



Braves

STAND UNITED







SPORTS:
Braves Unite to Win



ACADEMICS:
Braves Unite to Excel



STUDENT LIFE:
Braves Unite to Prevail



ORGANIZATIONS:
Braves Unite to Serve



PEOPLE:
Braves Unite as One





BRAVES STAND UNITED



Getting Psyched to Win

The student body leaves the Homecoming pep rally held at Kelly Murphy Park on Fri., Oct. 12 at 2:00. The group gathered at the park directly after the parade for a short pep rally to get everyone pumped for the task ahead: to win! The Braves did exactly that, winning 15-14 against the Washington Wildcats.

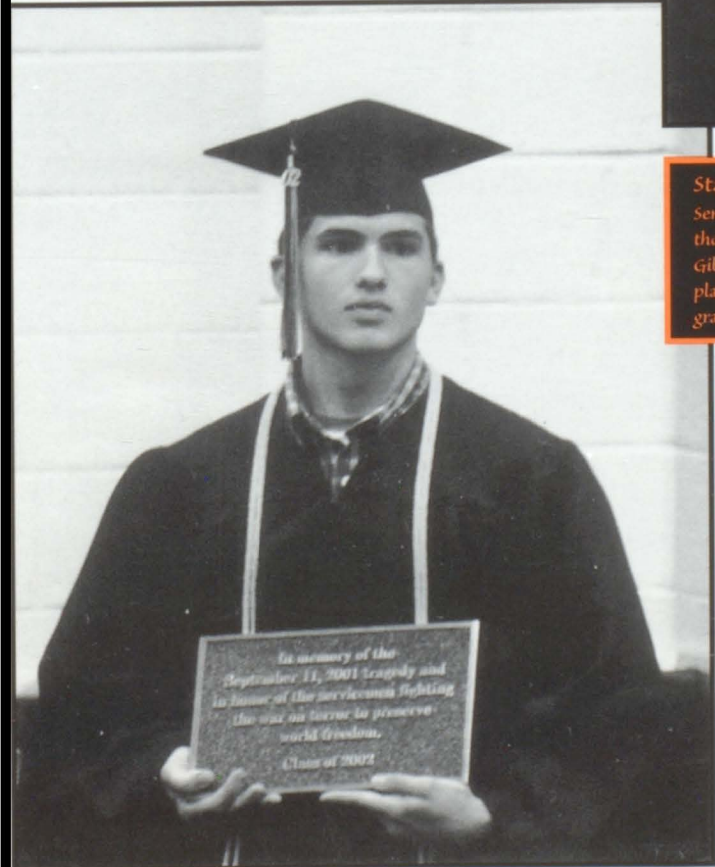
The Latest Stuff

Freshmen Kellie Lemon, Kellie Gardner, Kari Meints, and Tara Smith eat lunch together in the new cafeteria. Students were offered many different choices of food including the regular hot lunch, an alternate, salad, soup, sandwiches, chips, and ice cream. A wide variety of drinks were also available to the students.



Standing Proud

Senior Class President Michael Ashford holds the senior class gift, a plaque honoring all those who fought or are presently fighting to preserve world freedom. Senior Beth Gibson, Stuco arbitrarian, organized the purchase of the gift, and she presented the plaque to Dr. Bob VanMaren, Dr. Jerry Abbott, Mr. Jim Soper, and Mr. Larry Chaney at the graduation ceremony.



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Glancing into the past, students trace back memories of good and bad times gone by. When reviewing the 2001-2002 school year, many people will have recollections of fun and rewarding events, while others were trying and sad. Those events could include battling it out in a tennis match, going to Forensics meets, performing in BRAVO!, participating at State Music Festivals, or even just being a spectator.

Among the many feelings that sweep over them, stress comes to mind as they remember the many delays, hassles, and inconveniences the construction caused throughout the year. Eating in the commons area, having science class in the auditorium or having every student in the school enter and exit through one doorway were just a few of the problems the faculty and student body endured.

Another emotion forced gloomy memories to flood their hearts as they remembered the tragedies of the World Trade Center and the death of classmate John Dean. Students had their share of sorrows.



Music of My Heart

The drum line performs the feature they made themselves during halftime of a football game while the rest of the marching band looks on. "I like marching band because you get to see the community around you," sophomore Stacy Belknap said. After football season was completed, the students started in on Pep Band for basketball games and ended the year with concert band. The group competed in the State Musical Festival and received an Excellent Rating.

Now excitement may envelope their spirit as they recall attending their junior/senior prom, baccalaureate, various parties, and graduation ceremonies.

Once again students are reminded of just how important high school was to them, and just how much it changed their lives.

Although at times they were tired of BSHS, when they look back, they realize how much they miss their experiences, and they'll always remember one very important factor in 2001-2002—the Braves Stood United.

—Sarah Rowland





All Jumbled Up

Students and faculty got used to the site of construction and mayhem that surrounded the entire campus of BSHS. For several weeks, they were forced to eat lunch in the commons area and attend/hold class in the auditorium. Teachers constantly had to jumble their plans to accommodate the construction and all of its little messes. "I wish we could be here next year to see the end results of the construction. But don't get me wrong—I don't want to see it bad enough to flunk," senior Ashley Lumley said.



Hello Sister, Sister!

Senior Meryl Miller and junior T.J. McGinnis eat ice cream and chat with Tia and Tamera Mowry in Florence, Italy during the first week of their trip. Miller and McGinnis were part of a group of 16 students who traveled to Europe over the 2001 summer. They were walking along the street when Miller thought she saw the Mowry sisters, but no one believed her. Miller insisted they follow the girls, and when the sisters went into an ice cream shop Miller and McGinnis waited outside to talk to them. "They were really nice," Miller said.



'Round and 'Round

Juniors Tabatha Stark, Kelly Yates and Brandon Crawley watch the wheels on the bike go around and around. The three were completing their bike project, which dealt with ratio and slope, in Mrs. Ann Decker's first hour Algebra II class. "This activity allows students to discover the linear relationships for various gears on a bike," Decker said.

Braves Unite to Excel

ACADEMICS

It's not very often that people step foot in a high school and see groups of students sitting together doing their homework. That's what people saw when they entered the doors of BSHS. If one student didn't know the answer to a question another did. Classmates worked together and united nearly every morning before school to get their homework assignments done.

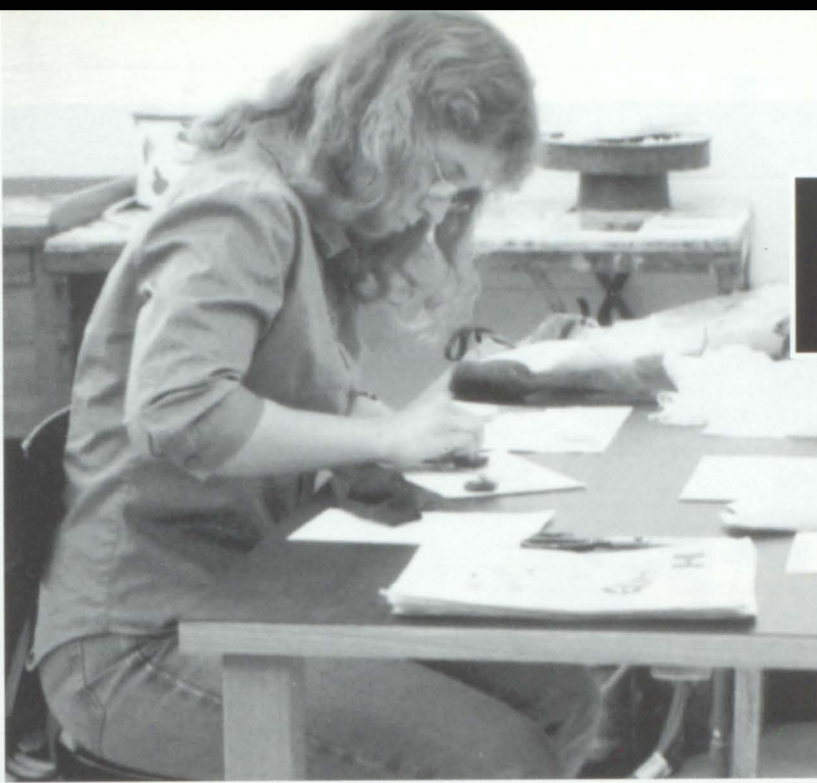
Some students shared the same classes, while others paired up with older students who had already taken the class. A prime example of this was the physics classes. This mix of seniors and juniors worked together to complete their chapter problems and to learn new techniques to make their hovercrafts move faster and more efficiently.

Some students felt they were too busy with sports, jobs, and outside activities to have the time to complete their homework at home, so school time was the only time they had to complete homework for the upcoming day. ELO (Extended Learning Opportunity) on Wednesdays and Thursdays was the perfect time for these students. Whether it was running into Mrs. Wood's class to finish up an English assignment or checking in with Mr. Caldwell and Mrs. Decker to get help on a math problem, students used this time to their benefit.

Whatever the subject was, students in all classes quickly learned the keys to success: study before the day of the test and have drive and dedication to achieve goals! Together academically— the Braves United to Excel.

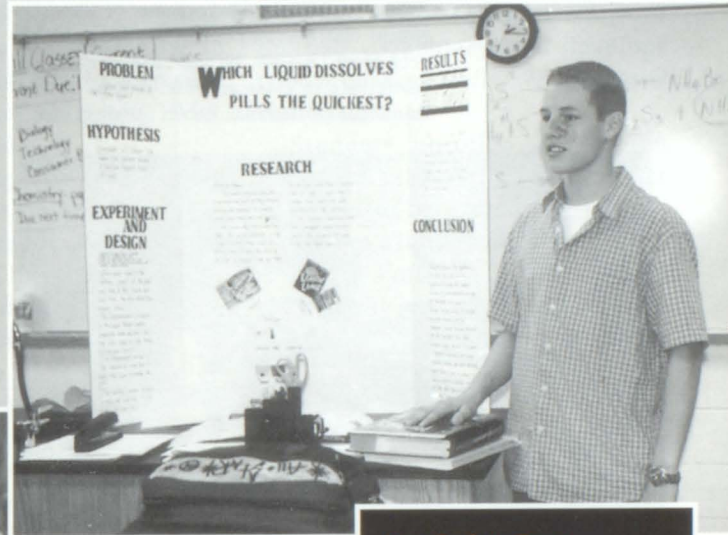
—Sarah Rowland, Amy Marcel, Blair Monn





Finishing Touches

Sophomore Autumn Hansen makes a necklace in jewelry class taught by Ms. Linda Horvath. Other activities the jewelry classes completed were silver ring bands and an enameled jewelry piece. "I really enjoyed this class. It was very interesting to be able to make your own jewelry," sophomore Gwen Peters said.



Two Projects Done

Sophomore Erick Ratliff explains his sophomore project, "Which Liquid Dissolves Pills the Quickest," in Mrs. Denise Albert's seventh hour ABC II science class. Each sophomore had to complete a project as one of their graduation requirements. "I was kind of frustrated, but once I got the hang of it, it was okay. I think I did pretty good because I got an A on it," sophomore Kimberly Bourn said.



Scrapin' the Stuff

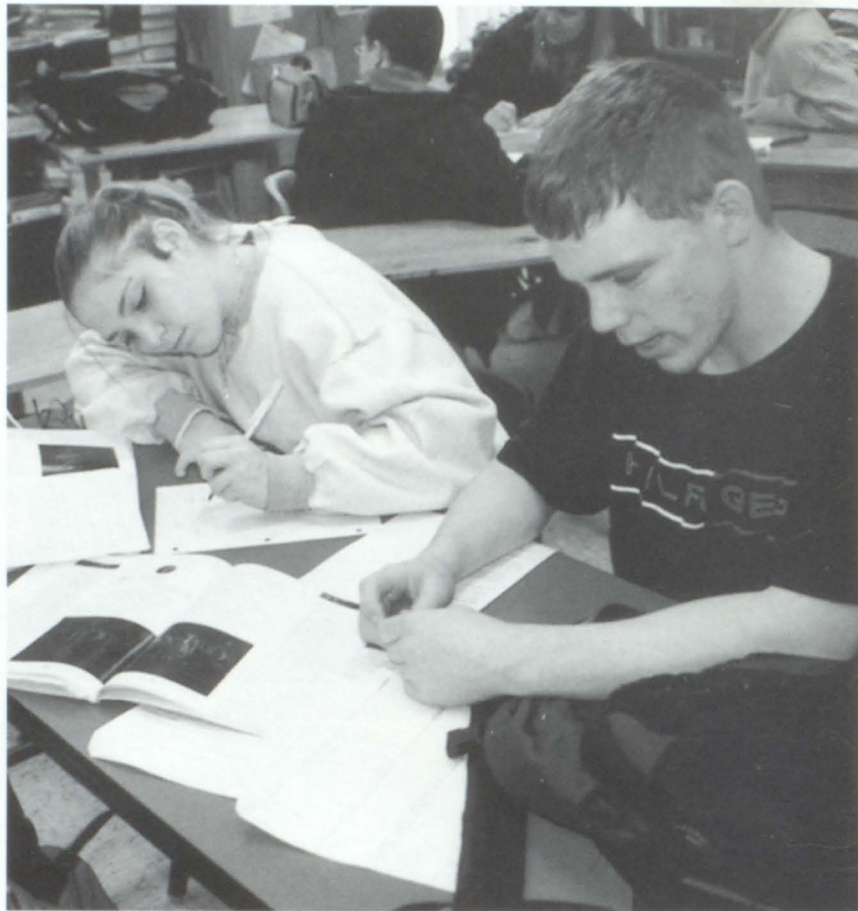
Seniors Erin Stoner and Brandy Miller scrape the cream filling off of some Oreo cookies for a lab in Mrs. Ann Decker's statistics class. This was a lab to determine whether or not double stuffed oreo cookies were really double stuffed. In order to test the Oreos, students scraped the creme filling out of the regular and double stuffed Oreos. "I was very intrigued to know how I could figure out if I was getting enough stuff for my buck, and this activity showed me that," senior Chris Steinwachs said.

CREATIVE WRITING

Seniors Shelly Wade and Travis Ridenour work in Mrs. Chris Wood's third hour world literature class. The students were working on creating a new scene for William Shakespeare's *MacBeth*. "I really enjoy teens and I think it's important that they learn to communicate in writing, speaking, and thinking," Wood said.

ROUND 'EM UP

Ms. Britt Adams' fourth hour English 9 class gathers to discuss the characters from *Romeo and Juliet*, by William Shakespeare. "I like Ms. Adams' class because I like the fact that you don't get a paper, sit down, be quiet, and do it. We all participate in class and Ms. Adams makes learning fun," freshman Robert Schubert said.



LANGUAGE ARTS

Juniors Discover Inventions

Mrs. Jill Holder's and Ms. Britt Adams' American Literature classes were assigned a new project consisting of studying an invention, naming the inventor, and finding any other interesting facts about it.

"I enjoyed doing this project because it helped prepare for the junior project, which was a breeze because of our preparation with the inventions," junior Lisa Assmann said.

Even though some seemed to really enjoy the project, others thought it was very time consuming.

"I didn't like having to do all of the research. It took awhile to find good information, but I liked learning about how corn flakes came along," junior Blair Monn said.

The students had to do an entire presentation in front of their class about all the information they found.

"I liked the presentation because

when we presented them, we learned a lot of information over a lot of inventions," junior Nicki McGinnis said.

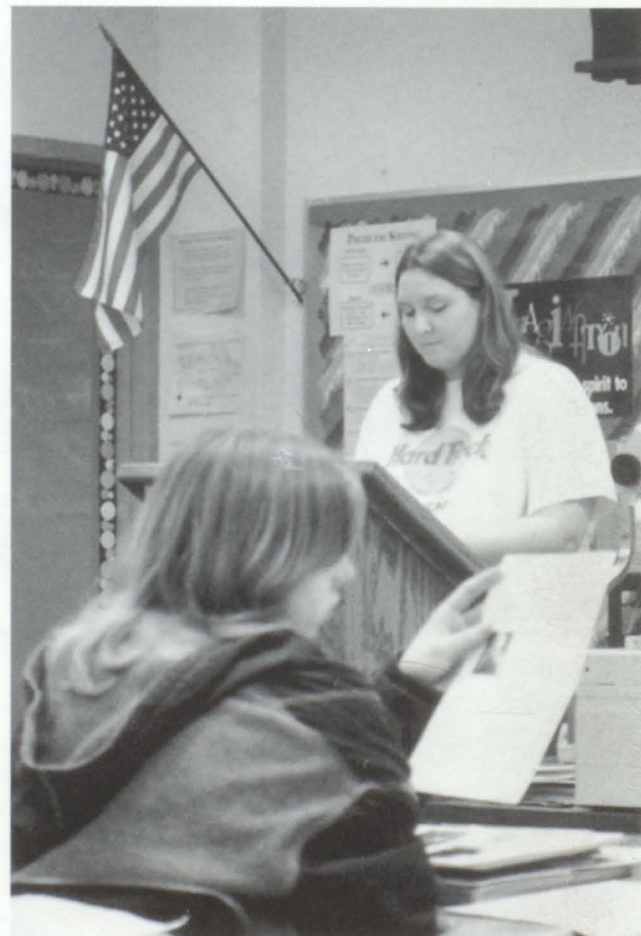
The work was tedious, the learning was great for the students, and the classes got to find out how simple things like telephones, radios, and Kellogg's Corn Flakes were invented.

"This project was to help the juniors in preparation of their junior project. It will be done again next year, and we are working on revising and improving it," Ms. Adams said.

~Andrea Zarate

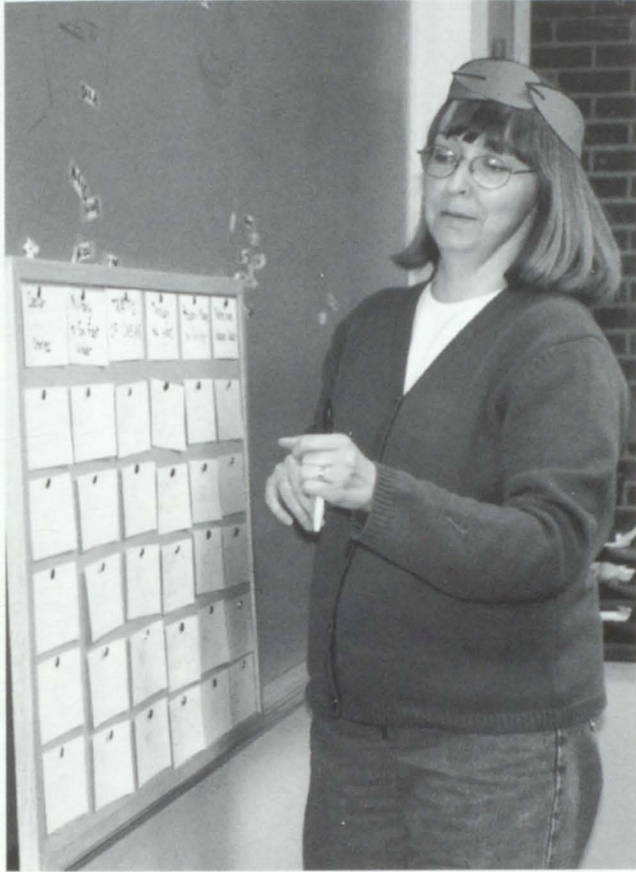
THE FEAR OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

Junior Amanda Pettit presents her report on the invention of bubble gum in front of Mrs. Jill Holder's first hour class while junior Danielle Dunivan reads a handout. Holder and Ms. Britt Adams had their American literature classes prepare a short research paper on an invention that changed American society somehow. Pettit found out that there wasn't one specific inventor of bubble gum, and that long ago soldiers would pack gum in their bags and chew it to relieve stress.



FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Benefiting Students



Even though nearly 300 students enrolled in a foreign language class, many didn't realize the importance or benefits of taking foreign language courses in high school.

"I teach my students how to approach Latin and how to appreciate its language, culture, and history," Mrs. Connie Henry said.

Besides the opportunity to explore different cultures and backgrounds, some students earned college credit in their third year of high school.

"Students planning on going to college and applying for financial aid especially need to take a foreign language," Spanish I teacher Ms. Amy Iwert said. "In the future, applications won't even be considered unless the student has had two years of a foreign language."

WHICH ONE?

Latin teacher, Mrs. Connie Henry plays a game of Memory with her fifth hour Latin class. "Latin class is very lively. The class is fun and Mrs. Henry adds a lot of fun to it and it helps with English and how to understand English better," sophomore Drew McCullough said.

Taking a foreign language during high school prepares students a lot in the long run.

"French increases your appreciation of other cultures, improves your English vocabulary, and develops critical thinking skills," Mrs. Marsha Nelson said.

Students enrolled in foreign language classes find the other languages to be interesting, fun, and sometimes a little challenging.

"I like French a lot because it's challenging and it exposes you to another culture," junior Melanie Chandley said.

While students may find foreign languages challenging, their teachers think that just by speaking another language it makes one feel something that nothing else can.

"When you study a foreign language, you learn and grow as a human being. You feel different when you speak a different language," Spanish teacher Mrs. Ann Ramsey said.

~Andrea Zarate



PANTYHOSE PEOPLE

Juniors Jessica Ventura, Jessica Adams, Jeremy Krug, Phillip Henry, and Amanda Berry compare their pantyhose people in Mrs. Ann Ramsey's fifth hour Spanish III class. The students had to interview one another about their childhood and make pantyhose people that resemble their person. The students guessed who the person was based on the face and the story about him/her.

GETTIN' DOWN AND DIRTY

Junior Amber Spiess watches as junior Sara Miller gets her hands sticky while cooking king cakes for Mardi Gras in Mrs. Marsha Nelson's French III class. "I like French class because we've got to cook a lot," Miller said.

MATHEMATICS

On the Move

Besides teaching their content areas, the teachers in the math department also spent a lot of time packing and unpacking boxes, throwing things away, and constantly moving stuff throughout the year.

With the addition of new classrooms and the remodeling of old rooms, two math teachers, Ms. Anne Seiler and Mr. Wayne Kramer moved their classrooms from upstairs to downstairs in order to have the majority of the math classes together in a cluster.

"I was very pleased with my new room," Kramer said.

Mr. Andy Price; however, was the one exception. Since Price also taught Cisco Networking I & II and Web Page Design, his math classes stayed upstairs next to those classrooms.

"I don't think being separated from the other math teachers affected my teaching, but it would be good if I had

a question or needed help," Price said.

Since construction was delayed, Kramer and Seiler couldn't use their new classrooms until second semester.

"My students and I were very accommodating to the continuous changing of completion dates," Seiler said. "However, I am very proud of how well my students adapted to the disruptions."

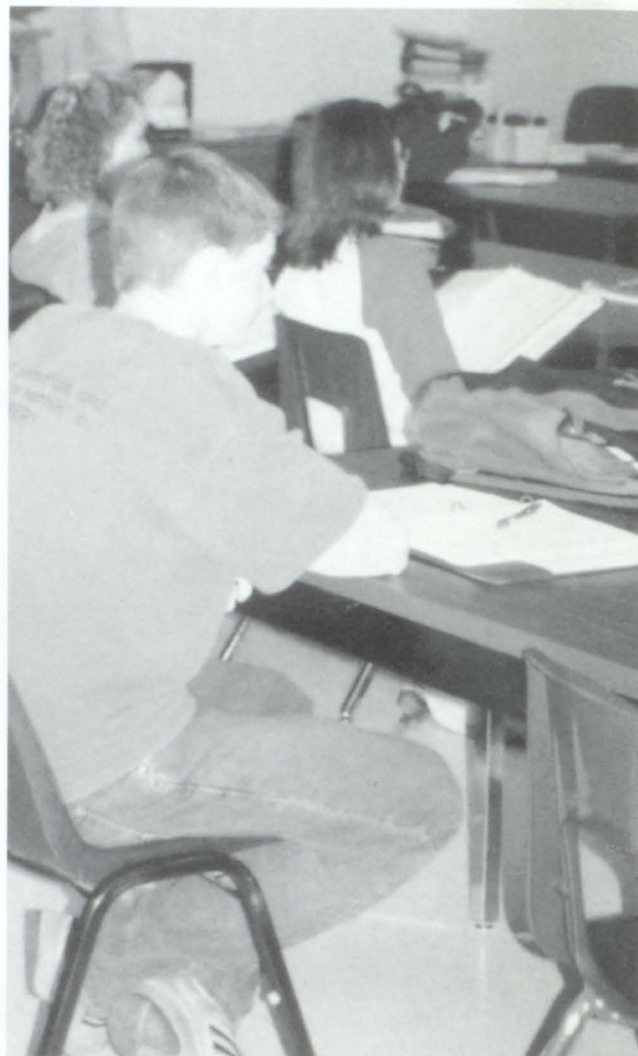
Although the new math rooms were a good improvement for the school, students still felt the rooms needed something more.

"I think the new math rooms are okay, but they could use some light and color; it looks like a hospital!" sophomore Amanda Boddy said.

—Sarah Rowland

PAYING ATTENTION

Sophomore Everett Shepherd listens and pays attention in Ms. Anne Seiler's second hour Geometry class. "Geometry is a good class for me because I like to work with numbers and shapes," Shepherd said.

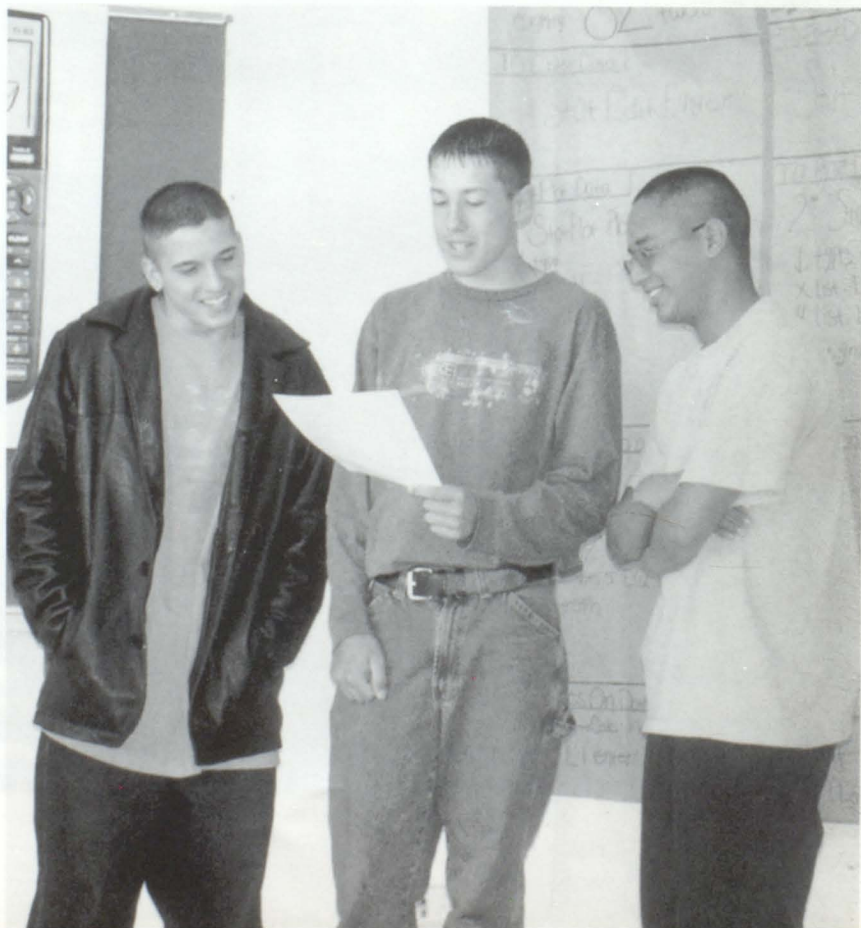


SOLVING THOSE EQUATIONS!

Freshmen Jordan Lamb and Jack Wright work on solving equations in Mr. Bob Caldwell's Algebra I class. "I enjoy his class because I can call him 'Brother Caldwell' and he always makes me laugh with his karate chop," Lamb said.

SINGIN' A LITTLE TUNE

Senior Adam Sullivan, sophomore Don Kirby and junior Fredy DeLeon sing to the beat of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" in front of their class about what slope is. All three were in Mrs. Ann Decker's first hour Algebra II class. Decker assigned the "slope song" to her classes in hopes they would have fun learning.





WOW, THIS IS INTERESTING!

Juniors Bethany Gallagher and Clorisha Smith wait for the results of their lab in Mr. Charles Davis' advanced biology class. The class also did other labs such as dissecting a chicken, studying bones, and examining a physical ant lab.

GIVING DIRECTION

Seniors Jackie Mitchell and Jeremy Woods receive instruction from anatomy & physiology teacher Ms. Cindy Hayes on where the pig's spleen is located. "I liked the hands on learning, but disliked the smell and sight of the insides of the pig," senior Louis Reyes said. Although the students were in pairs to dissect the pigs, each student had to complete a packet containing questions and explanations of the dissection process.



SCIENCE

Out with the Old, In with the New

There was a lot of hassle with getting into the new science rooms. All science teachers had to experience being "moving teachers."

"The hardest thing was moving all the supplies I needed for different classes," Ms. Cindy Hayes said.

Some classes were in the auditorium, while others were in other teachers' classrooms during specific teachers' planning periods. This caused complications of another sort.

"It was hard for students to write in the auditorium without desks," Hayes said.

Besides these problems, both the teachers and the students had to deal with the additional distractions that

TOOL TIME!

Junior Morgan McConico attempts to staple her trash bag to her hovercraft board in physics. The physics students spent two weeks working on their hovercrafts and after completion they had to make it through a horseshoe shape route in 90 seconds for an A. "The hovercrafts were really fun, and I'm glad I got an A!" McConico said.

came with the unfinished science wing—constant noises, no desks, and overall filth from the construction.

"I was rather bitter and distraught about the coldness of the room," senior Nick Border said.

However, when the rooms were finally in condition to hold classes, they still weren't done with the hassles. There were last minute touch-ups such as painting, moving the new computers in, and cleaning up.

"The worst hassle was no electricity and the light switches being on the outside of the rooms," Hayes said.

When the rooms were finally completed, students and teachers were very thankful they no longer had to deal with the troubles that occurred when the classes weren't finished.

"The new rooms are better than the old ones because they're more spacious. They smelled funny at first, though," freshman Wesley Shields said.

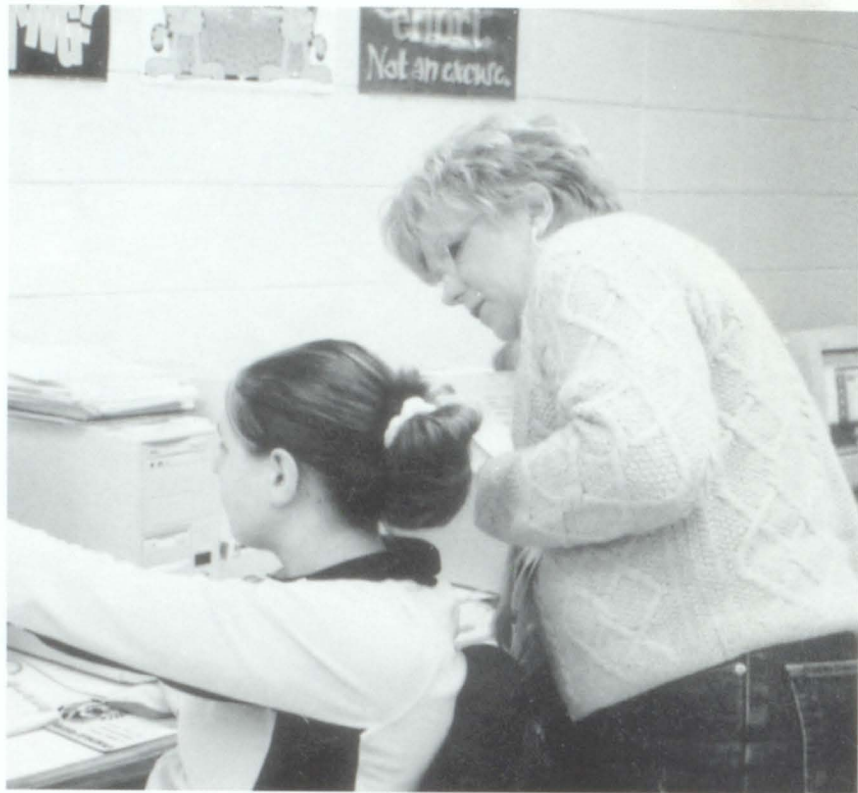
—Andrea Zarate

LENDING A HELPING HAND

New business teacher, Ms. Karen Vaughn helps out junior Tishia Routh on her keyboarding assignment. Ms. Vaughn began the school year on October 2, when she came out of retirement. Before retiring, she taught at the Area Technical School (ATS) in Kansas City, Kansas for 32 years.

WORKIN' HARD

Students in Mrs. Deena Burns' Accounting II class record cash received in a cash receipt journal while Mrs. Burns checks for accuracy. "It is very confusing trying to keep track of all the numbers," junior Nikki Smith said.



BUSINESS

Senior Internship Offers New Opportunities

The internship program offered so much to BSHS seniors. They had the opportunity to earn money while still going to school.

"The students who are in the program have advantages such as exploring careers, developing personal life skills to be successful, and having the option to receive credit outside of the traditional classroom," Internship Director, Mrs. Deena Burns said.

There were more than 40 students involved with the senior internship program, and all of them completed assignments on Power Point, career exploration, money management, life skills, ECOS, Excel, and resume/cover letter programs.

The students also met once a week with Mrs. Burns where she maintained a file on each student, collected documentation on each student's employment and checked on individual student deadlines.

"There are also some disadvantages of this program," Burns said. "College-bound students may find it more

advantageous to stay in school the full seven hours and take college preparatory classes."

There were events and activities the senior internship students had to miss out on because of the program.

"I didn't like missing out on senior activities like senior slave day and especially pep assemblies," senior Amber Sturgeon said.

However, most in the program felt the advantages far outweighed the disadvantages. They got a chance to get out of school early, make more money, and have less classes to study for.

"I liked not having a full load and getting out of school early," senior Rhiannon Ford said.

—Andrea Zarate

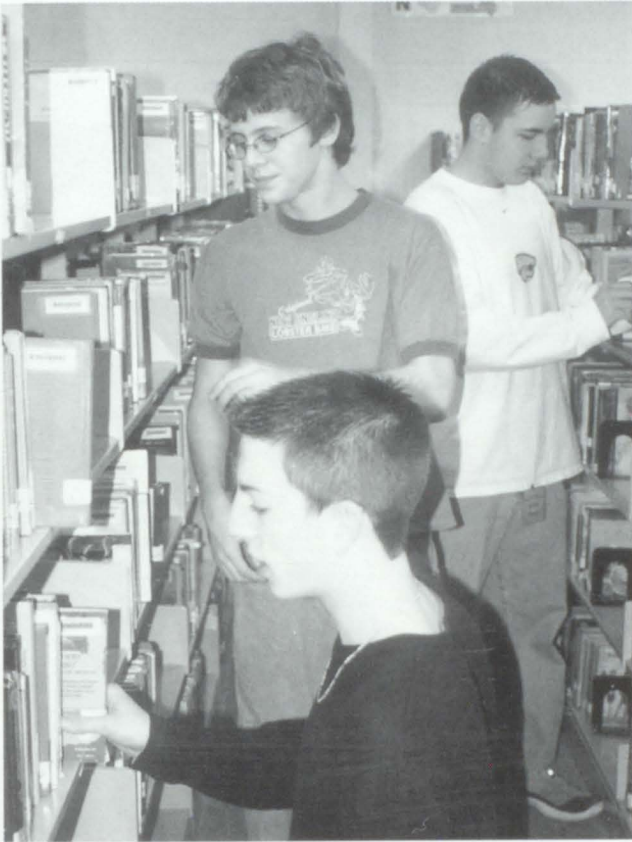
NO MORE QUESTIONS

Keyboarding teacher, Mr. Joe LaCicero sits back and listens while junior Jayli Thomas discusses the classroom activities. Besides keyboarding, LaCicero also taught Keyboarding II, Computer Programming II, Marketing, and Skills for Success. "Since being in Mr. LaCicero's class, my typing speed has increased," junior Jennifer McConico said.



ADVANCED STUDIES

BSHS Students Get Involved



Advanced studies is a course offered to anyone who wants to learn more and have fun while doing it.

Most students tend to think that advanced studies is only for the "smart" people in the school, when in all actuality it's offered to anyone who maintains a "B" average.

"I enjoy the challenge of working with students who are eager to learn," advanced studies teacher, Mrs. Leslie Blythe said.

This class presents information to prepare students for college and lets the students practice taking the PSAT, SAT, and ACT tests.

"We learn new vocabulary weekly and do a lot of analogies to get us ready for the real SAT's. It helps a lot," sopho-

SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME

Sophomores Michael Maxwell, Jess Buck, and Frank Vogan help shelve books at the Clark Middle School library. Along side of this activity, the students at the middle school were assigned to a certain teacher at Clark, whom they helped every ELO day.

more Tyler Mills said.

Creative thinking competition was also encouraged. At competitions, the students created projects by just following directions.

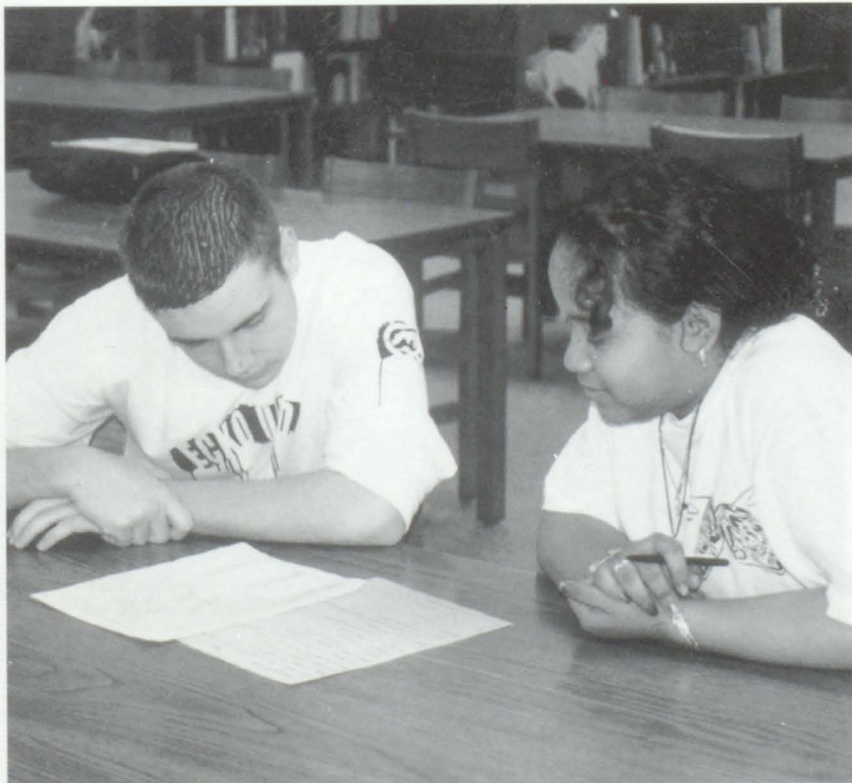
"It's very mind-opening," sophomore Michael Maxwell said.

Blythe set goals for the year which included competing in a variety of competitions and helping students complete scholarship information and filling out college applications.

The students also participated in field trips to the Missouri Repertory Theater, the Coterie Theater, and the Hidden Creek Adventure Trail. Other major events were the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition and the History Day Competition.

"I would encourage someone to join this class so they would have the opportunity to go on a lot of field trips and not have to just learn in a classroom," sophomore Jess Buck said.

~Andrea Zarate



MIND BOGGLING

Junior Jessica Ventura, senior Scott Gray, senior Zach Graham, and freshman Jordan Lamb study their weekly vocabulary words in the Media Center. The students who are involved in this class do weekly SAT vocabulary and analogues.

LET ME HELP YOU

Sophomore Frank Vogan helps Merchy Lucas at Clark Middle School with a classroom worksheet. The Advanced Studies members walked down to the middle school every ELO day to help out teachers, faculty members and students.

PE/ART

Gettin' Buff

Weight lifting has changed a lot over the years. People believe it has become a more important aspect to female and male athletes. Now, people are starting to realize how important it is to take care of their bodies and put it in the best possible shape.

"I think it's great for student athletes to be all they can be and build their self-esteem," weight lifting teacher Mr. Monty Bechard said.

The weight lifting classes had the opportunity to go to power lifting meets at Valley Center High School and Shawnee Heights High School.

"Advantages of weight lifting are advancing your muscular strength and endurance for sports. It prepares athletes and gives them an all-sport workout," Bechard said.

Finally, people young and old are realizing the importance of body composition. More athletes are starting to see benefits of lifting weights and are showing more involvement.

"Weight lifting now is more mechanical and it means big business,"

Bechard said.

Boys' weight lifting isn't the only one growing. Girls' weight lifting is also getting larger.

"Girls' weight lifting is definitely growing. I have had more girls take the class and be in it more than just one semester," girl's weight lifting teacher, Mrs. Staci Lowe said.

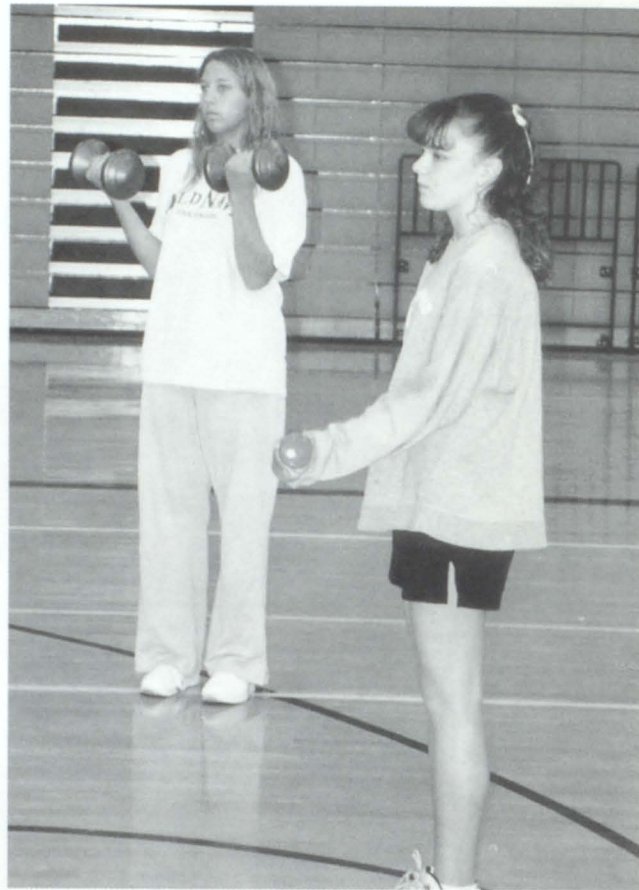
More and more females have seemed to be interested in weight lifting and getting into shape even if they are not athletes.

"Weight training builds girls' self-esteems and not only in athletes," Lowe said. "The strength index is when all of your lifts are added up and divided by your body weight and third quarter was the first quarter that the strength index was above 3.0."

~Andrea Zarate

IT'S NOT SO HARD

Sophomores Megan Blake and Tara Eveland lift weights in Mrs. Kerry Jennings third hour aerobics class. The aerobics classes did different activities such as weightlifting, videos such as Tae-Bo, and leg and ab workouts. "I really like this class and Mrs. Jennings is a good aerobics teacher," Eveland said.

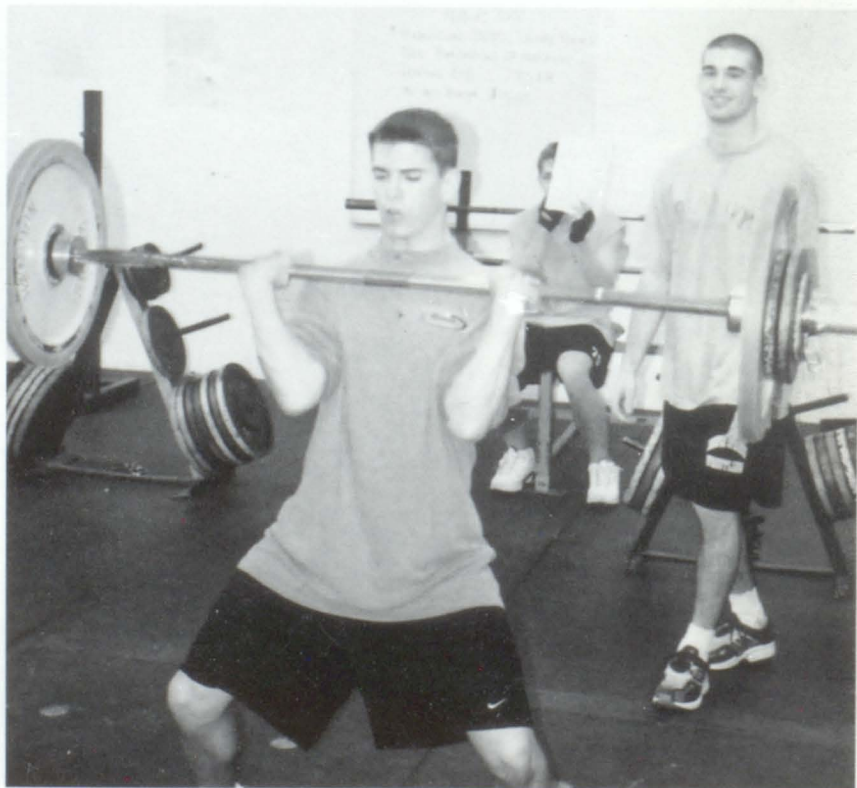


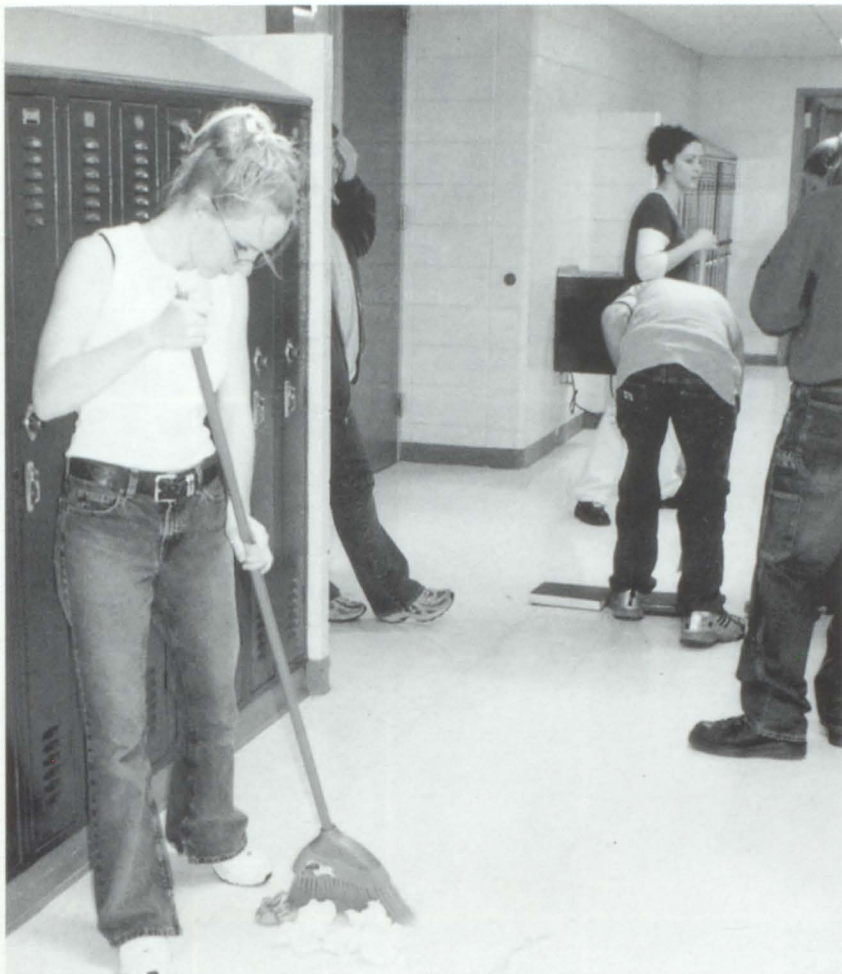
CONCENTRATE!

Senior Kallie Szewc concentrates on her pastel coloring. "I liked my art class because Mrs. Simchuk would let us be creative in our own way. She never said to do this or do that, she let us decide the piece that we wanted to create," Szewc said.

I'M BAD, I KNOW IT

Junior Phillip Henry lifts weights and gets in shape for the upcoming baseball season. "I took this class to get in shape and to help me out with my athletics," Henry said.





CATTLE DRIVE

Junior Melissa Lynch pushes "cows" down the hall through the "trail" and the "river" in Mrs. Jennifer Schlicht's American history class. Paper balls were called the cows, the trail was a tape path, and the river was made of history books. "This project was different from any other I've ever done. You really had to imagine these things being real," junior George Elmer said.

ATTENTION

Doing a presentation on the American Revolutionary War, junior Jacob Cigich along with his volunteers, juniors Courtney Basler, Spencer Buck, John Dean, and Ryan Day reenact volunteers going to war. The four standing that "volunteered" to go to war were called Milishmen. "In my opinion, the dates aren't that important. It's the events and the people involved," Cigich said.



SOCIAL STUDIES

Glimpse of the Past and Present

"I want the kids to feel good about themselves and understand their responsibilities to the society they are a part of," American history teacher Jim Hanson said.

History can sometimes be thought of as just another time to talk about the past. This is true, but what some don't realize is that without the past or history, they wouldn't be here.

"I think it's important to honor those that have served before. We shouldn't forget that and reenacting is the probably the best way," junior Jacob

JERRY! JERRY!

Junior Chad Moppin acts out a skit in Mr. John Rost's American history class. The skit was a modernization of the Oklahoma Land Rush. Moppin, along with classmates Andrea Dill, Holly Miller and Phillip Henry came up with the idea to do a mock Jerry Springer Show that showed the "Sooners" arguing over land.

Cigich said.

Dressed in garb to fit the wars, Cigich created many historic battle reenactments for his classmates.

Besides the reenactments, students in American government classes visited the state Capital in Topeka to see how the government works today.

"I like the study of life in America—it's history, culture, government, media, etc. and it is always changing," American history teacher John Rost said.

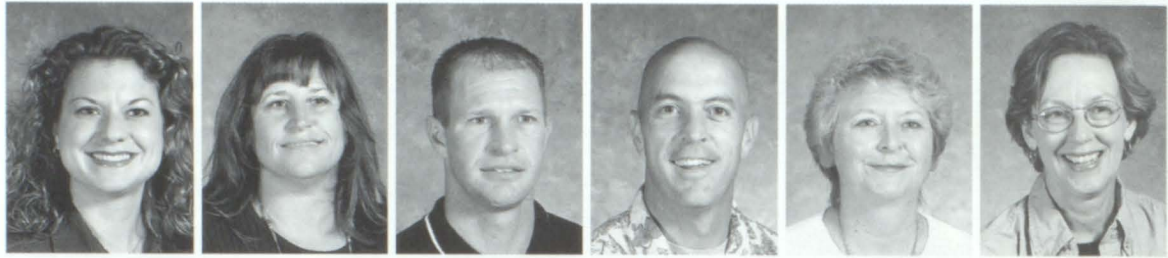
The goals of the social studies teachers were to give students a glimpse of how life was in the past and how various cultures differ today, and they think they've succeeded.

"In my world studies we looked at South Africa, I think they got a lot out of it," Mrs. Jenny Myers said.

~Andrea Zarate

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I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE

Ms. Cindy Hayes helps seniors Dustin Carson and Tommy Gardner dissect a frog in her new science classroom. Ms. Hayes' and Mr. Steve Cook's students were glad to get into an actual science lab after holding class in the auditorium for several weeks. "It was nice getting out of the auditorium—it wasn't cold in class anymore," junior Summer Rickert said.

MYSTERY BRUNO??

Faculty and administration all participate in the "Mystery Bruno" (Secret Santa) gift exchange. Starting in October, each member would get a little gift every couple of weeks from their "Mystery Bruno" and then at the last faculty meeting before Christmas all the "mysteries" were revealed with a big gift exchange.

FEEDING FRENZY

The herd of students make due with the cafeteria/commons area until the new cafeteria finally opened on Dec. 3. "I was glad we started to get hot lunch again because the fast food was getting old," junior Amanda Pettit said.

DETOUR FOR CONSTRUCTION

Construction on the front entrance of the building seemed to last forever and caused everyone to enter through the side door. Entrance doors opened Nov. 30. "Getting through the double doors on the side was a mess, especially on rainy days," sophomore Jennifer Sullivan said.



CONSTRUCTION

Students and Faculty Make Due

As everyone knows, change is a part of life that can sometimes cause chaos, especially in schools.

Everyone who entered the high school building saw that the school was undergoing many changes, including new staff members, new facilities, and new curriculums.

However, even though there were delays that caused school to start two days late, such as a leaking roof, lunches without a cafeteria, teachers pushing their classes on carts, and many disturbing noises, everyone came together and settled for what was provided.

"The most difficult part about the construction was the congestion of the teachers in the science department; there were four of us in one room," Mrs. Crissy Johns said. "Plus, I couldn't do any labs because half of our lab stuff was packed up or misplaced. It was very frustrating, but we survived, nonetheless."

Many of the seniors were very let down because of all the delays that took place.

"It was a bummer. Our senior year was littered with the construction mess, toning down the magic of knowing we won't be here next year," senior Stephanie Fesenmeyer said.

"I was a little disappointed that I won't be here because I wanted to see the final outcome," senior Louis Reyes said.

Although the seniors were disappointed, Superintendent Dr. Bob VanMaren was pleased with the way the staff and students adapted to the delays and interruptions.

"I was really impressed with all the participation in school activities. The construction didn't stop that. Our school is special," VanMaren said. "I think everyone reacted amazingly well to the changes, considering the hardships."

~ Andrea Zarate

A NEW AND IMPROVED CODE

Amos Davis concentrates hard to open his new senior locker. Davis and the rest of his senior class were especially pleased with the larger size of the new lockers. "I like them better because we have more space. I wish we could have had them longer," senior Amanda Zaring said.



ADMINISTRATION

Farewell to Ms. Vaughn



"I decided to look for new challenges, and I have always dreamed of living by the ocean," Vice Principal Ms. Shirley Vaughn said before she left BSHS and headed to Southern California to be an administrator at Norte Vista High School where 2,100 students attend.

Ms. Vaughn put in 21 years of service in USD 204. She spent the first 17 years at the middle school teaching science for seven years and then physical education for ten years. She then moved to the high school as an administrator in 1998.

In addition to her teaching and administrative duties, she was also the head volleyball and girls basketball coach for several years at the high school.

"Through it all the best memory will be when my volleyball team won State in the fall of 1984," Vaughn said.

Physical education teacher, Mrs.

Kerri Jennings was part of Vaughn's championship team and will always remember her as her coach.

"I'm very happy for her because that's where she wants to be, but I'm also sad for everyone here that will miss her," Jennings said.

Taking over Ms. Vaughn's job, Mr. Larry Chanay arrived to BSHS on Dec. 10 and stayed until the end of the school year. Mr. Chanay was an administrator at Olathe North for 15 years before coming to Bonner Springs.

"I look forward to working with the staff and the students and attending night activities," Chanay said.

Not only will the faculty and students miss Ms. Vaughn, but Vaughn will miss them as well.

"I will miss the people. Within my years, I've seen so many new faces that I will never forget," Vaughn said. "I want to take this moment to thank the students, staff, and faculty for all the support they've given and all the great memories."

Because Norte Vista's mascot is also the Brave, Ms. Vaughn parted saying, "Once a Brave, always a Brave!"

~ Andrea Zarate

STAFF SAYS THEIR GOOD-BYES

As Mrs. Joyce Cunningham and Mrs. Kay Smith look on, Ms. Vaughn opens her presents at her going away party. The staff decided to give her Kansas memorabilia so she would never forget where she started. "I will miss that smile, energy, and incredible can-do attitude," Mrs. Chris Wood said about Vaughn's departure.



USD 204 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Front Row: Mary Ann Leuszler, Connie Hadley, Sandy Polley. **Back Row:** John Johnson, Lewis Wood, Cliff Brents, Gregg Gibson.

BSHS ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Front Row: Vice Principal Ms. Shirley Vaughn and Principal Dr. Jerry Abbott. **Back Row:** Vice Principal Mr. Larry Chanay, Vice Principal Mr. Jim Soper, Superintendent Dr. Bob VanMaren, Athletic Director Mr. Garold Baker.

TESTING WEEK

Let the Stress Begin

BSHS held its first annual testing week on Nov. 5-9. All students participated in the event. The freshmen and juniors completed the ITED (Iowa Test of Educational Development), sophomores took the ACT-PLAN test, and seniors took the ACT-PREP or the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test that was administered by the military.

Many thought testing week was a good idea and was a success. It seemed to have a good effect on students throughout the school.

"I felt testing week ran smoothly for it being the first time. Teacher participation was great," testing week coordinator Mrs. Kristin Byers said.

The purpose of the tests were to help each student in the long run. They prepared them for the upcoming year, and if students planned to attend college, they were definitely a big help.

"I wish we would have notified parents ahead of time about testing week

and its importance," Byers said.

To keep the students focused, they were given a variety of food and drinks during the testing days. Price Chopper and Roberts Dairy were kind enough to donate most of the food, and Mrs. Martha Chandley also baked the cookies that were provided.

"Everyone worked together from preparation of the tests to the closing celebration," Byers said. "Students worked hard during tests and there were very few problems at all."

According to Byers, the senior attendance could have been stronger, but those that gave 100% effort set a great example for the underclassmen.

~Andrea Zarate

GETTING MOTIVATION!

Sophomore Joseph Wiggins gets a little energy cookie in Ms. Britt Adam's sophomore testing class. "I think they did a better job spacing it out, and it gave you more time and they didn't rush you," Wiggins said.

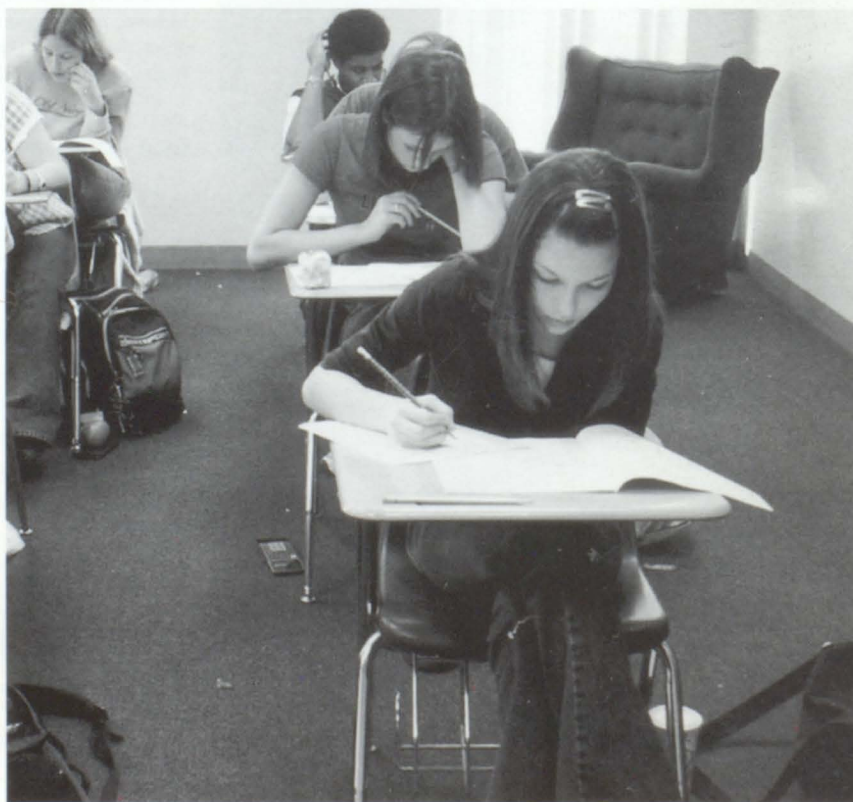


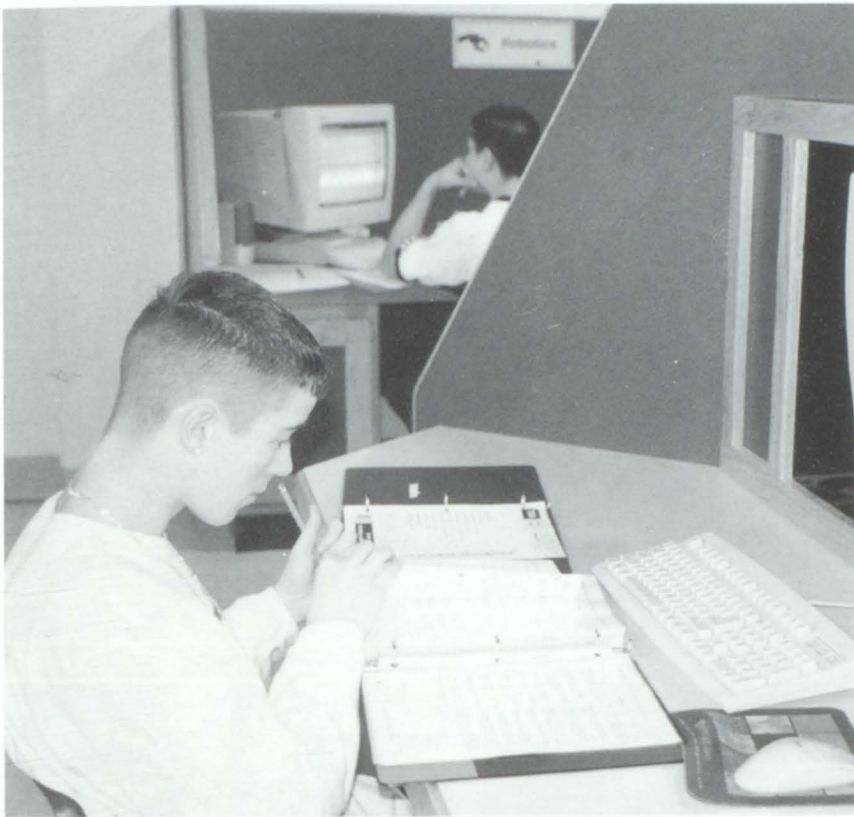
ASVAB TESTING

Senior Chris Bartram and other interested seniors take the military ASVAB test in the commons area during testing week. "There was no English or anything. It was all mechanics and science," senior Meghann O'Hare said.

A OR C? HMMM...

Sophomore Beth Ashford works to answer all the questions in the allotted time on the ACT PLAN Test along with her classmates. "The best part of the week were the snacks. The cookies were the best!" Ashford said.



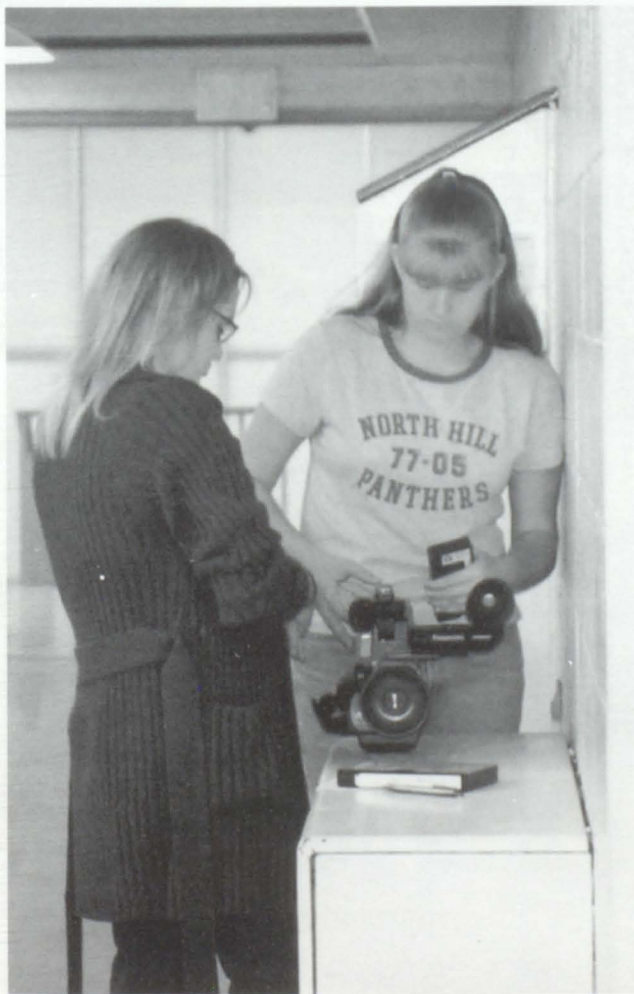


GET IT DONE

Sophomore Eric Strauss looks through the book to complete his module on computer animation. "I was doing a vocabulary test. It's an okay class and easy too," Strauss said.

JUST A CLICK OF THE MOUSE

Technology teacher, Mr. Douglas Kapeller helps freshman A.J. Holmes work on the computer in his applications of technology class. Students had to complete 17 different modules for the class. Some of the modules were on robotics, aerodynamics, embroidery, and electronics.



TECHNOLOGY

Class Honored as "Model Classroom"

On Feb. 7, Mr. Douglas Kapeller was chosen to showcase the technology he used in his classroom at the Education Technology Fair (EFT) that was sponsored by the Kansas Department of Education (KDE) in Topeka.

On Feb. 6, Kapeller and a couple of his students set up in the Capital building. On Feb. 7, the rest of the students demonstrated how to use the technology that they had brought.

"At the Fair, the students were able to walk around and see other schools' technology and how it works," Kapeller said.

Kapeller's own classroom was completely remodeled over the 2001 summer. An estimated \$200,000 was

LOADING AND UNLOADING

Sophomores Julie Jackson and Kimberly Bourn load and unload the camera for Mr. Douglas Kapeller's introduction to video class. "I learned how use the camera and how to take different shots and angles. I really liked the class a lot," Bourn said.

spent on supplies, equipment, and furniture. Most of these were supplied by DEPCO (Dependable Education Product Company).

"DEPCO has been great to work with; they have good customer services and are one of the leaders in technology education," Kapeller said.

During the school year, Kapeller's students tested DEPCO's beta equipment that had not yet been released to the public. There were only two schools in the entire nation who performed this type of testing. DEPCO named Kapeller's class a "Model Classroom."

"I think DEPCO was a good opportunity for Mr. Kapeller and students to show off their technology. His new rooms are really nice, and I've had a lot of fun," sophomore Jennifer Sullivan said.

~Andrea Zarate

(quotes by D'Erin May, Pow Wow Staff)

Braves Unite to Win

SPORTS

Like years in the past, the Braves' sports teams cared a lot about teamwork, enthusiasm, and winning while still having some fun. Each team member offered something special to each team, whether it was strong leadership or the ability to score a touchdown, make a goal, or get a hit.

The Braves football team started the year off in sports with a strong unified front. They gathered for dinners before games, huddled up before kickoffs, and regrouped together in the locker room at halftime. The cross-country team held weekly pasta parties, and before each race the boys shouted "South Central Yukon Region," while the girls did their "Bravette Lawnmower Chant" to get themselves pumped. After the season, the soccer and cross-country teams teamed up and had a "lock-in" where they played laser tag, soccer or boxed. However, these were not the only BSHS sports teams to proudly display their unity.

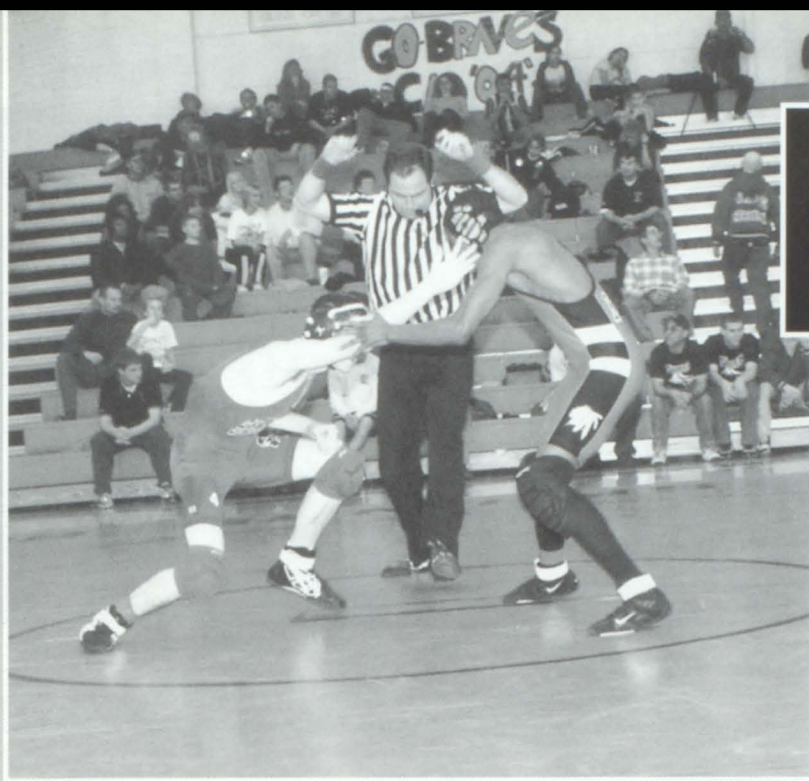
The winter sports teams continued the Braves' strive for unity. Two programs, wrestling and boys basketball, both became unified under new coaches, Mr. Andy Price and Mr. Dan Burns. Price led the team to a third place finish at the Tonganoxie Tournament and an overall record of 10-11. Burns, named All-Kansan Wrestling Coach of the Year, unified his group of wrestlers by winning Huron League and Regionals and sending 11 wrestlers to State in Wichita.

The emphasis on team unity was also apparent in the spring when students noticed an entire group of softball players decked out in their orange and black eating biscuits and gravy on game days. The girls also attended the Big 12 girls basketball tournament early in the season as a team building activity. And, although considered an individualized sport to some, the track team still found strength in unity on meet days by warming up, praying and then reciting together their team cheer.

No matter the sport, teamwork and dedication made the teams stronger and allowed them to reach their goals—the Teams United to Win.

—Sarah Rowland





Going Head to Head

Sophomore Matthew Middleton, 125, begins his third place match against a Topeka Seaman wrestler at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. Middleton ended up winning the match to help his team to a third place finish at the Classic. "We achieved our goals by going to State, but not getting what we went to get!" Middleton said. Middleton ended his season with a 31-9 record and placed second at Regionals.



Winding up the Pitch

Sophomore Kristi Holt releases the pitch as junior Amber Speiss waits for some action on first base at the Braves' home opener against the Basehor-Linwood Bobcats. The Braves lost the opener 1-2, but came back and beat the Bobcats in the second game 5-1. Holt was the starting pitcher for most of the varsity games. "To prepare for the season, I went to two pitching clinics and one hitting clinic during the off-season," Holt said



Gettin' Pumped

The varsity football team came together to get pumped at half-time. Throughout the season, the team focused on unity and coming together to work as a team. "Coaches and players throughout practices constantly talked about teamwork and unity. Everything you do or don't do on the field will affect the team," Head Coach Lew Kasselmann said. The team ended the season with a 6-3 record, beating Ottawa for the first time since 1989 and also beating Schlagle for the first time in the Braves' history.

FREE BALL

As the other girls get into defensive position, sophomore Whitney Peterson passes the ball over the net. Peterson, in only her sophomore year, started on the varsity team. "I loved having teammates who were willing to work together," Peterson said.



2001 VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

FIRST ROW: Rea Tombs, Ashley Pardew. **SECOND ROW:** Corie Crouch, Jenny Montgomery, Chase Crouch, Andrea Zarate, Beth Ashford, Nikki McGinnis, Whitney Peterson. **BACK ROW:** Mayumi Ishihara, Lindsey Stanbrough, Ashley Williams, Kristy Holt, Jennifer Sullivan, Jill Gardner, Andrea Dill, Amanda Berry.

VOLLEYBALL

Ishihara Provides Leadership & Discipline

After one year of being head coach, Staci Lowe had to rebuild the volleyball team because she lost four lettermen. Fortunately, she had some help with disciplined senior foreign exchange student Mayumi Ishihara.

"She brought a lot of experience to our team which helped a lot because we only had two seniors," Lowe said.

Even though Ishihara offered experience, she did have some problems communicating on the floor, and the girls had to focus on communication.

In America...

- Played games on school days and weekends
- Had 2-2 1/2 hour practices
- Played setter
- Spoke English

In Japan...

- Played games only on weekends or long breaks
- Had 3-4 hour practices
- Played hitter
- Spoke Japanese

"It was challenging because I had trouble with the language, and I had to learn a new position," Ishihara said. "I was a hitter in Japan, and I never played setter before, but I still had a great time."

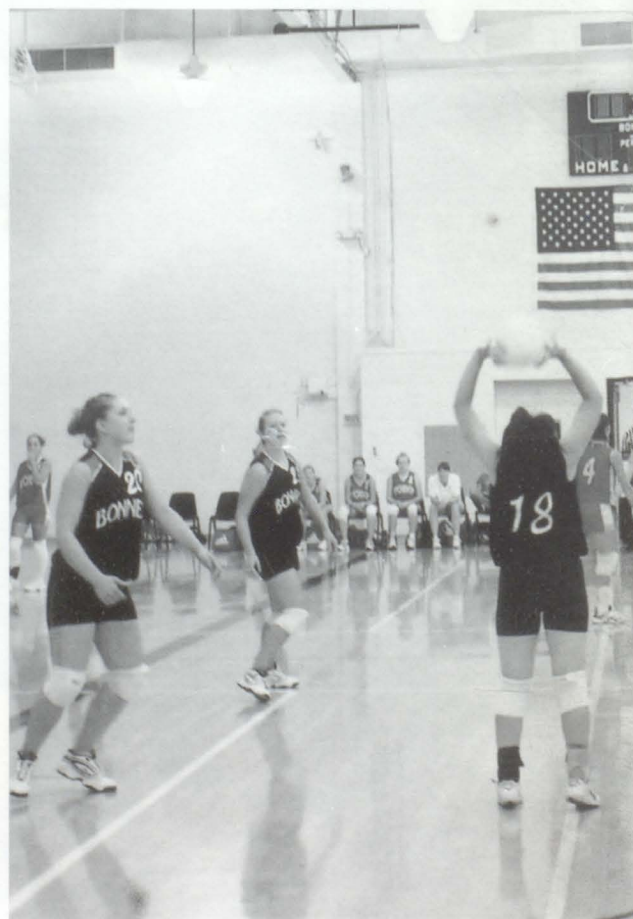
All in all, Ishihara was a great influence and the team was very excited that she was able to be a part of the team.

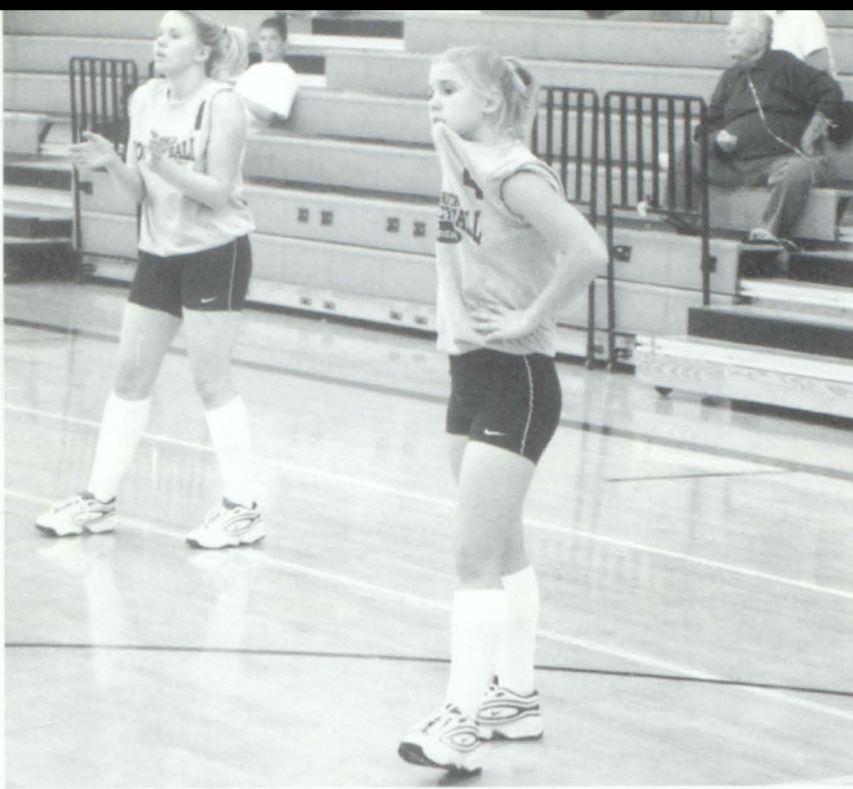
"I think she made a great impact on all of us," sophomore Ashley Pardew said. "We are going to miss her."

— Andrea Dill
Danielle Perica

SETTING IT UP

Foreign exchange student, Mayumi Ishihara sets the ball for juniors Amanda Berry and Lindsey Stanbrough. "We did a great job slamming balls in the opponents face," Stanbrough said. Ishihara was named first team All-Huron League.



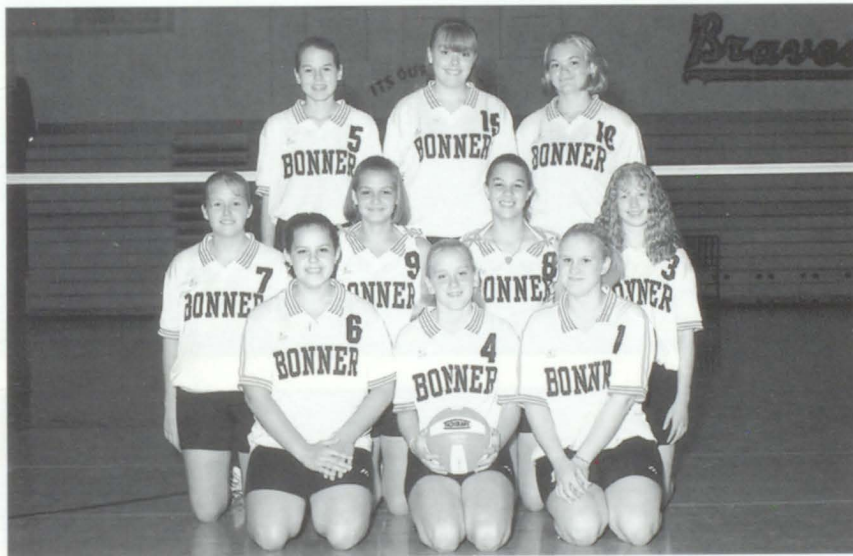


Let's Go Ladies

As sophomore Ashley Pardew bites her shirt to let off steam, sophomore Whitney Peterson cheers the volleyball girls on. "I bite on my shirt to let off some tension during the intense game," Pardew said.

SPIKIN' IT DOWN

Junior Nikki McGinnis waits for a possible save off the net while junior Andrea Dill goes in for the kill against Ottawa. "The games were tough but we did a great job and pulled through," McGinnis said. Dill played mostly center and made the first team on the All-Huron league team.



2001 FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL TEAM

First Row: Ashley M. Williams, Morgan Grabmiller, Cambry Hergesheimer. **Second Row:** Theresa Wild, Jessica Adkins, Alyssa Alexander, Kellie Lemon. **Back Row:** Allison Cushman, Ashley Newsom, DeDe Cline.



SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Eudora Quad | 0 - 3 |
| Bonner Quad | 0 - 3 |
| Baldwin Tournament | 1 - 3 |
| Basehor-Linwood Quad | 1 - 3 |
| Spring Hill Quad | 0 - 3 |
| Bonner Quad | 2 - 1 |
| WYCO Tournament | 5 - 1 |
| Sumner Quad | 2 - 1 |
| Bonner Tournament | 2 - 3 |
| Olathe South Quad | 2 - 1 |
| Sub-State | 0 - 1 |
| Overall Record | 15 - 22 |

AHH ACE! OH, AH ACE! WHOO! WHOO! WHOO!

After sophomore Jennifer Sullivan had a great serve, freshman Chase Crouch and sophomore Andrea Zarate congratulate her. The J.V. girls ended their season with a 17-16 record. "We did a great job and cheered each other on a lot," Sullivan said.

F O O T B A L L

Back on the Winning Track

“Our team never lost hope and always felt we would win the game and that was the key to winning,” senior Greg Forshey said.

He and twelve other seniors led the Braves to a 6-3 winning season—the first since 1997.

Forshey was correct in what he said. The Braves were a second half team with three comeback victories against Ottawa, Atchison, and Washington.

Ottawa was one of the most memorable games of the year. Down 6-14 going into the third quarter, the Braves never gave up and scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter and then tied it up when senior Tommy Gardner ran for a 2-point conversion.

It came down to sudden death overtime. The Braves offense, which averaged 14.2 points per game, was the first to score but their point after attempt fell short.

Therefore, it was up to the Braves defense, which only allowed an average of 10.3 points per game, to hold off the Cyclones for the victory.

“I’m proud of my team for not giving up in the third quarter, and coming back to beat them,” junior Jeff Burns said.

This was a great accomplishment because Bonner hadn’t beat Ottawa since 1989.

“We had some strong leaders, good work habits and positive attitudes. The team never quit and fought until the game was over,” Head Coach Lew Kasselmann said.

—Kevin Dame

LET’S RUN A 23 COUNTER

Senior quarterback Tommy Gardner gets the next play from Head Coach Lew Kasselmann during the season opener against the Basehor-Linwood Bobcats. Gardner ended the game with 133 yards in passing, 11 for 19 in passing, and one touchdown.



“LET THE BODIES HIT THE FLOOR”

Defensive linebacker coach, Jim Mitchell gives senior Cameron Gensler a high-five after the Braves “let the bodies hit the floor” during their comeback win against Ottawa. In order to get pumped up for their games, the team would jump around and yell out the lyrics to Drowning Pool’s, “Let the bodies hit the floor.” Gensler was second on the team in total tackles (47) and total assists (42), just behind senior Josh Bosley who led the team in both defensive categories, with 78 tackles and 57 assists.



2001 VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

Front Row: M. Middleton, W. Wright, C. Carpenter, P. Henry, J. Lamb, K. Mack, T. Mills. **Second Row:** M. Lopez, F. Vogán, D. Carson, K. Dame, D. Gardner, A. Sullivan, D. Hess, C. Vandenberg, D. Arnett. **Third Row:** D. Bass, K. Korgol, J. Mitchell, S. Cook, S. May, L. Kasselmann, M. Bechard, D. Burns, H. Mallonee, D. Lemon. **Fourth Row:** C. Gensler, K. Case, B. Burch, B. Shelton, R. Hall, G. Forshey, J. Vitatoe, J. Keeton, A. Weathers. **Fifth Row:** C. Cobbins, J. Davis, S. Meyers, V. Lockett, B. Rittinghouse, D. Kirby, L. Barber, D. Bolton. **Back Row:** L. Reyes, J. Grabmiller, M. Smith, J. Woods, C. Johnson, T. Gardner, J. Burns, J. Bosley, M. Hernandez.



2001 FRESHMEN FOOTBALL TEAM

Front Row: A. Barber, M. McKay, K. Carlyle, B. Ballard, C. Barber, S. Wiehe, A. Sturgeon, S. Henley. **Second Row:** J. Hanson, D. Knudson, M. Brownlee, J. Lamb, M. Pier, J. Parker, C. McDonald, J. LaCicero. **Back Row:** J. Deleon, R. Fahsel, T. Carnes, S. Jenkins, B. Rittinghouse, L. Crane, A. Holmes, J. Mackey, W. Davis.



SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Basehor-Linwood | 18 - 7 |
| Atchison | 16 - 14 |
| Ottawa | 20 - 14 |
| Bishop Ward | 3 - 13 |
| Turner | 0 - 7 |
| Sumner Academy | 14 - 0 |
| Washington | 15 - 14 |
| St. Thomas Aquinas | 7 - 17 |
| Schlagle | 35 - 8 |
| Overall Record | 6-3 |

YOU CAN'T HANDLE THIS

Senior wide receiver Chris Cobbins goes out for a pass during the shut out win against Sumner Academy. For the season, Cobbins led the team in total catches with 19, for a total of 254 yards. Cobbins also received All-League honors along with senior teammates Jeremy Woods and Josh Bosley. Woods was also selected to the All-Kansan and All-State teams.



It's Good!

Senior Tommy Gardner holds the ball as junior Chad Vandenberg kicks a field goal at the Ottawa game. Vandenberg kicked a total of 18 points this season with four field goals and six extra points. "I felt I was a good addition for the team. We did a good job this year," Vandenberg said.

BREAKING THROUGH

Sophomore fullback Drew Hess breaks tackles as he runs through the Atchison defense during a junior varsity game. "It was exciting running fullback this year because of the tougher competition, and we did a lot better this year," Hess said. The junior varsity team ended their season with a 4-3 record.

SCOREBOARD

| | Boys | Girls |
|-----------------|------|-------|
| Anderson County | 3rd | 5th |
| Wamego | 10th | 15th |
| Bonner | 1st | 4th |
| Tonganoxie | 4th | 7th |
| Lansing | 2nd | 4th |
| Mill Valley | 4th | 7th |
| Huron League | 2nd | 2nd |
| Regionals | 7th | 9th |
| State | N/A | N/A |

OUT OF THE CHUTE

With the rest of the junior varsity team right behind them, seniors Mitchell Miller and Jesse Kirk lead the pack out of the starting gate at the Bonner Invitational. The tandem finished fourth and second respectively, helping their team finish in first place. "It was the best time of my life," Kirk said.



TAKING OFF

As junior Morgan McConico takes off, she passes a girl from DeSoto at the Lansing Invite. McConico medaled in every race except Regionals, where she finished 23rd. She also made the All-Kansan Cross-Country Team.

AS A PACK

Juniors Jon VanMaren and Chris Stakley, along with senior Jack Holtzen work hard as a team as they strive for the finish line at the Bonner Invitational. The boys team took first place at the meet. "We have won this meet our last three years, so we knew we had to put the finishing touches in for our senior year, and we did," Holtzen said.



2001 CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

Front Row: C. Harding, M. Lewis, M. Pino. **Second Row:** K. Parks, L. Russell, A. Parks, M. McConico, K. Kirk, Ka. Yates, M. Miller, J. Eagle. **Third Row:** T. McGinnis, J. Mitchell, M. Ashford, D. Shepherd, J. McIntyre, S. Lutjen, J. Mortensen, J. Peters, M. Hickmon. **Back Row:** E. Shepherd, K. Ballard, J. Mackey, J. VanMaren, C. Stakley, M. Miller, J. Kirk, A. Mills, J. Holtzen, B. Downing.



CROSS-COUNTRY

Always Striving to Exceed the Limits



From a sleep-over at teammate Katie Park's house, where the girls made t-shirts and scrunchies, to weekly pasta parties, the cross-country team formed a bond like a family.

"They were very fun, except for the bruise I still have on my knee from Chris Stakely's house [when they played hide-and-go-seek]," freshman Amy Parks said. "Other than that they were a great time for the team to sit around and bond."

When it came to competition, the team used this bond to help them reach their goals.

The boys best meet was at the Bonner Invitational, where all of the varsity boys medaled, and the team took first place.

"Losing was not an option, so we had to push ourselves to our limit," junior Steven Lutjen said.

As for the girls, their best meet was the Mill Valley Invite. Most of the girls had their best times there on a full two-

mile course.

"The course was fun and quick," freshman Mandie Lewis said.

In preparation for Regionals, the boys focused on how they were going to make it to State as a team.

"If you all work hard and put in as much effort as you can, I will be proud with whatever the outcome may be," Coach Bill Downing said.

The whole team did their best on the unseasonably warm Saturday afternoon, but came up short qualifying as a team; however, Lutjen did place seventh and advanced to the State competition in Lawrence at Rim Rock Farm.

Lutjen performed well at State, placing sixteenth out of 94 runners, with a time of 17:34. This was a major improvement from his 46th place at State his sophomore year.

"He ran a really strong race. He didn't start out too fast and he ended very strong," junior Chris Stakely said.

In the end, three players made the All-Kansas Cross-Country Team: senior Michael Ashford and juniors Morgan McConico and Steven Lutjen.

~ Morgan McConico

STATE MEDALIST

Steven Lutjen shakes hands with the other medalists after receiving his 16th place medal at the State cross-country meet. "I had a lot of fun, but the time I ran wasn't really what I wanted it to be," Lutjen said.



TAKIN' IN SOME CARBS

Preparing for an upcoming race by pumping their bodies full of carbohydrates, the team gets together at Coach Downing's house for one of their pasta parties. At these parties they watched "That 70's Show" and "Survivor" while forming a team bond.

TEAMWORK

Seniors Lindsay Russell and Meryl Miller run side by side at the Huron League Meet at Wyandotte County Park. This was Russell's best meet, where she placed fourteenth and had a time of 15:54, and Miller finished nineteenth with a time of 16:16.

YOU GO GIRL!

Liz Brown, a sophomore, dribbles the ball down field. This was Brown's first year playing for the school. "I had played when I was little and had fun. So I decided to try out this year," Brown said.

A HEART STOPPER

Senior goalie Zach Powell blocks a ball kicked by a DeSoto offensive player. This was Powell's first year playing goalie. "It was challenging because I had to learn a new position and learn how to be more vocal," Powell said.



HE SHOOTS. . . HE SCORES!

Freshman Jacob Hachinski goes for a shot during warm-ups. Hachinski was one of the few freshmen who played on the junior varsity team. "Being a freshman on the soccer team was pretty good," Hachinski said.



SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| DeSoto | 0 - 6 |
| Harmon | 6 - 8 |
| Bishop Ward | 2 - 5 |
| Atchison | 2 - 3 |
| Turner | 0 - 5 |
| Sumner Academy | 3 - 1 |
| Ottawa | 1 - 7 |
| Bishop Ward | 5 - 6 |
| Maur Hill | 1 - 3 |
| Ottawa | 0 - 5 |
| Maranatha Academy | 3 - 6 |
| Sumner Academy | 6 - 0 |
| Ward | 3 - 4 |
| Atchison | 4 - 5 |
| Turner | 0 - 11 |
| Sumner Academy | 8 - 6 |
| Shawnee Heights | 1 - 9 |

Overall Record 3 - 14



2001 SOCCER TEAM

Front Row: M. Hickmon, L. Brown, C. Harding, C. Gearheart. **Second Row:** D. Perica, D. Adger, J. Wright, D. McCullough, J. Buck, J. Mortensen, M. Lewis, J. Caudill, V. Lewis, R. McComb, J. Hachinski, F. Twist. **Back Row:** D. Toland, J. Wood, S. Babcock, B. Crawley, D. Pino, D. Baxter, C. Vandenberg, N. Border, K. Black, R. Kramer, S. Buck, J. VanMaren, Z. Powell, J. Woodall, K. Foley, B. Dinnebier.



GOIN' FOR THE GOAL

While chasing after the ball, sophomore Cara Harding tries to keep the ball in bounds. Harding was one of two girls that played on varsity. "It's a sport and I love it, plus I get to push around the guys!" Harding said.

MOVE OUT OF THE WAY

Junior Jon VanMaren collides into a DeSoto player while trying to get the ball down field. "As a captain on the team, I think we did good for being so young. I'm looking forward to next year," VanMaren said.



S O C C E R

Leading the Way to Excellence



Starting the season with apprehensions, the soccer team gained new players and a new assistant coach, Mr. Brent Dinnebier.

"I love coaching at BSHS. I like the students, staff, and the atmosphere," Mr. Dinnebier said.

There were many new players, and many players playing new positions.

"We needed someone to step up and be goalie, and Zach [Powell] stepped up to the challenge," Head Coach David Toland said.

Like the season before, the soccer team was coed. Sophomores Cara Harding and Liz Brown played on varsity and sophomore Danielle Perica played on junior varsity.

"It was exciting, it was like a never

ending story, because of the smell of the grass, and the thudding of the cleats," Perica said.

Even though the soccer team was fairly young and had to get accustomed to a new coach, they did improve by the end of the season.

In the first half of the Regional Tournament, they fell behind 0-9 against Shawnee Heights, but in the second half they scored first and controlled the rest of the game, not allowing Shawnee Heights to score.

Even with a good turn around in the second half, the team still lost 1-9.

"We all knew we didn't have anything to lose, so we never gave up," Toland said.

~Kallie Moore

LET'S HAVE YOU PLAY. . .

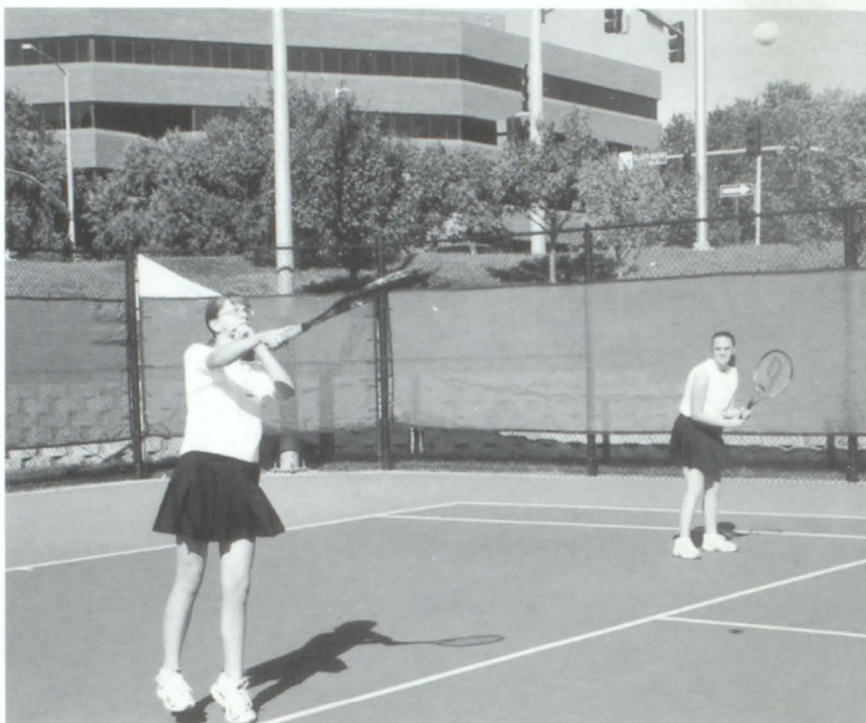
Stephen Babcock, junior, talks strategy with Head Coach David Toland before their first game against DeSoto. This was Babcock's first year playing soccer. "This year was exciting, an adrenaline rush, and scary. I will definitely play again next year," Babcock said.

TEAMMATES WORK TOGETHER

Doubles team, sophomores Tara Smith and Amber McAvoy covered the court so that the ball could not get past them. "It was fun playing with Tara because she didn't get in my way, and we worked well together," McAvoy said.

STILL GOING STRONG

Sophomore Alisha Mathiesen gets herself ready for returning the ball. "I enjoyed covering either front or back instead of left or right when I played doubles," said Mathiesen.



G I R L S T E N N I S

Another Goal Met – Mission Complete

For the girls tennis team it was a year of hard work and dedication, and a year of practice with sweat.

There were a total of 28 players on the team, with eight returning lettermen: Brandy Miller, Sara Miller, Becky Heckert, Alexis Eker, Shannon Davidson, Erica Schempp, Stephanie Fesenmeyer, and Bianca Luviano.

"Some of our goals this year included medaling at our invitational tournament and qualifying a singles player or a doubles team for State," Coach Bill Scott said.

The varsity girls pulled through and met part of their goals by placing first at the Bonner Invitational, but they did not qualify anyone for State.

"We played really, really bad at Regionals. We could of beat the people we played," senior Becky Heckert said.

The junior varsity team also placed medals at the J.V. Bonner Invitational. Doubles partners Alisha Mathiesen and Amy Marcel placed first in the number ones and received a gold medal.

"I expected to come out with third but as soon as Amy hit the opponent with the ball, I knew we were coming on top!" Mathiesen said.

Scott had wanted a dedicated team and he got exactly that.

"This was the largest squad and one of the most successful varsities in a long time. It was a fun season," Scott said.

~Amy Marcel
Lisa Assmann

SERVING TO WIN

Junior Amy Marcel gets ready to serve the ball to the opposing players on the Bishop Miede team. This was Marcel's first year on the team because of a knee surgery she had the summer before.





KEEPING HER EYE ON THE BALL

Sophomore Alexis Kimbrough returns the ball to the the opposing team. Kimbrough was only able to play for part of the season because she had scoliosis surgery like her teammate senior Becky Heckert had done during her sophomore year. "I hope to recover like Becky and become better than I was before," Kimbrough said.

STRIVING FOR THE TOP

Junior Sara Miller returns the ball while she plans her next move. Miller was second on the ladder with only one person above her, senior Brandy Miller. "It's the same as being 28th, only the competition is harder," Brandy Miller said.



2001 GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

Front Row: Coach B. Scott, K. Miser, A. McAvoy, T. Smith, D. Perica, J. Huston, A. Boddy, S. Kuns, K. Stephens, Assistant Coach D. Loker. **Back Row:** S. Miller, S. Fesenmeyer, L. McConico, B. Luviano, B. Heckert, A. Marcel, A. Eker, B. Miller, A. McConico, M. Tuttle, K. Szewc, S. Davidson, L. Roberts. **Not Pictured:** A. Mathiesen, E. Schempp, A. Bush, J. Ventura, J. Plumb, A. Kimbrough, K. Kirk.

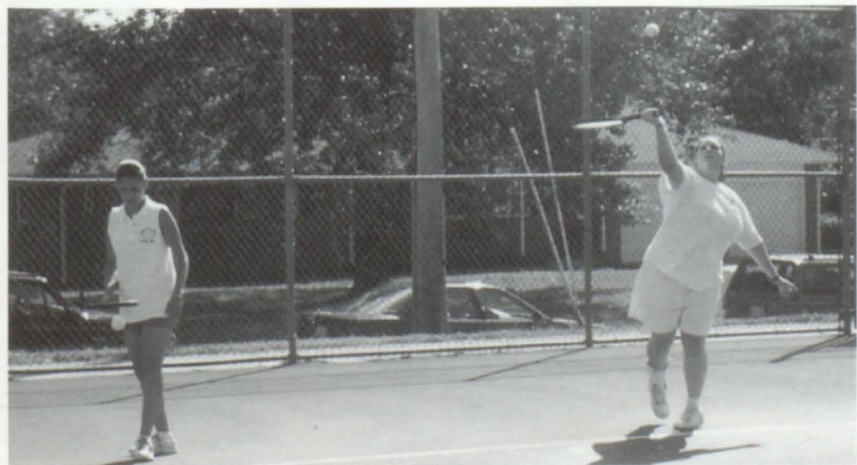
SCOREBOARD

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| Sumner Academy | 4 - 0 |
| Lincoln Academy | 13 - 0 |
| Hiawatha | 3 - 1 |
| Lawrence | 6 - 3 |
| Atchison | 2 - 2 |
| Leavenworth | 2 - 2 |
| Olathe North | 3 - 3 |
| St. Thomas Aquinas | 3 - 6 |
| Maranatha Academy | 3 - 6 |
| Bishop Miege | 5 - 6 |
| Blue Valley | 0 - 6 |
| Bishop Miege | 0 - 4 |
| Bonner Invitational | 1st |
| DeSoto Invitational | 2nd |
| Baldwin Invitational | 3rd |

Overall Dual Record 4 - 5 - 3

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Varsity seniors, Bianca Luviano and Alexis Eker practice their serves before the meet at Lawrence High School. "It was an exciting meet (Lawrence), very close," junior Jessica Ventura said. The girls ended up winning the dual meet 6-3.



WRESTLING

Heading Straight for State

The wrestlers gave first-time Head Coach Dan Burns a winning season. They took first place in both Huron League and Regionals, qualifying 11 wrestlers for the Class 5-A State tournament in Wichita.

"It felt good to work with some highly motivated young athletes," Burns said.

The members of the team also felt privileged to work with Burns as their new coach.

"He helped everyone improve by picking up intensities. Burns was the best coach I've ever had," junior Spencer Buck said.

At the Huron League Tournament, junior David Bass won all of his matches, leading his team to an overall first place finish.

After their success at Huron League, the wrestlers kept their momentum going and headed to the Regional competition. It was held at the new Turner High School, and the

Braves brought home another first place team plaque, along with four individual gold medals and two individual silver medals.

Sophomore Erick Ratliff, junior Donnie Shepherd, sophomore Danny Gardner, and Bass all took first, and juniors Matt Middleton and Chad Vandenberg took second.

"It felt good. It was my first first place and it came at a good time because of State," Gardner said.

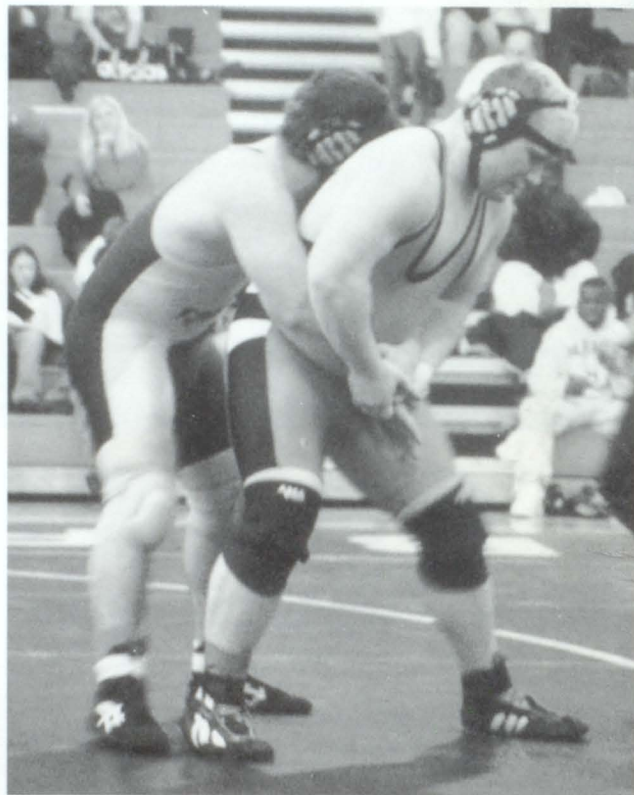
State welcomed 11 wrestlers, two of which medaled. Bass placed third and Ratliff placed fifth.

"It felt good to get third, because it was one of my goals to place in the top four. Next year I'm going to win it all," Bass said.

—Kallie Moore

THE GREAT ESCAPE

Junior David Bass, 215 pounds, tries to escape the hold of an opposing wrestler during the championship round at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. Bass took second at this tournament and his over-all individual record was 24 - 9.



POWER HALF

Awarded two points, sophomore Erick Ratliff, 103 pounds, pulls a reversal against a Shawnee Mission Northwest's Studie Redcorn at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. Ratliff wrestled since he was seven years old and his dedication to the sport helped him to a fifth place finish at State. "I feel proud about my fifth place, being only a sophomore," Ratliff said.

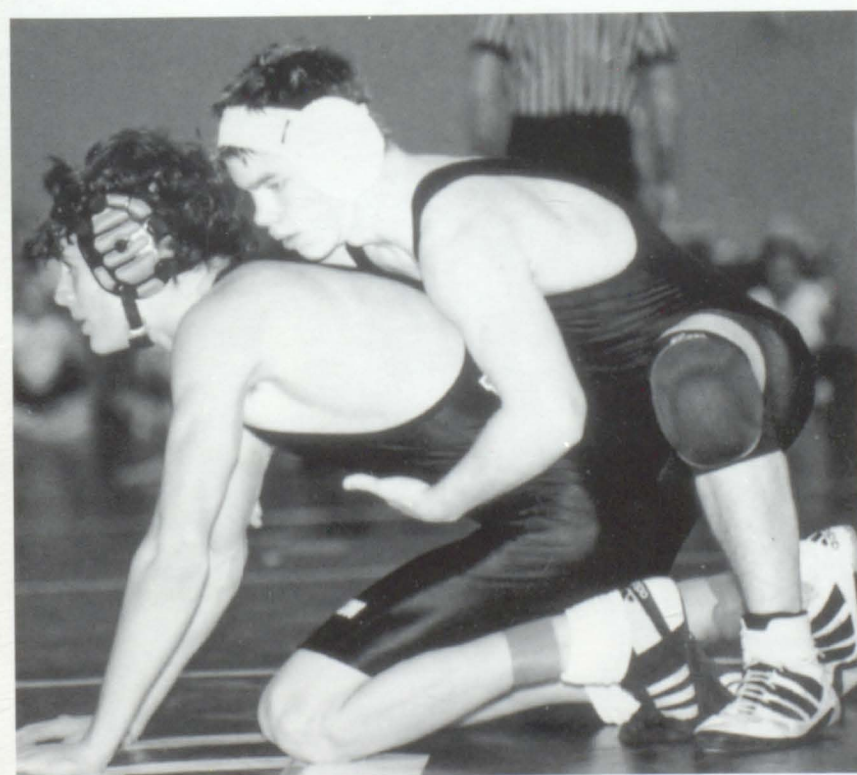
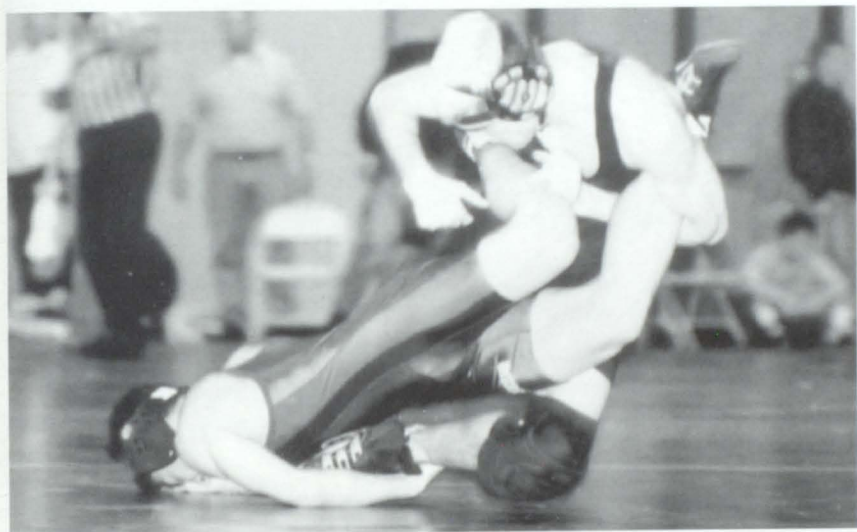


FOCUS ON WHAT YOU ARE DOING!

Head Coach Dan Burns and Assistant Coach Mike Holloway yell out strategies to the wrestlers. Although this was Burns's first year as head coach, he felt very strongly about his assistant coach, and what he did for the team. "He's a good person and a great coach. He has a lot of experience and a good rapport with the athletes. Coach Holloway is well respected by the team," Burns said.



2001-2002 WRESTLING TEAM
Front Row: M. McKay, F. Vogán, B. Ballard, J. Mackey, P. Baley, Z. Powell, D. Adger, C. Mulich.
Second Row: A. Caudill, C. Moppin, K. Kobe, K. Nay, M. Hickmon, J. Buck, C. Vandenberg, M. Middleton, E. Ratliff, N. Sparks, T. Matthews, C. Carpenter, J. Vogel. **Back Row:** D. Shepherd, N. Border, D. Gardner, B. Rittinghouse, J. Vogel, D. Burns, M. Hallway, J. Burns, C. Fraundorfer, R. Silvers, S. Buck.



SCOREBOARD

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Louisburg | 65 - 9 |
| Basehor-Linwood | 27 - 48 |
| Leavenworth Challenge | N/A |
| Gardner Tournament | 2nd |
| Paola | 38 - 31 |
| Leavenworth | 64 - 16 |
| Rockhurst | 27 - 43 |
| Turner | 37 - 33 |
| Schlagle | 60 - 24 |
| Washington | 47 - 21 |
| Dick Burns Mat Classic | 3rd |
| Basehor/Linwood Tournament | 17th |
| Blue Valley NW Tournament | 4th |
| Sumner | 38 - 26 |
| Turner | 35 - 30 |
| Atchison | 37 - 36 |
| Ottawa | 69 - 12 |
| Ward | 61 - 10 |
| Huron League | 1st |
| 5-A Regional Tournament | 1st |
| 5-A State Tournament | 10th |
| Dual Record 11 - 2 | |

SCRAMBLE!
 Junior Donnie Shepherd, 135 pounds, attempts a takedown on a Lawrence-Free State wrestler at the Basehor-Linwood Tournament. Shepherd took fifth at the tournament and ended the season with a 33-9 record.



HOLD HIM!
 Junior Chad Vandenberg, 130 pounds, puts Topeka Seament's Jake McKee in a head and arm hold during the third place match at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. Vandenberg was awarded two points for holding him for three seconds and ended up winning the match. "My goals this year were to place in every tournament, and to do well in State," Vandenberg said.

"PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE"
 Junior Spencer Buck waits for the official to blow the whistle after wrestling out-of-bounds. Buck moved from the 130 weight class to the 140 weight class. "I have improved a lot. I learned a lot of new moves, and used a lot of new moves. This year was one of the best years I've had," Buck said.

SCOREBOARD

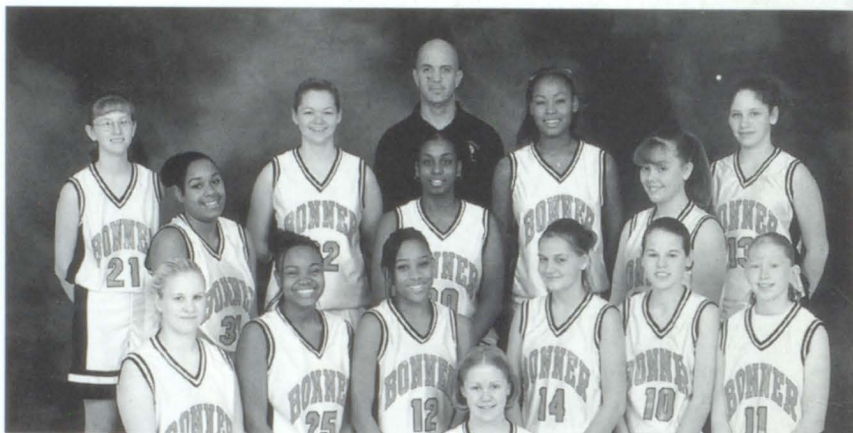
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| Basehor-Linwood | 58 - 31 |
| Mill Valley | 67 - 35 |
| Gardner-Edgerton | 42 - 24 |
| Tonganoxie | 60 - 50 |
| Bishop Ward | 37 - 53 |
| Ottawa | 43 - 46 |
| Atchison | 48 - 33 |
| Sumner Academy | 35 - 50 |
| Fort Scott | 32 - 47 |
| Lincoln Prep | 28 - 41 |
| Mill Valley | 49 - 33 |
| Topeka Seaman | 23 - 58 |
| Turner | 73 - 40 |
| Ottawa | 35 - 43 |
| Atchison | 59 - 28 |
| Shawnee Mission | 35 - 55 |
| Sumner Academy | 40 - 49 |
| Bishop Ward | 50 - 49 |
| Wyandotte | 47 - 42 |
| Turner | 61 - 40 |
| Washington | 62 - 28 |
| Shawnee Heights | 32 - 56 |

Overall Record 12 - 10



2001-2002 JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM

Front Row: LaPourchea McConico, Ashley McConico, Ashley Pardew, Liz Brown, Jennifer Sullivan. Second Row: Nyse Pinks, Shayla Davis. Third Row: Samantha Bond, Mayumi Ishihara, Dori Dragush, Holly Miller, Chase Crouch, Andrea Zarate. Back Row: John Rost.



2001-2002 FRESHMEN TEAM

Front Row: Chase Crouch. Second Row: Cambry Hergesheimer, Lucretia Hinson, Ashley Venerable, Jessica Adkins, Allison Cushman, Kellie Lemon. Back Row: Candice Craven, Kristen Lee, Ashley Newsom, Tara Smith, DeDe Cline, Shantenie Tyner, Ashley M. Williams.

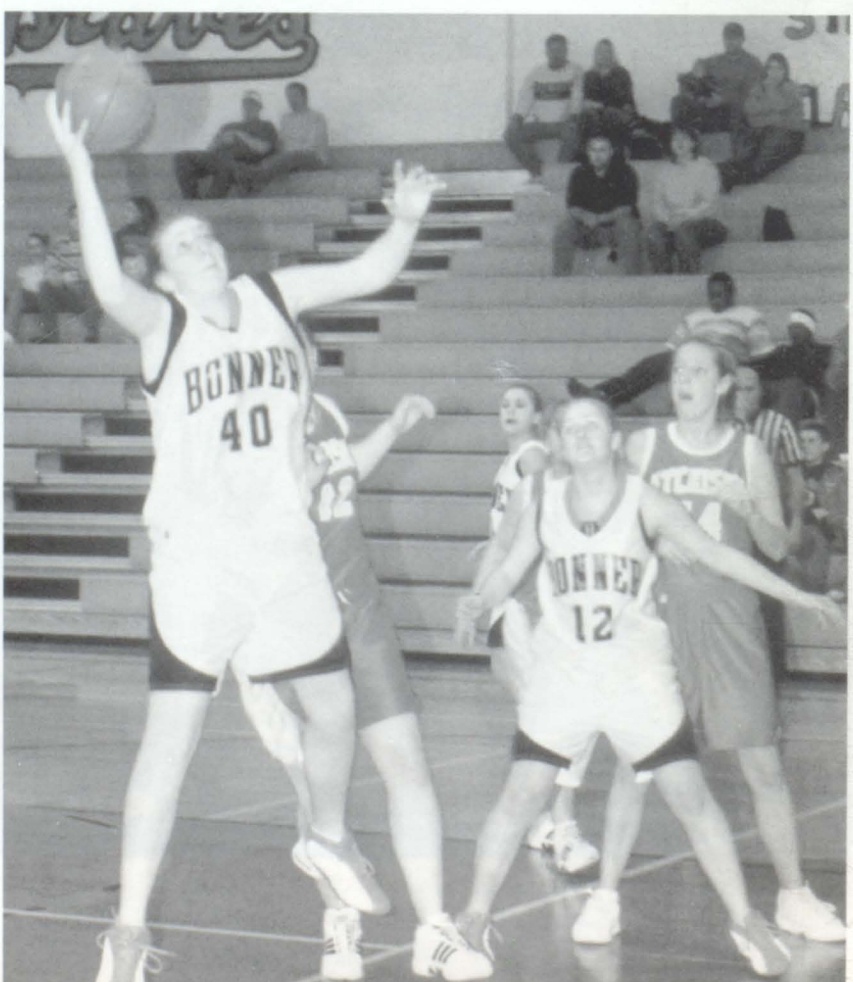


THIS ONE'S GOING IN

Junior LaPourchea McConico concentrates on making her free-throw during the junior varsity game against Sumner Academy. "I was just hoping that I would make it. We really needed a few more points. We just really needed to score," McConico said.

REBOUNING AND SCORING LEADER

Andrea Dill, junior, jumps as high as she can to get a rebound. "I knew that Atchison was a big game that we had to overcome, and I was just working my hardest to get as many rebounds as I could," Dill said. For the season, Dill led the team in scoring with 227 points, and in rebounds, with 185. She also made the Basehor-Linwood Tournament Team and the All-Huron League First Team.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rising Above to Meet the Challenges



The girls basketball team ended with a winning season although the girls were very frustrated at times.

"It was hard for us to keep playing at times, but we toughed it out to finish the season," junior Andrea Dill said.

The year was filled with obstacles. Though juniors Amanda Berry, Morgan McConico, Lindsey Stanbrough and Dill were very experienced from playing basketball in the summer and were also returning starters, the team lacked senior leadership.

Senior Amittia Davis began the season but then opted not to come back after Christmas because she wanted to focus on her studies more.

"Though we didn't have any seniors, the team went on without them," sophomore Andrea Zarate said.

Next, the Bravettes dealt with several injuries.

First, Stanbrough broke her finger

UP SHE GOES

After a steal, junior Morgan McConico drives to the basket during the Atchison home game. As point guard, McConico led the team in assists with 81 and in steals with 72. She was also named First Team All-Huron League.

during the Basehor-Linwood Tournament. Next, Berry sprained her knee and then eventually tore her Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) during the Wyandotte game, putting her out for the rest of the season.

Besides these two serious injuries, sophomore reserve Nyse Pinks was out for several weeks with water on both of her knees.

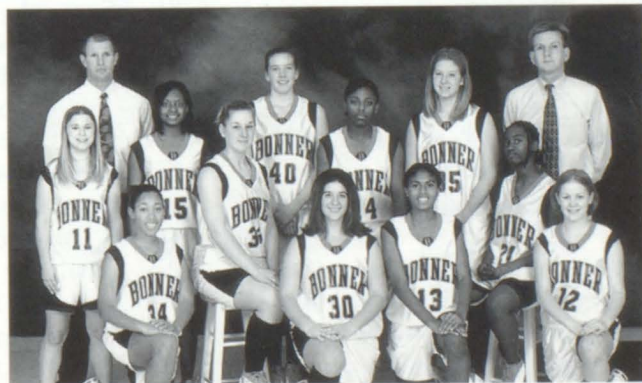
With two starters and another reserve gone, Head Coach Garold Baker had to move up some younger players to fill their roles. Freshman Chase Crouch and sophomores Shayla Davis and Ashley Pardew stepped up to the challenge.

"We started out great, then things got a little rocky, but we ended the season well," sophomore Shayla Davis said.

Hosting Sub-State, the girls won their first game against the Washington Wildcats and then faced a strong Shawnee Heights team for the championship game. It was a hard fought battle, but the Bravettes were out-sized and couldn't match up against Heights.

"The season ended on a good note, and we're looking forward to next year's season," Baker said.

—Morgan McConico



2001-2002 VARSITY TEAM

Front Row: LaPourchea McConico, Holly Miller, Morgan McConico, Chase Crouch. **Second Row:** Amanda Berry, Shayla Davis. **Third Row:** Ashley Pardew, Amittia Davis, Andrea Dill, Nyse Pinks, Lindsey Stanbrough. **Back Row:** Garold Baker, John Rost.

GET OUT OF MY WAY

Junior Holly Miller drives hard to the basket for a quick lay-up. "Atchison wasn't a hard team, but we couldn't go in and underestimate them, but I'm glad we won," Miller said.

TRIPLE THREAT

Junior Aaron Weathers stands in triple threat position—shoot, pass, or dribble. Weathers led the team in rebounds (140) and was second in steals (52), assists (70) and total points (198). Weathers also was named honorable mention All-Huron League along with senior teammate Chris Cobbins who led the team in steals (55) and assists (146).

BRING IT ON

Sophomore Kevin Dame plays defense against his Bishop Miege opponent as junior varsity coach Dan Streit looks on. The junior varsity had a record of 7-12.



SCOREBOARD

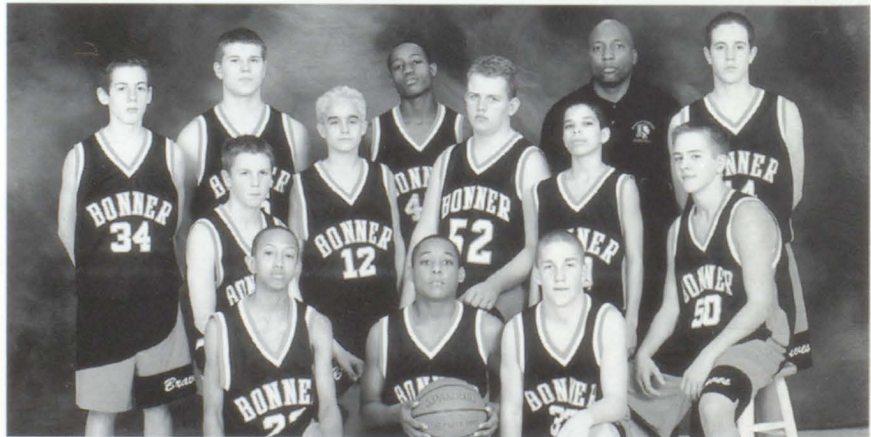
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| Basehor-Linwood | 59 - 43 |
| Immaculata | 55 - 51 |
| Gardner-Edgerton | 67 - 75 |
| Tonganoxie | 56 - 52 |
| Bishop Ward | 60 - 56 |
| Ottawa | 79 - 82 |
| Atchison | 71 - 65 |
| Sumner Academy | 63 - 75 |
| Pleasant Ridge | 77 - 64 |
| Van Horn | 66 - 69 |
| Tonganoxie | 81 - 46 |
| Topeka Seamon | 52 - 68 |
| Bishop Ward | 79 - 64 |
| Ottawa | 59 - 81 |
| Atchison | 63 - 62 |
| Paola | 72 - 65 |
| Turner | 49 - 57 |
| Sumner Academy | 54 - 64 |
| Bishop Miege | 44 - 81 |
| Turner | 81 - 85 |
| Shawnee Heights | 52 - 64 |

Overall Record 10 - 11



2001-2002 VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM

Front Row: Chris Cobbins. **Second Row:** Drew Hess, Michael Cook, Chris Loggins, Aaron Weathers, Jeremy Krug, Romie Hall, Chris Stakely, Don Kirby. **Third Row:** Sidney Birdsong, Vincent Lockett, Steven Lutjen, George Elmer, T.J. McGinnis, Brett Shelton. **Back Row:** Dan Streit, Michael Copeland, Jared Gillespie, Scott Gray, Sean Birdsong, Chris Johnson, Travis Shockey, Andy Price, Anthony Spencer.



2001-2002 FRESHMEN TEAM

Front Row: Lamont Gilrath, Christian McDonald, Jeremy Morris. **Second Row:** Matt Kerl, Opie Knight, Zach Wilcox, Toine Barber, Jordan Lamb. **Back Row:** Josh Mortensen, A.J. Holmes, William Davis, Anthony Spencer, David Baxter.



ANOTHER THREE POINTER

Michael Cook, junior, shoots a three pointer against Atchison. Cook shot 45% from the three-point line, leading the team with 78. He also led the team in overall points with 328 and was named First Team All-Huron League.

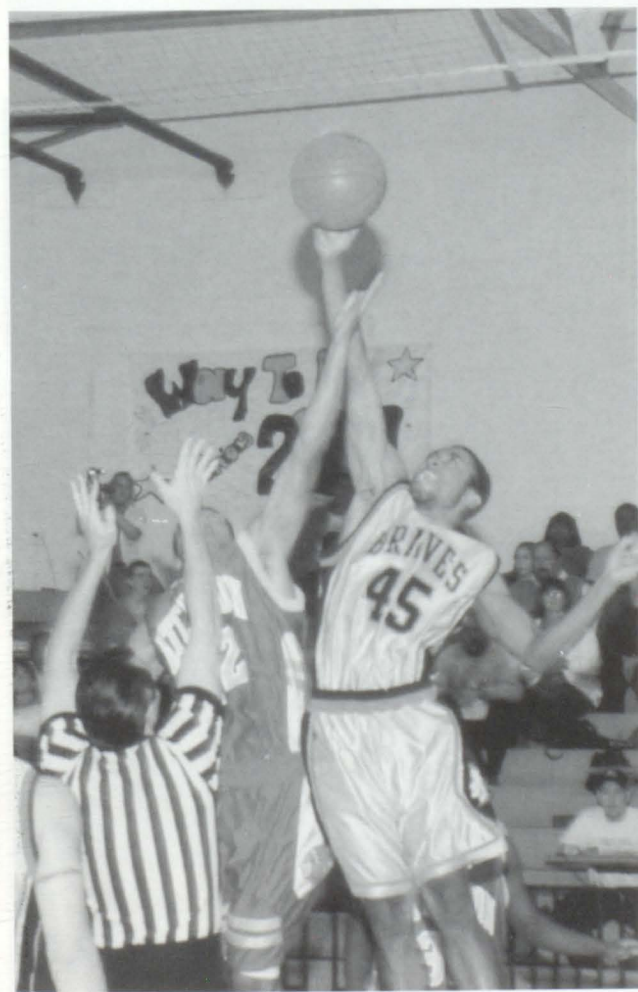
HUDDLIN' UP

The varsity team gets pumped up before the game by huddling up. Usually senior Michael Copeland would lead the team in the huddle with some sort of motivational quote. He was voted "Most Inspirational Player" by his teammates.



BOYS BASKETBALL

A Great New Start



The Braves were looking forward to a better season with a new head coach, Mr. Andy Price, and a new freshmen coach, Mr. Anthony Spencer.

"It was definitely more stressful than being the assistant coach, but it was fun seeing the progress of the team," Price said.

One improvement Price made for the program was the team had to dress up for every home game.

"In order to play good, you have to feel good, and in order to feel good you have to look good," junior varsity Coach Dan Streit said.

Once the season got started, the Braves beat the Basehor Bobcats in the home opener by 16 points. The highlight of the game was when junior Michael Cook set a new school record of ten three-pointers made in a game.

"I felt confident in my shot, and it felt good to score," Cook said.

In the middle of the season the team lost senior guard Sean Birdsong when

DANG! HE'S UP!

Senior Romie Hall gets up off the floor for a jump ball in the Atchison home game. "I think we had a good season, but I also think we slacked on defense sometimes and could have done better," Hall said.

he broke his right ankle in the Ward game at Kansas City Kansas Community College. This was an obstacle for the Braves since Birdsong was a returning letter winner and a starter.

However, the team prevailed without Birdsong in the lineup and had a strong showing at the Tonganoxie Tournament, finishing in third place.

One of the most exciting games of the year was the Braves one point victory over the Atchison Redmen. Junior Aaron Weathers made a shot at the buzzer to give the Braves the victory.

"Aaron's last second shot was the best part of the season because it was an unbelievable finish," junior T.J. McGinnis said.

The boys ended their season by falling to top-seeded Shawnee Heights in the first round of Sub-State play.

"Our season ended okay, but could of been better. I wish we could have gone further in Sub-state," junior Jared Gillespie said.

Heights went on to be the Class 5-A State Champions.

"It was disappointing to lose, but good to see what it takes to be a State championship team," Price said.

—Kevin Dame

BRILLIANT BACKHAND

Junior T.J. McGinnis uses his backhand to return the ball against a Shawnee Mission West opponent. The dual with SMW was the first match played on Bonner's new courts in front of the high school.

READY FOR ACTION

Junior Terrell Davis waits with anticipation as his partner, junior Kenny Ballard, serves the ball. Just because a ball was not in his range of hitting, Davis didn't give up; he was always on the ball and considered "Mr. Hustle" according to Coach Bill Scott.



BOYS TENNIS

Motivation and Determination

Was it the juice that got the boys tennis team pumped up? Was it the feeling of winning? Or was it the fact that they finally got to go out and show the opposing team what they had and what they were made of?

"When you are losing and you come back and show the other player what you are made of is the best feeling you can have in tennis," junior David Lemon said.

Although they didn't get together for pasta parties like the cross-country and track teams, every player on the tennis team had his own way of preparing himself for each match. Some got ready mentally on the way to the match in the van, and others just hoped for the best.

"I jogged a little and practiced with teammates to prepare myself," junior Kyle Foley said.

While some players motivated themselves, other players were motivated or inspired by their teammates.

"I get my motivation for my team and myself. I hate to lose and that's my motivation," junior Chris Loggins said.

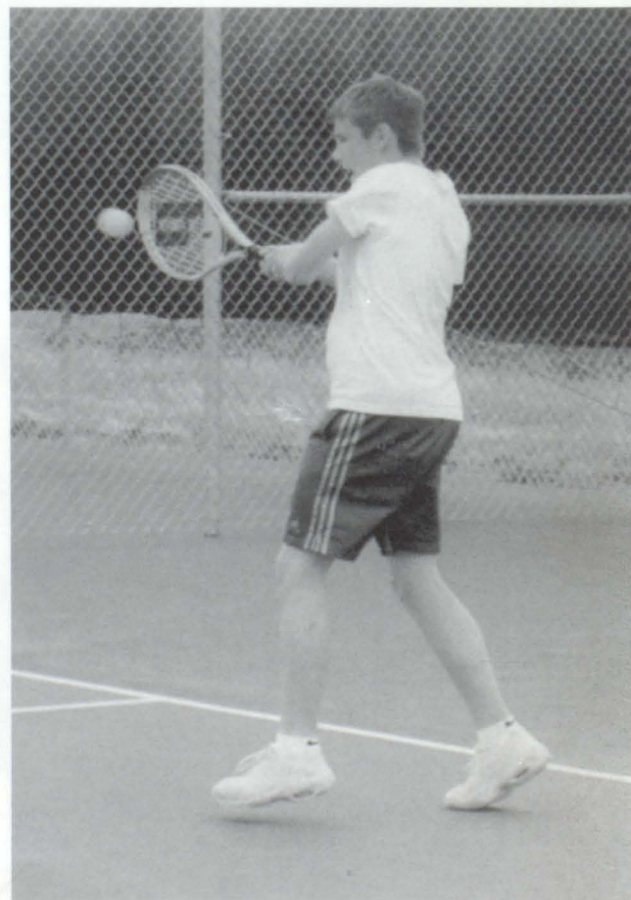
What motivated Head Coach Bill Scott during the season?

"I am motivated by seeing the smiles on all my players faces as they improve and have success in our meets," Scott said. "I also love the kind of kids that come out for tennis. They are great students and great all-around active kids in their school."

—Amy Marcel

TWIST IT LIKE THIS

Freshman Matt Kerl twists and turns as he uses his backhand to make sure he can get to the ball and return it in time. "Kerl was a serious player with some of the best strokes of the younger players," Coach Scott said.





SENSATIONAL SERVE

Junior Kenny Ballard expands himself off the ground as he serves the ball to a Sumner player at Johnson County Community College courts. "Ballard's sense of humor kept everyone on the court laughing and from getting too stressed out," Coach Scott said.

ON THE MOVE

Freshman Josh Mortensen returns the ball to the Shawnee Mission Northwest team while his doubles partner, freshman Matt Kerl, observes his moves. "Josh is the human backboard. The ball keeps coming back," Coach Scott said.



SCOREBOARD

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|---|
| Blue Valley Dual | 3 - 6 | L |
| Lawrence Dual | 8 - 7 | W |
| Bonner Springs Invite | 4th | |
| St. Thomas Aquinas Dual | 3 - 4 | L |
| Sumner Academy Dual | 8 - 1 | W |
| Ottawa Invite | 6th | |
| Leavenworth Invite | 2nd | |
| Mill Valley Dual | 6 - 2 | W |
| Shawnee Mission West Dual | 4 - 7 | L |
| Lincoln Academy Dual | 11 - 2 | W |
| Olathe North Dual | N/A | |
| Huron League | N/A | |
| Regionals | N/A | |
| State | N/A | |



2002 BOYS TENNIS TEAM

Front Row: Matt Kerl, Josh Mortensen, David Lemon, T.J. McGinnis, Kyle Foley, Becky Heckert.
Back Row: Coach Bill Scott, Dustin Carson, Tyler Cooper, Kenny Ballard, Chris Loggins, Terrell Davis, Assistant Coach Deb Loker.

T R A C K

Going for State One More Time

The track team started their season off with an exceptional start at the Baldwin Invitational.

"We did really well for taking only eleven girls, and for getting as many gold medals as we had," Head Coach Jim Mitchell said.

Freshman Ashley Venerable came out with an outstanding start. She took first in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. She also anchored the 4 x 100 meter relay which took first also.

"I think we did outstanding, and I think I did well for my first meet. I shocked myself," Venerable said.

As the season progressed the team slowly started to peak, and they were on their way to a rewarding finish.

The Bonner Invitational ended with juniors Steven Lutjen, Anne Miser, Aaron Weathers, and freshman Venerable taking first place in all their individual events.

Unfortunately, Venerable and sophomore Shayla Davis were injured midway through the season and this

hurt the girls team because these two were the third and fourth leg of the girls 4 x 100 meter relay team.

However, the team rebounded from these injuries and still sent 11 tracksters to State competition in Wichita on May 24-25.

This would not have happened without the 19 personal records set at Regionals on May 17, held at Topeka Seaman High School. Additionally, the boys 4 x 100 meter relay team (Cameron Gensler, Shawn Meyers, Aaron Weathers, Romie Hall) set a school record (.44) at the meet.

"I was pleased that we took 11 athletes to State this year and covered many events," Mitchell said.

—Morgan McConico

OUT OF THE BLOCKS

Freshman Ashley Venerable shoots straight out the blocks during the 100 meter sprint at the Gardner Invitational. Venerable placed third in the 100 meter run and second in the 200 meter run. "I was surprised, because I thought there would be bigger and better schools there. I was happy that I placed third," Venerable said.



READY, SET,...

Getting ready for the 100 meter dash, sophomore Shayla Davis prepares to get out of the blocks, while senior Romie Hall holds her blocks at the Gardner Invitational. "I was injured so I didn't do as well as I thought I could," Davis said.



2002 Track Team

Front Row: K. Yates, M. McConico, A. Garcia. **Second Row:** C. Harding, S. Davis, M. Ishihara, M. Rainbolt, A. Venerable, A. Miser, M. Miller, A. McConico. **Third Row:** J. Mitchell, A. Seiler, W. Mitchell, N. Smith, S. Wiehe, M. Hickmon, S. Miller, B. Downing, D. Burns. **Fourth Row:** D. Shepherd, D. Adger, C. McDonald, J. DeLeon, D. Bass, M. Brownlee, L. Bolton. **Fifth Row:** S. Lutjen, J. Mackey, C. Gensler, J. VanMaren, D. Baxter, E. Shepherd, K. Kobe, W. Davis, G. Forshey. **Back Row:** A. Weathers, S. Jenkins, V. Lockett, T. Shockey, D. Seifried, S. Meyers, R. Hall, S. Babcock.



PUSH

Sophomore Ashley McConico takes off in the open 100 meter run during the Gardner Invitational. McConico also ran on the 4x100 meter relay, which took third place.

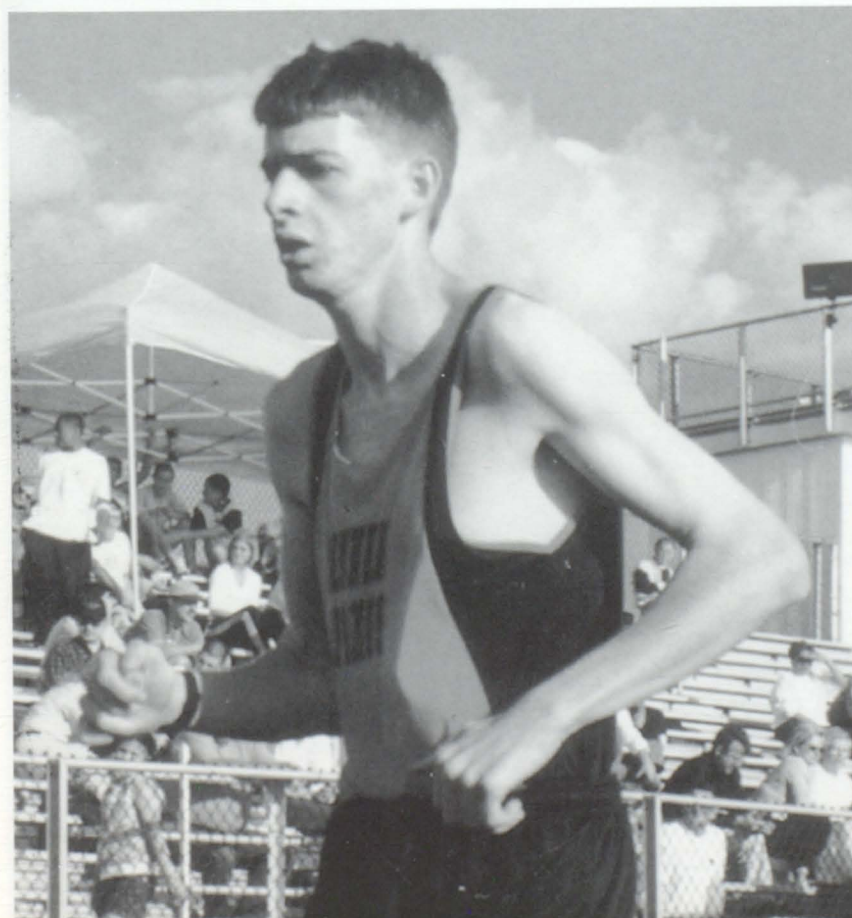
SCOREBOARD

| | <u>Boys</u> | <u>Girls</u> |
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| Baldwin Invite | 4th | 6th |
| Basehor Relays | 4th | 5th |
| William Jewell Invite | N/A | N/A |
| Bonner Invite | 3rd | 4th |
| DeSoto Invite | 9th | 7th |
| Gardner Invite | 7th | 7th |
| Wellsville Invite | 8th | 11th |
| Huron League | 3rd | 4th |
| Regionals | 3rd | 7th |
| State | N/A | N/A |



SEE-YA'

Freshman David Baxter runs the open 400 meter run at the DeSoto Invitational and passes another runner from Bishop Ward as he nears the finish line. "It was hard, and I probably could have done better, but I learned from the experience," Baxter said.



UP

Freshman Nathan Smith takes off running, counting out his steps to prepare to jump over the pole vault bar at the Gardner Invitational. "I set a new personal record (P.R.) for myself, I think I did well," Smith said. Smith made it to State as a freshman in pole vault.

GREAT FORM

Everett Shepherd, sophomore, strides out during the one mile run at the DeSoto Invitational. "I ran a good strong race but I still need to improve on some very important things," Shepherd said. Shepherd made it to State as an alternate in the 4 x 800 relay team.

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Bonner Invite | 1st |
| Gardner Invite | 3rd |
| Sunflower Classic | 1st |
| Lansing Invite | 4th |
| WYCO Invite | 2nd |
| Atchison Invite | 4th |
| Ottawa Invite | 6th |
| Huron League | 3rd |
| Regionals | 5th |
| State | N/A |



2002 VARSITY GOLF TEAM

Back Row: Coach Bob Chatterton, Aaron Mills, Jeremy Krug, James Hovey. **Front Row:** Todd Vanderpool, Jack Holtzen, Darrin Gearheart.



2002 JUNIOR VARSITY GOLF TEAM

Front Row: Alex Sturgeon, Ed Samek, Nick Robertson. **Back Row:** Bret Sorensen, John Pino, John Frazey, Coach John Rost.

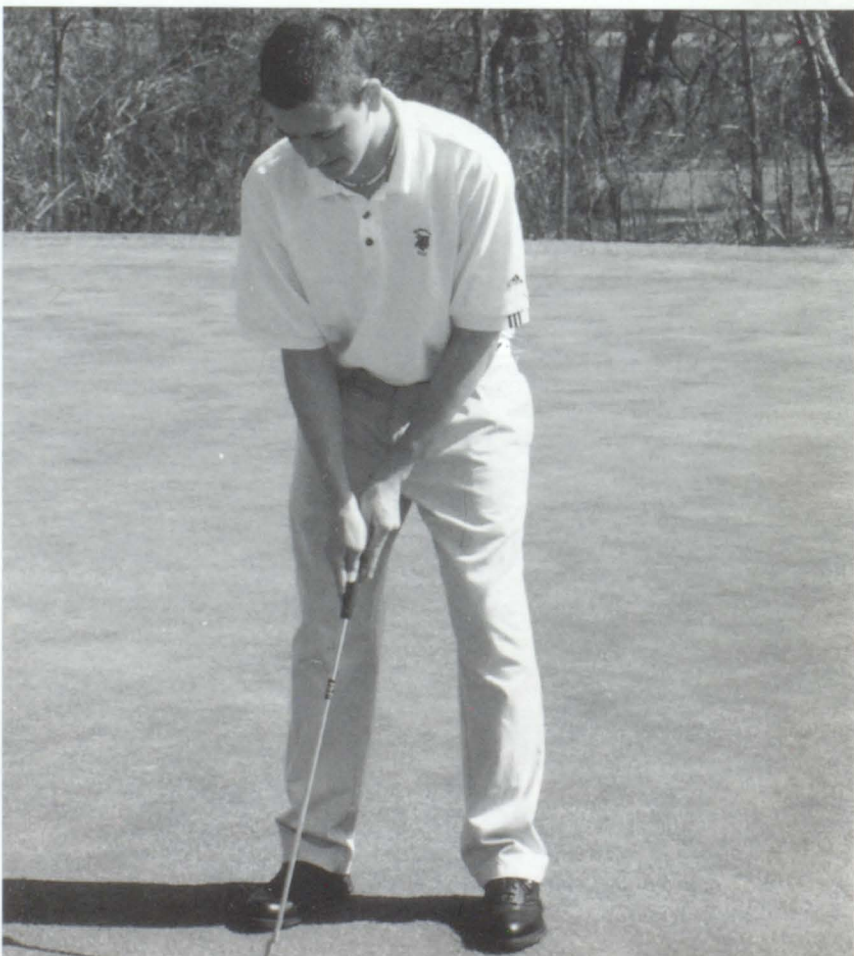


HEADS UP!

To get ready for his first tournament of the year at Sunflower Hills Golf Course, sophomore James Hovey warms up at the driving range. Hovey shot a 39, and took seventh at the tournament. "I really enjoyed winning the Bonner Springs Invitational this year, and it was a good way to start the year," Hovey said.

THIS IS FOR A BIRDIE

While his other teammates are warming up for their first tournament at Sunflower Hills Golf Course, junior Jeremy Krug attempts to sink a putt on his first hole. Krug finished eighth. "It was a lot of fun, and I thought that the team did a great job," Krug said.



Young Team Falls Short of State



The golf team's young but talented players brought many expectations to have a successful season.

"This was one of our better years talent wise, but on experience this was a really young team," senior Jack Holtzen said.

With Holtzen and Aaron Mills to lead them, the underclassmen stepped up, and each of them knew their role.

"I think the junior varsity kids enjoyed playing golf, so I know that they will continue to improve. I can't wait to see how they do at the varsity level," Assistant Coach John Rost said.

The team had many highlights. A couple of the most impressive ones came early in the season.

Their first place finish at the Bonner Invitational was a great way to start the season since they hadn't placed first

WAY TO GO TIGER

At the ninth hole of the Sunflower Classic, senior Aaron Mills putts in for a par. Mills finished in 13th place out of 126 golfers at the tournament.

at their own invitational in seven years.

Their other first place finish was at the Sunflower Classic, which consisted of 26 different teams and 126 golfers.

"Being a varsity golf player is very flattering and it will give me a lot more experience so that when I become an upperclassman I can lead the team to more victories," sophomore Todd Vanderpool said.

Although the team fell short of the State tournament, junior Jeremy Krug qualified for the tournament as an individual after finishing sixth at the regional tournament.

The state tournament was held at Sunflower Hills Golf Course and it took a grueling five hours and 40 minutes to finish. Krug fell one short of medaling, placing 21st.

"It was a tough day out there. That rough was thick and after about four or five hole the kids would get worn out," Head Coach Bob Chatterton said.

~Andrea Dill



PUTTING FOR A PAR

At the fifth hole, junior Darrin Gearheart makes par at the Bonner Invite held at Sunflower Hills Golf Course. This was Gearheart's third year of varsity golf. "I had fun playing in this tournament, and winning it was very exciting; it made for an interesting year," Gearheart said.

TEE TIME

Senior Jack Holtzen sets up his tee on the seventh hole at the Sunflower Classic. Holtzen shot an 85 for the tournament and the team finished in first place. "The guys did a great job, and pulled out with a victory. It's fun to play when you're with a great group like this," Holtzen said.

AND THE PITCH . . .

Senior Miki Mellott concentrates on catching the pitch delivered by sophomore Kristy Holt. Mellott was a four year starter for the Bravettes and led the team in at bats and doubles. She was named to the All-Huron League First Team, along with junior shortstop Holly Miller. Mellott was also one of 14 softball players selected to participate in the second annual KCK/KCMO All-Star game held on June 3.

LEAD-OFF THREAT

Lead-off batter, sophomore Ashley Pardew keeps her eye on the ball as it comes into her zone during a game against Washington at the Turner Invite. After playing Turner in round two of the Invite, Pardew was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the game by the Turner players. Pardew also made the Honorable Mention Team in the the Huron League, along with sophomore teammate Kristy Holt.



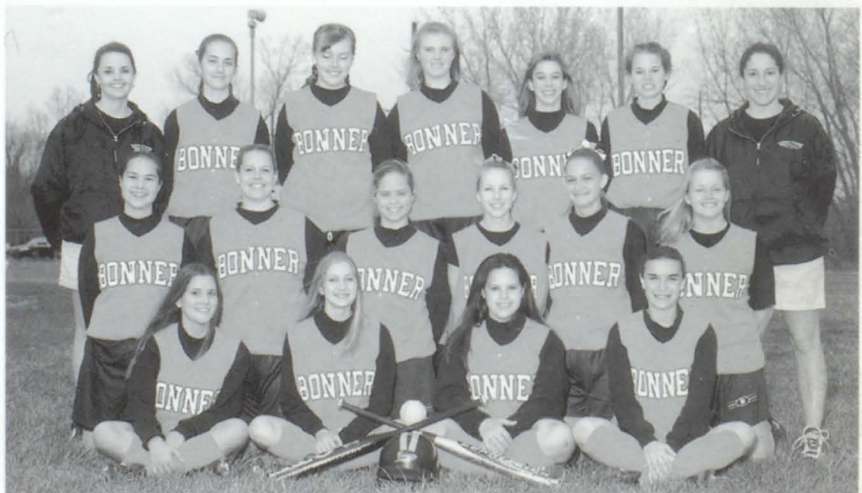
2002 VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM

Front Row: Kristy Holt, Ashley Pardew, Chase Crouch, Roxanne Evans. **Second Row:** Kallie Moore, Amber Spiess, Candice Craven, Andrea Dill, Holly Miller. **Back Row:** Ann Decker, Lauren Roberts, Crystal Garrison, DeDe Cline, Miki Mellott, Nancy Yankovich.

SCOREBOARD

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| Basehor | 1 - 2 | L |
| Basehor | 1 - 0 | W |
| Turner | 2 - 1 | W |
| Turner | 5 - 1 | W |
| DeSoto | 12 - 7 | W |
| DeSoto | 11 - 0 | W |
| Bishop Ward | 0 - 2 | L |
| Bishop Ward | 2 - 1 | W |
| Mill Valley | 0 - 3 | L |
| Mill Valley | 1 - 10 | L |
| Ottawa | 7 - 3 | W |
| Ottawa | 9 - 0 | W |
| Sumner Academy | 1 - 0 | W |
| Sumner Academy | 9 - 6 | W |
| Atchison | 5 - 6 | L |
| Atchison | 4 - 3 | W |
| Washington | 19 - 0 | W |
| Turner | 7 - 2 | W |
| Topeka Seaman | 5 - 6 | L |
| Piper | 3 - 4 | L |
| Turner | 0 - 2 | L |

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2002 JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM

Front Row: Mandie Lewis, Kori McGinnis, Ashley M. Williams, Jessie Huston. **Second Row:** Amy Caudill, Susann Wilson, Shelby Kuns, Kellie Gardner, Jessica Adkins, Theresa Wild. **Back Row:** Jennifer Schlicht, Amy Bergman, Ashley Newsom, Jennifer Ova, Kim Stephens, Allison Cushman, Crissy Johns.



DOWN AND READY

Awaiting a hit from rival school Basehor-Linwood, freshman Ashley Williams zones out all outside distractions during the junior varsity's home opener. "Softball is fun and interesting, and it keeps me in shape," Williams said.

DUCK!

Trying to find the right pitch to hit, junior Amber Spiess dodges a wild pitch thrown by the pitcher from Basehor-Linwood. Spiess proved to be selective at the plate as she led the team with walks earned with eleven. She was also the starting first baseman and had a .959 fielding percentage.



S O F T B A L L

Dedication, Determination and Expectations



The pitch is delivered. Mellott anticipates. . . CRACK! It's a shot into deep left field. Mellott rounds second and heads for third.

This was a familiar scenario for much of the Bravette's softball season.

Led by senior Miki Mellott, the club had one of the best starting records in school history. Camaraderie, talent, and determination is what drove these Bravettes to success.

Although the Bravettes started off the season with a 1-2 loss against Basehor-Linwood they came back to beat the Bobcats in the second game of the doubleheader 1-0 and then went on to win the next four games.

"I think we were dedicated and had a lot of heart, plus we helped each other on the field," Mellott said.

The girls drive to succeed led them to placing second at the Turner Invitational and second in the Huron League.

READY TO TAKE OFF

Junior Kallie Moore gets in a rocket start on third base against Atchison. This was Moore's first year as a Bravette as she transferred from Sumner Academy at the beginning of the school year. She was the starting left fielder for the Bravettes.

"I'll deal with second place, even though I feel we could of took the whole thing. It just opened our eyes for next year," sophomore center-fielder Ashley Pardew said.

With all the good happening for the team, there also came a bad. Twelve-year head coach, Ann Decker resigned from coaching and teaching at the end of the school year. All the players had tears in their eyes when Decker broke the news of her resignation.

"I was a little upset because I was looking forward to my senior year. It's going to be hard with a new coach, but if that's what she needs to do to be happy, it's ok," junior third baseman Andrea Dill said.

Ending the season and her career at BSHS with a painful 0-2 loss against Turner at Regionals was difficult for Coach Decker.

"We were disappointed in losing our last game because we legitimately had a chance to get to the next level," Coach Decker said. "However, the breaks did not go our way."

—Kallie Moore

STEALING HOME

Senior Peter Wiehe slides home just in time as senior Zachary Powell watches and waits for the call. Powell was the starting catcher and only had eight passed balls out of all 22 games played.

PREPARING TO SACRIFICE

Senior Derek Mathiesen prepares to bunt down a pitch during the game against Wyandotte. Mathiesen was one of the starting pitchers along with junior Chris Stakley and junior Devin Pino. Pino made First Team All-Huron League as an outfielder. Stakley made Honorable Mention along with Michael Cook, Jared Gillespie, and senior Travis McClanahan.



B A S E B A L L

A Season Full of Ups and Downs

The baseball team started off strong by splitting its home opener double-header against the Lansing Lions.

As the season continued on, the Braves were coming up short in most games, and their confidence started to drop.

"I would have liked to have had more success earlier in the year. We lost some games that were close, and if we would have won them it would have built some confidence," Head Coach Steve Cook said.

After losing seven in a row, the Braves were tired of losing and came out determined to win against Sumner. They lost the first game by two runs, but turned it all around and beat them in the second game 15-9.

"We worked better as a team. The first game we fell apart, but the second game we picked up the confidence to go out and win," senior Zachary Powell said.

The Braves ended on a good note sweeping Wyandotte, and beating Bishop Miege in the first round of

Regionals, before losing to Turner in the championship game.

The Braves lineup consisted of many young players, so the future looks bright.

"A lot of younger ball players were getting chances to play, and they did well," Cook said.

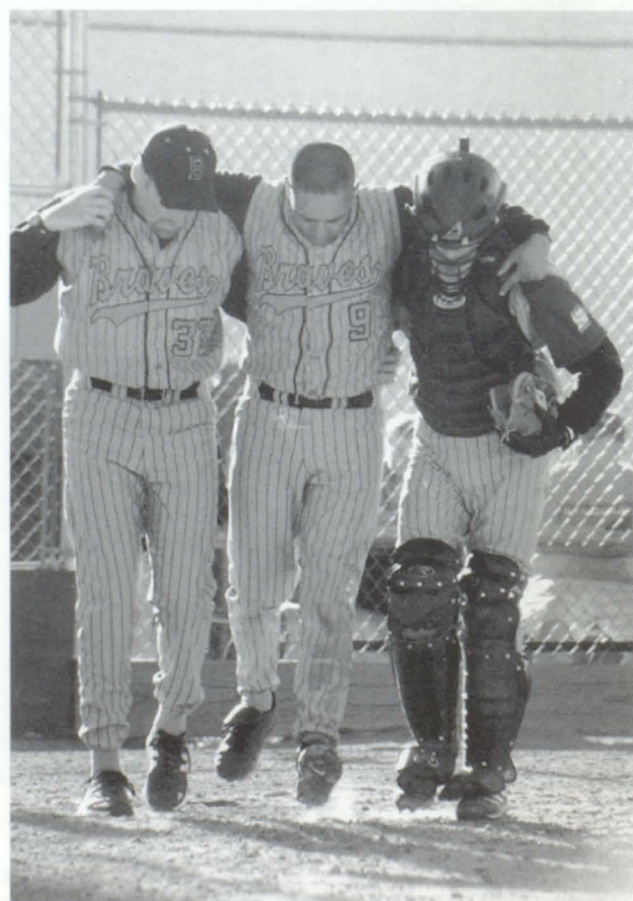
This was Cook's last year as head coach for the Braves baseball team, as next year he will take on a new roll as one of the vice principals at BSHS.

"Coach Cook will be missed. He did a tremendous job," Assistant Coach Rick Moulin said. "He taught me a lot about the game and he did an exceptional job relating and building rapport with the players."

—Kevin Dame

Ouch!

Junior Fredy DeLeon is helped off the field by Coach Steve Cook and teammate Zachary Powell. DeLeon and Powell were attempting to tag out a runner stealing home when DeLeon was injured on the play. DeLeon was out for the rest of the season after his injury. Junior Jared Gillespie filled in for DeLeon during Regionals.





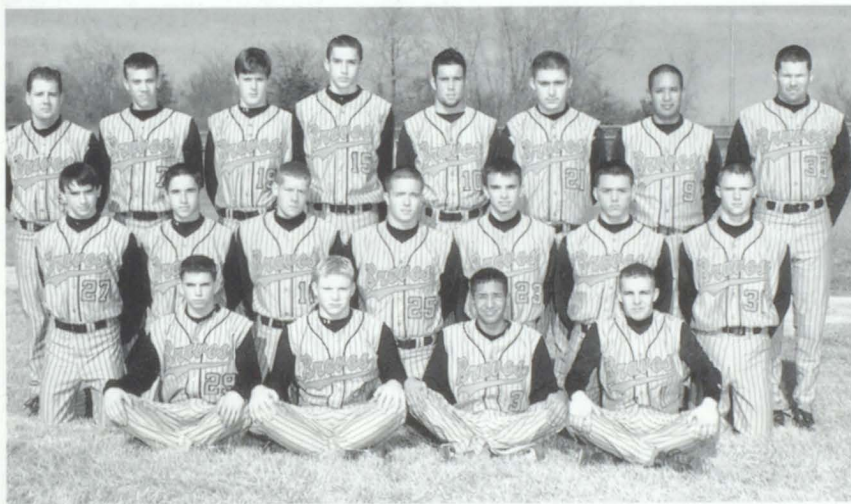
THE WIND UP AND THE PITCH

Sophomore Kevin Dame throws the ball as hard as he can at a varsity home game against Wyandotte. Dame split time between both varsity and junior varsity pitching and playing shortstop.



2002 FRESHMEN BASEBALL TEAM

First Row: Tony Isabell, Shawn McGuire, Billy Ballard. **Second Row:** Keith Frazier, Brad Rider, Jacob Hachinski, Jordan Lamb, Christian McDonald, Matt McKay. **Back Row:** Jason Jennings, Michael Pier, A.J. Holmes, Fred Twist, Steve May.



2002 VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM

First Row: Phillip Henry, Drew Hess, Chris DeLeon, George Elmer. **Second Row:** Zachary Powell, Kevin Dame, Peter Wiehe, Michael Cook, Devin Pino, Travis McClanahan, Chad Moppin. **Back Row:** Rick Moulin, Chris Stakley, Aaron Ballard, Jared Gillespie, Derek Mathiesen, Louis Reyes, Fredy DeLeon, Steve Cook.



2002 JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM

First Row: Billy Ballard, Tyler Mills, Keith Frazier. **Second Row:** Philip Bailey, Michael Pier, Kevin Dame, Drew Hess, Jordan Lamb, Shawn McGuire. **Back Row:** Jason Jennings, Kyle Black, Brett Shelton, Steve May.

SCOREBOARD

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| Lansing | 8 - 10 | L |
| Lansing | 8 - 6 | W |
| Turner | 7 - 10 | L |
| Turner | 6 - 7 | L |
| Harmon | 5 - 3 | W |
| Harmon | 11 - 9 | W |
| Ottawa | 0 - 6 | L |
| Ottawa | 4 - 14 | L |
| Basehor | 6 - 16 | L |
| Basehor | 5 - 11 | L |
| Ward | 0 - 3 | L |
| Ward | 2 - 12 | L |
| Sumner | 10 - 12 | L |
| Sumner | 15 - 9 | W |
| Bishop Miege | 1 - 6 | L |
| Bishop Miege | 0 - 10 | L |
| Atchison | 9 - 1 | W |
| Atchison | 5 - 6 | L |
| Wyandotte | 20 - 12 | W |
| Wyandotte | 20 - 4 | W |
| Bishop Miege | 8 - 5 | W |
| Turner | 0 - 11 | L |

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GO BRAVES!

The varsity cheerleaders cheer at the Braves home football game. "My favorite thing about cheering at the football games is holding the banner for the players to rip through," said sophomore Heather Weaver.

"LET'S GO!"

The junior varsity cheerleaders perform the cheer "Let's Go" at the Winter pep assembly. The J.V. team was led by sophomore captain Jeneice Waters. "Being the captain of our team is really challenging, but it was fun preparing for the assemblies," Waters said.



GO! FIGHT! WIN!

Juniors Danielle King, Jessica Ventura, and Rebecca Stephens yell "Go-Fight-Win" at one of the Braves home football games. King was selected as an All-American cheerleader, along with senior captain Meryl Miller.

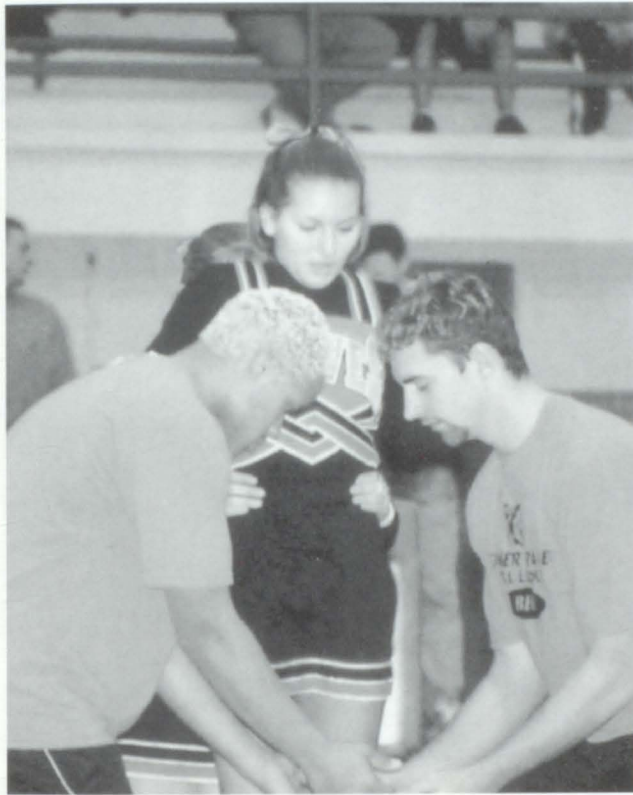


2000-2001 VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Front Row: Melissa Davis, Cherish Freeman, Meryl Miller. **Second Row:** Danielle King, Rebecca Stephens, Heather Weaver, Jessica Ventura, Whitney Mitchell. **Back Row:** Aaron Mills, Lance Barber, Jeremy Woods, Jack Holtzen.

CHEERLEADING

Amplified by Addition of Yell-Leaders



What is a yell leader and why are they needed?

Yell-leaders are male cheerleaders, and they were a new addition to the cheerleading team. There were four yell-leaders: seniors Jack Holtzen, Jeremy Woods, Aaron Mills, and sophomore Lance Barber.

"I joined the team because it was my senior year and I wanted to do something crazy. It's also fun to annoy the coach," Holtzen said.

"We thought it would expand our extracurricular horizons," Mills and Woods said.

There was another upside of being on the cheerleading squad.

UP SHE GOES

Sophomore Lance Barber and senior Jeremy Woods prepare to lift senior Meryl Miller up during their performance at the Tonganoxie Tournament. Miller tried out for the National Cheerleading Association, and if she makes it she will become an instructor and travel all over at different cheerleading camps.

"You can get into the games free, and you feel like you are more a part of the team than just a spectator," Mills said. "You really get involved and sometimes forget to cheer. That's when Mrs. Schlicht yells at us. Then we eventually laugh and cheer."

For the people around them, it was a new and unique experience.

"It is very interesting and different," Coach Jennifer Schlicht said. "At the Powder Puff game they were pretty good. Then they asked if they could be yell-leaders and I said yes jokingly, not knowing that they would actually become part of our team."

The female cheerleaders had some problems in practice with their yell-leaders. But still found them beneficial.

"Sometimes they were loud and annoying, but overall it was fun having them on the team," junior Danielle King said.

—Morgan McConico



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Front Row: Jamie Frentrop, Liz Gronau, Jeneice Waters, Mandie Lewis. Back Row: Kori McGinnis, Kimberly Stephens, Malory Stark, Kellie Gardner.



"WE ARE THE BEST!"

Senior Melissa Davis, junior Whitney Mitchell, and sophomore Heather Weaver cheer "We Are The Best" downtown at Kelly Murphy Park during the Tiblow Days Celebration. Both cheer squads attended a cheerleading camp at Emporia State University in June and then practiced for about one month before Tiblow Days. "We performed well at camp and Tiblow Days," Mitchell said.

THE BEAT GOES ON

Senior Megan McCluney, junior Tabatha Stark, and freshman Amy Parks dance to "Jungle Boogie" performed by the marching band. "I enjoyed being the captain and helping the others with dancing issues as well as non-dancing issues," McCluney said.

SHAKE YOUR TAIL FEATHER

Dance team members shake their "tail feathers" in front of their peers at the fall pep assembly. Because of the construction early in the year, the students and staff had to squeeze into one side of the bleachers to watch the assembly.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Juniors Jessica Adams and Lisa Assmann dance at the first pep assembly of the school year. The dance team performed at all pep assemblies and home boys varsity events. "What I most enjoy about dance team is dancing and the rush I get from the fans," junior Jessica Adams said.



2001-2002 DANCE TEAM

Front Row: Jessica Adams, Megan McCluney. **Second Row:** Christina Walker, Tammy Stanford, Tabatha Stark. **Third Row:** Leslie Holtzen, Amy Parks, Krista Redlin, Amittia Davis. **Back Row:** Megan Smith, Summer Pappé, Erin Stoner, Lisa Assmann.



KEEPING IT TOGETHER

Sophomore Megan Smith, junior Summer Pappe, and freshman Amy Parks dance down Oak Street in downtown Bonner Springs during the Tiblow Days Parade. Tiblow Days is one of three parades the dance team participated in during the 2001-2002 season. The dance team also danced in the American Royal and the Autumn Fest parades.

BOMBS OVER BAGHDAD

Members of the dance team dances to "Bombs Over Baghdad" by Outkast at a home basketball game. "I enjoy dancing at home basketball games because it's more closeup and personal" freshman Amy Parks said.



DANCE TEAM

Shakin' it up with Changes



"Have a great year and try some new techniques and new styles of dancing" were some goals that Dance Team Coach Lisa Terrell set early in the year. With 13 girls on the team, it was the largest squad in recent years.

One of the first steps Terrell took to meet these goals was hold an individualized team camp over the summer. It was a three day camp where the girls were introduced to a variety of dances that would be used throughout the school year.

"It was fun but tedious because of the 12 different dances we were taught in three days," junior Summer Pappe said.

DANCIN' IN THE STREET

Senior Amittia Davis and freshman Leslie Holtzen keep in sync while performing to "Scream," by Michael and Janet Jackson at the annual Tiblow Days activities. This was the team's first performance of the year. "I was a little nervous about performing because we had a lot of new girls, but I think we did pretty good," junior Krista Redlin said.

To help meet their goals after football season ended, Terrell and her assistant Mrs. Kristin Byers decided to make a change in performance requirements. Before each dance during basketball season, each girl had to try out. Members had to score a 34 or above to be able to dance at the next scheduled performance. The girls were graded on accuracy, smiling, stiffness and overall attitude.

"It helped a lot and eliminated the people that didn't work as hard as the others," senior captain Megan McCluney said.

Besides these changes, the team also had to deal with a young team, adding two freshmen and four new members to the squad.

"I felt a little insecure and nervous, but later I felt more comfortable," freshman Leslie Holtzen said.

— Kevin Dame
Lisa Assmann

THREATENING TANDEM

Doubles partners, juniors T.J. McGinnis and Tyler Cooper are ready for the return hit during the competition at State in Salina. Although they didn't medal, they found the experience rewarding. "The best part about going to State was playing teams that I had never heard of," Cooper said.

It's Sooo COLD!

Walking into the Gardner Track Meet, junior Steven Lutjen tries to stay warm for his upcoming events. In the fall, Lutjen was the only Brave athlete to qualify for State competition (in cross-country) and then in the spring he also qualified for the State Track Meet in four events: the 800 meter run, the 1600 meter run, the 4 x 800 meter relay, and the 4 x 400 relay.



2002 STATE WRESTLING QUALIFIERS

Front Row: Erick Ratliff, Matthew Middleton, Myjestic Hickmon, Spencer Buck. **Back Row:** Ryan Silvers, Jess Buck, Jeff Burns, David Bass, Billy Gardner, Donnie Shepherd, Chad Vandenberg.

HIT 'EM HIGH!

Junior Jeremy Krug tees off at the second hole at Sunflower Hills Golf Course during the Bonner Invitational. Krug earned a trip to the State tournament for the second year in a row. He finished in 21st place, a big improvement from his 31st place finish as a sophomore. "Next year I will be in the top 10 guaranteed," Krug said.





WARMING UP

Senior Romie Hall warms up for preliminaries of the 200 meter sprint on Friday of the State meet in Wichita. Hall qualified in four events for the meet. He ran the 100 meter, 200 meter, 4 x 400 meter relay and the 4 x 100 meter relay. Unfortunately, he did not make it to finals in any of the events. He will attend Emporia State University on a track scholarship in the fall of 2002, majoring in business and management.

NEUTRAL

Junior David Bass stands in neutral position during the State wrestling competition in Wichita on Feb. 22-23. He was competing for third place and ended up winning the match and taking home the third place medal.



S T A T E

Achieving the Ultimate Goal

When seasons start to come to an end there is always one goal that the teams strive and work hard for the year—State competition. Fortunately, for some athletes this goal became a reality in 2001-2002.

During the fall season the only athlete to qualify for State was junior Steven Lutjen in cross-country. He went to Rim Rock Farms in Lawrence and placed 16th overall.

For the winter sports season, after a strong first place finish at Regionals, 11 wrestlers qualified for State competition in Wichita on Feb. 22-23. The team finished in 10th place and had two individual medalists. Junior David Bass, 215, placed third, and sophomore Erick Ratliff, 103, placed fifth.

The journey to State became even

busier in the spring when three different teams sent players to State.

The first team to send players to State was boys tennis. Juniors T.J. McGinnis and Tyler Cooper represented BSHS in doubles competition in Salina on Friday, May 17. They placed 11 out of 16, just one short of receiving a medal.

“Watching really good competition in all of the matches was something I was looking forward to,” Cooper said.

The next competitor was junior golfer Jeremy Krug. Krug went to his home course, Sunflower Hills, at Bonner Springs to represent BSHS in the State Gulf competition on Monday, May 20.

Just like McGinnis and Cooper, Krug fell one short of receiving a State

medal. He finished with a score of 83 and in 21st place.

The track team was the final sports team to qualify people for State, and they sent 12 to Wichita State University to compete on Friday and Saturday, May 24-25.

“Steven Lutjen and Morgan McConico led the performances for the Braves,” Coach Mitchell said.

Lutjen placed seventh in the 1600 meter run and he set a personal record with a time of 4:31.3. McConico placed sixth in the 800 meter run and beat her personal record by six seconds with a time of 2:24.

“Both these athletes performed well and ran their best times of the year,” Mitchell said. “They performed well despite the weather.”

—Amy Marcel
Morgan McConico

Braves Unite to Prevail

STUDENT LIFE

Just as situations change, so do people. The entire outlook that students had on life changed this year and suddenly they realized that it was the little events that mattered.

Events like going to the Friday night football games and cheering on their team, decorating floats for Homecoming with tons of friends, or going to the dances to groove to the music were among these "little events." Possibly prom, held at the Lake of the Forest club house, which was decorated in emerald green, gold, and black with the theme "Here's to the Night," was an important event of the year.

Another event that may have been fun or rewarding was performing in the high school production of "BRAVO!" or in the rendition of "Ragweed Cowboy Joe" in the spring paly. For others, it might have been attending assemblies like the one with the salsa dancers where they performed traditional Hispanic dances and then had the students come up and try to learn the dances themselves.

Perhaps pep rallies, parades, and Powder Puff were among the highlights of the year. Or maybe it was just seeing their best friend smiling at them across the hallway, getting an "A" on a test they really worked hard on, eating in the new cafeteria for the first time, or counting down the days of their senior year.

Whatever the highlight of the year was for each individual student, everyone united to have a jam-packed year full of fun. The trip along the way was definitely more rewarding than the final destination. Students came together to understand one another, to look at life differently, to see events from a new perspective and to respect others more; ultimately—the Braves United to Prevail.

—Sarah Rowland





Keepin' the Rhythm

At the Euro-American assembly, sophomore Michael Maxwell receives directions from Sergei Shapoval, who is from the Russian Kaleidoscope. Maxwell had to bang his drum up and down on the floor while senior Margie Warford played her mandolin. "I was really nervous at first, but I got to play a musical instrument, and Sergei was really nice," Warford said.



Let's Play a Game!

Junior Ryan Haggerty plays a game of Chutes and Ladders with three preschool children in Mrs. Martha Chandley's childhood development class. Besides keeping the kids occupied with games, the class did other things such as making "hand turkeys," where each pre-schooler dipped their hand in paint and applied their hand print to a piece of paper. Next, they added feathers and features to their turkeys to make them look real. "I think the kids really enjoyed making the turkeys out of hands," junior Christine Norman said.



Hot Mama's

Juniors Sarah Benton and Sara Miller, and freshman Alyssa Alexander practice during dress rehearsal of the melodrama "Ragweed Cowboy Joe." The Women's Libbies were the girls of the play that fought for women's rights. "Ragweed Cowboy Joe" took place on April 4 and 5. "I absolutely enjoyed working with Sara and Alyssa. I don't think I've ever clicked that well with two other cast members," Benton said.

MODEL MATERIAL

Junior Jessica Ventura and Senior Katie Trent give junior Chris Stakley a full make-over. They shaved his legs, put make up on him, and just all around made him girly, while they were waiting to leave Innsbruck, Austria. "I blame it on the account that we were really board," Stakley said.

THE 2001 EUROPE TOUR

Front Row: David Jones, Jon McIntyre, Phillip Bailey; Whitney Mitchell. **Back Row:** Whitney Peterson, Nicki McGinnis, T.J. McGinnis, Katie Trent, Kallie Szewc, Jessica Ventura, Meryl Miller, Lauren Roberts, Chris Stakley.



EUROPE-BOUND

Students See the World

Why on earth would a teacher who normally had the summer off take a group of students to Europe?

"We wanted the kids to see more of the world; not just Kansas," English teacher Ms. Britt Adams said.

After former teacher Ms. Pat Sheley gave Ms. Adams and Ms. Anne Seiler the idea, the two decided to sponsor a group of 13 students to visit places in Europe like England, France, Italy, Austria and Germany during the summer of 2001 from June 4 - 21.

"It was cool to see the different cultures with the different living styles," junior T.J. McGinnis said.

During the trip students got to eat a lot of bread, especially for breakfast. When they went to restaurants they had soup, salad, bread (lots of bread!), and then finally the meal they ordered.

"The bread was really hard, and it was served with everything. It was actually kind

of gross," junior Whitney Mitchell said.

Although the students had a few mishaps, like waiting on their tour guide and getting stuck in Innsbruck, Austria for an evening, they still enjoyed the trip.

"It was fun and very different. Most of the places were like I thought they would be," junior Jessica Ventura said.

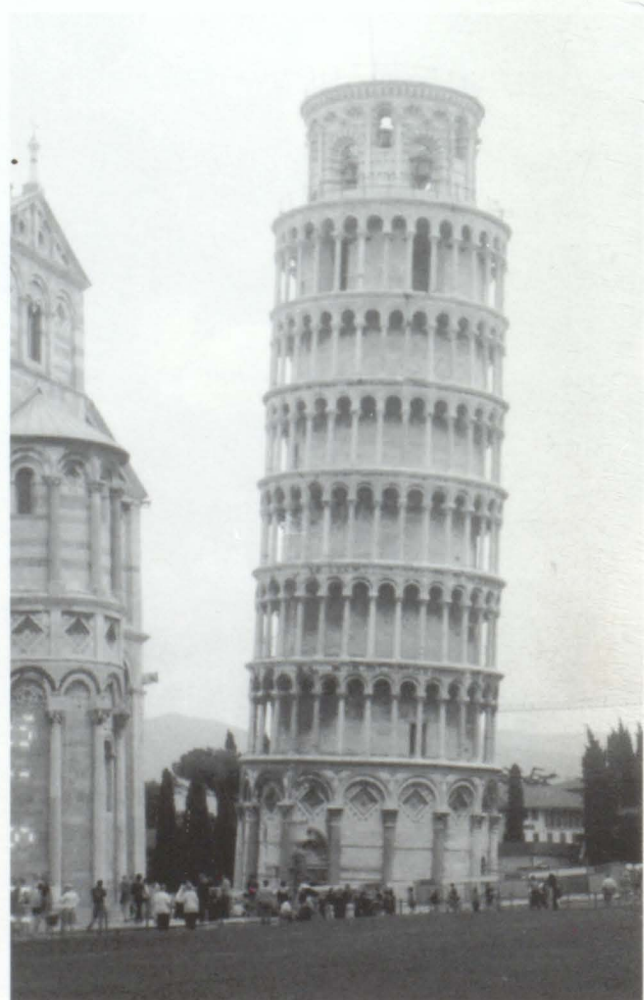
Sight seeing and meeting new people was what made the trip memorable.

"I enjoyed all the various experiences that the trip provided, and seeing the students experience and interact within the different European cultures and societies," Seiler said.

—*Summer Pappe*

IT REALLY LEANS

The Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy was one of many beautiful sites that the group saw during their sixteen day trip. "I enjoyed the long bus rides with the crazy French drivers and seeing all of the sites. French chicks are cool," sophomore Philip Bailey said.



N.Y.L. Conference

Learning the Government

A variety of students had the opportunity to go to the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) in Washington D.C. Each student was nominated by different teachers and attended the conference at various times throughout the school year.

While staying in Washington D.C., the students learned about politics and leadership skills. They attended classes, listened to guest speakers, and practiced and prepared a mock Congress.

"It was really worth going. It was also very challenging, but fun. I met a lot of people from all over the United States," junior Blair Monn said.

When junior Summer Rickert went in mid-January, the Fire Arms Safety Bill was being debated.

The Republicans wanted to lower the age of possession of a fire arm to

age sixteen. Their argument was if sixteen-year-olds could have legal access to a firearms, then their temptation to sneak around with one would decrease.

The Democrats, however, wanted to raise the age because they believed it would help eliminate "passion crimes."

Organization, rallying, and a great deal of persuasive speaking was used to approach people who were in favor of one's side.

"I had a blast! I met a lot of interesting people, learned a lot about Congress and how it works, and learned about life in general. I would definitely go again," Rickert said.

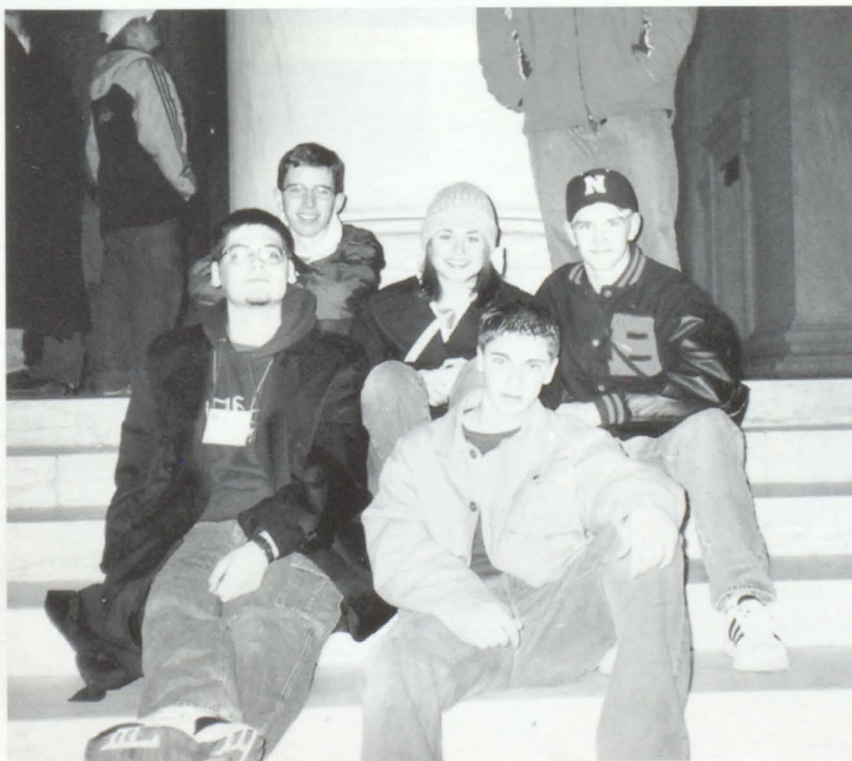
From politics to leadership, students got the chance of a lifetime by visiting Washington D.C. and meeting with some of the members of the House of Representatives.

"I've always been interested in working with the government, and this was like a powerful overview," sophomore Drew McCullough said.

—Summer Pappe

SEEING THE MONUMENTS

A statue of Thomas Jefferson stands at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington D.C. "It was really neat because his major speeches and important bills were engraved on the memorial," junior Summer Rickert said.



LEARNING ABOUT CONGRESS

Junior Summer Rickert poses with Congressman Dennis Moore, District Three Representative of Kansas. Along with Rickert were two other District Three students named Brian and Jeff. They were at Capitol Hill taking a tour of the White House.

LEARNING DIPLOMACY

Junior T.J. McGinnis and a group of friends from the trip sit on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. "It was really cool to see all memorials lit up at night, and I got to meet people from all over the United States," McGinnis said. McGinnis was the National Security Advisor of his group.

HOMECOMING WEEK

Enduring the Challenges

Between the thick aroma of spray paint, the sound of wood being hammered down, and the shouts of "That doesn't go there!" it could only be one thing...float construction and the start of Homecoming Spirit Week!

Challenging students to show their class pride through the traditional float construction and banner competitions, students from all four classes gathered at the bus barn on assigned days to decorate class floats and banners with the theme, "A Walk on the Beach" in mind.

"I liked how our float had a lot of glitter, although I wish our float could have been taller or bigger," freshman Leslie Holtzen said.

Freshmen and sophomores got off to rocky starts, but pulled ahead and took second place.

"Our float turned out all right for just being freshman. We all worked well together," Chase Crouch said.

Using "Wipe Out the Wildcats" as the theme for both their float and banner, the juniors took first in both competitions.

"This year the juniors really got organized. We pulled together and it paid off," junior Amber Spiess said.

The floats and banners were displayed in the Homecoming parade that took place at 2:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon before the football game.

Not only did they demonstrate their spirit through class competitions, but students also showed their individual school pride while by dressing up for unique spirit days like "Aluminum Foil Day," and some traditional days, like "Hat Day" and "Pajama Day."

"The best part about Homecoming/Spirit Week is Pajama Day. You throw on shoes, brush your hair and you're ready for school," junior Katie McConniel said.

—*Summer Rickert*
Sarah Benton

TRAPPED!

Surrounded by paper mache, chicken wire, and cardboard, Morgan Grabmiller works on the freshmen float. "I loved working on the float and banner because all my friend and the football players got together and it just pepped me up for the football game," freshman Morgan Grabmiller said.



LOUNGING AROUND

Freshmen Ashley Barber, Stephanie Cook, Mandie Lewis, Ashley M. Williams, LuCretia Hinson, Amy Caudill, Amy Bergman and Allison Cushman lounge comfortably in choir. "I wore my pajamas because I'm lazy and didn't feel like wearing jeans that day," Hinson said.

PREPARING FOR COMPETITION!

Juniors Kallie Moore and Tabatha Stark prepare for the float competition by building the stem of the palm tree. "I think the juniors really pulled together for Homecoming this year. Our float and banner were awesome," junior Makayla Gober said.





REFLECTING THE SPIRIT

Demonstrating his spirit, sophomore George Garrison relaxes during lunch in his aluminum foil. "My sister [senior Crystal Garrison] helped me put on my aluminum foil, and I had to get up at 5:00 and spend 35 minutes making the foil stay. The main reason I participated was because it was a weird and unusual idea for a spirit day," Garrison said.

MAGIC IN PROGRESS

Fascinating his audience during ELO, junior Javreese Lockett shows his card trick to sophomores Ashley King, Wesley Shields, Frank Vogan, and freshman Amy Parks while sporting hats for "Hat Day." "Hat day is my favorite spirit day, but I think it would be neat to have Duct Tape day," Parks said.



BRINGING OUT THE LEIS

Adding color to their float, seniors Ruth Shields, Lindsay Russell, Kallie Szewc, Katie Trent and Beth Gibson work on stringing leis. "Float construction was stressful. Things might have been easier if it had been held at someone's house like they use to," senior Beth Gibson said.



HAWAIIAN FLOWER POWER

Sophomores Liz Gronau and Samantha Allen, Art Club members, prepare for the Hawaiian dance by painting a mural on the temporary sheet rock in the commons. The project took roughly two weeks to complete. "It was great for a picture background at the dance," Allen said.

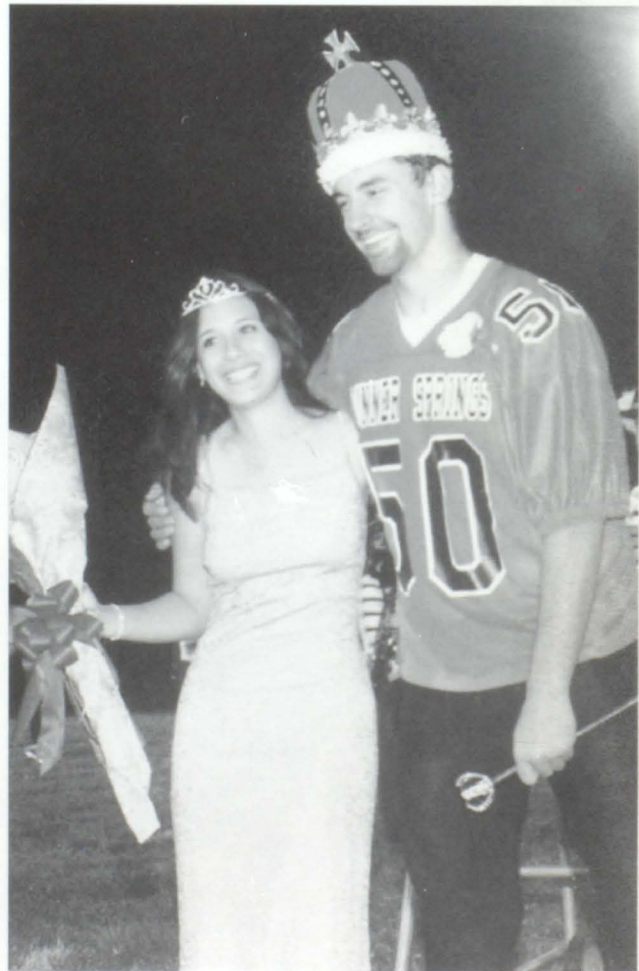


2001 HOMECOMING CANDIDATES

Front Row: Cherish Freeman, Megan McCluney, Bianca Luviano, Becky Heckert, Jenny Montgomery, Lindsay Russell, Sarah Rowland. **Back Row:** Jeremy Woods, Nick Border, Tommy Gardner, Jack Holtzen, Michael Ashford, Chris Cobbins.

2001 HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN

During the game's halftime, Bianca Luviano and Jeremy Woods were crowned as Homecoming Royalty. Woods was nominated by the football team, and Luviano was nominated by the girls tennis team.



HOMECOMING

Survives the Changes



The Homecoming football game took place on Friday night, Oct. 12, against the Washington Wildcats.

It was an exciting game because the Braves were behind the entire game until the Braves defense came up with a safety in the fourth quarter. Then the offense scored a touchdown and an extra point, to put them ahead for good, with a final score of 15-14.

"I was very impressed. It was a very exciting game. I'm glad that we won," senior Mayumi Ishihara said.

During halftime the 2000-2001 Homecoming Queen and King, LaCreisha Groves and Jimmy Vogel, returned to the field to crown the new Royalty, Queen Bianca Luviano and King Jeremy Woods.

"I was very shocked. It was an honor. My mom was really happy. It was like I had accomplished her dream," Luviano said.

The next evening, hot, sweaty, and

overcrowded, the dance was still held in the commons area, despite the building construction. Roughly 350 people attended the dance.

To help add to the atmosphere of the dance, the Art Club painted a Hawaiian theme mural. With monkeys, palm trees, flowers, and surfers, the mural went from the floor to the ceiling in the commons.

"It made the dance more creative, and went along with the theme very well," senior Crystal Garrison said.

Students also had to deal with a new location for pictures. Instead of in the cafeteria, group pictures were taken in the sophomore hallway between the band room and the auditorium.

"I didn't really like the location, however, the background looked authentic Hawaiian," junior Lisa Assmann said.

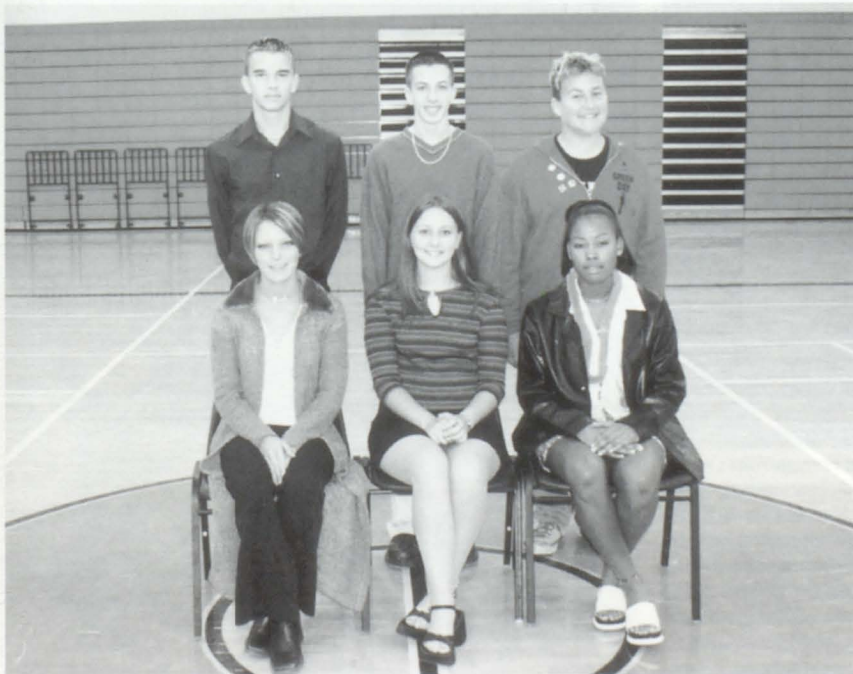
In spite of all the rumble and tumble, the Braves survived, and the dance was a success.

"Many students participated and adapted very well to the changes," Stuco adviser Ms. Anne Seiler said.

—Sarah Benton

SWINGIN' TO THE BEAT

At the dance, seniors Stephanie Fesenmeyer and Matt Lewis lock fingers and show off their swinging dance moves. "I learned my moves from my grandmother," Fesenmeyer said.



KEEPIN' THE PARTY GOIN'

Junior girls laugh while discussing future plans. Some met up at a party, and others went to the haunted houses in Westport after the dance. "After haunted houses, we all went to my house to watch movies," junior Amber Spiess said.

2001 PRINCES AND PRINCESSES

Front Row: Junior Shannon Davidson, sophomore Amber McCoy, freshman Shantenie Tyner.
Back Row: Junior Devin Pino, sophomore Michael Maxwell, freshman Ed Samek.

AMERICA at WAR

Terrorists Attack Americans' Freedom

Over the years, Americans have learned to stand united, supporting their freedom. This became even more important after the terrorist events on Sept. 11, 2001, when both of the World Trade Center Towers in New York City were destroyed. Over 4,000 were killed and hundreds injured.

At 8:45 a.m. eastern standard time, the north tower of the Trade Center was struck by a plane and then 18 minutes later, the south tower was hit by another plane.

At 9:40, a third plane crashed into the Pentagon, and at 10:00 another crashed into a landfill near Camp David in Pennsylvania.

Although Osama bin Laden, Muslim leader of the Taliban fundamentalist military in Afghanistan, denied having anything to do with the attacks, video tapes later revealed his involvement.

"No question that bin Laden is the prime suspect. No doubt about that," President George W. Bush said.

The entire country was in a state of

shock and rage in reaction to the terror.

"I was in disbelief. I wanted to seek revenge," junior Steven Lutjen said.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost nearly 685 points in one day and Wall Street was closed for the four days following the attacks. In addition, all major league sporting events were postponed until the following week and national monuments were off limits to the public.

"I don't think we should ever go to war, but something should be done to stop this kind of activity, and if war is the only answer, then we go to war," Mr. Steve Cook said days after the attack..

War was inevitable. After several warnings to the Taliban to give up bin Laden or face "full wrath," America began bombing strategic Taliban sites in Afghanistan on Oct. 7.

Students in Mr. Jim Hanson's American government classes decided to show their patriotism by painting American themes on the walls of his classroom.

"I feel that what we are doing is a civic duty and that every American should show pride in their country," senior Cassie Robinson said.

As the war on terror progressed, students interests in the military and its efforts to protect freedom changed.

"I noticed that a lot of our students decided to join the armed forces after graduation," senior Helen Shepherd said.

As graduation rolled around, the war on terror had not been conquered, but the American people and the students of BSHS stood together to overcome this tragedy.

As a final show of patriotism, the senior class gift was a memorial plaque for the base of the school's flag pole. It reads, "In memory of the September 11, 2001 tragedy and in honor of the servicemen fighting the war on terror to preserve world freedom—Class of 2002."

—Summer Pappé



A VISIT TO THE CAPITOL

United States Midshipmen flood the courtyard of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland in mid-January. Junior T.J. McGinnis was nominated by Mr. John Rost to attend the National Youth Forum in Washington D.C. and visited the Academy when he was there. "I wanted to visit the Academy because after high school I may choose to go there," McGinnis said.

NEVER FORGETTING THOSE WHO SERVED

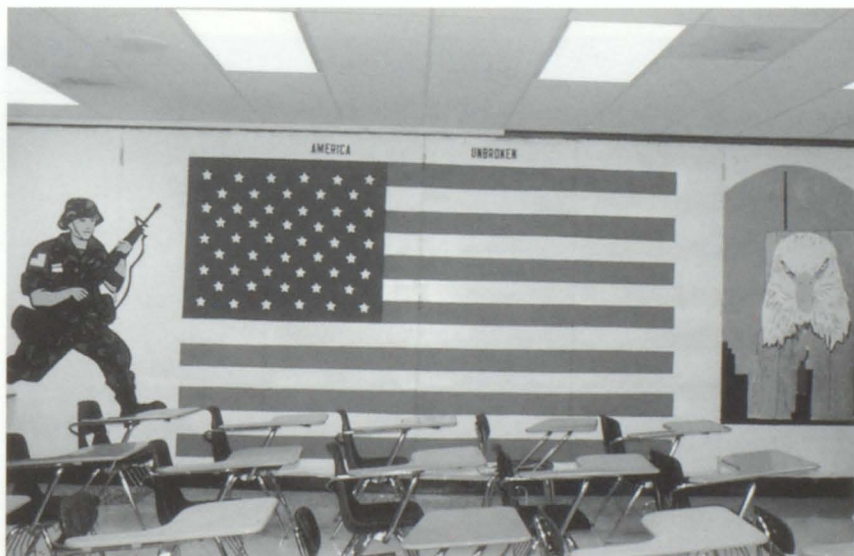
Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) honor guard present the colors at the second annual Veterans Day assembly held on Nov. 12. After the "Star Spangled Banner" was performed, Judge Marlin Kerby spoke about being a prisoner of war during WWII. "It was a fitting tribute to honor those who served this country, especially in light of the events that occurred on Sept. 11," senior Michael Ashford said.





BEFORE & AFTER: TEARING DOWN THE TERROR

As a symbol of pride, students in Mr. Jim Hanson's American government classes tear off the corkboard in his room, and later painted the wall with a soldier, American flag and a bald eagle (below). "It was a very humbling experience. We came together for those who lost loved ones, and we thought it was respectful," senior Amber Sturgeon said. Students started painting the wall in mid-October and finished it in mid-February. "We felt it was all we could do and was our duty to help those who suffered," senior Nick Border said.



SIGNING FOR THE LOSS

Sophomores Christina Wells and Christina Ogden sign a poster after the attacks to express their sorrow for the many lives lost. The poster was later sent to New York City. "I was sad at what had happened to all the people who lost their lives, so I wished them the best by signing the poster," Ogden said.

WPA

A Night When Women Take Charge

When is the one and only chance that guys get a break and girls get to take control of the date? The answer is the Sadie Hawkins Dance or better known as the WPA Dance.

On Nov. 10, students gathered together for the Woman Pay All Dance where the girls paid for everything from dinner to pictures to even getting into the dance.

"The prices for the pictures were outrageous," junior Erica Luviano said.

While some girls had a problem with paying for an evening on the town, others thought that it was fun to change things a little.

"I think it's a good idea for girls to pay every once and awhile. I en-

joyed giving the guy a break," senior Sandi Campbell said.

Most guys didn't mind that the ladies had to pay because it gave them a break; however, some guys felt a little out of place having their date pay for them.

"I understand it's tradition, but I just didn't feel right having my girl pay," junior Danny Border said.

— Sarah Rowland
Sarah Benton

... AND MOVIN' TO THE GROOVIN'...
Seniors Amanda Zaring, Amanda Wise, Jenny Montgomery, and Dustin Arnett dance to "that funky music." The group stayed together all night. "We went to McDonalds to eat for dinner, and after the dance, we went cosmic bowling," Wise said.



THE BUBBLE WRAP GANG

Seniors Meryl Miller, Jack Holtzen, Katie Parks, Michael Ashford, and Lindsay Russell show off their creativity in their outfits for the dance. "Michael and I were at Target and noticed some bubble wrap and got the idea to wear it to the dance," Russell said.

LOST IN THE SWAY OF LOVE

Senior Tracy Norman and her date Kyle Davis sway to the music as they "engage" in upcoming events for their future. The couple was engaged on July 27, 2000 and will be married on Oct. 12, 2002.





PEACE, LOVE AND HAPPINESS

Decked out in all her hippie glory, senior Stephanie Fesenmeyer waits in the stands for the Courtwarming nomination assembly to begin. "I put my outfit together from clothes that were basically just laying around my house," Fesenmeyer said.

VRRRROOOM, PUTT, WAVE . . .

On "Class Pride Day," seniors Jack Holtzen, Aaron Mills, and Michael Ashford take lessons from senior Meryl Miller as she teaches them the cross country "lawn mower" cheer. The cross country team does this traditional cheer before each meet.



COURTWARMING

Slippers, Peace Signs & Colors



When is the one of the only days that students can look normal wearing their pajamas to school? Courtwarming spirit week is the answer, which was held Feb. 19 through Feb. 22.

Tuesday was Pajama Day, Wednesday was Class Pride Day, Thursday was Hippie Day, and Friday was War

FRESHMEN, LOOKIN' FRESH

Freshmen on the "A" Honor Roll enjoy pizza and pop while decked out in their black and orange attire for "War Party Day." Students were rewarded with a party for their achievement of their grades.

Party Day. With a total of 105, students participated the most on Class Pride day, where students wore a designated color for their grade.

On "Hippie Day" students pulled out their parents' old clothes or went thrift store shopping for their outfits.

"Hippie day was always a favorite of mine because you dress so differently than what you normally would. Plus, it let me know how my mom dressed and acted when she was my age," junior Rebecca Stephens said.

—Sarah Benton



2002 COURTWARMING KING AND QUEEN

After being named king and queen, Derek Mathiesen fixes Atlantis Smart's crown as Michael Lopez looks on. "I was overwhelmed. It made me feel good about myself that people see me that way, to give me such an honor. It was something that I will remember for the rest of my life," Smart said.



2002 COURTWARMING CANDIDATES

Front Row: Erin Stoner, Christina Walker, Atlantis Smart, Meryl Miller, Ashley Lumley. **Back Row:** Matt Lewis, Derek Mathiesen, Michael Copeland, Michael Lopez. **Not pictured:** Mitchell Miller.

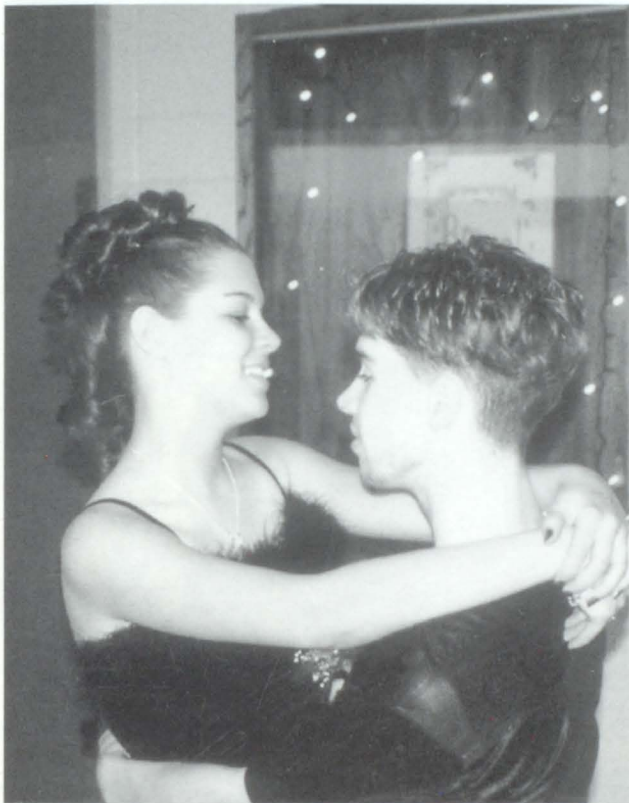


2002 PRINCES AND PRINCESSES

Front Row: Freshman Shelby Kuns, sophomore Alisha Mathiesen, junior Nicki McGinnis. **Back Row:** Freshman Scotty Legderwood, sophomore Ryan Silvers, junior T.J. McGinnis.

COURTWARMING

And the Nominees Are...



The week of Feb. 19 Courtwarming festivities began, but they actually started the week before when king and queen nominations were made using a new method than in the past.

Instead of being nominated by clubs and teams, all candidates were chosen by the senior class. The top five seniors from each gender were the finalists.

"I liked it a lot better this way because it gives other people that aren't involved in clubs or sports a better chance of getting nominated," senior Erin Stoner said.

Brothers and sisters being nominated by their classes was another unique event that happened during Courtwarming. Twins Nicki McGinnis and T.J. McGinnis were nominated as

LOST IN THE NIGHT

Freshman Alyssa Alexander and senior Matt Lewis share a dance together during Saturday's dance. "Before the dance we went to a barbecue over at Cassie Robinson's house; we had a good time," Lewis said.

junior class attendants, and siblings sophomore Alisha Mathiesen and senior Derek Mathiesen were also nominated by their respective classes.

"I thought it was really cool having my little sister win for her class. I was very surprised that I won. I had a lot of fun," Derek Mathiesen said.

The evening after the Courtwarming basketball game, the dance, "With All My Heart" was held in the newly expanded commons area.

"Even though it was less cozy, and it seemed that there were less people, it was still an enjoyable night," senior Cinda Thomas said.

The dance was decorated with the colors of red, black and silver, and the background for pictures was a garden scene with an archway of flowers.

"There wasn't very many people there, but I really liked the background for the pictures. It was very nice," junior Jennifer McConico said.

—Sarah Benton



"EVERYBODY CLAP YOUR HANDS"

Freshmen Chase Crouch and Shantenie Tyner show off their moves to the "Cha Cha Slide." "The 'Cha Cha Slide' was my favorite dance because that was the dance that we did at Tony Holmes dedication dance, to help raise money for his hospital stay," Crouch said.

DANCIN' THE NIGHT AWAY

Senior Cassie Robinson and her date Caleb King, freshman Jessie Huston and sophomore Samantha Allen dance to the music provided by D.J. Michael Wheeler. After the dance, the group stayed together and met up with other students at senior Crystal Garrison's house.

BRAVO!

A First Time for Everything

Lights, music, fog! For the first time in Bonner Springs High School's history, students put on a two night performance of a variety show entitled, "Bravo!". The show took place on Feb. 28 and Mar. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Instead of having a fall musical, students focused on the variety show. Students put in months, weeks, days, and hours of hard work preparing themselves for the show.

"I was a little disappointed that we didn't have a musical, but I had a blast both nights. My favorite part of the show was when Amber Thomas sat on Dustin Arnett while we sang, 'Earl Had to Die' by the Dixie Chicks," senior Becky Heckert said.

"Bravo!" had colorful lights, disco balls, fog machines, singers, dancers, and a live band.

From rap to country and punk to pop, students put on a "variety" of music. On their own, students picked their songs and groups members. After rehearsing by themselves, they met and practiced with the band that was hired to play for the show.

"The debut of 'Bravo!' went very

well. The performers shocked the audience with the creativity of their acts and the with level of talent displayed," Director Mr. Steve Strom said.

Strom and accompanist Mrs. Denise Gibson were assisted by Mr. Dan Brinkley. Brinkley joined the Bonner Springs staff for his internship program at the University of Kansas. Brinkley helped out with advertisement and crew.

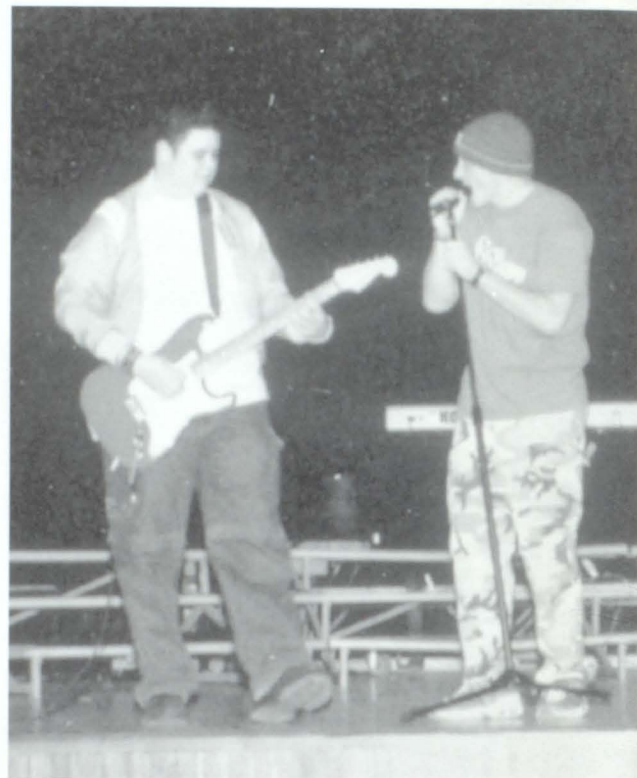
"This was a very exciting experience for myself, because I'm finally on the other side. It was a great pleasure to have this experience with Mr. Strom and the students of BSHS," Brinkley said.

"Bravo!" was a success despite the fact that the Braves hosted Sub-State basketball tournament the same evenings as the show.

"As I told the students, sometimes life doesn't go the way we expect it to. You can either cave in or rise above to the challenge and do your best," Strom said.

—Sarah Benton

ALTERNATIVE, PUNK, AND ROCK COMBINED
Senior Aaron Mills sings into the microphone as sophomore Alex Alexander jams on his guitar. Other members of the band were, seniors Jeremy Woods on bass, and Jack Holtzen on drums.

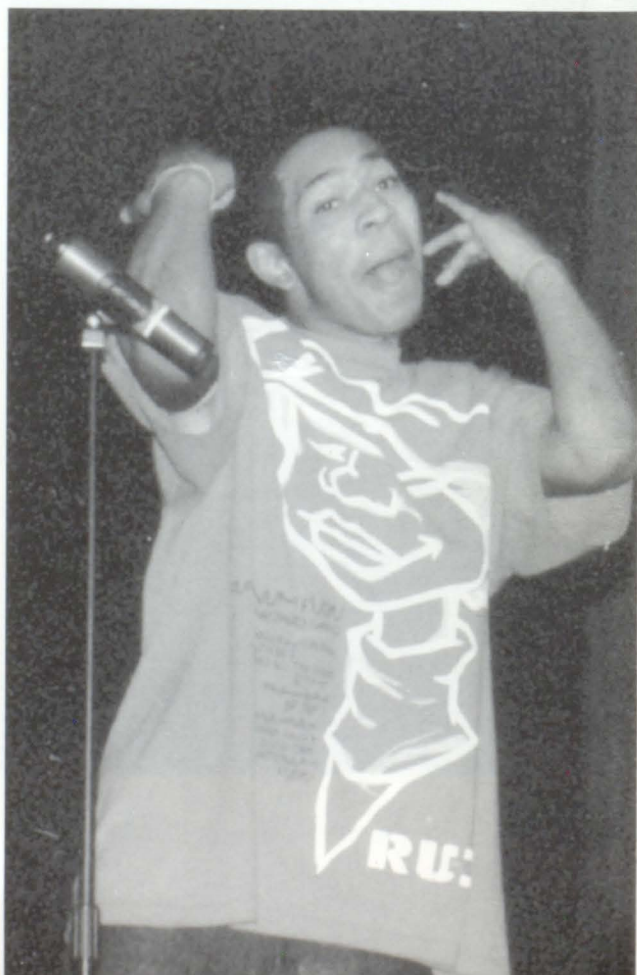


HEAVENLY HARMONY

Sophomores Erin Stoner and Sarah Sawyer, and sophomores Amber McAvoy and Cara Harding sing, "When I Think About Angels," by Jamie O'Neal. "I wish that we would have started this before my senior year," Sawyer said.

"FUNKY LITTLE SHACK"

"You're what?" asks sophomore Kenny Mack, as he and a group from A cappella sing "Love Shack," by the B-52's. "The lights, the band, the people all gave me such an adrenaline rush. I loved entertaining all the people," Mack said.





"HOW LONG WILL THIS RAIN LAST?"

Senior Miki Mellott, joined by other A cappella members, performs her rendition of "Trickle, Trickle," by Manhattan Transfer. "It was quite an experience, especially when my umbrella got caught in my hair," Mellott said.



"LET'S BE TOGETHER"

Juniors Kenny Ballard and Rebecca Stephens sing their hearts out in, "Best Years of Our Lives," by the Baja Men. "At first it seemed stressful, but after a few run-throughs, I started to enjoy it and let loose," Stephens said.

KNOCKED TO THEIR KNEES

A cappella men kneel down while singing, "Poison Ivy," by Boyd Bennett, as senior Megan McCluney walks by as a dancer. "My favorite part of the song was when I got all attention from the guys and the audience," McCluney said.

"RAGGY RHYTHM IN HIS NOSTRILS..."

Sara Miller, Anecia Reed, and Sarah Benton sing "Ragweed Cowboy Joe," as the bar girls dress Joe in his cowboy get-up. "My favorite part was when the bar girls got to do the chicken dance," Reed said.



"PLEASE DON'T TAKE MY SUNSET AWAY"

Members of the supporting cast, freshmen Amy Parks and Mandie Lewis sing, "You Are My Sunset." "My favorite part of the play was when the audience would clap and cheer in the middle of the play," Lewis said.



SPRING PLAY

A New Experience

For the first time in BSHS history, Director Dan Streit and the drama department put on a melodrama. A melodrama is between a musical and a play, but adds a sense of song and dance with a lot of humor.

"I wanted to try something new and challenging," Streit said.

The audience was also extremely involved in the play. They got to clap, cheer, boo, and hiss.

"I liked being in the audience and being able to interact with the people in the play. Also my favorite part was the pie in the face," junior Travis Kerns said.

The melodrama was called "Ragweed Cowboy Joe," written by I. E. Clark. It was performed on April 4-5 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The story was about a young man named Joe, who had to travel to the old "Wild, Wild West" because of his ragweed allergies. As Joe learns how to become a cowboy, he meets his true love, Hootin' Annie.

Like all melodramas, this one had a villain, Billy the Goat. Joe and Billy fought for Annie's love, and the hero, Joe, wins.

The play was a success due to the cast and the supporting cast, who played neighbors, children, students, cowboys, and bar girls. Each role was very significant in the melodrama.

"I had a great time for my first and last time in a high school play. I also made a lot of friends," senior Brandy Miller said.

Both nights the cast was very strong, as well as the audience.

"We had a lot of fun and it turned out to be a great show," Streit said.

—Sarah Benton

EVIL AT ITS BEST

Joe falls to his knees in pain as Billy the Goat, the villain, prepares for his next attack. "I was glad that everyone gave their best. Also, it was cool to see all those people come for my last performance," senior Travis Ridenour said.





GO WEST YOUNG MAN

Dr. Bypass and his nurse, played by seniors Jamison Johnson and Katie Trent, tell Joe the only thing that will save him from his allergies is to go west. "It was awesome, I played more than the nurse; I got to be your average 'hick,'" Trent said.

HORSIN' AROUND

Cowboy sophomores, Matt Davidson and Jess Buck, demonstrate violence as the announcer lists the things that will be seen throughout the show. "It was a lot of fun for my first time," Davidson said.



CAST:

Joe Septicktanker.....Mike Maxwell
 Billy the Goat.....Travis Ridenour
 Hootin' Annie.....Danielle Perica
 Poochie.....Kim Miser
 1st Libbie.....Alyssa Alexander
 2nd Libbie.....Sara Miller
 3rd Libbie.....Sarah Benton
 Kit Carson.....David Jones
 Announcer.....Cara Harding

SUPPORTING CAST:

Jeremy Woods, Matt Davidson, Jess Buck, Anecia Reed, Katie Trent, Danielle Putnam, Summer Rickert, Brandy Miller, Morgan Escott, Jennifer Cole, Mandie Lewis, Jessica Bartram, Amy Parks, Amanda Allenbrand, Jamison Johnson, Jami Poje.

CREW:

Denise Green, Stephanie Fesenmeyer, Eric Ferleman, Mattie Pino, Scott Link, Jon Fesenmeyer, Danielle Dunivan, Wesley Shields, Summer Rickert

DIRECTOR:

Dan Streit

"AND NOW WE FINISHED OUR MELODRAMA..." Hootin' Annie and Joe, played by sophomores Danielle Perica and Michael Maxwell, throw their arms open wide to the audience as the play comes to an end with the big finale. "I had so much fun, I can't wait to do it again next year," Maxwell said.

PREPARING FOR THE BALL

Juniors Nikki Smith and Sara Miller create centerpieces for some tables at Prom. The Prom Committee chose colors, decorations and the theme for the Prom and decorated on Friday evening before the dance. "Being on the Prom committee was worth the NHS point that we earned from doing it," Smith said.



STANDIN' PRETTY

Shannon Davidson, Morgan Tuttle, Madeleine Rainbolt, Jessie Eheart, Summer Pappe, Lisa Assmann, and Erica Schempp show off their variety of dresses as they pose for a picture at Tuttle's house before the dance. The girls and their dates went to Garozzo's to eat and then to prom and afterwards they went to the Holtze hotel to hang out. At the hotel, the girls wanted to go swimming, but the pool was closed, so they just hung out in the three rooms that they had rented for the night. "My favorite thing about prom was after when our friends all went to the Holtze hotel," Tuttle said.

GETTIN' FIT

Senior Jeremy Woods gets fit for his tuxedo for the prom during ELO weeks before the dance. For convenience, Bill Rapp, from Studio 3 Formalwear, came to BSBS to fit students for tuxedos on two different occasions.





DANCING INTO THE NIGHT

Senior Crystal Garrison and her boyfriend Michael Brown dance to one of the many slow songs played during the evening. Garrison attended prom with Brown, Karla Reynolds and McKinley Garrison.

2002 PROM NOMINEES

Front Row: Amittia Davis, Arrolyn Potter, Jessica Sullivan, Miki Mellott, Katie Trent. **Back Row:** Jesse Kirk, Aaron Mills, Justin Monn, Mark Smith, Peter Wiehe.



"Here's to the Night"

A Beautiful Event

With warm spring weather and only a slight breeze in the air, Prom was held on Saturday, May 4, 2002.

Annually held at the Lake of the Forest Clubhouse, the dance went from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. that evening. The theme was, "Here's to the Night," and the colors were gold, black, and dark green.

"I think the gorgeous night and the high student morale made for a very successful Prom with an outstanding turnout," Prom committee sponsor, Ms. Britt Adams said.

Over 300 students attended the event, which was coordinated by a large number of junior Prom committee members.

GIVE ME A BREAK

Junior Greg Manning pours some punch while taking a break from dancing. All of the food and drinks were provided by Mrs. Martha Chandley and the FACS department. Some of the food that was served was cheese and crackers, little smokies, fruit and vegetables. "The food all looked really good at Prom," junior Makayla Gober said.

"I think the junior class Prom committee did a really good job selecting the colors and decorating," senior Tommy Gardner said.

The beautiful evening also allowed for an array of dress and tuxedo styles and colors.

"Shannon Davidson had one of the prettiest dresses because it looked like Hollywood with all of its sequins," junior Summer Pappé said.

"I liked Chad Vandenberg's tux because it was original. It was red and white and it matched his girlfriend, Tara Eveland's dress," junior Morgan McConico said.

At approximately 10:00 p.m. the Prom king and queen were announced and crowned. They were Aaron Mills and Katie Trent won the honors.

With a beautiful day, and an outstanding Prom, the students had their great night of romance, dancing, and dining.

—Lisa Assmann

RESTING AWHILE

Senior Tracy Norman and her date Kyle Davis sit and take a break during Prom. After the dance, the couple and a group of friends went bowling at King Louie's until 4:00 a.m.

WAITING FOR THEIR ENTRANCE

Sandra Young, Rechelle Bradley, Jennifer O'Neal and Cassandra Hawkins wait patiently to go into Prom. "I thought Prom was really fun. We went to Victory Junction afterwards to eat," Hawkins said.

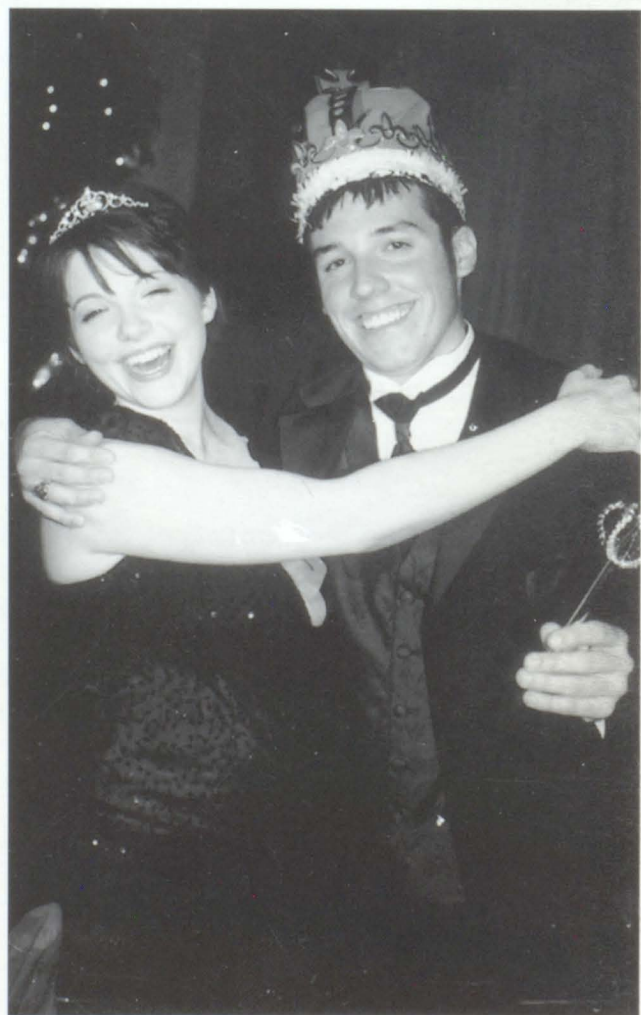


STANDING IN STYLE

Greg Krouse, Bianca Luviano, Paul Highfill, Angela Marcel, Becky Heckert, Tommy Gardner, Amber Thomas, and Michael Verdict stand near the club house waiting to enter the prom. The group ate at the Guadalajara Cafe before the dance and went to a bonfire at Angela Marcel's house after Prom.

THE ROYAL MATCH

Tiara and crown on, Katie Trent and Aaron Mills pose for one of the many pictures that comes along with winning Prom King and Queen. As in years past, the voting was done on the evening of Prom and only those juniors and seniors who attended the event could cast a vote.





Senior Picnic

Food, Friends & Fun

After practicing for graduation on Friday, May 17, the senior class went to Shawnee Mission Lake Park for the annual senior picnic.

Although the morning was stormy, the weather cleared off and was perfect for the picnic, which was held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

With food provided by Dairy Dine, there was an array of food including hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beans, and lemonade.

CHATTING WITH ADMINISTRATION

Seniors Lindsay Russell and Jamison Johnson ask Vice Principal, Mr. Jim Soper if they could start a food fight. Of course, Soper denied their request, but the two still had an enjoyable time at the picnic. "I went to the picnic because I knew it would be the last time I got to be with my entire senior class," Johnson said.

"I ate five hamburgers at the picnic," Jamison Johnson said.

Because it was the seniors last chance to be together as high school classmates, many seniors used the opportunity to take pictures, sign yearbook pages, toss around the baseball, and play on the playground equipment.

"I had a great time at the picnic hanging out with all of the other seniors," Erica Schempp said.

Although it was the last chance to see their fellow classmates in a casual atmosphere besides Project Graduation, the seniors let loose and had an overall great time.

—Lisa Assmann



BEHIND BARS

Seniors Amanda Wise and Amanda Zaring goof around on the playground equipment at Shawnee Mission Lake Park. After eating lunch, many of the senior stayed and played on the equipment at the park.

GETTIN' SOME GRUB

Derrick Peters leads the line of hungry seniors at the picnic to get some food to enjoy on their last day of fun together. The food was provided by Dairy Dine in downtown Bonner Springs.

FINAL DAYS...

Making Each Moment Count

Going once, going twice, sold! Senior Auction, which was held on April 25, was one of the many events seniors participated in during their final weeks of high school.

Seniors signed up to be auctioned off to other students, and prices went as high as \$33.00. All of the money collected went towards Project Graduation.

Volunteering to be a servant could be a risk because seniors never knew what underclassmen had in mind.

"I had to sing 'I'm a Little Teapot' for Amber Williams," Lily Szewc said.

After the Auction, seniors also had to deal with more formal ceremonies like NHS Induction, Awards Night, and Senior Boards.

From scuba diving, to making a quilt, to shadowing a photographer, seniors kept busy all year with their

senior projects.

"For my senior project, I wrote a book on WWII, so I didn't have to pay for anything, I just printed it all at school," Zachary Powell said.

As the old song says, "Wishing, and hoping, and praying, and thinking," that's what seniors were doing for the last few weeks of their high school life.

Turning in books, kicking up their heels, and smiling as they exited the building, seniors were glad that their final days at BSHS were finished.

—Summer Pappe

PASSING ON THE LIGHT

Senior NHS members, Katie Parks, Aaron Mills, and Megan McCluney gather one last time to light each other's NHS candle, which represents the four standards of NHS: community, scholarship, leadership and service. The NHS Induction Ceremony was held on Wed., April 24.



JUST ONE MORE HUG

Seniors Kallie Szewc and Rachel Ballard watch as seniors Atlantis Smart and Lily Szewc give their final hugs on their last day of high school. "The time came and it was sad, but we'll see each other again," Smart said.

DEVIL IN A BLUE DRESS

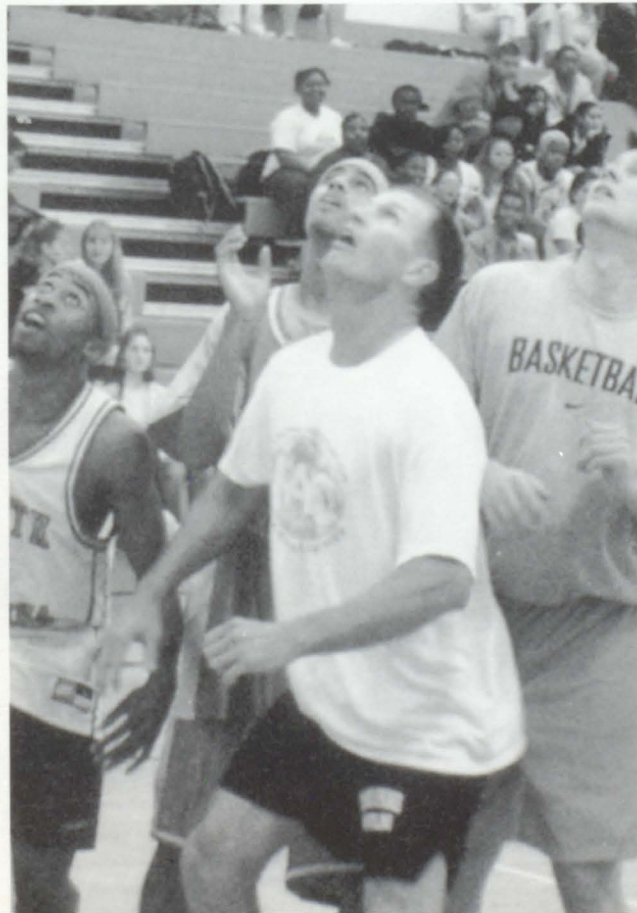
Senior Nick Border pays for his lunch on "Senior Servant Day." Border had to wear a little blue dress which was ordered by his owner, who paid \$27 for his services for the day. "It was actually kind of comfortable," Border said.





CHECK OUT TIME

Greg Young receives his cap and gown from Mrs. Kay Smith on the seniors last day of school, Wed. May 15. The Josten's representatives gave the seniors their choice of three different packages, which included memory books, announcements, senior keys, photo albums, party invitations, thank you cards, and many other items.



SENIOR PROJECT FUN

Seniors Romie Hall and Michael Copeland and faculty members Garold Baker and Andy Price wait for a rebound during the Senior vs. Faculty basketball game. The game was held as part of Hall's senior project. Hall collected \$221 from the event and donated the proceeds to the American Red Cross. "I think the game was a great success and it was fun beating up on the faculty," Hall said.

AWARDS NIGHT HONORS

Dr. Jerry Abbott and senior Sarah Rowland pose for a picture during Senior Awards Night on May 1 after she won the Citizenship Award. Close to \$25,000 in local scholarships and nearly one million dollars in national scholarships were granted to seniors that evening.

2002 VALEDICTORIANS/SALUTATORIAN

Front Row: Jack Holtzen, Michael Ashford and Sarah Rowland. **Back Row:** Zachary Powell, D'Erin May, Erin Stoner, Amittia Davis, Stephanie Fesenmeyer. There were seven valedictorians and one salutatorian that addressed the class of 2002 at graduation.

PROUD FATHER

Senior Beth Gibson hugs her father and school board member, Mr. Gregg Gibson, as he presents her with her diploma. "Graduation was very special and emotional for me, because not only my family member, but my mentor and friend gave me my diploma," Gibson said.



GRADUATION

Starting a New Tradition

Some graduation traditions came to an end with the Class of 2002. Instead of an outdoor graduation full of Silly String and beach balls, graduation was held in the new YMCA fieldhouse on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

"We made the change because we had outgrown our stadium, so the Board of Education decided the new facility was a better environment for everyone," Principal Dr. Jerry Abbott said.

Seniors had various opinions about the change in the graduation location.

"I felt that it was more orderly and formal than it had been in the past," Amanda Wise said.

"It felt awkward facing a wall with our family and friends sitting behind us instead of in front of us," Jenny Montgomery said.

Another change was teachers sat at the end of each row of the graduates to help escort them to get their diplomas on stage.

One tradition that remained was the speech given by the valedictorian/salutatorians. Each honoree found a favorite quote of his/her own and wrote a speech about the quote's significance to graduation.

"Going up to the podium I was really nervous and shaking the whole time," Stephanie Fesenmeyer said. "It was hard to believe that it was the last time that we would all be together until reunions."

At the conclusion of the speeches, diplomas were awarded and tassels were moved from the right to the left, making their graduation official.

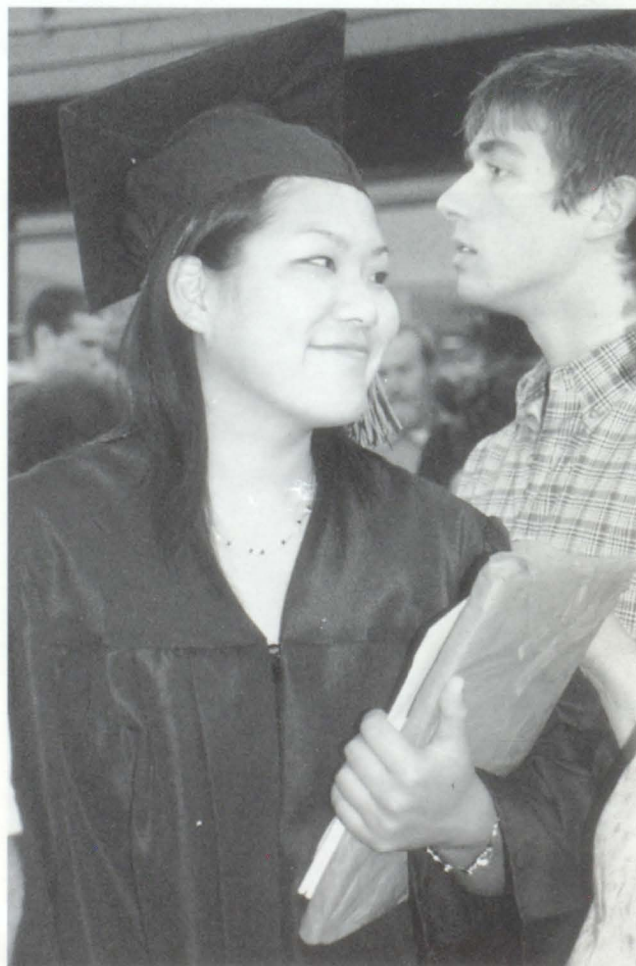
In the past, this was a time for Silly String and confetti, but the administration didn't want to damage the new gym floor, so they compromised. They handed each graduate a can of Silly String as they exited the fieldhouse for celebration outside.

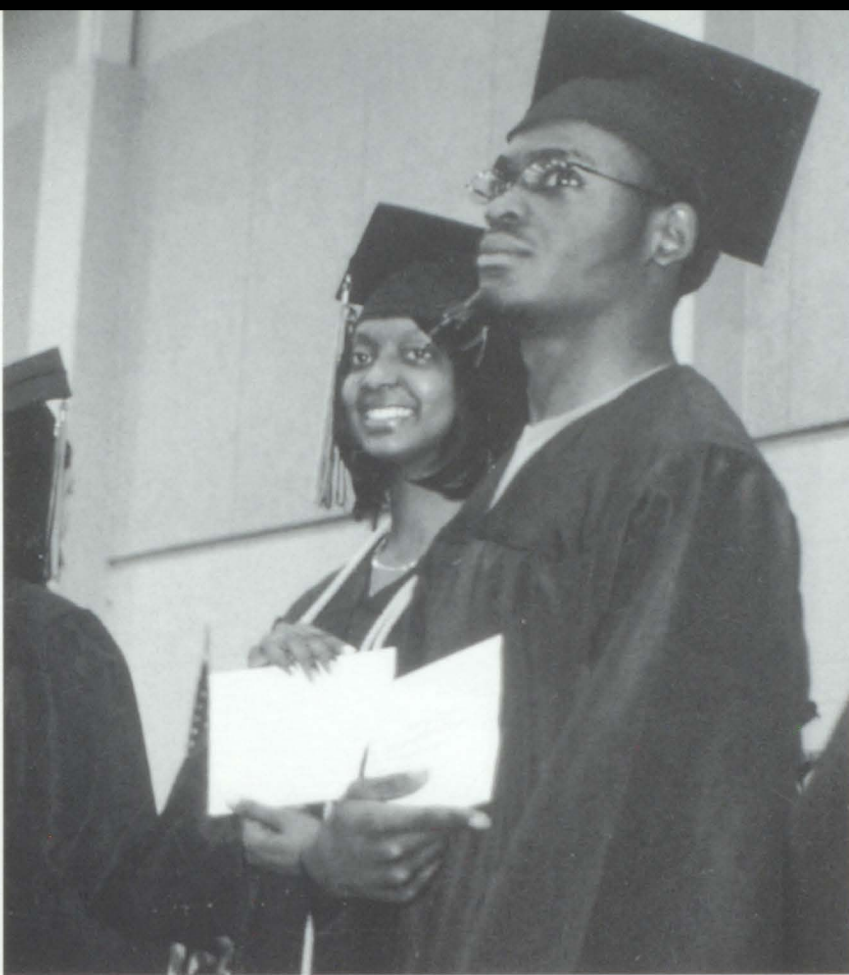
"I thought it was cool that they gave us Silly String because I was a little upset about not graduating outside," senior Rhiannon Ford said.

—Sarah Benton

A SMILE OF REMEMBRANCE

Mayumi Ishihara looks back one last time with a smile on her face, before she leaves the United States. Ishihara was a foreign exchange student from Japan, who stayed with the family of senior Rachel Boddy and her sister sophomore Amanda Boddy.





TWIN PRIDE

Twins, Amittia and Amos Davis, pose with their diplomas for their proud parents. "I've been fortunate to have my sister with me these past thirteen years; she's really helped push me through," Amos Davis said.



SENIOR GIFT

Michael Ashford presents Dr. Bob VanMaren, Dr. Jerry Abbott, Mr. Jim Soper, and Mr. Larry Chaney with the senior class gift, a memorial block made for the high school in remembrance of the events on Sept. 11. "I thought it was a very appropriate and meaningful gift. It will be placed where we can look at it and reflect on what has happened in the past year; it will be there for generations to come," Abbott said. The block will be placed in the brick beneath the school's flag pole.

LEADING THE WAY

Juniors Sara Miller and Whitney Mitchell escort the graduating seniors to the YMCA for the commencement exercises. "It was cool to walk in and see all those people; I felt honored to be able to walk the graduates into the fieldhouse," Mitchell said.



Braves Unite as One

PEOPLE

Not every year do tragedies shake schools as much as they did here. On Sept. 11, 2001 not only did the United States unite as one from the terrible World Trade Center tragedy in New York, but the students at BSHS also came together to show their pride in their country.

On an individual level, senior Kallie Szewc collected 179 gloves to donate to the Salvation Army to be sent to New York and after junior Kenny Ballard received pledges for each individual mile he would run, he ran a total of 17.2 miles from Bonner Springs to Kansas City, Kan., raising \$800 for the American Red Cross. As a school, the majority of the student body signed a poster designed by the Art Club and sent it to a high school in New York, and students in Mr. Jim Hanson's first hour American government class painted an American flag, a soldier, and an eagle with the Twin Towers and the Statue of Liberty in his room. Whether individually or as a group, everyone did their part in remembering Sept. 11.

Another tragedy that struck BSHS unexpectedly was the death of junior John Dean on Oct. 25, 2001. Many students and faculty members joined together in the sanctuary of the Bonner Springs Baptist Church to pay their respects and to show their support to his family. In addition, junior Danny Border made a home video of Dean and his friends that was shown during ELO in celebration of his life. Dean's close friends, including Border, sold the video for a minimum donation of \$2, but people could donate anything they wished. The money went towards a memorial fund that was given to the band in Dean's name.

Students of all grades came together to help the people of New York and to comfort one another in a time of personal loss—the Braves United As One.

—Sarah Rowland





A Priceless Smile

Junior John Dean catches a plastic football from a cheerleader while sitting in the stands with the rest of the marching band waiting to perform at halftime of the homecoming football game. On Oct. 25, 2001, Dean would have done the very same thing; however, he was killed in a tragic car accident only hours before. Although the members were very saddened and grief-stricken by the news, they felt they should perform in honor of Dean's life and his spirit (see page 155). "John will never be forgotten because no matter how much went wrong in his life, he always had a smile on his face," junior Jeremy Chrisp said.



Remembering New York

Seniors Sara Sawyer and Ruth Shields work together to paint a mural of an American flag for the students and faculty to sign and send to a school in New York. "Even though I'm just a normal person in Kansas and not in New York, I felt like I was contributing my talent and time to help raise spirits in many people I haven't met. I felt really good about contributing to the making of the poster," Shields said.



Honoring Freedom Fighters

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Vice Principal Mr. Jim Soper, and Senior Class President Michael Ashford, along with the rest of the student body recite the "Pledge of Allegiance" for a special Veteran's Day Assembly held on Nov. 9. In addition to posting the colors at the assembly, the VFW members also visited the American government classes to share their war stories with the students. "The focus of this assembly was to focus on people who fought for our freedoms," American government teacher Mr. Jim Hanson said.

CHAOTIC CONSTRUCTION

Why all this construction our senior year? This was a question many seniors asked themselves while listening to construction distractions during class. From jackhammers and screw guns to wet paint and scaffolds, the entire school was a construction site.

Even though they were distracted many saw the advantages it would bring to the district.

"I feel this construction will bring a better look to our area," Cinda Thomas said.

Others were concerned about what the duties of the seniors would be to keep the school looking good.

"This construction will make our school look a lot less trashy. I just hope everyone in our school helps take care of it," Abby Vitt said.

Yet, others saw it as a chance to increase enrollment.

"More people will look at our school and want to go to it. More

people will move to Bonner Springs," Mario Villarreal said.

Overall, the construction changed the school for the better, giving all students more opportunities to advance in fine arts, science, math, and physical education activities.

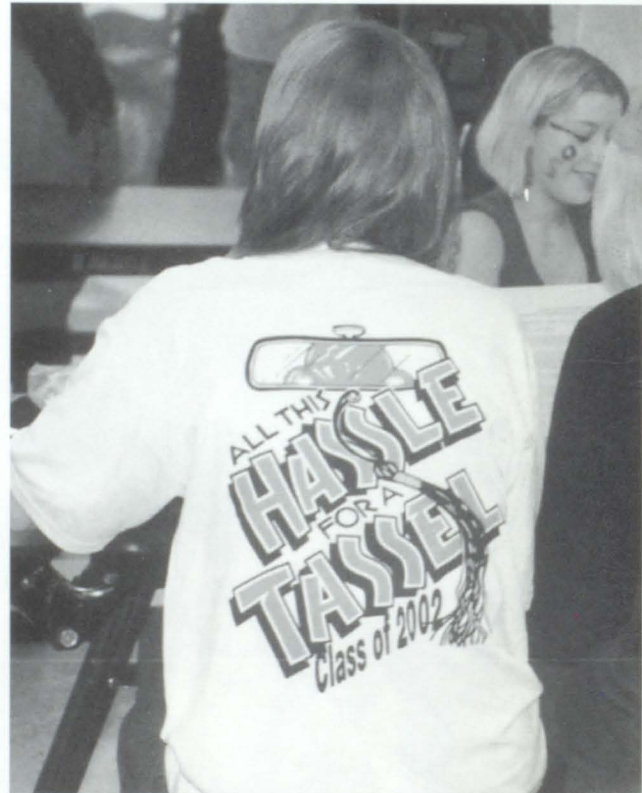
"I'm really excited as well as the community is. No other school around will have the same facilities we will be offering," Superintendent Dr. Bob VanMaren said.

Although going through construction wasn't any fun, a bigger and better school was created.

~Sarah Rowland
Summer Pappé

What a Hassle

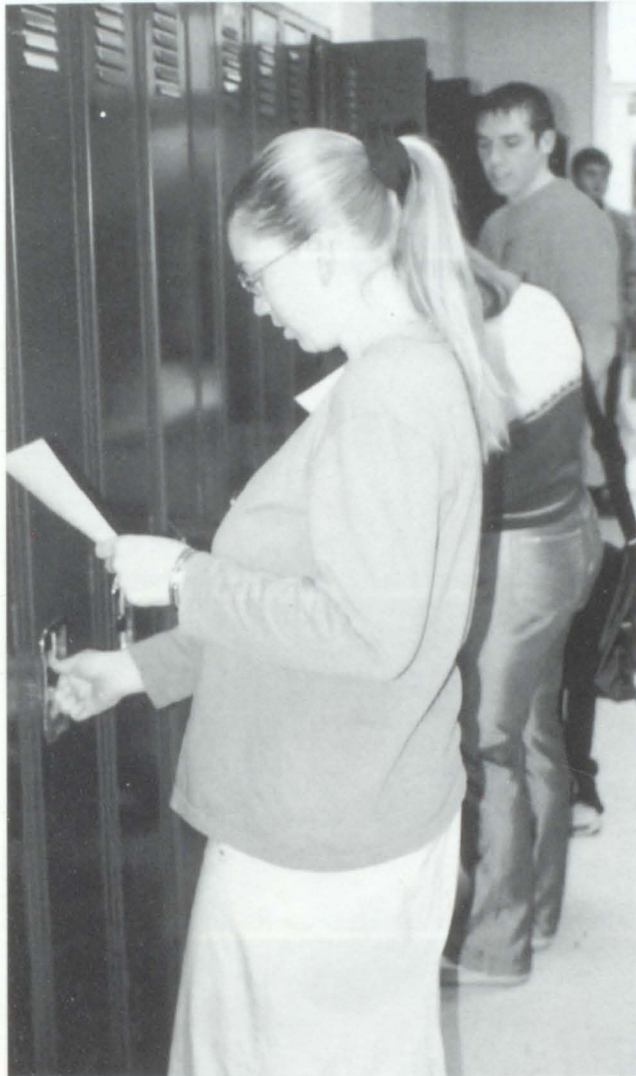
Ruth Shields shows not only her school spirit by wearing her senior shirt, but also how much of a hassle the year was with construction. After Jessica Sullivan took orders for the shirts she had them made and the seniors wore them nearly every Friday during football season.



A FAMILIAR SIGHT

A crane, orange plastic tape, and boards lie outside the entrance to the school. Students saw this sight nearly every day for the first three months of school. The construction stretched from the middle school to the high school. "All the construction on the schools helped unify the community," Kevin Kroh said. After completing the entrance, the crews poured cement to create the new walkway for the students. "It [the improvements] will bring people to Bonner who will be putting money back into the community. Plus, the YMCA is just what younger people needed, a place to hang out," Chelsi Wilson said.





9 . . . 39 . . . UH-OH, I FORGOT ALREADY!

On Friday, January 11, 2002, Stacy Nickloy attempts to open her brand new locker. The seniors were given their new locker numbers and combinations after the ribbon cutting ceremony. "The lockers are so big. I can stand inside them. When I go by the old lockers, I feel really tall now," Jessica Sullivan said.

RIBBON CUTTING

Dustin Arnett receives his new locker number and combination from secretary Debbie Foley after the ribbon cutting ceremony. Two members of Student Council, Executive Board Vice President Dustin Carson and Senior Class President Michael Ashford cut the ribbon to enable the seniors to enter their new hallway. "We wanted to give the seniors something special," Principal Dr. Jerry Abbott said.



EAT YOUR HEART OUT

Students line up to purchase a Goodcents sandwich during the first week of school. Along with Goodcents, other fast food chain's in the area such as Simple Simon's, Wendy's, Taco Bell, and Sonic brought in food for the students to purchase. Although the commons area was packed wall-to-wall with students, they coped with it and made the best of what they had. "Personally, I liked eating in the commons better but in the new cafeteria the lines are better, and shorter because the cafeteria ladies are more productive," Aaron Mills said.

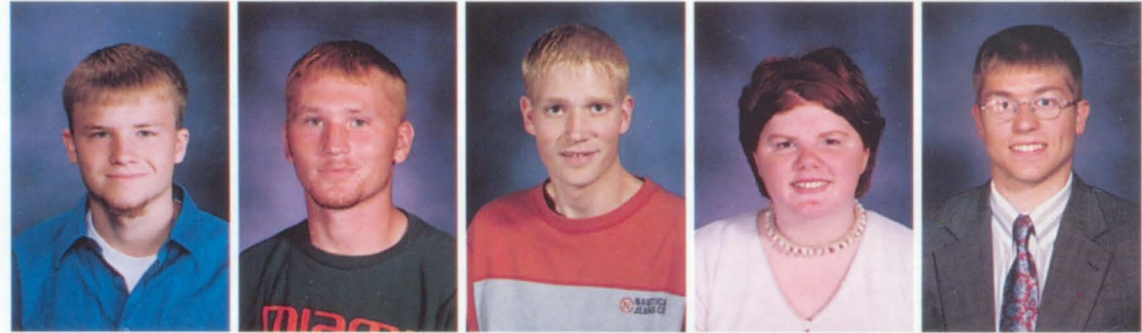
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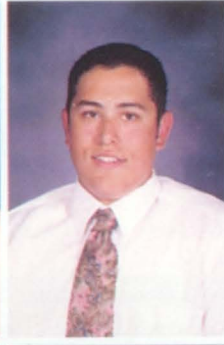
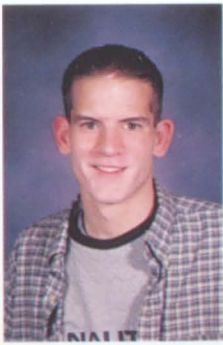


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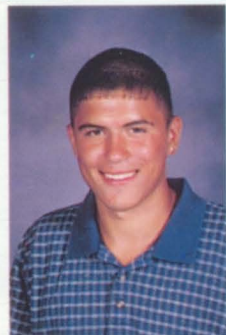




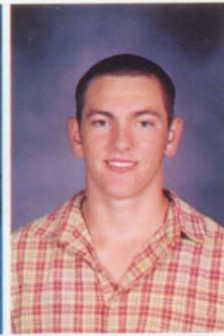
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♥ THE ♥ DATING ♥ GAME ♥

By senior year most seniors realized that dating may not be everything. It is, however, a start on the crazy, exaggerated, process of finding out who they are willing to put up with while they are dating.

There's always going to be that one person who they couldn't believe gave them a chance or that other person who made them want to run for their lives.

All in all, it was the memories, mishaps, and advice that got them through their sometimes taunting, twisted, and tortured version of the "Love Boat."

~Danae Larson

HELEN SHEPHERD & ZACH POWELL

Helen Shepherd and Zach Powell sit in front of the Powell's Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. Although Shepherd was all smiles in this picture, she had her doubts in the beginning. "I was nervous about our first date because he had already asked me to Homecoming, but I wasn't sure if he really wanted to date, or just be friends," Shepherd said. On their first date, which was before Homecoming, they went cosmic bowling at Park Lanes with seniors Jack Holtzen and Aaron Mills, and juniors Tabatha Stark and Kelly Yates. Shepherd's apprehension about their first date turned out to be needless worrying because they celebrated their fourth month together on February 11, 2002.



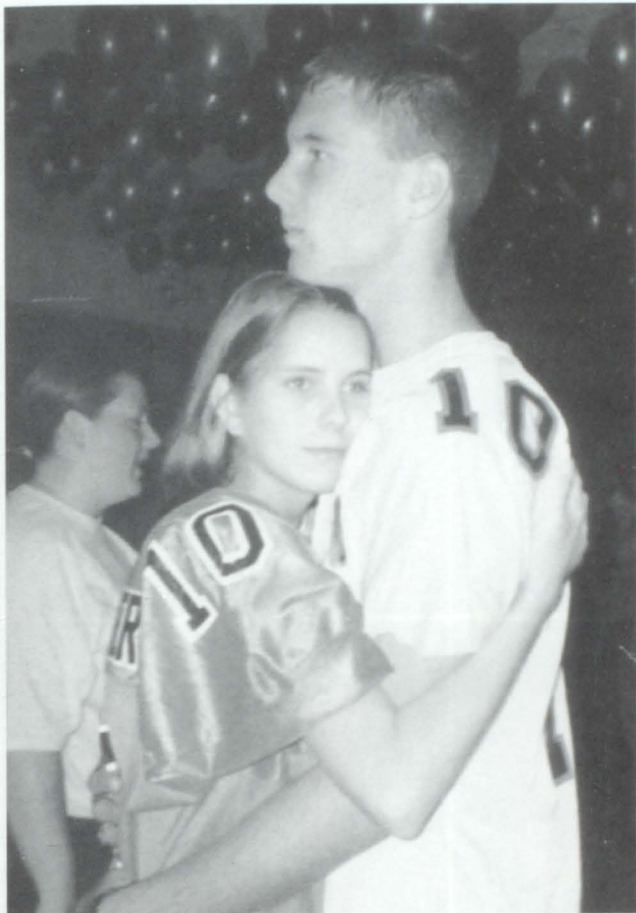
RACHEL BODDY & BRIAN BURCH

Rachel Boddy and Brian Burch take a picture outside of Miller Pharmacy for a keepsake. Burch was unsure of Boddy's feelings on their first date cosmic bowling with seniors Abby Vitt, Mitchell Miller, Erin Stoner, Helen Shepherd, and Zach Powell on Dec. 1, 2001. "I was like, 'Man, I don't know if she likes me.' We didn't say much to each other that night, and I couldn't tell if she knew I liked her," Burch said.

MIKI MELLOTT & MARK SMITH

Miki Mellott and Mark Smith chat in the halls during passing period. On their first date, the two went to Sandstone Ampitheatre for the Yallapalooza concert in the summer of 2000. "My perfect date would be a limo, Miki, and a walk on the beach," Smith said. Both will attend Fort Scott Community College in the fall of 2002.





BECKY HECKERT & TOMMY GARDNER

Becky Heckert and Tommy Gardner hold one another at the WPA Dance held on Nov. 10, 2001. For their first date on Nov. 2, 2000, Heckert and Gardner went shopping for two hours trying to pick out an outfit for the WPA Dance their junior year. "My favorite memory was when Tommy lied to me and told me he couldn't find the ring I wanted for Christmas in my size, but he actually did get it for me," Heckert said.

Helpful Dating Hints

"Do a background check."

♥ Melissa Davis

"My idea of a perfect date would probably be going to eat dinner at the lake, having a candlelit picnic, then just watching the sunset and gazing at the stars."

♥ Amanda Wise

"Don't date someone just because you feel sorry for them! You're digging your own ditch there."

♥ Katie Trent

"Be yourself always. Sometimes guys like their girls to be a little weird."

♥ Rosemary Fesenmeyer

"Don't get caught up dating one person, don't make it serious, just have a good time while you're young."

♥ Chelsie Wilson

"Don't go fast! That screws things up, every single time! And ALWAYS have good breath, no excuses."

♥ Jamison Johnson

"Be yourself and don't be scared to ask or get turned down because you'll never know if you don't try."

♥ Sean Birdsong

"No one person is going to be perfect and live up to your standards. And if you can't accept their differences then it's not meant to be."

♥ Tammy Sanford

"Be yourself and eat whatever - not just a salad because you think your date is going to call you a pig if you don't."

♥ Jenny Montgomery

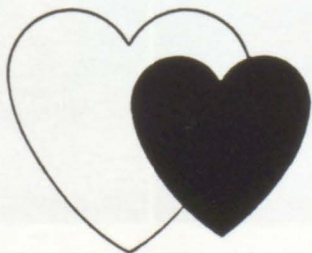
"Don't give all your money away."

♥ Brian Warczakoski



DUSTIN CARSON & SARAH ROWLAND

On their first date, Dustin Carson and Sarah Rowland attended the "Break the Ice Dance" at the middle school their seventh grade year. In the seventh grade, nobody ever thought that six years later the same couple would still be together. This, however, is exactly what happened with Carson and Rowland. Before leaving Rowland's house for their senior Homecoming dance, they once again posed for yet another picture. "We've gone through some very rough times throughout our relationship, but we've shared a lot of good times also. One of our best times was this Christmas Eve when Sarah's mom, Connie, was really anxious to see Sarah open the ring I got for her. It was really funny!" Carson said.



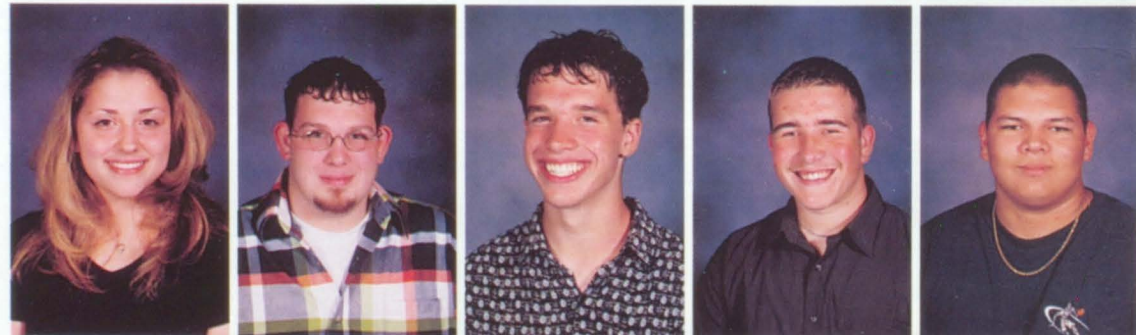
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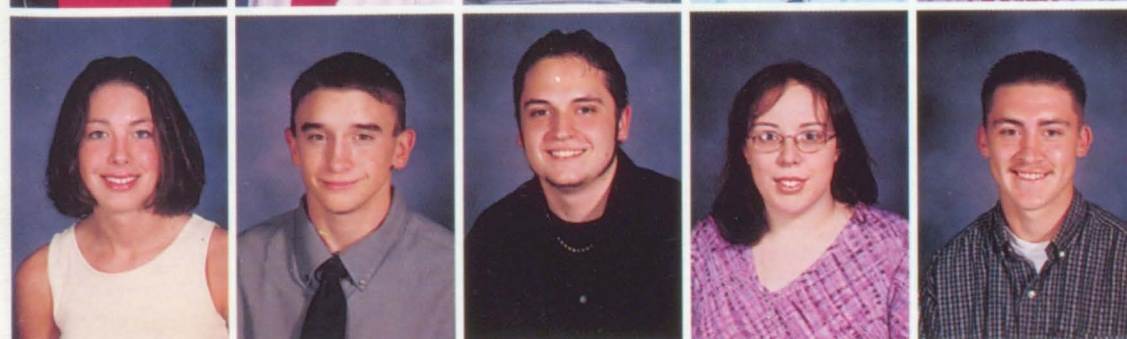
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CLIQUE S OVERLOOKED

Clique (klik or klék) n.- a small group of people who are friendly only with one another and have little to do with outsiders.

What's the true definition of a clique? Few people actually know the real definition; however, every day in the halls people stereotype others, or put others into groups called cliques.

Most senior girls agreed that cliques don't matter to them, and that people should look on the inside, because that's the most important thing.

"I think cliques are stupid because they limit your surroundings and don't allow you to have well rounded friendships," Erin Stoner said.

Senior guys, on the other hand, had an entirely different view of cliques and their importance.

"While unity as a whole is good, everybody needs some people that they can relate to on a daily basis," Brian Burch said.

The cliques most seniors recognized were: Jocks, Preps, Bookworms, Homies, Outsiders, Cowboys, and Skaters.

"Where there are nerds talking about Star Trek, I'll be there. Where a geek is cleaning his glasses, I'll be there. Where there is a dweeb in need, I'll be there," Nathan Sparks said.

Whatever the definition of a clique, one thing is for sure, the Class of 2002 will always stick together.

~Sarah Rowland
Summer Pappe

WHAT HOUR IS THAT?

Pointing in the direction of Mrs. Denise Albert's science lab, D'Erin May and Crystal Doolin sort out their schedules for their senior year. "I don't consider myself as being part of a clique, I'm my own person, I talk to everyone," Doolin said.





STILL THE BEST OF FRIENDS

Ashley Avery, Dan Dorman, Randy Edwards, and Chris Bretlinger gather together in the halls during freshmen year. The four were best friends then and have remained best friends throughout the last four years. "With all the hardships you go through during high school, your best friends are still there in the end," Dorman said.



CATCHING UP

Amie Trafton, Amanda Zaring, Angela Marcel, Paul Highfill, and Jenny Montgomery get together during ELO to catch up on the latest news. "I don't think cliques are important because who cares what people wear, have, and do? I don't," Zaring said.

★ WE'RE ★ FINALLY ★ 18!

As students of the Class of 2002 moved towards graduation, they soon realized that being responsible in the future was a must.

"Now you have to take responsibility for your actions and decisions," D'Erin May said.

Although many seniors thought that turning 18 would be a high point in their lives, or their lives would miraculously change, others knew that it was just like any other ordinary day.

"I really think turning 18 is interesting, but terribly overrated," Lindsay Russell said.

Nearly all the seniors agreed that a drawback to turning 18 would be getting tried as an adult if they were caught in a law situation. However, there were also perks to turning 18 such as being able to buy lottery tickets and going to clubs.

"No one can tell you where you

have to be or what you have to do anymore. You can also go to clubs and bars," Colby Scheidt said.

Overall, most seniors were glad to become an adult, or were really looking forward to it.

"Once I turn 18, I will finally be able to pierce my belly button and have no curfew," Cherish Freeman said.

Becoming an adult is a challenge of obstacles that everyone has to face and it's learning that they must face more responsibility—that's the hardest part.

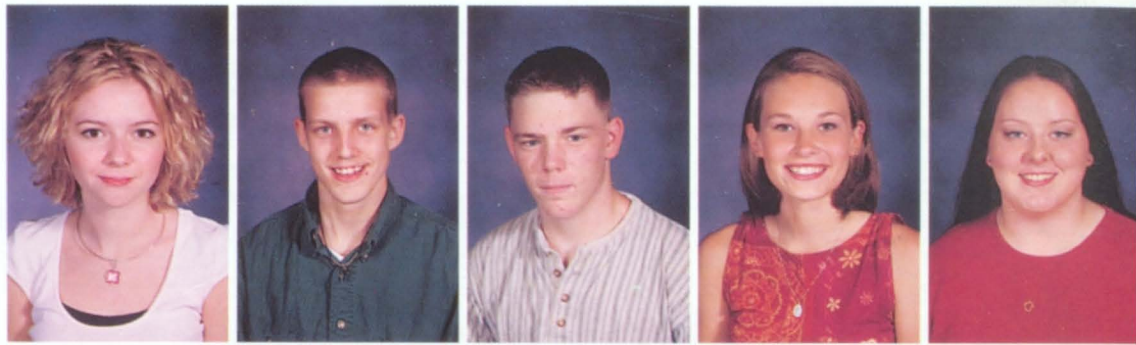
~Sarah Rowland
Summer Pappé

FOREVER FRIENDS

Arrolyn Potter sits in front of her 18th birthday cake on Aug. 19, 2001 and hangs out with her friends one morning before school. "I don't consider myself in one clique, I try to be friends with everyone. Mostly the goof troop: Sarah Trowbridge, Ashley Lumley, Rhiannon Ford, Jessica Sullivan, and Christina Walker," Potter said.



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 Cassie Robinson
 Sarah Rowland



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 Tammy Sanford
 Sara Sawyer
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 Mark Smith
 Nathan Sparks



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 Erin Stoner
 Amber Sturgeon
 Adam Sullivan
 Jessica Sullivan





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Lily Szewc
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Cinda Thomas
Travis Tilford



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Katie Trent
Sarah Trowbridge
Denise Tucker
Mario Villarreal



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Shelly Wade
Christina Walker
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Margie Warford



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Dallan Whitford
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Chelsie Wilson
Amanda Wise



Jeremy Woods
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Greg Young
Sandra Young
Amanda Zaring

WEIRD TALENTS

Having a distinguishing talent is always nice. Talents like x-ray vision or telepathic powers only get to happen in the movies.

"If I could have a power, it would be that I could fly. I always have dreams where I'm flying and it seems cool," Beth Gibson said.

However, some BSHS seniors possess special talents of their own.

How they could keep them a secret until their senior year? Now, that is a mystery all on its own.

~Danae Larson
Lisa Assmann

ALL BENT UP

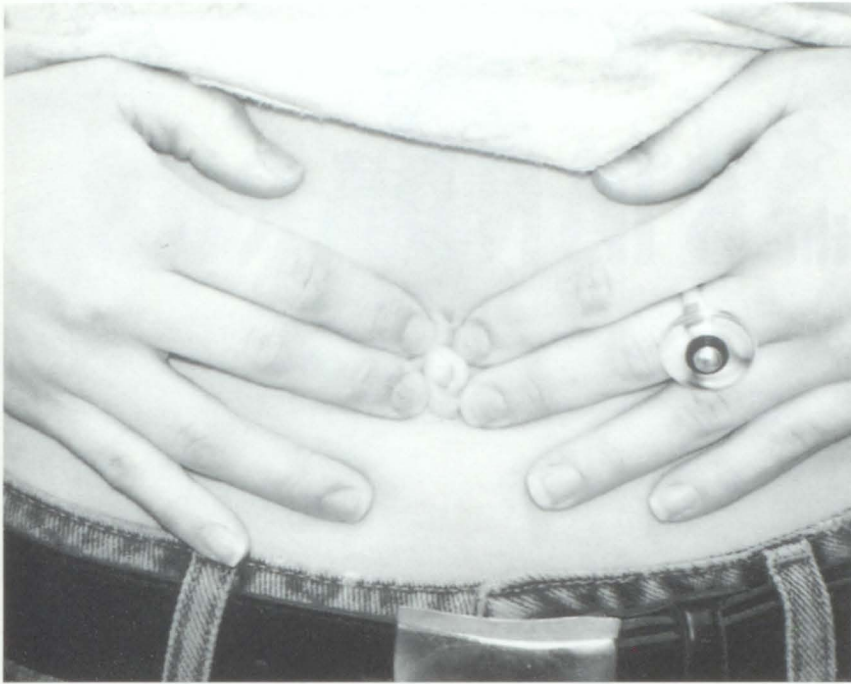
Josh Ballew easily bends his legs backwards to make his feet touch the gym floor. "I am double jointed in my legs. I can bend them backwards. I was born like this, I can't help it," Ballew said.



NOSE BALLOONS

Kallie Szewc demonstrates her ability to blow up balloons with her nose. Szewc said she discovered this unique talent in elementary school and she's not the only one in the senior class who can do it. "Well, I realized I could one day and then at my fourth grade birthday party Adam Sullivan realized he could too," Szewc said.





INSIDE OUT

Cassie Robinson displays her "talent" to turn her belly button inside out. "It just kinda' happened," Robinson said. "I was playing with my belly button at work and realized I had the talent."

IS IT SUPPOSE TO BEND LIKE THAT?

Ruth Shields shows her ability to twist her arm around. Shields discovered her talent junior year. "A group of friends and myself were sitting in chemistry last year when I figured it out about my arm," Shields said.



What I wish I could do...

"Learn how to shoot better. This would take me to the NCAA and to the NBA for money."

—Scott Gray

"I would learn to put my legs behind my head. I think it would be really cool."

—Arrolyn Potter

"X-ray vision (self explanatory) at will so I could use it whenever I want."

—Kevin Kroh

"If I could develop any talent it would be that I could make anyone happy, even when they are down."

—Amber Sturgeon

"I would want to be able to get out of a straight jacket because I have always thought that would be cool."

—Stacy Nickloy

"I would be able to lift my arms over my hands. Kinda' if I was handcuffed I could put my hands in front."

—Chelsie Brethorst

"I'd have claws coming out of my hands like Wolverine in the comic book X-Men."

—Justin Monn

"I would have telepathy, so I could be like Carrie from the horror movie."

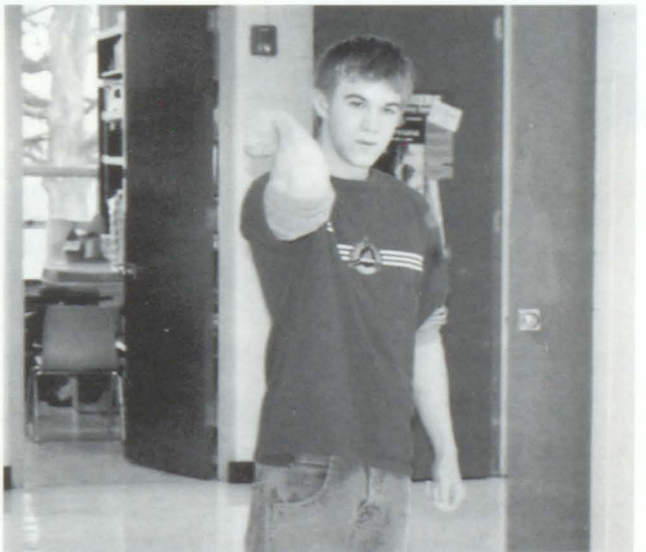
—Derek Rhodes

"I would be a person who understood every situation."

—Ricky Ledgerwood

"If I could develop any talent I would play the piano because it looks like fun to do, and three of my aunts play the piano, and I would like to follow in their footsteps."

—Atlantis Smart



FLIPPIN' IT OUT

Dallan Whitford flips a penny in a straight line. (Look close--the coin is there!) Once again practice makes perfect. "I can snap coins at incredibly high velocities. Accuracy leaves something to be desired though. It took hours of practice," Whitford said.

SENIORS who set the STANDARDS

"Nick has to be seen, and he stands out from everyone," Mark Smith. "Lindsay can make the dumbest things funny," Annie Trafton.



"Ruth is a great artist and she draws very well," Justin Monn.



"Amos is really creative, but if he had more focus, then maybe he could accomplish greater things," Danae Larson.

**Lindsay Russell
Nick Border**

**Amos Davis
Ruth Shields**

Most Dramatic

Most Creative

"Katie speaks her mind; she could run a country," Amanda Wise.

kind, caring, and an all around good person," Cassie Robinson.



"Michael is smart and a great leader," Travis Tilford.

**Sarah Rowland
Michael Ashford
Katie Parks**

Future President

Mellot. "Every time you look at Derek when you're in a bad mood,

his eyes sparkle and cheer you up," Jenny Montgomery. "Ashley has sparkling blue eyes," Arroyln Potter.



"Atlantis has friendly, understanding eyes," Miki

**Atlantis Smart
Derek Mathiesen
Ashley Lumley**

Eye-Catching Eyes

"Rachel always has a smile on her face," Fredrick White. "Peter always takes time to talk to everybody; he never singles anybody out," Rhiannon Ford. "Jeremy is a friend to everyone, from the lowliest freshman, to



Jeremy Woods
Rachel Ballard
Peter Wiehe

Most Friendly

"I think that it is a good thing and a bad thing to have four people for the best smile. I guess that we are all equal."



Sara Sawyer
Jack Holtzen
Danae Larson
Colby Scheidt

Prettiest Smile

Chris Scott. "He got's mad skills; he's raw!" P.J. Parks



"Amittia plays sports and does dance team too,"

Amittia Davis
Chris Cobbins

Most Athletic

"Adam gets the looks," Amanda Kirby.

"Christina is hot, blonde, and beautiful," Josh Bosley.



Christina Walker
Adam Sullivan

Class Hotties

Donnie Schwemin
Meryl Miller

Most Fashionable

"Meryl never wears the same outfit twice," Angela Marced. "Donnie definitely has a flare for shopping," Lily Szewc.



"Matt, by far, has the best hair;—one of a kind definitely. Not many

guys walk around with orange hair," Karla Reynolds. "Lorena's hair is always

different and always styled," Beth Gibson.



Matthew Lewis
Lorena Luna

Best Hair

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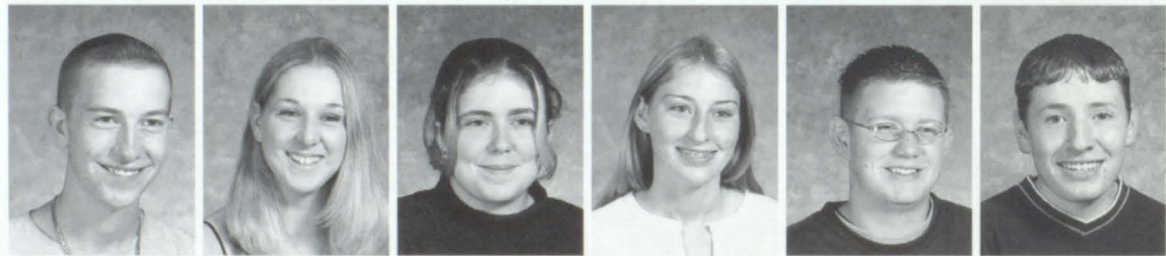
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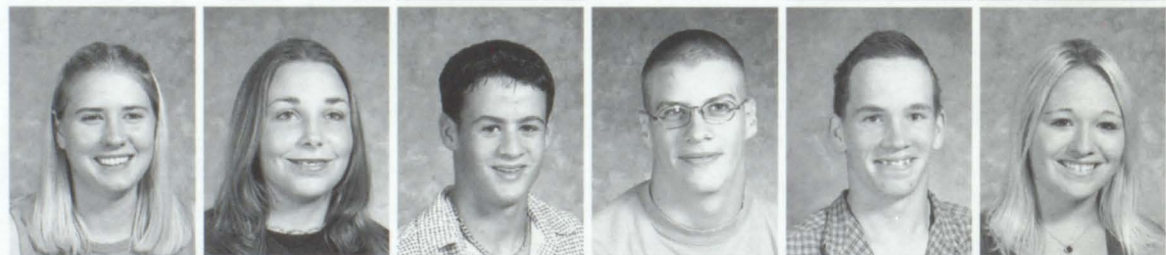
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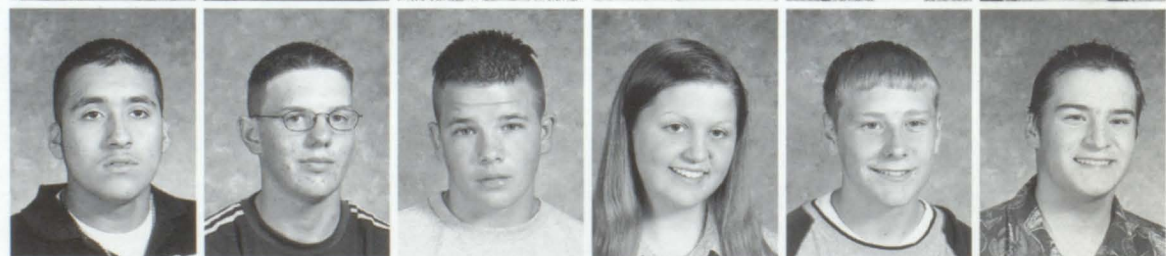
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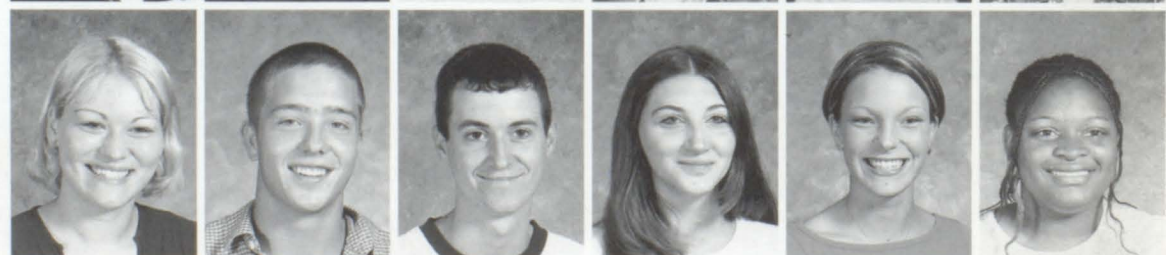
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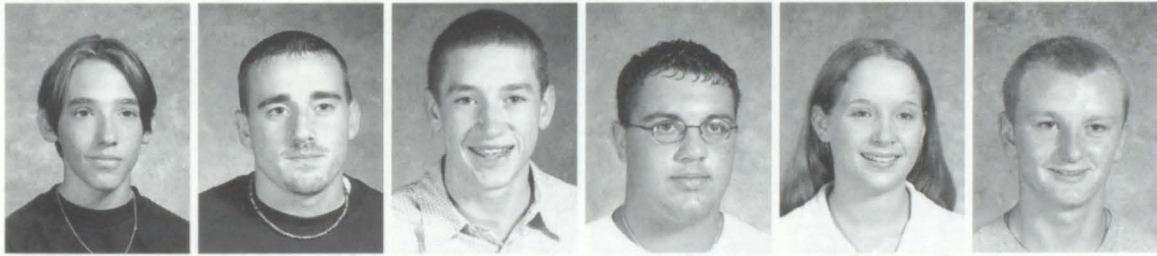
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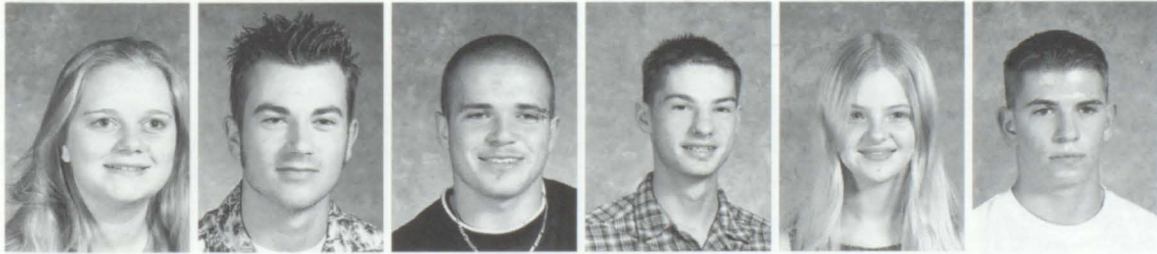
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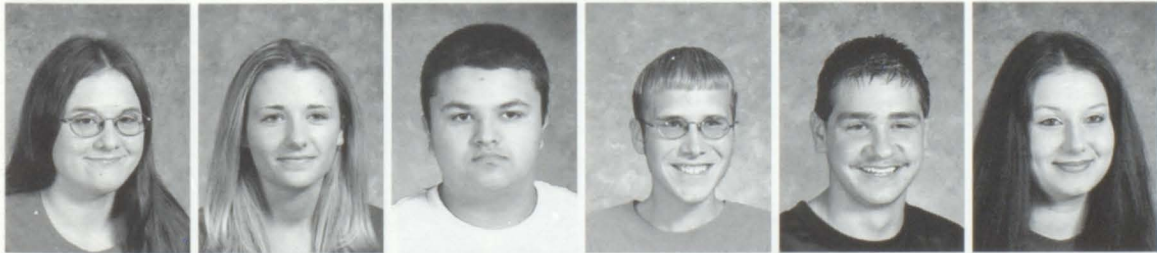
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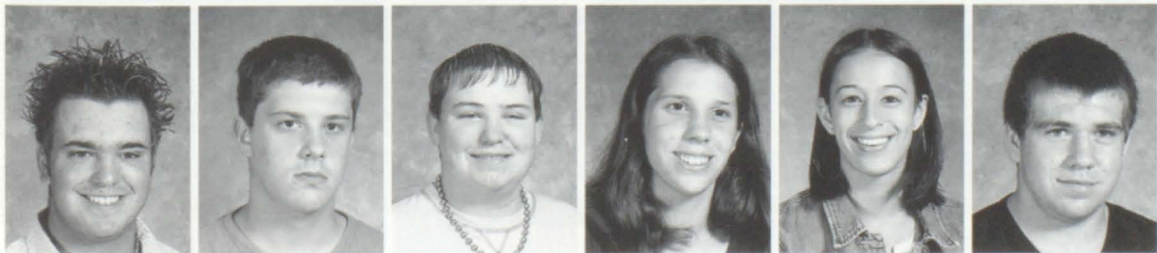
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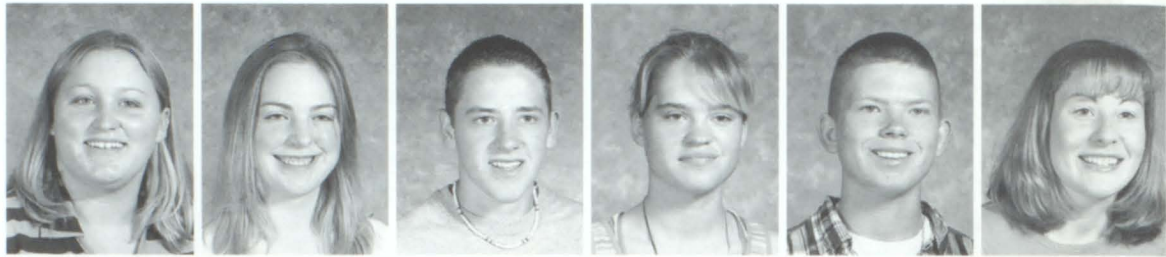


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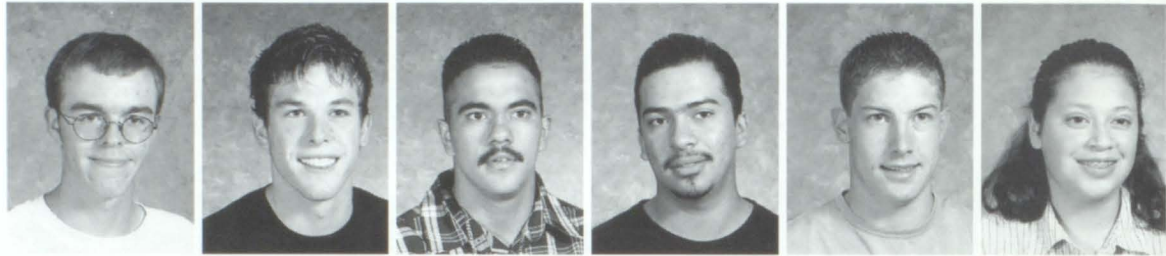


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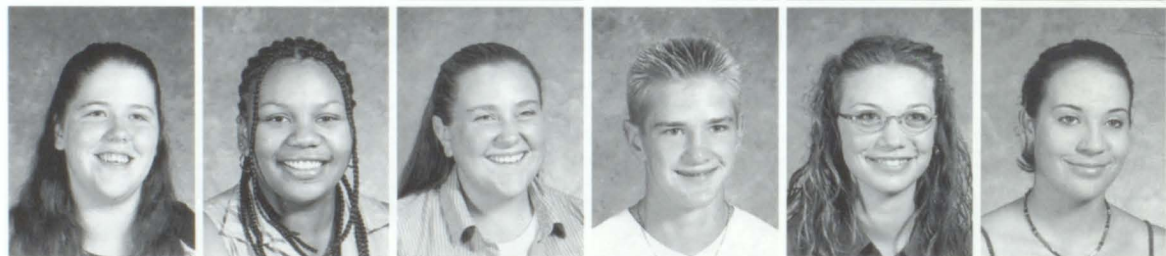
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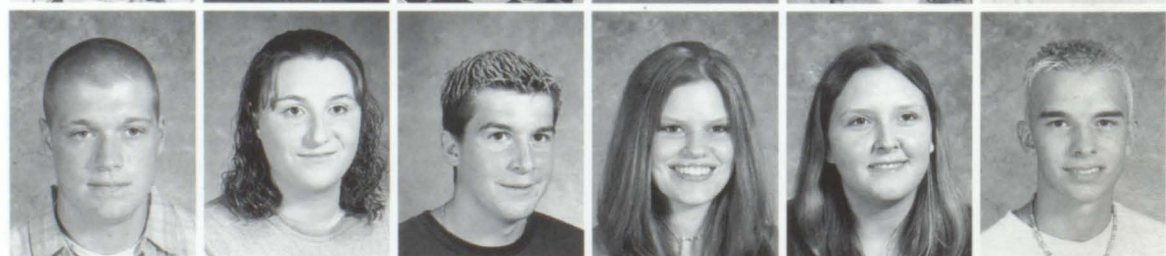
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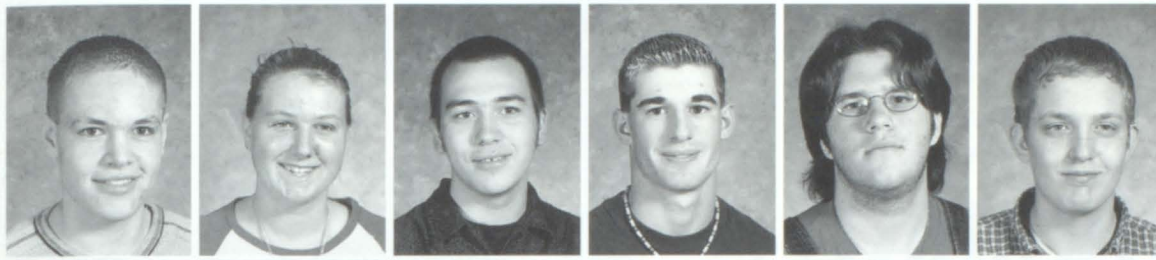


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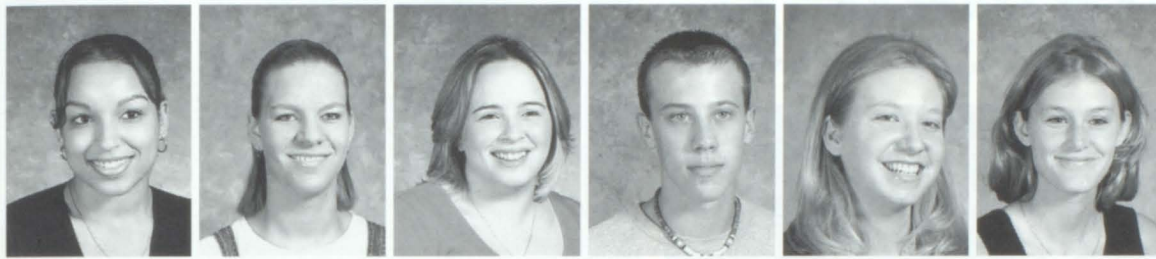


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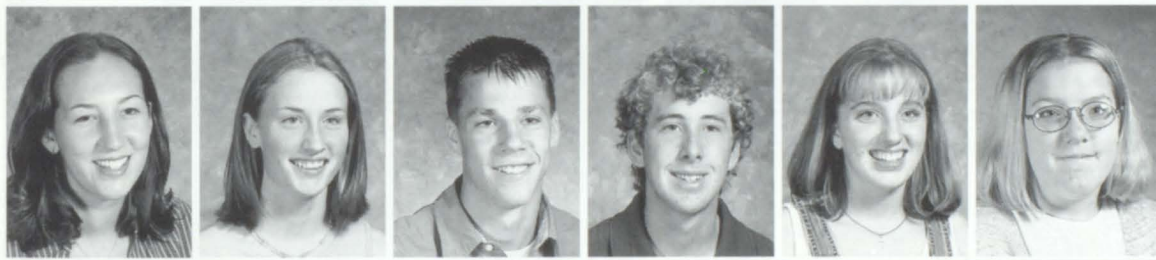
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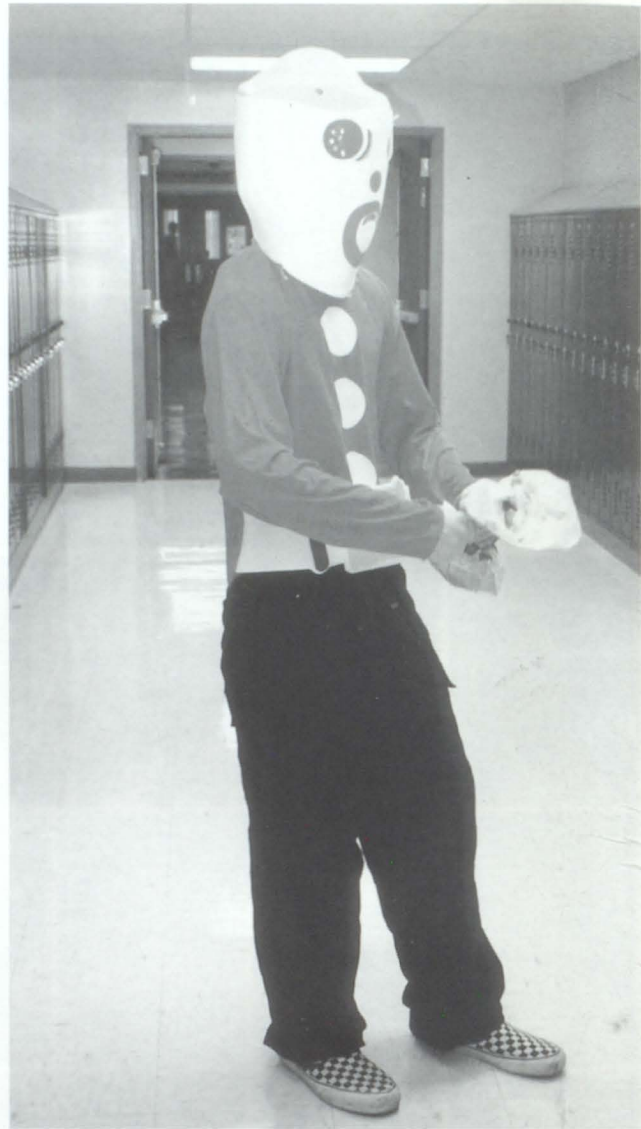
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TRICK OR TREAT

Jon VanMaren roams through the halls on Halloween searching for candy. "I decided to dress as a clown to scare Ms. (Britt) Adams because she dislikes clowns," VanMaren said.



GOING FOR THE STEAL

Madeleine Rainbolt casually tries to steal Rebecca Stephens' Nutty Bar. "I love Nutty Bars," she said. "We were stuck in the commons area because we didn't have a new lunch room yet," Stephens said. The two were also sporting their bandanas because it was "Hat Day" during Homecoming spirit week.

LET'S GET MOVIN'

Alisha Woodall and her brother sophomore John Woodall swing dance together at the Homecoming dance. Woodall and her brother went with a group of friends to the dance. Because the theme of the dance was "A Walk on the Beach," students wore Hawaiian clothing to show their school spirit. "The D.J. was better this time than last year's Homecoming," John said.



JUNIORS

waiting for

Completion



It was the end of their junior year, and becoming a senior and graduating was next in line for the Class of 2003.

"I'm ready to get out of here, but I'm a little nervous about going to college," Sara Miller said.

Although some were anxious about the thoughts of leaving high school, many were very excited about finally being the head of the school.

"The Class of '03 has come a long way, and we have a lot of talent to show," Marcus Anderson said.

"We are so cool because we have much more school spirit than other grades," Kallie Moore said.

In addition to the advantages, the

MAKING PLANS

Katy Higgins chats with Lisa Assmann during halftime of a basketball game against Summer Academy. The girls were discussing plans for the evening. "During the games, we usually tried to find something to do later," Higgins said.

juniors also dealt with the challenges of being older and being held more accountable for their actions, especially when dealing with their cars and law enforcement issues.

"I have had five tickets, and they were all for speeding," Courtney Basler said.

"I haven't got any tickets, but I've been pulled over twice. See, I have this tendency to not turn on my lights at night," Jayli Thomas said.

However, the Class of 2003 was looking most forward to being the first senior class to graduate from the brand new finished school.

"Our school will be so much better and productive once everything is done," Ashley Bush said.

Moving on and moving up to higher ground, the juniors were ready for completion.

—Summer Pappe



PUMPING IRON

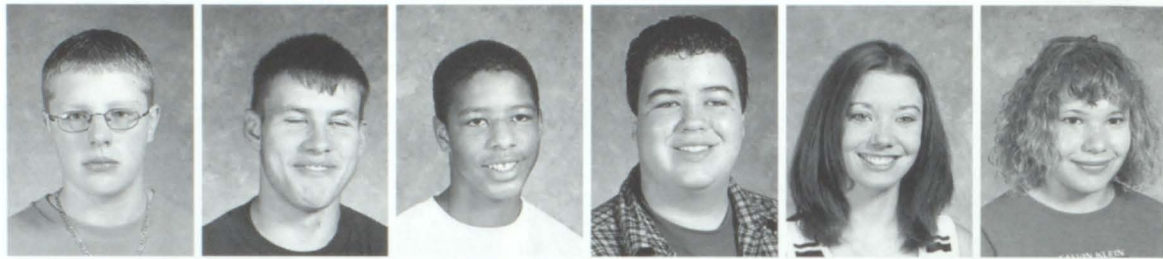
Jake Vitaoe does power cleans during Mr. Monty Bechard's weight training class. "Weight training is the greatest class because it has improved my athletic performance greatly," Vitaoe said.

FUN AND GAMES?

Brandon Hubbel, Chris Loggins, Jennifer Knight, Javreese Lockett, and Andrew Lietzen play Risk in Mr. John's Rost's American History. The game deals with imperialism. Dice are rolled and territories are conquered until someone rules the entire globe.

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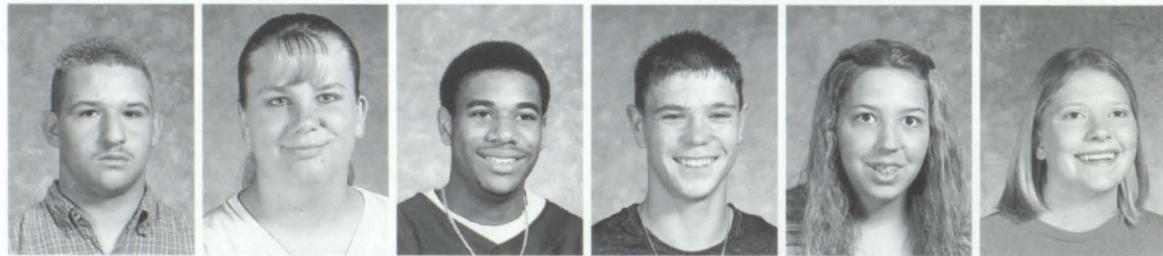
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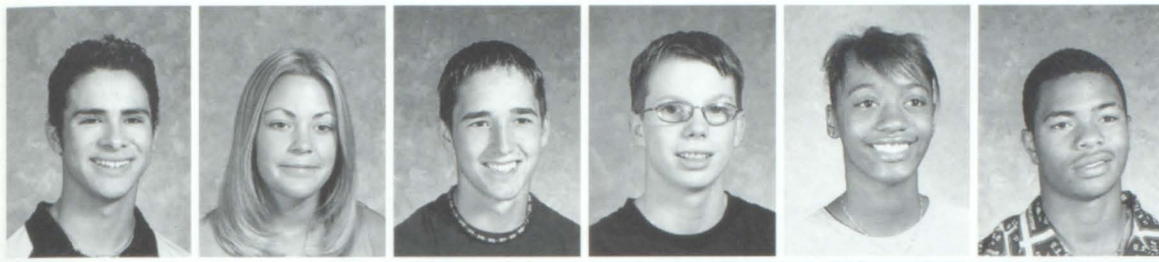


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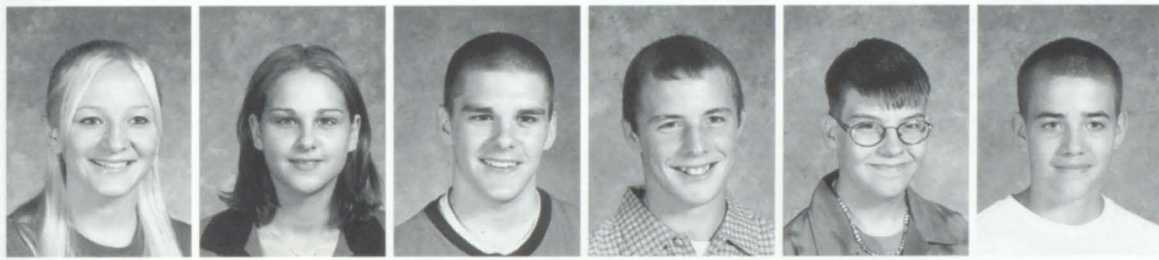




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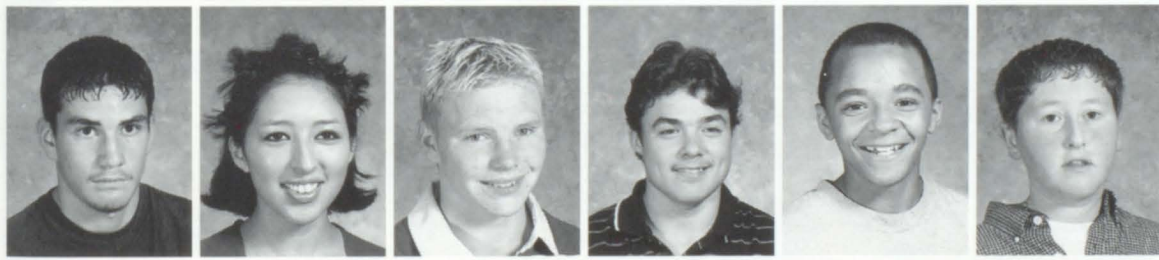
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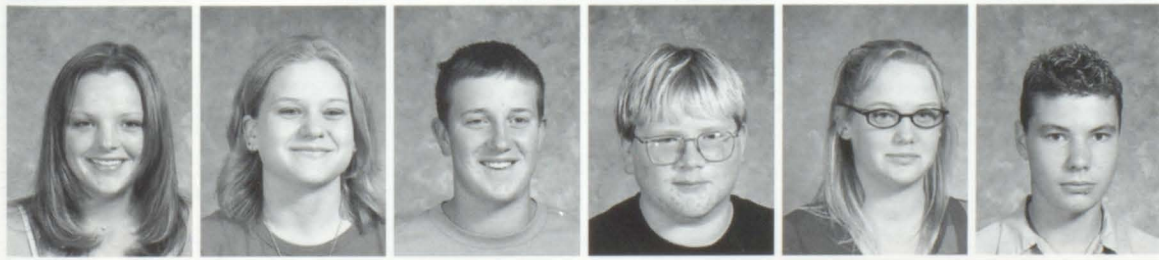
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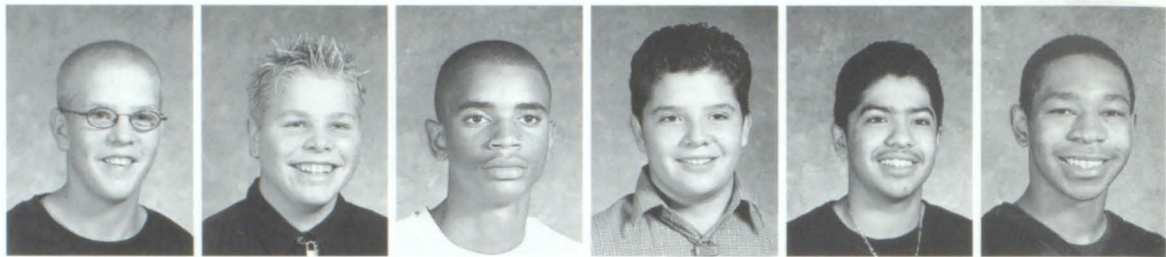


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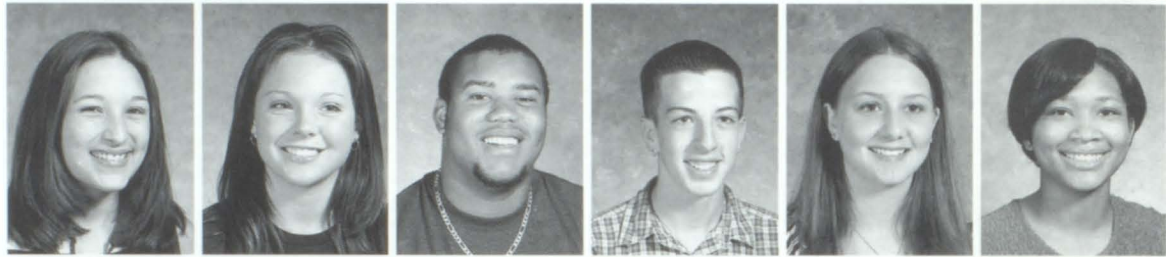


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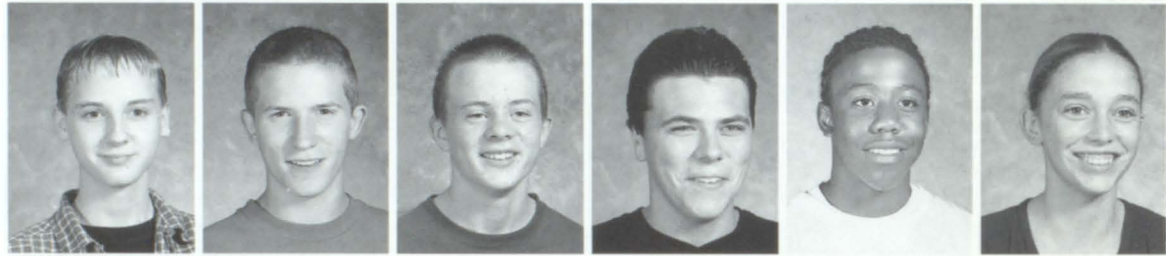
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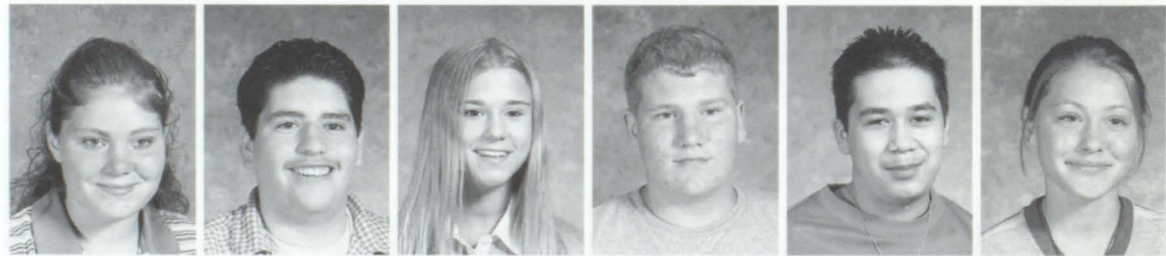
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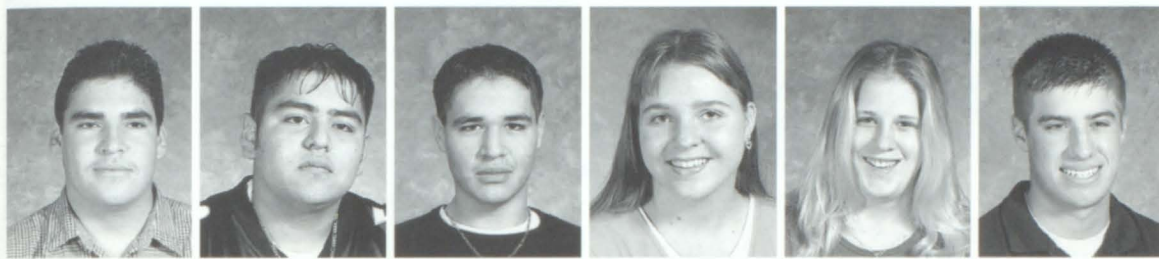


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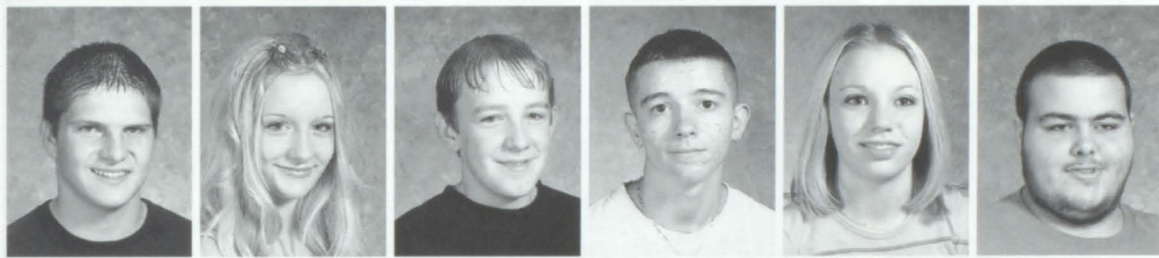




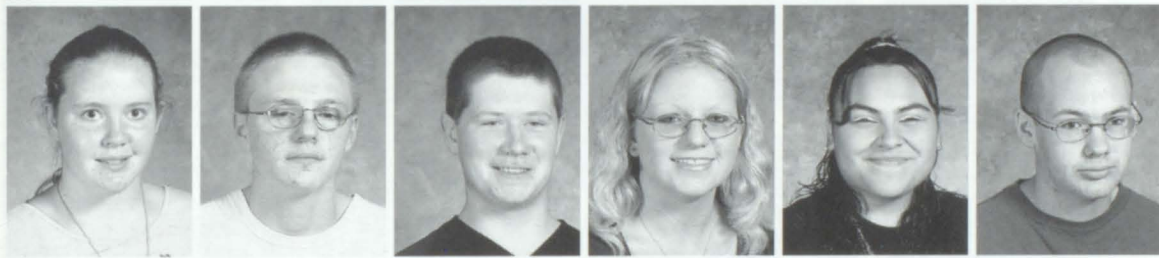
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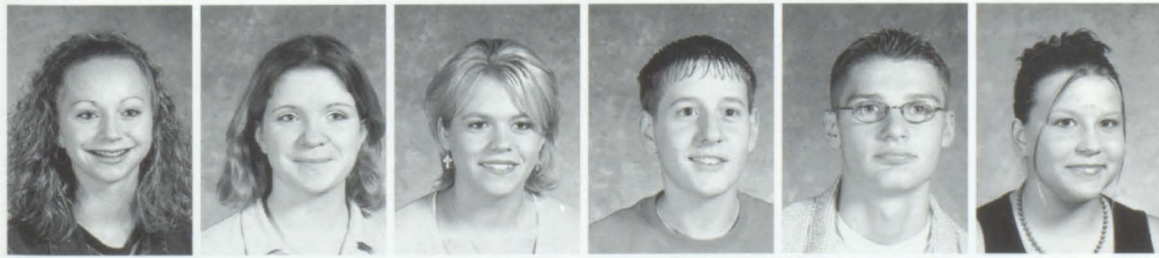
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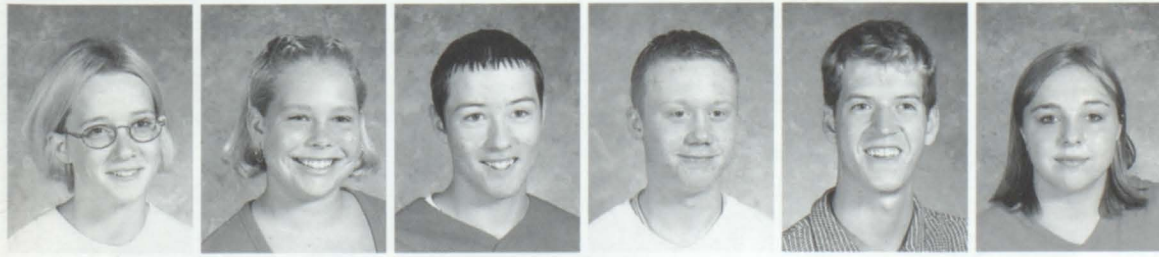
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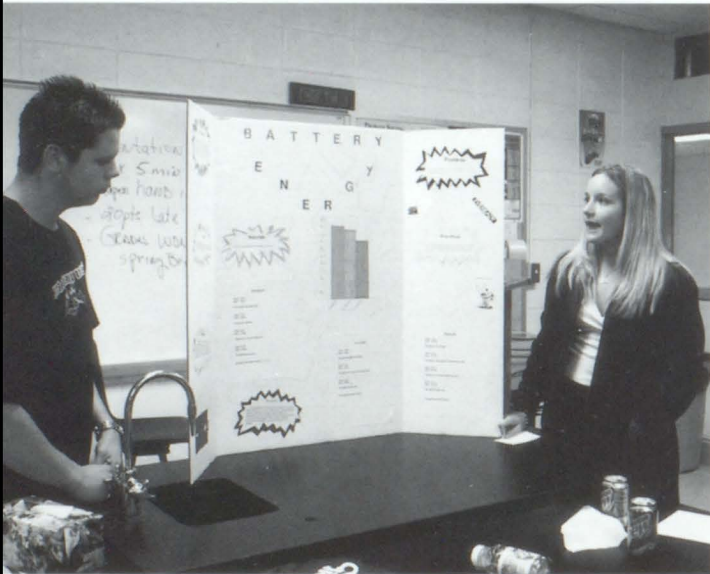
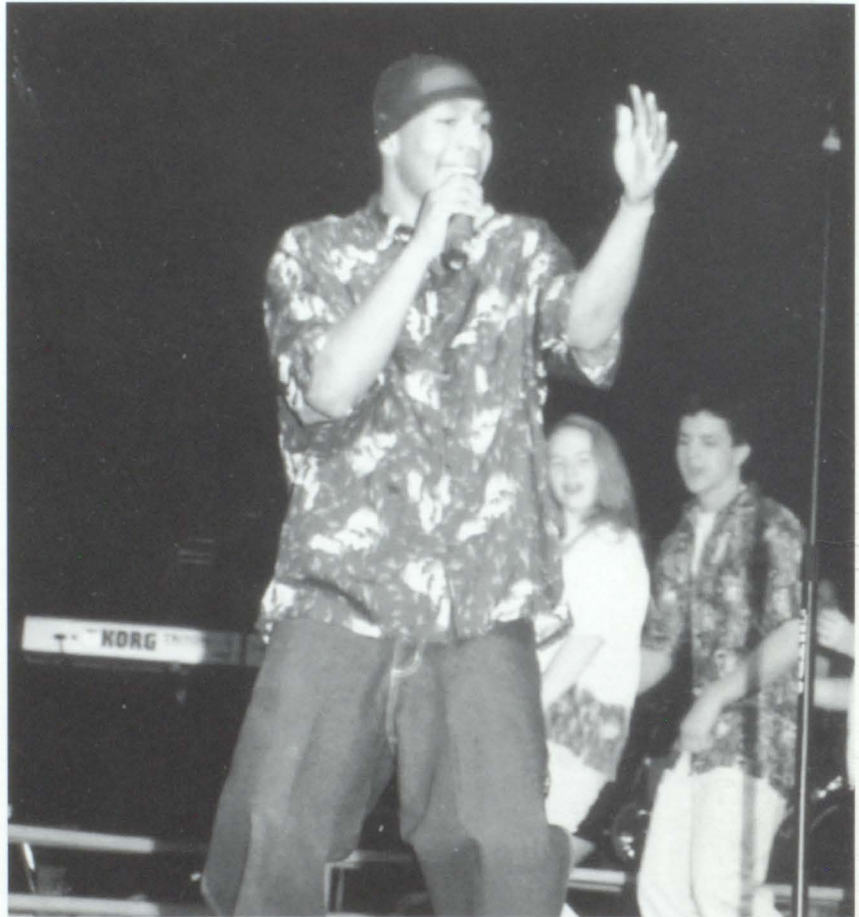
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CONGA

As Kenny Mack raps to "Best Years of Our Lives" from the *Shrek* sound track, Cara Harding and Joey Caudill do the Conga line during the Variety Show "Bravo." "It was great. The energy was there and I love to entertain. I would love to do something like this next year," Mack said.



THIS BATTERY...

Keith Kase and Megan Smith explain their sophomore project on battery energy. Besides testing different batteries, the project told which battery lasts the longest. "The sophomore project wasn't as hard as everyone said it would be. I liked it and found it very interesting," Smith said.

ALL THE PRETTY COLORS

Corie Crouch paints a comparing and contrasting picture in Mrs. Wanda Simchuk's painting class. "I really enjoyed this class. Mrs. Simchuk made every assignment fun and interesting," Crouch said. The particular piece Crouch was making was a Mosaic piece.



SOPHOMORES

Movin' on Up



As their sophomore year wrapped up, the members of the Class of 2004 took time to remember some of the difficulties they had overcome.

Surviving freshman year was a big accomplishment for most sophomores.

"Well, I didn't feel like an upperclassman because there are still two classes ahead of me, but I did get to make fun of the freshmen a lot," Erica Franklin said.

Most sophomores agreed that making the transition from freshman to sophomore year was difficult because of their harder classes.

"This year we were kind of expected to be more independent rather than always relying on our teacher to help us," Beth Ashford said.

Even though it didn't get any easier academically for sophomores, it was a lot easier for them socially.

WEAR THE FOIL, DON'T EAT IT!

Sophomore Samantha Allen gets ready to eat her lunch while participating in "Foil Day" during Homecoming spirit week. Allen also participated in Kayettes and Art Club.

"When you've got my status of coolness you've got pawns to do stuff for you," Philip Bailey said.

The number one goal set for many sophomores was to make better grades. For some, the definition of good grades was a "C" average, while others viewed good grades as straight "A's".

"One of my goals that hasn't come true is getting good grades," Julie Jackson said.

Another relief that came with their sophomore year was being more comfortable with getting involved in extracurricular activities.

"I'm a little more involved this year. I don't dread going to games. I think they are halfway interesting. I've also joined a club this year, so at least I'm doing something," Echo Prather said.

As the sophomores become more involved, they also became more mature, preparing themselves for their move up to the junior class.

—Andrea Dill



SNIP AND CLIP

Gwen Peters cuts out designs before designing her textures in Mrs. Linda Horavath's jewelry class. "It is very interesting making you own jewelry," Peters said.

TRY IT ON FOR SIZE

Chris Pike and Jess Buck try to find a class ring that is just right for them. "My ring was about \$300. Most of my peers bought the starburst jewel with a square cut," Kristy Holt said.

FRESHMEN

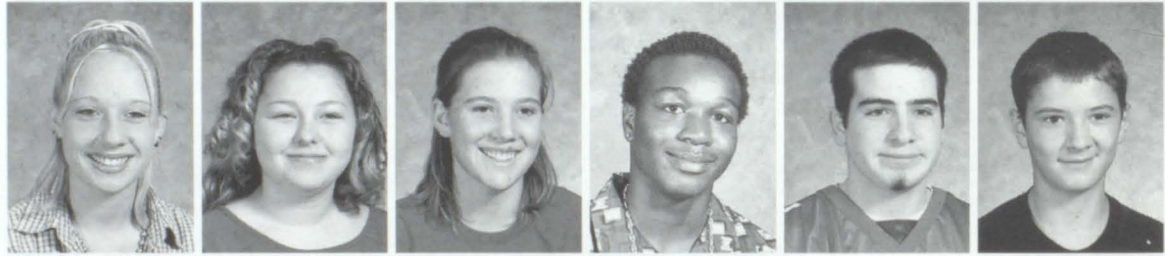
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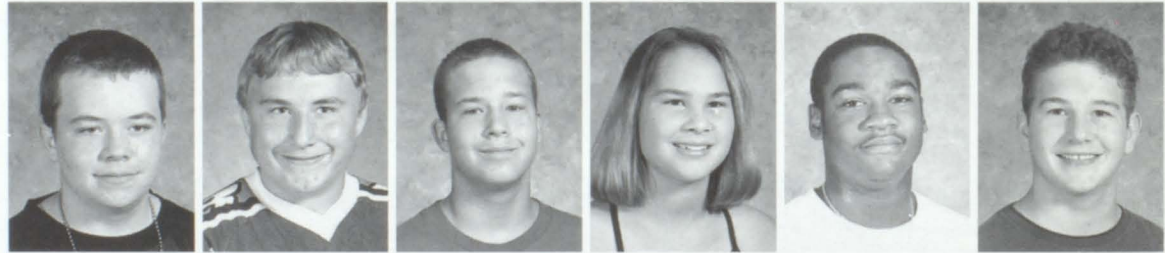
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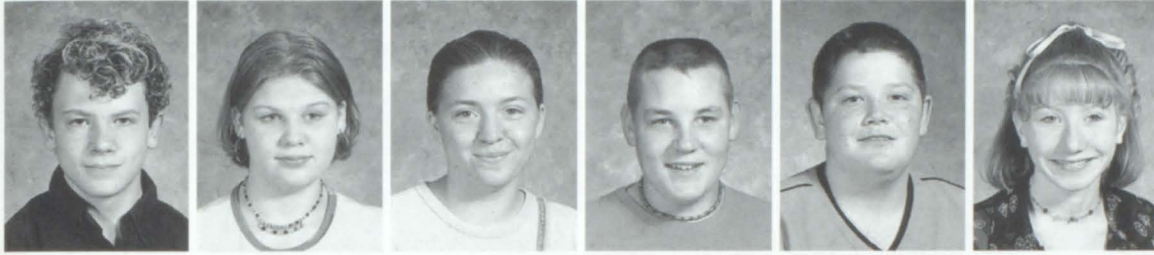


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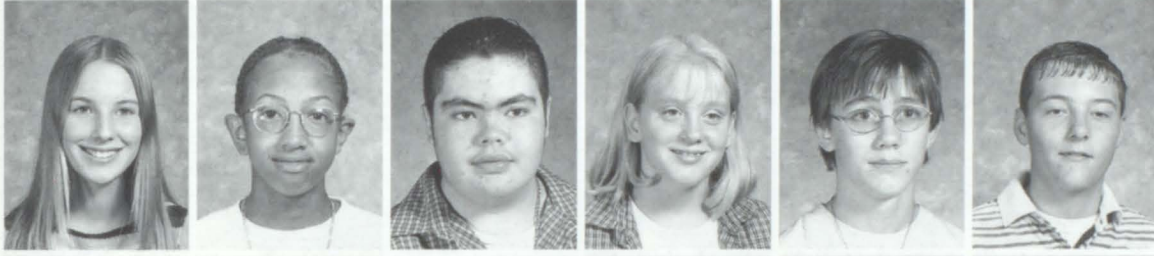




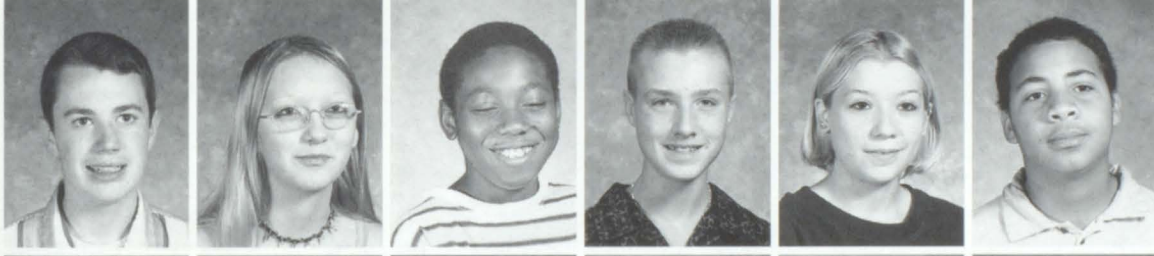
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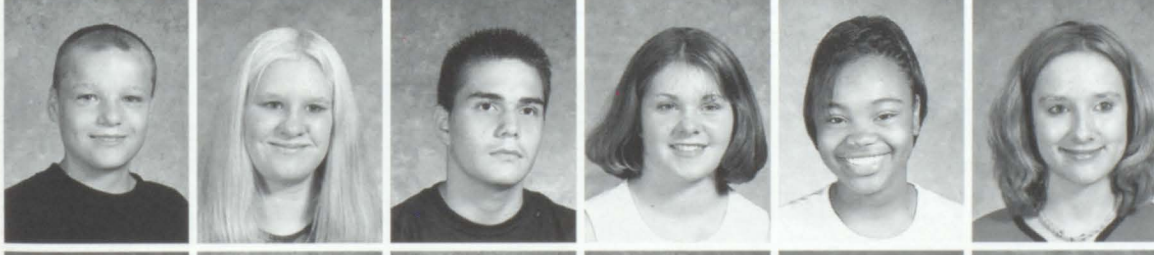
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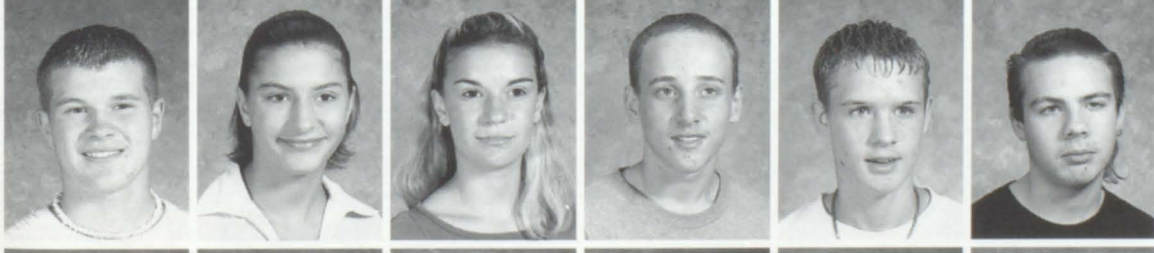
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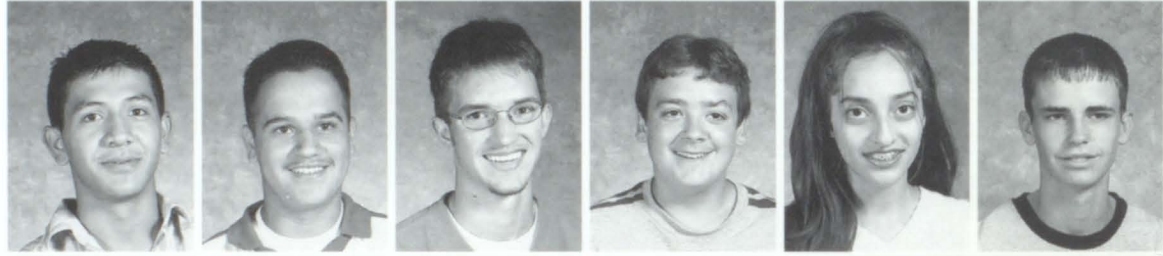
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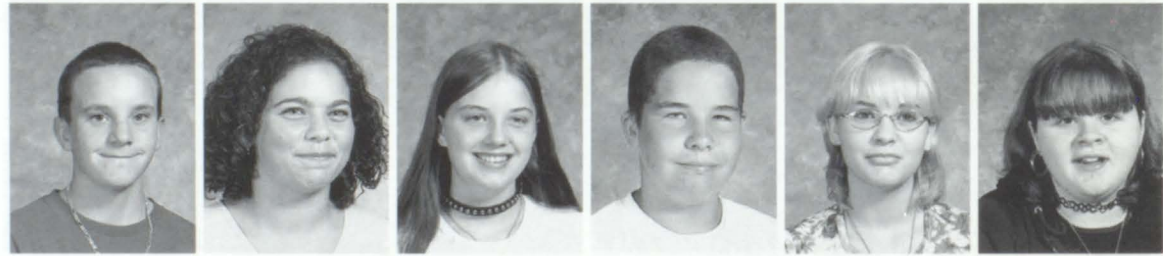
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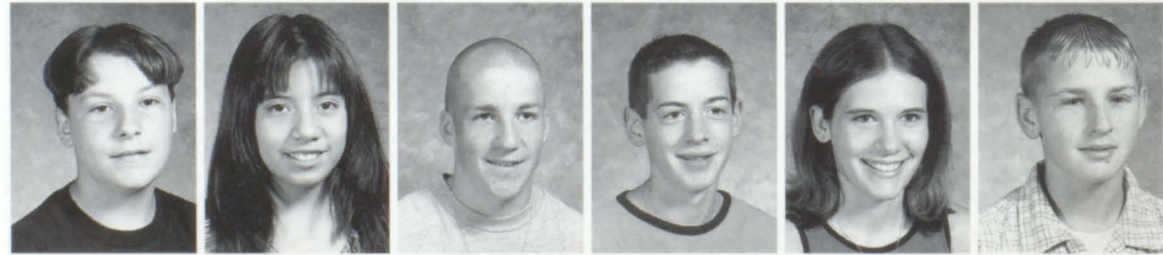
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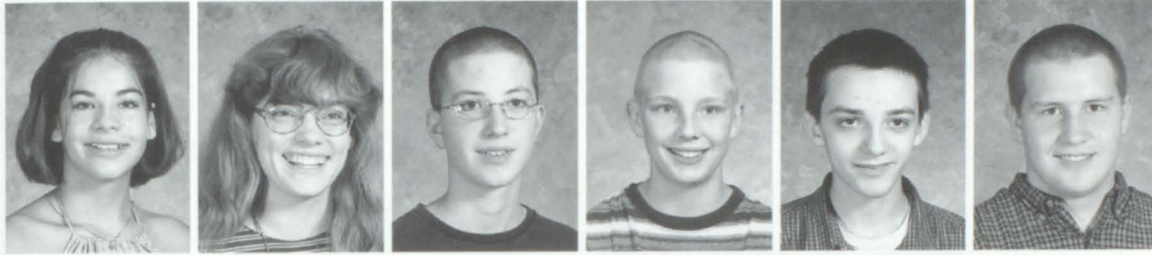


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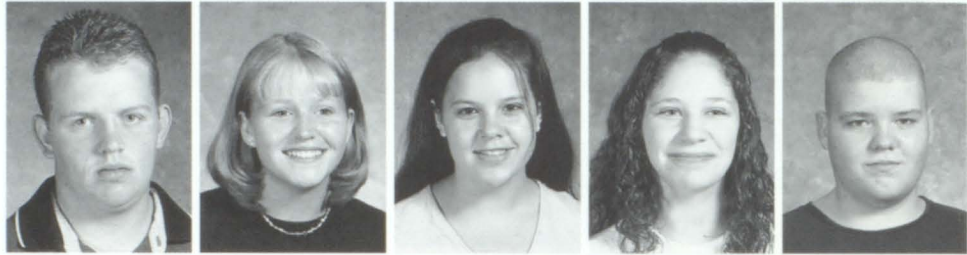


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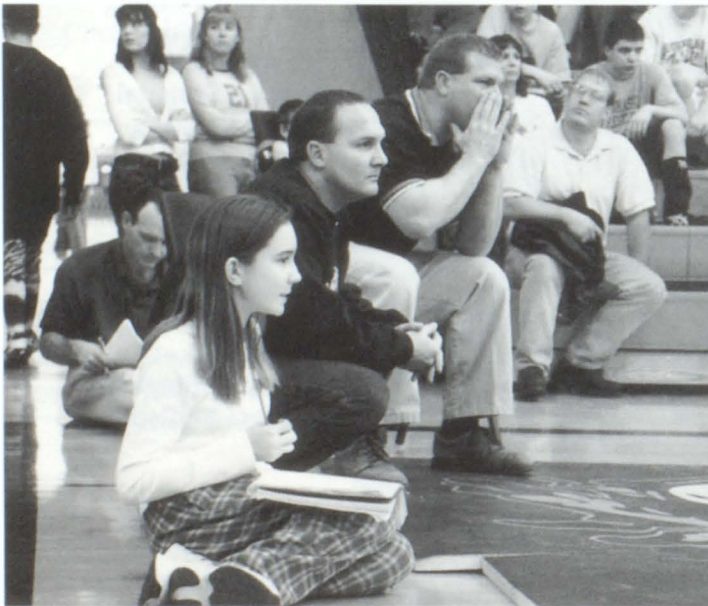
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KEEPING TRACK

Freshman Jessica Vogel spends a Saturday with wrestling coaches Mr. Mike Halloway and Mr. Dan Burns keeping stats at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. "I really liked managing with Cara Harding and Amy Caudill, but it was also fun watching Bonner wrestle people that I've known since I was little," Vogel said.

READY... TIME!

Casey Storey records the points at the home Quiz Bowl tournament as Jordan Mackey watches the clock for time. "I really don't participate much, but Quiz Bowl is really cool!" Storey said. Students got involved by asking the questions, keeping score, and keeping time.

DONE... DONE...

Freshman Shantenia Tyner works with sophomore Samantha Allen as they look at the list of shots they need to finish their video for Mr. Douglas Kapeller's introduction to video class. "I wanted to take the class not because of my career goal, but because I wanted to try something new," Tyner said.



FRESHMEN

fears and **Anxieties**



"Welcome Freshmen!" This was the greeting that the Class of 2005 found somewhat deceiving as they entered the halls of BSHS.

From finding their lockers, to finding their sanities, the freshmen were a bit nervous about coming to the high school.

"I was afraid I would get classes with all upperclassmen, and I wouldn't be able to get my locker open," Leslie Holtzen said.

Some worried about teachers and grades, while others worried about being pushed around or not being able to find classes.

"I was worried about the projects

IT'S A BALANCING ACT!

With school out for the day Matt Kamir spends time balancing on the field fence. "I was on my way home just being bored, so I decided to walk on the fence," Kamir said.

for each grade, and not doing well," Malina Meyer said.

Others had to make adaptations to the heavier class loads.

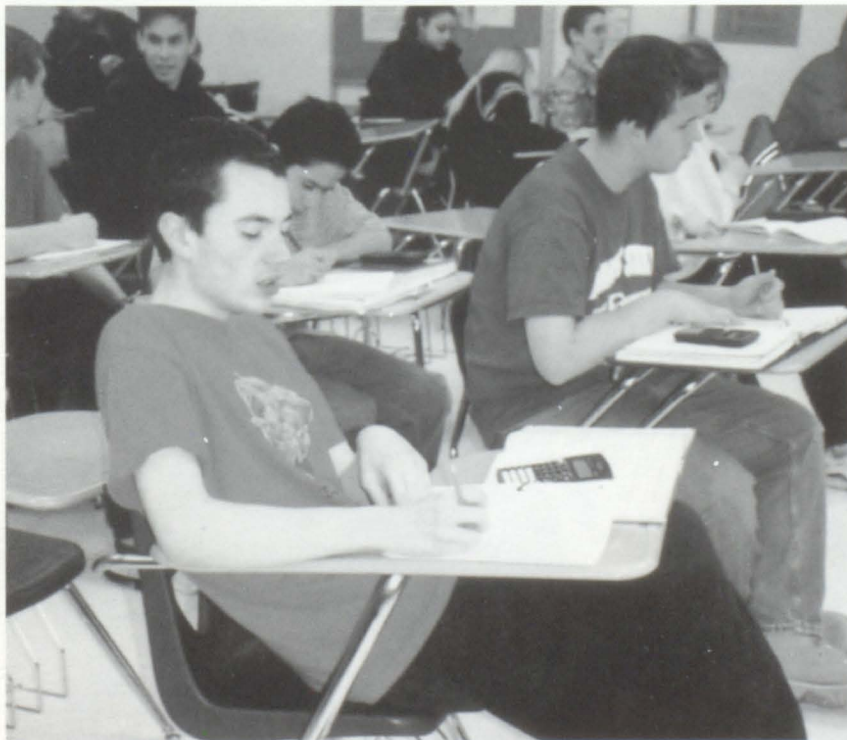
"I had to adapt because the classes were a lot harder and you had a lot more homework," Jordan Lamb said.

However, after their fears calmed down, they realized it wasn't as scary as they thought it was going to be and that the responsibilities and opportunities were more abundant.

"I like how we have more freedom and we get to choose what classes we take instead of someone just giving you classes," Ashley Newsom said.

All in all, most of their fears were put to ease. They learned how to adapt to changes, and being a freshman wasn't so bad.

—*Summer Rickert*
Sarah Rowland



OFF THE TABLE AGAIN!

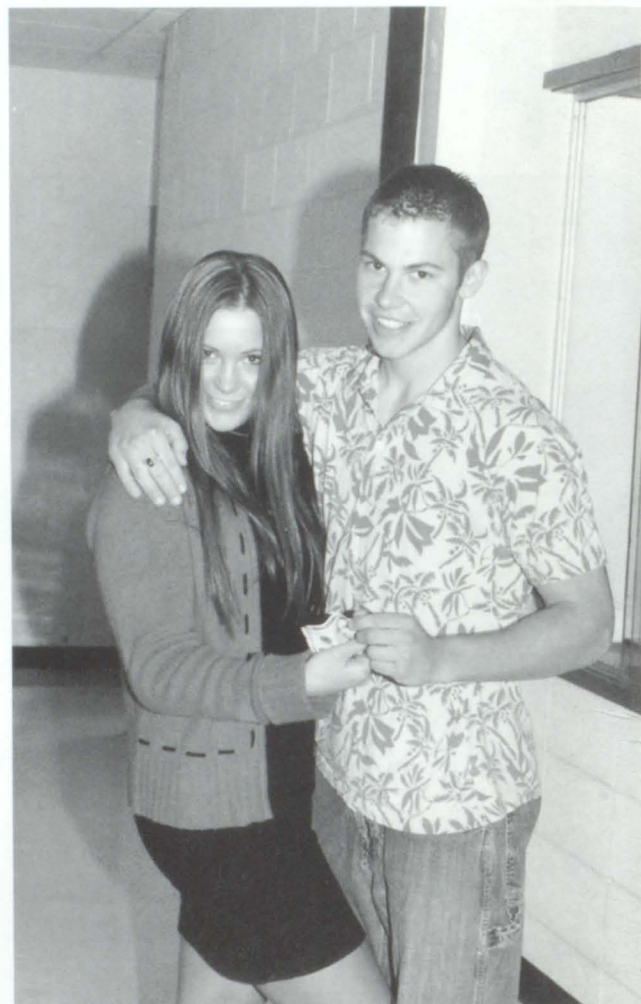
Alyssa Alexander, Ashley Petrof, Mandie Lewis, and Kaitlyn Roudybush chase the ping pong ball during their mandatory full year of physical education and health. "I really like playing soccer, but I don't like the health tests," Alexander said.

TAKING 'EM DOWN

Timothy Haggerty works diligently on the notes for the day in Mr. Wayne Kramer's tech math class. "I really like the new and improved classrooms, and I especially like math," Haggerty said.

EXCHANGING CASH

Freshman Katy Kirk lends her brother, senior Jesse Kirk some money for lunch. "I love Jesse a lot and will miss him next year. I'm sad that he is graduating," Katy Kirk said.



FAMILY BONDING

Siblings, junior Bob Grabmiller, freshman Morgan Grabmiller, and senior John Grabmiller sit together and visit in the Media Center. "My favorite thing about having a sibling at school is that my brothers can set examples for me at school about classes and teachers," Morgan Grabmiller said.

CONFIRMING A RIDE

Junior Christa Crane asks her brother, freshman Larry Crane, if he has a ride home from school. "It doesn't bother me that my brother goes to school with me, and it is even convenient at times when I have other things to do," Crane said.



SIBLING togetherness at School



Students have different points of view about having brothers and sisters in school with them. Having a sibling in the same halls throughout high school can be an altering experience for past or future relationships.

Factors such as friends, extracurricular activities, or classes tend to affect sibling relationships at school.

"If you compare my sister Erica (Luviano) and I, she is more academic, and I am more athletic. I applaud her abilities," senior Bianca Luviano said.

Most students enjoyed having a sibling at school.

"My favorite thing about having a sibling at school is that we can hang out or be apart as much as we want to," junior LaPourchea McConico said.

SISTER STYLE

Senior Bianca Luviano and her sister junior Erica Luviano pose in matching outfits as youngsters. "I like the fact that I have a sibling in the same school, but we don't see much of each other while we're at school," Bianca Luviano said.

Embarrassment at school was typical behavior at one time or another. However, siblings may have helped speed up the process.

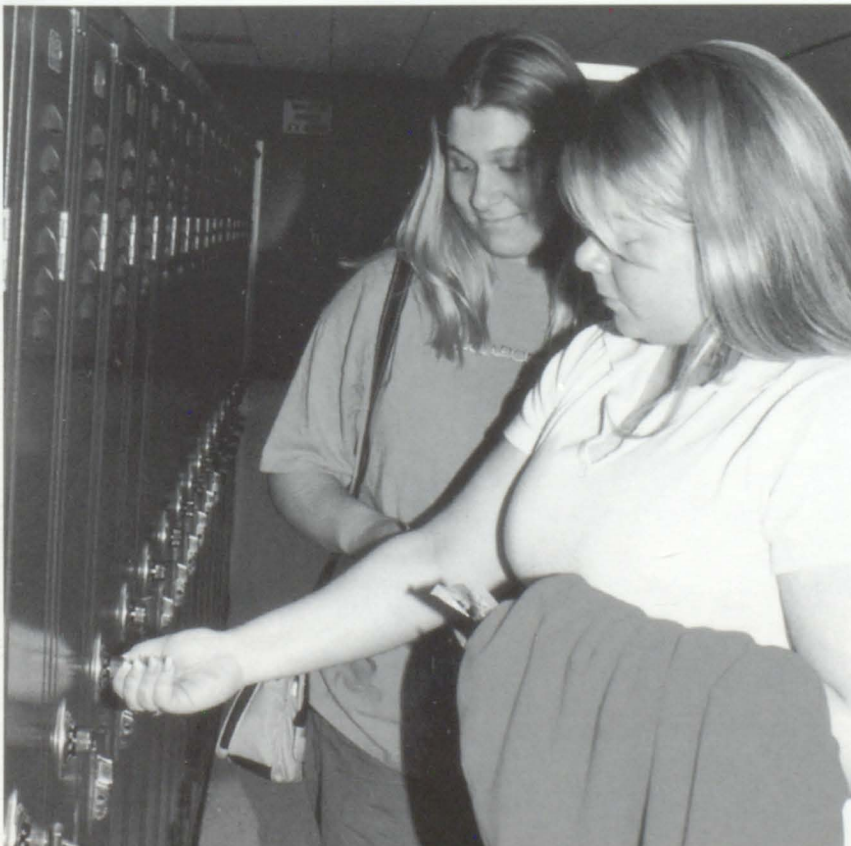
"My favorite thing to do is to give Shannon (Davidson) hugs in the hall and tell her that I love her and she gets embarrassed," sophomore Matt Davidson said.

Another concern for siblings was how teachers treated them. Many thought teachers judged their behavior based on a sibling's actions. If one sibling was notorious for turning in homework late, the other sibling may have been expected to do the same.

"My brothers give me a kind of bad reputation due to their laziness," freshman Morgan Grabmiller said.

Whether they were exchanging a "hello" in the hall or had the same friends, siblings at school was rewarding in more ways than one.

—Lisa Assmann



PICTURE PERFECT

Junior Ambrosia Davis and senior siblings Amos and Amitta Davis pose for a picture together. "I don't think teachers judge my actions based on my siblings because I have a teacher who likes me but not my sibling," Ambrosia Davis said.

SISTERLY LOVE

Senior Angela Marcel talks to her sister, junior Amy Marcel during passing period in the halls. "I like the fact that we're so close in age because it is easier to hang out and do things together," Amy Marcel said.

Braves Unite to Serve

ORGANIZATIONS

Helping out the community was on the top of the list for the organizations of BSHS. No matter how difficult the task was, students pulled together to accomplish what needed to be done.

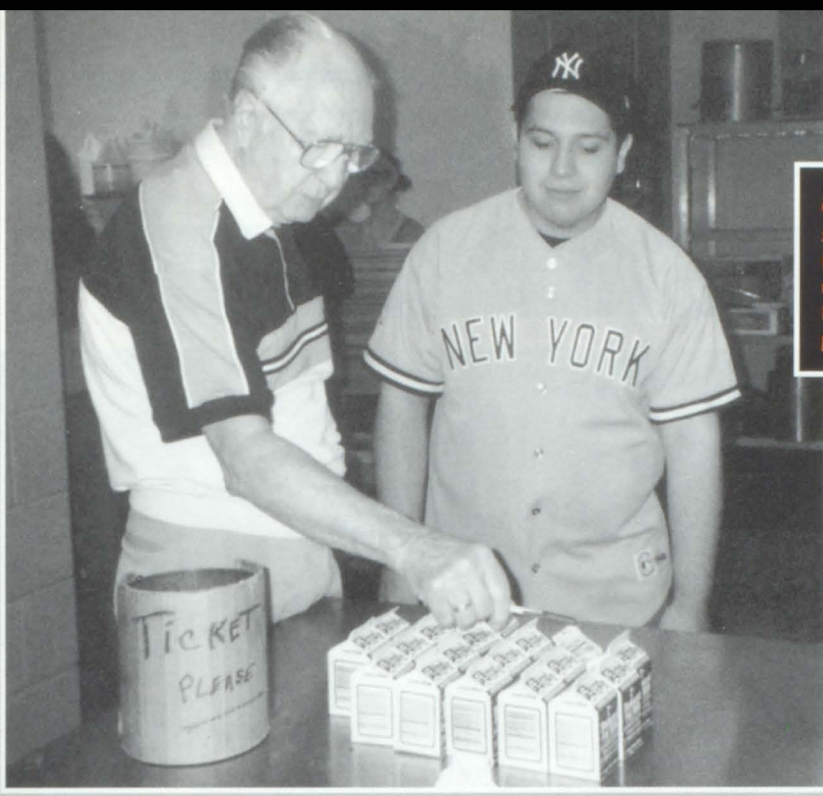
This sense of accomplishment was evident when the Kayettes annual canned food drive was a huge success, with the student body donating nearly \$700 and 7,025 items of food to Vaughn-Trent. National Honors Society members also served their community by collecting coats and blankets for Project Warmth, volunteering at the Willa Gill Soup Kitchen once a month, caroling at three nursing homes around Christmas time, and helping with the Blood Drive that collected 71 units of blood. Youth Friends Corps also stepped up to the plate by tutoring kids at Bonner Springs Elementary, McDaniel Learning Center, Edwardsville Elementary, and Clark Middle School.

Besides clubs that served the community, there were also clubs like Chess Club, Academic Decathlon, and Quiz Bowl which competed and represented BSHS. Eleven members of the Chess Club traveled to Kentucky for the National Chess Competition in April. Quiz Bowl hosted two meets in the fall, and Academic Decathlon sent eight members to State competition in late January. Besides these groups, the Totem Pole, Pow Wow, and Tee Pee Talk staffs all competed in a state journalism contest in early February, with band and choir wrapping up the year with their state contest in early April.

These were only a few of the giving groups in the school. Whether it was lending a helping hand, going to meetings, or competing for the win—the Braves United to Serve.

—Sarah Rowland, Amy Marcel, Blair Monn





Got Milk?

Senior Mario Villarreal prepares to hand out milk to people eating at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen while earning a National Honor Society point at the same time. Villarreal received instructions from a fellow volunteer on how to fairly distribute the milk. NHS took 15 of its members on the first Tuesday of every month to serve the needy people at the food kitchen.



Unloading the Goods

Ms. Linda Horvath and junior Kallie Moore unload cans of food collected by Kayettes during the organization's annual food drive in December. The student body went above and beyond the call of duty, breaking all school records for the number of items donated. Together, all four classes donated 7,025 items of nonperishable food and collected almost \$700.



An Inspiration to All

Don McNeal, former defensive back for the Miami Dolphins, signs autographs after he speaks to the study body on Sept. 27. He was brought in as a guest speaker by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Club. "Whatever you do or wherever you go, always put your best foot forward," McNeal said. He also touched on the right and wrong choices students should make about alcohol, drugs, sex, and AIDS. "I thought Don's presentation had a very positive message," junior Amanda Pettit said.

The HONORABLE. . .

NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mrs. Kerri Jennings sponsor National Honor Society?

"I was in National Honor Society when I went to school here. It's a great organization about academics and service."

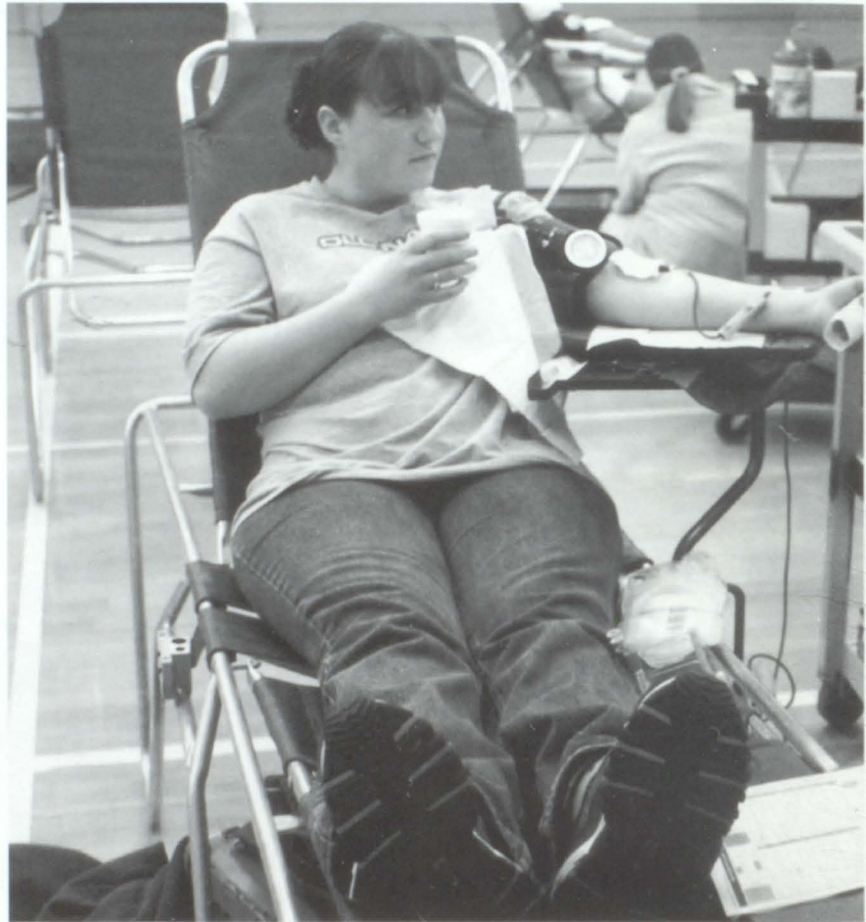
⇒ What was NHS about?

"There are four standards you have to meet to be in NHS—character, leadership, scholarship, and service."

⇒ What went on throughout the year?

"Students in NHS were required to get ten points within the year. The students achieved their goal by volunteering at the food kitchen, working at the blood drive, participating in meal of the month, Project Warmth, Bonner Cleanup and other random activities that were beneficial to the community or the school."

—Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



I'M GONNA' FAINT!

Junior Christine Norman donates her blood to the Community Blood Center on Wed., Feb. 20. Donors had to be at least 17 years of age or older and weigh at least 110 pounds. A total of 71 units of blood were collected. "I was very scared and nervous at first, but it wasn't that bad after all. I would do it again even though I passed out," Norman said.

2001-2002 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY JUNIORS

FRONT ROW: Blair Monn, Lisa Assmann, Jon VanMaren, Madeleine Rainbolt, Rebecca Stephens, Jessica Ventura, Jillian Lemon. **SECOND ROW:** Christine Norman, Jennifer McConico, Holly Miller, Ashley Bush, David Lemon, Ambrosia Davis. **THIRD ROW:** Morgan Tuttle, David Jones, T.J. McGinnis, Aaron Weathers, Jeremy Krug, Jessica Adams, Crystal Brandon. **FOURTH ROW:** Chris Stakley, LaPourchea McConico, Donnie Shepherd, Tabatha Stark, Carolyn Winkler, David Bass. **FIFTH ROW:** Jill Gardner, Lindsey Stanbrough, Andrew Lietzen, Summer Rickert, Christa Crane, Amy Meints, Danielle King, Morgan McConico. **BACK ROW:** Melanie Chandley, Jennifer Cole, Kacey Twist, Katie McConiel, Nikki Smith, Kelly Yates, Kathy Yates.



The COMMITTED . . .

NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS NHS



NOW FOR THE NECKLACE . . .

Mr. Dan Streit places the official National Honor Society necklace on senior Katie Trent at the National Honor Society Induction ceremony on April 24. "I sort of feel unworthy because I just joined in the middle of my senior year. I chose Mr. Streit because he has taught me a lot through the years and I feel really close to him," Trent said.

HEAVE HO!

Junior Erica Luviano shovels mulch from the bed of a pickup truck into a pile on the lawn at the entrance of the Agricultural Hall of Fame. Along with Luviano, juniors Chris Stakley, Nikki Smith, Jeni Graham and Christa Crane volunteered to help the Master Gardeners decorate the entrance to receive a NHS point. "It felt really good to help those people, and it made them happy so it made me happy," Luviano said.

2002 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Front Row: Abby Vitt, Cherish Freeman, Danae Larson, Tammy Sanford, Lindsay Russell, Rhiannon Ford, Jack Holtzen, Stephanie Fesenmeyer. **Second Row:** Amittia Davis, Sarah Rowland, Beth Gibson, Helen Shepherd, Rachel Boddy, Meryl Miller, Kathryn Parks, Amber Sturgeon, Aaron Mills, Michael Ashford, Dustin Arnett. **Third Row:** Brandy Miller, Kallie Szewc, Katie Trent, Becky Heckert, Cinda Thomas, Ruth Shields, Dustin Carson, Louis Reyes. **Fourth Row:** Megan McCluney, Amanda Wise, D'Erin May, Mario Villarreal, Colby Scheidt, Erin Stoner, Mitchell Miller, Jeremy Woods, Tommy Gardner, Chris Cobbins.

The PRODUCERS the ENTERTAINERS ...

Tee Pee Talk Tee Pee Talk Tee Pee Talk Tee Pee Talk

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mr. Douglas Kapeller sponsor Tee Pee Talk?
"It fit in with the classes that I taught ... Intro to Video/Video Productions."

⇒ What was Tee Pee Talk about?
"It gave students information about the school and other students."

⇒ What goals did Tee Pee Talk set for the end of the year?
"To have the video yearbook finished on time and to have a lot of orders for it."

⇒ What went on throughout the year?
"It took a lot of time and video tape to cover every event that students participate in. Last year we shot about 40 hours of tape for a 70 minute video yearbook."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



2001-2002 TEE PEE TALK STAFF

Front Row: Kallie Szewc, Lisa Assmann, Whitney Mitchell, Katie Trent. **Second Row:** Bethany Gallagher, Chad Vandenberg, Nick Border, Meryl Miller, Lindsay Russell, Kenny Hurley, Michael Ashford, T.J. McGinnis. **Back Row:** Abby Vitt, Jon VanMaren, Nick Connor, Justin Monn, Mr. Douglas Kapeller, Curtis Hartman, Ryan Hall.



THIS LOOKS GOOD

Senior Abby Vitt and junior T.J. McGinnis tape footage for one of the introductions of Tee Pee Talk. "I like editing, filming and putting the broadcast together," McGinnis said. Vitt said that since she has joined the Tee Pee Talk staff she has learned a lot about computers and camcorders.



CUT IT OUT

Junior Ryan Hall edits clips for segments on an edition of Tee Pee Talk. "Being on Tee Pee Talk is another opportunity to stand out from the rest of the student body," Hall said. Tee Pee Talk aired every third Friday of the month. Each episode lasted about 15 minutes and was broadcast in third hour unless problems occurred and then it was shown in seventh hour the on same day.

The BRILLANT the SCHOLASTIC ...

Academic Decathlon Academic Decathlon Academic Decathlon



2001-2002 ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM

Front Row: Edward Samek, III., Brandy Miller, Sara Miller, Bianca Luviano, LaPourchea McConico. **Second Row:** Jess Buck, Jeremy Woods, Michael Maxwell, Mr. Monty Drennon.



THE WAITING GAME

Freshman Edward Samek, III lounges around before his test began at the state meet at K-State in Manhattan, KS. The team won the "Spirit Award" for their excellent performance on stage. Individual medalists at the competition included sophomore Michael Maxwell, second in the scholastic interview; junior LaPourchea McConico, second in scholastic impromptu speech division and junior Sara Miller, first for overall high team score honors competition.

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mr. Monty Drennon sponsor Academic Decathlon?

"I was asked to join, and then the team quit. I decided I would go ahead and take it over."

⇒ What was Academic Decathlon about?

"Students gave impromptu speeches, read a book, and identified songs and artist (Country music this year). In addition, there was competition in the areas of math, science, and the arts."

⇒ What goals did Academic Decathlon have?

"We hoped to have a complete team (2 members in each of the three categories) and to do decently at the State competition in January at K-State."

⇒ When did they meet?

"We tried to have weekly meetings; there were usually only a couple meets a year in preparation for the state competition."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



CHOW DOWN!

Members of the Academic Decathlon team pig out in the girls room at the Holiday Inn Holi-dome after the first day of speeches and interviews at the State meet. "It was the best time I had all year. The people were awesome and I made a lot of new friends it was so fun!" senior Brandy Miller said.

The CONCERNED the PREVENTIVE...

SADD SADD SADD SADD SADD SADD SADD SADD SADD

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mrs. Kristin Byers sponsor SADD?

"I felt that SADD was a great organization to promote awareness to students. The more we make students aware of making good decisions, the better off we will be."

⇒ What was SADD about?

"Students Against Destructive Decisions. The club was about making our students, parents and community aware of making better and safer choices in life."

⇒ What were the goals for SADD?

"To promote awareness to the student body and hopefully prevent them from making bad decisions such as drinking and driving."

⇒ What went on throughout the year?

"We tried to have a meeting once a month to discuss events that we would do throughout the year. We like to hit major events such as, Homecoming, Courtwarming, Graduation and Prom."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Junior Jessica Adams places a sticker saying, "Have a safe weekend, don't drink and drive" on senior Courtney Meier before the Homecoming football game. "I enjoy being involved and making a difference. My best memory of SADD this year was putting stickers on people before the Homecoming game," Adams said.



THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK

Junior Clorisha Smith prepares to sign a commitment card presented to her by junior SADD members LaPourchea McConico and Jennifer McConico. The card stated that she would not drink and drive over Prom weekend May 3-5. Those who signed the commitment card received a key chain of a car whose headlights lit up that said, "I'm too bright to drink and drive," and a copy of the commitment card for themselves.

2001-2002 SADD MEMBERS

Front Row: Crystal Bjorgaard, Amy Parks. **Second Row:** Jennifer McConico, Amittia Davis, Megan McCluney, Cara Harding. **Third Row:** Kelly Yates, Jill Gardner, Abby Vitt, Jessica Adams. **Fourth Row:** Michael Maxwell, Morgan McConico, Helen Shepherd, Sarah Benton.



The JUDICIAL the CONSTITUTIONAL ...

Mock Trial Mock Trial Mock Trial Mock Trial



HEARING IT ALL

Seniors Jamison Johnson, Nathan Sparks and Michael Ashford, all members of the varsity Mock Trial team, listen to a testimony preparing for cross examination. Because of the ice storm in January, the Mock Trial Regionals were hosted by Bonner Springs. "My favorite part this year in Mock Trial was being able to host the Regionals," Ashford said.



GETTIN' THE INFO

Sophomore Katie Kirk cross examines a witness on the Shawnee Mission East mock trial team while sophomore Anecia Reed looks on. "My favorite part was being a lawyer and learning about cases. I learned that it is not easy being a lawyer. It takes a lot of work, and you have to look up a lot of information," Reed said.

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mrs. Kristin Byers sponsor Mock Trial?

"When I was hired at Bonner, part of my teaching schedule included Mock Trial. After my first year of teaching the class and sponsoring the club, I had so much fun with the team and going to competition that I continued to sponsor Mock Trial. Most of all, I enjoy working with the team members. They are a great group of kids."

⇒ What was Mock Trial about?

"This was a competition based on organization that competed with school districts at both the state and national level. Each team in the state was given a case to work on and then they competed against each other in a trial setting in front of judges to see who performed the case the best."

⇒ What goals were set for Mock Trial?

"To win Regional competition, advance to State Competition, and maybe even qualify for National Competition."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



2002 MOCK TRIAL TEAM

Front Row: Melissa Davis, Amy Parks, Gwen Peters, Kathryn Parks, Katie Trent, Anecia Reed. **Back Row:** Danielle Putnam, Jamison Johnson, Nathan Sparks, Michael Ashford, Don Kirby, Johnathan McIntyre, Katie Kirk.

The EDUCATORS the ENCOURAGING . . .

YouthFriends Corps YouthFriends Corps YouthFriends Corps

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mr. Larry Berg sponsor YouthFriends Corps?

"Two things are very important to me in my life. They are schools and young people, and volunteer and community service. I sponsor YouthFriends because the organization does what is important in my life. I love helping young people in an environment that I think is wonderful."

⇒ What was YouthFriends Corps about?

"YouthFriends connected caring volunteers with the children in our schools during the school day. YouthFriends Corps are sophomores, juniors, and seniors at Bonner Springs High School that meet requirements of grade point average (2.5 or more), recommendation by faculty and community members, good citizenship, and that are screened, trained, and placed with referred students needing help in a school setting."

⇒ What goals did YouthFriends Corps have?

"YouthFriends had a goal of having fifty students placed with young students. We met that goal. YouthFriends Corps members has helped over 250 elementary and middle school students during the 2001-02 school year. Members have contributed 2000+ to the community, our goal was 1500 hours."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



2001-2002 YOUTHFRIENDS CORPS

Front Row: Echo Prather, Jessica Ventura, Makayla Gober, LaPourchea McConico, Jennifer McConico, Sara Miller. **Second Row:** Jill Gardner, Lauren Roberts, Bethany Gallagher, Morgan McConico, Becky Heckert, Meryl Miller, Rachel Boddy, Helen Shepherd, Melanie Chandley. **Back Row:** Shannon Davidson, Lindsey Stanbrough, Kyle Black, T.J. McGinnis, Jeneice Waters, Amber McAvoy, Alisha Woodall.



JUST SOUND IT OUT

Sophomore Amber McAvoy helps a Bonner Springs Elementary student read. Members of YouthFriends Corps tutored students at both elementary schools from 3:00-5:00 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. "I like YouthFriends Corps. It's fun. I like teaching the little kids. When it shows that they have learned something, it really makes you feel good about yourself," McAvoy said.



PLAY TIME

Junior Amber Storey plays with students at McDaniel Daycare. Storey volunteered her time after school for YouthFriends Corps. To be a member of YouthFriends Corps, students had to be a sophomore, junior, or senior. YouthFriends Corps prepares high school students to join YouthFriends, which is an adult group that volunteers to help tutor children of all ages. "I love working with kids. It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun," Storey said.

The RESPONSIBLE the FUTURISTIC . . .

FCCLA FCCLA FCCLA FCCLA FCCLA FCCLA FCCLA



2001-2002 FCCLA MEMBERS

Front Row: Jessica Bartram, Michael Maxwell, Cherish Freeman. **Second Row:** Danae Larson, Amy Caudill, Cinda Thomas, Cara Harding, Jessica Thomas, Jenny Montgomery. **Back Row:** Jennifer McConico, Crystal Bjorgaard, Tiffany Bush, Melanie Chandley, Mrs. Martha Chandley, Kathy Yates, Kelly Yates, Ashley McGhee.



GET OUT THE CARVING KNIFE

The winning pumpkin of the annual FCCLA pumpkin carving contest was carved by freshman Jami Poje and was displayed in the library. A total of seven pumpkins were entered—two by freshman Jami Poje, two by Mrs. Ann Decker, one by senior Dustin Arnett, one by senior Mark Smith and one by senior Miki Mellott. "I think pumpkin carving is cool. I was really excited when I found out I won," Poje said.

Getting the Scoop

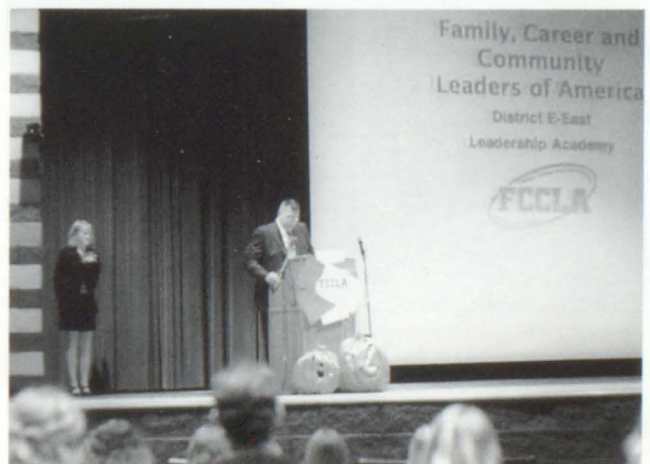
⇒ Why did Mrs. Martha Chandley sponsor FCCLA?
"This is a vocational student organization which allows wonderful opportunities to develop self, family, community and leadership skills outside the classroom."

⇒ What is FCCLA about?
"FCCLA (Family, Community, and Career Leaders of America) is the student vocational organization sponsored by the FACS (Family and Consumer Sciences) department."

⇒ What goals were set for FCCLA?
"To give back to the school, community, family and grow as an individual."

⇒ What went on throughout the year?
"District E-East Summer comp. Sept. 4 in Mclouth, District E-East Election and star events, State showcase in Wichita April 8 and 9, New Dinner Theater Restaurant May 1, Fall Leadership Academy at Basehor on Oct. 24, ice skating at Crown Center, and annual pumpkin carving contest."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



LEND ME YOUR EARS

Members of FCCLA sit in the crowd while speakers from the Red Cross and the Salvation Army enlightened the crowd on ways to get involved in the community at the Fall Leadership Academy. "I learned a lot from the Salvation Army and the Red Cross, but the most fun was when we did the chicken dance as an in-between speaker energizer," senior Jessica Bartram said.

The VOCAL . . .

Choir Choir Choir Choir Choir Choir Choir Choir



STANDING PROUD AND SINGING LOUD

A capella choir warms up before they take off for State, which was held at Gardner-Edgerton High School. The A capella received a I rating at their competition on April 15. "We were up against a lot of good schools. I was really excited to hear that we got a 'I' rating, and I think that everyone did a great job," junior Blair Monn said. The group performed "Zigunerlaben," translated in English as "Gypsy Life," which was a State contest piece, at their "Pop Concert" held on May 7. The choir also performed the song "People Will Say We're in Love," from the musical "Oklahoma!" and then split into males and females for two additional songs. The boys sang "Soul Inspiration," while the girls sang "One Fine Day." At the end of concert seniors Becky Heckert and Amanda Wise were given an award for their excellence in choir. The directors based their decision for the award on Heckert's and Wise's exceptional leadership and involvement in choir, contests and musicals.



2001-2002 FRESHMEN CONCERT CHOIR

Front Row: D. Gibson, B. Rider, J. Vogel, T. Montegue, O. Knight, A. Lea, M. Lewis, T. Forbach, S. Henley, A. Caudill, A. Williams, S. Strom. **Second Row:** C. Crouch, A. Williams, A. Cushman, T. Isabell, J. Huston, J. Graham, N. McGee, J. Thomas, A. Bohnert, L. Holtzen, A. Bergman, C. Barber, D. Brinkley. **Back Row:** L. Hinson, A. Newsom, S. Jenkins, K. Stephens, J. Ova, P. Cockrell, A. Cline, B. Zaring, J. Mackey, J. Keeton, S. Zaring, S. Cook.



2001-2002 WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

Front Row: D. Gibson, E. Gronau, J. Adams, M. Ewing, A. Allenbrand, K. VanGosen, C. Harding, A. Reed, S. Strom. **Second Row:** C. Hawkins, R. Bradley, H. Weaver, A. Mathiesen, C. Thomas, T. Hernandez, A. McAvoy, D. Brinkley. **Back Row:** K. Miser, N. Craig, J. Waldo, B. Luviano, A. Marcel, K. Beach, D. Putnum, M. Escott, M. Tinsley.

The MELODIC . . .

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2001-2002 A CAPELLA CHOIR

Front Row: D. Gibson, K. Miser, C. Moppin, D. King, T. McGinnis, B. Monn, K. Mack, J. Waldo, C. Harding, K. Dame, A. Smart, M. Anderson, J. Ventura, S. Strom. **Second Row:** A. Vitt, A. Woodall, K. Ballard, S. Benton, S. Sawyer, J. Caudill, M. Davis, W. Mitchell, S. Wade, B. Heckert, J. Buck, N. McGinnis. **Third Row:** A. Thomas, M. Chandley, D. Jones, R. Stephens, P. Bailey, M. Mellott, L. McConico, A. McAvoy, D. McCullough, S. Nickloy, A. Alexander, A. Kimbrough, A. Wise, D. Brinkley. **Back Row:** D. Arnett, G. Garrison, A. Hanson, J. Fowler, E. Stoner, M. Miller, K. McConniel, S. Pappé, A. Davis, T. Ridenour, M. Escott, S. Rickert, D. Lemon.

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mr. Steve Strom teach choir?

"I love music, and I enjoy presenting opportunities for students to express themselves creatively in music."

⇒ What was Choir about?

"In the various choirs we sang and worked together as a team to rehearse and perform music."

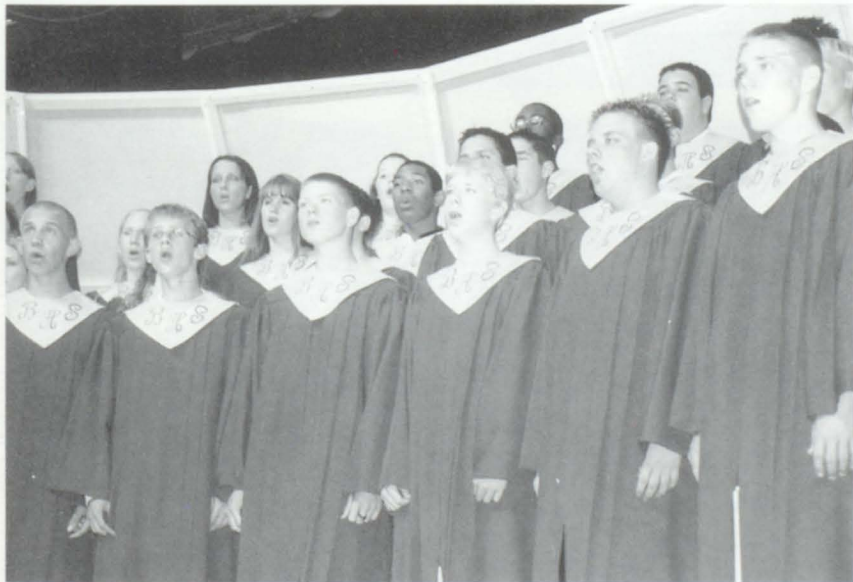
⇒ What goals did Choir have?

"Our goal was to rehearse and perform quality music that was enjoyed by the students and our audience. We would love seeing our choirs receiving high marks at our competitions."

⇒ What went on throughout the year?

"We had at least one major concert per quarter with several others mixed in. We sang for civic organizations more often this year as last year, and we took the trip to Chicago."

-Danielle Perica



LITTLE ANGELIC ANGLES

The A capella choir sings at their Fall Choral Concert on Oct. 9. Because of the events of Sept. 11, Vice Principal Mr. Jim Soper (a Lieutenant Colonel for the United States Army) gave a speech about protecting world freedom during the singing of the third verse of "America the Beautiful." "Singing 'America the Beautiful' was my favorite part at the concert. Mr. Soper's speech was encouraging," senior Megan McCluney said.



2001-2002 CHORALE

Front Row: D. Gibson, L. Innis, J. Thomas, R. Chaparro, O. Luna, L. Gilrath, S. Strom. **Second Row:** C. Ogden, J. Duckworth, S. Peterson, N. Craig, N. Bohnert. **Back Row:** D. DeMato, J. Coffee, C. McComb, M. Smith, B. Hubbel, L. Berry, D. Brinkley.

The MUSICAL . . .

Band Band Band Band Band Band Band Band Band



FORWARD MARCH

Junior Chad Moppin takes a break from playing his tuba as he marches in the Tibki Days Parade on Aug. 25. Many students and community members came to enjoy the annual event. "It was very festive and the parade was the best part," junior Bethany Gallagher said.

SIT BACK AND RELAX

Conversing on a break, the pep band relaxes until the basketball players take a time out. The pep band members were required to perform at every boys home basketball game. Out of the seven games the band performed in, they were only allowed to miss one performance before their grades were lowered two letter grades.

AWAITING THE BIG PERFORMANCE

Junior Nikki Smith waits patiently for the big halftime show. Behind her, junior Sara Miller and sophomores Gwen Peters and Megan Blake also wait in anticipation. The band performed in four halftime shows throughout the marching season. "Home football games are fun because everyone really gets into the games," Smith said.



The TALENTED . . .

Band Band Band Band Band Band Band Band Band Band



DRUM ON DRUMMER BOYS

Rolling to the rhythm of the drums, junior T.J. McGinnis, freshman Shawn McGuire, and senior Jason Moore play the drum cadence entertaining the crowd at halftime of the basketball home opener against Basehor-Linwood. "Music is important to everyone and band allows me and other students to not only listen, but to make music. My favorite thing about band is playing on the drum line. We have a great time and love to jam at the football games," McGinnis said.



Getting the Scoop

⇒ What was band about?

"Band was an elective subject that encompassed many different styles of music for a variety of musical opportunities. During the school year band students played marching band, pep band, and concert music in styles ranging from classical to popular."

⇒ What goals did band set for the year?

"Successful performances where students strive to meet their full potential. A strong sense of community between band members and with the entire school. To play for the pure enjoyment of making music."

⇒ What went on throughout the year?

"We performed halftime shows at football games, we participated in local and regional parades, band concerts, solo and ensemble regional and state festivals, state large ensemble festival, and basketball pep band."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane

2001-2002 BAND

Front Row: A. Weathers, B. Miller, J. Moore. **Second Row:** A. Hanson, J. Hachinski, K. Dame, J. Holtzen, T. McGinnis, T. Matthews, J. Lamb, D. Bass, J. Mortensen, S. McGuire. **Third Row:** R. Shields, A. Eker, A. Davis, N. Smith, E. Luviano, J. Vogel, E. Stoner, W. Peterson, T. Smith, K. Roudybush, C. Hergesheimer, M. Pino, S. Wilson, A. Wise. **Fourth Row:** A. Zaring, D. Perica, E. Prather, N. Romo, K. Stevens, A. McConico, M. Blake, J. Waldo, G. Peters, L. Davis, A. Venerable, L. McConico, H. Schweizer, J. Ova. **Fifth Row:** A. Sturgeon, E. Ferleman, A. Barber, T. Ridenour, J. Woods, J. McConico, S. Belknap, S. Miller, K. Kirk, K. McConnel, K. Twist, B. Sorensen. **Sixth Row:** S. Bond, K. Clemens, S. Fesenmeyer, M. Kerl, J. Gillespie, D. Arnett. **Seventh Row:** A. Pettit, S. Jenkins, T. Isabell, W. Shields, C. Storey, D. Kirby, S. Link, J. Keeton, E. Samek, R. Day, T. Mills, M. Miller, S. Wright. **Eighth Row:** C. Crane, M. Watson, K. Black, T. Tilford, M. Ashford, C. Johnson, B. Shelton, J. Fesenmeyer, M. Tinsley, J. Vaughn, M. Leonard, J. Montgomery. **Ninth Row:** S. Rowland, A. Mills, E. Shepherd, C. Moppin, A. Reed. **Back Row:** T. Bush, V. Reynolds.

The LIVELY the SPIRITED . . .

Flags Flags Flags Flags Flags Flags Flags Flags Flags Flags

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did senior Sarah Rowland sponsor Flags?

"Flags has become a part of my life. I was the only four year veteran this year and we were without a sponsor, so I just stepped up and took charge. The co-captain Christa Crane helped a lot!"

⇒ What was Flags about?

"Flags was about hard work, dedication, and fun. We worked hard to get routines memorized, but the sleep overs at my house were so much fun!"

⇒ What were the goals for Flags?

"Our goals were to do good in every halftime show! Parades were also a big thing for the girls—especially the American Royal. Our number one goal was to have fun, and above all, we'd try to do activities such as Pudgy Bunny or the Truth Game to have a blast!"

⇒ What went on throughout the year?

"Flags performed in Tiblow Days, Autumn Fest, Homecoming Parade, American Royal, and all halftimes of home football games."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



2001-2002 FLAG TEAM

Left Column: Amanda Zaring, Jennifer Ova, Anecia Reed, Victoria Reynolds, Sarah Wright, Co-Captain Christa Crane. **Right Column:** Jenny Montgomery, Amanda Wise, Amanda Pettit, Ruth Shields, Tiffany Bush, Captain Sarah Rowland.



WAITING TO PERFORM

Junior Christa Crane stands ready to perform at halftime of a home football game with two of the flags that were made by the team and Mrs. Mary Watson. The team was preparing to perform to Elton John's, "Your Song" and "Crocodile Rock." The flag team practiced every Monday and Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. "I really looked forward to the halftime shows because everyone was excited and happy," Crane said.



HERE WE COME

The flag team marches in the Tiblow Days Parade on Aug. 25. The flag team prepared for the parade during band week, Aug. 13-17 from 7-9 p.m., and seventh hour each day before the parade. The girls had a sleepover the night before at senior Sarah Rowland's house to relax and bond before the parade. Some of the bonding activities included watching movies and playing pudgy bunny. "I think the sleepovers helped the girls get to know each other better. With the team doing group activities together, it strengthened our ability to perform," junior Amanda Pettit said.

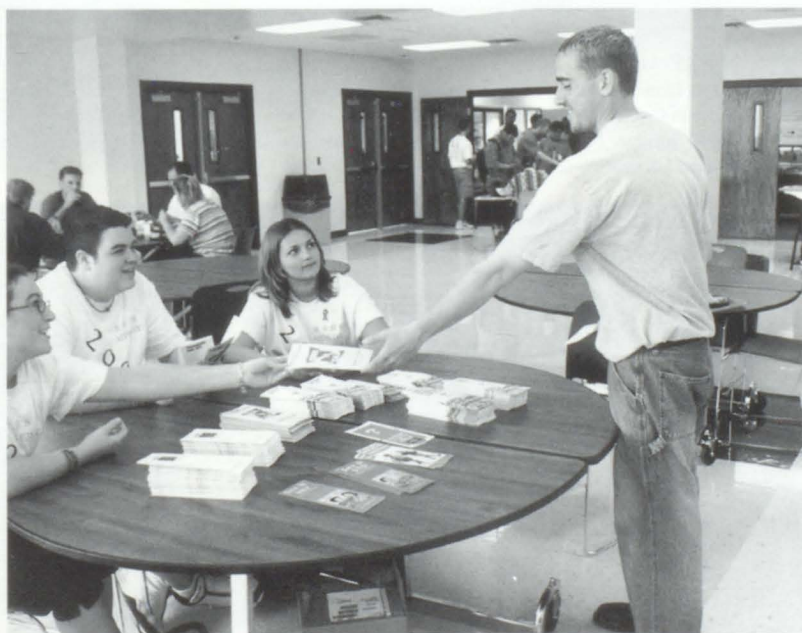
The SYMPATHETIC the BENEFICIAL ..

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HERE'S WHAT I THINK...

Freshman Brad Rittinghouse and sophomore Kim Miser discuss with their group how to deal with problems that might arise with their peers in everyday life at the Peer Retreat held on Nov. 8 and 9 at Tall Oaks Conference Center in Linwood, KS. The peer helpers went to the retreat to receive group training and experience role playing from different points of view. "I had a blast and feel that I made a lot of good connections with people," sophomore Kim Miser said.



GETTIN' THE INFO

Junior Darrin Gearheart picks up pamphlets filled with information about AIDS at a table that PEER prepared on April 23 on AIDS Day. PEER had a variety of activities that went on throughout the day such as announcements at the beginning of each hour with an educational fact about the AIDS virus and placing AIDS ribbon stickers on each person as they entered the front door. "I think AIDS Day is important because it brings the reality of AIDS to high school students and educates students that everyone can get AIDS, not just homosexuals," sophomore Chris Pike said.

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mrs. Lisa Terrell and Mr. Rick Moulin sponsor Peer Helpers?

"It's a natural link to our jobs, but how we got involved was we like working with individual students and getting to know them more. We help more teens resolve issues and find resources."

⇒ What was Peer Helpers about?

"Peer Helpers were a link to the student body. It gave students a chance to talk to one of their trusted peers before coming to us."

⇒ What goals were set for Peer Helpers?

"To have a successful AIDS Day, be visible throughout the school and help students through their problems."

⇒ What went on throughout the year?

"AIDS Day, Peer Retreat, Conflict mediation, new student tours, monthly meetings, and encourage community service."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



2001-2002 PEER HELPERS

Front Row: Amittia Davis, Mandie Lewis, Danielle Perica, Whitney Mitchell, Meryl Miller, Cara Harding, Atlantis Smart. **Second Row:** Brad Rittinghouse, Sarah Rowland, Kristin Korgol, Kim Miser, Billy Ballard, George Elmer, Lindsay Russell. **Back Row:** Mr. Rick Moulin, Michael Maxwell, Kevin Dame, Katy Kirk, Michael Hernandez, Juls Fowler, Corie Crouch, Summer Pappé, Lauren Roberts, T.J. McGinnis, Sarah Benton, Alex Alexander, Sara Miller, Mrs. Lisa Terrell.

The CREATIVE . . .

Totem Pole Totem Pole Totem Pole Totem Pole

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Ms. Nancy Yankovich advise Totem Pole?

"Besides the fact that it was a change of pace from teaching English, I found it to be challenging, creative, and innovative. Every year we produce something new and different from the previous years. It's always rewarding to see the finished product and the pride the individual staff members have in their work."

⇒ What was Totem Pole about?

"We produced the school's annual (yearbook). We did everything from designing the cover and selling the ads to taking the pictures and writing the stories."

⇒ What goals did yearbook set for the year?

"We strived to publish the best yearbook yet. More specifically, our number one goal was to have complete, accurate coverage of the school's events and happenings for the entire year. In doing so, we also did our best to include everyone in the yearbook by having them in at least one candid photo or quoting them in at least one story or caption."

⇒ What went on throughout the year?

"Our work actually began the summer before the school year started when the students came in for a few work days to help with senior pictures and enrollment. Usually they also come in for training on the computers, but we didn't get to do that this year because of all the construction. Then things picked up in the fall when the students began designing the cover and theme, started taking pictures and interviewing people at school events, and began soliciting for personal and business ads. The second semester the students worked to complete five deadlines, which produced our 176-page yearbook. It was a huge commitment and sacrifice for the select 15 or 16 students on the staff."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane, Amy Marcel



2002 TOTEM POLE STAFF

Front Row: Lisa Assmann, Kallie Moore. **Second Row:** Morgan McConico, Amy Marcel, Blair Monn, Christa Crane, Amy Meints. **Third Row:** Sarah Rowland, Kevin Dame, Andrea Dill, Summer Rickert, Summer Pappé, Sarah Benton. **Back Row:** Danielle Perica, Andrea Zarate. **Not Pictured:** Danae Larson.

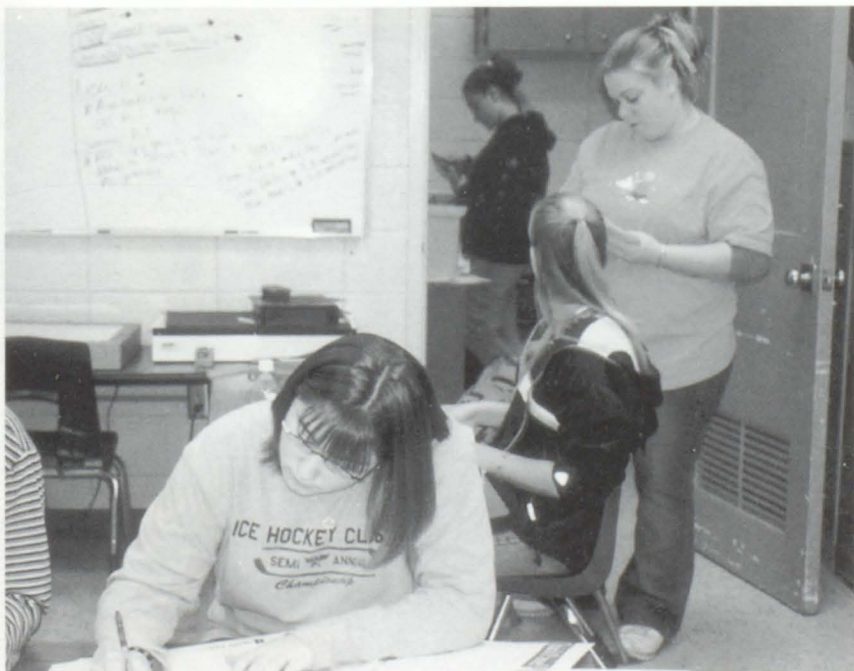
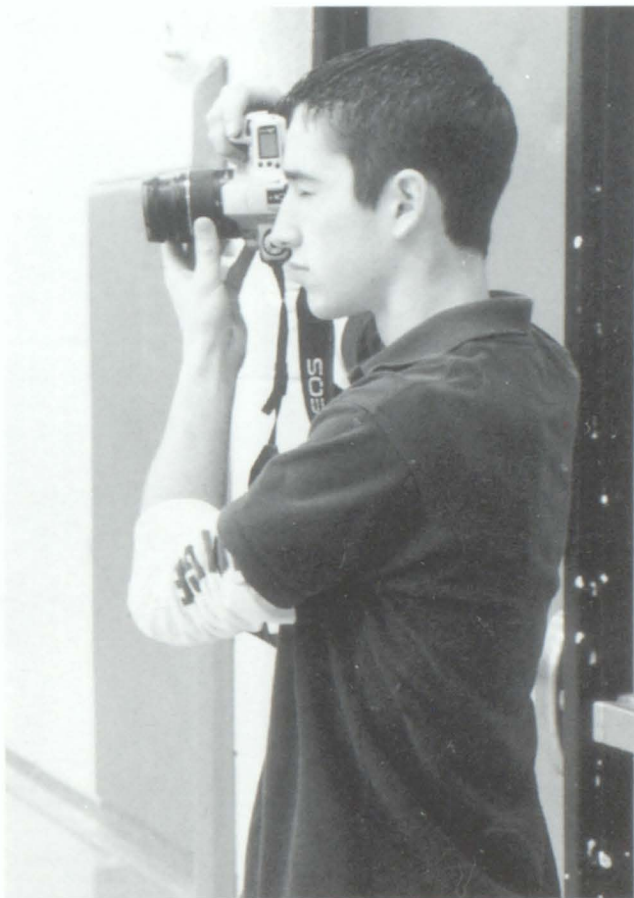
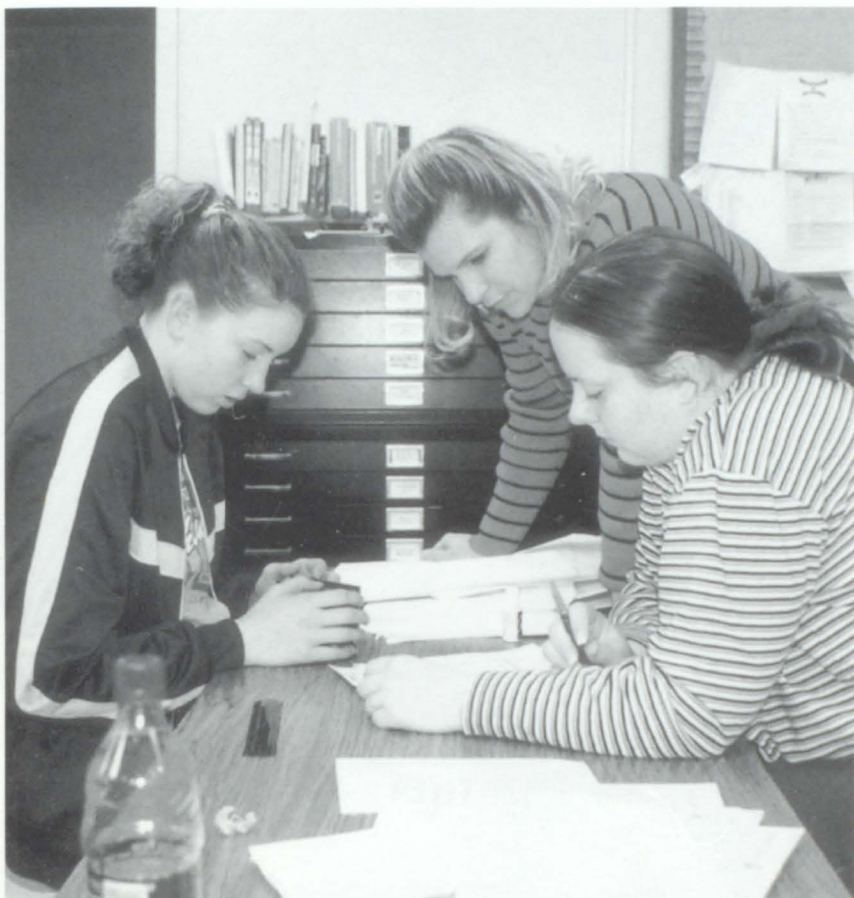


SORTING THEM OUT

Business Editor junior Amy Meints and Index Editor junior Summer Rickert organize personal ads. Meints worked with her fellow Business Editor, junior Lisa Assmann selling and designing all of the advertisements for the yearbook. Rickert was not only responsible for the index, but she also helped junior Sarah Benton with the student life section.

The IDEALISTIC . . .

Totem Pole Totem Pole Totem Pole Totem Pole



SNAP SHOT

Sports Editor, sophomore Kevin Dame waits for the camera to focus while taking pictures of the boy's gym class during third hour. The photography editors, juniors Amy Marcel and Kallie Moore weren't able to cover every event, so the other staff members helped out whenever they could. Nearly every event was covered to get a variety of pictures in the yearbook.

WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE

People Editor, junior Andrea Dill, Editor-in-Chief senior Sarah Rowland and Adviser Ms. Nancy Yankovich all work together to look over Dill's story for volleyball page on the first deadline. There were many processes each student had to go through in order to finish a page for a deadline, and it all had to go through Rowland and Yankovich before it was finalized. "Anytime I got frustrated or overwhelmed, Dill would walk in the room and crack me up! She always found a way to put a smile on my face," Rowland said.

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AND WE'RE FINISHED

Design Editor, junior Blair Monn writes the school's name and job number on the panel page envelopes in order to meet the first deadline on Feb. 4. Behind her, juniors Sarah Benton and Amy Marcel discuss which pictures would work best for Benton's Homecoming pages. Monn worked with junior Christa Crane to design all of the page layouts for each section of the yearbook. "Some people don't realize how much goes into making a yearbook. It takes a lot more than meets the eye," Crane said.

The INFORMATIVE . . .

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AND HOW WAS THAT?

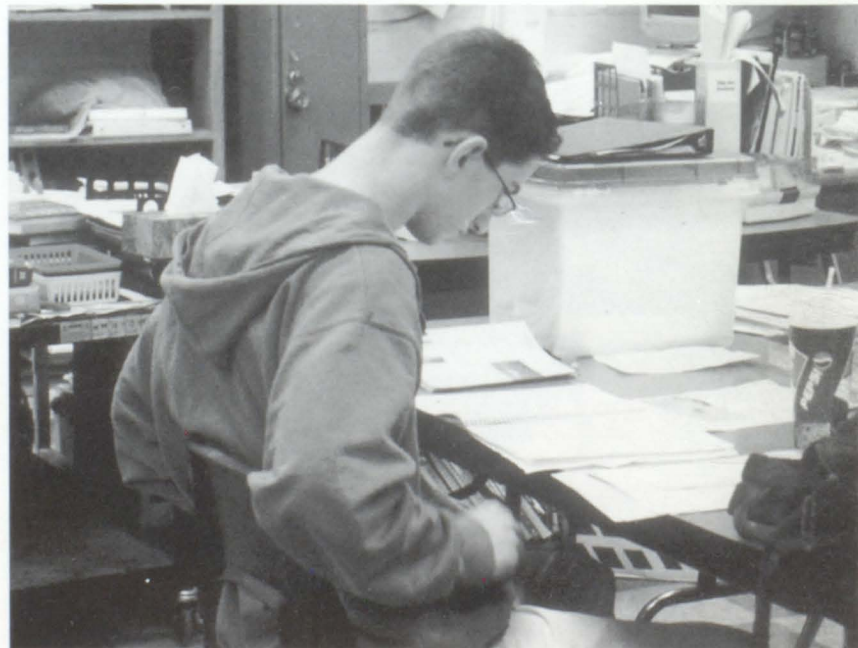
Junior Sara Miller questions freshman Kimberly Stephens for a survey about the best and worst gifts you could receive. Surveys were also sent to student to fill out and return to the staff. "I'm really interested in pursuing journalism in college. Plus, I decided that I needed an outlet for my creative energy," Miller said.

TAKING OFF THE OLD AND PASTING UP THE NEW

Senior Stephanie Fesenmeyer takes old pages off the paste board so she can paste the new ones on. Fesenmeyer was in charge for the "What's Up With That?" column in the paper. "Basically, it's just a place for mini-editorials—things we want to gripe about but can't do it for a long editorial," Fesenmeyer said.

SUPPORTING HIS OPINION

Senior Nathan Sparks researches his topic to complete his editorial for the "As I See It" column for the Pow Wow's first issue. "Nathan was perfect for this column because he has many opinions and has an interesting way of presenting them," Helen Shepherd said.



The NEWSWORTHY . . .

Pow Wow Pow Wow Pow Wow Pow Wow



Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mrs. Jill Holder advise The Pow Wow?
"It was part of my teaching assignment—I also enjoy it!"

⇒ What was Pow Wow about?
"We publish the newspaper. It gives students insight of what's going on at BSHS."

⇒ What were the goals for Pow Wow?
"Our goal is to make the student body think and start talking about what's going on in the school, so they can be more aware. We also want to produce a better overall publication than in years past."

⇒ What did newspaper staff members do?
"We produced nine issues for the year and we went to a journalism contest in February—that was a big deal!"

Pow Wow Staff

Editor-in-Chief
Helen Shepherd
Entertainment Editor
Nick Border
Features Editor
Brandy Miller
Illustrator
Ruth Shields
News & Design Editor
D'Erin May
Photography Editor
Cinda Thomas
Sports Editors
Holly Miller
Lindsey Stanbrough

Business Editor
Dustin Carson
Staff
Eric Ferleman
Stephanie Fesenmeyer
Jill Gardner
Jennifer Knight
Erica Luviano
Sara Miller
Justin Monn
Madeleine Rainbolt
Nathan Sparks
Adviser
Jill Holder

—Danielle Perica, Christa Crane, Amy Marcel



2002 POW WOW STAFF

Front Row: Lindsey Stanbrough, Dustin Carson, Jill Gardner, Cinda Thomas, Brandy Miller, Nathan Sparks, Holly Miller. **Back Row:** Madeleine Rainbolt, Nick Border, Erica Luviano, Helen Shepherd, Sara Miller, Justin Monn, Jennifer Knight, D'Erin May, Eric Ferleman, Stephanie Fesenmeyer.

FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER

Seniors Helen Shepherd and D'Erin May transfer information from the surveys they have collected to the page they are creating. Shepherd was the Editor-in-Chief and May was the Design Editor for the staff. Many steps were involved in finishing each issue of the *Pow Wow*. Staffers began by brainstorming story ideas, then pursued two or three different ideas before choosing what worked best. After that, they would collect background information by interviewing and surfing the Internet. Finally, they would complete a layout, brush up the page, paste it and then send it to the press for print.

The ULTIMATE the EXTREME...

Quiz Bowl Quiz Bowl Quiz Bowl Quiz Bowl Quiz Bowl

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mrs. Chris Wood sponsor Quiz Bowl?

"In a way, it's a natural extension of teaching since knowledge and bits of trivia are the building blocks of thinking."

⇒ What was Quiz Bowl about?

"Here's our mission statement: The BSHS Quiz Bowl Club exists solely for the purpose of encouraging the possession of arcane knowledge, broadening our cultural literacy, sharing it with each other, and traveling to strange places to learn more. Winning competitions is just simply icing on the cake."

⇒ What did Quiz Bowlers do?

"About 20 Quiz Bowlers come together every Wednesday and Thursday during activity period. From late October to late January eight to ten different people attend meets to enhance their knowledge and ability to work together."

⇒ What went on at the hosted meets?

"On Oct. 17 and Oct. 23 BSHS Quiz Bowlers hosted their annual meets for varsity and junior varsity. Topeka West won the varsity tournament, and Summer Academy won the junior varsity tournament."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



NOW FOR THE RULES...

Freshmen Casey Storey and Jordan Mackey listen as Mrs. Chris Wood reads the Quiz Bowl rules preparing them for the meet ahead. The rules are read before each meet so everyone understands the process.

Q: In this Relativity Theory, Einstein proposed a space-time continuum made up of how many dimensions?

A: FOUR

Q: What kind of animals are oryx, kudus, and elhads?

A: Antelopes

Q: What planet travels around the sun every 248 years?

A: Pluto



GREEN 4...

Working as a moderator, sophomore Echo Prather calls on a player as they buzz in with an answer at the BSHS Quiz Bowl Meet. "The best part of Quiz Bowl is that we have fun together. We didn't take it too seriously. It's a fun way to use all the useless information we compile over the years," Prather said.



2001-2002 QUIZ BOWL

Front Row: C. Harding, M. Davidson. Second Row: S. Miller, M. Maxwell, J. Woods, J. Mackey, M. Rainbolt. Third Row: E. Prather, S. Fesenmeyer, J. McIntyre, D. Perica, D. McCullough, A. Boddy, S. Rickert, A. Lietzen. Fourth Row: B. Burch, K. Kirk, A. McAvoy, M. Chandley, T. Cooper. Fifth Row: P. Bolejak, N. Sparks, C. Pike, K. Coby, E. Samek, K. Storey, J. Fesenmeyer, S. Link.

The STRATEGIC the INTELLECTUAL...

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CHECKMATE!

Juniors Brandon Hubbel and Matt Dinsmore practice a game of chess during ELO to brush up on their master skills, while juniors Jonathan Emery and Crystal Lee sit and watch. The chess team also had its own website at www.geocities.com/bonnerchess, so they could practice online and keep chess club records. "I joined the chess team because I enjoy chess, and it teaches patience," Dinsmore said.



Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mr. Bob Patterson-Sumwalt sponsor the Chess Club?

"To provide another extracurricular activity for students that was challenging and fun."

⇒ What was Chess Club about?

"Learning to be better thinkers and problem solvers; it is also a way for kids to grow mentally and emotionally."

⇒ What did Chess members do?

"They competed at local, state, and national tournaments. On March 9 the chess club competed in the state tournament, and then went to the national tournament in Kentucky during the week of April 10."

⇒ When did they meet?

"Practices were once a week after school from 3:00 to 4:00. They also attended at least 12-15 tournaments on Saturdays throughout the year."

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



2001-2002 CHESS CLUB

Front Row: Chance Burton, Curtis Hartman. **Second Row:** Mr. Wayne Cramer, Jubal Shook, Scott Gray, David Seifried, Mr. Bob Patterson-Sumwalt. **Back Row:** Johnathan Emery, Andrew Lietzen, Nick Baker, Matt Dinsmore, Brian Burch, Christopher Steinwachs, Dustin DeMato.

STRATEGY IS THE KEY

Freshman Nick Baker and seniors Brian Burch, Scott Gray and Chris Steinwachs focus on their next move while competing at a BSHS chess tournament on Feb. 16. There were 190 people that attended the tournament where Bonner placed first, and junior Curtis Hartman placed first on the individual level.

The DETERMINED . . .

Student Council Student Council Student Council

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Ms. Anne Seiler sponsor Student Council?

"I enjoyed working with the students especially to witness the leadership skills that some students exhibit."

⇒ What was Student Council about?

"Stuco was responsible for all the dances except for prom. They also acted as a voice for the student body-to voice and address concerns in our school."

⇒ What goals did Student Council have?

"To put on activities that the student body would support and enjoy, and to benefit and give back to the community."

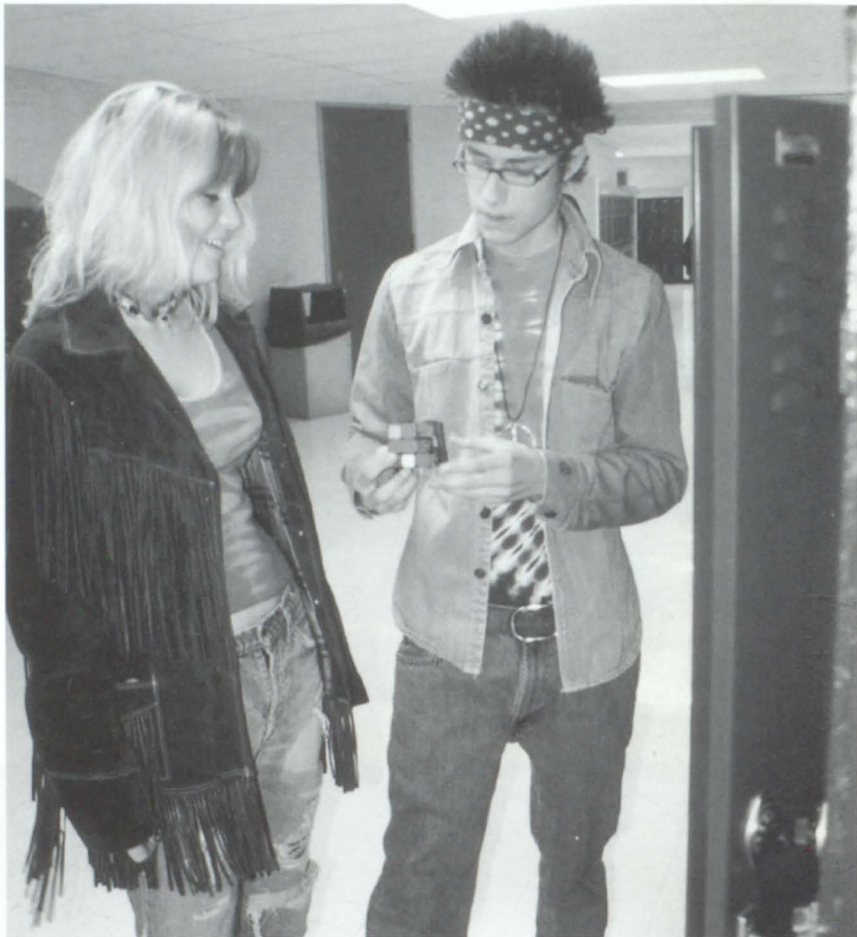
⇒ What went on throughout the year?

"Student Council sponsored Homecoming, Courtwarming, and W.P.A. We also participated in leadership conferences and we had meetings every Wednesday during ELO/Activity Period."

Executive Board Officers

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| President Mark Smith | Treasurer Erin Stoner |
| Vice President Dustin Carson | Arbitrator Beth Gibson |
| Secretary Whitney Mitchell | Historian Sara Miller |

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



BACK TO THE 60's

Juniors Kallie Moore and Ryan Wing socialize together about what they are wearing on "Hippie Day" during Courtwarming spirit week. Moore and Wing decided to raid their parents closets to dress the part. "I decided to dress up for 'Hippie Day' because it was the only day I remembered and 'hippies' are pretty darn cool," Wing said.

ALL EYES ELSEWHERE

Dressed in Hawaiian attire for Homecoming Spirit Week, the student body looks on as the 2001 candidates are introduced at the election assembly. To prepare for their events, stuco members attended a leadership conference held at Mill Valley High School. "We learned what it means to be and act like a leader. We also got ideas on how to improve our Stuco," junior Jillian Lemon said.



The INVOLVED . . .

Student Council Student Council Student Council



2001-2002 STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

First Column: Danielle Perica, Amy Parks, Ashley King, Katie Parks, Rachel Boddy, Whitney Peterson, Jennifer Cole, Alexis Kimbrough, Jillian Lemon, Cara Harding, Everett Shepherd. **Second Column:** Dustin Carson, Michael Maxwell, Beth Gibson, Whitney Mitchell, Melanie Chandley, Donnie Shepherd.

ROUND AND ROUND SHE GOES

Senior Miki Mellott spins around a baseball bat in the second part of the obstacle course during the spring pep assembly. The senior team also included Zach Powell, Aaron Mills, and Meryl Miller. Although the seniors didn't win, they still made their class proud. "I'm proud that my class didn't cheat like in years past," senior Nathan Sparks said.

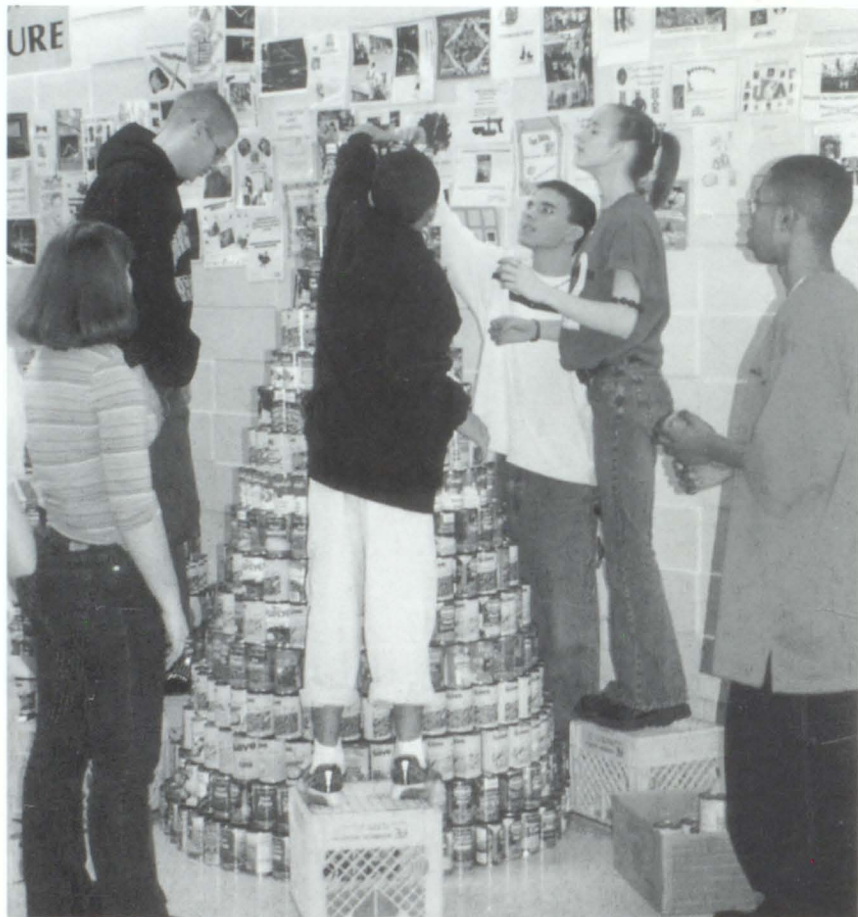
SCOOTIN' FOR VICTORY

During the class competitions at the fall pep assembly, junior David Bass scoots his way to the finish line, unaware of what was about to take place. Later in the race, the scooter broke from underneath him and he fell squarely on his backside. "It was hilarious, it was great. . . I loved it," Bass said. Stuco planned and organized each pep assembly to encourage school and class spirit. "Students involvement and enthusiasm for class participation is very positive for school spirit. The purpose of the activities Stuco planned were to promote school spirit and to increase camaraderie among class members," Advisor Ms. Anne Seiler said.



The HELPFUL . . .

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NOW FOR THE WINGS

Junior Amanda Pettit prepares to glue on the wings to a Hershey Kiss angel during activity period. Kayette members sold the angels during lunch for 50 cents. They raised \$64.80 from the angel kisses and had \$25 in donations, which was all sent to the American Red Cross to help with the World Trade Center Fund.

FOOD DRIVE BREAKS ALL RECORDS

As freshman Hollie Hewitt and senior Christopher Scott stand by and watch, sophomore Myjestic Hickmon and juniors Jeff Burns, Devin Pino and Kelly Yates work on trying to top off one of two Christmas trees created by the canned food collected during the Kayettes annual Vaughn-Trent Food Drive. The food drive lasted only three days, Dec. 11-13, but was the largest in school history, with more than 7,724 cans collected. The junior class donated the most cans with a total of 2,676, and junior Michael Adams donated the most items with a total of 452.

SETTING UP THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE

Senior Amanda Zaring prepares to block as center senior Christina Walker hikes the ball to senior quarterback Jessica Sullivan during the annual Powder Puff game. Juniors Morgan Tuttle and the rest of the Junior/Sophomore defensive line get ready to play defense. The Senior/Freshmen team beat the Junior/Sophomore team 24-6. "I've never played in Powder Puff before, but the experience was awesome and so was the touchdown I made in the first play!" senior Lily Szewc said.



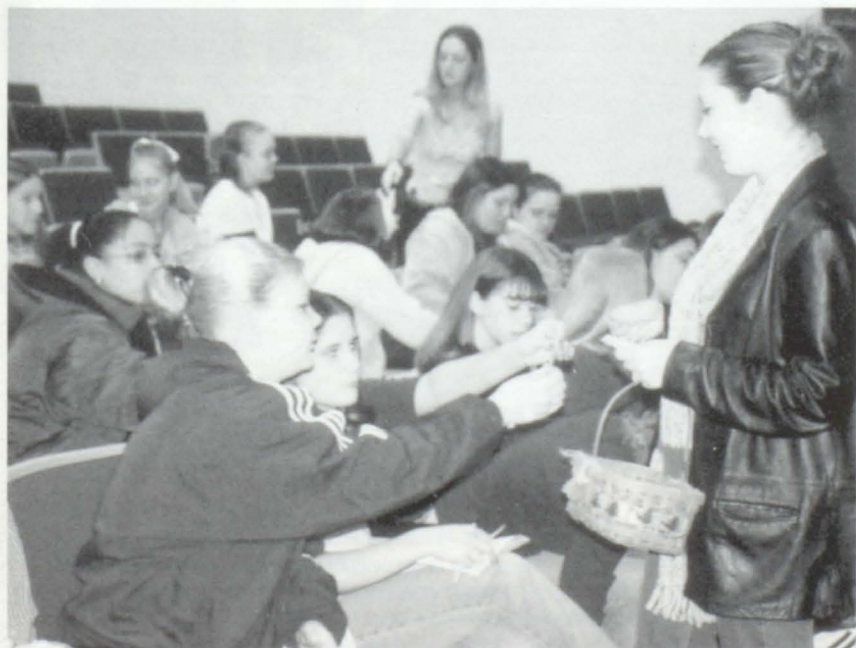
The GENEROUS . . .

Kayettes Kayettes Kayettes Kayettes Kayettes Kayettes



2001-2002 KAYETTES

Front Row: N. McGee, M. Lewis, L. McConico, S. Allen, J. Cole, L. Gronau. **Second Row:** J. Adams, C. Winkler, A. Parks, K. McGinnis, K. Gardner, K. Redlin, A. Woodall. **Third Row:** L. Orangkahdivi, D. Burns, Ke. Yates, Ka. Yates, D. Dragush, A. Pettit, C. Crane, K. Stephens, S. Miller, E. Luviano, J. McConico, M. McConico, M. Chandley, C. Norman, J. Graham, B. Monn. **Back Row:** C. Wilson, D. Larson, R. Shields, M. Miller, S. Rowland, B. Gibson, A. Sturgeon, T. Sanford, C. Walker, E. Stoner, C. Robinson, S. Campbell, C. Freeman, B. Heckert, A. Zaring, A. Davis, M. McCluney, A. Trafton.



Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mrs. Deena Burns sponsor Kayettes?

"I think Kayettes is a great club and gives young ladies the opportunity to develop leadership skills and to be a service to others who are less fortunate."

⇒ What was Kayettes about?

"Service to school, community, nation, and world, and of course having fun! Kayettes objectives are character, health, service, appreciation, recreation and leadership."

⇒ What goals did Kayettes have?

"The state recognizes outstanding KAY clubs each year. Each school chooses a goal to work towards. The "Gold Award" is the highest but very hard to attain because it requires large participation numbers on all projects. BSHS usually sets its goal for the "Blue Award."

⇒ What goes on throughout the year?

We did Powder Puff, visited nursing homes, had a hayride, held the Vaughn-Trent food drive, have Val Pals and various other activities throughout the year.

Kayette Pledge:

I will, as a member of the Kansas Association of Youth, endeavor to maintain the high ideals of my organization, to make my personality a positive influence in the life of my school and my community, and to pass on an association which will be a challenge and inspiration to future members.

Motto: Today for Tomorrow

Slogan: Laugh. Love. Lift

-Danielle Perica, Christa Crane

IS THIS THE LAST OF 'EM?

Sophomores Liz Gronau and Miranda Mueller hand sophomore Samantha Allen their names to be placed in the Val-Pal basket. Each Kayette member had to draw a name out of the basket to determine who they would buy Val-Pal gifts for during the week of Valentine's Day. Small gifts were given on Monday and Tuesday with the party being held on Wednesday in which the bigger gifts were exchanged and the Kayette members found out who their Val-Pal was.

The UNIQUE the ARTISTIC . . .

Art Club Art Club Art Club Art Club Art Club Art Club

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mrs. Wanda Simchuck sponsor Art Club?
"I love art and like to give students a chance to experience art and culture outside of the school."

⇒ What was Art Club about?
"Doing art and raising money to take a trip to some other city or place to experience their culture/art."

⇒ What were the goals for Art Club?
"To pull off a big day of art on April 27 at the high school by completing our fashion show."

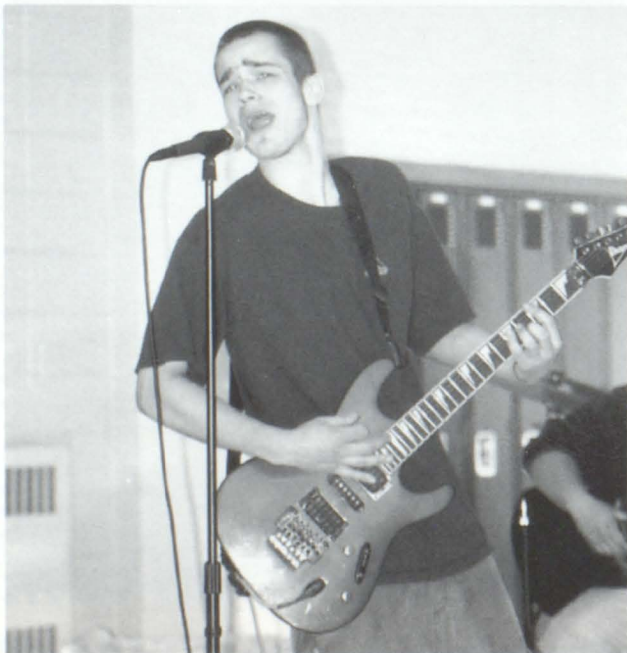
⇒ What went on throughout the year?
"We met every Wednesday during activity period. We also did a variety of fund-raising things, but most of all we experienced and created art."

—Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



2001-2002 ART CLUB

Front Row: Sara Sawyer, Samantha Allen. Second Row: Karla Reynolds, Sandi Campbell, Cassie Robinson, Julie Jackson. Back Row: Ruth Shields, Matthew Lewis, Crystal Garrison, Adam Gilmore.



STRUMMIN' THE ELECTRIC

Senior Dan Dorman plays his Ibanez-series electric guitar at the Art Club's fashion show on April 27. Dorman participated in the art show performance as a favor to junior Stephen Babcock. Other band members were Babcock, Chris Brentlinger, and Randy Edwards. "I had fun participating in the fashion show and performing," Dorman said.



NOW FOR SOME COLOR

Seniors Sandi Campbell and Karla Reynolds paint the Hawaiian theme on the sheet-rock walls of the soon-to-be office to go along with the Hawaiian theme of Homecoming. "Stucco wanted something on the white boring walls, so Art Club came to the rescue with their painting. One side was the day time image and the other side was to be the night scene of a Hawaiian luau," senior Crystal Garrison said.

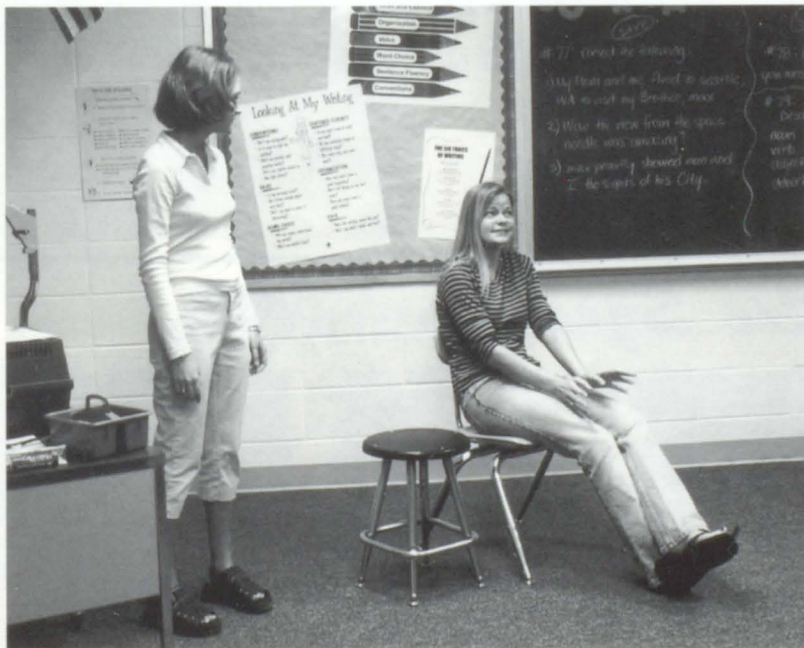
The CRAZY the DRAMATIC . . .

Forensics Forensics Forensics Forensics Forensics



2001-2002 FORENSICS TEAM

Front Row: Autumn Hansen, Brandi White, Beth Gibson, Alanna Smith. **Second Row:** Sarah Wright, Chris Steinwachs, Sarah Benton, Lindsay Russell, Michael Maxwell, Jennifer Cole. **Back Row:** Summer Rickert, Jacob Moore, Katie Trent, Phillip Bailey, Travis Ridenour, Jennifer Eagle, Nicole Wilson.



BORROWING AND SISTERS

Senior Beth Gibson and junior Sarah Benton perform the skit called "Borrowing," by Mary Kruel Oishi. Forensic members performed for the seventh grade students at Clark Middle School to promote forensics. "It was a new experience performing in front of middle school kids. At first the kids didn't know what to expect and as they got into the skit, they began to like it. I think the outcome was a success," Benton said.

Getting the Scoop

⇒ Why did Mr. Dan Streit sponsor Forensics/ play?
"I sponsored forensics because I enjoyed it. Both are fun and the students that participate in them are fun to be around. Also, no one else wanted to do them so I raked in the moolah!"

⇒ What was Forensics about?

"This was an activity where students participate, whether in class or not. There are nine activities sanctioned by the state that allowed us to compete with other schools. It is competing based acting. Those who took part, tended to love it. Anyone can do it.

⇒ What goals were set for forensics?

"I had a goal of qualifying more students for State Forensics than last year's five. This year we had eight qualify for State."

⇒ What went on throughout the year?

"With forensics, it is just getting the students to put in individual effort. Most are comfortable in front of a group, but others need a little prodding. Once they experience it, they want more. We travel to about eight tournaments, including Regionals and State.

—Danielle Perica, Christa Crane



BACHELORETTE #2

Playing "The Dating Game," sophomore Philip Bailey questions sophomores Jeniece Waters, Autumn Hansen and senior Jessica Bartram to decide who he would rather date. Each girl acted out individual character traits such as, a political figure or a chicken laying an egg. One of Bailey's goals was to identify the character traits each bachelorette was acting out.

Rachelle Marie Gonzales

Look within
And listen to your heart
You can do it
You can reach that goal
You can make that new reality
Instead of accepting things
The way they used to be
You can do it
All your highest hopes are with you
Nothing will hold you back
But you're own fears
And if those fears were created by you
They can be dealt with
And farewelled by you
You can do it
Say it to yourself
Believe it in your heart
Make every single day a
Positive start, leading to a better
And brighter tomorrow.
You can do it, You will do it



Ashley & Sarah Congratulations

We are proud of you both. Wishing you
much happiness and success.

Love, Dad, Joe, Katie, Aaron, Kennedee,
& Maison.

Love, Mom, Keiara, & Keiana



Arrolyn Potter



Arrolyn,

You have been through a lot in
your very young life, but you always try
hard & have done very well. Dream big
& live for your dreams & goals. We are
all very proud of you.

Love you
Mom, Dad, Keaton, Alex
Rachelle, & Trey

Kallie Szewc

*We wish you health, happiness and hope always. No matter what
you decide to do with your life, give it your best. You have made us
very proud and you should be proud of yourself. Keep your faith, it
will always see you through. Smile and enjoy life!*



*Love always,
Dad, Mom, and Sarah*



Kallie
2002

Becka Lee,

We are so proud of you words can't describe. We can't believe you'll be leaving our side. We love you and know that you will go far because you are our shining star.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Brian



Colby Scheidt

You've been passionate about your "wheels" all your life—Take life's steering wheel and conquer your dreams! Your honesty, knowledge, motivation, and personality can take you anywhere.



We're proud of you—We love you—You've grown up to be a wonderful young man.
Mom, Dad, Megan & your Grandparents

Cherish Freeman

*My, how our little superstar has blossomed into a lovely young lady. We are so very proud of you! Mom and Dad truly do, Cherish you!
Love Always,
Mom & Dad*



Brian Burch

*You are a blessing to us; we are proud of you. We love you very much. Remember always, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 3: 5,6
Love,
Mom & Dad*



Mark T. Smith



2002

Mark-

You have grown from a curious brown eyed little boy into a caring, thoughtful young man. Through those years we have always been proud of you and cherish the memories you have provided us. You are set to begin the biggest adventure of your life. Remember to hold fast to your dreams, work hard, and all the world will be yours. May God continually bless your life.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Ashley, and Robert
Mom & Granddaddy
Jane, David and Katherine
Mike, Peggy, and the gang.



Greg Forshey



Greg,

You continue to bring us lots of joy, laughter and smiles. You have grown up to be a great son—good in sports, school and home. You always give all that you can, which will one day make you a great man. We hope you accomplish all you seek in life, have great children and a wonderful wife. You will one day sit and remember your youth, and thank your family, teachers, and friends for guiding you to the great walk of fame.

We love you so much,

Mom, Dad, Grandma, Alicia, Trai,
Paris, & Melissa



Nick,

From the day you were born we knew each day would always be treasured. We watched you grow from "Tiger" to our "2002 H.S. Grad."

Make each day the best and enjoy life to the fullest!

We love you,
Momma, Dad and Justin



CONGRATULATIONS Alexis Joy Eker Class of '02



You've been our "Special Angel" for the past 18 years. You have many wonderful gifts to share, laughter, love, compassion, & wisdom. The world is a better place with you in it. We love you.

Mom, Dad & Damien

Look out world...here she comes!





Sarah Margaret Rowland

When you entered our lives 18 years ago, we knew we were in for the ride of our lives. We have watched you grow from a shy little girl into a confident, strong young woman. We couldn't be more proud. You have brought joy, laughter and strength to our family.

We love you and wish success and happiness in everything you do. We know you will continue to make us proud.

Mom, Dad & Carl



* Christina *

You have always danced into our hearts!

*We love you,
Mom & Jerry
Mike & Chad
David & Nellie*



Jessica,

It seems only yesterday you came into our lives. And now before our eyes you have become a woman. We watched you take your first step, speak your first words. Board the bus the first time to go to school. Hit your first home run. Time has gone by so fast.

And now you have graduated. You have always held your head high, and stood out among your peers. You have helped us in guiding your life. And now that you are making your way in the world. We know you will be the leader you have always been. You have brought so much joy to our lives, and made us very proud of you. As you always will.

*We love you,
Mom & Dad*





Angela Marcel

You are a blessing that I am forever thankful for. Your sense of humor delights me, your laughter is one of my favorite sounds, and your smile lights up my heart. Even if a day should go by when I don't say I love you, may never a moment go by without you knowing I do.



Congratulations on your graduation.

Love You,
Dad, Karen, & family

Atlantis Smart



Congratulations to our daughter.

From: Mom and Dad



Michael David H. Ashford

You have given is eighteen years of wonderful memoies. Thanks for being such a great son—happy, fun, thoughtful, responsible, creative, analytical, and inquisitive. We know whatever you choose to do in life, you will succeed. Always stay true to yourself. Best wishes and all our love for a bright future.

We love you all around the world,

Mom and Dad



CLASS OF 2002

Beth Gibson



Bethie, ☆ ☆ ☆
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom and Dad ☆

Always shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss,
You'll still land among the stars!

Louis Reyes

"You've finally made it!"

One of the greatest accomplishments resulting from years of hard work and determination. But this is only the beginning of a new life. A new life full of choices and learning as you continue to reach all of your goals. Never give up, because if you believe in one person ... yourself, then any dream can and will become reality.

Lou da Man!

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Angela e' Sarah



Dance's Graduation!!



*I'm so proud of you Sweetie girl!
Love you Mom*

Amber Sturgeon



*We stand by you now and always, as you have always stood by us. It has been a joy watching you grow into the young lady you are. We are so proud of you. We know you can accomplish your dreams.
We love you sweetheart.
Dad, Mom, Ray, and Alex*

Rachel Boddy



*Rachel,
Your responsible actions, caring spirit and determination to carry out your dreams have all combined to make you into an awesome young lady. May your faith and trust in God continue to be a blessing for yourself and others. We are so proud of you, and love you lots.*

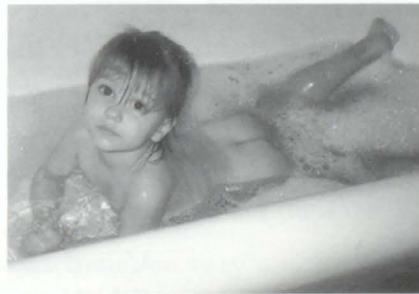
Mom and Dad

Meryl Miller

Meryl,

With each day that passes, our love and pride in you continues to grow. You have always shown real commitment to everything you've done in life! We know that commitment and perseverance will continue as you take the next important steps in your life.

*Love always in all ways,
Mom, Dad & Aubree*

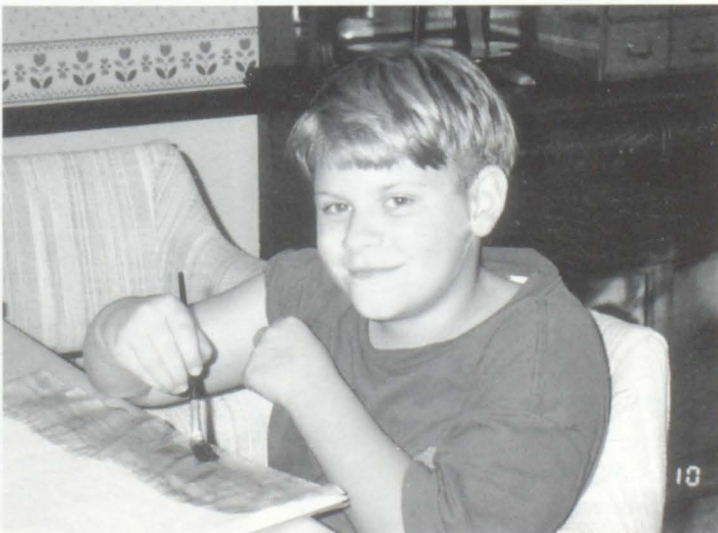


Abby Vitt



*Abby,
We're so proud of you and all you've accomplished!
We love you very much,
Mom, Dad & Jeremy*

Congratulations Adam Armbrust! We are proud of you.



Every calling is great when greatly pursued.

*Laugh a little—love a little
Skies are always blue!
Every cloud has silver linings,
But it's up to you!*

*Love,
Mom & Dad
Janet, Jimmy & Peter*

**THOMAS DEAN GARDNER
CLASS OF 2002**



Tommy,

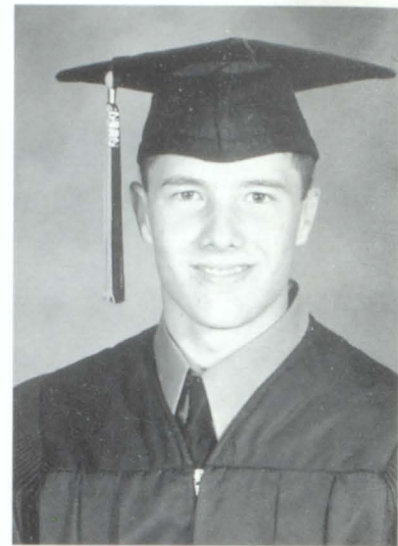
It seems like just a few short weeks ago that you were racing around the house on your Tike-bike. The faster you could make it go, the happier you were. What we did not realize was that you are growing up just as fast.

As you continue to grow, always remember how much we love you, and that we are very proud of you. We will always be your number one fans: whether it is on the football field or the field of life!!

May all your hopes and dreams come true!

We Love You!

Mom and Dad



Josh Cockrell



On with the next step, Josh!

Good Job!

With love,

Mom and Dad

Erica Schempp



The life that awaits you will be filled with challenges and rewards- all will be learning experiences. Find your dreams that make you happy. We love you and wish you much success always.

Mom & Dad

Kyle, Nathan

Cinda Thomas



Cinda,

Congratulations. We grow more proud of you everyday. We love you very much.

Mom, Dad, and Jessica

Vincent Edward Lewis

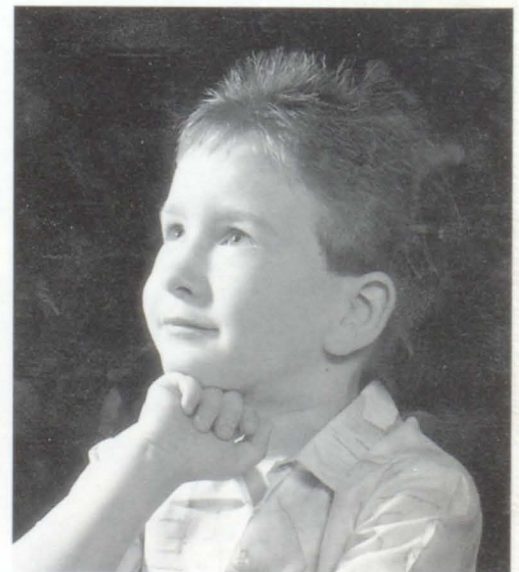
"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

-Henry David Thoreau-

May God bless & protect you always!

We love you-

Mom, Dad, Blaine, David & Grant

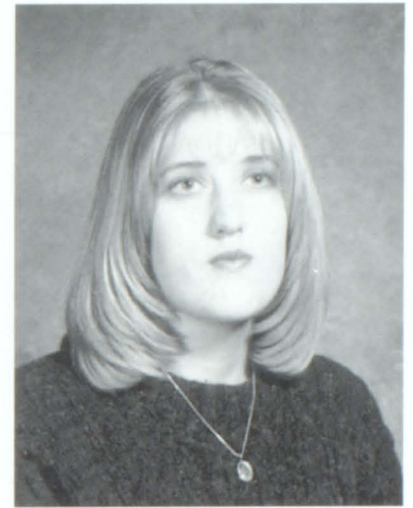


D'Erin Renea May



*Trust in God and do His will
Understand who you are and what you want in life
Choose your goals carefully
Choose a career that interests you
And work to make it a success
Strive to achieve all that you want
Find happiness in everything you do
And know that we love and support you.*

~Your family



Mitchell Miller



Continue to learn as much as you can about as many things as possible. We are so glad for your accomplishments and very proud of you.

*Love you,
Grandpa & Grandma*

Travis Tilford



Travis,

Congratulations on your graduation.

We are very proud of you and know you will succeed in whatever you decide to do.

We love you very much,
Mom & Dad

Amie, D'Erin, & Sarah,

*Make new friends but,
don't forget the old.
You have the "Silver"!
Always go for the "Gold".
A circle is round,
it has no end.
That's how long we will
all be friends.*

**Set your goals high girls!!
You can do anything!**

Best Wishes,
Tina & Cindy
Troop 5105



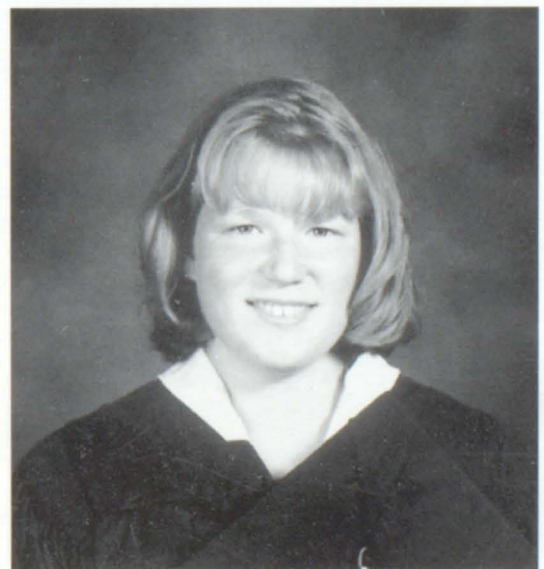
Girl Scouts.

Jenny Montgomery

Jenny Lynn,

*Seems not long ago, you lay in our arms.
We vowed to love you and keep you from harm.
We watched you grow to become who you are,
a person we're proud of, our brightest star.
But, the time has come to be on your way,
Your place in life to find one day.
There's so many roads and ways you can go,
God gives you a choice in life, you know.
So, after you're gone on your life's way,
Clouds hover over you as they will some days.
Read these words, "We believe in you so."
Be true to yourself, far in life you will go.*

*Love always and forever,
Mom & Dad*



Katie Parks



Katie,

It's hard to believe that graduation time is here-ready or not! You have been through some exciting times, had wonderful opportunities, and a lot of fun, but always know that the best is yet to come. Remember as you go on to college that you can be anything you want to be, so dream, plan, and set your goals high!

Congratulations-and best wishes for your future!

Love, Mom, Dad, Amy, & Kevin



Erin Michelle Stoner



Erin,

It has been an incredible journey for us to watch you grow from the precious, curly haired, little girl who loved to sing and dance, to the beautiful, intelligent, talented and gifted young woman that you've become. We are so proud of who you are and of everything you have accomplished so far in life. You have inspired us, as well as others, with your determination and perseverance in setting goals and achieving them. We are so blessed to have you as our daughter and to be able to have a part in your life. The door is open now for you to "fly" and we know you will soar to the highest level in whatever you do. Always listen to your heart and know that we will always be there to love and support you. Congratulations on your graduation from High School!

*We love you with all our hearts!
Mom and Dad*



Rhiannon,

You've done such a great job these last 18 years. You've made being a dad a fantastic experience. Your brother and I are so proud of you. We see you growing every day. We've watched you make the trip from childhood to a young adult. Not with one big leap, but with every winding path, and every wonderful detour along life's way... And, with every step, you've become more confident... more comfortable that you've even been before. You're so much clearer about your dreams... about your purpose.

I know things have not been easy for you. Life has thrown more than your share of the unexpected in your path. But you have handled each one of those in stride, and you are stronger and deeper because of those experiences. You are so very much like me. It makes me so proud. But, at the same time, it worries me as well. You live life from your heart. It is such a wonderful and rare quality. But so often it is trampled under the hurts and pain of the things that happen along that winding path. Never let those things change that quality.

Even though your dreams and purpose might change, and friendships and relationships may come and go and even though some of these may even hurt, you will be richer because of what you've shared, your friendship... your love... and your laughter... Always be Rhiannon.

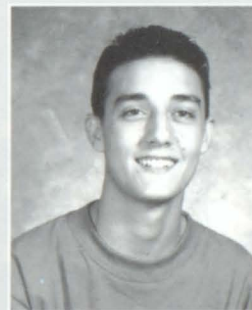
We love you so much.
Dad and Joey



"Don't be
Scurred"



"Get you
some"



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"People walk in and out of our
lives, but only true friends
leave footprints in our hearts."



Lily Szewc



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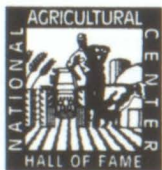
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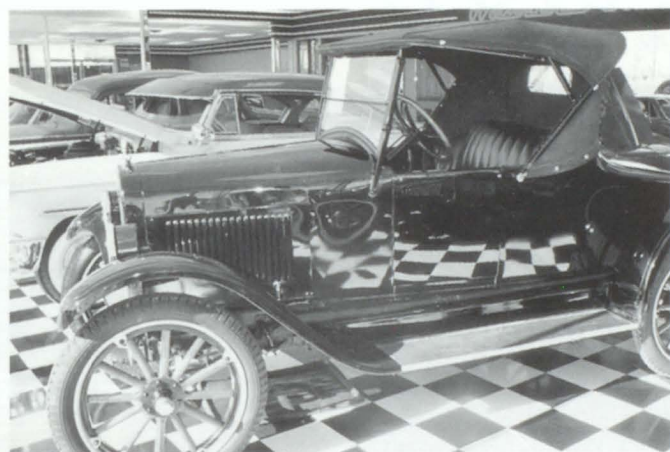
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In honor of the Sept. 11 tragedy, Vice Principal Mr. Jim Soper gave a speech at the fall choir concert as all four choirs sang "America the Beautiful." Soper retired from the United States Army's Special Forces after serving 27 years in the military before getting into education. At the end of the school year, Soper resigned to take a principal's position at Sandpoint High School, in Sandpoint, Idaho. These were his final words of advice: "To the kids: follow the lead of the faculty and you will experience more success than you expect; to my successor: respect the kids and they will pay you back twofold."



JUST HANGIN' OUT

Junior LaPourchea McConico and sophomores Shayla Davis, Nyse Pinks, and Ashley McConico are all smiles as they sit in the pavilion at Kelly Murphy Park after the Tiblow Days Parade. The two McConico sisters marched in the parade earlier that morning and Davis and Pinks met up with them to watch Davis's sister, Melissa Davis, perform with the varsity cheerleaders

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Seniors Lisa Cross and Kallie Szewc get together to chat in the commons area before walking to the YMCA for graduation. Cross came to school for the first part of the year, but chose to be home-schooled for the remainder of the year so she could still graduate with her class.



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ONE LAST TIME

Seniors Amanda Kirby and Elizabeth Dragush take one last picture with counselor Mr. Rick Moulin before they prepared to walk across the stage at the commencement exercises on May 18. All the graduates met in the high school commons between 6:30-6:45 p.m. to line up for their procession to the new YMCA facility where the graduation exercises were held.

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DECK THE HALLS

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A WORK OF ART

Junior Amanda Pettit congratulates her friend from Mrs. Martha Chandley's childhood development class on completing his peanut butter happy face toast. The class did many activities with the children throughout the year including playing games and celebrating holidays.



GROUP HUG!

Juniors Jon VanMaren and Kathy Yates get close to snap a picture while junior Devin Pino makes it a group hug at Tiblow Days on Aug. 25. "I'm looking forward to all the parties and fun with my friends my senior year," Pino said.

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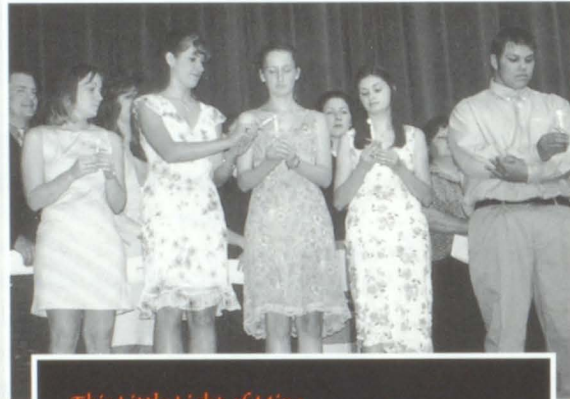


Braves Stood United

Removing pictures and keepsakes from the lockers was among the many activities during the last days of school. Students also gathered together to have their autograph pages for their yearbook signed, and had all their friends give them their numbers to keep in touch over the summer. For underclassmen, it was just the end of another school year with summer fast approaching and for seniors it was a new beginning.

However, that new beginning didn't come easy. At the end of their senior year, the construction was finally completed; they realized they wouldn't get to enjoy all the building's enhancements, but they did get to use the new YMCA facility for their commencement exercises on May 18, making them the first senior class to graduate in the new facility.

The year was jam-packed with new friends, new relationships, new goals, and new perspectives. Whether it was making new friends or setting their sights on higher aspirations, students were constantly changing and evolving.



This Little Light of Mine

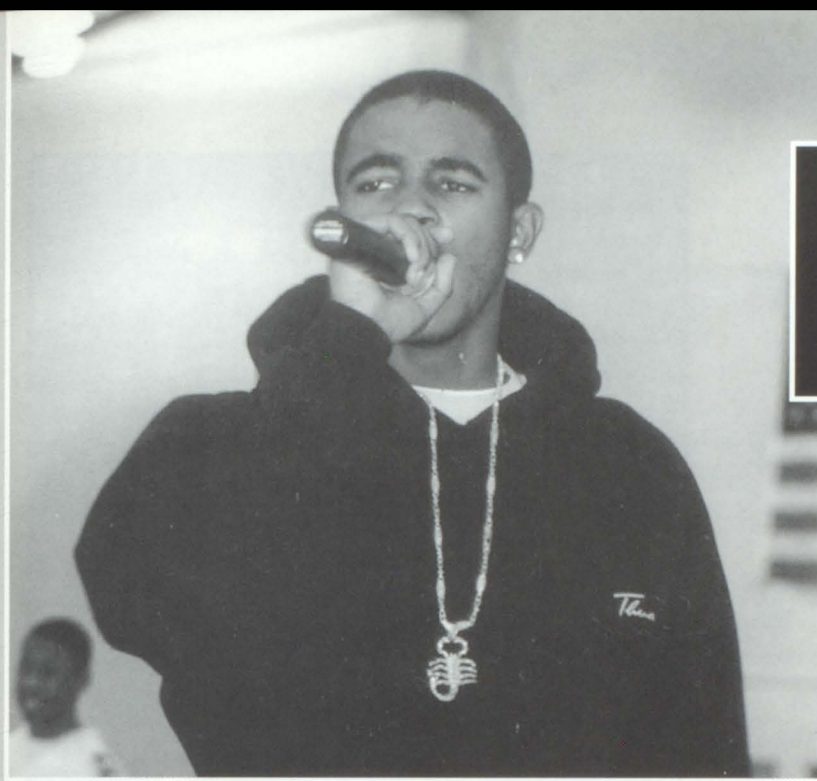
Seniors Amber Sturgeon, Erin Stoner, Ruth Shields, Helen Shepherd, and Colby Scheidt light their candles at the NHS Induction Ceremony which was held on Wed., April 24. Inductees were given a candle by their sponsor, who also placed the inductees NHS necklaces around their necks. "I chose my sister to be my NHS sponsor because I felt she contributed a lot towards my high school education and preparing me for what is to come in the future," Shields said.

The year wrapped up with the junior/senior prom, "Here's to the Night," on May 4, where students gathered at the Lake of the Forest Clubhouse to dance and have fun with friends.

The year proved to be an exciting, yet at times, a difficult experience for the students. They learned life lessons they can take with them in the future, no matter where they go; above all—the Braves Stood United.

—Sarah Rowland





Rappin' It Up

Sophomore Javreese Lockett raps to "Freestyle" in the African-American Day assembly on March 6. Besides the assembly, the students also made food for the rest of the student body to sample during lunch. The program was planned and arranged under the direction of Dr. John Makona. "Although African-American Day was cool, I think it should be more wide-spread and more cultures should be celebrated," senior Paul Highfill said.



The End Result

Students wait for rides outside the school after all the construction on the school's facade was completed in mid-May. "I was a little disappointed they didn't use more of our school colors, but the end result was worth the wait," junior Summer Rickert said. The Bonner Springs High School letters were applied just before graduation.



Water Workout

Mrs. Kerri Jennings' third hour aerobics class learns a water aerobics workout from Mrs. Wanda Simchuk entitled "Aqua Fitness Instruction" at the new YMCA. To teach water aerobics, Simchuk had to undergo training at the YMCA to become certified. "I also have to get my WSI (Water Safety Instructor) through the Red Cross during the summer in order to be the swim team coach next school year," Simchuk said. The YMCA held an Open House on March 13, but wasn't officially open for school use until Mon., April 22.

The Class of 2002 finally graduated, with their commencement exercises held on May 18 at the Bonner Springs YMCA. Seniors came to the quick realization that many new beginnings were just over the horizon.

The beginning of a new chapter in their lives, a new beginning with something entirely different approaching: college life, the work force, marriage and family, or the military. Although beginnings are sometimes scary and unpredictable, the Class of 2002 was more than ready to step foot onto a new path.

As the seniors graduated, the juniors became anxious about their upcoming year as seniors and the rest of the underclassmen were excited because they were finished with another year of school, and knew they were one step closer to the start of something new... a new life they chose; a life they would lay out for themselves. Through it all — the Braves stood united.

—Sarah Rowland



Real World: Here We Come!

Senior Brandy Miller receives her diploma from School Board President Mr. Cliff Brents on May 18 in the YMCA fieldhouse. The seniors marched in, the band played, speeches were made, diplomas were received and students were let out into the real world to handle life on their own. "Life is full of opportunities, and together we'll forge ahead bravely—as the Class of 2002!" senior salutatorian Sarah Rowland said.

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