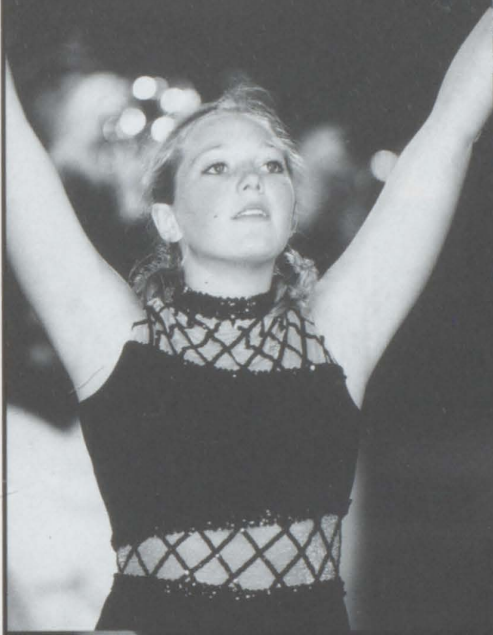
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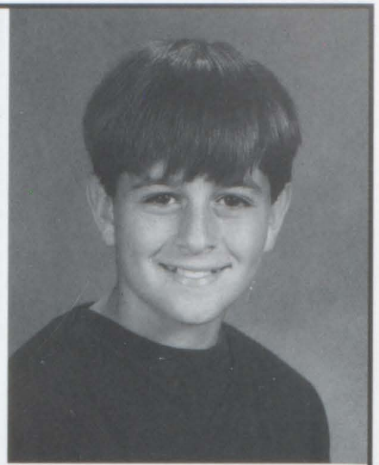
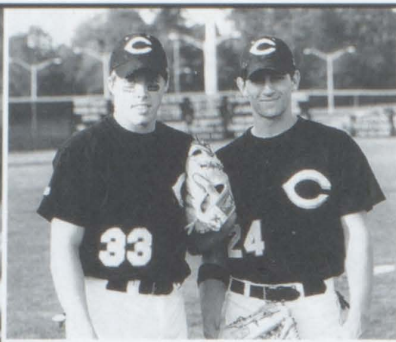
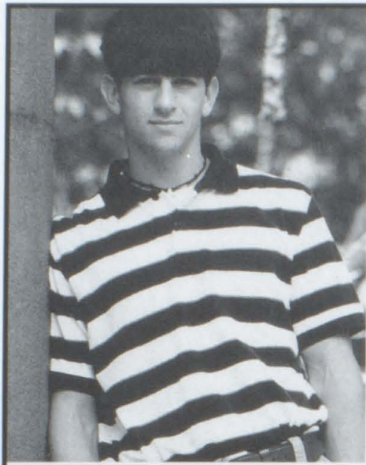


A baby, a toddler, a youngster at school, God put you here for a purpose. We hope you know how much you enrich the lives of others. Congratulations!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Amanda, and Nicole



# Brandi Leiter



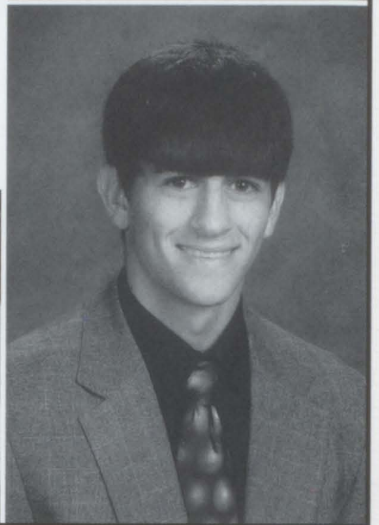
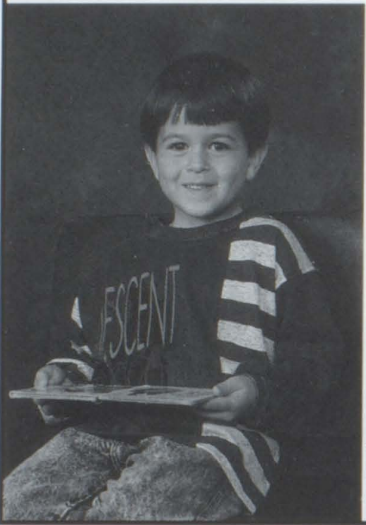


## KOLBY LAWRENCE

Thanks for all the great memories you've made for us. We're proud to call you our son, brother, and uncle.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Kel, Kourtney, Kortlin and Caden



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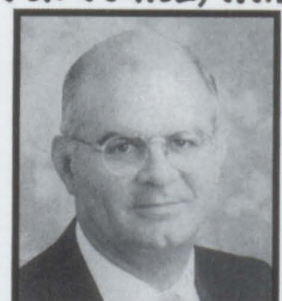
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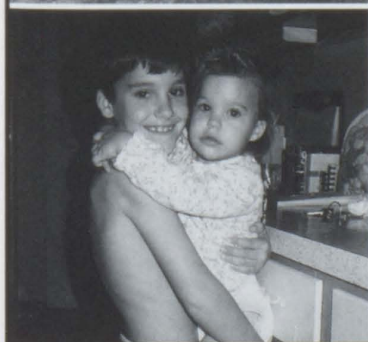


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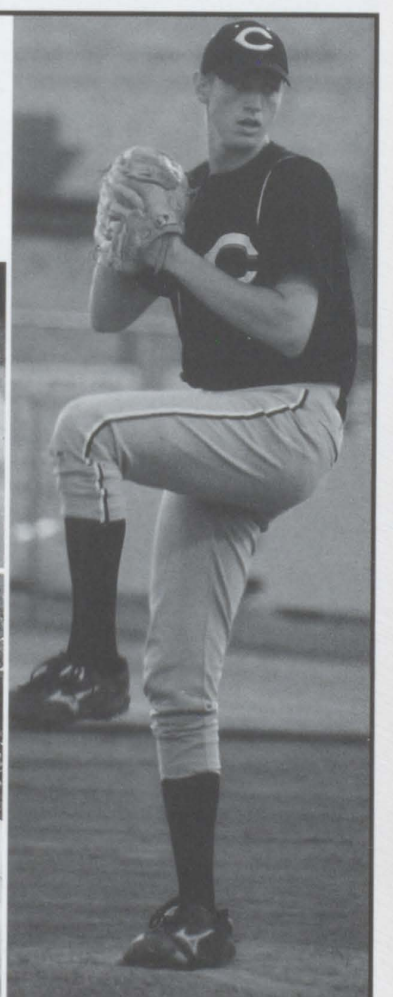
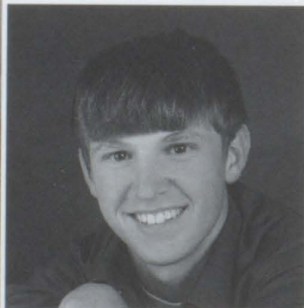




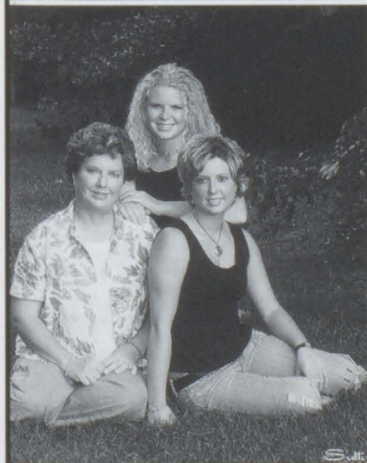
CONGRATULATIONS MEGAN!  
 WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.  
 WE LOVE YOU,  
 MOM, DAD, CARA AND SHAY, RYAN,  
 KAITLIN, JUSTIN, AND SHAUN



Heath,  
 We are proud of the person  
 you have become.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, and Abbie



**Congratulations Mollie! We're  
very proud of you!  
We Love you.  
Mom, Dad, and Megan**

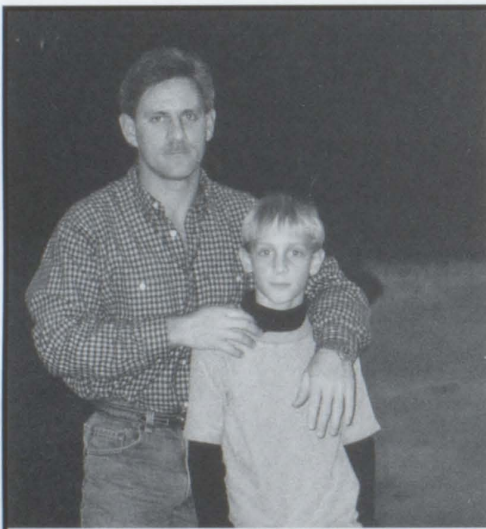




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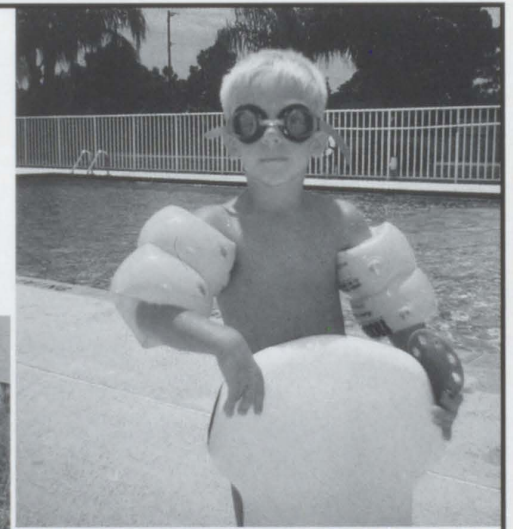
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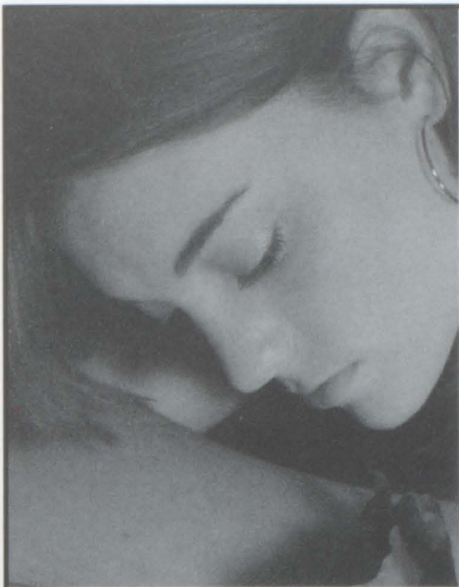


### KEVIN ARTIST

Enjoy serving the Lord and he will give you what you want.

Psalm 37:4



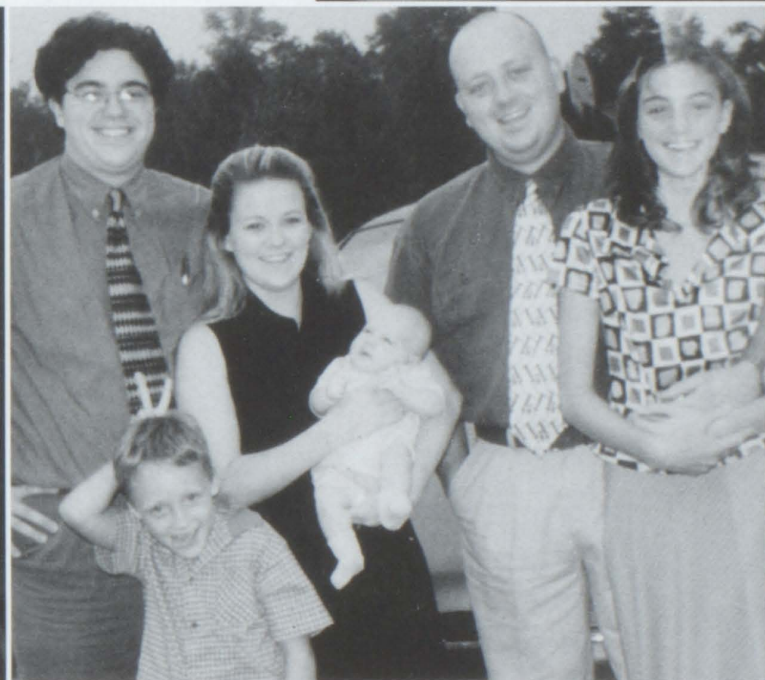
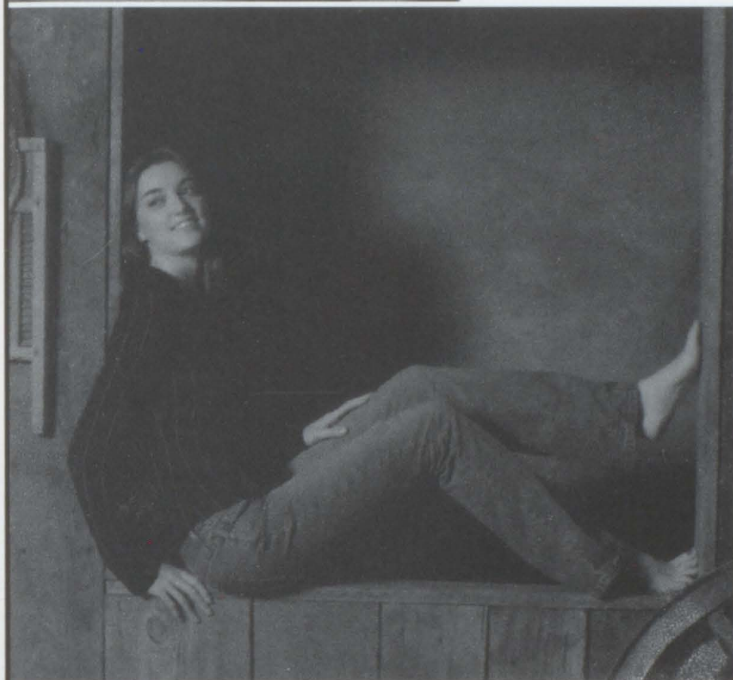


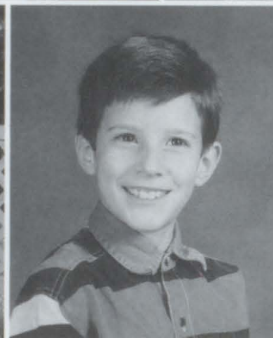
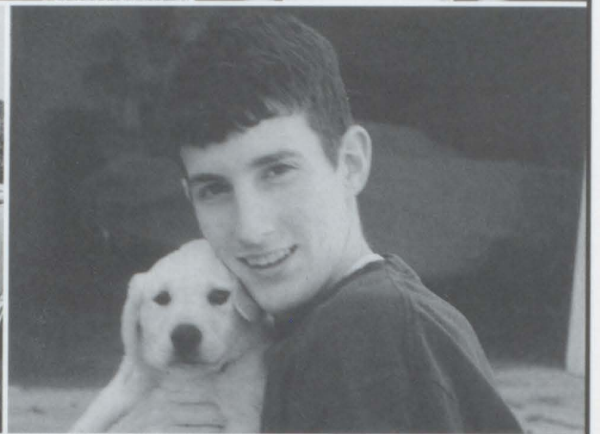
## Chassi Lee

"How do years so far away so suddenly evaporate."

"If you must go and not return,  
Leave me some words of wisdom.  
If I can not follow where you go,  
Leave me some words of wisdom."

-Jump, Little Children





Josh,  
Thank you for all the joy you have  
brought into our lives. We are very proud  
of you and love you very much.  
Mom, Dad, and Jonathan



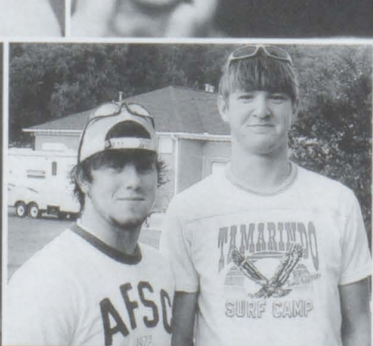
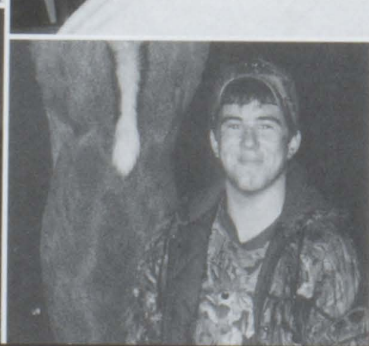
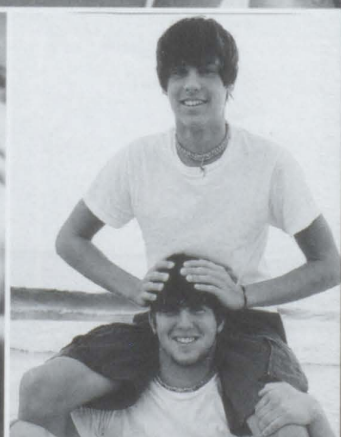
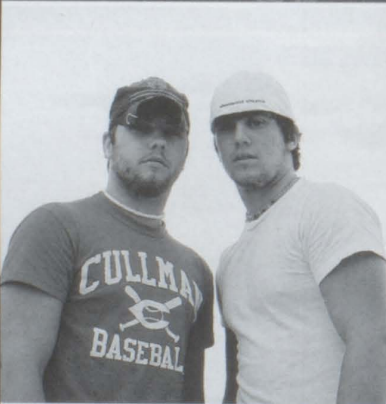
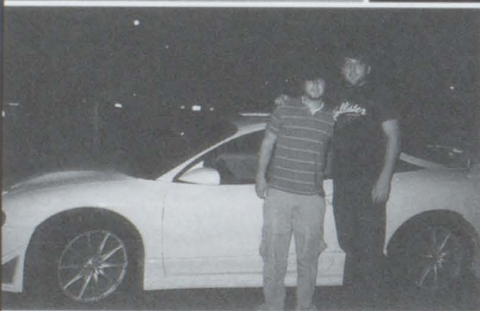
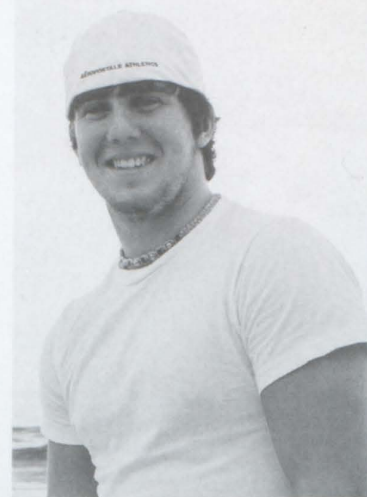
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# Zach Southeard

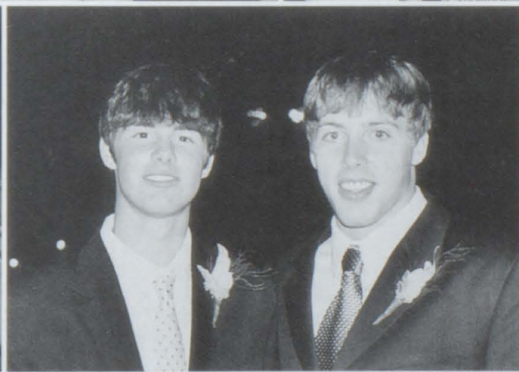
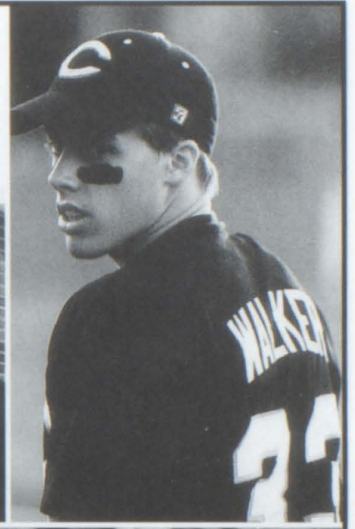
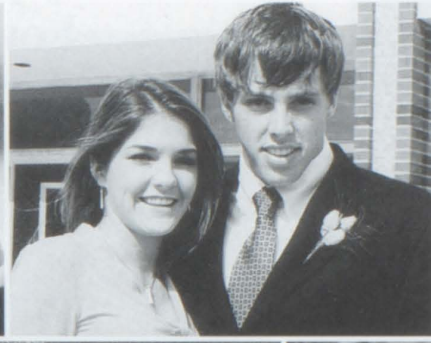
You came into this world early, literally fighting for your life. That inner strength gives you the courage to stand up for what you believe in; thus, we are so proud of the young man you have become. The decisions that you make from this point on will affect the rest of your life. Be wise, and go after your dreams. Always stay true to yourself and your beliefs in God, and keep reaching for the stars.

We love you bunches Pooh-Bear,  
Dad, Mom, and Cody





# Trent Walker

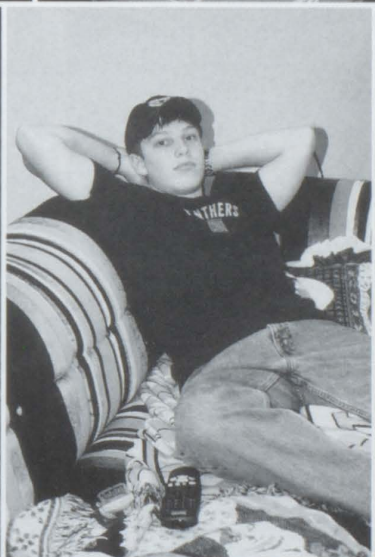


# Caleb Bonds

We are very proud of you!  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Sarah, and Wes



# Daniel Allison



# Nick Canaday

You have brought such joy and laughter into our lives.  
God Bless You!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Reed & Jordan

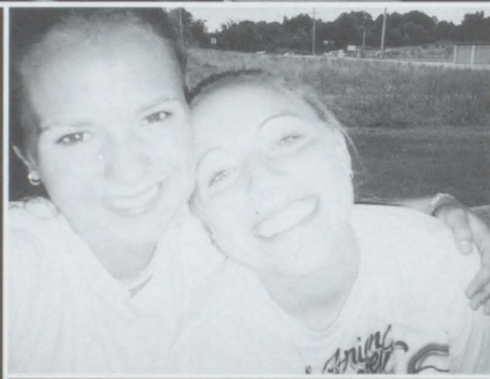


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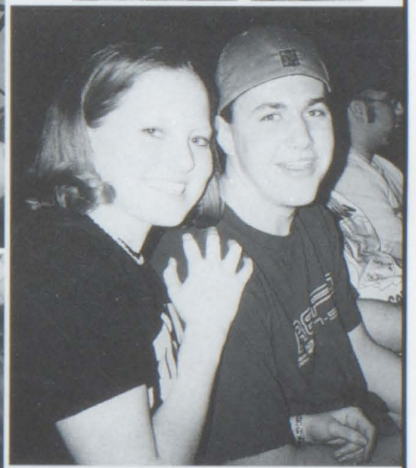
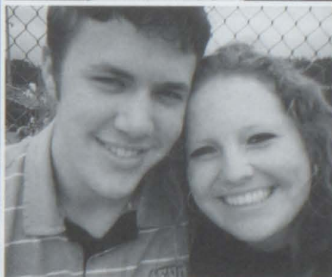
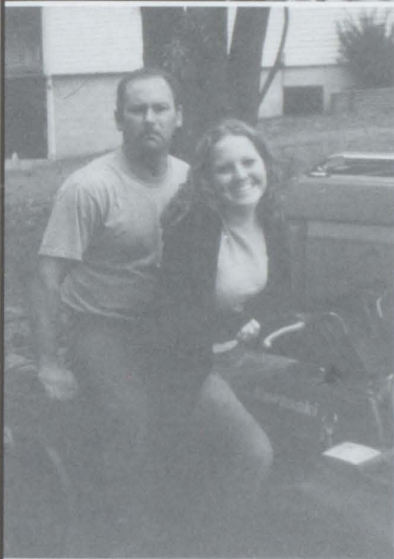
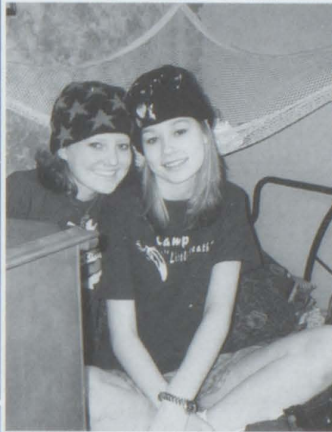
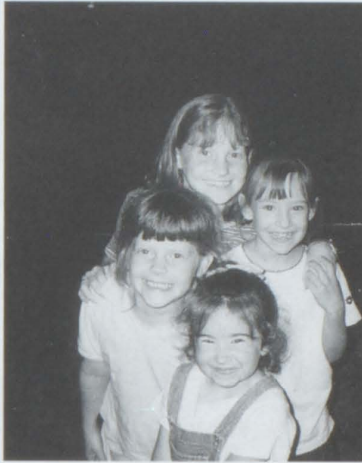




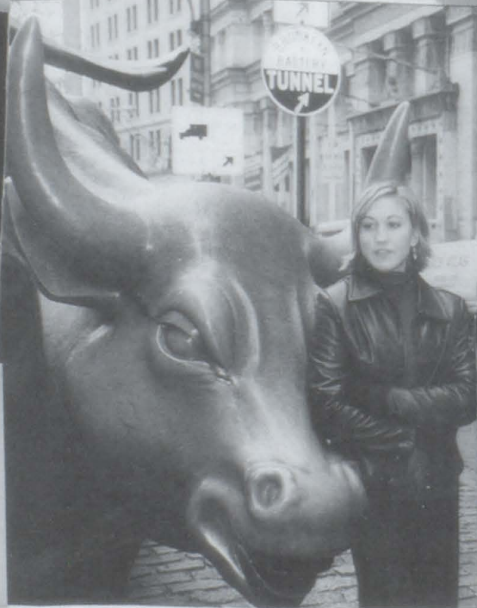
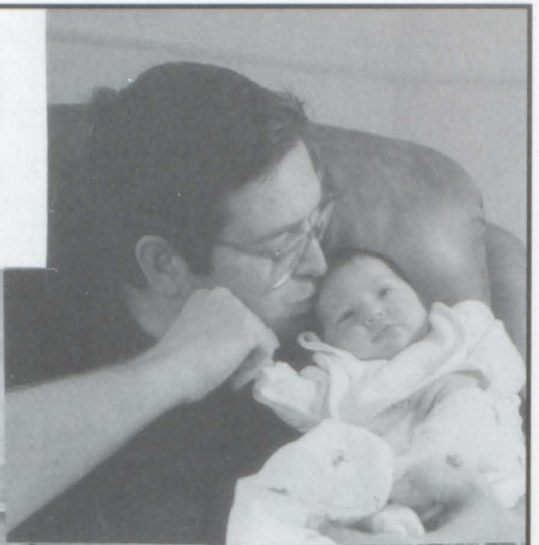
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**CLAIRE VINSON**  
**Class**  
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**WE LOVE YOU!**  
**MOM & DAD**

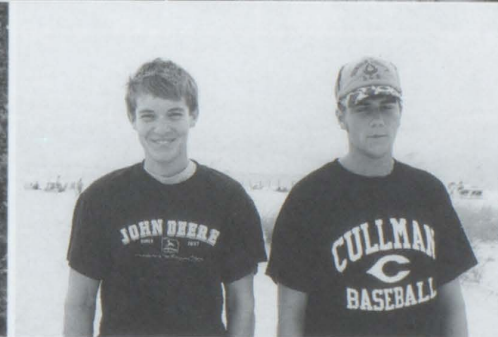
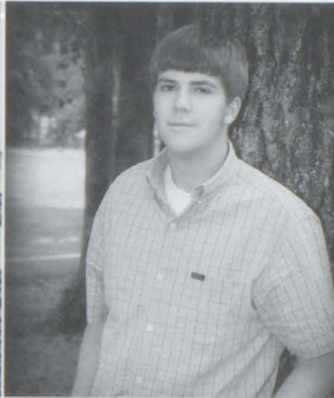
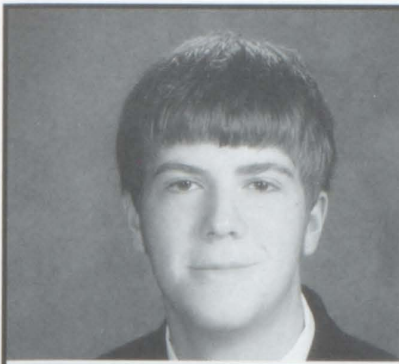




# Zack Roden

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,  
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you a hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11





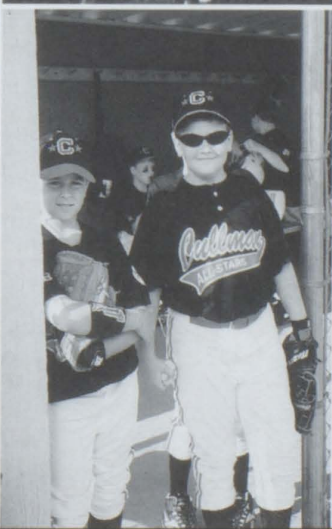
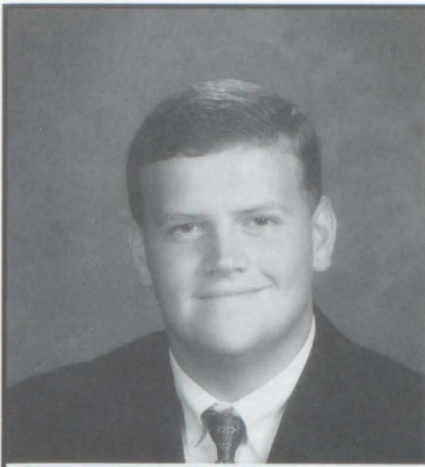
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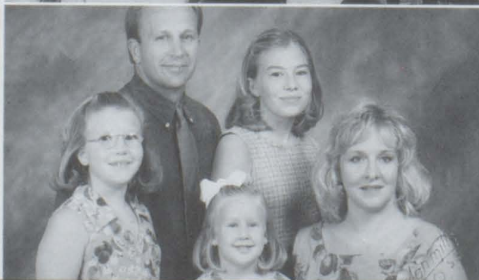
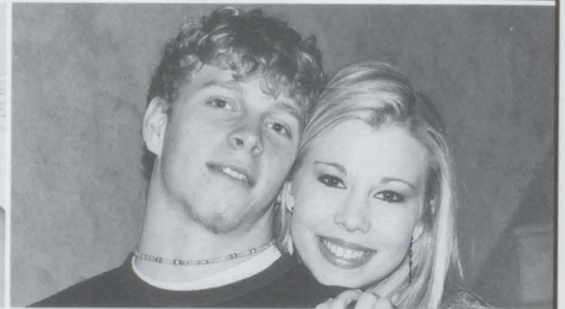
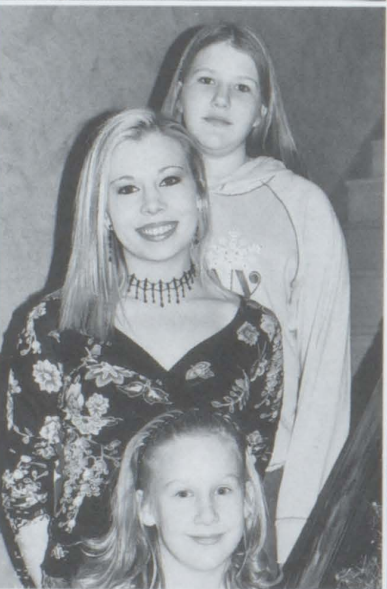
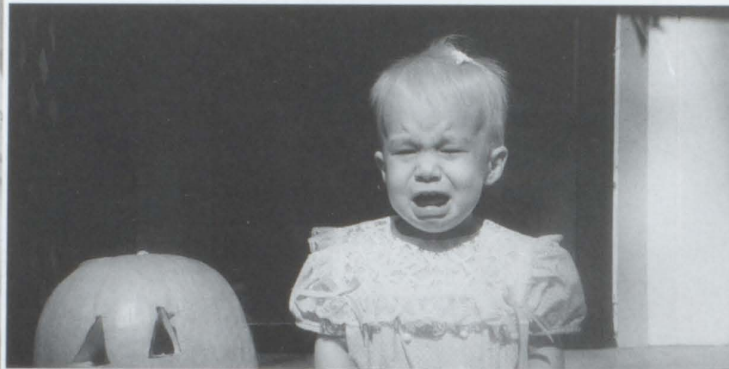
# Wade Smith



# Meagan Shadix

The precious little girl of yesterday has grown up before our eyes into the beautiful young woman of today. You have blessed our lives tremendously, and we are so proud of you. As you continue your journey in life, always let others see God shining through you. May happiness always be yours and may all your dreams come true. We love you!

Craig, Mom, Mallory, and Sara Claire

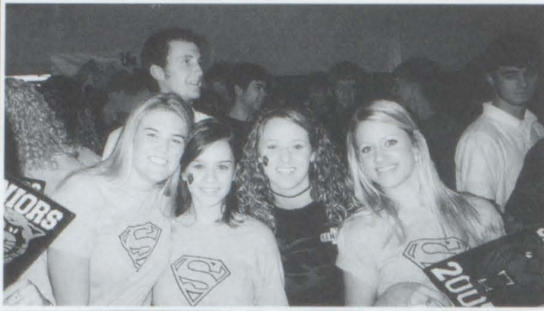


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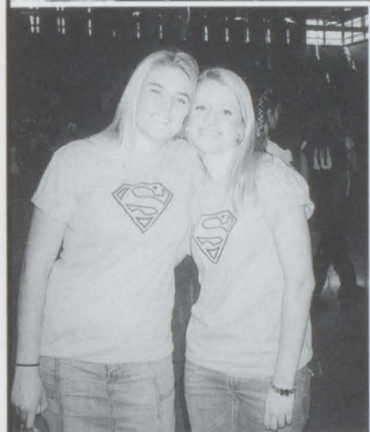


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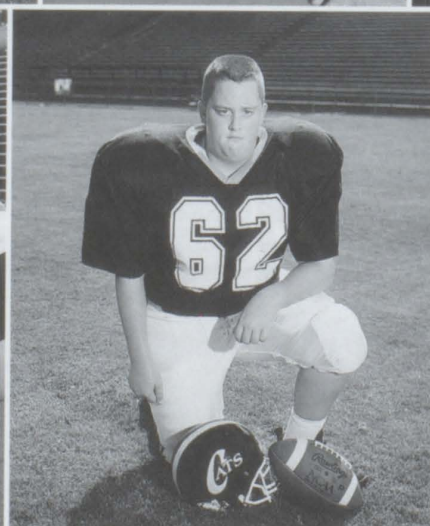
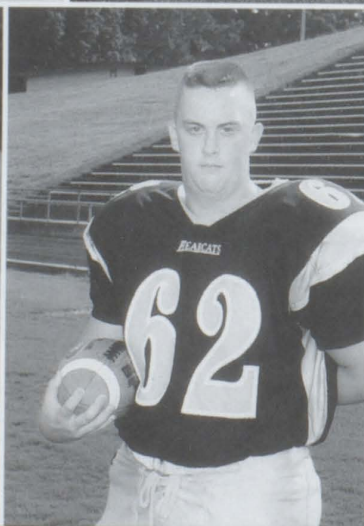
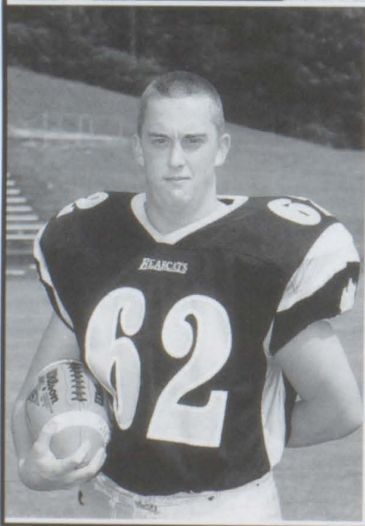
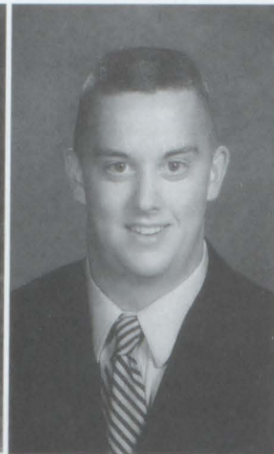


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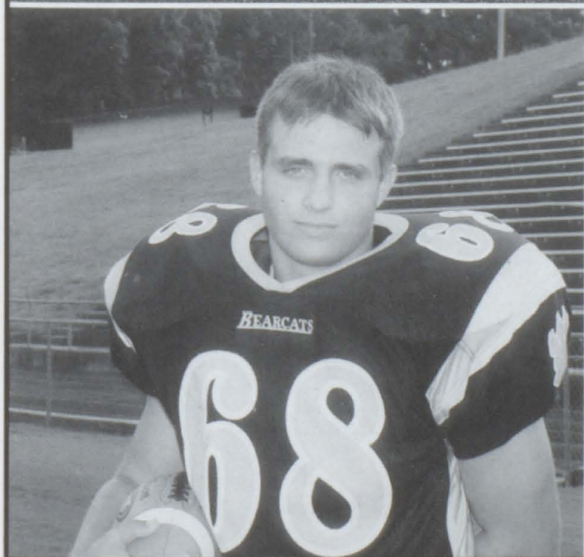
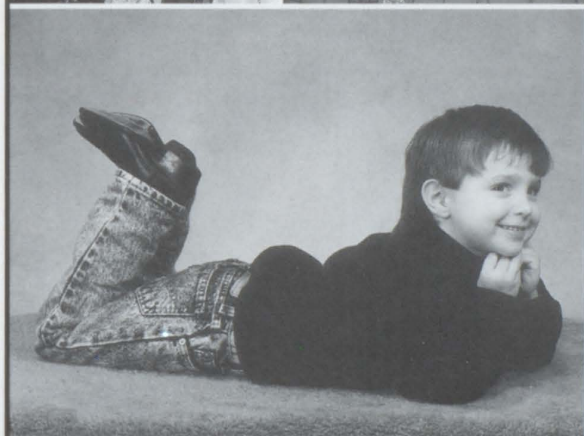
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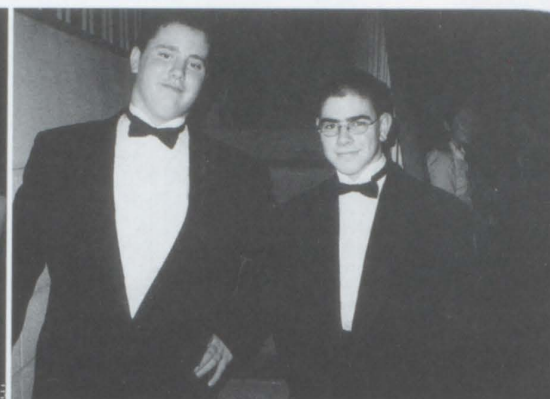
**KYLE**  
 IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, HAVE  
 DEDICATION AND PRIDE AND NEVER  
 QUIT, YOU'LL BE A WINNER. THE  
 PRICE OF VICTORY IS HIGH BUT SO  
 ARE THE REWARDS!  
 PAUL "BEAR" BRYANT  
**MORRIS**



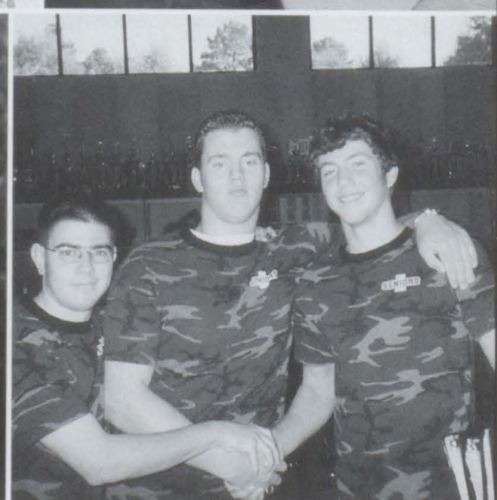
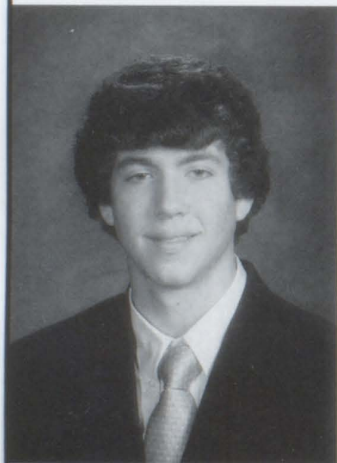
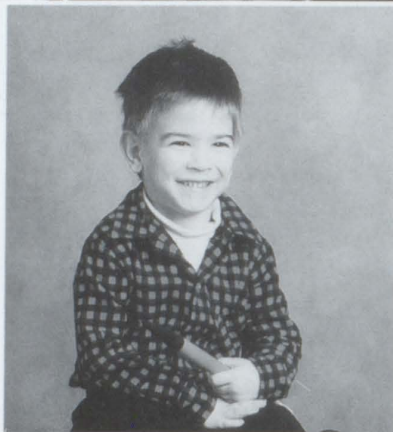
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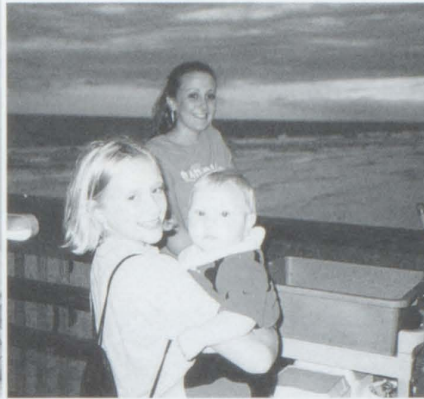
# Robbie Trimble



Robbie,  
You've made us  
so very proud. The  
best is yet to come!  
We love you-  
Dad, Mom, Pap,  
Mammy, Barney,  
and Sebastian  
Isaiah 40:31



# Erika Knop



Erika,  
You have made us so  
proud over the years!  
We love you so much!  
Dad, Mom, Savanna,  
and Jay



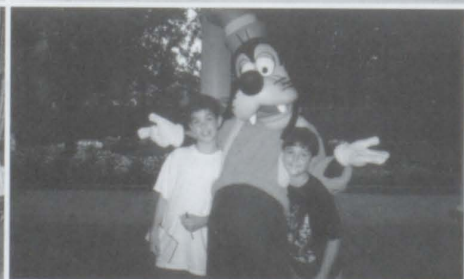
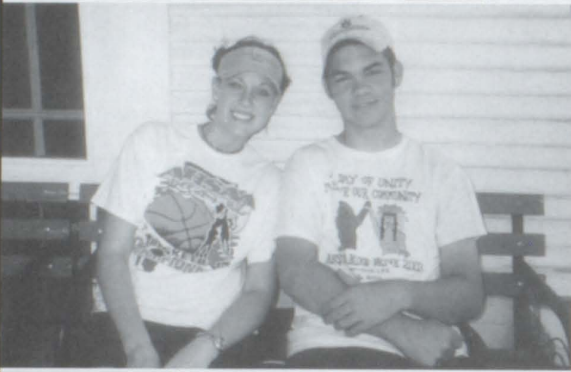
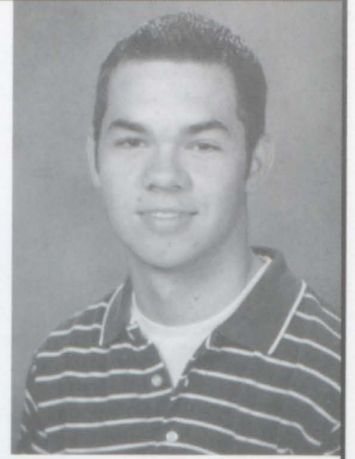
# Congratulations Russ!

You were our first gift from God, and we are so proud of the young man you have become. God has blessed you with so many gifts.

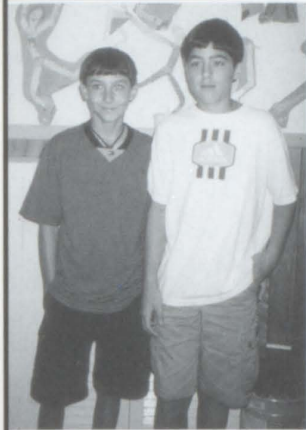
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Brad

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

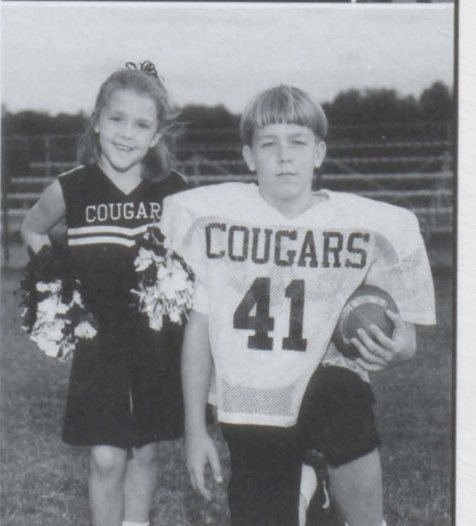
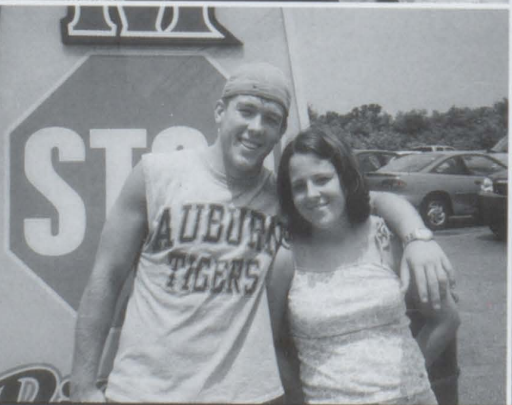
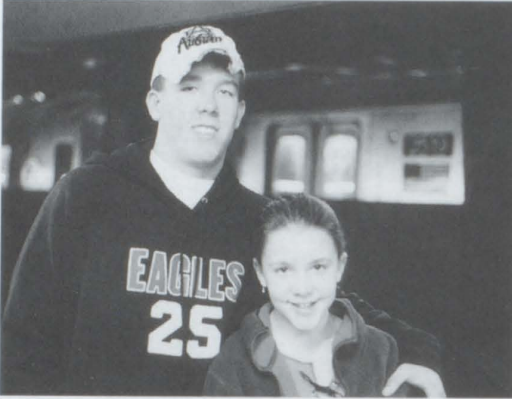


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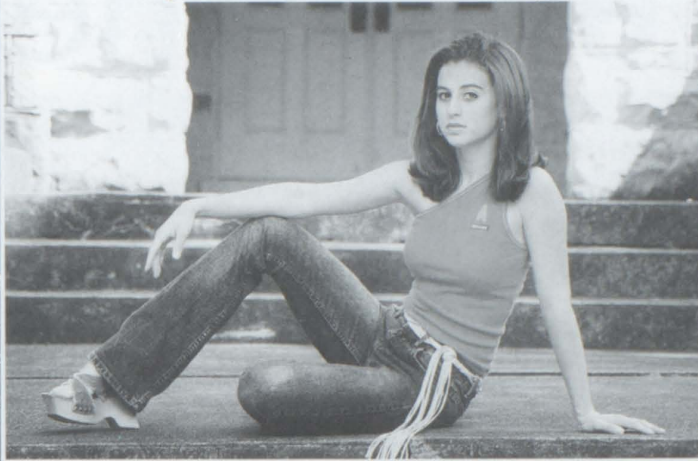


COMPLIMENTS OF THE CULLMAN STOCKYARD

# Josh Stancil



# Stephanie Taylor



# Stuart Waugh

We're proud of  
you Stuart!  
We love you,  
Mom and Daniel



# Rachel Elizabeth Malone

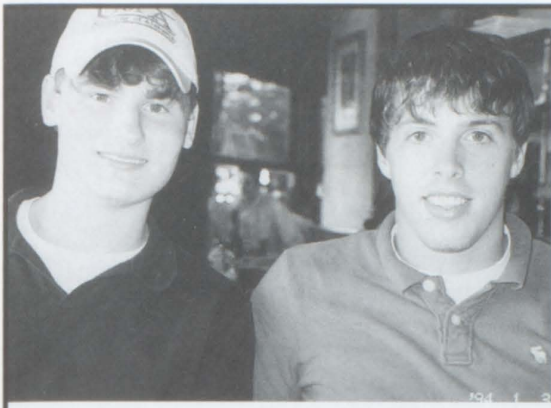


Sweet memories, notable accomplishments, dreams of tomorrow...  
Lots of love, Mom, Dad, Mary, and Dallas

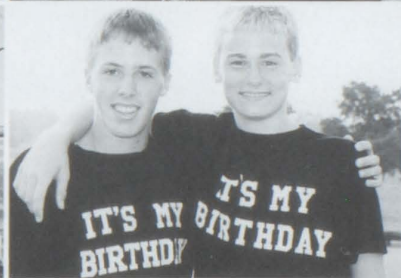
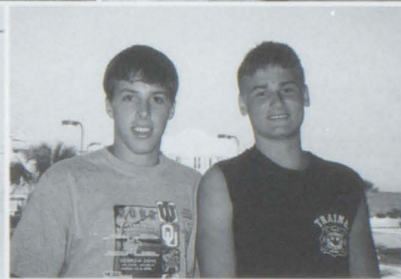
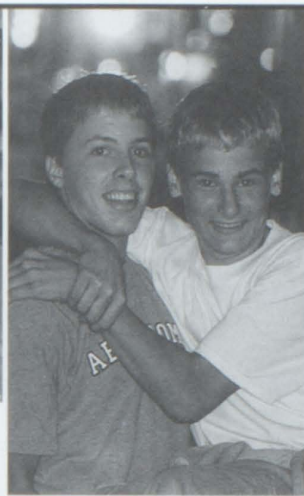
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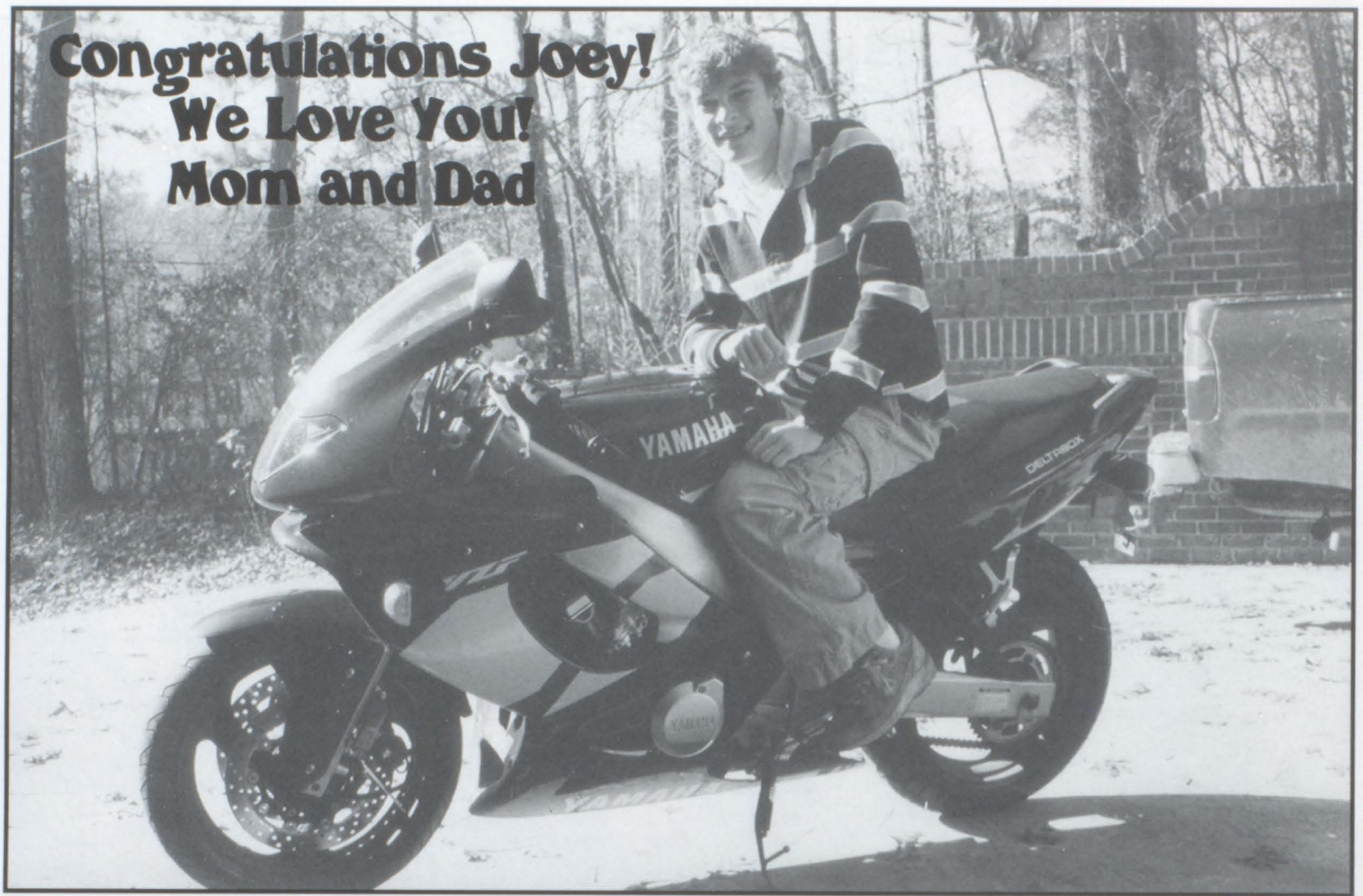




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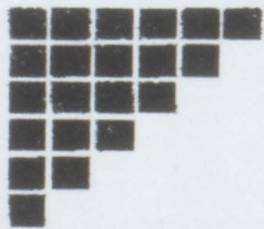


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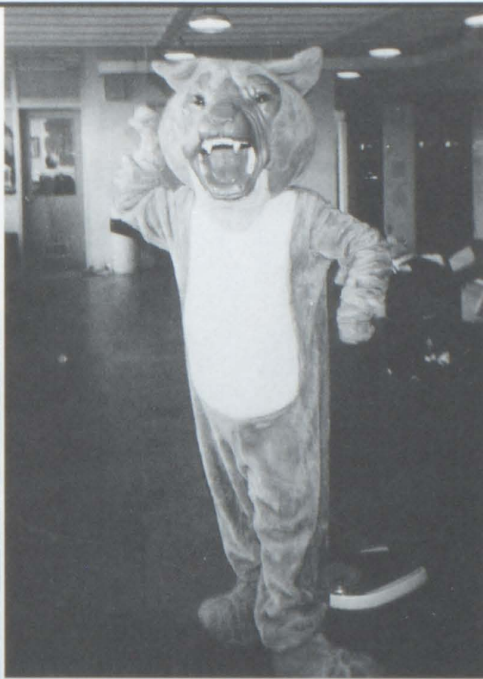


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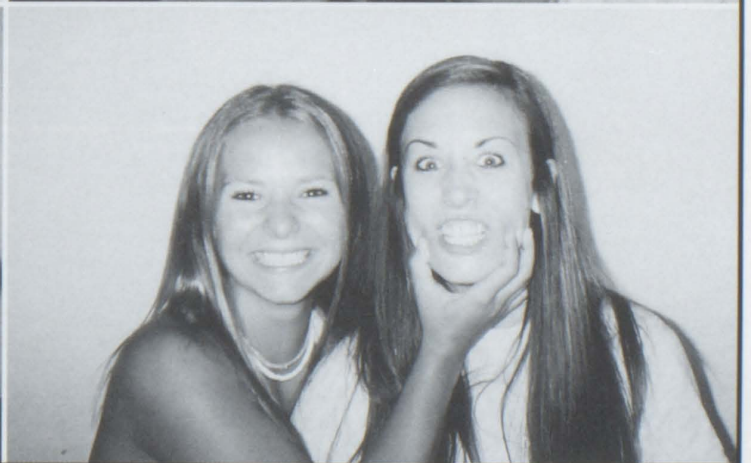
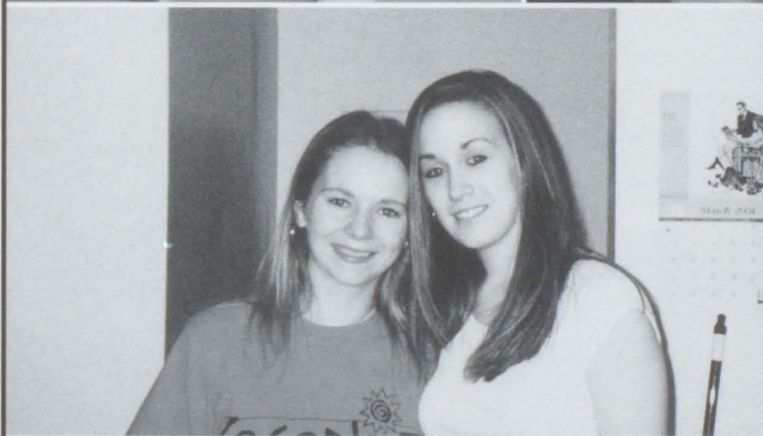
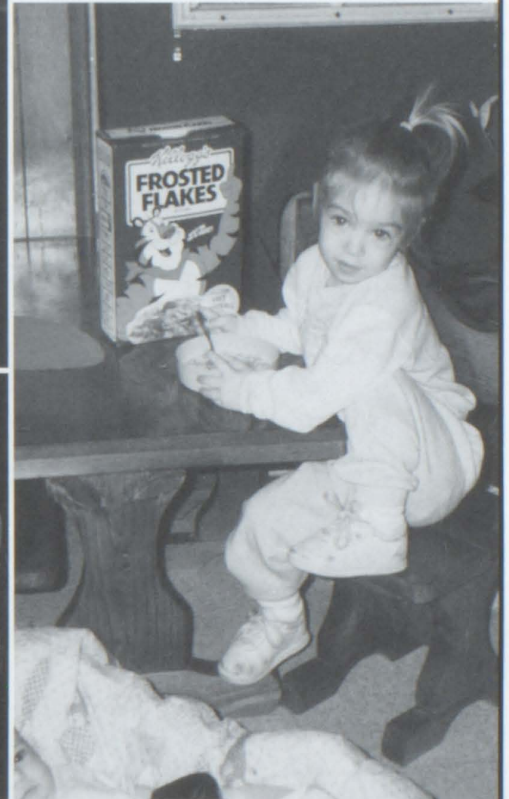


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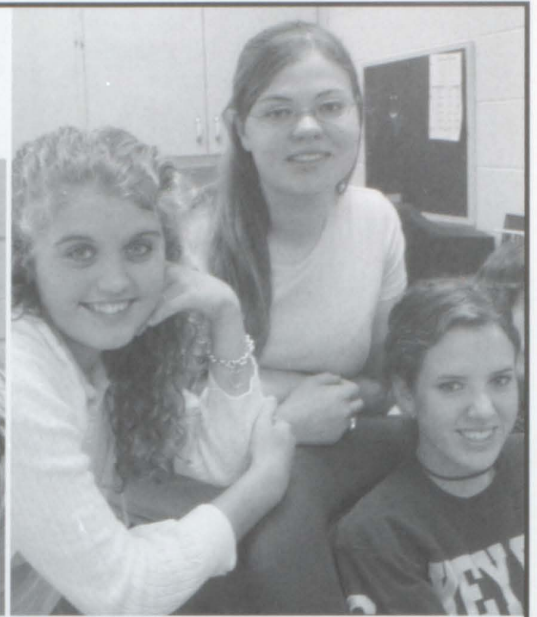
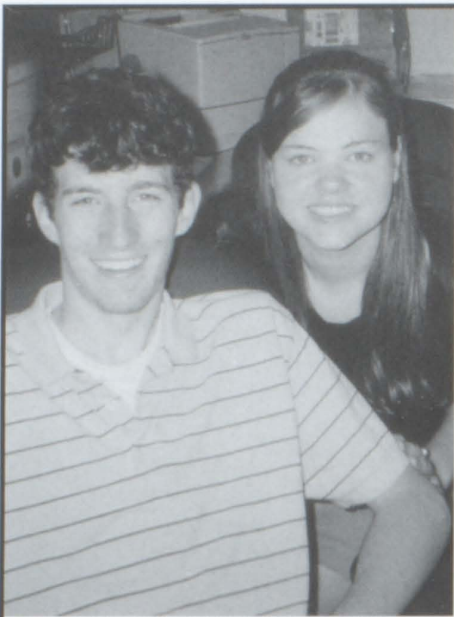
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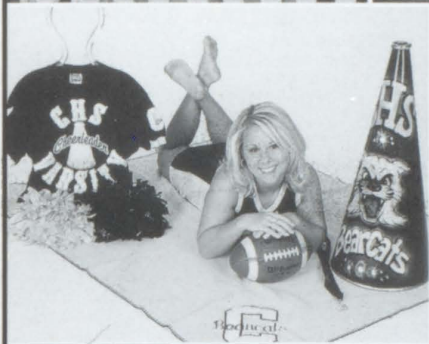
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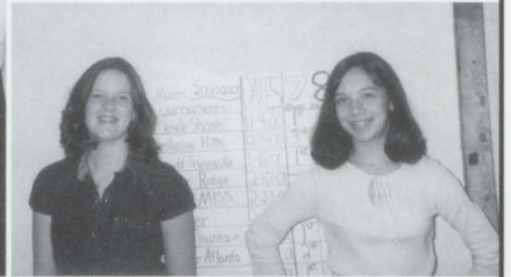


# Mackenzie Rhea Sutton



Melissa Dawn Johnson  
and  
Sarah Elizabeth Hamm

*A friend is one of life's greatest gifts. Thoughtful in endless ways, a friend lends a hand without being asked, encourages growth and supports change. In good times and bad, a friend remains reassuring and faithful. Time and distance cannot diminish friendship: it is forever.*





# Friends like you are precious and few!



Sarah  
Montgomery

Sarah  
Hamm

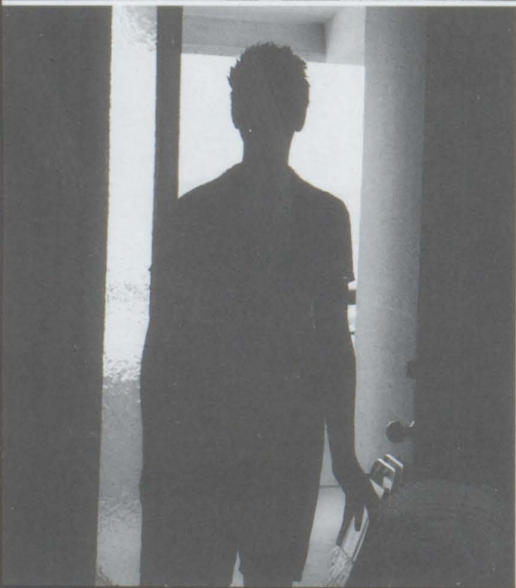
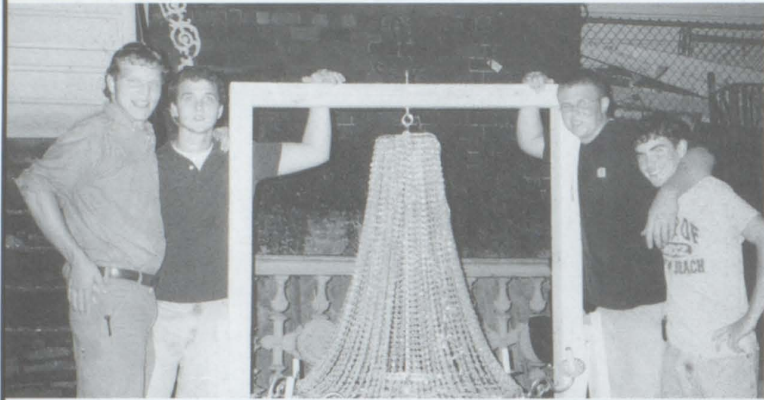
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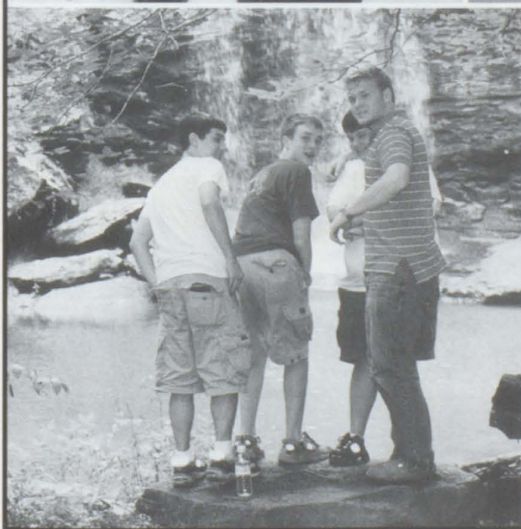
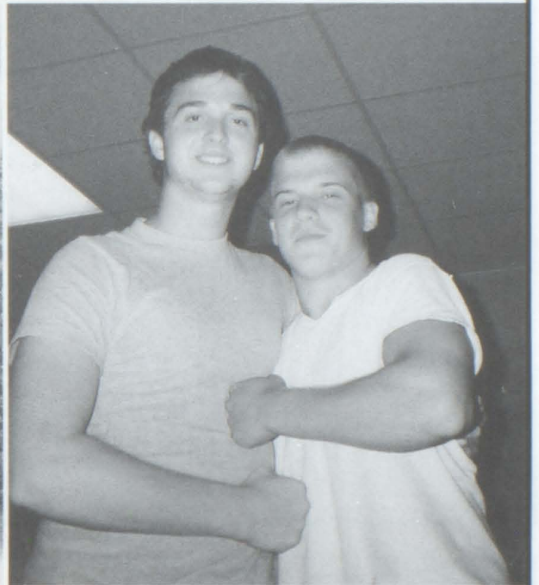
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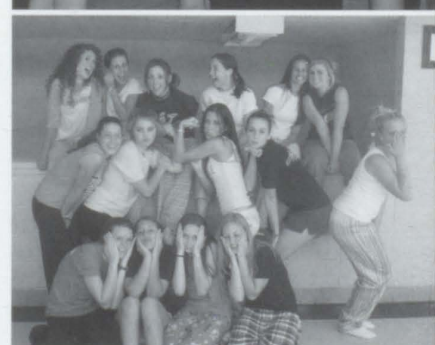
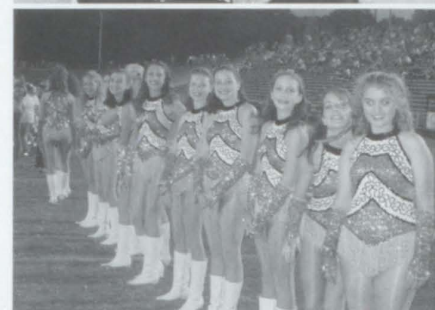


# Patrick Nelson, Jacob Wood, and Will Mayo









**CHS**

# KickCats

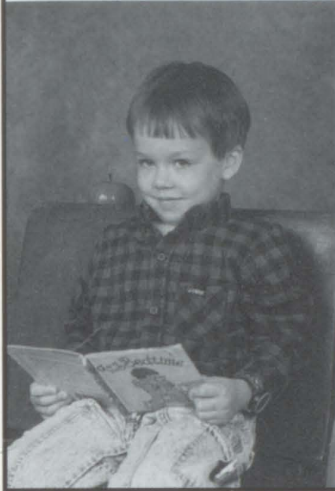
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- Whitney Rakestraw*
- Erika Rowell*
- Hillary Smith*
- Christin Tanner*
- Hanna Taylor*
- Stephanie Taylor*

# Jon Harrison

You have been a joy in our life from the day you were born. You have a caring spirit that shows in everything you do. Your eyes and your smile light up the days of everyone you meet. Continue to have a great attitude in all that you do. You'll face good times and bad. Just remember we are always there with you through each trial and happiness you face. Remember today is the first day of the rest of your life. We are proud of you!!

We Love you!!

Mom, Dad, Adam, and Amanda



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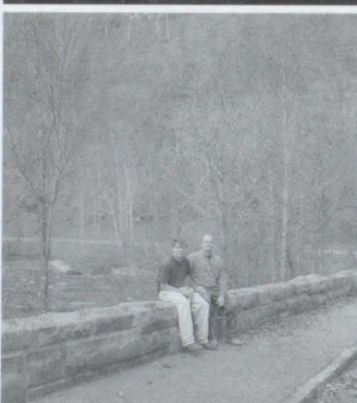
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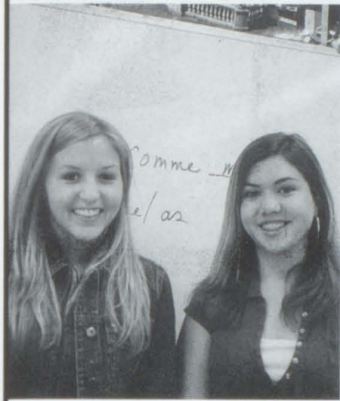
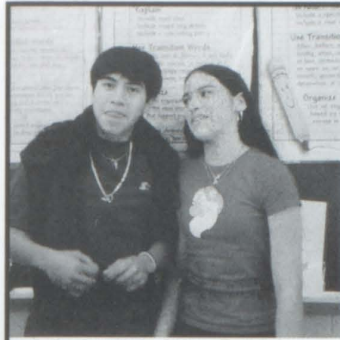
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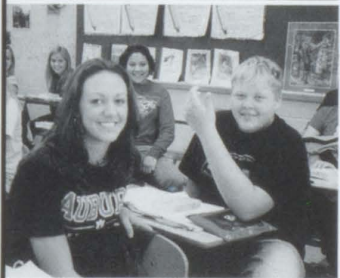
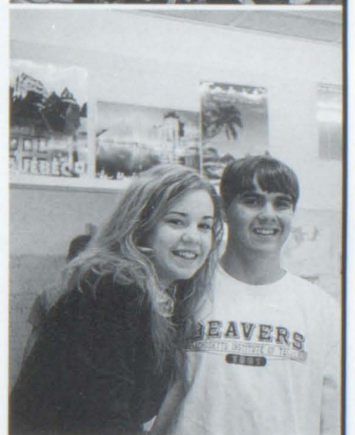
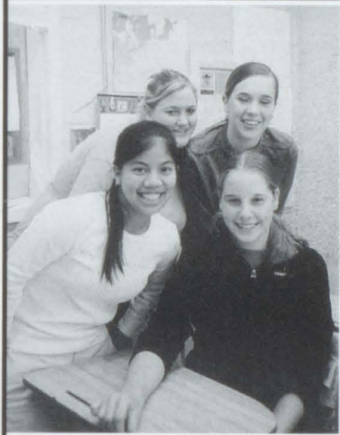
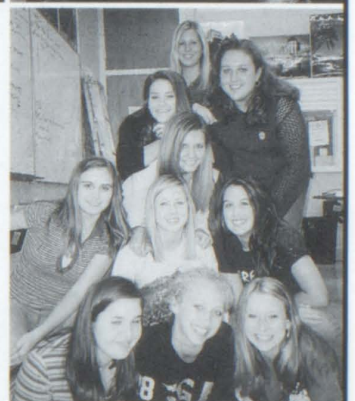
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# Mirandy Britton





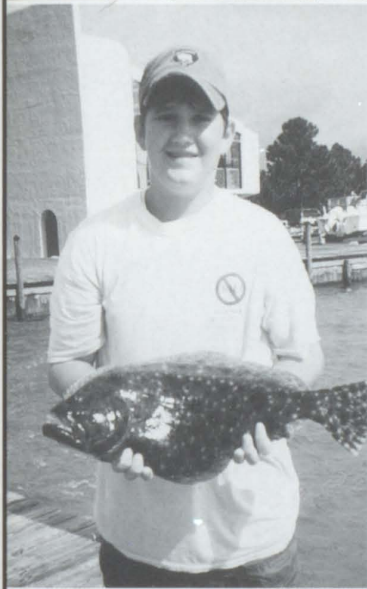
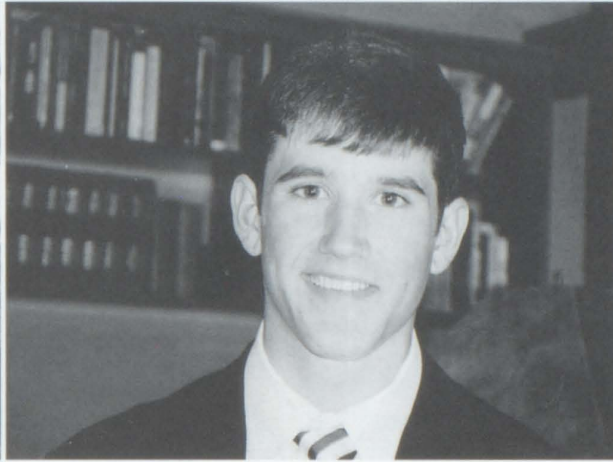
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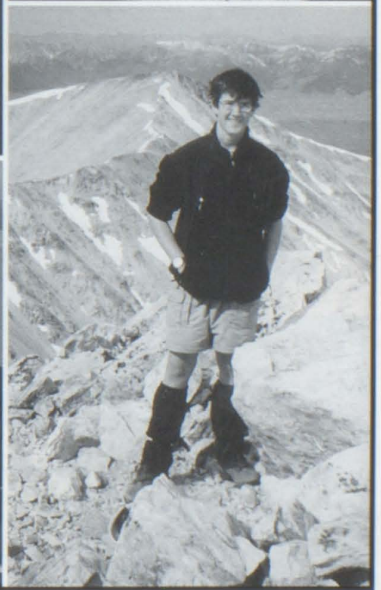
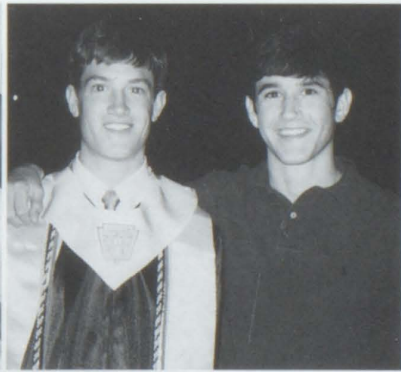
Kari Michelle Osborne  
You are truly our angel sent from  
heaven—

We are so proud of you.  
Have a great Senior Year!  
Love, Mom and Dad





**Jack St. John**  
 You are a blessing and we are very  
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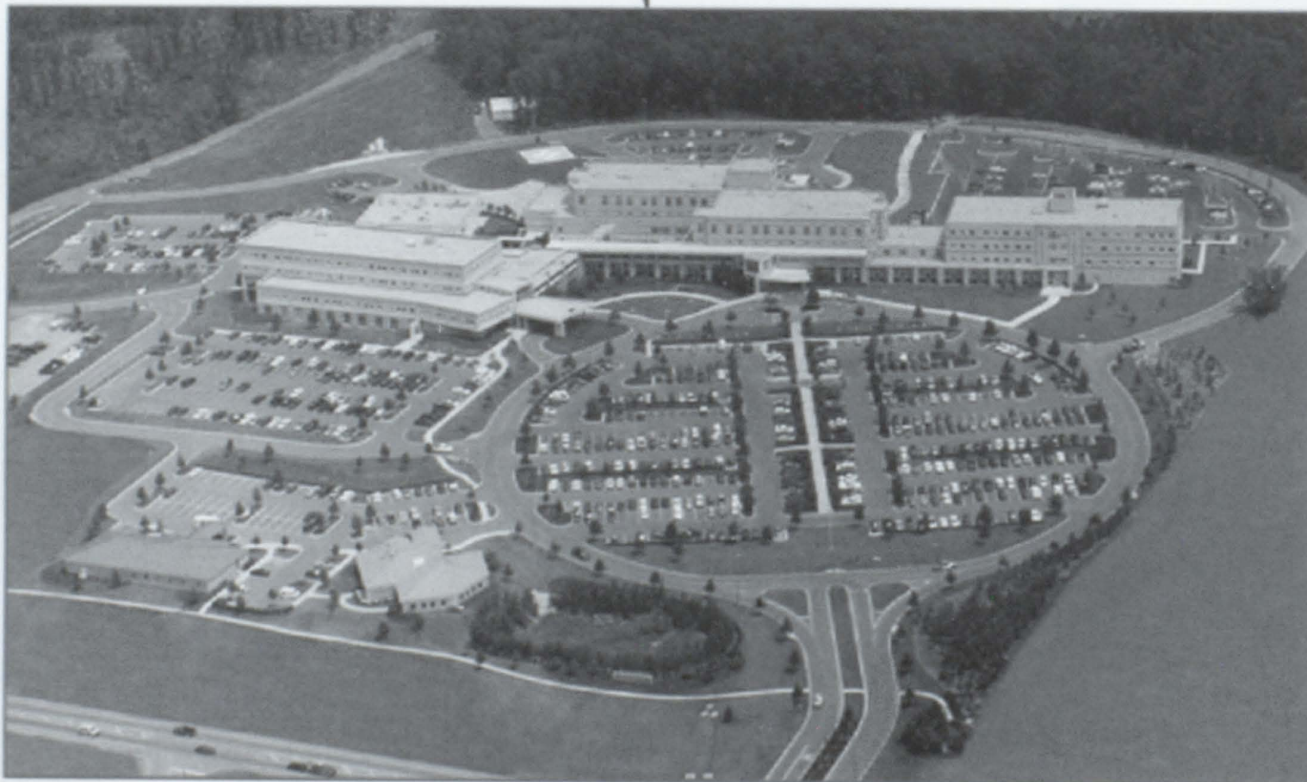
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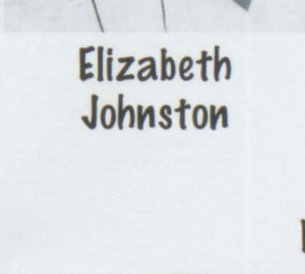
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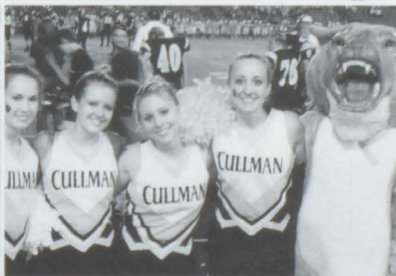


**Brittney Lambert**



# VARSITY





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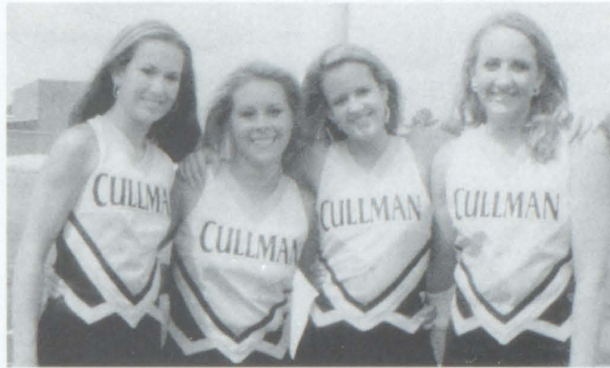
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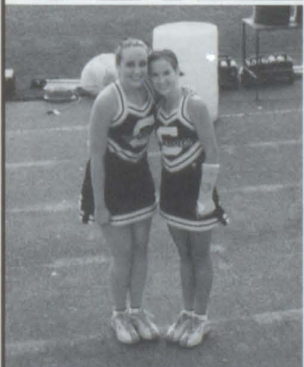


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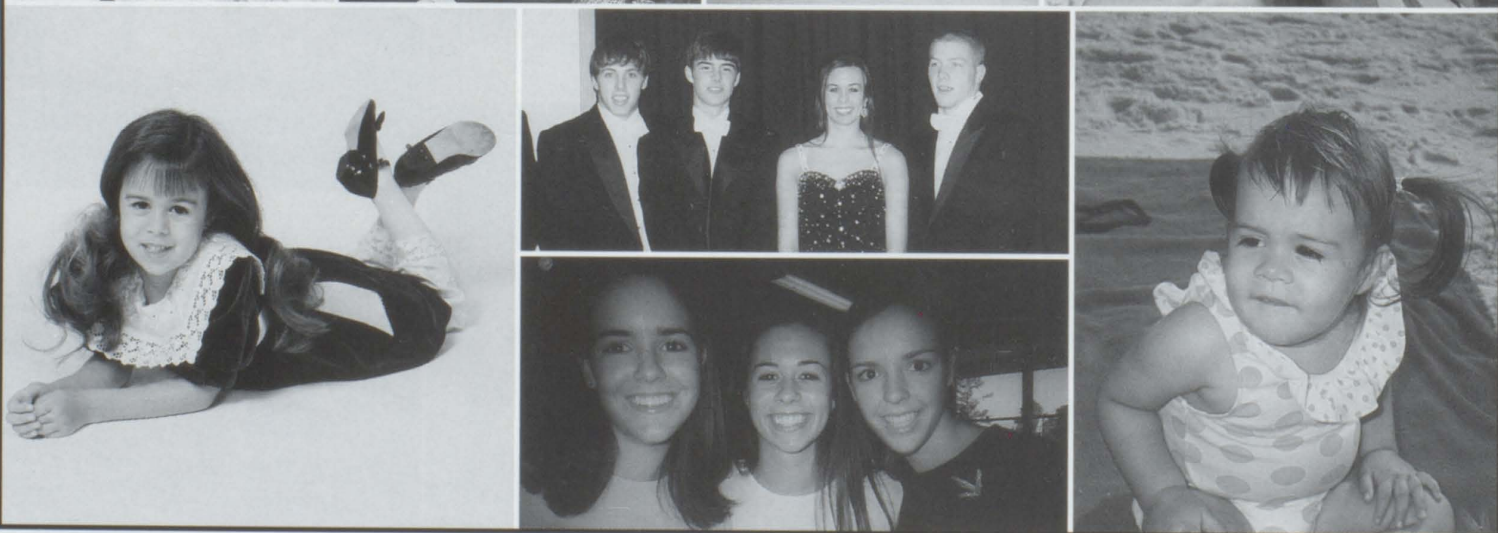
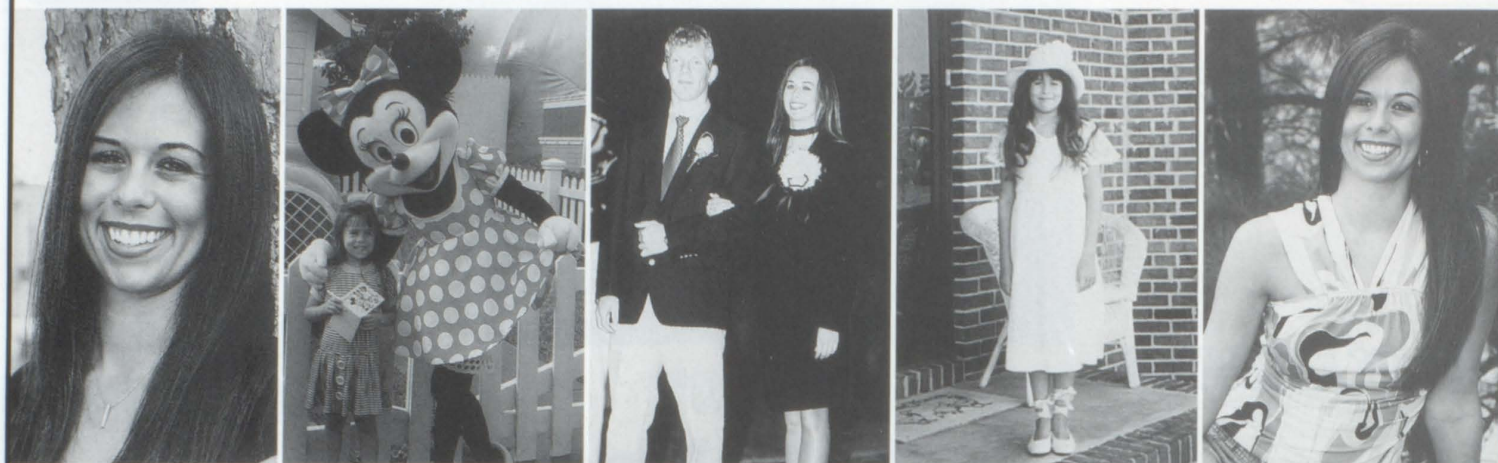
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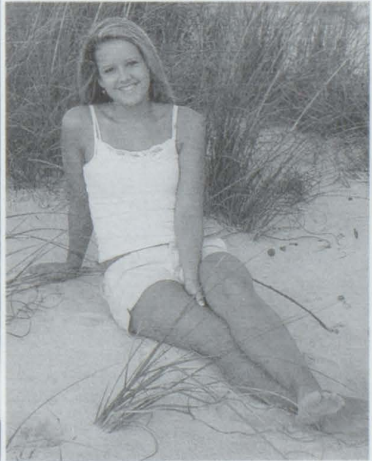
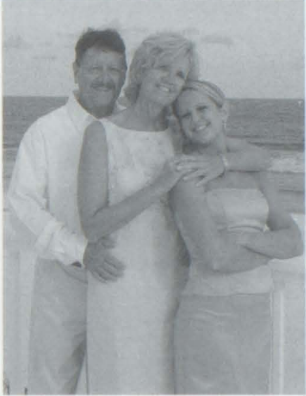
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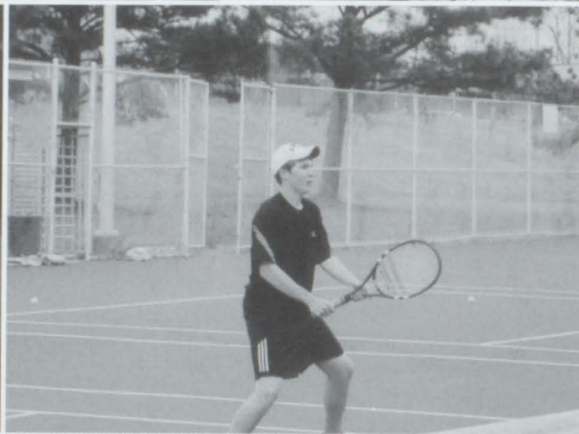




Make the least of all that goes and the most of all that comes.  
 Don't regret what is past. Cherish what you have.  
 Look forward to all that is to come.  
 And most important of all, rely moment by moment on Jesus Christ  
 -Gigi Graham Tchividjian

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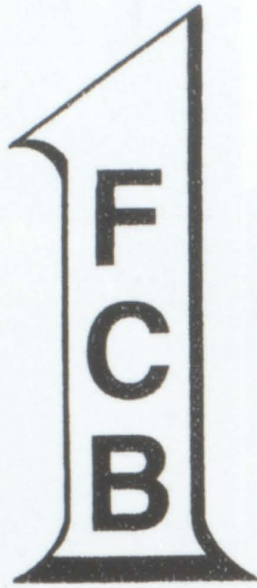






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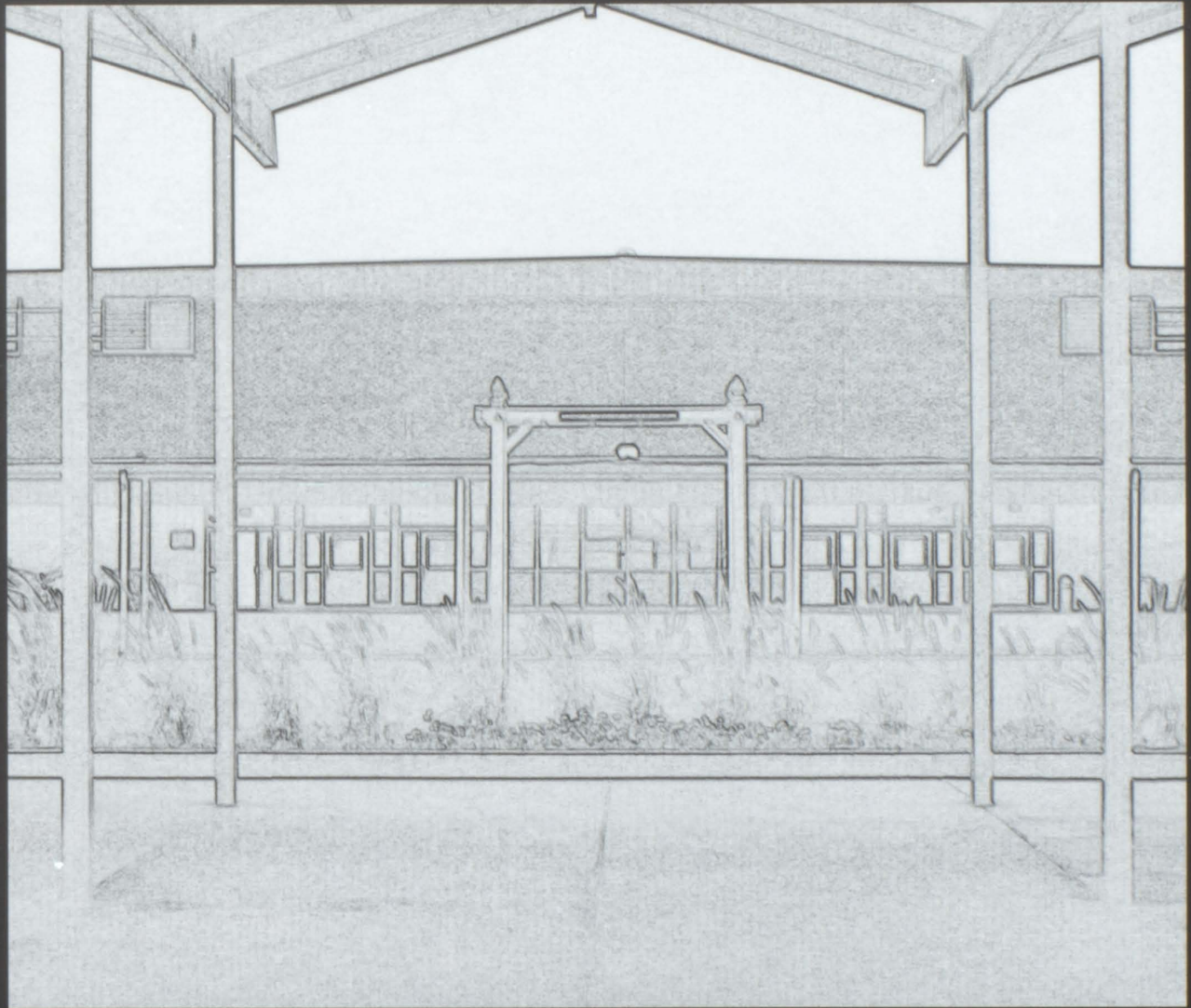
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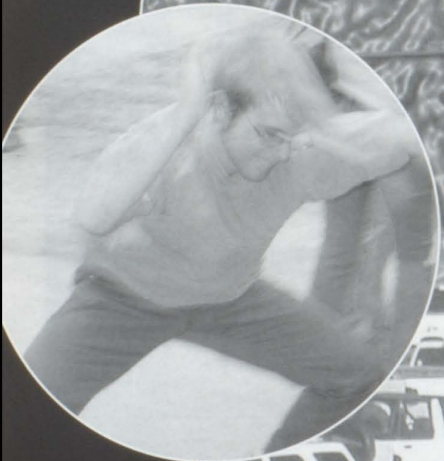
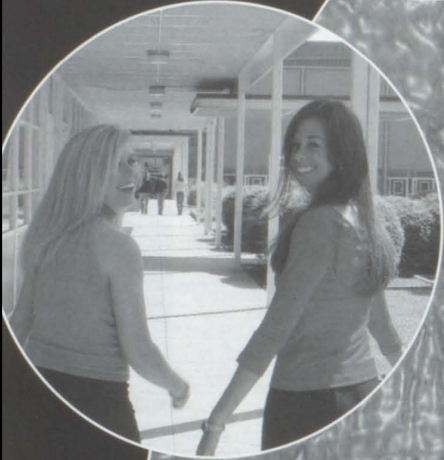
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# Cullman High School



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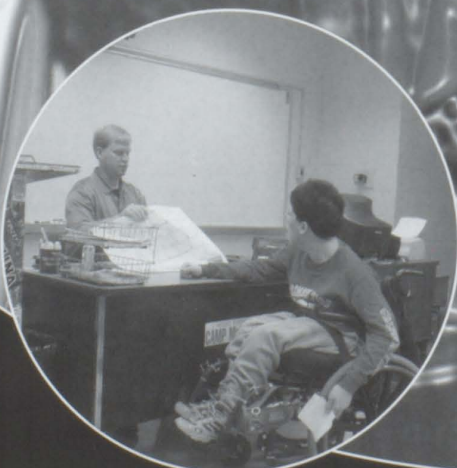


# "What lies behind you..."

Anticipation is the undertone of our high school years. From first pep rallies to last dances, a yearning for what is ahead is the driving force that propels us through those tiresome Mondays and exhausting practices. However, our days as a Bearcat are numbered. Although the days are seemingly endless, our time here is gone in the blink of an eye. In our longing for tomorrow, we often forget to appreciate the journey to our final destination: our day of graduation.

As the school year comes to an end, we as a student body are on the brink of a new segment of our lives. Whether we are simply moving up a grade or bravely stepping out into the world, what lies ahead is unknown. And although the future is uncertain, what is certain is that all of us share the common bond of being a part of the black and gold.

Taking a look back on our high school years, what will stand out? Will it be friendships, homecomings, games, or those hard-earned "A's" on a test? Whatever we remember, Cullman High School will leave a lasting impression on us and our future.





... and what lies before you...

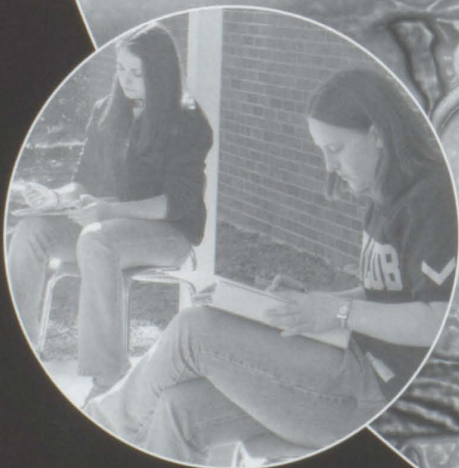
JFK once said, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." Whether planning on attending a local college, enrolling in a large university, or heading straight into the workforce, we can all be optimistic about our future. While what lies beyond the high school's classrooms may seem intimidating, we must realize that times will come in our lives when we will be challenged, and it is how we respond to those challenges that define who we are.

Seniors need to remember that just four short years ago we were scared because the

daunting high school was on the horizon; yet, we now have four magnificent years to remember because we met those difficulties head-on and conquered them ourselves. The fast-paced life in the years to come will be more difficult than the slow, routine life we have all grown accustomed to. We must cherish our days at Cullman High so much because we will never know what we have until we have lost it.

As we move into the days that are before us, we must glance into our future but not forget the days behind us or the qualities within us.

*"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future"*  
*John F. Kennedy*



*...are tiny matter compared to what lies within you." -R. W. Emerson*

Today will come and go, but the experiences faced, the decisions made, and the relationships fostered will play a role in defining the person who you are to become. Our journey through high school leads us down many paths as we struggle through adolescence to define our identity.

Today's culture bombards us with demonstrations of materialistic values, teaching

our generation that your body shape and financial situation are your identity. Your clothes, your hair, your athleticism, and your test scores do not define you. Your character is displayed through how you act when no one is watching, who you help expecting nothing in return, and how you spend your time. When you reflect on the

importance of your high school years, you will remember that big game, that adventure with your friends, or that special

someone. College, marriage, and careers loom in our future and consume our thoughts and time; however, the past, the future, and even the present are insignificant compared to what lies within you.

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Dear Bearcats,

As another school year comes to a close, it again seems as if it has just begun. Opening the school year with the unexpected death of Officer Brannon, we were faced with the challenge of overcoming the sadness of losing our beloved campus police officer. We also began the year with a new principal, Mr. Lane Hill, whose hard work was exemplified through the countless changes not only to the campus itself but also through the fresh, new ideas he brought to CHS.

We, the *Southerner* Staff, hope that we have succeeded in capturing the year 2004-2005, so that long after you walk across the graduation stage, your memories will be as vivid and exciting as they were the moment that they occurred. Providing you with the best yearbook possible was a goal set at the beginning of the summer, and we have worked all year to achieve it. We feel that the *Southerner* has risen to a new level of excellence, and we hope that you agree. We have also worked to ensure that your yearbook has complete coverage of every sport and activity; therefore, we chose to continue the yearbook with a supplement. The supplement will contain all spring sports as well as prom and graduation. With the supplement, the spring sports' achievements such as state titles will be covered at the same level as the fall sports' achievements.

To the senior class of 2005, we finally made it. When we look back upon this yearbook in the years to come, we will be doctors, lawyers, politicians, moms, dad, grandmas, and grandpas. We look forward to sharing our yearbook and our memories with our children and grandchildren as they point and giggle at our hairstyles and clothing choices, which they will deem outdated and outrageous. Thanks for a great thirteen years of growing and learning together and best wishes for each of you in the future.

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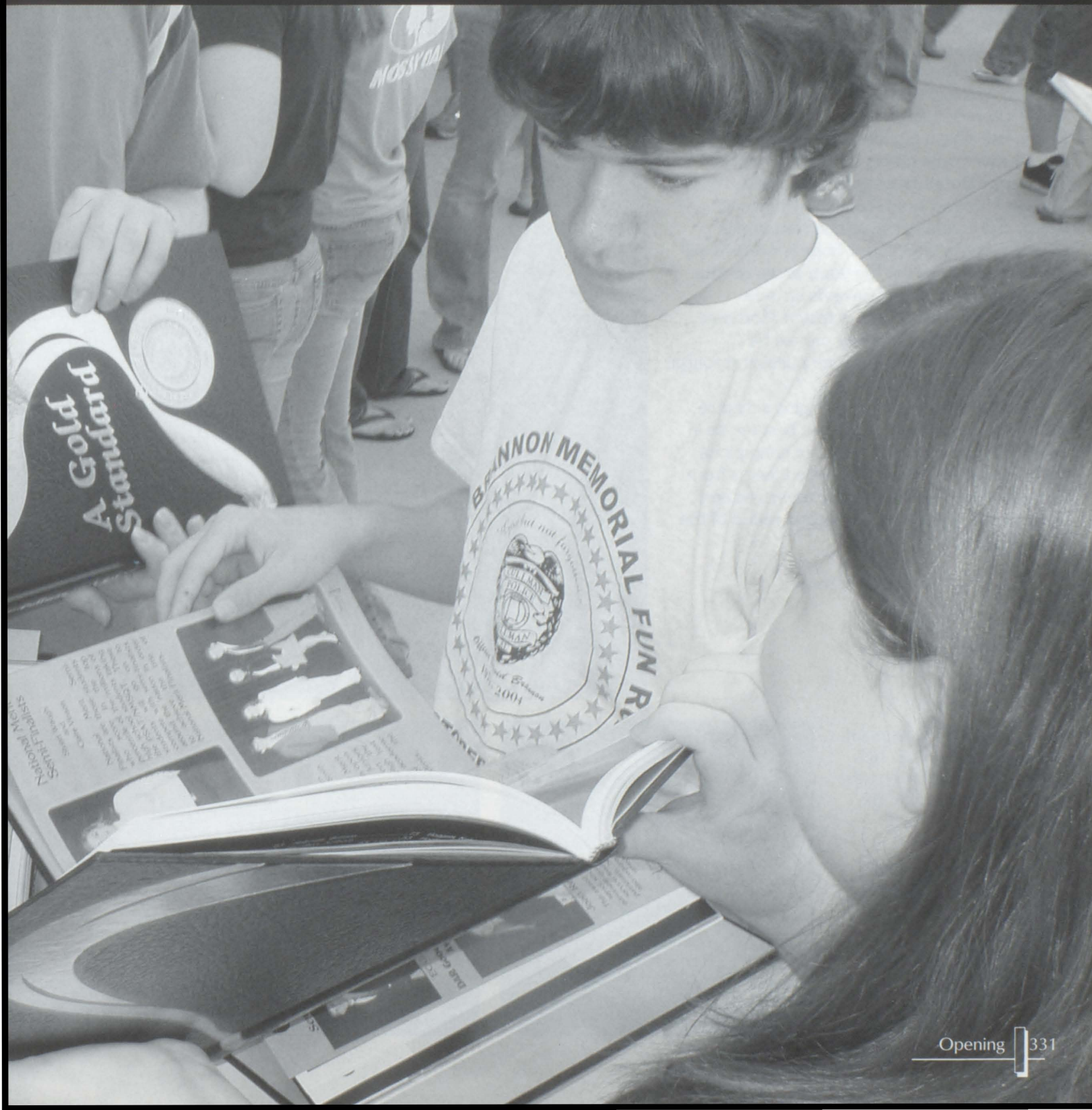
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# C ontinuing

Sophomores Leann Healy, Chayla Handley, Christopher Holland, and Ellen Hamm excitedly discuss the yearbook. Exclamations of delight and surprise echoed throughout the quad as students huddled in groups and began flipping through the pages. Everyone turned as senior Kyle Timmerman yelled, "Is anyone about to cry!"



# the Standard



Senior baseball players lead

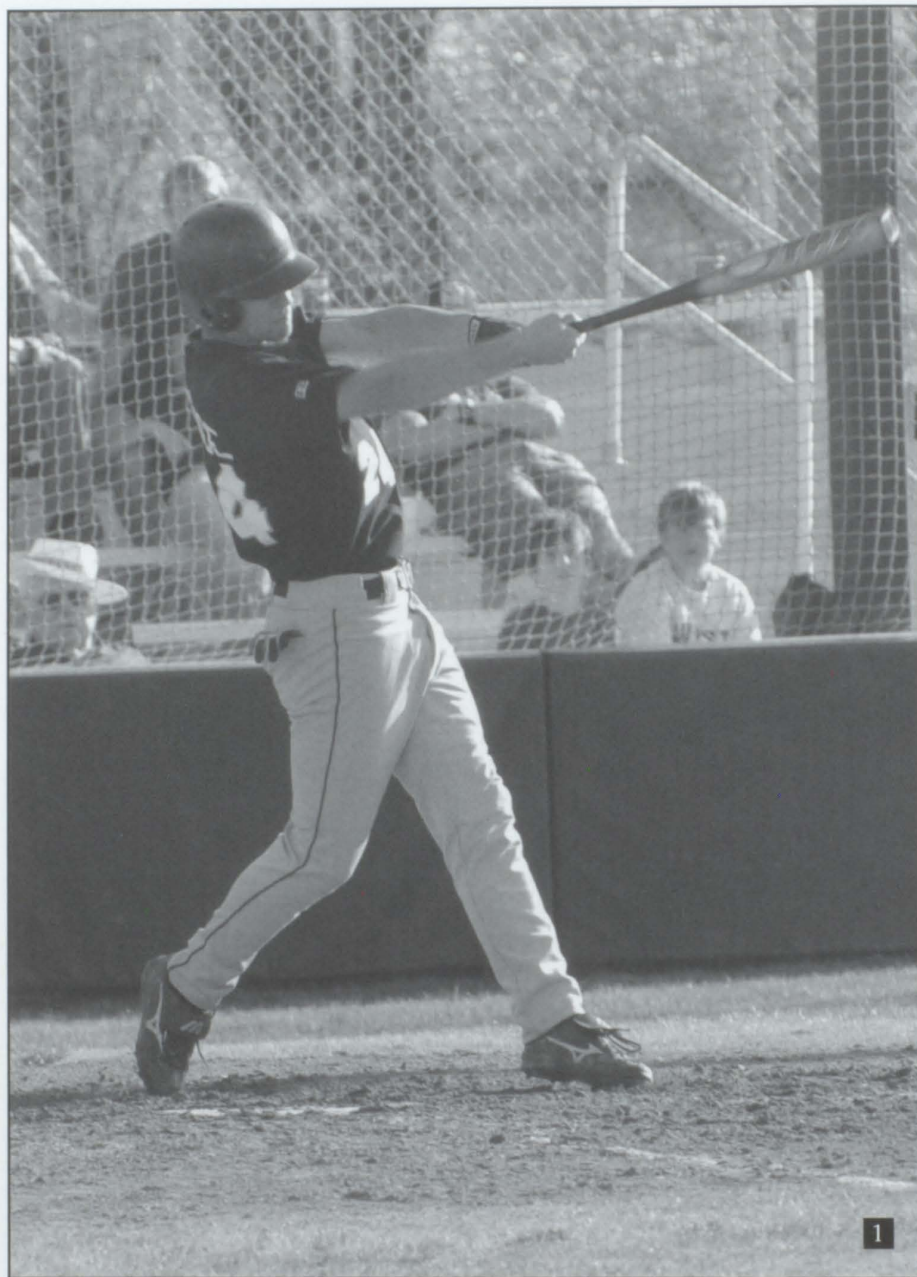
# STEP UP TO THE PLATE

team to state playoffs.

Going into the bottom of the seventh inning down by two against area team, Mortimer Jordan, the Bearcats saw their dreams of being area champs start to trickle away. Bases were loaded with two outs when Ryne Hopper walked, sending Trent Walker home. The Cats were still down by one as Kolby Lawrence stepped up to the plate. Just as the excitement had reached a fever pitch, Kolby hit a grand slam over the centerfield fence, winning the game for the Bearcats. Every Bearcat fan in the stadium was on his/her feet ecstatic about the win. Coach Bowen remarked, "I'm real proud of Kolby. He's been big for us for three years. He's always come up big for us in big at-bats. The bigger the situation, the better player he is." This was the first home-run Kolby had ever made, and it couldn't have been any more exciting. Kolby said, "I just hope it will be a big confidence booster for the team as we go into the playoffs and a push towards an area championship." The Cats defeated Mortimer Jordan 7-4. Kolby definitely proved he possessed senior leadership and pulled it through in the clutch for the Cats.

The Cats had a very challenging schedule. They played against some of the best teams in the Southeast, including the state champions from Tennessee. They even faced teams from Canada. The Cats finished the season as area champs and made it to the second round of the state playoffs.

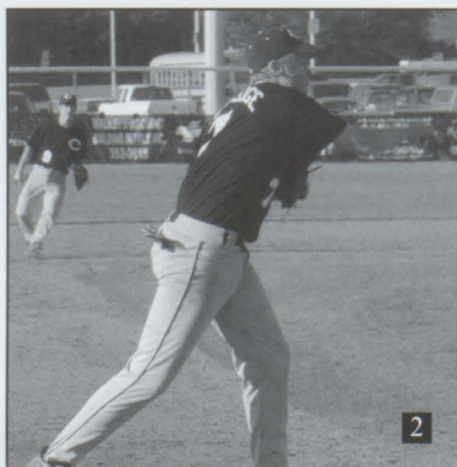
Stefanie Moore



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1. Senior Kolby Lawrence smashes one out into the parking lot. With his hit the Cats were able to win the area game.

2. Sophomore Joshua Rutledge throws to home as John Nyquist looks on anxiously. Both sophomores were a critical part of the team.



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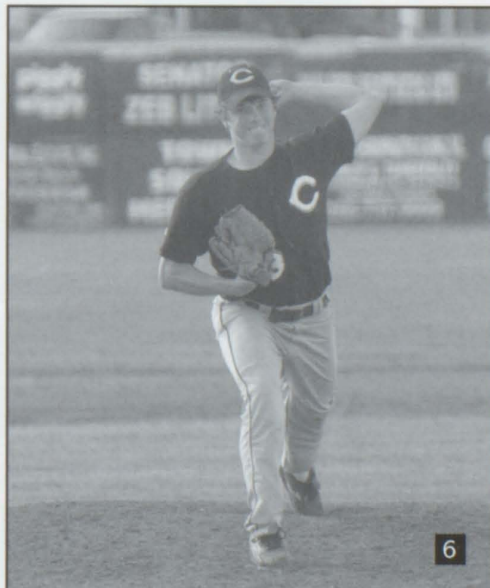
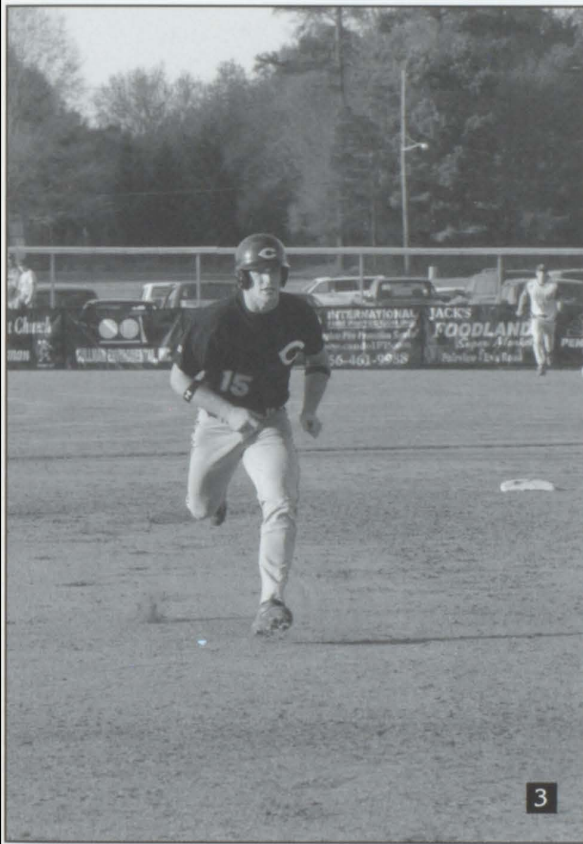


"I'm really proud of what the seniors accomplished. We had great leadership this year which led us to a good season. Our team was very young, but we are very excited about the years to come."  
 Coach Bowen



# Varsity Baseball

1. Junior Blake Bright signals to the pitcher. Despite a torn muscle in his back, he did an excellent job as catcher.
2. Sophomore John Nyquist makes the throw to second base. With his quick fielding skills, he was able to earn an out for the team.
3. Senior Ryne Hopper races around second base. His speed enabled him to safely make it to third base.
4. Junior Caleb Clay makes the throw. His speed in the outfield enabled him to catch many fly balls.
5. Several players congratulate Senior Kolby Lawrence after his grand slam. This grand slam was one of three he hit during the season.
6. Junior Zak Ivey throws a pitch off the mound. As a junior, he was the number one pitcher for the Bearcats.



# JV Baseball



"We had a good season although we finished 2nd in the Albertville tournament. We all have very good potential and there is a lot of good talent coming up."  
Andrew Underwood

1. The boys listen as Coach Patterson consults them about their next strategy. Coach Patterson's superior coaching led his team to a successful season.

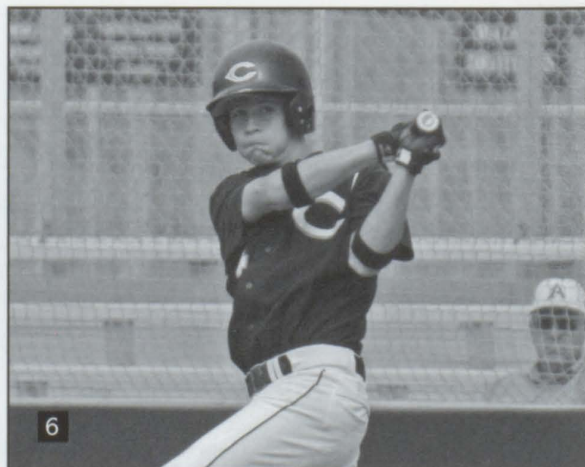
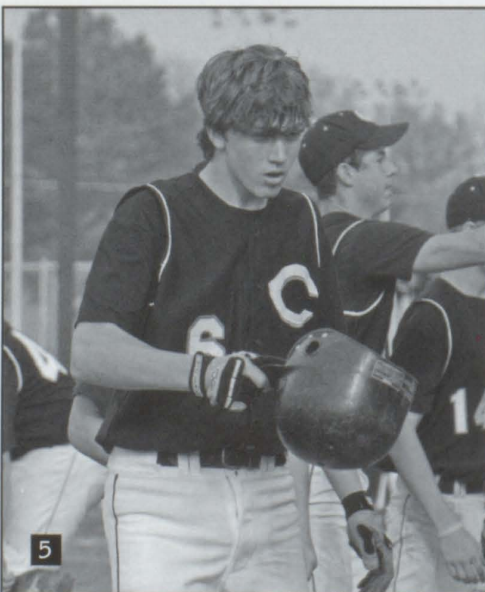
2. Freshman Kyle Kirkwood makes the out at first base. He proved to be a major asset while serving as first baseman.

3. Sophomore Matt Lee edges towards second base. This is Lee's third year to play on the team.

4. Pitcher Matt Norrell throws to home for a strike. His experience on the JV team prepared him for future varsity play.

5. Christopher Fisher makes his way to the dugout after scoring for the team. Fisher has not only been a catcher for the JV team but also the catcher for a few varsity games.

6. Freshman Kyle McSwain strains as he knocks one into the outfield. Kyle has had a great hitting record throughout this season.



JV Boys step up

# THE ROOKIE

to the plate.



The cracking bat, the soaring ball, and the joy of victory! The Junior Varsity season began with a smash. This season's opening game against Bob Jones High School was a great way to start a new year. The first game of the double header was somewhat of a disappointment. The team trailed behind by one point throughout the game, which in the end led to the loss of 3 to 2. However, the boys came back in the second game to accomplish an amazing defeat of the Patriots 13 to 3. This win really boosted the team's self confidence. "Many of these guys have outstanding potential. It will be up to them to go all the way," said Brent Patterson, the head coach of the JV team.

While they may be the junior varsity team, these guys work as hard as the varsity. Several junior varsity players are given the opportunity to play in varsity games when varsity members are unable to play. Nonetheless, the JV team is conditioned to intern this way. Almost every morning, the players wake-up in anticipation of their 6:15 practice with the varsity players. These early morning practices tend to last for an hour and a half. Team members are then given until 5th period when they are sent back to the field to work out until 5:30. Coach Patterson remarked, "They work hard and play their best. This season's record has really proven how hard they've worked." As the season came to a close, the JV team went 22 and 10, and the 9th grade team went 18 and 9.

Katie Murphree



**1.** Second baseman Matt Lee smashes one into the outfield. The whole team was proud of the amazing hit.

**2.** Junior Varsity Baseball Team

**3.** 9th Grade Baseball Team

Softball team travels to Orange Beach

# DIAMONDS ARE A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND

to compete in tournament.

"Are you girls a team from the mullet toss?" You probably would not expect to hear these words if you are in a softball tournament in Orange Beach, but if you are a member of the Cullman High School softball team, these words became a familiar sound. "This season our team has learned a lot about each of our teammates, and it has been a good learning experience," said Erin Meriwether of this year's season.

The girls were not only accused of being a mullet tossing team but also seemed to be fans of the dance line. It seems the softball team was dancing all over Orange Beach! Whether it was at LuLu's after dinner or at a wedding on the beach with skaters from the ice capades, these girls know how to break it down.

However, the girls did not just dance; they also were required to play in the annual softball tournament. The girls finished the tournament with one victory. Erin Meriwether was named for her outstanding diving catches, and Caroline Weatherly made a headfirst dive for home plate. Although the girls may have been a little disappointed with the results of the tournament, they left Orange Beach with plenty of memories. Lauren Perry reflected, "Playing softball for the past four years has made high school much more enjoyable for me. When I leave Cullman, I'll look back and always remember my teammates and the great memories we made on that field. I wish them the best of luck next year."

The girls ended with an extremely successful season finishing with the substate competition. Erin Meriwether simply said, "It's been a great season, and I'm sad to see it end."

Bethany Donaldson



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1. Ashley Campbell rushes to catch the ball. She overcame her injuries to play not only as an outfielder, but also as a pitcher.

2. Caroline Weatherly quickly stops the rolling ball. Returning the ball to the pitcher was the only way to prevent the steal.



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"I learned a lot about life through this game. I will look back on this game and remember the girls that I spent a lot of time with. Good luck to our seniors, I know they will succeed in anything they do."  
 Caroline Weatherly



## Varsity Softball



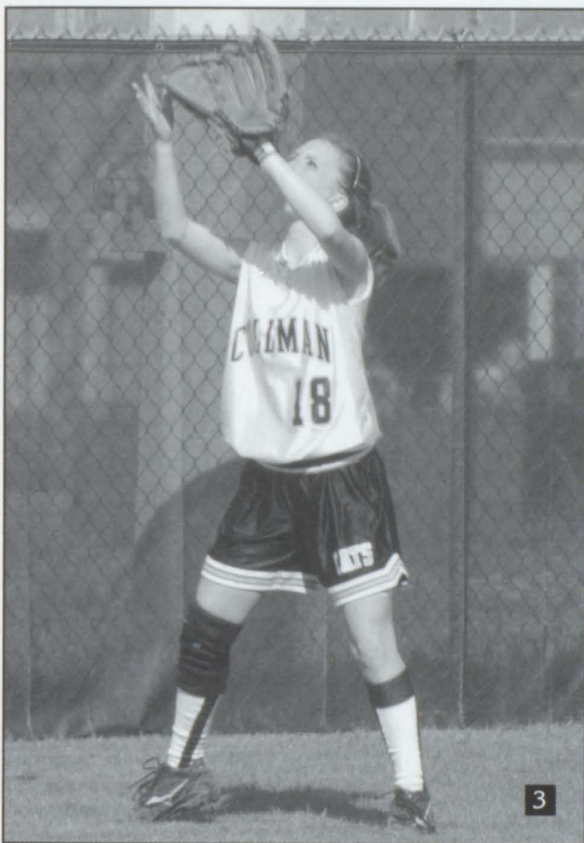
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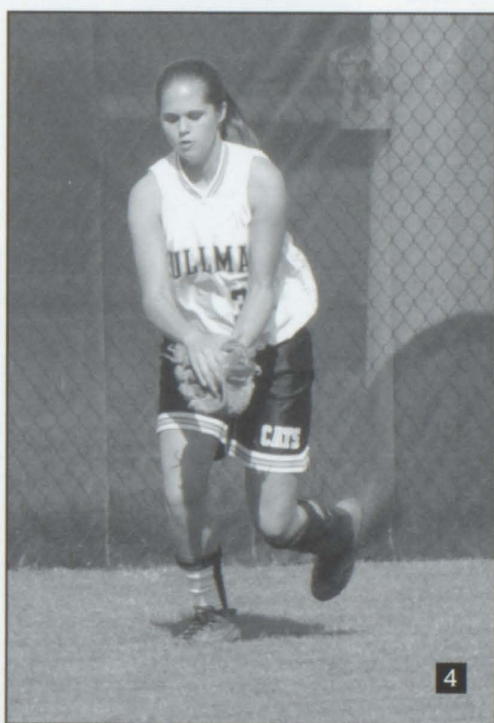
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**1.** Nikki Scroggins prepares for the batter's hit. She caught the fly ball making three outs and allowing us to bat.

**2.** Lauren Perry crouches behind the plate awaiting the pitch. Memorizing all of the signs for the pitcher was a difficult task.



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**3.** Jessica Watson looks up to catch a fly ball. Being a JV player, she was given the opportunity to play for the varsity team at numerous games.

**4.** Amanda Harrison runs to pass the ball to first. Her quick throw was instrumental in obtaining the out.

**5.** Lauren Perry catches a ball. She enhanced this year's experience for the girls' softball team and passed on advice to the returning girls.

**6.** Katie Abt hurls the ball toward home. Her many years on the softball team has helped her develop a strong arm and quick response.



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Foreign exchange students help Bearcat

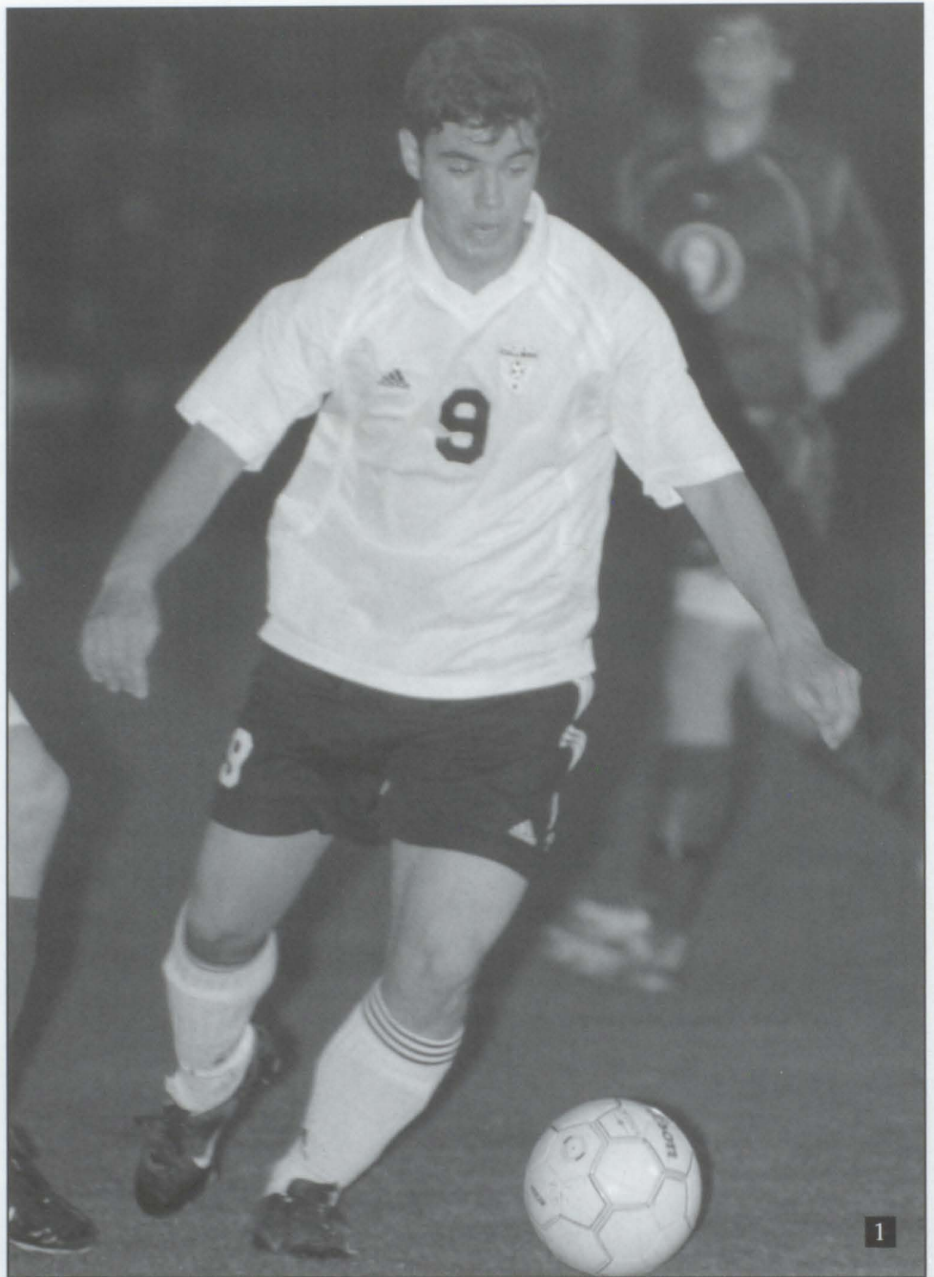
# EXCHANGING GOALS

soccer team capitalize on the season.

Our school has long been known for its foreign language courses. We have attracted many foreign exchange students from countries all over the world due to our excellent curriculum as well as our city's rich heritage. In this year's senior class alone, we had a record number of three foreign exchange students: Philipp Heinisch and Thomas Moritz from Germany and Andre Crivelente from Brazil. As if being from different countries didn't relate the boys enough, they also had something else in common, a love for soccer. All three played integral parts in the boys' varsity soccer team. From their confident ball-handling skills to their accurate shots on goal, these boys did their best to help our Bearcats win the title of Section Champs as well as a spot in the state playoffs with an outstanding record. Philipp and Andre lived with Dr. Tom Barnes and family, while Thomas lived with head soccer coach and German teacher Pete Eschrig, but this small separation did not hinder their ability to cooperate with one another.

They also got along well with their other teammates including the captains Daniel Munger and James Nyquist. Daniel made multiple saves as the goalie in every game he played, and James also proved his worth in the midfield scoring, defending, and assisting. Other players who were valuable assets to the team were seniors Trey Barnes, Kevin Artist, Landon Brown, Justin Yoho, and Daniel Allison. Their senior leadership paved the way to the 5A State Championship game against Homewood. Although falling short of a state title in second overtime, the soccer team still made the Bearcats proud by being the only team at CHS to make it to a state championship game.

Leah Miller



1. Andre Crivelente concentrates on the ball as he maneuvers around a defender. Andre picked up many of his skills in Brazil.

2. Connor Johnson braces himself for a kick from behind. Illegal slide tackles happened in heated games of soccer.



"This soccer season has been awesome. What I liked the most was Coach's attitude toward the team. All the running has done something for our physical condition and our attitudes. Thanks, Coach!"  
Bryant Lopez



## Varsity Boys' Soccer



1. Thomas Moritz slides the ball past his defender. Thomas's success in the midfield made the fans on the hill rev their engines with excitement.

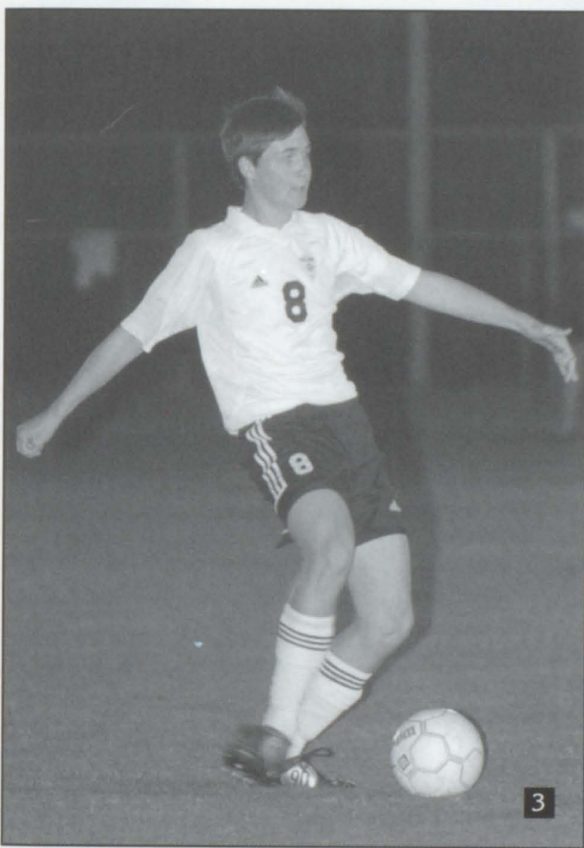
2. Daniel Allison heads a ball over a defender while Kevin Artist waits to receive the ball. Teamwork such as this were key in Bearcat successes.

3. Trey Barnes glances down the field as he passes the ball. In order to have great ball-handling skills, the boys had to master the art of juggling.

4. Daniel Munger gives Taylor Davis a few pointers as they warm up before a game. Taylor had to step in for Daniel several times during the season, and he always did well.

5. Captain James Nyquist breaks through some pushy defenders in the game. These defenders were the last line of resistance before James broke through and scored for the Bearcats.

6. Juan Moreno takes charge of this game situation and looks for an open passing lane. This was Juan's first year on the varsity squad after playing on the junior varsity team last year.



Junior varsity revs up

# JUST FOR KICKS

for another season.

GGOOAALL! JV Soccer adds another win to their season. Junior varsity teams do not always get their chance to shine in the spotlight. However, they must work hard to keep up with the varsity. While on the JV, team players try to keep up their momentum and stamina so that they can stay up to speed. All year the team strives to have a respectable record. Through long, tough practices, the JV team grows stronger both on and off the field.

While the junior varsity does not practice as much as the varsity, they work to develop a sense of friendship as they improve. "We all have become better friends through soccer. We have seemed to play better every game," stated Dallas Malone, a ninth grade member of the team. The successful teamwork has led the way to many of their victories.

After winning their first game, they could tell that their team was coming together. The season ended with a smash as the boys took home many victories. "We had an awesome season this year. We have come a long way," quoted Jake Knappenberger. The season was one of which they could be very proud. Ending with a 10-6-4 record, the JV team was excited to see how much their dedication had paid off in the end.

Kinlee Nelson



1. The crowd watches in anticipation as Jake Knappenberger drives the ball to the goal. Jake was a key player for the JV team this year.

2. Clayton Bradford skillfully stops the ball from moving farther down the field. His stop helped the team regain control of the ball.





"We have all become better friends through soccer; we seemed to play better every game."  
Dallas Malone



## JV Boys' Soccer



1. Jake Knappenberger rushes for the ball as the opposing team closes in the gap. Jake took the ball down the field for an explosive run.

2. Caleb Graves goes one on one with a defender from Hartselle. Caleb outsmarted the defender and took the ball downfield.

3. Ernesto Romero dribbles the ball downfield. He ran with speed to try to score.

4. Dallas Malone chases down one of the Hartselle players. With Dallas's great speed, he was able to catch him and steal the ball.

5. Clayton Bradford sprints for the ball. He dashed against the opposing player in a race for the ball.

6. Cesar Lopez skillfully handles the ball under pressure. He broke away and drove the ball down the field.

## Varsity girls' soccer

# THE BEST OF THEM

continues to prevail.

Stepping out onto the field knowing that you are about to enter into a battle is the greatest adrenaline-rushing experience of any athlete's life. Leah Miller has felt this experience many times before. Playing soccer since she was four years old, she is the only member of the girls' varsity team to play varsity all four years. This year, Leah had the opportunity to lead the Lady Bearcats as Captain. She knew the importance of camaraderie and the benefit that it would bring to the team. "Having good chemistry between players is very important. You have to be able to trust your teammates and know that they'll be there for you if you mess up. If everyone on the team is close, then by the end of the season you'll be able to read your teammate's next move and in turn be able to create more passing lanes and scoring attempts. Everyone benefits from friendship between players," says Leah.

Leah has always shown outstanding leadership abilities. These abilities paid off as the Lady Bearcats were able to win their section and advance to the second round of the semi-state playoffs. This was the first time in CHS history that the girls' soccer team had advanced this far in the playoffs. Coach Nick Feldner also contributed to this success, bringing in new strategies to help build on the foundation already set by previous coach, Jim Miller. Other players who added to the success of the team were seniors Megan Soukup, Joan Reichwein, and Laura McHan. These ladies came together with their skills and knowledge of the game and were able to play with the best of them.

Courtney Brown



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1. Colleen McDaniel uses her impressive ball-handling skills to work herself around the defender to head for the goal. Colleen was a very valuable player to the Lady Bearcats with her sharp skills and solid shot.

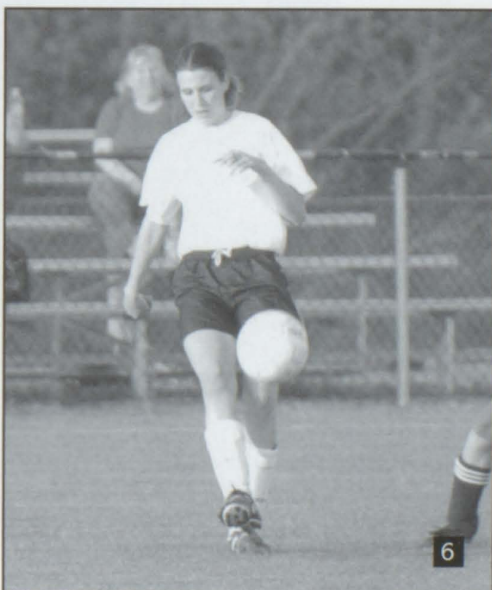
2. Ashley Collins goes after the ball to send it to a forward. Ashley proved herself this year by giving her all in every game.



"Due to our wonderful leadership, skill, and coaching, I believe we had a very successful winning season."  
Emily Miller



## Varsity Girls' Soccer



1. Joan Reichwein recovers the ball to send it down the field. Joan always stepped it up and was in the right place at the right time.

2. Judy Ortiz defends a player to help the team. Judy's excellent defending abilities proved effective for the team especially in games such as the Cullman vs. John Carroll game. The girls' team defeated John Carroll in a hard-fought match for the first time in school history.

3. Leah Miller uses her proficient skills to help lead the Cullman Lady Bearcats to a section win. Winning the section meant the girls would host Lee of Huntsville in the first round of the playoffs.

4. Christina Chambers briskly gets the ball and heads to the goal to score. Christina's speed and shots were very big assets to the team.

5. Maggie McDaniel kicks the ball down the field to stop the opposing team from scoring. Maggie played sweeper for the Bearcats and could stop almost any ball that came her way.

6. CadeAnn Smith retrieves the ball to send it to the goal. CadeAnn was a huge benefit to the team with her determination and talent.

The boys' tennis team improves

# MAKING A RACQUET

their skills in Destin, Florida.

To better prepare for their upcoming season, the boys' varsity tennis team traveled to Destin, Florida, for a tennis clinic. The team left during winter break in February and stayed for four days. While at the clinic, the boys were welcomed by professional tennis players waiting to train the group. They taught them new skills including drills for agility, strength, and technique.

While the primary reason for the trip was to improve their tennis, they also had plenty of downtime. During their downtime, the boys enjoyed playing volleyball, going out to eat, and enjoying camaraderie with their teammates. Senior player Scott Hackleman said, "The best part of the whole trip was just hanging out with my friends and playing tennis." When asked what he learned at the clinic, senior Joey Clark replied, "I learned that consistency is the key."

Their season went remarkably well. They continued their winning season by going to the state playoffs. Adam Witcher finished 2nd in the number one singles seed. This is a major accomplishment for a 10th grader. "I was off to a slow start with a broken arm; however, I ended up doing well and the team has done great." Tyler Harbin advanced to the semi-finals and finished 3rd. Coach Ponder was extremely proud of how well the team came together. He commended them by saying, "The guys had a successful season; however, the young players have big shoes to fill by the seniors Joey Clark, Scott Hackleman, and Tyler Harbin." The team was undefeated in sectional play and finished with an outstanding record of 9-2.

Milly Klopfer



**1.** Trey Whitlock and Joey Blicher wait for the next return. As a first year member of the team, Joey surpassed expectations and had a great season.

**2.** Scott Hackleman and Tyler Harbin make a great pair as they challenge their opponents. Practicing for extra hours led to an outstanding season record.



"The best part of the Destin trip was just hanging out with my friends and playing tennis."  
Scott Hackleman



## Varsity Boys' Tennis



**1.** Joey Clark listens to advice from Coach Ponder. The coach gave the boys great tips throughout the season. "I learned a lot this year and grew as a player," said Joey.

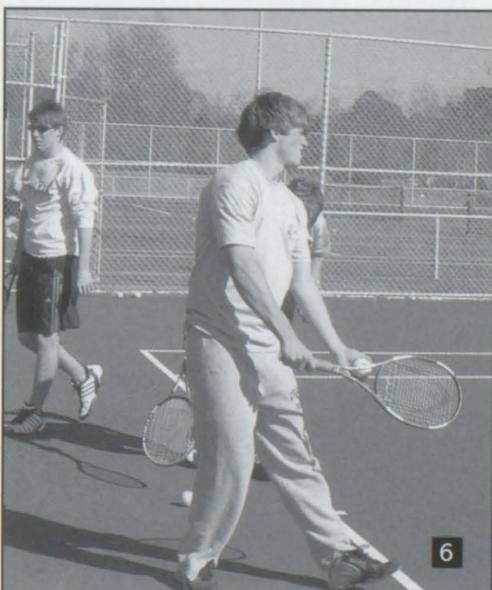
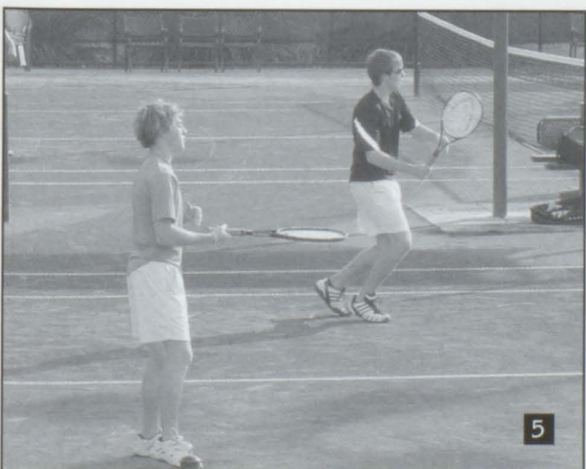
**2.** Members of the tennis team converse about their winning strategies. Their strategies paid off in their impressive performances.



**3.** Tyler Harbin returns the ball to a teammate. Tyler was a vital part of the tennis team's success as the team's number two player.

**4.** Scott Hackleman gets ready to smash the ball to his teammate. As one of the top players, Scott was an integral part of the team.

**5.** Adam Witcher and Scott Hackleman practice doubles. Adam overcame a broken arm and led the team to many victories. "I was worried in the beginning of the season about my broken arm, but everything turned out fine," remarked Adam on his injury.



**6.** Trey Whitlock aggressively serves the ball. He was a strong player throughout the season. "I missed out on the Destin trip, but I still had fun this year," commented Trey.

# Varsity Girls' Tennis

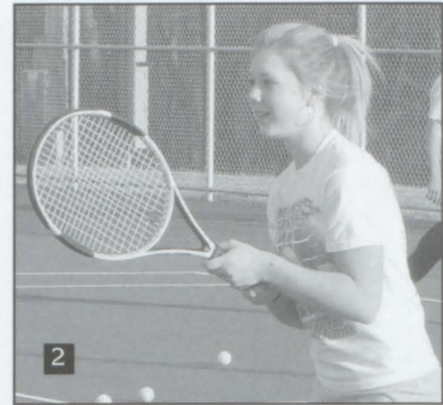


"The girls improved dramatically from the beginning of the season to the end. They had a great performance at sectionals, and with everyone returning for the next two years, expectations will be high."  
-Coach Ponder

**1.** Junior Emily St. John takes a break with her teammates, Kristin Brown and Kylie Gandy prior to a match. The girls became extremely close throughout the season.



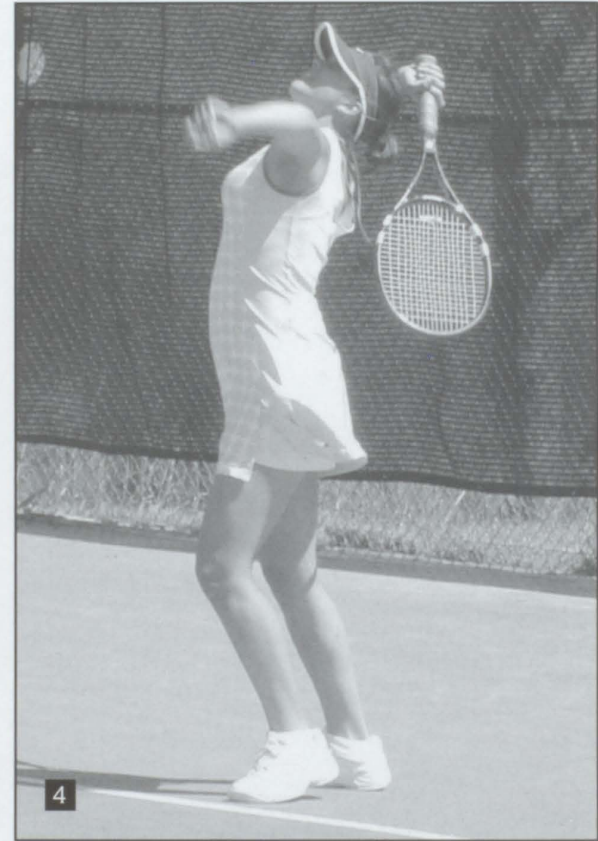
**2.** Second ranked Raegan White prepares for the serve while practicing. Enduring a painful back injury, she persevered through the season.



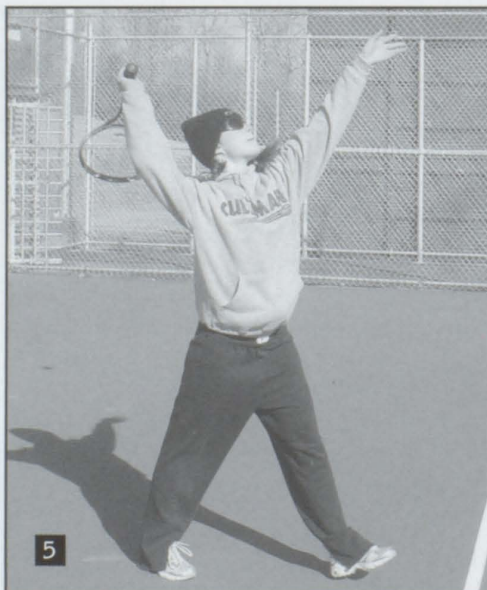
**3.** Kylie Gandy consults senior Joey Clark during practice. Both the boys' and girls' teams often exchanged tips throughout the year.



**4.** Kristin Brown serves during a match early in the season. After losing their two top players, the other girls had to work hard to make up for the team's loss.



**5.** In layers of warm clothing, Emily St. John braves the weather to practice serving. The other girls affectionately called her "Mom" because she was the oldest player on the team.



**6.** Some of the girls snuggle together to stay warm on a cold day at practice. They often took "warm-up" breaks during the early months of the season.



Girls' tennis overcomes injuries

# SERVIN' IT UP

to create priceless memories.



As practice began for the upcoming season, the girls' varsity tennis team had high hopes for success; however, a series of injuries soon ruined their optimism. Two weeks prior to the season opener, top ranked Kylie Gandy suffered from a severe knee injury during practice thus preventing her from playing in the majority of the matches. Kylie was devastated, but she continued to encourage the other girls to stay positive. "After my knee injury, it took me quite a while to bounce back, but we have a bright future ahead of us. I'm looking forward to next season!" The girls were heartbroken again while playing in the third match of the season when second ranked Raegan White began feeling intense pain in her back. Thinking that the injury was minor, she finished the match; however, she later realized that she was actually sustaining a bulging disk in her spine. After events like these, most teams would lose spirit, but these girls have leaned on each other and become more like sisters than teammates. Fortunately, both Kylie and Raegan were both able to compete at the end of the season, but they will have to rest during the summer to ensure that they will be ready for next year.

Everyone on the team will be returning for next season, and several talented freshmen will be joining them. This year helped the girls gain the experience and confidence they needed to be a successful team, and they are eagerly awaiting their next chance to shine. Junior Emily St. John is thrilled about next year's opportunities. "This year was a blast! We all got along great, and our game will only continue to improve."

Brittnie Mabry



**1.** Top ranked Kylie Gandy energetically serves in a match. After taking a few weeks off due to her injury, she was thrilled to return to the courts.

**2.** Sophomore Abbay King volleys with a teammate at practice. She enjoyed her second year on the tennis team.

# Boys' Golf leaves it mark

# GO FORE IT

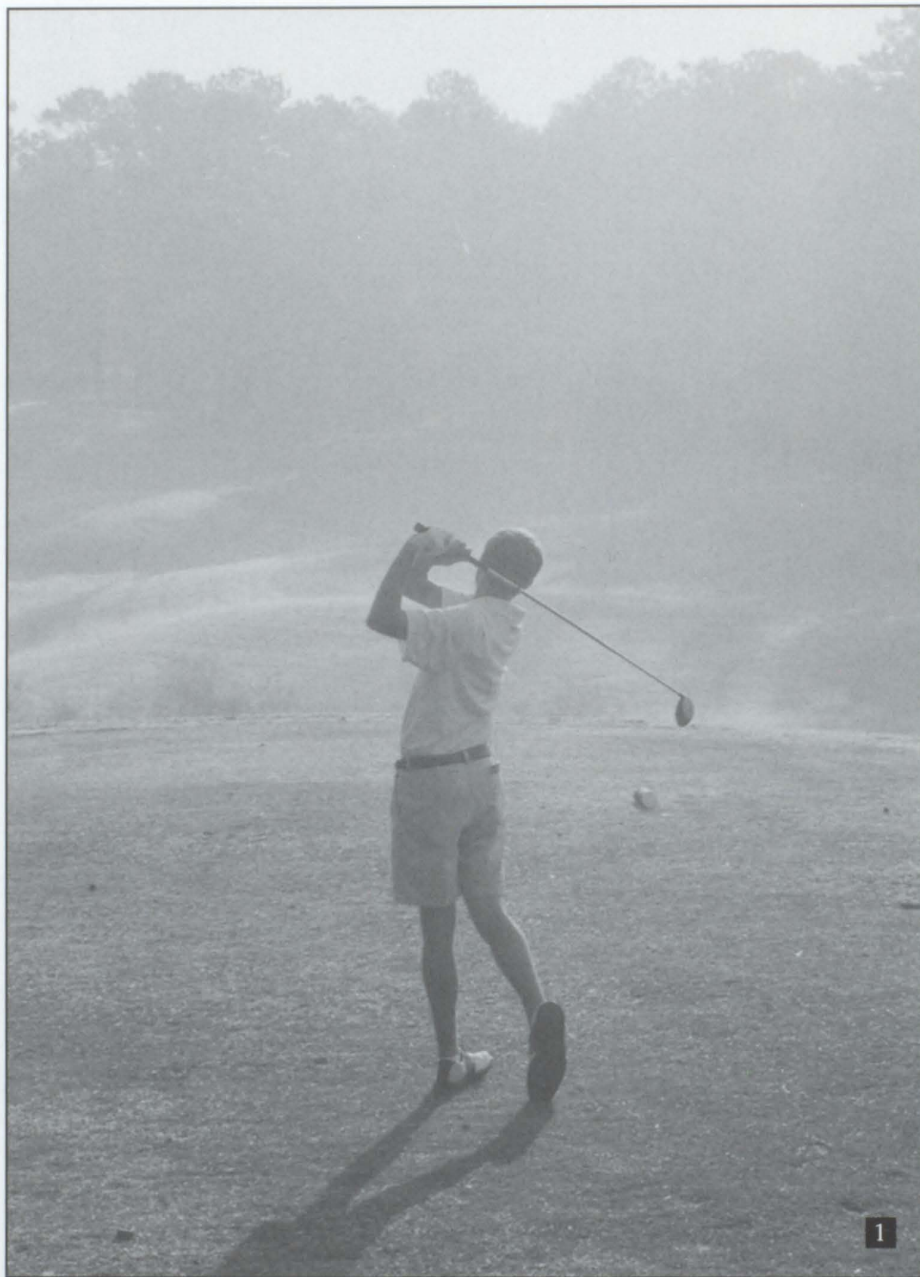
with a record-breaking season.

The Varsity Golf team finished its season with one of the most impressive records in recent history. The first triumph of the season came at the Terri Pines Invitational where the Bearcats shot a 302 to win its own tournament. This victory was especially significant because it was the first time Cullman had ever won this tournament. Senior Rhys Battles was able to come in with his career best round of 71 and win the individual low medallist title. The Bearcats also had a stellar match record having only one loss. The next victory for the Bearcats was at the Childersburg Invitational where Jack St. John was able to shoot an even par round of 72 to win the Low Medallist trophy.

The Bearcats' season peaked at the Northwest Sectional Tournament. The team was able to shoot its season best round of 294 and win the tournament by eight strokes. Seniors Jack St. John and Zac Tucker finished second and third, respectively, with scores of 70 and 72.

The Bearcats then traveled to Opelika for the state tournament in May. Being given the number one seed gave the team high hopes for a state championship. However, the team had two disappointing days at the Grand National Links Course and finished seventh. After winning two tournaments and qualifying for the state tournament for the first time in seven years, the Bearcat Golf team had every reason to be proud.

Jack St. John



1. Austen Weatherly drives his ball at the state tournament. Only a junior, Austen hoped this was not his last trip to the state tournament.

2. Boys' Varsity Golf team

3. JV Boy's Golf team





"Great year. We had great senior leadership. My hats are off towards the senior guys; they accomplished the goal we set for them at the beginning of the year."  
-Coach Dean



## Varsity Boys' Golf

**1.** Senior Rhys Battles records his scores. Rhys was named low medalist at the Terri Pines Invitational.

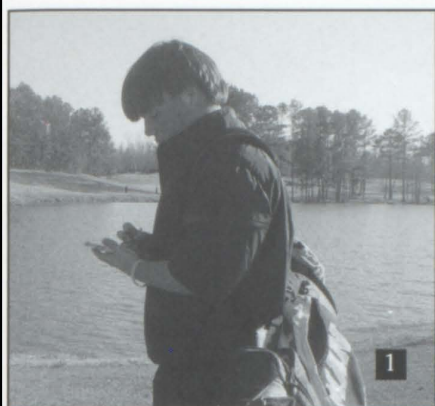
**2.** Junior Austen Weatherly contemplates his next move. "Golf players think through each swing they make to cut down on their mistakes," Austen said. "The season gave us a driving force for sectionals and this is our seniors' last shot at state."

**3.** Drew Krenkel begins to putt his ball into the hole. Putting was one of Drew's many strengths.

**4.** Junior Drew Meggs admires his long drive close to the hole. Drew overcame unfavorable weather conditions and played well.

**5.** With perfect form, Zac Tucker hits his ball deeper into the fairway. Demonstrating his ability, he was one of our top-ranked players.

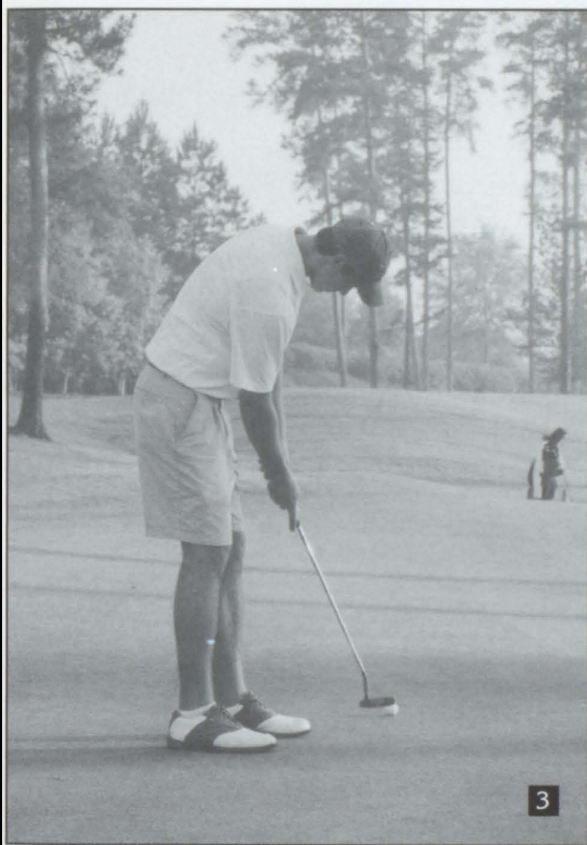
**6.** Jack St. John patiently awaits his turn to putt. He went on to become the Childersburg Invitational individual champion.



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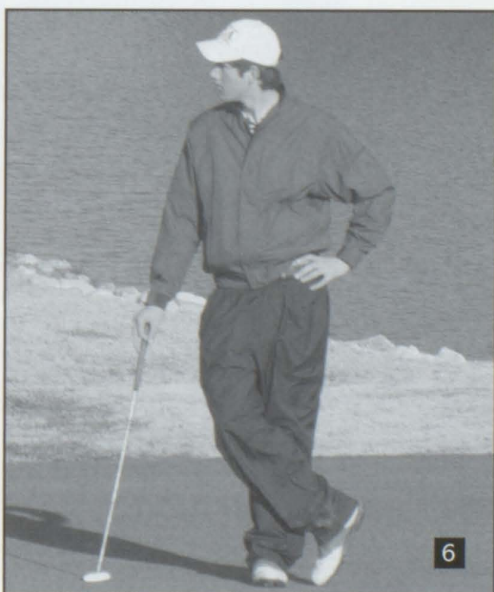
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# Girls' Golf



"With the limited amount of time spent practicing as a team, the girls have improved drastically through individual practice. Because of all the rain this season, mainly all they have played is matches which had made it very difficult. I am extremely proud of how much the team has improved from the first match to the last one."

Coach Freeman

1. Coach Freeman discusses strategies with the players. The team received many instructions on rules and regulations throughout the season.



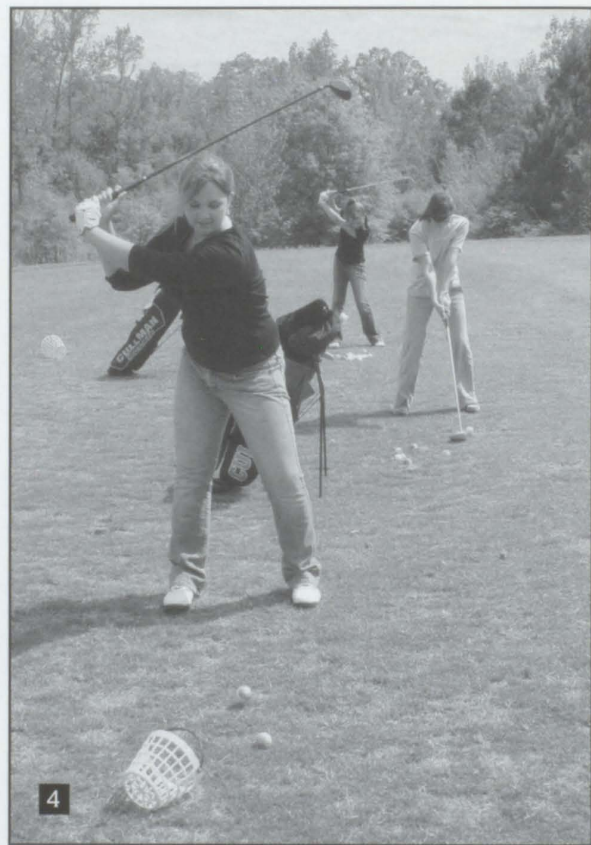
2. Junior Stephanie Britt lines up her drive. This was only her second year to play golf. "I have enjoyed learning a sport I have never played before while watching my improvements each year. Another plus was all the new friendships made along the way," comments Stephanie.



3. Danielle Skipper drives her ball. Danielle was consistently the lowest scorer on the team.



4. Laurel Hicks, Emily Britt, and Stephanie Britt practice their swings on the driving range. Because of all the rain, the girls were only able to use the driving range once during the season.



5. Katie Milligan tends the pin for the other players. If the ball had hit the pin, it would have resulted in a penalty stroke.



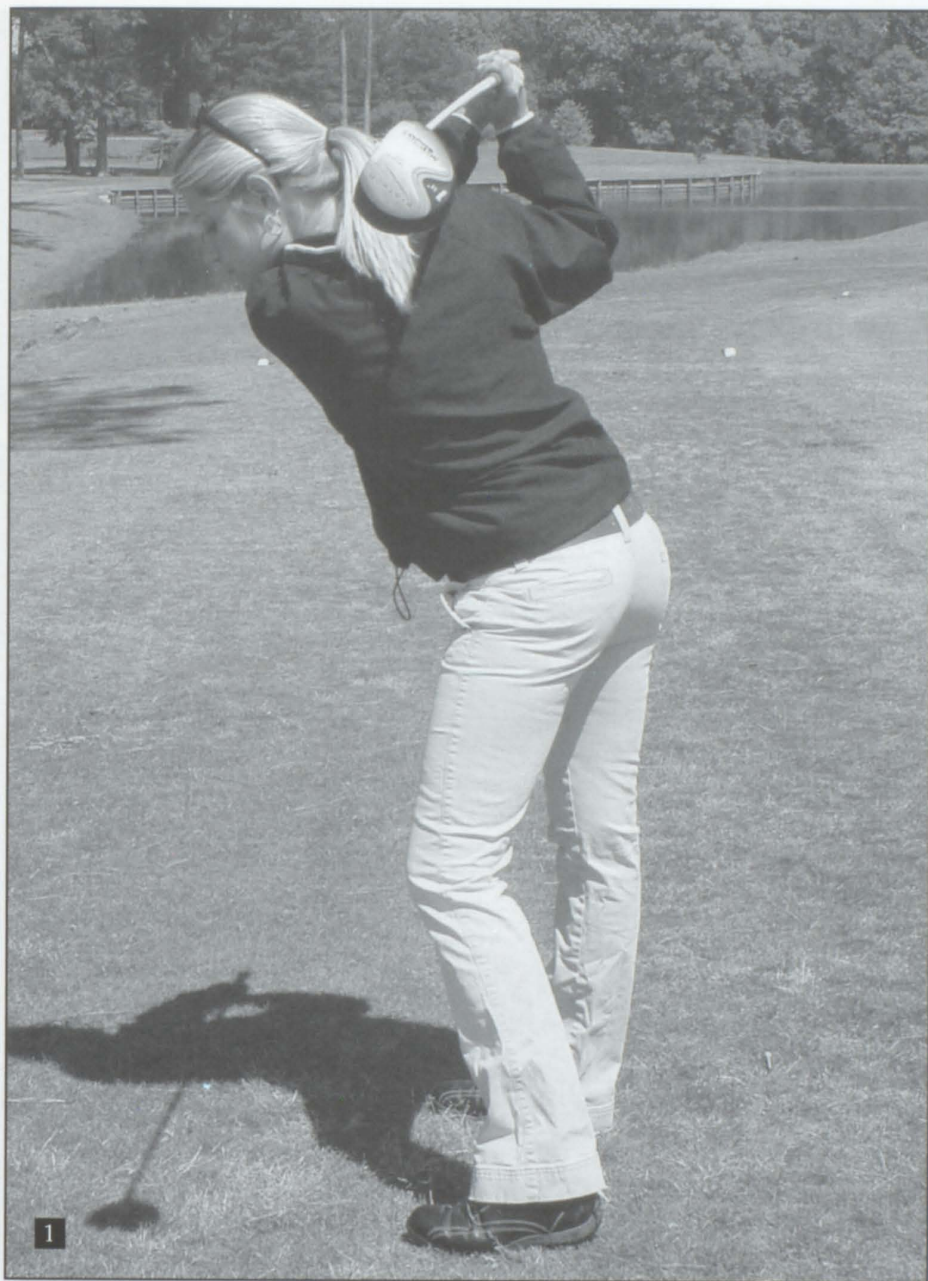
6. Emily Britt deliberates over her next move. While others were putting, players try to figure out what they were going to do next. "Playing on the team this year has been a great way to improve my game," Emily remarked.



Girls' golf team continues

# IN THE SWING OF THINGS

to break stereotypes



As legend has it, many years ago in Scotland a group of men created a brand new game. The object was to hit a small ball into a hole that was acres of land away. The man that got the ball in the hole with the fewest strokes would win. Holes were added, and eventually the game expanded. A sign marked "Gentleman Only Ladies Forbidden" identified clubhouses where the game was played. The players began referring to the clubhouse as *golf*, and the name was soon adopted for the game itself.

Since then, times have changed, and the members of the girls' golf team continue to break the age-old stereotype that golf is only for men. The girls set out to the golf course every spring afternoon to play the relaxing yet sometimes frustrating game of golf. On a bright, sunny day there is nothing better than enjoying a round of golf. However, on a stormy day, the girls sometimes ponder how smart it is to be outside with a metal rod in their hands.

As a good luck ritual, the girls have breakfast together on match days. This is a great way for the team to bond and joke around with one another. "Breakfasts on the morning of each match has encouraged team unity. We have really bonded together, which has carried us through the season," comments Emily Britt.

The team competed at sectionals and placed second--a tremendous accomplishment. They then went on to place seventh overall at state. The girls had a phenomenal season, and all were sad to see it end.

Dana O'Bara



1. Kari Osborne swings her club. Driving is a crucial part of the game.

2. Stephanie Britt and Katie Milligan add up their scores. The team had to be very careful when adding to avoid making any mistakes. "I enjoy playing golf because it is challenging and fun at the same time," Katie explained.

Despite the absence of a good home track

# HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

this year's track team excels.

In every sport whether it is baseball, basketball, football, or track, one of the best advantages a team can possess is that of a "home field." When athletes compete on their own turf, they have a natural confidence, an immense desire to win, and a supportive crowd. This year's track team has not had the opportunity to host home track meets in their stadium or experience a home field advantage. Earlier this year, our dilapidated track was replaced with intentions of improvement; however, something went terribly wrong. The track had somehow developed air pockets, which led to potholes. Some of these potholes were holding water, creating a waterbed-like surface. Because the track was riddled with potholes and waterbeds, the runners had to restrict themselves to the first two lanes of the six-lane track to avoid injury. The team members were very disappointed to say the least. For seniors like E.C. Gibbs, Ashton Stansberry, Megan Fox, Ashley Ricketts, and Meagan Morrison, the prospect of running on a new track their senior year was thrilling, but the actual track they received was far from what they anticipated. "I was really disappointed that I didn't get to run on a new track my senior year," says senior Ashton Stansberry. "I wish they would have done a better job of it." Despite the loss of athletic facilities, the team appreciates the opportunity to host its meets at Wallace. When asked if he enjoyed running at Wallace, sophomore Camden Holmes said, "It's nice to have a modern track to run on, but it has its disadvantages." Along with the inability to collect admission to the meets, the lack of shade due to the flat landscape of Wallace's track is a prime example of one of these disadvantages; however, Holmes and his fellow runners all agree that having the use of a good track is well worth a few sacrifices.

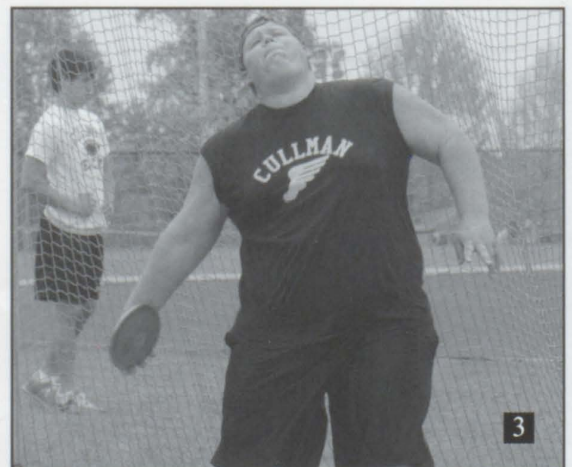
Charlie Clayton



1. E.C. Gibbs can't help but show off his natural talent for speed. E.C. won the 800 and mile run as well as placing second in the 400 at the state meet.

2. Emily Miller goes through her paces at top speed while trying to ignore her bandaged knee. Emily helped the girls 4x4 attain 7th place at the state track meet.

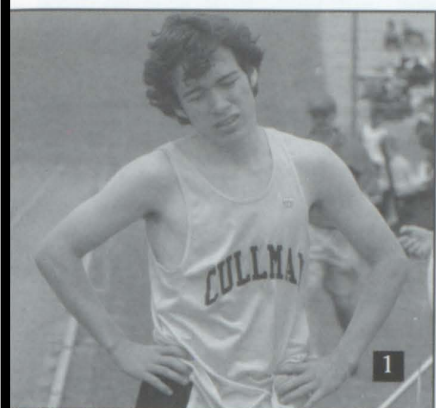
3. Senior Matt Smith hurls the discus with all his might. Seniors like Matt added to the talent pool of the track team.



"Cullman has been really special. I am really glad I came through the program. All of my coaches were really awesome."  
E.C. Gibbs

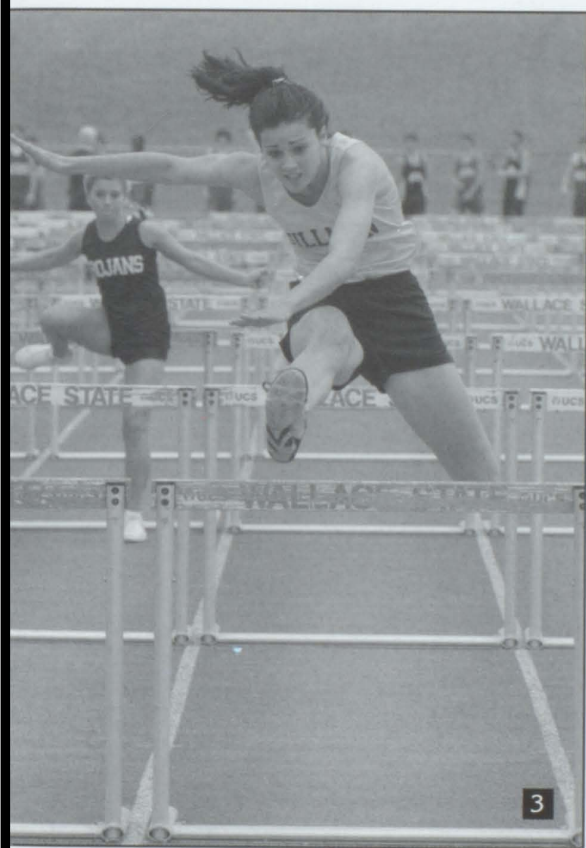


## Outdoor Track



**1.** Christopher Holland rests for a brief moment after his grueling race. Christopher ran with the 4X800 team helping them to place 2nd at the state meet while achieving a team record of 8:28.

**2.** Senior girls Ashton Stansberry, Megan Fox, and Ashley Ricketts wait for the 2 mile run to start. The senior long distance girls had a great season despite some devastating injuries.



**3.** Christina Chambers sprints down the 100m stretch of track while jumping the hurdles with ease. Christina competed in a total of four events at the state meet.

**4.** Meagan Griggs makes the javelin throw look like an art. Juniors like Meagan showed many leadership qualities this year that will make them prime role models for next year.



**5.** The track team members chill out under the team tent. The girls' team placed 10th at state while the boys finished 5th.

**6.** Samantha Reynolds defies gravity in the long jump. Samantha was one of the many sophomores on the team this year who showed promise.

Opposite Page: Ashley Ball and Matt Knight laugh as the DJ plays Hanson's "MmmBop". Needless to say, all the music played at prom was not exactly dance material, but those attending still enjoyed the night. "I did not stop dancing all night. I don't think I stopped smiling the whole night. I had so much fun," remarked Ashley.

# M emories in the Making

## Seniors dance the night away at Prom.

Through weeks of preparation filled with finding the perfect dress, ordering a tux, making hair and nail appointments, arranging dinner plans, and all the other essential prom details, everyone was prepared for the big night. After posing for endless pictures and watching teary-eyed parents say their "good-byes," prom night could begin at last. The traditional prom group on that magical evening started with an exciting ride in a limousine to fancy restaurants all over the state. Emptying out their wallets, the boys were perfect gentlemen as they escorted their dates back to their limousine to settle in for the trip back to Cullman. Stepping out of the limousine onto a red carpet as cameras flashed in the background, everyone felt like a celebrity arriving at the Academy Awards. Though squeezing through the crowd of parents was irritating, all those attending prom managed to get into the dancing mood as they entered the building. As the DJ played the "Hokie Pokie," "MmmBop," and "YMCA," many thought they were in for a very long dance, but as the night progressed, the music improved and so did the number of dancers. The seniors formed a large circle on the dance floor when the DJ played their class song "I Go Back." Seniors left the evening with mixed emotions. Some were glad to be nearing the completion of their high school career, while others were sad that their magical night of prom had to end.

Leah Miller



Hannah White takes a break from dancing to look at the picture collage. The snapshots of seniors added a personal touch to the decorations.



Shane Smith, Heather Hankey, and Sage Smith ride in their stretch Excursion to prom. Many seniors arrived at prom in style in either limousines or other luxury vehicles.



Wesley Styles turns in his prom ticket while Tosha Dobson anxiously waits in line. Before heading to the dance floor, all seniors had to check in at the door.



Left: Josh Welch and Bethany Whaley enjoy the first slow song of the night. Josh took the opportunity to admire his date's beautiful dress and smile.

Above: Mirandy Britton and Ethan McClellan slip away from the noise of the dance floor to enjoy a quiet moment of conversation. It was Ethan's first chance to relax after months of preparation.

# Achieving the

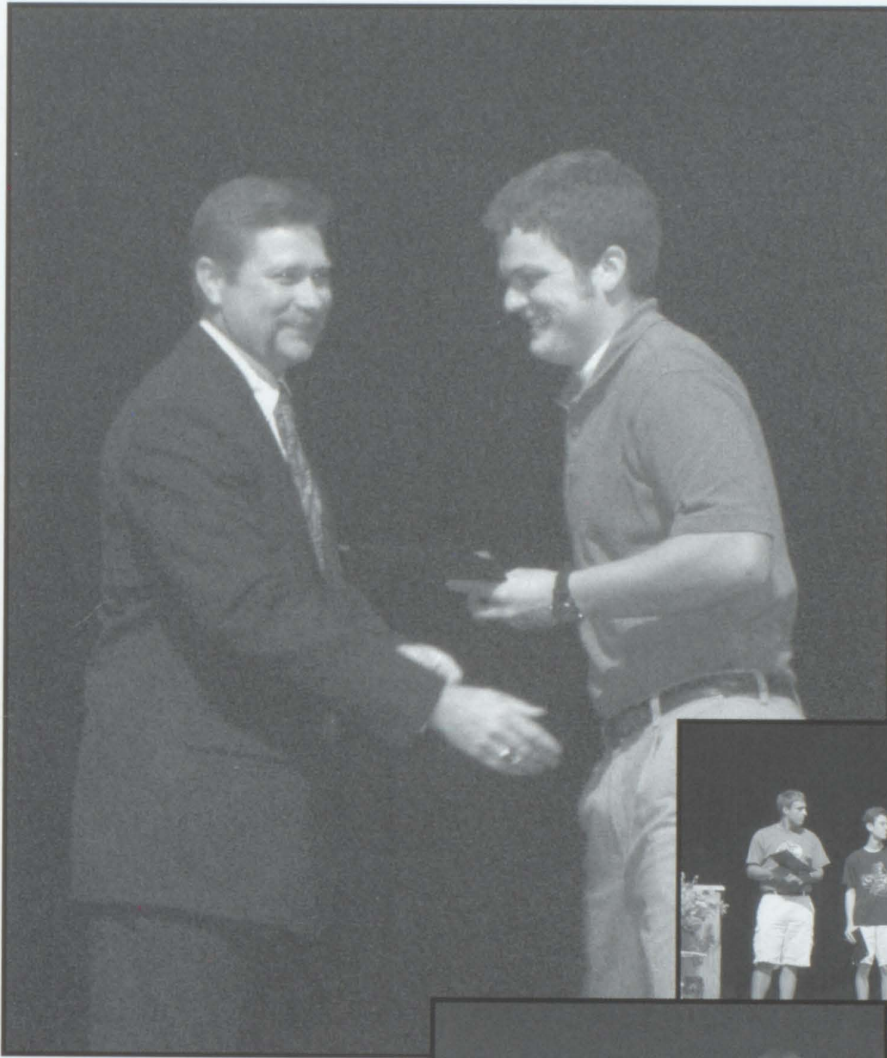
# STANDARD

Seniors earn over five million dollars in scholarship money.

"Teachers, we will be following bell schedule number seven today." An announcement such as this brings joy into the hearts of all the students because bell schedule number seven can mean only one thing: an extra long morning assembly. Most students do not pay much attention to the average assembly, but the assembly that took place on May 16, 2005, was no ordinary assembly. This was the scholarship awards day for seniors. It was a chance for the seniors to show off their awards to proud parents and teachers and some envious underclassmen. It was a day when all the hard work, endless applications, and essays really paid off. This year's senior class totaled over five million dollars in scholarship money. This amazing sum was a lesson to the underclassmen: hard work truly does have its benefits. It seemed that the dreams of this year's seniors came true as Mrs. Bishop-Hollis rattled off a long list of prestigious colleges. The class of 2005 will be making outstanding contributions to schools such as Vandercook College in Illinois, Air Force Academy in Colorado, and Tulane in Louisiana. Whether they will be yelling "War Eagle," "Roll Tide," or a number of other class cheers, these students of the class of 2005 will surely be successful and set the standard of excellence in all aspects of their lives.

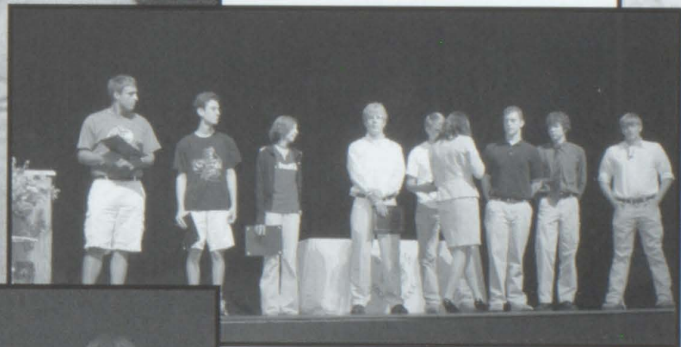
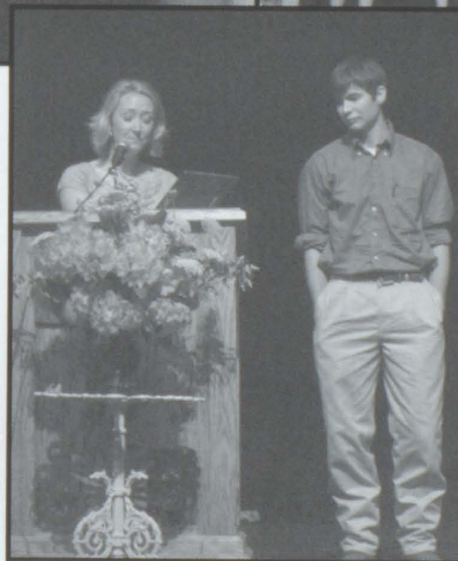
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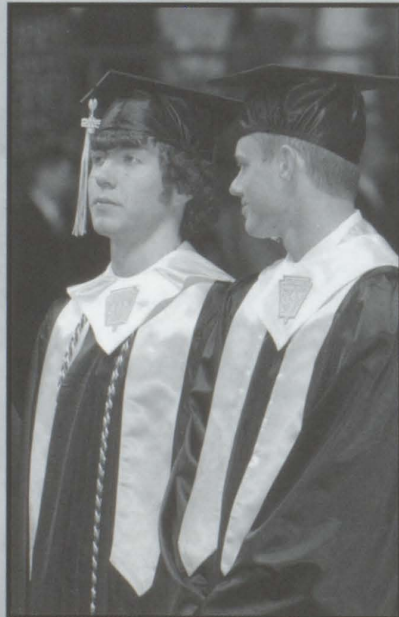


Above: Adam Smith accepts his scholarship to Auburn University. For his academic achievement, he received a full tuition scholarship.

Right: Blake Brauer receives the Officer Brannon Memorial Scholarship. The honor was presented by Officer Brannon's sister.



Above: The Wallace State Community College scholarship recipients are presented their awards. Ranging from academics to music, many students received recognition for their accomplishments.



Above left: Mrs. Bishop-Hollis and Mrs. Perry go over last minute changes in the commencement ceremony. Wearing her furry pink bedroom slippers, Mrs. Bishop-Hollis rested her feet for a few moments before slipping on the dreaded high heels.  
 Above right: Kevin Edmondson and Stephen Edwards search the crowd for friends and family. In the huge coliseum, it was hard for many seniors to locate their loved ones.  
 Right: Diplomas in hand, the seniors toss their caps as a joyous symbol of the event. Afterwards, everyone scrambled to find a cap.

# Our Final Walk as Bearcats

The class of 2005 leaves their final mark on CHS.

As we zipped our gowns, draped our stoles, and placed our caps, our eyes were in disbelief of the sight that was before our eyes. After thirteen years of preparation, graduation was finally here. The tests, the games, the friendships, the performances, and most importantly, the memories had all culminated into this one momentous milestone of our lives. While we waited in anxious anticipation, we were amazed in how large our class appeared in two single file lines, and as we stepped into the Wallace State Coliseum, the old, familiar "Pomp and Circumstance" welcomed us to our seats. With outstanding speeches from our class president, valedictorian, and salutatorian, as well as talented performances by our class vocalist and instrumentalist, we were reminded of the tears and laughter we had shared together as a class.

We had finally made it; yet, after all the yearning for this day to come, we found it to be bittersweet. Sitting among our classmates, we came to the realization that this was our final assembly together. Some classmates would be our best friends for the rest of our lives, but most we would never see again. We had known some all our lives, and some we picked up later in the journey, but the unique bond we all shared could never be replaced.

Hearing our names echo through the Coliseum, we proudly walked across the stage to receive our diplomas, and we watched each of our classmates do the same. With our diplomas in hand, we were instructed to move our tassels. As Cullman High School graduates, we moved into our circle, swayed to our Alma Mater, and tossed up our caps in celebration of our accomplishments.

Working our way through the crowds outside the Coliseum, we said our last good-byes. As pictured snapped and friends hugged, we wished our classmates the best of luck in their future endeavors, for this night was our commencement –not the end of our high school days but the new beginning for the next stage of our lives. Although we were somewhat sad in saying good-bye to our friends, we were in great anticipation of what lay ahead. As we left Wallace, we left our high school careers behind and walked our final walk as Bearcats.

Melissa Johnson



Above: Valedictorian Leah Miller fights back tears as she waits for her turn to speak. Attending Notre Dame in the fall, Leah had to say last good-byes to many friends.



Left: Class vocalist Amanda Grenaway sings "Remember Me This Way". She surprised many of her classmates with her amazing talent.

## Class of 2005

Class President.....Ethan McClellen  
Validictorian.....Leah Miller  
Salutatorian.....Sarah Hamm  
Class Vocalist.....Amanda Grenaway  
Class Instrumentalist....Claire Vinson

## Top 10

1. Leah Miller
2. Sarah Hamm
3. Lauren Perry
4. Trent Walker
5. Joan Reichwein
6. Sarah Montgomery
7. Melissa Johnson
8. Wade Smith
9. Claire Vinson
10. James Nyquist

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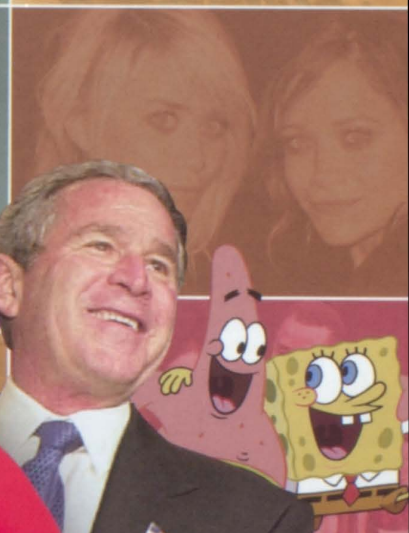
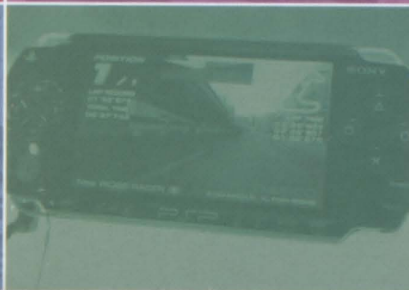
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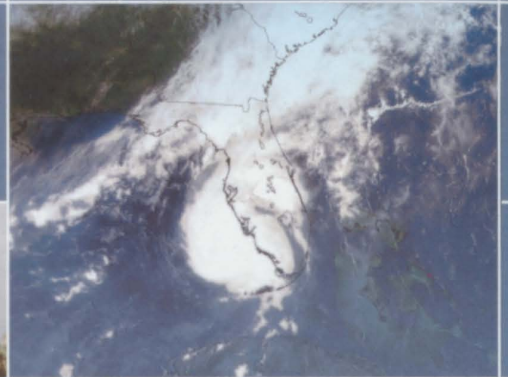
# NEWS

## THE NATURE OF THE BEAST

We started the year watching Mother Nature repeatedly batter the US east coast with hurricanes. Then we watched as Martha Stewart weathered her court battle. And the climate in Iraq became hostile prior to the country's first democratic election. But all of that seemed trivial after the December 26 tsunamis in South Asia. Not only were they the biggest news event of the year, but they rank among the most devastating natural disasters in history.

### FLORIDA HURRICANES ▶

Schools along the east coast have a hard time getting started because of hurricanes Bonnie, Charley, Danielle, Earl, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne.



### ASIAN TSUNAMI

Earthquakes in the seabed of the Indian Ocean measuring 9.0 on the Richter scale trigger tsunamis all across South Asia. The tsunamis devastate villages and resorts in more than 10 countries, leaving over 280,000 people dead or missing.

### WAR IN IRAQ ▶

Major fighting continues in Iraq. As US forces try to bring democracy to Iraq, insurgents carry out a series of attacks discouraging Iraqis to vote in the country's first democratic election.



**SEARCH FOR ▶  
"FORTUNES MADE..."**

Google's co-founders Larry E. Page and Sergey Brin become billionaires overnight after their online search engine's stock goes public.



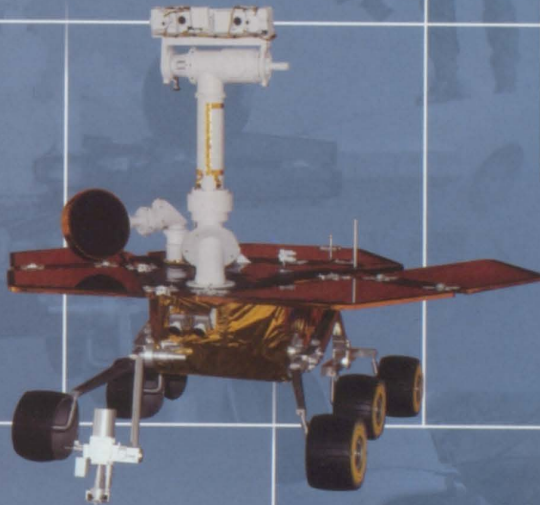
**◀ ...THEN SEARCH FOR  
"FORTUNES LOST"**

Not all stock market deals create billionaires. Martha Stewart was convicted of lying to investigators about her sale of ImClone Systems stock and serves a five-month prison sentence followed by five months under house arrest.



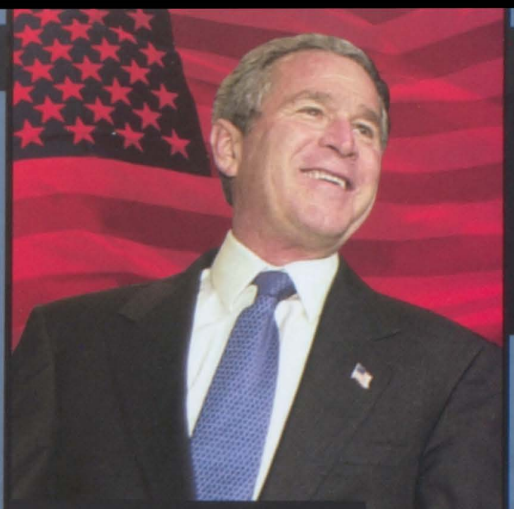
**WE'VE GOT SPIRIT, ▶  
HOW 'BOUT YOU!**

The Exploration Rover Spirit explores Mars and discovers signs of water, which may indicate life on the red planet.



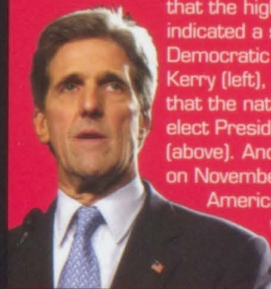
**▲ OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD VACATIONS**

Burt Rutan wins the \$10 million X-prize when his SpaceShipOne travels outside of Earth's atmosphere. Can tourism in space be far behind?



**ELECTION '04**

The 2004 Presidential Election had the potential to be as close and controversial as the 2000 race. Nearly 120 million Americans voted on Election Day, the highest turnout since 1968. Some citizens waited in line for as long as five hours to cast their vote (below). Many thought



that the high voter turnout indicated a surge of support for Democratic candidate Sen. John Kerry (left), others speculated that the nation was rallying to reelect President George W. Bush (above). And after the polls closed on November 2, 2004, many Americans went to sleep without knowing who their next President would be. Ohio was "too close to call,"

and held 20 electoral votes, enough to bring victory to either candidate. As the votes were counted, it became evident that Bush would carry Ohio with over 100,000 votes. Wanting to avoid a repeat of the 2000 election scandal, Sen. John Kerry called President Bush on the morning of November 3 to congratulate him on his victory.



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# MOVIES

## FROM ANTI-HEROES TO SUPERHEROES

This year kept us rooting for the underdog at the theater. We pledged allegiance to Average Joe's in dodgeball, we pined for Spongebob and Patrick to prevail over Plankton, and we campaigned with Napoleon to put Pedro in office as class president. The odds were stacked against Harry Potter, the incredible Parr family, and the Permian Panthers as well. Be it a big-budget blockbuster or an inexpensive indie-flick, as long as there's a good story along the way, we'll see our heroes through thick and thin until the credits begin to roll.

### DODGEBALL ▶

Ben Stiller strikes again, bringing the obscure sport of dodgeball to the silver screen in *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story*.

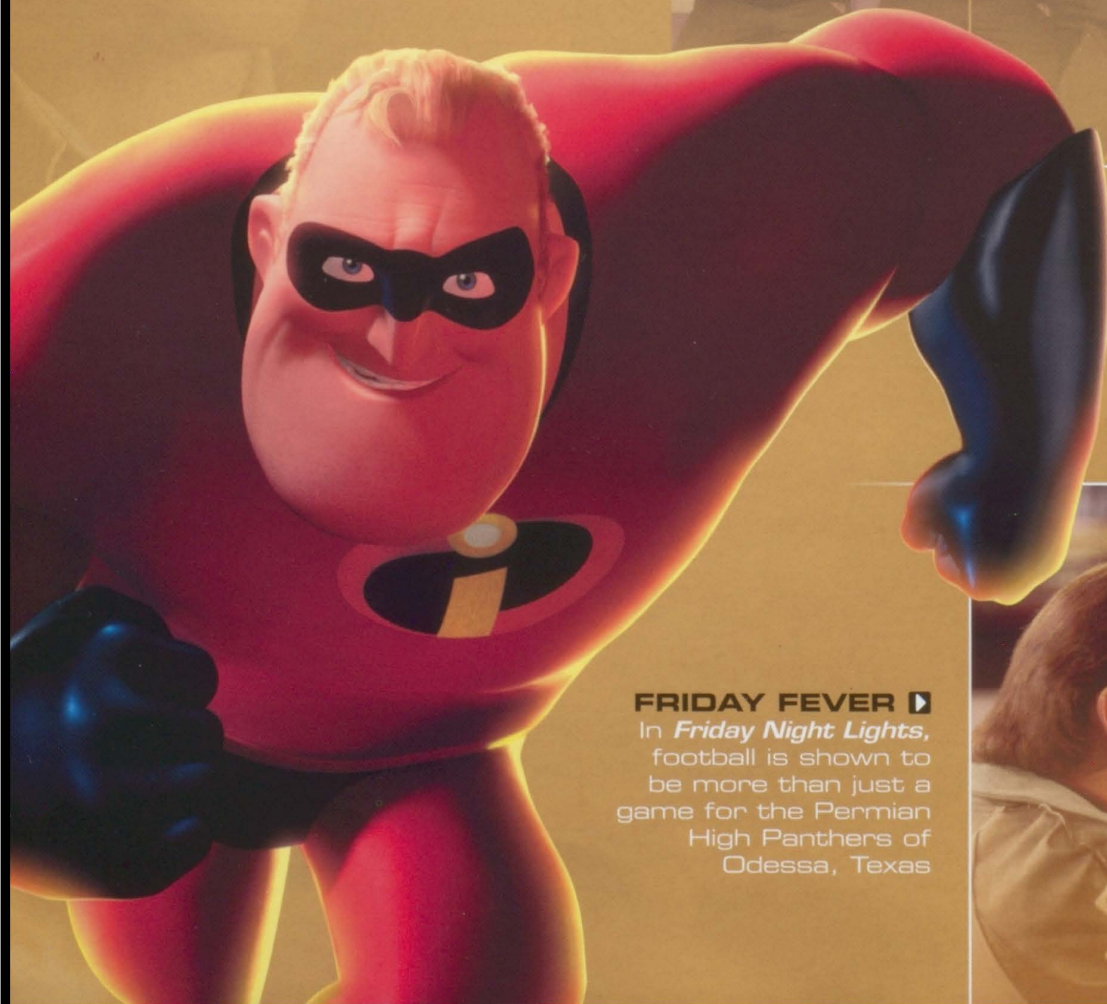


### ▶ INCREDIBLE FAMILY

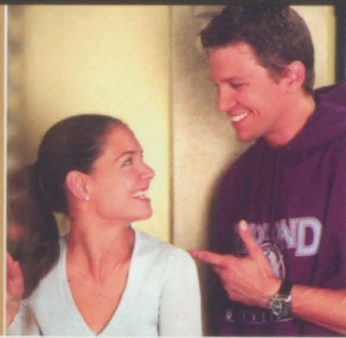
Mr. Incredible and the rest of the Parr family are called out of early retirement to save the world in *The Incredibles*.

### FRIDAY FEVER ▶

In *Friday Night Lights*, football is shown to be more than just a game for the Permian High Panthers of Odessa, Texas



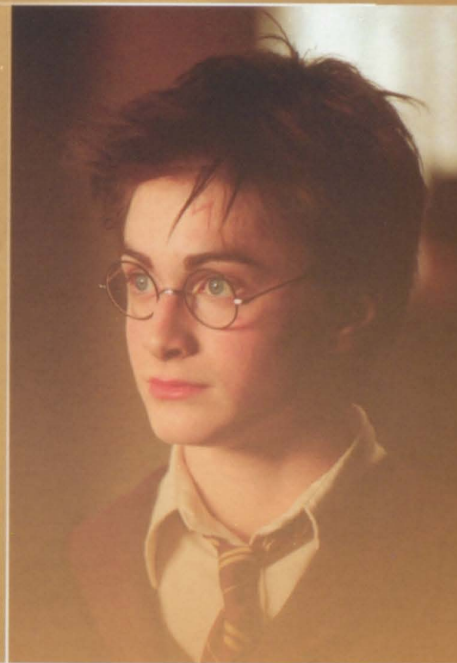




**◀ FIRST DAUGHTER**  
Samantha Mackenzie just wants a normal college experience. But being the President's daughter makes her life anything but ordinary.

**◀ DYNAMITE EXPLODES**

After getting a lot of attention at independent film festivals, *Napoleon Dynamite* releases nationwide to sweet ticket sales. The high school anti-hero gets his friend Pedro elected as class president, and he's also pretty good with a bow staff.



**HARRY POTTER III ▶**

Harry, Ron and Hermione return for their third year at Hogwarts, where the teens face a dangerous escaped prisoner and the equally foreboding Dementors.

**MOM, MEET MY OGRE ▶**

In *Shrek 2*, Shrek faces his biggest challenge yet: The in-laws. The newlyweds return from their honeymoon to find an invitation to meet Princess Fiona's parents in the kingdom of Far, Far Away.



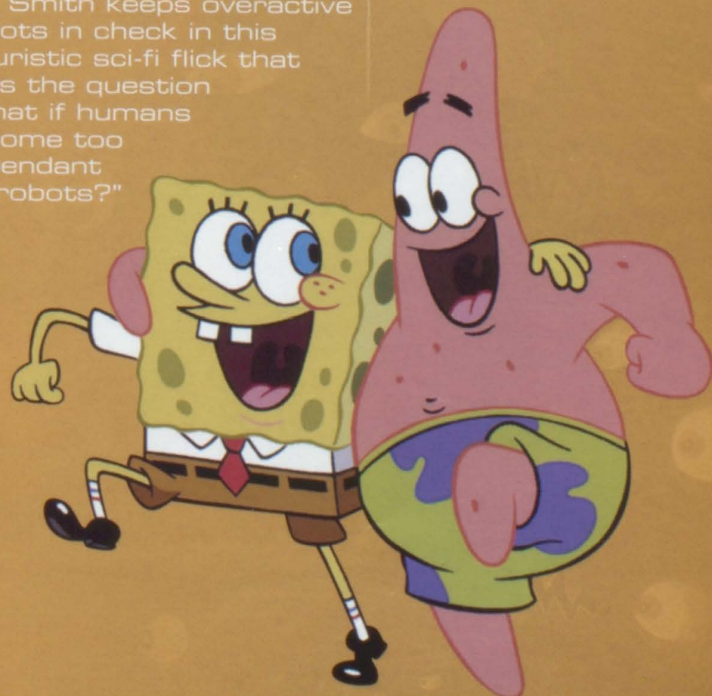
**◀ I, ROBOT**

Will Smith keeps overactive robots in check in this futuristic sci-fi flick that asks the question "What if humans become too dependant on robots?"



**BIGGER. BETTER. MORE ABSORBENT. ▶**

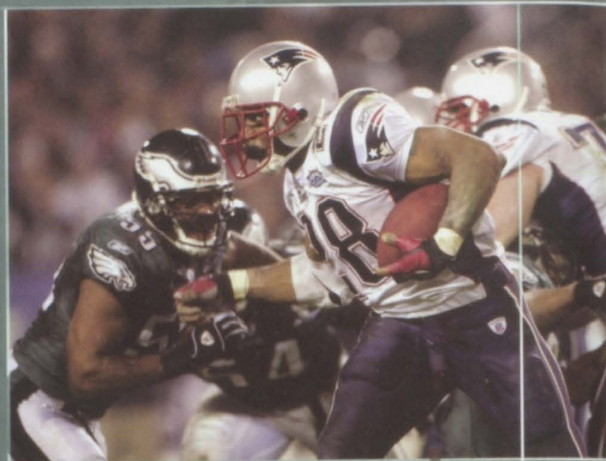
Moving to the big screen means more responsibilities for Spongebob and Patrick in *The Spongebob Squarepants Movie*. They have to rescue King Neptune's crown aaaaaand foil Plankton's plan to steal the Krabby Patty recipe!



# SPORTS

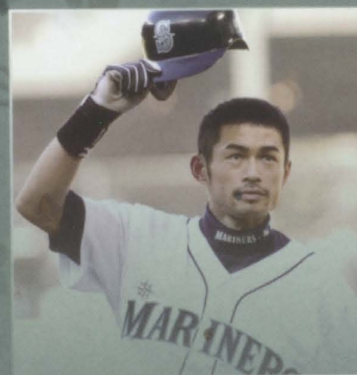
## IT'S HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME

Every year, athletes set out to break records set in years past. This year was no different, but brought added drama. Would the mighty BoSox break the Curse of the Bambino? Would Lance win six in a row? Would the Patriots win again? These questions weren't answered without a little bit of nail-biting. Hockey and basketball fans followed Court TV more closely than ESPN this year, hoping to see an end to the NHL lockout or hear the latest on the charges pressed against NBA players after the Staples Center brawl that occurred in November. How's THAT for drama!?



### ▲ SUPER BOWL XXXIX

For the third time in four years, the New England Patriots win the Super Bowl by three points, this time against the Philadelphia Eagles.



### ▲ HIT RECORDS

Ichiro Suzuki of the Seattle Mariners racks up a record 262 hits in a single season.

### ◀ IT'S GOTTA BE THE SOX!

The Boston Red Sox stage a dramatic 0-3 comeback against the New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series. They go on to sweep the St. Louis Cardinals 4-0 in the World Series, breaking the 86-year-old "Curse of the Bambino" and bringing a collective sigh of relief to Red Sox fans everywhere.



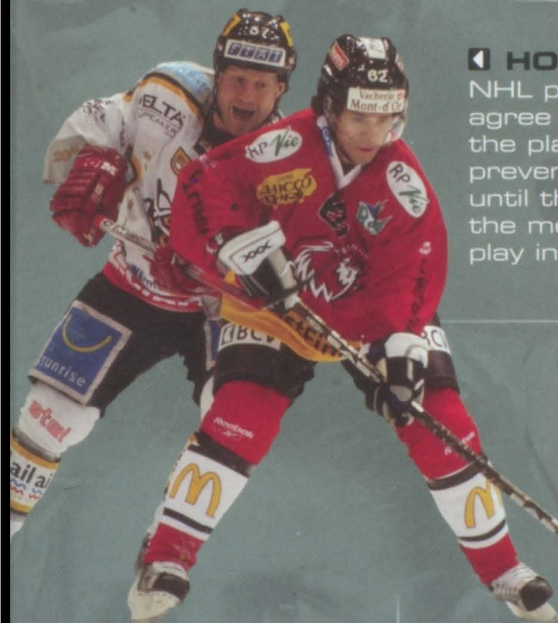
## ESPN TURNS 25 ▶

Alpha-anchor Chris Berman and the rest of the cable sports network's knowledge base celebrate ESPN's 25th birthday in 2004.



## ◀ HOCKEY LOCK-OUT

NHL players and owners can't agree on financial issues, so the players stage a lockout, preventing the NHL from playing until the issues are resolved. In the meantime, many NHL stars play in European leagues.



## GIRL ▶ POWER

During the 2004 X-Games, Lyn-Z Adams Hawkins wins the first women's vert ramp gold.



## ▶ BASKET BRAWL

Indiana Pacers player Ron Artest faces a misdemeanor charge in the brawl between fans and players during a game against the Detroit Pistons



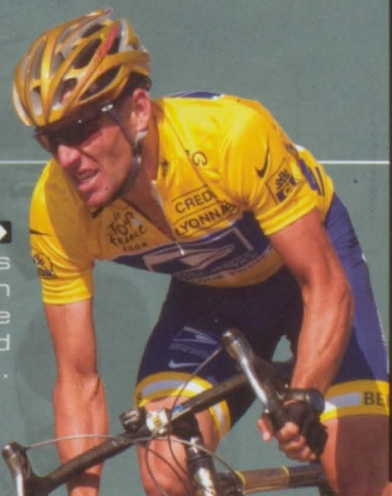
## ◀ FREDDY'S FOOTWORK

DC United's Freddy Adu becomes the youngest and highest-paid player in Major League Soccer. At only 15, Freddy scores five goals in his first season.



## CYCLING'S SIX-SHOOTER ▶

Cyclist Lance Armstrong puts his US Post Office-sponsored team in the record books by winning the Tour de France an unprecedented six consecutive times.



## OLYMPICS '04

In 2004 the Olympic Games returned to Greece, their birthplace. A total of 10,500 athletes from 202 countries competed, a record turnout despite speculation of terrorism and anti-Americanism. The United States took home more medals than any other country - 103, 35 of them gold.



Mia Hamm (above), one of the most famous U.S. soccer stars, announced her retirement and blew a good-bye kiss to the crowd after her team secured a gold medal. "There are only a few times in your life when you get to write the final chapter the way you want," said Hamm about the USA's gold medal.



Justin Gatlin, Bernard Williams and Shawn Crawford (above, L-R) of the U.S. swept the men's 200-meter final, after their introduction generated boos and heckling from the crowd in Olympic Stadium. The fans were upset that the Grecian sprinter Kostas Kenteris wasn't allowed to compete due to drug charges.

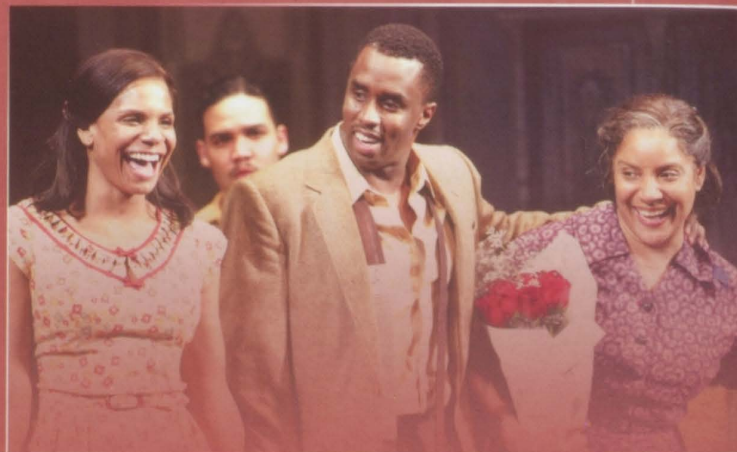
# MUSIC

## ARTISTS ARE VARIOUS AND NEFARIOUS

Musicians often stay in the spotlight by breaking out of their mold and trying new things. This year, Sean "Puffy" Combs took the lead role in a Broadway play, Gwen Stefani took a break from No Doubt to release a solo album, and Green Day brought us their first concept album. But Ashlee Simpson's unexpected antics garnered the most attention: She was busted lip-synching on Saturday Night Live, and was later booed after her performance at the FedEx Orange Bowl.

### ▼ THE GREEN PARTY

Green Day releases their album *American Idiot*, showing a more mature, politically-minded side than we've seen in the past.



### ▲ RAISIN' THE ROOF

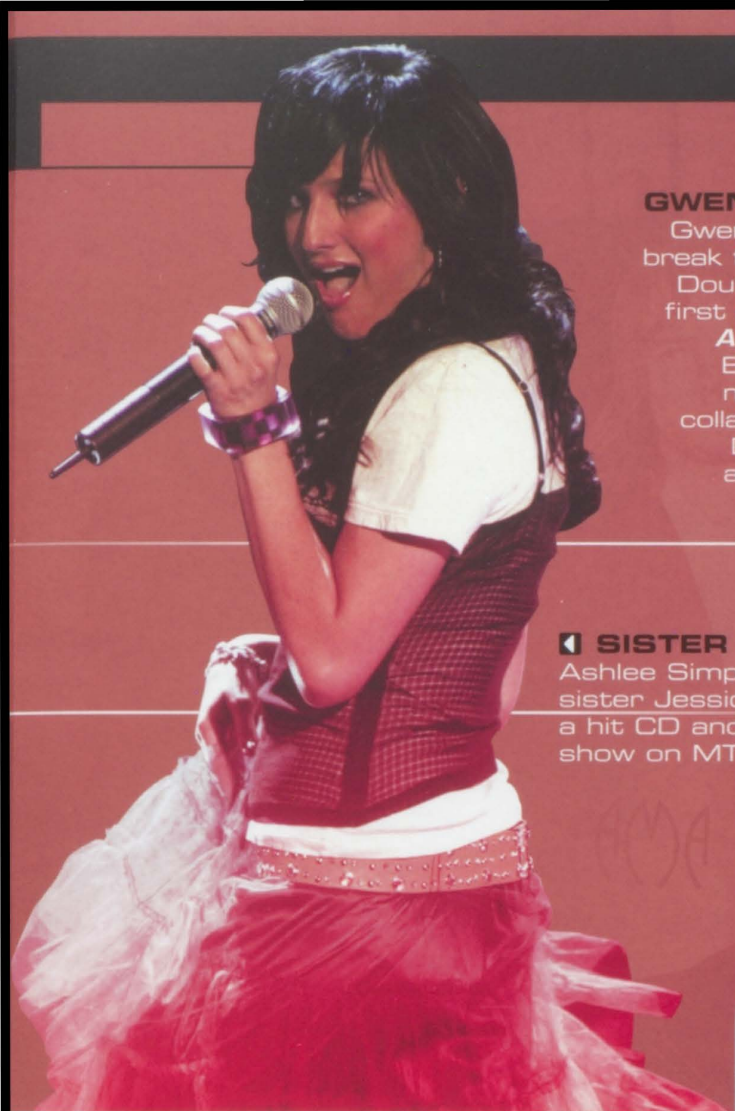
Sean Combs took off his VOTE OR DIE t-shirt to play the role of Walter Lee Younger in the Broadway production of *A Raisin In The Sun*.



### ▲ USHER SWEEPS UP

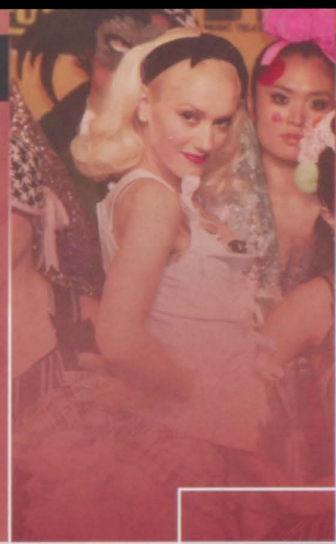
R&B artist Usher wins big at the American Music Awards, MTV MVA's and Grammys.





**GWEN IN DOUBT ▶**

Gwen Stefani takes a break from fronting No Doubt to release her first solo album, *Love, Angel, Music, Baby*. But "solo" doesn't mean "alone;" she collaborates with Dr. Dre, Linda Perry, and André 3000, to name a few.



**◀ SISTER ACT**

Ashlee Simpson follows in her sister Jessica's footsteps with a hit CD and her own reality show on MTV.

**JOSS STONE ▶**

17-year-old British singer Joss Stone releases her second album, *Mind, Body and Soul*, completes a successful US tour and performs for VH1's *Divas 2004*



**▶ RAP VAN WINKLE**

After sleeping for six years without an album, The Beastie Boys release *To The 5 Boroughs*, and wake up to find that they are collectively almost 120 years old!



**◀ LORD OF THE LINE DANCE**

Country artist Kenny Chesney tops charts with his CD *When The Sun Goes Down*.

**RED ROCKERS ▶**

Maroon 5 stay on tour, and stay on the iTunes "Most Downloaded" chart all year!



## PLENTY OF REASONS TO STAY HOME

While there were still a slew of "Survivor-esque" reality shows on the tube this year, we also saw more and more renovation-driven reality programs as Americans took an interest in redecorating their homes or "pimping their rides." But there was also evidence that Hollywood hadn't written off its writers completely. Well-penned dramas like *CSI:NY* and *Lost* gave us a great escape from reality, while Comedy Central's *The Daily Show* gave the nightly news a slant that caused us to laugh out loud.

### “YOU'RE FIRED” ▶

In *The Apprentice*, competition and boardroom drama escalate until one winner is given a dream job with The Trump Organization and a six-figure salary.



### ▼ BIKERS THAT BICKER

Reality renovation show *American Chopper* is a favorite among those who enjoy watching mechanics practice their craft, and those who enjoy seeing father and son argue while they work.



### ◀ THE OUTLAW JESSE JAMES

Sparks fly as teams race to build hot rods and race cars in *Monster Garage*, hosted by Jesse James.

### WATCHING THE DETECTIVES ▶

This year CSI took their high-tech forensic investigations to the city that never sleeps in *CSI: New York*.



**WHERE ARE WE? ▶**

*Lost* follows 48 castaways who try to survive on a deserted island. Luckily, none of them are named Gilligan.



**◀ DAILY DOSE**

Comedy Central's *The Daily Show with John Stewart* is America's most trusted name in fake news.



**THE TY ▶  
THAT BINDS**

Ty Pennington, host of *Extreme Makeover - Home Edition*, brings people together with completely renovated homes for deserving families.

**WHO NEEDS ▶  
A TRAVEL AGENT?**

Grab your best friend, sister, significant other or grandma; whoever you think would be the best teammate in *The Amazing Race*, an elimination-style race around the world for a million-dollar cash prize.



**▼ JOEY**

Joey Tribbiani trades "Friends" for family when he leaves Central Perk behind and heads for Hollywood, where he takes his nephew under his wing.



# TRENDS

## IT'S NOT SO BAD BEIN' TRENDY

Call it hip, popular or even conformist - this year's trends were more philanthropic than in years past. A little yellow bracelet raised big money for cancer research. A healthy diet has become so popular that fast-food restaurants are doing away with their "super-sized" menu items. And Ford unveiled the first Earth-friendly hybrid SUV to the delight of tree-hugging soccer moms everywhere.

### EASY TO SEE, HARD TO FIND ▶

The first five million of these Lance Armstrong Foundation bracelets sell out quickly and start a trend that raises over \$20 million in the fight against cancer.



### ◀ HOODIES OFF THE HOOK

Hoodies are a cozy alternative to wearing a jacket, and they can sport your favorite band, team, or even website!



### ▶ FAITHFUL READERS

NCV breaks the Bible down into easy-to-read magazine form. *Revolve* is for girls, *Refuel* is for boys.





### ◀ TWO COOL FOR SCHOOL

The Olsen twins turn 18 and head for college, but not before launching a clothing line for teens. Their summer job makes waaaaay more money than yours.

### GAMES THAT ROCK ▶

More and more bands are lending their music to video games. *Tony Hawk's Underground* wins the first MTV Video Music Award for Video Game Soundtrack.



### ◀ LOW-CARB

To attract low-carb dieters, fast-food restaurants start offering tortilla-wrapped menu items.

### ▶ LITTLE BOW WOW

Paris Hilton, Britney Spears, Milla Jovovich and P. Diddy have been trailblazers in the trend of teeny-tiny pocket-dogs.

### MOTHER EARTH'S SUV ▶

Ford introduces the first hybrid SUV. Using electric power as well as gas, the Escape Hybrid is more fuel-efficient and more environmentally friendly.



### ◀ IT REALLY HAULS

The Dodge Magnum makes grocery-getters cool again. With a 340-horsepower 5.7-liter Hemi V-8, this station wagon hauls a lot more than just cargo!

# TECH GEAR

## GIZMOS, GADGETS AND GREAT GEAR!

Who says you can't take it with you? This year saw portables get even more popular. Sony and Nintendo each released new handheld game platforms, while Tapwave released the Palm-powered Zodiac for more organized gamers. People who take their music with them had a plethora of MP3 players to pick from, and Apple released the Mac mini, a desktop computer that challenges that whole "bigger is better" philosophy. But with all these gadgets, a bigger backpack would be nice.

### GIZMO TO GO ▶

Road trips with the family are much more bearable with commercial-free satellite radio.



### ▲ SIGN OF GREATNESS

The Zodiac from Tapwave combines a Palm-powered organizer with a beefy video game platform.

### ◀ DOES HE DO HOMEWORK?

The Robosapien can grip, throw, walk, dance and even burp at the push of a button.

### MAKES NON-STOP ROCKING POSSIBLE ▶

Sony's new portable MP3 player is released in Japan. The VAIO Pocket is equipped with a 20 GB hard-drive, can record 13,000 songs, and touts 20 hours of battery life! iPods everywhere tremble with fear.



### PLAYSTATION ▶ PORTABLE

Sony creates a huge buzz by taking their first step in portable video games. The PlayStation Portable is released just in time to be a sweet graduation gift.



### MOTOROLA MPX ▶

Tired of typing text-messages on your phone's number pad? This beefy multi-functional cell phone from Motorola contains a fully functioning keyboard!



### DOUBLE YOUR FUN

The Nintendo DS adds a second screen to their portable player, along with touch-screen technology and wi-fi PictoChat for scribbling digital notes to your crew.

### ▼ SWEET SHOTS

Nikon thrills photography enthusiasts with two new high-end digital cameras - the 8-megapixel Coolpix 8700 and the feature-packed 6.1-megapixel Nikon D70 digital SLR camera.



### ▲ MAC MINI

Apple unveils the Mac mini, a powerful computer that promises to take up about as much space as that stack of CD's on your desk.

## TOP 10 ALBUMS OF 2004

1. Confessions - Usher
2. Speakerboxx/The Love Below - OutKast
3. Closer - Josh Groban
4. The Diary of Alicia Keys - Alicia Keys
5. Feels Like Home - Norah Jones
6. Fallen - Evanescence
7. Shock'n Y'all - Toby Keith
8. In The Zone - Britney Spears
9. The Very Best of Sheryl Crow - Sheryl Crow
10. When the Sun Goes Down - Kenny Chesney

## POPULAR GOOGLE SEARCHES OF 2004

1. Britney Spears
2. Paris Hilton
3. Christina Aguilera
4. Pamela Anderson
5. chat
6. games
7. Carmen Electra
8. Orlando Bloom
9. Harry Potter
10. mp3

## 2004'S HIGHEST-PAID ATHLETES

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Tiger Woods        | 6. Kevin Garnett  |
| 2. Michael Schumacher | 7. André Agassi   |
| 3. Payton Manning     | 8. David Beckham  |
| 4. Michael Jordan     | 9. Alex Rodriguez |
| 5. Shaquille O'Neal   | 10. Kobe Bryant   |

## TOP 10 MOVIES OF 2004

1. Shrek 2
2. Spider-Man 2
3. The Passion of the Christ
4. The Incredibles
5. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
6. The Day After Tomorrow
7. The Bourne Supremacy
8. Meet the Fockers
9. Shark Tale
10. The Polar Express

## 2004 TV HOTLIST

1. American Idol
2. CSI
3. MTV's Real World
4. Lost
5. Family Guy
6. The Daily Show
7. Degraasi
8. Chappelle's Show
9. Made
10. American Chopper

## POPULAR VIDEO GAMES

1. Halo 2
2. Burnout 3: Takedown
3. Star Fox: Assault
4. NBA Street V3
5. The Sims 2
6. Unreal Tournament
7. Ninja Gaiden
8. Half-Life 2
9. Metroid Prime 2
10. Madden NFL 2005





