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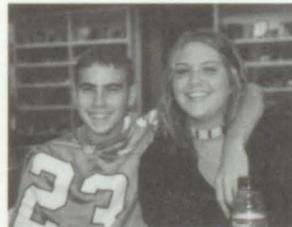
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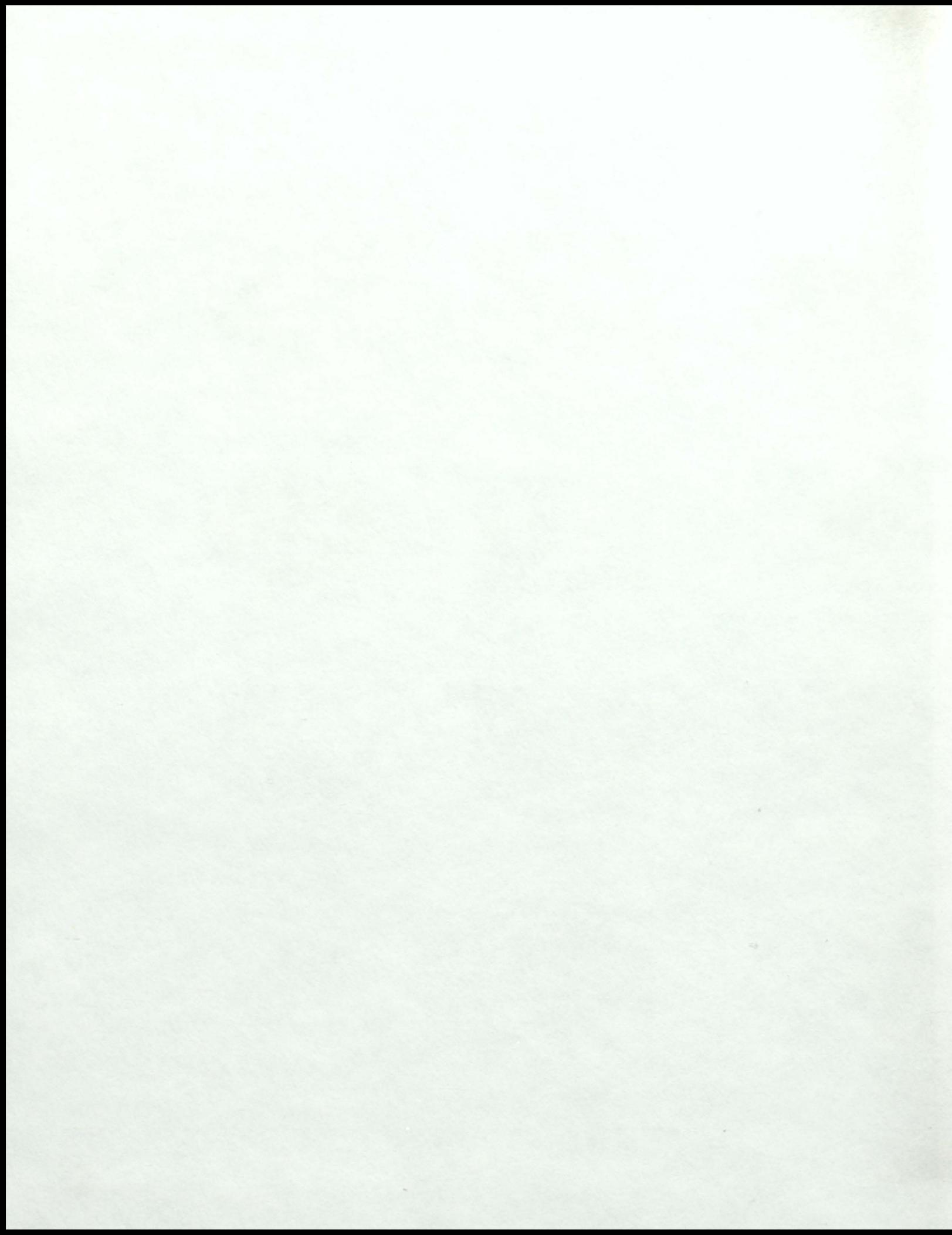
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# Rock Solid

This rock, painted with "Oaks," is the way Dondero shows everyone that they are truly "rock solid."

Andrea Butkovich, '05, and Meagan Mandley, '05, stop at their locker to take a quick photo while getting their books.

Eric Noga, '05, gives the cutie behind the camera a little wink. Isn't he supposed to be working?



Good friends Rose Whalin, '03, and Elizabeth Wanless, '03, stop for a chat during passing time.

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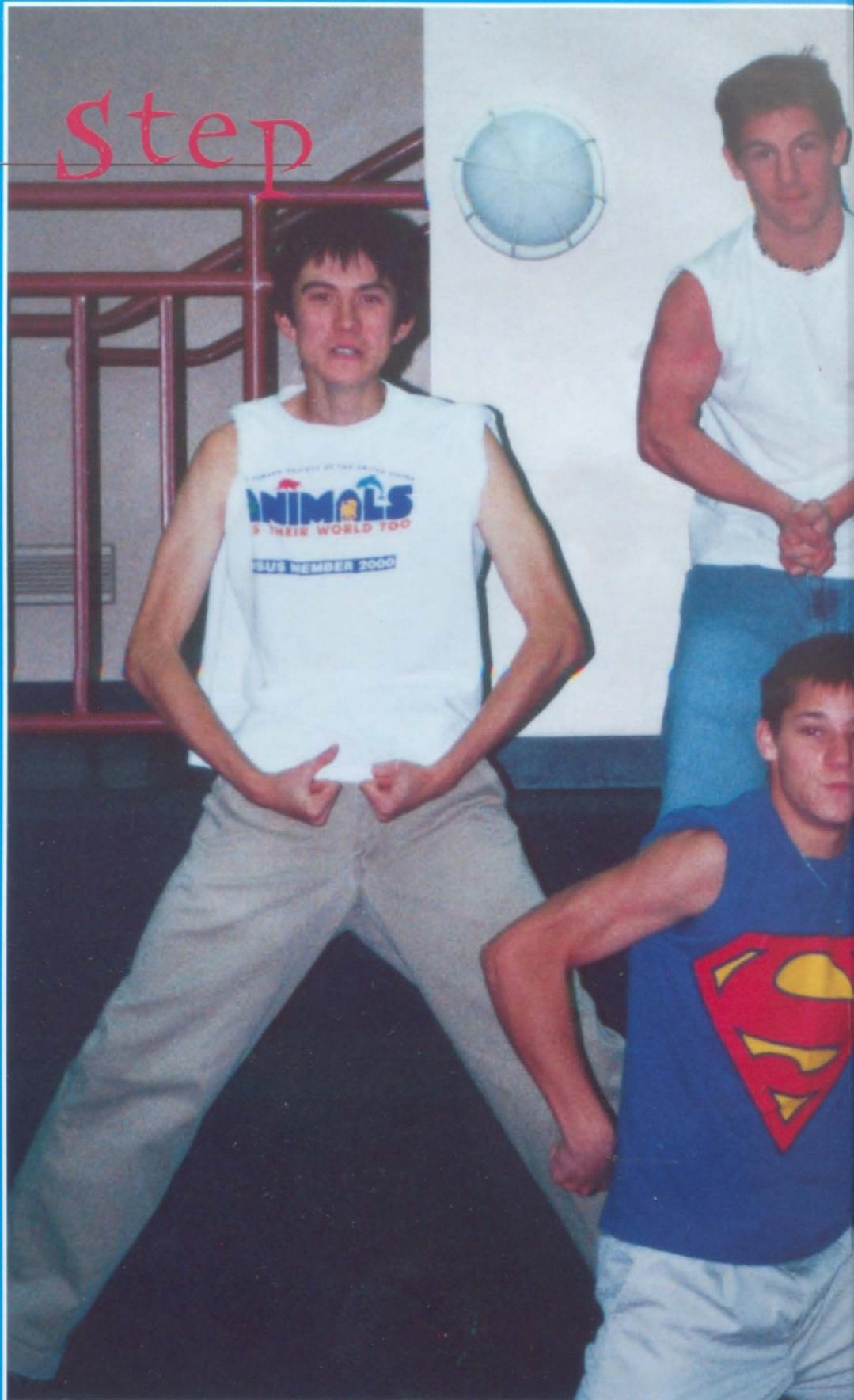
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# first Step



Joshua Tabor, '03, John Holder, '04, and Andrew Scheid, '05, show off their big guns to prove how rock solid Dondero is.



**T**radition. Cliche and corny as it may sound, we are all, especially those of us at this time-honored institution, affected by it. For the past 75 years, Dondero has been a place of learning and fulfillment, an experience for thousands of students that cannot be duplicated. A sanctuary for the captain of the football team and the stage manager of the school play alike, Dondero cannot be captured on a page. It is not a place; it is a frame of mind, a sort of Chex-Mix of ideas and people, all conveniently thrown into one spectacularly independent building that has weathered the ages better than the Great Pyramid of Giza.



Miya Hooks, '06, flashes a smile for the camera while preparing for another wonderful day at Dondero. Miya looks like she enjoys her freshman year at Dondero.

Caught in the act, Ryan Gates, '04, is stealing an ever-so-lovely gnome from Herr Weathers' room during the Oktoberfest. Did anyone notice if anything else was missing?



**S**o it's another year. What's another year to this hardened old institute? Just another new group of kids walking up the solid old steps by the front door? They cannot begin to fathom, cannot even begin to imagine, the changes in personality, thought process, and maturity that they will experience over the next four years. A foundation, a bedrock of knowledge will be laid in their minds. An intellectual birth will occur as has happened every year for the past three quarters of a century. To those who have already graduated, the doors remain enthusiastically open. To those yet to come, they remain ready to serve as a gateway to the path of knowledge that is Dondero.

**D**o we make it sound like Dondero is some sort of haven for the children of southern Royal Oak? Perhaps, but that is only because it has provided so many people over the course of the last 75 years with a quality education and extracurricular activities. Students have, are, and will continue to gain so much from the state of mind that is Dondero High School. Many years from now you will read this, and you will be taken back to the years that you spent inside this building, years that were some of the happiest of your existence.

"He who controls the past commands the future."

-George Orwell

By: Amber Marsh and A Martini



Justin Knapp, '03, gives A Martini, '03, a big smooch to show all the love and affection he has for him. Aww... what a cute couple. Justin has no problem showing his feelings openly; but did he know that the camera was on him?

**A**t the beginning of high school, you have the same group of friends, always and forever. You go to everything together, always, inseparable.

Holly Swigert, '03, gives Jennifer Breadon, '03, a little help on licking and picking her nose. These girls seem to be a little bit too close for comfort.



Attending freezing football games, the ever anticipated Homecoming, and the extraordinary Pop Concert, the students at Dondero love to make it



Jennifer Wolowicz, '05, gives Andrew Woods, '05, help in the classes that they have together. It's always easier when there are two.

what it is. Having fun, meeting new people and doing new things; that's what the life of a student at Dondero is all about.

Alexsaundra Hamm, '06, Laura Naismith, '05, Natalie Rroen, '06, and Elise Androkites, '06, shows that no matter what age you are, you can still be friends.

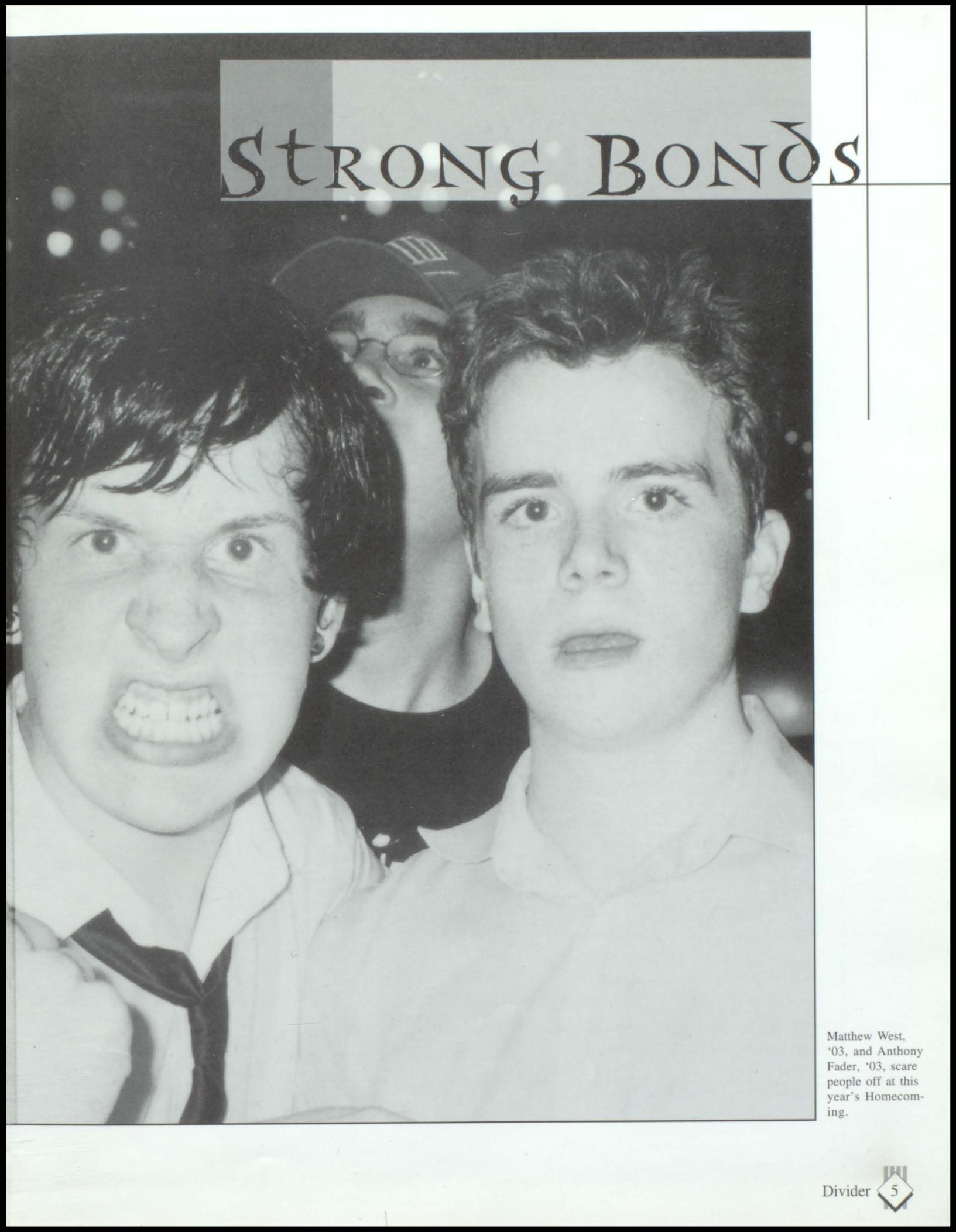


“Friendship... is not something you learn in school. But if you haven’t learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven’t learned anything.”

-Muhammad Ali

By: Amber Marsh

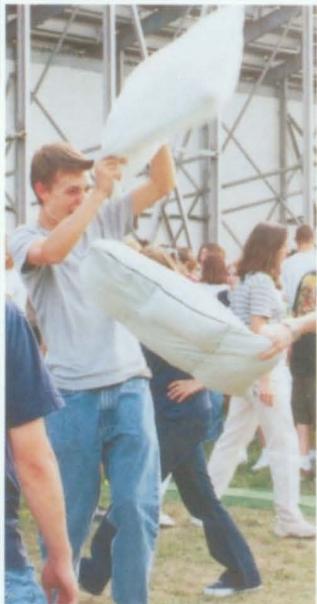
# STRONG BONDS



Matthew West,  
'03, and Anthony  
Fader, '03, scare  
people off at this  
year's Homecom-  
ing.

Right: Samantha Seymour, '05, helps Senate by tattooing faces. She leaves Amanda Schaasberg, '05, branded with school spirit. It requires bravery to let Samantha draw on your face...fear her!

Below: Forest Casey, '04, beats his outrageous opponent in a pillow fighting game sponsored by the Model U.N. team while practicing his balancing act on the beam. Watch out, nobody can knock him down without taking a little abuse from his unpredictable pillow thumps.



## LANCE

"Tailgate was awesome! It was a great chance for students to learn about all of the fun clubs and organizations that Dondero has to offer. Tailgate was good for the clubs; many of them benefitted from the event. I played a quiz game at the Quiz Bowl booth, got candy from SADD, and got a temporary tattoo from the Student Senate. At Tailgate I learned about all the clubs and what they do, but I had lots of fun at the same time."

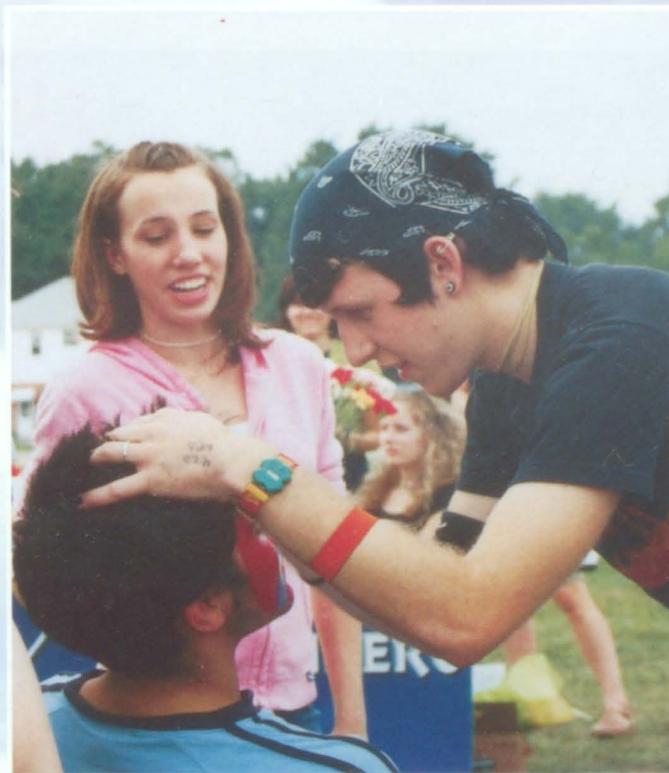
Lance Thomas, '03

## THOMAS





Above: Katrina Singleton, '03, and Jenna Nassouri, '03, are proud members of SADD. Richard Sinta, '04, looks eager to pledge his support for their cause, and for the candy!



Left: Joy Schultz, '02, can't help but laugh at the ridiculous design that Matthew West, '03, is painting Jordan Vogt-Roberts', '03, face for Drama Club.

Below: Katelyn Perkins, '04, Christie Lockman, '04, Tara Deleo, '03, and Ashley Ruggero, '04, held a "Win A Kiss" booth for cheerleading. Unfortunately, they weren't giving out real kisses, just Hersheys. Cute joke, girls!



## TERRIFIC TIME AT TAILGATE

The sky was slightly overcast and the temperature a little chillier than normal, but Dondero students still came out in full force for the annual Tailgate before the first home game of the year against Kimball. Students represented their clubs with booths, every club present had a different activity. As president of Drama Club and NHS and a member of Dance Team, Kelly Wilcox, '03, kept herself busy with face painting, quiz polls, and winning

kisses. Erin Scafone, '03, involved herself by selling newspaper subscriptions for ACORN and yearbooks for OAK. "We had a raffle to win free sub-



Above: Erin Scafone, '03, and Nicole Hakli, '03, keep themselves busy by selling ACORN subscriptions and yearbooks. The publications' table was bustling with enthusiastic customers.

scriptions," Erin said. "My favorite part was when Mr. Chisnell won the raffle his second year in a row." Both Kelly and Erin felt that all of the clubs had the same goals: overcoming expectations, setting high standards, getting new members involved, and meeting new people. "Everyone's really accepting," they both agreed. Anyone who wanted to had a chance to be involved with Tailgate. What great Dondero tradition of coming together and having fun!

By: Holly Swigert

Right: Tara Deleo, '03, and Caitlin Lasley, '03, introduce the cheerleaders at the pep assembly. They tell the crowd how successful they have been this year and encourage the students to come to the sport events and cheer with them.

Below: Delores Cottingham, '03, is seeing if she has a chance to win the competition for Pajama Day. She really looks comfy in those pajamas.



## SPIRITED

Brittney Zuzindlak, '05, said her favorite part about Spirit Week was everyone getting involved with the school and just having a good time. What Brittney said about the pep assembly was, "I think the pep assembly went quite well. Everyone had fun playing the games and getting involved. It really made me feel the school spirit." Natalie Whitely, '06, said her favorite part about Spirit Week was getting to dress up. This was Natalie's first pep assembly, and she said, "It was a great way to bring the school together."

## PEOPLE

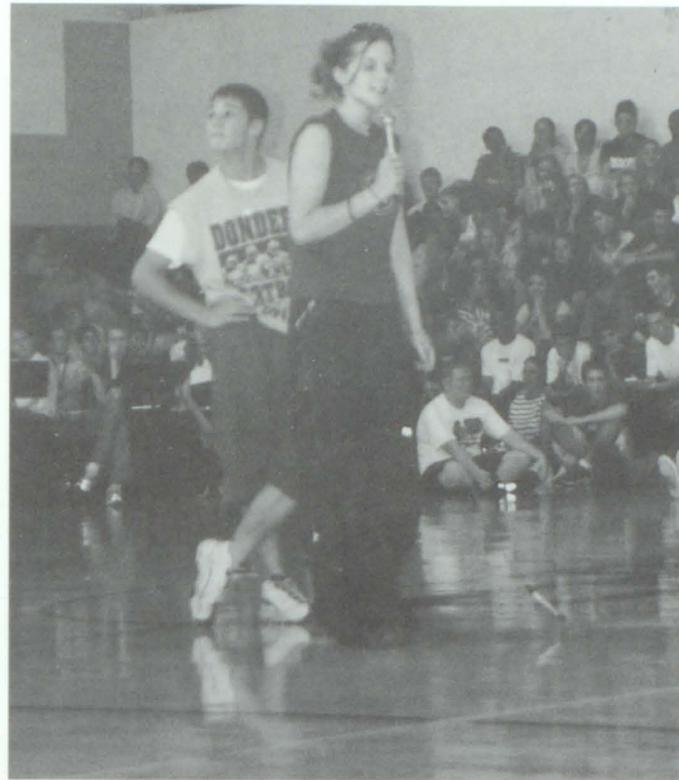


Above: Eric Noga, '05, and Hunter Green, '03





Above: The varsity football team gathers at the pep assembly. The football team represents the true spirit of Dondero and has the support of the students.



Left: Kimberly Welc, '03, and Andrew Scheid, '05, are getting the crowd riled up for the pep assembly. Kim and Andy know how to make the pep assembly fun for everyone!

Below: Edward Zuzindlak, '03, shows off his spunky outfit during Spirit Week; here he is dressed up for Wacky Tacky Day. Eddie did a great job of showing the school how wacky he really could get.



## SPIRIT WEEK ROCKED!

**H**aving Spirit Week is a great way for everyone to come together as a whole," said Natalie Whitley, '06. Spirit Week this year was a great success once again, from students dressing up to going to the pep assembly and really feeling the school spirit... what more could you ask for? This year, with so many participants, everyone really felt the school spirit in the air. There were many different days that some-

one could choose from to dress up. There was PJ Day, Wacky Tacky Day, Twin Day, School Color Day, and Class

Color Day. If you dressed up on any of those days, you had a chance to win a prize. "Having pep assembly was a great way for kids to get involved with school," said Brittney Zuzindlak, '05. Most peoples' favorite part about Spirit Week was getting to show off the get-ups they had on. Having Spirit Week really showed the Dondero students' flair for fun and their school!

By: Kellie Weston



Above: Lara Nemeth, '03, and Danay Estopellan, '03, pose to show how much they really are alike. How can you tell them apart?

Right: The senior class came in first place for the float competition at Homecoming 2002. The seniors' "Toto" float was a big hit; all the judges loved it. The seniors put a lot of time and effort in to the making their float.

Below: Philip Lewin, '03, and Kristen Edgar, '03, work very hard on the senior float. They know what it takes to get first place, so they keep trucking to get the job done. Watch out with that drill Phil!



## ALL ABOUT

Danay Estopellan, '03, said her favorite part about working on the float was seeing the senior class work together. Working from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, they finished the float and took first place. Ashley Murphy, '05, said her favorite part about working on a float was getting to know more people. The sophomore class worked very hard, and took second place. Joshua Garrett, '04, (of the third place juniors) couldn't pinpoint his favorite part of working on the float... it was all so fun for him. James Rex, '06, from the freshman class said they worked from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and for their efforts came in fourth place.

## FLOATS



Brittney Zazindlak, '05, works on the sophomore class float.





Above: The junior class float takes third place in the float contest. All of the juniors worked very hard and spent a lot of time on their "Gingerbread House" float.



Left: Marie Maurer, '04, and Kealy Salva, '04, help the junior class out with their float. They work together and work hard to get the float finished.

Below: The class of 2006 have a great float. The freshman class's float takes fourth place for the "Tornado" in the float competition and they finish their float on time!



## THE FLOAT ROCKS

The floats were a great way for all the classes to share their ideas, all the classes worked very hard at building their floats, and spent numerous hours on them. They spent lots of time and money, and pulled together for four great floats. The winners of the float competition for 2002-2003 were the seniors in first place, the sophomores in second place, the juniors in third place, and the freshmen in fourth

place. The theme for the floats this year was the *Wizard Of Oz*, each class had to come up with



Above: Caitlin Wetlauer, '05, is showing her class that it is important to get the float finished for the competition. The efforts of many sophomores like Caitlin helped to earn them a second place finish.

something from the *Wizard Of Oz* and make it connect to the Dondero football team beating the Hazel Park Vikings. Each class had around two weeks to complete their float's. Everyone that went to the float meetings did a great job of working together and finishing their float. The floats were great, and hopefully the following years' will be just as good.

By: Kellie Weston



Right: The student life in 1980 still allowed students to shine and dedicate themselves to school activities in the same ways that they do now.

**DONDERO**

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Class of 1992:  
This is where we sat in the past,  
now our friends and family sit and  
watch us on graduation.  
"Good-Bye"- Erin Kay

Dondero has kept and made many new traditions in the past. The student body has matured greatly over Dondero's 75 years of existence. Even though so many things have changed, students still enjoy the same activities as before, such as Homecoming, football games, parades, and pep assemblies. The past, present, and future students of this educational institution will never be forgotten, nor will the school that matured them.





Left: The Homecoming King and Queen of 1977 show their winning smiles, ones that aren't much different than those of the Homecoming King and Queen in 2002.



Left: Compared to the small cheerleading squads in the past, cheerleading has really become an important part of Dondero's school spirit.

## A SOLID TRADITION



Above: The thought of graduation never leaves the mind of a Dondero student. The building will always be a place where memories were made and kept forever.

**D**ondero is that home away from home, and it's been that way for 75 years. From after-school clubs, to Homecoming kings and queens, to star quarterbacks, to its musically inclined students, Dondero hasn't really changed. New students and teachers have flowed in and out over the years, but no matter what, the meaning of Dondero stays the same for everyone. Dondero is an important part of the Royal Oak community because it is reflected throughout the entire city. Dondero branches out to make

everyone become an Oak. High school is special because you arrive as a child and leave a changed young adult. High school is a place to feel important, to be involved, to make



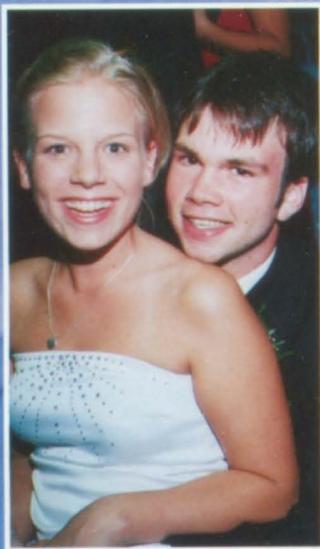
Above: Read the Acorn! 1985 advertising manager Steve Winterstein and sports editor Joe Bastain were capable of influencing the school's way of thinking for years to come.

lifelong friends, and most of all, to learn. For many of us, high school is considered the best years of our lives. Others don't appreciate high school now, but when they look back on everything they experienced, they will realize how valuable it actually was. Dondero helps mold us into the people we will become. Dondero invites us in to make memories, to win games, to make friends, to succeed. But most of all, Dondero invites us to be ourselves.

By: Holly Swigert

Right: Emily Till, '03, Carol Roman, '03, and Jennifer Breadon, '03, take a break from the fun to smile for a picture. They want to be able to remember this night forever.

Below: Jennifer Wolowicz, '05, stays close by her date Nicholas Holder, '03, during the night. "We had a really great time together, because it gave us a chance to experience something fun and exciting with each other," Jenny said.



## AND THE WINNERS ARE...

"I wasn't really nervous before; just when I got on the stairs I got a little shaky," King, Edward Zuzindlak commented. "I was nervous for the pep assembly and at the dance. I just didn't know what to expect." Queen, Stephanie Miller added, "Winning makes you feel important and exciting," and Eddie agreed. Both Stephanie and Eddie deserved to win, since both spend long hours at Dondero beyond the school day. Congratulations!



Above: Kaira Serdoner, '03, and Brian Strunk, '03, enjoy each other's company while they dance during a slow song.



Left: Senior court members Joseph Caspersen, Melissa Bentivolio, Alia Daniels, Stephanie Miller, Edward Zuzindlak, Andrea Torvinen, A Martini, Lara Nemeth, Jeremiah Smith, and Lance Thomas smile pretty as they await the big moment: finding out the winner.

Below: Mary Peterson, '05, knows that one of the best parts of Homecoming is that you can dance all night long.



## A NIGHT IN THE LAND OF OZ



Above: Kelsey Ewald, '04, gets her camera out to take pictures of all her friends at homecoming.

**T**here's no place like home... coming!

The theme of this year's Homecoming was "A Night in the Land of Oz." The Student Senate spent long hours working on the preparations for the dance. "Senate did a great job on decorations; and they took their time to make Homecoming look good," Joseph Locricchio, '05, commented. The excitement level raised when the

mighty Oaks defeated the Hazel Park Vikings in the football game the night before. "It felt good to win



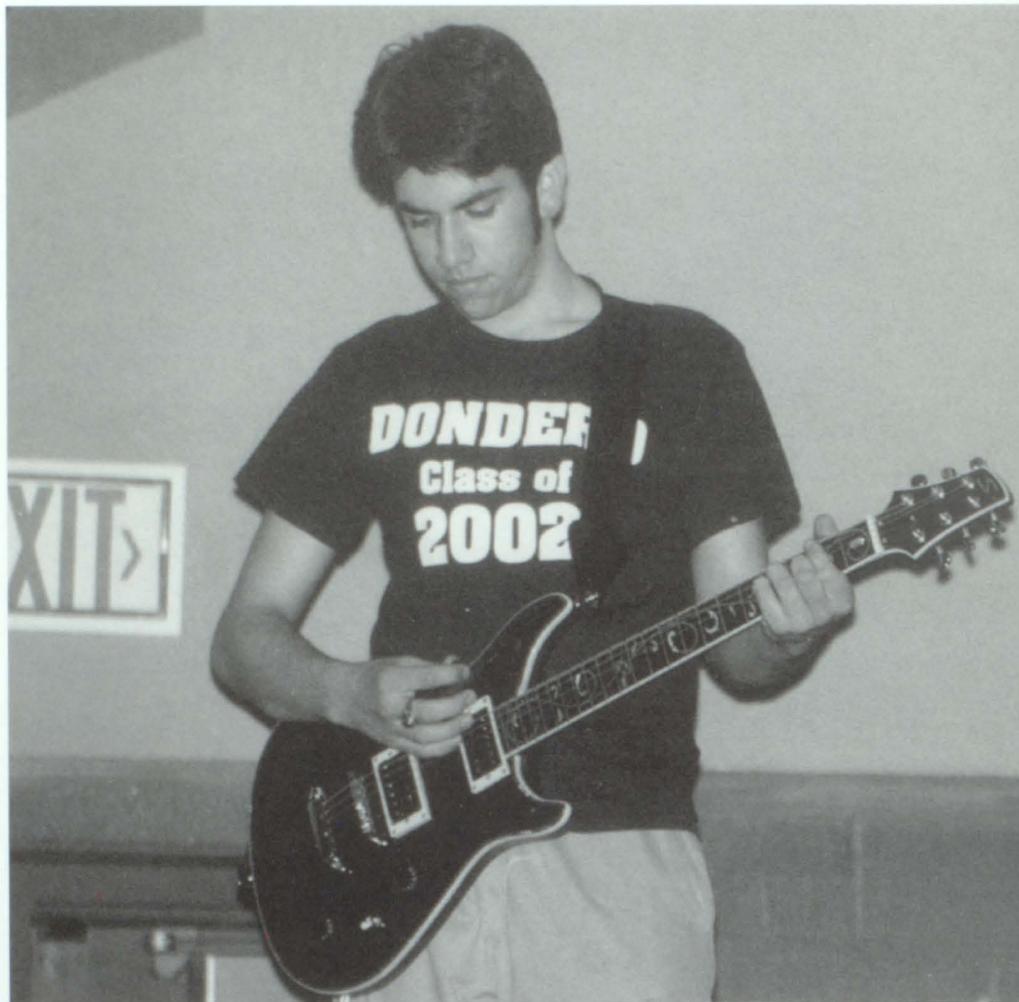
Above: Elizabeth Kwicinski, '05, and Miranda Gelenger, '05, wait patiently at the concession stand. After all the dancing they really need a drink to cool off.

my last Homecoming game; it's something I'll always remember," said captain Adam Kniel, '03. "I'm glad we won; I expected us to win, because Hazel Park wasn't too good," Locricchio added. As for Homecoming court, it presented the seniors with a tough decision. At the end of the night, nobody wanted to click their heels together and go home.

By: Holly Swigert

Right: Christopher Csicsay, '02, was the main guitarist for Pop Concert. Chris was very dedicated to Pop Concert, playing nine out of the ten choir songs. Rock on, Chris!

Below: Deborah Bennett, '02, the number two soloist, sang "Strong Enough" by Sheryl Crow. Debbie sang her heart out and got huge applause from the crowd.



## CRYSTAL

Crystal Daws, '03, said her favorite part about Pop Concert was the applause and the people in the crowd screaming her name. The Pop Concert is kind of like a stress reliever to her, but in the end, all the hard work she did paid off in the performance. If Crystal could be any famous singer, she would be Celine Dion, because she has such a beautiful voice. Daws' love for A Cappella Choir gave her a chance to show off her own beautiful voice.

## DAWS





Above: Alexander Hill, '03, and Christopher South, '03, spice up the show by headbanging during Alex's solo "Chop Suey" by System of a Down. Hill and South got the crowd jumping and screaming their names. The Pop Concert has



Left: Sarah Vermiglio, '02, put a lot of effort into making her song the best it could be, she sang "Black Velvet" by Alannah Miles. This was her last chance to perform, and she will never forget it.

Below: Stacy Peltier, '03, was the number four soloist, singing "Stay" by Lisa Loeb. This song is one of Stacy's favorites, but she likes Lisa's cat eye glasses even more.



## THE ROCKIN' POP CONCERT

"Pop Concert, is feel -ing like you're a rock star when you probably won't have a chance to be one in real life," said Alexander Hill, '03, a former A Cappella student. He was correct about that. Alex was the sixth soloist for the 2002 Pop Concert; the top five soloists were Kevin Aulph, '02, Deborah Bennett, '02, Katie Cassady, '02, Stacy Peltier, '03, and Sarah Vermiglio, '02. The choir worked very hard to be ready to get on stage and sing their hearts out to all of their fans. The Pop Concert has

never failed to showcase everyone's true talents all because of the tremendous efforts from Mr. Hartsoe and Jan Stewart. As a gift to them, the choir sang "Super Trooper" by Abba. Once again, the students, Mr. Hartsoe, and Jan

pulled off another crowd pleasing Pop Concert!

By: Kellie Weston

### **Pop Concert Songs**

1. "Saving My Heart For You"  
-Yes
2. "Primetime"  
-Alan Parsons Project
3. "Isn't it Time"  
-Babys
4. "We Built This City"  
-Jefferson Starship
5. "Love In An Elevator"  
-Aerosmith
6. "Holiday"  
-Weezer
7. "Sunshine of Your Love"  
-Fifth Dimension (Cream)
8. "I Get Around"  
-Beach Boys
9. "High Enough"  
-Damn Yankees
10. "Aquarius/ Sunshine"  
-Us



Above: Roy Garbuz, '03, plays guitar for the Pop Concert. Roy did a great job, and the crowd was very pleased.

Right: Molly Mutschler, '03, and Alexander Hill, '03, show their dramatic flair in this scene of *Pippin*. Molly really seems to have a villainous look to her, acting like this might earn a few professional performances someday.

Below: Abigail Bonar, '04, Lara Nemeth, '03, and Kimberly Welc, '03, strut their stuff, while goofing off in between scenes. Who said that hard work wasn't any fun?



**LARA**  
"Pippin was different, because the play involved the audience. The first number was magic, and it was my favorite," states Lara Nemeth, '03. Lara has been in Drama Club for four years, and she brings many great qualities with her, such as goofiness, a great sense of humor, and her ability to break the tension during stressful times. Her role model in life is Mr. Hartsoe, because she thinks it's a wonderful thing to wake up everyday and love your job.

**NEMETH**





Above: Katie Cassidy, '02, and Christopher South, '03, perform really well together on stage. They both show off their outstanding acting skills. Students with talent like this bring out the best in school musicals.



Left: Graduate Daniel Kirkman shows his smile and his thumbs up after working hard on this year's musical. As stage manager, Daniel, along with a few other students, had a big responsibility getting everything ready for the nights.

Below: Jeffrey Buck, '04, sang along with the rest of the cast during an exciting musical scene.



## PIPPIN AIN'T EASY

**P**ippin is a wonderful play about a young hero, stumbling through life, trying to figure out what it is he wants or his purpose in life, and in the end he finds himself. *Pippin* was a show that I had wanted to do for a long time, but I had to wait for the right group. The group was phenomenal and met all my expectations. *Pippin* was one of my favorite shows," Ms. Whalin the director of *Pippin*

said. The show starred Molly Mutschler, '03, and Christopher South, '03, as well as a cast of



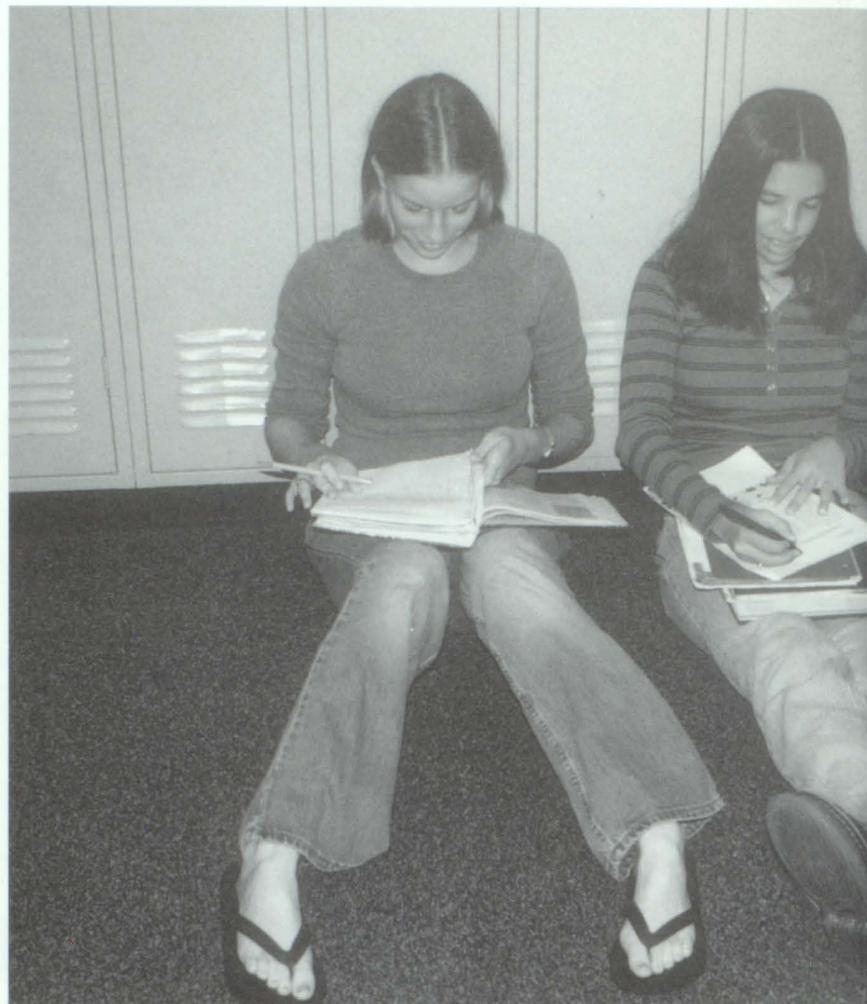
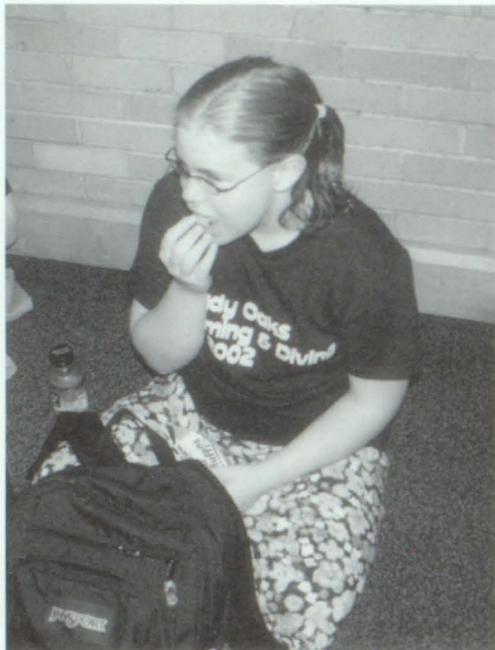
Above: Terence Faust, '03, along with other members of Drama Club, stand on the stage, singing their hearts out for the packed audience seated before them.

many other talented students. They practiced hard for months, preparing to present the musical to the student body and the rest of the community. When they did, both night performances were a hit and had a full house each time. Mutschler, "Acting and singing have always been passions of mine." Because of this very passion, *Pippin* is a show that left some of the audience thinking about their own purpose in life.

By: Holly Swigert

Right: Jennifer Carty, '04, Christine Dorn, '04, and Erin Davidson, '04, meet before school to share notes for their big test in chemistry.

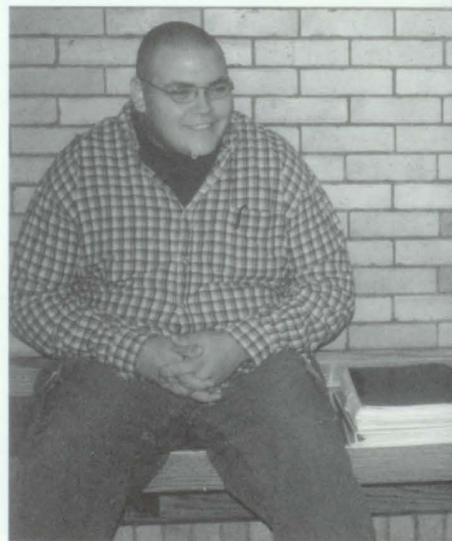
Below: Casey Chevela, '06, fuels up for energy for a day of learning and a swim meet. Yumm... muffins are a good choice!



## top ten things students eat at their BEFORE SCHOOL HANGOUT

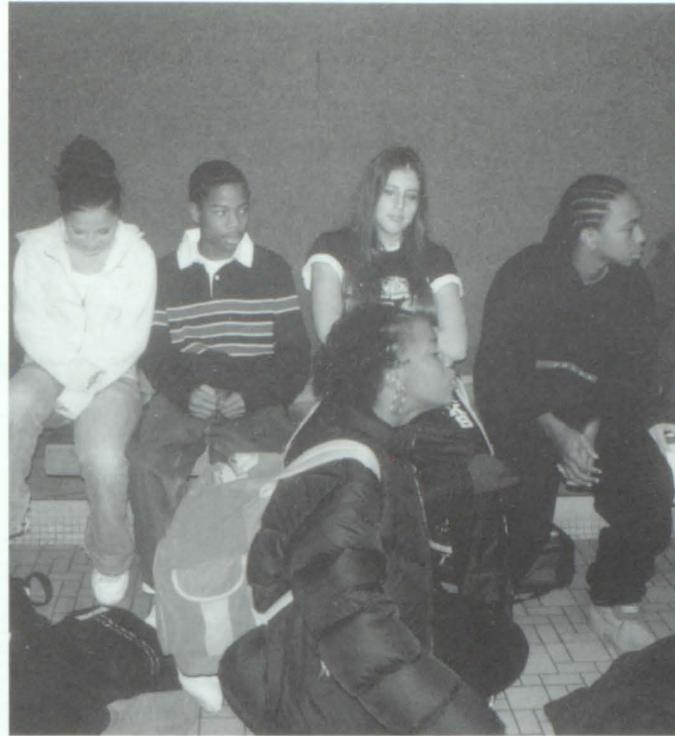


- 10) Cereal Bar
- 9) Powdered Donuts
- 8) Chocolate Donuts
- 7) Muffin
- 6) Orange Juice
- 5) Yogurt
- 4) Chocolate Milk
- 3) Cereal
- 2) Pop-tarts
- 1) Bagel & Cream Cheese





Above: Nathan Braley, '03, and Matthew Cordle, '04, are laughing at a funny joke while chillin' on the benches by the Washington entrance. Jokes are the most important part of the pre-school experience for these boys.



Left: Natalie Whitley, Jason Johnson, Abigail Petri, Ryan Rankin, and India Wright, all class of '06, sit by the side entrance, talking about what they did the weekend before.

Below: Robert Hoey, '05, Kelley Welc, '05, and Nicole Muriel, '05, are getting some fresh air before a long day at school. They soak up as much as they can, even though it's so foggy out.



## HANGIN' IN THE A.M.

**S**tudents have reached rock bottom, coming to school early... and not for detention! Why in the world did they come early? Maybe to finish homework, talk to friends about a test, or to eat breakfast. Matthew Cordell, '04, said he shows up to school 15 minutes early to sit on the benches near the Washington entrance. He chatted with his pals Eric Forgash, '04, and Shaun

Barbar, '04, about what they did the day before, whether it was a basketball game, choir practice, or a hot date with



Above: Shannon Earle, '03, and Terence Faust, '03, hang out in the New Commons talking about the victory Dondero had the day before at the Cross Country meet.

the cutest girl in school. His favorite thing to eat for breakfast is a Pop-tart. Elizabeth Gattes, '03, came to school at 7:20 a.m. and talked with her cousin about their plans for the weekend. She sat on the cement wall near the side entrance because she said, "It's just where everybody shows up." Believe it or not, people came 15 minutes or even one hour early just to be at their before school hangout.

By: Andrea Langdorf

Right: Oops! Frances Sarnacki, '03, went into the boy's bathroom! Luckily, there were no boys in there at the time. No need to feel stupid; everyone make mistakes.

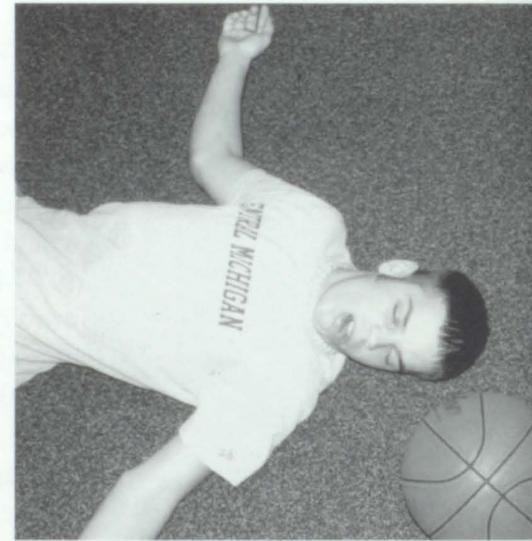
Below: Here is Frances again checking out her hair after she fixed it in the wrong bathroom. You're stylin', Frances!



### MRS. KOCIS'

One fine morning in the Oak room, the sun was in Mrs. Kocis' eyes. She decided to pull the window shade down to give her eyes a rest. Her smart idea was to stand on the window ledge and pull it down. She was hanging on by a toe when she lost her balance and tumbled down, right on top of Gregory Scott, a 2001 graduate. She didn't just land on him- she landed on his head causing an embarrassed Greg to fall off the couch. At first she was mortified, but then they all laughed it off.

### BIG TUMBLE



Above: Scott Seymour, '04, might have gotten a concussion! During gym class he was dazing off when someone passed him the basketball and nailed him right in the head. That's going to leave a mark!



Left: Kathryn Kipp, '04, takes a spill on the front steps. Hopefully, she is okay! You can't see all the people laughing at her, but they sure were. She says she will probably never forget this embarrassing moment.

Below: Micah Williams, '04, falls back in his chair out in the hall while Kenneth Washington II, '04, and Major Sapp III, '04, point and laugh. Micah, you should keep all six feet on the ground next time.



## ROCKY TIMES

**H**igh school is the time to find yourself, a stage between youth and adulthood. It is important for some people to look mature and proper in front of their peers. However, it is impossible to escape being embarrassed at some point in your high school career. Everyone deals with it in different ways.

It was Raven Sarrach's, '04, first assembly her freshman year when she participated in the potato sack race. She was in the lead, the whole gym was full of people cheering, when she fell flat on her face. The thing is, she was

wearing her cheerleading uniform, so her skirt flew up, giving the whole school a peek at her spankies.

Frances Sarnacki will never stop hearing about her embarrassing moment. She went into the bathroom to fix her hair. When she came out, she announced with excitement to all her friends that the



Above: Christie Lockman, '04, is walking down the hallway just exiting the bathroom. A fellow student just pointed out that she had toilet paper on the bottom of her shoe.

school had new bathrooms. Little did she know that she had actually just walked into the boy's bathroom. She said felt incredibly stupid.

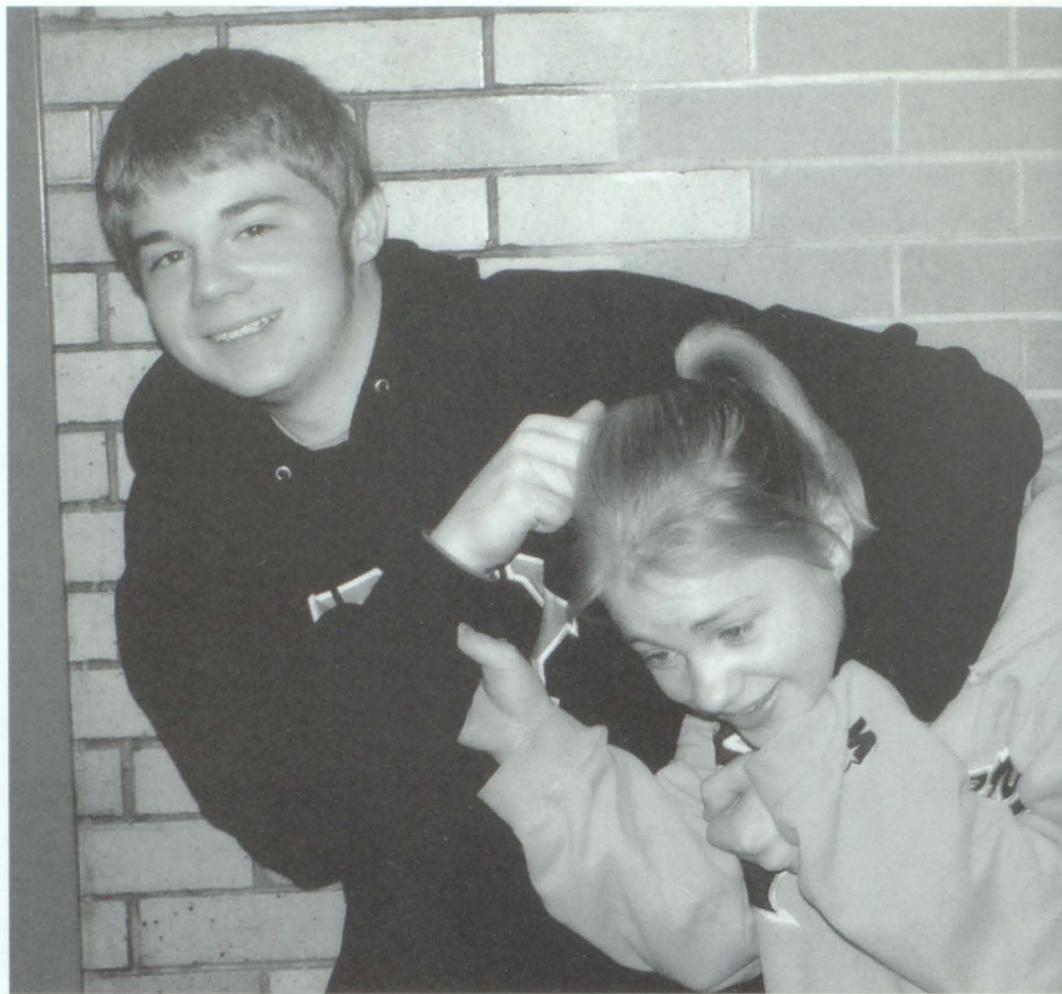
Kathryn Kipp, '04, felt clumsy and dumb one day her sophomore year. She was walking up the front stairs outside when she fell and dropped her books everywhere. Everyone on the porch saw it and laughed at her. Not only that, she had stubbed her toe, ouch.

At their high school reunions, these people will drive up in their limos, catch up with their old friends and talk about these moments.

By: Andrea Langdorf

Right: Jonathan Jones, '05, and Kathleen Jones, '05, are goofing around in the hallways. These siblings said that they get along quite well. Isn't that cute?

Below: Sisters Andrea Torvinen, '03, and Katherine Torvinen, '05, boogie down at Homecoming. Andrea said she likes going to the same school as her sister. They understand each other better and are best friends.



## UNIQUE SIBLINGS

Here is an interview with Julianna Weaver, '04, about her and her brother, Mr. Collick, a teacher here at Dondero.

Q: Do you drive to school with him?

A: No, we come at different times

Q: What do you do when you see him in the hallway?

A: Say "hi" and wave.

Q: Do you like going to the same school?

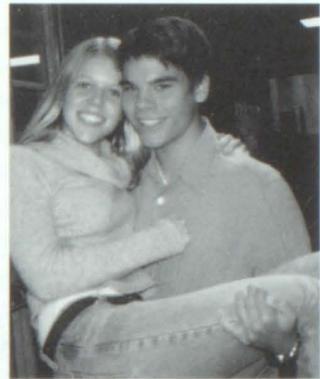
A: Yes, I like it. It's fun to see him everyday.





Left: Clifford Villerot, '04, and Michael Villerot, '03, try to use their football muscles on their sister, Theresa Villerot, '04, but they fail. You go, girl!

Below: Ryan Thornton, '03, holds onto his precious love Emily Till, '03, tightly. These two are two years and going strong!



## SOLID RELATIONSHIPS

**L**ife is hard, and it's important to have a companion to help you through it. Having one at school is great, whether it be a boyfriend, girlfriend, brother, or sister. It's wonderful to have someone to support you. School can be very stressful when you're by yourself.

A big help with stress is having a sibling to help with homework, like Michael Villerot, '03, said he did for his sister, Theresa Villerot, '04. Her twin, Clifford Villerot, '04, said he didn't need any help with his home-

work. Was it awkward for them to see each other in the hallways? According to them, no. Clifford said he'd gotten used to it since they have been going to the same school their whole lives. Michael said when he saw his siblings

in the hallway he would give "the nod," while Clifford said "hi," and Theresa pushed and shoved, throwing in the occasional punch.

Seniors Emily Till and Ryan Thornton's relationship is a little friendlier. They have been going steady for over two years now. They reacted differently when they saw each other than the Villerot's did. Ryan licked Emily's cheek while she grabbed his "booty."

High school goes by in a flash, and it is wonderful to have at least one person to share these memories with.  
By: Andrea Langdorf



Above: Christina McHugh, '04, and Jason Tackett, '04, lying around in the hallway during lunch time, have the type of relationship where they are happy just being together.



Above: Levi Jensen, '04, and sister Danika Jensen, '05, are studying together in the Media Center. Two heads are better than one!

# SEVENTY-FIVE

"Meeting all the tennis girls; they were so fun & nice!"

-Meghan Luzod, '06, "Doing Oak Rock with Franny & Caleb, watching Caleb dance without his shirt on was great!"

-Laura Maroni, '03, "**When Mr. Foreman did the armpit phone to me & Cathryn, & I fell for it.**"

-Faye Blumberg, '05, "Junior year, Rose & I wore our Girl Scout vests to school the first Friday of every month, while we held doors open for people, doing 'our good deeds.'" -Candis Stanton, '03, "Girl talk in Chemistry with Annie & Christie." -Ashleigh



Ruggero, '04, "**Playing for the freshmen football team. Although we were not very good, we came together as a team.**" -Matthew Layou, '06, "Playing ultimate putt-putt golf." -Major Sapp III, '04, "Playing the color game at lunch."

-Jessica Patterson, '05, "Seeing people doing donuts in the parking lot at school after it snows." -Casey Chevela, '06, "The football season." -Luke Cypret, '06, "Watching the football

games with all my friends; the team did so good!" -Alexandria O'Hara, '06, "**Getting in trouble in Choir & having to face the wall, because Kellie & I put Raven in the garbage can.**" -Chloe McCullough, '04, "The day we played 'the color game' at lunch." -Kailie Komph, '04, "Walking down the hallway with Stacy." -Nathaniel Webster, '04, "Sleeping in the hallway before first hour, & Coach Steele would wake me up everyday." -Hollie Zerkich, '04, "**I was in driver's training with Amber, Ellen, & Jon when Jessica Bryan pounded on the window and we got in trouble!**" -Joseph Caspersen, '03, "Competing in the rolling olympics with Nate." -Stacy Peltier, '03, "When Megan Baker

walked right into the girl's bathroom door. She was trying to get out, but I guess she forgot to open it!" -Heather VanVallis, '05, "Making varsity basketball; I made so many new friends. It was a good experience because I came a long way with a lot more than



I expected." -Kari Hoobler, '05, "When Chelsea Hosper thought there were little bumblebees on the bumblebee soccer socks."

-Danika Jensen, '05, "**When Ben Chevela danced in Mrs. Marek's class.**" -Aldin Avdic, '04, "Hiding from people behind the track shed during early morning band practice. The funniest part was how confused the tardy people were." -Scott

Caddy, '03, "Trash talking people in homeroom with Erica Bell." -Darcy Barry, '03, "I remember on Twin Day when Collin Porteus & Derek Shack wore tight



dresses; it was the funniest thing I've ever seen anyone do." -Duane Himmel, '05, "**The time Amber, Liz, & I put on a 'freshmen show' in Chisnell's class junior year.**" -Stefanie Lindsey, '03, "Going to Durand for Marching Band & giving Micah Williams a make-over on

the bus." -Kathryn Huston, '04, "German concert with Bailey & Kellie, our cool shirts and dancing on stage." -Andrea Langdorf, '04, "We were playing football outside for gym class & I tripped in this ditch & broke my foot." -Seth Wilson, '05, "**When I tripped in the hall at school.**"

-Corey Gower, '05, "Making varsity basketball as a freshman and starting." -Christopher Walker, '05, "Rubbing 'Thousand Island' dressing on my chest and chasing around these twin girls before our cross country picture." -Kirk Wilcox, '05, "When my friends & I had a snow fight. I was protecting Patty & she threw snow at me when I wasn't paying attention, so I threw snow down her shirt!"

-Danielle Whitley, '05, "**Going to the hockey games with all my friends was a lot of fun.**" -Kristen Olinski, '06, "SWIMMING!" -Andrew Wood, '05, "When I transferred here from Kimball & all my friends greeted me when I came in."

-Adam Woodmansee, '05, "One time I was trying on a homecoming dress, & I got stuck! It took both Paula & Katie in my dressing room to get me out!" -Rebecca Kirkman, '04, "Golf



# MEMORIES

season." -Ryan Wright, '05, "Being in Yearbook with Annie & Bailey." -Kellie Weston, '04, "Mr. Chisnell, need I say more?" -Geoffrey Iverson, '05, **"Going to the last two Homecomings, I had a lot of fun with all my new & old friends."** -Emily Scafone, '05, "Meeting my best friend Lara Nemeth. We are so meant to be, we are sisters. It's cute!" -Danay Estopellan, '03, "All the football games, even the cold & rainy ones!" -Chelsea Hosper, '05, "Dama Chhun & I were at Senate retreat & stuck a flashlight to the ceiling with gum."

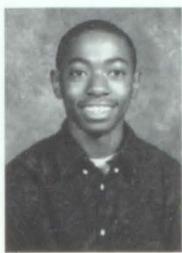


Kristen Edgar, '03, "Going up to Jay's dad's, jet skiing & causing trouble." -Gregory Brietinger, '03, **"Seeing Ken Washington trip in the hallway!"** -Adam Harris, '04, "Mr. Drilich made the ceiling catch on fire." -Michael Chonko, '06, "Spring break junior year, going up north to Alex Brown's cabin." -Scott Brown, '03, "I will never forget when our entire school, students & staff, stood in a big circle around the football field & we linked arms in remembrance of September 11, 2001."

-Kimberly Michalski, '03, **"I liked the Pop Concert because it was really great."** -Portia Boroumand, '04, "The time I pushed Torv down the stairs!" -Justin Knapp, '03, "My freshman year, I randomly found a plunger in my locker, so I went around & plunged people's butts. They thought I was crazy, but it was great fun." -Abigail Bonar, '04, "The freezing cold

football game, when it was raining like crazy!" -Crystal Stoll, '05, **"I was almost crushed by a soccer goal."** -Nathan Enochs, '04, "When Jord turned into Gloria Steinem and talked about the pros of feminism during lunch, then he stomped off with a fit of girliness."

-Ashley Nowak, '03, "One Friday night, Kelly Wilcox, Stacy Peltier, & I went to Meijers at 11:00 P.M. to get 'weapons of destruction.'" -Melissa Bentivolio, '03, "Every Wednesday having lunch with 'the committee', an exclusive group with problems so dramatic, they are required weekly meetings



for venting & comforting." -Kelly Wilcox, '03, "Driving back & forth on Michigan Avenue for an hour!" -Jennifer Breadon, '03, "Homeroom; it's so funny every time." -Brian Caloia, '06, **"Never losing to Kimball in wrestling."** -Joshua Tabor, '03, "That time when Josh Belvedere was trying to give me a wedgy & I hit him in the face with a water bottle & his lip started bleeding!" -A Martini, '03, "The Powderpuff game. It was so fun and exciting. Even though we lost, we had a blast." -Christine Cope, '04, "Senate



was so fun." -Nicole Schema, '04, **"Standing in the cold & rain with my friends at football games."** -Alexis DeCruydt, '03, "When my yearbook staff surprised me by throwing me an early maternity party." -Mrs. Kocis "Freshmen year, first day of school, I walked into my first hour instead of homeroom." -Sarah Wallace, '04, "On the bus ride back from Madison Heights, the football team sang, 'Amazing Grace.'" -Christopher Logan, '04, **"Freshmen year & the 'Buffalo Shuffle.'"** -Tyler Berg, '05, "Sophomore year on my birthday, Vivian Zuber pushed a handful of frosting in my face!" -Elizabeth Drewek, '04, "In Dennis' car during a lunch break from Mini-pop rehearsal, Jimmy Sidick dropped his pop on his lap & took his pants off & held them out the window to dry." -Alexis Kanka, '04, "When my little brother threw me a

touchdown pass in the Lamphere football game." -Jeffrey Wilusz, '03, **"Coming to Dondero; it's like a family & I love it here."** -Abigail Petri, '06, "Sledding with buddies!" -Megan Wujcik, '03, "Homecoming this year, before & after." -Lara Nemeth, '03, "Caroling at lunch." -Bailey Sidick, '04, "All those times I found out people were scared of me & they were like 'I guess you're not that bad.'" -Amber Marsh, '03, "A boy, not sure of his name, got paid \$5 to lick a shoe people threw in a the garbage can. SO gross!" -Cierra Brown, '06



# 75 YEARS OF FASHION



## 1920s

Women never wore makeup; they were very natural in their styles.



## 1940s

The coolest thing was to wear really high pants with a bright belt.

## 1930s

Ladies were very conservative. They most likely wore skirts or dresses.



## 1950s

Hair was usually permed or curled using curlers.



## SHOPPING WITH KELLY LUTZ

One fine day Kelly Lutz, '04, went shopping at the Oakland Mall to choose an outfit for Oak's research purposes. After a few trips to different stores, she was finally satisfied at with one at American Eagle. Here's what she chose, along with the prices:

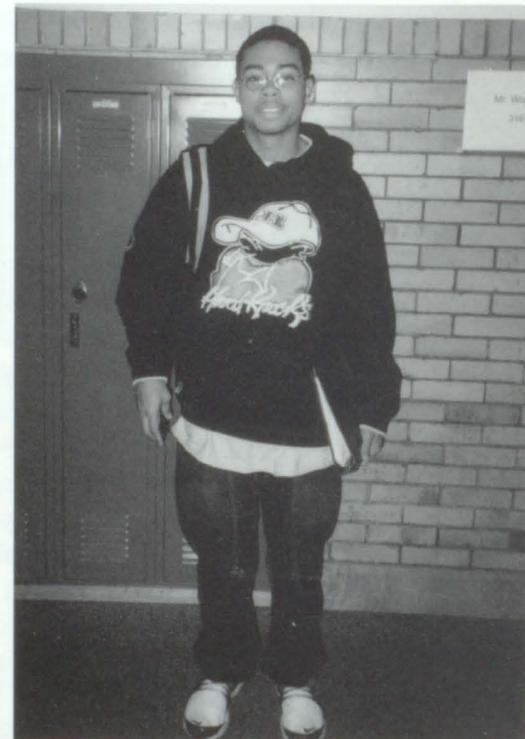
Red Sweater- \$40

Jean Skirt- \$35

Leather Clogs- \$42

Khaki Purse- \$30

Grand Total- \$147



Above: Major Sapp III, '04, sports his "phat" threads. P-Diddy only wishes his getup was as off the hook as Major's.



### 1960s

Dresses were small on top and larger on bottom, like a bell. They wore them at mid-calf.



### 1980s

Big, styled hair, red lipstick, and flashy dresses were the styles.

### 1970s

Bell bottoms, peace signs, plaids, long hair, and big glasses were hot.



### 1990s

Ked's tennis shoes were comfortable and styling. Big stripes were a big fad too.



In most cases, middle school social status was based on fashion; the most popular girls with all the boyfriends wore the best clothes. By high school, hopefully, everyone had matured and wore what they truly liked, not what everyone wanted them to wear. Ashleigh Ruggero '04, said her style was preppy, while Gabriel Kish, '06, said he didn't have a style; he wore whatever he felt like wearing. He added people said he dressed like Brad Pitt in the movie, *Snatch*. Where did they get these fashionable clothes? Laura Naismith, '05, said her favorite store to buy

clothes at was The Salvation Army. She gave money to a charity and got some cool clothes.

Fashion had changed a lot through the decades, although many of the styles had come back. Major Sapp, '04, said that bell bottoms from the 1970s came back in style. Major gets his threads at Marshall Fields. Sorry, Major, they probably won't have bells in your size there... Clothes are a way to express yourself. There are many different styles at this school, for lots of different types of people.

By: Andrea Langdorf



Q: How has fashion changed since 1920?

A: "It has gotten a lot better [since] girls don't always have to wear dresses."

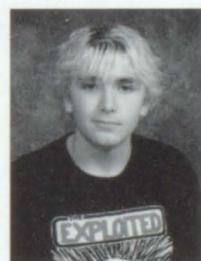
-Laura Naismith, '05



Q: What is your prediction for the fashion next decade?

A: "Everyone will wear silver and gold and plastic and leather."

-Ashleigh Ruggero, '04



Q: Which decade's fashion is your favorite?

A: "80s; the go-go boots, plaid, leather, and polka-dots!"

-Gabriel Kish, '06

Below: Ryan Woodmansee, '05, Benjamin Goodman, '05, Erika Sestok, '05, Kari Hoobler, '05, Emily Hague, '05, and Adam Woodmansee, '05, are all having fun on their Friday night at a Tiki party. What happened to their hula skirts and tiki torches?



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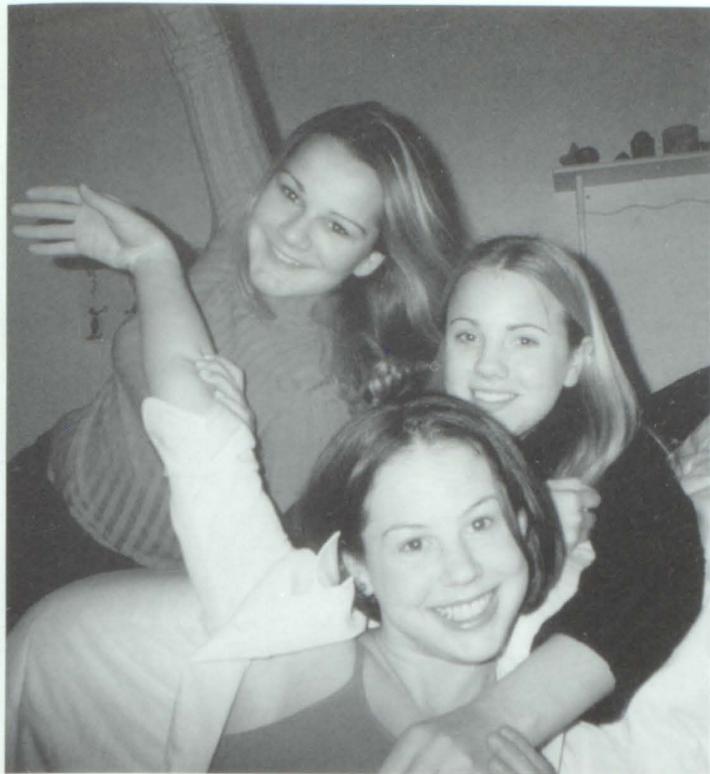
FRIDAYS

There were many things people could do on Friday nights. They could kick back and relax, watch some TV, go to the movies, party, hang out with friends, and just have fun. A lot of kids at Dondero liked doing different things on their Friday nights. The most popular thing that students did was hang out with their friends. The second most popular thing they did on Friday nights was go to the movies. Rounding out the top three, of course, was going to a party. The students at Dondero knew how to make a Friday night fun, safe, and enjoyable all at the same time.



Megan Wujcik, '03, and Megan Frizzell, '05.





Left: Nicole Schema, '04, Katherine Costanzo, '04, and Julia Gardner, '04, are all chilling at their friend's house on their Friday night. They are having a girls night in.

Below: Amanda Gill, '03, Andrea Lujan, '03, and Kevin Weems, '04, are on their way to having a great Friday night. Hopefully, they don't get lost en-route.



## FUN FRIDAY NIGHTS

After a long, hard week of school, most students couldn't wait for Friday. All they wanted to do on Fridays were go to the movies, party, hang-out with friends, and just relax. Well, that's what a lot of kids at Dondero seemed to be doing on their Friday nights. Many kids at school couldn't

wait for Fridays to come; some even said it was the best day of the week. Why? Because they got to go out, have fun, and not worry about how early they had to get up the next day. Friday was also a good day because they didn't have to fuss with their homework; they had the whole weekend ahead of them.

Alexis Kanka, '04, said on her Friday nights she, "Goes to the movies, or over a friend's house to kick back and relax." That was the number one thing that students said they did on Friday nights. All in all, everyone really enjoyed a good, fun, Friday night, no matter what that included. By: Kellie Weston



Above: On Friday night Christine Dorn, '04, goes on her computer to surf the net and see what is going on with all of her friends.

Right: Christine Cope, '04, and Kelly Lutz, '04, await the next play. They are determined to score, and it seems that they are ready to take their anger out on the seniors.

Below: Ms. Crawley helps out in the concession stand during halftime. Ms. Crawley organizes the Powder-puff game every year, and it would be unsuccessful without her hard work and dedication.



## BAILEY

## SIDICK

Bailey Sidick, '04, had one of the best offensive runs for the juniors in this year's game. "Even though we lost, I still had a lot of fun. I wasn't mad we lost because I thought we all played really well. Considering the practices we had, and the way we practiced, I thought we played well. We didn't have anything to go on, like the seniors, so I felt like we played better than everyone expected us to play." Bailey was looking forward to next year's game, and felt confident in a win. Good luck next year, girls!





Above: Bailey Sidick, '04, and Raven Sarrach, '04, sprint down the field, looking to block, or catch a pass. Their speed puts them into the open-field, but will the quarterback hit them?



Left: Theresa Villerot, '04, defends her line. As she awaits the count from her quarterback, she gets ready for the imminent snap.

Below: Amanda Gill, '03, sets the block for the seniors on Katie Park, '04, as Katie tries to push her way past Amanda to block the pass, or pull the ball carrier's flag.



## ANOTHER SOLID VICTORY

Blue 22, set, hike! "Winning two years in a row felt great. I don't think the girls have ever done that," commented one of the coaches for the Powder-puff senior team, Gregory Breitinger. After Bailey Sidick had a good run for the juniors, the seniors were worried. With only a minute left in the game, the seniors took the victory by stopping their opponents. "The game was intense, and the girls all played hard. The game could have gone either way," Scott Polonowski, another coach for the seniors, commented.

After senior quarterback Jennifer Breadon ran the ball herself and scored the only touchdown in the game, the seniors were able to hold off the juniors until the end. "Breadon was a key player in the game, along with Kimberly

Welc, Tara Wesley, and Carol Roman," Scott added.

The juniors took a hard loss, but still had spirit. "It was frustrating to lose; we felt we worked hard," junior coach Clifford Villerot stated. "It was a close game; I didn't know what to expect," said fellow Coach Ryan Allard. Key players for the juniors were Mallory Breuckman, Marie Maurer, Jennifer Carty, Bailey Sidick, Nicole Schema, and Kelly Lutz. All in all, even though the seniors won, everyone was a winner because of the spirit and enthusiasm. By: Holly Swigert



Above: The seniors huddle together around quarterback Jennifer Breadon, '03, and listen closely as she relays the play from the coaches. The team had to concentrate for their win.

Right: Hey, nice shirt and tie, Andrew Cissell, '06. Oh, and by the way, nice afro!! How do these kids have enough strength in their necks to move heads with this much hair?

Below: Alexsaundra Hamm, '06, really expresses her keen sense of style and craziness with her messy, bed-head hair. "My hair is long, crazy, and out of control!"



KATHRYN

KIPP

"I love my hair! I like the length of it, and how easy it is to take care of. I only brush it when I straighten it, and that's like once a week. My hair is different because it is transformable in many ways; it can be curly or straight. My aunt has super curly hair and so does my mom. I'm lucky to have low-maintenance hair - that's every girl's dream!"



Kathryn Kipp, '04



Right: Lindsey Lewis, '04, gets ready to party hearty, putting her curly hair in pigtails. Lots of bobbypins and gel are needed to tame that mane!



Left: "Kiwan, where you gettin' that afro, are you pickin' it?" Kiwan Rankin, '04, sports the "fro." He comments, "The girls like it, so I'm happy."

Below: Every time you see Paula Fader, '06, in the hall, she has a different color hair! Paula has a complete sense of style, therefore chooses her colors wisely. Wonder what's next?



# LOCK SOLD!

**B**eautiful hair isn't something you can apply, but it's something you can help bring out of yourself. It needs to reflect your inner glow."

- Julie Kent

With its variety, Dondero was a hair-lover's paradise, and students used their hair to express themselves. "It's better to have hair that's different than anyone else, because then you stand out more. Believe me, people notice you for your hair," commented Lindsey Lewis, '04. Students had a wide variety of hairstyles and colors. From afros to

cornrows, from curly hair to straight hair, from blonde hair to pink! "Your hair should reflect your personality in some way. When I wear my hair



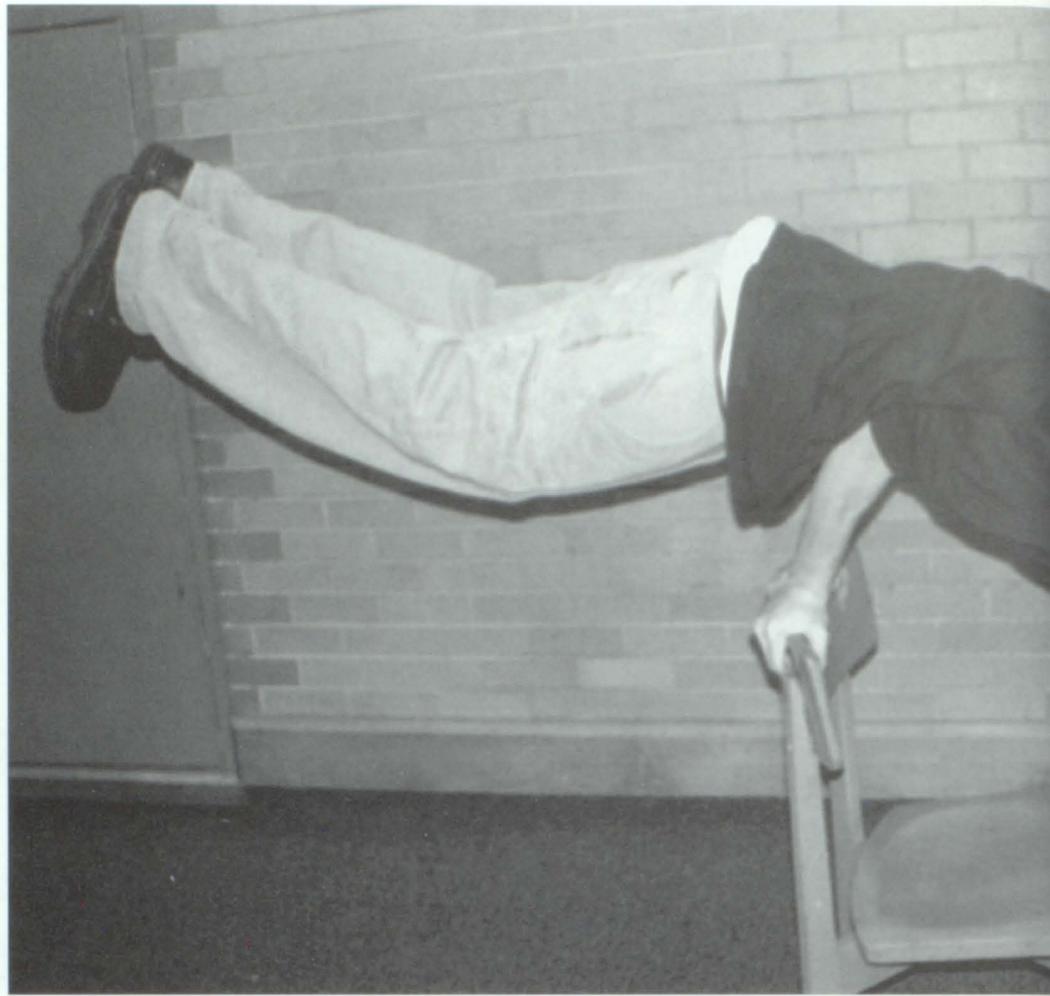
Above: Micah Williams, '04, has lost many fro-picks in his crazy do! Move over Ben Wallace, Micah's in the picture now!

down it makes me crazy because it's huge and when my hair feels huge, then I feel huge!" Lindsey said. Andrew Cissell, '05, explained, "It takes me half an hour to do my hair every morning; I have to wash it, then I have to condition it, and then I have to blow dry it! But I'm proud of it, it took me nine and a half months to grow my hair into this afro!" Whether your hair is long or short, highlighted or dyed, curly or straight - even washed or unwashed - hair is an important part of you.

By: Holly Swigert

Right: Michael Krist, '03, uses a lot of concentration to keep his balance on that chair. Not only balance, but strength; look at those steady arms!

Below: Those beautiful eyes are multi-talented. Bailey Sidick, '04, has a pretty rancid talent - she can flip her eyelids inside out! Hope it doesn't affect her eyesight!

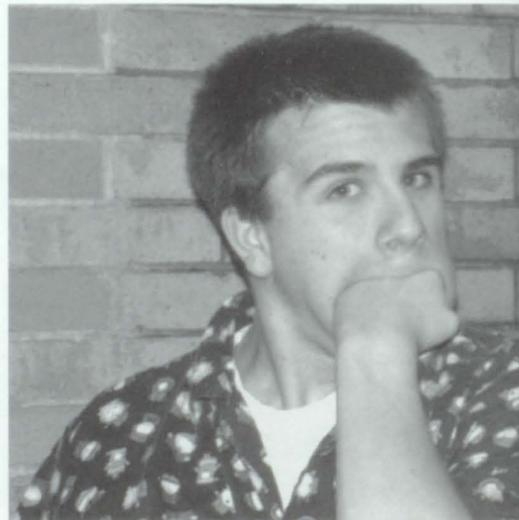


## MRS. MARCUS.

*"All you need is faith and trust... and a little bit of pixie dust!"*

Mrs. Marcus, Dondero's Assistant Principal, had a hidden talent that probably only few teachers knew about. She did not major in administration; she attended Michigan State and majored in performing arts. She was also the lead singer in a rock group that sang at hotels and community theaters. She even traveled to Singapore to share her gift of music. While attending college, she starred in the play *Peter Pan*, playing Peter Pan.

**SHE CAN FLY!**



Above: That's a mouth full! Kirk Wilcox, '05, sure has a big mouth to fit his whole fist in it. Remember those contests of who can fit the most marshmallows in your mouth? Kirk is the one who always wins!



Left: The opposable thumbs sets us and the chimps apart from the rest of the animal kingdom! Notice Chelsea Hosper's, '05, thumbs and how they are double jointed. Yippers!

Below: The human pretzel! Lauren Bogues, '05, should be in gymnastics with that flexibility. Hope she doesn't get stuck like that! How embarrassing would it be to go to the hospital in that condition?



## DONDERO'S "BELIEVE IT OR NOT"

**E**very person has a hidden talent. However, our perceptions of others may have kept us from knowing what they were. One may think that juggling was a worthless pastime, but you never know when it could earn you big bucks in the circus or even cheer-up some sick kids in the hospital. Practicing these talents helps teach a person determination.

Megan Wallace, '04, needed a lot of determination for her talent, which was horseback riding, something a lot of

people didn't know about her. People who attended the 2002 Oak Rock would have known that Laura Maroni's, '03, talent was Irish dancing. She took



Above: Sarah Wallace, '04, might need to go to a chiropractor after showing us her talent. Even with a skirt on she was still doing her "thang."

lessons at O'Hara's School of Dance with Frances Saranki, '03.

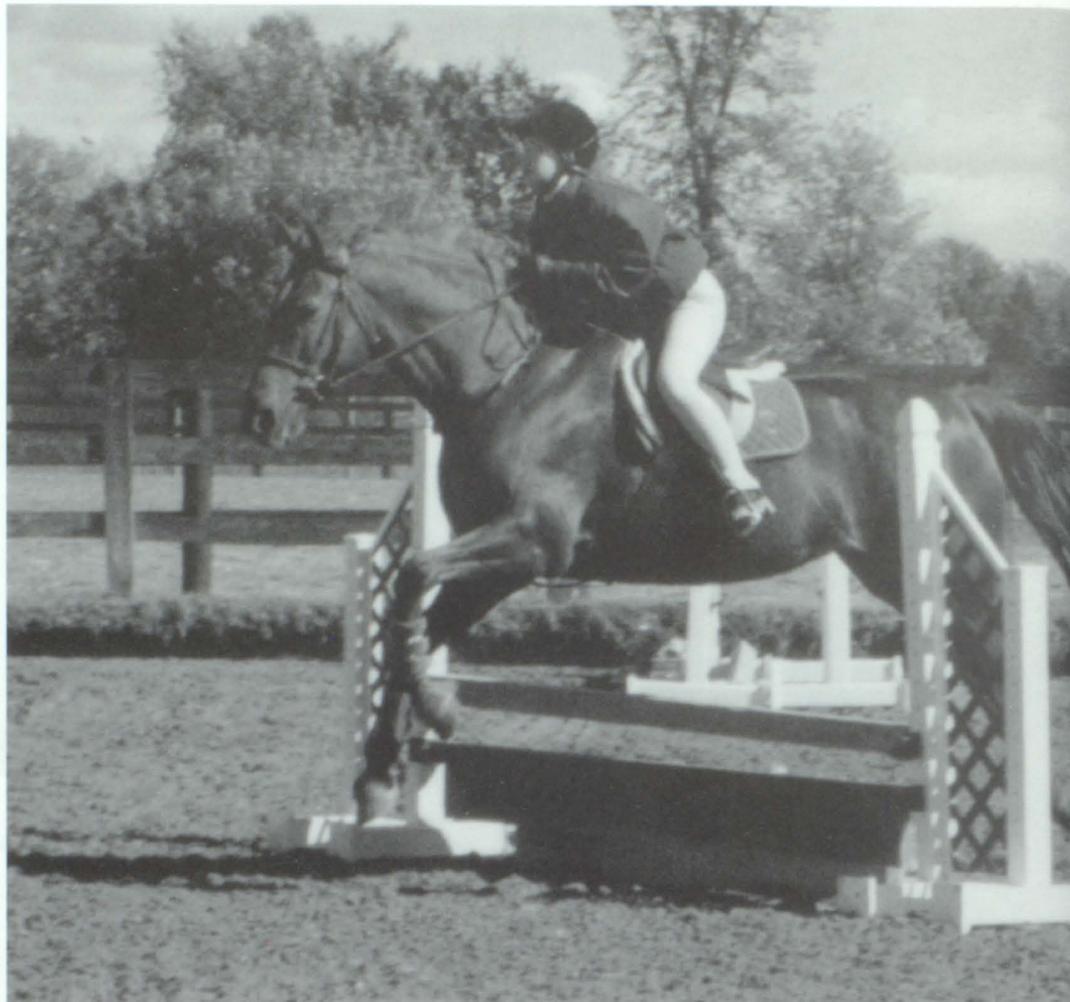
These talents took hours of practice and effort, but Robert Schurig's, '06, talent was a wee bit different. He claimed he could play Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* with just his nose.

It might have been silly, but all these hidden talents give our school the diversity that makes it great and unique. Every student is different, and so as a whole our school was very talented.

By: Andrea Langdorf

Right: What did the horse say when it ran into a bar? "OUCH!" Megan Wallace's, '04, horse wouldn't say that because it is good at jumping over the bars, seen here.

Below: Nathan Enochs, '04, (shown here in fifth grade) comes home from a hard day of keeping his school safe to spend time with his lovable dog. They love to cuddle on the couch watching a good movie, and then to fall asleep in each others arms, aww.



## TOP FIVE

## PETS

1. Dogs
2. Cats
3. Fish
4. Rabbits
5. Ferrets



Candis Stanton's, '03, dog, Bailey.





Above: Andrea Langdorff's, '04, cat Lulu Belle is focusing on her dinner. Who's up for some Squigly? Annie loves to chase Belle around the house and force her into the toilet.



Left: Vanessa Duffy, '03, is with her dog Sky Baby, showing off how much she loves her. Sky Baby is just like another member in the Duffy family; lovable and huggable.

Below: Samantha DeVlaminck, '05, loves taking her dog on long walks around the block and teaching her how to smile for the camera.



## PETS SAVE THE DAY

**B**ean, Rafus, Baxter, Ralphy, Pooky, Killer, Mr. Bigglesworth, Pepper, Screech, Biff, Harley, Boomer, Coconut, Nakita, Belle, Wolf, Nestley, Gidget, Geppetto, Shadow, and Muffin. Do these sound like the names of kids who went to Dondero? No, they don't; these were names of those cuddly, funny, and sometimes furry things that the kids loved so much. In other words, these are the names of the pets that some students at Dondero had.

Pets can mean so much to people. Having a

pet could be like having another family member in the house. Pets especially meant a lot to the kids at our school. Many students loved playing games with



Above: Kimberly Michalski, '03, appreciates the love and affection of her eight week old puppy, Daisy. Can that puppy get any cuter?

their pets and spending time with them. Kim Michalski's pet meant so much to her she "inspired me to become a veterinarian when I get older."

Most of the students at Dondero had a dog or a cat. They said that if they had a dog, they loved to play tug of war and fetch with them. The students that had cats loved to give their cats catnip and see how wound-up they could get.

Having a pet was something very special for the students; it taught them responsibility and how to care for something other than themselves.

By: Kellie Weston

Right: Matthew Wlotkowski, '03, really knows how to show off his Volkswagen to the ladies.

Below: Anthony Hall, '03, knows that a clean locker is the key to a woman's heart. He using all his power to show off his feminine side.



## BEST AND WORST

### T.V SHOWS

The favorite T.V. shows at Dondero were *American Idol*, *The Osbournes*, and *Friends*. Many students had their own opinions on what they think the best show was, but the most popular shows were those three. The worst T.V. shows according to Dondero students were *The Anna Nicole Show* and *The Simpsons*. A past favorite, perhaps the cartoon has grown a little wearisome for the students at Dondero.



BEST



WORST





Below: Jenna Nassouri, '03, rides in style in every car she owns. How can she afford that?



Below: Paul Derochie, '05, doesn't really keep up on how clean his locker is; it would be interesting to see how clean his bedroom is.



## BEST AND WORST

There were many good and bad aspects of student life according to kids at our school. We wanted to find out what you thought were the best and worst of these...

From who had the cleanliest locker to who had the best driver's license picture, the school chose who they thought had the best and the worst. The categories that people had to decide best and worst for, were: car, T.V. show, driver's license, most clean/messiest locker. Many people voiced their opinions on

who they thought fit each category best. For some, the "race" was tight. We're confident that the best (and worst) representatives were chosen, though.

By: Kellie Weston

### BEST AND WORST

Best Car: Jenna Nassouri, Matt Wlotkowski

Worst Car: Christie Lockman

Best T.V. Show: *American Idol, The Osbournes, Friends*

Worst T.V. Show: *The Anna Nicole Show, The Simpsons*

Best Driver's License Picture: Juila Gardner

Not So Hot Driver's License Picture: Adam Woodmansee

Cleanest Locker: Anthony Hall

Messiest Locker: Paul Derochie



Above: Christie Lockman, '04, enjoys the rides she takes in her junker, even when she drives it in the summer (she can't even roll up her back window).



Above: Julia Gardner, '04, looks as good in this picture as she does in real life. She can really take a good picture, even in front of a green screen.

Right: Danay Estopellan, '03, and Joseph Caspersen, '03, promenade gracefully through the stone mason shop of W.O. Gant. It takes two to tango!

Below: Joseph Caspersen, '03, doesn't look home, but looks at the angel. It's not his guardian angel, but he is admiring the wonderful marble statue that was donated by Hazel Park High School.



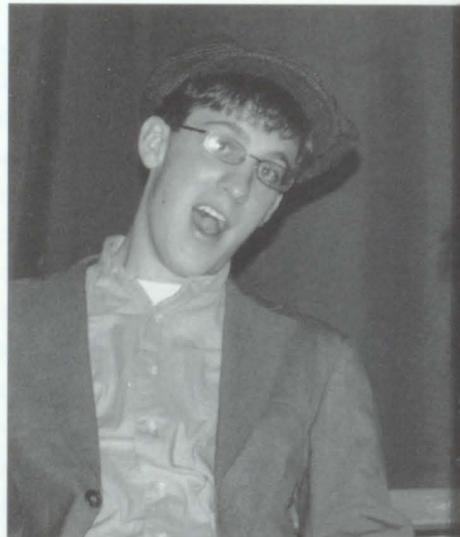
### STEPS USED FOR PUTTING

### ON A PLAY

- 1.) Ms. Whalin chooses a play to perform
- 2.) There is a meeting held to talk about the play
- 3.) Auditions for students
- 4.) Callbacks for the final decisions
- 5.) Start blocking (figuring out where performers are going to stand and walk)
- 6.) Rehearsing with script
- 7.) Rehearsing with lines memorized
- 8.) Dress rehearsal with costumes, makeup, and set
- 9.) Final performance with cast party



Victoria Schultz, '03, Kelly Wilcox, '03, and Matthew West, '03.





Above: A Martini, '03, and Nicole Hakli, '03, take a breather during their long play rehearsal. They usually goof around a lot to take a break from all the hard work they do for hours at a time.



Left: Christopher South, '03, on the verge of collapsing, is pondering the deepness of his "mom's" speech. Molly Mutschler, '03, is dressed up like an elderly woman for her part in the play. It took a long time in the dressing room to prepare and color her hair.

Below: Paula Simoni, '04, and Richard Davis, '06, are gazing into each other's eyes, flirting, looking for affection. Love is in the air, and it's not even spring or Valentines day.



## LOOK HOMeward ANGEL

**T**ime away from family, friends, and work: that's what the cast of the fall play, *Look Homeward Angel*, had to sacrifice for the hours of rehearsal time. It was worth it in the end when they gave a Tony award winning performance. They walked on stage, all decked out in their awesome costumes and makeup, and the audience watched attentively as the students showed them their best.

They were all prepared, even A Martini, '03, who joined the cast as

the lead only five days before the performance because of an incident that occurred with the male lead. Every spare minute he had, he spent it mem-



Above: Lara Nemeth, '03, has her dramatic face on while she stares longingly at her true love. Hey where did he go?

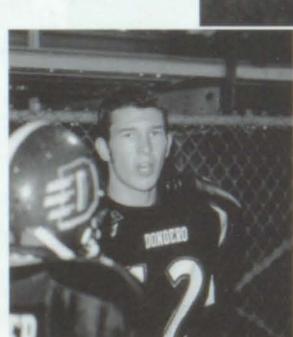
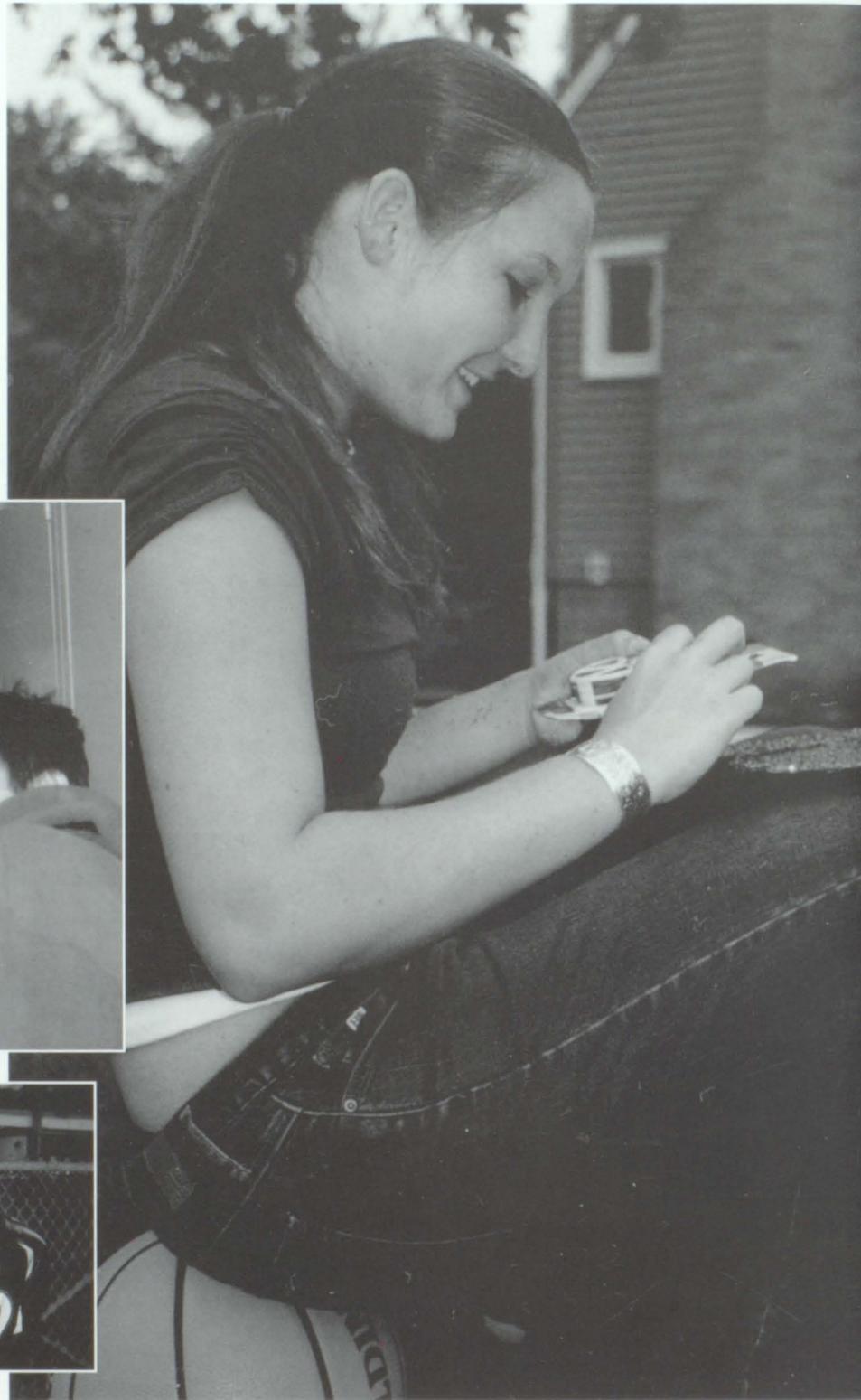
orizing his lines and even practicing the big kissing scene with his pillow.

The story line, which was very intense, was about an aspiring writer who wanted to leave home to go to college but was held back by his controlling mother and alcoholic father.

The cast came together as a group and showed their families and friends an evening of excellence. Then it was time for them to look homeward and relax!

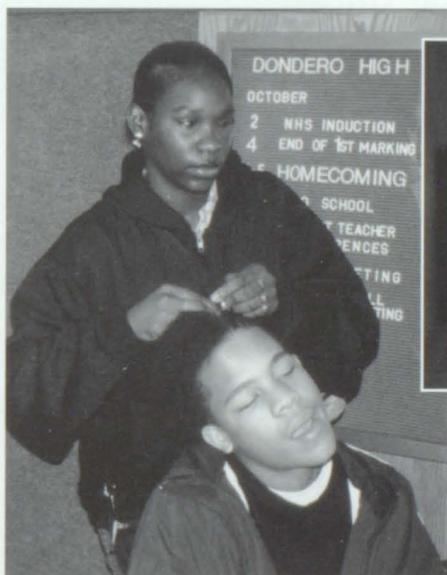
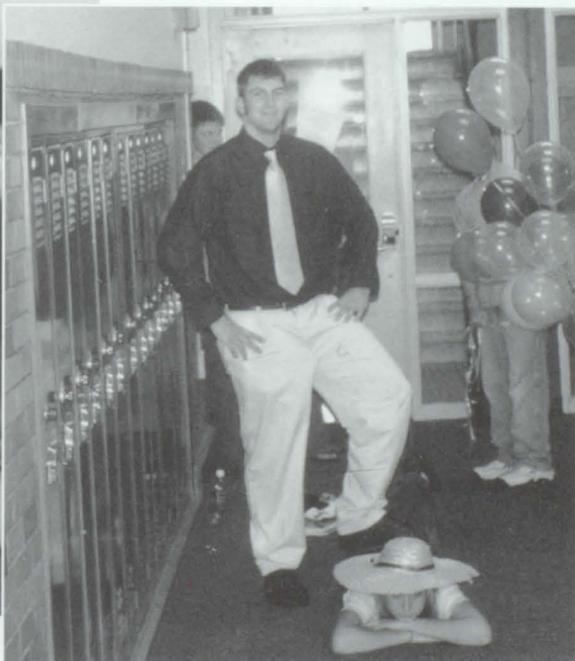
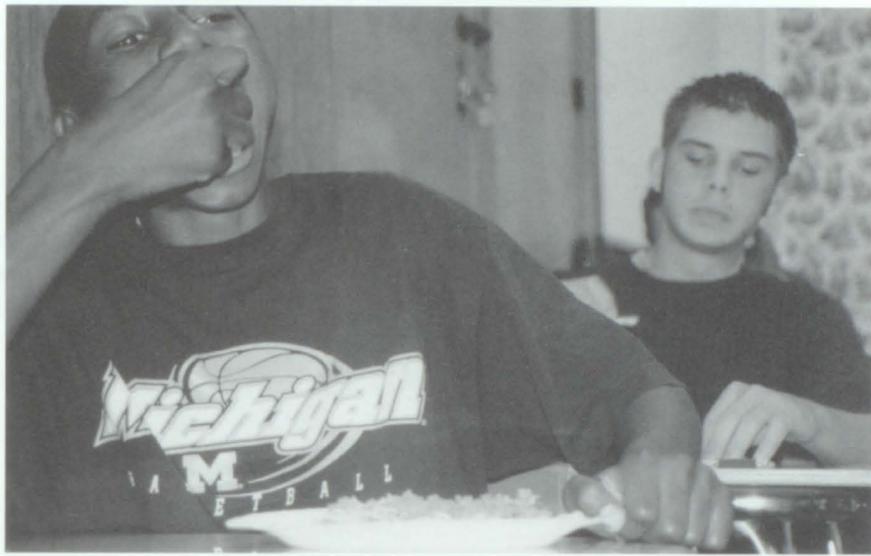
By: Andrea Langdorf

# THE TYRANNY FACES



Clockwise Top Left: James Stienke, '03 - Andrea Langdorf, '04 - Joshua Spielbusch, '03 - Bryce Erwin, '03, John Tran, '03, Matthew Wlotkowski, '03.

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Clockwise From Top Left: Derek Shack, '05 - Jillian Faust, '03 - Joseph Rex, '05 - Richard Sinta, '04 - Melinda McGraw, '06 - Kevin Weems, '04 - Scott Brown, '03 - Michele Norkus-Comby, '05 - Christopher Walker, '05 - Sean Seymour, '04.

**T**he spirit of Dondero is caught in the clubs herein. The need for extracurricular intellectual challenges is evident when we see the

Meagen Kaczmarek, '04, knows that Yearbook isn't all fun and games. Here she is cropping pictures. She knows that she has to meet her deadline, and it's hard work until she gets there.



yearnings that must be sated by the vast array of organizations that Dondero provides. The foundation of this school is in its clubs, for it is they



Ashleigh Ruggero, '04, works at getting things organized for Senate. Someone has to work around that place...just kidding.

that get the students involved and motivated. The often under-appreciated organizations are the heart pumping the spirit through the veins of this school.

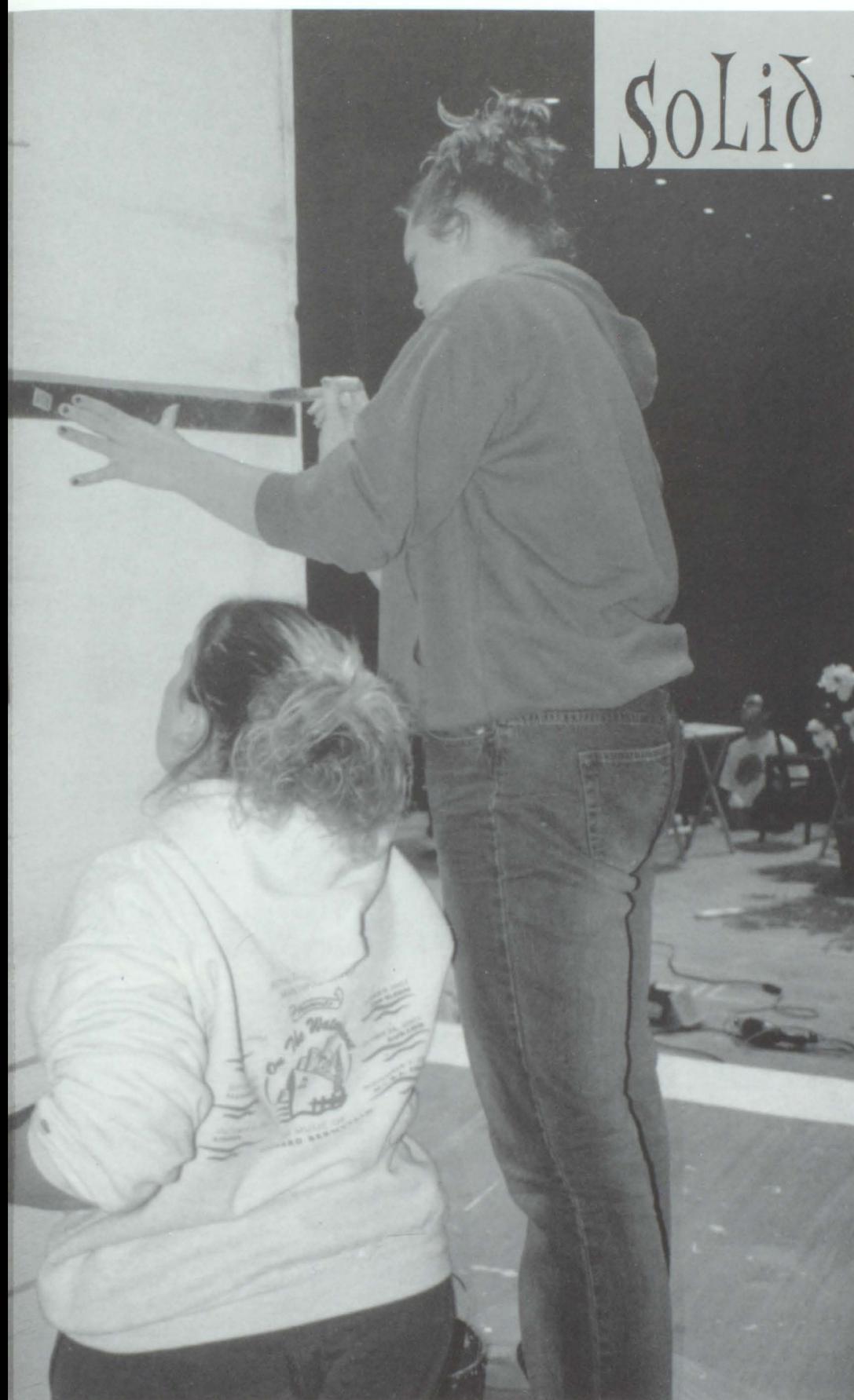
Kevin Shaw, '06, Elaine Hannah, '05, and Kaitlyn Kunz, '05, practice outside for the upcoming marching band event. Aren't you guys a little cold out there?



“We are what we think. All that we are arises with our thoughts. With our thoughts, we make the world.” -Buddha

By: Amber Marsh

# Solid Bonds



Mara Waskowski, '03, and Eileen Rozycki, '05, are working on the set for *Look Homeward Angel*. Without folks like them, we wouldn't have a play at all.

**D**rama club was not all about acting; it was also about a group of talented and artistic friends that came together and worked long hours for the excellent technical production of *Look Homeward, Angel*. The backstage crews worked hard for hours to build and paint the props as well as the set. The costume crew took time to pick out the perfect Southern-looking costumes for everyone to wear. All the crews did an excellent job staying on task to be ready for the play.

“Hell Week” was the week right before the opening night of the play. That was when everyone crammed in the last finishing touches. Everyone worked hard every single night, even throughout the night, to finish. The crews and actors got in every last detail that needed to be accomplished in order to perfect the production.

All students who were a part of Drama Club definitely put in their fair share of time, energy, and hard work to make the play *Look Homeward, Angel* a true success. Whatever one’s capabilities were, the Dondero Drama Club could utilize them.

By: Meagen Kaczmarek

Below: Michael Tyner, ‘04, uses all his muscles and easily hangs up the curtain for the play.

Right: Kyle Moore works diligently at putting the props together for the play. Without Kyle, the stage would have not looked as great as it did.



### **Julia Kendzierski, '05**

“My favorite part of Drama Club is at the first meeting in the beginning of the year, when we find out which play we are doing and when we get assigned to our crews.”



### **Courtney Engel, '04**

“Opening night is the best ever because I feel nervous, and then it just disappears as the curtain opens.”

Above: Nicholas Paro '05, carefully knots his tie in the costume room before appearing on stage.

# Group Activities



Above: Eileen Rozynski, '05, paints the back drop of the bedroom in the Dixieland Boarding house.

Everyone had their own part in Drama Club. If someone was shy to get in front of a large audience and act, they had a chance to go behind the scenes and work back stage. They could be a part of the light crew, the sound crew, the prop crew, or the set crew. They also could be on make-up crew to make the actors and actresses look more like the role they played, or costume crew, which was in charge of what the actors and actresses wore to appear more in style for the play. No matter who you were, it seemed as if Drama Club had a place for you.



Left: Top Row: Courtney Engel, Darcy Barry, Heather Supal, Julia Kendzierski, Joshua Abbey, Christopher South, Robert Bajek. Second Row: Samanatha DeVlaminck, Joseph Caspersen, Lara Nemeth, Danay Estopellan, Bethany Dybowski, Nicholas Pardy, Andrew Clark. Third Row: Shanitra Bowman, Paula Simoni, Corey Gower, Alia Daniels, Amy Jones, Ryan Gates, Tony Fader, Eileen Rozynski. Bottom Row: Caitlin Christopher, Ms. Whalin, Kelly Wilcox, Alexander Hill, Matthew West, Ashley Nowak, Nicole Hakli, Abigail Bonar.

**S**ADD is a big part of school. At this age, there is a lot of peer pressure, and students need someone to point them in the right direction. Students are experimenting with so many drugs and alcohol; they need to know and realize what the effects are and the consequences they may face," said Darcy Weipert, '03, president of SADD.

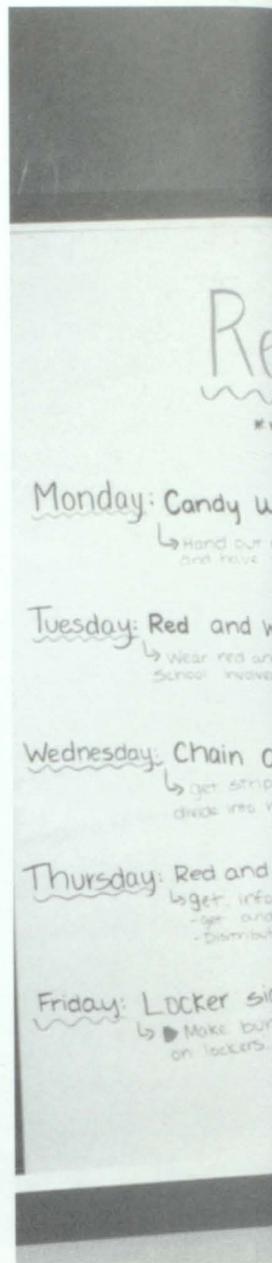
Red Week is a week dedicated to getting the students aware of the dangers and consequences of drugs and alcohol before they go on vacation. This year, Red Week, occurred during December 16-20. Incorporating it near the holidays was more than appropriate.

During Red Week, there was one particular day that stood out. On Red Ribbon Day, students wore a ribbon on them that had a name of someone they knew who died as a result of drugs or alcohol, so other students could recognize how many people were victims of destructive decisions.

SADD members did an excellent job advising students to make the right decisions.  
By: Meagen Kaczmarek

Right: SADD president, Darcy Weipert, '03, assigns SADD members a committee for Red Week.

Below Top Row: Delores Cottingham, Jessica DeDeckere, Karen Hickey, Erricka Mosley-Jenkins. Second Row: Sarah Swanson, Abigail Bonar, Andrea Langdorf. Bottom Row: Jaclyn Schwartz, Katrina Singleton, Darcy Weipert, Eve Rosenblum.



## Rockin Responsibly

### Erricka Mosley-Jenkins, '04

"The most meaningful part of SADD is knowing that I am making other students aware of the consequences of destructive decisions and hoping that they won't make them."

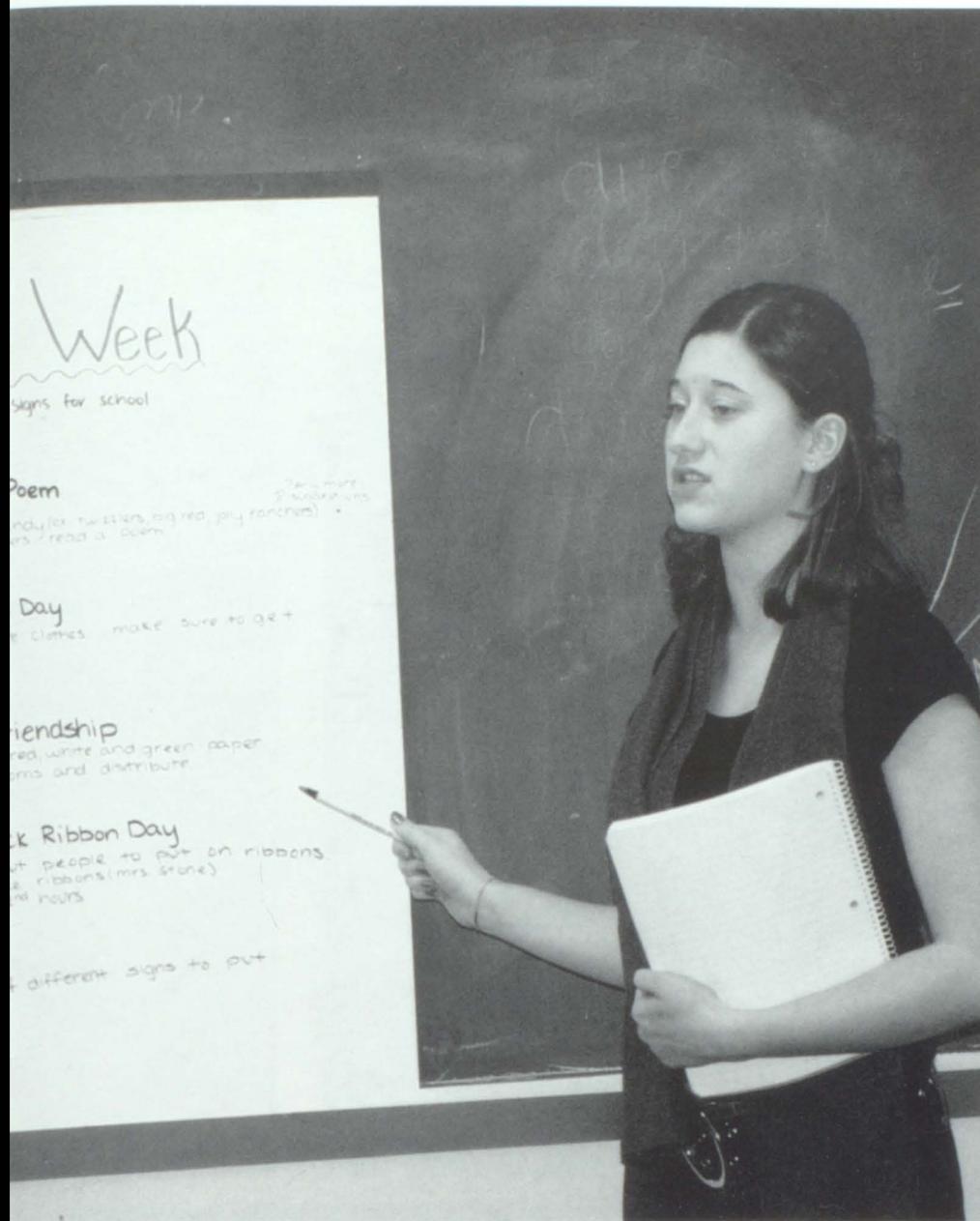


### Jaclyn Schwartz, '04

"The most meaningful part of SADD is Red Week, because it is an eye opener on people's destructive decisions."



Above: Meghan Covell, '04, makes sure her thoughts about Red Week get heard while Erricka Mosley-Jenkins, '04, patiently waits her turn to speak her mind.



1. Motor vehicle accidents remain the number one killer of young people in America.
2. One quarter of all teens say that they rarely or never wear seat belts as a passenger.
3. Alcohol related fatality rates are nearly twice as great for 18, 19, and 20 years of age as for the population over 21.
4. Nearly half of 6-12 graders have used or are using drugs
5. Parents think they are the biggest influence in their teens lives; teens, as a whole, say it's their friends. However, the group of teens that engage in honest communication with their parents say it is their parents who have the most influence on them.

Source: [http://www.geocities.com/sadd\\_lethbridge/stats.html](http://www.geocities.com/sadd_lethbridge/stats.html)



Left: Eve Rosenblum, '05, looks up some information on the internet for Red Week during a lunch meeting.

Above: SADD adviser, Ms. Stone, talks with president Darcy Weipert, '03, about what should be discussed at the next SADD meeting.

**H**uman Relations Advisory Council are a group of students who met weekly on Mondays throughout the school year with advisers Ms. Maudlin and Mrs. Sutton to discuss issues of tolerance and diversity. Their main goal was to address the school's issues of race, religious affiliation, or gender in a positive way. The council worked to eliminate problems in these areas. "The most meaningful part of being in Human Relations Advisory Council is knowing that you, as a student, can help change your school, community, and world, by caring to make a difference," commented Paula Simoni, '04.

The Council attended a county-wide forum on diversity to try and bring back more meaningful ideas for the school. From the students to the teachers, to the concerns, to the results, Human Relations Advisory Council made a difference in our school environment.

By: Meagen Kaczmarek

Right: Abigail Bonar, '04, listens intently to other members speak about their experiences at a countywide forum that some of the council members attended.

Below: Top Row: A Martini, Shannita Bowman, Shawnta Williams, Adviser Ms. Maudlin, Erricka Mosley-Jenkins, Vildana Kurtovic. Bottom Row: Alia Daniels, Abigail Bonar, Paula Simoni, Kathryn Huston, Rebecca Kirkman, Kamara Hooks.



## Pieces of a Rock

### Kathryn Huston, '04

"When we did classroom discussions, I went in and expected no one to talk. They proved me wrong: everything was exposed and people were talking about the topic."



### Rebecca Kirkman, '04

"It is a really nice environment. It always reaches out to ideas and concerns. The club gave me an outlook on the importance of some things, and in turn, made me more sympathetic to needs of others."



Above: Rebecca Kirkman, '04, reads aloud a handout she received from a safety workshop at the school safety forum.

## Group Activities



Above: Paula Simoni, '04, and Tiffany Mason, '03, can barely eat because their attention is sucked into the riveting conversation at hand.

Human Relations didn't only discuss issues of diversity and how students respond to differences, they went to classrooms and talked with the students about school-wide issues regarding differences. They went to a forum at the Oakland Schools building and talked about different ideas on how to control controversial issues in the school. The group donated much of their time to the disabled. The Human Relations Advisory Council has set forth to establish a better environment for all who attend Dondero.



Far Left: Dr. LeCureux strolls in and reads along the notes to see what the council members Alia Daniels, '03, and Kathryn Huston, '04, are talking about.

Left: Kamara Hooks, '03, collects her thoughts before sparking a larger debate on the issue at hand.

## Top Ten Ways to Relieve Stress

The top ten ways to relieve stress in Dondero high school publications are...

- 10) Spending quality time with a loved one.
- 9) Eating- a lot.
- 8) Talking about problems with friends.
- 7) Yelling about it.
- 6) Taking a nice long shower.
- 5) Playing sports, fishing.
- 4) Dancing.
- 3) Taking a nap, or just going to bed.
- 2) Take time to be alone and chill out.
- 1) Listening to music and/or singing.

The stress, hard work, and extra time spent at school all caused by deadlines would be hard for anyone to deal with. When students join a publication, they face many deadlines. The members of the publications have mixed feelings about the idea of deadlines. "I like them because they give you structure, but when you are close they make you rush!" said Amber Marsh, '03, Editor-in-Chief of Oak.

However, working on publications can also be a balancing act with the rest one's of schoolwork. "It's horrible getting so behind in everything," said Tracie Ennes, '03. Deadlines can make for long nights after school to put on those finishing touches. "The outcome, conclusion, ending, the feeling of achievement when you're finally done; that is when it all becomes worthwhile," said Tracie.

By: Allison Phillips

Right: Erin Scafone, '03, Andrew English, '03, Tracie Ennes, '03, Andrea Torvinen, '03, and Michael Fowler, '04, are working hard on their team building skills at Camp Tamarack. By the smiles on their faces, it seems that they are having a little bit of fun too.

Below: Editors Angela Dilacovo, '03, and Darcy Barry, '03, look over old Genisis editions to get ideas for this year's issue.



# Facing Deadlines



**Meagen Kaczmarek, '04**

"I love the deadline parties. And the trip to Camp Tamarack was really fun!"

**Gabrielle Poshadlo, '03**

"Crunch time is my favorite, when everyone comes together to make the paper come out on time."



**Josephine Mix, '03**

"The week of construction is my favorite, when you get to see everything come together."



Below: Top Row: Eric Garland, Bailey Sidick, Andrea Langdorf, Courtney Engel. Second Row: Marie Maurer, Kellie Weston, Meagen Kaczmarek, Kamara Hooks. Third Row: Holly Swigert, Errika Mosley-Jenkins, Vanessa Duffy, Penny Brown. Bottom Row: Kimberly Michalski, Candis Stanton, Stacy Peltier, Amber Marsh, A Martini.



Left: Courtney Engel, '04, and Errika Mosley-Jenkins, '04, grapple with what move to make for their next important yearbook decision.



Above: Top Row: Mr. Cicchini, Ashley Ball, Caitlin Lasley, Jennifer Linthorne, Jessie Rauf, Kristin Edgar, Angela DiIacovo, Jacquelyn Tramper. Middle Row: Rachel Fox, Joseph Schmidt, Brian Meissner, Vinhoudama Chhun, Brian Miller, Sara LaForme, Robert Gignac. Bottom Row: Julianna Frost, Josephine Mix, Jacob Schaale, Darcy Barry, Scott Caddy, Phillip Marine, Andrew English, Emma Farr, Victoria Schultz.



Above: Top Row: Scott Caddy, Andrew English, Michael Fowler, Joseph Caspersen, Caitlin Lasley, Shawnta Williams, Darcy Barry. Second Row: Ms. Maudlin, Kathryn Huston, Paula Simoni, Nicole Davies, Kelly Orr, Angela DiIacovo, Jacqueline Roberts, Tracie Ennes, Joseph Schmidt. Bottom Row: Alia Daniels, A Martini, Erin Scafone, Gabrielle Poshadlo, Ashley Turner, Ashley Nowak, Nicole Hakli.

Continuing the tradition since the early sixties, Coach Steele has been the adviser of photography club for the past few years. The club went on a variety of field trips, from the cemetery to downtown Detroit to get interesting shots. This year's president was Laura Maroni. "This is a dictatorship," Coach Steele jokes. "I picked Laura for president because she had lots of experience." Since the school has its own dark room, students had easy access to developing facilities for black and white photos. The photos were hung in the front hall and were changed whenever Coach Steele got the opportunity. Last year, for the first time, a new picture was displayed each month. No experience necessary, anyone from the school could join. "I never knew I could have so much fun doing something so simple," Laura Maroni said. It just goes to show, the best things in life are free.

By: Allison Phillips

Below: Photography club member, Andrea Torvinen, '03, captures the beauty of these blooming buds. Flowers are among her favorite pictures to take.

Right: Club adviser Coach Steele catches a precious profile of his two young daughters



## Rockin' Shots

### Aqua O'Bryan, '03

"Taking pictures is a great thing, because it captures the moment and you can look at things in a different way."



### Nicole Tsertos, '04

"Taking pictures is an outlet in my life. When I take time to take pictures, I am at peace with myself."



### Nicole Hakli, '03

"No one can just take pictures; you need real artistic ability."

# Jessica DeDeckere



Jessica DeDeckere, '04, was a first year member of photography club. "I've always wanted to join," said Jessica, "This is just the first year that I made it happen." She has always been really interested in art; photography was just a new way to express her creativity. Being restricted to taking black and white photos, Jessica explains, just makes more room for the imagination. She uses her grandfather's old camera to get shots, mostly of clouds and sunsets. "That's mainly what I like to paint and draw too," she said. When asked what keeps her interested and drawn into photo club, she replied with a smile and said, "Just the fact of taking pictures and having the chance of people seeing my work in the hallways." Every picture tells a story, but sometimes it's the photographers themselves who have the real stories to tell.



Left: Andrea Torvinen, '03, takes time to stop and smell the roses, and snaps this shot of this flower in her own backyard.

Above: Top Row: Megan Mulvaney, Forest Casey, Heather Supal, Delores Cottingham, Jessica DeDeckere, Nicolle Tsertos, Zachariah DeCruydt. Bottom Row: Laura Maroni, Kara Gheldof, Vinhoudama Chhun, Christie Lockman, Andrea Torvinen, Meghan Covell, adviser Coach Steele.

**T**alent and originality were what you'd find Friday after school in room 262. The Art Club consisted of a group of creative students who met to share their projects and have fun. "If you're interested in art, it's a great club," said Hunter Green, '03, a member of Art Club. Students came in and worked on class art projects or just pursued their own projects.

Ms. Shrode, the adviser, supplied most of the art materials. "She's got pretty much all you need," said Hunter. There were a wide variety of students, it was a very casual atmosphere, and the students had a lot of fun. Not everyone in Art Club was in an art class, but the one quality that everyone in it had in common was the love to express their creativity.

By: Marie Maurer

Below: Ryan Meyers, '05, and Heather Supal, '05, work together to finish Heather's oil pastel project. Even in art, two heads are better than one.

Right: Juliana Frost, '04, continues working diligently on her art project after school. Art Club serves a practical purpose as well: helping people get their work done for class.



# Rock on, Picasso

## Heather Supal, '05

"It's fun; we just hang around and do art."



## Jessica DeDeckere, '04

"(Art Club) gives you a chance to finish up art projects."



Above: Jennifer Day, '03, and Juliana Frost, '04, concentrate by giving each other a few words of advice about their projects.

# Erica Scafone



*Flogging Molly*

"I've always loved art," said Erica Scafone, '06, in Art Club. Erica has been into art ever since she was little. As for her work, she inspires herself and gets cool ideas from her dad. Her favorite thing to do is draw. Erica said she likes drawing people's faces and clothes. She works on many different types of art in class and outside of school. Erica plans to keep involved in art, maybe even to do it in college. Perhaps Erica will be the next Picasso!



Left: Top Row: Delores Cottingham, Megan Mulvaney, Juliana Frost, Heather Supal, Jennifer Day. Bottom Row: Jessica Hatfield, Hunter Green, Eric Noga, Nicolle Tsertos, Adviser Ms. Shrude.

Above: Jessica DeDeckere, '04, concentrates intently on her three-dimensional painting. "It's hard, because you can't repeat the same shade, but it also makes it challenging and fun!"

Bowling took a step up in competition this past season. The title "Club" had been changed to "Team." Mr. Drilich and Mrs. Banat were coaches rather than advisers this year. In the past, bowlers had to pay to be in the club. "Now we are all serious," Meghan Covell, '04, said. The team had conditioning practices and became sponsored by Bowlero Lanes of Royal Oak. Another exciting addition to last season's agenda was taking part in tournaments against other schools. So when will we see the first bowling varsity jacket?

By Allison Phillips



Right Top Row: Sarah Ochoa, Jessica DeDeckere, Aaron Knapp, Heather Supal, Sarah McArthur, Brett Jones, Coach Mr. Drilich. Second Row: Caitlin Christopher, John Holder, Andrew Brinkman, Michael Belbot, Joshua Abbey, Joshua Southern. Bottom Row: Zachary Vickers, Meghan Covell, Adam Nickerson, Andrew Wyckhouse.

# Rocking the Alleys

## John Holder, '04

"My favorite part about the bowling team? The Ladies! And rubbing Mr. Drilich's head."



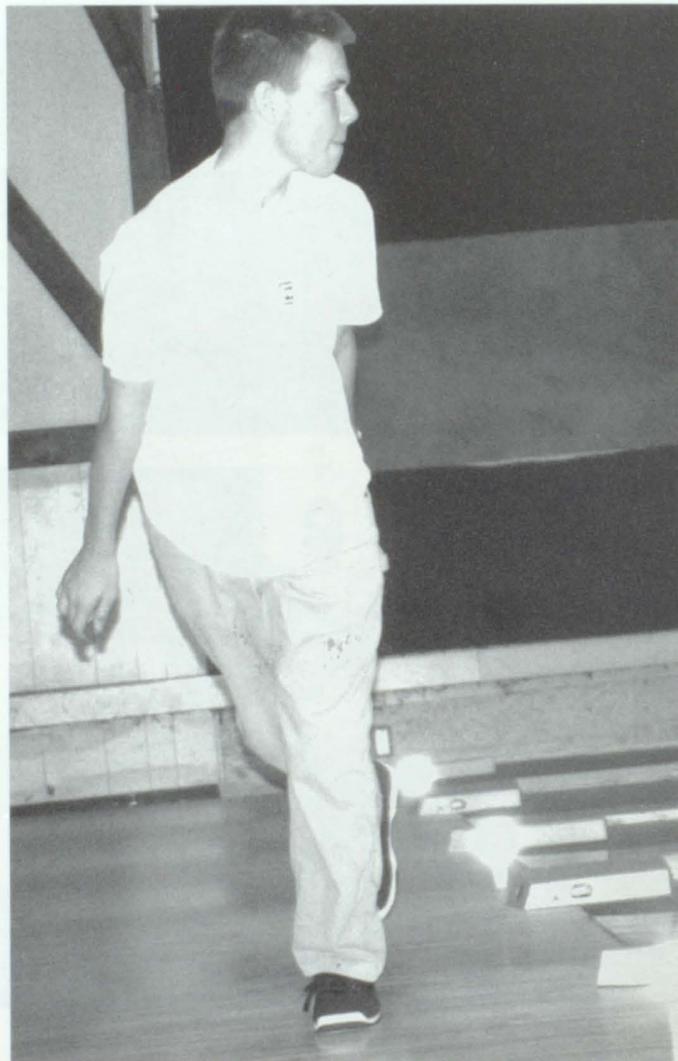
## Andrew Brinkman, '05

"I can't believe I bowled a 300!"



Above: These bowling team girls stop and smile for the camera: Jessica DeDeckere, Sarah McArthur, Christa Good, Heather Supal, Mellissa Miller, Ashli Hamilton, and Andrea DeDeckere.

Right: Joshua Southern, '03, holds his stance, waiting in anticipation to see how this swing will effect his game.





Left: Christopher Walker, '05, doesn't take ping-pong lightly. Here we see Chris with his game face on.



### Jeffrey Vanbuskirk, '04

"Dude, Ping-Pong Club rocks my world."



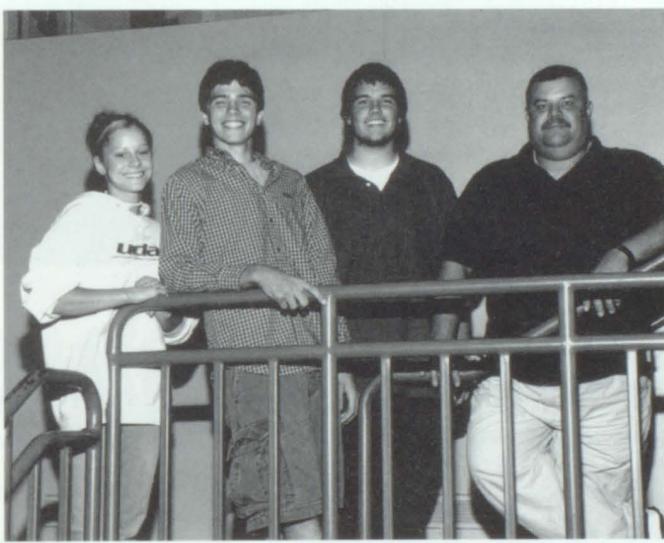
### Marie Maurer, '04

"Ping-pong is fun. Being in Ping-Pong Club is even more fun!"

# Ping-Pong Rock



Above: Playing ping-pong is a breeze for Paul Chonko, '04, when he can manage to make killer shots even with his hand in his pocket.



Above: Marie Maurer, Jeffrey Vanbuskirk, David Berube, Adviser Coach Steele.

Some joined Ping-Pong Club for the passion of the game, others because they had, "nothing better to do at lunch," said David Berube, '04. Competition flourished in the gym, heating up on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch. Forehand, backhand, topspin: these are some common moves, "clever ping pong members use to spice up their game," said Nicole Schema, '04. Whether as an enjoyable way to pass away their lunchtime, or an outlet for their ping-pong ability, Ping-Pong Club is for everyone.

By: Allison Phillips

**D**iviertanze, spass, advertise! Fun: this is what the German, French, and Spanish Clubs were all about. They learned and experienced so much about the language that they had been absorbing. So much fundraising, cooking, and traveling were involved when students further devoted themselves to a foreign language.

German Club's Ian Kangas, '03, said, "My favorite thing about German Club is going to Frankenmuth." Every year the German Club goes to Frankenmuth to shop and walk around. The Spanish and French Clubs participated in a lot of activities together. They went to La Fondue in Royal Oak together, which Mrs. Arribas called, "A great evening and great food!" Also, in late November both clubs had a international breakfast in honor of American Education Week. It was a mix of Spanish and French food. All three clubs did a lot of fundraising, such as selling food at nutrition break and selling Entertainment books.

Foreign Language clubs agree that there is fun in every language.

By: Marie Maurer

Below: Herr Weathers and Uwe Kind really know how to get the crowd excited with their German jams.

Right: Stephanie Smith, '06, finds herself enthralled by what to eat during the German Octoberfest.



## Rockin' Around The World

**Elizabeth Kwicinski, '05**  
"French Club is really fun.  
Mrs. Ross is great!"



**Miranda Gelenger, '05**  
What is your favorite thing  
about Spanish Club? "Prob-  
ably the food!"



Above: Stacy Thompson, '06, and Melissa Davis, '06, pause to pose for a photo op while attending a French Club meeting.



## Translations

Here are a few popular phrases translated for your enjoyment:

I'm out, peace. - *Soy fuera, paz.*

I love you. - *Ich liebe dich.*

Cool. - *Frais.*

What are you doing this weekend? -

*Que hace usted este fin de semana?*

You rock! - *Usted mece!*

Wake up! - *Fack auf!*

Sweet! - *Suss!*



German Club

Above: Top row: Jacob Moore, Nicholas Baker, Cody Stasiak. Second Row: Jessica DeDeckere, Megan Mulvaney, Sarah Wallace, Vildana Kurtovic, Sarah Pokornicki, Melissa Ciampichini. Third Row: Erin Berard, Casey Chevela, Christie Lockman, Andrew Brinkman, Allen Beck, Jeffrey Buck. Bottom Row: Herr Weathers, Andrea Langdorf, Jacqueline Gorecki, Rebecca Rennie, Faye Blumberg, Michael Fossano.



Spanish Club

Above: Top Row: Rebecca Black, Jordan Potter, Alexandra Albers, Erika Lessien, Becca Simon, Kathryn Kipp, Kristine Toquigne, Carlos Rivard. Second Row: Nattie Davis, Kathryn Norander, Gabrielle Poshadlo, Erin Seafone, Miranda Gelenger, Amanda Schaasberg, Monica Cardella. Third Row: Michael Fowler, De'Marja Patrick, Patrice Njoh, Crystal Stoll, Maria Vettraino, Nicolle Tsertos, Meagen Kaczmarek, Senora Arribas. Bottom Row: Michael Bermudez, Emily Seafone, Forest Casey, Kelly Lutz, Julianna Weaver, John Batherson.



French Club

Above: Top Row: Courtney Engel, Elizabeth Kwiecinski, Nicole Sands, Anna Donavan, Noelle Fleishans, Kirstie Bjordahl, Alana Frank. Second Row: Mme. Ross, Paula Simoni, Lisa Maroni, Samantha Tierney, Josephine Mix. Bottom Row: Michael Gilbert, Christopher South, Andrea Hoff, Kelly Orr, Rachel Fox, Kamara Hooks.

**“I**n simplest terms, a leader is one who knows where he wants to go, gets up, and goes.”

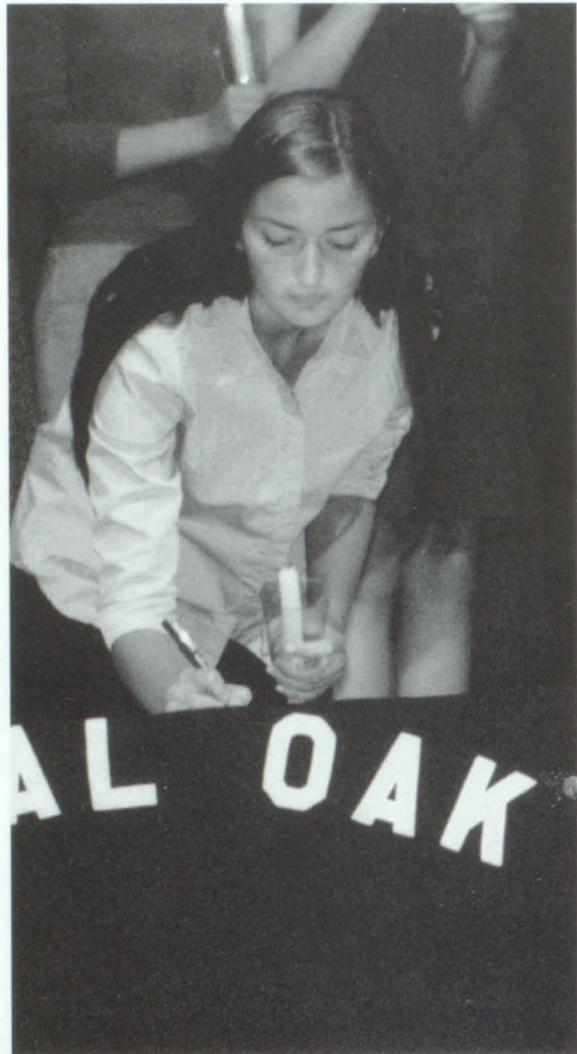
—John Erksine

National Honors Society was full of good leaders, each possessing the qualities of dedication, hard work and intelligence. Aside from contributing to the school, members of NHS gave back to the community. Each semester, the students had to take part in two short-term projects. A short-term project is one that lasted only one or two days. Members of NHS also had one ongoing project that they had to continue during the year. A major project many students took part in is tutoring students after school. “People in NHS are not only academic, they are people who also want to become leaders in the community,” said first year member Kathryn Huston, ‘04. Students in NHS take pride in being in this club. The school and community are equally proud of these wonderful leaders.

By: Allison Phillips

Below: Vildana Kurtovic, ‘04, signs her name to the membership book to validate her oath to the National Honor Society.

Right: Jana Sullivan, ‘04, is being accepted into NHS by lighting her symbolic candle with another inductee, Paula Simoni, ‘04.



# Stepping Stones

## **Corey Spencer, ‘04**

“The whole experience of meeting new people is fun; the whole ceremony was cool too.”

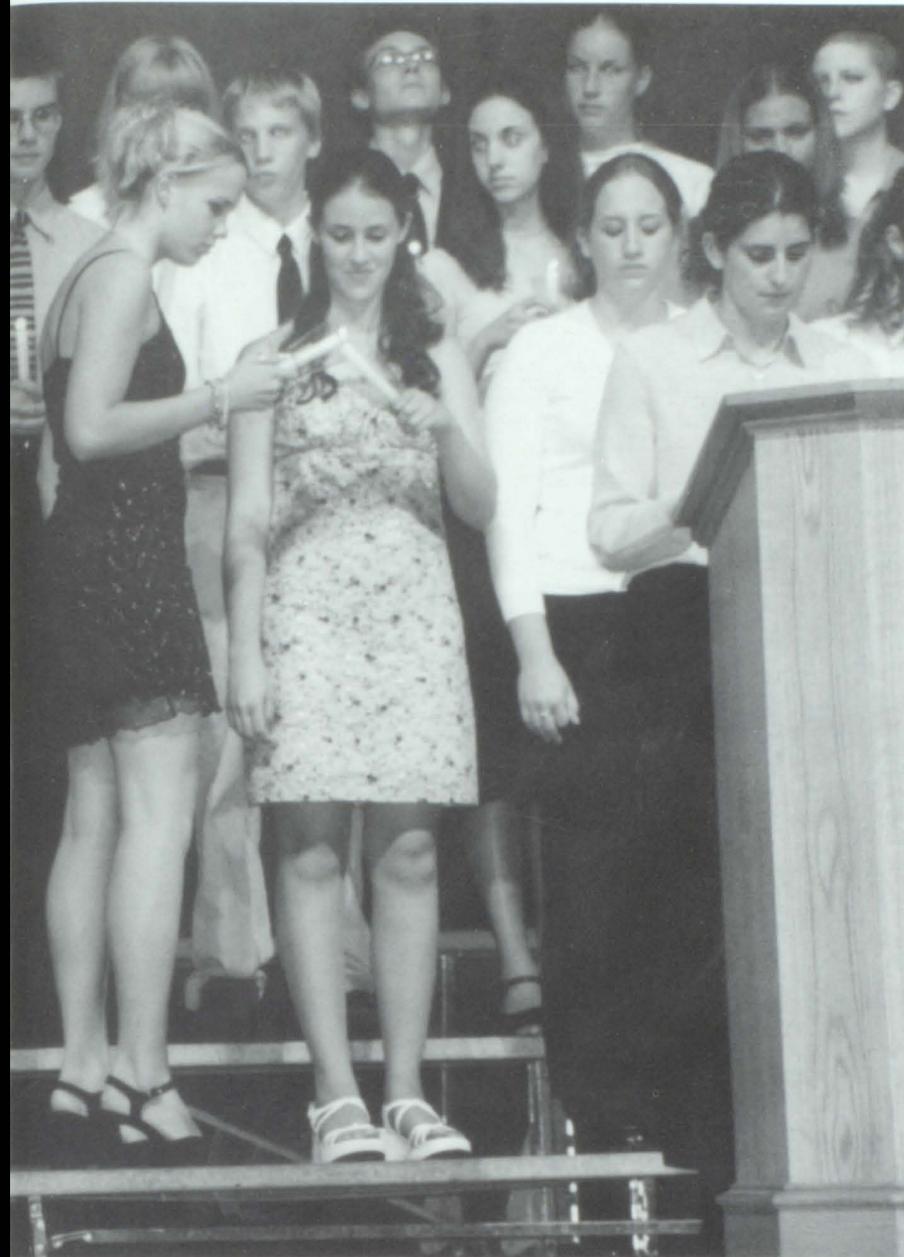


## **Kelly Lutz, ‘04**

“Induction was an exceptionally memorable experience that I will hold close to my heart.”



Above: The four NHS officers give an inspirational speech to the new members. After speaking these encouraging words, each officer lit a candle.



# Officers



**President:**  
Kelly Wilcox, '03



**Vice President:**  
Sarah McLaughlin, '03



**Secretary:**  
Lindsey Rankin, '03



**Treasurer:**  
Kelly Orr, '03

Left: Top Row: Forest Casey, Kelsey Ewald, Colleen Naughton, Andrea Torvinen, Kristen Edgar, Megan Goldenberg, Paula Simoni, Abigail Bonar, Kelly Orr, Kimberly Rennie, Melissa Ciampichini. Second Row: Scott Caddy, Lyndsay Rankin, Sarah McLaughlin, Scott Hepner, Melissa Bentivolio, Brandi Zehner, Kathryn Huston, Rebecca Kirkman, Julianna Weaver, Jessica Maloney. Third Row: Robert Bajek, Joseph Dooley, Steven Gilbert, Charles Llamas, Erin Scafone, Gabrielle Poshadlo, Portia Boroumand, Jennifer Hanks, Andrea Hoff, Lara Nemeth, Stephanie Miller, Edward Zuzindlak. Fourth Row: Jeffrey Buck, Paul Cipriani, Hunter Green, Joseph Caspersen, Kelly Wilcox, Kimberly Michalski, Darcy Weipert, Courtney Engel, Danielle Unternahrer, Erica Bell. Bottom Row: Michael Fowler, Ian Kangas, Nicole Hakli, Vildana Kurtovic, Jana Sullivan, Kelly Showers, Elizabeth Drewek, Bryan Yamasaki. Stairs: Darcy Barry, Alia Daniels, Heather Flynn, Adviser Mrs. Gutierrez, Adviser Ms. Dokho, Karl Cronberger, Jennifer Carty, Erin Davidson, Christine Dorn, Kelly Lutz.

**S**pare time? They had it. Fun time? They had it. Dedication time? They definitely had that. Model United Nations students and advisers dedicated their spare time to study countries' beliefs in order to discuss them at conferences held state, nation, or even world, wide.

M.U.N. students were assigned a country and a committee with topics about which to consider. The topics varied from environmental issues to child slavery. Some topics were made up, but most were real. The students searched for all the information they could find on their country's position towards the issue. They spent days after school in the library and online searching for any information to help them defend their opinion of the given resolution. They read countless books and even researched old conferences. They read past newspapers to help them understand everything possible about their country. Even if the students did not agree or feel the same about the issue, they still had to defend their countries' beliefs.

Those M.U.N. students put in their fair share of time for the countries they were representing in all of their conferences. The ambassadors of Dondero's Model United Nations team deserved all of the trips that they went on - they were truly representatives of not only various countries, but Dondero High School.

By: Meagen Kaczmarek

Below: Maxwell Cameron, '05, is devising a plan at the 2003 M.U.N. conference at the University of Michigan. Right: Nicole Sands, '05, wheels His devilishly clever tactics and deals her way to Model helped him sway the United Nations glory. She really oppositions opinions with knows how to persuade her seeming ease.



# Debatin' It

## Stephanie Smith, '06

"M.U.N. is a lot of fun, especially going away to conferences. It's kind of like a family: we are always debating or arguing over something, but in the end we always support one another."



## Kelsey Ewald, '04

"M.U.N. helps me understand other countries' cultures. I gained an appreciation for all different kinds of people's way of life. It's an experience I will never forget."



Above: Forest Casey, '04, jovially leads his fellow M.U.N.ers in debate at a practice round. Can someone that cute really be such a terror in debate?

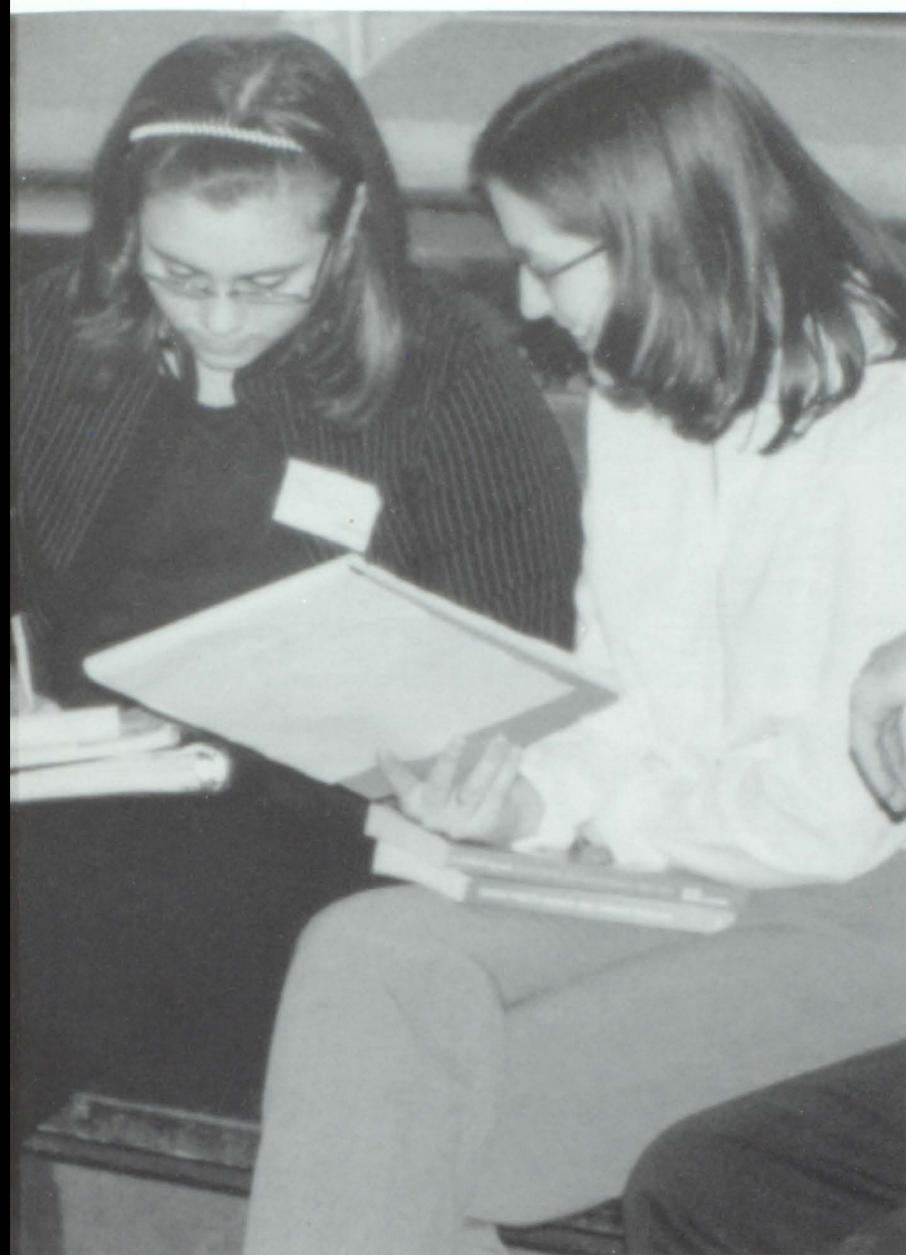
# Around The World



Above: Kara Gheldhof, '04, presents her case to her colleagues in committee. Her strength of argument leaves nothing to be desired.

Places Model United Nations have been to debate:

1. Athens, Greece
2. Dublin, Ireland
3. Los Angeles, California
4. New York, New York (twice)
5. Washington D.C.
6. Traverse City, Michigan
7. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
8. Kalamazoo, Michigan
9. Iowa
10. Hope College, Holland



Left: Top Row: Katharine Helegda, Stephanie Smith, Alexander Fike, Keegan Springfield, Megan Mulvaney, Christopher Riggs, Joseph Fournier. Second Row: David Caddy, Seung-Hun Ryou, Geoffrey Iverson, Elizabeth Kwicinski, Jennifer Hanks, Nicole Sands, Anna Donavan, Ashley D'Agostino. Third Row: Kara Gheldof, Patrick Love, Ian Kangas, Patrice Njoh, Hayden Gandolfi, Miranda Gelenger, Stacy Thompson, Bryan Yamasaki, Erika Lessien, Joshua Morgan, Emily Scafone. Bottom Row: Lisa Maroni, Nicole Helegda, Colleen Taylor, Colleen Naughton, Kelsey Ewald, Megan Thompson, Forest Casey, Erica Bell, Christopher Marsh, Jordan Vogt-Roberts, De'Marja Patrick.

Right: Top Row: Julianna Frost, Kelly Showers, Jennifer Carty, Julianna Weaver, Meagen Kaczmarek, Kamara Hooks, Rachel Fox, Megan Thompson, Courtney Engel. Second Row: Kellie Weston, Chloe McCullough, Nicole Davies, Shannon Earle, Melissa Ciampichini, Raven Sarrach, Danay Estopellan, Lara Nemeth, Kelsey Ewald, Nicole Helegda. Third Row: Marie Maurer, Mallory Brueckman, Rose Whalen, Caitlin Lasley, Catherine Pappas, Jana Sullivan, Jennifer Hanks, Christie Lockman, Bailey Sidick, Christine Dorn, Erin Davidson. Fourth Row: Candis Stanton, Audrey Englehart, Vivian Zuber, Danielle Unternahrer, Kealy Salva, Julia Gardner, Andrea Hoff, Holly Swigert, Carol Roman, Andrea Langdorf, Stephanie Gibson, Mrs. Crawley. Bottom Row: Kelly Lutz, Elizabeth Drewek, Kathryn Hudson, Darcy Barry, Alicia Weiland, Lyndsay Rankin, Sarah Pokornicki, Heather Flynn, Renee Wright, Tara Wesley.



# Rocky Mountains GFC

## Melissa Ciampichini, '04

"G.F.C. is a cool club where you raise money and help people."



## Tara Wesley, '03

"G.F.C. has introduced me to a lot of new people since I have been at Dondero."



Above: Mrs. Crawley and Jana Sullivan, '04, get a joke in before the G.F.C. meeting begins. That's a real knee slapper!

Right: Melissa Ciampichini, '04, Alicia Weiland, '04, and Katie Park, '04 brainstorm new ideas for the Girls Forestry Club clothing drive. These girls will do anything to help out the community.

With lots of effort, time, and dedication, the Girls Forestry Club continued with their tradition of helping the community. G.F.C. consisted of junior and senior students who wanted to have fun and help out. The club's largest activity was the junior/senior powder puff game, but that is not all that G.F.C. did. Many fund-raising activities were organized by G.F.C., such as the clothing drive and the adopt-a-kid that was done through the Judson Center (all the G.F.C. students brought in a gift for their special child). G.F.C. was a club full of students enthusiastic about helping the community in the most fun of fashions.

By: Marie Maurer





Left: Scott Caddy, '03, Daniel Mahrle, '04, and Ian Kangas, '03, are enjoying their lunch while discussing their upcoming camping trip in the spring. Yummy!



### Zachary Goldenberg, '04

"I joined B.F.C. so I could go camping and enjoy the outdoors with my fellow B.F.C. members."



### Scott Caddy, '03

"B.F.C. is an awesome club to join!"

# Rocky Mountains BFC



Above: Dan Mahrle, '04 listens as Mr. Cicchini explains to the boys their hardiness for camping out in front of the school.

Above: Top Row: Zachary Goldenberg, Mr. Cicchini, Ian Kangas, Paul Nagrant. Bottom Row: Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Lynch, Scott Caddy, Daniel Mahrle.

The Boys Forestry Club proved themselves to the community in the name of Dondero. B.F.C.'s main fund-raising activity was the Camp-A-Thon, which they used to raise money for homeless shelters. It was held in the spring on Dondero's front lawn.

B.F.C. had many other group activities that they participated in, such as going to the movies, camping, and Laser Quest. It gave the boys a chance to really get to know each other. Daniel Mahrle, '04, said his favorite thing about B.F.C. was, "Hanging out with people that I never have hung out with." B.F.C. was open to any senior or junior male. So if you were interested in helping people out and getting to know new students, then B.F.C. was the club for you.

By: Marie Maurer

Below: Adam Kniel, '03, really gets some air on this jump. Hope he sticks the landing!



Snow bunnies and snowmen came out in droves at Dondero, considering it's Ski Club's first year. "This first year was really successful and Mrs. Marek made it a lot of fun," said Emily Till, '03. Ski Club introduced a lot of people to the sport of skiing, snowboarding, as well as to a lot of new friends. Once a week the club would get together with Keller Middle School and take a bus to Mt. Holly. Not all the kids knew how to ski, so lessons were available. Ski Club members spent long hours having bad falls and being frozen, but that didn't keep them off the slopes. The group of skiers and snowboarders here at Dondero were dedicated and loved doing what they did.

By: Marie Maurer

## Rocky Slopes



Above: Matthew Wlotkowski, '03, Eric Banker, '03, Joshua Spielbusch, '03, Emily Till, '03, Ryan Thornton, '03, and Adam Kniel, '03, take a break from the slopes to snap a photo in front of Mt. Holly's lodge. This group of seniors look like they are having a great time!

Right: Ryan Thornton, '03, concentrates on grinding the rail. Hopefully, he doesn't fall - it looks like it'd be an uncomfortable landing!



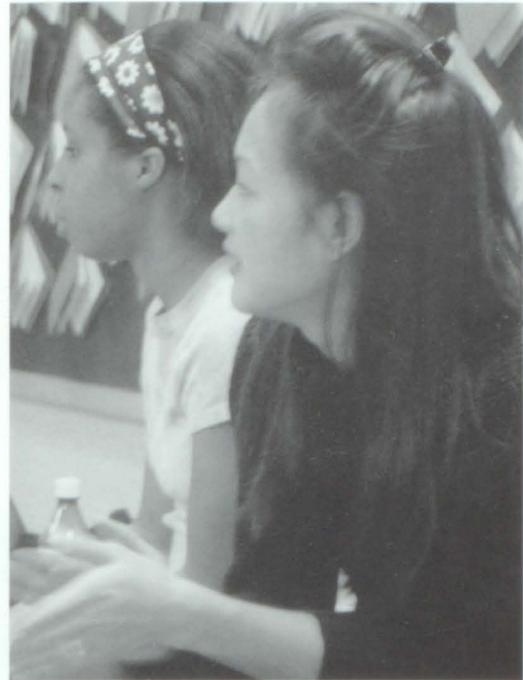
### Ryan Allard, '03

"Ski Club has given me a lot of extra practice snowboarding, and my jumps have gotten a whole lot better."



Above: Emily Till, '03, gets ready for an intense night of snowboarding. Emily is one of the few girls in Ski Club.

Below: Natlie Davis, '05, and Ms. Do give compliments and advice as they watch the girls practice. Step team is collaborative art.



Left: Janay Stevenson, '05, teaches Amanda Fields, '05, the new step that they have been learning. Looks like she has really got it this time!

Below: Top Row: Joanna Houston, India Wright, Amanda Fields. Bottom Row: Brittne Wilson, Christie Lockman, Chloe McCullough, Janay Stevenson.



## Stepping Stones

Right: Brittne Wilson, '04, stomps and claps to the beat at an after school practice. She concentrates as she watches to see how the others are doing. Now that's what we call team work!



### **India Wright, '06**

"My favorite thing about step club is the beat and the rythm!"



Step, step, take a step... this was how the Step Club got into their rhythms. Step Club was a coordination of feet and hands putting together rhythms. "It doesn't matter how uncoordinated you are, because we break it down," said Brittne Wilson, '04. Step Club was brand new at Dondero this year and the girls really knew how to get into it. This group of girls got their beat on at basketball games, pep rallies, and Oak Rock. They all helped make up the routines and work great as a team. Long hours of practice were spent by Step Club so they could always put on a good show. These girls have boots made for stepping, and that's just what they will do!

By: Marie Maurer



Right: Top Row: Courtney Engel, Keira Price, Julianna Frost, Hunter Green. Bottom Row: Colleen Taylor, Kara Gheldof, Jessica DeDeckere, Ms. Gardy, Nicole Tsertos.

If you like writing, then Writing Club is for you. The Writing Club was new at Dondero and it started off with a very friendly atmosphere. Tabitha Kronenwetter, '06, said, "I joined Writing Club because writing is a passion of mine." A majority of the people in the club are there because of their love for writing. Future Mark Twains of America need only apply.

By: Courtney Engel

# Writing Rocks

## Tabitha Kronenwetter, '06

"I like Writing Club because it's fun, interesting, and I get a lot out of it."



## Ryan Myers, '05

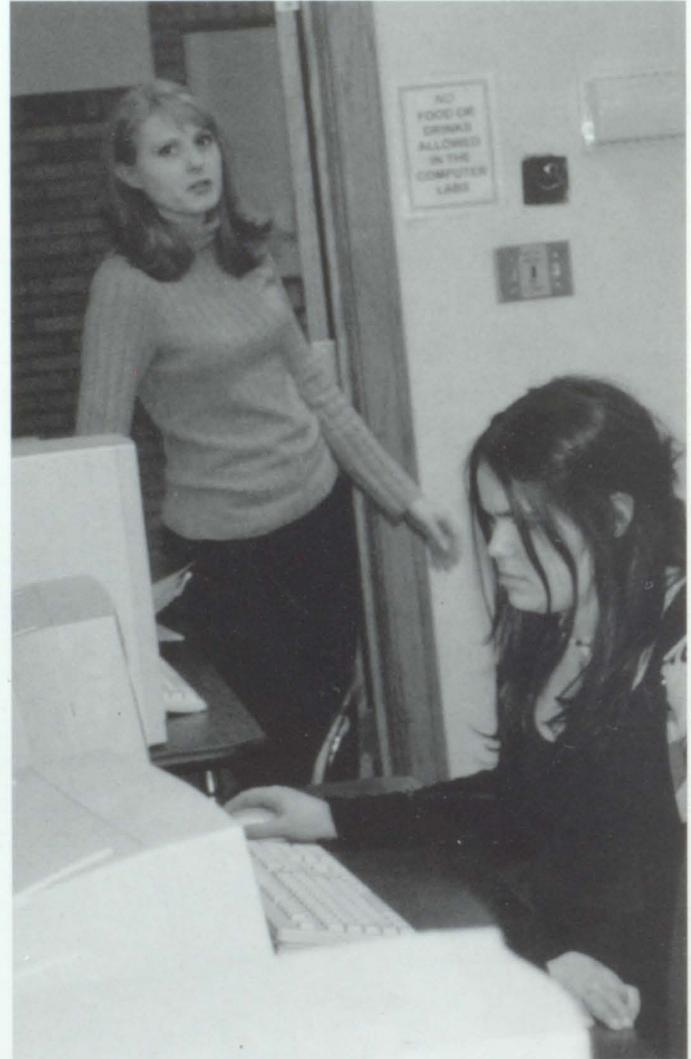
"I joined Writing Club because I enjoy writing."



Right: Heather Supal, '05, rereads a poem she wrote before she prints it out while Lauren Fowler, '06, tries to decide what to write about.



Right: Stephanie Smith, '06, looks for her writing while Ms. Gardy is talking about what she needs from the members.





Left: Phillip Marine, '03, checks the base of the robot to make sure everything is operating well. He knows anything can go wrong at the U.S. First National Competition.



### Kirstie Bjordahl, '06

"I get to see how they work together and build a robot; that's my favorite part about Robotics Club."



### Michael Tyner, '04

"It's fun, exciting, and I get to meet interesting people."

# Battle Bots



Above: Top Row: Christopher Gamble, Andrew West, Andrew Prorsca, Jeffrey Myre, Joseph Olsen, Paul Chonko, Steven Stoops. Middle Row: Joshua Spielbusch, Jason Stortz, Kyle Moore, Michael Tyner, Phillip Marine, Shawn Layou, Jeremy McKellar, Joel Odine. Bottom Row: Mr. Gosdzinski, David Kime, William Woelk, Hogan Kangas, Ryan Thornton, Gregory Breitinger, Daniel Belanger, Joshua Hebner.

Above: Jeffrey Buck, '04, watches Michael Tyner, '04, and Keegan Springfield, '06, screw in a board which will support the ramp for the robot to over come.

The Robotics Club was all about hard work and dedication that paid off in the end. This is the Robotics Club's first year at Dondero. There were three different parts to the robotic team: the chairman, the engineers, and the animators. The club prepared for two competitions this year, one in the fall and one in the spring. Maybe one day one of the members will become president of one of the big three.

By: Courtney Engel

Performing several major concerts a year makes choir anything but a blow-off class. "The only trick is that singing and such come a lot easier to some people," said Katelyn Perkins, '04. All the hard work pays off, explains Patrick Love, '04. "In the end you finally see the path you are working for, and it is truly amazing."

Aside from singing and rehearsing, members of choir were required to take written tests and tests based on rhythm and theory. There were several kinds of choirs that students could take part in. There was freshmen choir, obviously open to only freshmen students; Mixed Choir, which was open to sophomores and older; A Cappella and Minority Choir, which were much more difficult and required an audition.

Choir members spent their time practicing keys, notes and various rhythms, working as a group to make the final product so perfect it ought to bring a hush to the audience.

By: Allison Phillips

Below: Kimberly Michalski, '03, and Emma Farr, '03, were asked to be part of the group Destiny's Child, but turned down the contract to be part of A Cappella.

Right: Tracie Ennes, '03, of Mixed Choir stands proudly as she sings the national anthem at a school sporting event. She can sure belt out a moving tune!



# Rock Stars

## Kathryn Gardner, '06

"I like to sing, and I am looking forward to the Mini Pop Concert."



## Christine Cope, '04

"I love the Mini Pop Concert; we just joke around and have so much fun at the rehearsals."



## A Cappella and Minority Choirs

Becoming part of the A Cappella and Musical Minority choirs was not an easy task. Before students even began to audition they had to take and pass a ten page test on rhythm, key signatures, naming notes, and other important factors of music. Once the test was out of the way, students had to audition. "But first, you have to sign up," jokes Andrea Langdorf, '04, a member of both A Cappella and Minority. At the audition, students were required to sing a song given to them and were further tested on rhythms and key signatures. To become a member of Minority choir, students must have first been in A Cappella. In the audition, students were to sing a song with only the first note given to them. "Then you're alone for awhile, just practicing the song," explained Annie. The last part of the audition was to sing the song without a piano. Choir was a difficult thing to be in.



Left: Freshmen choir stands with perfect posture as they warm up for an hour of hard work and singing.

Above: This group of freshmen girls makes choir look easy with the nonchalant expressions on their faces.



Right: Calvin Vankeersbilck, '06, hits those high notes and keeps his cool while playing with the rest of the band.

"Being in concert band really helped me become more comfortable with being a freshman at school; we are (all) going through the same thing," commented Brianna English, '06. Concert band members became friends quickly and shared what they experienced throughout their first year of high school with each other. It was a nice way to adjust being in high school... not to mention the band program!

By: Meagen Kaczmarek

# Light Rock

## Alix Kowalski, '06

"I remember when we all went to bowl-a-thon and Stacy (Thompson) threw the bowling ball backwards!"



## Michael Farr, '06

"We have improved from the beginning, and will continue for the rest of our high school careers."



Above: Kimberly Lambert, '06, and Stacy Thompson, '06, rock out while staying on beat with their saxophones.

Right: Michael Farr, '05, blows his tuba loud and proud during this spectacular display of musical prowess.





Left: Cathryn Gniewek, '05, Jeremy Benson, '04, and Julia Kendzierski, '05, play the blues on their saxes.



### Heather Flynn, '04

"It is nice to see all our hard work come together to put off an excellent show."



### Levi Jensen, '04

"The best part of symphony band is that it isn't marching season!"

# Classical Rock



Above: On the clarinet, Christopher Genetti, '05, keeps perfect posture and plays beautifully.



Above: Michael Cyrus, '05, and Jacob Schaale, '03, concentrate on their music as they keep up with the rest of the squad.

Symphony band was difficult, but a work of art. "I love how I've gotten to know other people that normally I wouldn't have met. I love concerts because it's great to show people how hard we've worked in rehearsal, and I just love music," remarked symphony band member, Katherine Huston, '04. It was truly amazing to hear how much they improved over the years as they played their complicated pieces. "It's hard work, but the rewards make it worthwhile," commented Troy Shipman, '04.

By: Meagen Kaczmarek

### Christopher Marsh, '03

"The best part about orchestra is the week before a concert, when everything just falls together and it really sounds like music!"



### Christopher Riggs, '05

"My favorite part about orchestra is Mr. M's funny remarks; he comes up with the craziest analogies about orchestra!"



# Solid Notes

Above: Elizabeth Rizza, '03, and Hogan Kangas, '05, add their special touch to Dondero's symphony orchestra.



Right: Nicole Sands, '05, concentrates on her sheet music while playing a classical melody with the orchestra.



Six cellos, seven violas, seventeen violins, and two basses instructed by Bill Milicevic made up Dondero's symphony orchestra. Every student in orchestra spent hours each day rehearsing. Orchestra was a unique way for sophomores, juniors, and seniors to express their musical creativity. Concerts, festivals, and endless rehearsals were all part of the commitment of being a member of the orchestra. There were many rewarding experiences that orchestra members took as memories. When given the chance to show their ability, members of orchestra really showed their stuff. Dondero was definitely proud of the fabulous orchestra.

Below: Lauren Wilkins, '06, and Rayna Ketchum, '06, concentrate hard on hitting the right note for the big upcoming orchestra concert!



### **Melissa Roman, '06**

"My favorite part about orchestra is playing- I really just enjoy it. It gives me a challenge."



### **Joseph Fournier, '06**

"Orchestra is really cool; I love the music and I get to play with a lot of really cool people!"

# **Rockestra**



Above: After putting resin on their bows Catherine Nicolia, '06, Anthony Black, '06, and Joshua Morgan, '06, are ready to get down on the violin.

Above: Kirstie Bjordahl, '06, works really hard at keeping her orchestral skills in tone. Practice makes perfect!

Concert orchestra was for freshmen and sophomores who wanted to become part of Dondero's orchestra program. It was a building block for skills, confidence, and performing capabilities. Members developed their skills before they moved on to the next level of orchestra. "Everyone enjoyed this class a great deal. I know I had such a great time!" said Mellissa Sasa, '06. This class was mainly about having a good time and putting on good performances. With its chilled out atmosphere, concert orchestra put on a concert every few months and attended various schools for festivals. Having a good time and learning how to play beautiful music was what Dondero's concert orchestra was all about.

By: Allison Phillips

**H**ave you ever gone to a football game and watched the halftime show? Did you realize how much time it took to be in band and color guard? Marching band and color guard had morning practice from 7:30 a.m. until 9:05 a.m. and had to practice three hours after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. The show this year consisted of pieces from *On the Waterfront*. They went to competitions every weekend until states November 1; with six competitions in all. Most band and color guard members enjoyed the competitions, but not all the time spent at practice. This year band was led by drum majors Heather Flynn, '03, and Rebecca Kirkman, '04. Color guard was led by senior captains Brandi Zehner, '03, and Lyndsay Rankin, '03. To earn this privilege, they all had to audition last year. Heather said, "Being a drum major was a lot of fun and put a new perspective on band." After saying good-bye to the graduating class, the returning members are looking forward to next year's program.

By: Courtney Engel

Below: Bryan Yamasaki, '04, marches while playing his trumpet during halftime at a Friday night football game. Play on, trumpet boy.

Right: Rebecca Kirkman, '04, prepares to direct the band. While she waits, she practices her salute to the judges for the competition.



# Rock Band

## Kara Gheldof, '04

"My favorite part of marching band was huddling in blankets at the Durand Competition"

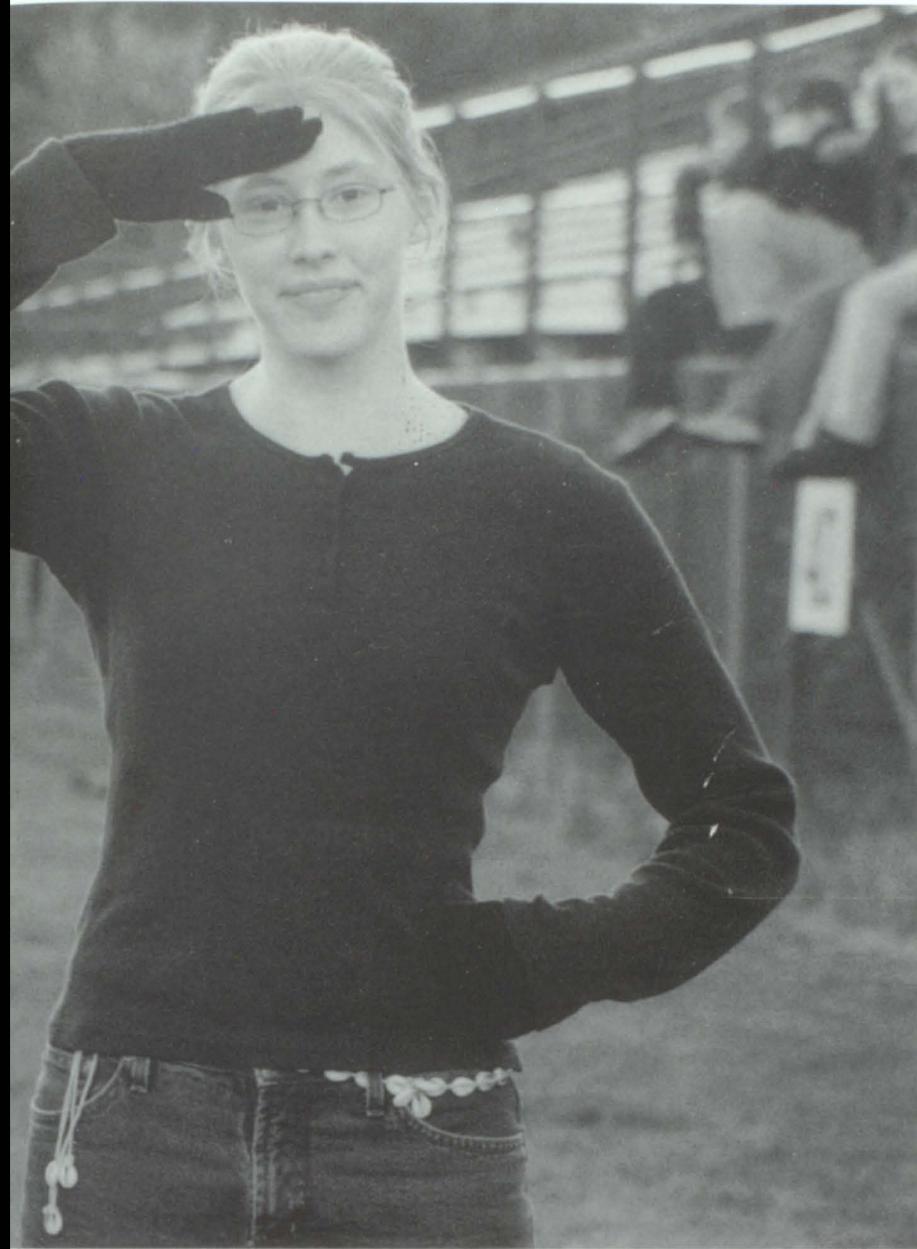


## Alexander Fike, '06

"My favorite part of marching band was making new friends and getting closer to old ones"



Above: Alia Daniels, '04, practices for competition and for the football game after school. She puts a lot of concentration and time into band.



## *Marching Band*

### *Favorite Shows*

1. L'Anse Crues:  
Tribute to Frank Sinatra
2. Plymouth Canton:  
Elasticity
3. Dondero:  
On the Waterfront
4. Dondero:  
My Fair Lady
5. Clarkston:  
West Side Story
6. Durand:  
Ice, Fire, Water
7. Flushing:  
Stonehenge
8. Lamphere:  
Willy Wonka
9. Linden:  
Nightmare Before  
Christmas
10. Taylor TNT:  
2002 Show



Left: Drum major Rebecca Kirkman, '04, color guard captain Brandi Zehner, '03, color guard member Lindsay Rankin, '03, and drum major Heather Flynn '03, show how closely the band and color guard have to work (or play) together.

Above: Tyler Berg, '04, Ryan Gates, '04, and Michael Krist, '03, practice their parts in the music for the competition and for the halftime show after school.

**T**hroughout the years, Student Senate has kept Dondero students alive, not just as individuals, but functioning as a whole. This past year, Laura Maroni, '03, headed Student Senate. Laura dedicated her spare time to the school and Student Senate. There were many different responsibilities that came along with being president, such as reporting to Mr. Streeter, approving all posters, and checking up on other Senate members to make sure that they were doing their jobs. Most importantly, she kept the school happy by planning many school functions.

"I have been a part of Senate for three years. The best thing about it is the family atmosphere. Feeling extremely involved with the school, so many different emotions run through your body. I never had better friends than in Senate!" exclaimed Laura.

Since working at the school gets stressful, the Student Senate takes some downtime to bond. Each year, they travel to Camp Wathana for a weekend of activities and fun. They also attended a national conference for the best of the best school senates, like ours.

Dondero is known across the country for its outstanding Student Senate. Laura helped to keep that reputation intact.

By: Meagen Kaczmarek

Below: President Laura Maroni, '03, steps out from Senate's daily meeting at the beginning of the hour.

Right: Student Senate newcomer Michele Norkus-Comby, '05, creates a sign for the Homecoming Pep Assembly.



# Solid Foundation

## Julia Gardner, '04

"If I were president of Senate, I would make everyone in the school dye their hair blue and white to show their school spirit!!"



## Katie Cross, '05

"If I were president of Senate, I would turn the lunch room into a Subway, because everyone likes it since Subway food is better than school food."



Above: Christie Lockman, '04, makes sure that everyone has their permission slips in to go to Camp Tamarack. It's a great bonding experience for Senate.

# Top Ten Senate Planning Events

1. Homecoming
2. VBM
3. Senate Retreat
4. Cannned Food Drive
5. Blood Drive
6. Dances
7. Toy Breakfast
8. Senior Citizens  
Play and Dinner
9. Oak Rock
10. Luau



Left: Top Row: Stephanie Roy, Samantha Seymour, Danielle Unternahrer, Paul Cipriani, Scott Seymour, Caitlin Burr, Mr. Streeter, Paul Buck, Ashleigh Ruggero, Andrea Torvinen, Michael Krist, Scott Hepner, Philip Lewan, Megan Frizzell, Andrew Scheid, Zachariah DeCruydt, Katie Cross, Kali Gove. Second Row: Daniel Lewan, Celina Maggi, Shawn Riopelle, James Rex, Jacob Moore, Julia Gardner, Kelly Wilcox, Nicole Schema, Jennifer Wolowicz, Allison Darland, Faye Blumberg. Third Row: Cathryn Gniewek, Tracie Ennes, Meghan Luzod, Alexis DeCruydt, Brittney Zuzindlak, Michele Norkus-Comby, Chloe McCullough, Danay Estopellan, Kristen Edgar, Kristine Toquigne, Kathryn Kipp, Megan Boiteau, Lauren Bogues. Bottom Row: Jeffrey Wilusz, Shanitra Bowman, Jamie Gower, Christie Lockman.

**L**ife is described as a game. Quite a simple analogy for such a complex issue, however, the truth to that statement has never lost

Kristen Mingo-Williams, '05, attempts to steal the ball from an opposing team member. It's hard work like this that leads the Oaks to all their victories.



meaning to me. Life is competitive, it is rough, it is difficult, and it is tiring. Most importantly though, life should be fun. We learn, through our athletic



Stacy Peltier, '03, catches an infield pop fly at third base. This is one of the key plays that allowed the girls softball team to beat Clawson.

experiences, how to cope with the first four and how to harness the last one. Life is a game, and we are all the winners.

At a track meet against Lamphere, Terence Faust, '03, is concentrating on jumping hurdles. He is evidence that you have to work hard to get what you want in track.



“If you aren’t playing well, the game isn’t as much fun. When that happens I tell myself just to go out and play as I did when I was a kid.”

-Thomas J. Watson

By: Amber Marsh



as Solid as they Come



Gregory Miesch, '04, makes an attempt to throw out an opposing player and win one for the team. Greg usually makes the important tosses.

Below: Making it look easy, Jennifer Carty, '04, has good ball control as she gets around the slide-tackle.

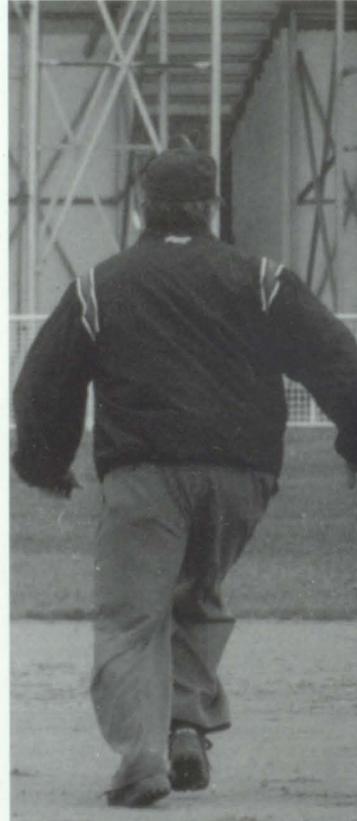
Right: The Lady Oaks, softball team gathers at the pitchers mound for one of their cheers to help them get pumped up for the next inning.



# Varsity Blues

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Above: A Martini, '03, hits a rocket shot during one of the boys tennis matches. You can always count on Martini to have good form when he's in a match.

Right: Set... blue, 52, hit. That's what quarterback Joshua Spielbusch, '03, says before the snap of the ball. Here Josh makes a pitch to one of the Oaks' running backs during a hard day of practice.

Below: Carol Roman, '03, fights off a double team at the top of the key. Carol is one of the Lady Oaks' best post players.



**"WE ALL HAVE TO PLAY THE BALL AS IT LIES."**  
**-BOBBY JONES, PRO GOLFER**



Above: Michael Vosburgh, '04, hits a nice shot out of the rough. You don't see this often because Mike always brings his "A" game to the course... he's more accustomed to the fairway.

Left: Adam Kniel, '03, playing shortstop, tries to get the tag down before the runner touches second base. While this is happening, the umpire gets in position to make the best possible call.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

-Matt Wilusz, '05, hitting the team's first home run as a freshman.

-Beating Avondale after getting pounded the first time they played them.

-Uniting and becoming a team after a tough season.

### Adam Kniel, '03

"Well, we're like peas and carrots; we just mix."



Below: Michael Dresden, '02, mixes it up by throwing a curve ball. Mike is known for throwing the heat; he sure knows how to strike people out!



# HARD BALL



Michael Dresden, '02

The ball's hit deep—it's going, going, gone. That shot was hit by Matthew Wilusz, '05. According to Matt, hitting his first home run of his high school career against Lahser was his most inspirational moment of the 2001-02 varsity baseball season. It was a disappointing season for the Oaks. After getting pounded by crosstown rival Kimball in a double-header, the Oaks found the season only got harder. Infielder and pitcher Adam Kniel '03 said, "Errors really hurt our season," as the Oaks were handed a tough division loss against Lamphere because

of their sloppy play. It may have surprised fans, because Dondero has been known for their solid defense. Their performance turned around, helping them blow through districts, where the mighty Oaks found themselves in the district finals. But the Oaks fell short, losing the final game. "Next year we will know what has to be done. I know I can hang with varsity baseball," said Wilusz. Even after an unspectacular season, the Oaks are hoping to bounce back in the future.

By: Eric Garland

### Record Unavailable

Above: Matthew Wilusz, '05, makes the pitcher throw over to first. Matt is so alive on the bases that this pitcher is just wasting his time trying to pick him off.



Left: The catcher gets ready to frame the pitch. Below: Jeffrey Willusz starts his home run swing. Near Left: He waits for the ball to get to the plate.



Below: Nicholas Holder, '03, keeps his eye on the ball while hitting a shot during the game. Nick was a solid contact hitter for the Oaks last year.



Above: Top Row: Coach Dinkelmann, Coach Tillander, Richard Calverley, Jeffrey Wilusz, Coach Andrus, Coach Boyd. Second Row: Daniel Schenck, Andrew Buck, Scott Brown, Adam Kniel, Matthew Wilusz, Michal Dresden. Bottom Row: John Donnelly, Nicholas Holder, Joseph Guzman, Gregory Breitinger, David Shepler.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE



### John Donnelly

John, '02, showed great leadership on and off the field for Dondero. His speed and good glove were a great contribution at centerfield for the Oaks' outfield. John's speed on the baseline was huge in generating an offense for the team.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

-This was the first year Royal Oak had a girls golf team.

-Kellie Weston, '04, Erika Sestok, '05, and Lydia Marsh, '05, placed first in a scramble at the OAA Tournament.

-Beat Country Day (another first year team) for the League Championship.

**Shayna Quinn, '04**

"Hole in one."



Below: Eileen Kilcullen, '02, tries to line up her shot so it will end up rolling straight into the hole.



## DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

Eileen Kilcullen, '02  
Not Pictured

Andrea Rachko, '02  
Not Pictured

**G**irls can play golf just as well as guys can!. Last year was the first year that Dondero had a girls golf team. Girls from Dondero and Kimball joined together to show that anything guys can do, girls can do just as well. What do you think the golfers thought about right before they stepped out on to the course? Erika Sestok, '05 said, "I think about my first drive or tee-shot and hope that it goes all right." Looking back at her season, it looked like it went fine; she brought down her score by twenty strokes! She went from

shooting sixties to forties. Shayna Quinn, '04, said an inspiring moment in the season was, "When I got my lowest score." According to coach Vince Caruso, the most outstanding player on the team was Kellie Weston, '04. She had also played on the boys golf team earlier that year. She got a lot of practice, and as a result played great that season. For this only being the first girls golf team, they played like they had been playing for years. Great job, ladies!

By: Bailey Sidick

**6-4-0**

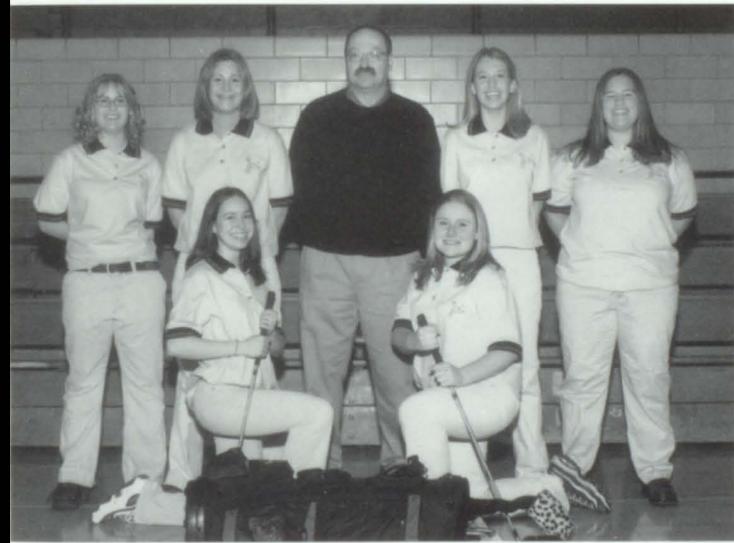


Above: Shayna Quinn, '04, patiently watches her shot fade on the green. Such spin control is impressive!



Left: FORE!!!! Lydia Marsh, '05, swings as hard as she possibly can and prays for the ball to go on the green.

Below: Eileen Kilcullen, '02, bends down to pick up her bag after her shot. Eileen is ready for her tap in and the next hole.



Above: Top Row: Lydia Marsh, Andrea Rachko, Coach Vince Caruso, Erika Sestok, Kellie Weston. Bottom Row: Eileen Kilcullen, Shayna Quinn.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

### Kellie Weston



What Coach Vince Caruso had to say about MVP Kellie Weston, '04: "She has initiative (and) she works hard."

She is always practicing, and in return, she made it to states." Caruso also said that Kellie's best average was 44.3. She shot a 40 twice, for nine holes. She was All-League, and she finished first in both league tournaments. She went to the Oakland County tournament, where she finished fifth out of twenty teams. She also finished fifth in Regionals.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

-The girls scored a 2-1 victory over crosstown rival Kimball Knights.

-The girls won 11 straight games in their unstoppable season.

-The Oaks captured the league championship.

### Allison Darland, '05

"Our season rocked the house!"



Below: Ain't no shame in her game! Carol Roman, '03, concentrates as she fiercely kicks from the corner, hoping to assist a goal for the Oaks.



# SOLID AS ONE



Carol Roman, '03



Megan Sulinski, '02



Erin Morris, '02

**C**orner kick . . . header . . . **GOAL!** The Oaks' undefeated season closed with a 17-0-1 record. "There is no 'I' in team," said Carol Roman, '03. "From the moment we step on the field, we play as a solid group." After the 2-1 victory over Kimball, the girls were unstoppable. With team sleepovers, pasta parties, and many trips to the theater, the team developed a special bond. "Uniting off the field helped us play on the field," said midfielder

Alexis Decruydt, '03. "We were out there to be champions . . . to play the game we love with our hearts," stated Christine Dorn, '04. The team's companionship for one another played a major role in winning the league championship. "We all get along great," said Jenny Carty, '04. A tie game (1-1) against Berkley broke the Oaks' winning streak. Seventeen wins, no losses, and one tie, well...nobody's perfect.

By: Jennifer Breadon

**17-0-1**



Above: Turn around! Kelly Lutz, '04, and Brittney Zuzindlak, '05, double team the ball to show total destruction against Clawson. They're unstoppable!



Left: Going for the gold! Midfielder Alexis DeCruydt, '03, struts her stuff against Clawson as she dominates the field. She'll do anything to save that ball from going out of bounds.

Below: She's gonna go left! No, right! Erin Morris, '02, plants her feet as she winds up for the shot against Berkley. Better watch out, her kick is fierce!



Above: Top Row: Coach Cammie Millar, Alexis DeCruydt, Stephanie Roy, Carol Roman, Jamie Gower, Andrea Hoff, Jennifer Carty. Second Row: Brittney Zuzindlak, Erin Morris, Jessica Olinski, Allison Darland, Andrea Torvinen, Megan Sulinski, Megan Thompson. Bottom Row: Elizabeth Wissman, Christine Dorn, Amanda Mullins, Becky Dear, Kelly Lutz, Sarah Fenwick.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE Colleen Taylor



Colleen Taylor, '04, was outstanding athlete for the girls 2002 soccer season. She was second team all-state and accomplished a remarkable season. "She was the first athlete at Dondero to accomplish so much as a sophomore," said Coach Cammie Millar. Taylor also made the Daily Tribune All-Area Dream Team for the 2002 season. "She was our dangerous weapon; she could change the game in the blink of an eye," commented Millar.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

-The Oaks won the division title for the third season in a row.

-The girls accomplished 21 wins.

-The team finished second in league.

Samantha Seymour, '05

"Nobody's a natural. You work hard to get good, and then you work hard to get better. It's hard to stay on top, but we handle it just fine."



Below: Swing batter, batter, batter! Katie Park, '04, keeps her eye on the ball as she swings with determination. It's going, going, gone!



## A DIAMOND IS A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND



Stephanie Miller, '03



Courtney Park, '02



Erica Scheid, '02

Three up, three down, three up three down, and nobody gets around! The Dondero girls softball team accomplished a lot this season. With only three seniors, seven juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman, the Oaks ended their season with 21-9 record and the division championship. With a first year pitcher and only six returning players, the team didn't expect a great season. "We were a young team with high expectations," said Katie Park '04. "I didn't know we were going to do as

well as we did." The ballplayers had a lot of chemistry, playing each game with big D (defense) and no E (errors). "We all play together on summer leagues as well as in this league; that helps us play better as a team," said pitcher Kristen Schumacher '03. Capturing three division titles in a row, on the diamond is where those girls belong. Nothing could stop them; they were air tight with no bubbles.

By: Jennifer Breadon

# 21-9-0



Above: Shortstop Stephanie Miller, '03, catches the steal sign from Coach Vicki Earnshaw and awaits the pitch to get a head start.



Left: Coach Vicki Earnshaw takes a time out to step on the mound and regroup her team for the win against Madison Heights.

Below: Kristin Schumacher, '03, reads the sign from the catcher and throws the third strike for the out against a Clawson player. Three up, three down.



Above: Top Row: Coach Dave Faulkenbury, Caitlin Lasley, Kristin Schumacher, Theresa Villerot, Courtney Park, Coach Vicki Earnshaw. Second Row: Katie Park, Christie Taylor, Stacy Peltier, Stephanie Miller, Catherine Pappas, Samantha Seymour. Bottom Row: Erica Schied, Sarah Thomas, Holly Swigert, Jennifer Breadon, Nicole Hakli.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

### Erica Schied

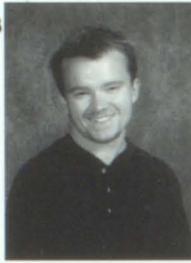
“She’s an outstanding player,” comments Head Coach Vicki Earnshaw. “She’s a great hitter and a sensational infielder.” Erica Schied, ‘02, was nominated for the Daily Tribune All-Area Dream Team, as well as making MVP for the Oaks 2002 softball season. Schied’s positions consisted of second base, back-up pitcher, and lead off hitter. “We can always count on her to get the job done,” said Earnshaw. “Erica was always ready to win.”

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Took second place at the Anchor Bay Tournament.
- Hosting the League Tournament.
- Three players earned all league honors.

Brandon Makowski-King, '03

"We had a great season."



Below: Joshua Belvedere, '02, waits patiently for the ball to come over the net. When it finally gets there, he swings and hits it back over to his opponent for a wonderful play.



## THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN



A Martini, '03

**B**oy's tennis? Most guys thought that boys tennis would be the last sport they would ever join at Dondero. But every guy interviewed said that they loved playing tennis, that it was fun and exciting. When asked who he thought he played like, A Martini, '03, responded by saying, "I have my own individual style. I don't play like anyone; I play like A Martini." When asked the same question, Dave Chaney, '03, said, "I play like old school Andre

Agassi with the afro." The team took second place at the Anchor Bay Tournament, bringing home the first Boys Tennis trophy in Dondero's history. First singles, A Martini, '03, first doubles, Rylan Sharpe, '03, and David Chaney, '03, all won all-league honors with a record of 4-1 in the league. Even with a new coach, the boys got down to business and finished with an excellent season.

By: Bailey Sidick

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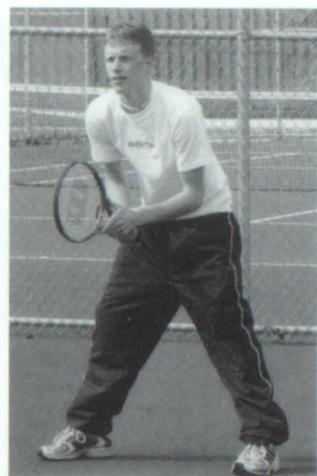


Above: Justin Knapp, '03, gets into position with his doubles partner Sean Meisel, '05, after making a nice play against their opponent. They always have to get ready for the next serve to come over to their side of the net.



Left: The Dondero Boys Tennis Team comes together before they start the match. Coach Tim Jankowiak gets his team pumped up and makes sure they know that they are expected to win.

Below: Michael Krist, '03, waits attentively for the other team to serve him the ball. He concentrates on making a nice hit back over to his opponent.



Above: Top Row: Coach Tim Jankowiak, Michael Bermudez, Nathaniel Webster, John Holder, Michael Krist, Justin Knapp. Second row: Jason Tharpe, Lance Thomas, A Martini, Joshua Belvedere, Derek Shack. Bottom Row: Robert Naismith, Rylan Sharpe, Brandon Makowski-King, Sean Meisel.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE



**A Martini**  
For the outstanding athlete Coach Jankowiak picked A Martini, hands down. He said, "He shows great leadership qualities on and off the court; that's probably why I chose him for the team MVP." Martini was chosen for his 10-2 record throughout the season. He won all-league honors, as well as second in the League Tournament and second in the Anchor Bay Tournament. Martini was also the team captain.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

-A majority of Dondero's track team went to regionals.

-Andrea Kendziorski, '02, went to states for long jump.

-Kari Hoobler, '05, ran in the county meet.

### Zachariah Decruydt, '05

"You get a lot of exercise in track, and you get to meet a lot of new people!"



Below: In a relay event, Gregory Boyer, '02, sprints his hardest after a teammate gives him a hand-off. By the way he is running, it looks like a good transition.



## STOMPING ON THE ROCK



Matthew Klaver, '02   Andrea Kendziorski, '02



Joshua Huebner, '02



Amber Gossett, '02



Christopher Leasia, '02



Chelsea Adams, '02

**B**reathing so hard and being so tired you want to pass out, that's exactly what track was like. One never stopped working hard. Alexander Lamb, '03, said what he thought about when he stepped out onto the track was: "I hope I don't throw up after my race." That's how tiring it was for him.

Most people don't enjoy running; most people just run to get in

shape for another sport. However, Kari Hoobler, '05, said that she loved the game because, "It's something I can work towards getting better at, and I'm pretty good at running." Some people don't run to get in shape, some people run to relieve stress.

This track season was a very busy one since the Oaks had a meet every other day. Even with that, they did pretty well this season.

By: Bailey Sidick



Above: Eric Henry, '02, sprints so he will be able to have the speed to jump over this hurdle. Eric's long legs serve him well in this event.

6-6-0



Left: Terence Faust, '03, uses all of his bodily strength to get the farthest he possibly can in the long jump. Surely, that face helped gain some momentum.

Below: Jennifer Edginton, '02, leaps forward to glory, sealing a long jump victory for the Oaks.



Above: Top Row: Coach Stoops, Jon Kapler, Bryan Yamasaki, Christopher South, Caleb Fortune, Phillip Lewan, Ryan Suave, James Marshall, Daniel Kirkman, Steven Gossett, Andrew Gowman, Jeffrey Parker, Paul Chonko, Gregory Boyer, Ronald Rafalski, Christopher Villerot, Regis Kleiss, Joshua Huebner, Scott Caddy, Micheal Cyrus, Coach Caddy, Timothy Gadwa, William Luketich, Micheal Krist. Second Row: Cathryn Gniewek, Molly Mutschler, Charles Llamas, James Thomas, Jack Hoffman, Gavrilo Ilijkoski, Daniel Mahrle, Matthew Klaver, Eric Henry, Timothy Pingle, David Berube, Andy Buck, Michael Fowler, Joel Bauer, Bailey Sidick, Jayna Estopellan. Third Row: Coach Flurry, Coach Steele, Abigail Bonar, Patrice Njoh, Melissa Bentivolio, Julia Kendziora, Kathryn Hudson, Rebecca Kirkman, Anne Petrimouix, Amber Gossett, Michelle Hurd, Megan Kimmerle, Courtney Engel, Rachel Gardner, Not Available, Coach O'Brien, Patrick Tassone. Fourth Row: Matthew Peychich, Amber Stratton, Kelly Wilcox, Victoria Litten, Andrea Kendziora, Andrea Champagne, Jennifer Edginton, Chelsea Adams, Julee Patra, LaTerrica Silvers, Kari Hoobler, Coach Ratliff. Fifth Row: Paul Nagnant, David Caddy, Sean Ryan, Scott Hepner, Ian Kangas, Jesse Strunk, Chris Leasia, Nowell Westenberg, Zachary Goldenberg, Zachary Hickman, Clifford Villerot, Joshua Belvedere, Alexander Lamb. Sixth Row: Charles Hornbacher, Kirk Wilcox, David Maroni, James Hartrick, Jared Bogan, David Younger, Troy Shipman, Zachariah DeCruydt, Steven Baker, James Ede, Zachariah Hanson. Bottom Row: Joanne Seefeld, Rebecca Kipp, Elana Prukner, Meagan Mandley, Colleen Naughton, Jennifer Hanks, Courtney Showalter.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETES

Gregory Boyer, '02, sprinted like a cheetah for the sprinters.

Jesse Strunk, '02, leapt like a frog for the long jump.

Matthew Klaver, '02, ran like Forrest Gump in distance.

Bailey Sidick, '04, ran relays well for the Oaks.

Kari Hoobler, '05, was a big help in sprinting.

Amber Gossett, '02, could toss shot and discuss a mile.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

-Assistant Coach Fletcher fell out of his chair at the Madison Heights OAA tournament game.

-The Mighty Lady Oaks finished 2nd in Division IV.

### Ashley Wilson, '04

"We whomped on Kimball not once, but twice!"



Below: Point guard Bailey Sidick, '04, is taking care of business as she dribbles away from the Clawson defense to set up the Oaks' offensive play.



## TAKIN' CARE OF THE ROCK



Stephanie Miller, '03



Carol Roman, '03

The Oaks hooped it up with an outstanding season. "We lost a couple key players," stated Holly Swigert, '03. "No one was counting on our season to be as good as it was." However, the girls went into the season playing the undefeated Clawson Trojans. "After losing to Clawson the first game of the season, we didn't expect too many wins in the future," said Kari Hoobler, '05. The Oaks ended up going eight games undefeated until being stopped by Clawson and Madison Heights. The girls basket-

ball team finished second in Division IV with only three losses in league. "We had five starting seniors who played great together. The younger girls on the team stepped up to improve us as well," said Stephanie Miller, '03. Above all, the girls were out there to win and to accomplish their goal of a winning season. With five seniors, two juniors, two sophomores, and a freshman, the girls were determined to play hard and to dominate the court.

By: Jennifer Breadon



Above: Jennifer Breadon, '03, covers the ball after grabbing a defensive rebound for the Oaks against their crosstown rival, the Kimball Knights.

13-6-0



Left: Kari Hoobler, '05, doesn't take her eye off the opponent as she D's up face to face against a Kimball player at the "Pack the Gym" game.

Below: Emily Till, '03, sacrifices her body as she dives for the loose ball. This intensity brings victory in close games for the Oaks.



Above: Top Row: Ashley Wilson, Carol Roman. Middle Row: Holly Swigert, Jennifer Breadon, Emily Till, Allison Darland, Head Coach John O'Brien, Bailey Sidick, Stephanie Miller, Kari Hoobler, Katie Park. Bottom Row: Brittney Zuzindulak.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

### **Carol Roman**

Leading scorer and rebounder, senior center Carol Roman was the outstanding athlete of the 2002 girls basketball season. "She's been on varsity for three years, and each year she has improved tremendously," stated head coach John O'Brien. "She has a terrific year both on offense and defense." Along with most valuable player, Roman also received Division IV All-League.

# OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

## Scott Caddy & Ian Kangas

Scott Caddy and Ian Kangas are men with a mission. Both were either injured or sick during the season. Despite the hardships, they jumped back into the season by coming to every practice and bringing down their times. All the effort, time, and practice paid off for these two speed demons. They've excelled on and off the course, in addition to leading their team both physically and emotionally. Mission completed.

Above Tree: Kirk Wilcox, Matthew Peychich, Sean Meisel. Middle Row: Scott Caddy, Timothy Pingle, Michael Krist, Coach Steele, Terence Faust, Aaron Harris, Charles Hornbacher. Bottom Row: Joshua Garrett, Patrick Tassone, Ian Kangas, Michael Cyrus, Troy Shipman.



# SOLID FOOTED



Ian Kangas, '03



Scott Caddy, '03

**W**OW! Cross country is such a hard, long, and strenuous sport. It is hard to believe that anyone could stand a workout like that. The cross country team did it everyday, yet there are some people that would die if they did it once.

Alexis DeCruydt, '03, who ran with the girls, said, "I think of purple dinosaurs and Velcro (while I'm running)." She thinks about those things in order to take her mind off of the stress of running that long distance. Troy Shipman, '04, stated, "I like to clear my mind, do the Zen thing,

you know - 'NIKE, JUST DO IT!'" Good memories were made not only on the course, but also while the team was just hanging out. Troy said the reason he loves the sport is because, "All the guys on the team are cool. You go out there and try hard, and if you don't do very well then it's all right." He said that he feels that's the most important part of being on a team: having them behind you, backing you up. That is much more important than winning. DeCruydt, when asked who her role model was, said, "Stephanie Roy, she inspires me to do well." Run your heart out, Oaks!

By: Bailey Sidick



Above: Stephanie Roy, '05, LaTerrica Silvers, '05, Kristen Mingo-Williams, '05, and Allison Septer, '06, enjoy running together because they are able to encourage each other along the way.

Below: Aaron Harris, '04, Sean Meisel, '05, Kirk Wilcox, '05, and Ian Kangas, '03, are breathing hard as they are at the close of the race. Nice race!



Colleen Naughton, '04



Kristen Mingo-Williams, '05



Stephanie Roy, '05



Below: Top Row: Coach Hoover, Alexis DeCruydt, Alexaundra Hamm, Allison Septer, Chelsea Hosper. Middle Row: Megan Mandley, Stephanie Roy, Ashley Bennis. Bottom Row: Colleen Naughton, Kristen Mingo-Williams.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETES

### Stephanie Roy

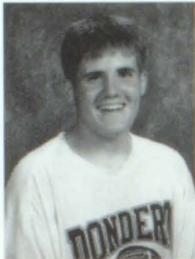
Stephanie Roy was the outstanding athlete in 2002. She showed determination in everything that she did and proved to everyone that she could do anything she put her mind to. She took on the role of captain and led the girls cross country team to the top of the pole.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Getting first win against Madison.
- When Matthew Wilusz, '05, threw a touch-down to his brother Jeffrey Wilusz, '03.
- Andre Shayna, '04, scored on the first play two games in a row.

### Michael Fowler, '03

"I like football, because I get to wear tight pants."



Below: Adam Kniel, '03, wraps up the Avondale quarterback's feet while Daniel Kime, '03, flies in to make the tackle. Now that's teamwork!



# HARD KNOCKS



Jeffery Wilusz, '03

Adam Kniel, '03



Joshua Spielbusch, '03



Daniel Kime, '03



The one thing on Dan Kime's, '03, mind when he stepped on the field was the "challenge to win." Before the games, it all started in the locker room. There was a variety of music: rap, rock, and even oldies. The hallway right outside of the locker room was the place the players sat while they got dressed. All of the wide-outs, running backs, and quarterbacks waited to go out on the field for warm-ups. No one said much; all the players started to focus. Before you knew it, the linemen were walking out. Then, as a team, they stretched.

As the team walked back to the locker room, you heard players yelling, "Game time!" One thing Dan Kime said he would never forget was the night of the Kimball versus Dondero game, when he read Peter Ayotte's, '03, poem. "That got all of us fired up," said Dan. The Oaks became a team that night when they got in the a huddle with tears running down all the players face's. "This is what you will never forget," said Coach Fitzpatrick. Then the Oaks ran onto the field. By: Eric Garland



Above: Andre Shayna, '04, makes another big run during one of the Oaks' games. Andre led the team in rushing this year.

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Left: Kyle McHugh, '05, charges through the hole, lead blocking for Oaks running back Andre Shayna, '04. If Andre follows him, he'll be home free.

Below: Coach Fitzpatrick yells to a player on the field. It's because of Coach Fitzpatrick that the Oaks' stayed strong throughout the entire season.



Above: Top Row: Nathaniel Webster, Scott Brown, Adam Johnson, Jeffrey Wilusz, Daniel Kime, Eric Garland, Levi Jensen, Ronald Rafalski. Second Row: Jeffrey Myre, Philip Lewan, Michael Fowler, Adam Kniel, Coach Snyder, Coach Fitzpatrick, Coach Dinkelmann, Scott Polonowski, Michael Villerot, Nathan Braley, Eric Bunker. Third Row: Andre Shayna, Sean McNairnie, Peter Ayotte, Christopher South, Clifford Villerot, Joshua Spielbusch, Joshua Hall, Kenneth Washington II, Michael Fossano, Jeffrey Buck, Justin Malzahn. Bottom Row: Joshua Tabor, Ryan Allard, John Tran, Justin Gardner, Gregory Breitinger, Miles Hancock, Scott Seymour, Aaron Harris, Kyle McHugh, Paul Cipriani, Justin Christopher.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETES

**Daniel Kime, Jeffrey Wilusz, & Joshua Spielbusch**

In addition to being captains, Daniel Kime, Jeffrey Wilusz, and Joshua Spielbusch were named outstanding athletes for the varsity football team. Dan was an outstanding leader on the field, led the Oaks in solo tackles and seemed to be involved in every play. The Randy Moss of the team, Jeff, was the Oaks' leading wide receiver. Using his speed or one-handed catches, he made a lot of big plays this year. Josh was one of the hardest hitters on the team; one of his biggest plays had to have been his interception in the last game of his senior year.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- The team came together as group and had an all around outstanding season.
- Beating Kimball during the season.
- Ryan Wright was All-League and All-County.

### Jacob Moore, '05

"Golf is our lives!"



Below: Ryan Wright's, '05, swing is unsurpassed by anyone on his team. No wonder he received all those honors this year.



## SINKING THE ROCK



Michael Vosburgh, '04

Who would have known that golfers could have so much heart and soul invested in the game? When asked what made them have love for the game; Jacob Moore, '05, said, "My brother made me have love for the game, because he taught me how to play." He said his hero was his brother, because he is a good golfer and he wants to be like him.

The boys did extremely well this season. Most people never really gave

much thought to the golf team, but after everyone found out how well they did, they started paying a little more attention.

One of the more experienced players on the team, Michael Vosburgh, '04, said he thought he played like, "Tiger Woods, because I don't lay-up, and I go for every shot." Wow, if Dondero had Tiger on their team, no wonder they did so well. From now on, we will be sure to keep a close eye on that boys golf team.

By: Bailey Sidick

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Above: Kirk Schumacher, '05, has just hit his ball after lining it up. It looks like it's going to go straight into the hole!



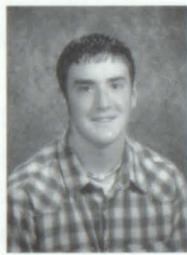
Left: James Uelman, '06, and Forest Casey, '04, practice their putting in preparation for their match. This dynamic duo have to make sure they're ready for the competition.

Below: Michael Vosburgh, '04, the self-proclaimed Tiger Woods of the golf team is showing his aggressive play once again.



Above: Top Row: Coach Jim Anderson, Ryan Wright, David Berube, Forest Casey, Coach Steve Gove. Middle Row: Kirk Schumacher, Jacob Moore, Nicholas Johnson, Paul Buck, Morgan Huffman. Bottom Row: Michael Belbot, Nicholas Baker, James Uelman.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE



### Ryan Wright

Sophomore Ryan Wright was the MVP of boys golf, and with an average of 38.0, he received

All-League Honors. He was All-Tournament three times, as well as being All-Academic and All-County. Coach Jim Anderson said, "He was a very good addition to the boys golf team this season."

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Lost 1-0 in the last two minutes to Berkley.
- Beating Division II Walled Lake West.
- Edward Zuzinalak, '03 broke the referee's nose with the ball.

### Rylan Sharpe, '03

"It allows me to represent the Dominican Republic in our daily round of World Cup at practice."



Below: Zachary Goldenberg, '04, looks down the field as he anticipates the ball while it is brought up field by his teammates.



# KICKING THE ROCK



Alexander Lamb, '03



Jeremiah Smith, '03



Edward Zuzinalak, '03

The Oaks got a new coach this year and moved up from Division IV to Division III. After getting off to a hot start, the Oaks finished at a rather cold pace. The team played tough against Berkley, but lost one to zero. "We had great ball movement; it was so quick, and no one had more than two touches on the ball," said James Hartrick, '05. When asked who he thought he played like, James, after some thought, said, "I think I

play like Scott Hepner, because we both have speed in our game."

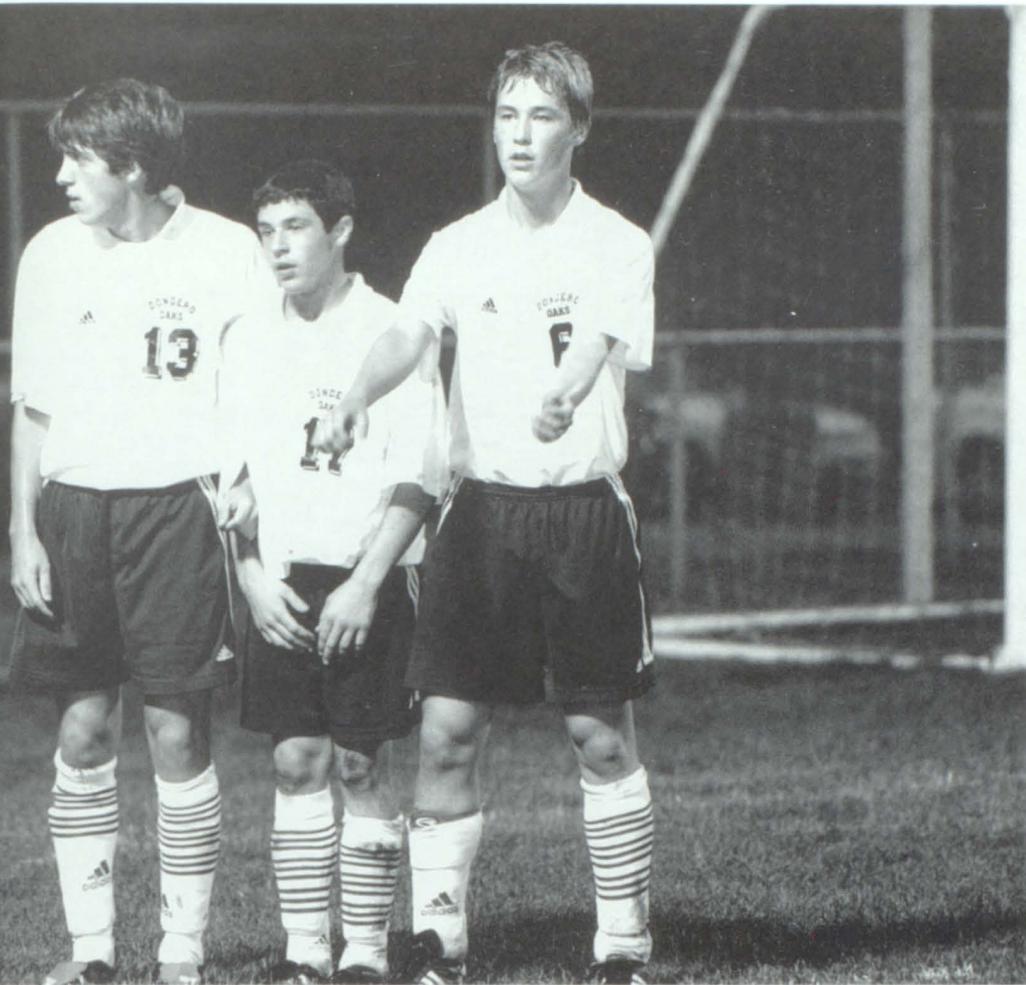
Dondero was outplayed by some schools in their new division. Now that they have one year of experience under their belt, the Oaks want to become league champs. Despite a little downfall in the Oaks' record, they were still a great soccer team and will bounce back in the future.

By: Eric Garland

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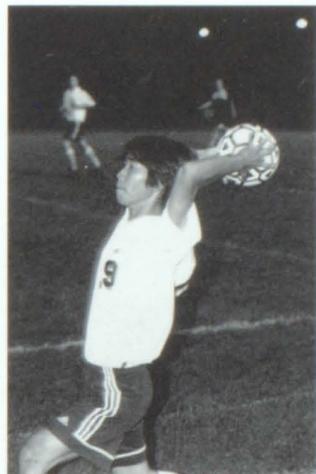


Above: Rylan Sharpe, '03, makes a great defensive play while stealing the ball from his opponent. Rylan's man never gets by him with the ball still in the other team's possession.



Left: A Martini, '03, James Rex, '06, and Collin Porteus, '05, make a three man wall before a freekick. Who wouldn't want to get kicked at? I guess these guys are willing to sacrifice for the team.

Below: Kensuke Uchida, '03, puts the ball back in play on this throw-in. Ken then will make a run back onto the field so he can receive a pass back from one of his teammates.



Above: Top Row: Coach Worrell, James Rex, Edward Zuzindlak, Justin Knapp, Timothy Bennis, A Martini, Bryan Yamasaki. Second Row: Lance Thomas, Zachary Goldenberg, Bryce Erwin, Alexander Lamb, Sean Ryan, Scott Hepner. Bottom Row: Jeremiah Smith, Kensuke Uchida, David Younger, James Hartrick, Rylan Sharpe.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

### Edward Zuzindlak

Edward Zuzindlak, '03, was the outstanding athlete for the boys varsity soccer team. Eddie's outstanding defense kept the Oaks competitive in most games. He almost never was defeated (quite a feat, considering he took on everyone that got by the initial lines of defense), and was the only member of the team to win All-League honors.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Winning the city championship.
- Playing water polo.
- Becoming one strong team.

### Lauren Fowler, '06

"Swimming was fun, but morning practices were the worst."



Below: Stephanie Gibson, '03, takes a break after her race and looks at her time to find out what place she is in.



Above: Every one is dead silent as Jacqueline Gorecki, '05, gets ready to take her next dive. Being a good diver takes a lot of hard work and concentration.

# SOLID STROKES



Stephanie Gibson, '03



Rachel Gardiner, '03



Kathryn Sylvester, '03

**A**fter reviewing the team's subpar record, Katie Cross, '05, said, "I think we could have done better." However, Cross said she likes swimming because she gets to meet a lot of different people and it's fun.

The swim team got along great this past year. "Between playing bop-it and chilling, the locker room before meets was

the most fun part of swimming," said Cross.

This year the Dondero Oaks swimteam beat the crosstown rival Kimball. "We were all so pumped up to go out and swim," said Cross. The girls swim team had its best meet as a whole against the Knights. The girls varsity swim team, though they had a below average season, still won the city championship.

By: Eric Garland

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Left: The girls get a breakdown before and after their meets. The swim team yells so loud that you can hear them a mile away.

Below: Kathryn Sylvester, '03, takes a deep breath in the middle of the race. Katie worked hard to become one of Dondero's best swimmers.



Above: Top Row: Keira Price, Kristin Branstner, Kathryn Sylvester, Katherine Costanzo, Audrey Englehart, Samantha Gardiner, Kristin Lochner, Not available. Second Row: Coach Michele, Emily Peychich, Molly Mutschler, Courtney Showalter, Lisa Maroni, Lauren Fowler, Nicole Sands, Derah Blount, Coach Liz. Third Row: Stephanie Gibson, Casey Chevela, Jessica Angerer, Jessica Carty, Eve Rosenblum, Katie Cross, Sarah McLaughlin. Bottom Row: Jacqueline Gorecki, Cody McDonald, Stephanie Smith, Caitlin Burr, Jessica Gorecki.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

This year's Dondero girls swimming Most Valuable Player was Stephanie Gibson. Along with being a top swimmer for the Lady Oaks, Gibson was one of the three senior captains. Stephanie showed great leadership and was one of the older girls that underclassmen could look up to.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Took second place at the Tribune's annual tournament.
- Won League Tournament in Division IV.
- Won the Division IV League Title.

### Amber Marsh, '03

"We did a little 'Dirty Dancing,' you know, like from the movie."



Below: Perfect form is what this girl is all about! Lara Nemeth, '03, controls her swing as she serves up an ace to contribute another win for the Oaks' winning streak.



# ROCKIN' DA COURT



Kelly Lutz, '04



Julianna Weaver, '04

The Oaks aced it up with an undefeated season in their league. "It was the first time we've won the league since 1994," said Meghan Luzod, '06. "We came together as a team to take the league title." In the All-Area Daily Tribune Tournament, the Oaks were handed the second place trophy. Kelly Lutz, '04, came to the top, winning all three matches to finish first in the second singles flight. "It felt good to accomplish so much," she stated. The Division IV girls stomped Division III crosstown rival, the

Kimball Knights, in the tournament; although, they tied with them in the season match-up. "We weren't expecting this great of a season," said Christine Dorn, '04. The girls accomplished a lot this season, showing no mercy in Division IV. "I'm proud of our team; we showed we could handle the Division IV teams," stated Dorn. What's the name for a season with no losses? That's easy... it's called the Dondero Varsity Girls Tennis Team.

By: Jennifer Breadon



Above: Jessica Gadwa, '03, focuses as she returns the serve from the Kimball Knights player. Domination is this girl's middle name.

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Left: The varsity tennis team strikes a pose to show who's number one in their league. An undefeated season in the league leaves them all with bright smiles.

Below: Joanna Houston, '05, hustles after the ball in tournament play vs. the Berkley Bears. Better watch out Bears, this girl's unstoppable!



Above: Top Row: Coach Carrie Reese, Andrea Langdorf, Rebecca Kirkman, Joanna Houston, Vildana Kurtovic, Alix Kowalski, Amber Marsh. Middle Row: Kristine Toquigne, Kelly Lutz, Katherine Torvinen, Melissa Davis, Erin Davidson, Meghan Luzod, Rachel Champagne. Bottom Row: Jessica Gadwa, Kathryn Kipp, Julianna Weaver, Beth Simoni, Laura Naismith, Lara Nemeth.

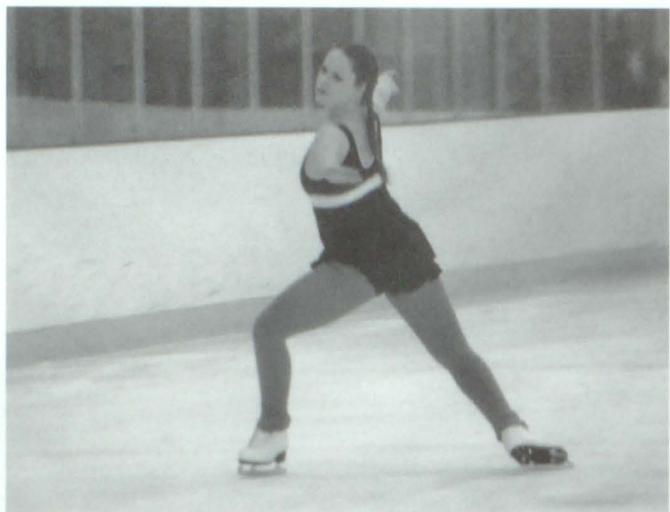
## OUTSTANDING ATHLETES

### Meghan Luzod & Julianna Weaver



Meghan Luzod, '06, and Julianna Weaver, '04, were both chosen for outstanding athlete. As a freshman, Meghan won the first singles title for her league in the 2002 varsity tennis season. Julianna showed excellent dedication when she and her partner took first place in leagues. Both Luzod and Weaver showed outstanding leadership on and off the court.

Below: Ice skater Ellen Backus, '03, has no time to study because of all the morning practices, plus she still has to get her beauty rest. She studies every chance she gets, even before practice.



Right: She's the only girl from Dondero on this team. She's not in the Olympics, but she has been compared to Michelle Kwan. Ellen Backus, '03, moves on the ice like a swan.



# REBUILDING THE ROCK



Above: Kyle Moore, '04, varsity defenseman, is concentrating on his coach. Kyle makes sure that he is paying attention so that he can get that skill down.

Right: One of the only three people from Dondero on the hockey team, Scott Brown, '03, takes time out of practice to smile for the camera while his coach tries to tell him something important. His fans are more important than the drill, though.



Right: Varsity player Timothy Pingle, '04, watches his teammate from the edge of the ice waiting for a pass. Tim might have been able to score, if he only had the puck.



Left: A player on the Varsity Hockey team, Scott Brown, '03, passes the puck to a teammate in a game, hoping that he will go down for the goal. Even though most of the kids on the team are from Kimball, he still has no problem passing them the puck.

Below: Top Row: Eric Allen, Troy Friedman, Brandon Wilson, Scott Brown, Timothy Pingle. Middle Row: Coach Jim, Coach Glen, Kyle Moore, Russell Autio, Jonathon Dolland, Andrew Krawl, Thomas Lienson, Michael Sink, Evan Carpenter, Coach Jim, Head Coach Craig, Coach Jessie. Bottom Row: Ryan Gamper, Kyle Rambou, Nicholas Stenson, Ryan Hubbard, Kyle McKillop, Micheal Tatchio, Ross Lane, Ryan Ballard, James Rose.



## FIRST GOAL OF THE SEASON



Above: Top Row: Sean Riopelle, Colin Mouw, Joseph Maltis, Andrew Fielder, Jacob Chappelle. Middle Row: Jonathon Galloway, Bill Nettle, Joseph Millard, Coach McCullough, Coach Fuelling, Coach Allen, William Rossbach, Ryan Lannen, Anthony Susin. Bottom Row: Glen Edwards, Timothy Brennan, Matthew Williams, Christopher Hendrickson, Andrew Reynolds, Kyle Edwards, Corey Dehring, Micheal McCullough, Justin Vallieres, Micheal Grabowski, James Rex.



Above: Anthony Susin, '06, gets in fight with a Notre Dame player. Violence isn't the answer, boys.



Above: Ryan Lannen, '06, takes a spill on the ice. Don't let this fool you; he'll be seen in the pro's someday.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

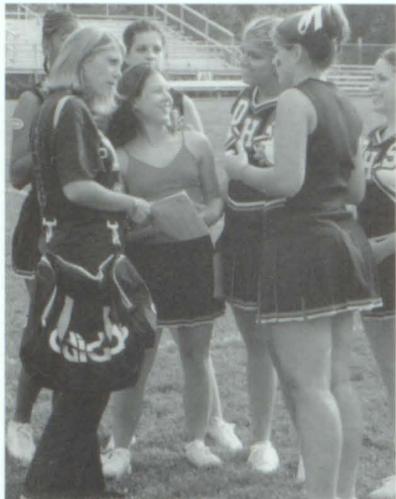
- Won first place at camp
- Some of the girls landed their back hand springs
- Doing full downs

**Shanitra Bowman, '03**

"The thing I remember most was finding the dead mouse in the scary closet."



Below: Coach Reeves talks to Brittne Wilson, '04, Katelyn Perkins, '04, Julia Gardner, '04, Tara Deleo, '03, Elizabeth McCoy, '03, and Caitlin Lasley, '03, before their game and passes out the schedule for the football season.



## SOLID PRIDE



Caitlin Lasley '03



Tara Deleo '03

**W**hen I say "cheer" you say "leading..." "Cheerleading!" Dondero's varsity cheerleading squad has come a long way since the beginning of the year. Caitlin Lasley, '03, said, "Trying to get the crowd excited and trying to promote school spirit," was what she thought about when stepping out to cheer. That's exactly what a cheerleader was supposed to be doing to pump up the crowd. Cheerleaders always want to cheer for a winning team. Caitlin said that she gets inspired

to cheer more enthusiastically when, "The crowd gets excited and I see their reaction when we do our routine well." Brittne Wilson's, '04, motivational thought was, "Hey, maybe we'll win today!"

Cheerleading is a lot harder than many have ever thought. They had separate practices just for tumbling so people could improve on it. Quite a few people didn't consider cheerleading a sport; they obviously didn't realize how much work was put into it.

By: Bailey Sidick



Above: No rain can dampen Julia Gardner's spirits as she inspires the crowd in an exciting game.



Left: Ashleigh Ruggero, '04, cheers as loudly and enthusiastically as she can, even considering the nasty conditions outside.

Below: After finishing a hard stunt, it's time for the dismount. Marie Maurer, '04, falls, and teammates Katelyn Perkins, '04, Caitlin Lasley, '03, and Tara Deleo, '03, are right there to catch her.



Above: Top Row: Brittnie Wilson, Tara Deleo, Caitlin Lasley, Ashleigh Ruggero, Nicole Schema. Middle Row: Katelyn Perkins, Chloe McCullough, Christie Lockman, Catherine Pappas. Bottom Row: Shanitra Bowman, Julia Gardner, Kealy Salva, Marie Maurer, Elizabeth McCoy.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

“Ashleigh Ruggero is the Outstanding Athlete for the 2002-2003 cheerleading season. Ashleigh has through her hard work, positive attitude and school spirit exemplified the true meaning of the sport.”

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Placed 3rd in Kimball UDA Competition
- Practiced with a choreographer
- Went to dance camp

**Ashley Turner, '04**

"We worked together as a team and improved a lot from last year."



# SOLID STEPS



Lara Nemeth, '03



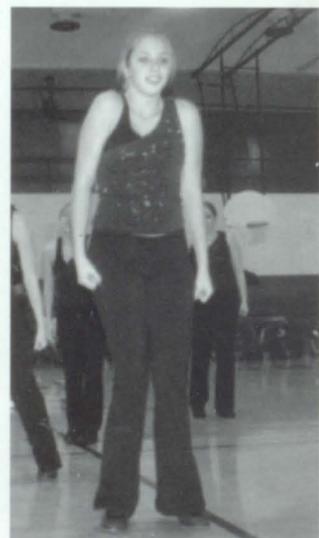
Nicole Hakli, '03

**S**hake your groove thang!! The girls dance team of 2002 - 2003 worked their magic to show their school spirit for Dondero. With a lot of practices and team activities, these girls showed great performances and kept the Oaks on their feet during half-time. "We had sleep-overs at Danay Estopellan's house, and a big Christmas party to help us bond," said Kristen Olinkski, '06. "My favorite part about dance team is when we work hard at

practice," said Elizabeth McCoy, '03. "It's exciting to see the outcome when we perform; it sends a rush throughout your body!" This season the dancers were professionally choreographed, with five hours of extreme practice to get ready for their big competition that was held in March. The dance team kept on strutting their stuff to keep those Oak fans smiling. These girls had motivation written all over them.

By: Jennifer Breadon

Below: Top Row: Breanna Byrnes, Christine Morelli, Natalie Keys, Kristen Olinkski. Middle Row: Danielle Whitley, Kali Gove, Emily Hague, Caitlin Wettlaufer. Third Row: Ashley Turner, Darcy Weipert, Danay Estopellan, Ashley Murphy, Coach Holly Weifrech. Bottom Row: Nicole Hakli, Kelly Wilcox, Lara Nemeth.



Above: Putting a little attitude in her dance, Caitlin Wettlaufer gets the crowd roaring with her outrageous moves. The dance team finished their season with an award winning dance routine.

Below: The dance team posed in their cowboy hats as they get their groove on to the song "Don't Tell Me" by Madonna. These girls have their spurs and they are ready to rock the court. Don't just stand there...bust a move!



Above: Danay Estopellan, '03, gets her groove on with the rest of the girls. It's halftime at a basketball game and Danay knows how to move with style.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

Kali Gove, '05, was an excellent dancer for the Oaks this year, a stand-out amongst this elite squad. She was dedicated, showing up to every practice and leading the team in their warm-ups. She was on the team for two years and has been studio dancing since age three.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Beating Madison
- Had strongest defense in O.A.A. Division IV
- Beating Andover on their parent night

### Shawn Layou, '03

"Working hard in practice and having your teammates push you to try harder."



Below: Six foot, three inch post player James Stienke, '03, drives to the basket to lay it in for the Oaks. Andre, being one of the starting five, he contributed hard work and dedication to the team.



# ROCKY BUSINESS



Jeffrey Wilusz, '03



William Rainey, '03

**T**he five S's of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit; but the greatest of these is spirit." -Ken Doherty

The Oaks finished their season with a 4-17 record. No matter if it was a loss or win, these guys held their heads up and continued to show that Ken Doherty's quote was correct; a high spirit will win games. With a rough season, the Oaks fought hard to earn their wins. A notorious win against the undefeated Madison

Heights Eagles early in the season contributed to high hopes for the future.

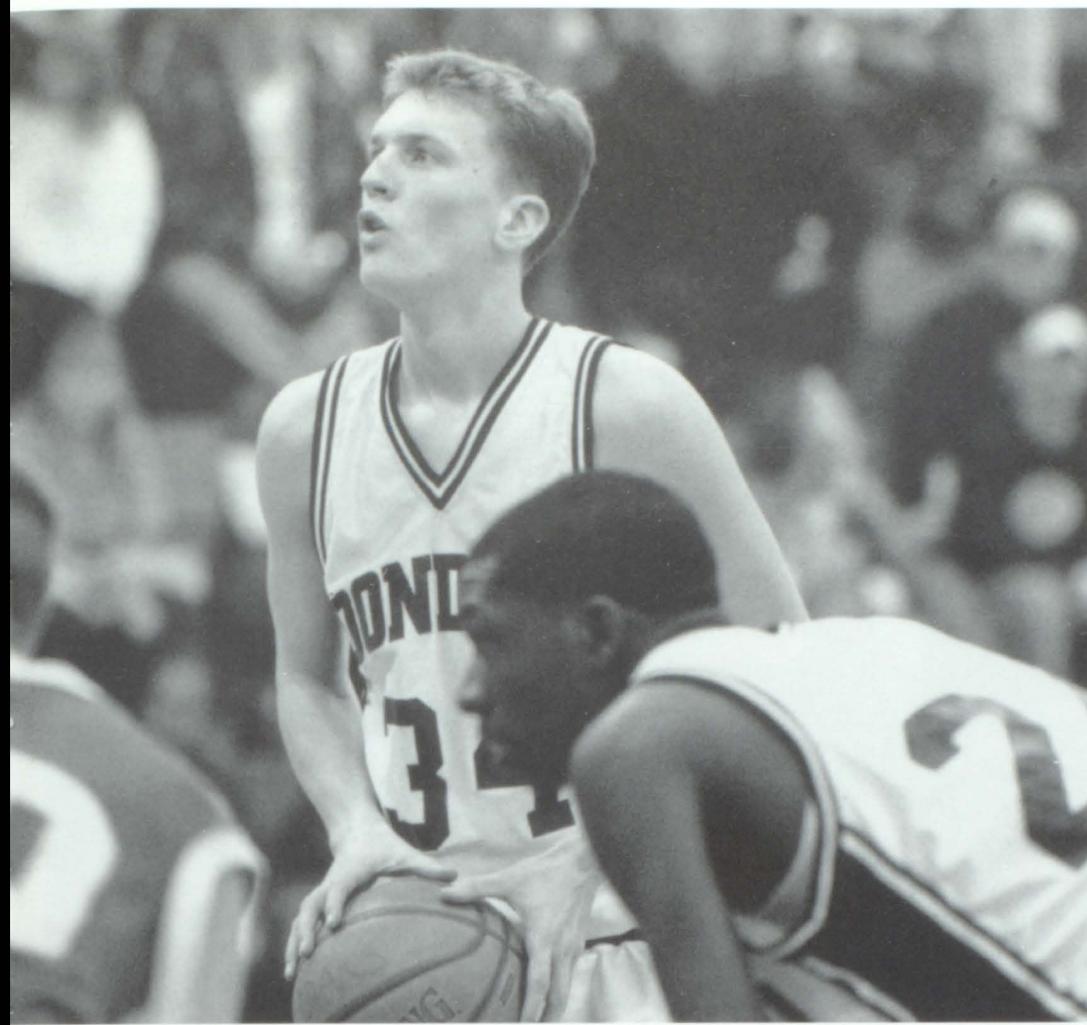
The competition was tight at every game. They may not have been the best, but they sure did give the other team a game they won't ever forget.

These guys put a lot of time and effort into the team, and they look good while doing it. To go along with the spirit, they dress up every game day; they are the ladies' men. By: Jennifer Breadon

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Above: Offense wins games, but defense wins championships. Adam Harris, '04, D's up against a Madison Heights Eagle and intimidates his opponent. Adam concentrates on his hips to prevent from getting schooled.



Left: Jeffrey Wilusz, '03, takes a deep breath before shooting a free throw at the foul line. Hands, knees, and wrists are all key ingredients to a perfect shot.

Below: Fake out to the left and jump! Andrew VanHagen, '04, takes a jump shot to put another two points on the board. No need to box out, boys, because this shot is going in.



Above: Top Row: Shawn Layou, James Stienke, Andrew VanHagen, Eric Forgash. Middle Row: Christopher Walker, Gregory Bretinger, Kiwan Rankin, Coach Lynch, Coach Sharpe, Coach Cory, Scott Seymour, Aaron Harris, Adam Harris. Bottom Row: Edward Zuzindulak, Jeffrey Wilusz, William Rainey.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

Jeffrey Wilusz was the MVP this year for the boys basketball team. He was the leading scorer for the Oaks in every game this season. He was also one of the captains and showed great leadership abilities, not only on the court, but through making his team feel welcome off the court.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Almost stuck all beam routines
- People get "Kips"
- Were the league champions (overall, and tournament champions)

**Heather Glovack, '04**

"It's (gymnastics) sweet!"



Below: Marie Maurer, '04, shows poise, strength, and skill in positioning herself correctly for this move.



## TUMBLING FOR TENS

Not Pictured

Andrea Hoff, '03

Michelle Clarck, '03

**W**ith all the flips and turns mixed in with an occasional fall, the Dondero Girls Gymnastics Team had all the tools to become league champions. "At first it was hard to get along and become a team," said Marie Maurer, '04. Girls gymnastics is one of the few sports where Dondero and Kimball shared a team. Dondero captain Andrea Hoff, '03, was a great leader for all the underclassmen. Starting off

2-0 in league was what the Oaks/Knights needed to build their team unity. With all of the muscle in those girls, they really know how to tear it up. The gymnastics team was awesome and did very well this year, placing in the top of all of their competitions. Nothing makes your team better than becoming solid with group support, and gymnastics is no exception to that.

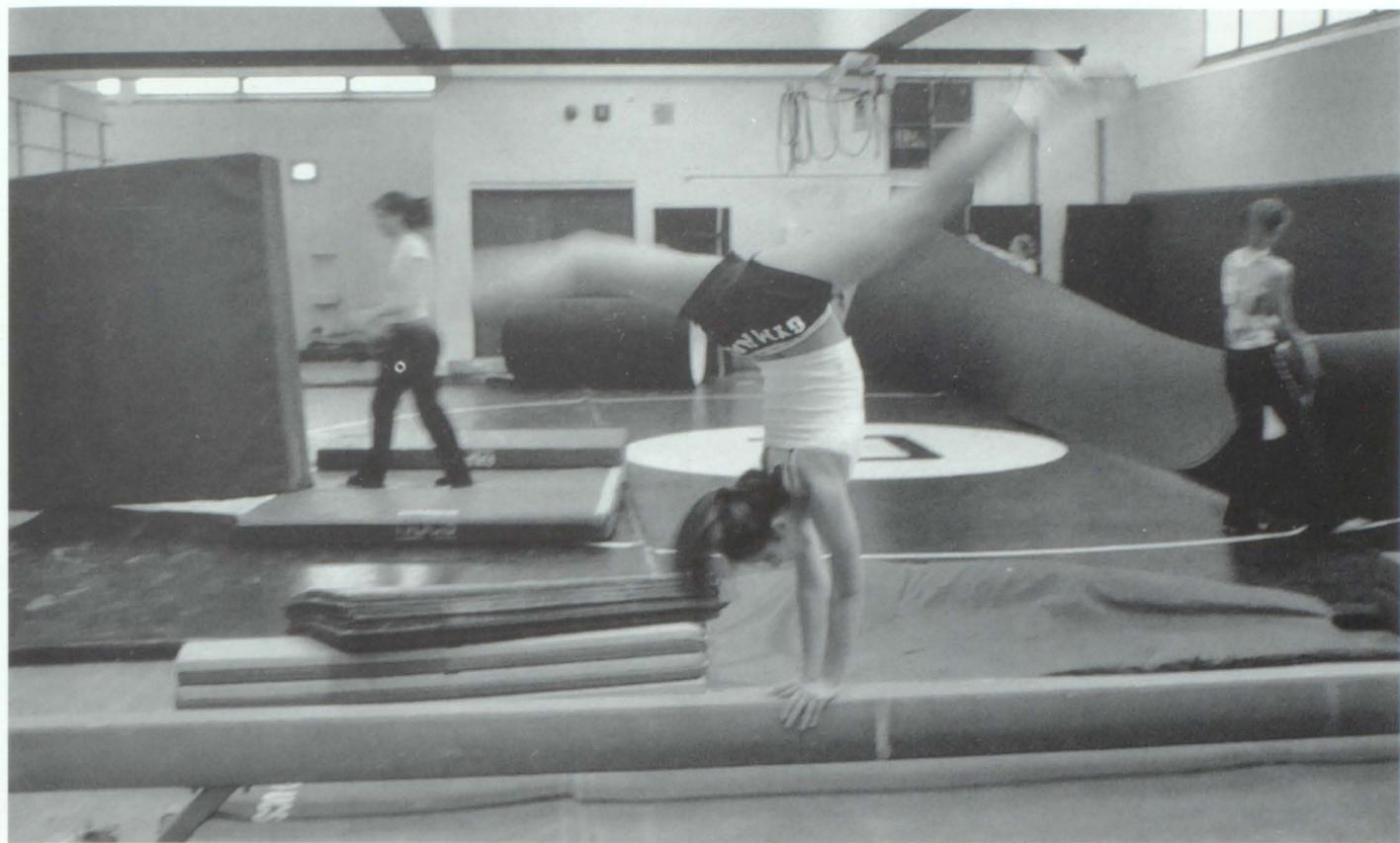
By: Eric Garland



Above: Joanne Seefeld, '03, shows off her guns as she does her routine. Better check those at the door next time!

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Below: Jamie Skewes, '06, makes a spectacular move on the beam. She's making one of the hardest routines in gymnastics look like a piece of cake!



Above: Top Row: Kirsten Leestma, Heather Glovack, Allison West, Andrea Hoff, Jamie Skewes. Middle Row: Coach Ewell, Jamie Cavanaugh, Justine Ross, Courtney Showalter, Sara Gilikris, Coach Rebecca. Michelle Clarck, Joanne Seefeld, Jessica Stanek, Marie Maurer, Megan Carty, Hannah Leestma.

## **OUTSTANDING** **ATHLETE**

The athletes which the coach recognized this year as being the stand-outs on the team were Marie Maurer and Jamie Cavanaugh. The two showed excellent leadership on the team as well as being the overall top scorers. Marie went to states for the team, one of only two members to do so.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Beat Farmington in big meet
- Killed Berkley
- Four divers went to regionals

### Daniel Lewan '06

"Swimming season was O.K., and no one drowned."



Below: Ryan Wright, '05, swims his final lap for the day. Swimming isn't just using your legs and arms; it takes ambition and concentration.



# ROCKY WATERS

**M**an that water looks cold," probably isn't what you want on your mind before a big meet. But Jason Stortz, '04, was one of Dondero's top swimmers, and that was what he was thinking when he got on the diving block. Dondero had a big meet against Farmington, and much to the fan's enjoyment, the Oaks drowned the Falcons. Everyone said Dondero would go down in placement and maybe take third or fourth,

but the Oaks rose to the occasion and got first. "Our 200 relay team stepped it up big time," said Jason. "We are so solid as a team, and we showed it by dropping our team time." The Oaks made a point this past year, and that point was that they were the best team in the OAA. After all, if the water is cold you swim faster because you want to get out. Lets hope the water is cold for many seasons to come.

By: Eric Garland



Above: Troy Shipman, '04, stretches all his muscles before he blows everyone away with a dive that is not just a cannonball. It takes hard work to be on the swim team, but it's even harder to get used to those Speedos.

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Left: Avrom King comes up for a big breath after pumping his muscles underwater. Being on the swim team is great because you have the chance to get a full body workout without having to sweat or smell bad like a football player.

Below: Christopher Marsh, '03, gets mentally prepared to take his big dive into the competition. Though Chris isn't a diver, he knows how to dive in the pool with ease to start his laps.



Above: Top Row: Scott Hepner, Kevin Jewett, Christopher Marsh, Avrom King, Benjamin Barber, Aaron Segel, Matthew Pardy, Ryan Danescu, Nicholas Sikora. Second Row: John Trumble, Andrew Prusinowski, A. West, Coach Jill, Coach Hanson, Coach Miller, Organowski, Daniel Jewett, D. Graustein, B. Brennnan, Zachary Benton. Third Row: Troy Shipman, William Woelk, Adam Woodmansee, Alex Pardy, N. Wiles, Andrew Wood, Karl Cronberger, Michael Calkins, Nicholas Pardy, Ryan Wright, Eric Schulz, Brett Stawinski. Bottom Row: Matthew Peychich, Christopher Woelk, Tristan Calhoun, Daniel Lewan, Kyle Heppner, David Greenway, Michael Laird, Steven Ciske, Jason Stortz, Thomas Docter, Benjamin Meek.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

Matthew Pardy was a captain and outstanding leader on this year's team. The Kimball student was the overall high scorer (lowest time in most events) and all around good guy, who with his charisma and lightheartedness, led his team with grace. Despite there being a combined team, Matt treated all members equally, bridging the north-south divide, and taking a stand against "the hate."

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Finished second at the district tournament
- Handedly beat Kimball
- Won Oakland Christian Tournament

### Danika Jensen, '05

"We dominated the court, striving for each win."



Below: The Oaks huddle together to pump one another up after a big block by Andrea Torvinen, '03. "A big 'stuff' (block) gets our momentum going!" stated Torvinen.



## ROCKIN' THE NET



Jamie Gower, '03



Andrea Torvinen, '03

**B**ump... set... spike. Bump... set... spike... KILL! The Varsity Volleyball team showed a tremendous amount of team unity both on and off the court. The girls finished first place in a tournament held by Oakland Christian and also grabbed third place trophies at the Royal Oak and Brandon Tournaments. "I like our team; we're tough," said Christine Dorn, '04. "If we were going to go down

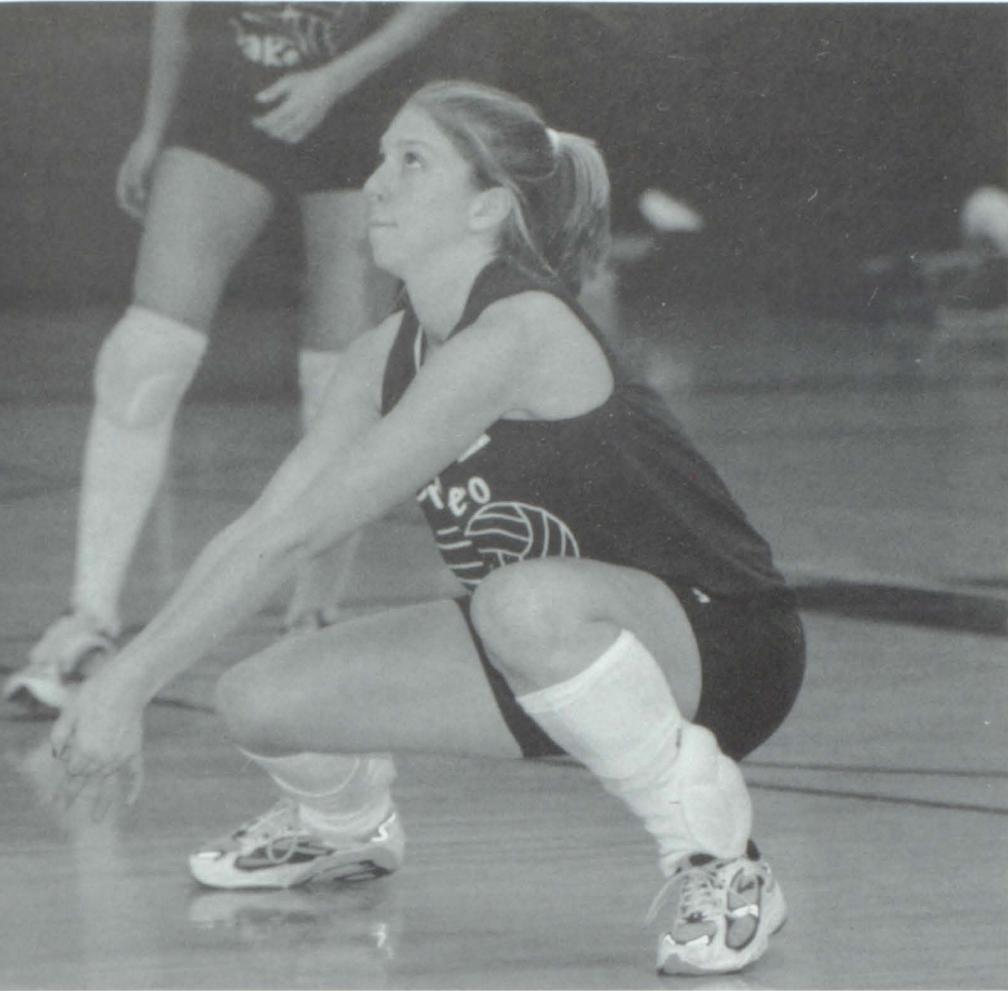
with a loss, we weren't going to go down without a fight." The Oaks dominated the court against the Kimball Knights, winning 15-1 in the first game and 15-2 in the second. The dominant victory against the crosstown rival Knights had the Oaks' crowd on their feet. The girls were dynamite and fierce, playing with all their hearts. No doubt that these girls are the mighty Lady Oaks!

By: Jennifer Breadon

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Above: Middle hitter Jamie Gower, '03, goes up for the kill in a match against Madison Heights, in which the Eagles got a bomb dropped on them. Go Gower power!



Left: Tara Wesley, '03, gets down low during a serve receive return, as she concentrates hard to get the ball to the setter. Once a Knight, now an Oak... I guess she made a better decision in the end!

Below: The J.V. volleyball team makes a tunnel for the varsity girls to run out at a home match. With a big smile, Stephanie Roy, '05, focuses on the big win yet to come.



Above: Top Row: Veronica Larke, Coach Molly, Coach Cammie Millar, Coach Deanna Miller, Carol Roman. Middle Row: Tara Wesley, Stephanie Roy, Jamie Gower, Kristin Schumacher, Danika Jensen, Andrea Torvinen. Bottom Row: Christine Dorn, Jennifer Carty, Stephanie Miller, Stacy Peltier, Katie Park.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE



Stephanie Miller and Carol Roman were nominated the outstanding athletes of 2003. "We couldn't have one without the other," stated Coach Cammie Millar. Stephanie was the top setter for the Oaks, and Carol was the top hitter. The girls were a package—they wouldn't have been as effective without working together.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Second in Districts, beat Groves 84-0.

- Everyone placed in the league.

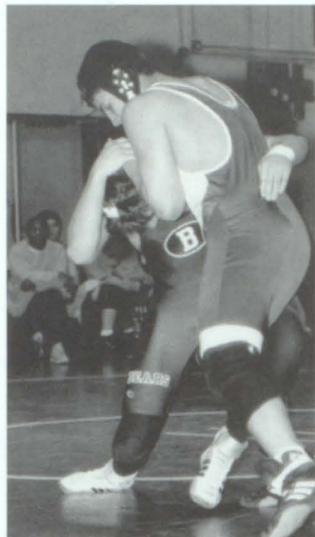
- Joshua Tabor, '03, took 6th in the County meet out of 50 schools.

### Zachariah Hanson, '05

"It was very, very fun. I enjoyed it very much and look forward to next season."



Below: Matthew Wilkinson, '05, starts off his match well by forcing his opponent to do whatever he wants him to do. His leg looks like it is about to break!



# ROCK HARD ABS



Joshua Tabor, '03



Justin Gardner, '03

One, two, three pinned. The Oaks didn't hear that about themselves very often... they always heard it when they were pinning someone else. When asked, Justin Gardner, '03, thought, "What am I going to screw up next," before he stepped out onto the mat. Although some wrestlers were motivated by nerves, some excelled by clearing their minds, like Robert Naismith, '03, who said, "Every time I step out onto the mat my mind goes blank." He probably just likes to clear his mind so

he can concentrate on two things: wrestling, and more importantly, winning. Even though some people might not be the greatest at wrestling, it was still good to try and at least not get pinned in the first minute or so. Naismith said he loved the sport because, "It's an individual sport and it's all about yourself," Justin said, "It is the only sport I am good at!" The Oaks did pretty well this season and threw in a few surprise wins at the end.

By: Bailey Sidick



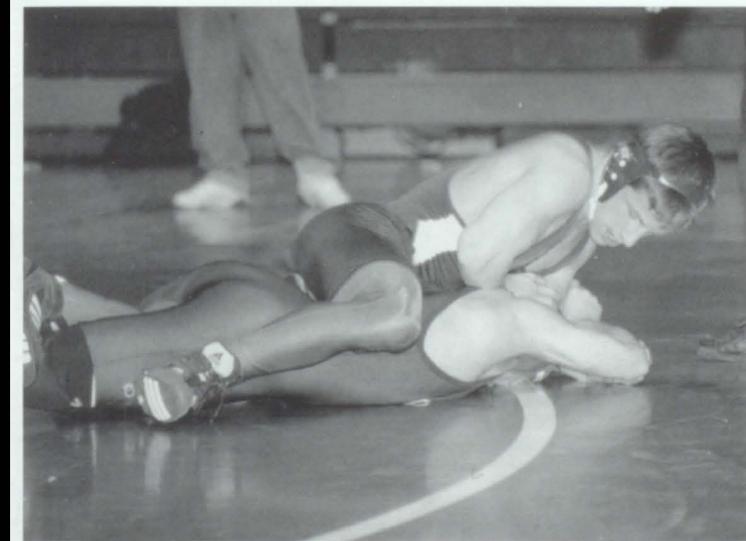
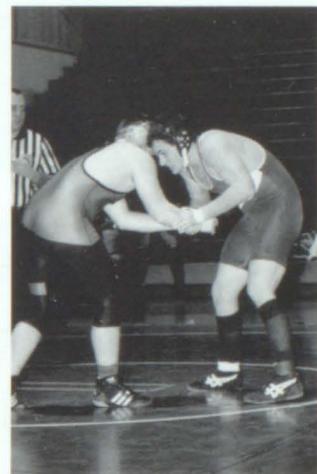
Above: Zachariah Hanson, '05, starts out his match by putting his opponent in a headlock, but his opponent counters and puts him in the same position. This looks like it's going to be a tough match.

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Left: Justin Gardner, '03, gets down and dirty in order to win his wrestling match. His opponent looks ready for the challenge, but Justin knows how to handle him.

Below: Peter Ayotte, '03, gets into position as he waits for the referee to blow the whistle to start the match. He needs to concentrate on his first move.



Above: Joshua Tabor, '03, tries to make sure he wins this match by pushing his opponent's head into the mat with great force. It looks like this match will be over very soon.

## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

At 40-12 this year, it's hard to dispute Joshua Tabor's claim to top dog on the wrestling team. In addition to winning his district championship in his weight class, Josh placed in the country meet to qualify for states. He showed his leadership skills as well, being the captain of the fiery team.

Below: The frosh basketball team, rejuvenated, strolls back on the court after a pep talk at halftime.



Right: Gregory Miesch, '04, throws over to first after fielding a soft grounder. Greg is a great fielding pitcher.



# SOLID STARTS

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Above: Sean McNairnie, '04, stays loose while waiting for the pitcher to deliver the ball.

Below: Coach Ruffles talks to her team as they all take a drink of some ice cold water.



Below: Patrice Njoh, '05, takes a long look at the rim before taking her free throw. Patrice has a great shot from the free-throw line.



**“ONCE THE GAME IS OVER, THE KING AND THE PAWN GO BACK IN THE SAME BOX.”**

**-ITALIAN PROVERB**



Above: Brittney Zuzindlak, '05, puts every last pound into her serve, knowing that it's going to be an ace.

Left: Matthew Wilusz, '05, goes with a play action pass to Zachary Vickers, '05. This was one of Matt's best plays.



Right Top Row: Coach Pontzious, Kenneth Washington II, Robert Nesbitt, Eric Garland, Eric Forgash, Jeremy Gardner, Sean McNairnie. Bottom Row: Ryan Allard, Brandon Koppin, Jeffrey Buck, Steven Gilbert, Scott Seymour, Paul Cipriani.

1, 2, 3, strikes and you're out! This was what you would hear at the Dondero JV baseball games. The Oaks had some of the best pitchers in the league. Scott Seymour, '04, said his role-model was Jeffrey Wilusz, '03. Scott said this is because he looks up to Jeff both as a friend and as player. The Oaks had an outstanding season, capping it off with a JV league championship. By: Eric Garland

# STICKS AND STONES



Above: The team shakes hands after a cold game. The Oaks have smiles on their faces after knowing they've won a hard fought game.



Above: Coach Camp looks on to make sure everyone knows what they are doing. The two things Camp loves most: baseball, and dreaming about Starbucks after a cold baseball game.



Right: Scott Seymour, '04, bunts for a base hit. Scott uses his blazing speed to help him get on base and to get him home.



Left: Shortstop Donald Pauck, '05, puts the tag down after the Oaks pick off a Kimball player who slides in head-first a little too late. He looks like he's out.

Below: The Oaks get in a team breakdown before they hit the field. The unity of the freshmen team this year was a major factor to their success.



# GRANITE GAMERS



Above: Andrew Brinkman, '05, waits for the line drive to be hit to him. Andrew is a great infielder for the freshmen.



Above: Top Row: Coach Davis, Zachary Vickers, Collin Porteus, Andrew Brinkman, Coach Shelack, Coach Scheid. Middle Row: Jacob Moore, Ryan Wright, Kyle Breitinger, Shawn Seymour, Donald Pauck, Neil Harter. Bottom Row: Kirk Schumacher, Kyle McHugh, Zachary Maggi, Joseph Locricchio, Andrew Scheid.

"The freshman baseball team had a great year, finishing with 17-3 record," said Andrew Scheid, '05. "We had a great group of players. We have been playing together since Little League," said Andy. So that's what it takes to have a great team: a little time and a team that can play as one. This team had all of the above, and that is what made the freshmen baseball team have such a successful season.

By: Eric Garland



Right: Top Row: Coach Lynn, Amanda Schaasberg, Danika Jensen, Erin Davidson, Kristen Mingo-Williams, Michele Norkus-Comby. Middle Row: Laura Naismith, Megan Frizzell, Miranda Gelenger, Chelsea Hosper, Megan Boiteau, Katherine Torvinen. Bottom Row: Faye Blumberg, Jennifer Smith, Ashley Wolfe, Amanda Presson, Cody McDonald.

# KICKIN' ROCK BOTTOM



Above: Amanda Presson, '05, sneaks in from the side like a tiger to steal the ball away from the opposing team.

Right: Megan Frizzell, '05, takes complete control and dribbles up the middle to assist in another goal for the Oaks. Better watch out, this girl's on fire!



Right: Michelle Norkus-Comby, '05, gives Amanda Presson, '05, a big hug after she scored a goal to tie up the game against the Berkley Bears. You go, girls!



"We played well as a team," commented midfielder Michelle Norkus-Comby, '05, on the 2002 season. "Once we stepped on the field, we were determined to do one thing, and that was to win." In the match-up against crosstown rivals the Kimball Knights, the Oaks played with composure to end the game in a 1-1 draw. "We were a well rounded team, putting our heart into each game," stated Megan Frizzell, '05. Through a bumpy season, the girls accomplished more than expected.

By: Jennifer Breadon

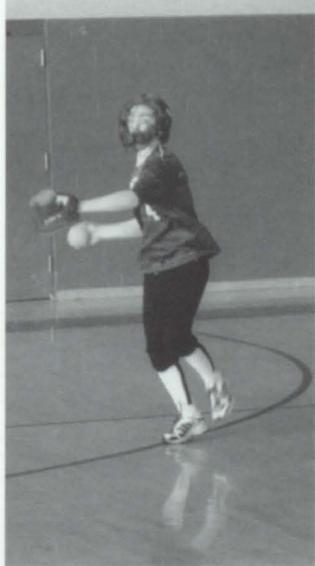


Left: Andrea Langdorf, '04, slides head first into second base during an indoor scrimmage. Veronica Larke, '04, better get that tag down in time or Annie will be in scoring position.

Below: Christina McHugh, '04, gets down and dirty to stop the ball from going by her at practice. Practice makes perfect! McHugh played a big role in the JV girls softball season success.



# SOLID STRIKES



Above: Catcher Katie Cross, '04, practices her throw-down to second base so that when it's game time she's ready to school the other team. Better not get caught stealing on Katie; you won't make it out alive!



Above: Top Row: Nicole Muriel, Amy Thomas, Veronica Larke, Audrey Englehart, Tonya Thiellesen, Coach Eve. Middle Row: Kathryn Kipp, Christina Underwood, Andrea Langdorf, Jessica Angerer, Emily Scafone. Bottom Row: Julianna Weaver, Katie Cross, Christina McHugh, Leana Chadwick, Kealy Salva.

"We had a great season," stated Kathryn Kipp, '04. "Our biggest accomplishment was beating Kimball. It was an intense game." The Dondero girls softball team kept each and every game breathtaking while fighting for victory. Andrea Langdorf, '04, said that her favorite part of the season was cheering for Veronica Larke, '04. "All her homeruns made the game more exciting!" To wrap-up their incredible season, MVP Julianna Weaver said, "It was tough because we were all so young, but we gave it our all."

By: Jennifer Breadon

Right: Top Row: Coach Featherstone, Duane Himmel, Brent Sundberg, Sean Shields, David Reid, James Thomas, Coach Jim. Second Row: Kyle Fall, Zachary Vickers, Justin Brye, Matthew Wilusz, Kyle Breitinger, Zachariah Hanson, Shawn Seymour. Bottom Row: Andrew Scheid, James Cronberger, Donald Pauck, Neil Harter, Timothy Gadwa.



# STONING THE DIVISION

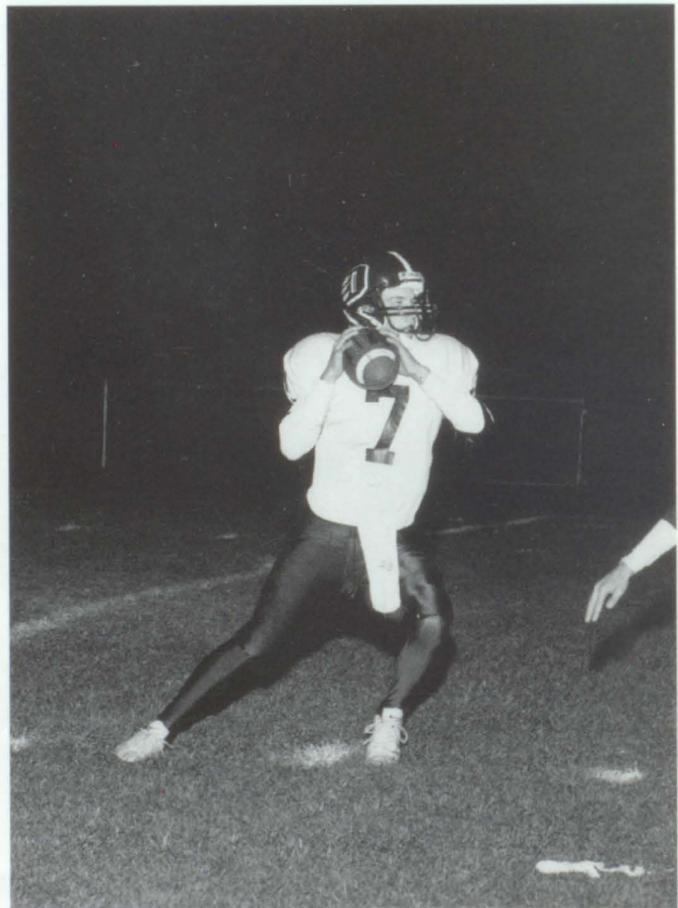


Above: The Oaks huddle up before the game to get a quick breakdown before heading onto the field. Breakdown Oaks, breakdown Oaks, breakdown win!

Right: Andrew Scheid, '05, protects the ball as he runs into the end zone to put another six points on the board. TOUCHDOWN OAKS!



Right: Quarterback Matthew Wilusz, '05, takes a step back to pause and look for his receivers that are being guarded by the Lamphere Rams. With the help of his offensive line, he has quite some time to throw a touchdown pass.



With the help of captains Matthew Wilusz, '05, and Kyle Breitinger, '05, the JV football team had five wins and four losses this season. "Our biggest game was against Kimball," said Wilusz. "Even though we didn't win, I think we played great as a team." Although the first game of the season (the Kimball game) ended in a 9-7 loss, the Oaks ended the season on a high note. Shawn Seymour, '05, thought Kimball was the best game of the season: "We're not the strongest team, but we played hard and we played as a team to the best of our ability."

By: Jennifer Breadon



Left: Top Row: Porsche Reese, Ashton Isaacson, De'Marja Patrick, Amy Jones, Sarah Wallace. Second Row: Patricia Schwartz, Ashley Murphy, Abigail Bonar, Elana Prukner. Bottom Row: Alicia Stevens, Breanna Byrnes, Christine Morelli.

Below: The cheerleading squad lifts Breanna Byrnes, '05, to show their competitiveness. Spreading cheer with good formations keeps these girls in high spirits. The sky is the limit for these young ladies!



# ROCKIN' THE CROWD



Above: The JV cheerleading squad crowds around Elana Prukner, '05, as they catch her while she cradles down from her basket. Her trust is in these girls, and they won't let her down.



Above: The girls clap as they recite their cheers during practice. Practice makes perfect, and these Oaks are going for perfection! With their great big smiles and their outstanding formations, these girls are ready to cheer!

Rah! Rah! Rah! The Dondero JV Cheerleading team was up to the challenge of keeping us spirited last year. The girls went to cheerleading camp at Eastern Michigan University during the summer to help with the team chemistry for the 2002 season. "The camp helped us get along with each other; it also made us cheer better as a team," stated Sarah Wallace, '04. No matter what the score was for the JV football team and basketball team, the girls were there to cheer on the crowd. "We're cheerleaders, we bring everyone's spirits high even if we're losing!" said Wallace. Overall, the JV girls kept their momentum high and their smiles bright. These girls certainly didn't drop the stick when it came to spirit!

By: Jennifer Breadon



Right: Top Row: Erika Sestok, Eileen Rozicki, Stephanie Kimball, Abigail Petri, Middle Row: Rachel Rosenbach, Maureen Burke, Megan Frizzell, Megan Baker, Coach Lisa Moore, Samantha Seymour, Jackie Brown, Rebecca Maloney, Sydney Walsh, Bottom Row: Christina Martoni, Cathleen Addison.

## REBUILDING THE ROCK

This was a rebuilding season for Dondero's girls JV basketball team. They only won three games, but their effort was tremendous. Rachel Rosenbach, '06, who had a great season, said she loved the game because, "Every game is different; you always have room to improve." That kind of attitude will help them out next year. Samantha Seymour, '05, said, the competition was what made her love playing. There is always next year to have a good record.

By: Bailey Sidick



Above: Erika Sestok, '05, tries to get the offense started by dribbling past the Madison Heights defense.

Right: Stephanie Kimball, '06, waits with her arms up in anticipation for the ball as she tries to keep a defender off of her.



Right: Rachel Rosenbach, '06, stops and looks up at the basket as she lines up her shot in the game against Kimball.





Left: Armin Halilovic, '05, tries to get in front of the ball but is to late because his teammate Daniel Abraham, '06, is hit with the ball. Hey, where's the ball anyway? Check out Daniel's left arm . . .

Below: Benjamin Goodman, '05, gets a pass from one of his teammates and is about to take it down the field. Look at the determination in his face.



## FIRST GOAL OF THE SEASON



Above: Top Row: Coach Ruffles, Robert Carlson, Andrew Brinkman, Armand Halilovic, Aldin Avdic, David Caddy, Evan Ferguson. Middle Row: Jared Towers, Mitchell Erwin, Zachariah DeCruydt, William Weipert, Benjamin Goodman, Ryan Woodmansee, Benjamin Abraham. Bottom Row: Patrick Mallon, Daniel Abraham, Joseph Hawkey, Bradley Whitley, Andrew Costigan.

Above: Coach Ruffles talks to her team at the end of the half about what they need to do to win this game.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1...he shoots, he scores! What comes to a player's mind when he steps out onto the field? Some people are nervous or anxious, like Ben Goodman, '05, who thought about, "How many people are going to be at my game, because I get nervous." Probably the most exciting thing about soccer for a soccer player is scoring a goal, especially the first goal of the season. Bradley Whitley, '06, said, his most inspiring moment was, "When I scored my first goal of the season." The JV boys soccer team was about scoring goals. Well, this season wasn't magnificent, but they tried their hardest and that's all that counts.

By: Bailey Sidick



Right: Coach Sharp looks on as the freshmen basketball team talks about the next play.

# BOUNCING BRICKS

The frosh basketball team had a tough year to begin with but finished strong. The most positive thing about this year's team was that they played hard every game. Matthew Forgash, '06, said "I play a lot like Scott Seymour, but the only thing is, I'm better... so Scott plays like me." The team got stronger as the year went on, playing more and more like a team every game. The frosh basketball team didn't win a lot this year, but at least they had fun.

By: Eric Garland



Above: Somebody should get this Lamphere player some ankle braces to go with his new shoes, because Matthew Forgash, '06, is about to break his ankles.



Right: Sean Shields, '06, focuses on the hardest shoot in basketball, the free throw.



Right: Andrew Cissell, '06, takes it to the rack like MJ. Please, not even Lamphere's whole team can stop this all-star.



Left: Donald Pauck, '05, shows the crowd his mad dribbling skills. Other teams wish they knew how to stop Donnie.

Below: Joseph Locricchio, '05, picks up his dribble and looks for the open man. Joe was the Oaks' mailman this year.



## SOLID SHOTS



Above: Andrew Brinkman, '05, takes a hook shot over two Hazel Park players. With that crazy hair, you could call Andrew Ben Wallace.



Above: Top Row: Andrew Brinkman, Duane Himmel, Ryan Sauve, Collin Porteus. Middle Row: Jacob Moore, Sean Seymour, Orlando McCullough, Robert Carlson, Coach Lidell, Kyle Breitinger, Donald Pauck, Benjamin Goodman, Joseph Locricchio. Bottom Row: Andrew Scheid.

The J.V. basketball team had a hard year. They didn't win a game until almost half-way through the season. However, changing the offense and defense really helped turn the season around. The team's most inspiring moment was when they beat Clawson for the first win of the year. A big part of the win was Andrew Scheid, '05, who, along with Donald Pauck, '05, and Collin Porteus, '05, consisted of a huge part of the scoring for the Oaks.

By: Eric Garland

Right: Top Row: Allison Darland, Patrice Njoh, Coach Molly, Michele Norkus-Comby, Katherine Torvinen. Middle Row: Kari Hoobler, Amanda Presson, Samantha Seymour, Jennifer Wolowicz, Megan Frizzell. Bottom Row: Lauren Bogues, Megan Boiteau, Katie Cross, Brittney Zuzindlak.



# A, C, E, ACE

We're the, woo woo, mighty Oaks! We're the, woo woo, mighty Oaks! The J.V. team might not have excelled this past year, but they gave it their best. It was a rebuilding year for the Oaks. The whole point was for the team to get some experience so when they made it to varsity they could rock the court! Volleyball was a hard sport to succeed at. Megan Boiteau, '05, said that she was inspired when, "I played the front row for the first time," and that is what makes you better... experience.

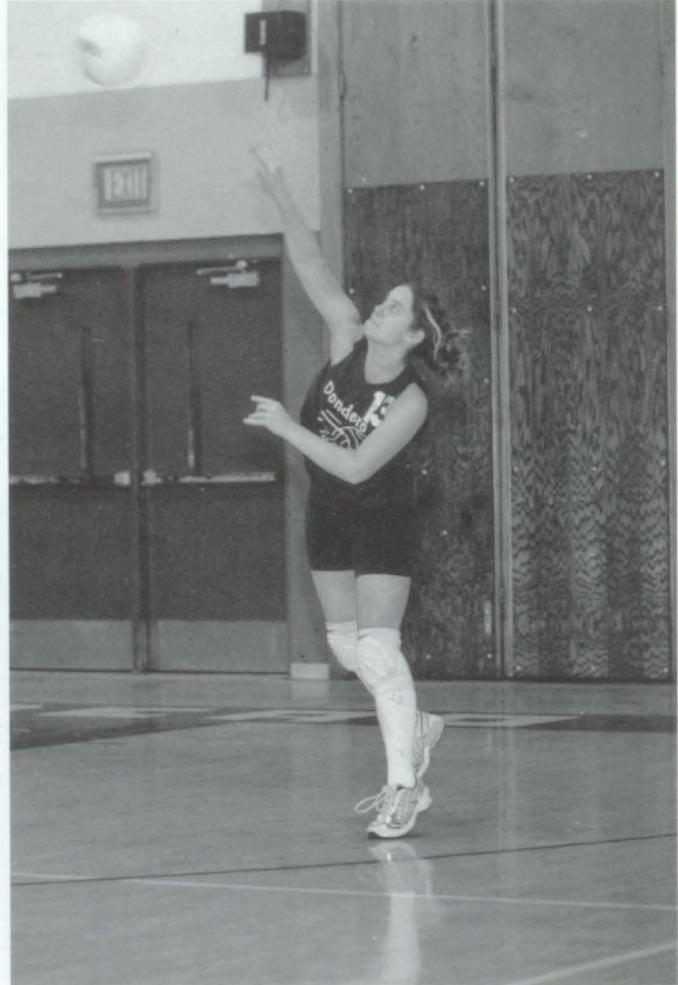
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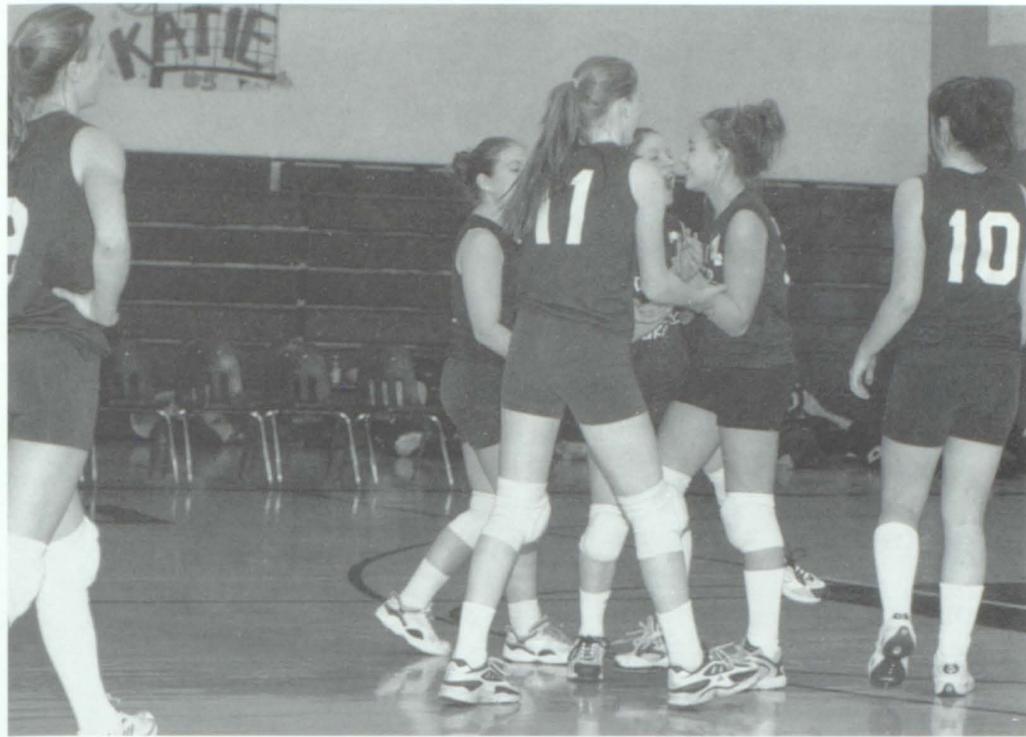
Above: Michele Norkus-Comby, '05, dives for the ball and hits it up so they can finish the play. Make sure you make that face next time you dive for the ball; it really helps.



Right: Katherine Torvinen, '05, bends down and gets ready for her opponent to serve the ball over so she can set it up for the kill!



Right: Samantha Seymour, '05, gets her serve up and watches it leave her hand. She hopes that it will go over the net and be an ace!



Left: The team congratulates Mhegan Luzod, '06, after she serves up an ace. This team is so close, and they would do anything to keep each other motivated.

Below: Rebecca Young, '06, puts her arms out, waiting for the ball to come down so she can bump it to the setter for the big play that she's going to setup.



# LITTLE SPIKES



Above: Kristin Flanigan, '06, sets the ball to one of her hitters, hoping that they will get a good spike off of it. Setting isn't easy, but she makes it look like it.



Above: Top Row: Rebecca Young, Meghan Luzod, Abigail Petri, Coach Heidi, Alexsandra Hamm, Allison Septer, Kristin Flanigan. Bottom Row: Alexandria O'Hara, Rachel Rosenbach, Ashley Bennis, Jackie Brown, Stacy Thompson, Caitlin Burr.

Aww... those little freshmen were so cute! Frosh volleyball was the year to prepare for any possible future volleyball experience. The girls usually played volleyball because they loved it or for the chance to meet new people. Caitlin Burr, '06, said that she loved playing volleyball because, "It's fun to play, and you become friends with people you wouldn't normally talk to if you weren't on the same team." It was a wonderful learning experience being the first year playing volleyball in high school; they learned a lot of technical skills that they didn't know in middle school.

By: Bailey Sidick

Dondero allows you to learn in different ways. Of course, you have the textbook readings, but you also have all of those other little things, those things that actually get you interested in

Right: Nicole Hakli, '03, takes a little beauty nap before she starts her next school day. Maybe her classes aren't that interesting anymore.



the subject. The student body and staff, because so many care about what is going on, create these little things that become much larger. The



Left: Mr. Collick shows you his class through his own little television set. Another day in Pleasantville, huh?

relationship of the staff and students allows all of us to learn in a way that helps each to be as successful as possible.

Right: Danay Estopellan, '03, gets her homework done before her next class. Hey, with all the things she is involved in, she has to find sometime to get it done!

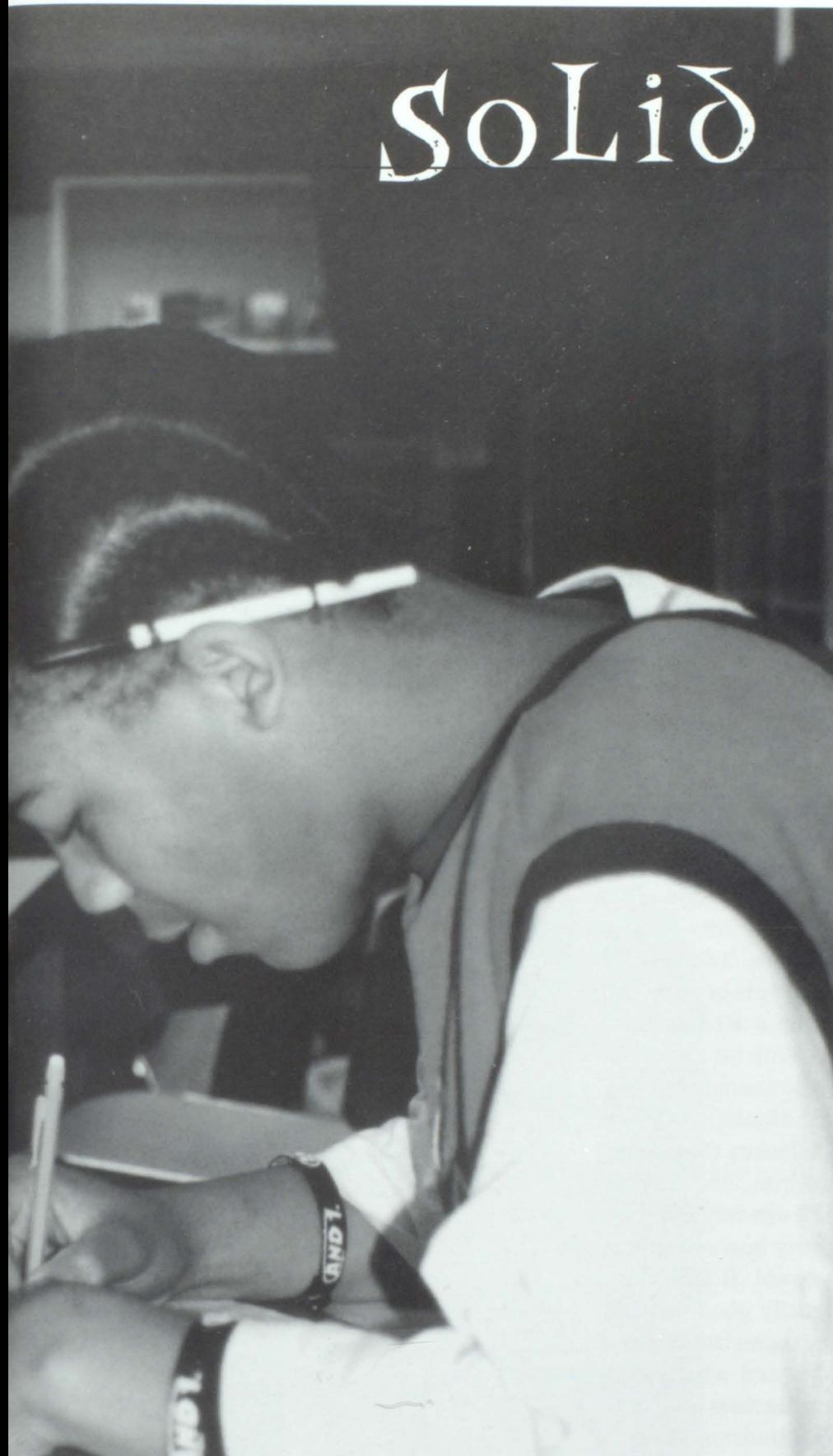


“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.” -William Arthur Ward

By: Amber Marsh



# SoLiδ facts



Left: Kevin Weems, '04, is writing a paper for one of his English classes. Even though it can be tough writing papers, he knows that he has to get it done, especially with two writing utensils.

## Match That Year!

This year, the Royal Oak School Board acknowledged teachers who have served in the district for a certain amount of time. See if you can match the teacher to how many years they have been teaching in the district! (Choices A, B, and C, may be used more than once.)

1) Mr. Cicchini	A) 25 years
2) Mrs. Brewer	B) 10 years
3) Ms. Tinetti	C) 15 years
4) Mrs. Marek	
5) Mr. Kohring	

Answers: 1) B 2) A 3) C 4) A 5) B

Below: Mrs. Marek, who has been teaching in the Royal District for 25 years, said, "I love the students at Dondero! Dondero is my second home, and everyone that knows me knows I treat them like family!"



Some teachers are special. When Dr. LeCureux and Mrs. Marcus came in very excited to announce that Mr. Chisnell had won a trip to Japan, he was in the middle of class. It was a two week long, all-inclusive trip in the summer of 2002. Many people applied for a competitive grant from Toyota, and only fifty won, including Mr. Chisnell. Mr. Chisnell said, "Their way of living is totally different from ours. They are in lack of space, so they build up instead of spreading out like us." After winning the award, Mr. Chisnell promised a few things: to bring back Japanese ideals of writing and art, make

them into a writing class at Dondero, and to take the Model United Nations students back to Japan.

In spring of 2002, Mr. Snyder won The American History Teacher of the Year award from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Along with his award, he received a complementary dinner. His 2001-2002 A/P U.S. history class nominated him. Mr. Snyder said, "I was very surprised and very honored to win this award. It makes me feel really good that students appreciate me as a teacher and what I do." Just as teachers notice the special students, students know the special teachers. By: Erricka Mosley-Jenkins



Above: Ms. Tinetti, former assistant principal and current counselor, said, "I've been lucky enough to work at Dondero for 15 years. It's a great place to work."

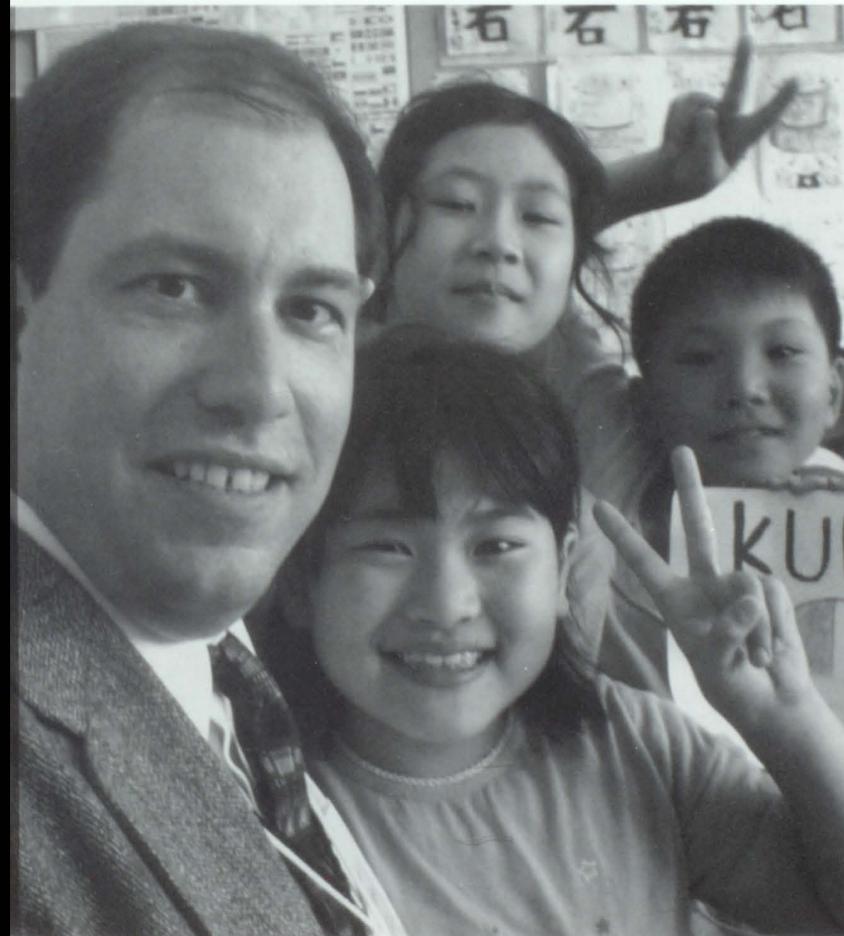


Right: Mr. Chisnell spends some time with Japanese elementary students. Mr. Chisnell states, "The one thing I noticed was that in Japan, they don't teach the students how to critically think and problem-solve like U.S. students do."

# Rock Star Teachers



Left: Mr. Synder teaches valuable and interesting lessons. Mr. Synder says he, "Loves the students and teaching at Dondero!"



## FYI

In the past few years some of our other teachers have been recognized for their outstanding work, and we rarely hear about it. So, for your information:

- Mr. Streeter won the Educator of the Year Award in spring of 2002 for his involvement with students and programs he helped start.
- Dr. LeCureaux won the Royal Oak Educator of the Year from the PTSA in the winter of 2001. He also won the Royal Oak County Principal of the Year from the Michigan Association of Student Councils in the spring of 2001.
- Mrs. Arribas won the Royal Oak Foundation Award in 1998 for enhancing the foreign language program through technology.

## *Faithful Teacher*

Mrs. Pearce has been teaching at Dondero for 30 years. She always wanted to become a teacher. When she was a little girl, she had a school setup in her basement where she taught her sister how to read and write. Although teaching English wasn't her first job, she loves teaching most of all. When asked the main reason she's stayed so long, she said, "I like the students and faculty, and most of all, being a teacher." Mrs. Pearce really enjoys the success of her past students and loves when they write or come back to visit and tell her about their life. Mrs. Pearce has no plans to retire, but if she does she says, "I'll go back to school, because I love to learn."



Below: Mr. Hartsoe graduated in 1957 from Flint Central High School, where he was involved in choir during his junior and senior years. Doesn't he look cute in this senior high school picture?



Mr. Hartsoe has been teaching choir at Dondero since 1967. He decided to become a choir teacher when he was in college. In 1971, Mr. Hartsoe started Dondero's annual Pop Concert. Before Mr. Hartsoe came to Dondero, there wasn't a Pop Concert. Pop Concert has been enjoyed by the staff and student body for many years. Mr. Hartsoe said, "My most memorable experience in my 36 years was during Spring Concert 2000, when I was in the hospital and couldn't be here or help teach the songs for the concert." Instead, from his home recovery bed, he listened to the concert on the phone for three hours. In his

place, Jan Stewart, his daughters Carla and Adrienne, and his student teacher at the time took over the responsibility of putting together the Spring Concert. When asked why he loves music so much, he said, "There is only one word to describe it: cool." The thing that he likes the most about Dondero's choirs is that they do a variety of music from traditional choral music to rock and roll. Mr. Hartsoe said, "I love Dondero too much to leave, but I will eventually have to leave." He plans on leaving when he's 65 in 2007. When he retires, he wants to do a lot more traveling in his motorhome.

By: Erricka Mosley-Jenkins



Above: Mr. Hartsoe and Jan Stewart have been working together for a while. Mr. Hartsoe said, "My job is easier and more effective with Jan Stewart, who has been with me for twenty years."

Right: Mr. Hartsoe works with many students to make the Pop Concert even better than it was in the past year. Can it actually get any better?



# *A Teacher is Forever*



Left: Mr. Stevens has been teaching on and off at Dondero for 25 years. He came to Dondero in 1969, although he left for eight years in the eighties. He missed Dondero so much that he came back and has been here ever since.



## *A teacher named Streeter*



Mr. Streeter has been teaching at Dondero for 25 years. In 1979, he took over the Student Senate, an organization which he feels empowers students. The students basically run Student Senate themselves; it gives them leadership skills. He says the kids make teaching worthwhile, and he loves to establish long-lasting relationships with his students. He also likes when former students contact him and tell him how meaningful Student Senate was to them. Mr. Streeter loves how the students raise money for Volleyball Marathon to help Beaumont's Children's Miracle Network. Many students who have had Mr. Streeter appreciate his dedication to Dondero.

## Guess That Year

Can you guess what year these teachers graduated from Dondero?

1) Mr. Lynch	A) 1997
2) Mrs. Bonneau	B) 1968
3) Mr. Dinkelmann	C) 1994
4) Mrs. Moore	D) 1978
5) Mr. Rockwell	E) 1965
6) Mrs. Nelson	F) 1993
7) Mr. Collick	G) 1966
8) Ms. Laird	H) 1979
9) Coach Steele	I) 1965
10) Ms. Bos	J) 1987



Mr. Collick

Answers: 1) f 2) E  
3) F 4) B 5) I 6) G  
7) C 8) D 9) H 10) A

**H**ow many teachers do think have gone to Dondero for high school? This year there were eleven teachers who were former students at Dondero. These teachers were Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Bonneau, Mr. Dinkelmann, Mrs. Nelson, Ms. Laird, Coach Steele, Francis, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Collick, Ms. Bos, and Mr. Rockwell.

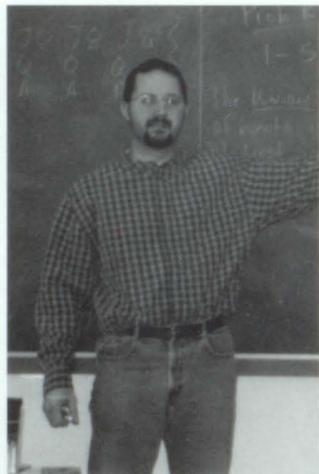
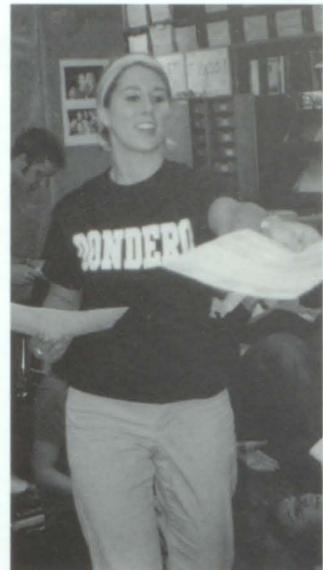
Of the eleven, the most recent graduate from Dondero was Ms. Bos, a graduate of the class of 1997. Mr. Rockwell graduated in 1965 and is

the oldest graduate working in the building. Ms. Bos said, "About sixty percent of the staff today were here back in 'my day'." Mr. Rockwell recalled, "My senior year 99% of the class paid fifty dollars for our senior trip. We sailed from Detroit to Mackinaw Island. It was a great time."

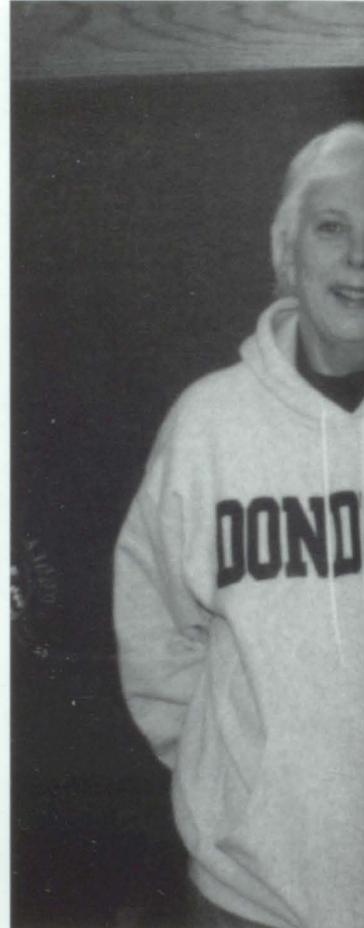
Some of the former students obviously liked Dondero so much that they went on to be teachers here. Perhaps it's something in the water... or maybe the cafeteria food.

By: Courtney Engel

Below: Ms. Bos, ex-student, hands out report cards instead of receiving one. Voted most spirited in 1994, she is now a Senate adviser and is still showing her school spirit.



Above: Though Mr. Dinkelmann first went to teach at Kimball, he found that his true roots were here at Dondero.



Right: Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Nelson weren't friends in high school, but they are now. Even though the school has changed, they haven't changed at all.

# Staff Alumni



Left: Mr. Lynch, a graduate of 1987, came back to Dondero as a math teacher.



## *He Said*

### **(Edward Duffy)**



Father of Vanessa Duffy  
"During the 1968 Christmas concert, the A Cappella Choir couldn't remember the words to the first sentence of the second verse (of the Hallelujah Chorus) and kept messing up. Mr. Hartsoe then wrote the words on a white piece of cardboard and taped it on the side of the piano facing the choir. The audience never knew. Our class also gave him the nickname 'Humming Bird'."

## *She Said*

### **(Linda Ann Howlik)**

(Aunt of Katie Huston)



Linda's best Dondero High School memory was "graduation day. School studies were not easy for me, so I felt a great deal of accomplishment when I did graduate in 1972."

## Recipe for OOBLECK

Want to amaze your friends? Want to be the wonder of the neighborhood? If you do, follow these simple instructions to make Oobleck!! When you create Oobleck, make sure that an adult is around. *Keep it away from small children and pets, and don't taste or eat it!!* Also, it is very important that you measure carefully.

### Get permission to do this first!!

#### Materials

- Borax solution [15 ml Borax dissolved in 250 ml of warm water]
- Elmer's glue mixture [30 ml of glue mixed with 30 ml water]
- Zipper-lock plastic bag (small)
- 2 bowls
- Measuring spoons and cup
- Green food coloring

#### Directions

1. Mix the Borax and the water in one bowl, making sure that the Borax dissolves completely.
2. Mix the glue and the water in the second bowl.
3. Put 10 ml of Borax solution in the plastic bag.
4. Add one or two drops of food coloring.
5. Add 30 ml of the glue mixture.
6. Close the bag and mix thoroughly for 2 minutes.
7. When not being used to gross out friends, the Oobleck should be kept in the plastic bag!

#### DISPOSE OF MATERIALS PROPERLY!

5 ml = 5 milliliters = 1 Teaspoon

15 ml = 15 milliliters = 1 Tablespoon

250 ml = 250 milliliters = 1 cup

### DO NOT EAT OR DRINK!!!

**H**ave you ever had a class that you found more interesting than all your other classes? Did you ever stop and think why it was so interesting? Most of us probably have had at least one class that was interesting, throughout our high school careers. Colleen Taylor, '04, said, "All of my classes were interesting this year because we talked, discussed and had debates."

It depended on the teacher to make his or her own class interesting. Alexander Gallegos, '04, said, "Mr. Snyder made World History interesting," while Elizabeth Drewek, '04, said, "German class was fun because Herr Weathers made it fun."

It could also have depended on who was in the class. Elizabeth also said, "Algebra was fun because all my friends were in it."

Those who made classes interesting, whether teachers or students, can never get enough credit for the way they enhance our educational experience.

By: Courtney Engel

Below: Every year in Chemistry, students make silver bottles. They can use any type of bottle they want. This bottle was made last year by one of Ms. Booser's students.

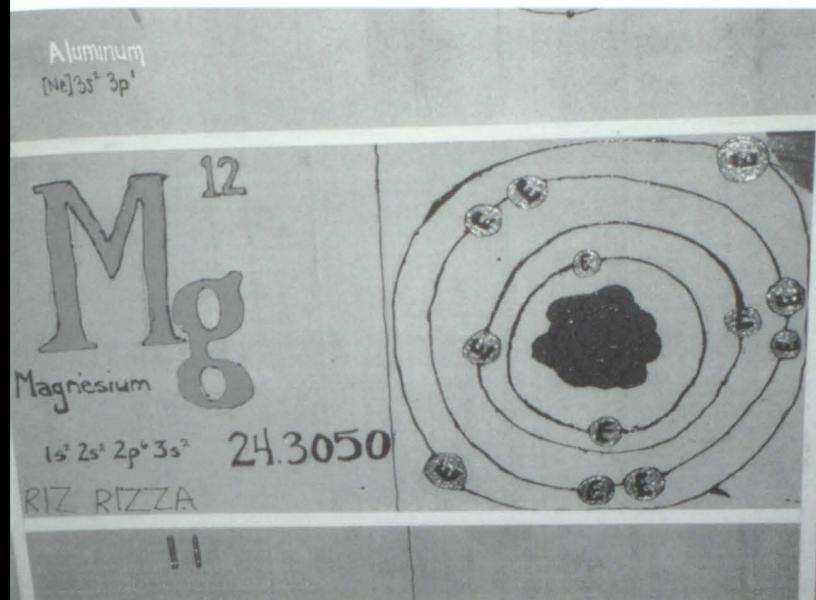


Above: Mr. Synder pretends to be Socrates on trial while his classes act like the jury of ancient Athens, asking him questions. This is one of the many ways Mr. Synder makes classes interesting.

Right: Art is another interesting class that could be taken at Dondero. Just ask Jessie Rauf, '04, who seems pretty interested in her work.



# Classes that Rock



Left: Miss Crawley's class made a huge periodic table. They put it on the ceiling and each student made an element square. Hey, is she letting them cheat?



Can teachers do certain things that will make classes more interesting?

## *She Said*

Colleen Taylor, '04



"Teachers can make their classes interesting by having group decisions."

## *He Said*

Alexander Gallegos, '04

"Teachers should do things that the kids like to do. That's how they can make their classes interesting."

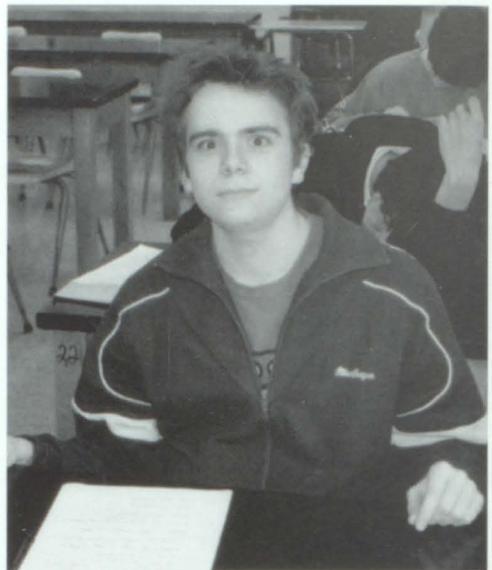


## A/P English Couth Nights!

Mr. Chisnell's A/P English class has a couth night each month. Here was the tentative schedule for the 2002-2003 school year:

- October - "Stomp!"@ The Fisher Theater
- November - *Dracula*@ OCC Orchard Ridge
- December - *A Christmas Carol*@ The Bonstelle and the Rockettes@ The Fox Theater
- January - *Apocalypse Now!*@ DHS Auditorium
- February - *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*@ DHS New Commons
- March - Kodo Drummers@ U of M Power Center
- April - *The Tempest VTL*@ Henry Ford Museum
- May - Joffrey Ballet @ Michigan Opera Theatre

Below: Anthony Fader, '03, takes a break from doing his thick A/P Biology work packet. Does he look like he's having fun or going crazy from work?



**A**dvanced Placement classes were the classes that further prepared students for college, sometimes allowing college credit to be earned. Both juniors and seniors could take most A/P classes, and some even challenged themselves by taking more than one. Christopher Marsh, '03, had two A/P classes: A/P English with Mr. Chisnell and A/P Biology with Ms. Reed. He said, "The biggest difference I see in my A/P classes is that instead of the teachers teaching us how to memorize things, they teach you how to think and understand, and they expand the way you think." Chris felt that A/P classes were more independent because you were

allowed to do what you wanted as long as you got your work done. Erica Bell, '03, had independent study A/P European History with Mr. Snyder and A/P Biology with Ms. Reed. Erica said, "The most difficult thing about A/P classes is that the responsibility solely falls on you because you are the one that has to pass the A/P final exam in order to get college credit for the class. The benefit of the class is that you can take it in high school and only have to pay for the final exam as opposed to paying for each credit hour and your book in college." These classes were more difficult, but most students agreed that it was well worth it.

By: Erricka Mosley-Jenkins



Above: Avrom King, '03, said, "A/P classes are more independent. Instead of just memorizing things, A/P classes teach you how to think and how to understand."

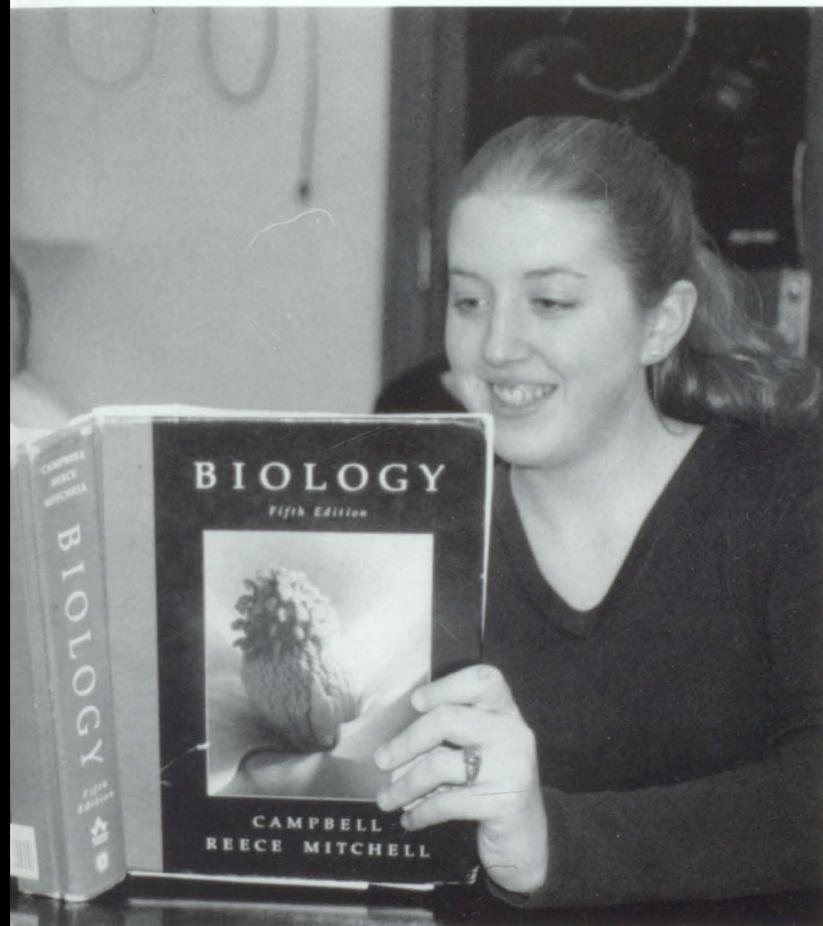


Right: Lyndsay Rankin, '03, and Heather Flynn, '03, look like they've found something very interesting in their biology book.

# Hard as a Rock



Left: Erica Bell, '03, and Megan Goldenberg, '03, study A/P Biology. Erica said, "Taking my A/P classes in high school allows me to go directly into the science field in college instead of taking all the college first year classes."



## Getting Ahead

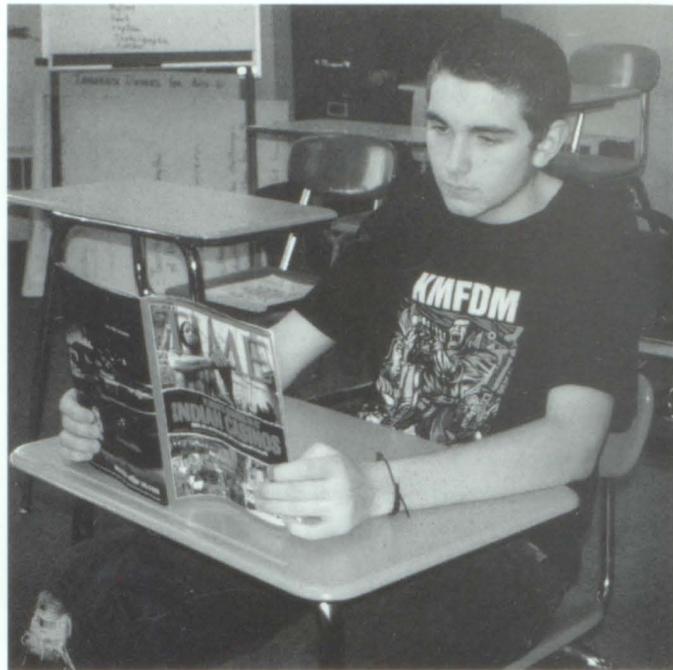


Molly Mutschler, '03, had been in A/P classes both her junior and senior years. Her senior year she took A/P Calculus with Ms. Reeves and A/P English with Mr. Chisnell. Molly commented on the challenge of the classes by saying, "The difficulty of each A/P class depends on the subject. A/P classes prepare you for college. A/P classes are challenging but well worth the effort. Even if you don't pass an A/P class in high school and have to retake it in college, you'll still be ahead." Molly is just one example of the hard working, intelligent students that are in the A/P classes at Dondero.

## *Top Ten Things to do When Bored in Class*

- Anything (10)
- Read (9)
- Nothing (8)
- Stare into space (7)
- Play games on calculator (6)
- Daydream (5)
- Talk (4)
- Write (3)
- Draw (2)
- Sleep (1)

Below: Gabriel Kish, '06, who is bored in one of his classes, decides to read *Time* magazine. Maybe he thinks that if he reads, it's just like he participating.



“There is a vast world of work out there in this country, where at least 111 million people are employed in this country alone - many of whom are bored out of their minds. All day long. Not for nothing is their motto TGIF—‘Thank God It’s Friday.’ They live for the weekends, when they can go do what they really want to do.” - Richard Nelson Bolles

Most students got bored in at least one class a day. When students got bored they would draw, sleep, write, read, talk, day dream, do other homework, play games on their

calculator, stare off in space, or watch the clock.

Darcy Barry, '03, said, “I got bored everyday in class.” She stated casually, “When I’m bored I sleep, write, read, or talk.” Alix Kowalski, '06, said, “I talk or play games when I’m bored, which is often.” Mr. Bolles said, “111 million are bored out of their mind at work;” well, school is work to many students, and they were bored out of their minds. Though many students get bored during classes, not all of them do. Some students have fun in their classes and think school is interesting.

By: The Academics Section

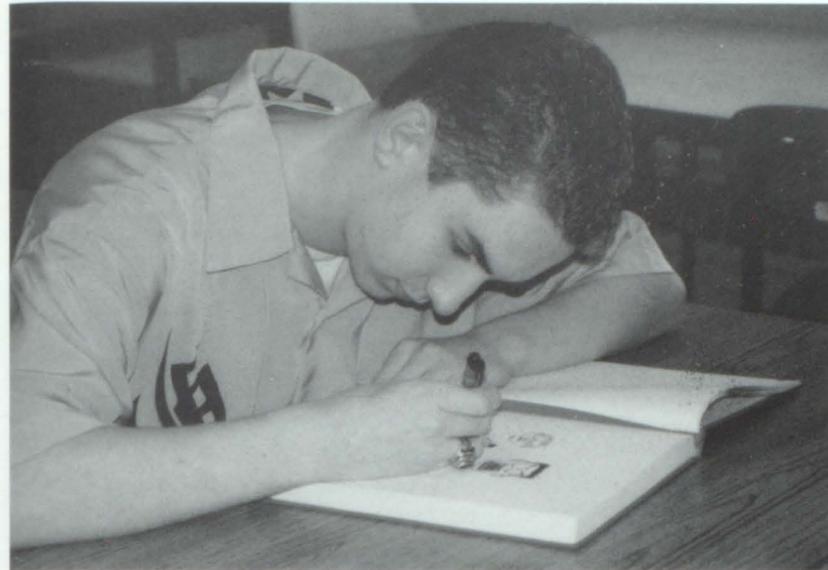


Above: We caught Erika Lessien, '06, bored in her class. It looks like she likes to write when she gets bored. Is that a note, Erika?



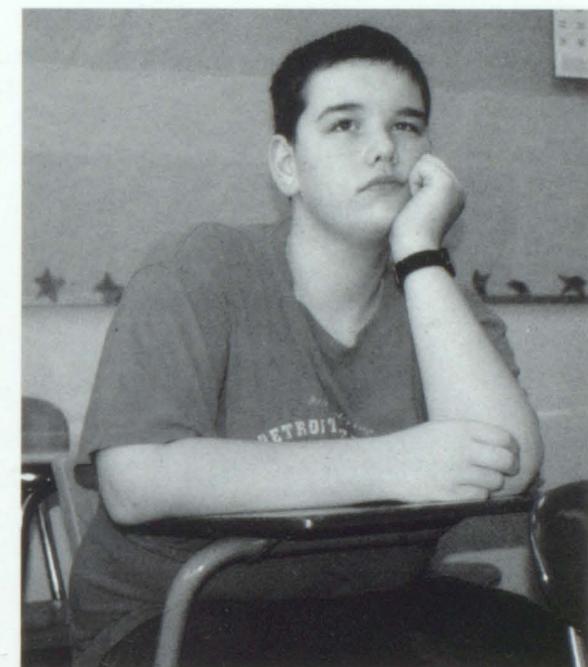
Right: When Penny Brown, '03, and Darcy Barry, '03, get bored in class they start talking to each other. Come on now ladies, be courteous of those who want to learn.

# *When's Nap Time?*



Left: Andrew Gregory, '05, draws when he gets bored in class. It looks like he's a really good at his doodling; maybe he should major in it.

Below: Timothy Pingle, '04, falls asleep during class. He deals with his boredom in a simple and effective way.



Above: You can't tell that Jake Gill, '05, is bored - all he does is daydream! Smart kid!

# Senior Survey

## Top 5 Colleges

1) Oakland Community College

2) Oakland University

3) Michigan State

4) Western University

5) University of Michigan

\*The military also was a choice  
for a few people\*

## Top 5 Reasons

- 1) a; good and bad
- 2) Cost
- 3) Location
- 4) Scholarship
- 5) Field of study

Below: Shawnta Williams, '03, wants to major in Sports Medicine. Shawnta said, "I decided to major in sports medicine after watching the movie *Any Given Sunday*!"



**T**he future is now! Kimberly Michalski, '03, loves animals and is planning to become a Veterinarian. She said, "Being a veterinarian is neat because, in a sense, I would have a million different pets."

Kimberly is planning on going to college and majoring in pre-vet and minoring in biology. She is still debating what college she is going to attend. To prepare her for her career she is taking A/P Biology and pre - calculus this year. Kimberly said, "My A/P Biology teacher Ms. Reed has influenced me very much, so much that biology is something I will relate my career to."

Penny Brown, '03, was planning to pursue a career as a photographer. Penny said she really likes to take pictures and had fun doing it. Penny said, "The neatest thing about being a photographer is that you get to meet a lot of new people and travel around the world."

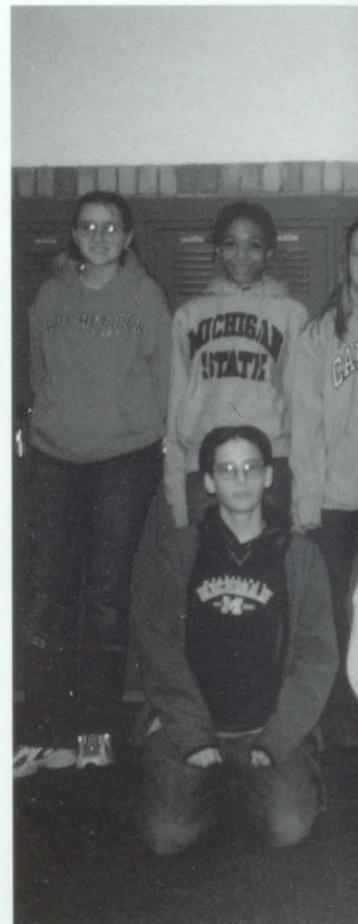
Penny was undecided about what college she would be attending but knew that she going to major into studio photography and eventually start her own business. To prepare her for her career last semester Penny took dual enrollment and took a photography class at OCC. People at Dondero had a lot of goals and hopefully everyone meet will them.

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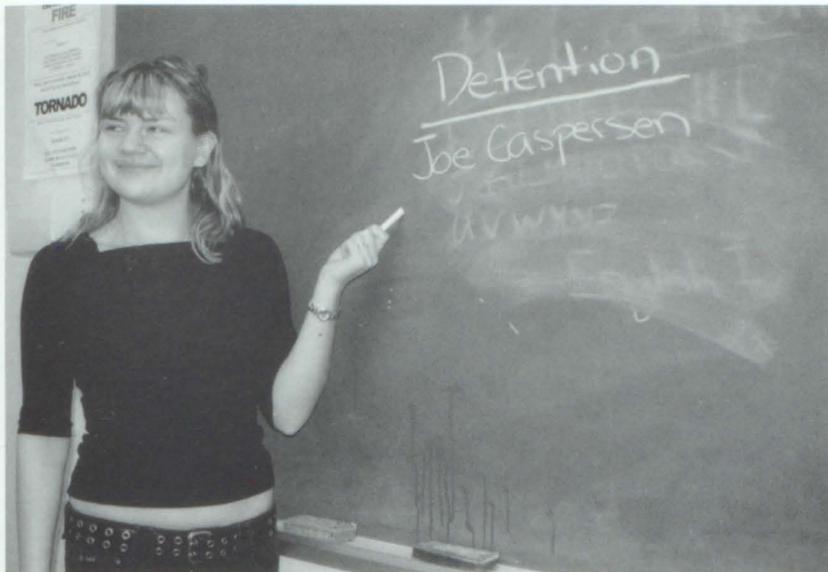


Above: Kimberly Michalski, '03, wants to be a veterinarian because she loves taking care of animals.

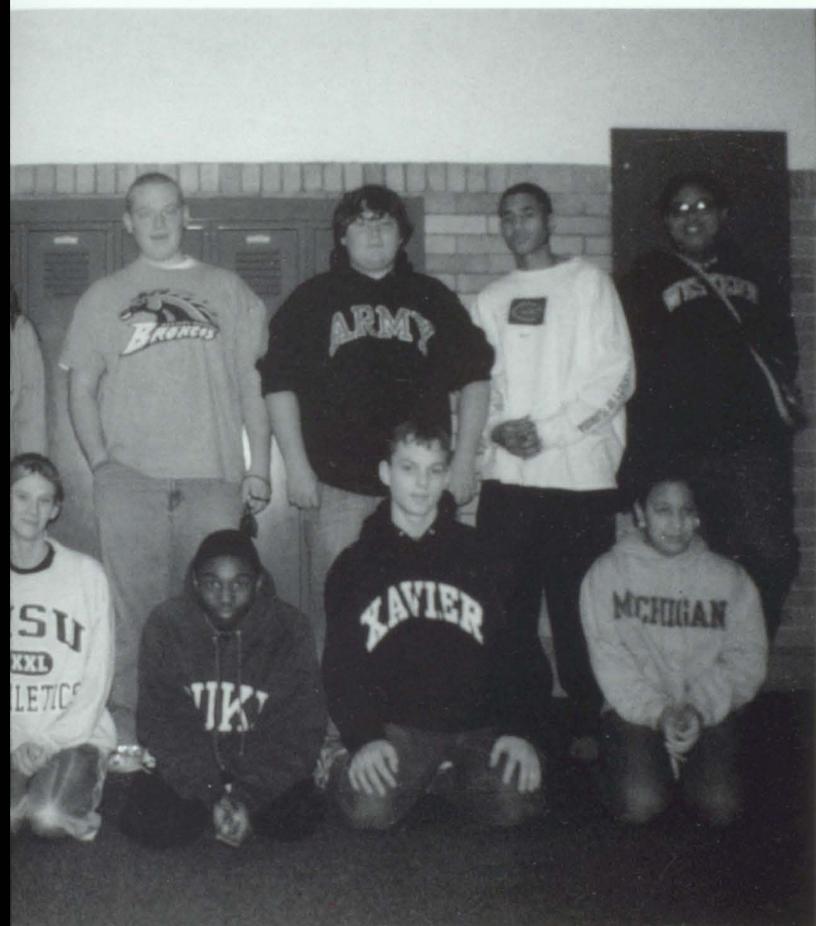
Right: Students represent the college they like! Top Row: Tabatha Kronenwetter, '06, Mia Hooks, '06, Rebecca Young, '06, Zachary Hanson, '05, Adam Witkowski, '05, Kiwan Rankin, '04, Joanna Houston, '05. Bottom: Trevor Peschke, '06, DeLores Cottingham, '03, Christopher Walker, '06, Evan Kangas, '06, Dominique Catalina, '06.



# *Solid Goals*



Left: April Cushion, '03, wants to become an English teacher. April says she wants to become an English teacher because English has always been one of her best subjects.



*"People with goals succeed because they know where they're going." - Earl Nightingale*

## *Dreams*

Peter Ayotte



Peter Ayotte, '03, wanted to become a pastry chef. Pete said, "My mom is who inspired me to become a pastry chef because she makes cakes and I enjoyed watching her." He said the neatest thing about that career is that he would make a lot of money. Peter planned to go to either Culinary Hospitality Institute of Chicago or Pennsylvania Culinary Institute to major in Pastry Arts. To prepare for his career, Peter attended OTC this past year.

## *Future*

**H**igh school is not just a time of book learning; it is a time of individual growth, of gaining a solid foundation of knowledge of the

Right: Elise Androkites, '06, and William Mooney, '06, share a super moment together before first hour.



world around you, and of interactions with the people in it. We get about as much knowledge from the people we encounter in high school as we do

Left: Even though they look like complete opposites, Jessica Bryan, '03, and Desiree Bouchard, '03, find that they have a lot in common.



from the texts we are forced to read. The people who surround us not only comfort us in certain situations, but mold us into who we become.

Right: Christopher Michael, '05, Baily Kreutzer, '05, and Jillian Frost, '05, show off their own unique styles and prove that it's okay to be accepting.

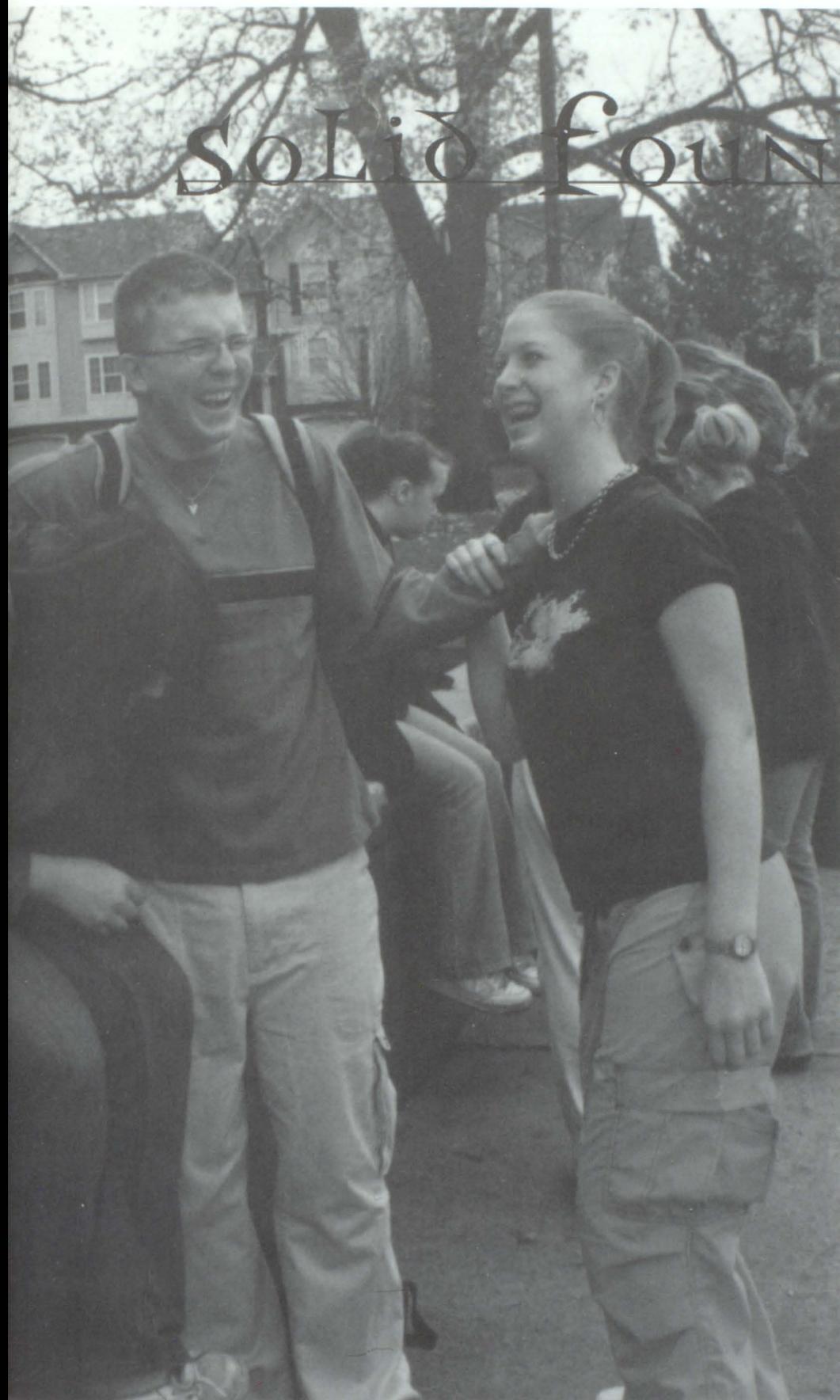


“People that are really very weird can get into sensitive positions and have a tremendous impact on history.” -Dan Quayle

By: Amber Marsh



# Solid foundation



Left: Julie Fox, '05, and Melissa Strunk, '05, laugh hysterically at one of James Kumer's, '05, corny jokes during lunch. What a clown Jimmy is... did he escape from the circus?

# Who Are They Really?

Students saw them everyday... teachers taught and students learned. Little was known about their lives, such as whether or not they were married or whether they had children. Obviously students couldn't know everything about their teachers lives, but it was nice to know a few small details about the people with whom they spent so much time.

What did the teachers watch on TV when they weren't checking papers? For some, it was "Jerry Springer" or "Seinfeld". For others it was "Scrubs" or "Magnum P.I." While a few of the teachers were watching their favorite television show, the rest may have been watching their favorite movie, such as *Dead Poets Society*, *Shawshank Redemption* or *Gone With the Wind*.

Although the teachers of Dondero were in many ways different, there always seemed to be one thing that they all had in common: their love for Diet Coke. Everytime a teacher's desk was in view, there was at least one or two of those Diet Coke bottles on it. A chili dog from National Coney Island, a fancy pasta dish from Pasquali's, or airline entrees seemed to have been at the top of the list as favorite foods for the teachers.

Some students had known their teachers for four years, others not quite that long. Over time, more was learned about those that helped so many to find their way in life. At the same time, they learned more about their students. Some people may have thought that their teachers didn't have a life outside of school, but teachers are really more like students than we thought.

By: Vanessa Duffy

Jackie Aikin  
Miho Akutagawa  
Bertha Arribas  
Diana Barber  
Oliva Beverly  
Patricia Bonneau



Jolie Booser  
Pam Bordy  
Kimberly Bos  
Patricia Bostwick  
Theresa Bowles  
Donna Brewer



Katherine Calkins  
John Camp  
Caroline Caughell  
Steven Chisnell  
Emily Cheng  
Perry Cicchini



Shawn Collick  
Jo Cooley  
Tracy Crawley  
Judith Cuthbertson  
Jeff Dinkelmann  
Nhu Do



Senior class adviser Mrs. Marek, just loves her Diet Coke. She loves to talk to people on the phone and tell them how wonderful it is!



Kimberly Dokho  
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Lorne Fairfield  
James Fitzpatrick  
Tim Foreman



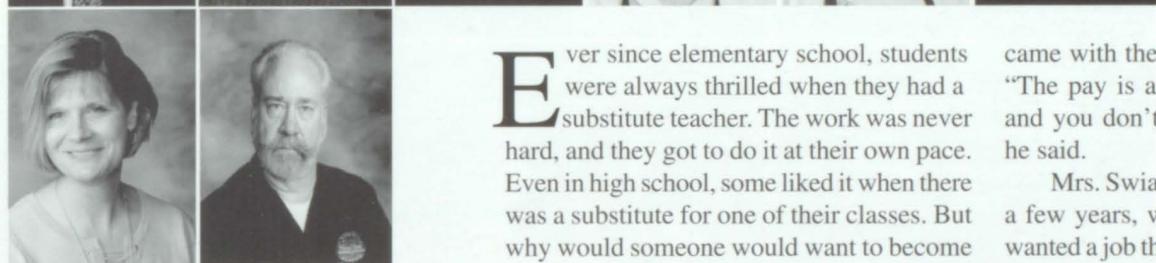
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Mia Gutierrez  
Debra Harlan



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Jennifer Kocis  
Keith Kohring  
Caroline Krynak  
Judy Landers  
Suzanne Lareau



Gerald LeCureux  
Sam Lynch  
Deborah Lowe  
Frances Maliszewski  
Susan Marcola  
Zoe Marcus



Nanci Marek

Glenn Mehlenbacher

**E**ver since elementary school, students were always thrilled when they had a substitute teacher. The work was never hard, and they got to do it at their own pace. Even in high school, some liked it when there was a substitute for one of their classes. But why would someone want to become a substitute teacher? Most subs got talked back to, disrespected, and ignored. Why would someone purposely go into that? Well, here's the scoop. Two subs, Mr. Harding and Ms. Swiatek, gave the details themselves on why someone would want to become a substitute teacher.

Mr. Harding has been a sub for about six years. "I wanted to pursue a career in education. I knew I could help mold the lives of young people, and I thought I could do it in an energetic fashion." Even though he had a passion to teach, there were some things that

came with the job that weren't so exciting. "The pay is awful! You don't get benefits and you don't have your own classroom," he said.

Mrs. Swiatek, who has been subbing for a few years, wasn't always a substitute. "I wanted a job that would allow me to be available to my children," said Swiatek. She had a nerve-racking first day. "I had two boys have a 'throwing back packs fight.'" Elective and honors classes were her favorite to teach because she felt that the students were more willing to be serious and to learn. She really liked the variety of classes and the chance that she got to meet new students.

The pay wasn't always good, and they weren't always respected, but they were here giving their all.

By: Vanessa Duffy



Above: Mr. Harding

## The Pay Wasn't Always Good

# Blast From the Past

It was 6:00 a.m. and the alarm went off. You got up and started the morning ritual of getting ready for school. You went to your locker and then headed for your first hour. You took your seat and waited for class to start. Then the daydreaming kicked in. However, this time you got to thinking "My teacher hasn't always been a teacher. She sat in these awkward desks at one point. I wonder what she did when she was in high school?" Well, your daydreaming is over.

Ms. Reed enjoyed the social aspect of high school. She was involved in school activities like cheerleading and French club. "I liked most of my teachers," she said. "I guess that's why I became one." Ms. Gardy was also a very involved student. "I was active in drama, forensics, mock trial, cheerleading, student council, and track for all four years." She also acknowledges that high school had its ups and downs, laughs and tears. Mr. Worrell was also involved. He enjoyed being with his friends, as well as being on the soccer and track teams. "I ran the 800- what I think is the most difficult race of them all!"

Teachers were just like the rest of us, only they had those crazy-earlier decade haircuts.

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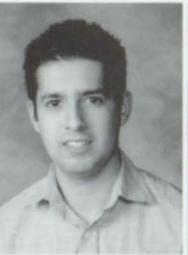
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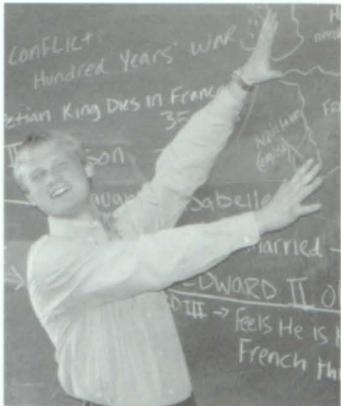
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Rory Ruelas  
Dick Rockwell  
Jill Ruffles



Elizabeth Sage  
Sue Sandtveit  
Michael Schmidt  
Beth Schmauck  
Suzanne Scott  
Sandy Shapiro



Ms. Reed is proud to teach the J.V. Cheerleading team. She sports her Dondero cheerleading ensemble proudly.

Mr. Worrell, who is as energetic about track as history, loves to make his class as fun filled as possible. That shouldn't be too hard - who doesn't love history?



Martha Shrode  
Alec Snyder  
Chuck Steele  
Patrick Stemas  
Robert Stevens  
Jan Stewart

Kathleen Stone  
Bonnie Sullivan  
Larry Streeter  
Mary Sutton  
Rosa Tinetti  
Jamie Vergari

Monty Weathers  
Leslie Whalin  
Michelle Wolfe  
John Worrell  
Scott Zeigler  
Elanor Zwar

Not pictured: K. Banat, W. Callan, M. English, D. Gerard, S. Kincannon, V. McAuley, D. Meyerand, S. Nedry, A. Noonan, C. Pearce, M. Poe, F. Sdao, C. Strzalkowski, R. Sulich, D. Webster.



People love to travel. They can go anywhere they want, as long as their budget allows. Some like it cool, some like it warm and some really don't care, but everyone loves an escape.

From the time that last bell rings sometime in June until it rings again in August, we almost never see our teachers. We don't know what they do or where they go. After little digging, a few of our teachers told us of some things that they do during the summer.

Ms. Akutagawa told us that she had spent summer in Japan. Granted, it was only for two weeks, but she saw family that she hasn't seen since 1987. She also went to Las Vegas in a small, six-seat airplane flown by her boyfriend's sister. "I also went camping just about every weekend. I was not much of an outdoors person, but that's changed a lot."

Just as Ms. Akutagawa spent part of her summer in a foreign country, Mrs. Beverly traveled to Istanbul, Turkey. She visited extended family and children. "For me, summer is the time when I rejuvenate and work on activities for the upcoming school year." It seemed as though people really preferred to travel during the summer.

Mr. Drilich was seemingly one of those people. "During 2002, I traveled with my family on a two and a half week trip that started in South Carolina. We then left the outer banks and went to Williamsburg, VA." However, Mr. Drilich never did get to see Colonial Williamsburg. "I had to stay with my Daisy, my rat terrier."

Once that bell rings and everyone is free from the homework, the studying, and the tests, we get ten weeks off. Had we stopped to inquire, we would have found out that teachers were doing things just as, if not more, fun than us.

By: Vanessa Duffy

## To The East And The West

# Freshmen

Right: During Spirit Week, Natalie Whitley, '06, makes a comment about Alisha Michael's, '06, Wacky Tacky outfit while Hannah O'Brien, '06, and Kristyn Ivison, '06, laugh at her crazy sense of style!



Right: Brian Presswood '06, and Nicholas Casabon '06, take a break at the Freshman Ice Cream Social. Every year, all the freshmen gather in the lunch room for ice cream and to learn the tricks of the trade about being a freshman in high school.

Below: These freshman are talking about what play they are going to do in the tag football game. Who doesn't love gym class?



## Class Favorites

Place To Eat: Outside

Male Teacher: Mr. Fitzpatrick

Female Teacher: Ms. Bos

Pop: Mountain Dew

Class: U.S. History

T.V. Show: "The Simpsons"

Artist: Red Hot Chili Peppers

Song: "Sk8er Boi" by: Avril Lavigne

Movie: *Fast and the Furious*

Hang Out: Friend's House



Left: Who doesn't love to share a good laugh with close friends? Alexandria O'Hara, '06, Rachel Rosenbach, '06, and Jamie Skewes, '06, have some fun during lunch, while Allison Septer, '06, shows her love for Dondero.



Above: Stephanie Smith, '06, and Lisa Maroni, '06, share a laugh and a joke during lunch in front of the school. It's always nice to get a breath of fresh air on such a beautiful day!

# Class Officers

President: Jackie Brown

Vice President: Celina Maggi

Secretary: Meghan Luzod

Treasurer: Caitlin Burr



## What's your biggest pet peeve?



**Jetta Blair**

"People who walk slow in the hallways."

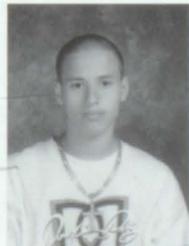


**Lewis Knight**

"Country music."

**JR Flores**

"People who act like something they're not."



**Natasha Carter**

"I don't like people who do disgusting things in public such as burping, farting, and picking their nose without excusing themselves."



# FRESHMEN CLASS SONG

“Sk8er Boi” by: Avril Lavigne

He was a skater boy/ She said see you later boy  
He wasn't good enough for her/ Now he's a super star  
Slamming on his guitar/ Does your pretty face see what he's worth?  
Sorry girl but you missed out/ Well tough luck that boy's mine now  
We are more than just good friends/ This is how the story ends  
Too bad that you couldn't see/ That man that boy could be  
There is more that meets the eye/ I see the soul that is inside.  
He's just a boy/ And I'm just a girl  
Can I make it any more obvious/ We are in love  
Haven't you heard/ How we rock each other's world.



During the freshmen's first pep assembly at Dondero, everyone waits anxiously for things to get started.

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Daniel Abraham  
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Veronica Adkins  
Alexandra Albers  
Taryn Andersen  
Amelia Anderson  
Victor Andres

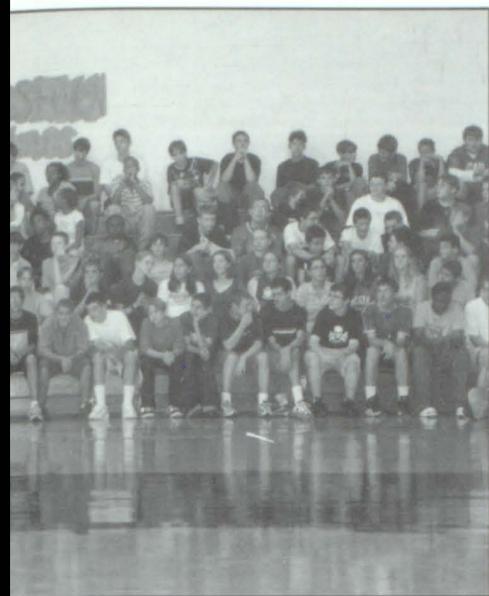


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Bradley Bauer  
Eric Begeny  
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Ashley Bennis  
Garrison Benson

Zachary Benton  
Kirstie Bjordahl  
Anthony Black  
Jetta Blair  
Thor Brovold  
Cierra Brown  
Jackie Brown  
Kasey Brown

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Stephen Burwell  
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Mark Cahill

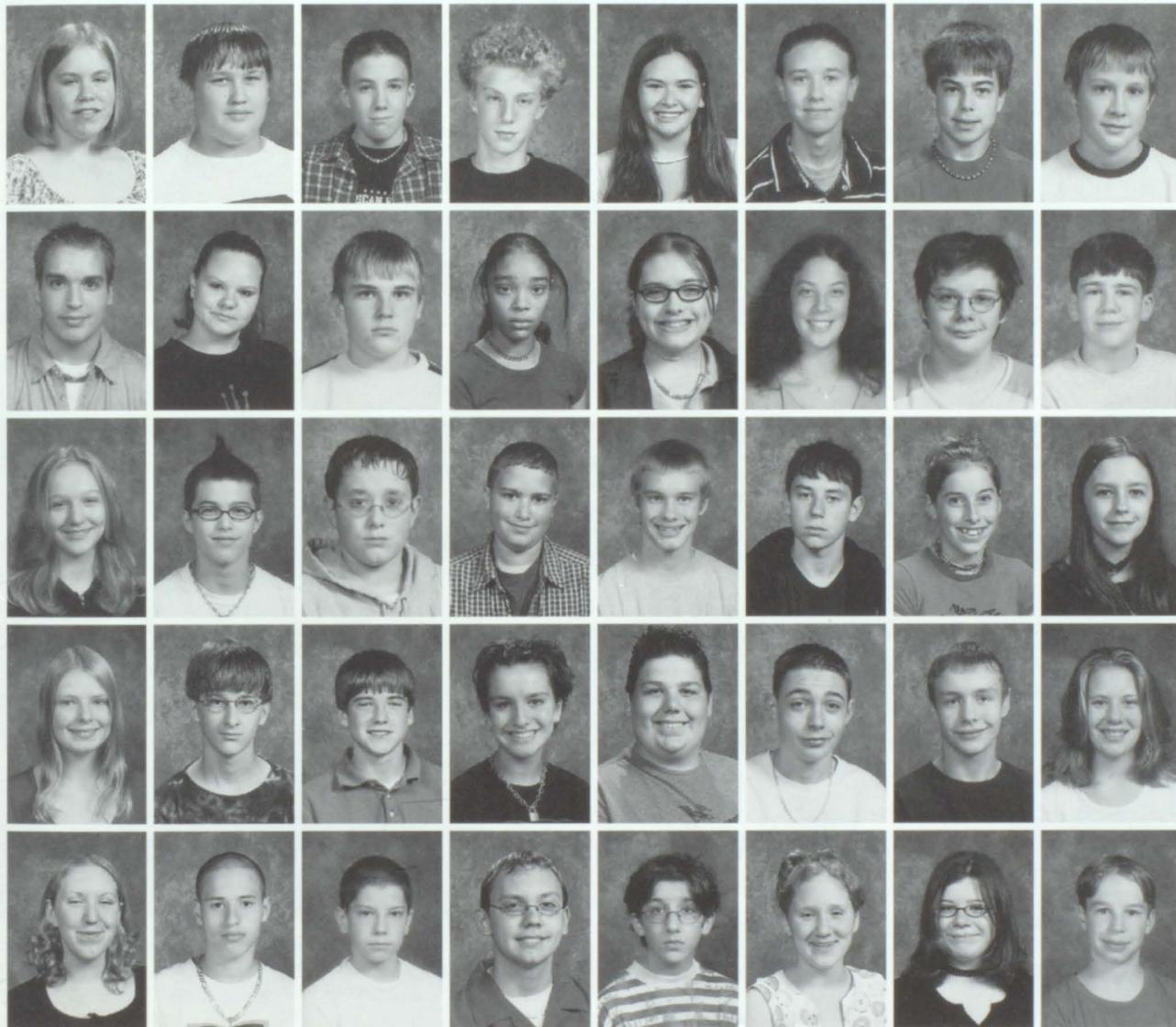
Tammy Callahan  
Brian Caloia  
Jeremy Carpenter  
Natasha Carter  
Nicholas Casabon  
Dominique Catalina  
Rachel Champagne  
Mark Chandler



*Stacy Thompson concentrates during band practice. She has a lot to do to be as good as the upper classmen.*



*Andrea DeDeckere and Bradley Whitley sit on the benches before school and catch up on their weekend.*



Casey Chevela  
Michael Chonko  
Jeffrey Ciampichini  
Andrew Cissell  
Virginia Cook  
Kevan Corbin  
Andrew Costigan  
Steven Creasey

James Cronberger  
Tera Cupp  
Luke Cypret  
Ashley D'agostino  
Taryn Darby  
Melissa Davis  
Richard Davis  
Holden Dawda

Andrea Dedeckere  
William Diamond  
Daniel Dickerson  
Edward Dillow  
Vern Drovillard  
Nathan Dubetz  
Angela Edwards  
Sandra Elsholz

Brianna English  
Paul Erickson  
Mitchell Erwin  
Paula Fader  
Michael Farr  
Matt Fegley  
Alexander Fike  
Kristin Flanigan

Noelle Fleishans  
JR Flores  
Matthew Forgash  
David Foster  
Joseph Fournier  
Lauren Fowler  
Alana Frank  
Chad Gardner

Kathryn Gardner  
Michael Gardner  
Morgan Gardner  
Gloria Gassam  
Justin Gilman  
Carl Glowacki  
Christa Good  
Jamesa Gracy



Patricia Greenough  
David Greenway  
William Hall  
Anthony Hallett  
Matthew Hallock  
Ashli Hamilton  
Alexsaundra Hamm  
Katharine Helegda

Lindsay Hilliard  
Joshua Hooks  
Miya Hooks  
Morgan Huffman  
Kristyn Ivison  
Carlos Jarrett  
Marky Jenkins  
Jason Johnson

Nicholas Johnson  
Daniel Johnstone  
Autumn Kangas  
Evan Kangas  
Colton Karabelski  
James Kaul  
Alex Keith  
Matthew Kerre

Rayna Ketchum  
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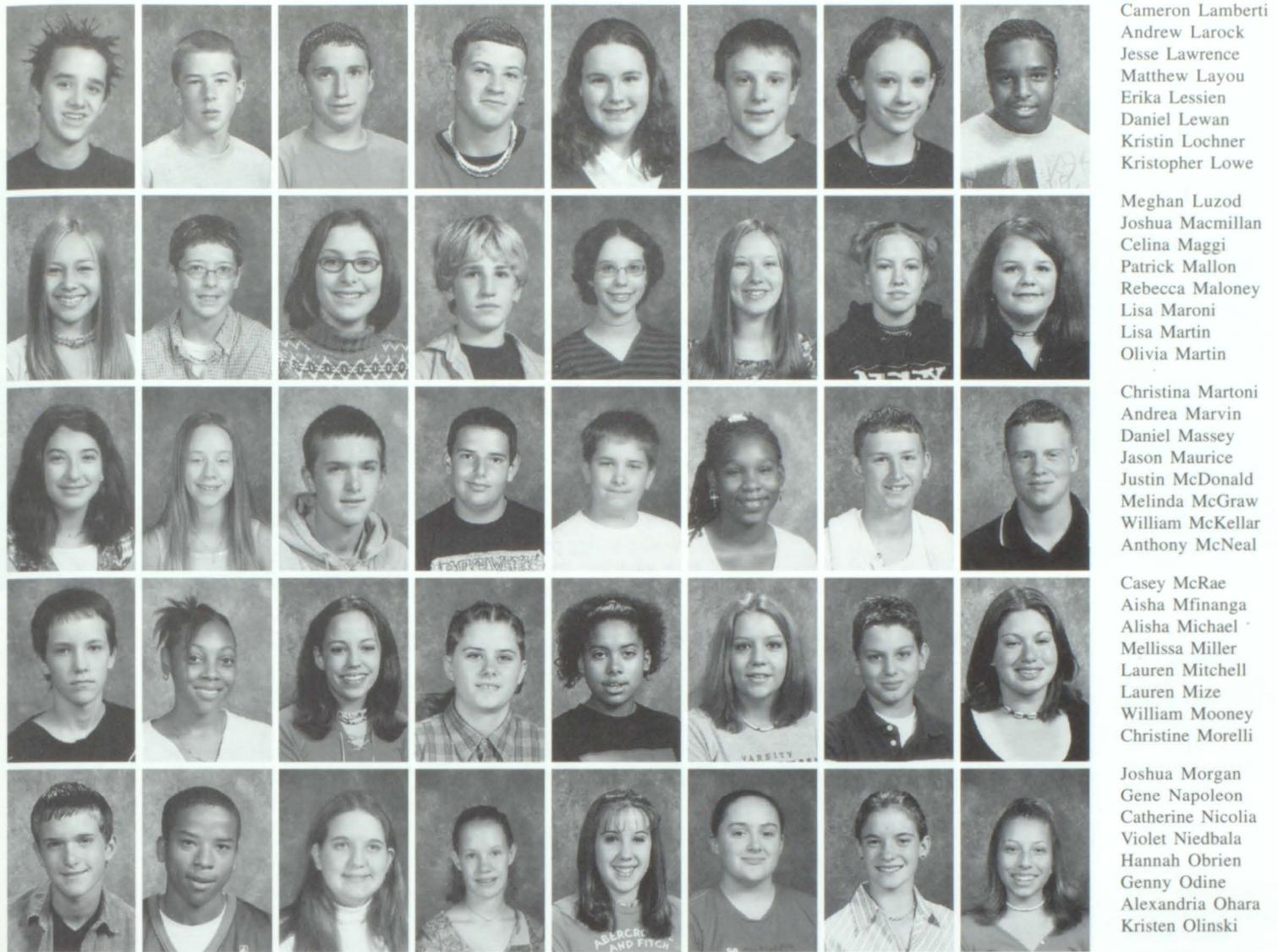
## MEMORIES

This was their first year at Dondero High School; they didn't really know what to expect or how the upperclassmen would treat them. In a survey that was taken from a few homeroom classes, freshmen said that when they first entered Dondero they were scared and nervous of what would happen. They weren't sure where everything was and got lost a few times. There were also other students that were willing to help them when they were lost and would direct them to where they had to go. Freshmen were excited because they were finally out of middle school and were growing up.

By: Penny Brown



During Mr. Schmidt's class, these students concentrate very hard and take notes to stay ahead in class.



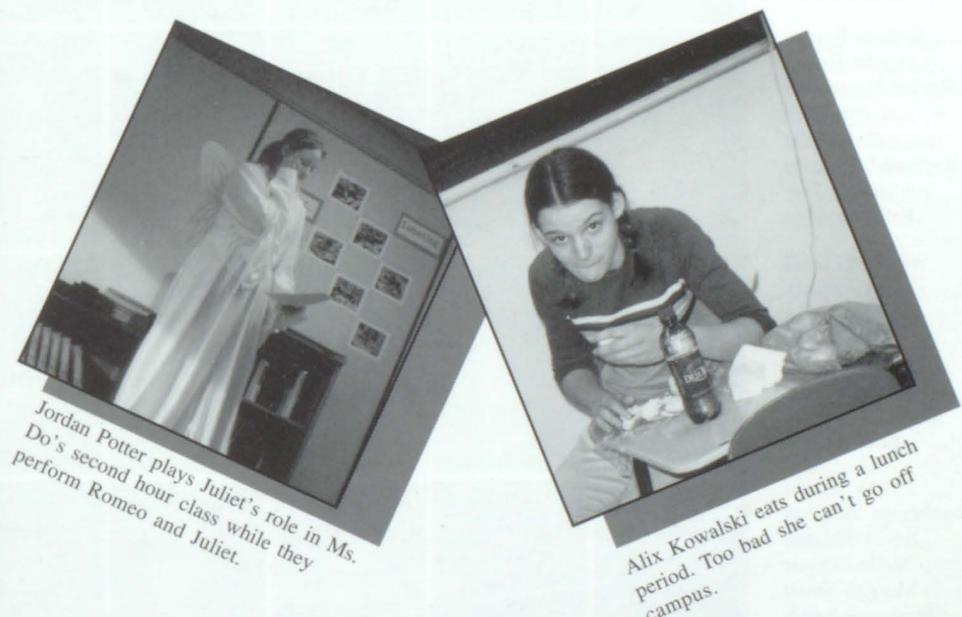
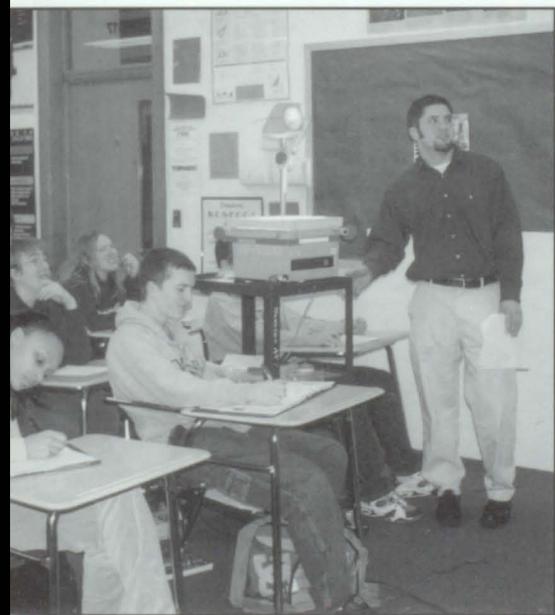
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Olivia Martin

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Jason Maurice  
Justin McDonald  
Melinda McGraw  
William McKellar  
Anthony McNeal

Casey McRae  
Aisha Mfinanga  
Alisha Michael  
Mellissa Miller  
Lauren Mitchell  
Lauren Mize  
William Mooney  
Christine Morelli

Joshua Morgan  
Gene Napoleon  
Catherine Nicolia  
Violet Niedbala  
Hannah Obrien  
Genny Odine  
Alexandria Ohara  
Kristen Olinski



Jordan Potter plays Juliet's role in Ms. Do's second hour class while they perform Romeo and Juliet.

Alix Kowalski eats during a lunch period. Too bad she can't go off campus.

# SAND

Even though they were the youngest in the school, they still played a major role in the foundation of Dondero. Without the freshmen, there would be nothing to hold us all together. Each class plays major part in our school. If one makes a mistake, then it affects everyone else. The youngest learn from all of the mistakes that their older peers make. Likewise, sand is the smallest rock and also the most absorbent. Similarly, freshmen can learn certain things faster and also can be influenced by the administration a lot easier. As graduation approaches views and opinions become more stable, and one begins to know how s/he feels about certain topics and ways of life come together.

Written By: Penny Brown

During class these students listen very closely to what their teacher is talking about. As long as they pay attention they will know what their test is on.



Trevor Peschke  
Abigail Petri  
Collin Petri  
Christopher Pineau  
Joseph Plaza  
Jordan Potter  
Brian Presswood  
Keira Price



Kate Ranger  
Ryan Rankin  
Justin Reid  
James Rex  
Eric Richards  
Sean Riopelle  
Amanda Rivera  
Benjamin Rizza



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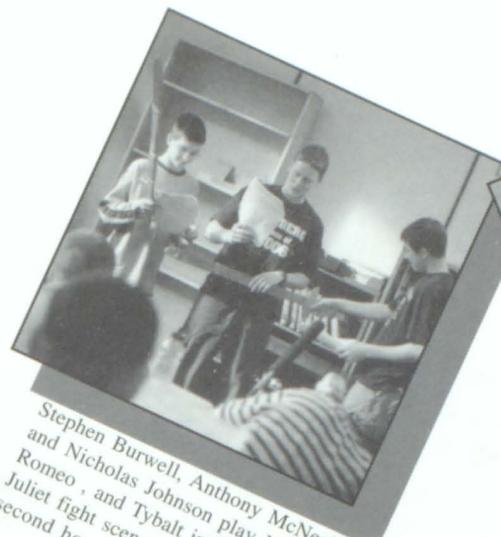
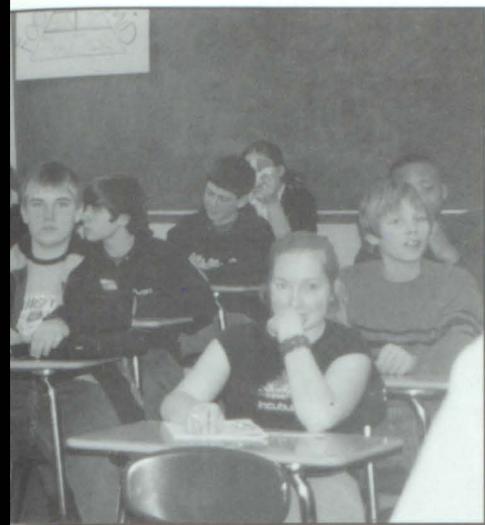


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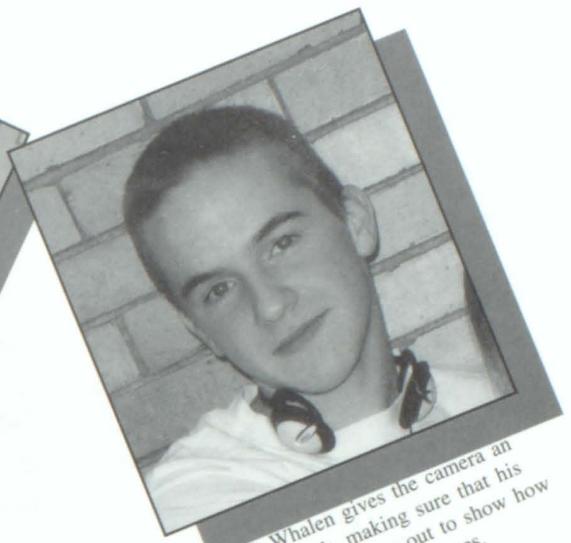


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Kevin Sirianni  
Jamie Skewes  
Morgan Small  
Stephanie Smith  
Jonathan Spalding  
Verdina Spann





Stephen Burwell, Anthony McNeal, and Nicholas Johnson play Mercutio, Romeo, and Tybalt in the Romeo and Juliet fight scene during Ms. Do's second hour.



Joseph Whalen gives the camera an innocent look, making sure that his baby face is coming out to show how good he is at taking pictures.



Keegan Springfield  
John Stanichuk  
Thaddeus Steyskal  
Amanda Stuart  
Amanda Sturm  
Josh Sturm  
Sara Summers  
Anthony Susin

Trent Sutherland  
Aleeva Tania  
Brian Taylor  
Stacy Thompson  
Andrew Toggweiler  
Jessica Toner  
Jared Towers  
James Uelmen

Calvin VanKeersbilck  
Harold Vaphiadis  
Marianna Vermiglio  
Sydney Walsh  
Martin Waskowski  
Joseph Whalen  
Bradley Whitley  
Natalie Whitley

Lauren Wilkins  
Meghan Wlotkowski  
India Wright  
Rebecca Young  
Jamie Zimmer

Not Pictured: Sonia Alton, Kyjuan Armstrong, Christopher Bane, Beatrice Berry, Jordan Gibbish, Natalie Keys, Sean-Klaver, Sean Mitchell, Amanda Pascuzzi, Trevor Peschke, Kristina Rabon, Kevin Rowan, Andrew Schuster, James Semivan, Correy Smith, Aaron Steele, and Elyse Williams.

# Sophomores

Right: Spanish speakers Laura Fetsco, '05, and Elana Prukner, '05, are enjoying a homemade Spanish feast created by their fellow classmates. Mmmm, good!



Left: Beefed up running back Berry Sanders (also known as Kristen Mingo-Williams, '05) can't believe Jessica Angerer, '05, has never seen a mechanical pencil before.

Below: Alexandra Lasley, '05, knows that if she keeps up this level of concentration, her art work will end up in the Smithsonian next to Van Gogh's!



## Class Favorites

Place To Eat: Out

Male Teacher: Mr. Camp

Female Teacher: Ms. Reed

Pop: Pepsi

Class: Math

T.V. Show: "The Simpsons"

Artist: Led Zeppelin

Song: "Just a Friend" by: Mario

Movie: *Love & Basketball*

Hang Out: Friend's House



Left: These identical twins Jacqueline Gorecki, '05, and Jessica Gorecki, '05, pause a moment for a picture. You call that identical?! Man, they might as well have been clones!



Above: Allison Darland, '05, Jennifer Wolowicz, '05, and Lauren Bogues, '05, work on the Student Senate board to keep the rest of the school updated on upcoming events and activities.

# Class Officers

President: Brittney Zuzindlak

Vice President: Stephanie Roy

(Not Pictured)

Treasurer: Samantha Seymour

Secretary: Megan Frizzell



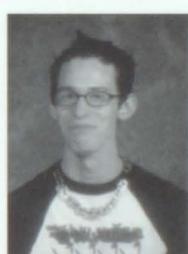
## What's one thing you could never give up?



**Brittany Campbell**

"My baby blanket, because it's a comfort thing."

**Paul Derochie**  
"My guitar, because it's pretty much all I use, and I play it all the time."



**Derek Shack**

"The freedom of America, because if we didn't have it, it would make our lives a lot different and it wouldn't be as much fun."

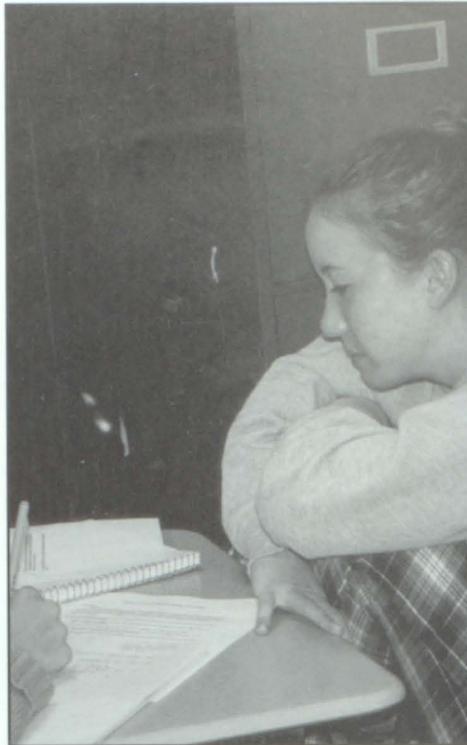
**Unique Hill**  
"Clothes, because they are cute, and I wouldn't want to walk around naked."



# Sophomore Class Song

"Just a Friend" by: Mario

I wanna know your name/ And I wanna know if you got a man  
I wanna know/ I wanna know everything  
I wanna know your number and  
If I can come over and I wanna know what ya like;  
I wanna know so I can do it all night/ But you're telling me I'm just a friend  
You're telling me I'm just a friend/ Oh baby you (oh baby you)  
Got what I need (got what I need)  
But you say I'm just a friend (say I'm just a friend)  
But you say I'm just a friend  
Cuz I can be (cuz I can be)/ Your fantasy  
But you say I'm just a friend (say I'm just a friend)  
But you say I'm just a friend (yeah)



Katherine Akehurst  
Meaad Al-Siamer  
Jessica Angerer  
Jason Baity  
Megan Baker  
Nicholas Baker  
Stephen Baker  
Kevin Bedker



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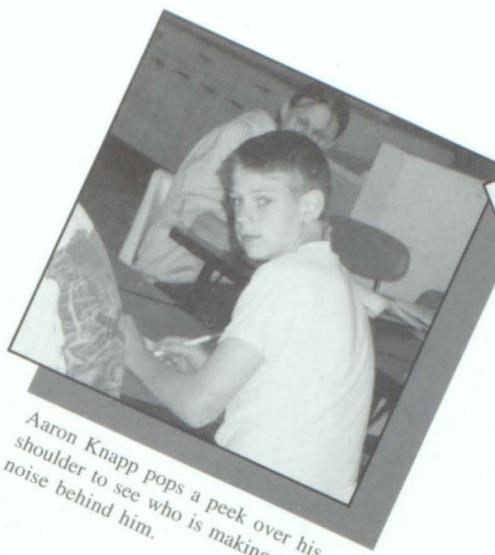
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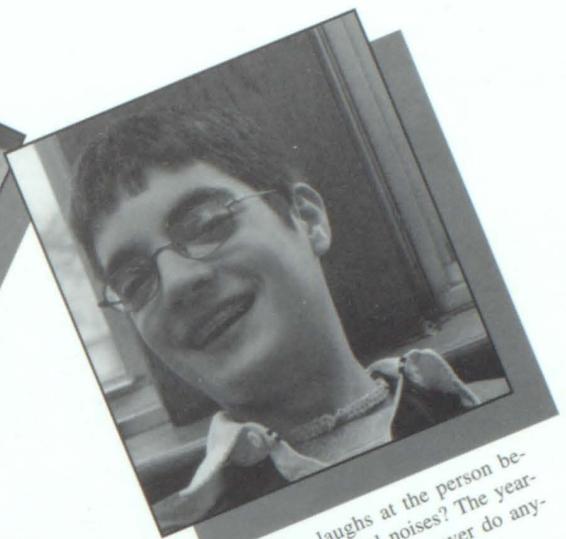
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Katie Cross  
Bryan Cupp  
Michael Cyrus  
Robert Dalton  
Allison Darland  
Megan Davis  
Natalie Davis



Laura Naismith is very interested in what Mr. Worrell is talking about during class.



Aaron Knapp pops a peek over his shoulder to see who is making all the noise behind him.



Patrick Tassone laughs at the person behind the camera. Weird noises? The yearbook photographers would never do anything to distract Pat...



Bonnie Debruijn  
Zachariah Decruydt  
Paul Derochie  
Samantha Devlaminck  
Katherine Dixon  
Thomas Docter  
Anna Donavan  
Sean Dresden

Sean Dufty  
Bethany Dybowski  
Derek Fabry  
Kyle Fall  
Laura Fetsco  
Amanda Fields  
Sharika Foster  
Jessica Fox

Julie Fox  
Megan Frizzell  
Jillian Frost  
Timothy Gadwa  
Joseph Gallegos  
Hayden Gandolfi  
Samantha Gardiner  
Miranda Gelenger

Christopher Genetti  
Jake Gill  
Cathryn Gniewek  
Lindsay Goboly  
Benjamin Goodman  
Jacqueline Gorecki  
Jessica Gorecki  
Kali Gove

Corey Gower  
Andrew Gregory  
Andrew Gutholm  
Emily Hague  
Armin Halilovic  
Elaine Hannah  
Zachariah Hanson  
Neil Harter

James Hartrick  
Ashley Havens  
Joseph Hawkey  
Lindsay Hawley  
Karen Hickey  
Unique Hill  
Duane Himmel  
Robert Hoey



Kari Hoobler  
Paul Horton  
Chelsea Hosper  
Bobbi House  
Joanna Houston  
Jack Huffman  
Ashton Isaacson  
Geoffrey Iverson

Raina James  
Danika Jensen  
Albert Johnson  
Amy Jones  
Jonathan Jones  
Kathleen Jones  
Henry July  
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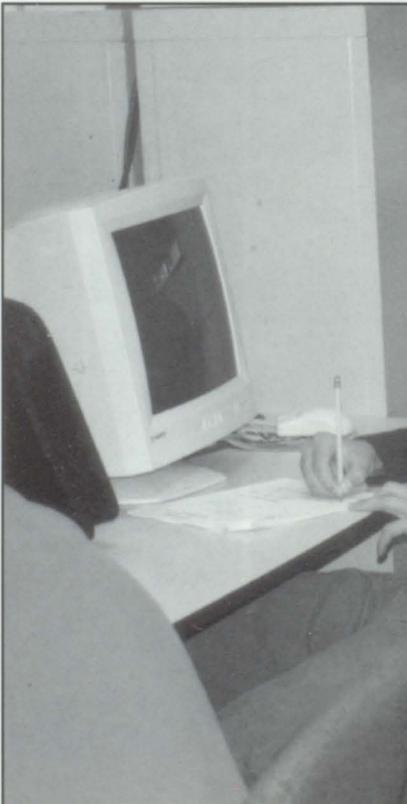
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Alexandra Lasley  
Victoria Litten

## Memories

Last year, as freshmen, not knowing what to expect on the first day, someone may have even got lost. This year the sophomores were given surveys to see how things changed from last year. They said that a lot of their classes were harder than they were freshman year. However, they felt more comfortable in the atmosphere of Dondero High School. They were familiar with the rules that were in place and knew how to act. They had a real feeling for the school and knew how everything ran. They had more respect from their fellow classmates as well as the teachers. Next year they will be upper-classmen. With this comes many responsibilities. They will be expected to show the underclassmen how to act and to set a good example for them.

By: Penny Brown

Jack Huffman works very diligently on his classwork in his technology class. He doesn't want any homework, that's for sure.





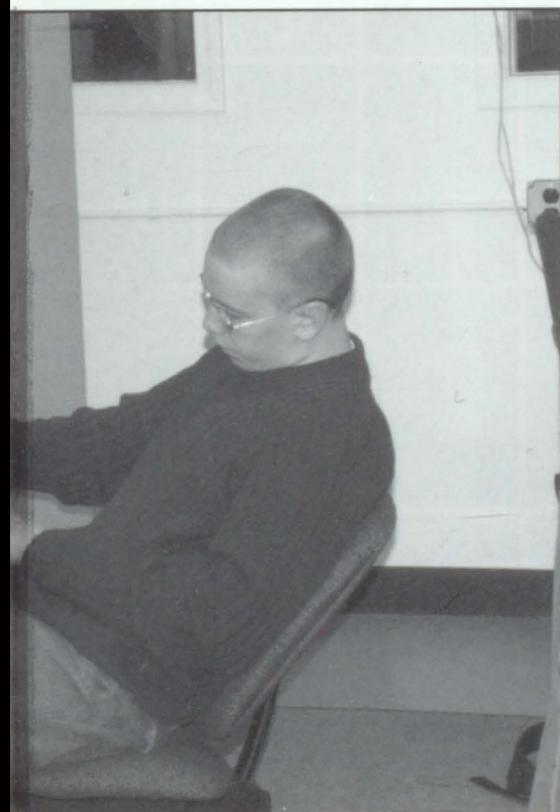
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Orlando McCullough  
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Kyle McHugh  
Stephanie McIntosh

Sean Meisel  
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Bobbie Miesch  
Kristen Mingo-Williams  
Jacob Moore  
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Elizabeth Mulka  
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Laura Naismith

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Patrice Njoh  
Eric Noga  
Kathryn Norander  
Michele Norkus-Comby  
Sarah Ochoa  
Adam Opoka  
Benjamin Orr



Katherine Dixon and Amanda Armstrong are waiting for the first bell to ring. A little sleepy, ladies?



Nicholas Mykietiuk and Paul Derochie spend time during lunch talking to a friend about what has happened so far throughout their day.

# Pebbles

## Aren't So Bad

As one gets older, one grows, not only emotionally, but also physically. Being younger than the juniors and seniors, sophomores are much easier to convince of how to act and what to believe. While pebbles aren't as easily noticed, they are just as important as stones and boulders; they are still a vital part of the foundation of our school. Without the pebbles, our foundation would collapse and we would be left with a bunch of fallen rocks.

By: Penny Brown

Right: Elizabeth Mulka, Andrew Scheid, Maureen Burke, and Justin Brye sit in the hallway before school. They are really looking forward to going to class so they can start their day.

Christopher Page

Alex Pardy

Nicholas Pardy

Emily Passolt

De'marja Patrick

Jessica Patterson

Stephanie Pattison

Donald Pauck



Matthew Peychich

Sean Phaneuf

Rachel Phillips

Nicole Pickering

Collin Porteus

Patrick Powers

Amanda Presson

Elana Prukner



Porsche Reese

David Reid

Rebecca Rennie

Joseph Rex

Christopher Riggs

Eve Rosenblum

Stephanie Roy

Eileen Rozycki



Nicole Sands

Ryan Sauve

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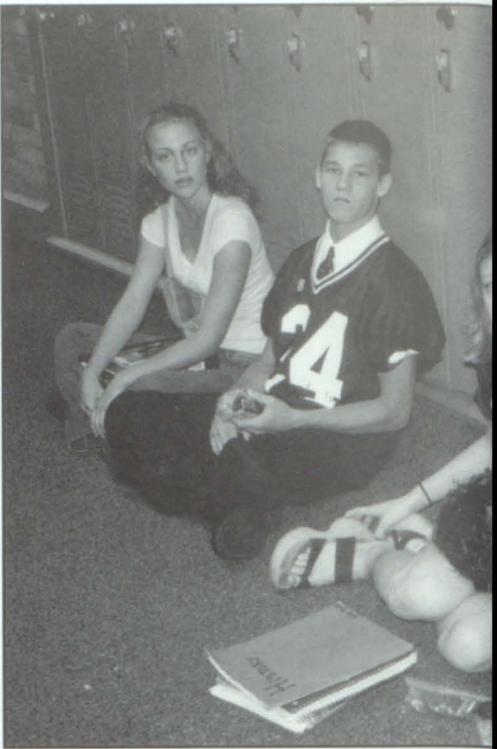
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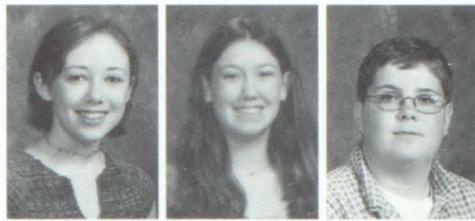
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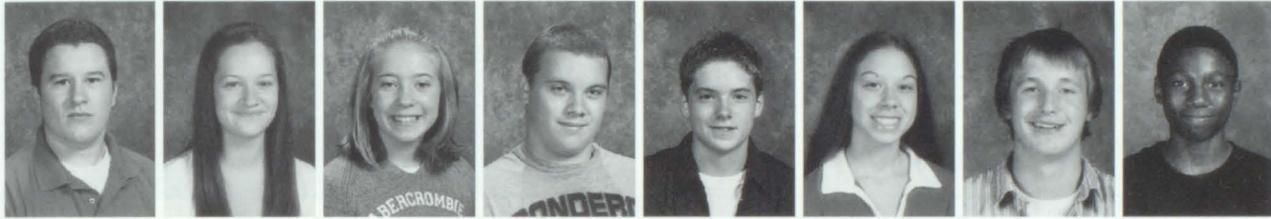
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Sarah Swanson  
Patrick Tassone  
Travis Testerman  
Tonya Thiellese  
James Thomas  
Samantha Tierney



Alan Toggweiler  
Katherine Torvinen  
Christina Underwood  
Derek Vanatta  
Douglas Velliquette  
Maria Vetraino  
Zachary Vickers  
Christopher Walker



Kenneth Walton  
Christopher Wasinski  
Larry Weddington  
William Weipert  
Kelley Welc  
Caitlin Wettlaufer  
Danielle Whitley  
Kirk Wilcox



Matthew Wilkinson  
Eban Williams  
Seth Wilson  
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Adam Witkowski  
Ashley Wolfe  
Jennifer Wolowicz  
Andrew Wood



Adam Woodmansee  
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Justin Work  
Ryan Wright  
David Younger  
Brittney Zuzindlak

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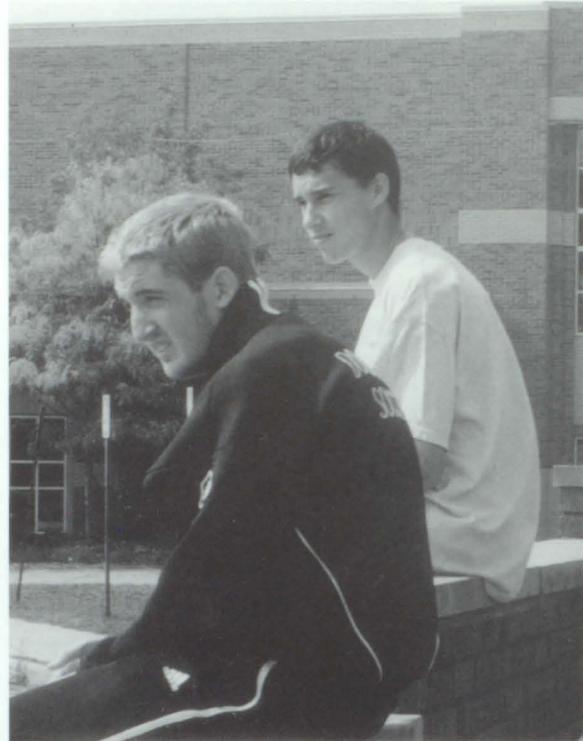
# Juniors

Right: Timothy Creasey, '04, seems very excited about Wacky Tacky Day. With Tim's crazy outfit, you would think that he was used to looking like this.



Right: Kiwan Rankin, '04, sports the new style of torn jersey, along with a white short-sleeved shirt. With his stylish hair, he looks like a true runway model.

Below: Christopher Bylski, '04, and Timothy Bennis, '04, take time to relax during their hectic day. Looks like these guys need some sunglasses.



## Class Favorites

Place To Eat: Out

Male Teacher: Mr. Snyder

Female Teacher: Mrs. Marek

Pop: Coke

Class: History

T.V. Show: "The Simpsons"

Artist: Nelly

Song: "Tomorrow" by: Avril Lavigne

Movie: *Lord of The Rings:*

*The Fellowship of The Ring*

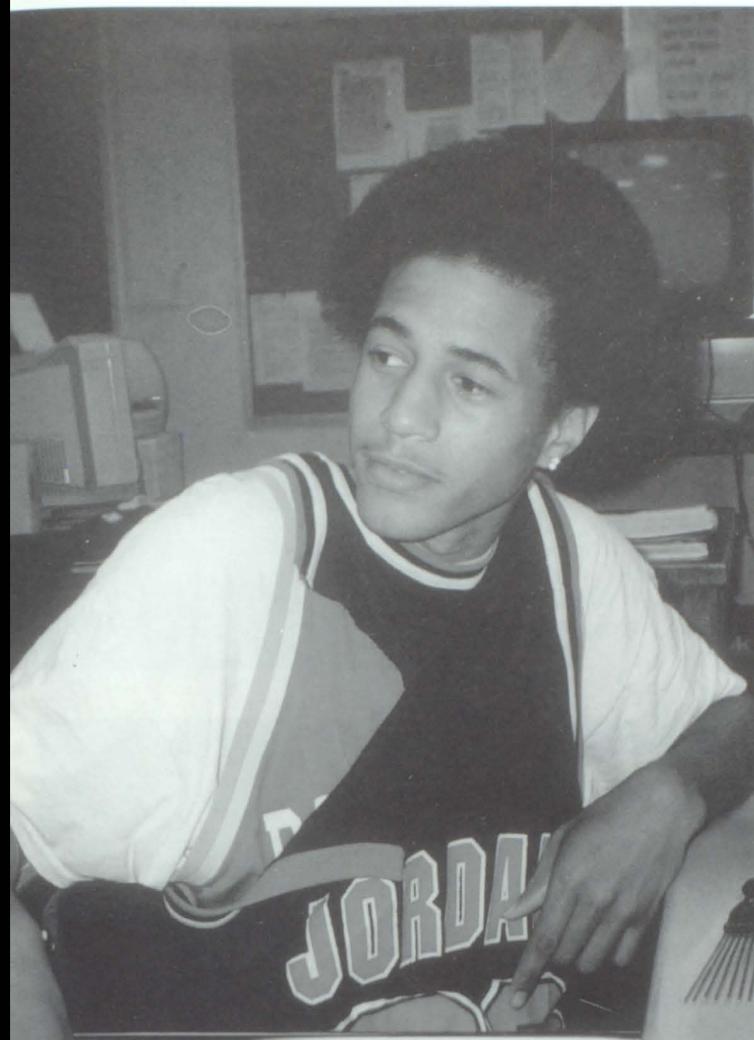
Hang Out: Home



Left: Paula Simoni, '04, shows off her talent: being able to fit an extra large tortilla chip into her mouth, as classmates look on in amazement. That's some talent you've got there, Paula!



Above: Nicole Schema, '04, helps Kealy Salva, '04, with her Chemistry homework. It's always good to get homework out of the way so they can have some free time to hangout after school.



## Class Officers

President: Andrea Langdorf

Vice President: Marie Maurer



### What's your dream vacation?



**Julianna Weaver**

"I want to go to England, because it sounds like a cool place."



**Sarah Wallace**

"My dream vacation would be a beach in Florida, because it's warm. I don't like the cold."



**Jason Stortz**

"Colorado, because there is skiing and cycling."



**Forest Casey**

"Japan because it's serene and the change in culture is interesting."

# Junior Class Song

“Tomorrow” by: Avril Lavigne

And I wanna believe you/ When you tell me that it'll be OK  
Ya I try to believe you/ But I don't  
When you say that it's gonna be/ It always turns out to be a different way  
I try to believe you/ Not today, today, today, today, today  
I don't know how I'll feel/ Tomorrow, tomorrow  
I don't know what to say/ Tomorrow, tomorrow  
Is a different day/ It's always been up to you  
It's turning around/ It's up to me  
I'm gonna do what I have to do/ Just don't  
Gimme a little time/ Leave me alone a little while  
Maybe it's not too late/ Not today, today, today, today...

Kelsey Ewald and Julia Gardner enjoy a nice crisp morning out on the Dondero baseball field. Whether or not they are actually playing baseball is another story.



Ryan Allard  
Chelsea Anderson  
Aldin Avdic  
Eric Backus  
Robert Bajek  
Steve Barash  
Shaun Barber  
John Barr



John Batherson  
Allen Beck  
Daniel Belanger  
Timothy Bennis  
Jeremy Benson  
Erin Berard  
David Berube  
Tiffany Bettleja



Sean Beynon  
Michelle Blair  
Abigail Bonar  
Portia Boroumand  
Blaine Brabant  
Kristin Branstner  
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Jeffrey Buck

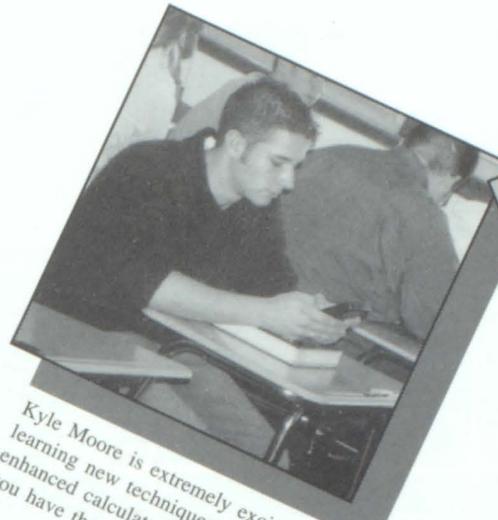


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Lawrence Cannon  
Jennifer Carty  
Forest Casey  
Benjamin Chevela  
Justin Christopher  
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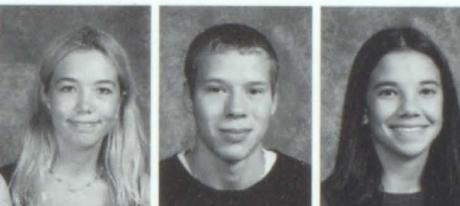




*Kyle Moore is extremely excited to be learning new techniques on his very enhanced calculator. That isn't Tetris you have there, is it Kyle?*



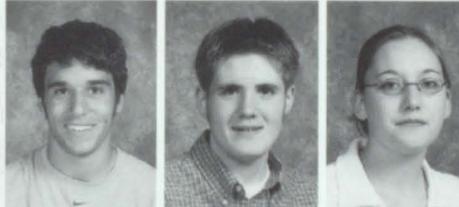
*Kaileigh Horsley doesn't mind getting up early for band, especially if she gets to do a solo.*



Mary David  
Erin Davidson  
Jessica Dedeckere  
Amanda Derocher  
Brad Dixon  
Christine Dorn  
Nicholas Dresden  
Elizabeth Drewek



Colin Duerr  
Courtney Engel  
Audrey Englehart  
Nathan Enochs  
Kelsey Ewald  
Evan Ferguson  
Jessica Finn  
Eric Forgash



Michael Fossano  
Michael Fowler  
Megan Freed  
Julianna Frost  
Alexander Gallegos  
Jeremy Gardner  
Julia Gardner  
Eric Garland



Joshua Garrett  
Ryan Gates  
Kara Ghelof  
Steven Gilbert  
Heather Glovack  
Zachary Goldenberg  
Jeff Goldsmith  
Kevin Gore



Steven Gossett  
Andrew Gowman  
Ashley Gunn  
Robert Hallock  
Miles Hancock  
Jennifer Hanks  
Adam Harris  
Meagan Harrison

Jeremy Hatfield  
Nicole Helegda  
Kyle Hoemke  
John Holder  
Charles Hornbacher  
Kaileigh Horsley  
Travis Horvet  
Kathryn Hudson



Kathryn Huston  
Levi Jensen  
Meagen Kaczmarek  
Hogan Kangas  
Alexis Kanka  
Christopher Kawa  
Michael Kiesel  
Maria Kimball

Kathryn Kipp  
Rebecca Kirkman  
Kailie Komph  
Brandon Koppin  
Vildana Kurtovic  
Robert Lambert  
Andrea Langdorf  
Veronica Larke

Lindsey Lewis  
Christie Lockman  
Christopher Logan  
Kelly Lutz  
Daniel Mahrle  
Christopher Mannella  
Marie Maurer  
Chloe McCullough

Christina McHugh  
Jeremy McKellar  
Sean McNairnie  
Benjamin Meek  
Brian Meissner  
Amanda Meyers  
Gregory Miesch  
Tyler Mileski

## Memories

For the past two years, they were made to stay on campus, be driven to school by their parents, and face ridicule by the upperclassmen. But not anymore.

The juniors surveyed said that they really enjoyed having the freedom and privileges that were not accessible to them as sophomores and freshmen. Although they can drive, they did not always have places to park. In just a matter of a few years, they will have graduated and be off to college or be starting their own lives. Most are scared and a little nervous, but excited at the same time. They've been under the control of rules, and pretty soon they will have control over their own lives.

By: Vanessa Duffy

Colleen Taylor, Jennifer Hanks, and Amy Thomas ponder what Mr. Chisnell has just told them. They aren't sure whether what he is telling them is true.





Lashante Moody  
Kyle Moore  
Richard Morrow  
Erricka Mosley-Jenkins  
Megan Mulvaney  
Joseph Mumper  
Keyan Munson  
Scott Musu

Brandon Myers  
Paul Nagrant  
Colleen Naughton  
Robert Nesbitt  
Katie Park  
Katelyn Perkins  
Allison Phillips  
Timothy Pingle

Claire Plouff  
Kevin Pollack  
Frank Quinn  
Shayna Quinn  
Ronald Rafalski  
Evan Rankin  
Kiwan Rankin  
Jessie Rauf

Bradley Reichelt  
Charles Rivard  
Anne Rogers  
Ashleigh Ruggero  
Sean Ryan  
Julianne Sadach  
Joy Salmi  
Kealy Salva

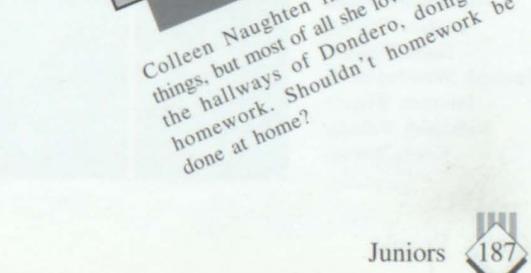
Major Sapp III  
Raven Sarrach  
Mallory Schell  
Nicole Schema  
Joel Schenk  
Christopher Sargent  
Scott Seymour  
Brian Shaw



Jeffrey Buck, Nathan Enochs, and David Berube take a breather before heading out to Homecoming.



Colleen Naughten likes to do many things, but most of all she loves to lay on the hallways of Dondero, doing her homework. Shouldn't homework be done at home?



# Stones:

## Rocks of the Earth

They were almost there, almost at the top. They have come such a long way since first starting. It won't be much longer until they have reached their destination and become what they have always wanted. Just as stones are solid, so shall the juniors be in life. Nothing will bring them down or cause them to break. Stones may not be as strong as mighty boulders, but one would be quite surprised what they can withstand despite their smaller size. They have already seen and learned so much, but will only continue to grow. The underclassmen look up to them for support and guidance, just as the pebble depends on the stone to not wash it away.

By: Vanessa Duffy

Drummer Troy Shipman looks very excited to be doing this, having to stand with heavy drums hanging off his shoulders. What fun!



Andre Shayna  
Troy Shipman  
Bailey Sidick  
Paula Simoni  
Richard Sinta  
Jodi Smith  
Corey Spencer  
Jason Stortz

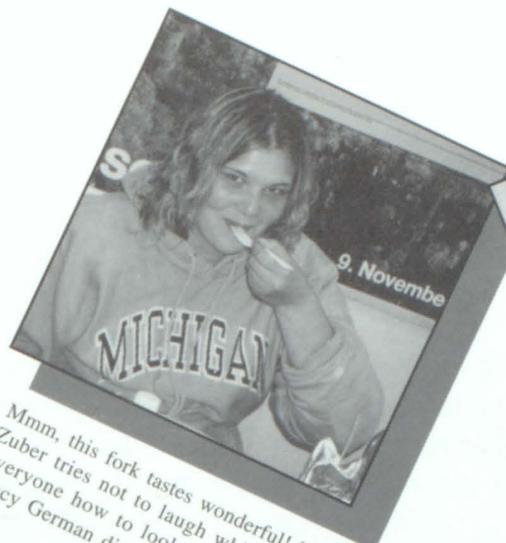
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Justin Tabor  
Jason Tackett  
Cristopher Tarr  
Colleen Taylor

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Shannon Toner  
Kristine Toquigne  
Lorina Toskaj  
Nicolle Tsertos  
Ashley Turner

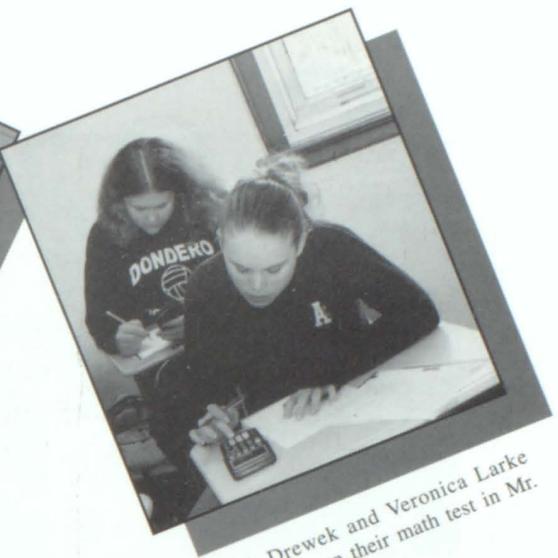
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Jeffrey Vanbuskirk  
Christopher Vandereyk  
Andrew VanHagen  
Katherine VanSickle  
Heather Van Vallis  
Clifford Villerot

Theresa Villerot  
Michael Vosburgh  
Megan Wallace  
Sarah Wallace  
Kenneth Washington II  
Julianna Weaver  
Nathaniel Webster  
Kevin Weems





Mmm, this fork tastes wonderful! Vivian Zuber tries not to laugh while showing everyone how to look elegant eating a fancy German dinner.



Elizabeth Drewek and Veronica Larke work diligently on their math test in Mr. Dinklemann's class.



Left: Kellie Weston shows us how tough she really is. It looks like Allison Phillips knows that she needs to stand back.



Below: Mallory Breuckman is writing a paper because she doesn't want to have any homework tonight. Have a hot date, Mallory?



Alicia Weiland  
Jordan West  
Nowell Westenberg  
Kellie Weston  
Claire White  
Daniel Willhite  
Micah Williams  
Ashley Wilson



Brittanie Wilson  
Bryan Yamasaki  
Hollie Zerkich  
Vivian Zuber

Not Pictured: Keri Bindschatel, Robert Dalton, Sean Danaher, Martha Flores, Cassie Galac, Ashley Hamm, Jocelyn Howell, Jacquelyn Hudson, Ashley Laporte, Anthony Orr, Edwin Palmer, Kenneth Sherry, and Eleanor Stanley.

# Seniors

Right: Ms. Maudlin's second hour Communications class shares items of importance to them and tells about how the specific items have impacted their life.



## Class Favorites

Place To Eat: Subway

Male Teacher: Mr. Snyder

Female Teacher: Mrs. Marek

Pop: Mountain Dew

Class: Telecommunicatons

T.V. Show: "The Simpsons"

Artist: John Mayer

Song: "Gotta Get Through This"

by: Daniel Beddingfield

Movie: *Super Troopers*

Hang Out: Friend's House



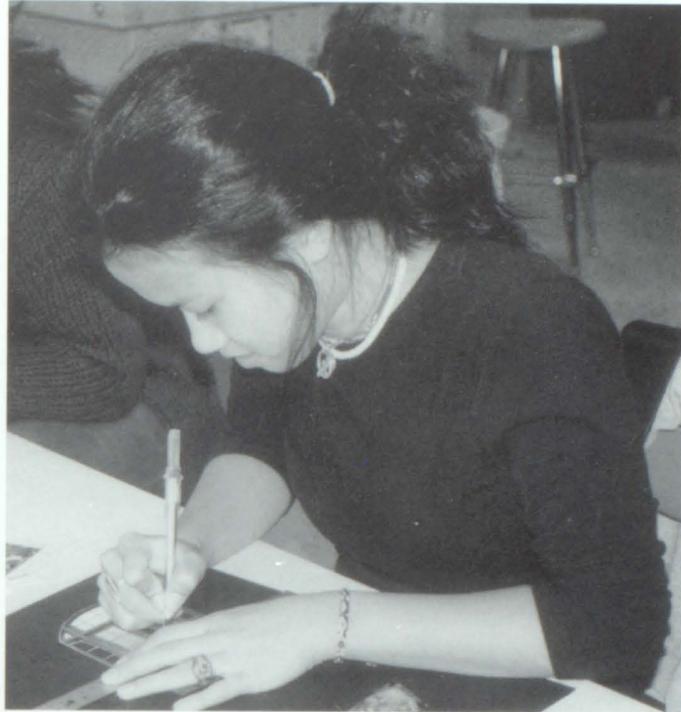
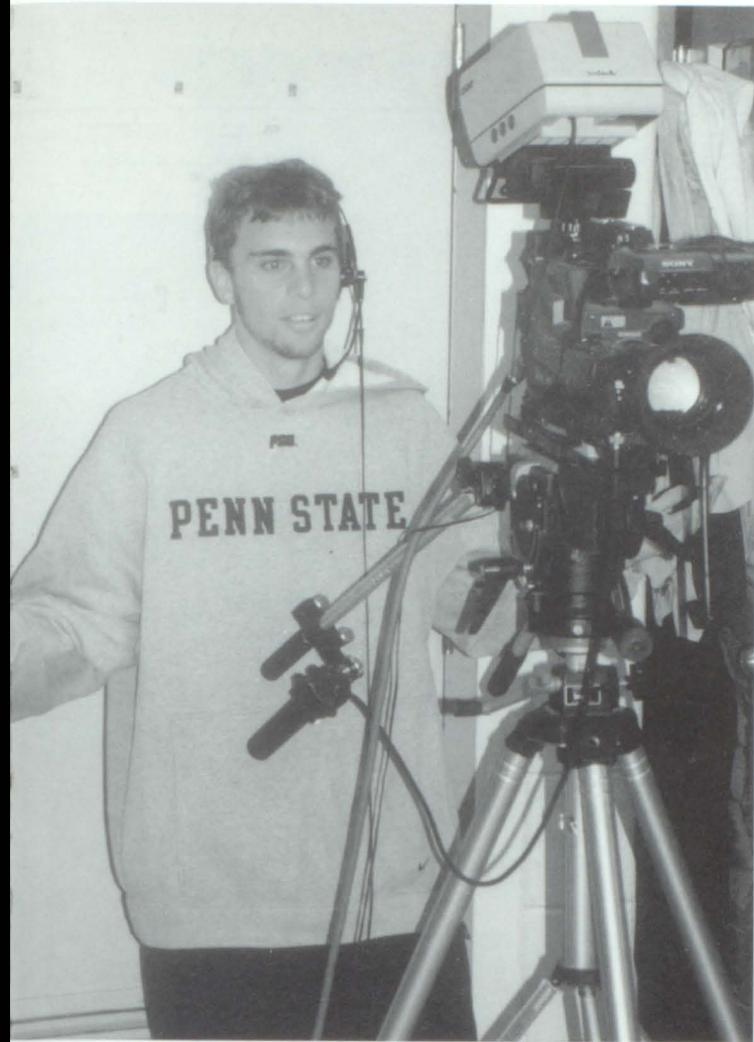
Left: Brett Jones, '03, creates graphics for WOAK while Ellen Backus, '03, adjusts the sound for the roll-ins.



Above: Matthew Csicsay, '03, and Lauren Hilliard, '03, enjoy a few spare moments alone... sort of. The two are, shall we say "together."

Right: Gregory Breitinger, '03, talks to the director about which angle to get for broadcasting WOAK. You're doing a good job there, Greg!

Below: Tara Wesley, '03, hands Megan Wujcik, '03, change for her cookies from the school store. Who doesn't love cookies?



Above: Vinhoudama Chhun, '03, works hard on her art project in hopes that it will appear in the Dondero Senior Art Show.

If your house burned down, and you could only save one thing, what would it be and why?



**Scott Robin**

"Photographs, because they help to further explain past memories and experiences, and they last a lifetime."

**Frances Sarnacki**

"My dog Rosie because she's cute and my teddybear heart, because I love that too."



**Emily Morgan**

"My family and my dogs, because material objects can be replaced, but once a life is lost, it's forever lost."

**Andrew Wyckhouse**

"My snowboard equipment, because it costs too much."

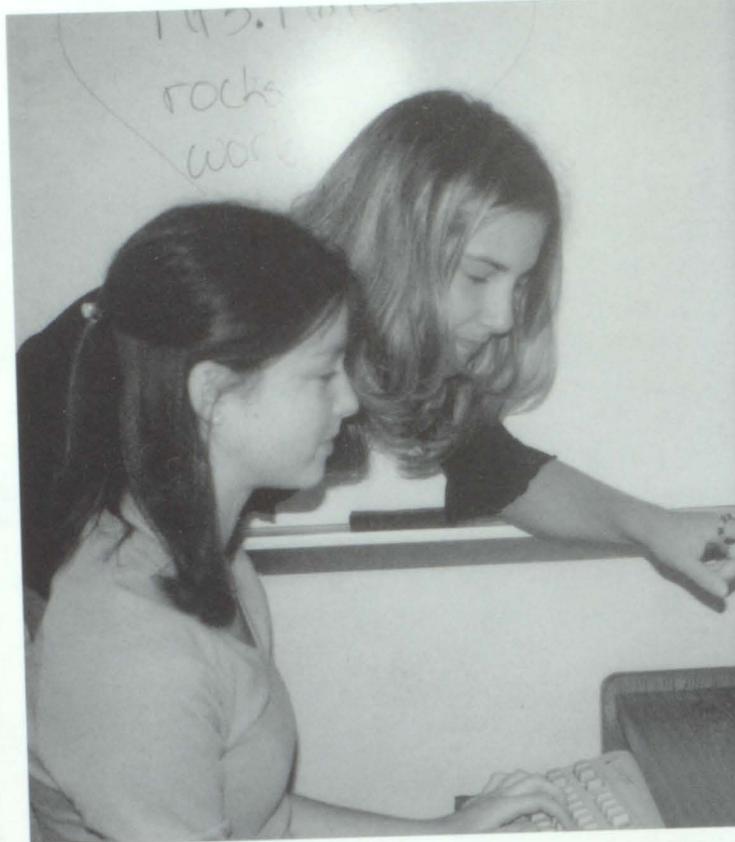


# Senior Class

Right: Melissa Bentivolio and Lara Nemeth work on the class newsletter, which goes out once a month to give a heads-up on any senior information.



Above: Mrs. Marek makes sure all materials have been bought for the senior class float by going over a supply list with Melissa Bentivolio and Alia Daniels.





Left: Lara Nemeth, Melissa Bentivolio, and Alia Daniels know when to have fun and when to take a break from their duties as class officers. These three officers have had greater responsibilities this year, as president Lance Thomas was removed due to a breech in the code of conduct.

Below: Senior class adviser Mrs. Marek oversees all of the work that the officers put together. She is the glue of the senior class!



## Class Officers

**President:**

Alia Daniels

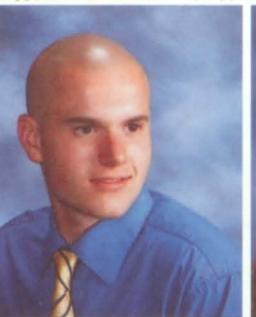
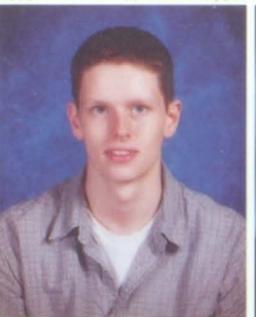
**Secretary:**

Melissa Bentivolio

**Treasurer:**

Lara Nemeth

Domna Ahola  
Melanie Aldenbrand  
Patrick Anderson  
Peter Ayotte  
Ellen Backus



Ashley Ball  
Eric Banker



## MOST SUCCESSFUL

Kelly Wilcox and  
A Martini will  
definitely be  
raking in the big  
bucks after high  
school. Not that  
they aren't suc-  
cessful already,  
but wait until they  
have careers.



Erica Bell  
Melissa Bentivolio  
Erik Bjordahl  
Derah Blount  
Brenda Buges

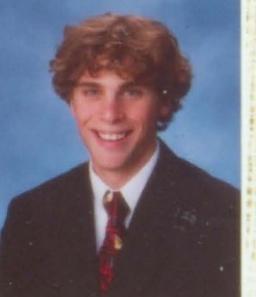


Shanitra Bowman  
Nathan Braley  
Jennifer Breadon  
Gregory Breitinger

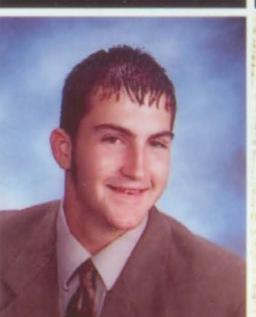


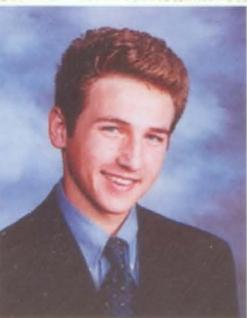
## BEST HAIR

Danay  
Estopellan and  
Brian Miller  
have one thing  
in common:  
great hair. Hey,  
his hair is almost  
as long as her's.

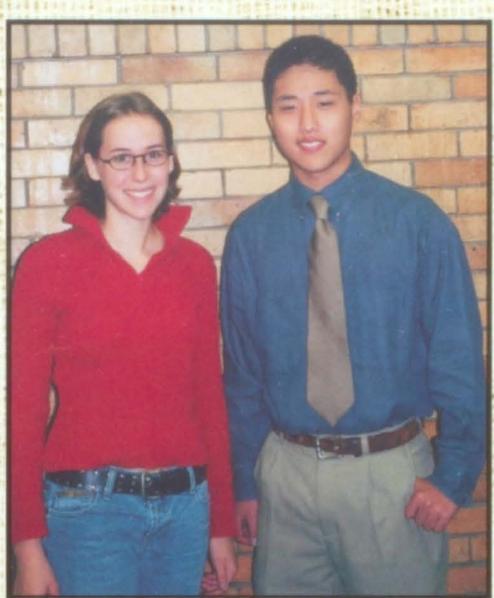


Alexander Brown  
Penny Brown  
Scott Brown





Jessica Bryan  
Scott Caddy  
Jessica Cartt  
Joseph Casperson  
David Chaney



**NOBEL  
PEACE  
PRIZE**  
Christopher  
Marsh and  
Megan  
Goldenberg  
can't wait to do  
something to  
better the world  
community.  
What incredible  
feats await these  
two in their  
futures?



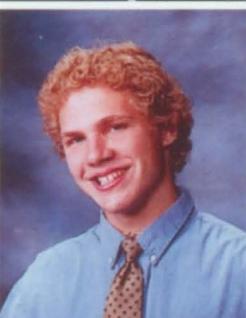
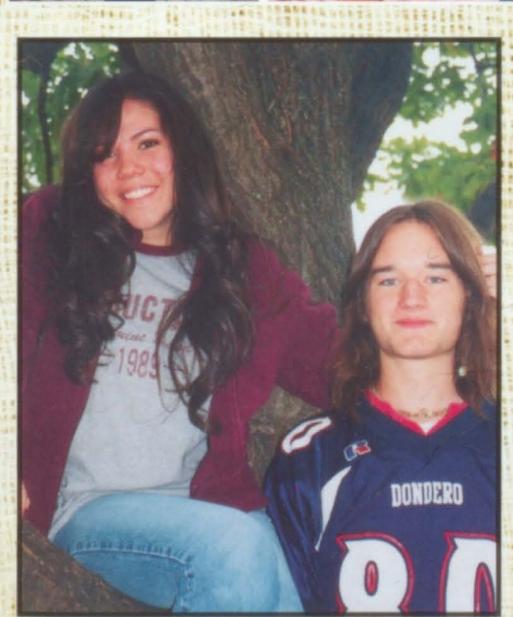
Vinhoudama Chhun  
Paul Chonko



Caitlin Christopher  
Kenneth Corbin



Delores Coffingham  
Sarah Cewdson  
Matthew Csicsay  
April Cushion  
Alia Daniels

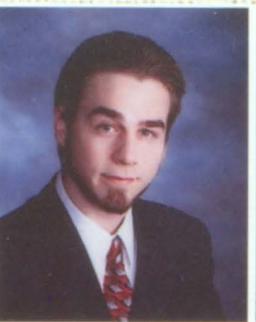


Dustin Darke  
Nicole Davies  
Crystal Daws



Jennifer Day  
Jason Dear  
Alexis Decruydt

Tara Deleo  
Angela Dilacovo  
Joseph Dooley  
Aaron Dorn  
Vanessa Duffy



Shannon Earle  
Kristen Edgar

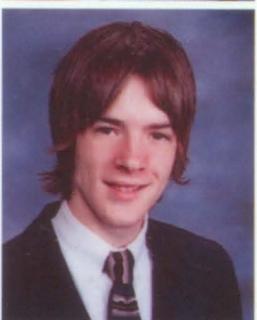


**BIGGEST FLIRT**

Eric Banker and Holly Swigert definitely are not shy when it comes to members of the opposite sex. They know how to catch 'em and reel 'em in.



Jeffrey Else  
Andrew English



Tracie Ennes  
Bryce Erwin  
Danay Estopellan  
Anthony Fader  
Emma Farr



Jillian Faust  
Terence Faust  
Daniel Filippek  
Daniel Fisher

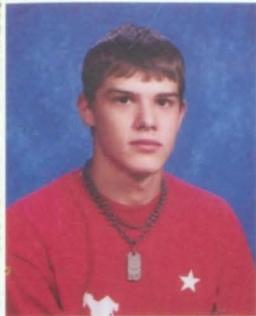


**CATCHIEST LAUGH**

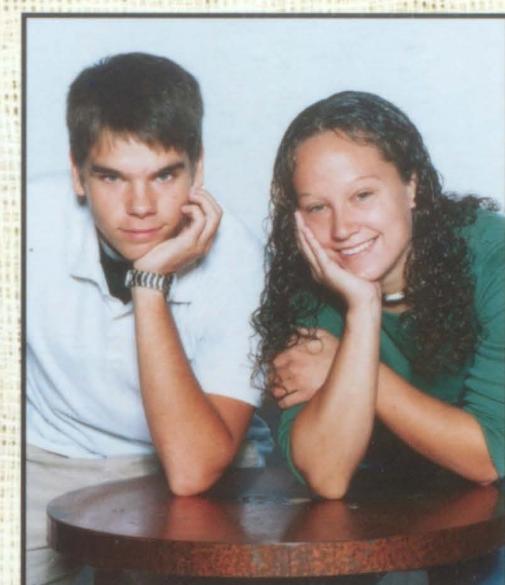
He-he-he! The sound of the Bryce Erwin and Amber Marsh's laughter echoes through the halls of Dondero.

Heather Flynn  
Rachel Fox  
David Frank  
Jessica Gadwa





Christopher Gamble  
Rachel Gardiner  
Justin Gardner  
Stephanie Gibson  
Robert Gignac

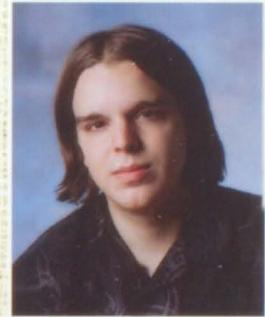
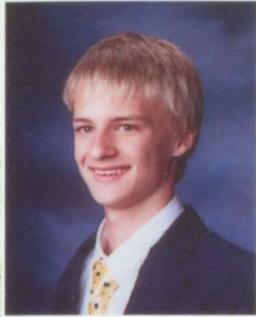


### PRETTIEST EYES

Ryan Thorton  
and Andrea  
Torvinen show  
off their  
glittering gems  
of eyes. Who  
can resist those  
glittering  
gems?



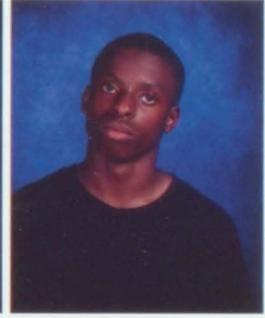
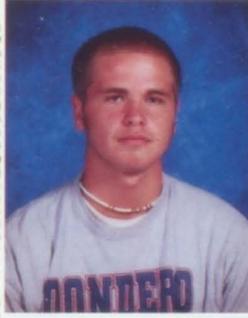
Michael Gilbert  
Amanda Gill



Brian Gillette  
Ryan Glabach



Megan Goldenberg  
Aizza Gopez  
Jamie Gower  
Hunter Green  
Nicole Hakli



Joshua Hall  
Victoria Hannah  
Aaron Harris

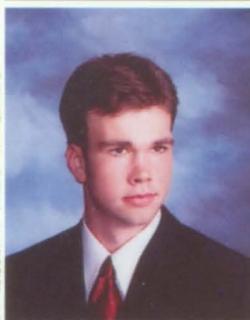


Jonathon Hawkins  
Joshua Hebner  
Valerie Heidrich

Scott Hepner  
Anthony Hernandez  
Alexander Hill  
Lauren Hilliard  
Andrea Hoff



Nicholas Holder  
Kamara Hooks



### MOST ATHLETIC

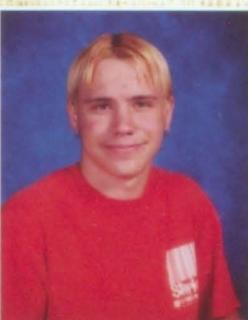
Carol Roman and Jeffrey Wilusz have proven their prowess on field, court, and diamond alike. They have six varsity letters between the two of them.



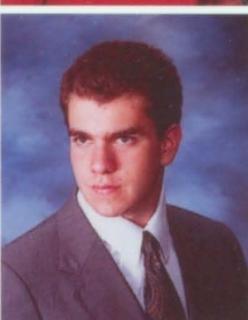
Amanda Hornung  
Wade Jackman



Adam Johnson  
Brett Jones  
Timothy Kaminskas  
Ian Kangas  
Megan Keller



Daniel Kime  
Justin Kime  
Ayrom King  
Regis Kleiss



Justin Knapp  
Adam Kniel  
Chad Kozloski  
Michael Krist



### CUTEST COUPLE

Scott Hepner and Melissa Bentivolio make us get that warm fuzzy feeling every time we see them. That or perhaps a pang of jealousy...



Adam Kurkowski  
Sarah Laforme  
Alexander Lamb  
Caitlin Lasley  
Shawn Layou

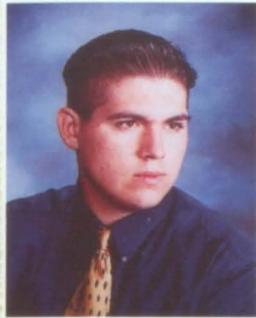


### MOST MUSICALLY INCLINED

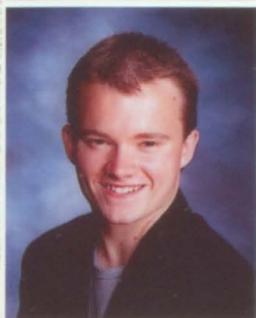
Don't be surprised if you see Roy Garbuz, Alia Daniels, or Alexander Hill on a CD cover in the future: they really know how to rock!



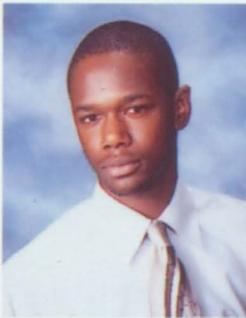
Philip Lewan  
Stefanie Lindsey



Charles Llamas  
Andrea Lujan



Brandon Makowski-King  
Jessica Maloney  
Phillip Marine  
Lauta Maroni  
Amber Marsh



Christopher Marsh  
James Marshall  
A Martini

Tiffany Mason  
Elizabeth McCoy  
Nicole McCoy



Sean McGill  
Sarah McLaughlin  
Samuel McPherson  
Kimberly Michalski  
Brian Miller

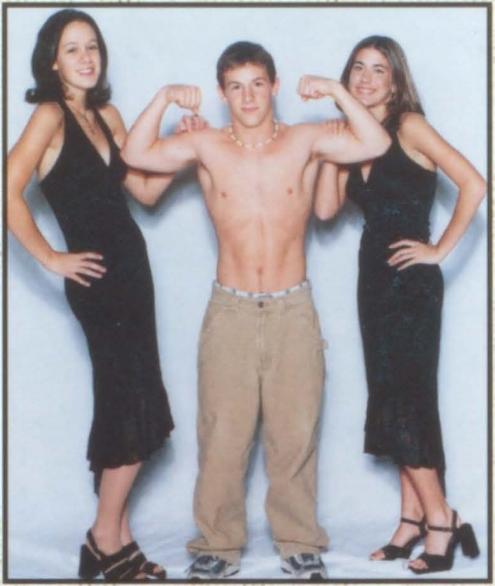


Stephanie Miller  
Rafael Milton



### MR. UNIVERSE AND MISS AMERICA

Joshua Tabor has  
his arms full with  
these babes,  
Sarah Crewdson  
and Renee  
Wright. Need a  
hand, Josh?



Josephine Mix  
Emily Morgan



Molly Mutschler  
Jeffrey Myre  
Bianca Naas  
Vincent Nader  
Robert Naismith



Jenna Nassouri  
Lara Nemeth  
Adam Nickerson  
Ashley Nowak



Aqua O'Bryan  
Joel Odine  
Joseph Olsen  
Jessica Orlando



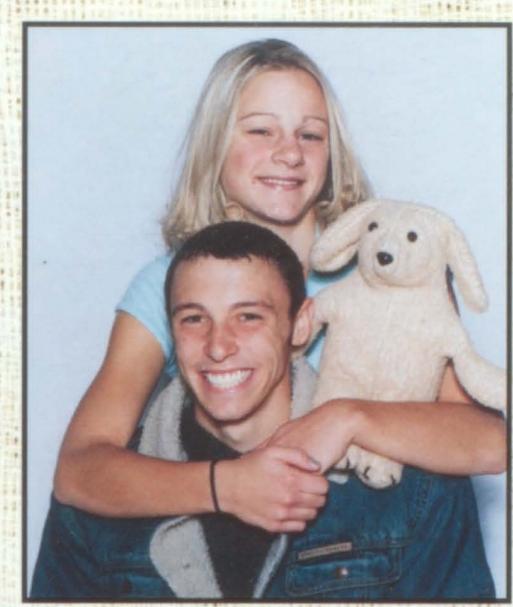
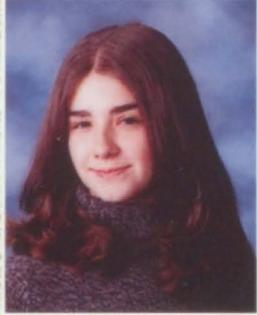
### MOST ARTISTIC

Matthew West  
and Stacy

Peltier never  
have any  
trouble express-  
ing their feel-  
ings. You know  
what they say,  
“A picture is  
worth a thou-  
sand words.”



Kelly Orr  
Lisa Owens  
Catherine Pappas  
Jonathan Parmentier  
Tia Pattison



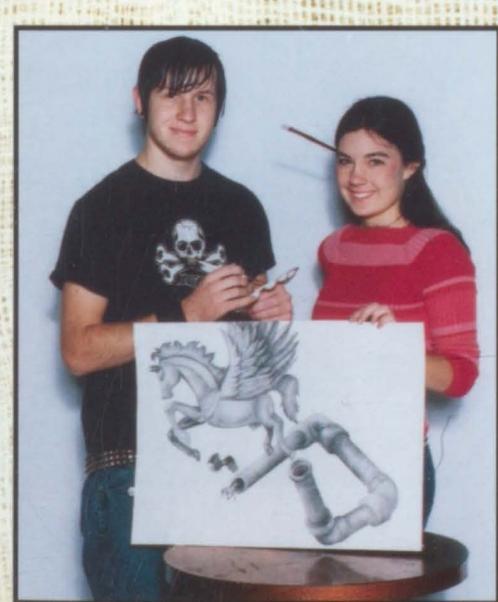
**BEST  
PERSONALITY**

Stephanie Miller  
and Jeremiah  
Smith are easy  
to get along  
with because of  
their award  
winning person-  
alities.



Stacy Peltier  
Ryan Pennanen

Emily Peychich  
Douglas Platt



Lyndsay Rankin  
Kimberly Rennie  
Elizabeth Rizza

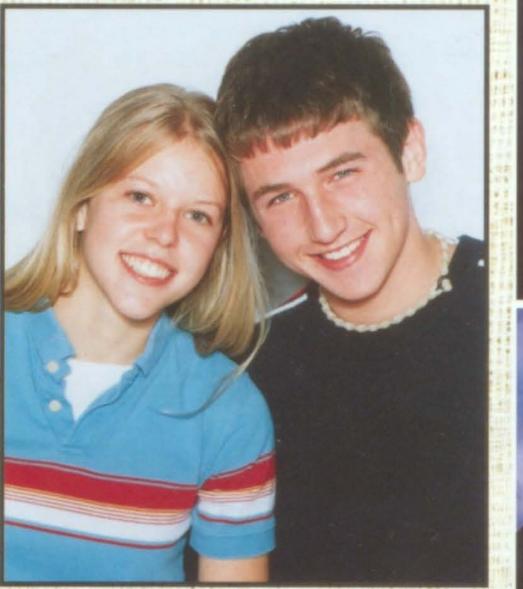


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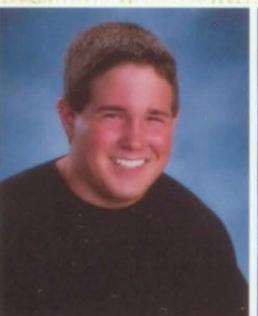
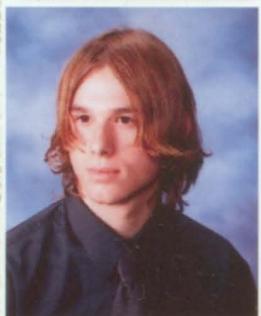
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Jacob Schaale



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Kaira Serdoner  
Rylan Sharpe

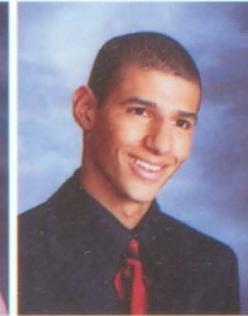
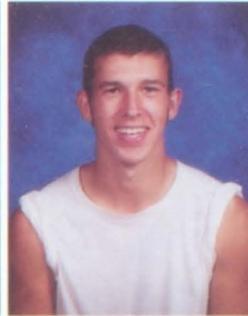
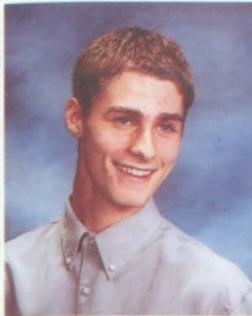


Kelly, Showers  
Katrina Singleton  
Jennifer Smith  
Jeremiah Smith

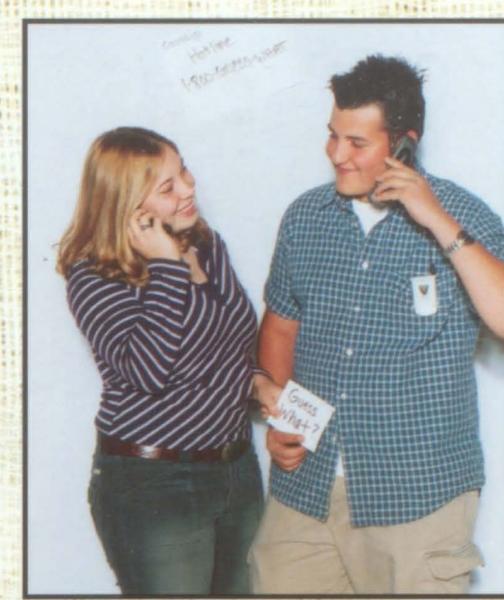


## MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELOR AND BACHELORETTE

Justin Knapp and  
Andrea Hoff will  
never catch the  
bouquet at a  
wedding... they  
need their free-  
dom.

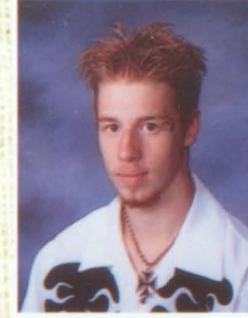


Christopher South  
Joshua Southern  
Joshua Spielbusch  
Candis Stanton  
James Steinke

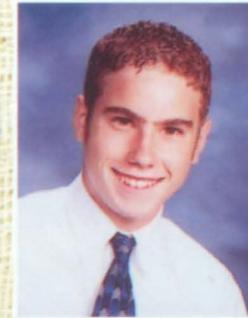


## BIGGEST GOSSIP

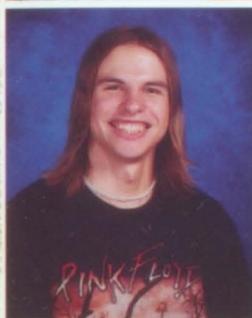
Nothing ever stops at Brenda Bogues and Lance Thomas. They hear all, see all, and eventually tell all.



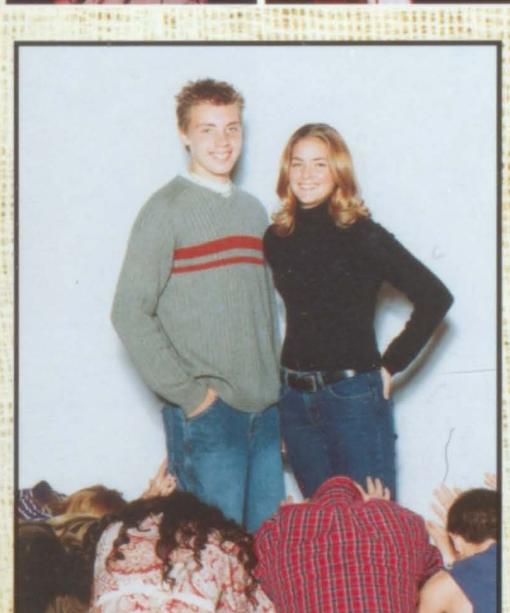
Steven Stoops  
Brian Strunk



Vanessa Stuart  
Sean Suhy



Bastian Sullivan  
Lesa Swanson  
Holly Swigert  
Kathryn Sylvester  
Joshua Tabor



Christie Taylor  
Ashley Teal  
Jason Tharpe



Lance Thomas  
Ryan Thornton  
Emily Till

Shannon Toner  
Andrea Töryinen  
John Tran  
Kensuke Uchida  
Andreea Uzumitoma



Michael Villerot  
Jordan Vogt-Roberts



### CLASS CLOWN

Class won't be such a bore if Anthony Fader or Mara Waskowski are in it. Their comedy is hardly that of errors.



Elizabeth Wanless  
Mara Waskowski



Marisa Weber  
Darcy Weipert  
Kimberly Welch  
Jon Welch Jr.  
Tara Wesley



Matthew West  
Rose Whalen



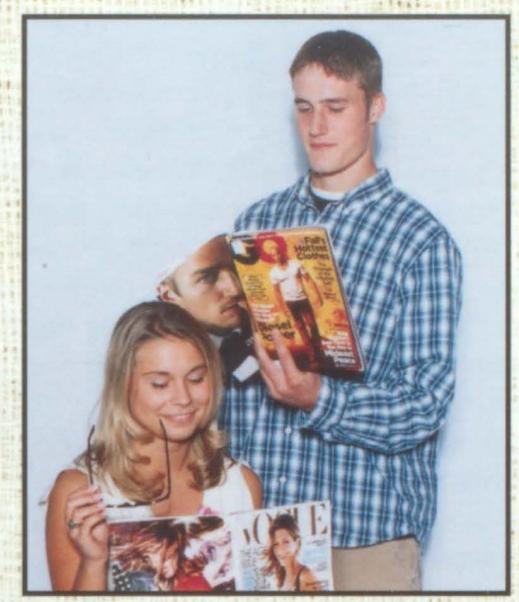
### MOST LIKELY TO WIN AN OSCAR

Christopher South and Lara Nemeth aren't camera shy. They live for the lights and applause.





Justin White  
Kelly Wilcox  
Nerrissa Williams  
Shawnta Williams  
Jeffrey Wilusz



### MISS VOGUE

AND

### MR. GQ

Kimberly  
Michalski and  
Daniel Kime  
should be on the  
cover of their  
own fashion  
magazine.



Matthew Wlotkowski  
Michael Wright



Renee Wright  
Megan Wujcik



Andrew Wyckhouse  
Jessica Yarbrough  
Brandi Zehner  
Edward Zuzindlak



### MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED

Kristen Edgar,  
Vinhoudama  
Chhun, and  
Scott  
Polonowski  
love to show  
off their school  
spirit by sup-  
porting the  
Oaks!

### Not Pictured

Mehtab Ahmed  
Desiree Bouchard  
Matthew Tansley  
Erich Vogl

• “Thank you to everyone here at Dondero who helped me a lot for the whole year. Remember an exchange student pulls a fish out of a lake, and then maybe he’s flying along, low to the ground, and the fish pulls a worm out of the water.”-Jason Tharpe • “Don’t be afraid to be yourself... be afraid not to be.”-Jillian Faust • “Downtied.com.” Gibson • “Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.”-A Martini • “Nobody needs a smile more than a few leave footprints on your heart.”-Jennifer Breadon • “I suggest we learn to love ourselves before it’s made have no regrets, cause time doesn’t wait for me, I world.”-Alexander Brown • “Hey hey.”-Gregory “Cornbread, ain’t nothing wrong wit that.”-Emma • “Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. progresses I will meet a girl who isn’t afraid to lose McGill • “Take one day at a time.”-Lesa Swanson compared to what lies within us.”-Elizabeth McCoy



Sharpe • “Remember the beginnings, not the ends, the friends we have, not the friends we don’t, and the memories of only live once. Enjoy every moment like it’s your last.”-April Cushion • “Dancing like a monkey.”-Paul Chonko • Earle • “Life is short, so live it to the fullest.”-Rachel Fox • “Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak ‘Worrying is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do, but doesn’t get you anywhere. Write that down.’” real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.”-Kristen Edgar • “One day I’ll understand Schaale • “A man that doesn’t read good books has no advantage over a man that can’t read them.”-Anthony Hernandez B.O.”-Daniel Fisher • “Que viva los hambruguesas double con Queso.”-Scott Robin • “I always knew I would look I laughed, and cry.”-Lara Nemeth • “I do what the Cheerios tell me to!”-Justin Kime • “Be someone you’d be proud gonna cry!”-Tara Deleo • “Real friends don’t care what your hair looks like... or if you have any at all.”-Jessica Cartwright past or try to cover it up. It simply means that you move on and treasure the memories.”-Brenda Bogues • “Happiness as memories fade, and all the details become a blur, there are faces I know I will never forget.”-Angela Dilacovo • “A ‘Dude, that was freakin’ awesome.’”-Valerie Heidrich • “Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping him.” • “Does thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that’s the stuff life is made of.”-Jamie Gower • “Hi.”-Philip people change and it doesn’t mean you forget the past or try to cover it up. It simply means that you move on and I am with you. Though I am far away.”-Danay Estopellan • “Yay, Molly. It’s like when your stomach drops, sweating, breaths. Then you live a life uncommon.”-Dama Chhun • “And this one time in Detroit...”-Andrea Lujan • “We person you are is especially those you’re going to drive fast.”-Phillip • “Don’t die a copy.”



the best possible person you can be.”-Candis Stanton • “Have a nice day.” taken by people who annoy me.”-Penny Brown • “Life is short, but love miss in the years ahead. We rock, class of 2003!”-Melissa Bentivolio • Marine • “Live more than you think, you’ll be happier in the end.”-Christo- -Andrea Torvinen • “There are two types of people in this world: those Wilcox • “Don’t annoy the crazy person!”-Ashley Teal • “There is no kicking in basketball.”-Matthew Wlotkowski • “Don’t frown, you never know who is falling for your smile!”-Darcy Weipert • “The grass is always greener on the more time.”-Andreea Uzumtoma • “Cheddar.”-Eric Scharver • “To get back one’s youth, one must make the mistakes if I could have lived my own life.”-Elizabeth Rizza • “Thanks, peace!”-Scott Polonowski • “Glamour is what makes -Gabrielle Poshadlo • “Always shoot for the moon, because if you -Sarah McLaughlin • “Thanks peace.”-Jeffrey Myre • “It’s game time, we’ll all wake up and wonder where our youth went. Enjoy it while Milton • “Just because you’re misunderstood doesn’t mean you’re an ahead.”-Joshua Southern • “Weird, but fashionable.”-Kenneth Corbin shaggy.”-William Rainey • “Tim, you’re worthless.”-Peter Ayotte • “Rollie chairs, retreats, Tamarack. Crushes and heart-breaks. The soap what you want.”-Joseph Caspersen • “It’s better to be hated for what you are than loved for what you’re not.”-Amber

choose to go my own way.”-Brian Breitinger • “I was almost denied this Farr • “Brandish your new courage Live the life you have imagined.”-Kelly a friend to gain a love... Puchuu!” • “A friend is someone who walks in

• “We came to make memories... we

fall, you’ll land among baby.”-James Stienke • you have it.”-Molly artist.”-Ashley Nowak •

• “I’ll give you a penny” “Never hold back, do

opera is over now.”- Amber



Clockwise from top: Ashley Nowak, '03 and Tara Deleo, '03, Tiffany Mason, '03, James Thurber, '03 and Robert Naismith, '03.

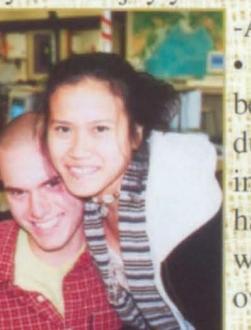


pupils." -Stephanie  
of your life. But only  
never look back, I  
on rockin' in the free  
-Joseph Dooley •



stand what you guys are talking about.”-Heather Flynn • “Yvonne says ‘NO!’”-Jacob • “Have some Chex Mix, Dan. No, all of them.”-Daniel Filipek • “No, they taste like back on the times I cried, and laugh, but I never thought I would look back on the times to know!”-Jessica Gadwa • “I wish I was still a freshman. I’m so scared to graduate, I’m • “I’ve learned that things change, people change, and it doesn’t mean you forget the lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.”-Shanitra Bowman • “Even good friend will bail you outta jail, but your best friend will be sitting next to you saying, up.”-Carol Roman • “High pitched Bla la la la la la (turkey noise).”-Melanie Aldenbrand Lewan • “This is why I wish you were never born. I’ve learned that things change and

treasure the memories.” -Tara Wesley • “Love me faithfully! See how I am faithful: with all my heart. And all my soul. and your heart starts beating faster and faster. And all you can do is close your eyes, clench your hands and take deep watched the fireworks, promoted Hawaiian punch, got a dent in the car, made a friend.” -Jessica Bryan • “Being the Scott Brown • “I don’t always know what I am saying, but I know it’s right.” -Jeffrey Wilusz • “I like long walks, is long.” -Josephine Mix • “You can call me AL.” -Alexis DeCruydt • “Enjoy yourself: These are the good old days “Live life to the fullest.” -Caitlin Lasley • “To da Impala.” -Caitlin Lasley • “To da Impala.” -Caitlin Lasley • “Dondero varsity basketball rules.” -Shawn Layou who play hopscotch and sing in shower and those who lie in “May the force be with me.” -Ryan Thornton • “All we are is other side, but the water bill is higher.” -Brandi Zehner • “Noth-one once made, over again.” -Erin Scafone • “I probably would a guy ask for your phone number and it’s also what makes a the stars.” -Kimberly Michalski • “Don’t cry because it’s “You can lead a horse to water, but just try to get one off your Mutschler • “There are many things to remember someone by, but one thing is their heart and self-control.” -Rafael “I am random.” -Joanne Seefeld • “Time flies, embrace it.” -Kaira Serdoner • “The end of a short path, with a long road -Sarah Pokornicki • “Dream as if you’ll live forever, live as if you’ll die today.” -Jacqueline Roberts • “It wasn’t me like what feels right to you, not to someone else.” -Kamara Hooks • “Never ever, ever, ever give up.” -Emily Morgan • Tracie Ennes • “Definitely not.” -Adam Johnson • “The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this; decide Marsh •

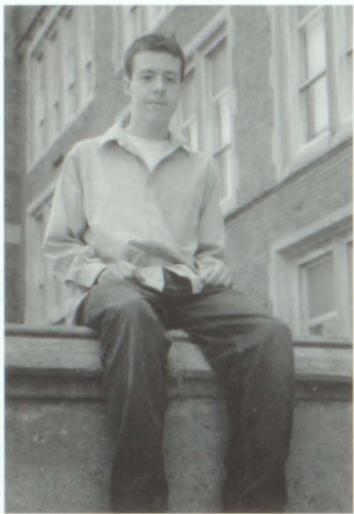




- Alexander Lamb • “Life is short,
- “You were born an original, bed with tears in their eyes.”-Kelly dust in the wind.”-Emily Till •
- ing is impossible... it just takes have enjoyed high school better, woman ask for your dressmaker.” over, smile because it happened.” roof,”-Daniel Scott • “One day

# Outstanding

## WOAK



"David Frank has been my WOAK Student Technical Assistant and Co-op Student Employee for the past three years. Not only has David been extremely helpful in the classroom, but he has also won numerous awards for his video productions, including four "Best of Show" Awards in the 2002 Michigan Student Film and Video Festival.

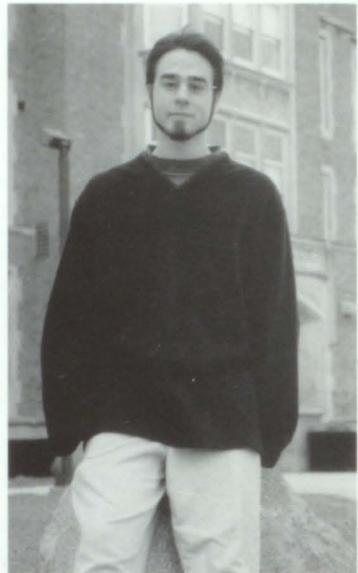
As David enters the final semester of high school, he is looking forward to entering competitions again this year. More awards may be on their way for David."

- Mr. Rockwell

## German

"Joseph Dooley has consistently been at the top of his class due to his conscientious attitude and devotion to the German language. Joe studied hard for four years with outstanding progress. He is well-liked and respected by all. Joe has proven himself not only as a bright and studious student of German, but as a responsible and mature young man."

- Herr Weathers



## Art



"Stacy Peltier is a very talented artist. She has a wonderful sense of design and highly developed skills in drawing, painting, and sculpture. She sets very high standards for herself and spends the time necessary to create art which is visually interesting and expressive. She has been a real leader in the art program, participating in Scholastics and taking additional classes through O.C.C. and C.C.S. She looks forward to continuing her art education in college, and there's no doubt that she will continue to excel!"

- Mrs. Shrode

## Band

"Rachel Gardiner stands out as the Outstanding Senior member of the band because of her dedication to improving herself as well as those around her. Her participation in "in-school" as well as extracurricular music opportunities, as well as the leadership she brings to each ensemble, will aid her as she pursues music at the university level."

- Mr. Foreman



# Seniors

## Business



"Throughout her high school endeavors, Darcy Weipert continued to pursue a well-rounded schedule to prepare her for the challenges and demands of a business career. She has successfully demonstrated abilities as a leader, team player, and most importantly, a compassionate individual. Her ability to juggle a work schedule as the Dondero Business Department Co-op demonstrates that Darcy is a maximum effort individual that has gained the respect of everyone. Darcy is a young person of high ideals and sound integrity. Her originality of ideals and capacity for hard work has been an outstanding characteristic of her achievements."

- Mrs. Marek

## Marketing



"Penny Brown displays the qualities of personal integrity, initiative, and enthusiasm for the marketing activities in such a way that she is a role model for other students. Throughout the time she has been in the program, she has excelled in the classroom with her academic performance. She has consistently been a team leader in the classroom, as well as the with the operation of Oak Avenue, our school store. Penny is well respected by her peers in the program, as well as the teachers in the business area. Perhaps she will achieve her dream of being an entrepreneur - owning her own photography business. Meanwhile, she continues to be outstanding in her graduating class."

- Mrs. Brewer

## Social Studies



"A Martini is clearly this class's most Outstanding Senior in the area of social studies. Gerry is extremely articulate, insightful, and intelligent, and is consistently a leader in his classes. I have enjoyed having Gerry in several of my classes - even if he and I don't always agree."

- Mr. Snyder

## Science

"Matthew West actively participates in class and is a responsible, hard-working young man. He has made connections in all different areas of science, which is evident in his earning all A's over the course of the past four years."

- Mr. Fairfield



# Outstanding

## Orchestra

"Gabrielle Poshadlo stands out as an Outstanding Senior this year thanks to her dedication and involvement with the orchestra program at Dondero. Not only does she play an active role as a violinist, but as a disciplined role model to others in the group. She is quick to engage her learning in new music and is totally dependable in her attendance and attitude. One special quality about Gabe is that she innately understands how the music goes and is not afraid to share her opinion with myself or others."

- Mr. Milicevic



## Acorn

"Gabrielle Poshadlo's investment in ACORN vividly reflects her integrity, passion, creativity, diligence, and ultimately, her self. As Co-Editor-in-Chief, she leads the publication process and guides 32 staff members in their efforts as journalists. In an atmosphere characterized by intensity, swiftness, spontaneity, and controversy, Gabe remains poised, confident, keenly intuitive and completely devoted to the truth. She is a gifted writer whose voice is compelling and sound. She is one who journeys... who delves deeply... who resolves to capture the essence of a subject and preserve it on the page. Gabe's efforts reflect all that is good and noble in journalism. She reveres the truth, and models it in every way - through her leadership, her humanity, and through a news-magazine that honors the readers it serves."

- Ms. Maudlin

## Spanish

"Gabriela is an excellent Spanish student. She has maintained a 4.0 for four years in Spanish. She is a very conscientious and hard-working student. She is bright and is always willing to help her classmates. Gabriela has been involved with Spanish Club for four years and is currently Vice-President. She is very enthusiastic in class and truly shows a love for the language. It has been a joy to have her in my classes."

- Sra. Arribas



## French

"As a fourth year French student having earned high grades, Erica Bell is truly an Outstanding Senior. Erica consistently works hard to improve her French skills and pushes herself to achieve beyond expectations. Her ambition to excel ensures continuing success, and her willingness to help others raises the level of achievement around her. Erica's dedication, intelligence, and accomplishments make her truly deserving of the recognition as an outstanding French student."

- Madame Ross



## Math

"Lyndsay Rankin has completed four years of mathematics. In a class of high achievers, Lyndsay has consistently gone above and beyond the rigors of class and continuously challenged herself outside of the classroom. She has proven to be an exemplary student whose determination and character will lead her to endless opportunities."

- Ms. Reeves

# Seniors

## Drama

"Drama Club President, Kelly Wilcox started out as an orphan in *Annie*, and ended up a princess. She worked on set crew and was house manager for *Is There a Comic in the House?*, but returned to the stage as a Hot Box girl in *Guys and Dolls*. As a junior, Kelly served as club Historian, portrayed Susanna Wallcott in *The Crucible* and Bertha in *Pippin*, and was program crew head. This year, Kelly was student director for *Look Homeward, Angel* and starred as Princess Winnifred in *Once Upon a Mattress*."

- Ms. Whalin



## Senate

"Where to begin? Leadership, consistency, risk-taker, dynamic, and focused only begin to describe Kelly Wilcox. If I could've had a daughter, I would have prayed for one like Kelly. Throughout our four years together she has prided herself in staying one step ahead of me - her quick responses when asked about a deadline date consistently was, "It's already done, Streeter!" We've travelled the country for student council and during that journey, she has helped create many new student activities at Dondero High School. And the list continues. Kelly, you have captured the essence of leadership with your people skills. You are truly a remarkable young lady - you will be missed."

- Mr. Streeter

## English

"Kelly always finds spare moments to volunteer her time to a project, to be a supportive friend, or to enjoy good conversation with peers and teachers. She makes those around her feel secure, valuable. No wonder when she wrestles with the existentialism of Ellison or nihilism of Turgenev, she ultimately turns inward, exploring the intimate links between psychology and philosophy. Spirit, determination, sincerity, humor - she knows the meaning of *carpe diem*, that seizing life's promise with conviction brings her strength."

- Mr. Chisnell

## Yearbook

"Steadfast and dedicated: anyone who knows Amber Marsh would describe her in these terms. As this year's Oak Editor-in-Chief, Amber faced unique challenges, yet rose to the occasion. Her level of commitment to the publication of our school's yearbook was astonishing, and the countless hours she willingly put into making this historical artifact are a testament to her character. She is ethical, she is responsible and she has integrity. She has taught her staff and her adviser in more ways than one, and she is not afraid to express herself. I truly admire Amber; she is truly outstanding."

- Mrs. Kocis



# STRONG SUPPORT

**T**he entire yearbook staff spent countless hours creating this section of the book; not one person was excluded from this portion of the



Edward Zuzindlak



book. The staff went to almost every business in Royal Oak and the surrounding community in search of material with which to complete their

first deadline... their ADS. Thank you to the entire community, without your help and generosity this would not have been possible.



“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.”

-Anthony J. D'Angelo

By: Amber Marsh



Ashley Nowak

Be who you are. Say what you feel. Never try to be what you might have been or could have been other than what you should have been.  
Love you!  
Your Mom



Adam Johnson

You have now reached the beginning of the person you will become. Good luck in the adventure.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Victoria Hannah

Congratulations on your graduation! You will accomplish so much - your future is bright. I am so lucky, proud, and blessed to be your mom.

Love,  
Mom



Emily Morgan

You are our sunshine. A beautiful lady, loving, bright, giving, follow your dreams. God bless you. Let the angels watch over you.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Joseph Schmidt

This is our beloved son in whom we are well pleased.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Stacy Peltier

As you move ahead and find your place in the world remember - you'll always be our blink.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Alia Daniels

From the moment of your birth, I knew you were special. You are loving, caring, devoted, and driven; all of them needed for success. Words can't express how proud I am of you. This is just the beginning.

Love, Mom



Sarah Pokornicki

"What lies behind you and what lies ahead of you are nothing compared to what lies within you." We are proud of you always.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

I LOVE MY SISTER. SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME. I WILL MISS HER WHEN SHE LEAVES FOR COLLEGE.

LOVE,  
JOHN



AMBER,

YOU HAVE ALWAYS MADE US SO VERY PROUD. YOU ARE A SHINING STAR, LOVE OF OUR LIVES. OUR PRIDE, OUR JOY, OUR SUNSHINE. BE HAPPY, STAY HAPPY AND BRING HAPPINESS.

LOVE,  
MOM & DAD



AMBER,

YOU ARE SMART, CONSIDERATE, AND GENTLE; THE KIND OF PERSON I LOOK UP TO. YOU ARE SOMEONE WHO IS LOVING, UNDERSTANDING, AND COMPASSIONATE, WHO IS EASY TO LIKE AND CARE ABOUT. YOU HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO ME: A FRIENDSHIP THAT WILL LAST THROUGH YEARS AND CHALLENGES, A CARING AND SHARING THAT I TREASURE. YOU ARE SOMEONE WONDERFUL; YOU ARE MY SISTER.

LOVE,  
TAMARA

AMBER MARSH

KIMBERLY,

WE LOOK UPON YOUR GRADUATION WITH LOVE, JOY, AND HAPPINESS. TODAY IS A TIME FOR REFLECTIONS AND PREPARATION. WITH GRADUATION, YOU ENTER THE ADULT WORLD WHERE THE ROADS ARE ROUGH, THE GOING GETS TOUGH AND THE HILLS ARE SOMETIMES HARD TO CLIMB. IF YOU KEEP GOD IN YOUR HEART AND DETERMINATION ON YOUR MIND, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

LOVE,

UNCLE SCOTT, AUNT LAURA, JOSEPH,  
LADYBUG, & COCOA



KIMBERLY,

IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY WE WERE HOLDING YOU IN OUR ARMS. YOU HAVE GROWN TO BE A BEAUTIFUL, HARD-WORKING YOUNG WOMAN, WHICH WE ARE PROUD OF. AS YOU MAKE THOSE IMPORTANT DECISIONS IN LIFE, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW WE WILL BE THERE TO SUPPORT YOU ALL OF THE WAY. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND NEVER STOP REACHING FOR THE STARS, FOR THE HIGHER YOU REACH THE FARTHER YOU WILL GO. WE LOVE YOU!

ALL OUR LOVE, MOM & DAD



To My Angel,  
FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS.  
"YOU GO GIRL!"

LOVE,

BUSCIA & GRANDPA EARL



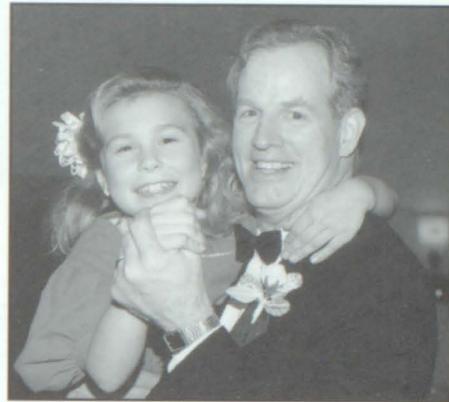
KIMBERLY,

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. BEST OF LUCK IN COLLEGE AND FUTURE ENDEAVORS. FOLLOW YOUR HEART AND MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE.

LOVE,

CON AMOR,

UNCLE MIKE, AUNT EILIEEN,  
& CHULA



Sissy,  
YOU'RE THE  
BESTEST SISTER  
IN THE WORLD!  
GOOD LUCK!  
WE LOVE YOU! XO XO XO  
CHRISTOPHER & JEROME



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES, KIMBERLY, ON YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. WATCHING YOU GROW INTO THE YOUNG LADY THAT YOU ARE REMINDS US THAT YOU ARE GOD'S GIFT TO US! MAY YOU CONTINUE TO USE GOD'S GIFTS TO REACH YOUR GOALS.

LOVE,

UNCLE GERARD, AUNTIE MARY, MONICA, KASIA, VICTORIA, & BABIA

KIMBERLY MICHALSKI



JENNIFER MICHELE  
MY LITTLE GIRL.

I'VE WATCHED YOU GO FROM CRAWLING TO WALKING, FROM YOUR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL, AND THEN ("OH MY GOD") DRIVING A CAR. NOW YOU ARE GRADUATING. YOU HAVE BECOME SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON AND A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY. YOU HAVE MADE ME VERY PROUD. THIS TIME OF YOUR GRADUATION REFLECTS ON WHAT HAS BROUGHT YOU TO THIS POINT. FAMILY AND FRIENDS, GOOD DECISIONS, AND KNOWING RIGHT FROM WRONG. THIS, ALONG WITH YOUR PERSEVERANCE AND DRIVE IS WHAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN WHATEVER GOALS YOU WISH TO ATTAIN IN YOUR LIFE. WELL, HERE YOU GO; MY BABY IS A YOUNG WOMAN, GOING OFF INTO THE WORLD TO MAKE HER MARK. CONGRATULATIONS. YOU HAVE MADE US PROUD. JUST REMEMBER, JENNY, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY LITTLE GIRL.

LOVE, FROM ALL OF US,  
DAD, CHERI & TORIA



JENNIFER BREADON



OUR DARLING GIRL,

YOU CAME INTO THIS WORLD SO TINY, BUT WITH GIGANTIC SPIRIT. THE RED HAIR SHOULD HAVE BEEN A TIP OFF TO WHAT FUN "LIFE WITH HOLLY" WOULD BE. NO MATTER WHAT YOU TRIED, YOU ACCOMPLISHED. YOU MADE US PROUD EVERYDAY, IN SO MANY WAYS. YOUR HEART IS AS BIG AS IT CAN BE, COMPASSION SHOULD BE YOUR MIDDLE NAME. YOU WERE SUCH A SWEETIE, AS A LITTLE GIRL, I NEVER WANTED YOU TO GROW UP. BUT YOU DID! AND WHAT A FINE YOUNG WOMAN YOU HAVE BECOME. ALL OF YOUR WONDERFUL QUALITIES JUST GOT BETTER. AND NOW YOU STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF PART TWO OF YOUR LIFE. TAKE WITH YOU ALL THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND LEARNED. NEVER LOSE YOUR GENTLENESS OF SPIRIT. WE WILL ALWAYS BE NEXT TO YOU, NO MATTER WHAT LIFE BRINGS.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE, MY ONLY SUNSHINE...

LOVE,  
MOM AND DAD



HOLLY SWIGERT





ANDREA,

THE DAY YOU CAME INTO OUR LIVES, HOW COULD WE HAVE KNOWN WHAT AN ADVENTURE WE WERE ABOUT TO BEGIN? WE ARE NOT SURE WHO LEARNED MORE FROM WHOM OVER THE LAST EIGHTEEN YEARS. AS THESE PICTURES SHOW, YOU HAVE ALWAYS PLAYED HARD BUT WERE ALSO VERY ADORABLE. IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE WATCHING YOU GO FROM A HAPPY TODDLER TO THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY YOU ARE TODAY.

YOU HAVE DEVELOPED A STRONG CHARACTER AND A WONDERFUL PERSONALITY. YOU ARE A KIND AND CARING PERSON. YOU HAVE MADE US VERY PROUD WITH ALL OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SCHOOL AND SPORTS.

WE KNOW YOU WILL BE READY FOR WHATEVER CHALLENGES YOUR COLLEGE YEARS BRING. AS YOU MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PHASE OF YOUR LIFE, REMEMBER YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS.

LOVE,  
MOM & DAD

ANDREA,

I HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO YOU IN EVERYTHING YOU DO, WHETHER IT'S SPORTS, SCHOOL, RELATIONSHIPS, OR ALL THE SMART DECISIONS YOU HAVE MADE. I LOVE YOU, AND I AM SO THANKFUL TO HAVE YOU AS MY SISTER. I WILL MISS YOU NEXT YEAR. IT WON'T BE THE SAME AROUND THE HOUSE WITHOUT YOU. I WILL ALWAYS LOOK UP TO EVERYTHING YOU DO IN THE FUTURE.

LOVE,  
KATIE



ANDREA TORVINEN



S SILLY, SLOPPY, SHAPELY, SEVENTEEN  
T TALKATIVE, TEMPER, TEAMMATE, TREASURE  
E EAGER, ECCENTRIC, EMPATHIC, ENCHANTING  
P PRETTY, POUTY, PIXIE, PRECIOUS  
H HAPPY, HEALTHY, HEARTFELT, HELPFUL  
A ATHLETIC, AFFECTIONATE, AMERICAN, ANIMAL LOVER  
N NATURAL, NAPPER, NEIGHBORLY, NICE  
I IMAGINATIVE, IMPRESSIVE, INDIVIDUAL, INSTIGATOR  
E ENERGETIC, EXHILARATING, EVERYONE'S FRIEND,  
E SPECIALLY MINE

LOVE MOM

DEAR STEPHANIE,

BOTH GRANDPA AND I HAVE LOVED YOU EVER SINCE YOU WERE BORN. YOU WERE SUCH A DELIGHT TO BE AROUND, ESPECIALLY WHEN I HAD TO TELL YOU STORIES ABOUT ME AND GRANDPA; YOU ALWAYS MADE ME TELL THEM ABOUT TEN TIMES APIECE. WE DID LAUGH A LOT. REMEMBER TO FOLLOW YOUR HEART AND LIVE A HAPPY, SUCCESSFUL LIFE.

LOVE, GRANDMA MALUCHNIK

DEAR STEPHANIE,

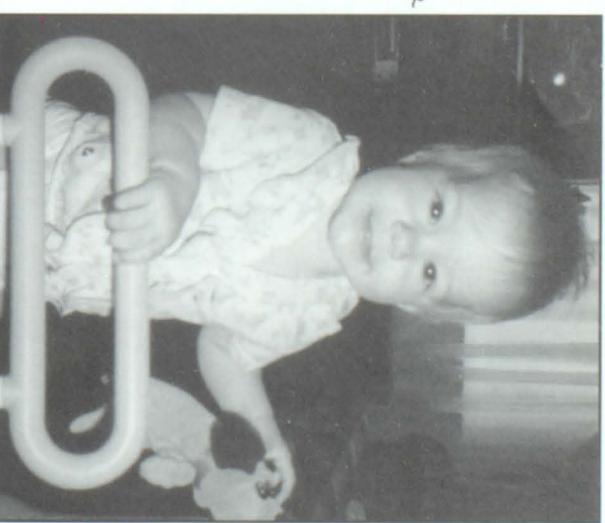
I AM VERY PROUD OF YOU AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS YOU HAVE MADE THROUGH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS. YOU HAVE BECOME SUCH A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN THAT I KNOW WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO DO IN YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL BE A SUCCESS. ENJOY YOUR YEARS AHEAD AND ALWAYS REMEMBER I WILL BE THINKING ABOUT YOU. I WISH YOU THE BEST OF EVERYTHING LIFE HAS TO OFFER. REMEMBER AUNT LINDA AND GRANDPA WILL BE LOOKING DOWN FROM THE HEAVENS.

LOVE ALWAYS, GRANDMA MILLER

STEPHANIE,

IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY WHEN YOU AND I WERE PLAYING WITH BARBIES AND BEATING THE CRAP OUT OF MOM'S OLD CREEPY DOLL THAT WAS JUST AS BIG AS YOU WERE. ALTHOUGH WE'VE HAD OUR DISAGREEMENTS IN THE PAST, I FEEL THAT WE ONLY GROW CLOSER AS THE YEARS HAVE GONE BY. WHEN WE WERE LITTLE WE USED TO TAKE EVERY CHANCE WE HAD TO AGITATE EACH OTHER, LIKE THE TIME I THREW YOU INTO THE WALL AND GAVE YOU A GOOSE EGG ON YOUR FOREHEAD, OR THE TIME YOU JUMPED OFF MOM AND DAD'S BED ONTO MY KNEE AND ALMOST TORE MY LIGAMENT. WE CAN NOW LOOK BACK AT THOSE OBNOXIOUS MOMENTS AND LAUGH BECAUSE WE ARE OLDER. YOU HAVE BECOME MY "BEST FRIEND." I AM BEYOND PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS MY SISTER. YOU'RE SO TALENTED AT EVERYTHING YOU DO OR ATTEMPT TO DO. YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL AND HAVE SO MUCH GOING FOR YOU IN LIFE. ALWAYS KNOW THAT I AM HERE FOR YOU WHENEVER YOU NEED ME.

LOVE, DEANNA



STEPHANIE,  
STEPHANIE IS  
A BETTER AND  
STRONGER PERSON  
TODAY. FOR YEARS  
STEPHANIE HAS  
ALWAYS BEEN THE  
UNDERDOG. AS  
USUAL, SHE HAS MET  
THE CHALLENGE WITH  
GREAT SUCCESS. IN  
MY EYES SHE WILL  
ALWAYS BE NUMBER  
ONE. MAY YOU HAVE  
SUCCESS IN YOUR  
LIFE AFTER HIGH  
SCHOOL.

LOVE, DAD



STEPHANIE MILLER

# CONGRATULATIONS, JESSIE!

YOU'VE REACHED YOUR FIRST RUNG ON THE LADDER TO SUCCESS. DON'T LET IT STOP HERE. NEVER STOP LEARNING AND REACHING FOR THE STARS AND THEY WILL MAKE A WONDERFUL ELEMENTS WILL LOVE YOU AS MUCH AS WE

THANKS FOR ALL THE GREAT THINGS TO PLAY THE VIOLIN LONG AFTER AND YOUR GRANDPARENTS TRULY THANKS FOR BRINGING BARBARA A GREAT PERSON AND HAS TRULY HOPE YOU TWO WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR TENNIS MATCHES. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO END YOUR SENIOR YEAR BY WINNING "LEAGUES." WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!



NEVER STOP DREAMING! KEEP DREAMS WILL BE YOURS. WE BOTH KNOW YOU TARY SCHOOL TEACHER. YOUR STUDENTS WILL LOVE YOU.

MEMORIES. THANKS FOR CONTINUOUSLY YOU WOULD HAVE LIKED TO STOP; WE ENJOYED YOUR MANY CONCERTS. INTO OUR LIVES, SHE IS SUCH A PERSON WHO HAS TRULY TOUCHED OUR LIVES FOREVER. WE FRIENDS. WE ALSO ENJOYED ALL



LOVE,  
MOM & DAD

JESSICA GADWA

ANGELA,

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SO PROUD OF YOU! YOU WORK SO HARD TO MAKE TRUE TO YOURSELF, MAKE TIME TO TRY OUT FOR PLAYS, BE IN CHOIR, SOCCER." YOU ALWAYS BELIEVE "IF I FOR ME." I AM SO PROUD OF YOU! I KNOW YOU WILL NEVER LOSE THE WHO YOU ARE AND KNOWING IF YOU GET IT! I DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES FOR WHATEVER COME TRUE! CONGRATS AT BEING



YOU, BUT NEVER SO PROUD AS I AM YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE. YOU COUNTS! YOU NEVER FORGET TO BE ENJOY GROWING UP LIKE TAKING TIME AND TAKING PART IN SPORTS "JR. DON'T TRY IT, I WON'T KNOW IF THIS IS CANNOT PUT INTO WORDS HOW MUCH I DREAM, THE HOPE, THE LOVE OF BEING WANT IT, YOU WILL FIND THE WAY TO BECAUSE YOU'RE STRONG AND YOU IT TAKES TO MAKE YOUR DREAMS ACCEPTED TO MSU JAMES MADISON.

XOXO

TO MY LITTLE LOVE BUG,  
MOMMY

ANGELA DiIACOVO





SHANITRA,

WE HAVE WATCHED YOU GROW FROM AN INFANT TO A VERY MATURE, AND BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY. OUR PRAYER IS THAT YOU SET GOALS FOR YOURSELF AND WORK VERY HARD TO ACHIEVE THEM. THERE IS NOTHING THAT YOU CAN'T DO IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT. REMEMBER TO ALWAYS PUT GOD FIRST IN ALL THAT YOU DO. REMEMBER, THAT THE RACE IS NOT WON BY THE SWIFT, BUT IS WON BY THOSE WHO ENDURE TO THE END. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS AND KEEP YOU!

LOVE,  
MOM & DAD



SHANITRA BOWMAN



LESA,

I WAS THERE TO TAKE YOU IN MY ARMS AND CRADLE YOU WHILE YOU WERE ASLEEP.

LOOKING AT YOUR BEAUTIFUL FACE AND KNOWING THAT YOU WERE MINE MADE MY EYES BEGIN TO WEEP. I WAS THERE WHEN YOU HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR LIFE AND WHEN YOU NEEDED DIRECTION.

WHEN YOU HAD A BAD DAY, I WIPE YOUR TEARS WITH ALL MY LOVE AND AFFECTION.

I WAS THERE WHEN YOU ACCOMPLISHED YOUR GOALS WITH ALL THE JOY A PARENT COULD DISPLAY.

ALTHOUGH I KNEW A TIME WOULD COME WHEN IT WAS TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE, IT WAS A WORD I COULDN'T SAY.

FROM BABY THE IN MY ARMS, TO THE CHILD IN MY HEART, TO THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY YOU HAVE BECOME.

JUST REMEMBER I WILL BE THERE FOR ALL YOUR JOURNEYS IN LIFE.

JUST REMEMBER TO BE ALL YOU CAN BE. YOU HAVE ALWAYS MADE ME PROUD!

GOOD LUCK AND LOTS OF LOVE,  
MOM



LESA SWANSON





Ellen Backus

You should be proud.  
Be gentle with yourself.

Wherever you are is  
exactly where you need  
to be!



Stephanie Gibson

We knew you'd be a  
great swimmer! We are  
very proud of who you  
are.

Love you!  
Mom & Dad



Philip Lewan

Seems like only yester-  
day... now graduation!

Congratulations,  
buddy! Keep exploring  
- thanks for being a  
great son!

We Love You!  
Mom & Dad



Aaron Dorn

Congratulations on a  
job well done. We are  
very proud of you.

We Love You!  
Mom, Dad  
& Christine



Gabrielle Poshadlo

Gabe-

No matter how success-  
ful you become, you  
will always be our  
Gooby and Goobina.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Douglas Platt

When you believe in  
yourself, dreams can  
come true. We believe  
in you, Doug. Be  
happy.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Crystal Daws

My true gem, "Crystal,"  
the apple of my eye.  
You make me so proud  
to be your mom.

I Love You!



Joanne Seefeld

Joanne, you have  
accomplished so much.  
We are very proud of  
you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Mike



Nicole Davies

Nicole,  
"Never a dull moment."  
We will miss you when  
you leave for college -  
and you will miss us, I  
promise.  
Love,  
Dad & Mom



Tara Deleo

You are now on your  
way to a life of your  
own that you will  
create.  
Love you,  
Mom



Emily Morgan

"Pretty Sister"  
Believe in yourself,  
follow your dreams.  
We are proud of you.  
Congratulations!  
Love Always,  
Jacob & Lucas



Emily Morgan

To the little girl we've  
always loved. And the  
beautiful young woman  
you've become...  
Congratulations and  
love...  
Grandma, Paula, & Jen



Lara Nemeth

You already have  
within you what you  
need to be successful.  
Life is not a dress  
rehearsal.  
Go for it!  
Love,  
Mom



Rachel Gardiner

What a great four years!  
Follow your dreams,  
seek God's guidance,  
and never forget how  
much you are loved!

Mom, Dad, & Sam



Kelly Wilcox

Congratulations to our  
little  
"Cindy Lou Who".  
Our love and pride for  
you are immeasurable.  
-Your Loving Family



Sarah McLaughlin

It's a girl!  
From that moment on  
you've made us proud.  
Daughter, sister,  
scholar, athlete, and  
young woman.  
We love you.  
Mom, Dad, & Liz



ALEX,

THIS IS ONE OF THE  
MOST IMPORTANT TIMES IN  
YOUR LIFE. ENJOY YOURSELF.  
REMEMBER, YOU CAN DO  
WHATEVER YOU SET YOUR  
MIND TO. WE ARE VERY PROUD  
OF YOU!!

LOVE,  
MOM, DAD, & VINCENT

ALEXANDER BROWN

A LITTLE SUN, A LITTLE RAIN, A SOFT WIND  
BLOWING FROM THE WEST. AND WOODS  
AND FIELDS ARE SWEET AGAIN. AND  
WARMTH WITHIN THE MOUNTAIN BREAST.  
SO SIMPLE IS THE EARTH WE TREAD. SO  
QUICK WITH LOVE AND LIFE HER FRAME.  
TEN THOUSAND YEARS HAVE DAWNED AND  
FLED. AND STILL HER MAGIC IS THE SAME.

A LITTLE LOVE, A LITTLE TRUST. A SORT  
IMPULSE, A SUDDEN DREAM. AND LIFE AS  
DRY AS DRIEST DUST. IS FRESHER THAN A  
MOUNTAIN STREAM.  
SO SIMPLE IS THE HEART OF MAN. SO  
READY FOR NEW HOPE AND JOY. TEN  
THOUSAND YEARS SINCE IT BEGAN. HAVE  
LEFT IT YOUNGER THAN A BOY

By: GEORGE SIGERSON

DEAR ALEX,

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPECIAL GRANDSON ON YOUR  
GRADUATION. FOLLOW YOUR HEART AND YOUR DREAMS WILL  
COME TRUE. REACH FOR THE STARS, AS FAR YOU CAN REACH.

LIVE, LOVE, AND LAUGH,  
FROM YOUR PROUD GRANDPARENTS TO  
OUR WONDERFUL GRANDSON.

LOVE YA,  
GRANDMA  
& GRANDPA



ERIN,

I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER  
THE GAMES WE PLAYED AND  
THE THINGS YOU TAUGHT ME. I WILL  
ALWAYS LOVE YOU AND HONOR  
YOU. PLEASE DON'T GO TOO FAR  
AWAY.

"...ON THIS JOURNEY THAT YOU'RE  
MAKING THERE'LL BE ANSWERS  
THAT YOU SEEK.  
IT'S YOU WHO'LL CLIMB THE MOUN-  
TAIN. IT'S YOU WHO'LL REACH THE  
PEAK."

LOVE, ERICA

ERIN,

YOU'VE MADE US PROUD AND  
HAPPY EVERYDAY OF YOUR LIFE. WE  
LOVE YOU AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE  
YOU ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS.

"FOR ONE SO SMALL, YOU  
SEEM SO STRONG

OUR ARMS HAVE HELD YOU,  
KEPT YOU SAFE AND WARM

THIS BOND BETWEEN US  
CAN'T BE BROKEN

YOU'LL BE IN OUR HEARTS,  
ALWAYS."

LOVE,  
MOM & DAD

ERIN SCAFONE



ERIN,

YOU ARE THE PERSON I  
HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED UP  
TO. I KNOW YOU WILL SUC-  
CEED IN EVERYTHING YOU  
DO. THIS IS FOR YOU: "IN  
LEARNING YOU WILL TEACH,  
IN TEACHING YOU WILL  
LEARN. YOU'LL FIND YOUR

PLACE BE-  
SIDE THE  
ONES YOU  
LOVE."

I LOVE YOU  
LOVE,  
EMILY



2002-2003

# YEAR IN REVIEW

# STRANGE BUT TRUE

## Trans-Atlantic Jet Setter

Spanish Count Alvaro de Marichalar set a world record by completing a 5,200-mile, four-month journey across the Atlantic on a jet ski. Marichalar trained for a year before setting out from Rome for Miami on a nine-foot watercraft with a support ship and crew of six bringing up the rear.

## Nation Loses Time

It is a common complaint that there is not enough time in a day; however, for the people of Venezuela time is actually slipping away. Clocks in that country are ticking too slowly because a nationwide power shortage is weakening the electric current. Each day, electric clocks lose 150 seconds.

Former President Jimmy Carter was awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to further human rights and democracy, find peaceful solutions to world conflicts and encourage economic and social growth. After serving as president from 1977 to 1981, Carter founded the Carter Center, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the human condition. ▼

The Miss World competition was moved from Nigeria's capital, Abuja, to London after violent protests broke out in Nigeria. The protests began after a Nigerian newspaper printed an article that questioned why Mohammed would not have approved of the Miss World competition and said he probably would have married one of the contestants. ▶



Two Guatemalan twins who had been joined together at the tops of their heads returned home five months after doctors separated them in a 22-hour operation. Healing the Children, a nonprofit organization, arranged for the girls and their parents to come to Los Angeles for the surgery, and the doctors donated their services. ▼

Jury trials returned to most Russian courtrooms for the first time in 85 years as a result of legislation passed through parliament by supporters of President Vladimir Putin. The law amends the criminal code with 3,500 changes that emulate the Western model of a fair trial.

In a historic speech before the Italian parliament, Pope John Paul II strongly urged Italians to have more children to turn the tide against the nation's declining rate of birth. He also called on government officials to show prisoners leniency, when appropriate, by reducing their sentences.

## Thai Motorists Get Massages

Thailand's Health Ministry announced plans to provide free massage services at more than 20 gas stations on major inter-city highways and around the capital city of Bangkok. The initiative was meant to relieve motorists' stress and decrease the number of highway deaths.

## Death Not An Option

Mayor Gil Bernardi, of the French Mediterranean town, Le Lavandou, banned local residents from dying after a court order rebuffed his plans to develop a new seaside cemetery. Bernardi found the edict to be "remarkably well followed," as he awaited a decision on his appeal.



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# WOR



Photo by Scott Barbour/Getty Images

Nearly 200 people died after a bomb was detonated in a popular tourist area in Bali. Terrorist network al Qaeda claimed responsibility on its website for the bombing. The act of terrorism severely hurt the Indonesian island's economy as tourists traveled to alternate destinations. ▶



AP Photo



AP Photo/ Michael Kappeler

Violence raged in the Ivory Coast after rebels failed in their coup attempt and took control of the northern part of the country. After the northern rebels signed a truce with the government, new rebels attempted to take control of the west. Hundreds of people died during the year, and more than 600,000 fled their homes. ▶

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Tensions were high after North Korea began to use one of the nuclear reactors it had agreed to shut down in 1994. North Korea claimed it had to restart its nuclear program to provide power because the United States had stopped sending the country shipments of fuel oil. The U.S. said it only stopped shipping oil after North Korea started to work on its nuclear weapons program. ▲



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How do you think going to war with Iraq would affect your daily life?

1. Some things, but not many	66.3%
2. Every part	21.7%
3. It wouldn't	12%

# LD NEWS



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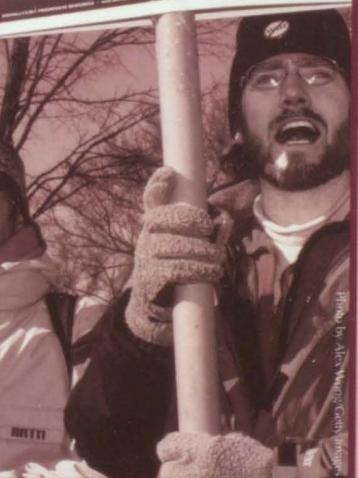


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## SPECIAL ON IRAQ



A raid on a theater in Moscow proved deadly for more than 100 people after the Russian government pumped gas into the building to end the three-day hostage situation. The gas was intended to subdue the Chechen hostage-takers, who were holding 800 people; however, some of the hostages died because they were weakened by hunger and exhaustion. ▲

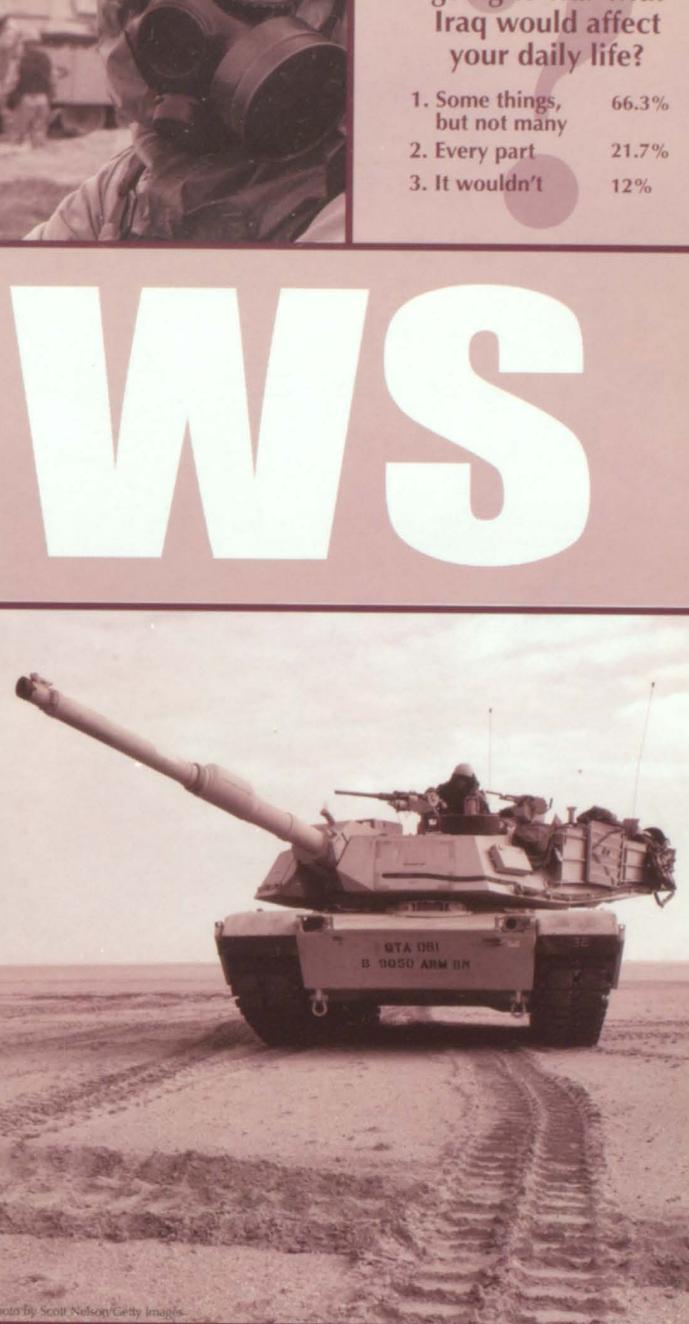


Concerned that Iraq could assemble nuclear weapons, the United Nations required Iraq to disclose and disarm its weapons of mass destruction. While the United Nations conducted weapon inspections in Iraq, the United States prepared to go to war.

Questions remained about how long the weapon inspections

would take and thousands of people protested the war in more than 220 cities around the country on a weekend in January.

Meanwhile, the U.S. sent almost as many aircraft carriers and troops into the Persian Gulf as were there during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.



# THE WAR ON TERRORISM



John Allen Muhammed and John Lee Malvo were accused of carrying out a string of sniper shootings that killed 10 people and wounded three others during a three-week period in the Washington, D.C., area. Victims, who were selected at random during the killing spree, ranged in age from 13 to 72. ▶



AP Photo/Guy Wolsten

Nine Pennsylvania miners emerged one-by-one from a small, dark, flooded chamber 240 feet below the surface after being trapped for more than three days. The ordeal began when water from an adjacent abandoned mine burst through a breached wall and filled the shaft in which they were working. Rescuers worked around the clock to free the men, who surfaced relatively unscathed. ▲



Memorial services were held around the country on the anniversary of Sept. 11, which President George W. Bush proclaimed Patriot Day. One year after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the sluggish American economy still felt the effects. News about Afghanistan diminished, but al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden were still in the news. Debate continued about what should be built at the Ground Zero

site, and colleges were asked to turn over personal information about their foreign students and teachers to the FBI.

The country continued to pursue Osama bin Laden and other threats to national security in its War on Terror. Sometimes the war was subtle, and sometimes it was very noticeable. The Immigration and Naturalization Service began to fingerprint and photograph men who entered the

United States from 18 Middle Eastern countries. Bush signed a Homeland Security bill into law that created a new federal department devoted to preventing future attacks and allowed commercial airline pilots to carry guns.

The director of the FBI announced that his organization had thwarted almost 100 terrorist attacks since Sept. 11, 2001. He said some of the attacks were intended for U.S. targets.

The Roman Catholic Church was immersed in a scandal involving forbidden sex and molestation, as well as widespread cover-ups at the hands of some of its most prominent officials. At the center of it all was the Boston Archdiocese, where Cardinal Bernard Law resigned under pressure from allegations that he withheld knowledge of priests sexually abusing children. ▶

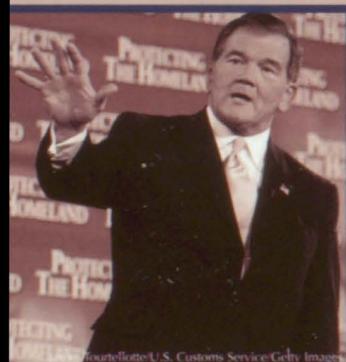
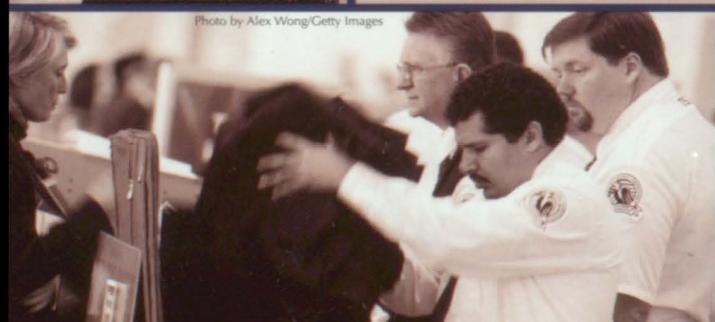


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# NATION



The West Nile virus captured the nation's attention during the summer as it spread from coast to coast. The mosquito-transmitted virus, which leads to fever, head and body aches, and sometimes encephalitis or meningitis, killed approximately 250 citizens in 2002. ▶



# SNIPER CAUGHT

Photo by Mario Tama/Getty Images

Seven astronauts perished when the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart over central Texas as it reentered the atmosphere. The tragedy occurred less than 20 minutes before the planned landing at the Kennedy Space Center. An investigation into the cause of the accident initially centered on possible damage to the craft's protective tiles from flying debris during takeoff. ▼



AP Photo/NASA

The economy, still trying to re-build itself after Sept. 11, continued to struggle. Millions of Americans were out of jobs as the national unemployment rate hit an eight-year high. Holiday shoppers spent less than economists expected, and a record number of people lost their homes when they could not make their mortgage payments. ▲



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Accounting scandals continued this year as WorldCom replaced Enron as the nation's largest bankruptcy. Thousands of workers lost their jobs and retirement savings because of the scandals, and the SEC began requiring that CEOs verify financial statements for their publicly held companies to boost investor confidence. Officers whose statements were found incorrect could face criminal charges and possible jail time. ▶

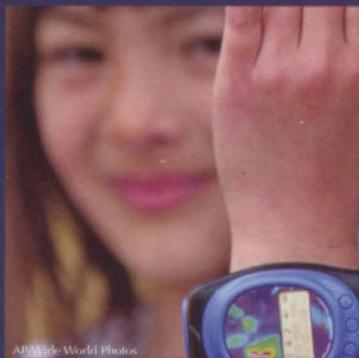
## Not What We Had In Mind

Jersey City, N.J., officials held an anniversary tribute to Sept. 11 victims, where they planned to release a flock of doves at a downtown ceremony. Since all dove suppliers were sold out, they decided to use pigeons instead. The solemn ceremony was interrupted when the birds, having been caged most of their lives, careened into the crowd. ▼

# STRANGE BUT TRUE

## There's A Monkey In My Pants!

California environmentalist Robert Cusack was arrested on smuggling charges when customs officials found a pair of pygmy monkeys in his pants. Further inspection revealed that Cusack, who was returning from a trip to Thailand, also had four exotic birds and 50 rare orchids in his suitcase. ▼



AP/Wide World Photos



AP Photo/U.S. Navy



AP Photo/Rogelio Solis

A man who had been adrift at sea for four months was rescued by the crew of a U.S. Navy ship after he was spotted near Costa Rica by a military aircraft. Richard Van Pham, the 62-year-old man, said he survived by drinking rainwater he collected in a bucket and eating fish and seagulls. He had only intended to take a short sailing trip, but the wind broke his mast, and his radio quit working. ▲

# ALL NEWS

AP Photo/Danny Gardner

Sixty of Chicago's public schools received \$10,000 as part of a new system of incentives that focuses on raising test scores. The program is part of the district's new system of accountability, which before had sanctioned schools that performed poorly on the tests.



lot off the wire

Wildfires wreaked havoc on the western United States, destroying double the number of acres than in the previous worst year. One of the largest of these fires was in Colorado, where a U.S. Forest Services worker admitted to starting an enormous blaze while burning a letter from her estranged husband.

**Did you watch  
the first season of  
American Idol?**

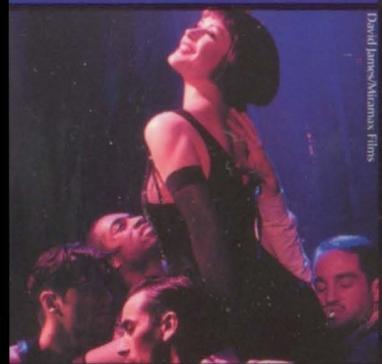
- a) Every week 19%
- b) Once in awhile 33.1%
- c) Never 48%



Kelly Clarkson was voted the first American Idol and won a \$1 million recording contract in the summer's most-watched TV show. The show's success spawned talent searches on other major TV networks, as well as a second season of *American Idol*, a book and a movie.



AP Photo/Lucy Nicholson



David James/Miramax Films

**Chicago** danced its way to 13 Oscar nominations, more than any other film in the 2003 Academy Award race. The musical earned the coveted Best Picture nomination and acting nominations for four of its stars, including lead actress Renee Zellweger, supporting actresses Catherine Zeta-Jones and Queen Latifah, and supporting actor John C. Reilly. Director Rob Marshall was also nominated.

Martin Scorsese's epic *Gangs of New York* grabbed a second highest 10 Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director, in the 2003 Academy Award race. Lead actor Daniel Day-Lewis earned a nomination and the movie also earned Oscar nods for Best Original Screenplay, Best Cinematography and Best Original Song, U2's *The Hands That Built America*.



Mario Tursi/Miramax Films

# ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY

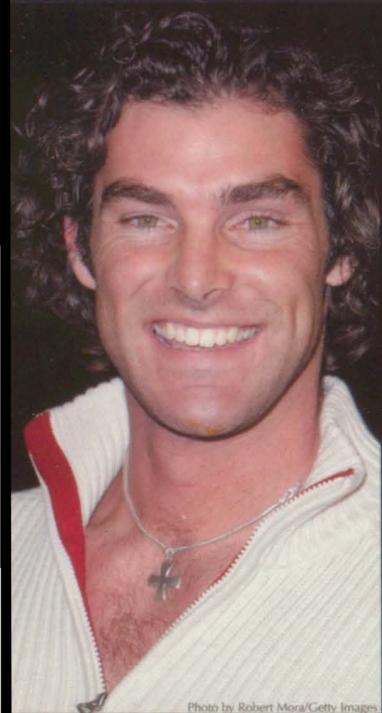


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It was a year of sequels as *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* hit theaters. *The Two Towers* outperformed its predecessor in its opening weekend, and later earned six Oscar nominations. *The Chamber of Secrets* was on target to match the success of the first Harry Potter movie.



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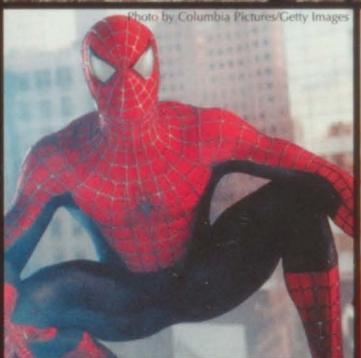
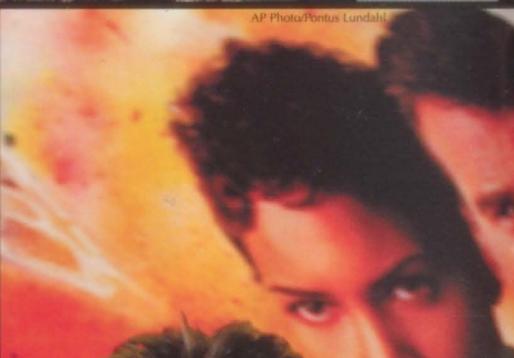


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Even more television airtime was devoted to the reality TV bandwagon this year. Reality series debuts this year included *Joe Millionaire*, which had the highest-scoring new series debut of the season, *The Bachelorette*, *The Osbournes*, and *High School Reunion*.

## What was your favorite movie this school year?

1. *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*

2. *8 Mile*

3. *XXX*

*Spiderman* sold a record number of DVDs the first weekend it was available in stores. The movie also broke the record for biggest opening weekend ever in theaters, a record previously held by *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.



*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, a romantic comedy about a Greek woman who falls for a non-Greek man, became the biggest independent film release ever in the U.S. The movie cost only \$5 million to make and grossed more than \$200 million at the box office. ▶▶

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AP Photo/Reed Saxon

What was your favorite TV show this school year?

1. *Friends*
2. *The Simpsons*
3. *The Osbournes*

### Don't Blame The Winston Man

Raymond Leopold, the *Winston Man* model who appeared in cigarette ads in the late 70s, filed a federal lawsuit, seeking \$65 million in punitive damages from the R.J. Reynolds Co. Leopold cited the remorse and stress he has suffered from the role he played in contributing to smoking-related illnesses in people influenced by the ads.

### Celebrity Stalker For President

Nicole Kidman found herself facing a \$200-million defamation lawsuit filed by a man accused of stalking her. Matthew Hooker, who had been placed under a restraining order for his harassment of the actress, claimed the stalker label was detrimental to his 2004 presidential campaign.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

### Nature In Swimsuits

*National Geographic* made headlines when it released its first swimsuit issue, albeit not as revealing as one competitor's annual look at the scantily clad. A special collector's edition sold only on newsstands, the issue chronicled the swimsuit over the last 100 years.

# NIMENT



The Osbourne family, with a smash reality TV hit after its first season on MTV, seemed to be everywhere in 2002 with merchandising and book deals totaling in excess of \$20 million. Along the way, *The Osbournes* won an Emmy, the family hosted the 30th Annual American Music Awards, Ozzy was honored with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star, and Kelly recorded her first album. ▲

Spies and espionage were all the rage on TV with shows like FOX's *24* starring Kiefer Sutherland and ABC's *Alias* with Jennifer Garner. Both in their sophomore seasons, the shows captured a wide audience and consistently finished strong in the weekly Nielsen ratings.

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◀ A few surprises took place at the 54th Annual Emmy Awards as some old favorites and a newcomer won trophies for television excellence. *Friends* finally took home the prize for Best Comedy after eight years and four nominations, while star Jennifer Aniston won her first Emmy as Lead Actress in a Comedy. Michael Chiklis grabbed the Lead Actor in a Drama award for his role on FX's *The Shield*. Another big winner was NBC's *The West Wing* with four Emmys, including Best Drama. HBO and NBC received the most honors with each earning 24 awards. In addition, Oprah Winfrey was honored with the first Bob Hope Humanitarian Award which was established to recognize Hope's pioneering and humanitarian efforts. ▼

*Die Another Day* became the biggest-opening James Bond movie ever, earning an estimated \$47 million its first weekend to break the record previously held by *The World is Not Enough*. The film starred Pierce Brosnan as James Bond and Oscar-winner Halle Berry as a female agent. ▲

After a 16-month hiatus, HBO's smash mob hit, *The Sopranos*, returned for its fourth season. The delay was attributed mainly to creator David Chase's meticulous crafting of every show, from script to music to final edit. Meanwhile, Chase hinted that the fifth season might be the show's last.

First-time novelist Alice Sebold conquered the New York Times best-seller list with *The Lovely Bones*, which hit number one and stayed on the list for more than 30 weeks. A tale of rape and murder, readers found the story to be less about tragedy and more about the resiliency of the human spirit.

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R&B vocalist Ashanti took home eight trophies from the Billboard Music Awards, winning each category for which she was nominated. She was also named the best new pop/rock and hip-hop/R&B artist at the American Music Awards and Choice Breakout Artist at the Teen Choice Awards. Ashanti also received five Grammy Award nominations. ▶▶



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Each member of 'NSync tried a project on his own. Justin Timberlake released a solo album, Joey Fatone performed in a Broadway musical, Chris Kirkpatrick designed clothes, Lance Bass trained for a Russian space mission, and JC Chasez began recording his own album. ◀▶



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### It Kind Of Sounds The Same

The British musical group The Planets introduced a 60-second piece of silence on its latest album, creating controversy with representatives of the late composer John Cage, who was credited with writing 433 (273 seconds of silence). Lawyers threatened to sue for violation of copyright, but failed when they could not specify which 60 of the 273 seconds had been copied.

What was your favorite album this school year?

1. *The Eminem Show*
2. *Nellyville*
3. *8 Mile*

STRANGE BUT TRUE

### Elvis' Hair Has Left The Building

An anonymous bidder paid more than \$115,000 for a large, vacuum-packed lock of Elvis Presley's hair in an online auction hosted by Illinois-based MastroNet Incorporated. The King of Rock's former barber, Homer Gilleland, had collected the hair. He gave it to friend Tom Morgan, who then put it on the auction block.

### Christmas Carol Court

Fifty-five traffic violators in Columbia, Tenn., avoided paying fines by belting out their favorite Yuletide carol. Those lucky enough to draw the last court date before Christmas were given the choice of singing a carol and donating five canned goods to a local food bank in exchange for having their tickets dismissed.

### George & John Philip To The Rescue

Legendary composers Gershwin and Sousa were enlisted to help the Boston transit police drive away delinquent teens loitering in one of the city's high-traffic subway stations. Authorities began piping in a mix of show tunes and marches to the dismay of area youth, who have since found other places to hang out.

# MUSIC

Rapper Jay-Z went back to school as a principal during his 10-city Principal for a Day tour. Local radio contests determined which schools he visited to promote education and his *Blueprint 2* CD. At each of the schools, he performed the daily duties of the principal and spoke to the student body. ▶▶

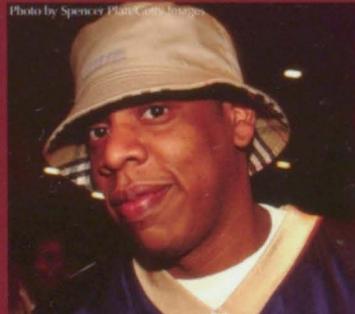
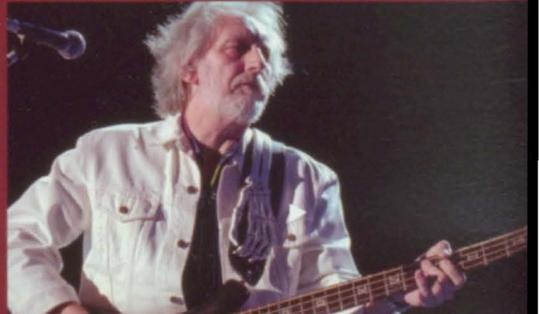


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John Entwistle, bass player for The Who, died of a heart attack at age 57 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Also known as Thunderfingers, he died just one day before the group was to begin a North American tour. ▶



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Columbian superstar Shakira won awards in every category for which she was nominated at the first Latin MTV Video Music Awards, including best female artist, best pop artist, artist of the year, video of the year, and best artist from the north region. The top male artist honors went to Juanes, a folk rock singer from Columbia. ▲▲►



Bee Gees' singer Maurice Gibb died at 53 from a heart attack. Gibb sang with his brothers in the Bee Gees for more than 40 years and also played bass and keyboards for the band. Their soundtrack to the 1977 movie, *Saturday Night Fever*, is often credited with launching the worldwide disco craze. ►



Bruce Springsteen's *The Rising* climbed the charts with stirring songs that focused on the people affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. The tribute album, which was his first studio release of all-new material since 1995, struck a chord with a grieving public and served as a cathartic diversion.

## hot off the wire

Michael Jackson caused an uproar by dangling his 9-month-old baby off a four-story balcony in Berlin as he greeted fans. The pop star later offered an apology, saying he got caught up in the moment and would never intentionally endanger the lives of his children.



AP Photo/Stephen Saylor

Elvis set a personal record this year, 25 years after his death: he had his first album to debut at number one on the Billboard chart. RCA records released *Elvis 30 #1 Hits* for the 25th anniversary of The King's death, which jumped immediately to number one in the U.S. and 17 other countries. ►

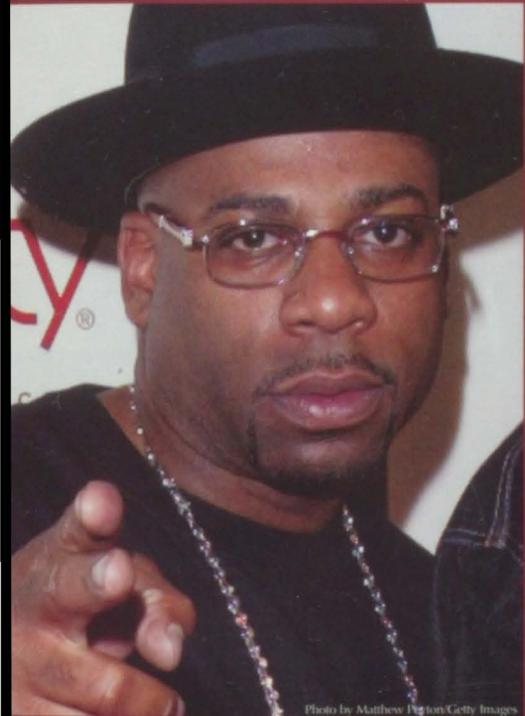


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Jam Master Jay died after a man entered his recording studio and shot him during a recording session. Jay, born Jason Mizell, was 37. Mizell was a founding member of pioneering rap group Run-DMC, which he helped form with Run, Joseph Simmons, and DMC, Darryl McDaniels. ▲

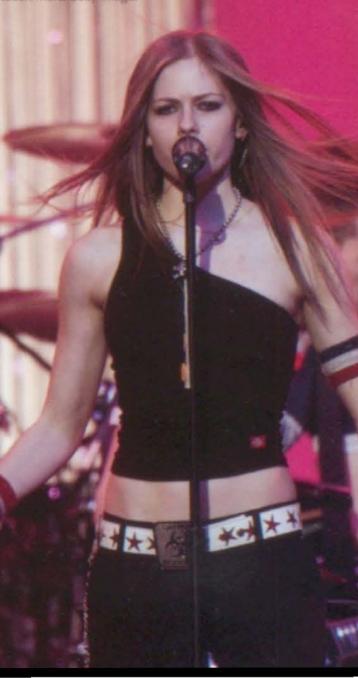


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▲ Vanessa Carlton, Avril Lavigne ► and Michelle Branch were the new kind of pop sensations this year as teens turned away from the music popularized by Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Lavigne's debut album *Let Go* was the third biggest-selling album of the year, and Lavigne was nominated for five Grammy awards.



Photo by Robert Mora/Getty Images



## Who was your favorite musical artist or group this school year?

1. Eminem
2. Avril Lavigne
3. Nelly

actor of stage and film, died at age 72. Already an accomplished performer, he became known to a new generation of moviegoers playing the headmaster Albus Dumbledore in the first two Harry Potter films. ▲▼

he could move his wrist, feet and fingers seven years after he was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident. Reeve credited his improvement to years of physical therapy and never giving up. ▶



AP Photo/Max Nash

Sen. Trent Lott made national headlines after he made comments favoring a presidential candidate who had run his campaign on a platform of segregation. Lott stepped down from serving as the Republican Party's majority leader, and Sen. Bill Frist was voted the new Senate majority leader. ▶

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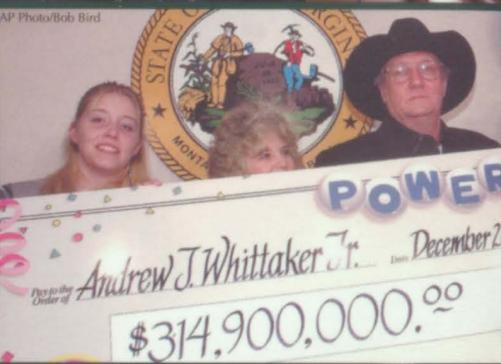


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It was a successful year for actor Denzel Washington, who made his debut as a director with *Antwone Fisher*, a film about a foster child confronting his past. Washington was also named *Entertainment Weekly's Entertainer of the Year*. ▲

A 55-year-old West Virginia man won the biggest Powerball jackpot ever. Andrew "Jack" Whittaker opted to receive all his money up front — about \$112 million after taxes. Whittaker planned to donate 10 percent of the money to pastors and to rehire employees whom he was forced to layoff earlier in the year. ▶

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### Great-Grandpa Turns In Badge

Milwaukee, Wis., Police Lt. Andrew Anewenter, one of the country's oldest active police officers, retired at the age of 86. The great-grandfather earned a salutation from President George W. Bush for more than six decades of decorated service in law enforcement.

### You Ate How Many?

New York Subway conductor Eric Booker gobbled down 21 baseball-sized matzo balls to set a record and win the 6th Annual Matzo Ball Eating Contest sponsored by a local deli. Booker won a \$2,500 gift certificate in the charity event, which benefits metropolitan-area soup kitchens. ▲

### Consider That Coaster Conquered

After 104 days of riding one of the largest and fastest roller coasters ever built, Chicago University instructor Richard Rodriguez succeeded in breaking his 15th world record. During his 10-hour days aboard Germany's Expedition GeForce he read newspapers, listened to music and talked on his cell phone.

### Some Like It Hot

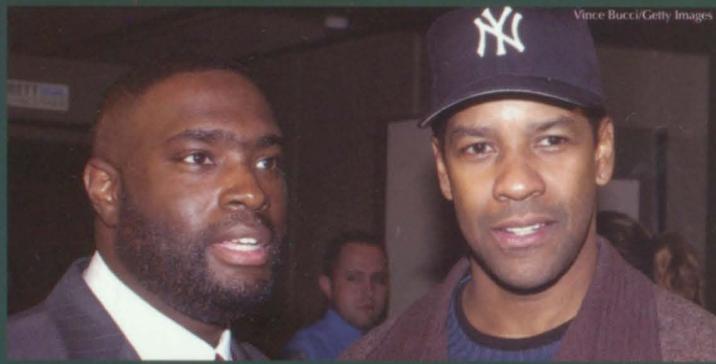
Inga Kosak bested 80 other contestants from 10 countries to win the first World Extreme Ironing Championship. Participants were judged on their ability to iron under the highest degree of difficulty possible, such as ironing while bouncing on a trampoline, while surfing and while hanging upside down from a tree.



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Who was this year's best actor?

1. Vin Diesel
2. Mel Gibson
3. Eminem

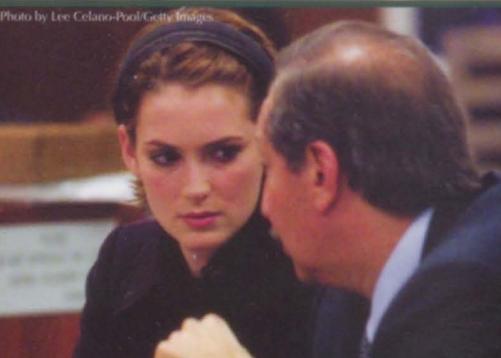


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Rap artist Eminem was the year's top-selling musical artist. *The Eminem Show* sold more copies than any other album, and the soundtrack to *8 Mile*, a movie that starred Eminem, came in at number five. *The Eminem Show* won a Grammy as the top Rap Album, as well as received four other nominations. He also won four American Music, two Billboard Music, and four MTV Music Video awards. ▲



Who was this year's best actress?

1. Jennifer Lopez
2. Julia Roberts
3. Halle Berry

The national news media began calling Reese Witherspoon America's Sweetheart after the film *Sweet Home Alabama* broke the record for the biggest-opening for a romantic comedy. The record was previously held by *Runaway Bride*, which starred Julia Roberts.

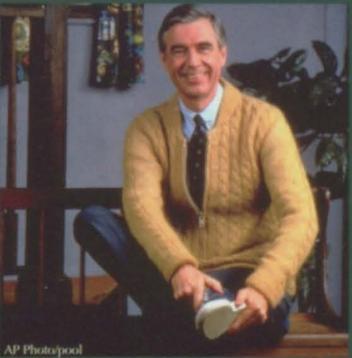


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# PEOPLE

A jury found actress Winona Ryder guilty of shoplifting more than \$5,500 of clothes from a Beverly Hills' Saks Fifth Avenue store. Ryder's case received ongoing media attention for months. Ryder's sentence included performing 480 hours of community service, attending counseling and paying \$10,000 in fines and restitution.



AP Photo/pool

*Time* magazine named Cynthia Cooper, Coleen Rowley, and Sherron Watkins its Persons of the Year. All three women chose to confront their superiors about cover-ups going on within their organizations, and their efforts were leaked to the media. Cooper let WorldCom know about its

phony bookkeeping practices, Rowley told the FBI that it had neglected to look into a potential terror suspect who was later involved in the Sept. 11 attacks, and Watkins informed Enron officials that some of the company's accounting methods were improper.



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Questions arose about whether Martha Stewart sold ImClone Systems stock based on illegal inside knowledge. Stewart claimed she had no idea the stock's price was soon to fall when she sold it, but a congressional panel continued to investigate Stewart's trades.

Fred Rogers, better known as Mister Rogers of the PBS program, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, died at age 74 of stomach cancer. A cultural icon to generations of children, he viewed his shows as a way to reach young people and give them a foundation for a good life.

Lance Bass of 'N Sync lobbied to be the first celebrity in space and even began training at the Johnson Space Center. Plans to join a future mission to the International Space Station were derailed when his sponsors were unable to raise the \$20 million fare.

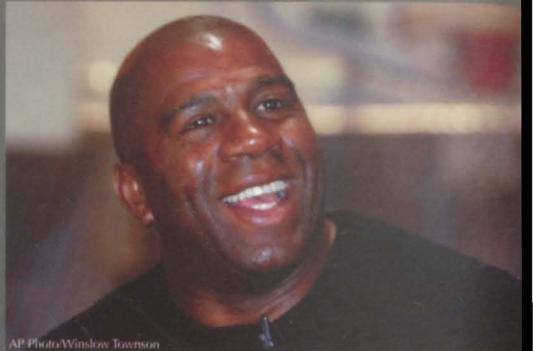
Esther Eppie Lederer, otherwise known as advice columnist Ann Landers, died at age 83. A flagship of the Chicago Tribune, the Ann Landers feature was one of the most widely syndicated newspaper columns in the world, appearing in 1,200 papers and reaching nearly 90 million readers daily.

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In a single game, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers made up for nearly 20 years of being the NFL's bad joke by routing the favored Oakland Raiders, 48-21, in Super Bowl XXXVII. With the league's number one defense, a much-improved offense and riding the intensity of first-year coach Jon Gruden, the Bucs rolled through the regular season to win the NFC South. They won on the road against Philadelphia in the conference championship game to earn the franchise's first trip to the Super Bowl. In becoming World Champions, Tampa Bay buried the past and helped earn its defense a place as one of the best ever alongside the 2000 Ravens and Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" of the 1970s. ▲

Former NBA standout Magic Johnson was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Johnson, who scored more than 17,000 points in the NBA, and led the LA Lakers to five championships, first retired from basketball after he tested positive for HIV in 1991. After returning to play in a few games during the '95-'96 season, he retired again. ▼



# SPORTS



The Anaheim Angels won games six and seven of the all-California World Series, edging out the San Francisco Giants. Threats of a late-season baseball strike had fans wondering whether there would be a series, but the strike was averted with a new labor contract that included a revenue-sharing plan and a drug prevention program. ▲ ▼ ▶



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Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas died of a heart attack at 69. Unitas was the first to throw for 40,000 yards, and broke nearly every NFL record for his position in his 18-year career. Unitas, who retired in 1973, still holds the record for completing at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games, a record set during the 1959-60 season. ▲

What is your favorite sport to watch?

- a. Football 39.9%
- b. Basketball 23.8%
- c. Baseball 8.4%
- d. Soccer 7.6%
- e. Wrestling 4.4%

Tennis star Serena Williams continued her extraordinary run with a win in the Australian Open, where she defeated older sister Venus in the finals. It was her fourth-straight Grand Slam victory following wins at the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. She was only the sixth woman ever to win four consecutive majors. ▶





AP Photo/Tony Dejak

Baseball games around the country turned into memorial services on the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11, with American flags flying at half-mast in every ballpark and the words "We Shall Not Forget" lighting up every electronic message board. At 9:11 p.m., all games were suspended for a moment of silence and a video presentation in memory of those who died in the attacks. □



AP Photo/George Natiashvili

## A Devoted Fan, Even In Death

Pittsburgh's Paul Wellener was a lifelong football fan and, thanks to his family, his unbridled passion for the game has followed him even in death. When Wellener, a Steelers season ticket holder for 42 years, died unexpectedly, his family found a fitting marker for his grave: two weathered seats from the Three Rivers Stadium auction.

## Let Go Of My Lego!

Somebody has quite a conversation piece — or maybe just a big pile of Legos. Thieves at the annual sports equipment Super Show in Las Vegas made off with a replica Stanley Cup trophy, which was made entirely of 6,000 Lego bricks. The replica cup was on display to promote the company's new line of Lego NHL Hockey sets.

## Ouch, That Stings!

Two competitive adult dodge ball leagues have formed in San Francisco during the past year. The first of their kind, the San Francisco Bombardment Society and the Bay Area Blood Warriors schedule matches with rules similar to the popular playground game.

Who was this year's most noteworthy athlete?

1. Kobe Bryant
2. Alan Iverson
3. Lebron James

## That Kid's Got Guts

Rookie defensive end Dennis Johnson of the Arizona Cardinals revealed that he started dominating the gridiron at an early age, beginning his high school football career at age 6. As a 5-foot-7, 170-pound second-grader, Johnson came off the bench to play in several games for Harrodsburg (Ky.) High School going head-to-head with opponents three times older than him.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

The Ohio State Buckeyes won their first college football national championship since 1968 in a double-overtime game in the Fiesta Bowl. The Buckeyes defeated the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes, 31-24, in a game that many national publications touted as the best college football game of all time. The win ended Miami's 34-game winning streak. ▶



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

After 13 seasons, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys holds the National Football League's all-time rushing record, surpassing the late Walter Payton's previous record of 16,726 yards. After the season ended, there was talk that Smith's salary and age would keep him from returning to the team. In February, team owner Jerry Jones released him. ▲



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Ted Williams, baseball's last major league player to bat over .400 in a season, died at 83 of cardiac arrest. News of his death was soon overshadowed by a legal battle between his children, who disagreed about whether his body should be cremated or cryogenically frozen. ▲

Notre Dame's first-year football coach Tyrone Willingham, the first black head coach in school history, led the Fighting Irish to a 10-2 record and a spot in the Gator Bowl. The season included an eight-game winning streak and an impressive turnaround from the previous year's 5-6 record.



AP Photo/Ron Frehm

Although her kick was blocked, Katie Hnida became the first woman ever to play in a Division 1-A football game when she attempted an extra point in the Las Vegas Bowl. Hnida's team, the New Mexico Lobos, lost the game to the UCLA Bruins, 27-13.

Augusta National Chairman Hootie Johnson started a maelstrom of controversy with his angry response to a letter requesting that the prestigious Georgia golf club, home of the Masters Tournament, admit women. Johnson stood firm in his opposition through the resulting media frenzy and criticism.



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The :-> turned 20 this year. IBM researcher Scott Fahlman first typed the smiley face in an online message in 1982.

Wake up, Sleepyhead! A 16-year-old German student invented a bed with an electric motor that gradually raises the bed's mattress for five minutes after an alarm goes off. After five minutes, the sleepyhead has to get out of bed or be forced onto the floor.

Consumers began to wonder whether hybrid cars would become mainstream after General Motors Corp., the world's largest auto maker, announced it would offer hybrid cars, pickups and sport utility vehicles. Hybrids use a mixture of electricity and gas, making them more fuel-efficient. ▼



## FUN FACTS

This year, Mississippi became the first state ever to have an online computer in each public school classroom.

Researchers found out that duct tape removes warts just as well as freezing them with liquid nitrogen. Just apply, wait six days, remove the tape, soak the area in water, scrape the area with a pumice stone, and apply again. Experts say the tape irritates the warts and triggers the immune system to attack them, and they say this approach does not hurt.



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Reporters writing about the new James Bond movie *Die Another Day* received self-destructing DVDs to preview the movie's scenes. A letter from the movie's fictional character Q accompanied the discs, warning that the content would only be available for 36 hours. After that, Q wrote, the disc makes a nice coaster.

Companies continued to cram gadgets into cell phones, eliminating the need for people to carry PDAs or computers along with their phones. The new generation of phones can take digital pictures, access the internet, send and receive email and instant messages, and download video games and ring tones. ▶



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# TECHNOLOGY

New studies revealed that ribonucleic acid (RNA) is capable of taking charge of the genetic process, commanding gene activity, or even deleting entire sections of DNA. Researchers hope that RNA will play a vital role in the war against cancer and other diseases.

A worm called Sapphire was unleashed on tens of thousands of internet servers, resulting in the shutdown of computer systems, a blackout of automatic teller machines and a bog down of web traffic. The author of the worm, if caught and convicted, could face harsh punishment under new U.S. anti-terror legislation.

The Kroger Company, the country's largest grocery chain, tested finger imaging at three of its Texas stores as a new way for customers to pay for their groceries. When customers signed up for the program, their credit or debit card information was linked to their fingerprint, so they no longer needed to take their wallets to the store. The Penn Cambria district in Pennsylvania allows its students to pay for their lunches in the same manner. It is one of about 35 districts trying the biometric program. Other schools across the nation used the system in their libraries. ▶



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A fossil unearthed in Africa was dated at between 6 and 7 million years old, pushing the date of the earliest known human ancestor back more than 3 million years. The nearly complete skull, nicknamed Toumai, had some apelike features, but the shape of its teeth and lower face suggested human ancestry.



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Environmentally friendly cars powered by hydrogen made their debut in Los Angeles when the city's mayor signed a lease for city employees to try five of the cars. Automakers said this was an important first step, but the cars probably will not be sold to the general public for another 10 years. ▲

## So That's How It Works

The dynamics of the stadium wave were calculated and published in a scientific journal by a University of Hungary professor. Tamás Vicsek used mathematical models written to study the spread of forest fires and applied them to the wave. His analysis shows it only takes a few dozen fans to trigger a wave. It will move clockwise at a rate of 20 seats per second and is usually about 15 seats wide.

## Coloring The Cosmos

Astronomers Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry finally got that nagging "What color is the universe?" question answered. The color is Cosmic Latte. The color-naming contest evolved from the scientists' speculation of what color the universe would be if all its light were taken together. Their initial findings said light green before they finally settled on beige.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

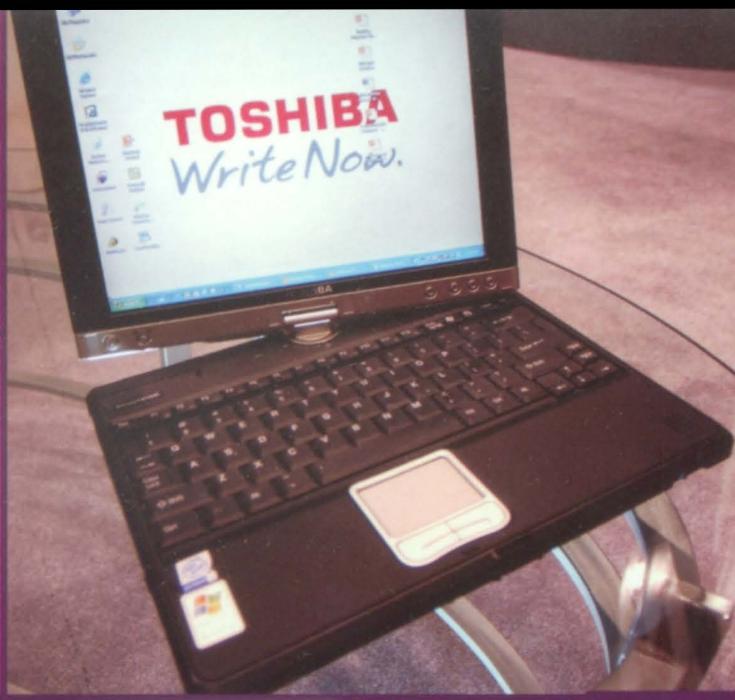


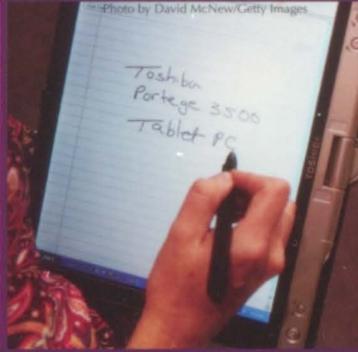
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## Just What The Vet Prescribed

Kyoto University researchers discovered some primates, specifically certain varieties of lemurs, eat plants containing poisonous tannins prior to giving birth. Tannins in small doses naturally increase milk production and veterinarians use them to prevent failed pregnancies. Scientists say this makes the lemur the first known animal to self-medicate when pregnant.

## No Prey? Then You May Pass

Computer programmer Boris Tsikovsky developed software to stop his cat, Squirrel, from dragging prey into the house. Squirrel, whose special collar allows her to exit and enter through a magnetized door, often hides dead mice and birds in the furniture. So, he developed imaging software linked to a camera by the door that will not allow Squirrel to enter if her profile shows something in her mouth.



Tablet PCs hit store shelves this year. These new laptops allow users to handwrite their messages directly on the screen instead of typing them, making them a popular choice for taking notes in classes and meetings. The average price: about \$2,200. ▲

# OGY



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A Northern California town sold on eBay for almost \$1.8 million. The owners of Bridgeville, Calif. decided to auction the town on eBay after their conventional attempts to sell the town failed. The town includes a post office, a cemetery and more than a dozen houses and cabins. ▲

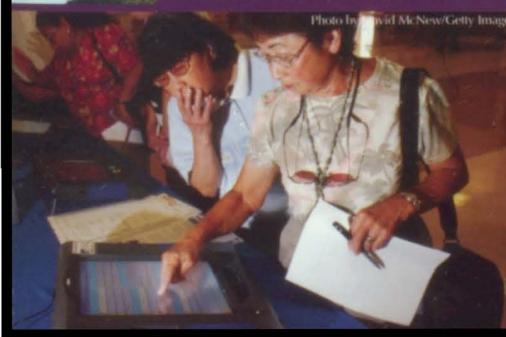


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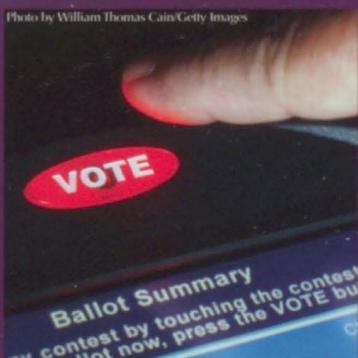


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Almost one fifth of U.S. counties used electronic voting machines in November, the highest percentage to date. The change was prompted by lawmakers' concern about Florida's ballot controversy in the 2000 presidential election. ▲

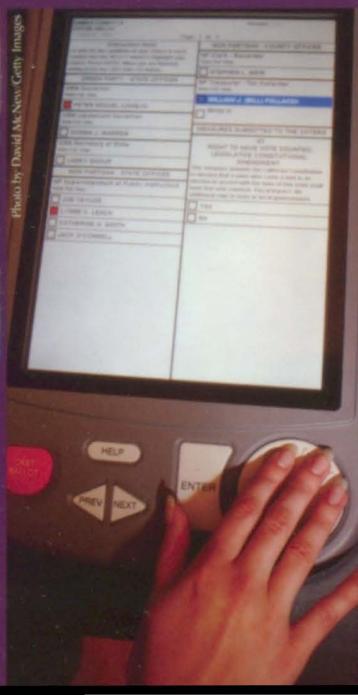


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Tom Christerson celebrated the one-year anniversary of his artificial heart transplant in September. He died six months later. Christerson, 71, was the longest-living AbioCor recipient so far. The AbioCor heart, a softball-sized pump made of plastic and titanium, runs on batteries and fits within a patient's chest. ▲



Bratz dolls outsold Barbie as America's best-selling fashion doll for six months in a row. In response, Mattel created My Scene Barbie, a newer doll who wears platform shoes, low-rise jeans, more makeup, and midriff-baring shirts.



Photo by Mario Tama/Getty Images



People desperate for money turned to the internet to **cyberbeg**. One woman was able to pay off her \$20,000 credit card debt in just five months with the contributions she received from people who read her website and sent money.



The Institute of Medicine changed its recommendations for Americans' diets and exercise regimes. Under the new guidelines, everyone should participate in at least one hour of physical activity each day and should eat a recommended percentage of carbohydrates, fats and proteins. McDonald's cut the amount of bad fat in its fries, Chicken McNuggets and other products after a New York man sued McDonald's and three other major fast-food chains for allegedly making him fat.

A few weeks later, a lawyer sued McDonald's on behalf of obese children. The suits were later thrown out by a federal judge who said the law is not in place to protect people from their own excesses. The cases argued that the fast-food chains never gave a clear warning about the foods' danger.

# TRENDS



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Several stars crossed over from one entertainment genre to another, the most common of which involved musicians making movies. Actress/pop star Jennifer Lopez was one example. She starred in two movies this year, released a top-selling CD, opened a restaurant and even launched a perfume. Other stars crossing over included Eminem and Kid Rock making their film debuts.



Hewlett Packard introduced a personal computer that works like a TV. The computer comes with a remote control and a TV tuner, and users can play and record TV shows and digital music.

The coolest trend at my school this year was

My favorite fashion trend was



DEAR "Sis,"

IT'S BEEN AN AMAZING  
ADVENTURE WITH YOU. THE AD-  
VENTURE CONTINUES WITH YOUR  
HOPES AND DREAMS! BEST OF  
LUCK!

LOVE YOU ALWAYS!

MOM, DAD,  
JAKE, & ADAM



AMANDA GILL



RENEE,

AS YOU HAVE GROWN FROM A  
BEAUTIFUL BABY TO A MATURE YOUNG  
WOMAN, YOU HAVE PROVIDED US WITH  
PRICELESS MEMORIES. YOUR HON-  
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WAY. CONGRATULATIONS D.B.

LOVE,

MOM, DAD, & RYAN



RENEE WRIGHT



CONGRATULATIONS! WE  
ARE PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE,  
PAPA & GRANDMA



Brandi Zehner

Brandi, watching you grow and mature has been one of the highlights of our lives.

We love you!  
Aunt Cindy & Uncle Jeff



Megan Goldenberg

Meg- May new experiences always elicit such a reaction from you! Never lose that sense of excitement, joy and amazement.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Melissa Bentivolio

Your curiosity  
Your spirit  
Your ambition  
The world belongs to  
you!!  
Love,  
Mom & Dad



Nicole McCoy

Lil' lil' bunny, Nicole, you have made us so proud. You have grown into such a fantastic young woman. You can accomplish anything.  
We Love You!  
Mom, Dad, & Brent



Andrea Hoff

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined." - Thoreau

And know you're loved.  
Dad, Mom, & Jason



Molly Mutschler

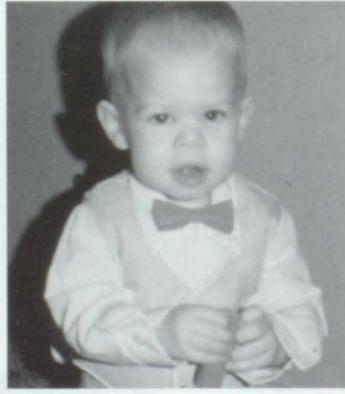
Molly,  
Some people like the ferris wheel, you prefer the roller coaster. Hope the ride continues to be exhilarating!  
Love,  
Mom, Jerry, & Julie



Jessica Carty

Jess,  
You've shown us courage, hope and dignity in the face of adversity. Laughter is the best medicine!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Jen



Craig Sakarins II

You have given us much joy and love. We are so proud of you. May your future bring you happiness and success.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

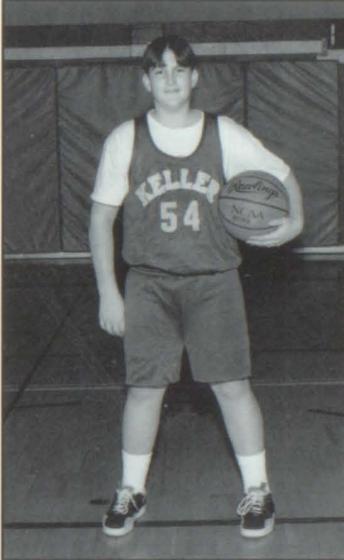
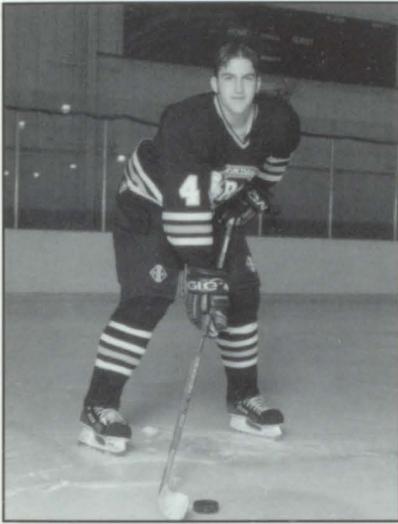
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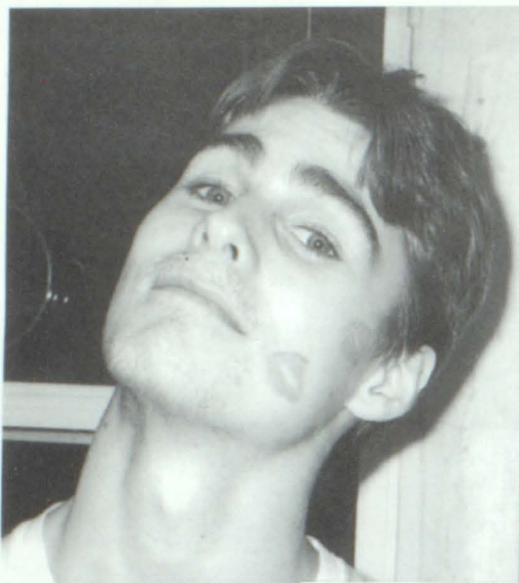


SCOTTY,

YOU'RE OUR #1 SON. IT SEEMS LIKE JUST YESTERDAY YOU WERE OUR CUTE LITTLE QUIET BOY, AND TODAY YOU'RE OUR CUTE BIG CONFIDENT YOUNG MAN. THROUGH THE YEARS WE LOVED WATCHING YOU PLAY. WHETHER IT WAS BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, OR HOCKEY, YOU ALWAYS MADE US PROUD. I KNOW WHEREEVER YOU GO OR WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO DO, YOU'LL SUCCEED. SO REMEMBER, WE'LL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU AND WE'LL ALWAYS LOVE YA!

LOVE,  
YOUR #1 FANS  
MOM & DAD





Dear C.J.

You have been a joy in my life ever since you were born.  
Your adventures and escapades while growing up have entertained us  
and your unique way of seeing life is amazing.

You put 100% of yourself in everything that you do.

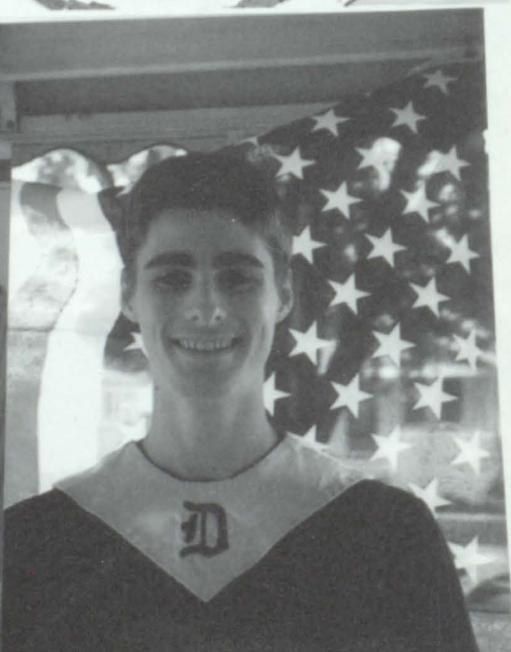
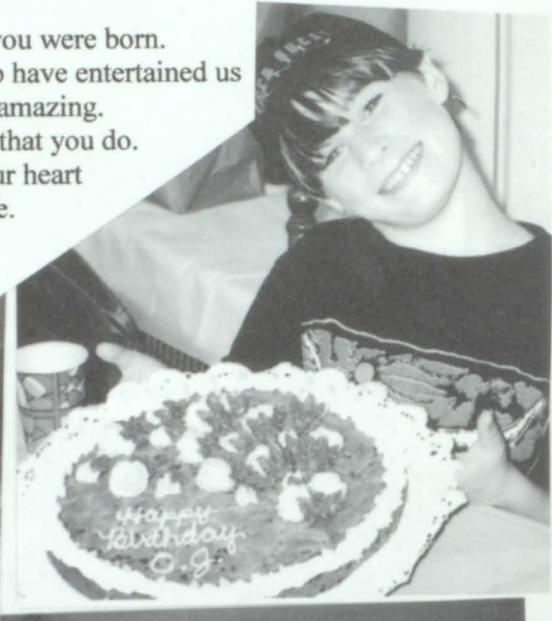
Always follow your dreams and your heart

I know you will succeed in life.

I am so very proud of you.

I love you –

Mom



CHRISTOPHER SOUTH



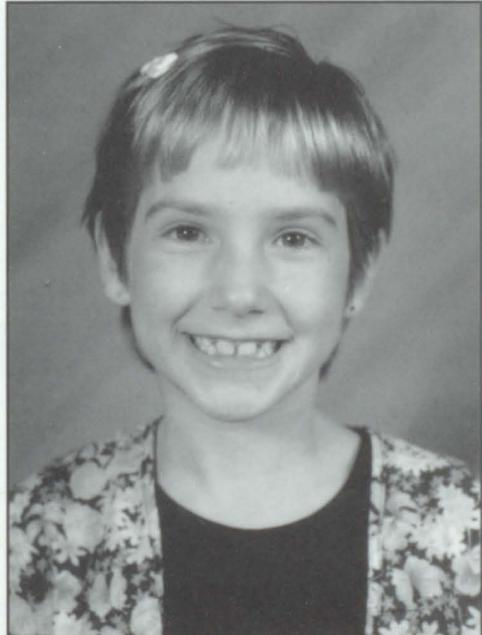
DEAR KRISTIN,

IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY WHEN WE WERE WIPE AWAY THE TEARS AS YOU WENT THROUGH THE DOORS ON YOUR FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN. NOW, AS YOU GET READY TO GRADUATE, WE'LL BE WIPE AWAY MORE TEARS. HAPPY TEARS FILLED WITH SO MUCH LOVE AND PRIDE AT THE WONDERFUL, BEAUTIFUL, YOUNG WOMAN YOU HAVE BECOME. WE KNOW YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT, YOU DON'T LET ANYONE STAND IN YOUR WAY. REACH FOR THE STARS, BABE, WE'RE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY. WE LOVE YOU AND ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.

LOVE,

KRISTIN SCHUMACHER

MOM, DAD, & KIRK



YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!!! WILL THE LAST NEMETH TO LEAVE DONDERO PLEASE TURN OUT THE LIGHTS! LARA, YOU HAVE TRULY FULFILLED THE LEGACY OF THIS FAMILY. YOU HAVE STUDIED HARD, ACTED, PLAYED, SUNG, AND DANCED INTO OUR HEARTS. I HAVE WATCHED YOUR EVERY MOVE WITH BURSTING PRIDE AND ADMIRATION. YOU HAVE LOVED, LAUGHED, CRIED, AND FORGED LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS. YOU HAVE EARNED THE RESPECT OF TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND YOUR CLASSMATES. BUT WHAT YOU DIDN'T SEE, LARA, IS THAT ALONG THE WAY YOU'VE COLORED THE WORLD AROUND YOU. YOU CAN LIGHT-UP A ROOM WITH YOUR SMILE AND SENSE OF HUMOR. DON'T LOSE THESE TRAITS; YOU WILL NEED THEM AS YOU BUILD A LIFE OF YOUR OWN. AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO PICK UP YOUR DIPLOMA AND MOVE ON. IF YOU ARE UNSURE AND MAYBE A LITTLE FRIGHTENED, JUST PEEK BEYOND THE CURTAINS AND YOU WILL SEE ALL OF YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS WAITING TO BE FULFILLED. PLEASE, KEEP A DEEP ABIDING FAITH IN GOD AND KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU.

DAD

LARA NEMETH



Jessica Yarbrough

Congratulations! We are so proud of you! Believe in yourself, and follow your dreams.

Love,  
Dad, Marilyn, & Molly



Jessica Yarbrough

Congratulations! We are very proud of your achievements and the beautiful person you are inside and out.

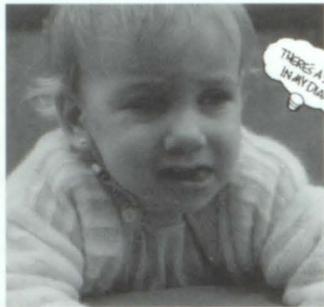
Love,  
Patty & Steve



Mara Waskowski

Mara, you've filled our lives with joy, happiness, chaos, confusion, and love. Follow your dreams!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Mara Waskowski

Wha' sup g \_? Be a good lawyer or I'll "smack you in the face!"

Love,  
Mark & Marty



Lyndsay Rankin

Great job! We are so proud of you! Keep up the good work!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Heather Flynn

Our curly-headed, blue-eyed, dimpled, little puddin' head is all grown up now, and we couldn't be more proud. We love you very, very much.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Melanie (and assorted pets currently residing at the Flynn Zoo...)



April Cusion

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"APRIL!"  
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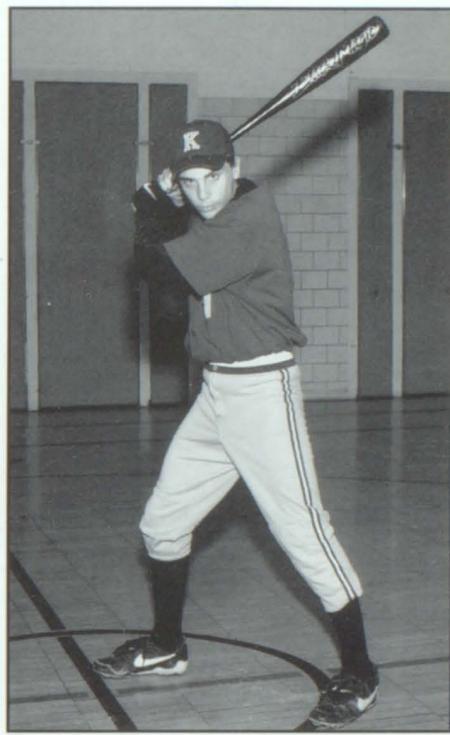
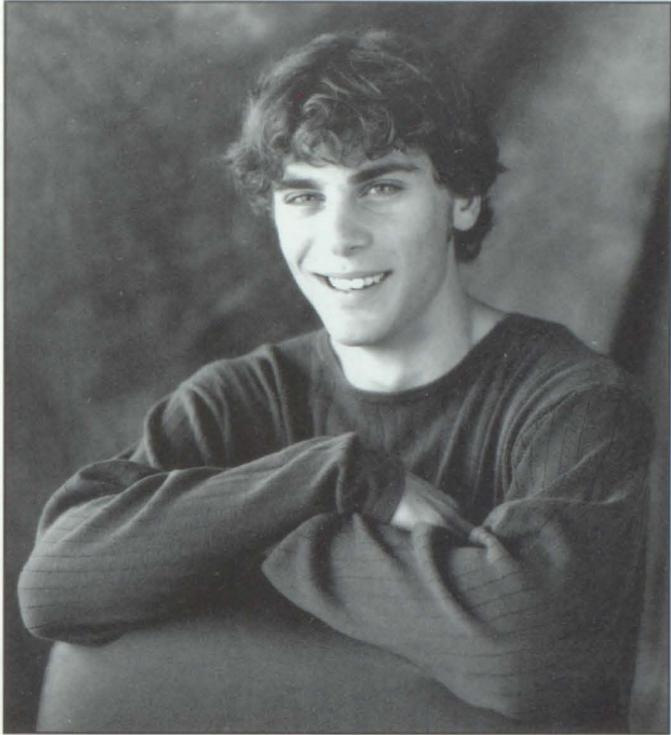
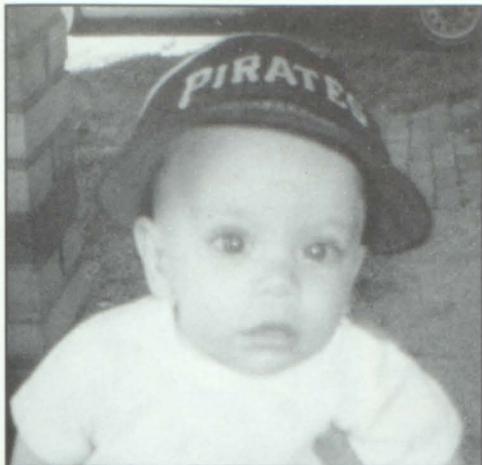
Love,  
Dad



Christopher Marsh

Son, you are the joy of our family. We are very proud of all your accomplishments. Keep your smile and your music.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



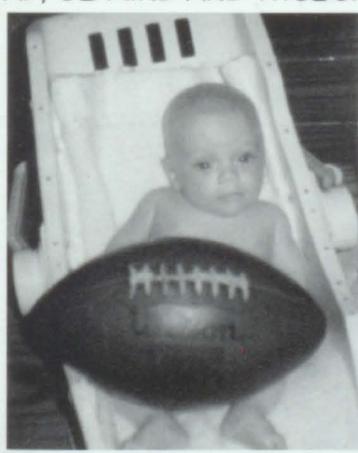
GREG,

THE DAY YOU WERE BORN, YOU FOUGHT YOUR WAY INTO THIS WORLD THROUGH SEEMINGLY INSURMOUNTABLE CHALLENGES. WE KNEW THE MOMENT WE SET EYES ON YOU, YOU HAD AN ABSOLUTE PURPOSE IN LIFE. THROUGH THE YEARS WE HAVE WATCHED YOU GROW INTO A WONDERFUL YOUNG MAN, WITH A LOVE FOR LIFE, LAUGHTER, AND DETERMINATION. YOU HAVE MADE US EXTRAORDINARILY PROUD TO BE YOUR PARENTS. AS YOU CONTINUE ON YOUR JOURNEY, LOOK BACK AT THESE YEARS WITH FOND REMEMBRANCES OF THE GOOD TIMES AND THE LIFE LESSONS YOU HAVE LEARNED. REMEMBER, MAKE THE MOST OF THE DAY, BE KIND AND THOUGHTFUL OF OTHERS AND KEEP THE DETERMINATION TO BE THE

BEST YOU CAN BE. IF YOU DO ALL THAT, YOU CAN NEVER LOOK BACK WITH REGRET FOR THE THINGS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN. LOOK FORWARD TO NEW BEGINNINGS AND CHALLENGES. YOU WILL SUCCEED. HOW DO I KNOW? I'M YOUR MOTHER, AND I KNOW EVERYTHING.

With Love,  
Mom and Dad

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## CAROL -- SONG OF JOY

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NEVER STOP LOVING AND LEARNING.

STAY CLOSE TO GOD, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU MUCH HAPPINESS.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND GUIDE YOU IN ALL THAT YOU DO.

WE ALL LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.

YOUR FAMILY

CAROL ROMAN



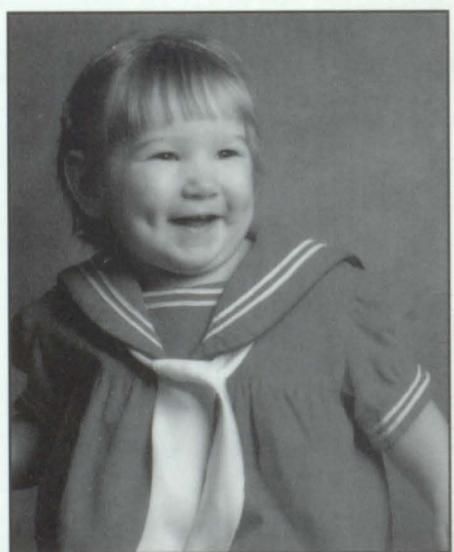
DEAR VANESSA,

IT HAS BEEN 182 MONTHS SINCE I WROTE MY LAST LETTER TO YOU. WE HAVE HAD THE TREMENDOUS JOY  
AND BLESSING OF WATCHING YOU GROW INTO A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN. I KNOW THERE WERE TIMES WE  
WERE HARD ON YOU AND EXPECTED A LOT FROM YOU AS YOU GREW, BUT YOU HAVE BLOSSOMED INTO A FAR  
MORE BEAUTIFUL HUMAN BEING THAN WE COULD EVER HAVE DREAMED OF. WE ARE NOT JUST PROUD OF  
YOU, VANESSA, BUT YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST RESPECT AND SINCEREST ADMIRATION. WE ARE HONORED  
AND BLESSED TO BE CALLED YOUR PARENTS. MAY GOD GUIDE YOU AND BLESS YOU ALWAYS.

With Love,

MOM AND DAD

VANESSA DUFFY





Candis Stanton

You think my hair and outfit look great now, wait until my senior year! I don't always like the way you dress, but I do like the way you use your common sense when making the right decisions. I am very proud of you and I love you very much! Love, Dad



Kelly Orr

Kelly,

On a dark, stormy day, you are the one ray of sunshine that breaks through the clouds.

Love,  
Mom



Tia Pattison

Congratulations on all you have accomplished; you make us very proud. Now go for your dreams and make them reality.

Lots of love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Stephanie



Justin Knapp

We are so very proud of the person you have become. We know success will be yours because you have what it takes. Follow your heart.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, and Jessie



Penny Brown

Penny, you've grown up very nicely; we're proud of you and will love you always.

Love,  
Your family



Ashley Ball

Ashley,  
You have been a true blessing to us. We wish you all that God has in store for you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Michael



Rose Whalin

Rose, our little girl is all grown up. We're proud of you today and always.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Eric, and  
Joe



A Martini

From SUPER-BABY to SUPER-MAN, we're very proud of you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

## The Barretts

We love you, Christie!

Love, Grandma & Grandpa Tom

## Mr. Cicchini

May god bless and keep you always  
May your wishes all come true  
May you always do for others  
And may others do for you  
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And climb on every ring  
And may you stay forever young

- Bob Dylan

## Dr. LeCureux

Graduates, thank you  
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Mike K  
Caitlin L  
Chris M

We wanderers,  
ever seeking  
the lonelier way,  
begin no day  
where we have  
ended another  
day;  
and no sunrise  
finds us where  
sunset left us.  
If in the twilight  
of memory  
we should meet  
once more,  
we shall speak  
again together  
and you shall  
sing to me a  
deeper song.

A Gerry M  
Sarah M  
Emily M  
Molly M  
Ashleigh N  
Stacy P  
Gabe P  
Jackie R  
Erin S  
Joe S  
Jordan V  
Kelly W

**Best of luck to you  
all, AP English.**

**Fondly,**

**Chiz**

# Senate



Top Row: Carol Roman, Tracie Ennes, Scott Hepner, Philip Lewan, Scott Brown, Jeffrey Wilusz, Justin Knapp, Jamie Gower, Alexis DeCruydt. Bottom Row: Megan Wujcik, Shanitra Bowman, Kelly Wilcox, Kristen Edgar, Danay Estopellan, Andrea Torvinen, Laura Maroni, Shawnta Williams.

Where has the time gone? It seems just like yesterday that many of you came into Senate and gave the better part of your high school career to dances, canned food drives, VBM, MASC conferences, community service, etc. We've cried, laughed, talked, hugged and supported each other through it all, and somewhere along the way something happened, friendships developed and memories were made. You have helped to create many of the "Oh, Yeahs" (events students will look at years from now and say, "Oh, Yeah, I remember that.") at DHS during your four years. I love the quote I heard from one of my colleagues: "You laughed when we told you, you'd cry when you left. You cried when we told you, you must." As you leave us, remember fondly friendship is:

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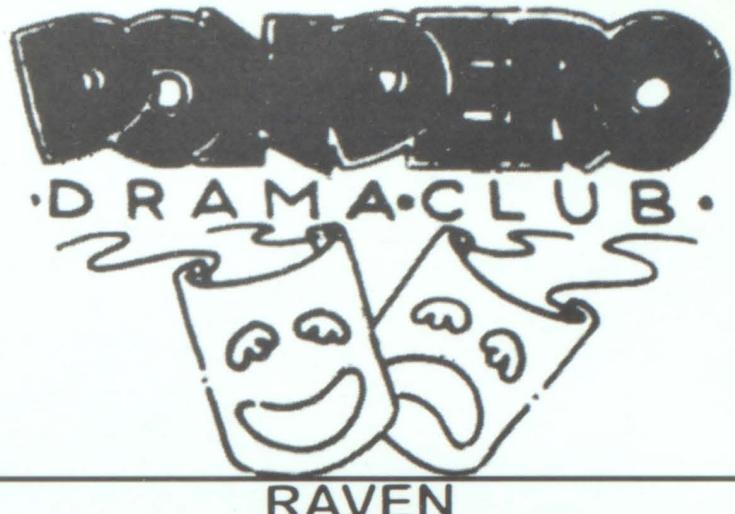


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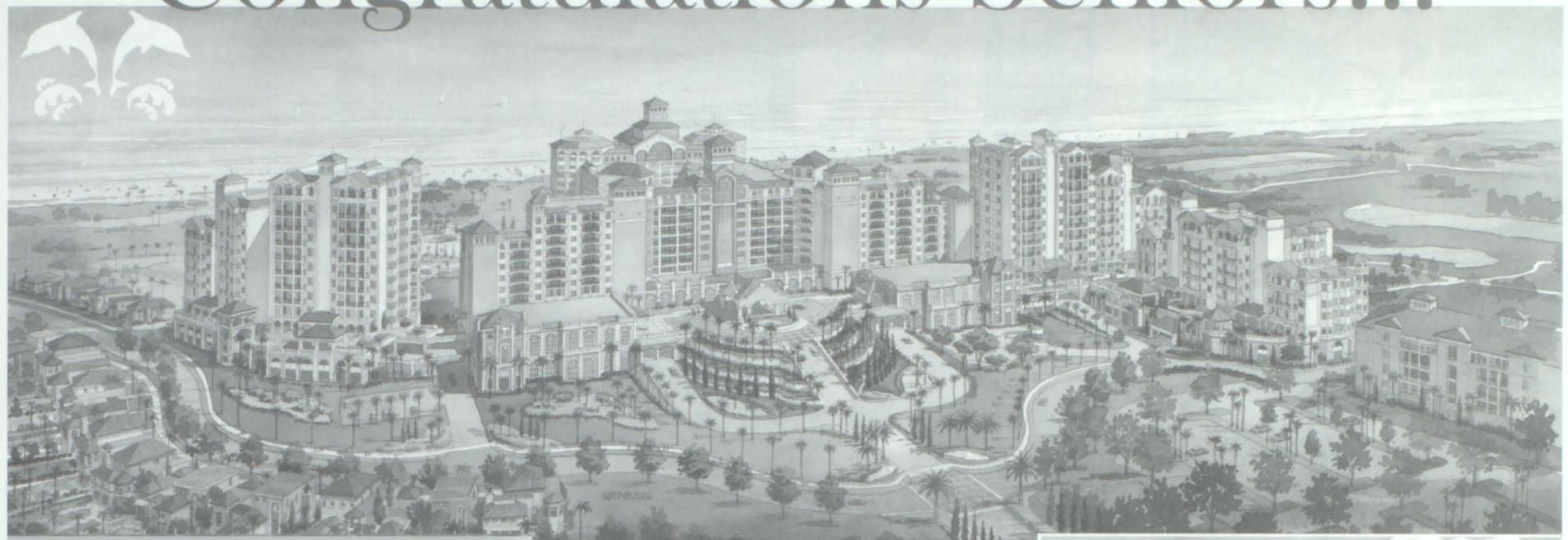
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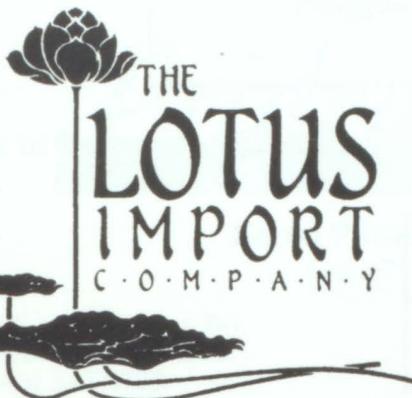
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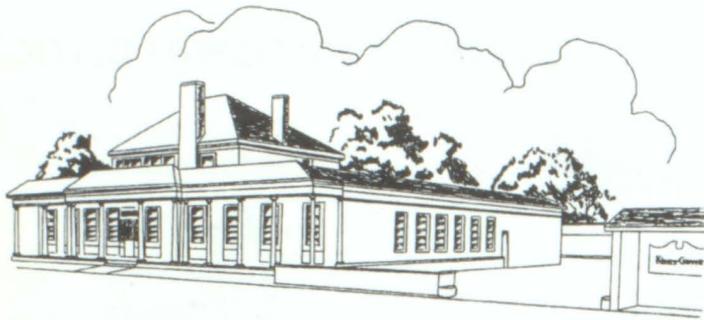
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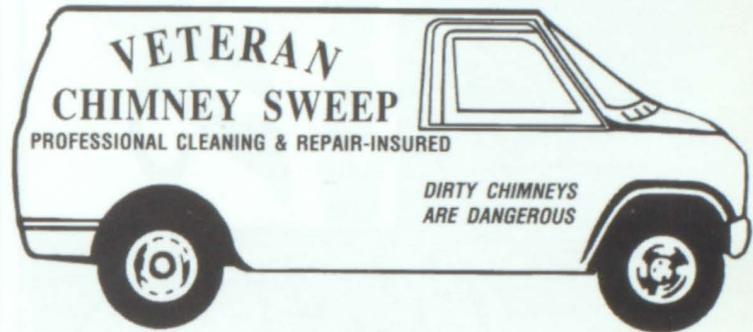
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# Yearbook

"Bonding at Camp Tamarack."  
- Erricka Mosley-Jenkins



"Every time at the deadline party Amber held baby Gwennie and made her cry." - Meagen Kaczmarek



"I'm so happy to make all these friends, even people I never expected to befriend."  
- Allison Phillips



"Joining yearbook late and making friends with everyone right away."  
- Marie Maurer



"The first deadline party, when there was only about four of us there." - Courtney Engel



"When Gerry dropped his pop out of the window."  
- Amber Marsh

"Playing football in the hallway with Annie and Bailey, and listening to Annie burp songs." - Kellie Weston



"Gaining such great new friends, especially Kellie Weston and doing baby ads, of course."  
- Kimberly Michalski

"When we were staying after school and Bailey ran me into the wall with her chair." - Candis Stanton



"My favorite part of yearbook class is when the yearbooks come in. The staff sits in a well-guarded room, and there is a nervous hush as everyone slowly soaks up their monumental accomplishment."

- Mrs. Kocis



# Memories

"Cropping millions of pictures!" - Penny Brown



"Hmm..." - Eric Garland

"I enjoyed bonding at camp Tamarack even though it was freezing."  
- Kamara Hooks



"When I accidentally dropped my pop out of the window. Funny things happen in that office late at night..." - A Martini



"Singing 'Ain't no Mountain High Enough' in the computer lab!" - Bailey Sidick



"When I hid behind the door and jumped out and scared Mrs. Kocis. She screamed, 'Ahh!'"  
- Holly Swigert



"Giving Mrs. Kocis's baby the hiccups at the deadline party."  
- Andrea Langdorff

"When I cursed on accident in front of Mrs. Kocis. I ran away from her and she chased after me and hunted me down." - Jennifer Breadon

"Penny and I typed our whole spreads... and they kept getting erased!" - Vanessa Duffy



"My cup runneth over."  
- Stacy Peltier



their whole lives.

When we finish high school, we will hopefully be able to look back with confidence that we got the most, both educationally and socially, out of the experience. Life is too short for

us to dwell on the years past; we must boldly look forth to our future. The friends and memories that we have created at Dondero will serve us well beyond these adolescent years. "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood": we are all travellers, and we must choose a path. Some of us will take the familiar one, some the more foreign; regardless of future decisions, four years of life at Dondero have helped to mold us into the mature beings that we are.

So we may not all consider ourselves "solid" or in any other way rock-like, but you know what, maybe we are looking at ourselves from the wrong perspective. We are overall intelligent and well-rounded people, ones with compassion and unity. After 75 years of producing outstanding citizens, Dondero students and alumni can stand together proudly and solidly as the rockbed of our community, the least vocal, the least recognized, just as important to us as the most.

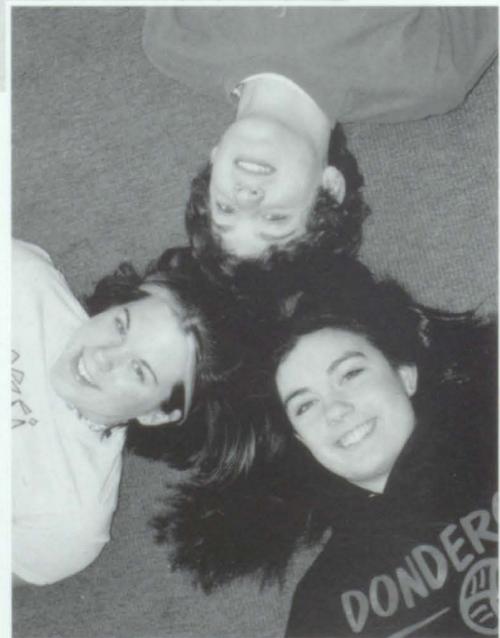
"A small rock holds back a great wave." - Homer

Closing By: Amber Marsh and A Martini

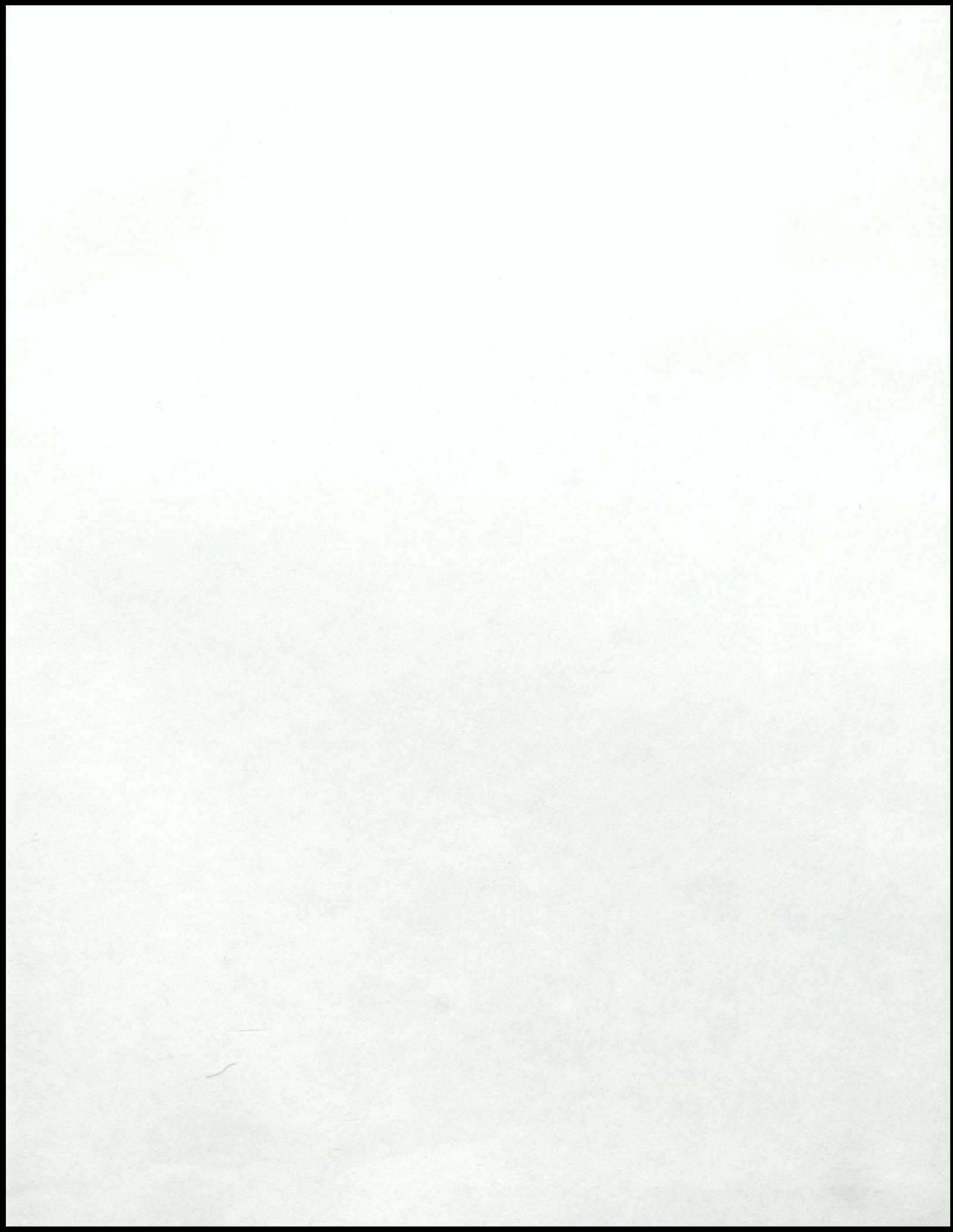
This is the end of the book, the end of another year of our lives, and for some of us, the end of our schooling at Dondero, thus the end of our childhood. There is just one thing that we feel we need to impart upon you before we bid you a fond farewell. There is just one preparation that we all need to make before we leave these halls forever, one minute philosophy that we all need to adopt before this journey ends and the next, greater one begins. Our lives thus far have had minimally tough decisions in them, but they will get harder. The only way that we will truly enjoy life is if we decide, today and everyday, to make the right decisions, to decide to be happy. Life hardly is easy, but we can choose to make it great.

We don't really take time to appreciate the sheer innocence and splendor that high school, OUR high school, has given us. The fact that we are all completely different types of people with completely different ideals is irrelevant. People always tell you that these are the best years of your life; well

we're not going to feed you that lie. We have confidence that the students of the school have the determination never to be satisfied with the "best years" of their lives - they will continue to make each new year the best year of



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