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"I've just been informed that all of your children are

Administration and Board

Spread By: Dannie Davidson, Catherine Striedel and Brittany Butler





Diann Snibar (1) said "This was a very challenging year with many ups and downs, but many successes were achieved. I would do it all again."
(2) Asst. Principal Mark Freeman announces each prom-goer in the auditorium. "I felt like it was a good year. We got through the year without any major problems," said Freeman.
Steve Wernecke (4) said "It has been a fairly good year. Students did a good job with the dress code. We had a rough beginning, but the students did a great job. Teachers as well did a good job and with that TAKS scores went up. I'm pleased with this year, but next year will be better."
Wayne Zimmerhanzel (5) said "The year went really well considering implementing changes with the dress code. The students responded very well and we've all gotten past it. Academics were great and our UIL teams did great job also. Overall it has been a really good year."







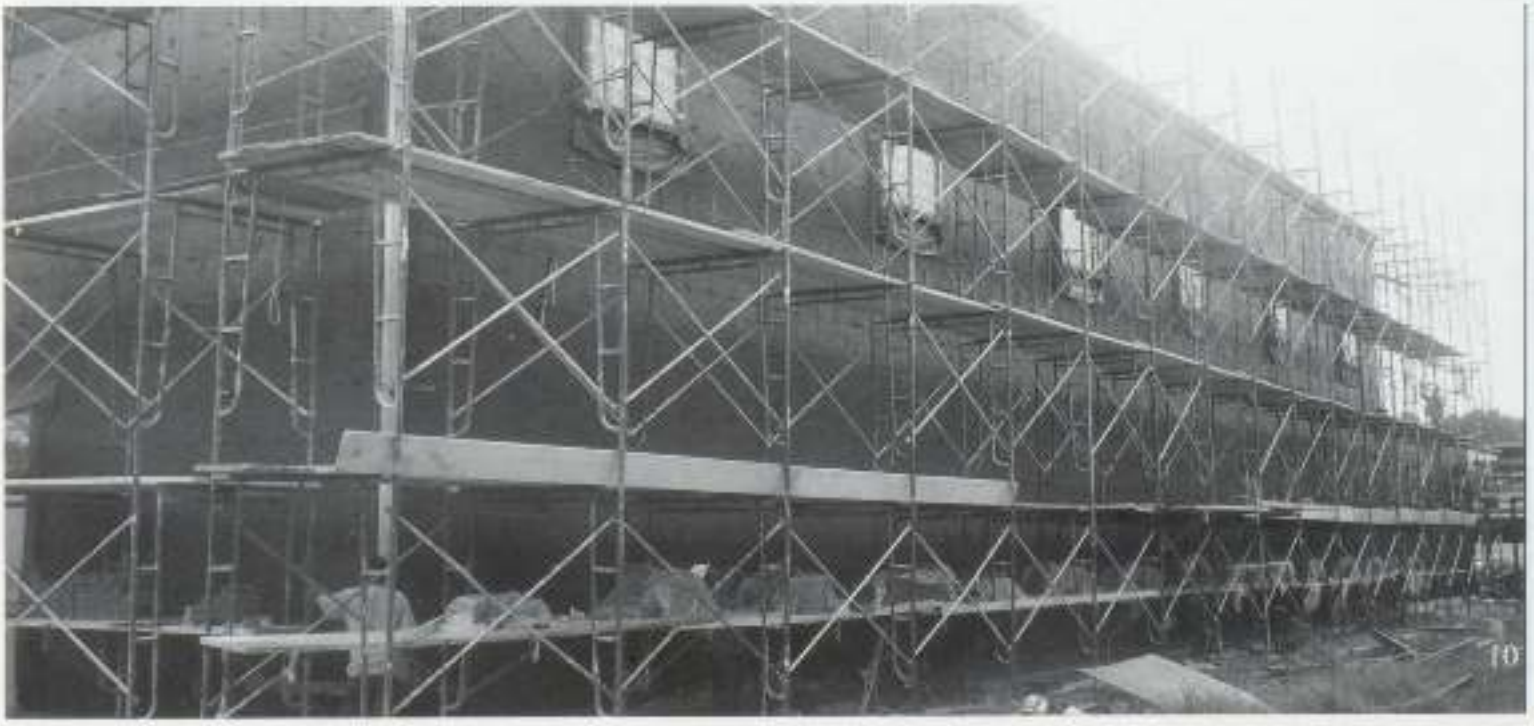




(6) ECISD board members David Hodges, Lisa Hernandez, Jo Dennis, Tommy Turner, Melissa Kainer-Erwin, Judy Waligura, and Adam Gusman.
(7) Superintendent Mark Pool
(8) Asst. Superintendent Carolyn Gordon
(9) Asst. Superintendent David Bright
(3) The early steps of the framework to the new gym just as students were leaving for summer vacation.
(10) The gym near completion in July.





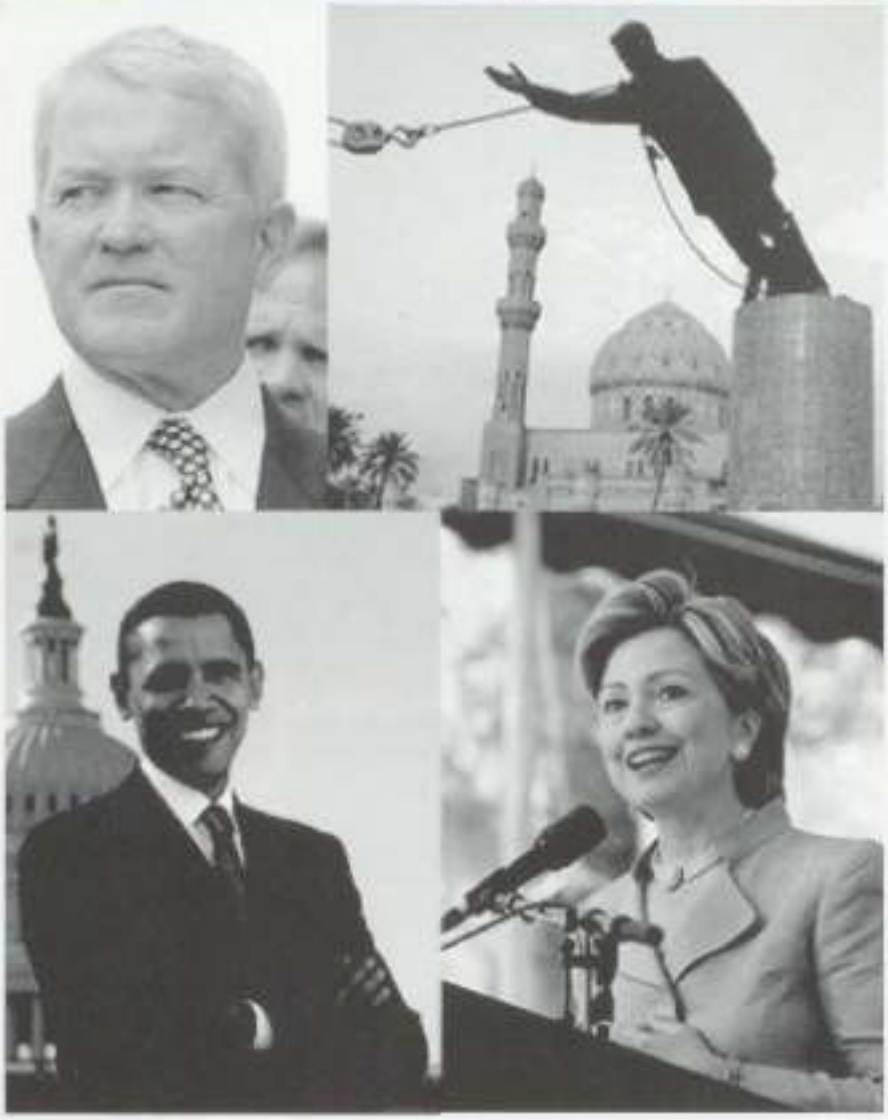


"And if in some distant place in the future we see each other in our new lives, I'll smile at you with joy

It was a whirlwind in politics in 2006 and 2007. From republican representative Mark Foley's resignation after explicit e-mails to underage males were revealed in September to former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein's execution in November, it was clear that the whirlwind had only just begun.

The Democrats enjoyed a surge positive press due to the low public support of Republican President George Bush and his handling of the War. For the first time since 1994, the Democrats won control of both houses in Congress. And in January, Nancy Pelosi became the first woman Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Although the next presidential election was over a year away, many of the candidates began to campaign in the spring of 2007. Barack Obama, Democratic senator of Illinois, would be the first African American president if elected, while Hillary Clinton, senator of New York would be the first woman and first spouse elected president. Both Obama and Clinton had great deal of criticism early on. Other candidates already campaigning were Republican Mitt Romney and Democrats John Edwards and Bill Richardson.



Top Left: Republican Mark Foley attends a press conference after e-mails to underage males were revealed.
Top Right: US Marines topple the giant bronze statue of Saddam Hussein in Central Baghdad's Firdos Square - the symbolic end of his 35-year stranglehold on the country.
Bottom Left: Democratic Senator of Illinois Barack Obama poses for a campaign picture.
Bottom Right: Senator Hillary Clinton gave a speech at the Krieger Child Care Center at UCLA.

September 12 - Pope Benedict XVI gives a lecture in Germany criticizing the Islamic faith which sparked mass protest.



November 3 - Science predicts that 90% of maritime life forms will be extinct by 2048.



January 3 - Former United States President Gerald Ford is buried in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

March 16 - The first three way tie occured in the 23 year history of the gymnastics leotards!

May 10 - Tony Blair announces he will resign as British Prime Minister, in favour of the new Labour Party leader.





October 11 - New York Yankees pitcher, Cory Lidle was killed when his plane crashed into the side of a building just hours before the Yankees were to play the Mets.



December 3 - Saddam Hussein, former Iraq president, is executed.

February 3 - The deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu is found at a Bernice Matthews turkey farm in Suffolk.

April 10 - DNA test reveal that the father of Anna Nicole Smith's daughter is the boyfriend, Larry Birkhead.





June 6 - Bob Barker taped the last episode of *The Price Is Right* before his retirement.

Current Events

Spread by: Stephanie Soliz



September 15 - Spinach contaminated with E. coli kills one person and poisons over 100 others in 20 states of the United States.

October 2 - Charles Carl Roberts IV, a 32-yr-old milk-truck driver, kills five female students at an Amish schoolhouse in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania before shooting himself.

December 31 - The U.S. death toll in Iraq reaches 3,000.

February 4 - The Indianapolis Colts defeat the Chicago Bears 29-17 in Super Bowl XLI, played at Dolphin Stadium, Miami.

April 12 - Don Imus is fired by CBS for making controversial comments about the Rutgers Women's Basketball Team.

April 16 - The Virginia Tech massacre takes place in the premises of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia. Thirty-two people are shot dead by Cho Seung-Hui in the deadliest single shooting incident in the history of the United States, using two handguns, a 9mm and a .22 caliber. Two days later his video diatribe is presented by NBC.

Top Left: After checking herself out early from rehab, Britney Spears walked into a beauty salon and asked for her head to be shaved. The owner of the salon refused, so Spears started to shave it herself.
Bottom: Many celebrity deaths were in the headlines including: Godfather of Soul James Brown; Former Playboy model, Anna Nicole Smith; Former CEO and chairman of Enron, Ken Lay; American fundamentalist Christian pastor, televangelist, and founded Liberty University, Jerry Farwell; 38th President of the United States, Gerald Ford.



"If you believe the impossible, the

Hometown Champions!!

Spread By: Ali Raza and Lauren Wigginton



Photo By: Phillis Appling

Little did the United States know that a small town would achieve such a big accomplishment. In the summer of 2006, twelve boys made the town of El Campo a landmark. Sophomores: **Matthew Hamman, Andrew Kinder, Garrett Miksik, Will Garrett** and freshmen **Landon Appling, Michael VanGorp, Anthony Cruz, Holden Whitley, Tanner Howard, Travis Deiss,** and **Colton Green** made up the world's best thirteen and fourteen year old baseball team. Starting out in the American Legion practice fields, they made it all the way to the big time in Colorado and advanced to the 26th Annual Junior League World Series in Taylor, Michigan. Through this journey to the top, these El Campo boys bonded, became closer, and lived the dream. "All teenagers growing up want to win something big, want to live the dream, want to say that they are World Champions," said **Will Garrett.** In the summer of 2006, this dream came true.

(1) El Campo won the Texas East state championship, then took the USA Southwest title with a 7-2 win over Texas West champions, Hawaii, and arrived in Taylor, Michigan with a 17-1 record. In the USA pool play in Taylor, El Campo had a record of 3-1, defeating Hawaii, Indiana, and New Jersey, losing only to Virginia. In the USA Championship game, El Campo had to face rivals Hawaii once again, winning 4-0 and advancing to the Junior League World Series, where they played Mexico. "The best feeling was knowing that we had accomplished something we were working towards since the beginning of the year. It was a dream and now we're living it. All that practice really paid off," said **Travis Deiss.** (1)

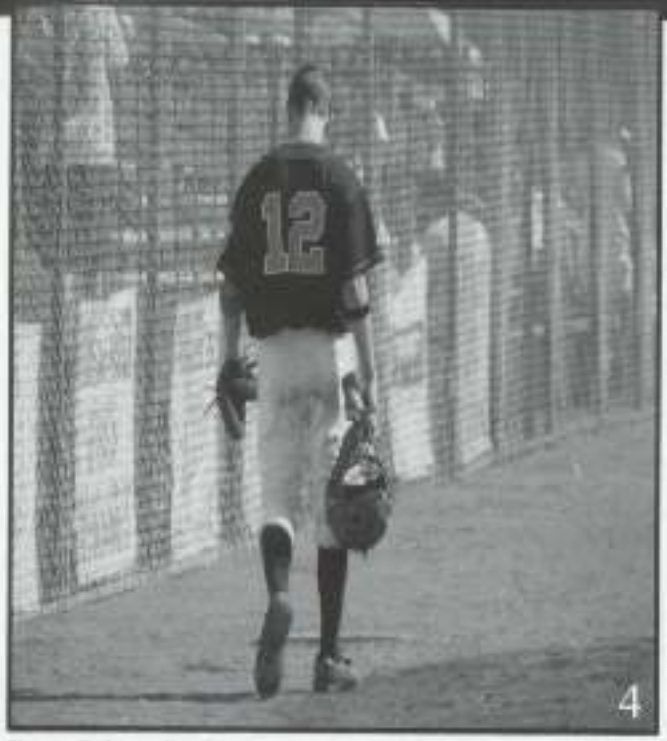
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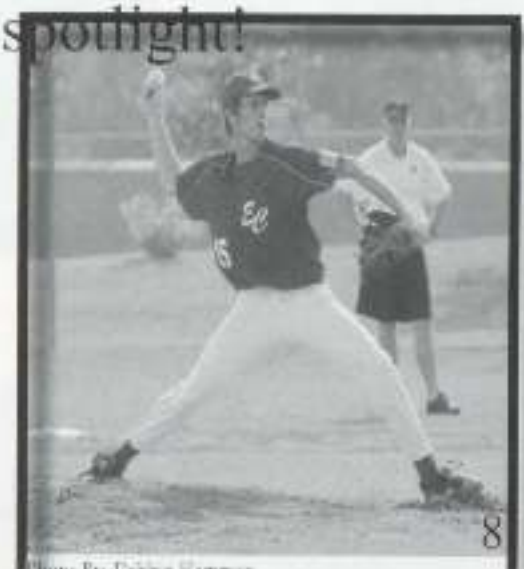

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Photo By: Debbie Hamman

(8) Sophomore **Matthew Hamman** was the star pitcher during their journey from El Campo, through Colorado, all the way to Taylor, Michigan. Through this dream come true, Matthew Hamman was 11-0 in postseason play, broke a record with 27 strikeouts in the games he played in Taylor, Michigan and went 3-0, including the final victory against Mexico. "I knew we were going to beat them," he said. "I knew we were going to pull it out. Championship games are our best games. It didn't really hit me until later on in the night. We're World Champions." Matthew Hamman played a major role on this quest to become a world champion. He possessed intangibles such as great leadership and a great pitching ability that was unmatched.

(4)**Landon Appling** walks away from their only loss, in despair, thinking about the tough game against Virginia. "It was a well-played game. I thought we were going to take them out, but they just had a better game plan." Although they lost, the whole team kept their heads held high.

(9) While in Taylor, Michigan the boys received a great chance to visit Ford Field, home of the Detroit Tigers. "It was exciting. It is every junior league baseball player's dream," said **Andrew Kinder.** He continued by saying, "It was just unbelievable to step on the same field where the Detroit Tigers play almost everyday."

(6) Winning the Junior World Series would not have been possible without team unity. Through the journey many leaders stood up and led the team to victory. During the difficult times, the team didn't give up and became stronger. The road to Taylor, Michigan was a tough one, and these twelve boys conquered everything that was in front of them. "Hamman was the leader of the team in so many ways. He would keep the team up even if people were doubtful," said **Michael VanGorp.**

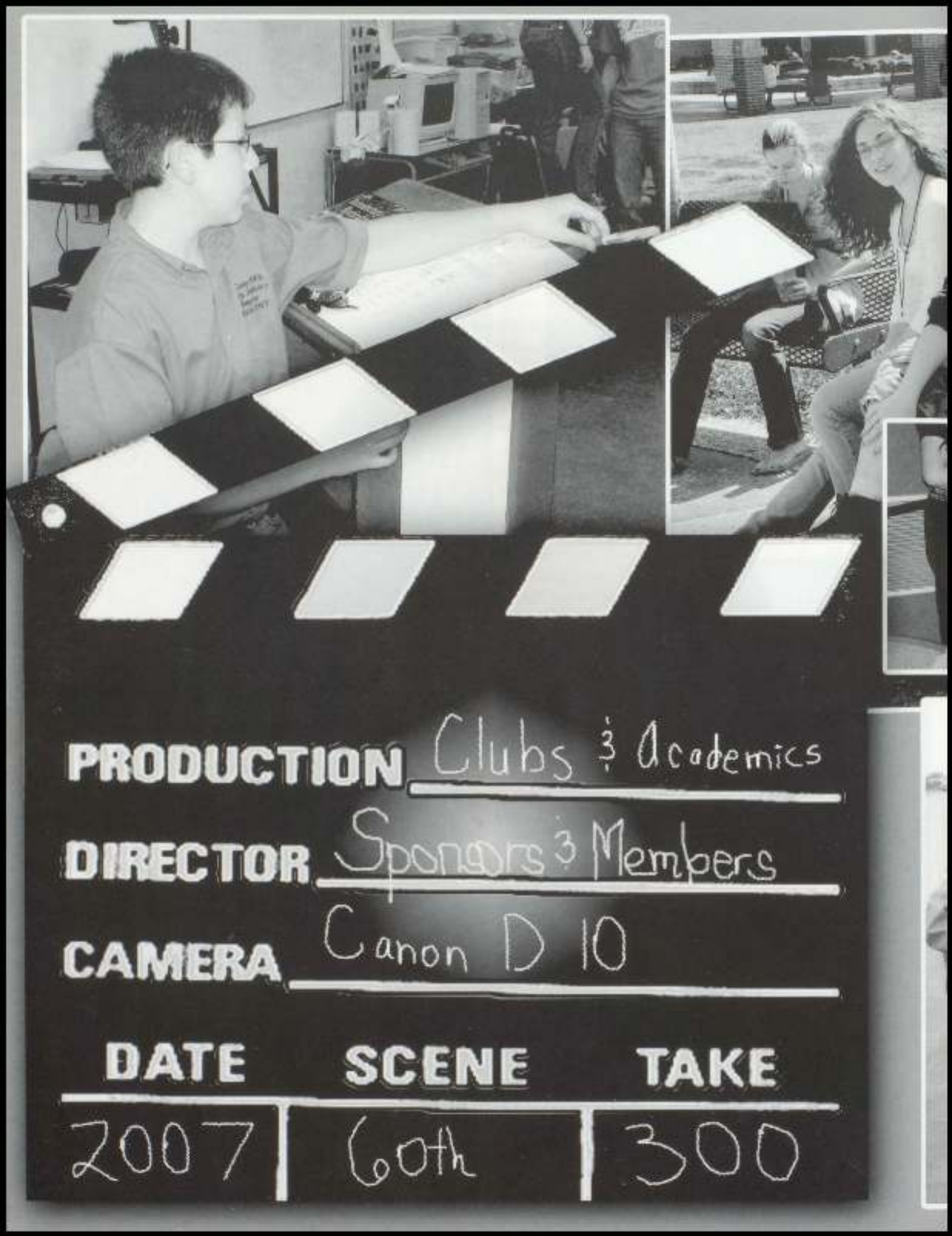
(5) **Holden Whitley**, number one, batted against Mexico. "I was so nervous when I went up to bat, I felt like the whole team was counting on me. I knew that if I messed up, it could've cost us the victory. I also knew that if I didn't get on base, the guy batting behind me would pull through."

(7) Family and friends gathered to welcome back their hometown champions. "The whole community gathered together overnight to make many posters and decorations for the boys. It was really exciting to see the boys come back as World Champions." said **Kelsey Cox.**

Photo by Mark Appling



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"No matter what anybody tells you, words and ideas can change the world."
Dead Poets Society (1989)

S.T.A.R.S

Spread By: Travis Cano

The S.T.A.R.S club (Speakers, Thespians, and Readers) gave many students an opportunity to express themselves through speech, oral interpretation and performances.

For the first tournament of the year at Foster High School, senior **David Hathway** received 1st for poetry and 2nd in domestic extemporaneous speaking. Senior **Dave Mauch** received 2nd in foreign extemporaneous speaking.

At La Porte High School's tournament, freshman **David Otradovsky** and freshman **Heather Probst** placed 1st in duet acting. **Dave Mauch** received 1st in extemporaneous speaking. **David Hathway** won 1st in prose and 1st in cross examination debate along with his partner **Dave Mauch**. El Campo High School received 3rd in sweepstakes for best overall performers.

Gregory Portland was a TFA qualifying tournament. Freshman **Wes Smolik** won 2nd place in novice prose and **Dave Mauch** won 2nd place in international extemp. Both **Dave Mauch** and **David Hathway** received 1st in cross-examination debate, advancing them to TFA state.

At TFA state in Carrollton, Texas, **David Hathway** received a scholarship of $500.

While at NFL district, **Dave Mauch** qualified in foreign extemporaneous speaking and **David Hathway** qualified in dramatic interpretation. **Dave** and **David** went to nationals in Kansas.



Senior **David Hathway** and Senior **Dave Mauch** file their debate subs. **Dave** said, *"Preparation takes dedication. Preparing for debate takes hours of research."* Photo by: Travis Cano



For the fall production the S.T.A.R.S. club performed *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Freshman **David Otradovsky** said, *"I like being in the spotlight. It was awesome& awesome!"* Photo by: Travis Cano



Sophomore **Sean Bram** and Junior **Leighton Sharp** discuss their debate strategy at Round Rock High School's tournament. **Leighton** said, *"It was our first tournament together. We didn't win, but at least we tried."* Photo by: Travis Cano

"What is improv? Improv, or improvisation, is the act or art of composing and rendering theater, music, poetry, and the like, extemporaneously." Yes and (2004)

One Act Play

Spread By: Travis Cano



The company poses for pictures after their public performance. *"I was very ecstatic with our performance throughout the spring,"* said Junior **Kevin Jasso.** Photo by: Travis Cano

One Act Play went above and beyond to achieve many theatrical successes under the direction of Carl Woodworth and Katrese Skinner. The play, *A Company of Wayward Saints*, was about a group of comedians trying to find a way home.

For their first round of competition at Foster High School, the actors performed at zone preliminaries. Freshman **Marissa Hicks** said, *"I had so much fun this year working with other actors and getting to meet new people."* Among all of the excitement, the One Act Play members walked away with numerous awards, including: Junior **Travis Cano** for Best Tech; **Marissa Hicks**, sophomore **Mike Wissinger** and junior **Leighton Sharp** for Honorable Mention All Star Cast; senior **Katy Rice** for All Star Cast; senior **David Hathway** for Best Actor; and advancing play to district.

District was held at Foster High School. Junior **Kevin Jasso** said, "The crowd really enjoyed our performance throughout the play." Freshman **Rachel Johnson** received Honorable Mention All Star Cast, **Mike Wissinger** and **David Hathway** received All Star Cast, **Katy Rice** received Best Actress. The play also advanced to area competition.

At Friendswood High School, **Marissa Hicks** and **Katy Rice** received Honorable Mention All Star Cast and **David Hathway** received All Star Cast. **David** said, *"This was by far the best year for one act. Everyone worked their hardest."*



Junior **Leighton Sharp** performing at play practice as the role of Capitano. **Leighton** said, "Being an actor takes its toll on your soul. I have nothing left." Photo by: Travis Cano



The troupe is admiring "the Duke" during their public performance. Senior **David Hathway** said, *"During our performances, we have to please the 'Duke' to earn our way home."* Photo by: Travis Cano

Colorguard

Spread By: Linda Cerny

Butterflies, tosses, angels, spins, blue devils, backscratchers, windmills, figure eights, reverses, behind the backs, and the Ricebird, only if you were in colorguard would you know these flag moves.

Colorguard consisted of senior **Aryal Montalvo**, junior **Ashley Martinez**, sophomore **Jerica Marcial**, junior **Brittany Hernandez**, sophomore **Adriana Canedo**, junior **Yvonne Canales**, junior **Alannah Jasso**, sophomore **Linda Cerny**, junior **Skylar Lemon**, sophomore **Sophie Garcia**, junior **Sierra Tovar**, and junior **Krystal Martinez** and was under the direction of Lori Van Gorp. The Flag Sweetheart for the year was senior **Aryal Montalvo**.

The girls performed routines during pep rallies, and at football games with the band during half time. Their performances included: Tiger of San Pedro, Wave, and Night Train. Along with attending all the football games, Colorguard also attended the U.I.L. marching contest with the band. **Jerica Marcial** said, "The toss is definitely my favorite flag move. You throw the flag high in the air. Sometimes I don't catch it, or it hits me, but either way it's fun." Junior **Brittany Hernandez**, on the contrary, stated, "I like doing butterflies and angels, they're so pretty, and really fun." While their favorite moves may have differed, all the girls seemed to agree on one thing. Flags was all about having a good time.



Junior Ashley Martinez performing the routine *Tiger of San Pedro* at a pep rally. "My favorite part of flags was going out of town to games and doing our routines," said Martinez. Photo by: O. Ruiz



Junior **Yvonne** performs at a pep rally. "The most memorable moment in flags was always getting on Mrs Van Gorp's nerves, I know we shouldn't have, but it was fun!" said Canales. Photo by: O. Ruiz



Sophomore **Jerica Marcial**, sophomore **Adriana Canedo**, and junior **Alannah Jasso** dancing in the stands at the football game "My favorite part of being in flags was going to the games and performing. We have just as much fun in the stands as we do on the field," said Canedo. Photo by: T. Woods

A whole new world

Spread By: Linda Cerny



Junior **Meimi Nakamura** was involved on the tennis team and attended the Sports Banquet that was held in Civic Center. Beside her is Coach Pavlu, the tennis coach. Photo by G. Pavlusko

Imagine leaving everything you know, all the things that make you feel safe, and moving for a year to a different land. That is exactly what foreign exchange students Junior **Meimi Nakamura** and Junior **Eiko NaKazono** experienced.

Both girls came to El Campo from Japan. **Meimi** wanted to be an exchange student ever since her sister came to the U.S. as one in 2003. She always wanted to go to an American high school. "I went to an American kindergarten and I've been in the International School since the first grade. Our school is a private school and we only had 14 students maximum and I was the only one in my grade. I studied in English, and I guess that's how I learned to speak it." Her hometown in Japan was Miyazaki, with an approximate population of 30,000. Meimi seemed to enjoy her stay here saying, "Everybody is really nice and I feel really safe in El Campo, I thought it would be hard (to make friends), but because the people are so nice, it was easy."

Eiko Nakanozo wrote about her life here is the U.S. by writing in Japanese (below), "I like the town because it is cozy." "I don't miss much [from my home], except my friends." And finally, "It is strange at this school, and different from Japan, since I must move to each class!" The girls learned and experienced a lot, and the people here were able to learn even more from them.

街が綺麗だし、居ごこちが良いから好き。
日本の友達が何よりも恋しい。
アッチの学校が日本と違う所はクラス変わる度に移動しないといけない所が違う!

Eiko NaKazono answered questions about life in the U.S. in Japanese (above). Photo by L. Cerny



Eiko Nakanozo in floral design class examining flowers for an arrangement. Photo by E. Bergstrom and S. Mahoney

"Okay, the radio is off now. Time for the real

Band... that's all there is! *Spread By: Brittany Rives*

Who are the most important people in the stands? The BAND! From the low rumble of the tubas to the high pitch of the flutes, everyone had their own style during marching season. Junior **Natalie Campbell** said, "The weirdest place I have ever played my instrument was in the bathroom. The sound it makes when it bounces off the walls and echoes is awesome." Sophomore **Celeste Clark** said drum majors, **Katy Rice** and **Derek Treybig**, had their own style, "Katy helped me figure out a difficult measure and was really nice." Senior **Blake Farthing** said, "Derek perfectly represented the El Campo Band this year. With the numerous obstacles faced this year, he did a pretty good job."

Many students had their favorite stand tune as well. Sophomore **Marissa DeLaPeña** said, "My favorite song was the Time Warp because it got me amped up and energized for the game!" Senior **Derek Treybig** said, "my favorite was Tequila because I could not conduct it very well. I ended up dancing to it most of the time." Junior **Coutney Boone** said, "My favorite stand tune was Soul Bosa Nova because it reminded me of Austin Powers."

The entire band showed off their style at Christmas-time in the parade. Junior **Isaac Atwood** said, "We get placed every year but not always in marching division. Mr. Van Gorp said the 'marching band' placed first in the 'walking division' a couple of years ago." Senior **Micheal Deggs** said "Yes, we always do get placed and I don't ever know how."

The band may have looked like they had it all together but, junior **Tiffany Gussman** said, "At the Brazosport football game, Blake Farthing, Gene Puryear, Michael Matthews, and I all forgot our harnesses. Luckily Mr. Rice knew the opponent's band director, and he allowed us to borrow a few." Junior **Brittany Gonzalez** said, "Tiffany Gussman and Blake Farthing are the best percussion players because they know what they are doing and show off their skills on the field."


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1. The Band played at marching contest in Houston. "Even though we made a three, the highest being a one, it was a good experience," said **Courtney Boone**. Photo by S. Ducanlle

2. Freshmen **Emerald Leal**, **Kaylin Panning**, and **Savanna Delgado** danced at a home football game in the stands. Photo by E. Bergstrom

3. Junior **Leighton Sharp** played his saxophone at marching contest. "It really gets me going whenever I play my Sax. I really think I'm the best part of the show," said Sharp. Photo by E. Bergstrom

4. Freshman **Michael Van Gorp**, junior **Taylor Martin**, and senior **Jacob Sanchez** played their trumpets at the pep rally. "Pep rallies really make me happy because it's just another chance for me to shine and play my trumpet," said Martin. Photo by B. Graham

5. Freshman **Kaylin Panning**, junior **Brittany Rives**, and freshman **Ashley Harton** stood quietly before going on the field to march. Photo by C. Brendel

6. Senior **Derek Treybig**, one of the drum majors, concentrated on the task at hand. "In my four years participating in the high school band, I've learned quit a bit. I especially liked going to the football games and conducting the rest of the band. It was a rewarding experience." Photo by E. Bergstrom

7. Senior **Katy Rice**, another drum major, looked ready to rumble at Band contest. "I love music already so band was just a chance for me to empower my talent," said Katy Rice. Photo by C. Strickel





"Once a doll, always a doll."

The EC Derby Dolls of 2006-2007

Spread by: Lauren Mach



Derby Dolls had a great year from beginning to end. They left everyone in awe from their performances, whether it was the highest kicks at halftime or the rings of shining hoops that caught the crowds attention of doing something new.

The Dolls attended the All American Team Camp in the summer of 2006 in San Antonio at the Omni Hotel. They received many awards at the end of camp including the Home Routine Award for a Hoop Dance, All-American Team of the Day for outstanding discipline, performance, and personal enthusiasm, a Division 1 rating on a pom routine, the Sweepstakes award, Best Overall Precision, and All-American Team of the Week. Junior **Sky Guyer** was named one of the four girls in All American Kick Company. **Jackie Rodriguez**, **Kristen Supak**, **Kirsten Ellis** and **Taylor Lange** were named All American Dancers. **Allison Johnson**, **Stacey Gillis**, and **Kaylyn Young** were named Honorable Mentions. **Jackie Rodriguez** recieved the All American Dance Company Award and the Outstanding Performer Award for exceptional dance ability and leadership throughout the camp.

Also, the Dolls danced for many crowds this year. They danced at school pep rallies, football games, the German Christmas program, and ended the year with their "Every Mile a Memory" Spring Show. They also performed in the El Campo Christmas Parade in which they placed third.

The Derby Dolls also competed in two All American Dance and Drill Team competitions on Galveston Island, and in Katy at the Morton Ranch High School. They won many awards in Galveston: the Sweepstakes award for three team dances, the Gussie Nell Davis award of Excellence for high scores in all three team dances, Judges Award for team Hoop



Not only did **Jackie Rodriguez** win the most awards in her Derby Doll career, she was also the captain her senior year. "I had a great year being the captain of the Derby Dolls. I had a lot of fun, it was a great experience, that I would never change." Jackie made a great captain, and respected the Dolls very well, especially when it can be hard to be a friend of the whole team, and discipline them at the same time.

Photo By: B. Gardner

Junior and Senior Social Officers of the 2006-2007 Derby Dolls. President **Blair Hodges**, Vice President **Chelsey Priesmeyer**, Corresponding Secretary **Jennifer Limas**, Treasurer **Shannon Bode**, Parliamentarian **Lauren Mach**, Historian **Megan Smith**, Recording Secretary **Lindsey Riha**, and not pictured Spirit Committee President **Keri Hearn**. The Social Officers had many jobs this year to help keep the team in order. They scheduled many games and fun activities for the Dolls to play. At initiation of new members, the Social Officers made up a scavenger hunt where the big sisters dressed their new members up as anything, and went on the hunt.

Photo By: B. Reddy

and Novelty, Best Overall Choreography and Best Overall Precision for three team dances, and first runner up in Large Team Division. The Derby Doll officers also won numerous awards. The Military Officers won sweepstakes and Award of Excellence for high scores on three routines, and the Social Officers received a Division 1 rating for their ensemble pom routine. Also soloists **Jackie Rodriguez**, **Allison Johnson**, and **Melanie Hensley** received Division 1 ratings on their dances. **Jackie Rodriguez** also received fourth runner up on her solo.

In Katy the Dolls received awards for Sweepstakes, Gussie Nell Davis award of excellence, the Judges Award for their team kick, and Best Overall Choreography. Military Officers received a double Division 1 rating on their officer dances, and **Jackie Rodriguez** received a Division 1 rating and fourth runner up for her solo.

Photo By: Debbie Reid.



The seniors of 2007 had a great year also. They left us with proud smiles and tears, because they were all so very special. Seniors are **Keri Klimple**, **Jennifer Limas**, **Chelsey Priessnever**, **Joanna Fitch**, **Christine Korcrek**, **Keri Hearn**, **Blair Hodges**, **Christina Payne**, **Jackie Rodriguez**, **Misty Ledwig**, **Kristen Supak**, and **Allison Johnson**. Photo By: M. Smith



Spot Light!



Junior **Sky Guyer** was named one of the four girls accepted into the All American Kick Company, out of a possible one hundred and fifty girls who tried out. "I was really excited when I became one of the four girls who received this award. It was a big accomplishment."

Photo By: B. Gardner



Senior **Allison Johnson** was a Sr. Lieutenant for 2006-2007. She received a Division 1 rating this year for her solo dance and was named Honorable Mention at the All American Dance and Drill Team Camp this summer. Photo By: M. Smith

Derby Doll Prep

Spread by: Catherine Striedel

In Derby Doll Prep students learned techniques that would benefit them when trying out for Derby Dolls. Over half of the class said that their plan was to try-out for Derby Dolls in the future."I chose to be in Derby Doll Prep to train myself to make Derby Dolls. It helped me build my confidence to try-out," said freshman **Emily Brown**.

Derby Doll Prep was a great learning experience. "I have learned new dance techniques and how to act as a drill team member," said freshman **Niki Sablatura**. Derby Doll prep taught the students about different dance techniques, "Mrs. Jensen has taught me about pom, jazz, and many different kinds of dance," said freshman **Robin Tolson**.

Overall, Derby Doll Prep was an excellent adventure. "My best memory was warming up for our dances. We would sing and just have fun while getting our muscles ready. Everyday was a fun day," said freshman Sierra Ledwig. "My favorite experience was when the class took a trip to see the Radio City Rockettes! The people that went with us were so funny, and I really enjoyed the show," said freshman **Bethany Weinheimer**.

Take it from freshman **Robin Tolson**, "Believe in yourself and have courage, and you will achieve. That's what I've learned from Derby Doll Prep."



Freshmen **Melaine Barra**, **Andrea Munoz**, and **Guadalupe Leon** practice turns during Derby Doll Prep under the careful instruction of Mrs. May.



Freshmen Shawna Kosanke and Cheyenne Weishuhn learn a new dance.



Freshman **Gabby Rios** stretches and warms up.

"If you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball."
Dodgeball: A True Underdog story (2004)

Physical Education

SPREAD BY: Luke Sewell



P.E students fighting over a puck during a game of floor hockey.

What did people think about PE? Some believed that it will make you fit. Some of them just think its a waste of time. Some people thought that PE was just another class you had to take so you could graduate. Others believed that PE was an exercise for them, to help them get into shape and get fit. "I think PE is really worth it because it is easy for me and I go home and workout there," said Freshman **Chad Wilkerson.** PE showed how well you could test your physical abilities to perform in an activity. Some of the students that participated in Physical Education said the one thing they dislike about the class was dressing out. Senior **David Kocurek** said, "I hate dressing out! I don't see the point in it." The favorite of many students was Coach Kremling. "I would want Coach Kremling because she is nice,"said senior Travis Trevino.

Some students just didn't want to participate. Sophomore **Chase McMillian** said, "My excuse every time I don't want participate is that my Grandma died. My coach told me that if my grandma dies one more time, he wants to see the body."

The real reason for P.E was to help you get into shape and have fun at the same time.



Freshman **Anthony Mendoza** dribbling the ball down court for a drill. "P.E is fun and will also help me get into shape."



Freshman **Chad Wilkerson** pumping iron maxing out on how much he can lift during his P.E period. "Working out is my life. It's something I do on a daily basis."

"I can hold a note forever. But, eventually that's just

Let The Music Come From Within

Spread and Photos By: Stephanie Korenek and Alexis Cooper



When you heard the word choir you thought of singing but, it takes more than just a voice to participate in choir. Several choir members said a decent voice and a sense of pitch are requirements, but each members must be willing to work with others, have good discipline, a good attitude, courage, persistence, and determination.

Although many did not plan to continue singing after high school, several choir members including- **Marleen Villanueva, Yisma Ortiz, Victoria Gallien, Alicia Flores** and **Gerrod Farrow** said they would most likely continue singing, and **Katy Rice** planned to major in vocal performance.

A big part of participating was performing on stage in front of an audience. **Gerrod Farrow** said, "I get stage fright every time I perform because I am nervous about what people think of me." But **Katy Rice** said, "I never get nervous. The only time I have ever gotten nervous was when I was singing for grant money at HBU." When asked about favorite times in choir, several members reminisced about the competitions and the high school spring show. "Everyday in choir is a memorable moment, because we always have fun," **Alicia Flores** said.

Although, everyone agreed that choir was a lot of fun they did not all agree on who they thought had the best voice. Some said **Jessica Sherwood, Marissa Hicks**, and **Ashley Faultry** but others said they liked **Katy Rice** and **Travis Johnson** the best. The answer that stood out above all the others was when **Gerrod Farrow** said, "Not one choir member has the best voice because everyone sings differently and everyone has their own ideas of what type of voice they like the best."



1. Freshmen **Ashley Garcia** and **Marissa Hicks** practice long and hard for the U.I.L. competetion at Dulles High School in Sugarland, Texas.

2. **Kurt Rowland, Jessica Sherwood,** and **Katy Rice** warm up their vocal cords before they begin to practice for the songs they will perform at U.I.L. competition.

noise. It's the change we're looking for. That's what makes it music." Angel 1999

3. **Kim Johnson**, **Angela Cano**, and **Michael Deggs** practice for U.I.L.

4. **Ashley Faultry**, **Arshisa Foley**, and **Eiko NaKazono** practice in class.

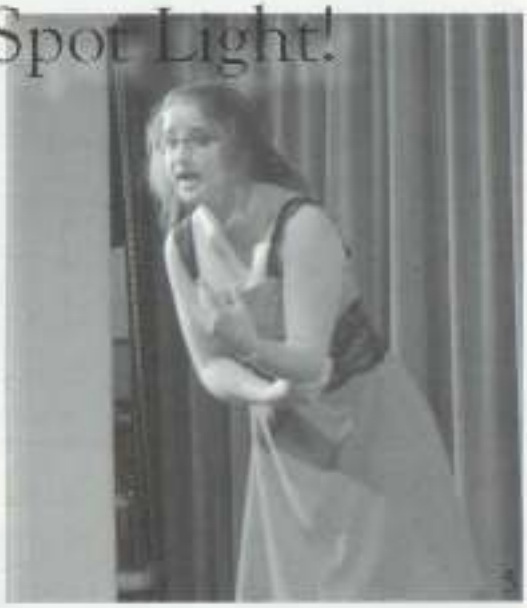
5. **Katy Rice** performs in the talent show along with **Marissa Hicks**. She sang the "Popular" from the Broadway musical Wicked.

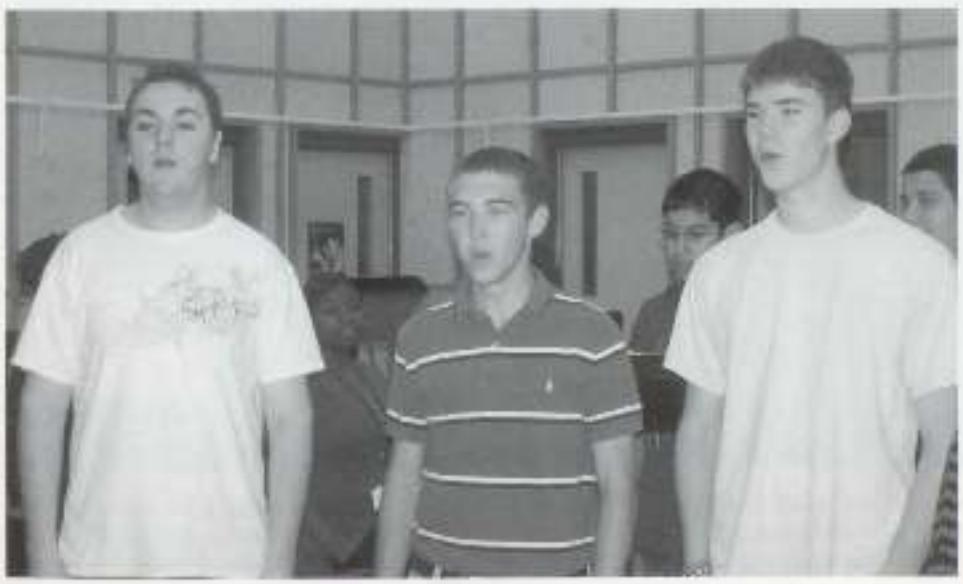
6. **Michael Deggs**, **Travis Johnson**, and **Kurt Rowland** sing along with the rest of the class to practice for U.I.L. competitions throughout the year.





Spot Light!





Katy Rice, senior, sings her heart out. Everyone in the audience, competitors and students alike, just stare and listen in amazement. The voice of Katy Rice is one of a woman who has been practicing day and night in order to perfect her vocals. Katy has been participating in choir, as well as several other arts over the course of her school career. Katy always loved performing and singing in front of crowds. She dreams to one day be able to perform on Broadway in New York.

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The Bird's Eye View: Not all that meets the eye

Hardwork and dedication prove successful with another outstanding year

The pressures of getting the story completed, meeting a deadline, and conducting endless interviews can be an obstacle for most but this is just an everyday occurrence for the Bird's Eye View staff. Mrs. Wagner and her staff worked each six weeks putting in plenty of late night work to put out the paper for El Campo High School. As the class began to grow along with the year the stories began to flow in. "Our class grew after the second semester and we got so much more done with the extra people," commented Junior Editor **Rychi Valdez**.

Everything from sports, current events, school news, or horoscopes, the newspaper staff worked around the clock to get all the information from A to Z. The school year was hectic with so many activities and events going on throughout the year, but with plenty of hard work and a camera always at hand the staff found a way to get the story finished. "Having Journalism as a class was a great experience. I have learned a lot about writing this year," said Senior Editor **Olivia Wall.**

The road to making a newspaper took a lot of time and effort, starting with the writing of the stories, proofing, layout, and then editing. Senior Editor **Abel Dominguez** had a few interesting comments to say about late night work weeks. "It can be long and tiring but it is nice to see the finished product," said Dominguez. Under the watchful eye of Mrs. Wagner the journalism staff definitely got the story covered.



Mrs. Wagner and Junior Editor **Emily Bergstrom** discuss the upcoming issue of the Birds Eye View. Photo by: R. Dornak



Senior Reporter **Haley English** practices the perfect technique for selling the Bird's Eye View to Junior Editors **Emily Bergstrom** and **Rychi Valdez**. Photo by: A. Dominguez



Junior Reporter **Rebecca Dornak** searches for just the right idea in the El Campo Leader News for her upcoming stories in the Bird's eye view. "It was difficult to find ideas for stories, so we would check out other papers for ideas," said **Dornak**. Photo by: E. Bergstrom

be done. That's a word you don't hear very often."

The Paper, 1994

Spread by: Emily Bergstrom and Bryce Skow



The staff members of the Bird's Eye View for the 2006-2007 school year pose with the finished product. Top row: Sophomore **Brittany Quinones**, Junior **Rychi Valdez**, Senior **Haley English**, Senior **Olivia Wall**, and Junior **Emily Bergstrom**. Bottom row: Junior **Rebecca Dornak** and Senior **Abel Dominguez**.



Senior Editor **Abel Dominquez** edits the sports section during Journalism class. "Editing was the key in perfecting the newspaper," said Dominguez. Photo by E. Bergstrom



Senior Reporter **Haley English** and Junior Editor **Rychi Valdez** edit and review upcoming spreads and pictures during Journalism class for the next issue. "It was hard work proofing the papers and making sure everything was perfect but it was worth it," said **English.**

"How come you know more about medicine than a doctor?" - Requiem for a Dream 2000

The Hands of HOSA Mold The Health of Tomorrow

Spread By: Courtney Boone

It's amazing how a many students were oblivious to a great club that could enrich our future; HOSA Club. With dedicated members, this club had a lot of heart, or shall I say . . . patients' hearts? HOSA is a nationally known organization to give health occupation students a chance to network with other health organizations and other HOSA clubs. HOSA lessons/competitions remained an important part of the Health Science curriculum. There were forty competitive events offered at the local, regional, state, and/or national level(s). On Feb. 27th, junior **Elizabeth Saldivar**, senior **Kim Johnson**, and senior **Lauren De La Pena** attended contest for HOSA Club and passed the skills and written exams with flying colors. They were granted certification to work in the community as nursing assistants. **Alma Valdez** created a poster with the theme, "Healing With Our Hearts, Helping With Our Hands," and was awarded 3rd place. Many people were unaware what HOSA did for such programs as Headstart. HOSA visited Headstart every Christmas, giving gifts to the children. HOSA also donated clothes and food to many other organizations.









Senior **Shalynn Owens** was the President of HOSA Club, and was in Health Science Tech II. Photo by: Courtney Boone



Junior **Beverly De La Pena** and senior **Lauren De La Pena** enjoy a Mr. Gatti's pizza at a meeting discussing food drives. Photo by: Courtney Boone



HOSA students stand in front of a lifeflight helicopter, being enlightened of what their future might hold. From the left are junior **Alma Valdez**, junior **Tabatha Gibson**, senior **Shay Owens**, junior **Beatrice Carrizales**, junior **Alannah Jasso**, junior **Krystal Martinez**, senior **Kimberly Enriquez**, senior **Amber Garza**, junior **Elizabeth Saldivar**, and junior **Amanda Sanchez**.

Funny, the damage a silly little book can do, especially in the hands of a silly little girl Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets - 2002

Writer's Club



The Writer's Club did just that: WRITE and talk about WRITING! The club was the brainchild of **Paul Schoelman** in 2005. He went to Mrs. Swenson with the idea for a club to allow aspiring writers a place to share their ideas.

Every month this devoted group met at lunch for pizza and intelligent discussions regarding their current projects. Some meetings had themes, like "Bring a Character" where each member came ready to discuss a character they had been working on. Other meetings were devoted to individuals presenting their manuscript and getting feedback from the group.

"We discussed writing techniques and stuff we'd been working on," said Senior **Dave Mauch**. "It was a really good sounding board for ideas and input on what you you'd been writing without being afraid of people being overly negative and not supporting your work."





Spot Light!



top: **Paul Schoelman** with his journal given to him by Mrs. Swenson for starting the club.
above: Seniors **Paul Schoelman, David Hathway, Dave Mauch** and **Lindsey Sablatura** provided leadership and guidance to the underclassmen in the club.
left above: A friendly game of Twister during the end of year party. In lieu of deep discussions regarding their work, the club chose to close the year with a party! (**Lindsey Sablatura, David Hathway, Sarah Rowland, Dave Mauch, Rebecca Creevan,** and **Marissa Hicks**)
left: The CLUB! **Lindsey Sablatura, Michael VanGorp, Paul Schoelman** and is oversized nametag, **Tabitha Head, Rebecca Creevan, David Hathway, Jessica Arzizu, Roberto Torres, Dave Mauch, Marissa Hicks,** and **Sara Rowland**.

If we can somehow harness this lightning into the flux capacitor... it just might work. Back to the Future 1985

Science Club...talk to me in twenty years!

Spread By: Dannie Davidson

From creating Science Club t-shirts to building and releasing hot air balloons, the Science Club was busy with many tasks during the 2006-2007 school year.

"Science Club was really fun because we held long intellectual discussions that included environmental problems and solutions. I liked Science Club because we all had a lot of fun performing many interesting experiments like constructing hot air balloons," said junior **Travis Cano.** Sophomore **Susanna Cruz** said, "I like Science Club because it is a really cool club. I will always remember creating the t-shirts. Plus I got to meet many freshmen."

Treasurer **Isaac Atwood** said, "I will always remember Linda Polasek and her talks. I know I will be in Science Club next year because I like science."

Senior President **Erica Harton** said "I enjoy all sciences, especially Physics and Biology. My favorite part of science is DNA. What I will always remember is the meeting that we had to have outside in the middle of the hot stifling weather. I have gained a lot of responsibility and I have met many new people that I would not have gotten the chance to know without being in Science Club. What I like most about Science Club is the neat projects and neat trips. I just wish that we could have taken a Science Club trip to the medical center this year."



Jonathan Washington, Lucas Blanchard, Ali Raza and **Bobby Jack Polasek** at one of the hottest outdoor meetings. "What I will always remember are the meetings and the trip that we took to The Museum of Natural Science," said sophomore **Lucas Blanchard.** Photo By: T. Cano



"I've gained more responsibility with being President this year," said senior **Erica Harton.** Photo By: T. Cano



Marissa Hicks, Rebecca Creevan, Jessica Arziru, Israel Gomez, Derek Rivera and **Linda Polasek** listen attentively at a meeting in the circle. "I will always remember that I got picked to be next year's demo man and that most people only show up for the first election meeting," said freshman **Izzy Gomez.** Photo By: T. Cano

"If you want forgiveness, get religion."
Spider-Man 3 2007

FCA...Faith,Courage,and Acceptance

Spread By: Dannie Davidson



Isaac Atwood and **Meredith Bard** pose at one of the club meetings. "The best part of being in FCA was being able to watch The Passion of the Christ," said sophomore **Meredith Bard**. Photo By: D. Davidson

FCA may stand for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, but that doesn't stop the many students involved who aren't athletes at all, but merely want to strengthen their relationship with God and be able to freely express their opinions and what they believe in.

Vice President **Brittany Rives** said, "I am in FCA because I'm a Christian, I believe in God, and I think FCA is a great organization to be in. FCA was really fun this year because Meredith and I were elected to be FCA officers. I will always remember how Mrs. Janke is so sweet and how we could talk about God freely during meetings in her classroom. The saddest part will be having to leave next year."

Junior **Isaac Atwood** said, "I will always remember Mrs. Janke's great and encouraging words. What I liked most about FCA was making new Christian friends. I think that my biggest achievement this entire school year was attending more than three meetings."

Sophomore **Meredith Bard** said, "The best part about being in FCA was getting the chance to watch The Passion of The Christ. The one thing I will always remember about FCA is how I like participating in See You At The Pole and how students and friends will always come together and show their faith in front of the whole school."



"The most embarrassing thing is saying something I think is funny, but it totally ending up not being funny at all," said junior Brittany Rives. Photo By: D. Davidson



Senior **Katy Rice** sings and plays the keyboard during the annual See You at The Pole event. Photo by: E. Sergeson

Golf?...Don't you mean football?

Spread by: Hailey Leopold

They ran, they yelled, and they even sometimes danced. If they're not the cheerleaders than they've got to be the Golfcart Crew. The Golfcart Crew consisted of six senior boys: **Kyle Janssen, Travis Johnson, Nick Kubala, Derek Merta, Madsen Raun,** and **Kenny Gustafson.**

Dressed in RED and WHITE from head-to-toe, they did their duty by getting Ricebird fans up on their feet and cheering. Every time there was a touchdown you could count on the Golfcart Crew to be running up and down the sidelines with the big RED and WHITE flags that spelled out "EC."

Not only were they good at running, but they could do the yelling as well. Some of the members of the Golfcart Crew prepared for the game by cooking hamburgers before the game. Raun said, "Some of us tried to have a cook-out in the high school parking lot before the game, but because of school regulations we couldn't so we went over to my house and had one in my drive way."

The Golfcart Crew really got the crowds attention when they danced out on the track in front of hundreds of EC fans. Despite the fact that their dances were random and unorganized it was what the crowd wanted and it was what got them pumped up for more El Campo football action. Many people liked the way they dressed up the thrill of making a touchdown when they boogied down on the track.



Seniors **Travis Johnson, Madsen Raun, Derek Merta,** and **Kenny Gustafson** talk as they wait for the Ricebirds to make their entrance onto the field. "The helmet was exciting to have and also easy to put up," said Merta. Photo by: W. Treadwell



Seniors **Kyle Janssen, Madsen Raun, Kenny Gustafson** and **Derek Merta** celebrate an EC touchdown by dancing. Photo by: W. Treadwell



Seniors **Travis Johnson** and **Madsen Raun** run with the flags after the Ricebirds make a touchdown."During the first game, we were running with the "E" and the "C" backwards, so we had to make a mid-game adjustment," said Raun. Photo by: W. Treadwell

"Our high school guidance counselor used to ask us what you'd do if you had a million dollars and you didn't have to work." -Office Space

An experience worth working for.

Spread by: Hailey Leopold



Mrs. Brandl sells candy to Senior **Cory Hooper** in one of her Co-op classes as part of a fundraiser for the organization. Photo by: H. Rose

If you were hard-working and willing to do a little extra to earn your money rather than begging Mom and Dad for it, then you were definitely Co-op material. All throughout the year, students, mainly seniors and some juniors, worked during school days earning money for gas, lunch, clothes, and other things that a teenager needs. Co-op gave students the opportunity to experience what it's like to have a job and handle the money that comes with it.

As if managing a job wasn't hard enough, students went to school in the morning and attended their regular classes. In the requirements of being in Co-op, students had to take a Co-op class and were required to work at least fifteen hours per week.

The Co-op teachers included Mr. Hardin, Mrs. Brandl, Coach Woods, and Mrs. Nevlud. Most students who were in Co-op had mainly two to four periods. However, those who were juniors had more periods than those who were seniors. Not only did they have to go to school, but there were some who played sports and others who took college classes at WCJC.

Being a part-time student put into perspective the advantages and disadvantages they will have to look foward to in the future.



Senior **Garrett Prochaska** figures a customer's change at his job at Rioux's Hardware. "Working at Rioux's is sometimes stressful but in the end I like earning the money I make," said Prochaska. Photo by: H. Leopold



Senior **Ashley Scoch** takes a patient's call and makes their appointment, working as a secretary at the dermatologist's office. "I don't mind working here because the people are nice," said Scoch. Photo by: H. Leopold

Beef... Its what's for Dinner

Spread By: T. Socha

The truth about the Future Farmers of America was that there was a lot more to FFA than country kids and farm animals. The FFA members were busy year round training for many competitions, classroom activities, and personal entrepreneurship. Most of the members were in it for the fun of competing, traveling, meeting new people, spending time with friends, and making money. Members stayed active all year with leadership contests, judging contest, skills contests and the day to day activities of running the club. Throughout all of this, they also found time to raise and create projects for the fair.

But it wasn't all work. "I had a great time at the Relay for Life. It was a lot of fun dressing up in costumes too since Halloween was right around the corner," said freshman **Jacob Brown**. The highlight of the fall semester for many members was the Halloween party but sophomore **Sierra Ledwig** said, "I really thought that the Halloween party was gross. I didn't really care for the pie in the face either.".

"FFA was not all about cows and fairs, it was more about making memories," said senior **Holly Vesely**. "Hopefully, in the years to come FFA will have the same effect to other students as it had on me."

















Photo by: C. Hardin





(1) Freshman **Trev Moller** assists Mr. Hardin while he cuts a slab of beef for fajitas for the first meeting of the year. (2) Freshman **Sierra Ledwig** received a pie to the face at the Halloween meeting. (3) Sophomore **Darcey Vesely**, junior **Philip Quintero**, and sophomore **Meagan Mcclanahan** posed with their 2nd place banner after district competition, the trio also placed 5th in state in the senior skills division. (4) The members of the FFA who participated in Relay for Life posed for a group picture. (5) Senior **Holly Veseley** kisses her second place showmanship goat during the Wharton County Youth Fair. (6) Freshman **Nicki Sablatura**, freshman **Bethany Weinheimer**, and freshman **Tanner Howard** enjoyed the longest banana split in FFA history.



The New Line of Body Men

The Autobody class worked hard perfecting cars the entire year. From repairing hail damage to actually painting the exterior of a vehicle, the boys learned many new things this year concerning the body of a vehicle. Junior **Luis Velazquez** was surprised by how much he learned.

"I learned how to repair many new things that I didn't think were repairable. I'm glad I took the class because I have information now how to fix my vehicles in the future," said Velazquez.

Most of the boys liked the hands on part of the class and actually working on automobiles. The boys usually worked on their trucks in class. Junior **Ramiro Flores** enjoyed the practical part of the class better, and he put a lot of work into his truck. He sprayed the bed of his truck and sanded and painted it too.

"It's great in Autobody. All you have to do is get to class, and then we go straight to work," said Flores.

Junior **Ernesto Pacheco** put in a lot of time and work on his truck also. Before he sanded and painted his truck it was maroon, but after over two months of hard work it was white and shiny.

The boys in autobody had a successful year and have improved cars and trucks as proof of their work.



Ernesto Pacheco and **Ramiro Flores** scuff the bed of a truck so another layer of paint can be applied. Photo by: B. Gardner



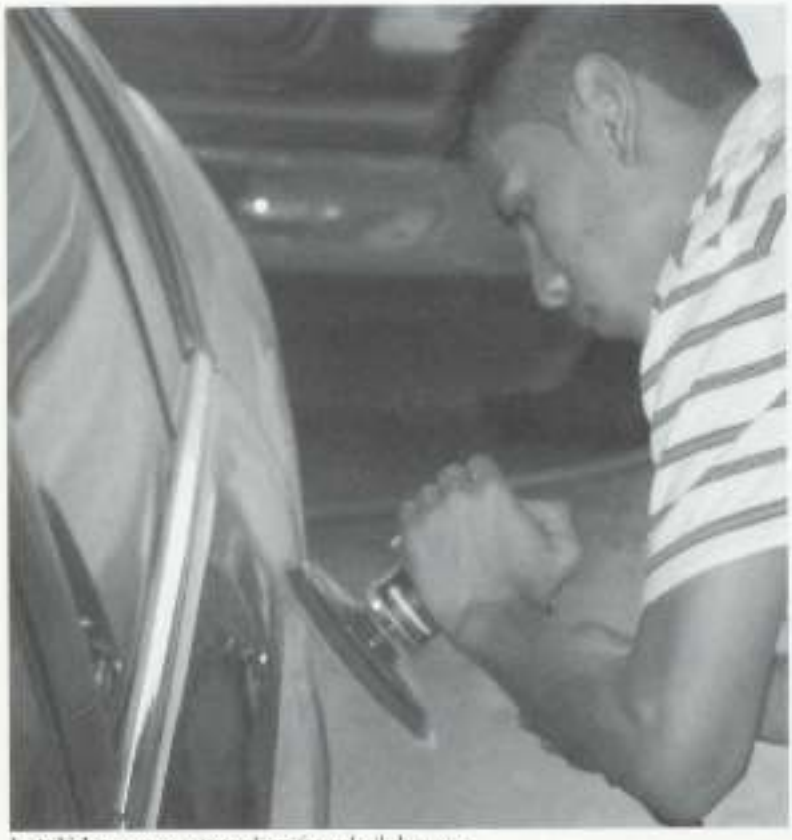
Bobby Gardner sands down bondo on a car with hail damage. Photo by: B. Gardner



Ernesto Pacheco, Arkeith Brown, **Bobby Gardner**, **Ramiro Flores**, **Luis Velazquez**, **Charlie Watson**, and **Chase Welfel** pose in front of Arkeith's car.

machine into a car, why not do it with some style?"
Back to the Future (1985)

Spread By: Bobby Gardner and Stephanie Soliz



Luis Velasquez repairs a door from hail damage.

Photo by: B. Gardner



Mr. Buetammio and Charlie Watson examine a part of a car.

Photo by: B. Gardner



Autobody teacher, Larry Kurrtsch, won Texas State Autotechnology Teacher of the Year.



The Autotech class poses for a picture. From: Jonathon Leal, Renee Martinez, Jonathan Soliz, Tayler Socha, Jaime Castro, Allen Navarro. Middle: Ray Wilkerson, Patrick Rios, Rodney Ortiz, Jose Hernandez, Nick Guoia. Back: Wesley Castro, Frank Canales, Jose Ocenas, Wilbert Kemper, Miguel Marquez, Cody Morena, Mr. Kurrtsch

Spanish National Honor Society

Spread By: Nohemi Ferretiz

The Spanish National Honor Society was not all about Spanish language, but about learning to interact with each other while helping the community.

The S.N.H.S. members learned about the Hispanic culture. They also helped the less fortunate with their annual Thanksgiving baskets, where students donated canned and other non-perishable goods and money to be distributed by the sponsors to underprivileged families. "It makes me feel good to help those who can't afford the dinner that so many of our families take for granted. Plus we get hours!" said Junior **Marleen Villanueva.** Sponsor Nelda Vallejo felt the same way about her students doing this and other fund raisers; such as a drive for the Women's Crisis Center. "I like to have my students collaborate with each other to help people.

The Spanish and P.A.S.F. members also helped with the fund raisers. It's amazing what kids can do when they work together," said **Vallejo.** A great number of the S.N.H.S. members were also involved in the other Spanish organizations offered on campus. S.N.H.S. criteria stated that members must maintain a 90 or above average and have had at least two years of Spanish previously. There were twenty new members inducted, and ten active members present on induction day. The students were very happy to take a part in such an honorable ceremony.



Juniors **Marleen Villanueva, Dannie Davidson,** and **Amanda Driscoll** gathering goods for the annual Thanksgiving Baskets. Photo by: Nohemi Ferretiz



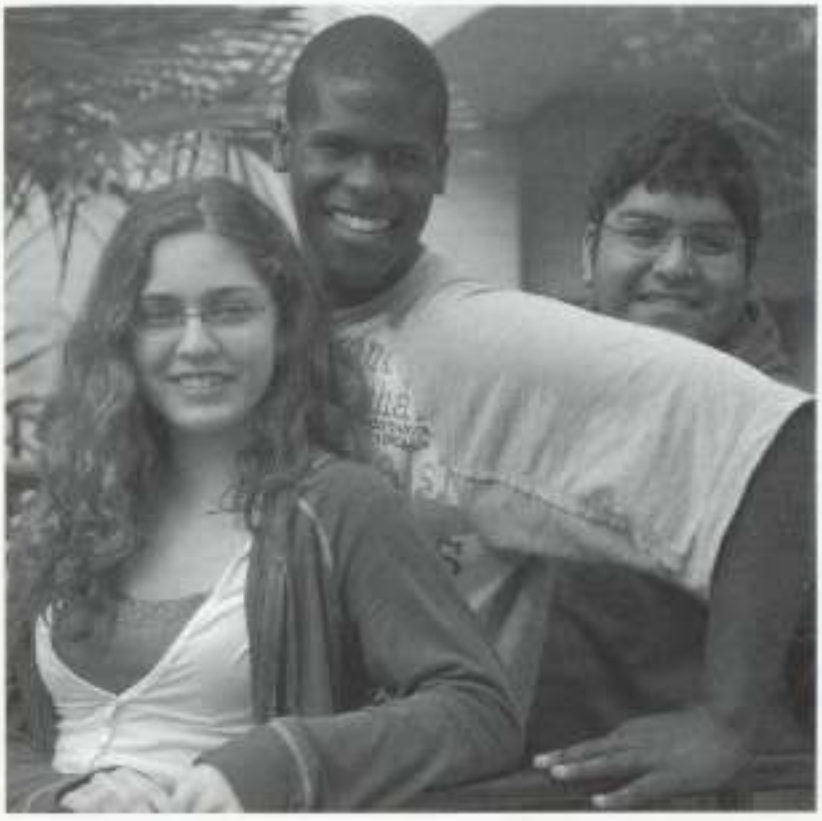
SNHS members **Elizabeth Mirelez. Marleen Villanueva, David Hathway. Travis Cano** and **Kevin Jasso** go out to celebrate their induction. Photo by: Nelda Vallejo



Junior SNHS members **Dannie Davidson, Travis Cano, Blake Korenek, Kiesten Ellis, Claudia Lemus,** and **Nohemi Ferretiz** follow along with the ceremony for the new inductees. Photo by: Jerrada Zavala

Spanish Club/Pan American Student Forum

Spread By: Brenda Zavala



Freshmen students posing for a miniature group picture during the Spanish Club field trip. **Marissa Hicks**, **Charles Solomon**, and **Roberto Torres**.

The Spanish Club wasn't all about speaking SPANISH! Students learned to interact with one another while learning about the Hispanic culture and having fun. Spanish Club meetings were very fun and random. The Spanish Club did several fundraisers throughout the school year, and in November they sponsored the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. For Thanksgiving, all Spanish Club members donated an item to make a basket for the less fortunate. The P.A.S.F. is a club where a lot of competition takes place. Throughout the year the members prepare for their biggest days. March 9- 10th, 2007 the P.A.S.F. Convention was held in San Antonio. The students left early Friday morning and returned super early Sunday morning, March 11. Junior **Marleen Villanueva** was in the Spanish club for three years. Villanueva said, "The Spanish club is a fun way to make new friends, and the meetings are always somewhat unorganized, but they are still fun." The Spanish Club had a field trip for all the members that had gone to at least two meetings. In the end it is always sad and exciting to say good-bye to the year. Junior **Nohemi Ferretiz** said, "What I liked best about the Spanish Club was the field trip. I think all members looked forward to that day the most. Don't get me wrong, I also enjoyed doing the fundraisers and all the other things we did throughout the year." Junior **Kevin Jasso** said, "Mrs. Vallejo is a great sponsor."



Junior **Marleen Villanueva** helps junior **Isaac Atwood** practice his speech before he goes in front of hundreds of other P.A.S.F. members so that hopefully he will get a position in State Office. Photo By: N. Ferretiz



Junior **Marleen Villanueva** learned how to Salsa/Merengue dance with Freshman **Yojara Aguilar** at a P.A.S.F. workshop. Photo By: B. Zavala

"They believe they're destined for great things. Just

National Honor Society

Spread By: Catherine Striedel

Each new school year students go above and beyond to meet academic standards set before them, but what do they have to show for it? The National Honor Society is a club that gives students with an average of 93 or higher in their core classes an opportunity to show what they have accomplished.

NHS members had to complete various community service activities throughout El Campo to earn NHS hours. One of the activities included timing swimmers at the swim meets. "I liked watching the competitors go for the gold and talking with friends," said Junior **Shannon Bode**. Members also had the chance to read to students at Hutchins Elementary. Junior **Travis Cano** said, "It was really rewarding getting to work with younger kids, because I knew I was making a good impression on them, even if it was for a short time." Another NHS sponsored event that you could work at to gain more hours was the blood drive. Junior **Emily Bergstrom** said, "The funniest thing that happened was when Shannon Bode and I worked at the blood drive. All morning long we were waving at strangers, trying to convince them to give blood." Overall members had to work a total of eight hours per semester to remain an active member of NHS. **Travis Cano** said, "Once I missed timing at swim meet and was put on probation until I made up for twice the amount of hours."

Another important NHS event was the pecan fund raiser. NHS students sold bags of pecans for six dollars a piece. This fund-raiser was intended to raise money for the club, and Junior **Brittany Butler** said, "This is by far my favorite fund-raiser of the year. My family always buys as many bags as they can. My favorite are the chocolate covered pecans."

"This fund-raiser was, for NHS, was the most successful one of the year," said Junior **Sarah Escamilla**.

NHS, paired with student council, also helped organize and set up Shattered Dreams. Shattered Dreams consisted of a mock car crash in which two students were killed, another was badly injured, and the drunk driver was sent to jail. Every 15 minutes thereafter the mock crash, the Grim Reaper would escort a student out of class and their counselor would read the students' obituaries to represent the average number of teenagers in Texas that get killed or injured daily from drunk driving related accidents. "Shattered Dreams, for me, was a real eye opener and I respect everyone that helped turn this project into a reality," said Junior **Stephanie Soliz**. Members worked hard to pull the program together and tried to get people to participate in this heart wrenching lifetime experience.

Junior **Nohemi Ferretiz** said, "NHS has affected me in many ways. I have learned to help others and to enjoy my time doing it."





1. Senior **David Hathway** participated as the drunk driver in the Shattered Dreams experience. He was sent to jail, fingerprinted, and booked.
2. Senior **Frank Canales** was one of the students in Shattered Dreams to be escorted out of class by the Grim Reaper and have his obituary read.

like you, their eyes are full of hope, just like you."

Dead Poets Society (1989)







3. **David Hathway**, **Bethany Riley**, **Erika Cerny**, **Suzanne Buzek**, **Jackie Rodriguez**, and Mrs. Courvillion gather white products to take to the Fisher House in Houston on the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center campus. 4. The El Campo High School Bulletin Board shows the Give White campaign. 5. **Jackie Rodriguez**, **David Hathway**, **Bethaney Riley**, **Suzanne Buzek**, and **Erika Cerny** transporting their white items to the Fisher House. The Fisher House is a "home away from home" for veterans and their families as the veterans receive treatment for long-term illnesses or injuries.





6 & 7. Juniors **Shannon Bode** and **Kevin Jasso** time swimmers for NHS hours.

Ich liebe Deutsch

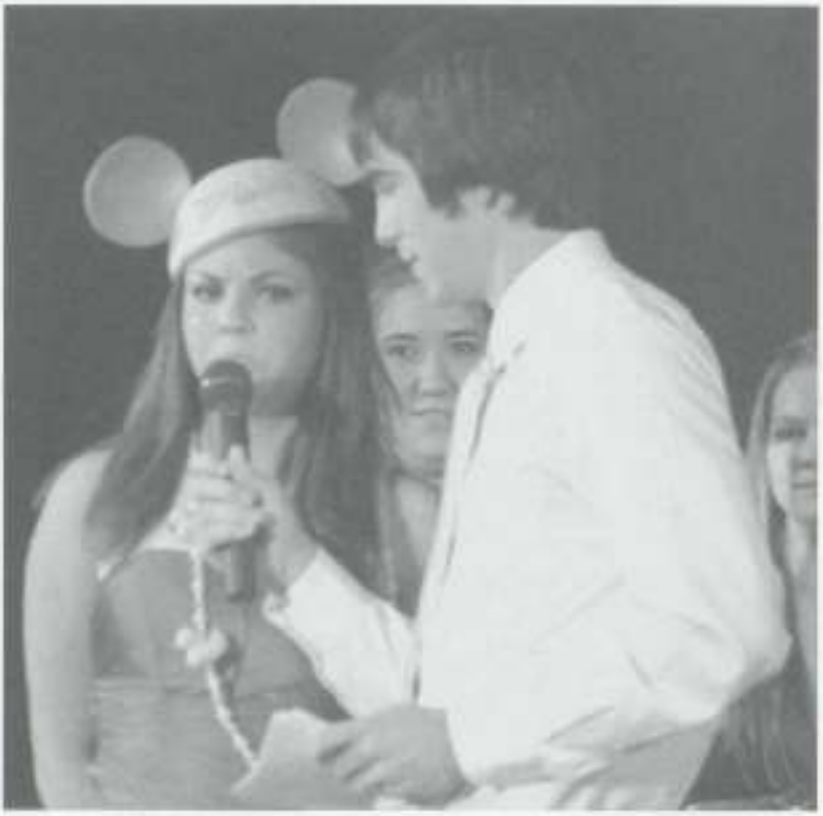
Spread by: Heather Vick

Crazy has always been a word to describe the ECHS German Club. Whether everyone was going crazy trying to get a great program together or just selling dinner tickets, it never failed to be fun. Not only did the members raise money for scholarships, but they also participated in German dancing.

The German Club met every week on Monday night to learn and practice their dances. Senior **Emilie Merck** made up a dance for contest. Club members also attended two German competitions, in Houston and Austin, in which they performed their dances as well as competed in various activities. The ECHS German Club put on the contest in Houston. The competition didn't just consist of German dancing, but other categories like oral tests, art, music, and drama. They placed near the top in both of the contests.

In late April, **Herr Soechting** took the students on a field trip to New Braunfels to sightsee and enjoy several museums and then enjoy a day at Schlitterbahn. While on the trips, something always happened with the bus. Either **Herr** set off the alarm on the bus and woke up a neighborhood, or just a couple of kids got into some mischief.

At the end of the year the German Club had a banquet in honor of the students' accomplishments they had made throughout the school year. It honored all the seniors that graduated with a German scholarship. At the banquet, students were also given awards for an A- honor roll in the class all year as well as "Funny Awards" for random things such as the "Grouch Award" or being "The Biggest Whiner".



If she could be any animal, Senior **Emilie Merck** would be a Kiwi. "The German program was crazy this year. There were a lot of people running around everywhere, but in the end we brought it together and made a good profit for the Seniors' Scholarships."

Photo by E. Bergmann



Photo by P. Soechting

Junior **Brad Staff** licks Sophomore **Matthew Hamman**'s hand while play Schlamp Dan Noch Bar in German class, but that isn't the craziest thing he has done. "I started a rap battle and I would say I won but others disagreed. I threw down the best beats on the South Coast. Junior Travis Trochta threw it down pretty hard but I beat him."



German Dancers compete at the Texas State German Contest in Austin. "My favorite German Dance was "Das Fenster" because I got to dance with multiple partners," said Junior **Leighton Sharp**. Photo by P. Soechting

Who needs to be cool when you have a robot?

Spread by: Derek Treybig



Seniors **Derek Merta** and **Thomas Williamson** make adjustments between rounds. "There were a lot of nerds at the competition....Dave fit right in," said Merta. Picture by: D. Treybig

The ECHS Robotics Club was a gathering of various intellectual minds that united together for one purpose: To build the robot to end all robots.... well, not exactly. The robot had to be able to lift and hang laundry which is a pretty lame task. In fact, most of the gatherings for designing the robot got nothing accomplished other than thinking up really elaborate weapons to mount on the robot like, "Dude, lets make a glue slinger," said Senior **John Knudsen**. Senior **Dave Mauch** noted, "We had tons of cool ideas for a robot that would lay traps or set all the other robots on fire, but in the end we just made one with a claw." Looking back at the entire endeavor, Senior **Blake Farthing** commented, "Robotics club was a very interesting experience. Watching John and Merta build the actual robot while Thomas and I tried to think up ways to sabotage the competition was a lot fun."

With a robot finally completed, it was taken to competition, where it did amazingly well. The team ended up getting seventh out of a field of twenty two tough teams, which is exceptionally impressive without the help of any adults. Nearly all the members had been friends since elementary school and been in advanced classes together throughout their academic careers. All in all, not bad for a group of seniors with short attention spans and a never-ending abundance of ideas that would never work.



The Robotics team had so many great candidates for president, they decided they were all awesome enough to be President, and they said so on their t-shirt. Picture by: D. Treybig



Seniors **Thomas Williamson**, **John Knudsen**, **Scott Niemier**, **Derek Treybig**, and **Derek Merta** take one last picture with their robot before dismantling it. Picture By: M. Treybig

Interact Leads the Way

Spread by: Megan Smith

The Interact Club, sponsored by the local Rotary Club, was created with the intention of increasing student participation in community service projects. Along with attending two club meetings a month, Interact members were involved in service projects such as working the Rotary fish fry and attending Rotary Club meetings.

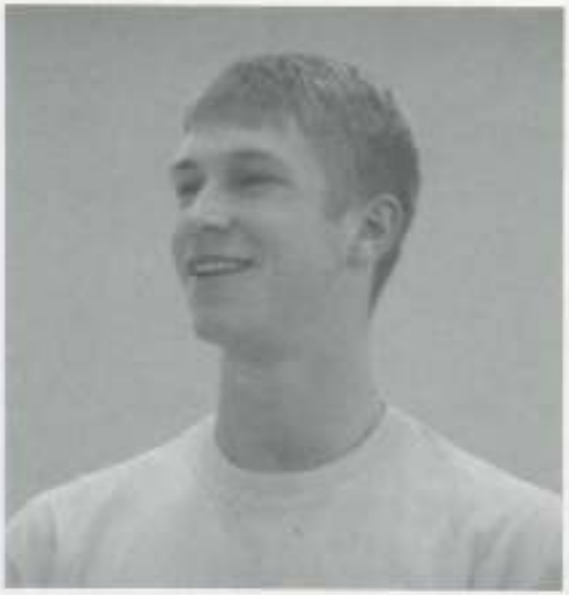
While participating in projects in the community, members were able to "interact" with different people. "Interact gave me a chance to meet new people, and I enjoyed doing all the community service projects with my friends," said **Isaac Atwood**. Some of the projects chosen by Interact, like the selling raffle tickets at the fish fry, seemed difficult at the beginning, yet once at work they proved to be easy and enjoyable with the help of a lot of members.

In January, Interact members were given the opportunity to go to a Rotary meeting for lunch to explain why they joined the club. "Joining interact looked like an interesting way to get involved in my community," said Club Finance Director **Stacey Gillis**.

Many members enjoyed Interact so much last year, they decided to run for an office. "I had a lot of fun my freshman year in Interact, so I wanted to have a bigger part of it during my sophomore year," said Club Treasurer **Kayla McCrary**.



Club President **Lauren Hughey** thanks Rotary Club for sponsoring Interact. "Being Interact President was a great learning experience for me. I acquired leadership skills I never thought possible for myself," said Hughey. Photo by M.Smith



Senior **Brandon Schnermund** explains to Rotarians why he chose to join Interact. "I wanted to get involved in the community, and I get the free pizza at the meetings," said Schnermund. Photo by M.Smith



Club Historian **Kaylyn Young** patiently listens to senior Club President **Lauren Hughey**'s speech to Rotary members. "Going to the Rotary meeting was a neat experience. I got the chance to see how a meeting is properly conducted, and I was excited because my dad's a Rotarian." Photo by M.Smith

Anchors Aweigh

Spread by: Megan Smith



President-Elect **Torie Rachunek** and President **Bethany Riley** present the Anchor Club banner at the District Convention. "We got to meet a lot of Anchors when we were practicing the banner procession," said Riley. *Photo by M.Smith*

The Anchor Club, sponsored by the local Pilot Club, began as a service organization aimed mainly at helping young students in the district. Anchors participated in projects such as BrainMinder Buddies at Myatt, helping out at Myatt Field Day and Fair Day, and buddying up with the competing kids from all ECISD schools at the Special Olympics in May.

"I enjoyed doing things that helped out the community as well as working with kids in town," said sophomore **Kelsey Cox**. "It gave me the opportunity, not to mention the confidence, to talk to and meet new people that I may have otherwise not met before."

During February, volunteer Anchors attended the District Anchor Convention held in Beaumont at the Elegante Hotel to learn various fundraising techniques, find interesting ideas for service projects and vote for the following year's Texas District Officers. "This year's convention was the best yet. I met so many new people and had a blast at the same time," said President-Elect **Torie Rachunek**.

Anchors attended the Special Olympics in Wharton as buddies to various special needs students throughout the district. They were able to participate with their partners in different activities such as the wagon, wheelchair, foot, and bicycle races.



Senior **Hector Gutierrez** displays his award for being the highest scorer at the Bowling Center. "I was proud of myself for having the highest score out of all the Anchors. I beat my little brother!" said Gutierrez. *Photo by M.Smith*



Pictured left to right: **Ane Farthing**, Pilot President; **Bethany Riley**, senior Club President; **Megan Smith**, junior Club Secretary; **Kelsey Cox**, sophomore; **Torie Rachunek**, junior Pres.-Elect; **Patricia Ramirez**, sophomore; **Carol Alfero**, sophomore; **Jackie Korenek**, Club sponsor. *Submitted Photo*

"Sometimes the simplest idea can make the biggest

Student Council

Spread By: Amanda Pesina

Student Council was a lot different from all previous years. Student Council was involved in many different projects, Shattered Dreams being the biggest event. Some Student Council members were even able to be part of the project. Junior Class Secretary **Amanda Pesina** said, "It was an honor to be part of something that has made such an impact on my fellow classmates lives." Student Body President **Jennifer Limas** said, "This was my favorite service project since I've been in Student Council."

NHS and Student Council started a new program to try and persuade students not to drink and drive. The program was called Shattered Dreams. It involved a staged accident in which one student was pronounced dead on the scene, one was life flighted and pronounced dead at the hospital, another was sent to the hospital by ambulance and the driver was arrested at the scene and taken to jail. Throughout the day a heart beat was heard throughout the school, and every fifteen minutes a student was pulled out of class and taken to the Administration Office. The students were then taken to Paradise Lodge where they had a retreat, heard real life stories from adults who had been affected by drinking and driving, and had the chance to re-examine their views on alcohol.

Another fun and new project that Student Council did was selling popcorn. Being a brand new service project and only selling the popcorn for two days, it was amazing that Student Council raised about $400. Sophomore Class Representative **Kaycie King** sold the most popcorn, selling more than $100 worth. Kaycie said, "I think that this fundraiser was the most successful project all year."

Student Council ended the year by attending Spring Convention at Quintana Beach. Sophomore Class Representative **Amy Hardin** (1) said, "The best thing about our Spring convention was being able to interact with all the other schools and come together as one and help clean the beach." After Student Council was done helping clean up the beach some of the Student Council members had a little fun and played games like limbo, soccer, and football. Freshman Class Representative **Landon Appling** (6) and Junior Class Representative **Tyler Woods** had fun playing limbo after cleaning up Quintana Beach, while Student Body Vice President **Jackie Rodriguez** and Freshman Class Vice President Anthony Cruz watched. **Anthony Cruz** said, " It was fun to get away from school for a day and go to the beach and have fun with my friends."



Tyler Socha, Amanda Pesina, Cade Radley, Cooper Cullins and **Kaycie King** sit and relax at the Spring Convention at Quintana Beach.
Photo by: D. Vesely



Tyler Socha, Amy Hardin, Amanda Pesina, Emily Ryan, Kyndal Priesmeyer and **Holly Vesely** teach Myatt students about not doing drugs. Photo by: O. Reva



Emily Bergstrom poses for an officer photo to be placed on the ECISD webpage. Photo By: O.Reza



Student Council members hold up there hands in enjoyment from driving down a bridge on the return trip from Spring District Convention. Photo By: A. Pesina



Anthony Cruz and **Jackie Rodriguez** sit and watch **Landon Appling** and **Tyler Woods** play limbo. Photo By: H. Vesely



Tyler Socha puts out more cookies during the Blood Drive. Photo by: O.Reza

What's YOUR TAKE on Student Council?

Sophomore Class Treasurer **Anna Raum**: "Being in Student Council has taught me to get along with people and to be more responsible."

Student Body President **Jennifer Limas**: "My favorite service project this year was helping out with Shattered Dreams. I think that it taught a lot and has made a difference."

Student Body Reporter **Emily Bergstrom**: "Student Council means that we're all looked up to, to try and make a difference in our school, and to help out as much as possible to get things done."

Junior Class Secretary **Amanda Pesina**: "This year I have been a part of a lot of service projects, but my favorites were Shattered Dreams and the Fashion Show!"

Junior Class President **Tyler Socha**: "I always enjoy being part of the Lifeskills Christmas party because we have a lot of fun getting our groove on and eating breakfast."



During the Shattered Dreams mock wreck, **Suzanne Buzek** was badly injured and sent to the hospital she later "died." Over 40 students were involved in the project.

Cosmetology

Spread by: Lynette Faniel

Having a bad hair day? Well you could always stop by the Cosmetology room and get your "hair did." You didn't have to be a girl to be in cosmetology, there were guys in there, too. It took a lot of hard work and dedication to take a tough class like that. It wasn't all fun and games.

They learned everything from cutting hair, curling and manicuring, to full head styles. The class was very talented and challenged themselves in their projects.

The Cosmetology Skills class competed in district and state contests. At District the Skills class placed as followed: **Yesenia Cura** 1st, **Guiovanna Quintela** 1st and Best of Show, **Trisha Wilson**, **Ashley Rooker**, **April Uvalle**, **Gloria Gutierrez**, **Christian Hernandez**, **Maria Correa**, **Jamie Enriquez**, **Felisha Escamia**, **Genaro O'Canas**, and **Zulema Esquivel** 1st. **Meagan Ochoa** took 2nd. When they competed for State they placed Yesenia, Trisha, Ashley, Gloria, Maria, Felisha, Jamie, Genaro, and Christian 2nd, with Guiovanna coming in 1st.

Cosmetology is also a great field of work. Some students even hoped to attain a career in cosmetology.



1. **Guiovanna Quintela** said, "My mannequin is the best and I rocked it at contest" 2. Mrs. Loaiza getting her hair done by **Marlana Johnson**. 3. Zulema is giving **Yesenia Cura** an oil manicure. Yesenia said, "The class is pretty fun, and I think other people can do it as well." Zulema stated that, "Oil massages feel really good and make your hands soft." 4. **Zulema Esquivel** touching up her mannequin before class is over. 5. **Shaeondra Greely** curling and coloring a customer's hair. "Once I tried to dye someone's hair and it turned out another color." 6. **Gloria Gutierrez** helping with the oil massage said "These things do really make your hands soft!"



Marlana Johnson giving her mannequin it's final touches. "When I saw my cousin doing people's hair, it made me want to also," said Marlana. Photo By: L. Faniel





Trisha Wilson works on her Volcano head mannequin. "It was a good experience to try and get it to stay up."

Yesenia Cura working on her Mardi Gras mannequin for contest. "I was very proud of my mannequin," said Yesenia. Photo By: L. Faniel

We asked who the students thought did the best hair. Senior Genaro O'Canas said, "I would recommend Maria because she does great cuts and is very experienced."

Photos by L. Faniel



A truly great structure, one that is meant to stand the tests of time never disregards its environment. A serious architect takes that into account. The Lake House 2006

Mr. Ormand's Classes

Spread By: Lynette Faniel









1. **Holly Vesely**, 4. **Robert Blume**, 3. **Cody Haynes**, and 2. **Jazmin Sanchez**. The students all working hard and touching up on their projects. Holly and Jazmin are drafting in their Architectural Drafting class, Robert is soldering in his E.P.T. class, and Cody is touching up on his letter holder. Photos By: K. Ormand

Mr. Ormand didn't only have one class, but different types of classes. Mr. Ormand offered Wood Shop , E.P.T., Communication Graphics, Architectural Drafting, and Architectural Graphics. Most students took the class to find a career, but others used it as a "fun period."

When asked their favorite part about Mr. Ormand's class, most students replied, "Listening to music."

Towards the end of the year, Mr. Ormand held a contest between his classes and other nearby schools. The students competed with the projects they made throughout the year.

Students who qualified also competed in the state meet in Waco. "We worked really hard to be prepared for Waco, and Waco is always so much fun," said senior **Samantha Faniel**.









1. Senior **Edward Galvan** said, "The class is pretty easy, especially if it's something you like." 2. "I really enjoy being in Mr. Ormand's class. It's lots of fun and I like to do this type of stuff," said sophomore **George Sanchez**. 3. **Landon Washington** and **Richard Coleman** measuring. 4. Senior **Jolynn Enriquez** drafting. 5. **Jonathan Ortiz** drafting. 6. Junior **Colton Pratka** drafting 7. Sophomore **Jose Reyna** said, "The class was pretty easy, but hard at the same time." 8. Junior **Adrian Jauregui** soldering in his E.P.T. class. Photos By: L. Faniel and K. Ormand

As everyone knew, Mr. Ormand could say some really funny stuff. Senior **Samantha Faniel** said, "He gets really riled off when we're not doing what we're supposed to be doing." (above) Samantha working on her airplane project. She got **Best Of State** for her plane in Waco.
Photos by: Lynette Faniel



It's not easy being smooth, but **Trenton Socha** has it down. Trenton is sanding down a piece of wood on the disc sander. Photo By: K. Ormand



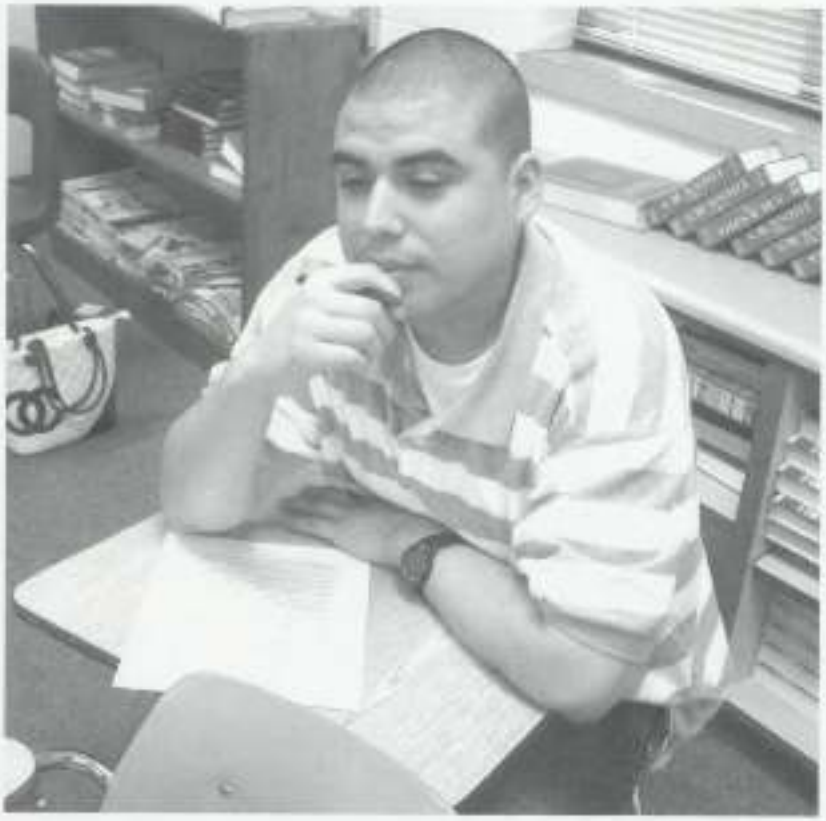
Junior **Bryan Gonzalez** said "I wanted to see what it was like to be an architect and maybe it's what I want to be in the future." Photo By: K. Ormand

"The teacher asked me what was the capital of North Carolina. I said Washington D.C. She said 'No, you're wrong'. -Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby 2006

History - More Than Just Names and Dates

Social studies is the study of history, economics, geography, government, and other social science subjects. The teachers of history were often times just as interesting as the subject taught, and sometimes teachers went above and beyond to make lasting memories in students minds. Sometimes they reflected the students' behavior as well. "Every time Spenrath called someone a weirdo or cat daddy is what I remember," said sophomore **Linda Cerny**. Sophomore **Sean Bram** remembers "doing the Jewish dance in Mrs. Palt's class."

If students found the material less than enthralling, Coach Arkadie found a way to energize the class. "When someone fell asleep in class, he would hit the bottom of the desk with a mallet to wake them up" said junior **Eve Wilson**. Coach Eusay was one of the many history teachers to bring humor into the classroom. "I remember joking around with Coach Eusay everyday sophomore year," said junior **Courtney Boone**. Senior **Derek Treybig** recalls "Ms. Thomas use of 'sexy words,' and followed by a lot of economics vocabulary, and then by her words, 'Isn't that AWESOME!!'"



Junior **Sotero Lorta** looking very deep in thought in his History class. He is trying to recall the importance of former president Jimmy Carter.



A student playing Tetris on his phone, a fight fought all year by teachers in Social Studies Classrooms.

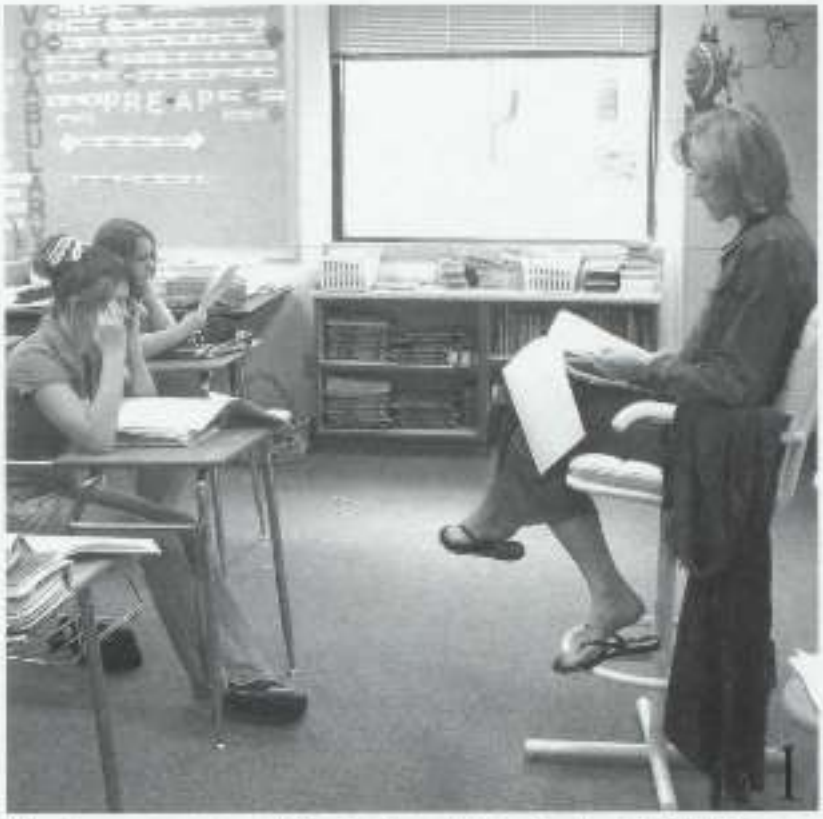


Senior **Dave Mauch** and Ms. Thomas discussing current events.

"I can't believe what a bunch of nerds we are. We're looking up 'money laundering' in a dictionary." -Office Space 1999

Me Fail English? That's Unpossible.

Spreads and Photographs by: Blake Farthing



Mrs. Swenson instructing **Shelby Marik** and **Kelsey Supak** on their TAKS Tests. Mrs. Swenson was known to teach until the very last day of school.

Main Entry: 1En·glish
Pronunciation: 'i[ng]-glish, 'i[ng]-lish
Function: adjective
Etymology: Middle English, from Old English englisc, from Engle (plural) Angles
: of, relating to, or characteristic of England , the English people, or the English language
- En·glish·ness noun

English is a core class, and each high school student was required to take four years by the state. Each class was basically the same with different versions of learning about literature and the language. The experiences and the things taught in English vary just as much as the instructors teaching them.

Junior **Lauren Mach** said "Mr. Palt told jokes about the most random things, but were hilarious." Mrs. Wagner was also known as a little eccentric. "She would yell 'I'm freaking out you guys!' and then the whole class would laugh," recalls Senior **Hailey Leopold**.

Sometimes the students were just as interesting as the teachers. "I remember when Josh Wood told everyone that he was going to beat them up with his tiger style karate," said junior **Bobby Jack Polasek**.



Students follow along as TAKS work is read aloud.



Junior **Hannah O'Briant** is captivated with English, as junior **Neal Garza** prepares to increase her vocabulary. Foreign exchange student **Meimi NaKamura** enjoys a glimpse at American culture.

"I love you with every cell, with every atom. I love you on a subatomic level." Flubber 1997

Science

Spread by: Lauren Arnett

From microscopes, to dissecting animals, to learning about the world around us, science classes offered us information about the basic building blocks of life.

There were wide range of classes to choose; IPC, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Students were required to take at least three years of science classes. In these classes students did labs that allowed them to see first hand how science really works. One such lab was the Ecosystem lab, which students in Mrs. Polasek's biology class undertook. "The ecosystem lab was the coolest because we go to see how a miniature world works," said sophomore **Meredith Bard**. "It is neat to see how the real world would be if we didn't have any oxygen or food," said sophomore **Shelby Cooper**.

"The most important thing I have ever learned in science class was to be careful while doing a lab," said junior **Amanda Pesina** "I learned that the hard way when I burned someone in my chemistry class!



Sophomores **Codi Kulcak, Karlee Valez**, and **Kelsey Cox** collected water from a puddle to investigate what dirty puddle water looked like under a microscope. Photo By L. Arnett



"The hardest subject to learn in Biology class was the cell," said sophomore **Jasmin Allen** as she read her Biology book. Photo By L. Arnett

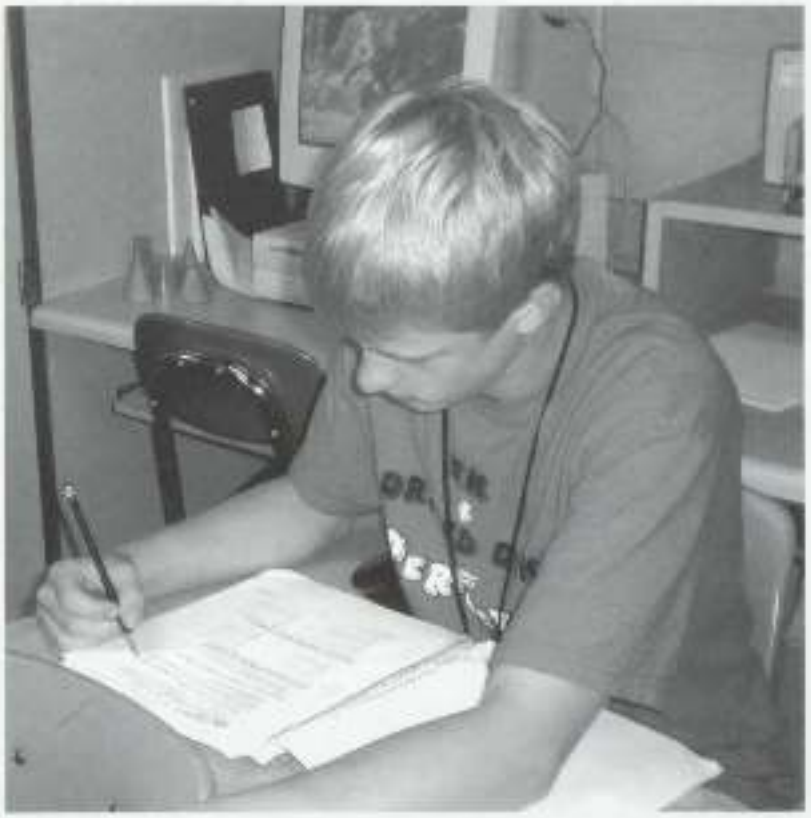


"I really enjoyed biology especialy because of our new teacher Mrs. Jones. She made science really fun and I had a great time in her class," said sophomore **Amy Hardin**. Photo By L. Arnett

Mathematics...mathematics is never going to lead you to higher truth and you know why? Because it's boring! A Beautiful Mind 2001

Math

Spread by: Lauren Arnett



Freshman **Keenan Ilse** said, "Math is not my favorite subject because it is hard."
Picture by A. Hardin

Math. A class many students dreaded going to and others enjoyed. But why did students dread math class? Is it because it's boring or are there to many things to remember? Well, math is something we use every day of our life. It can be as easy as counting money or just by simply reading the clock to check what time it is.

There were many different math classes offered which included; Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre Calculus, and Calculus. Some students stared their High School credits by taking Algebra I during their eighth grade year. Advanced classes were also offered for students who liked to challenge themselves. The most valuable lesson learned about math class is that there are many different way to solve a problem.

"The funniest memory in geometry was when the class put a fake snake in Mrs. Couvillion's chair, and when she walked in the room and pulled it out from under her desk and screamed. It was hilarious!" said sophomore **Kelsey Cox.**



"My favorite subject in geometry is angles and sides. It is easy and I've always caught onto it," said sophomore **Kelsey Cox.** Photo by L. Arnett



"I like teaching geometry because I enjoy math and I like how it is objective and that it is either right or wrong and there is no gray area," said geometry teacher Mrs. Couvillion.
Photo by L. Arnett

"How come you know so much about bowling?"
Kingpin 1996

Bowling Team finishes up rookie year with great success

Spread by: Emily Bergstrom and Bryce Skow

El Campo High School welcomed a new addition to the sports category this year with the school's very own bowling team. After having tryouts, the team began practicing at the El Campo Bowling Alley under the watchful eyes of Coaches Brenda Harp and Mike Bergstrom. Senior **Travis Krpec** commented, "Bowling is a highly competative sport, but it's fun too. Practices are fun and the meets are intense but it's worth it!"

Why would a student join the bowling team? According to Junior **Tyson Rheinschmidt** "because I enjoy being around friends and I enjoy bowling". Freshmen **Bethany Weinheimer** pursed the bowling team because "it sounded like fun and I wanted to learn how to bowl".

After breezing through the district competition against East Bernard both the girl's and boy's teams were eligible to advance to the Regional Competition. Unfortunately for the girl's team a few complications arose that prevented them from competing at Regionals, but the boy's team made a terrific showing placing 7th at the competition held in Katy. Even though bowling can become quite competitive at times, the sheer thrill of getting a "turkey" and the hopes of bowling "a perfect game" bring bowlers back again and again.

Sophomore **Brian Moreno** said his favorite part about the bowling team was "the people and the coaches are very nice, they are fun to be around." The returning members of the team are patiently awaiting the start of next year's season, "Next year we are going all the way to state!" according to Junior **Kristi Michaelsen and** Junior **Tyson Rheinschmidt.**



Senior **Travis Krpec** at bowling practice learning the perfect technique. Photo by S. Schr...



Freshman **Ashley Cochrum**, Juniors **Emily Bergstrom, Tyson Rheinschmidt,** and **Kristi Michaelsen** hang out at the bowling alley after practice. "We had so much fun this season, I can't wait for next year" said Cochrum. Photo illustration by B. Skow and E. Bergstrom

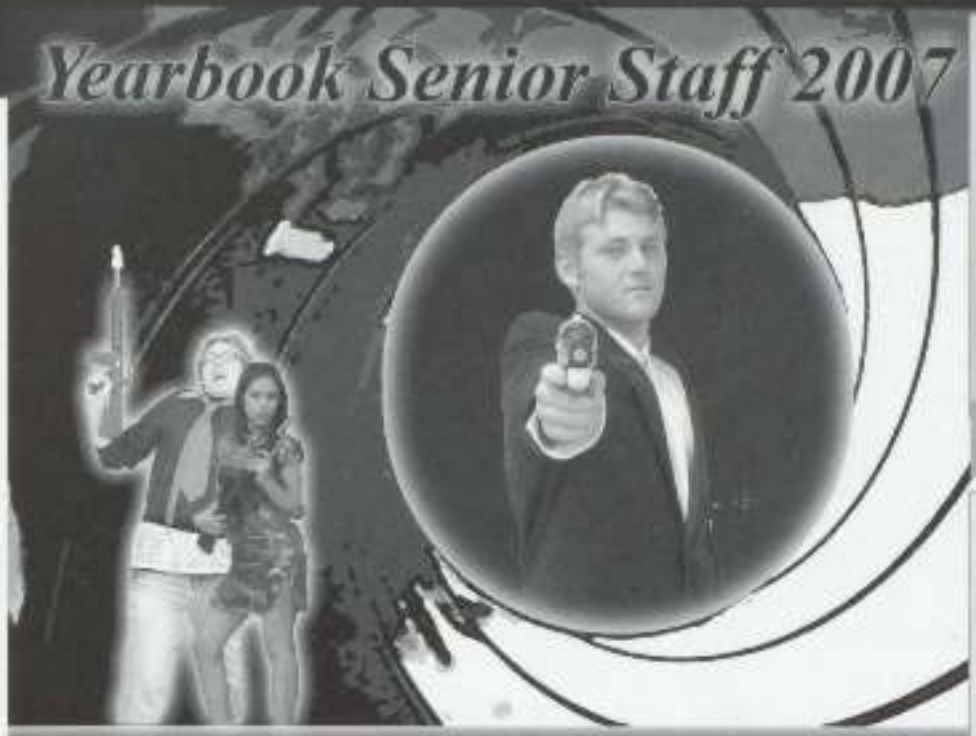


Sophomore **Brian Moreno** shows Freshman **Hailey Pierce** and Freshman **Bethany Weinheimer** the proper technique for their bowling approach. Photo illustration by E. Bergstrom and B. Skow



The boys bowling team poses for a picture at the Regional Tournament where they placed 5th. Pictured are: **Derek Treybig, Brian Moreno, Travis Krpec, Collin Couey, Tyson Rheinschmidt, Nick Kubala,** and **Scott Niemeier.** Photo by B. Moreno

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Derek Treybig
as
James Bond
in

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Lauren as
Penelope



Stephanie as
Copy Cat



Brittany as
Honey Ryder



Tamara as
Ivana



Catherine as
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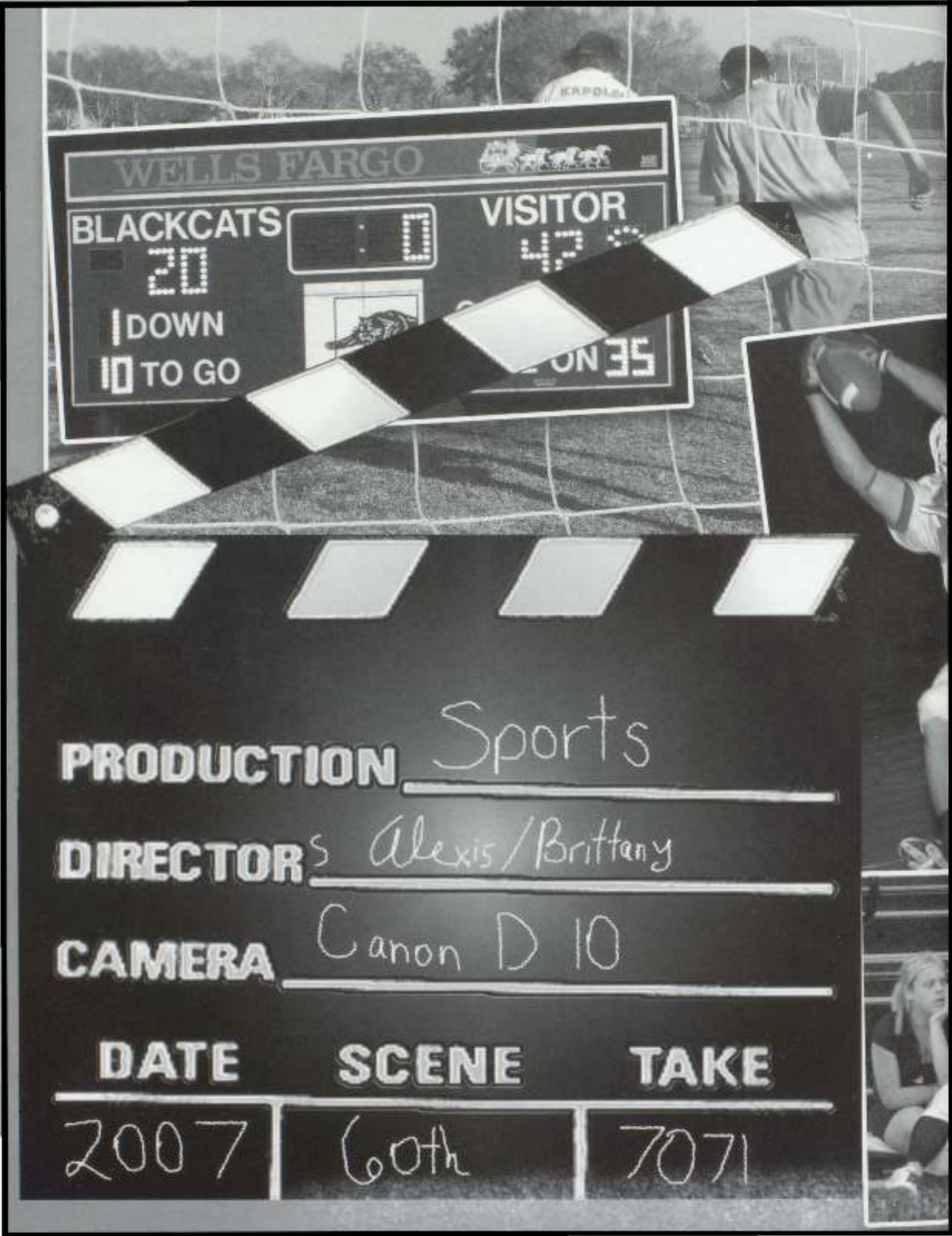
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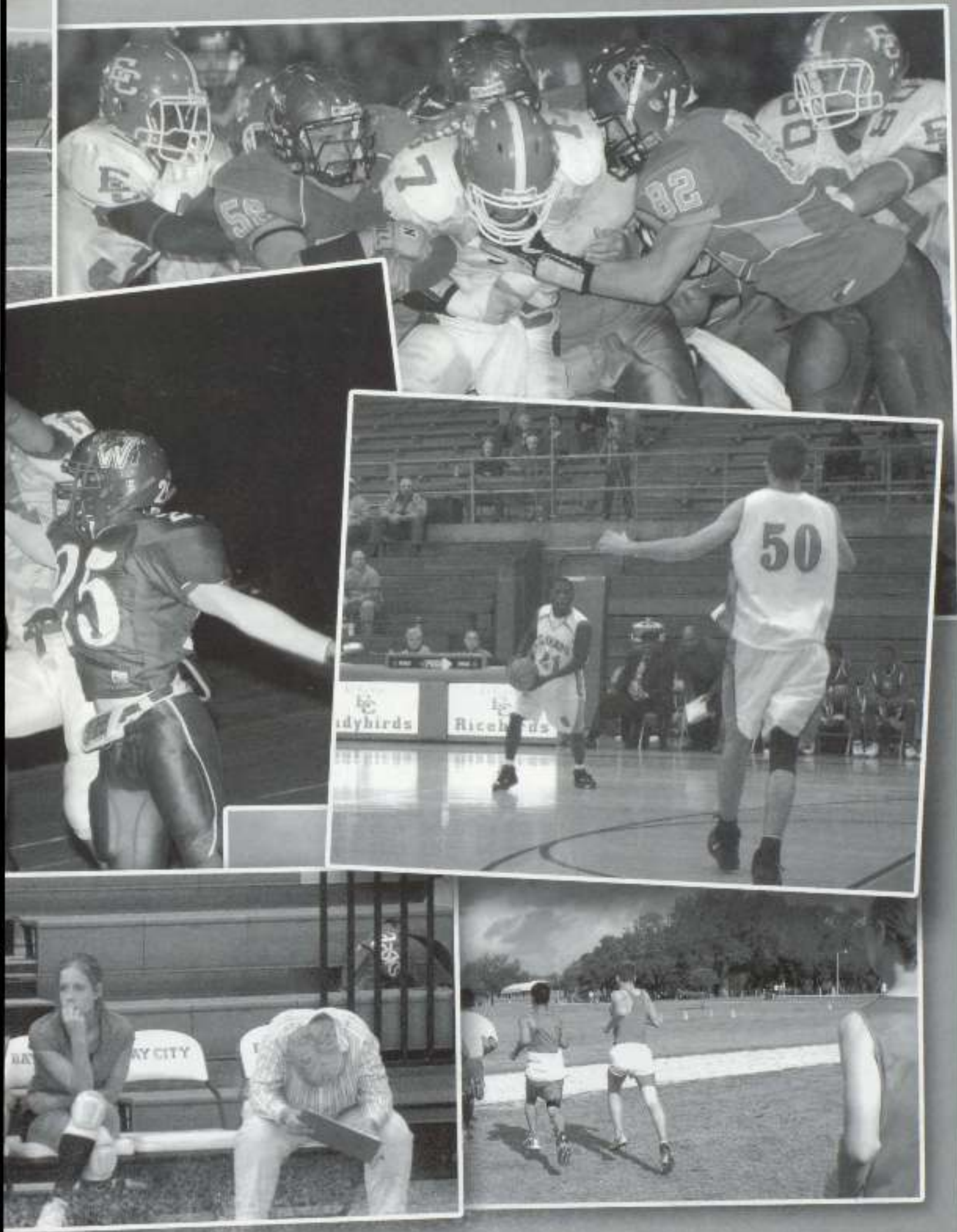


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Cheering Stars!

Spread By: Brandi Roddy

"Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar - All for the Ricebirds stand up and holler!" the cheerleaders often yelled before the Birds ran onto the field.

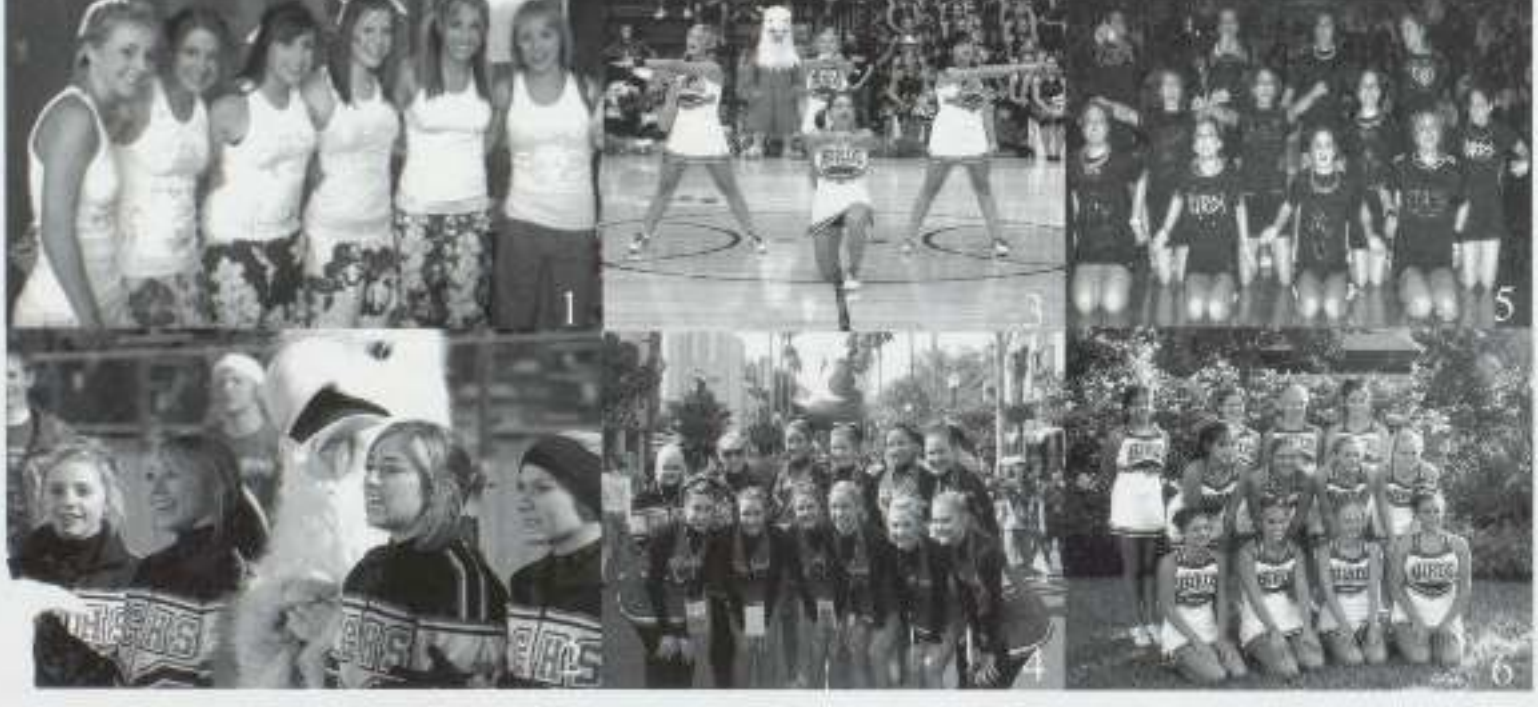
During football season the cheerleaders were on the field waiting for each big game every Friday night where they would see all the roaring fans waiting anxiously to watch their favorite team. Whether its stunts, or their cheers, the cheerleaders always found a way to pump the crowds up. By their flip-flops, standing backs, fulls, dancing routines and stunts, the cheerleaders' showed that they had true talent by the way they moved on the field.

Before the games the cheerleaders got prepared by listening to music and dancing around. Sophomore **Amy Hardin** said, "We dance to 'Jump On It' and get really hyper."

It would have been a really hard game to go without motivation; the cheerleaders got the football players ready to defeat their opponents. Cheerleaders showed the aspect of the fan's love of the game and helped the crowd get loud and crazy. Junior **Brittany Gonzalez** said when she was standing on the football field, "Its unexplainable. It's a mixture of so many things I can't describe. I'm always excited and anxious, hoping we will win." Also on the mornings before a game, being home or away, the cheerleaders prepared for pep rallies held for all the student body to get the whole school pumped for the game that night.

After the football season the cheerleaders started preparing for their competition. They held a Mini Camp for the little girls that would like to be cheerleaders to raise money for their competition. Sophomore **Whitley Vacek** said, "I like being able to teach the little girls everything that they want to know about becoming a cheerleader and teaching them just to have fun."

The cheerleaders also started a Booster Club in the summer of 2006 to help raise money for the blow up helmet used as the entrance on the field by the varsity football team. The cheerleaders competed at San Marcos and won first place then traveled to Florida for Nationals and competed in the semi finals. Sophomore **Lauren Wigginton** said, "My most memorable moment at competition was going out on the blue mat and performing my heart out. It was so nerve-racking, but when I hit the competition floor I put on a smile and did my thing." At nationals their routine consisted of: tumble pass, pyramids, a chant, a cheer, stunts, and of course, tons of spirit. After their performance the cheerleaders went to Disney World where the park closed down just for the cheerleaders. Sophomore **Brittney Oates** said, "I had a lot of fun at Disney World. It was an awesome experience, after we worked hard for competition." When their season was over the cheerleaders began preparing for try out for next year's squad. It truly took a lot of hard work and dedication to be a cheerleader just by showing up to early practices and staying late at night perfecting a routine.



1. The cheerleaders getting ready for the Hawaiian pep rally. Sophomore **Lauren Wigginton** said, "I love the beach pep rally because it made me feel like I'm in summer again, even though were in September. Photo by L.Wigginton
2. Four of the twelve cheerleaders wait on the track to perform. Photo by W.Treadwell
3. Hitting the last pose of a routine at a pep rally. Photo by B.Gardner
4. A fun picture at competition. Photo by B.Wigginton
5. A pose of the Halloween pep rally. Photo by B.Gardner
6. Group photo. Photo by B.Wigginton
7. Sophomore **Danielle Zalman**. Photo by W.Treadwell
8. Sophomore **Courtney Cadriel**. Photo by W.Treadwell
9. "My favorite thing about mini-camp is all the little kids because they look up to us and try so hard," said sophomore **Amy Hardin**. Photo by W. Treadwell
10. Sophomore **Brittany Bubela** said her favorite cheer is that's right we're back, because it pumps her up like they are the best and it makes a point that they are ready for anything." Photo by W.Treadwell
11. **Brittany Oates** said "My favorite flip is a full because I'm a good at it. Photo by W.Treadwell
12. **Macy Stavinoha** listens to the school song played by the band and waits for her chance to cheer! Photo by W.Treadwell
13. Sophomores **Whitley Vacek** boosts **Lauren Wigginton** up for a little stunt. Wigginton said, "my favorite pep rally is the Homecoming because the gym is decorated so beautiful to the balloons to all the glitz and glam." Vacek said the she really does not dislike anything about cheerleading but she just wishes people would see how much hard work them and their parents put in to it and all the pep rallies. Photo by B.Gardner
14. When Gonzalez was asked who your favorite cheerleader is she replied, "They are all very talented and hard working. They are all my favorite in their own different way." Photo by W.Treadwell
15. Junior **Kyndal Priesmeyer** and sophomore **McKinsey Flores** dancing to a routine for the student body. Kyndal said "the funniest thing that had happened in cheerleading was when I kneed McKinsey in the eye." McKinsey said her funniest thing was "when Kyndal and I would play around during stunts." Photo by W.Treadwell
16. Junior **Kyndal Priesmeyer** up in a stunt held by **Macy Stavinoha**, **Suzanne Buzek** , and **McKinsey Flores**. Photo by B.Gardner
17. Head cheerleader **Suzanne Buzek** on the Varsity field as the school song plays. Photo by W.Treadwell
18. Group of Cheerleaders performing. Photo by B.Gardner

Sophomore Whitley Vacek said, "My most memorable moment at competition was when Courtney and Macy were asked to answer the question 'What Is A Ricebird!' and over the microphone Courtney replied "It's a bird that sits on a cows back and eats bugs."







"I want you to know that just by trying out today,

JV Cheerleaders

Spread By: E. Wilson

Two Bits, Four Bits,

Six Bits a Dollar,

All for the Ricebirds,

Stand up and holler!

It was an outstanding year for the JV cheerleaders. They helped the Varsity Cheerleaders during the Pep Rallies by holding up letters, setting up skits for Ricky, also by cheering on pumping up the Ricebirds. The captain of the JV Cheerleading Squad was **Chelsea Solis**. "It was great getting to go to cheer camp, and we all had lots of fun and got to know each other better," said **Hayley Pierce.**

Also school work and time was difficult with the girls, "Pre-Ap classes, getting straight A's, participating in FFA and 4-H, and trying to still be a teenager was difficult at times," said **Nicki Sablatura.**



Nicki Sablatura, Katlyn Urbanovsky, Bethany Weinheimer, Hayley Pierce, Laura-lee Collins, Chelsea Solis, and **Kaylin Panning** stand for a pose during a freshman football game. Photo Submitted



"I really don't prepare I just stretch so I do not pull anything," said **Kaylin Panning.**
Photo By: W.Treadwell

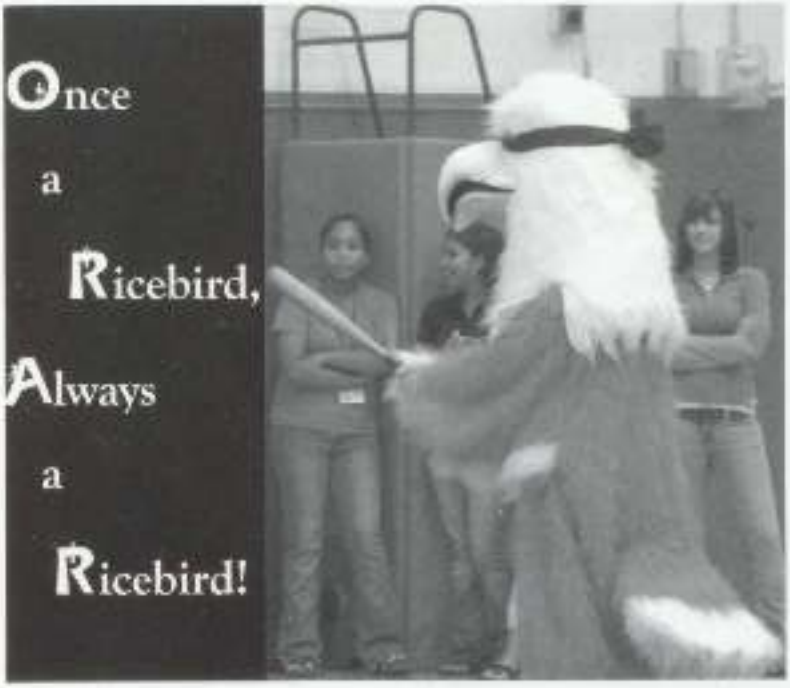


"It was hard since I was in volleyball, but I worked my schedule around cheerleading," said **Hayley Pierce** pictured with **NaNa Gonzales.**
Photo By: W.Treadwell



"When I first learned how to do a Liberty, I mad faces that looked like I was very scared," said **Hayley Pierce.**
Photo by: O.Ibarra

Ricky, Ricky Ricebird!!



Here she goes again showing her Ricebird Spirit at the Fiesta Pep Rally! "The crowd always cheered me on and it made me forget about how hot it was in that suit!" said Tupa." She cheered the crowd on at every game.

"Ricky Ricebird, Ricky, Ricky, Ricky!"

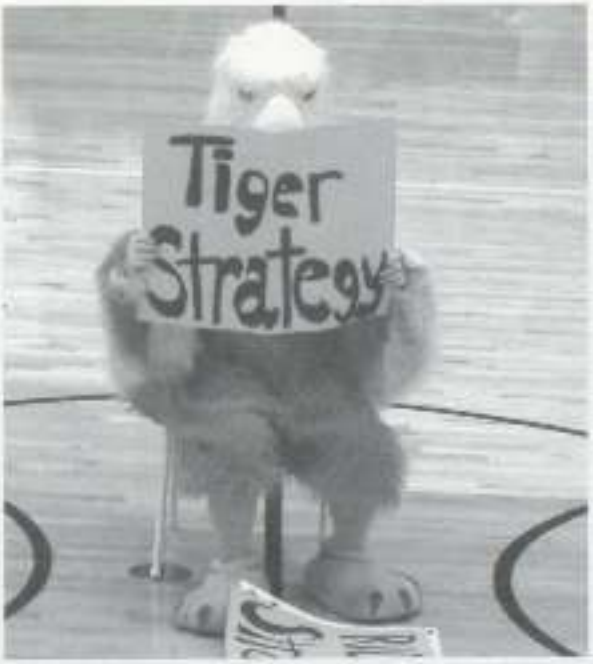
This was all that Cassidy Tupa heard as she walked to the football stands during the 2006-2007 football games. "It was hot in the costume, but overall it was alot of fun! I enjoyed talking to the little kids and their parents. I strongly believe that more people should try out and experience the fun!"

As the cheerleaders cheered at the pep rallies, Ricky Ricebird put on skits, made the crowd yell, and was a big fan of the community. "The first event I had to participate in was the carnival at the hospital. At first I had thoughts of getting nervous, but once I could act like myself I knew everything would be awesome!"

Cassidy also recieved many awards at the UCA cheer camp, such as: UCA All Star Mascot, Superior Mascot Award, and also Best Jumper.



"The first peprally was nerve racking, but everyone cheered for me and told me how good I did. I had a really good year," said Tupa. Photo By: W. Treadwell



During the season, Cassidy had to create all of her skits. Cassidy said, "I figured that if I wanted to be the best mascot of all time, I would have to be involved with every peprally and show the audience that Ricky is AWESOME!" Photo By: W Treadwell

RICKY

Tennis Is Triumphant In 2007

Spread By: Meimi Nakamura

The Varsity Tennis Team started their fall season with the score of 2-0, but they ended up with the score of 2-13.

All the tournaments they participated in were held out of town. Coach Pavlu drove the bus to every tournament. During the spring season, the team had to leave the school around 4:30 - 6:30 in the morning to get to tournaments because the coaches had meetings before the tournament started. The bus ride was one of their great memories for most players.

Coach Pavlu shuffled the doubles players a lot in between seasons and during the seasons. In the fall he changed the number one girls doubles players and the number one mix doubles players. During the spring season, he changed the mix doubles players. A few players, who had the partner changed, struggled at the beginning.

The seniors gave their very best toward the team throughout the season. There were six seniors on the tennis team and they gave their all on the tennis courts. Sophomore **Paige Guerra** said, "It's going to be quiet next year in tennis, because **Kenny** and **Brandon** won't be here. They were the loudest of all of us."

On the picture below, **Kenny Gustafson** looks really serious, but he was the one who made the whole team laugh, including Coach Pavlu. When considering the condition of the high school tennis courts, Kenny said, "Well, I'm not satisfied, however, I think the money would be better spent creating a life-size statue of me to immortalize my greatness." He always lightened the mood of the tennis team with his partner, senior **Brandon Schmermund**, even though they sometimes made Coach Pavlu upset.

Unfortunately, the team didn't get the results they wanted, although, all players tried their best. They had pretty hard draws in a lot of tournaments and the team failed in defeating the other teams.

It wasn't the greatest year of tennis for them, but they made the greatest memories during the seasons. The team was very close and they had fun no matter how bad their scores were in the tournaments. Once, when they unexpectedly finished the tournament early, they went down on the creek and jumped into the river just to have fun. This became one of the most memorable moments for all the varsity tennis players of '06-'07.

They became like a family by the end of the season. Senior **Jeffery Supak** said, "There is a tennis group in our school and they are so very close to each other that I can hardly fit in when I'm with them."

With the end of the year came the good-bye to the seniors as they moved on to college. Most of the underclassmen players wanted to keep playing tennis next year either for school or just for fun.





1. Senior **Kenny Gustafson** returns to the partner during practice with his sharp backhand stroke.
2. Junior **Brad Staff** hits backhand volley to the opponent during practice.

Photos by: M. Nakamura







3. Senior **Ashley Scoach** practicing serve for the district tournament.
4. Senior **Bethany Riley** put her all efforts in the practice and the tournaments.
5. Senior **Hailey Leopold**
6. Senior **Brandon Schmermund** steals a ball from senior **Bethany Riley** after practice, hitting with his team mates.
7. From the left, sophomore **Lucas Blanchard**, senior **Brandon Schmermund**, and senior **Garrett Prochaska** chill by the tennis court after practice.

Photos by M. Nallamuru





"Now what you have to understand Bobby is that

Great Expectations

Spread By: Madsen Raun

The Ricebird golf team had unrivaled success in all of the tournaments consisting of our district's teams. Of the eight tournaments played by the Ricebirds they walked away victorious four times. Of those four victories, two of them were sweeps in that first and second place were taken by the Ricebirds varsity and junior varsity teams. Senior **Travis Johnson** and Sophomore **Cullen Pickett** advanced to the Regional tournament.

Golf is a very expensive game to play. When asked how much Senior **Nick Kubala** spent on his golf clubs he simply replied, "too much." It is likely that everybody on the varsity team had at least $1,800 in their golf bag. It might be an expensive sport, but it was unanimously agreed that it was all worth it.

It was once said that golf is a game played on a five inch course, the one between your ears. Nobody on the team can attest to that statement more than **Derek Treybig**. When asked about what aspect of his game he would like to master more than any other he replied, "I wish that I could play a round of golf, and not let my head get in the way of a good round." The brain is a valued tool amongst golfers, whether professional or amateur, but it has a tendency of getting ahead of the rest of the body and seriously hindering their ability to hit a good shot.

The golf team was proud that it sent three Ricebirds to play golf while they are continuing their education; Travis Johnson will be playing for the University of Texas in Tyler, **Derek Treybig** and **Nick Kubala** for the University of Texas in Dallas. When asked about being able to continue playing competitive golf in college, Travis Johnson replied, "It is a dream come true. Since freshman year I have been working hard, trying to get a name for myself in the collegiate world, and all of the work has seriously paid off." All of the members of the team were proud of their teammates for their outstanding accomplishments.

The Varsity team season had four seniors and one junior, so the expectations for greatness were understandable. "I've had most of these guys on the team for the past four years. I've seen them change from immature freshmen to distinguished seniors both on and off the course. I am really proud of all these guys. They will be really hard to replace," said Coach Harp.

The girls golf, despite only being three members, did very well. All three of three were sophomores, and improved greatly from the beginning of the year to the district tournament. **Kirbie House** commented on their team saying, "I wish we had more members so that we could compete on the team level, but we still have a lot of fun when we do go to our tournaments."





First and Second place teams at the El Campo Invitational.





Left: **Nicholas Kubala** hits his tee shot into the green at El Campo Country Club hole number. *Above, Photo by M. Raun.* *Above:* **Madsen Raun** accepts the second place team plaque and medals at the El Campo Tournament. *Photo by D. Tejeda.*

three badshots and one good shot still make par."

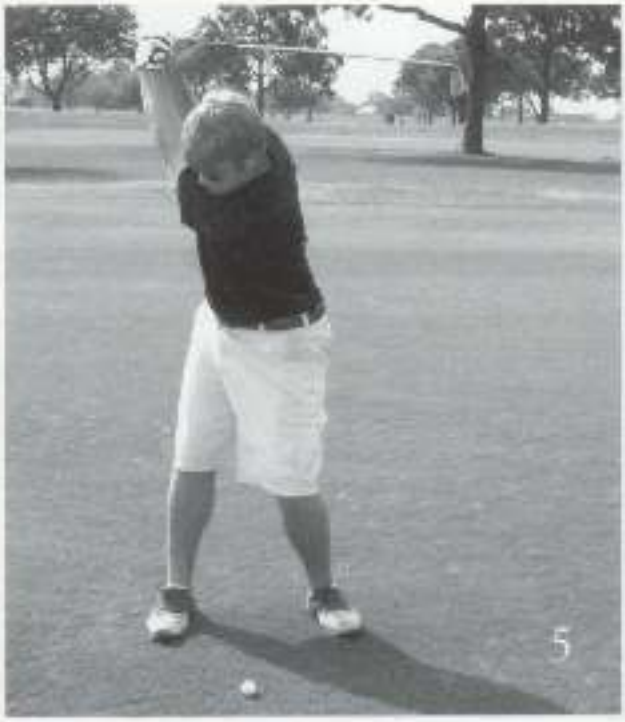
Bobby Jones:Stroke of Genius 2004







1: **Travis Johnson** sinks a long putt at the El Campo Country Club. When asked about practice Travis replied, "I spend quite a bit of time out at the golf course practicing, most of that time is spent hitting full shots, but a lot of time is also spent on the practice green." 2: **Kirbie House** sets up before making a long putt, while **Samantha Zabodyn** reads her upcoming putt on hole number one. 3: **Kyle Janssen** sits in disgust after being disqualified from the El Campo tournament, for a simple rules violation. When asked he replied, "Rules are rules. I honestly didn't know any better, but the punishment was fair." 4: **Jordan McClain** tees off on number three. 5: **Derek Treybig** hits his approach to the green on hole number three. All Photos by M. Kunz





Go For The Goal!

Spread By: Melanie Henslee

Though we may not have contracts to draft players like David Beckham, we do however have dedicated and determined soccer players who are out there to win.

In November, the ECHS boys had tryouts to see which lucky students would become fighting Ricebird soccer players. After a week of hard work, sweat, and strong determination, the 2007 ECHS soccer team was posted.

"They're a young team and have a lot to learn, but I know I have a good group of talented players who are willing to do just that," said Coach Arkadie.

Although it may have been a tough start for the boys when they started their season losing 2-0 against Brazosport, they kept their spirits up for the games to come."This is my second year playing soccer for ECHS varsity team, we had a bad start and hope to finish off better," said sophomore **Joel Ortiz**.

Though there were many first or second year players, there were also players junior **Luis Velazquez**, who have played since they started high school. "I always liked playing soccer when I was younger. Since I have this chance to play on a high school team, I like it even better," said **Velazquez**.

Despite the fact that Coach Arkadie did not play soccer in high school, he learned to appreciate it. "It's a very team oriented game and there is nothing better than a group of people coming together to achieve a goal - to win," said Coach Arkadie.

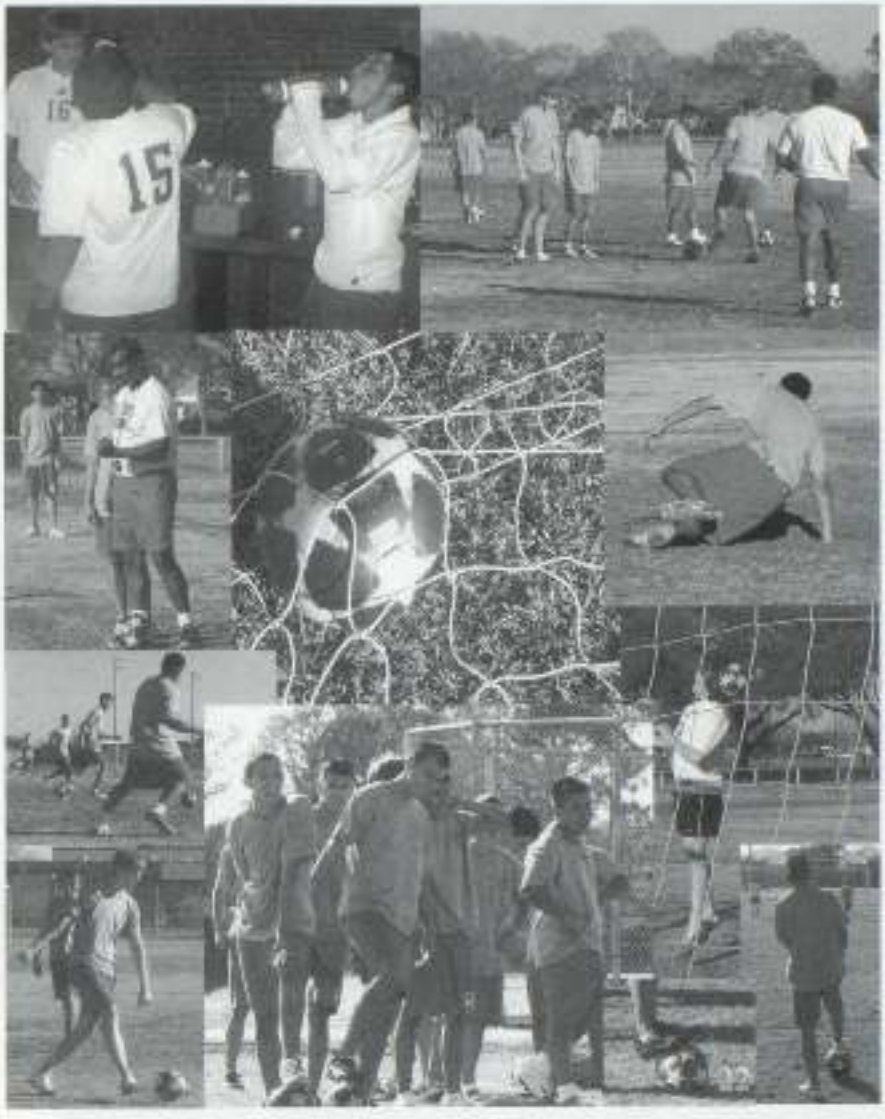
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13-Feb.	Tuesday	Terry	Here	Lost 3-0
16-Feb.	Friday	Lamar Cons	There	Lost 4-0
23-Feb.	Tuesday	Brookshire Royal	Here	Tied 3-3
24-Feb.	Saturday	Seven Lakes	Here	Lost 4-1
27-Feb.	Tuesday	Palacios	Here	Won 3-2
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6-Mar.	Tuesday	Foster	Here	Lost 5-1
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District











What's Your Take?

Marco Gallagos - "If I could play against any professional team it would be Italy, because they won the World Cup."

George Sanchez - "I have been playing soccer since he was six."

Gabriel Lara - "My favorite game of the season was the Palacios game."

When asked if he played any other sports **Joel Ortiz** said, "No. There is only one sport for me."

Jose Hernandez - "My favorite play is "George's throw ins."

Danny Fox - "My favorite games are home games and the last game, because that means no more practices."

Erik Moller - "I prefer away games more because, the bus rides are fun."

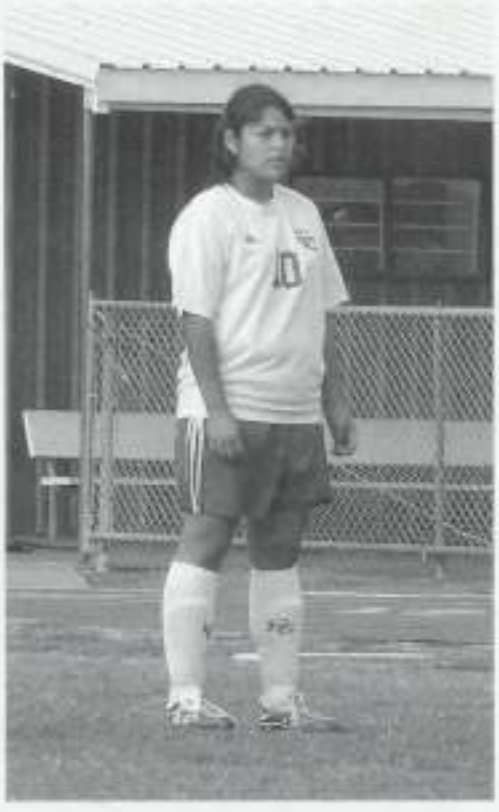
"When you're a winner you're always happy, but if

GOAL!

The Varsity Ladybird Soccer Team was a team that played together at all times, even though they did not have the season that they were expected to have. They always stuck together and the girls that played were not quitters. They had fun and kept their heads up after every game. They were able to finish off the season with a shutout against Brookshire Royal to give their seniors a great ending to their season.

Coach Popp, in her first year, brought the team together with a lot of optimism. "She was a very fun coach to work with, she was always determined for us to do our best out on the field, and she never failed to find a way to keep our hopes up," said **Linda Cerny**. "She was the best coach that I have had through high school," said **Jazmin Sanchez**.

The only three seniors on the team were **Jazmin Sanchez**, **Jaime Enriquez**, and **Cassidy Tupa**. Since so few are leaving, there will be many more to continue advancing their skills in the years to come.



Senior **Jaime Enriquez** said, "I think this has been my best year, and I wish the girls luck next year." Photo by J. Ortiz





1) Sophomores **Sommer Stanley** and **McKinsey Flores** wait for the ball to go into play. "At first I would get nervous, but as time went by it got easier," said **Stanley**.
2)The team, accompanied by Coach Popp, after a win against Brookshire.

Senior **Jazmin Sanchez** waits for game time. "I like to think about what I should do to come out as a winner before the game," said **Sanchez**. Photo by J. Ortiz





Senior **Jaime Enriquez** and sophomore **McKinsey Flores** were sad to recognize that the season had come to an end and would never play together again. "I wish the season would never have to end," said **Enriquez**. "I'm glad I get to come back next year," said **Flores**. Photo by J. Ortiz

you're happy as a loser you'll always be a loser." ---

"Kicking & Screaming" 2005



Senior **Cassidy Tuga** throws the ball back in play. "I am very skilled at throwing the ball back in and I am the best at it on the team," said **Tuga.** Photo By J. Ortiz



Senior **Jazmin Sanchez** dribbles the ball through two players heading toward goal. "The season didn't go as I had expected and I was sad to know that this was my senior year," said **Sanchez.** Photo By J. Ortiz



Junior **Kaylan Gangl** dribbles the ball out of danger for the Ladybirds. "Helping my team is what I do best," said **Gangl.** Photo By J. Ortiz



Junior **Alexis Moller** and Junior **Ashley Zboril** celebrate the first goal of the game against Brookshire Royal. "I was so excited," said **Alexis Moller.** "It was an exciting moment," said **Zboril.** Photo By J. Ortiz

"Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming, swimming, swimming. What do

Swimming For the Gold!

Spread And Photos By: Shelby Cooper

The season began like any other season with the long distance practices always starting with a 500 yard warm up, the cold water, and the super slow hour and thirty minute practice.

It was a year of excitement, a record breaking season, and a beacon for a bright future.

The swim team got to experience the excitement of seeing Sophomore **Meredith Bard** wipe out the competition at District and Regional's, and go on to swim in the State swim meet with a personal best of 5:48.18 in the 500 Freestyle. During Regional's in Katy, she received second place swimming the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:11:66. Then sadly after the race, she was disqualified for a false start.

At State, Bard was ranked sixteenth and she swam a six flat at prelims. She returned the next day for finals and placed 16th finishing with a time of 5:52.

Randi McClure was also in the ranks for a solo medal when she swam the 50 freestyle. She placed eighth out of 22, her time in prelims was 26:67 and for finals was 26:65. She also swam in the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:02.40, and placed ninth in prelims, one spot shy of competing in the finals.

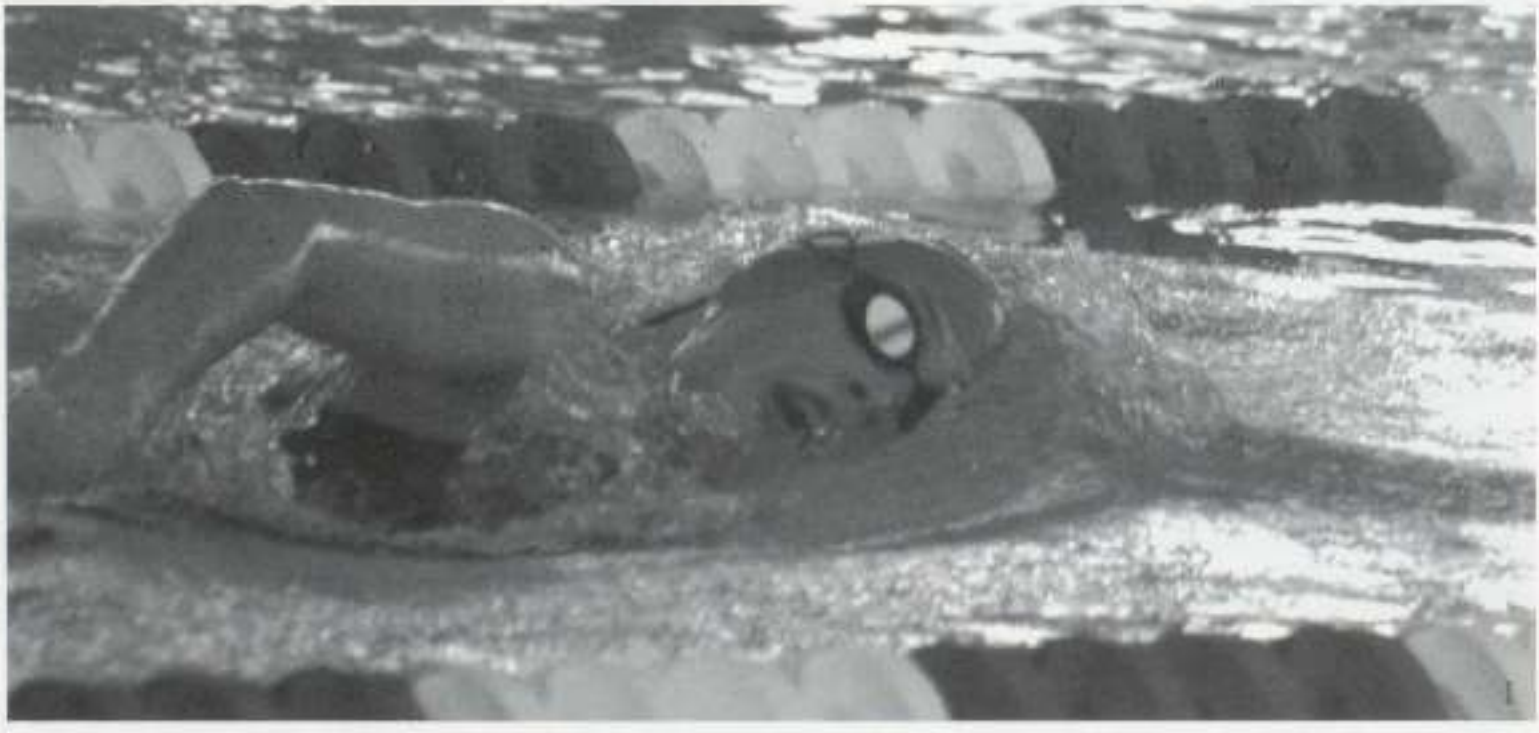
In the girls 200 yard medley relay, **Angela Fiala** led off the race followed by Randi McClure, **Hailey O'Briant**, and Meredith Bard. They placed third overall and swam a 2:13:87 in prelims, and 2:13:33in the finals. The boys also competed in the 200 yard medley relay that relay included: **Cody Gangl, Derek Treybig, Travis Deiss,** and Matthew Hamman. They swam a 2:16.25 in prelims and finished 6th overall with a time of 2:14:31 in the finals.

McClure, Fiala, O'Briant, and Bard also swam in the 200 yard freestyle relay placing second in prelims with a 1:52.94 and, they received third with a time of 1:51.60 in the finals. Travis Deiss, **Cade Radley, Thomas Williamson**, and Matthew Hamman competed in the 200 freestyle relay and placed ninth with a 1:50.83.

Also, Hailey O'Briant, Angela Fiala, and Travis Deiss competed in the 200 yard IM. Hailey O'Briant swam in the girls 100 yard butterfly and placed tenth with a time of 1:14.58 but did not get to return to swim in the finals.

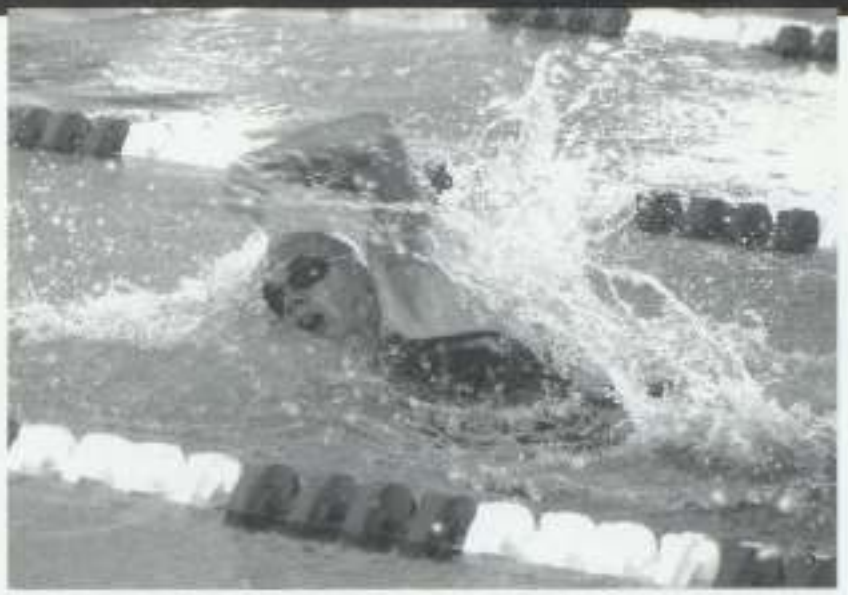
In the 400 yard Freestyle Relay, Kaylan Gangl, **Kelsey Gangl, Sarah Rowland**, and **Stephanie Fiala** placed fourth in premils with a time of 4:58.14. In the same race the Gangls were unable to swim so Hailey O'Briant, Stephanie Fiala, Sarah Rowland, and Randi McClure swam in the finals and placed fourth with a time of 4:34.12. The boys in the 400 yard freestyle relay included: Cody Gangl, Cade Radley, **Cullen Zalman**, and Derek Treybig. They placed seventh in prelims and 6th in the finals with a time of 4:29.06. At the end of the meet the girls placed fifth overall and the boys placed ninth.

Michael Phelps, an Olympic Gold Medalist and world record holder once said, "You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get." Dreams did come true. It was a spectacular season with records broken and new ones set.



we do? We swim, swim." Finding Nemo, 2003







(1) Sophomore **Meredith Bard** swims the 500 freestyle at the District Meet. "My goal is to swim my personal best times in all of my events," said Bard.

(2) Freshmen **Hailey O'Briant** awaits her second event the 100 fly at the District Meet. While she waits she gets a little "inspirational" cheer from Mrs. Hamman. "Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Hamman were the main support for the swim team. They always found some way to make practices and meets fun no matter what," said Junior **Kelsey Gangl**.

(3) Junior **Randi McClure** sprints the 50 free trying to get her time down to a 26. "My favorite memory is when Meredith touched the touch pad at the regional meet winning the 500 free and advancing to State. I was so happy for her!" said McClure.

(4) Sophomore **Cullen Zalman** is the third leg in the boys 400 free relay. "The one thing I wanted to accomplish is not getting last in my heat, and I would even like to win my heat, but, that didn't happen," said Zalman.

(5) Sophomore **Cade Radley** swims the 50 free. "The funniest memory is when we would listen to Matthew Hamman try to rap on the bus on the way to the meet," said Radley.

(6) **Meredith Bard** receives a hug and her gold medal in the 500 free at District. "My mom is my main support and biggest fan because she wants to help me get where I want to be, in terms of my time and athletic ability," said Bard.





A New Breed of Runners

Spread By: Bobby Gardner And Stephanie Soliz



Commitment is the key to success when it comes to excelling in cross country. From independent summer runs to aching muscles, cross country is a sport where participation is an accomplishment. Even Coach Kremling admitted that it's a lot of hard work, and the team has to be dedicated.

"You can't just say, 'I'm going to run.' It's more than that. It's about heart and trust, and the team pulling together to push each other to the fullest," said Kremling.

The Cross Country team certainly took their coach's words of advice. The runners gave it their all and won points, medals, and plaques. **Angel Brooks,** sophomore, even made it to state.

Most of the runners admitted it was a tough season, and junior **Bobby Gardner,** said it was hard to stay positive. "It was hard not to quit, but the hard practices paid off when I saw the finish line at the end of the race," said Gardner.

The season consisted of many new faces and new courses to run, and the team adjusted extremely well and did not become discouraged.

1) **Henry Hernandez** won tenth place at the first Cross Country meet. Photo by: B. Gardner
2) Junior **Bobby Gardner** runs at the first Cross Country meet. Photo by: N. Kremling
3) Coach Kremling and sophomore **Laura Aguilar** talk and prepare for the race Laura is about to run. Photo by: B. Gardner





could run like the wind blows." Forrest Gump, 1994

Sophomore **Henry Hernandez**, was a new runner on the Varsity Cross Country, and he performed admiringly, "It was a hard year, and we had many tough meets," said Hernandez.

Although the runners hated to admit how difficult the season was, they acknowledged the season's obstacles. And with the acceptance of that, they grew to admire each others' companionship and achievements. Throughout the season, it was common to see the runners sweat, work hard, and have aching muscles. With all their dedication, they came together as a team and supported each other by cheering on their team's runners at the finish line.







4.) Sophomore **Angel Brooks** ran the two mile course and advanced on to the state meet. Photo by: B. Gardner

5.) Sophomore **Robert Gaona** ran the three mile course at the first meet. Photo by: B. Gardner

6.) **Angel Brooks, Laura Echeverria, Lindsey Marik, Guadalupe Garcia, Laura Aguilar,** and **Shelby Rooker** rest after the Cross Country meet.

Photo by: B. Gardner



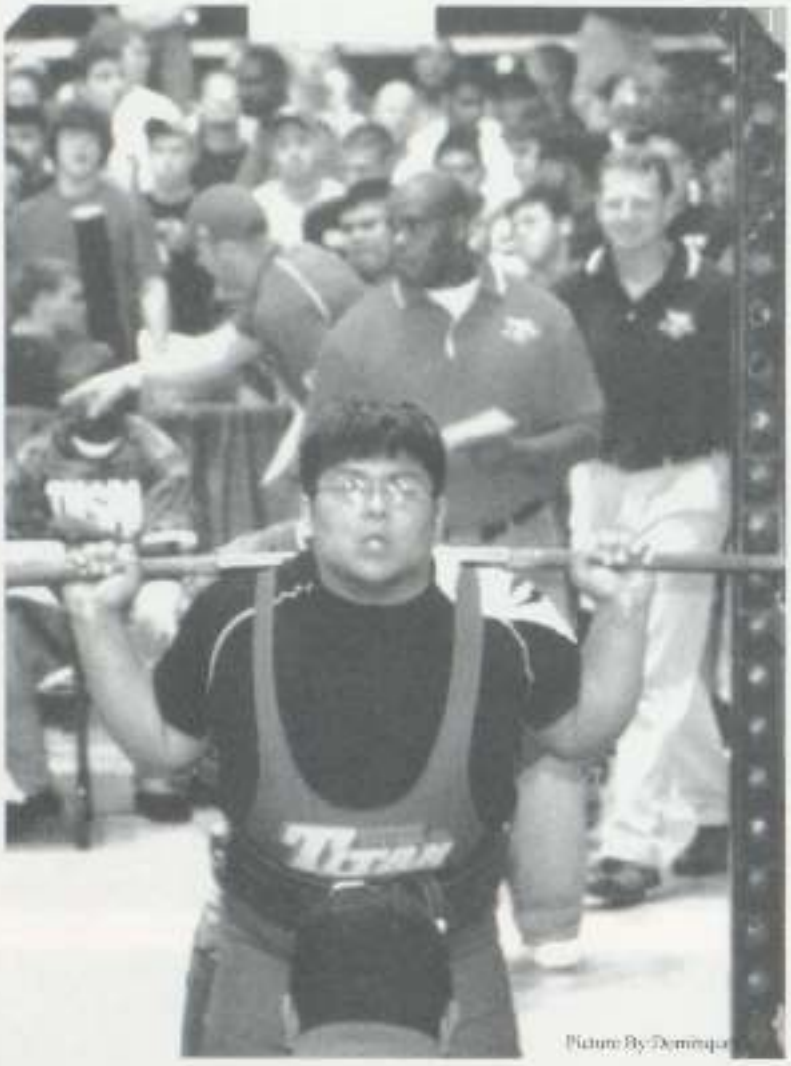




"They don't run the fastest. They don't jump the

Just Lift It

Spread By: Lauren Wigginton



Picture By: Dominque

"The powerlifting team was hardworking and strong. I enjoyed spending every minute working with them to achieve their potential lifts," said Coach Norris. The team consisted of: seniors **Abel Dominguez** and **Moses Cortez**, juniors **Brianna Bunge** and **Lindsey Riha**, sophomores **Mark Dominquez**, **Robbie Garcia**, **Parker Herrmann**, **Daniel Tice**, **Samantha Perez**, and **Crystal Williams**; freshmen **Ashley Harton**, **Jose Sanchez**, and **Cody Stansberry**.

Not only was the team physically strong, but they created a strong team bond as well. "If I had gone to the state meet, I would have concentrated on Abel's lifts to tell you the truth," said Herrmann. When asked what Tice liked most about his team as a whole he replied "They are all supportive and they are also fun to be around."

There is more to power lifting then just lifting as much weight as possible. Participants have three different events and three different tries to pass the event. At a meet, they start off by weighing in; this is probably the most nerve racking part of the meet, if the contestant's weight is unsteady. Once weighed in successfully, they basically pig out because there is a pretty good chance they have not eaten in a week. The first event is squat. In squate, participants use all their strength to squat and come back up with weight on their back and feet not moving a centimeter. Once successful lifting the starting weight, more weight is added to compete with your competitors.

The next event is bench press. Participants cannot move



Picture By: Lauren Wigginton

(1)**Abel Dominguez**, at the State Powerlifting Meet, squats with winning in his mind. "The only thing I could think of was that I had to get this lift. I was worn out, but I knew that I had to do it. So, I did."

(2) **Moses Cortez**, senior, dead lifts with all strength in order to pull the weight up to the correct spot. "I have to admit, I do get a little nervous when I'm about to lift, but then I just tell myself that I have the ability to do it. It helps me out."

(3)**Lindsey Riha**, junior, attempts to deadlift with her feet firmly planted on the ground and her mind set to succeeding. "Deadlift is my favorite part of the meets. It's what I'm good at."

(4)**Parker Herrmann**, sophomore, concentrates on getting his squat down without making any mistakes. "Squat is probably the most difficult part about the meets. You have to be able to balance, and still stay strong at the same time."

(5) **Jose Sanchez**, freshman, uses all his power to get the deadlift up. "The whole time I'm lifting I think to myself 'I can do this... it's light as a feather.' It really does help."

(6) **Mark Dominguez**, sophomore, dead lifts. "My brother is a great role model, I hope one day that I can have my name next to his on the state champion board."

(7) **Ashley Harton**, **Crystal Williams**, and **Samantha Perez** worked hard on tightening their abs at powerlifting practice. Williams said, " Workouts really weren't that fun but in the end I believe they helped me."

(9) **Samantha Perez** at squat. "Powerlifting was a great achievement for me. I finally did something individually that I could say I was was proud. I have accomplished a huge goal."

(10) **Ashley Harton**, at squat also. "Being a freshman, I had a lot of confidence. I hope one day all my hardwork that I put into powerlifting will come out in a great way," said Harton.

highest. But they sure are getting the last laugh."

Heavyweights 1995

their feet and have to lock thier arms out completely with the weight on top of them. After succesfully completing this, then next event is the dead lift. Competitors can come back miraculously and win, dominating others. Dead lift is a form of squating to the ground and picking up weight from that position and lifing to the thighs. This uses a lot of leg muscles.

Power lifting is much more than lifting as much weight as possible. It is the pride of going out there, hundereds of people watching and cheering, waiting for the final lift. "It feels so good after you just got done lifting your weight and knowing that you beat your last meet's lift," said sophomore **Samantha Perez**.

The team motto this year was "Just Lift It," meaning that every member of the team could do it no matter what what. It was just a matter of believing in yourself.


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Picture By:Dominguez


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6 Picture By:Dominguez

Spot Light!


Picture By:Lauren Wiggins
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8 Picture By:Lauren Wiggins


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(5) Where does a state champion begin preparing for the top? His practice in the weight room no matter the sport. "I workout on my main lifts and at the end of the week it pays off," he replied as he was working out in the weight room. The team definatly agreed that Abel was the leader for the 2007 power lifting team. When asked what do you like most about power lifting, Dominguez answered, "Helping everyone get stronger." Not only was he concerned about himself, he had ambition for all of the team. "Although, this is a one person sport and you do not have to rely on a team, you still need to be encouraged and that is exactly what Abel did," Daniel Tice said. At the state meet, the whole team was behind Dominguez all the way to the top.

Abel Dominguez, senior, officially became the top lifter in Texas in the 275-lbs weight class. He set personal records in all three powerlifting categories with his squat at 705, bench press at 415 and deadlift at 860 for a total of 1,775-lbs. total. Abel was awarded a medal and a $1,000 scholarship from the Texas High School Power Lifting Association. Along with the glitz and glam, Abel came back from the state meet with great pride for his school. "I got my medal and I feel proud for winning it for my school," the senior announced after winning the state medal. The senior's name will be posted on the El Campo High School state record sign in front of the parking lot. Abel went through alot of practice and determination to be on the top of the Texas power lifters.

"If you put your effort and concentration into playing to your potential, to be the best that you can be, I don't

Freshmen Basketball

Spread By: Stephanie Soliz

One of the first steps to potentially having a good basketball career in high school was to play for the girls' Freshmen team. The team consisted of many different players, and each of the players added a unique element to the team.

Usually the players on the Freshmen team consisted of girls that have some basketball experience from junior high. Most of the girls hope that by participating on the Freshmen team they would gain enough experience in basketball to play for the JV or Varsity team the next season.

The team made a huge amount of progress. They really dedicated themselves to the team especially when it came to practices.

The girls on the Freshmen team learned a variety of new information compared to when they played in middle school. From learning other teams strategies to memorizing and perfecting plays, the team became skilled in more than just one way. The intake of new information did contribute to the skill level of the team. Although the team had a few problems due to hesistation, they performed satisfactory and made their crowds in the bleachers cheer.



Freshmen **Emerald Leal** dribbles the ball, looking to pass to another ladybird.

Picture by: A. Cooper



Freshmen **Tra'Davion Lewis** runs to the Ladybird's goal to attempt to stop the opposing team from scoring.



Freshman **Edna Johnson** is looking for an open lane to make a break through the key to the goal.

Photo by: A. Cooper

care what the scoreboard says. At the end of the game, in my book, we're gonna be winners." Hoosiers (1986)

JV Basketball

Spread By: Stephanie Soliz



Junior **Tyshavea Solomon** takes her time easing down the court and looks to see what her best shot is to make against the Mustang's players.

Being a player on the Ladybird JV Basketball team took more than just memorizing a list of plays and dribbling a ball. The girls had to practice until the game was drilled into their brains. Because of this, the girl's hesistation and fear of certain plays diminished drastically with each game.

"Every game was an improvement. I'm not afraid to shoot or drive in anymore. I play without thinking now," said sophomore **Jasmine Allen.**

The girls improved in more than one way this year. All the girls agreed that the communication of the team gradually got better throughout the season, and it was different than what they were used to.

"I really didn't care about basketball, until I got a true basketball coach. We listen to Coach Barron a lot more," said sophomore **Clydette Bullock.**

With a better sense of communication between the team and leadership of their coaches, the girls developed maturity, responsibility, and cooperated better as a team.

"Our team's biggest improvement was working as a team by being smart and patient, and it was the hardest thing to accept losses knowing at the time that we could have easily won," said sophomore **Adriana Canedo.**



Sophomores **Adriana Canedo** and **Jasmine Allen** put pressure on the opposing player from passing the ball.



Coach Barron and Coach Krenling give the team a pep talk between the periods. Sophomores **Clydette Bullock, Jasmine Allen, Courtney Janak,** and freshmen **Jeanaye Ownes** listen intently to what they have to say.

Photo by A Cooper

"You see that sign up there? Its says the Charlotte

Varsity girls: They laugh hard, but played even harder.

Spread And Photos By: Brittany Butler

Laughing hard and joking around was a major part of the varsity basketball season. Not one game stood out, not one play stuck in the mind of the players as clear as laughing and acting crazy. "I will miss being part of a team. It is something you have to work for, it's not given to you," said senior **Erica Harton**. With only two seniors, Harton and Kim Johnson, both said they will miss the close knit team. Besides laughing and acting crazy the girls also played really hard. "Our defense was the biggest team improvement to me," said junior **Robinson**. "One game I will always remember," said junior **Danielle Smith**, "was when we lost the Foster game by one point, but we thought we had tied the game up."

While playing the Seven Lakes game, the girls really showed how much heart they had. With Raun, Robinson, and Johnson all out of the game due to injuries and sickness, the rest of the team had to play without them. Still losing people because they were fouling out, the girls made a comeback by tying the game up and going into overtime.

Aside from all the laughing and hard work the team also learned how to communicate with each other. "The team's biggest improvement to me was maturity. We grew up, said sorry, and didn't let things get to us," said sophomore **Angel Brooks**.

Wins		Losses	
Yoakum	44-34	Brazoswood	43-45
Columbus	61-31	Victoria Memorial	37-53
Kingsville	40-30	Industrial	36-38
St. Joseph	49-42	Gregory-Portland	43-48
Valley View	64-38	A&M Consolidated	46-69
Edinburg	48-38	Rockport	46-48
Calhoun	71-51	Alice	31-61
Faith Academy	58-31	Victoria Memorial	36-54
St. Joseph	43-32	Brazosport	49-62
St. Joseph	46-42	Foster	52-53
Austwell Tivoli	61-7	Seven Lakes	52-57
Goliad	55-37	Lamar Cons.	52-64
Bay City	60-50	Terry	36-64
Seven Lakes	50-30	Foster	37-62
		Lamar Cons.	52-67
		Terry	53-66
		Bay City	33-37



While watching for an open teammate, junior **Tequila Johnson** remembers about a past game. "The game I will always remember is the Industrial game, because I scored my highest high school career points," said Johnson.



Taking the ball down court sophomore **Anna Raun** reminisced about a day at practice. "The funnest moment of the season for me," said Raun, "was when Coach Kremling got accidentally hit in the head with the ball by Erica."

Banshees, not the Charlotte Juuuuwanna!"

JuwannaMann 2002



Playing good offense at their last game of the season, sophomore **Ashley Brooks** said, "My biggest improvement of the season was hitting all of my free throw shots towards the end of the season."



Junior **Ashley Thomas** takes the ball down the court during a district game against Terry. "My most memorable moment of the season was when I hit four three's against Terry," said Thomas.



Junior **Chelsi Robinson** speeds down the court as a Terry Rangerette plays defense. "The game I will always remember of the season will be the Goliad game for the championship because we were all hyped and we played a good game," said Robinson.

Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Spread by: A. Raun & A. Cooper
Photos by: B. Butler

The Junior Varsity Basketball team went 5-20 overall in the season. Coach Jarrell Barron led the team through a long and hard season, but in the end it was all worth it. "The best part of the season was when we beat Stafford," sophomores **Sebastian Brown** and **Matthew Hamman** said. "We were the underdog by a long shot and ended up winning the game."

Coach Barron stepped up to the plate for the Junior Varsity coaching position and many members of the team agreed that he brought the best out of them. Though it was a hard season, dealing with the up's and down's of winning and losing, the team thought that this season was especially fun and they enjoyed playing the game. "We got more wins than last year, so it was a huge improvement," junior **Derek Prihoda** said. Sophomore **Sebastian Brown** said "I'm glad that the team trusted me handling the ball and I enjoy being the point guard for the team."

Although the boys had some tough luck on the court, they knew the game and know what they need to work on for next year.



Junior **Larry Williams** jumps to catch a pass from a teammate in a district game against the Terry Rangers.



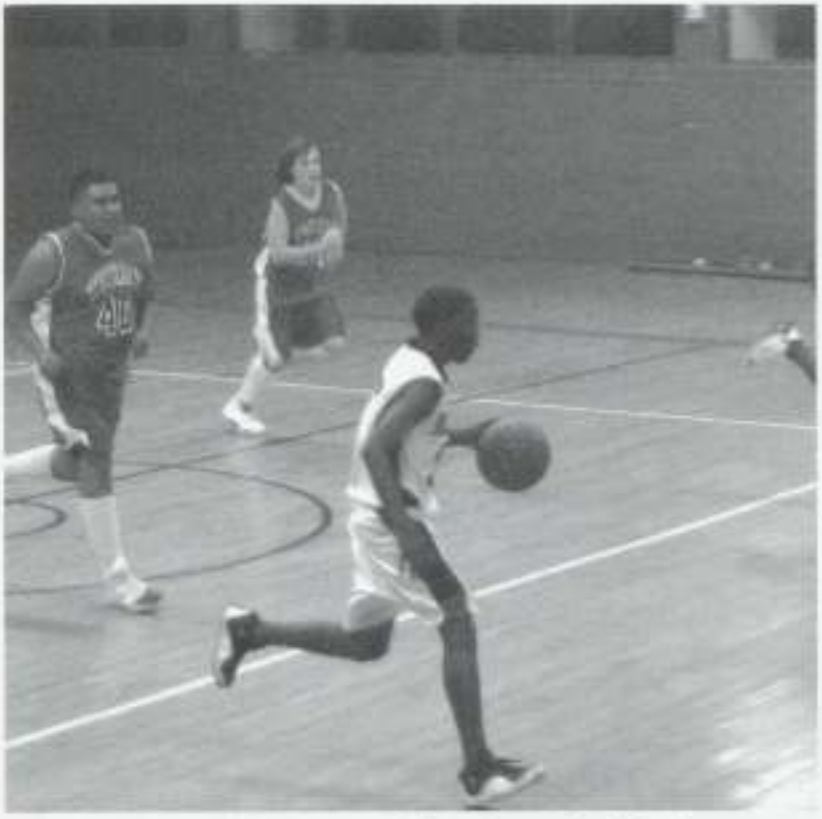
Junior **Derek Prihoda** shoots a free throw in a district game against Bay City.



Sophomore **Sebastian Brown** plays his intense defense against the point guard for the Bay City Blackcats.

Freshman Boys Basketball

Spread by: A. Raun & A. Cooper
Photos by: B. Butler



Freshman **Lawrence Williams** brings the ball up the court for the freshman team in a district game.

The Freshman Basketball team had some hard times playing the game they loved. The team shared the same record as the Junior Varsity but all agreed on that it was a learning season. Coach Ben Bromberg coached the team to the best of all their abilities and the boys were glad they got to play their favorite game.

Memories of the games became blurred, but when asked about the Terry and Bay City games, they perked up. "When we played Terry at home, our team really played together and that's what made it a good memory," said freshman **Jamall Robinson**. Freshman **Rodney Butler** played in high school, "to get better at the game and stay in shape." Both Robinson and Butler agreed on the same topic to be their favorites - shooting.

Everyone wished that something was different in the sports they played and freshman **Lawrence Williams** said that he "wish the conditioning in practice was different." Overall, the freshman team had some rough times but they worked through them to make it a learning season.



Freshman **Jamall Robinson** catches a pass from his teammate as the defenders crowd around him.



Freshman **Michael Van Gorp** watches as freshman **Rodney Butler** blocks a shot put up by a Bay City Blackcat in a district game this season.

"You said we're a team. One person struggles, we

They did it once so they can do it again!

Varsity Boys make it to the Playoffs

Spread and Photos By: Brittany Butler

The Varsity Boys proved their doubting fans wrong and made a consecutive berth to the playoffs. For some it was their first trip, but for others it was their last. When asked what they will miss the most now that the season was over, the whole team said they will miss the bus rides. Besides the bus rides, the two games against Katy Seven Lakes were also memorable for the team. Not once but twice, the boys played Seven Lakes, won the game, and got into confrontations with them. "The game I will remember the most is the one we played against Terry in Rosenberg," said **Wesley Condra**. "They had a superstar freshman that dunked on us three times. It was so embarrassing."

After playing hard for four quarter, the boys really worked up an appetite. "The best part of the season was getting to go out and eat after the games," said **Kevin Gooden**. Travis **Pflughaupt** said, "Eating at Chili's two times this year is what made this year different from any other that I have played." "The funniest thing of the season for me was when everyone on the bus including the coach, waved their cell phones in the air because it was dark," said **Troy Lawson**. "The game I will always remember is the first game I played on varsity," said **Landon Appling**. Anthony **Terrell** said, "The game I will always remember is the Seven Lakes when I scored 20 points in the first quarter." With only having two seniors on the team the team still succeeded. "The best part of the season for me was clinching are spot for the playoffs," said Alex **Espinosa**.

Wins		Losses	
Sweeny	57-49	Ft. Bend Bush	41-67
Needville J.V.*	72-20	Waller*	69-72
Brazosport*	58-57	San Antonio TAFT*	42-80
Columbus*	68-43	Victoria Memorial*	54-80
Brazoswood*	54-46	Austin Anderson*	38-74
Angleton*	68-62	Ruston, Louisiana*	25-72
Needville	55-49	Stafford	38-43
LaGrange*	83-51	Rice Consol.	48-50
LaGrange*	60-53	Smithville	52-58
Yoakum	56-48	Bay City	44-50
Bellville	56-55	Lamar Consol.	71-81
Calhoun	47-35	Terry	60-65
Cuero	69-60	Lamar Consol.	55-87
Terry	55-46	Friendswood	38-62
Foster	47-46		
Seven Lakes	54-45		
Bay City	60-48		
Foster	48-39		
Seven Lakes	64-57		

*Tournament games
Overall (19-14)

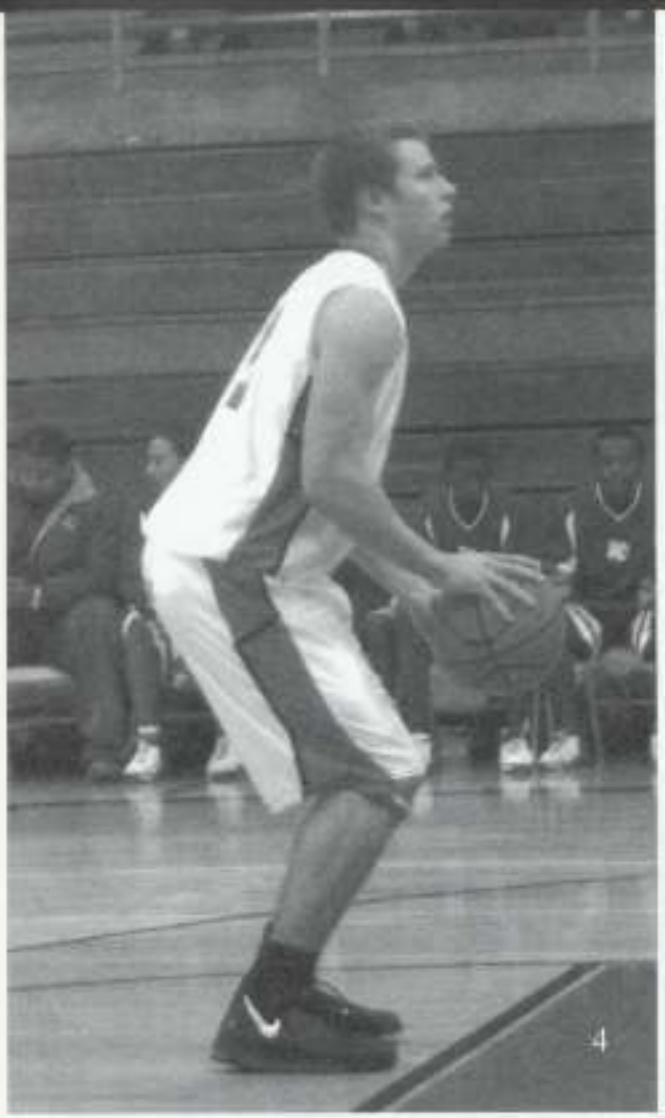


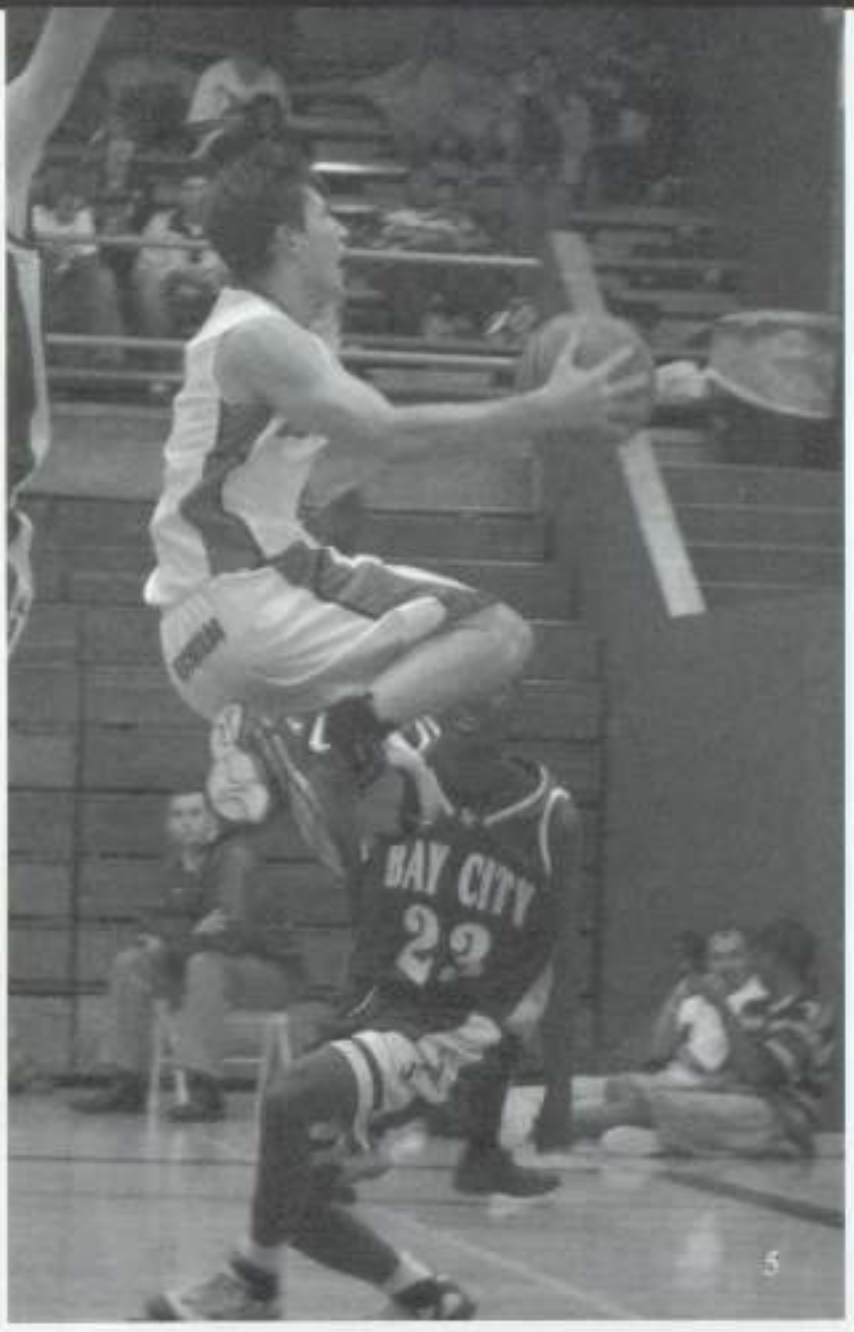
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all struggle. One person triumphs, we all triumph."
Coach Carter 2005


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My TAKE on the season . . .

Junior **Travis Pflughaupt** (1) said, "the season was great because we over achieved despite having only two seniors."

"My biggest improvement of the season," said sophomore **Kevin Gooden** (3), "was my three point shot."

"What I will miss the most now that the season is over are saturday morning practices, all my teammates, and the games," said Junior **Anthony Terrell** (2).

"The best part of the whole season for me this year," said senior **Alex Espinosa** (5), "was holding are spot for the playoffs."

Sophomore **Maverick Smith** (6) said, "My most memorable game of the season was the Angleton game when I scored 11 points."

"I really enjoyed the season this year," said senior **Lee Orr** (4), "but what I will miss the most is playing for Coach Spenrath."


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EC Wraps Up Another Successful Track Season



The Ricebird Boy's Track Team was full of veterans as well as newcomers. The season began with meet records being broken by Senior **Dustin Appling** and Senior **James Cannell** in the 300 hurdles and shot put respectively. Both James and Dustin advanced to regionals as well as the 4X400 relay consisting of Senior **Scott Niemeier**, Junior **Thad Deiss**, Sophomore **Dominique Murray**, and Senior **Dustin Appling**.

At regionals, Cannell placed third with a school record breaking throw of 55'1/2" and said he was disappointed with not making it to state but was glad he broke the school record. Dustin placed fourth in the 300 hurdles. **Scott Niemeier** and **Thad Deiss** were glad to have made regionals again. **Dominique Murray** said, "It was a great experience to be able to run with the varsity."

Coach Johnson said, "I was pleased with this season even though it was unfortunate that no one made it to state." Other members of the Track team included Senior: **Alex Espinosa**, Juniors: **Junior Tompkins**, **J.R. Harris**, and **Bobby Jack Polasek**, Sophomore: **Maverick Smith**, **Rito Montalvo**, and Freshman: **Landon Appling**.

Niemeier said "Track is something I will eventually miss, but not right away. There were so many things that happened that I will never forget." Most of the team felt that getting Coach Johnson to answer to "Daddy" was the funniest thing that happened this year. The hardest thing was getting into "shape" as defined by Coach Johnson. "Shape" was finally achieved a week before regionals.

Practices were full of cutting deals with Coach Johnson in order to alter workouts to be shorter and easier. Another funny moment that the seniors recalled was backwards day on Fridays that there were no meets. "We just decided to try something else to see what Coach Johnson would have to say about it," Niemeier said. "We were always asking Coach all kinds of weird questions to see what kind of answer he would give," Deiss added. Freshman **Landon Appling** recalled the questions being "About anything that was completely random, off topic, and having absolutely nothing to do with track."







Senior **Dustin Appling** running the 300 hurdles. He said, "I'm happy with the results of his season but making state would have made the year much, much better." Also pictured: **Bobby Jack Polasek**, **Thad Deiss**, **Bryan Skow**, and **Scott Niemeier**.



Senior **Scott Niemeier** and Junior **Thad Deiss** said the most enjoyable thing about this track season was messing with Coach Johnson and making him laugh.



Sophomore discus partners **Bryan Skow** and **Chase Bullard** fell a bit short in the district track meet but plan to make up for it with throws that will place both in regionals.



Sophomore **Rito Montalvo** plans on breaking the school record in the pole vault and winning state next season.



Senior **James Cannell** said it was disappointing not making state but he was happy he will be remembered in the schools record books.

"The real purpose of running isn't to win a race. It's

Girls Junior Varsity Track

Spread By: Sarah Escamilla



It was an individual sport, but the Junior Varsity Track team was truly a team. "Practices were long and hard, but in the end, it all paid off because we did good in our events," said sophomore Kendra Legler. Coach Barron and her assistant Coach Allen led the Junior Varsity track team through the season successfully. They did well at all of their meets, placing in many events individually and also winning many relays. "This year was tough but all of us stayed positive and we ended up doing really good," said sophomore Clydet Bullock. "I liked going to track meets because we had a lot of fun with everyone there. We watched all of the other teams run as well as cheer on our teammates when they were in a race," said sophomore McKinsey Flores. The track team finished the season off well.





1. Sophomores **Kendra Legler** and **Jasmine Allen**.
2. Freshmen **Tiffany Miller** and **Charmaine McClain** watching their teammates compete.
3. Freshmen **Karissa Edwards** and **Edna Johnson** take a warm up lap.
4. Freshman **Guadalupe Garcia** in the relay.
5. Sophomore **McKinsey Flores** next to a Needville runner in the hurdles.
6. Coach Barron and track girls taking a break before the events begin.
7. **Clydet Bullock** in the relay.
8. Freshman**Tiffany Miller** passes the baton to freshman **Guadalupe Garcia** in the relay.
9. Freshman **TraDavion Lewis** taking a warm up lap.

to test the limits of the human heart." -Without Limits 1998


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Rough start creates big hearts

The Junior Varsity Ladybirds came out and gave it their all during the season in hopes for a successful one. They accomplished it almost entirely. Not only did the juniors and sophomores shine with their leadership skills and knowledge from the previous year, but the freshman class exuded their talent and rowdiness. Sophomore third baseman/outfielder Amy Hardin was one of the leaders when it came to learning various positions on the field. "Although I hated playing third base, Coach Matula would switch me back and forth from third to left field. I was happy being on JV this year," said Hardin. Her teammates said she showed the most leadership qualities and always cheered on her teammates.

Another leader was sophomore center fielder Raven Owens who was always urging junior first baseman Jasmine Miles to cheer for the team. Owens said, "The team's biggest improvement was having an almost perfect game without any errors."

After finishing the season with a winning record, the girls agreed on several things ranging from improvement in practice and games to getting along. "Our ability to pick the ball up quick and get the outs made the games," said freshman pitcher Katlyn Urbanovsky. The Ladybirds ended their spring season with a bang.



At bat, sophomore Amy Hardin is ready to put the ball in play during the tournament at Bossier. Photo contributed by jsucredo.com



Freshman Chelsea Solis catches the ball thrown from the catcher to try to tag out the Black Cat player stealing second base.

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With a tough schedule fought hard through, the Ladybirds break it out after a winning one of their games during tournament play.

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JV Softball

Spread by: A. Cooper



Showing the strength for the freshman class, Katlyn Urbanovsky put forth many stellar performances as the team's go-to pitcher. Photo contributed by jsuccedo.com



Ashley Gonzales waits for the ball. Photo contributed by jsuccedo.com



Freshman Amanda Poncik throws the ball back to the pitcher during a district game against Bay City. Photo contributed by jsuccedo.com



Showing her quickness and agility around the bases, freshman Haley Pierce puts a sacrifice bunt down the third base line. Later on, she was called safe at first, putting players in scoring position. Photo contributed by jsuccedo.com

Ladybirds Played with Heart

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Photos by: S. Cooper

SCOREBOARD

Wharton	4-7
Columbia	1-3
Angleton	0-4
Texas City	1-5
Calhoun	6-2
La Grange	0-5

DISTRICT

	1st Round	2nd Round
Terry	9-0	2-0
Bay City	5-1	4-0
Foster	1-4	2-1 (10 innings)
Seven Lakes	4-0	3-1
Lamar	3-1	4-5

PLAYOFFS

Home	lost 2-3
@ Angleton	lost 1-3

TOURNAMENTS

Brenham Leadoff Classic	went 2-3
Ladybird Classic	went 2-2
Big Bell Classic (Killeen)	went 2-3

The Ladybird Softball Team truly believed in angels. They didn't fantasize a guardian angel who helped them through the season. They really had one and she was a big part of their team. With the loss of teammate Kelly Dluhos in 2006, this tight knit group played with a positive attitude and heart to end the season with a 15-16 record.

"I believe it brought us together. It made us appreciate each other and the memories we had," said senior pitcher **Olivia Wall**. Although the Ladybirds had one of the toughest pre-district schedules playing many of the top ranked teams in the state, they pushed through it and went on to claim second place in district.

Most of the girls said the most memorable games happened in the second round of district play. "I could feel Kelly with us the whole time [during the Foster game]," said senior right fielder **Suzanne Buzek**. Junior infielder **Kristi Michaelsen** added, "Foster was the most memorable game because me, Alexis, Haley, Shannon, and Lindsey were holding hands, praying in the dugout and when Olivia hit the next pitch over the fence, we all ran out practically crying!"



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...It could happen. -Angels in the Outfield 1994









1) Junior first baseman **Emily Bergstrom** and junior centerfielder **Danielle Smith** console each other while Coach Wagner encourages the team to "win the game for Kelly." **Bergstrom** said, "After this season, we decided (upcoming seniors) that we will still wear our green ribbons, shoelaces, and armbands next year because Kelly has become our guardian angel and we feel that our team would not be the same without those things." 2) **Wall** throws warm-up pitches in between innings. She said that, "people said it was the best game ever played," referring to the defeat over Foster. 3) Senior outfielder **Haley English** warms up with junior outfielder **Angela Fiala** before a home game. "I am not ready to stop playing softball with these girls because they have become my family and we always have fun together," said English. 4) The team gathers around their "Ladybird Angel" sign to pray before a game. "The sign had two significances - remembrance and desire," said Junior designated player **Alexis Cooper**. 5) Sophomore shortstop **Brittney Oates** prepares for a throw down from the catcher while sophomore second baseman **Gabby Macias** backs her up. 6) Junior outfielder **Shannon Bode** enters the game as a pinch runner for the pitcher. 7) **Buzek** said she, "enjoyed every aspect of softball this year" even after she had her hair sucked into the bus fan. 8) Sophomore third baseman **Anna Raun** takes off to steal second base and later is called safe.





Baseball was life! And I was good at it... real good.
Mr. Mertle, The Sandlot, 1993

Sophomore Baseball

District 24-4A 3-9

The Sophomore team did not have the type of season that every team wishes for, if you look at their record, but if you ask any one of the team members they would tell you a whole different thing. They will tell you that they learned a lot from this season, and are happy that they played. "This year was a whole lot different from playing in little league," said freshman third baseman **Tanner Howard**. The new members of the Ricebird baseball team finally felt the meaning of the word Together. "Baseball is a sport that you can not win unless the whole team plays together as one," said sophomore right fielder **Ryan Bauman**. **Bryan Bauman** said, "My favorite part of the game besides playing is watching the players stand up in our dugout and root on other teammates." The freshman boys learned a lot about respect and teamwork. "Each and every game was exciting, but I can't wait until next year," said freshman **Chris Quinn**.



Tanner Howard prepares for another at bat in the Katy Seven Lakes game. Photo by M.VanCorp







Coach Galvan stands and watches over his team. Photo by M.VanCorp



Garry Mikaik and **Lane Brandl** always made the dug-out interesting. Photo by M.VanCorp

J.V. Baseball

3rd place District 24-4A 8-7

SPREAD BY: Tyler Woods



Micheal Van Gorp prepares to field a ground ball. Photo by M VanGorp

The J.V. baseball squad had an above average season, with a district record of eight wins and seven losses earning them a 3rd place finish overall. Junior left fielder **Matt Janke** said "Eight and seven is a winning record, but I feel like we could have done a lot better. Coach just kept telling us to play hard every game and we would succeed," said freshman center fielder **Waylon Malone.** There were a lot of memories that were made."

"When we were playing Bay City in Bay City all the students parked behind their outfield wall and watched the game," said sophomore **Chase Bullard.** "At the end when we were running our poles for pitching they started throwing hotdogs at us."

"This was a very exciting year for me, since I moved here from Canado during the first semester. I was really happy I got the opportunity to play baseball with a group of guys that knew all about how to be a team,"said junior catcher **Ike Kehun.** With all of the seniors graduating and leaving spots open on the varsity team there will be plenty of talent to fill the spaces.









Ike Kehun took care of the catching for the J.V. squad. Photo by M VanGorp



Waylon Malone drives a ball to left field scoring Taylor Graham. Photo by M VanGorp

Batter Up!

Spread And Photos By: Brandi Roddy and Amy Hardin





Teamwork. Dedication. Commitment. It all started in the summer when each individual baseball player practiced on their own time to prepare for the upcoming season. They were all prepared for the season to start. Even the fans were prepared to sit and watch the exciting game that would come. The booster club had sponsors donate the new score board to start off the season, and they also had the green monster panted. All their hard work started the season with a twelve game winning streak. Each boy had a certain position they played, but sometimes they switched up. When asked their favorite position to play senior **Garrett Cerny** said, "Catcher, because you can see the whole field, and tell everyone where to go with the ball." Most all players stayed at one position. "My favorite position to play was shortstop because you get a lot of balls hit to you," said senior **Lee Orr.**



Their were six seniors. Some will move to bigger leagues but for some their baseball career is over. "I will definitely miss it because I will always wonder what would happen if things were different" said **Matt Tumlinson.** Most games were wire to wire where both the home and visiting teams continuously scored and were fighting for the lead. Throughout the game people were on the edge of their seats hoping to come out with the victory in the end.



1. Senior **Garrett Cerny** waiting for the coach's call.
2. Emotions race as senior **Matt Tumlinson walked** with his parents on the last game of the season.
3. "My favorite thing to do is hit, it shows off all the hard practice I have done," said Senior **Dustin Appling**
4. The boys sit in the dugout and scout the opposing teams pitcher.
5. Senior **Cooper Collins** on first base making the catch to end and start the next inning.
6. Junior **Blake Korenek** on first base talking to Coach White.
7. Senior **John Knudsen** preparing to make a hit. Knudsen summed up his feelings by saying, "The year was disappointing because we started out strong but hit a wall in district that keep us from making playoffs."
8. Senior **Lee Orr** shaking hands with the opposing team after a victory. "My most memorable moment was the last game because all the seniors played and we won".

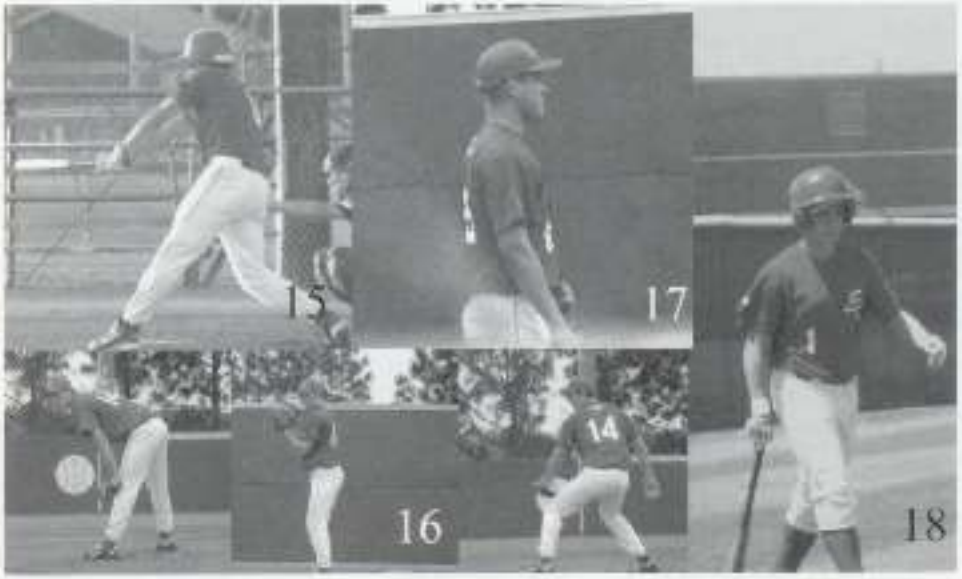
We get to play baseball." The Rookie 2002.

9. Sophomore **Matt Hamman** getting ready to bat. "My favorite players were **Tumlinson** and **Collins** because they always keep the morale of the team up.
10. Junior **Tyler Woods** walks out to center field.
11. Freshman **Landon Appling** walking to the bus after a game.
12. A group meeting before the next inning.
13. Junior **Bryce Skow** and senior **Garrett Cerny** leaning on the fence in the dugout.
14. Junior **Blake Korenek** running.
15. Senior **Garrett Cerny** hitting off the season.
16. Three pictures of sophomore **Andrew Kinder** pitching.
17. Junior **Christopher Raun** warming up on third base.
18. Junior **Tyler Socha** walking out to bat.
19. Four players singing the national anthem.

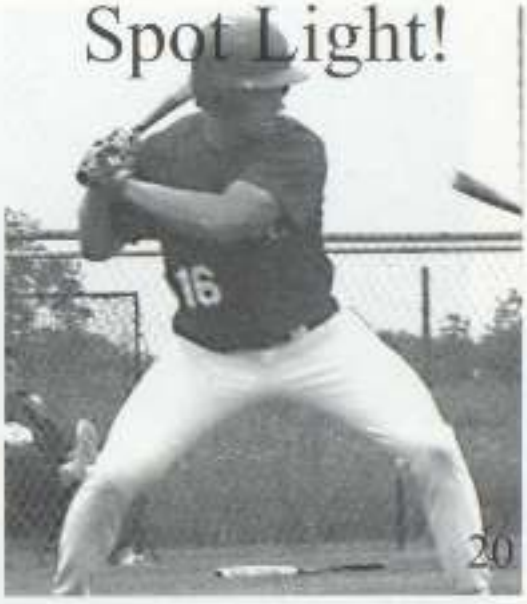


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Spot Light!



There were many good batters on the team. When the team needed him most sophomore **Bryan Skow** over came the pressure and fired a shot to win the Bay City game. At the Bay City game and the score was tied, "It was a little nerve racking and anxious because I did not know how it would turn out," said Skow.

Q: When you popped the ball up, what was your first reaction, did you know the ball was over left field?

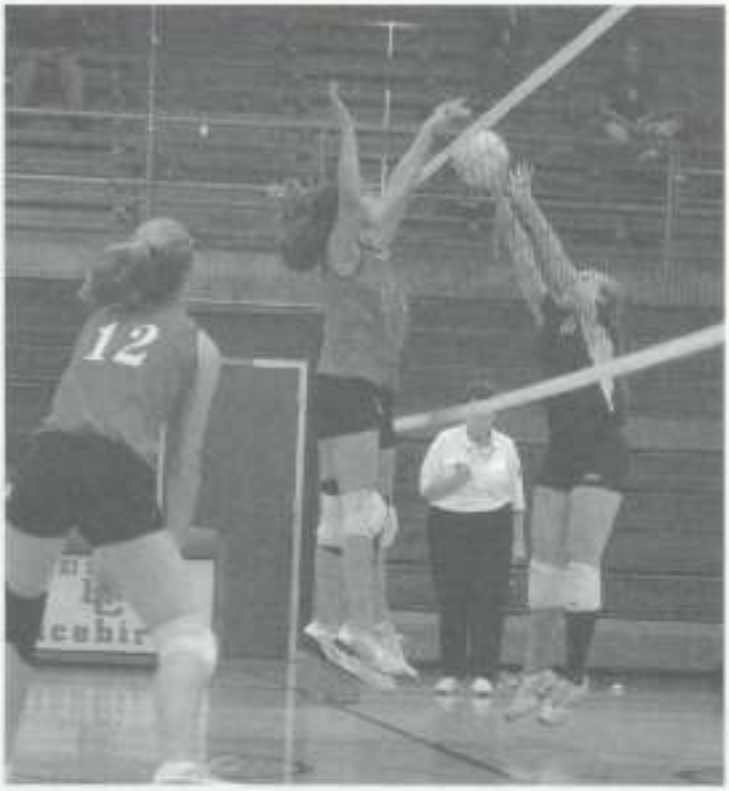
A: "I knew I scored one run because Andrew would tag at third, I did not know the ball was over I just thought I would pop out." Bryan would like to hit at least eight homeruns for while in high school.

Bump! Set! Spike!

Spread By: Stephanie Mahoney

The JV Volleyball team had an excellent season full of wins including three tournaments and only a few disappointing losses. "It was a unforgettable season winning all three tournaments and finishing with a 25-4 record," said **Kendra Legler**. "It was the greatest feeling on the last tournament when we won," said **Jessica Dornak**.

Everyone was excited about the wins, but all knew that the success was due to hours of practice. **Amy Hardin** said, "If we wouldn't have practiced that hard we wouldn't have been that good. "The hard drills turned into successful wins," said **Shelby Cooper**.



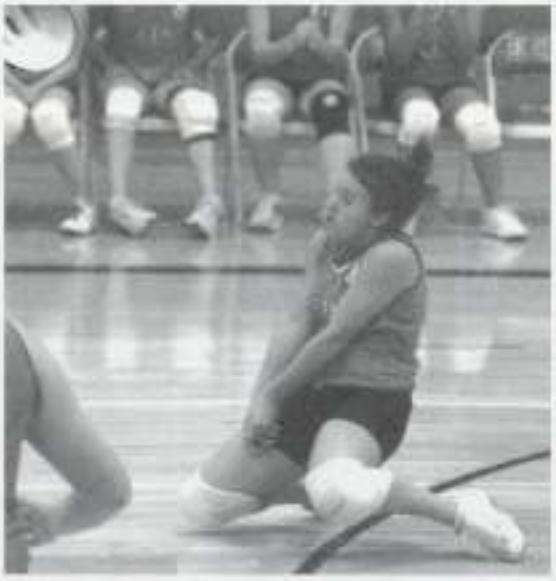
Jessica Dornak and **Kendra Legler** going up for the block against a Katy Seven Lakes player. Number twelve **Amelia Gray** covers closely behind.
Photo taken by A.Cooper



JV Volleyball girls **Kendra Legler**, **Lindsey Marik**, **Shelby Cooper** and **Darcey Vesely** huddle up with their team to discuss strategy.
Photo by: A. Cooper



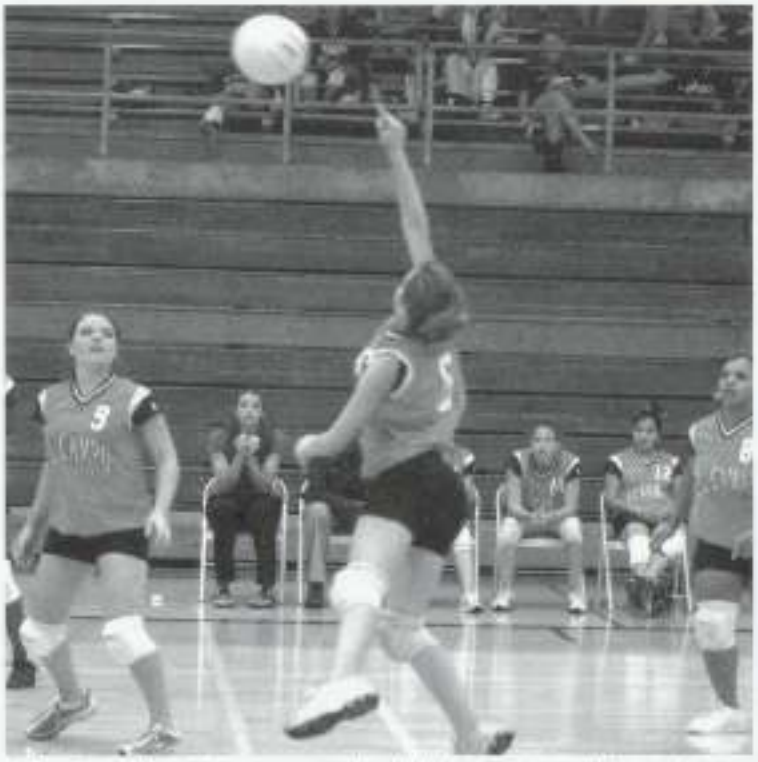
JV Volleyball team posing for the camera after winning first place at the Smash and Bash tournament in Industrial. Front Row(l-r) **Meagan Mcclanahan**, **Raven Owens**, **Gabby Macias**, and **Darcey Vesley**. Second Row(l-r) **Courtney Janak**, **Jessica Dornak**, **Lindsey Marik**, **Amy Hardin**, and **Ashley Brooks**. Third Row(l-r) Coach Allen, **Kendra Legler**, **Shelby Cooper**, and **Amelia Gray**. Photo taken by A.Cooper



Darcey Vesley gets down to save to ball for the team.
Photo Illustrated by: Stephanie Mahoney and Molly Knorr

Closing the Block

Spread By: Stephanie Mahoney



Ashley Gonzales, #6, attempts to spike the ball over the net while number nine **Lauralee Collins** waits nervously to see the outcome of the play along with number eight **Shametria Gonzales.** Photo by A. Cooper

From day one of two-a-days to the last game of the season, the freshman volleyball team made their way through an exciting and successful year. Under the direction of Coach Popp, in her first year, the team accomplished more than just learning the ins and outs of the game of volleyball. Every single team member improved over the season, and they earned a second place finish in the Industrial Tournament. Even though the team started out slow, they became better and more experienced.



Freshman volleyball girls **Bianca Brigham, Gabrielle Villalobos,** and **Amanda Poncik** gather together with other team members to discuss their strategy. Photo by A. Cooper



Number 9, **Lauralee Collins,** desperately tries to save the ball for her team to help lead them to victory. Photo by A. Cooper



Freshman Volleyball girls win 2nd in Industrial Tournament. First Row(l-r) **Gabrielle Villalobos, Chelsea Solis,** and **Bianca Brigham.** Second Row(l-r) **Hayley Pierce, Shametria Gonzales, Sara Garza, Lauralee Collins,** and **Jeanaye Owens.** Third Row(l-r) **Tiffany Miller, Ebonee Spencer, Ashley Gonzales, Amanda Poncik,** and **Kathyn Urbanovsky.** Photo by A. Cooper

Y'all just mad. Because today, you got served.

Spread & Photos By: Anna Raun

The Ladybirds ended with a (14-14) overall record and a (5-6) district record. Most of the Ladybirds agreed that the hardest match up all year was the game against the Bay City Blackcats to see who would claim third place in the district and advance to the playoffs. "We had to play them three times just to make it to the playoffs," junior **Kristi Michalsen** said. "So much was riding on that game. Both teams wanted and needed the win, so that made it the toughest game of the year," junior **Stephanie Korenek** added. "We were in a do or die situation, so we had to go out there and play our best," sophomore **Meredith Bard** said. "We had to fight hard to make it to the playoffs and we did it."



When the team fell apart, there was always someone to pick them up. "We could always count on Kayla, because she was always positive," Bard said. "If we messed up on a play, she would always help the team regroup," junior **Alexis Cooper** said, "No matter if we were winning, losing, or tied, Kayla would always pump us up and ask us to play, work, and try harder."

"I tried to keep the team on track all the time. During the games, I would talk to the players to keep them going," said Cerny. "Coach Popp was always trying to keep our spirits up. She never gave up on us, no matter what," junior **Kelsey Gangl** said. "Even though this season went by fast, I think we all had a good time playing the game," senior **Erica Harton** said. "This year was fun, and hopefully next year will be good, too," Junior **Ashley Zboril** said.

As the juniors look forward to next year's season, it was a bittersweet ending for the seniors. "This year was tough because I knew that once our last game was over, I wouldn't ever be playing with that same group of girls," senior **Brooke Wied** said.

Ladybird District Volleyball

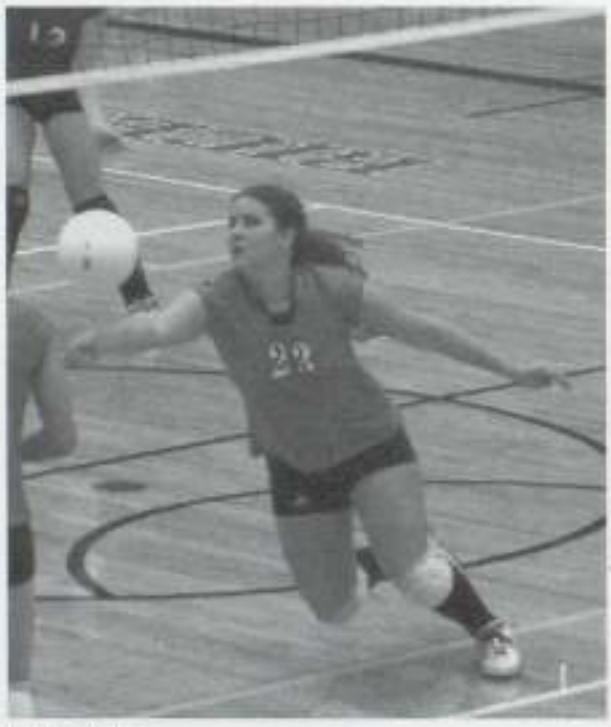
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Terry	W	W
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Seniors
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Brooke Wied
Courtney Wilson

Juniors
Alexis Cooper
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Meredith Bard

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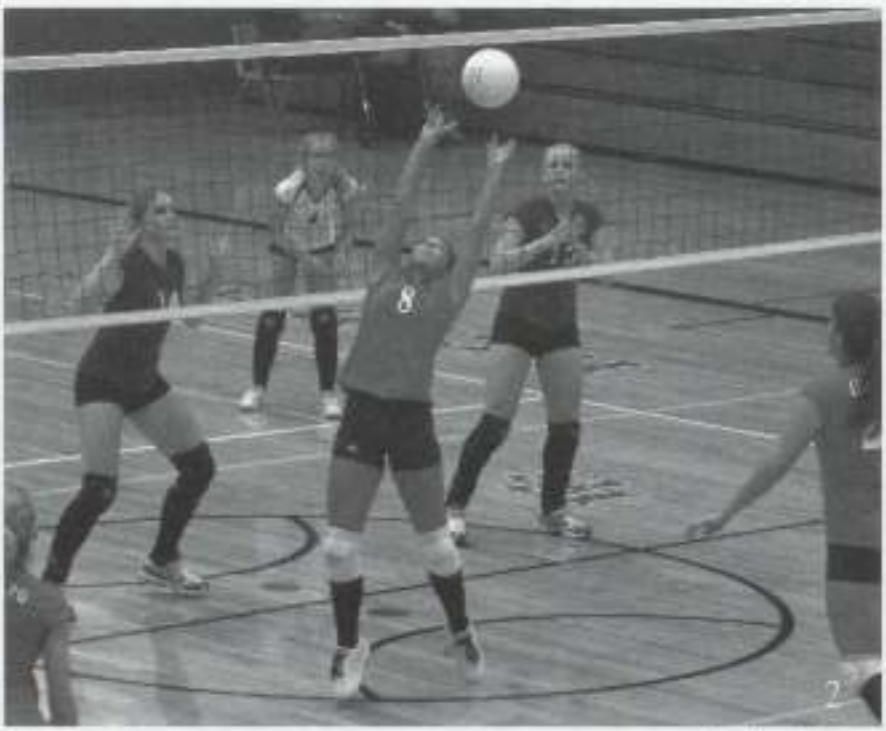


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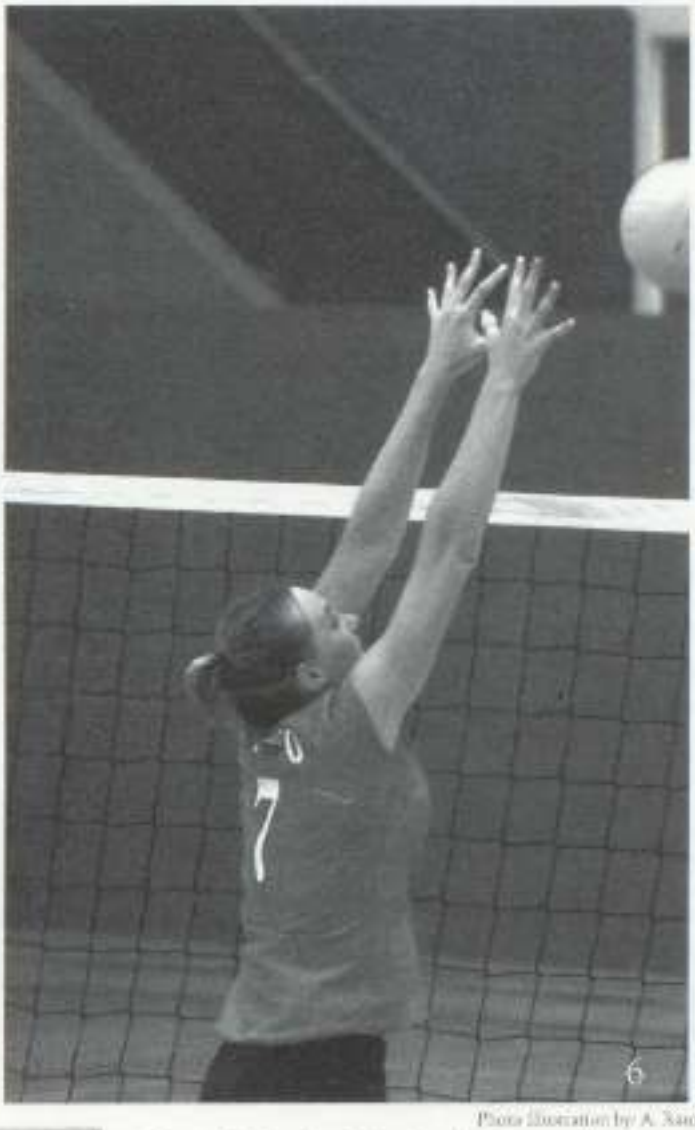


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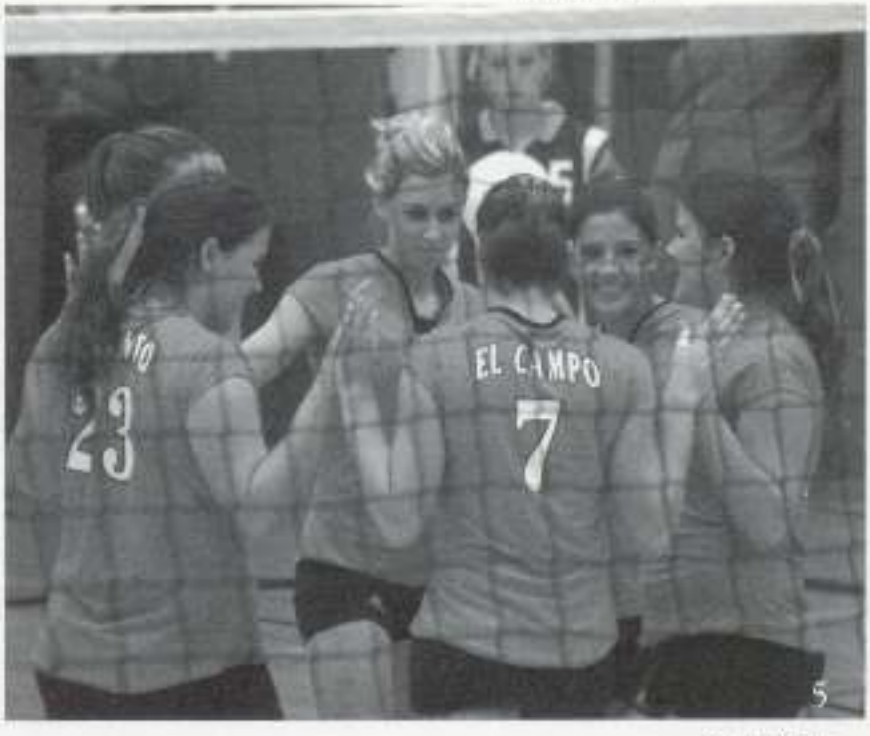


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(1) Junior **Kelsey Gangl** dives for a ball in a pre-district game against Hallettsville. "We could always count on our teammates to keep up our energy, especially during a game," **Kelsey Gangl** said.

(2) Senior setter **Kalya Cerny** back-sets the ball to her junior hitter **Kaylan Gangl**. "We went from having five sets to around thirty new sets this year," Cerny said.

(3) The players on the court, junior **Ashley Zboril**, senior **Kayla Cerny**, senior **Brooke Wied**, junior **Kaylan Gangl**, junior **Kelsey Gangl**, and sophomore **Meredith Bard**, break it out with "Lady-birds" before a match.

(4) Sophomore hitter **Meredith Bard** and junior hitter **Ashley Zboril** await the serve from the opponent in one of their ten district games. "Before the games, we had 'Team Talk' that pumped us up and got us ready to play as a team," Bard said.

(5) **Brooke Wied**, **Kelsey Gangl**, **Meredith Bard**, **Ashley Zboril**, **Kayla Cerny**, and **Kaylan Gangl** huddle up before a district game.

(6) Senior hitter **Brooke Wied** blocks a back row hit from the libero in the district game against Katy Seven Lakes.

Freshman A and B team

Freshmen A-team: Yates 20-6, Angleton 41-0, Victoria 46-20, Wharton38-6, Brazosport 48-8, Terry 14-8 (2nd Qrt), Bay City 50-0, Foster 0-6, Katy Seven Lakes 12-19, Lamar 22-12 **Season Record,8-2**
Freshmen B-team: Yates 8-21, Angleton 8-37, Victoria 16-0, Industrial 8-14, Foster 20-8, Terry 16-0, Needville 0-26, Foster 12-0, Katy Seven Lakes 36-0, Lamar 34-0 **Season Record, 6-4**

Spread by: Bryce Shaw

"Will you teach me to football" may be the freshman spread quote for this year, but that certainly wasn't the case as the Freshman A-team went 8-2 and put up some impressive scores.

Leading the A-team was quarterback **Waylon Malone**, running back **Landon Appling**, and split-end **Jack Axel**. "We just tried our best every time we stepped onto the field," said running back **Landon Appling**.

There were a lot of different things that inspired the guys on the team too. "What inspired me the most was the thought of going undefeated," said safety **Travis Deiss**. "Even though we went 8-2 we never did give up." The Freshman B team didn't do to bad either as they went 6-4 on the season. "We were all disappointed not to go undefeated like we wanted to, but going 6-4 is still good because it was a winning season," said quarterback **Keenan Ilse**. "Coach Johnson just kept telling us to do as good as we could and things would get better," said running back **Nick Martinez**.

All in all, the Freshman teams did very well and there should be plenty of good players for next year's JV and Varsity teams. "I think that next year will be little harder because the competion will be better than it was on the freshman teams," said freshman **Travis Deiss**. "Whatever team I end up on next year I will try my hardest just like I did this year," said freshman **Cody Gangl**.



Landon Appling talks to Coach Spenrath during a game. "Coach called me over to the sidelines and told me to just run hard on the next play," said Appling. Photo by: T. Cano



Jack Axel pulls away after catching a touchdown pass during a freshman A team game. " All I thought about was catching the ball when I saw that it was thrown to me and running," said **Axel**. Photo by: T. Cano



Keenan Ilse drops back to pass during a game against memorial for the freshman B team. "I saw one of my receivers open down field so I droped back and just let fly," said **Ilse**. Photo by: T. Cano

You take your football down here real serious?

Paul Crew, The Longest Yard 1975

JV and Sub Varsity

JV: Yates 24-18, Angleton 14-7, Victoria 8-0, Wharton 36-0, Brazosport 44-0, Terry 8-13 (hail), Bay City 14-13, Foster 0-6 (3rd Qtr), Katy Seven Lakes 21-0, Lamar 0-7 **Season Record 7-3**
Sub Varsity: Victoria 0-21, Angleton 14-7, Victoria 0-6, Calhoun 0-6, Foster 0-13, Terry 3-20, Foster 6-20 **Season Record 1-6**

Spread by: Bryce Skow



Wesley Condra gets ready to receive a snap during a JV football game. "All I tried to do was lead the team the best I could every game," said Condra.

The JV had a good season as they went 7-3 and 2-3 in district. "We were all disappointed to go 2-3 in district," said quarter back **Wesley Condra**. "I just think that if we could have finished those two rain out games, things would have been a lot better."

There were some mixed emotions about playing in all those rainy games also. "When we played Terry, my cleats got so muddy that I had to take them home and wash them with a water hose," said sophomore **Bryan Skow**. The Sub Varsity only played seven games, although they went 1-6 they battled it all the entire season. "We didn't always come out on top but we still played every game to the fullest of our potential," quarterback **Will Garrett**.

The Sub Varsity also had to play a lot of games in the rain. "One time when we were playing in the rain Will (Garrett) got tackled in a puddle of water," said **Gene Puryear**. "The funny part is that the guy who tackled him got hurt and laid on him so he couldn't breath."

The reasons for playing football were very diverse as well. "I played football to get a break from the cotton field," said junior **Cody Brandl**. "I played just because it's fun and it's something to do after school," said junior **Kyle Wind**. Whatever the reason might be there will be a lot of dedicated players to fill up next year's varsity team.



Coach Polasek and Coach Harp address the team on the sideline. Photo submitted by: Mary Jean Skow



The JV listens to Coach Harp after a hard played game. "He was always real positive with us if we played hard," said junior **Kyle Wind**. Photo submitted by: Mary Jean Skow

El Campo Varsity Football

Spread by: Bobby Jack Polasek

September 1, 2006 was the beginning of a new football season for the El Campo Ricebirds. The players and coaches were both hungry for a return to the playoffs after the previous year's 4-6 record and playoff drought.

The Ricebirds began the season with a home opener against the highly favored Houston Yates Lions. The Ricebirds battled the Lions to an upset.

The Ricebirds carried their momentum from their victorious home opener with a winning effort against the Angleton Wildcats, Victoria Memorial Vipers, Wharton Tigers, and Brazosport Exporters before falling to the Terry Rangers in a thrilling Homecoming loss to end their four game winning streak. But the Ricebirds would not be down for long. The players and coaches rallied from their Homecoming defeat to begin a new three game win streak by defeating the Bay City Black Cats in the historic 100th meeting (snapping the seven year losing streak), the Foster Falcons, and Katy Seven Lakes Spartans.

However in the 11th week of the season the 7-1 Ricebirds would fall to the Lamar Mustangs in another close game for a three way tie for the district title. Although the loss gave the Ricebirds their second close loss of the year and Lamar the district title, the team still qualified for playoffs.

The first round draw for the Ricebirds was one of the most anticipated games of the 2006 season playoffs. The Ricebirds faced the La Marque Cougars; a team they have never beaten in the playoffs. The game was hard fought, but the Ricebirds eventually succumbed to the La Marque Cougars.

The opinion throughout the locker room was almost unanimous; the loss to La Marque was the toughest. Junior Safety Thad Deiss said, "Losing to La Marque was the hardest....we could have gone further in the playoffs and that's always fun."

Each player worked to improve their skills in hopes of that playoff bid. Head Coach Bob Gillis summed up the season, "We had a great football season and showed improvement each week. In 2005, we lost several very close games and had some key injuries. We were fortunate in 2006 to not have very many injuries and win most of our close games. I am very proud of both teams."

Date	Opponet	Score
Sept. 1	Houston Yates	30-7
Sept. 8	at Angleton Wildcats	35-7
Sept. 15	Victoria Memorial	47-20
Sept. 22	at Wharton Tigers	34-8
Oct. 5	at Brazosport	47-0
Oct. 13	Terry Rangers	20-22
Oct. 20	at Bay City Blackcats	42-20
Oct. 27	Foster Falcons	31-13
Nov. 2	at Seven Lakes Spartans	35-12
Nov. 10	Lamar Mustangs	33-42
Nov. 16	La Marque Cougars	24-7









1) The 2006 El Campo Varsity Roebiid Football Team running out of the tunnel. photo by E. Bergerson.

2) Senior **Lee Orr** catching a touchdown in the game against the Wharton Tigers. photo by K. Bagley.

3) Senior Captains #7 **Dustin Appling**, #11 Lee Orr, #44 **Joe Gallegos**, and #50 **James Cannel**. "The past four years have been really quick and I will miss every part of it," said senior **James Cannel**. photo by E. Bergerson.

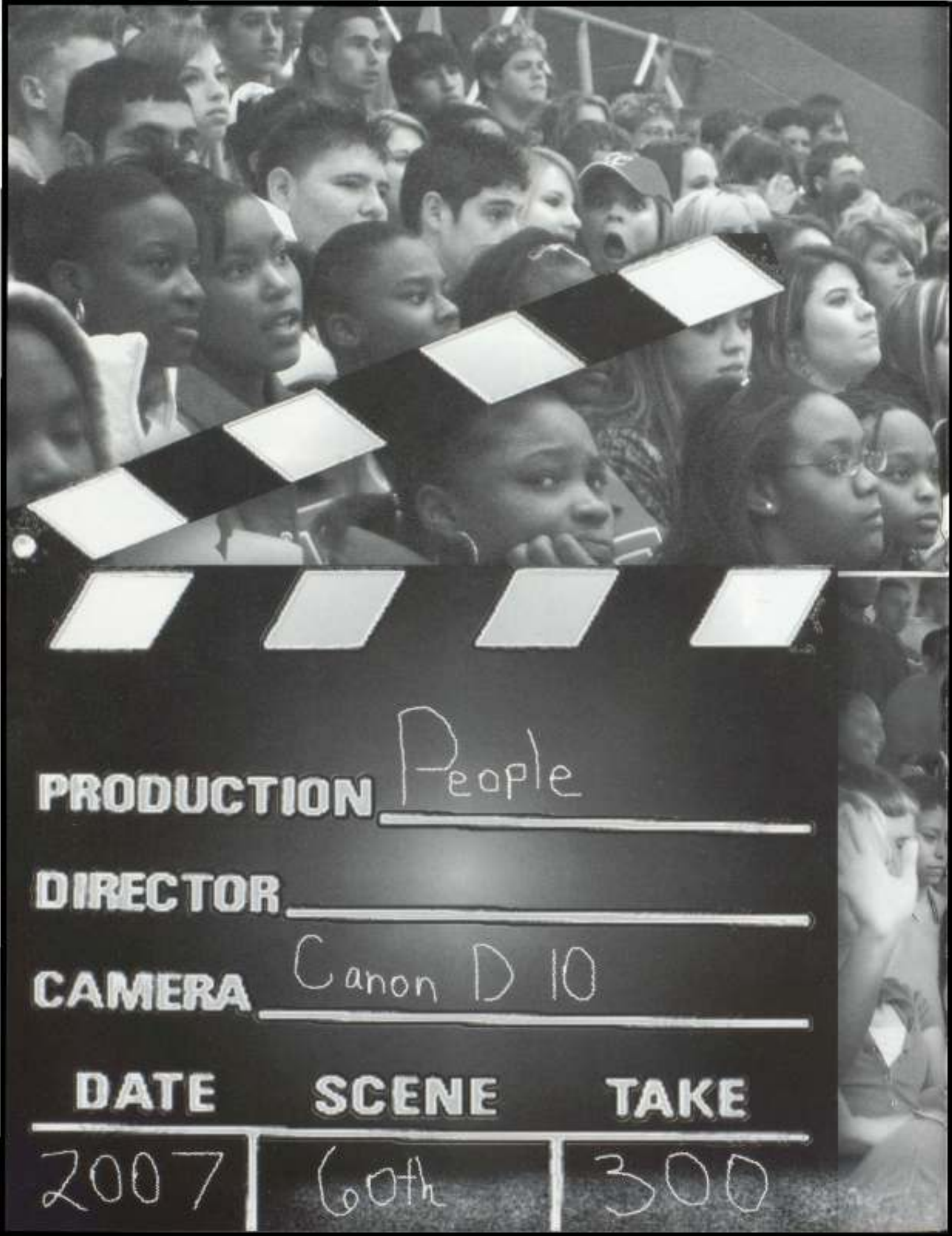
4) Senior **Dustin Appling** being pushed for extra yards by fellow teammates Junior #30 **Anthony Terrell** and junior #80 **Bryce Skow** in the Bay City game. "We play some good 'ole country football!" said **Dustin Appling**. photo by K. Bagley.

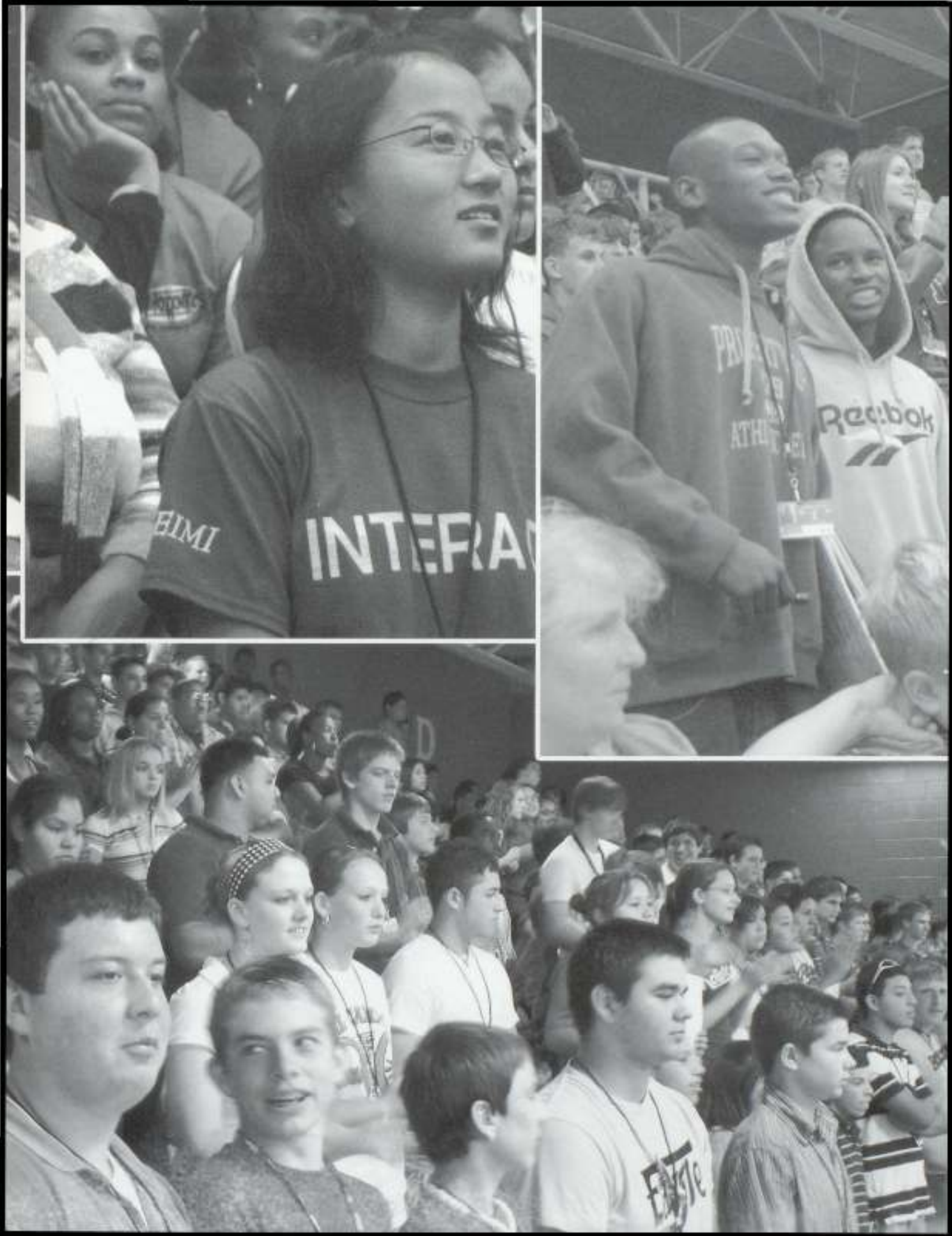
5) Junior **Thad Deiss** on Defense before the snap of the ball. "I think we had a pretty good season. Overall we came out and proved to a lot of people that we could be alot better than expected," said **Thad Deiss** when asked how he felt about the 2006 football season. photo by E. Bergerson.

6) Senior **Joe Gallegos** on Defense before the snap of the ball. "We were never the biggest, the strongest, or the fastest, but we played with heart," said senior **Joe Gallegos**. photo by E. Bergerson.






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Jeffrey Supak



Jeffrey Supak earned the title of Valedictorian along with Summa Cum Laude honors with a GPA of 5.375. He will attend Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi to study meteorology. Supak is very proud of his accomplishments and never thought he could do it. Giving many thanks to various teachers who helped him with their inspiration, his "mind opened to a whole new world of knowledge." Supak also was proud to be the top of the Class of 2017 because of the awesome people who make it up and have become his friends. "ECHS is a great campus because it is very upbeat and positive and will always be a part of who I am," said Supak.



Lauren Hughey

Lauren Hughey gained Salutatorian honors as well as Summa Cum Laude honors with a GPA of 5.367. She will attend the University of Texas in Austin. Hughey has been taught many lessons in her high school career ranging from academics to her life. Hughey stated, "This year is a year that I will never forget. While being a senior I have experienced many things, from exciting football games to dreaded research papers, but the memories I have made this year will be ones I will always remember." Like many other seniors who are attending out-of-town schools, Hughey said, "I'm both scared and sad, but the excitement of starting a new chapter in my life outweighs everything else."

MAGNA CUM LAUDE



David Hathway

Hathway earned the honors of Magna Cum Laude with a GPA of 5.333. He will attend Stephen F. Austin University to pursue a Performing Arts degree. "I am blown away to be with a group of people that cares less about their GPA and more about the pursuit of knowledge and excellence and enjoying life," Hathway said.



Suzanne Buzek

Buzek was seated in the number four spot with Magna Cum Laude honors with the GPA of 5.315. She will attend Texas A&M University in College Station to pursue a degree in Accounting. "My favorite ECHS memories come from playing varsity softball. This group of girls was like a family to me. Through the worst and best times, we were always there for each other," Buzek said.



Derek Merta

Merta graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors with a 5.242 GPA. He will also attend Texas A&M University in College Station. "We have an awesome staff that can offer some great advice to anyone willing to take the time to listen," said Merta.



Sablatura earned the number five spot with a 5.202 GPA and Magna Cum Laude honors. She will be staying close to home to attend WCJC. Sablatura said, "I'm going to miss everybody but I can now say that all of the studying has paid off!"

Lindsey Sablatura

MAGNA CUM LAUDE



Hailey Leopold

Leopold earned Magna Cum Laude honors with a 5.152 GPA. She will attend the University of Texas in Austin. "Although I had work or college afterward school, I learned about my responsibilities and experienced other things that are important to me," said Leopold.



Bethany Riley

Riley graduated with a 5.152 GPA and Magna Cum Laude honors in the eighth seat. She will attend the University of Texas at Tyler. While having enjoyed her time in El Campo, Riley said, "It is now time to leave these years behind and move on to the next chapter of my life."



James Cannell

Cannell sat in the ninth spot to graduate with a 5.151 GPA and Magna Cum Laude honors. "I liked my senior year of football the most and am proud to be a Ricebird because we are the best at everything and everyone shows it in the way they act," said Cannell, who will continue to play football at West Texas A&M University.



Erica Harton

Harton was the tenth top student of her class with a GPA of 5.096 and Magna Cum Laude honors. She will attend the University of Texas in Austin to pursue a degree in accounting or engineering with a minor in economics. "I have worked very hard to the past four years here at ECHS and am glad to know it has paid off," Harton said.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE



Kathryn Rice

Rice graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors with a 5.059 GPA. She will attend Houston Baptist University to pursue a degree in vocal performance. Rice said, "The best part about my senior year was taking all the classes that I loved to do; plus, I had great teachers who cared about my success and motivated me for college."



Raun graduated 12th with a GPA of 5.050 and Magna Cum Laude honors. He will be participating in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University. Raun said, "We had a very competitive class and even with that constant competition, we still grew some very strong friendships that will last forever."

Madsen Raun



Kayla Cerny

Cerny graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 5.042 GPA at number 13. Staying close to home, she will be attending WCJC. Cerny said her favorite part of her senior year was, "Getting to leave school early and being the 'top' dog in the school."



Mauch completed his senior year with a 5.0 GPA and Magna Cum Laude honors. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin. "The bulk of what I learned at El Campo had little to do with curriculum or TAKS tests. Instead, whether it was a practice debate held after school, a stern counseling in Mrs. Srubar's (and, often, Mr. Freeman's) office, or an existential discussion on the way to a speech tournament, I learned outside of a classroom environment how to be a better person. That, truly, is what I am most grateful for."

David Mauch

CUM LAUDE



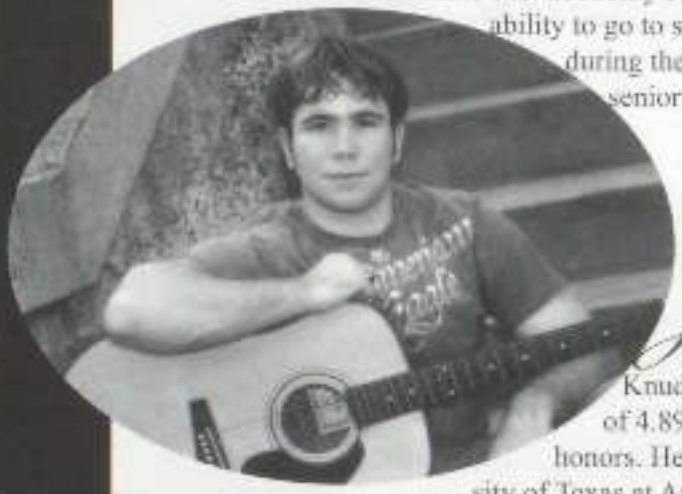
Matthew Tumlinson

Tumlinson graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors and a 4.968 GPA. Staying close to home, he will attend WCJC. Tumlinson said, "I have learned that even when obstacles arise, to never give up, believe in yourself, and you will overcome anything standing in your way."



Taylor Vacek

Vacek graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors and a GPA of 4.914. He will attend Texas A&M University in College Station . "What I like best about my senior year was the ability to go to school and still work during the day. I had a great senior year," said Vacek.



John Knudsen

Knudsen graduated with a GPA of 4.891 and Magna Cum Laude honors. He will attend the University of Texas at Austin. Knudsen said, "The past four years have been a blur. They've gone by so fast that it seems like yesterday I was sitting in Mrs. Swenson's class reading Fahrenheit 451."



Derek Treybig

Treybig was 18th with a GPA of 4.885, graduating with Cum Laude honors. He will play golf at the University of Texas in Dallas. "I'm elated that I have stayed in the top 10% my entire high school career. It was my goal when I started as a freshman and achieving that goal my senior year is an awesome feeling!" said Treybig.

CUM LAUDE



Christine Kocurek

Kocurek graduated with Cum Laude honors and a 4.85 GPA. Staying close to home, she will attend WCJC. Kocurek said, "Some of my best high school memories were being in Derby Dolls and being with all my friends. I will really miss all my classmates and wish everyone good luck later on down the road."



Olivia Wall

Wall earned Cum Laude honors with a GPA of 4.84. She will travel to Kentucky to play softball at Transylvania University. "Being a Ladybird is so amazing because the whole town puts so much support behind us and it makes me so proud to represent them," said Wall.



Kenny Gustafson

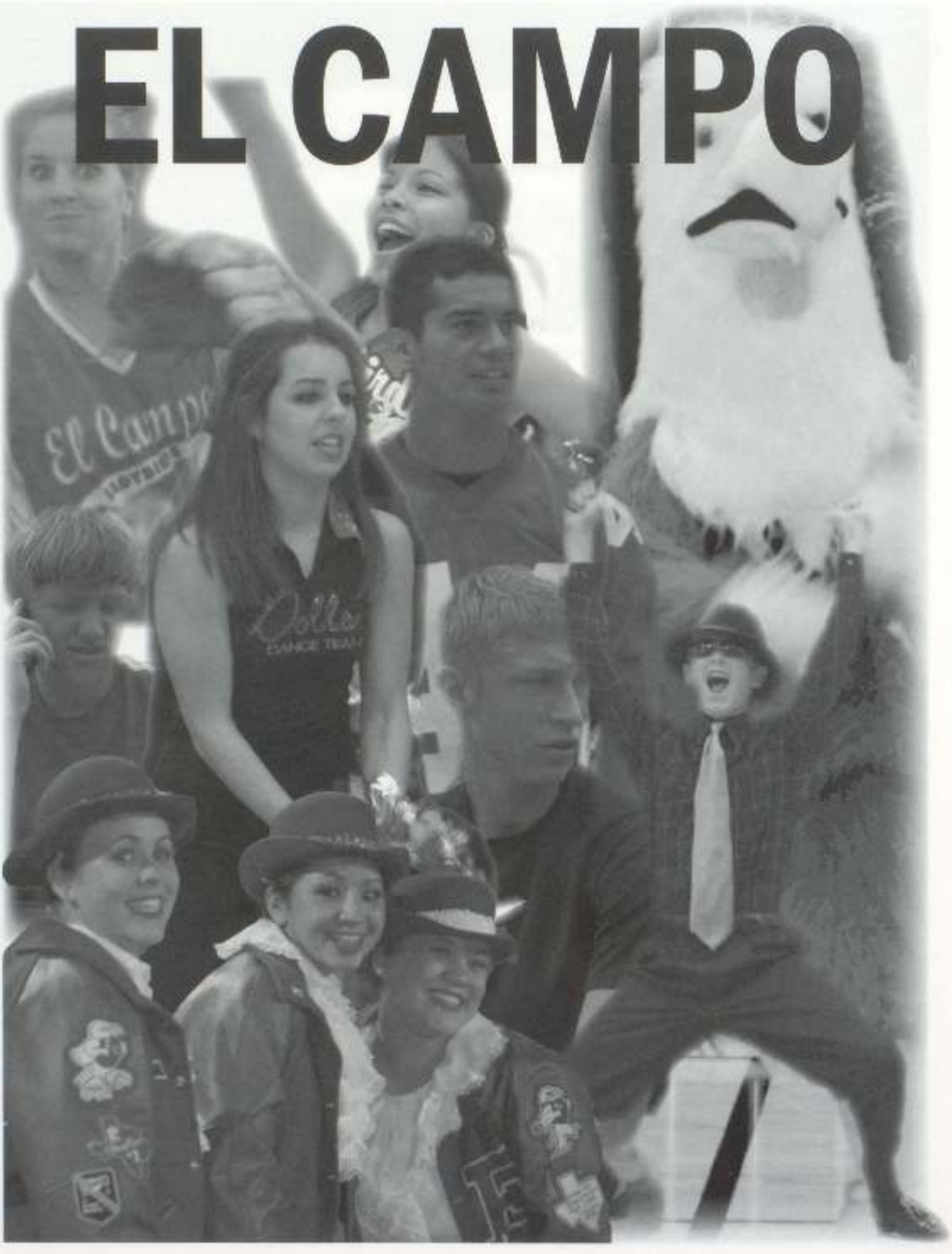
Gustafson graduated with a 4.832 GPA and Cum Laude honors. He will attend the University of Texas at Austin. "My favorite part of my senior year was definitely the tennis trips. We had a really fun year with a few wins along the way," said Gustafson.



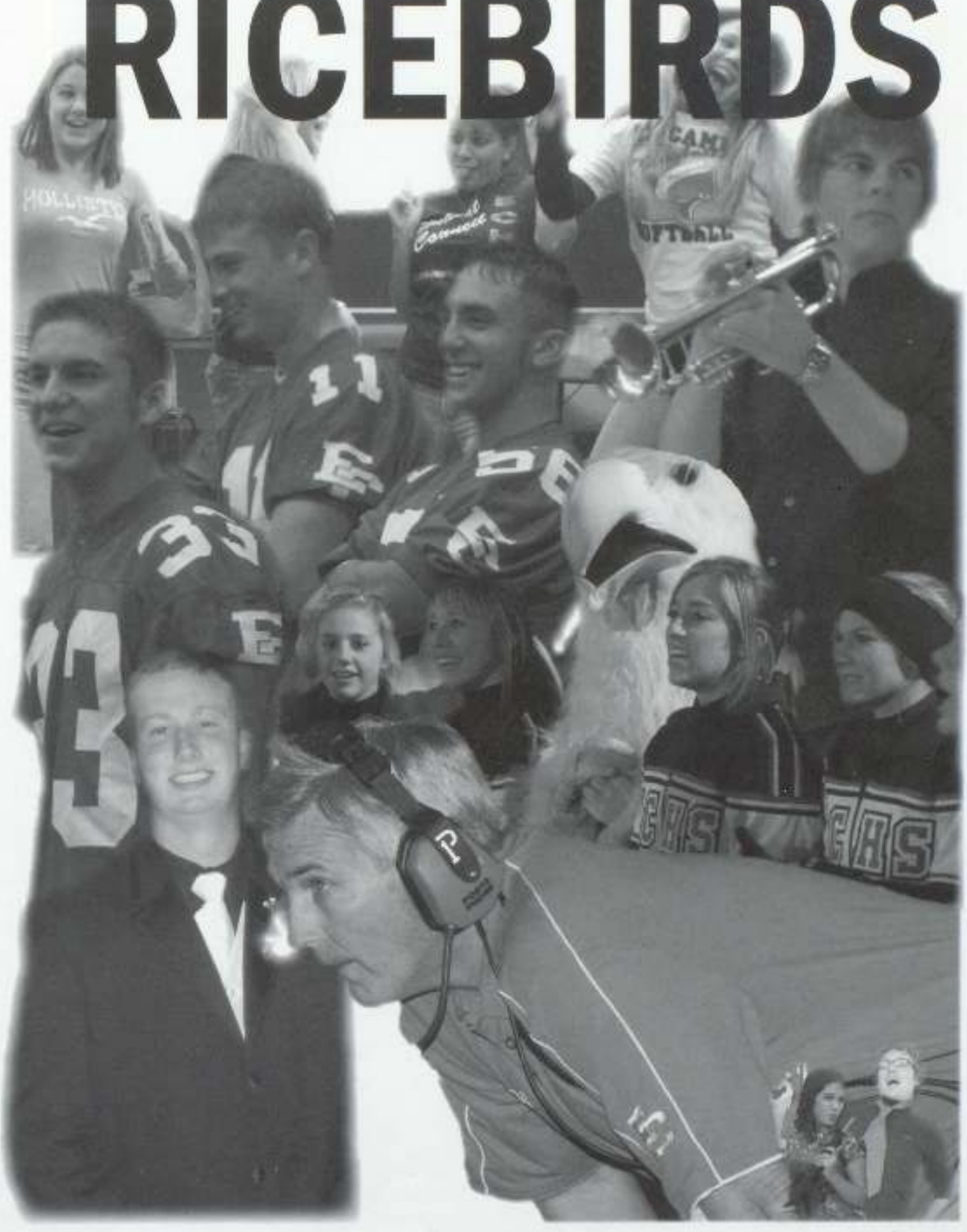
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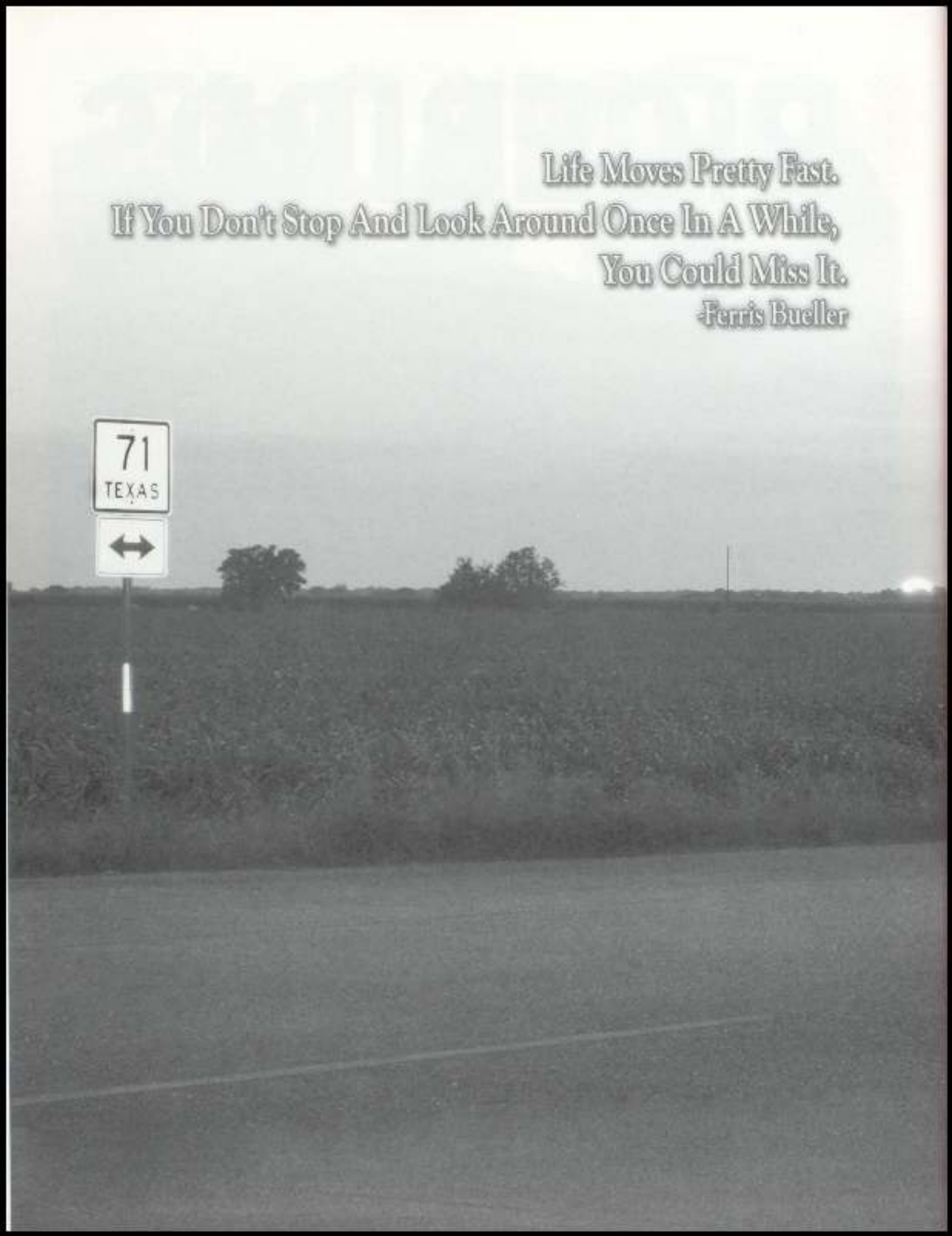
Tupa graduated in the 22nd spot with a 4.821 GPA and Cum Laude honors. She will attend Wharton County Junior College. Tupa said, "Being the mascot was one of the best things I experienced. I learned how to have fun and do my job."

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Life Moves Pretty Fast.
If You Don't Stop And Look Around Once In A While,
You Could Miss It.
-Ferris Bueller
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TEXAS



Justin Abbott



Guadalupe Aguilar



Jacopo Aldazoro



Carlos Alfaro



Dustin Appling



Joe E. Arambula



Alonzo Baldares



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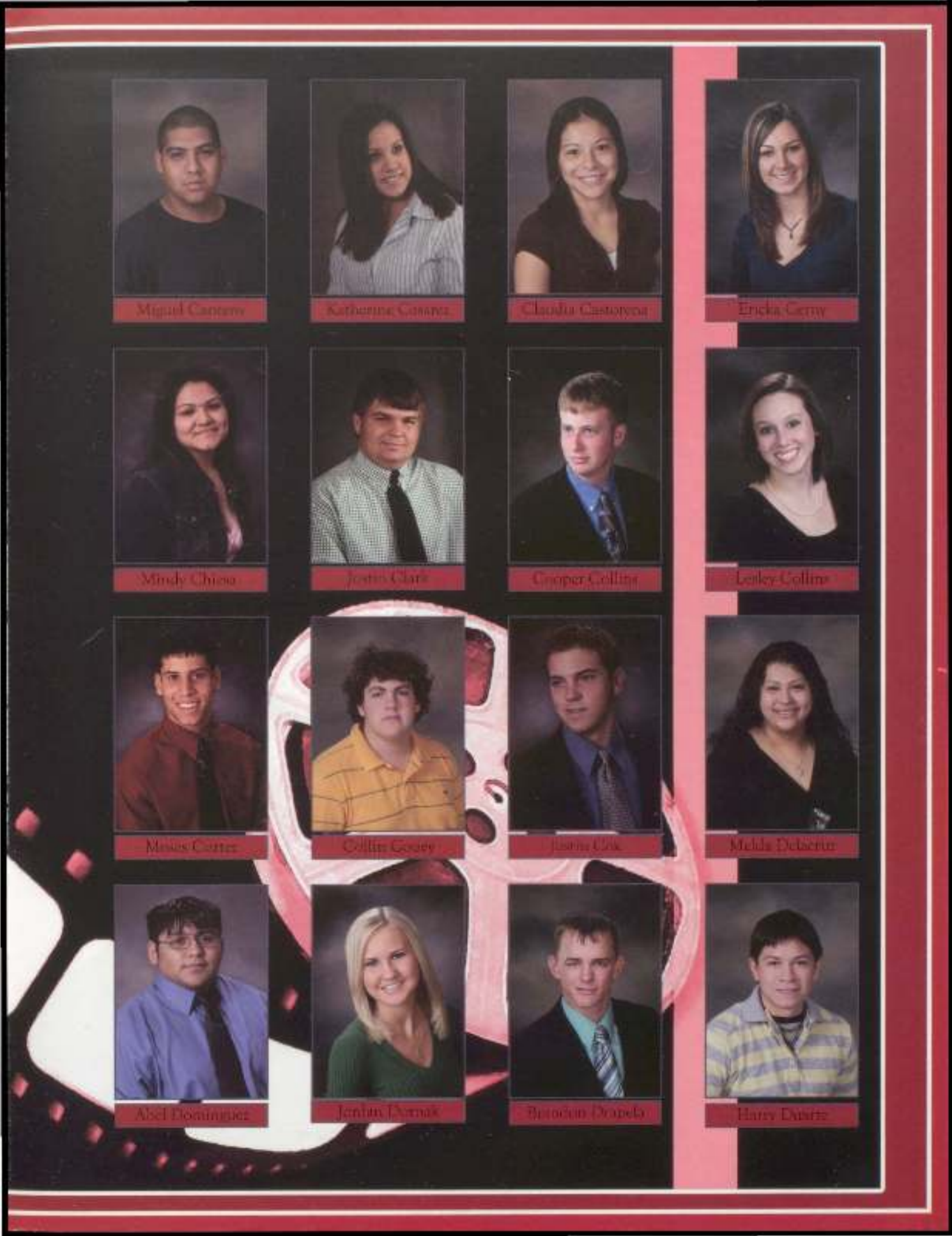
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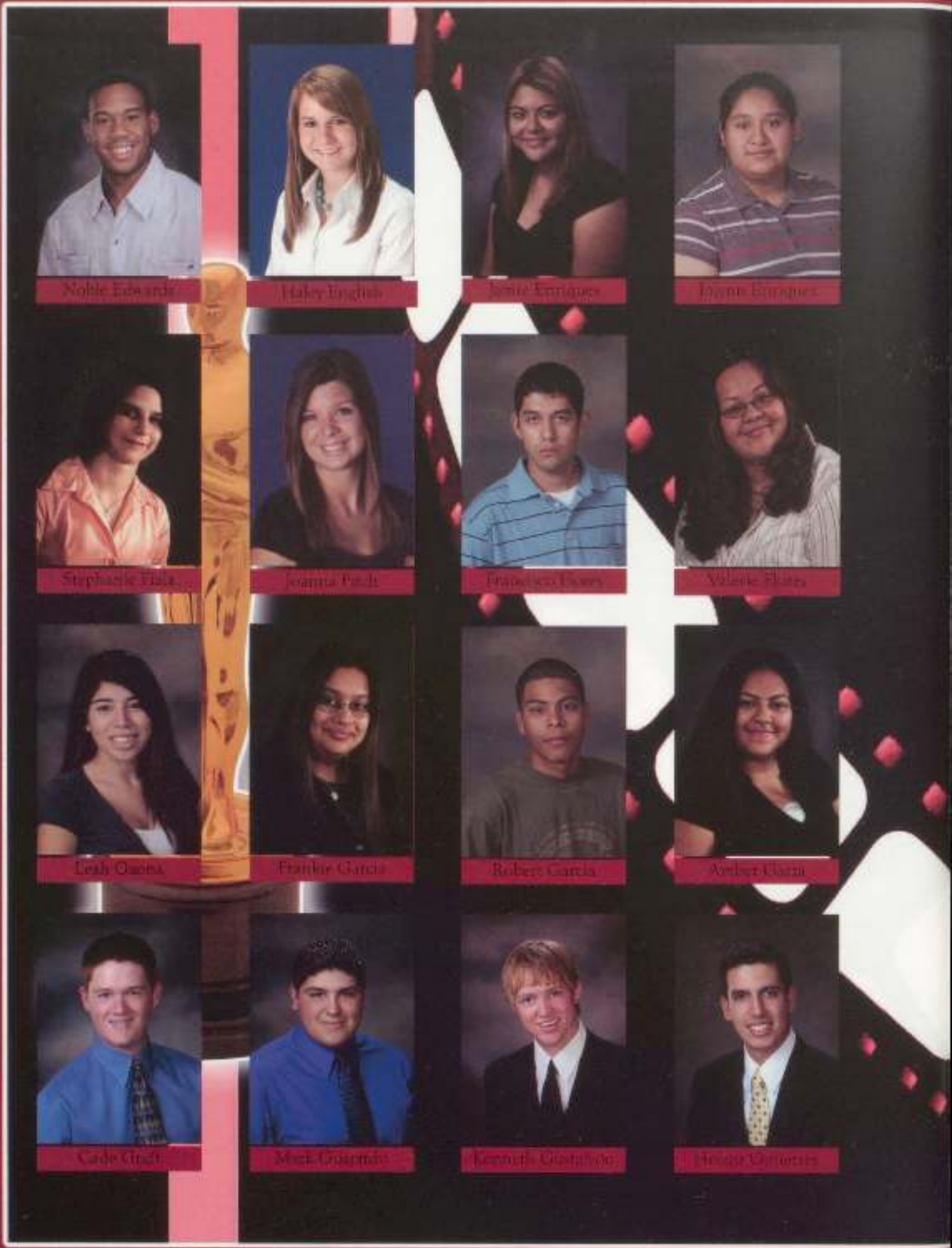


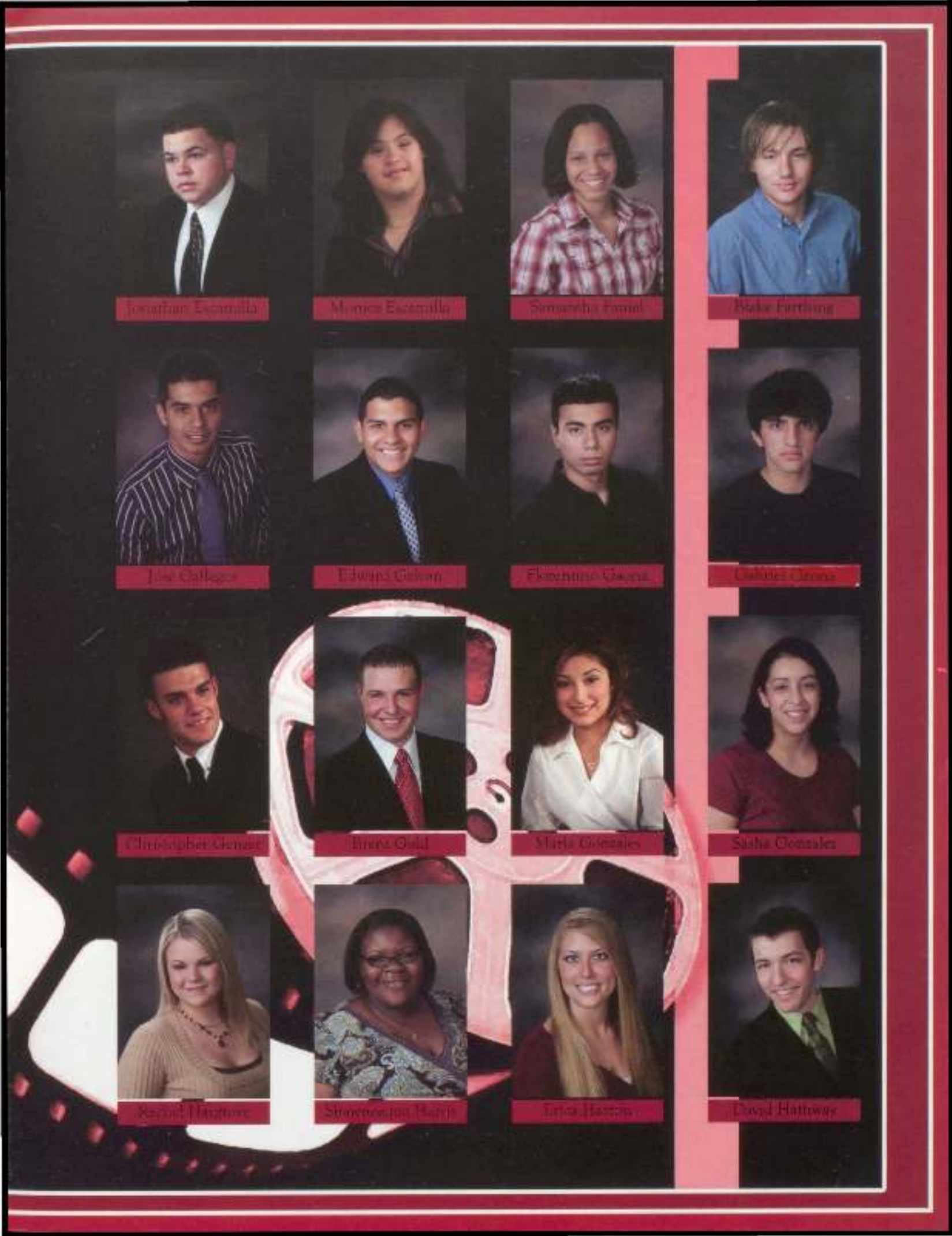
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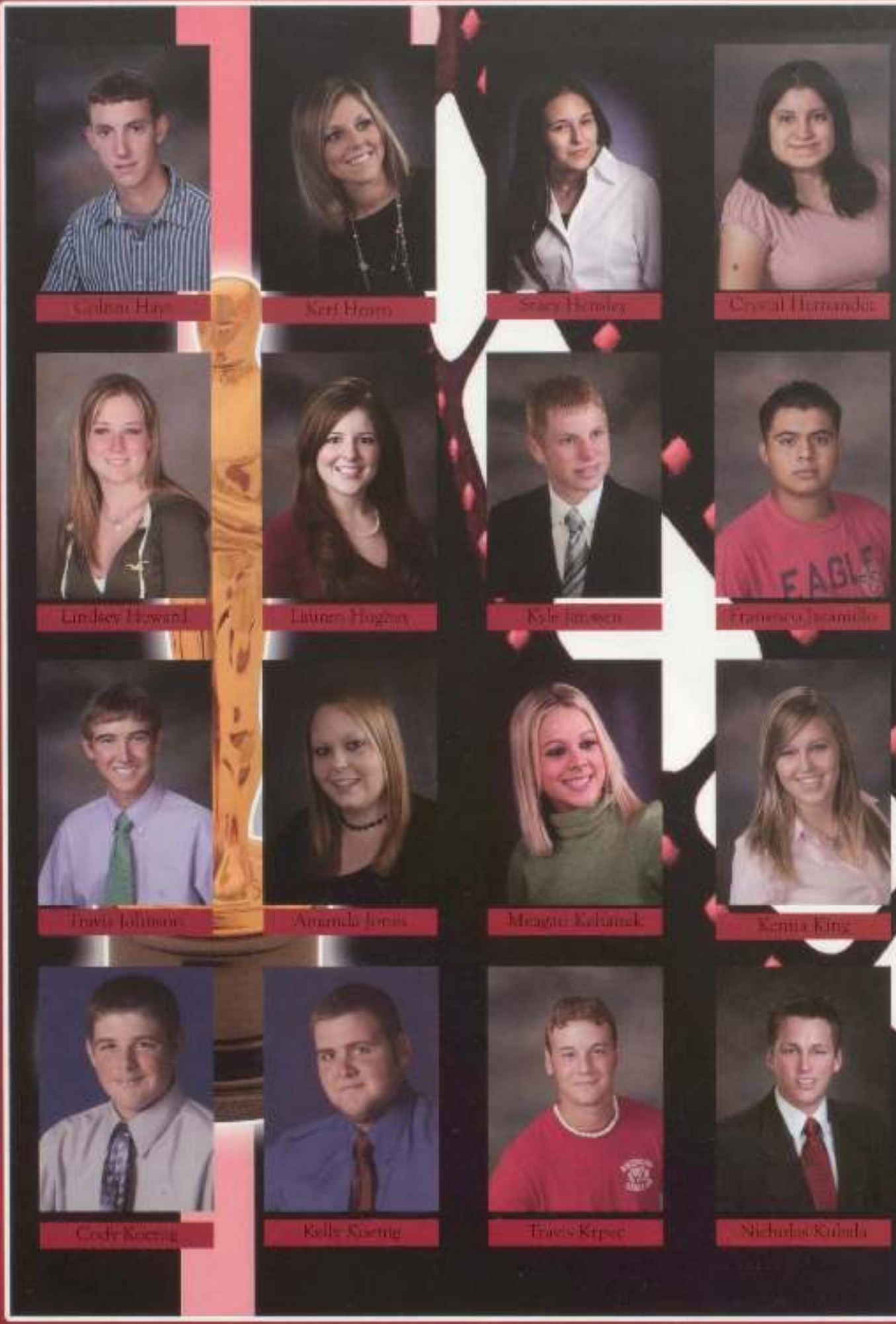


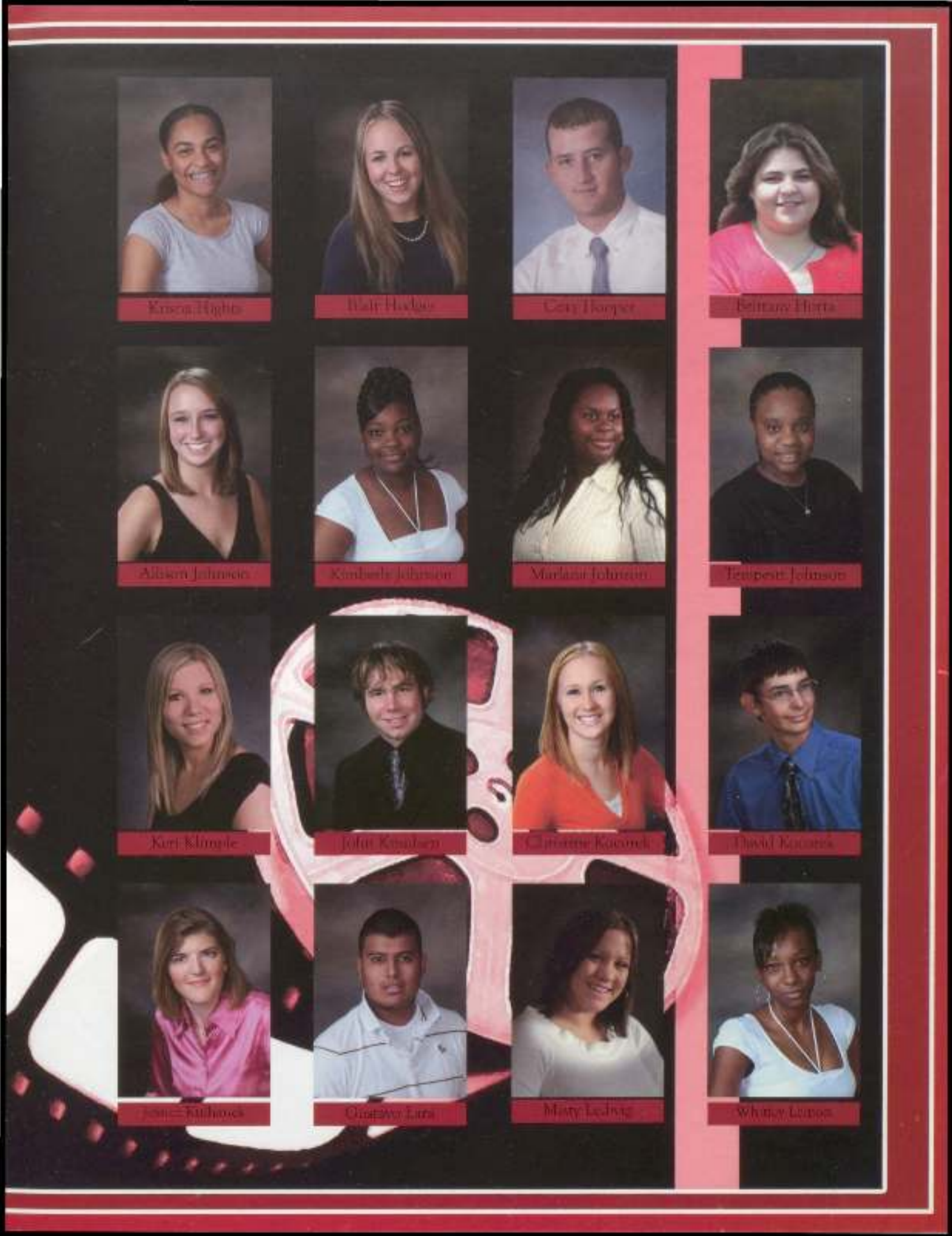
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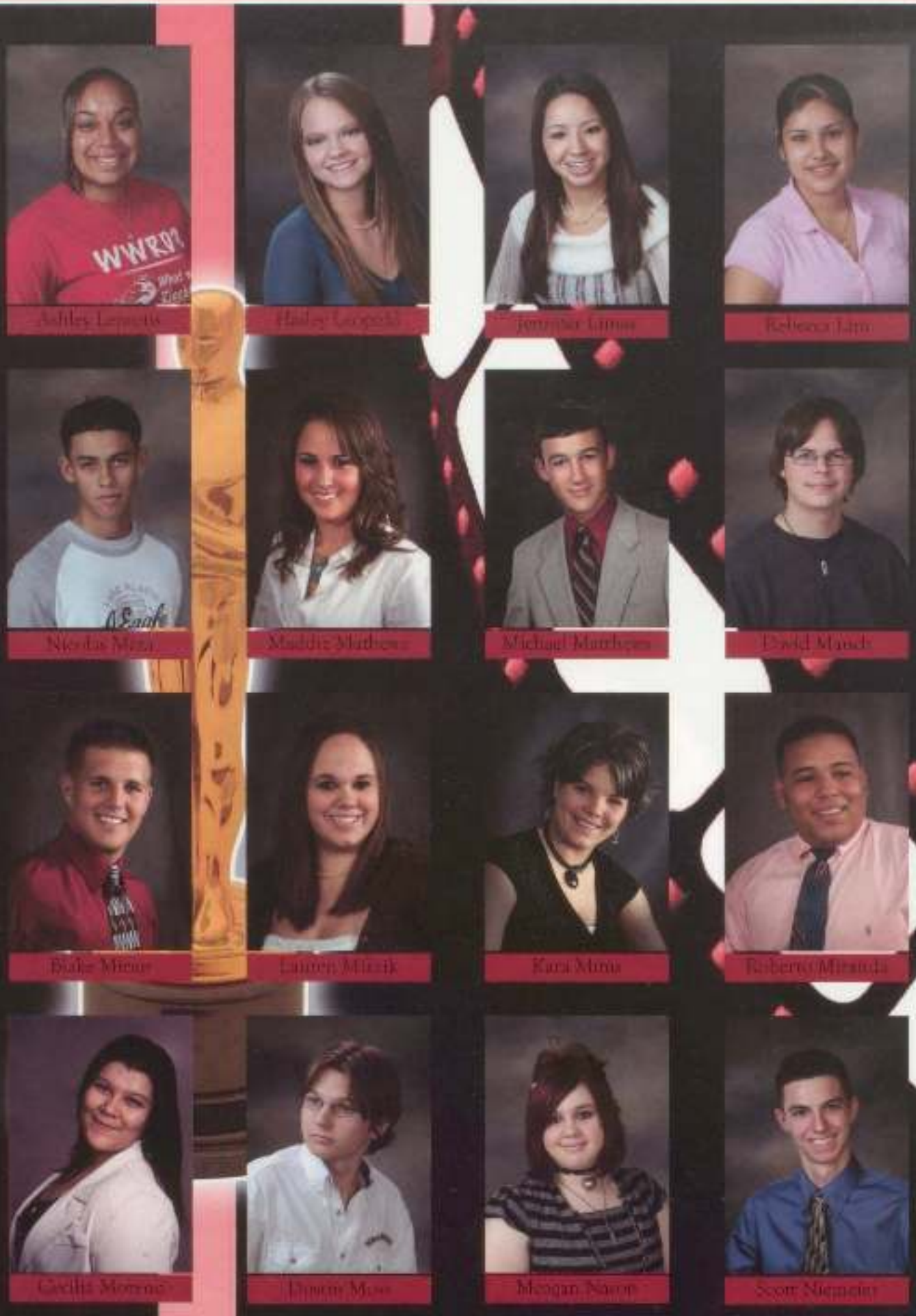

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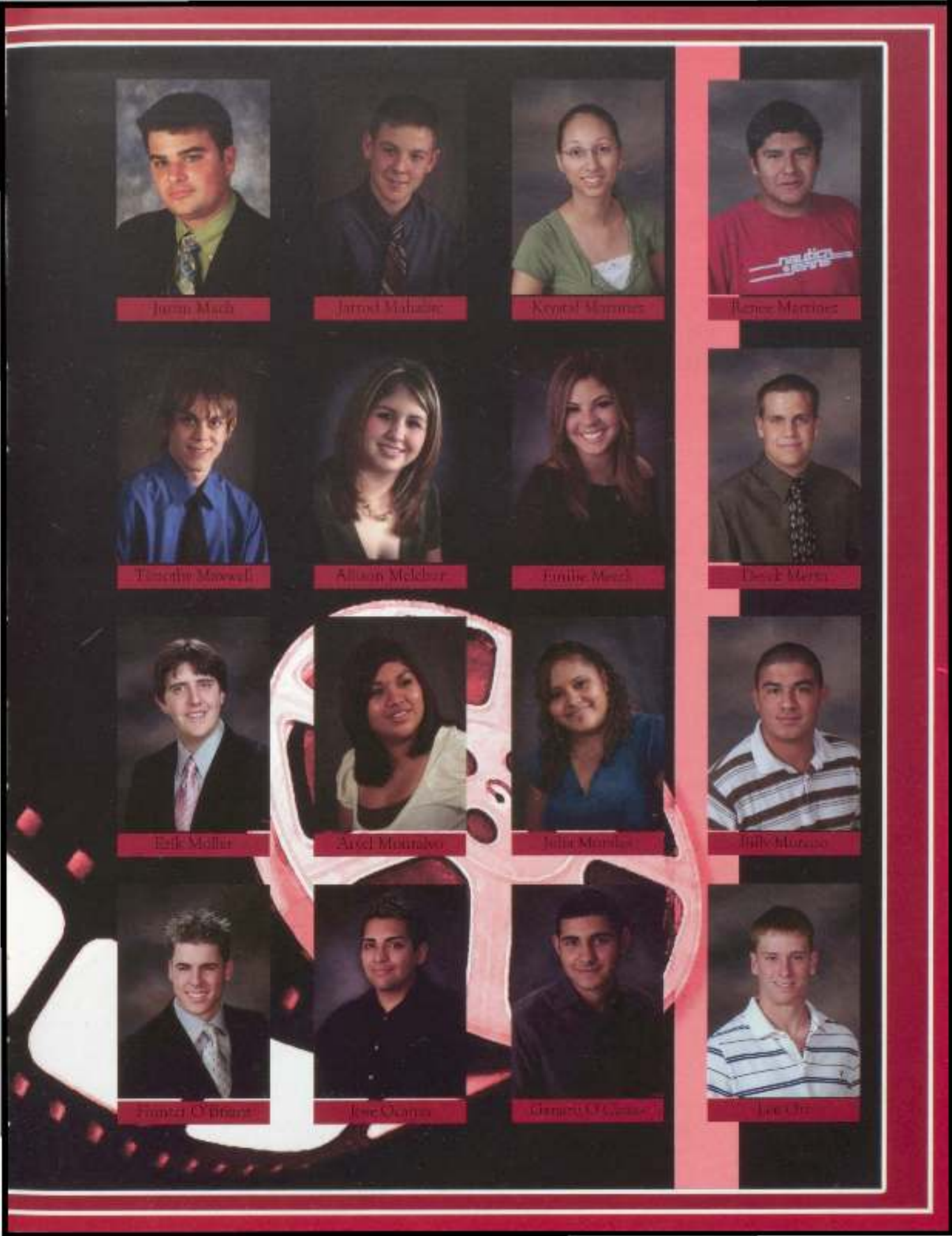



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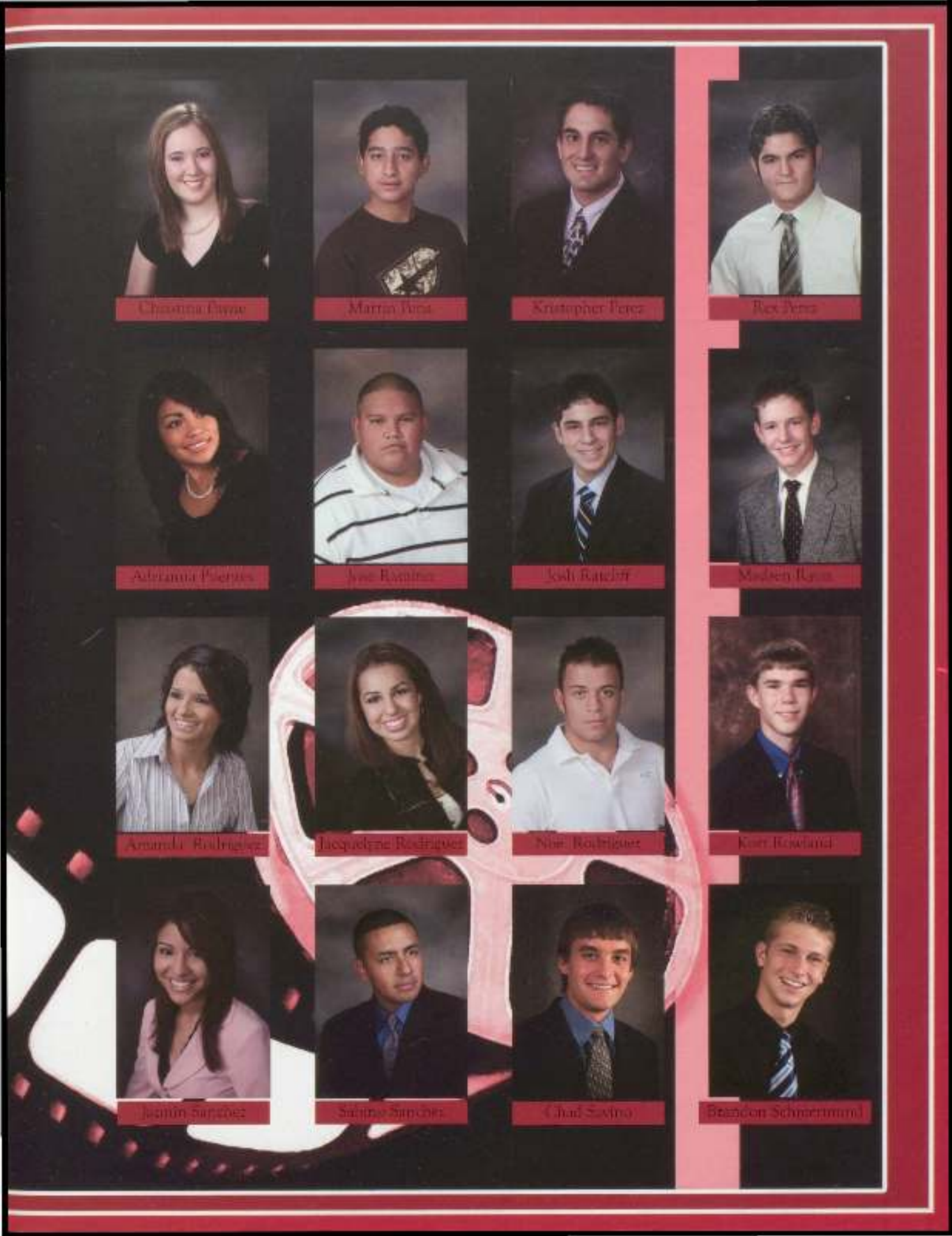

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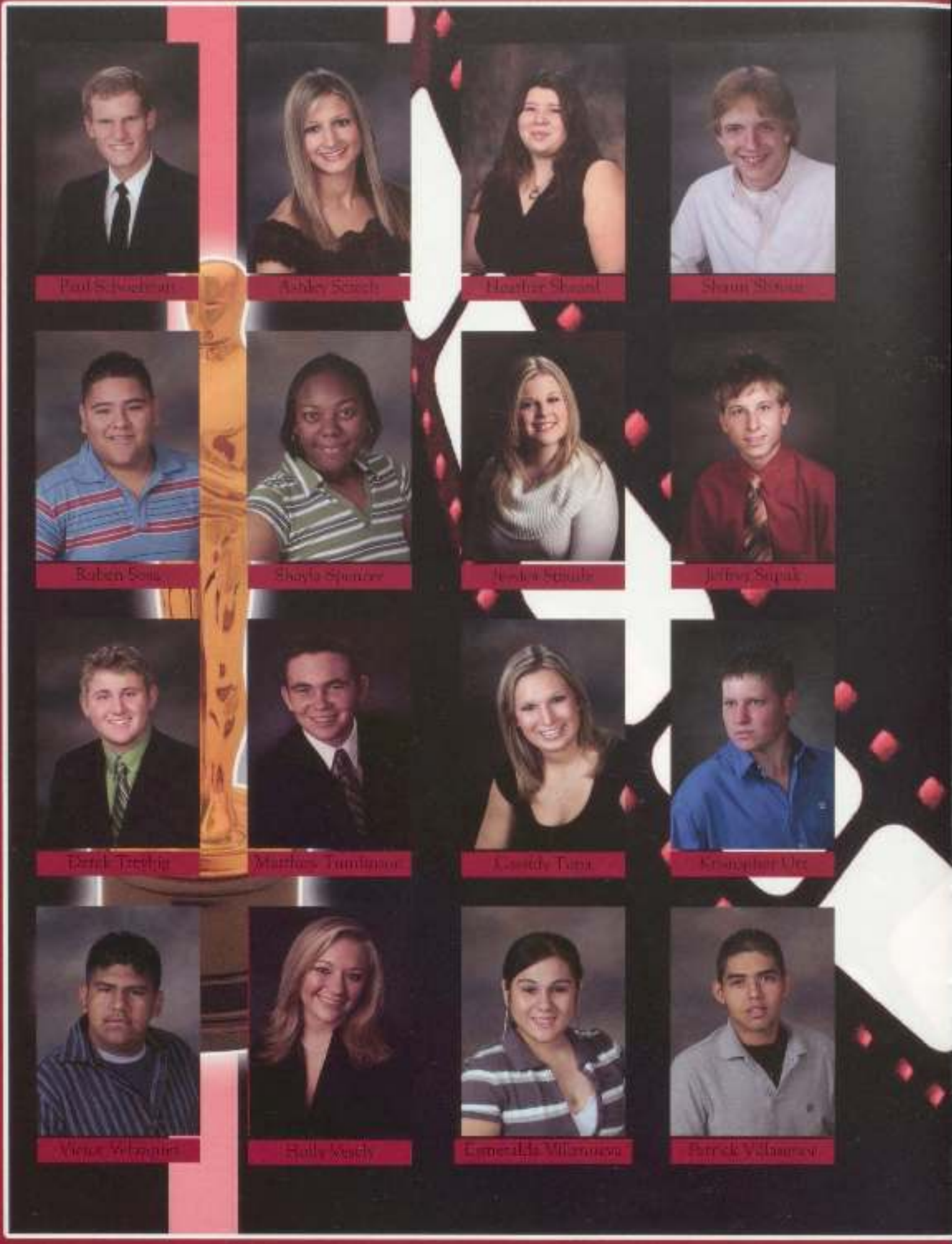

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I don't know if we each have a destiny, or if we're all just floatin' around accidental-like on a breeze. But I, I think maybe it's both, maybe both happening at the same time.

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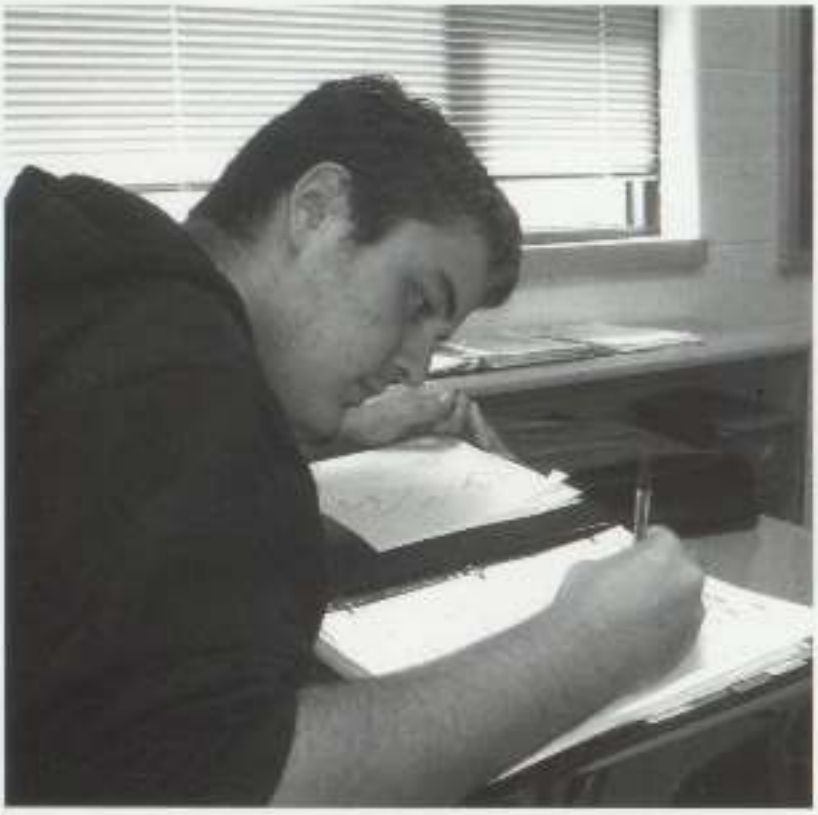


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Knowledge for College

Spread By: Whitney Segree



Junior **Derek Rivera** sits in his Math class working on a paper he had been assigned. "I don't really like doing the work but it's easy," Rivera said. Photo by: W. Segree

Being a junior in high school was not always easy. Whether you were getting ready for regular class tests or TAKS tests, it wasn't all fun and games. Many people said that junior year is the most important year in your high school career, especially if you were going to college. One test you had to take to get into college was the SAT. The SAT was a hard test to take and a low score could seriously harm your chances of getting into college. Students had planned and prepared for this test so they would make a good score on it. Planning for the SAT wasn't so easy because you didn't have a study guide to go by.

"Preparing for the SAT is almost impossible because it's a just a formal test covering every bit of knowledge you know," said junior **Isaac Atwood**.

"One good thing was taking the PSAT," said junior **Sarah Langston**.

"Preparing for the test wasn't easy," said junior **Derek Rivera**. "You really had to study and go over the materials."

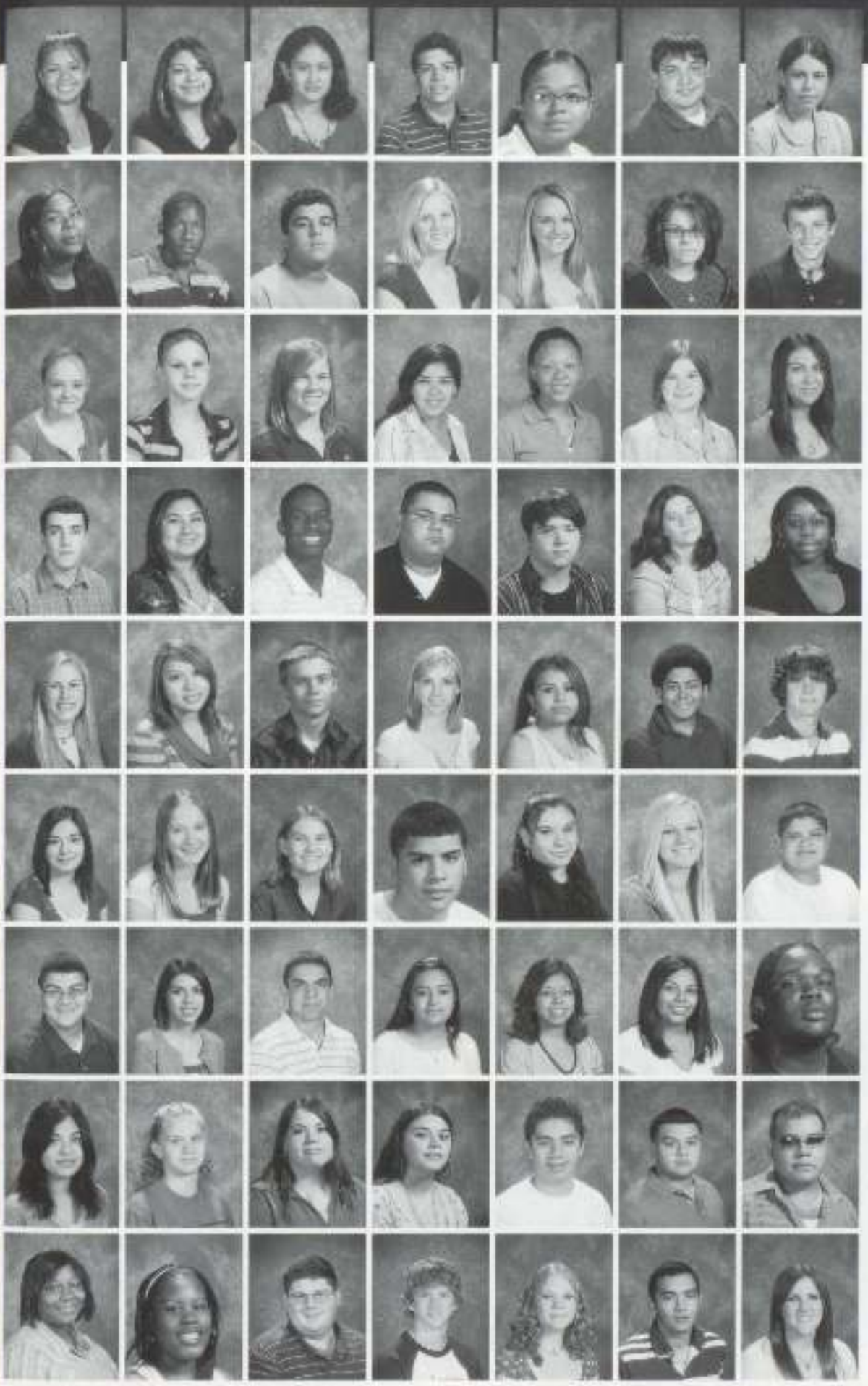
"A good score on the SAT is vital for acceptance into a good university and especially helps a lot when filling our scholarship applications," said **Atwood**.



Junior **Sarah Langston** works on a paper for her Math Modeling class. "This is an easy class, and it gets us prepared for the TAKS test," Langston said. Photo by: W. Segree



Junior **Isaac Atwood** sits in the library reading a book for his English class. "Mrs. Wagner's class is fun even though I hate reading," Atwood said. Photo by: W. Segree



Brittany Acuna
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Gabriel Garcia
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Noelia Garcia
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"You don't have to resort to a ruse to get into my personal space." Daria 1997

Myspace.com more popular than ever!

Spread by: Stephanie Soliz

MySpace became more popular than ever in 2007. Over half of the students attending ECHS had a MySpace page. For the MySpace impaired, MySpace was a popular social networking website that offered an interactive, user-submitted network of friends, personal profiles, blogs, groups, photos, music and videos.

Most students checked their MySpace daily, usually right after they arrived home from school or work. Most students considered it a great way to stay connected with friends and family, especially individuals that did not live in the same city.

"I check my Myspace everyday usually," said foreign exchange student **Meimi Nakamura.**

Although most students enjoyed MySpace, some of the parents and teachers of Myspace users were skeptical of the social networking web sites. Teacher Molly Kresta was cynical toward Myspace. "I have a Myspace in order to check and make sure my two sons are in line."

Although there were many differences of opinions over Myspace, it was definitely the trend of the year.



Junior **Meimi Nakamura,** and senior **Suzanne Buzek,** pose for the camera at the annual German Banquet.

Photo by K. Sojak

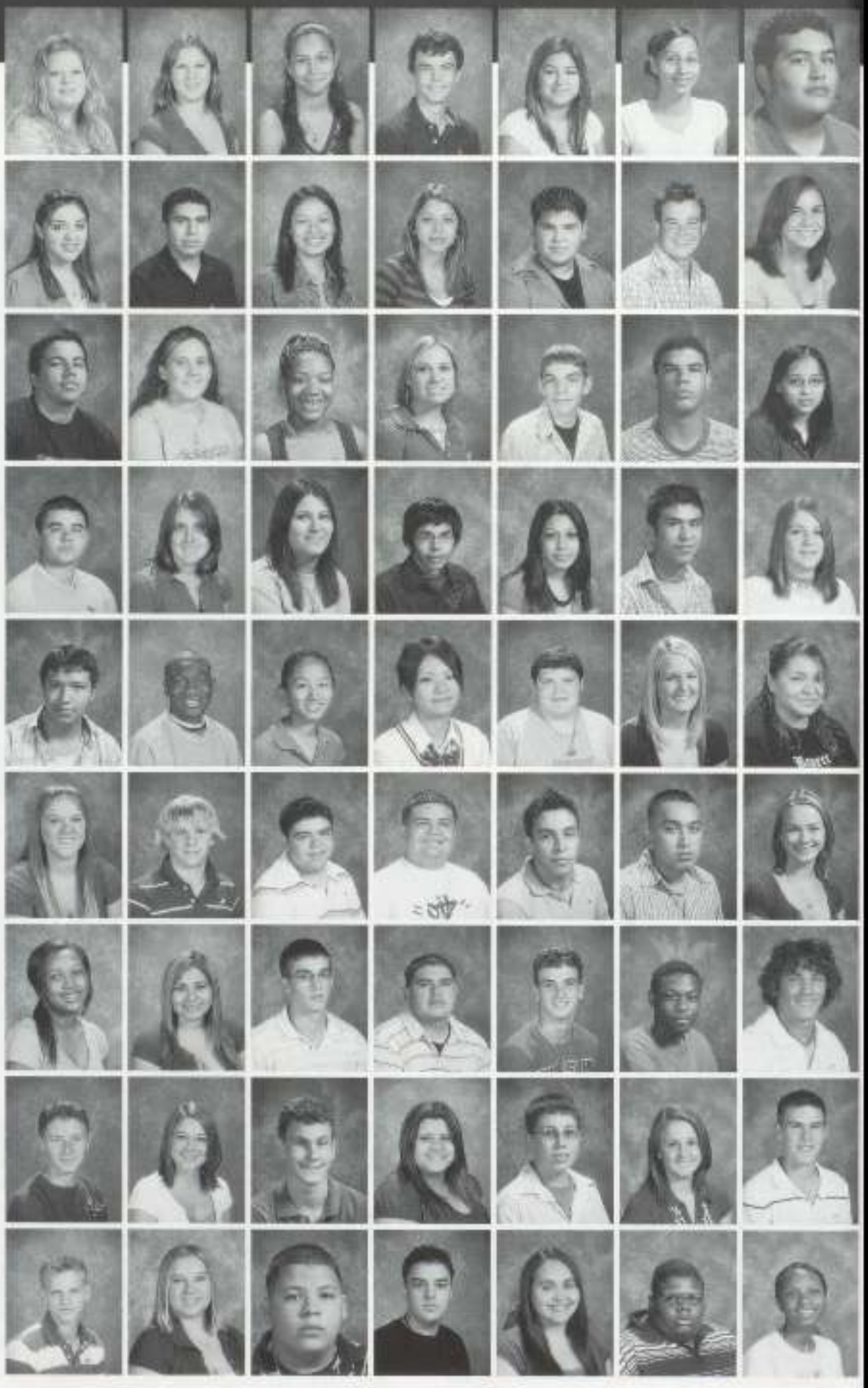


Junior **Emily Ryan** displays a picture of her dog, Penny, and herself on her MySpace.



Junior **Bobby Jack Polasek** says, "MySpace is a great way to keep in touch with my friends." Friends, pets and cars were popular pictures on MySpace.

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Taylor Martin
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Ashley L. Martinez
Derek Martinez

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John Martinez
Krystal Martinez
Sandra Martinez
Travis Martinez
Jordan Mashain
Randi Maslow

Joseph Mata
Kristi Michaelsen
Jasmine Miles
Kelsey Miller
Kody Ray Miller
Vance Miller
Elizabeth Minsker

Shaun Misko
Alexis Moller
Courtney Montalvo
Joel Montalvo
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Cody Monroe
Melissa Mulford

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Raymond Roberts
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So Close!

Spread By: Tamara Martin



Junior **Veronica Vasquez** plays basketball at her house after school with her friends. "Basketball is my favorite sport," said Veronica. Photo by: T. Martin

Whether they were at their job or just hanging out with their friends, juniors didn't forget to have fun. After all, they only had one more year of high school left. Then they might be separated away from everyone when going away for college to begin their lives.

"This is our last real year together as a class, and I like to have as much fun as I possibly can," said junior **Monica Gaona.**

Many juniors were already planning for after high school, which for most of them meant leaving and not seeing their friends anymore.

Junior **Stephen Knight** said, "The most fun thing about being a junior is that you are another step closer to graduating."

Junior **Nohemi Ferretiz** said, "Graduating is a scary prospect, but it is the best thing that we as juniors can look forward to."

Junior **Dannie Davidson** said,"Junior year is really fun because its your first prom and because you realize that you only have one more year of high school after it and so you want to have fun all the time with your friends. The thing that stinks is watching all your senior friends graduate and move on to college. Even though graduating is scary, I know I'm ready to get away from high school and go to college."



Junior **Stephen Knight** at his job at PizzaHut. "I love having fun and I can't wait until graduation, but I don't want it to come too soon," said Stephen. Photo by: T. Martin



Juniors **Alma Lopez** and **Monica Gaona**, jumping off a table at Friendship Park during their lunch hour. "My friends and I always go to lunch when we can and hang out at different places," said Alma. Photo by: T. Martin

Preparing for the Future

Spread by: Heather Vick & Megan Smith

As the year sped by, ECHS juniors not only had their noses buried in textbooks and pages of notes, they began to make preparations for their long-awaited senior year. Students could be found daily in the guidance office discussing their schedule for the following year with their counselors, trying to squeeze in just one more academic class before lunch. Others started early by filling out scholarships and thinking about what colleges they may apply to.

"I'm planning on applying to the U of H or WCJC because both are inexpensive and close to home," said junior **Candace Cunningham**. In order to get a head start on college credits, Cunningham, like many other juniors planned to take dual-credit classes offered by WCJC. "I plan to take the English and German duel-credit classes so that I don't have to worry about taking them in college," said junior **Kelsey Gangl**.

When November rolled around, the excitement of purchasing senior rings began to rise. However, some students chose to skip out on getting one because of the high price or simply because it didn't spark their interest. "I didn't get a senior ring because I felt like I could spend $400 on something else that I'd like better," said junior **Robert Rodriquez**.

Juniors also agreed to take a break from the books in order to help out at the 2007 Senior Serve. A handful of Juniors carrying trays full of food trailed behind the Seniors as they served dinner to their parents and friends. "When we had to start serving it was hectic in the kitchen because everybody was trying to get trays of food at the same time, but in the end it all paid off. I'm really glad I participated," said Junior **Brittany Rives**.



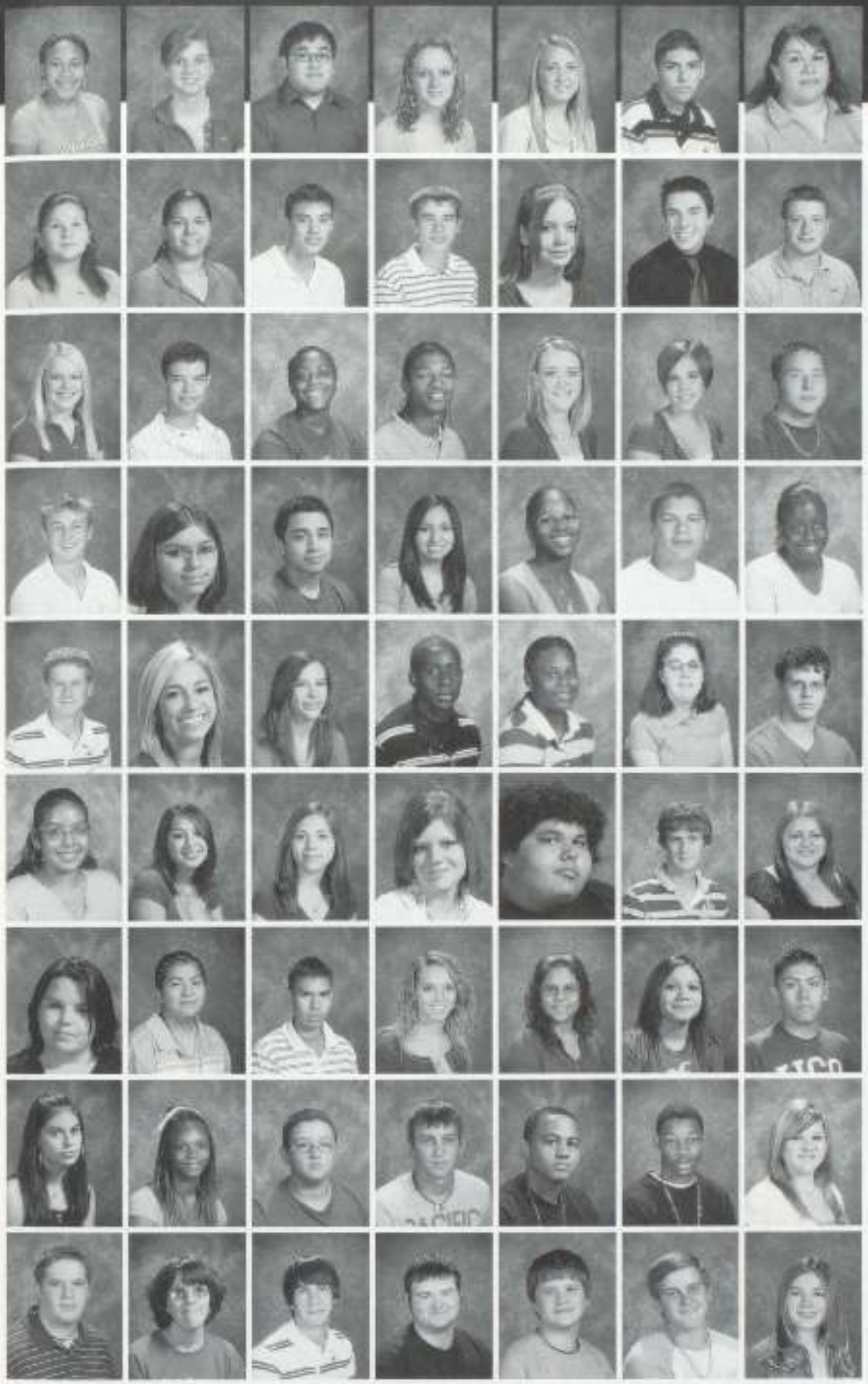
Junior **Joshua Graham** carefully drills a hole into a board during Mr. Hardie's Ag class. "I'm planning on taking Co-op my senior year so I'll be able to have a work permit," **Graham** said. *Photo by M Smith*



Junior **Lindsey Riha** shows off her Senior ring after picking it up. "I decided to get a ring since I've been pretty active in school, and it'll be like a keepsake once I graduate," said **Riha**. *Photo by M Smith*



Juniors **Miguel Marquez, Christian Hernandez** and **Ashley Martinez** discuss their schedules for their senior year with Mrs. Warschak. "We all had to figure out another class to take now that seniors are required to take at least four classes on campus," said **Marquez**. *Photo by M Smith*



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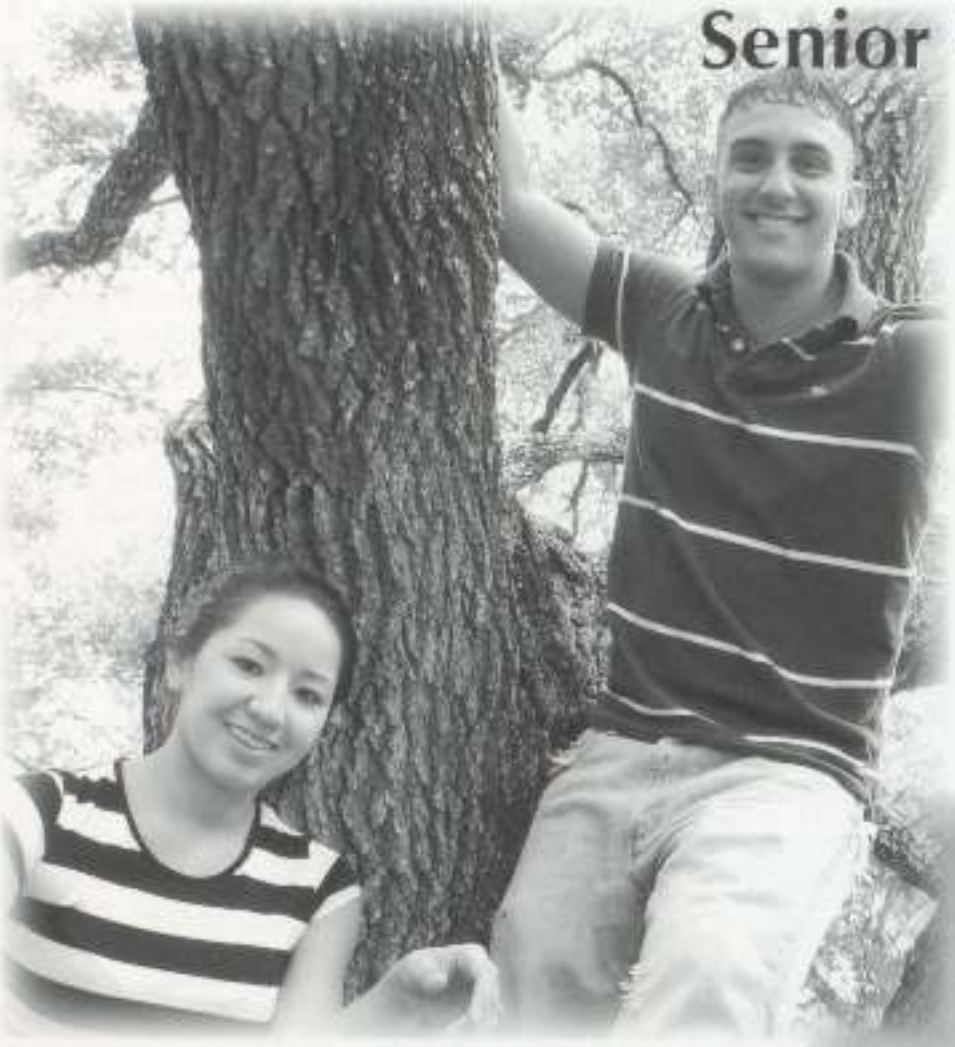
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Senior Class Favorites

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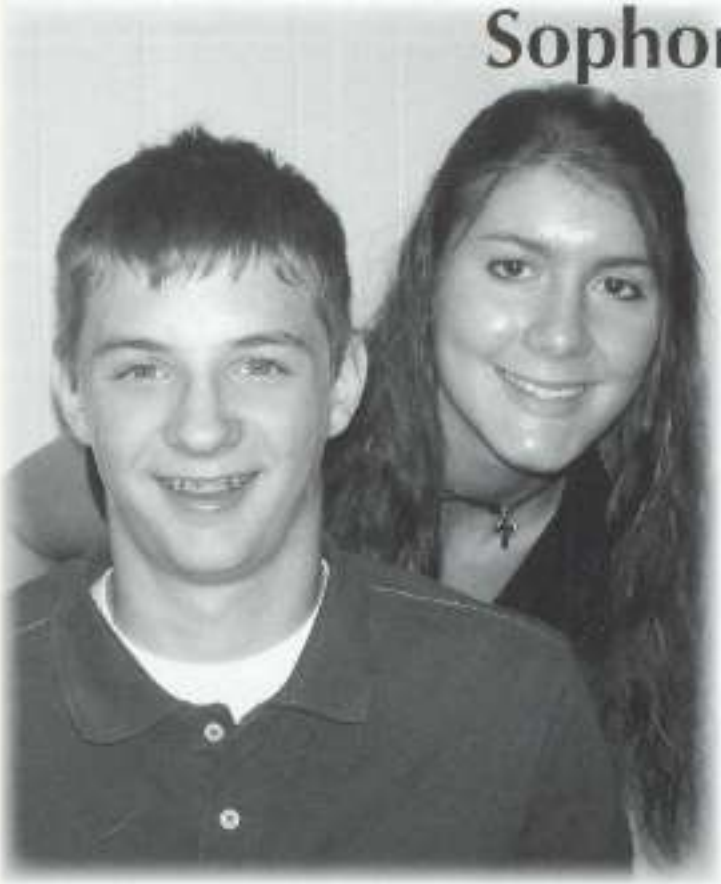




Junior Class Favorites

Tequila Johnson
and
Isaac Atwood

Sophomore Class Favorites



Courtney Janak

and

T.K. Krpec

Freshman Class Favorites

Jack Axel

and

Laura Echeverria



SOPHOMORES

Rudy Acosta
Laura Aguilar
Lindsey Aguilar
Issel Alfaro
Chale Allen
Jasmine Allen
Jerrid Allgyer

Brooke Altenhoff
Julie Anderson
John Appling
Elizabeth Argote
Lauren Arnett
Crystal Bankston
Meredith Band

Andrea Barnes
Tyler Bartlett
Bryan Baumann
Ryan Baumann
Dillon Berglund
Lucas Blanchard
Sean Bram

Lane Brazell
Angel Brooks
Ashley Brooks
Sebastian Brown
Kenna Bubela
Chase Bullard
Clyder Bullock

Sonja Bustamante
Courtney Cadriel
Adriana Casado
Christina Cano
Joe Luis Cano
Linda Carey
Nathaniel Chapa

Celeste Clark
Jack Cochran
Wesley Condra
Gilbert Contreras
Krista Contreras
Justin Cook
Shelby Cooper

Dalton Cornelison
Clinton Cotney
Kelsey Cox
Maria Cruz
Flor Cura
Tracy Damelson
Dylan Defriend

Eric Defriend
Marissa Delapena
Bianca Delgado
Diego Delgado
Matthew Delgado
April Delunt
Jordan Dettling

Mark Dominguez
Jessica Dornak
Steven Doupek
Nikkia Ellis
Kimberly Enriquez
Lenetta Esmil
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"I loathe the bus. There has to be a more dignified mode of transportation" Sixteen Candles 1984

Sometimes Sixteen Isn't So Sweet.

Spread by: Kelsey Cox



Sophomore **Kaycie King** talks on the phone while driving. "My mom said I'm not supposed to talk on the phone when behind the wheel, but sometimes I just can't help it," **King** said. Photo By: K. Cox

One of the biggest events that a sophomore looked forward to was getting their license. "It's exciting to get your license because you have the freedom to go where you want without your parents takeing you," said sophomore **Lauren Arnett**.

Despite the excitement of getting their license, some students were hit with strict rules from their parents. "Considering I had a retriction on my license, my mom and dad enforced the rule of haveing only one person with me at all times. I also had to be home at twelve on the weekends. Using my phone while driving was not an option," said sophomore **Julie Anderson**.

Upon getting his license, **Chris Fucik** developed a few fears. "I know a lot of people would be afraid of getting into a wreck, but my worst fear is parking underneath a tree full of birds, then paying the price later," **Fucik** said.

Some students were even lucky enough to chose between a new and used car. Sophomore **Michael Wissinger** said he would rather have a new car because "there's nothing like the new car smell, and you never know what to expect from a used car."



Sophomore **Chris Fucik** gives his truck a quick check up to make sure everything is okay. "Checking your truck is a good practice to get into once you get your license," **Fucik** said. Photo By: K. Cox



Sophomore **Amy Hardin** struggles to figure out the new gas pumps. "It's bad enough that the gas prices are so high, but now the pumps are hard to figure out themselves" said **Hardin**. Photo by: K. Cox

"I know she's kind of socially challenged and weird, but she's my friend... so, just promise me you won't make fun of her!" Mean Girls 2004

Will You Be My Friend?

Spread by: Codi Kulcak

When it comes to friends in high school, some people found it hard to make them, but then for some teenagers it became harder to keep those friends and feel like you actually belonged. "I think that true friends are hard to find in high school, because there is so much stereo-typing and judging," said **Kaylee Valdez**. In all reality stereo-typing is exactly what we do; judge people by how they dressed and who they hung out with, without every really getting to know them.

The halls were filled with many different people from many different backgrounds, and due to the large diversity of our school we had a lot of cliques. "A lot of my friends are in Derby Dolls and we all are a little preppy, so we kind of just gravitate toward each other because we are always together," said sophomore **Molly Melanson**.

Many cliques consisted of people who had been friends for most of their childhood. "**Marissa Delapena** and I are cousins and we grew up together but we are also best friends," said sophomore **Kaylee Valdez**. "We can act like ourselves around each other and when we are together we listen to music or hang out with other friends," said sophomore **Marissa Delapena**. Each group thought that they are different and but by thinking this each clique became the same with one common link; we all found out who we are and where we belonged.



Molly Melanson and **Julie Anderson**, **Paige Guerra** and **Rachel Johnson**.



"**Lauren Arnett** and I are close. We are total opposites and even though we are cousins we are nothing alike, but that's why we get along so well," said sophomore **Kendra Legler**.

Sophomores **Lauren Arnett** and **Kendra Leglar**. Photo by Codi Kulcak



"**Codi Kulcak** and I have been friends for about 4 years. We are both in school activities, and have different personalities but we have remained friends," said sophomore **Sommer Stanley**.

Sophomores **Codi Kulcak** and **Sommer Stanley**. Photo by Kendra Legler



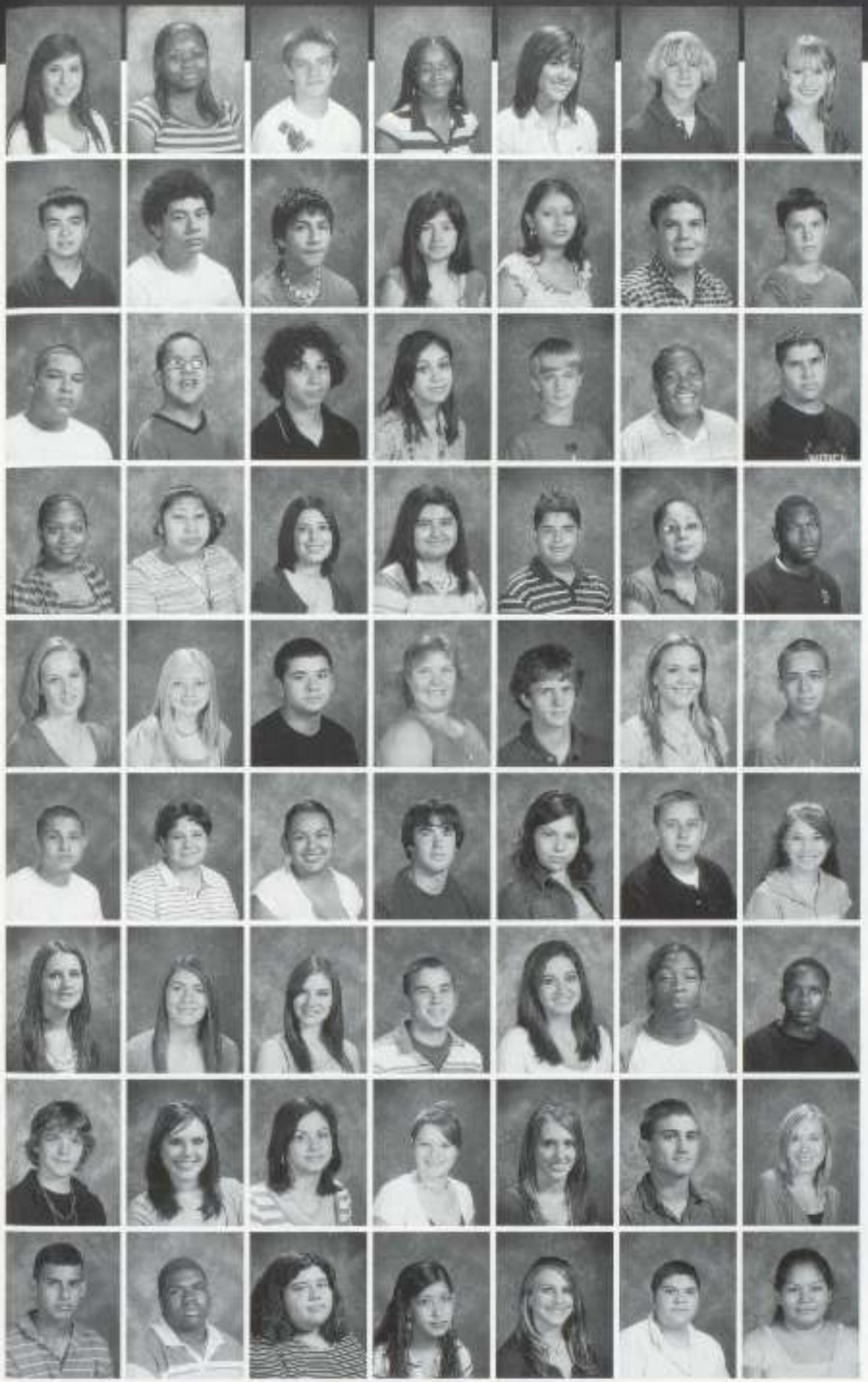
Sophomores **Brandon Spencer**, **Dynamic Richardson**, and **Abraham Bustamante** have more in common than having the same classes. "We all like to laugh and make jokes with each other. We might not be at the top of our class, but we try to have a good time and make everyone laugh," said **Brandon Spencer**.

Sophomores **Abraham Bustamante**, **Brandon Spencer**, and **Dynamic Richardson**. Photo by Codi Kulcak



Sophomores **Kirbie House** and **Samantha Zabodyn** met each other when they were seven. "We met at our brothers' baseball game and have been friends ever since," said **Kirbie House**. "We both play golf and are involved in Derby Dolls so we spend alot of time together," said **Samantha**.

Left:Sophomores Samantha Zabodyn and Kirbie House. Photo by Codi Kulcak



McKinsey Flores
Anshira Foley
Daniel Fox
Jaleesa Franklin
Natalie Frels
Christopher Fucik
Stephanie Fucik

Luis Gallardo
Anthony Garcia
Robert Garza
Samantha Garza
Ana Garcia
Christopher Garcia
Joshua Garcia

Mark Garcia
Nathan Garcia
Robert Garcia
Sofia Garcia
Will Garrett
Gregory Gary
Jesse Garza

Demertka George
Ritz Gonzales
Amanda Gonzalez
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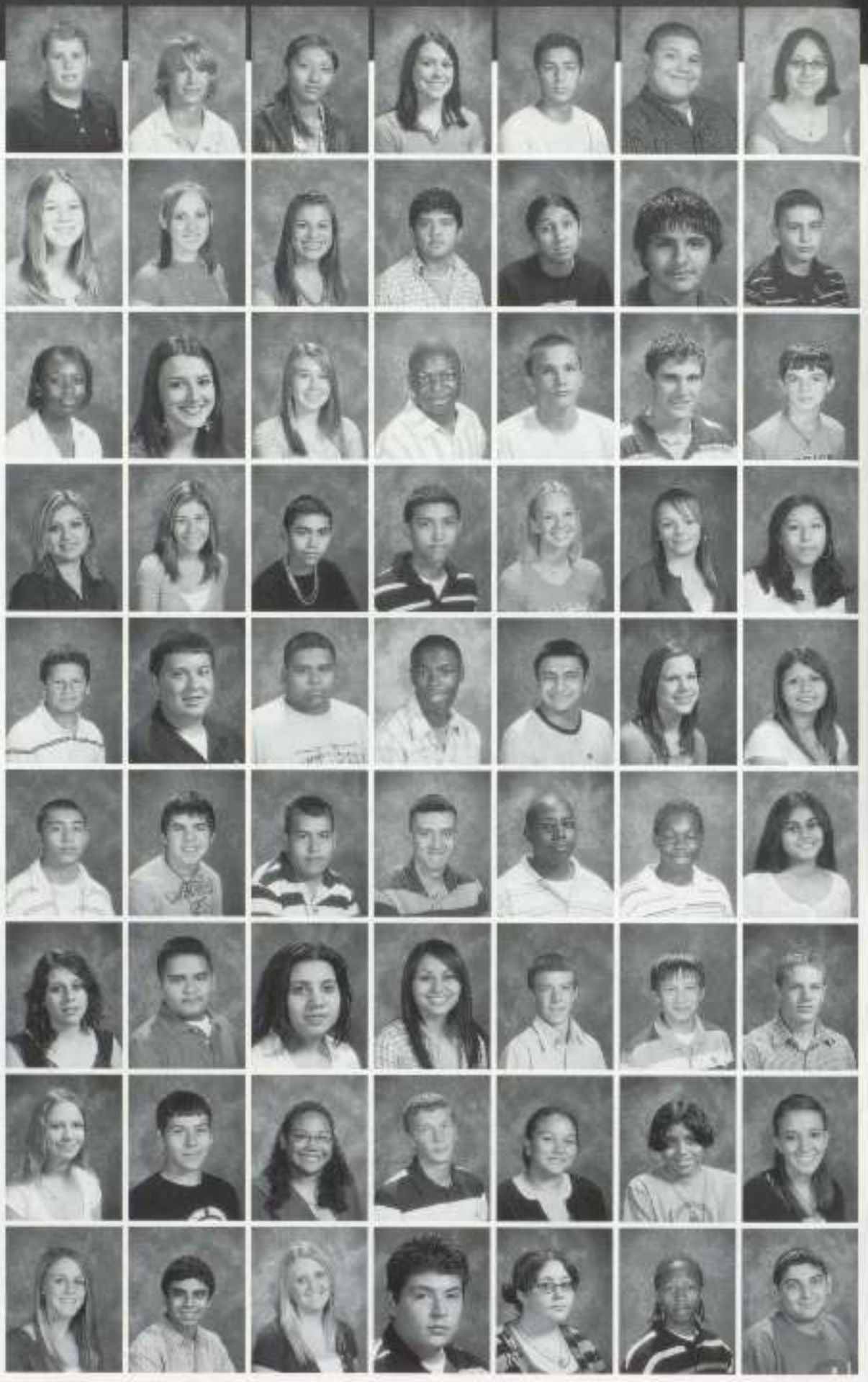
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Lance Lieser
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Ashley Montalvo

Rito Montalvo
Brian Moreno
Juan Moreno
Dominique Murray
Jose Nava
Brittney Oates
Aleana Oballe

Alex Ochoa
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Fernando Perez
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Samantha Perez
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Cade Radley
Adriana Ramirez
Gisela Raegel
Laura Rappold

Anna Raun
Ali Raza
Samantha Reckaway
Jose Reyna
Ruth Riccio
Dymanic Richardson
Ruben Robles

Once you've looked into the darkness I think you carry it with you for the rest of your life. The Exorcism Of Emily Rose 2005

How About Those Movies?

Spread & Pictures By: Amy Hardin



It didn't matter if it was the middle of the week, watching movies was a common addiction. Sophomore **Lauren Wigginton** said, "My favorite movie is *Forest Gump* because I live on the basis of life, 'Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna to get.'"

"I idolize the Little Mermaid because, the little mermaid wanted to try something that was a little scary and never gave up, and that's pretty much how I am," said **Codi Kulcak**.

Sophomore **Lauren Arnett** said, "My most memorable birthday party was at the movies, toy-story was showing when I was 6 years old and all my friends were there!"

Sophomore **Bryan Skow** said, "I would be the good guy in a movie such as Superman, because he's the hero and can fly!"

"I cried in the movie Lion King, especially every time Mufasa dies, it just brakes my heart," said **Raven Owens**.

Sophomore **Samantha Reckaway** said, "I love comedy movies, because everybody needs to have a good laugh in their lives."

There are millions of movies made every year. Relaxing on the couch and watching five movies a day isn't a crime, cause if it was we'd all be in jail.

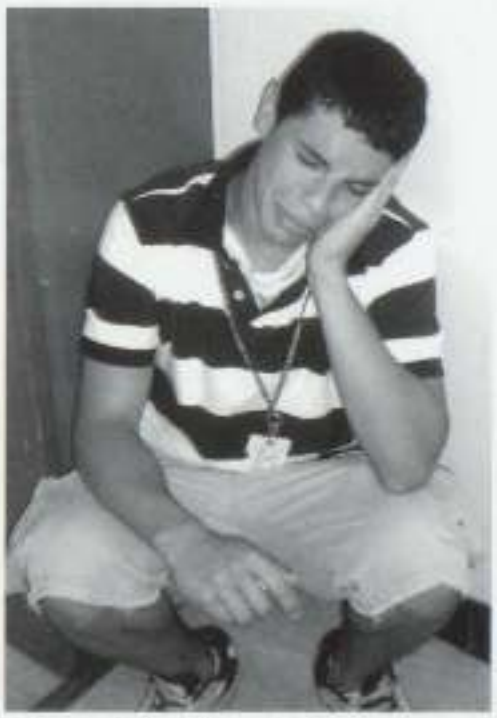
Sophomore **Ashley Brooks** said, "My favorite movie is Love & Basketball because the first time I watched it, I just wanted to be like the girl in the movie.



Top Movies of 2006-07

Pirates of the Carribean 2
Night at the Museum
Cars
X3
The DaVinci Code
Superman Returns
Happy Feet
Ice Age 2
Casino Royale
Pursuit of Happyness

Sophomore **Lindsey Marik** said, "I love scary movies the best because the movie doesn't end in the theater for me. It follows me home and haunts me in my sleep."



Sophomore **Nathan Chapa** said, "My favorite movie is The Notebook, because even though I'm a guy I still have my soft side."

SOPHOMORES

Aaron Rodriguez
Alicia Rodriguez
Crystal Rodriguez
Francisco Rodriguez
Juan Rojas
Stacy Rubio
Patricia Salas

Alejandro Salinas
Esmeralda Sanchez
George Sanchez
Melissa Saucedo
Ryan Sheard
Alexus Simmons
Bryan Skow

Asha Smith
Gage Smith
LeVeandra Smith
Maverick Smith
Rocio Solis
Brandon Spencer
Sommer Stanley

Victoria Stansberry
Travis Supak
Latasha Taylor
Gabriela Teran
Thomicka Thompson
John Thousand
Robin Thornton

Daniel Tice
Matthew Torres
Nicholas Torres
Anthony Trevino
Christopher Turner
Curtis Upson
Whitley Vacek

Kaylee Valdez
Alex Vallejo
Ramon Vasquez
Christopher Vega
Monica Velazquez
Jonathan Washington
Beth Watson

Lauren Wiggington
Devin Wilkerson
Shaneeka Wilkerson
Crystal Williams
Michael Wissinger
Roger Wood
Alicia Young

Samantha Zaboglyn
Cullen Zalman
Danielle Zalman
Cynthia Zamora
Brenda Zavala

Where Do You See Yourself in Ten Years?

Spread By: Kendra Legler

Ten years from now it will not matter the clothes that we wore, car that we drove, or the humiliating moments we experienced but the memories that we had and the friends that shared them with us will last forever.

"In ten years from now, I hope to look back on my high school experience and not have any regrets, but what I want the most in my future is to be a great house wife and raise a happy family with the right man," said **Codi Kulcak**.

Sophomore **Darcey Vesely** said, "I want to be out of college and become a therapist."

"Seeing that all my friends want to go to college or move away after high school, I hope to still be friends with them in ten years, but we will see," said **Daniel Tice**.

Unlike some of her peers, **Rachel Johnson** wanted to move away. "Somewhere big, like New York, and pursue modeling, acting, or anything with the media." However **Mike Wissinger**'s answer was less adventurous and said "East Texas."

What you plan to be doing in ten years may or may not go as planned but always follow your dreams.



Sophomore **Ali Raza** said, "In college, studying business or law, or settling down in a city, buying a house, maybe starting a family. I'll be living life, doing everything I can." Photo by: K. Farrberg



Sophomore **Meredith Baird** said "In 10 years I hope to have the same friends that I do now plus many more. I have great friends that have my back and support me in everything I do."



Sophomore **Jessica Dornak** said "In 10 years I don't think the nerds will still be nerdy. They will be successful, have a good job and make loads of money."



"In ten years I hope I'm out of El Campo and somewhere big," said sophomore **Rachel Johnson**. Photo by: Kendra Legler

FRESHMEN

Antonio Acuna
Stanley Acuna
Aaron Aguilar
Yesatra Aguilar
Anthony Aguirre
Hannah Alexander
Carol Alfaro

Ashley Alonso-Isaza
Landon Appling
Anita Aranda
Mario Aranda
Jessica Arvizu
Vicente Avalos
Finest Axel

Ricardo Balderas
Millie Barrera
Javier Benavides
Darchelle Bennett
Angela Blanco
Robert Blume
Trevor Blumtritt

Katie Bode
Tyrel Bolaris
Shane Bravo
Bianca Brigham
Emily Brown
Jacob Brown
Abraham Bustamante

Rianna Bustamante
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Darnell Carter
Chala Castro
Eric Cerny

Trey Cerny
Kaylee Chandler
William Chappell
William Clark
Ashley Cochrum
Richard Coleman
Lauralee Collins

Lacey Contreras
Chantel Cook
Rebecca Creevan
Samantha Cruz
Cassandra Cunningham
Blake Davidson
Deanna Davidson

Cynthia Davila
Gunnar Davis
Travis Deiss
Tony Delacruz
Andrew Delagarza
Dean Delgado
Savanna Delgado

Jose Diaz
Tekoya Dixon
Daniel Dominguez
Darrick Donahue
Jacoby Donahue
Derek Dornak
Jessica Dunnam

"My momma always said "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." Forrest Gump 1994

What kind of chocolate was your freshman year?

Spread By: Sean Bram



Freshman **Risa Eldridge** prepares to climb the rock wall at the ROPES course in Bay City as part of her Teen Leadership class. "My freshman year was like an entire box of chocolates. I got smooth and sweet good times, crunchy, nasty times, and everything in between," said Eldridge. Photo by: D. Beers

In the cinema classic, Forest Gump, Tom Hanks is given a great piece of advice. His mother told him that, "Life is like a box of chocolates." But what kind of chocolate was the year for the freshmen? Was it a smooth milky delight or a rough, crunchy nightmare? Freshman year brought a lot of new experiences into peoples lives. Students could go wherever they wanted for lunch, they met new friends, and experienced greater freedom. Just as you reach into a box of chocolates, not knowing what you are going to get, freshman year brought in a lot of unexpected fun for the new students.





Freshmen **Wes Smolik** and **Gabby Villalobos** standing around outside the gym at the prom, where they were prom servers. Photo by: O. Reers. Right: **Gunner Davis, David Otradovsky, and Stanley Acuna** pose in the gym during the prom. Photo by: O. Reers



Ty Matthews said, "My freshman year was like the chocolates you get on Valentines day. You're excited because the box is so pretty, but when you eat them, they are actually kinda gross." Photo by: S. Bram



Freshman **Gunner Davis** said, "My freshman year was like a crunchy chocolate bar with almonds, because I really like them and eat one every day." Photo by: S. Bram

"Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming, swimming, swimming..." Finding Nemo (2003)

Survivors?

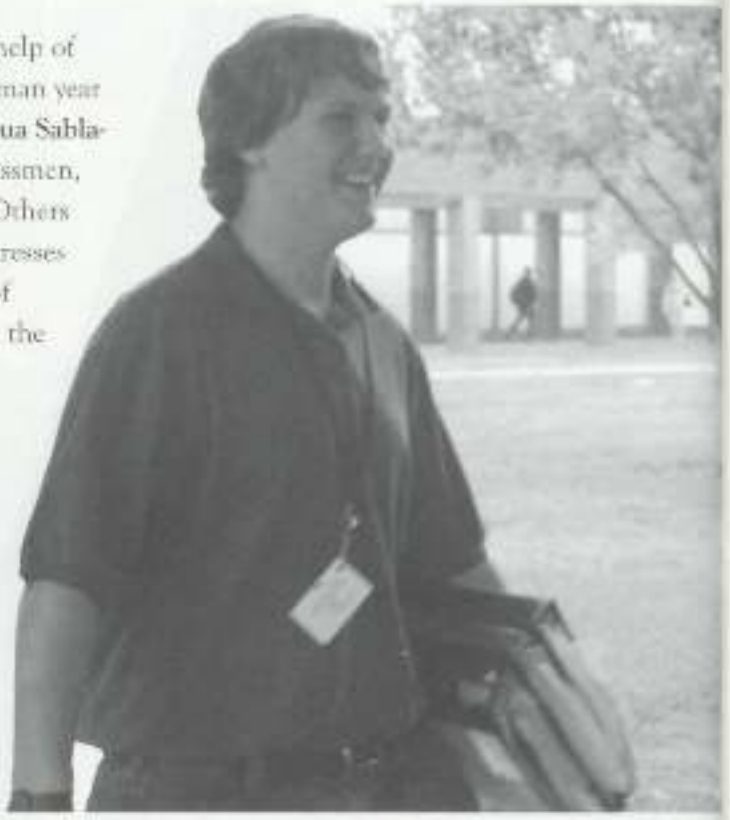
Spread By: Travis Cano

Some freshmen survived their first year of high school with the help of their friends and upper class brothers or sisters. "I survived my freshman year knowing that I have the support of my friends and family," said **Joshua Sablatura**. During lunch, some students would catch a ride with upper classmen, while those without a form of transportation had to walk to lunch. Others survived by sitting around the tables in the cafeteria discussing the stresses of the day. "It's nice to have a short break from the first four hours of classes," said **Deanna Davidson**. It prepared them for their classes in the afternoon.

Being involved in sports helped some students take their mind off their studies. **Wes Smolik** said, "playing football helped me get through the day."

For some the change from middle school to high school was also a shock. A lot of freshmen found themselves wandering the halls with a hurried look on their face just trying to get to the right classes. "One time I was running to get to class, but didn't get there in time and received d-hall on my first day of high school," said **Risa Eldridge**.

Overall, the freshmen had to overcome many obstacles to make their first year in high school a successful one.



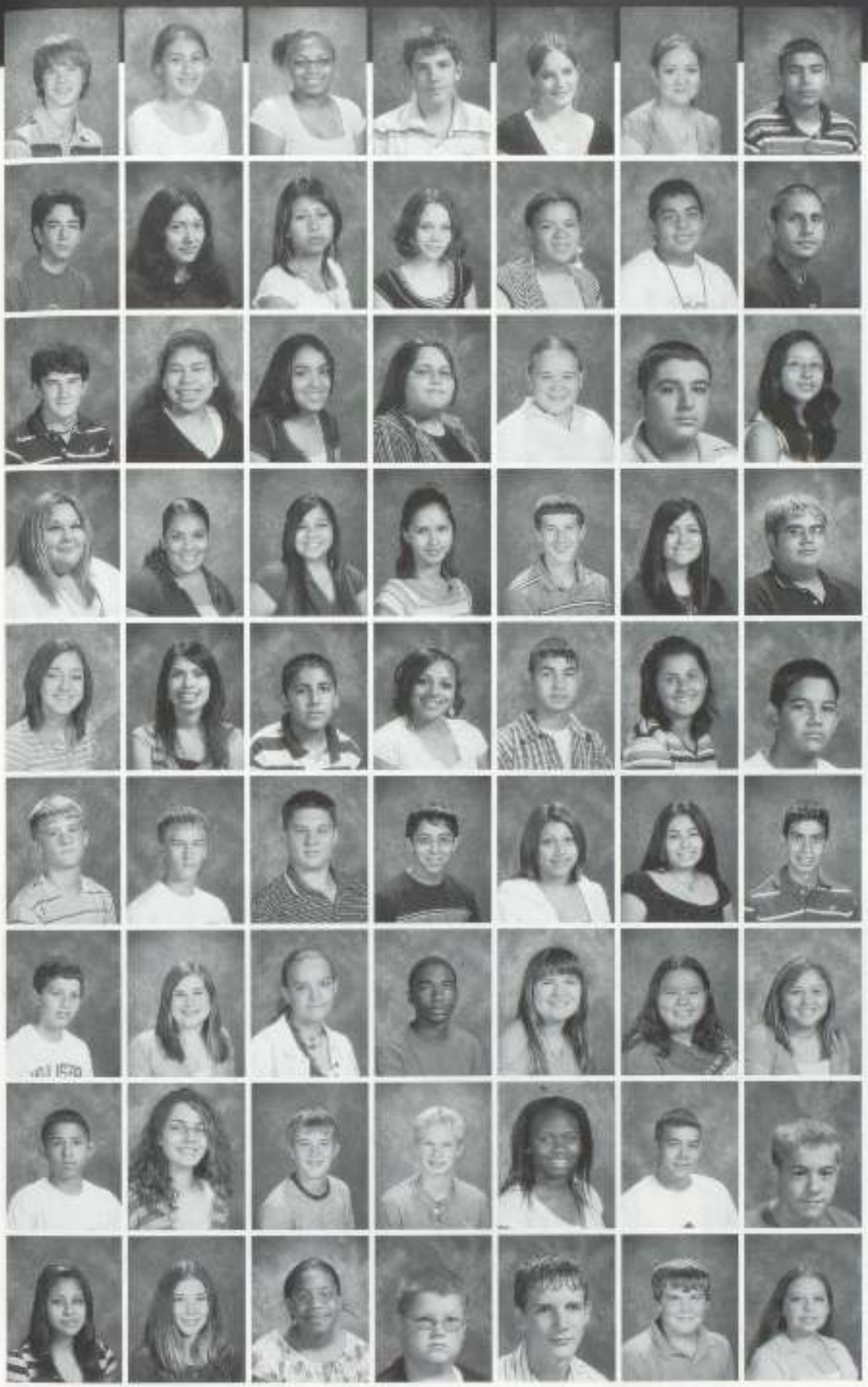
"I have gained freedom. The freedom to choose where I want to eat lunch and what I want to wear," said **Joshua Sablatura**. Photo by: Travis Cano



Nicki Sablatura said, "I've learned new studying techniques, how to keep a calendar, and that if you don't work your butt off on grades, you'll be left in the dust." Photo by: Travis Cano



"At St. Philip Catholic School we didn't have a bell schedule. We went to class when the teacher told us to. This year I'm late all the time!" said **Risa Eldridge**. Photo by: Travis Cano



Christopher Dylan
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Zachary Edwards
Risa Eldridge
Emily Escamilla
Walter Escamilla

Cameron Flores
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Mayra Flores
Amberly Francis
Victoria Gallien
Jonathan Galvan
Jonathon Galvan

Cody Gangl
Angelica Garcia
Alexis Garcia
Ashley Garcia
Brittany Garcia
Erik Garza
Guadalupe Garcia

Jackie Garcia
Mallory Garcia
Sara Garza
Stephanie Gil
Brian Gaglio
Audrey Gomez
Israel Gomez

Ashley Gonzales
Estella Gonzales
Pete Gonzales
Shamerra Gonzales
Adam Gonzalez
Amanda Gonzalez
Emmanuel Gonzalez

James Graham
William Greer
Austin Gresham
Michael Guajardo
Stacey Guardado
Monica Gutierrez
Nicholas Gutierrez

Ryan Gutierrez
Ashley Harton
Porsche Hearing
Cody Heyens
Tabitha Hind
Claudia Hernandez
Courtney Hernandez

Richard Hernandez
Marissa Hicks
Tanner Howard
Keenan Ihe
Nadrika Jackson
Jared Jahns
Joshua Jahns

Diana Jaramillo
Jessie Johnson
Angie Jones
Scott Kidwell
Philip Kocurek
Cody Kocurek
Shawna Kosanke

We're not in Junior High any more. We're freshman. We're in the big time now. Dazed and Confused 1993

A Whole New World

Spread By: Danielle Zalman



Freshmen **Kaylin Panning** and **Hailey O'Briant** working diligently on their German dictation. "German is fun and exciting, I'm glad I chose German," said **O'Briant.** Photo by D. Zalman

Freshman year was filled with excitement and fears. "I was excited because I was tired of middle school, but upset because of dress code," said freshman **Kaylin Panning.**

Going from being the oldest and the leaders on campus to being the youngest thrown in with upperclassmen was an adjustment for many. "I felt like I should act like I fit in, but honestly, I was kind of overwhelmed," said freshman **Lauralee Collins.**

Freshmen did not know how to act coming into high school. It was a change from what kids did at middle school. "I was nervous and excited at the same time. It was a big change from middle school," said freshman **Sierra Ledwig.** "Just like most of the freshman that come to high school, many are either scared, afraid, or overwhelmed about becoming a freshman," said freshman **Kaylee Chandler.** "It is a new environment with new faces, new rules, and new freedoms."

"I think it will be nice being an upperclassman and having many more advantages than the lowerclassmen, but being a freshman this year wasn't all that bad," said freshman **Gunnar Davis.**

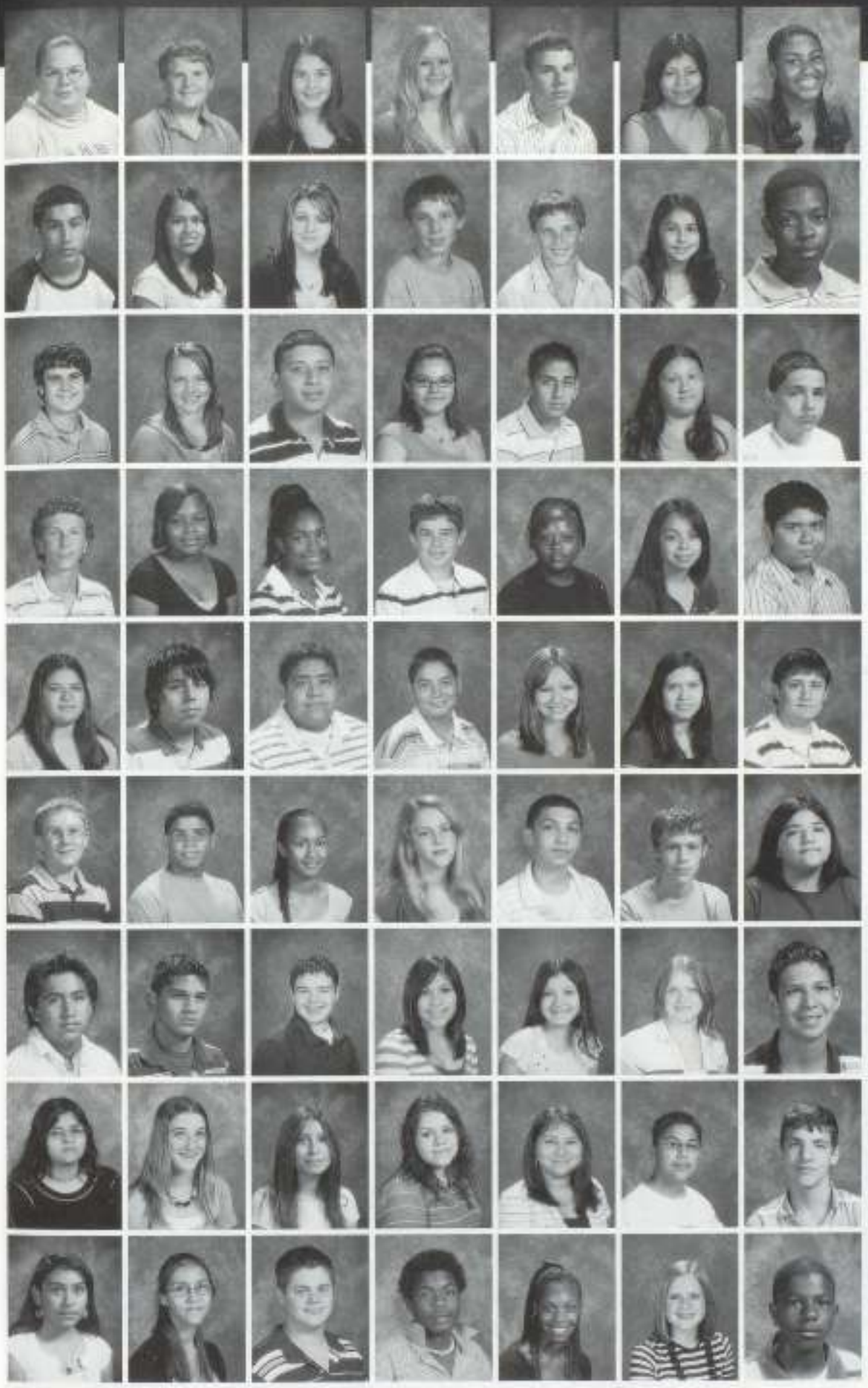
At the end of the year most of the freshmen agreed that they enjoyed their first year in high school and looked forward to the next couple of years.



Freshman **Lauralee Collins** talks to friends during lunch until the bell rings to go to class. "I enjoy having off campus lunch, because it gives me a break during school," said **Collins.** Photo by D. Zalman



Stanley Acuna, Gunnar Davis, and **David Otradovsky** strike a pose when prom arrives. "I had fun at prom. I now know what I have to look forward to when I attend prom," said **Otradovsky.** Photo by D. Zalman



Leandra Kramer
Wesley Kulcak
Emerald Leaf
Sierra Ledwig
Jesse Lee
Cruz Leon
Tra'davion Lewis

Soloman Limas
Jessica Lopez
Jessica Lumenus
Bradley Mach
Ross Mach
Jovana Maldonado
Waylon Malone

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Tanai L. Martinez
Yovany Martinez

Ty Mathews
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Charmaine Mcclain
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Timothy Micuri

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Brandon Miller
Tiffany Miller
Victoria Miller
Kristopher Morales
Trey Moller
Jennifer Morales

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Dylan Mulford
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Lillian Musshewhite
Tyler Nguyen

Jessica Nunez
Hailey O'Briant
Dora Ocanas
Diana Ochoa
Valerie Olguin
Jesus Olvera
Michael Orsak

Captain Ortiz
Ylena Ortiz
David Osadovsky
Drakar Owens
Jeanaye Owens
Kaylin Panning
Darwin Parks

Learning the Ropes

Spread by: Katelin Francis

Freshman year is chock-full of obstacles, whether it be trying to find your place in a social clique, or struggling with new and more intricate classes. Some freshman that took Teen Leadership were given the opportunity to overcome various physical and mental obstacles on the Ropes course at the Bay City Juvenile Detention Center.

The students had the chance to climb the rock wall, and participate in different team tasks. Some of the students have acrophobia, which is the fear of heights, making it not only physically challenging but mentally terrifying as well.

Another activity was a team challenge which involved teammates working together to keep as much water as possible in their hole-covered plastic tank. The students' creativity was shown by different, clever techniques of trapping the water in their tanks. Some students used foreheads and elbows, sacrificing their dry clothing for the victory of their team.

Another team activity involved an arrangement of balance beams. Team mates had to lead each other over the beams, holding each other's hands. If one team mate fell off, the whole team had to restart. The overall moral of the exercise was learning to trust others.

"We also did this thing where we had to threw each other over a wooden wall. It was fun, but it was also very painful and difficult," said **Jovana Maldonado.**



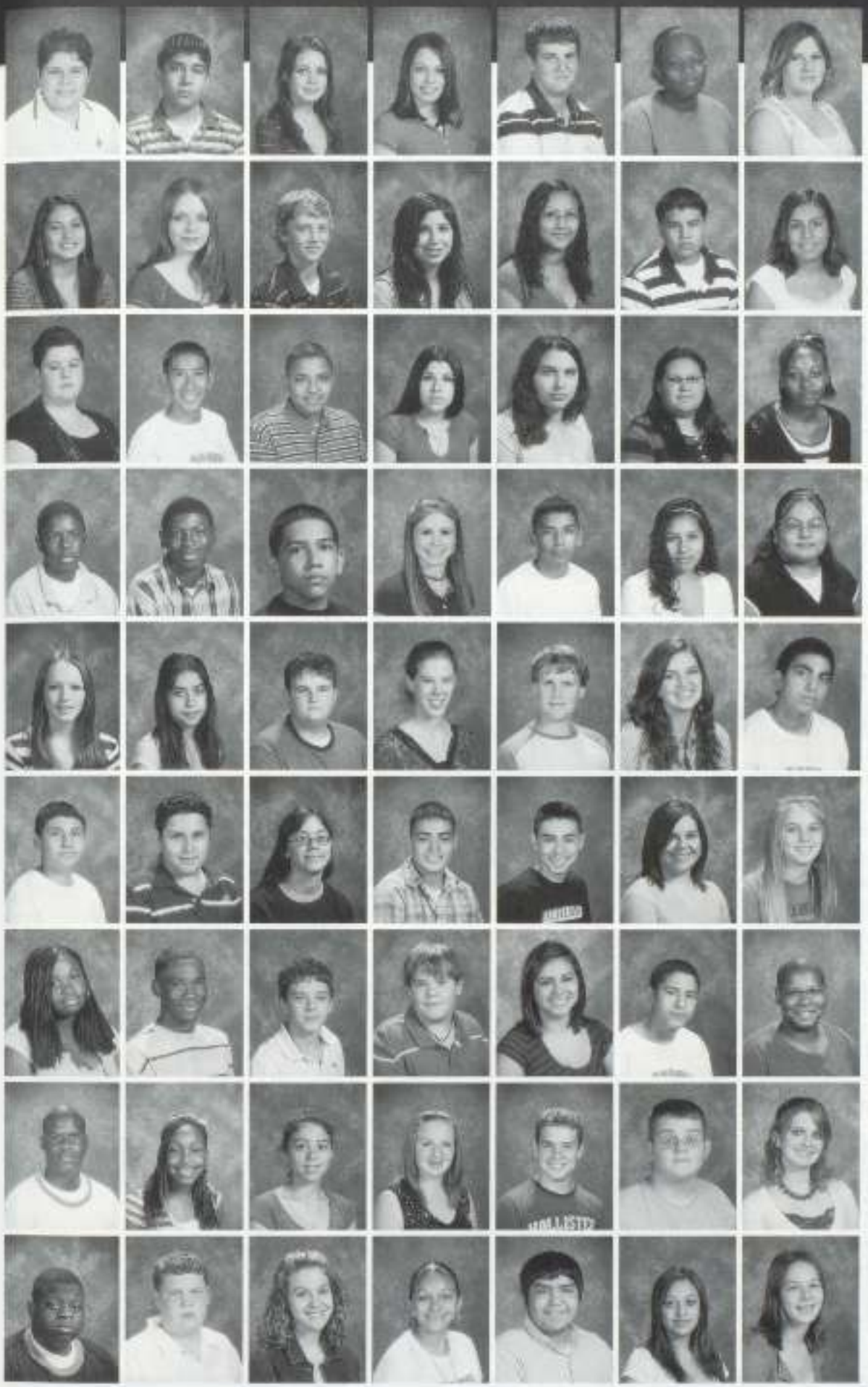
Jovana Maldonado's favorite activity was climbing the rock wall. Maldonado said, "I was the only girl in my class who made it all the way to the top. Everyone else either quit or fell." Photo by: M. Kresta



Aaron Flores had to put his trust in his classmates as he made his way across a series of balance beams. "It was a fun thing to do to get out of school," said Flores. Photo by: M. Kresta



One of the activities was to keep as much water in a hole-covered plastic tank by using any part of your body to cover the holes. **Shelby Rooker** got creative by using her face rather than just her hands. Also pictured: **Crystal Williams**, sophomore, and **Gary Miksik**, freshman. Photo by: M. Kresta



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Octaviano Perez
Plama Perkins
Hayley Pierce
Montana Petsch
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Patricia Ramirez

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Yoan Reyes
Ashley Reyna
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Meagan Rivera
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Rastus Roberts
Jamall Robinson
Jeffrey Robles
Shelly Rod
Mario Rodriguez
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Shelby Rooker
Alejandra Rosas
Clinton Rothbauer
Sarah Rowland
Joshua Sabbatura
Nicki Sabbatura
Andrew Saenz

Sebastian Saladana
Alejandro Salazar
Gayle Salazar
Jose Sanchez
Lawrence Sanchez
Tasha Schulze
Kassandra Sedlock

Shardie Sims
Kenneth Smith
Wesley Smolik
Trenton Socha
Chelsea Solis
Jonathan Solis
Charles Solomon

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Ebonee Spencer
Cheyenne Stall
Kori Standiff
Cody Stansbery
James Stewart
Kelsey Sugek

Damian Taylor
Damian Todd
Robin Tolson
Danielle Torres
Roberto Torres
Cecilia Trevino
Kaelyn Urbanovsky

Michael Van Corp
Abel Velasquez
Jose Velasquez
Gabrielle Villalobos
Angel Villanueva
Desiree Villarreal
Jesus Villarreal

Joe Villarreal
Britanie Ward
Allison Watson
Charles Watson
Bethany Weinheimer
Cheyenne Weishuhn
Trey White

Holden Whitley
Brittany Wilkerson
Lawrence Williams
Otis Williams
Leon Wisher
Jayce Yount



What were your favorites?

What was your favorite movie?

Who was your favorite actor/actress?

Who was your favorite teacher?

What was your favorite class?

Where was your favorite place to eat lunch?

What was your favorite extra-curricular activity?

What was your favorite website?

What was your favorite vehicle?

What was your favorite song?

What was your favorite television show?

Who was your favorite artist/group?

What was your favorite store?

What was your favorite food?

Isn't it funny - you hear a phone ringing and it could be anybody. But a ringing phone has to be answered, doesn't it? Phonebooth 2002

Can I Answer It?

Spread By: Melanie Henslee

"Yeah my parents took my phone away because I put $60 on my bill in one day," said **Bradley Mach**.



"I don't text very often in class, come to think of it I don't text very much at all," said **Britanie Ward**.





"Mr. Oscire has taken away my cell phone for using it in class," said **Allison Watson**.

"My mom caught me sneaking out of the house one night so she decided to take my phone away," said **Brittany Wilkerson**.





"I don't really have a problem with the policy because I don't have a cell phone to use," said **Robin Tolson**.

"I told a student to bring me her phone because she got it out again, right after I warned her to put it away and she said she would slap me before she gave me her phone," said **Sheri Janke**, Chemistry teacher.

"I have never had my phone taken away by my parents or a teacher," said **Cody Stansberry**.





Cell phones. They could be a great thing if you asked a student at ECHS, but if you talked to some of the teachers on the campus they disagreed.

"I don't really have a problem with the policy, but I would like to use my phone when I need to," said freshmen **Ross Mach**. Most all students on campus at one time or another have needed to use their phone during school. Even teachers have answered their phone during school hours. "One of the only circumstances that I would answer my phone would be if one of my children were sick," said **Mrs. Wagner**. Even a few of the teachers have answered their phones in class in front of a principal. "I was waiting on a call from our yearbook publisher. When I finally got the call it just happened to be in class right as one of the principals walked in the room. It was pretty embarrassing," said **Molly Kresta**.

There a several students that haven't had their phone taken up but they have been told to put it away. "I have to take cell phones away at least five times a week," said **Coach Arkadie**.

Students who had their phones taken away had many different stories. "Yes, I got my phone taken away by my parents because I got arrested," said freshmen **Chase McClain**.

There are many different views on the cell phone rule, but it's all very simple. If it's for an emergency just ask the teacher most of them will be lenient about it and let you be quick about breaking the rules.



"I think the cell phone policy is a really good one," said **Marybeth Wagner**, English 3 teacher.

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Teachers - *Remember when . . .*

What class was most interesting?

What class was most exiciting?

What teacher kept hold of your interest?

Which class was most likely to put you to sleep?

What project was most fun?

What was the hardest project all year?

Famous quotes from teachers at ECHS:

Les, that license in your wallet, that's not an ordinary piece of paper, that is a driver's license, and its not only a driver's license, it's an automobile license, and it's

Shattered Dreams: *What if it were real?*



David Hathway, the drunk driver in the mock wreck scene, realizes what he has done.



David Hathway finds **Amanda Pesina's** dead body. The mock wreck scene was witnessed by the entire faculty and student body of ECHS. It began to drizzle as the scene progressed, but everyone stayed in their seats, not knowing what would happen next.



EMS work to revive **Suzanne Buzek**. She was soon taken the El Campo Memorial Hospital by helicopter. All EMS, Air-Vac, and Police services were donated for the program.



David Hathway is given a field sobriety test by the EC Police Officers. He failed. This was happening while EMS worked on Suzanne and Kyle. Amanda's body was covered with a sheet and left on the field.



The helicopter lands on the El Campo Memorial Hospital landing pad transporting Suzanne to the emergency room.



Beside the four students affected in the wreck scene, 25 others were pulled from classes during the day by the Grim Reaper. Parents of those students met that evening to discuss "What if?" and "How can we stop it?"



Yvonne Canales, **Krystal Martinez**, and **Sondra Baylor** at the student retreat. The students had fun without alcohol, and also heard testimonials from people affected by the a loved one's decision to drink and drive.



As the student body enters the auditorium for the memorial service, **Emilie Merck** and **Holly Vesely** read the obituaries of all the students who were "killed" during the previous day.

not only an automobile license, it's a license to live, a license to be free, a license to go wherever, whenever and with whomever you choose. License to Drive 1988



David Hathway tries to get the police, who arrived first on the scene, to help **Suzanne Buzek**. The EC Police Officers acted as if it were a real wreck scene and worked it accordingly. EMS arrived soon after, and students were amazed to see that a real life scene is handled much different than those on television.



EMS arrive on the scene to help the injured. The scene was video taped so that it could be used in the future with upcoming classes to remind them of the consequences of drinking and driving.



Doctors and nurses in the El Campo Memorial Hospital ER try to save Suzanne. They were unsuccessful. All services by FCMH were donated.



Kyle Janssen is taken to X-Ray at ECMH.



David Hathway calls his father from the police station. He was processed and put in a jail cell.



As students entered the auditorium, they found a casket with a mirror inside to remind them that it could happen to anyone. Triska Funeral Home and all El Campo florists donated their time and talents to make the memorial service realistic.



Students who were involved in the wreck and pulled from class look into the casket at the entrance to the auditorium. It was one last reminder that every decision has it's consequences.

The rules of hair care are simple and finite. Any

Best Of...



Shyest
Timothy Maxwell & Jessica Kulhanek



Most Athletic
Lee Orr & Olivia Wall



Most Likely To Succeed
Jeffery Supak & Lauren Hughey



Best Dressed
Joe Gallegos & Suzanne Buzek



Luckiest
Edward Vallejo &
Christine Koucurek



Most Talented
David Hathaway & Katy Rice



Most Beautiful
Garrett Cerny & Kristen Supak

Cosmo girl would have known that. Legally Blonde -2001.



Most Outgoing
Robert Miranda & Cassidy Tupa



Nicest
Travis Johnson & Erica Harton



Best Personality
Wesley Cadriel & Kayla Cerny



Best Smile
Dustin Appling & Jackie Rodriguez



Best Sense of Humor
Cooper Collins & Misty Ledwig



Wierdest Job
Rex Perez & Erin Smith



Best Hair
Adrian Bustamante & Holly Vesley



Best Eyes
Niko Valdez & Keri Hearn



Cutest Couple
Brandon Drapela & Allison Johnson

"O! she doth teach the torches to burn bright. It seems she hangs upon the cheek of night Like a rich jewel in

Romeo and Juliet for one night...

Spread By: Sarah Escamilla and Blake Farthing



1. Senior **Kenny Gustafson** and senior **Derek Mertz** opening the game. 2. The band plays at the game. 3. Senior **Blake Farthing** and senior **Derek Treybig** entertain each other at the Pep Rally. 4. Senior **Madsen Raun** towers over the cheerleaders in his dance at the pep rally. 5. The football captains get ready for the coin toss. 6. The Derby Dolls dance to "The Heart of Rock N' Roll" at the pep rally.

Homecoming is the one time every single year when Ricebirds from around the world come back to where they started and sport their red and white.

People flocked to Ricebird Stadium with their mums and garters, all ages, professions and socio-economic statuses. Their journey lengths varied, from the long treks made by those living all over Texas and the world to the short drive by long time residents in El Campo.

The festivities were open to everyone, new and old Ricebirds alike. On Homecoming Friday, a King and Queen were crowned. The criteria for Royalty was to be members of the senior class, nominated by their peers, and then voted on by the student body, which makes them less monarchial and more democratically elected Kings and Queens.

The Homecoming Queen nominees were **Keri Hearn**, **Kayla Cerny** and **Hailey English**. **Brooke Weid** was named Homecoming Queen. King nominees were **Wes Cadriel**, **Justin Cox**, and **Adrian Bustamante**. **Dustin Appling** was named King.



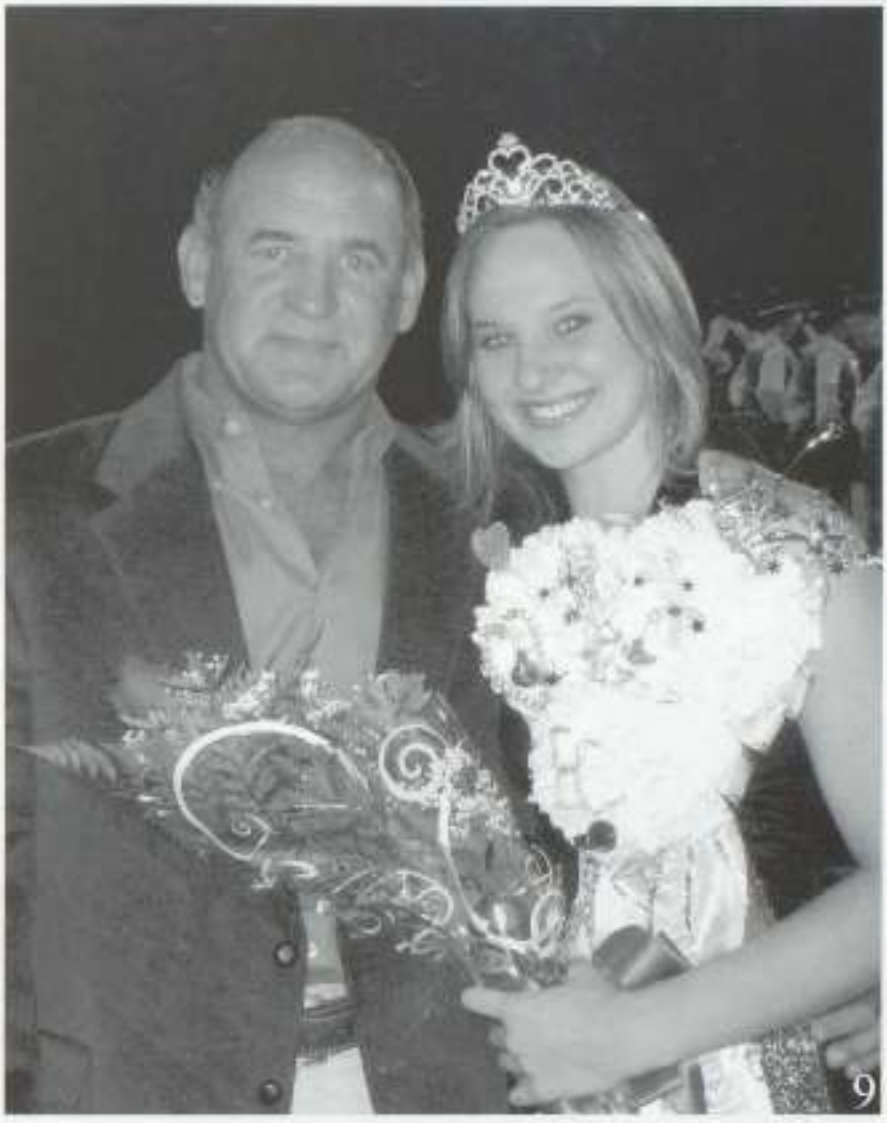




an Ethiop's ear; Beauty too rich for use, for earth too dear." Romeo + Juliet 1996







7. The Band playing the Fight Song at the start of the game.
8. Senior Derby Dolls **Blair Hodges, Christine Kocurek, Misty Ledwig** and **Joanna Fitch.**
9. Homecoming Queen **Brooke Ward.**
10. Homecoming King **Dustin Appling.**
11. Queen Candidate **Kayla Cerny.**
12. Queen Candidate **Hailey English.**
13. Queen Candidate **Keri Hearn.**









"It doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's

Winter Wonderland

Spread by: Sean Bram, Ali Raza, and Lauren Wigginton



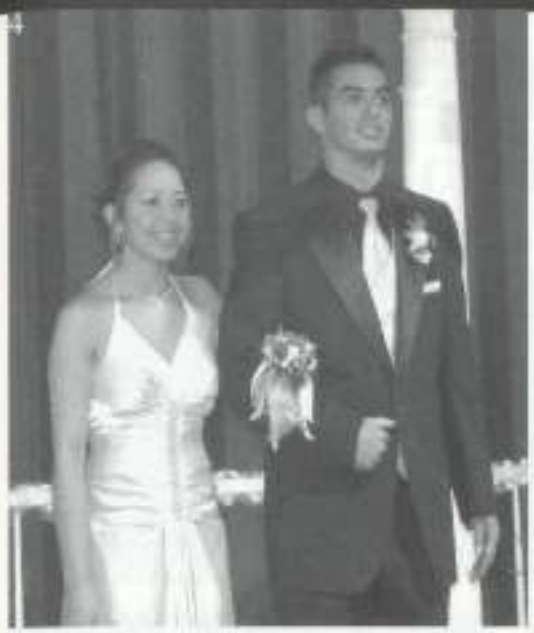
Despite all of the controversy throughout the school year regarding what day prom would occur, it turned out to be an amazing experience. The theme for prom was "Footprints in the Snow." Everyone worked hard to achieve an enchanting evening by the deadline, even though the deadline kept moving. They all worked together and produced many props and accessories to make prom night memorable for everyone. Junior **Courtney Boone** said, "Prom was stellar. It seemed like everyone was having a good time and no one was left out. All of the snow on the ground was really fun to walk through, until I got home and had to clean up my trail." **Linda Cerny** said, "I had a lot of fun. I can't wait until next year!" Prom was a highlight of the year for many juniors and seniors, and with the changing of the dates it made everyone frustrated, most vocally the girls. Most girls had to find the perfect dress and were not able to order a dress because it took past the date of the prom to come in. The Juniors that contributed to prom workshop worked hard to have the gym completed by the "date" of the prom. Some seniors even stepped up and helped at the last minute to make sure everything was perfect. Many parents came onto the scene to make sure their son or daughter had a great time during prom night or just to accompany their date. "Prom was so nerve racking getting prepared for everything, but in the end it was all worth it." said **Brandi Roddy**. Even with all the hassle and frustration, prom turned out to be a night for all to remember.







what you do with your dancin' shoes." Grease 1978











spotlight





(9)When prom night came to an end, **Keri Hearn**, Co-prom Queen, **Lee Orr**, Prom King, and **Brooke Wied**, Co-prom queen, posed for a picture after announcing the royalty for the "Footprints in the Snow." They were chosen by their peers as Prom King and Prom Queens the night of Prom. It was unprecedented that two senior girls were chosen as Co-prom Queens. Not only did they have to share one boy, they also had to share a crown. Although the girls had to share a crown, they were very excited to be prom queen. "I was so shocked when they called my name. I finally had a chance to represent my school in another way besides sports. It was a moment that I will remember forever," said prom king **Lee Orr**.

(1) A snowman used to decorate the gym to enhance the winter wonderland qualities.
(2) The snow scenery decorated by the juniors was used as a setting for prom pictures.
(3) Prom servers **Karie Bode**, **Stanley Acuna**, **Gabby Villalobos**, **Israel Gomez**, **Ms. Little**, **Ms. Baron**, **David Ostrodosky**, and **Gunner Davis** pose for a picture before prom. "Being prom server was so much fun. Although, we didn't get to dance the whole time, just the last hour was a blast." said freshman, **Karie Bode**.
(4) Seniors **Jenifer Lima** and **Joe Gallegos** pose for an entire picture.
(5) **Derek Mecta**, **Paige Guerra**, **Kenny Gustwson**, **Madsen Raun**, **Kimberly Smith**, **Travis Johnson**, **Bethany Riley**, **Derek Trevino**, **Katy Rice**, **Cade Grell**, **Megan Smith**, **Scott Niemeier** and his date pose for a group picture.
(6) **Emilie Merck**, **Jordan Dezeuk**, **Brooke Wied**, **Ashley Zherll**, **Haley English**, **Karla Cerro**, **Danielle Zalman**, **Suzanne Bunck**, **Whitley Vacek**, and **Lauren Wigginton** pose for an all girls group picture before prom.
(7) **Matt Jaehn**, **Bobby Jack Pribnek**, **Travis Rheinschmidt**, **Tucker Graham**, **Blake Korenek**, **Jordan McClain**, **Thad Deiss**, **Tyler Woods**, **Tyler Socha**, and **Christopher Raun** pose for an all guys picture.
(8) **Bryce Shaw**, **Joric Radzuweck**, **Jordan McClain**, **Kirsten Ellis**, **Christopher Raun**, **Taylor Lange**, **Thad Deiss**, **Kristen Sozak**, **Tyler Woods**, **Stacey Gillis**, **Tyler Socha**, **Kyndal Priesmeyer**, **Taylor Graham**, **Heather Vick**, **Matt Jaehn**, **Shannon Bode**, **Blake Korenek**, **Brandi Roddy**, **Emily Bergeron** and her date pose for a group picture.
(10) **Garrett Prochaska** and **Maimi NaKamura** pose for a picture on one of the beautiful scenaries made by the prom workshop. "I really enjoyed prom last night it my first prom, but my first prom in America. I was so happy to be apart of the El Campo High School winter wonderland prom. It's an experience I'll never forget," said NaKamura.

STARS & NHS put their heads & hands together for a successful Talent Show

Spread & Photos By: A. Cooper


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1) Seniors **David Hathway**, **John Knudsen**, and **Dave Mauch** introduce the next act in a game of poker when John "kills" David "Before He Cheats." **Knudsen** said, "When we were trying to figure our what to do, we decided to say some corny jokes to go with the acts that would make the audience laugh." 2) **Marissa Hicks**, **John Knudsen**, and **Jacob Medina** rip off their numbers to reveal their roman numerals underneath. 3) Sophomores **Ashley Faultry**, **Dancerika George**, and **Arshisa Foley** sing Amazing Grace beautifully in front of the student body. 4) **Hicks** is being made "popular" by senior **Kary Rice**.


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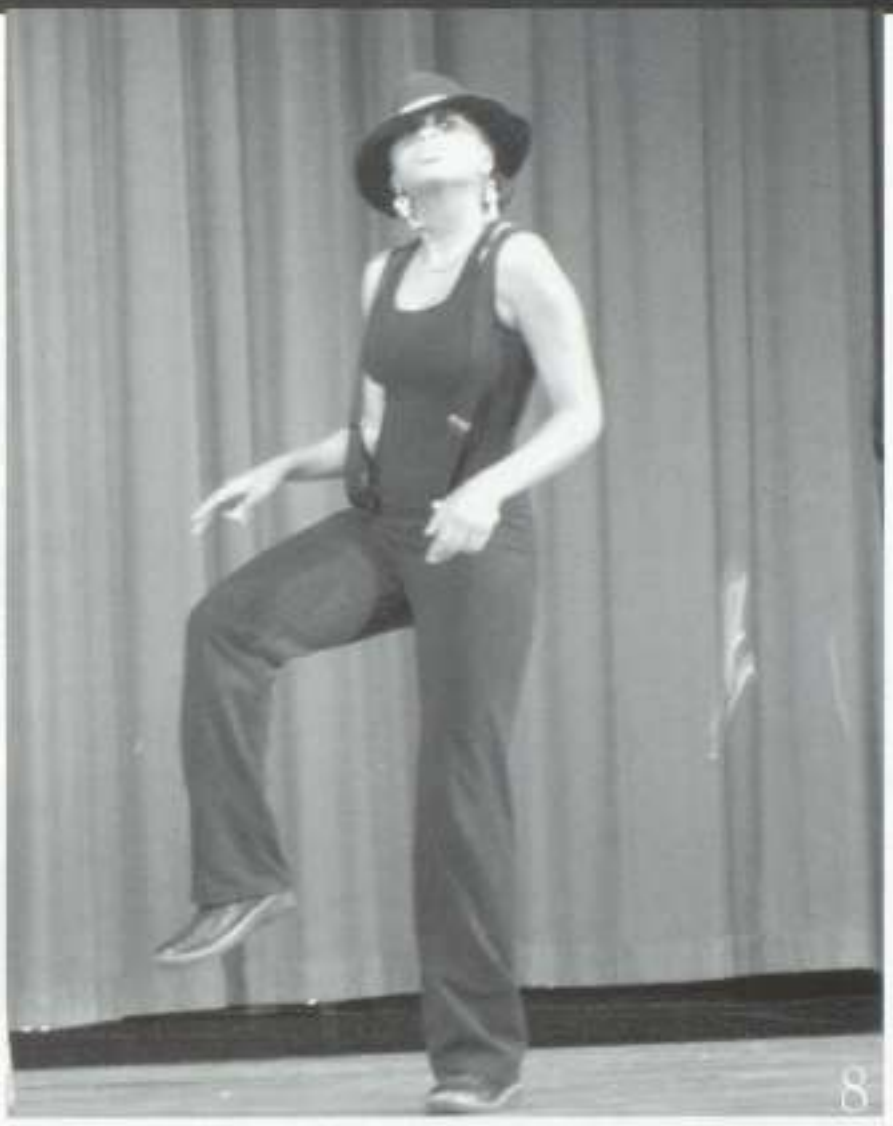

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Yeah, my showerhead is very impressed."

- High School Musical 2006

"There are 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 wheels on the Big Rig!" If you were at the Talent Show, you could have heard how the 18 wheels of the Big Rig roll over the audience with laughter. The event was put on by the STARS and NHS clubs and was emceed by seniors **David Hathway**, **John Knudsen**, and **Dave Mauch**, who put on their own show introducing the acts including poker games, a fight scene and props.

Most of the talents were singing and all did a great job but **Katy Rice** and **Marissa Hicks** came out on top with the performance "Popular." **Rice** commented, "I picked [Popular] for the Choir Spring Show and I didn't have enough time to prepare another song for the Talent Show, so I just performed it again." Following in second place was **Justin Priesmeyer**, who sang "Cold Hearted" and "Once in a Lifetime Love" by Clay Walker. "I picked those songs because I wanted to grab the audiences attention and the second song was for someone special," **Priesmeyer** said. Last but not least was **Zachary Isaac**, who performed in two different acts on the piano but placed with the song he sang that was dedicated to whomever had lost a loved one.



5) Freshman **Laura Echeverria** sings "Before He Cheats" by Carrie Underwood.
6) Senior **Justin Priesmeyer** gets the student body riled up while he sings "Cold Hearted" by Clay Walker.
7) Junior **Zachary Isaac** sings "How to Save a Life" while playing the piano.
8) Sophomore **Alicia Young** dances to Ciara's "Like a Boy."





Senior Serve

Spread by: Sarah Escamilla

Senior Serve was held at the Civic Center on January 28. The show was complete with a good dinner and awesome entertainment. The acts were very creative to say the least. The theme was the 50 states and the seniors used the song they were taught in the fifth grade during their performance.

Throughout the night the audience got to see just how talented the class of '07 really was or wasn't. " I loved the Jersey Boy's skit. Joe Gallegos was so funny," said senior **Jennifer Limas**. "James Cannell's skit was interesting. I don't think I've ever seen that side of him before," said senior **Christine Kocurek**. Senior **Misty Ledwig** was also involved in an interesting skit. "Misty's singing was so funny and her costume rocked," said junior **Stephanie Soliz**.

The entertainment was everything from a lively jazz band to a skit about the dress code no one really understood. "Don't ask about that skit," said senior **Hailey Leopold**. "I have no idea how to explain it!" A group of senior girls also did a beautiful tribute dance for their classmates who are no longer with them but will remain in their hearts.

"Senior Serve was a great experience and I was glad to be a part of it," said senior **Derek Treybig**.

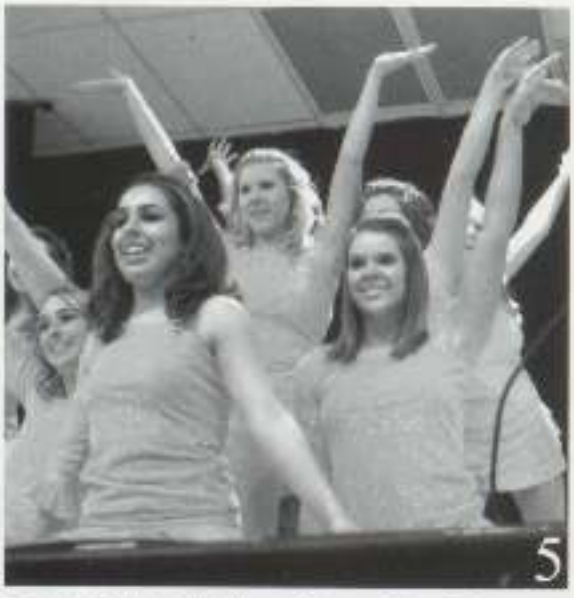








1.**Brandon Schmermund** singing "Ring of Fire". 2. **Brent Gold** acting out a "Brother Where Art Though." 3. **Blake Farthing** playing the drums. 4. **Jordan Dornak, Kayla Cerny, Madison Matthews** and **Haley English** sing and dance to "My Boyfriend's Back".

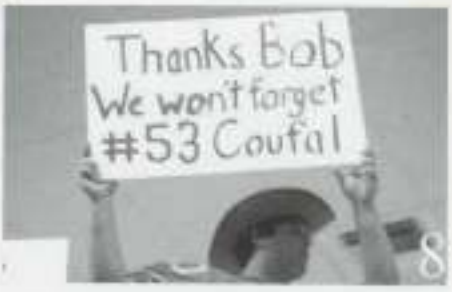


5. Senior Derby Dolls **Allison Johnson, Jackie Rodriguez, Keri Klimple** and **Kristen Supak** hitting an ending pose.



6. **Thomas Williamson** waiting for his solo. 7. **Derek Treybig** playing the saxophone in the jazz band. 8. **James Cannell** holding a sign after the football players' skit.

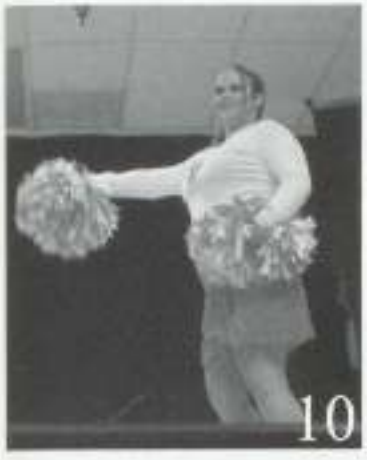




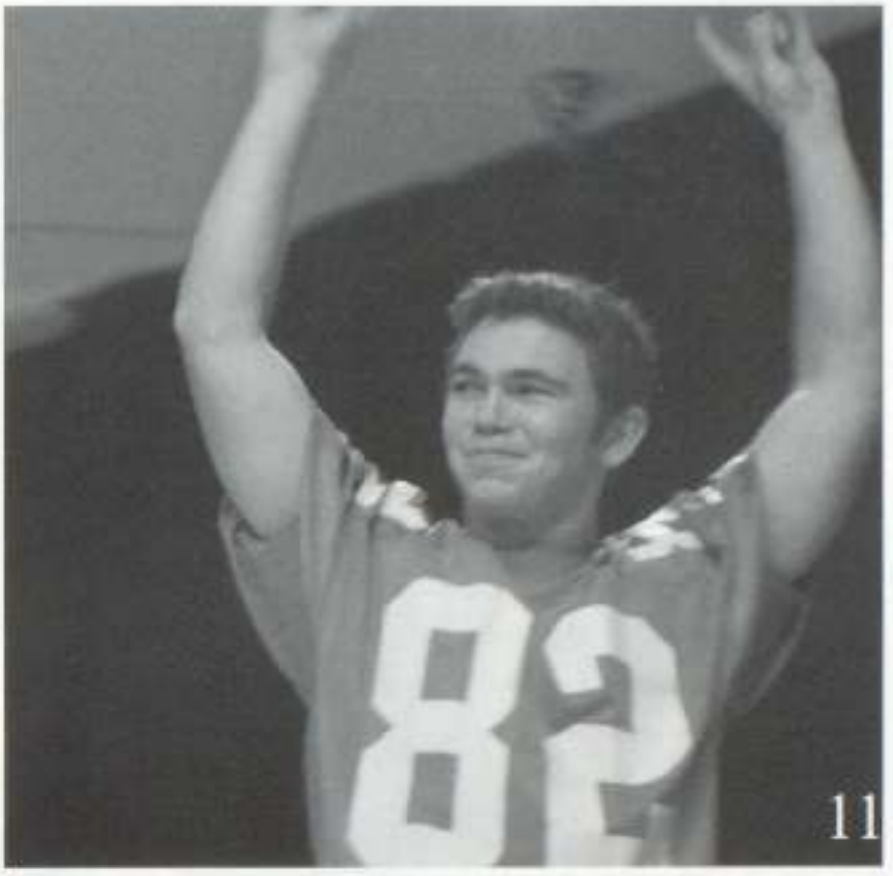
kids and then they served lunch I got nuts and I pigged out and they kicked me out..." The Goonies 1985


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Erin Smith (9) portraying Dolly Parton in the American Idol skit. **Lauren Miksik** (10) waving her pom poms in the cheerleading skit. **Matthew Tumilson** (11) lines up with the other football players in a tribute to Bob Gillis.


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Kristen Supak (12) assisted **Scott Neimer** (14) in the "Will it Float" skit.
Eric Moller (13) plays his guitar with the jazz band.


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"Carpe diem, seize the day boys,

Graduation



Speech given by Valedictorian Jeffrey Sufak.

Good evening class of 2007! It is impossible to describe to everyone how intense and exciting this night is! It seems that we have been living for the arrival of our graduation night, and now it is finally here. And before we walk across this stage and end our school career, it's pretty important to thank the people who helped us get here. First off, I would like to thank all of the parents and grandparents because they are the foundation of our lives and without them we would simply crumble. Also, thank you to all of the teachers. I gained so much knowledge from each of my teachers from kindergarten to high school. They not only have taught us a lot of insane information, but they have taught us about how capable we really are. So again, thanks to all of the people that have inspired us; it is greatly appreciated.







This night, Class of 2007, is our night. In a way, this night is going to be bittersweet. Over the thirteen years that we have spent with each other, we have found comfort in each other and in our school. We all know each other to a certain extent and we almost know what to expect on a daily basis. However, our lives have taken many unexpected turns. We have gone through some pretty tough times as a class and we have all seen the darkest of days. Tonight there are four empty seats that belong to Craig Coufal, Kelly Dulhos, Mark Gaona, and Travis Wilson. There is no doubt that beyond the stars they are watching over us, and they should know that they are truly missed.



After tonight, all that we are familiar with will disappear, and the class of 2007 will never be together as a whole again. We are about to experience some extreme changes. There will be no more: lunch dates with 15 plus people in one car, pep rallies, Aim for Success presentations (which will be truly will be missed), Talent Shows, classes that are filled with 20















of your closest friends, and Friday night Ricebird football. Now we will begin following our own path, and along this path we will set new goals, make new friends, and experience life in a completely unique style. We may reach some of our goals, but we may not reach all that we set. The new friends that come into our life may be trustworthy and inspirational while some may betray and hurt us. And some of the experiences may be life changing while others will only cause us pain and heartache. As intimidating as this may sound, there is beauty in this change. There is a whole new adventure that stands in front of us waiting to begin and waiting to be accomplished. When we take on this adventure, we will discover that there are going to be a lot of days that will be pretty darn crummy. But on the flip side, there will be a lot of awesome days where the sun shines so bright that all of our worries will melt away and we should definitely live for those types of days. Life is truly about change and it is about time that we experience more life.





So tonight let's not be sad but be joyful. Even though we leave each other tonight, we will still be together in a spiritual sense. No matter which path we take, just remember that it all started here with the Class of 2007. So finally I would like to thank each and every one of my classmates. Without y'all, I would not be who I am today nor would I be where I am today. Thanks to everyone again. *God bless and good night!*



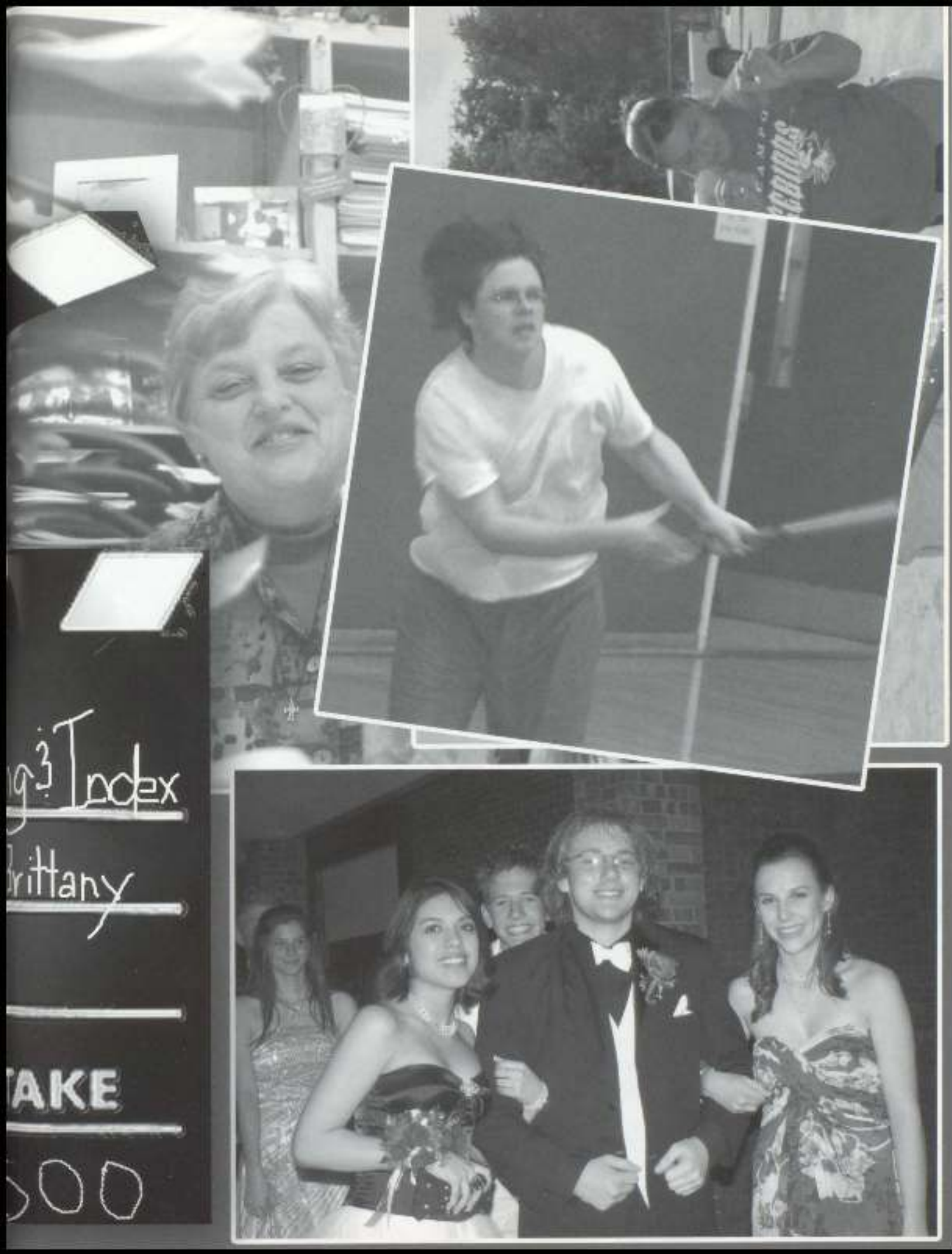









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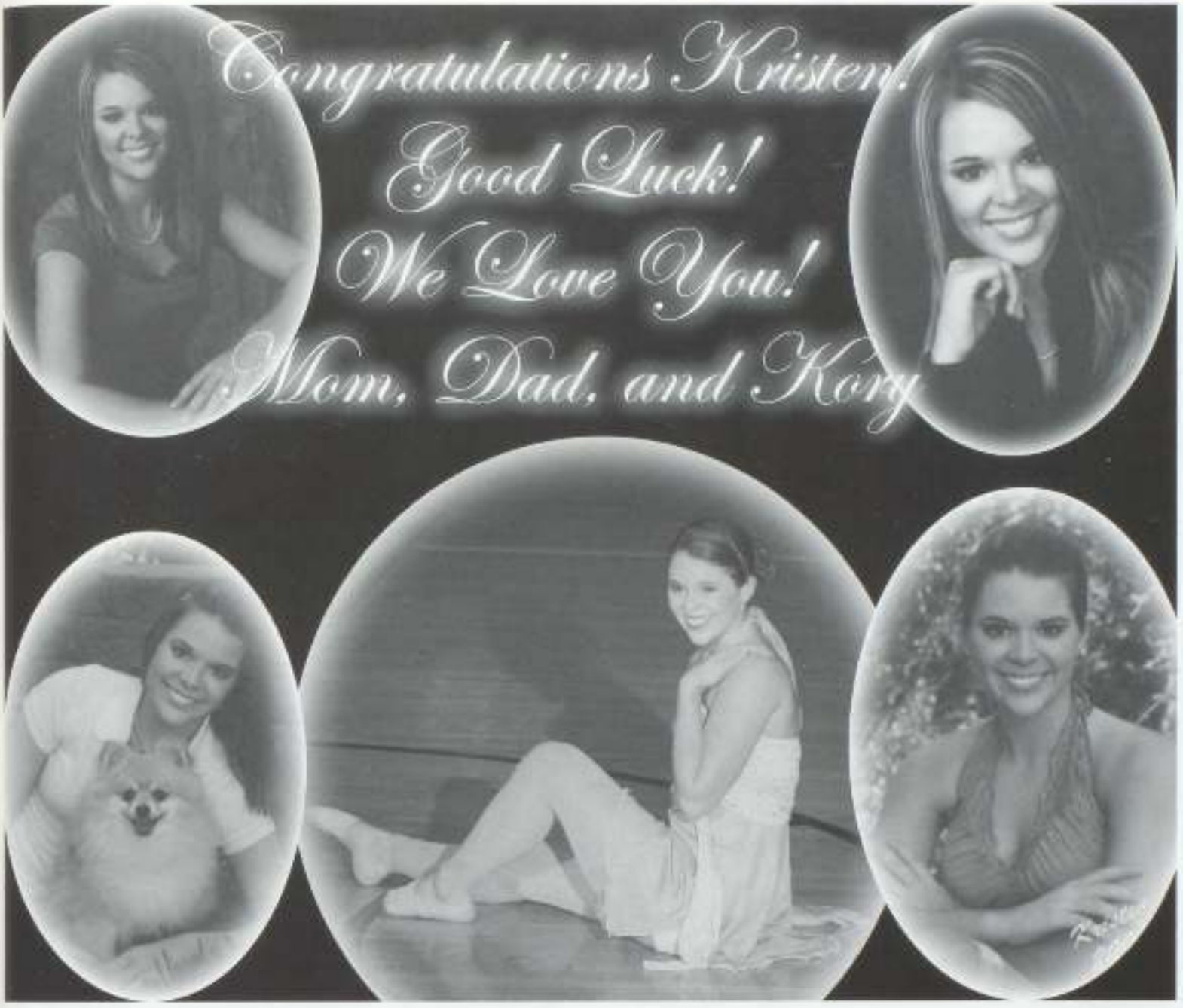


Congratulations
Keri Klimple!

We are so proud of you...

Love,
Mom, Randy,
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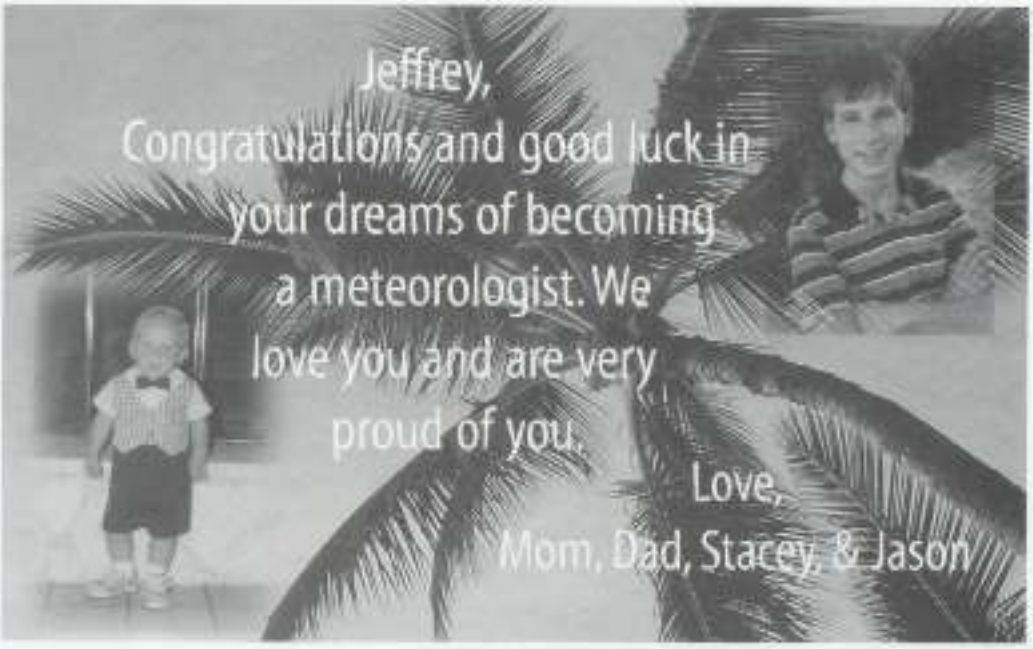


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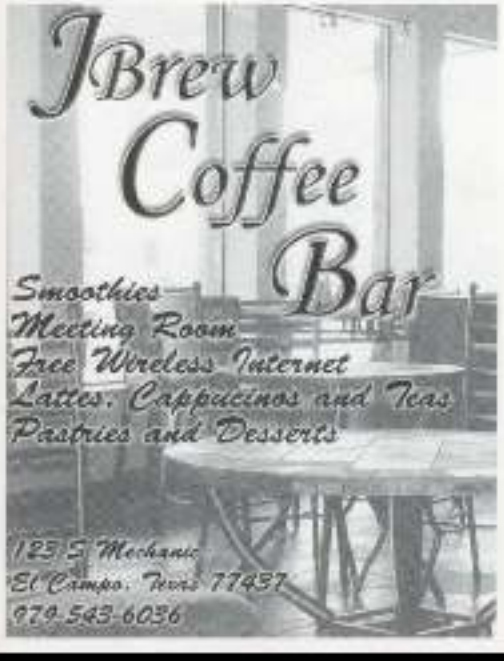


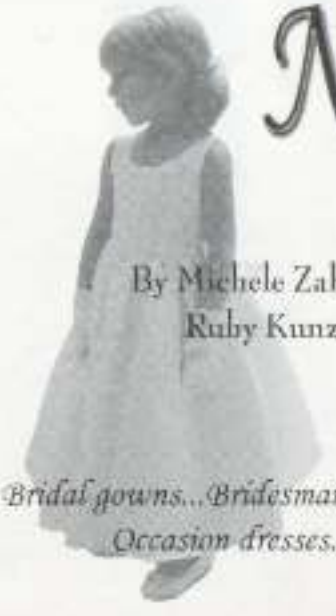
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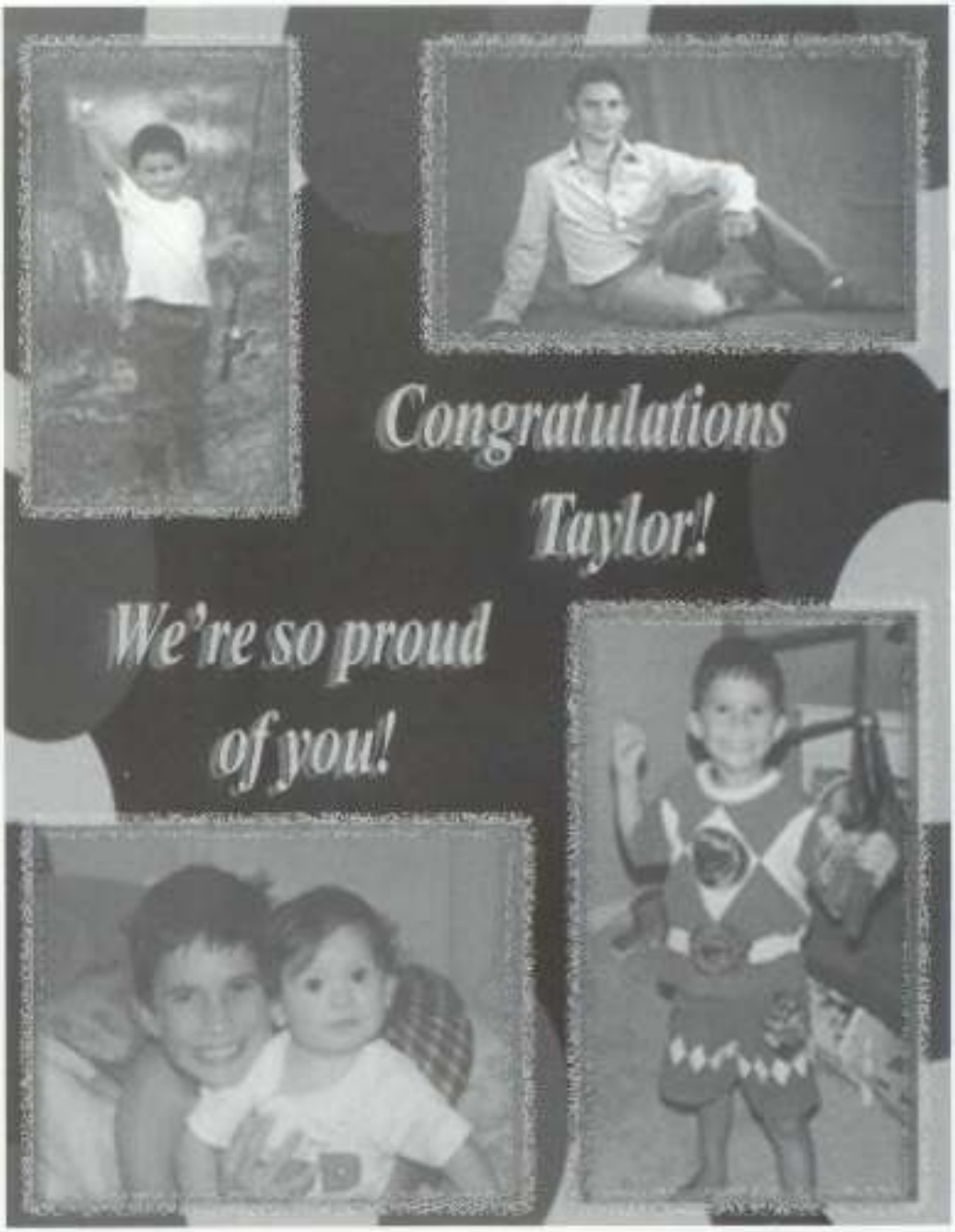
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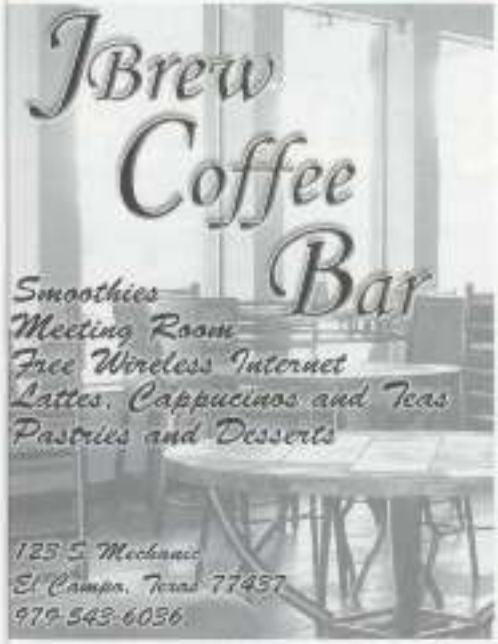
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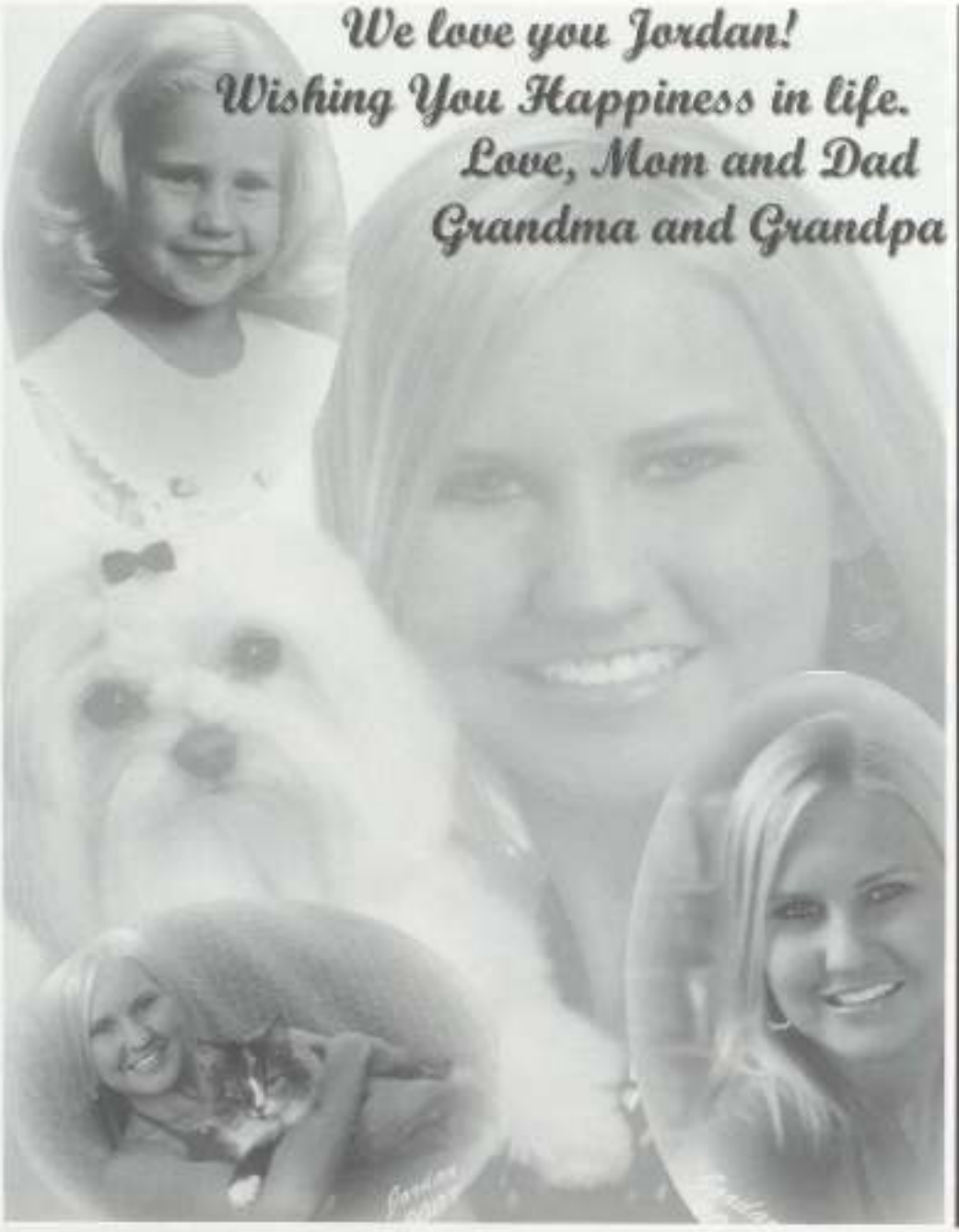
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Varsity Girls Softball: Anna Rasor, Brittney Gates, Danielle Smith, Summer Bates, Gabby Macias, Olivia Wall, Lindsey Monk, Haley English, Alexa Cooper, Mi'Asahara, Angela Dias, Emily Bergstrom, Shannon Poole, Lauralee Collins

JV Volleyball: Kendra Taylor, Meredith Byrd, Amelia Gee, Coach Allen, Shelby Cooper, Jessica Dawson, Ashley Brooks, Morgan Mackanhan, Amy Hinsley, Lindsey Monk, Courtney Jacob, Gabby Macias, Haven Worley, Raven Owens
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Members of the 2006-2007 Rexford Band (not front row, left to right)
Mercedes Chavarria-Stutz, Tamara Martin-Stutz, Anna Arroyo, Gisela Rangel, Clayton Hintz, Derek Snyder, Sam Ben-Yonah Oster, Joshua Schlueter, Sean Rousseau, Kevin Lowe, Hailey Hayes, and Paul Schoolman. Row 2: Ashley Cox, Jasmine Kramer, Simone Quintero, Hailey O'Brien, Emerald Leal, Kaylin Ewing, Jessie Johnson, Jarrod Allgeier, Celeste Cimei, Michael Van Gieson, Michael Matthews, Trey Wilson, and Brandon Miller. Row 3: Ashley Herron, Tiara Echeverria, Cristian Cano, Cecilia Zamora, Marissa Delgado, Caroline Gonzalez, Jay Cano, Julia Loyola, Melissa Estrada, Erica Tovar, Thomas Williamson, Harper O'Brien, Matthew Hartman, and Michael Orick. Row 4: Lauren Valentine, Jessica Sherwood, Michael Degar, Jazmin Mejia, Courtney Brown, Micah Chinn, Dee Wilson, Celeste Clark, Brittany Rios, Britton Gramlich, Genaro O'Cana, Tye Maxwell, and Brandon Mekkien. Row 5: Amber Garza, Damien Davidson, Danbelle Barnett, Carson Cook, Ted Baden, Louis, Leighton Shipp, Robert Rodriguez, Lizzie Lopez, Darrin Davidson, Nicole Campbell, Hercules Hernandez, Brandon Autry, Joel Menchaca, and Josh Sanchez. Row 6: Dora O'Cana, Laurence Kostecka, David Tice, Mark Dymmigan, Eric Dehmel, Travis Stasiak, Thereisha Thompson, Amanda Driscoll, Isaac Atwood, Taylor Moritz, Kevin Jeon, Jessica Cano, and Blake Jansen. Row 7: Quentin Todd, Jason Cooper, Dylan Dehmel, Alex Edman, David Dymmigan, Morgan Jones, Ernesto Delgado, Adam Dyar, Lindsey Schlueter, Sharon Anders, Dylan Mulford, Timothy Mican, and Jennifer Mach. Row 8: Dave Stinson, Mike Fanning, David Mackenzie, Tiffany Osmanski, Rick Escobar, Anthony Cruz, Gabriella Villalobos, Locke Collins, Nayeli Pech, Meredith Bard, and Kimberly Martinez. Row 9: Jamie Mercial, Adriana Canada, Skylar Lemert, Brittany Hernandez, Steven Garcia, Sierra Tovar, Angel Montalvo, Linda Cano, Vanessa Canales, Ashley Martinez, Krystal Montoya, and Alannah Jane.



Freshman Football 2006-2007 Seahawks team row, front row, 1st row: Matthew Chase McClain, Dean Delgado, Andrew DelaPena, Wes Stanlik, Sean Gutierrez, Tony DelaCruz, Lawrence Sanchez, Jose Velazquez, Lawrence Williams, and Ross Mack. Row 2: Jesse Lee, Brandon Miller, [illegible], Ty Mathews, Joshua Schlueter, Nick Quintero, Sean Montes, Jacob Sealey Burke, Cris Williams, and Cody Haynes. Row 3: Jonathan Gibson, Will Chappell, Brandon Melcher, Jose Sanchez, Brian Gaydos, David Dominguez, Damian Tafoya, Cody Stansberry, Keenan Fox, Weston Malone, Austin Gresham and Colin Gough. Row 4: Gerard Manzanarez, Mariano Perez, Eric Cerna, Mario Arreola, Armando Martinez, Derek Dornek, Stanley Acuna, Dylan Christopher and Cody Kennon. Photo by Brenda Sawyer



Members of the 2006-2007 ECHS Derby Dolls include (Front, left to right)
Taylor Lange, Jr. 12, Kasey Young, Sr. 12, Ashton Johnson, Captain Jackie Rodriguez, Jr. 11, Kristen Nigut, Jr. 11, Kiersten Ellis, Jr. 11, Stacey Cella, (Row 2, L-R) Mgr. Erin Sun, Keri Harris, Kim Kalergis, Chelsey Pennington, Christina Payne, Jessica Peck, Shay Hodges, Tabetha Gibson, Jennifer Lewis, Mgr. Summer Stanley, (Row 3, left) Mary Ludwig, Kelsie Miller, Shannon Beda, Catherine Mitchell, Sabrina Stoup, Emily Jorgensen, Megan Smith, Jessica Noddy, Michelle Forsythe, Sarah Richards, Christine Kocurek, (Row 4, left to right) Dorcas Tony Kocurek, Morgan Shaw, Shy Glover, Lauren Mach, Mandy Nordin, Heather Volk, Lindsey Rita, Stephanie Seitz, Magda Smith, (Row 5, left) Stephanie Mitchell, Mindy Mckenzie, Samantha Zdrodzy, Kelsey Cox, Lauren Arnett, Kasey Bolduc, Samantha Fiore, Cindi Kocurek, Samantha Kocurek, Alicia Young, Loretta Farrell, (Back, left) Tori Stansberry, Brooke Aberdeen, Gabie Kovac, Paige Guerin, Kayla McCrary, Kara Johnson, Sophiana Poole, Megan Morris, Kassie King, Julie Archuleta, Rachel Johnson. Photo courtesy of Visual Services of Texas



Members of the 2006 Rexford Versus Football (not include Green, left)
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Varsity Cheerleaders
Seniors: 11th, Rachel Pfannkuch; 10th, Lauren Waggerman; 11th Tristyne Tisdale, Mckelle 10th, Whitley Vinek, 11th, Mary Simmons, 12th Head Shannon Bauer, 10th Danielle Zamora, 11th Tristyn Gonzales, Top: 10th Brittany Quinn, 10th Courtney Cadrel, St Mascot Cassidy Tapia, 10th Amy Hardin, 10th McKenzie Foster Taken by Chris Barker



JV Cheerleaders
Seniors: Brittany Wertheimer, Katie Fanning, Hayley Pfister, Chelsea Soto, Top: Lauren Collins (Back) Kaitlyn Hunnicutt, Nikki Salvatore, Shawnecia Gonzales



Freshmen and Junior Boys
(Front, left) Clayton Hintz, Jacob Russell, George Fuentes and Ali Velazquez, (middle, left Bruce Brandt, Cryant Williams, Travis Woods, Tamra Wilson and Matt Hadley (Back, left) Carson Tisdale, Jacob Bustamante, Brandon Hines, Brittany Bailey. Not pictured: Kara Stallard, Derrick Davidson, Cody Haynes, Sidney Vasquez, Ryan Nielsen and Chris Nielsen. El Campo Leader-News Photo Brenda Sawyer



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ECHO Colophon

Taylor Publishing Company printed the 2006-2007 ECHO yearbook, volume 60, in Dallas, Texas.

The book contained 200 pages and was submitted via ftp site for production. The theme for the book was "Movies" playing off the class year 2007 (James Bond - 007). Every page begins with a quote from a movie.

The cover is lithoprint and was conceived by the ECHO staff.

ECHO is a student publication. Staff members work extremely hard to try and produce a quality book with accurate information. The staff members also attempt to cover as many students as they possibly can throughout the book.

It is never the intention of the staff to embarrass, exclude, or present inaccurate information in this publication. However, there is always the possibility of misspelled names and incorrect information being produced. In such instances, we apologize, but no refund will be given.

The students of the yearbook staff created each spread. Photographs were also submitted by faculty, staff, and local photographers.

The software used to create the layouts was Adobe InDesign Creative Suite.

The photographs used in this publication were either digital pictures or scanned and re-sized using Adobe Photoshop CS.

A total of 350 books were ordered. The books ranged in price from $60 to $77 depending on personalizations and date purchased.

The staff of ECHO wrote the copy for the yearbook (excluding advertising which is provided by the advertisers in most cases).

Body copy was done in Goudy Old Style, 11 point. Page titles were in Athena, varying sizes. Advertisements were created using a variety of fonts and font sizes.

Candid photographs were taken mostly by the staff. Others were submitted by teachers, parents, and students. A special thanks to jstaccedo.com and the El Campo Leader News for the donation of sports photographs.

Senior portraits were taken by various photographers. Thanks go to Glenn Frels of Connie's Studio for coming on campus and taking senior photographs of those who would otherwise have not been in the book. Underclassmen portraits were taken by LifeTouch Photography.

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