

# 2001



Thayer High School



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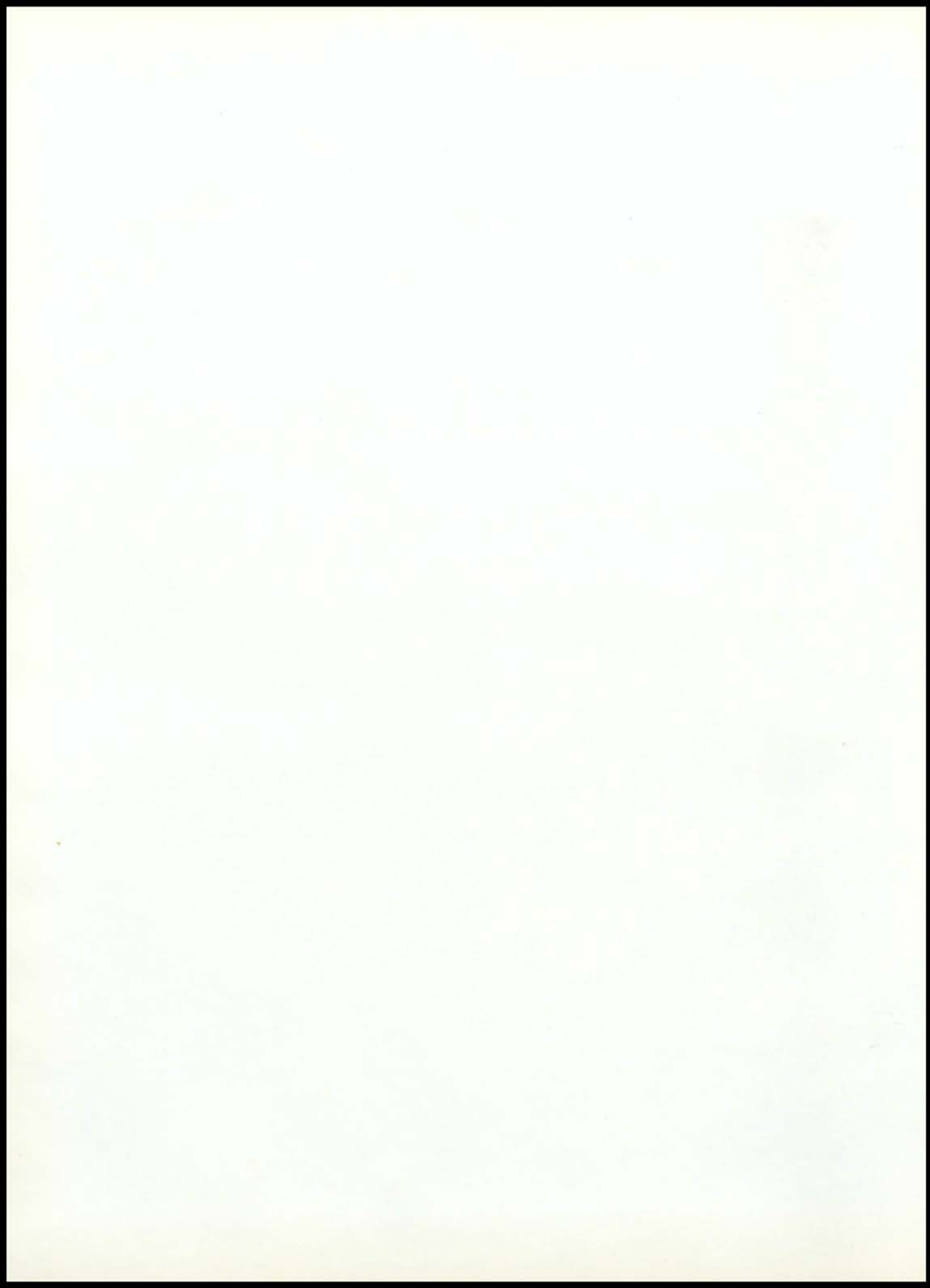
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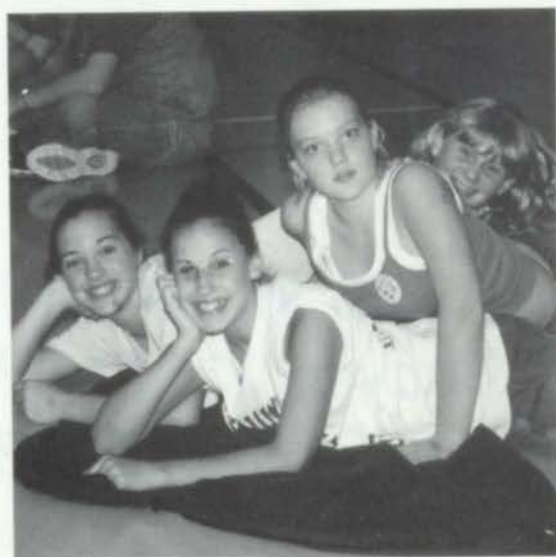


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**WATCH OUT BRANDON, I'M TAKING YOUR GIRL...**

Becky Hall gets Adam Thornton to smile for the camera.

**THIS IS A STICK UP!**

Zack Miller is in the mood to paint.

**TAYLOR TAIN'T TOO TALL...**

Taylor Holtzman wonders what it would be like to be tall like Alicia VanMeter and Nick Carrico.



**WOW, THIS IS GOOD...** Amy McFarland and Robby Donovan enjoy their food during break.



**HATS OFF IN THE BUILDING PLEASE...** Laci Moore is caught breaking the rules.



**NOW LISTEN HERE...** Senior class president, Michael Duff, gets ready to read the class prophecy on senior night.



**WHO'S OUR NEXT VICTIM...** Robby Donovan and Nick Carrico think about the upcoming football game.





THIS IS THE LIFE... Zack Miller enjoys his book during English class.



DID I SAY THAT?!... Alicia Robertson discusses a lab with Mrs. Stark



WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?... Jessica Houston eats and talks during break.



CAN I GO BACK TO BED?... Zack Wren dreams of sleeping at a scholars' bowl tournament.



PLEASE DON'T HURT ME!... Dale Stafford gets ready for his shot.



THEY FINALLY PUT HIM BEHIND BARS... Robby Ashmore plays around in the locker room.



# UP CLOSE *and personal*



**Candid**



# The 2000 Thayer Watermelon Homecoming

## Discoveries of the Twentieth Century

The 2000 Watermelon homecoming began on August 31 and lasted until September 2. On Thursday Miss Kara Stafford was crowned queen. Natasha Powers and Katie Brant were the princesses. There were many fun events including a parade on Saturday.



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I was very surprised to be chosen as queen, but I also consider it an honor.

”



# "Curtain Going Up"

Fall means time for the school play. The play this year, "Curtain Going Up!", was a comedy in three acts. The play was focused around a group of high school students that were putting on a school play with a director who was an inexperienced teacher. They encountered many setbacks which included: the playbooks being stolen, adolescent romance, and a relationship blooming between the director (Miss Burgess) and a teacher (Mr. Carter). On opening night Karla Kepley was too sick to perform her lead role. Amber Wheeler, a former thespian, stepped in to save the performance. Amber, having only read through the play once, was put on stage with a script in her hand. She did an excellent job! On Saturday, Karla was able to perform. That night's performance included a Mexican Dinner Theater prepared by Luz and Darcy Cruz. The excellent food included fajitas, chips and salsa, salad, beans, rice, and ice cream dessert.

The play, overall, was a hit both nights with hilarious dialogue and outstanding performances by the actors and actresses. The well-known saying, "A bad dress rehearsal will result in a great opening night" proved true for this play.

Back: Jared Wheeler, Tony Francisco, Kory Stafford, Dustin Stafford, Keri Olinger, Dale Stafford, Michael Duff, Richard Carrico, Lorena Leck, and Brett Rousselle. Middle: Ashley Coble, Bethany Powers, Kara Stafford, Katie Brant, Kaye Brownlee, Natasha Powers, and Amanda Fogleman. Front: T.J. Hager. Not pictured: Karla Kepley



**TWO FOR ME, NONE FOR YOU!...**(Right) Katie Brant, T.J. Hager, and Kara Stafford pose for the camera before the play starts.



**SENIOR STRESS...**(For Right) The senior cast members Dale Stafford, T.J. Hager, Michael Duff, Natasha Powers, Katie Brant, and Kara Stafford pose with the director Mr. Rick Huquenin



**Play**

# Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?

Be afraid. . . be very afraid because the 2001 Spring Theatrical directed by Rick Huguenin, was Who is Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? It starred Lorena Leck, Dale Stafford, Katie Brant, Tony Francisco, Zack Miller, Amanda Fogleman, and Jared Wheeler.

The play combined the two children's books The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood. Katie Brant said, "This play is for small children." "Old" children find the antics entertaining also. Dale Stafford reported, "We hammed it up just like Mr. Huguenin told us to." The play also had audience participation consisting of answering questions, hiding the wolf, and howling upon command.

The play was presented to the school on March 15th and to the public on the 16th and 17th. The play was a HUGE success!!!



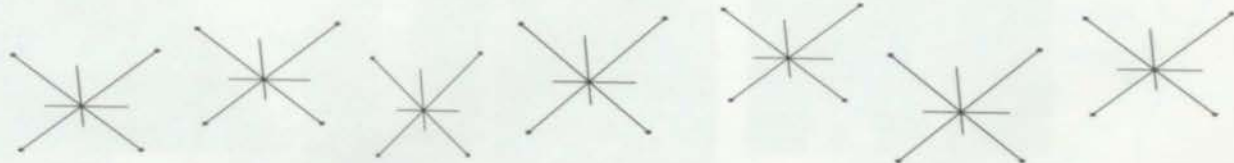
PLAY CAST AND CREW (Back Row) Kara Stafford, Director Rick Huguenin, Anthony Francisco, Dale Stafford, Amanda Fogleman, (Middle Row) Jared Wheeler, Katie Brant, Lorena Leck, Sherrie Brant, (Front Row) Zack Miller.



I'M THE GREAT WOODSMAN! (Left to Right) Anthony Francisco, Zack Miller, Lorena Leck, and Katie Brant.



NOW, LITTLE RED. . . (Left to Right) Lorena Leck and Katie Brant.



**PLAY**



THAYER HIGH SCHOOL  
COMMENCEMENT 2001



Processional.....	Karla Kepley
<i>"Pomp and Circumstance" -Elgar</i>	
Poetry Reading.....	Becky Hall
<i>"Senior 2001" by Becky Hall</i>	
Valedictorian Address.....	"Growing Together Through the Years"
<i>Katie Brant, Natasha Powers, Amy Smedley, and Kara Stafford</i>	
Special Music.....	"I Will Be Your Friend"
<i>Katie Brant, Becky Hall, Natasha Powers, and Kara Stafford</i>	
Senior Video.....	Michael Duff
<i>Senior Class President</i>	
Presentation of Class.....	Dennis Murray
Awarding of Diplomas.....	Dan Miller & Ken Thornton
<i>Members, CUSD #101 Board of Education</i>	
Recessional.....	Karla Kepley
<i>"Festival Processional" - Kohlmann</i>	





*Class of 2001*



*As our senior year comes to an end,  
we take a moment to reflect upon the many memories  
which have brought us tears and joys.  
Each of us has grown in wisdom and knowledge.  
In making this memorable moment a reality,  
we the  
Thayer High School Class of 2001,  
proudly invite you  
to our Commencement Exercises.  
Sunday afternoon, May twentieth  
Two Thousand One  
three o'clock  
Thayer High School*



**Graduation**

# Football Spirit Week



1. **BIG, BAD, CAMOFLAGUED SENIORS!!!** The Seniors show their spirit on Camo Day.
2. **THE REAL.....OR FAKE QUEEN CANDIDATES!!!!** The Top 10 girls dressed up their escorts on the last day of Spirit Week!
3. **MEN (AND WOMEN) IN BLACK!!** Juniors show their spirit on Class Color Day.
4. **BLAST FROM THE PAST...** Michael Duff, Kara Stafford, Dale Stafford, and Karla Kepley show their spirit on 50's Day!
5. **PIPI LONGSTONGINGS????** Amy McFarland and Alicia VanMeter on Twin Day.
6. **THAYER'S SIAMESE TWINS!!** Katie Brant and Kara Stafford dressed identically for Twin Day.
7. **MANDY AND THE COWBOYS.....** T.J. Hager, Amanda Fogleman, Michael Duff, and Kyle Schulz hanging in the halls at break.





## The 2000 Football Homecoming Queen is...



Miss Katie Brant. On October 8, Senior, Katie Brant was crowned by Senior, Robby Donovan. The theme was *Swear It Again* by West Life. The colors baby blue and silver decorated the multi-purpose room where the student body enjoyed a dance with music provided by DJ, Steve Aikins. Pictures were taken by Life Touch. The night was a huge success with a football team win of 48-30 over Elk Valley.



**LAST YEAR'S QUEEN**  
Alina Umbarger escorted by Jessie Holtzman. The crown bearer was Keenan Coatney; the flower girl, Kenzli Swisher.



**HE! HE! HA! HA!**  
(Left) Katie Brant and Robby Donovan laugh about nothing in particular.

**THE BIG KISS**  
(Far Left) Robby Donovan congratulates Katie Brant with the traditional kiss.



**THE TOP TEN CANDIDATES WERE** (Left to Right) Karla Kepley, Katie Brant, Amanda Fogleman, Natasha Powers, Lorena Leck, Jessica Greif, KyAnne Schulz, Laci Moore, Sara Rehmert, and Kara Stafford.



# Spirit Week



**WHERE'S CAMI?**  
Amy Pierce helps out with her class decorating!!



**FLYER SMILES.** Jena Leck, Kaye Brownlee, Kory Stafford, and Bethany Powers smile during the homecoming pep assembly.



**CHARLIE'S ANGELS?**  
Karla Kepley and Erika Ellis on Inside-out/ Backwards Day!!



**OH HAPPY DAY?**  
Adam Thornton looks great in black during break of Class Color Day.



**BRIGHT IN BLUE.** Juniors in blue on Class Color Day!



**FRESHMEN SPIRIT.** Casey Hougardy and Shawn Stipp help with the freshman decorations!



**HIGHER BOYS!!** Michael Duff, Dale Stafford, and Nick Carrico hang up their class banner in the gym.



**SENIORS IN BLACK.**

Amy Smedley, Becky Hall, Alicia VanMeter, Natasha Powers, and Sara Rehmert all dressed in black for Class Color Day!





# “My Everything”

On February 10, 2001, Senior, Sara Rehmert was crowned Basketball Homecoming Queen by Senior, Dale Stafford. The theme for the night was “My Everything” by 98 Degrees. Both basketball teams won against Altoona-Midway. Following the games a dance was held in the multi-purpose room with music by DJ, Steve Aikins. The evening was fun for everyone!!



**BIG SMILE.** Queen Sara on the arm of her escort, Dale Stafford.

**THE BIG KISS!**  
Dale Stafford presents Sara with the traditional kiss.



**The Royal Court.** (Back) Jeremy Wheeler, Karla Kepley, Zack Miller, Laci Moore, Chad Raida, Jessica Greif, Jared Wheeler, KyAnne Schulz, Kyle Schulz, Lindsey Clift. (Front) Michael Duff, Amanda Fogleman, Adam Thornton, Natasha Powers, Dale Stafford, Sara Rehmert, T.J. Hager, Kara Stafford, Nick Carrico, Lorena Leck. Flower Girl, Hope Williams and Crown Bearer, Ty Ellis.



# A Picture Is Worth 1000 Words!!!



The 2001 Thayer High School Prom was held on April 21 in the Thayer gymnasium. The anticipated rain held off until after the promenade. Following the promenade Kyle Schulz and Kara Stafford were crowned prom king and queen. The gym was elegantly decorated with the prom colors metallic purple, black, and silver. A water fountain and planted ivy accented the "new" prom structure. The theme song was "Nothing Else Matters" by Metallica. Photographs were taken by Rhue Photography. Due to complications Mr. Steve Aikins was unable to D.J. this year. In the absence of Mr. Aikins, Buddy Stark filled-in.

After the dance everyone went to the Thayer Christian Church for After-Prom. This year's After-Prom consisted of many activities including The Dater's Game, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire", knock-out basketball, and sumo wrestling.

The Junior Class would like to thank their sponsors, Mr. Tim Seibel and Mr. Vern Minor, for their help and all of the faculty for their continued support. Thank you to all the parents and businesses who donated time and money to make Prom and After-Prom 2001 an unforgettable night.



SENIOR STYLE...The Senior Class "all dressed up" for the big night.



JUNIORS AT THEIR BEST...After diligent preparation, the Junior Class is finally ready to dance the night away.



BEAUTIES AND THE BEAST VI...Due to the absence of Mr. Steve Aikins, D.J. Buddy Stark posed in this traditional photo with the attending ladies.



PROM ROYALTY...Kyle Schulz and Kara Stafford were crowned the 2001 Prom King and Queen.

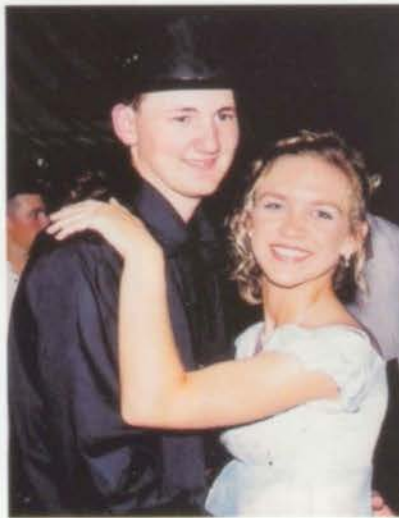
Nothing Else Matters

Prom



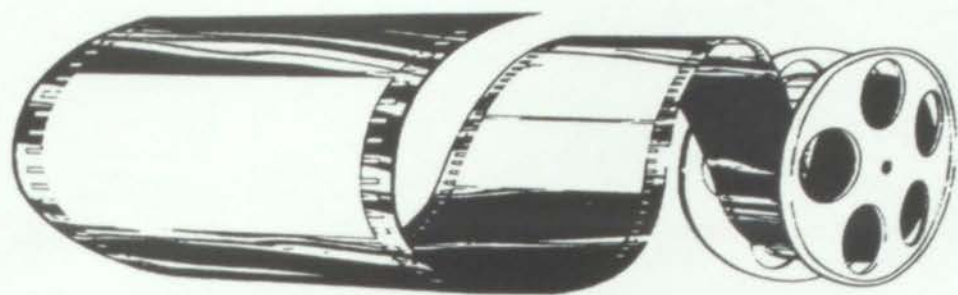


*Nothing Else Matters*



**Prom**





**Candid**



**WORK IT GIRLS.** . . The dance team performs at a basketball game.



**SCHOOL IS TOO EXHAUSTING.** . . Lorena Leck and Brooke Madl relax in the library.



**I GET ALL THE GIRLS.** . . Katie Brant, Tony Francisco, and Kory Stafford pose for the camera before the fall play.



**THE WAL-MART GIRLS.** . . Amy Smedley and Alicia VanMeter take a break from work.



**SHE DIDN'T TELL ME WHAT I HAD TO READ.** . . Clayton Orton tries to look like he is reading a book.



**WE ARE TOUGH.** . . Sara Rehmert, Katie Brant, Natasha Powers, and Kara Stafford show off their band-aids after their shots.



## Candid



# PEOPLE

*The  
Senior  
Class of  
2001*



*Lesa Marie Aikins*



*Katie Maria Brant*



*Amanda Dawn Griffith*



*Thomas John Hager*



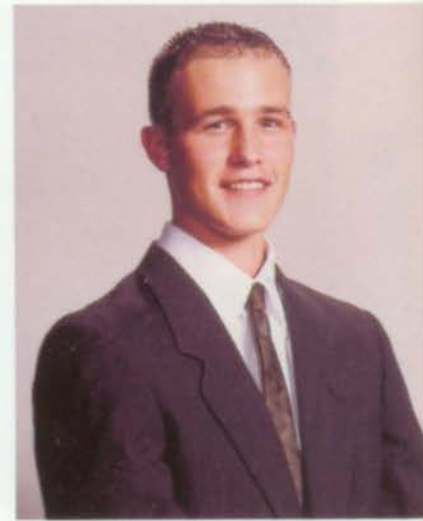
*Becky Lynn Hall*



*Kyle James Schulz*



*Amy LuAnn Smedley*



*Dale Allen Stafford*





*Nick Lee Carrico*



*Robby Eugene Donovan*



*Michael Graham Duff*



*Amy Michelle McFarland*



*Natasha Lynn Powers*



*Sara Dionne Rehmert*



*Kara Laurell Stafford*



*Adam Wayne Thornton*

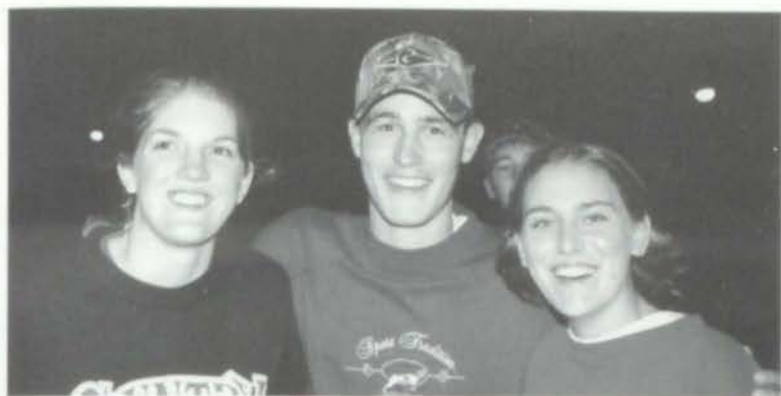


*Alicia Leigh VanMeter*

# Are we cute or what?

Can you tell who is who? Try to guess what senior each picture is of. The answers are on page 98.





**Seniors**



**FOOTBALL PLAYERS KNOW HOW TO SMILE!?** . . . Nick Carrico and Robby Donovan smile as they think about winning the game.



**WHO'S THE BEST DRESSED?!** . . .(Left) Dale Stafford models one of his best outfits during spirit week. (Right) Amy McFarland is caught by the camera in one of her favorite outfits while she performs for the elementary students.



**IT'S FINALLY NAP TIME.** . . . Natasha Powers rests in the hallway.



**WHO WAS THE CUTEST PAIR AT THE DANCE?!** . . .(Left) Nick Carrico escorts Katie Brant to the Christmas dance. (Middle) Michael Duff and Alicia VanMeter pose for the camera. (Right) Adam Thornton and Natasha Powers think they are the cutest.

# The Class of 2001



(Back) Robby, Dale, Nick, Amanda, Michael, and Adam. (Front) Sara, Katie, Kara, Alicia, Amy, Natasha, Amy, and Lesa.



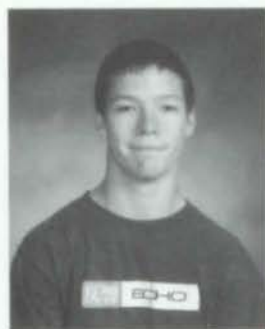
HEY, WHAT ABOUT US!?. . . Kyle, T.J., and Becky were absent the day the class photograph was taken.

**Seniors**

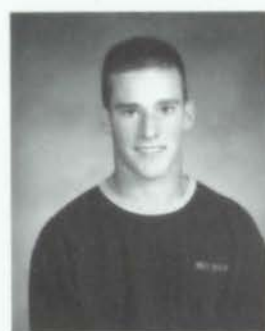
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Amanda Fogleman  
Tony Francisco



Grant LaForge  
Lorena Leck  
Valla Leck



Zack Miller  
Laci Moore  
April Novotny



KyAnne Schulz  
Dustin Stafford  
Cami Umbarger



This is what the class of 2002 has to say:

**“Party Hardy  
Baby!!”**





Jessica Greif  
 Karla Kepley  
 Melanie Kissel



Brooke Madl  
 Pam Martin  
 Stephanie Martin



Ashely Odell  
 Chad Raida  
 Keena Sallee



Jared Wheeler  
 Jeremy Wheeler  
 Zack Wren



**"The Class of '02' puts  
 the WiLD in WiLD  
 Thing!"**

This is what the class of  
2003 has to say:

*"It's been a  
great year so  
far, but a lot  
of people have  
changed in  
many ways"*



Robbie Ashmore  
Heather Beasley



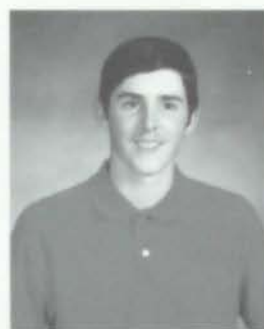
Ashley Coble  
Travis Green



Jessica Houston  
Jena Leck



Keri Olinger  
Clayton Orton  
Denny Pack

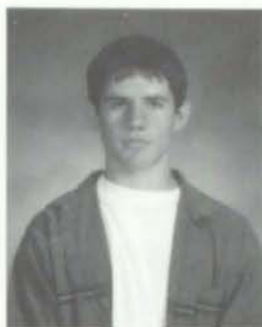


Chris Scott  
Kory Stafford  
Alicia Umbarger



**Sophomores**





Kaye Brownlee  
Randy Burns  
Justin Callarman  
Ben Carrico



Mike Greif  
Tia Heck  
Amy Hohler  
Jessie Holtzman



Kent Lowden  
Bryan Miller  
Chelsea Miller  
Robert Novotny



Amy Pierce  
Bethany Powers  
Alicia Robertson  
Ronald Robertson



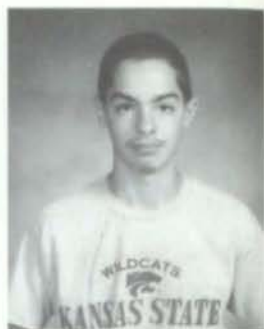
Jamie Wheeler  
Brandon Whittley  
Rusty Williams  
Cami Zumwalt

This is what the class of  
2004 has to say:

*“It wasn’t  
us!”*



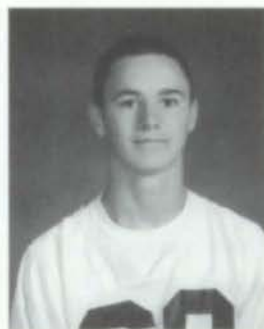
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Steve Cope



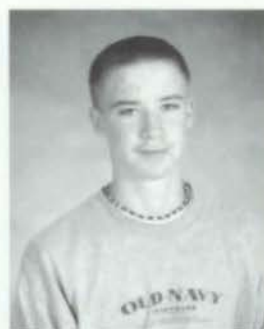
Kody Dannelley  
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Casey Hougardy  
Sam Kepley



Charles Nichols  
Brett Rousselle





Richard Carrico  
Erin Cox



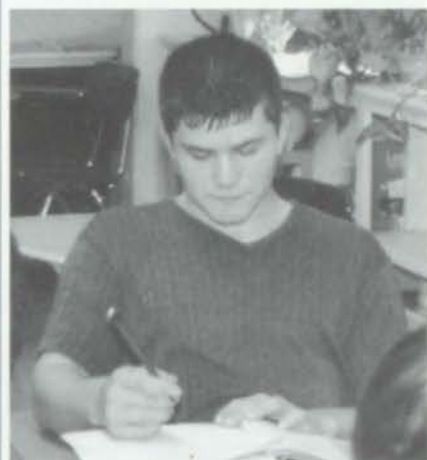
Beth Hager  
Taylor Holtzman



Brandi McCall  
Chase Moore



Shawn Stipp  
Derrick Umbarger



# Principal - Mr. Dennis Murray

## School Secretary, Carol Newby



**AND THEM GOOD OLE' BOYS...** Mr. Michael Lea sings and plays for one of his math class's entertainment.



**SOMEONE HAS TO DO THE DIRTY WORK.**

Mitsy Raida works hard in the kitchen.



**DO I LOOK MEAN NOW?** Mr. Vern Minor is caught by the camera looking in a "not so happy" mood.



**BRING IT ON!!!** Mr. Dennis Nevin shows that he is willing for anybody to bring him a challenge.



**WHAT A CHEESEY SMILE...** Mrs. Allene Hensley smiles for the camera while she takes a break from her Spanish class.

**Mr. Murray & Carol**

# School Faculty



**Karen Carlson**  
Computer/Business



**Virginia Francisco**  
Special Ed



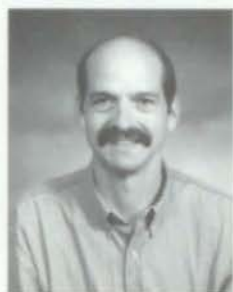
**Wilda Cross**  
ISS



**Allene Hensley**  
Foreign Language



**Carol Hudson**  
Music



**David Ingram**  
Art



**Charlotte Kephart**  
Language Arts



**Lorraine Kilgore**  
FACS



**Michael Lea**  
Math



**Vern Minor**  
Physical Education



**Tim Seibel**  
Social Science



**Stephanie Stark**  
Science



**Jim Wagner**  
Technology Ed. /  
Industrial Arts



**Jim Walters**  
Counselor



# ❖ School Staff ❖



**CUSTODIANS**  
(left to right):  
Jerry Path and  
Luz Cruz.

"Don't be afraid to think big and if you think big don't be afraid. You'll never go wrong!"

- Luz Cruz



**COOKS** (left to right): Judy Lacen, Misty Raida, and Devetta Coats.



"Good things come to those who wait."  
Devetta Coats

**AIDES** (left to right): Back Joy Holtzman, Sherrie Brant, and Toni Umbarger. Front Rhonda Taylor, Terri Walker.



**BUS DRIVERS**  
(left to right):  
Debbie Hunter,  
Willard Goins,  
and Elbert Goins.

"We know all!"  
-Walker & Umbarger



# S P O R T S

**Sports**

# LADY FLYER VOLLEYBALL

The 2000 Thayer Volleyball Team had a dominating season leading them to state. The Lady Flyers had an awesome season, ending with a Varsity record of 29-8, and a JV record of 10-2. The Lady Flyers had many accomplishments this year, taking: first in the Cherryvale Tournament, first in the Thayer Quad, third in the MBL League, Regional Champions, Sub-State Champions, and the best for last- State Qualifiers (1 of the top eight 1A teams in Kansas).

Their Regional record was Thayer vs. Chetopa 15-0 and 15-8; Thayer vs. LeRoy 15-5 and 15-7. The Sub-State record was Thayer vs. Flinthills 15-9, 14-16, and 15-17. Championship game Lady Flyers defeated Lebo 15-7, 11-15, and 16-14, to go on to the State games.

The Lady Flyers ended their season as one of the top eight 1A teams in Kansas. Receiving All-League honors were Katie Brant, Amanda Fogleman, and receiving honorable mention was Kara Stafford. The Lady Flyers JV team consisted of Erika Ellis, Jessica Houston, Brooke Madl, and April Novotny.

## \* STATE BOUND \*



**Volleyball**



# ALL THE WAY TO STATE



**2000 VOLLEYBALL TEAM...** Back row (left to right) Taylor Holtzman, Coach Deanna Rohling, Erika Ellis, Bethany Powers, Kory Stafford, Jessica Greif, Erin Cox, Jessica Houston, Manager Brett Rousselle, Chelsea Miller, Asst. Coach Rick Huguenin. Middle row Laci Moore, Brooke Modl, Lorena Leck, April Novotny, Amanda Fogleman. Front row (seniors) Katie Brant, Kara Stafford, and Natasha Powers.

## \*SENIOR MEMORIES\*

"I always dreamed of playing in a State competition. As a result of teamwork & heart, we obtained the awesome privilege of playing at state."

-Katie Brant

"We set many goals for the season, & I believe that we achieved most of them. We all worked together, & that is what made us such a great TEAM!"

-Natasha Powers

"As a team we accomplished many goals we had set for ourselves. It wasn't just one who did all the work, but a whole team that worked together to accomplish what we had set out to do."

-Kara Stafford



**SMALL BUT MIGHTY-SO BRING IT ON!!**  
**SENIORS 2000** Katie Brant, Natasha Powers, and Kara Stafford.

# 2000 Flyer Football

The Thayer Flyers began their 2000 football season on Monday, August 14. Coach Minor and Coach Nevin welcomed twenty-two young men to the field and the start of a new season. The team was led by four seniors, and followed by four juniors, nine sophomores, and five freshmen. The young Flyers displayed ambition and excellent work habits. These ingredients enabled the young men to win three of their first four games. The Flyers defeated Flinthills 18-6, Chetopa 30-14, and Hamilton 50-0. They also had a homecoming victory over Elk Valley by a score of 48-30. Yet, due to a number of injuries, the team finished the season with a final record of four wins and five losses.

Four Flyer players were named to six positions on the All Mineral Belt League Team. Jared Wheeler led the Flyers by being selected All-League Second Team as a running back and also as a linebacker. Honorable mention went to Nick Carrico, offensive center; Zack Miller, quarterback and defensive safety; and Jamie Wheeler, offensive end.

Congratulations to all the Flyer football players for another season of exciting of football.



**FLYERS DON'T HEAR WHISTLES!** Seniors Nick Carrico and Robby Donovan look on as Jamie Wheeler ruffs up a Leroy player.

**I BET YOU CAN'T CATCH ME!!** Bryan Miller breaks through the Leroy defense line.



## \*Senior Inspiration\*

"We had a decent season this year. I look forward to watching the younger kids in the years ahead."

-Nick Carrico

"Changing schools was an experience for me, but being accepted on the Flyer football team made the change great."

-Robby Donovan

"Working hard this season helped us to accomplish many goals and made the sport fun."

-T.J. Hager

"We worked really hard, we were a lot better than what people expected of us."

-Adam Thornton



**Football**

# Work Hard...Hold Strong



**2000 FOOTBALL TEAM.** Back (left to right) Coach Dennis Nevin, Manager Cami Zumwalt, Robby Donovan, Robert Novotny, Nick Carrico, T.J. Hager, Jamie Wheeler, Zack Wren, Adam Thornton, Coach Vern Minor, and Kent Lowden. Middle: Justin Callarman, Ben Carrico, Jessie Holtzman, Jared Wheeler, Zack Miller, Chad Raida, Bryan Miller, and Brandon Whitley. Front: Kody Dannelly, Shawn Stipp, Casey Hougardy, Derrick Umbarger, Steve Cope, Mike Greif, and Ronald Robertson



**SENIOR LEADERSHIP:** Standing: T.J. Hager and Nick Carrico. Kneeling: Adam Thornton and Robby Donovan



**WHO HAS THE BALL?** The flyers reach for the ball in the game against Chetopa.

**MAMA C'S GROCERY  
AND OLD  
FASHIONED MEAT  
MARKET**

*Supporting our school and its  
activities since 1970.*



# 2000-2001 Lady Flyer Basketball

The Lady Flyers had a very successful year! The girls worked extremely hard to accomplish goals that they hadn't reached in many years. They received 1st place in their pre-season tournament at ACCC. The girls also worked hard to get to the championship game in the mid-season tourney at Liberal, MO. The girls' greatest accomplishment was defeating three teams to become Regional Champions, and getting a ride to Sub-State. Although the season ended earlier than they wanted, the Lady Flyer's had another winning season, with a 18-6 record.

- Katie Brant



**Girls' Basketball**



Lady Flyers Basketball (left to right): Chelsea Miller, Katie Brant, Kara Stafford, Valla Leck, Keri Olinger, Jena Leck, Amy Hohlor, Erin Cox, Amanda Fogleman, Kaye Brownlee, Beth Hager, KyAnne Schulz, Asst. Coach Rick Powers, Brandi McCall, Natasha Powers, Kory Stafford, Lorena Leck, April Novotny, Bethany Powers, Sara Rehmert, and Head Coach Dennis Nevin.



This season was a lot of fun. We finally got to be Regional Champions, and we (senior girls) had a great time playing together. We will miss playing with all of you girls, and wish you the best in your years to come! Go Get 'Em!!

- Katie Brant, Natasha Powers, Sara Rehmert, and Kara Stafford



# Flyer Basketball

## 2000 - 2001



**2000-20001 BASKETBALL TEAM.** Back Row (left to right) Coach Tim Seibel, Brett Rousselle, Michael Duff, Nick Carrico, Dale Stafford, Jamie Wheeler, T.J. Hager, Kyle Schulz, and Shawn Stipp. Middle Row Casey Hougardy, Brandon Whittle, Clayton Orton, Kent Lowden, Jeremy Wheeler, Jessie Holtzman, Chad Raida, and Jared Wheeler. Front Row Kody Dannelley, Adam Thornton, Zack Miller, Steve Cope, Ben Carrico, Richard Carrico.



The Flyer Basketball began strong with a first place finish at their pre-season tournament at ACCC. The Flyers went into the mid-season tourney with a winning record. They lost the first round, but bounced back to win the consolation bracket.

The Flyers then continued to post a great record and finished second in the league. They received second place in their regional and advanced to the sub-state tournament, but lost in the opening round.

The Flyers overcame many obstacles, and made each game victorious, both on and off the court. Overall, it was a fun and successful season.

- Zack Miller and Jared Wheeler





**SENIOR PRIDE...**(Left) Nick Carrico, Michael Duff, T.J. Hager, Dale Stafford, Kyle Schulz, and Adam Thornton led the team to a successful year.

**GET UP KID !!!** (Far Left) T.J. Hager up and over an Altoona Midway player for another 2 points.



**NOW LET'S TRY THIS GUYS.** (Below) Coach Seibel explains the next plays to the team.



**DOWN, DOWN, DOWN THE COURT.**

(Above) Zack Miller brings the ball up the court.

**AND IT'S IN...** (Left) Chad Raida puts another point on the board.



**YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH US FIRST.**

(Left) Jared Wheeler, T.J. Hager and Dale Stafford make it tough to score in the paint.



**RUN MICHAEL!!** (Left) Michael Duff and Jared Wheeler work the offense against Gridley.



**"IT'S ALL IN THE WRISTS"** (Below)

Michael Duff shoots from the free-throw line.



# Softball 2001

The Thayer Softball Team had good senior leadership which will lay an excellent foundation for the years to come. We played the regional champs (Elk Valley), and they were tough. It will be interesting to see how Elk Valley does at state. We were proud of our girls' spirit and heart at our last game. If they start the season next year with that kind of enthusiasm they will have a good beginning.

~The Coaches



**2001 Softball Team** Back Row - Manager Jamie Wheeler, Tia Heck, Alicia Robertson, Sara Rehmert, and Coach Wayne Rehmert. Middle Row - Natasha Powers, Katie Brant, Becky Hall, Kara Stafford, Kory Stafford, and Bethany Powers. Front Row - Amy Hohler, Brooke Madl, Lindsey Clift, Chelsea Miller, Jessica Greif, Laci Moore, and Taylor Holtzman. Not in picture - Assistant Coach Whitney Brant and Erika Ellis.

**Batter up...**  
Katie Brant waits for the perfect pitch.



## 2001 Seniors

Back Row - Kara Stafford, Katie Brant, and Sara Rehmert. Front Row - Natasha Powers and Becky Hall.

**S-t-rike!!!** Kara Stafford gets ready to pitch one right down the middle.







**Softball**



# Flyer Baseball 2001



Front Row Bryan Miller, Brett Rousselle, Kent Lowden, Ben Carrico, Derrick Umbarger, Mike Greif, Steve Cope, and Brandon Whittley. Middle Row Robby Donovan, Michael Duff, Jessie Holtzman, Jared Wheeler, Chad Raida, Jeremy Wheeler, and Zack Miller. Back Row Assistant Coach Dennis Nevin, Nick Carrico, T.J. Hager, Dale Stafford, Coach Vern Minor, and Manager Kaye Brownlee.

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP.

Robby Donovan, T.J. Hager, Nick Carrico, Dale Stafford, and Michael Duff



**WATCH AND WAIT...**  
(Right) Jeremy Weeler watches and waits for the ball to come his way.



The Flyer Baseball Team of 2001 had another banner season, compiling a season record of 19 wins and only 2 losses.

Highlights of the season were winning the Arma Tournament again, winning the Mineral Belt League title and the MBL Tournament for the third year in a row.



The Flyers hopes of advancing to the State Tournament at Emporia for the 4th straight year were destroyed on May 17th as they lost a heartbreaker to West Elk 0-2.

The Flyers were led in hitting by Zack Miller 32-64 which equaled a .500 batting average. Following were Bryan Miller .471, Michael Duff .443, Jeremy Wheeler .417, and Dale Stafford .410. The leading pitchers were T.J. Hager with a record of 7-1 and an ERA of 3.7, Jeremy Wheeler 5-0 and an ERA of 4.1, Bryan Miller 4-1 and an ERA of 2.4, and Dale Stafford 2-0 and an ERA of .00.

ALL-LEAGUE honors went to pitchers T.J. Hager and Jeremy Wheeler; 2nd baseman Michael Duff; center-fielder and pitcher Dale Stafford; short stop Zack Miller; and 3rd baseman and pitcher Bryan Miller. Honorable Mention also went to out-fielder Jared Wheeler, catcher Jessie Holtzman, and out-fielder Brandon Whittley.

ALL-STATE honors went to First Team: out-fielder Dale Stafford, Second Team: pitcher T.J. Hager, 2nd baseman Michael Duff, and 3rd baseman Bryan Miller.

CONGRATULATIONS to the FLYERS on another great season! - Coach Minor



AND...SWING! Dale Stafford is up at the plate.



BRING IT ON... Catcher Jessie Holtzman covers home plate.



READY! Zack Miller is down and ready for the ball.



TIME TO TALK IT OVER BOYS. Mr. Minor gives the team a pep talk.



THE HOMERUN STANCE. Michael Duff waits for the pitch.



# Flyer Cheerleaders

Teamwork and Effort... As Flyer Cheerleaders, we relied on these two factors to unite us and help us to perform to the best of our abilities. -Karla Kepley

I had a fun time cheering this year. -Ashley Coble

Flyer Cheerleaders know how to shake it! -Taylor Holtzman

Get Your Groove On! -Amy Hohler

Flyer Cheerleaders know how to have fun, but at the same time, get business done. Thanks for a great time. -Jessica Greif

**Go Big Purple!** The 2000-2001 cheerleading squad consisted of senior, Becky Hall; juniors, Jessica Greif and Karla Kepley; sophomores, Ashley Coble and Amy Hohler; and freshmen, Erika Ellis and Taylor Holtzman. The cheerleaders were sponsored by Kim Greif, Sharon Holtzman, and Cindy Stiles.



**I AM THE CHEERLEADERS' MUSCLE MAN!** Zack Wren shows the cheerleaders how to yell.



**2000-2001 FLYER CHEERLEADERS** Back Row: Becky Hall, Zack Wren, Ashley Coble. Front Row: Taylor Holtzman, Jessica Greif, Erika Ellis, Karla Kepley, Amy Hohler.



**AHH...BOOM!** Taylor Holtzman and Jessica Greif watch the kickoff.



**GET FIRED UP!** Amy Hohler and Becky Hall are cheering during a time-out.

**CAUTION: BLONDES AT WORK!** Erika Ellis and Ashley Coble caught in action.



**LISTEN TO ME!** Karla Kepley is taking it easy by giving instructions to the other cheerleaders.



**YO BABY, YO BABY, YO BABY, YO!** The cheerleaders prepare the school for the night's game.



**WE ARE THE GREATEST...** The cheerleaders show their stuff during one of the quarter time-outs.



**STAND AND SUPPORT YOUR TEAM** Karla Kepley, Jessica Greif, Becky Hall, and Ashley Coble are trying to get the crowd to cheer.



**I AM NOT A CHEERLEADER!!** Zack Wren shows his yelling ability during a pep assembly.



**LET'S GO THAYER!** Jessica Greif and Taylor Holtzman cheer for Thayer at a football game.



**T...H...S...** Erika Ellis and Alicia Robertson are trying to get the crowd involved in a cheer.



**SLEEPY?** Ashley Coble, Erika Ellis, and Karla Kepley show their spirit during Spirit Week.



**SMILE!** The cheerleaders smile and pose for the camera while riding through Thayer's Homecoming Parade.



**GO!!! FIGHT!!! WIN!!!** Taylor Holtzman, Amy Hohler, and Becky Hall are cheering for Thayer at a basketball game.

I had alot of fun cheering. What I will always remember is the time Cindy got pulled over by the cops! I love you Cindy!  
-Erika Ellis

Thayer Flyer Cheerleaders remember: "Notin'But Nuts!"  
-Becky Hall

It was a fun and an exciting experience.  
-Zack Wren

Memories are better than a thousand words and this year was definitely memorable. Thanks for all the memories.  
-Sponsors

# SPORTS



## Sports



# ORGANIZATIONS

**National Honor Society (NHS)** inducted 9 new members this year. Congratulations to Keri Olinger, Kaye Brownlee, Bethany Powers, Kory Stafford, Jena Leck, April Novotny, Lorena Leck, Ben Carrico, and Jared Wheeler.

**Chess Club** went to National Finals in Kansas City the last week of April. The participants learned and taught many valuable lessons.

**Student Council** sponsored the back-to-school dance, football and basketball homecoming activities, winter formal dance, and were represented in all student activities throughout the year.

**Entrepreneurship** faithfully provided daily snacks at break, took orders for Christmas and Valentine's gifts, and attended a workshop at Wichita in April about starting new businesses.

**Scholar Bowl** was very successful. They placed 2nd at Oswego, 1st in the MBL competition, and 1st in Regionals. This allowed the team to go to state in Ransom, Kansas where they placed in the top ten. This was the third time a team from Thayer went to state.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)** held regular meetings throughout the year. Many of the meetings were devotional breakfasts.

**Science Club** sold fruit and worked many hours designing and restoring the flower garden at the school's entrance.

**Newspaper Staff** kept students informed of the latest news with a regular newspaper.

**BPA** went to Salina. Kyle Schulz placed 1st in Graphic Design, Valla Leck - 4th, and E.J. Peck (Erie High School senior) 3rd in Extemp. Kyle and E.J. went on to Anaheim, CA to compete in the National BPA Conference.

**High School Band** was small but participated with the junior high band in several parades. Alicia Robertson and Tony Francisco both received I ratings at regionals. Alicia competed at state and received a II rating.

**Thespians** successfully presented both a fall and spring play this year. On May 8th several new members were inducted into the Thayer Chapter of International Thespians.

**Tech War** A new group of computer engineers was given money to build a computer. Upon completion they competed at Erie.

**Yearbook** This team was AWESOME!

- A - Always
- W - Willing To Give
- E - Extra Effort
- S - So
- O - Our Deadlines Were
- M - Met With
- E - Efficiency !!!





# Class Officers



**SOPHOMORE CLASS** (left to right) Chelsea Miller, StuCo; Kory Stafford, Treasurer; Jessie Holtzman, StuCo; and Ben Carrico, Vice President. Not Pictured: Amy Hohler, President and Alicia Umbarger, Secretary.

**SENIOR CLASS** (top to bottom) Dale Stafford, Vice President; Nick Carrico, StuCo; Michael Duff, President; Kara Stafford, StuCo; and Sara Rehmert, Treasurer. Not Pictured: Kyle Schulz, Secretary.



## FRESHMAN CLASS

Back (left to right) Taylor Holtzman, Treasurer; Richard Carrico, Vice President; and Erika Ellis, Secretary. Front Erin Cox, President; Brett Rousselle, StuCo; and Beth Hager, Stuco.



**JUNIOR CLASS** Back (left to right) Jared Wheeler, StuCo; Amanda Fogleman, Vice President; April Novotny, Treasurer. Front Karla Kopley, President; and Jessica Greif, Secretary. Not Pictured: Laci Moore, StuCo.

## 2001 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

(Back row)- Kaye Brownlee, Kory Stafford, Ben Carrico, Kara Stafford, Michael Duff, Nick Carrico, Alicia VanMeter, Dustin Stafford, April Novotny, (Middle row)- Keri Olinger, Sponsor Stephanie Stark, Katie Brant, Amanda Fogleman, Karla Kepley, Zack Miller, (Front row)- Jena Leck, Natasha Powers, Sara Rehmert, Amy Smedley, Jared Wheeler, and Bethany Powers.



## 2001 YEARBOOK

(Back row)- Erika Ellis, Sponsor Charlotte Kephart, Brooke Madl, (Middle row)- Ashely Odell, Jessica Greif, Lindsey Clift, Katie Brant, Karla Kepley, Amy Smedley, Taylor Holtzman, Chelsea Miller, Erin Cox, Alicia Umbarger, (Front row)- Dale Stafford, Amanda Griffith, and Kyle Schulz.



## 2001 CHESS CLUB

(Back row)- Sponsor Nancy Sherman, Becky Hall, (Front row)- Tony Francisco, Ashely Odell, Sam Kepley, and Dustin Stafford.





## 2001 STUCCO

(Back row)- Dale Stafford, Brett Rousselle, Jesse Holtzman, Beth Hager, Laci Moore, (Middle row)- Michael Duff, Amanda Fogleman, Kara Stafford, Jared Wheeler, (Front row)- Nick Carrico, Karla Kepley, and Chelsea Miller.



## 2001 ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(Back row)- Tia Heck, Robert Novotny, Travis Green, Alicia VanMeter, (Middle row)- Sponsor Lorraine Kilgore, Ronald Robertson, Heather Beasley, Jessica Houston, Bryan Miller, (Front row)- Brandon Whittley, and Randy Burns.



## 2001 SCHOLAR BOWL

Amy Smedley, Karla Kepley, Dustin Stafford, Ashely Odell, Zack Wren, Kent Lowden, and Sam Kepley



## FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN

**ATHLETES** Back Row: Bethany Powers, Kent Lowden, Keri Olinger, Erika Ellis, Michael Duff, Taylor Holtzman, Sponsor Tim Seibel, Jamie Wheeler. Front Row: Brett Roussele, Kory Stafford, Sara Rehmert, Dale Stafford, Karla Kepley, Katie Brant, Erin Cox, Natasha Powers, Kara Stafford, Jared Wheeler.



**SCIENCE CLUB** Back Row: Amy Hohler, Lindsey Clift, Sponsor Stephanie Stark, Robert Novotny, Tia Heck, Jessica Houston. Front Row: April Novotny, Jessica Greif, Brooke Madl, Travis Green, Cami Zumwalt, Heather Beasley, Karla Kepley, Amy Pierce



**NEWSPAPER** Back Row: Ashley Coble, Bethany Powers, KyAnne Schulz. Middle Row: Sponsor Lorraine Kilgore, Alicia Umbarger, Cami Umbarger, Chelsea Miller, Ashely Odell. Front Row: Alicia Robertson, Lorena Leck, Valla Leck, Melanie Kissel.





**BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA** Back Row: April Novonty, Sponsor Karen Carlson, Kaye Brownlee, Keri Olinger, Kyle Schulz, Kent Lowden. Front Row: Valla Leck, Jena Leck, Bethany Powers.



**HIGH SCHOOL BAND** Alicia Robertson, Tony Francisco, Sponsor Carol Hudson



**THESPIANS** Back Row: Tony Francisco, Karla Kepley, Keri Olinger, Kaye Brownlee, Kara Stafford, Katie Brant. Front Row: KyAnne Schulz, Amanda Fogleman, Dustin Stafford, Jared Wheeler

Thayer High School had a very exciting and successful forensics year. We competed at Neodesha, Altoona, Caney, Burlington, MBL, and State. I am very proud of our students. Thayer Forensics Squad has TALENT!!!! Congratulations, Team!!!!

-Mrs. Kephart



### THE 2001 FORENSICS TEAM

(Back Row) Mrs. Kephart, Amy McFarland, Zack Miller, TJ Hager, Katie Brant, Michael Duff, Jared Wheeler, Brett Rousselle. (3rd Row) Kory Stafford, Jena Leck, Bethany Powers, Valla Leck, April Novotny, Kaye Brownlee, Kara Stafford, Alicia VanMeter, Karla Kepley, Taylor Holtzman, Lorena Leck, Amanda Fogleman. (2nd Row) Anthony Francisco, Alicia Umbarger, Dale Stafford, Becky Hall, Erika Ellis. (Front Row) Natasha Powers, Chelsea Miller, Erin Cox, Jessica Greif.

### SALINA HERE WE COME!!

(Left to Right) Jared Wheeler, Kyle Schulz, Karla Kepley, Erika Ellis, Taylor Holtzman, Michael Duff, Bethany Powers, Jena Leck, Dale Stafford, Erin Cox, Katie Brant, Kara Stafford, April Novotny, Kaye Browlee, Anthony Francisco, Valla Leck, Mrs. Kephart.



### ALL THE WAY TO STATE!!!

(Back Row) Jared Wheeler, Anthony Francisco, Dale Stafford, TJ Hager, Michael Duff. (Middle Row) Valla Leck, Erin Cox, April Novotny, Karla Kepley, Mrs. Kephart. (Front Row) Katie Brant, Kara Stafford, Taylor Holtzman, Erika Ellis, Jena Leck, Kaye Brownlee, Bethany Powers.

**Forensics**



## 2001 Forensics State Participants

- \*Jared Wheeler / Michael Duff- IDA
- \*Dale Stafford / TJ Hager- IDA
- \*Kara Stafford / Katie Brant- IDA
- \*Karla Kepley- Prose
- \*Anthony Francisco- Prose
- \*Bethany Powers / Jena Leck- Duet
- \*Taylor Holtzman- Time Keeper
- ~Erin Cox / Erika Ellis- Duet
- ~Kaye Brownlee- Humorous Solo
- ~April Novotny- Prose
- ~Valla Leck- Informative



- \* State Champs Participants
- ~ State Festival Participants





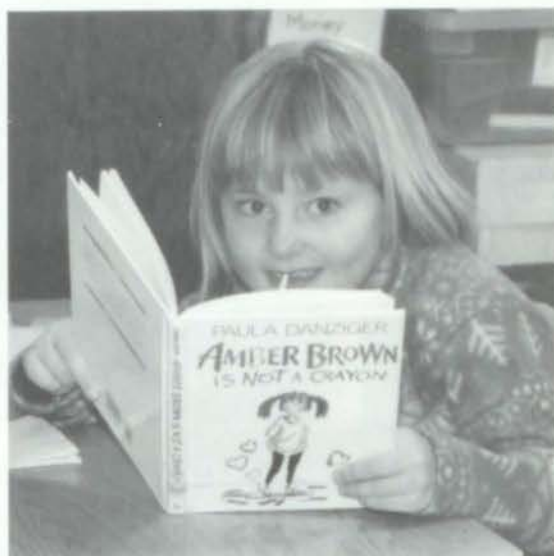
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# E L E M E N T A R Y



**Elementary**

Kindergarten



Ms. Cindy Hearson  
Keenan Coatney  
Justin Donnelly  
Ty Ellis  
Cody Fought



Bryan Fuller  
Lacey Greve  
Randy John  
Elizabeth Ledesma  
Joe Lehenbauer  
Dylan Pruitt



Kenzli Swisher  
Jonathan Thornton  
Christopher  
Valencia  
Dillon Vyhildal  
Hope Williams  
Marcus Woodward

First Grade



Mrs. Patty Hasty  
Rande Corns  
Megan Gains  
Danielle Hernandez  
Brent Lehenbauer



Keith Marquardt  
Chris Murphy  
Abbi Reasor  
Andrew Smedley  
Harley Stangle  
Cheyenne Trout



Britain Webb  
Mika Weir



Kevin Williams  
Doug Wire

Class of 2012  
Class of 2013

**Kin. & 1st**

Mrs. Donna Minor  
Cash Baker  
Kourtney Berg  
Dylan Cooper  
Christina Donnelly

## Second Grade



Bethany Erbe  
Amy Hougardy  
Carly Johnson  
Josie Julich  
Keith Kane  
Whitney Lehenbauer



Jordan Lowden  
Nathaniel Madl  
Anreee Reasor  
Tyler Robinson  
Kelsey Spears  
Jonathon Welch



Jordan Wheeler  
Beverly Wire  
Mr. Rick Huguenin  
Dixie Allen  
Jeremiah Babb



## Third Grade



Kegan Babcock  
Jacob Baughn  
Bryson Corbett  
Ashly Cox  
William Fought  
Adam Heck



Regan Powers  
Stephanie Powers  
Belinda Rohling  
Samuel Stafford  
Preston Stich  
Kayla Vyhldal



Samuel Wasson  
Kristi Welch

# CLASS OF 2010 CLASS OF 2011



**2nd & 3rd**

Fourth Grade



Mrs. Sharon Grommet  
Ashely Babcock  
Chance Baker  
Danton Callarman  
Jimmie Christiansen



Kenneth Coatney  
Dean Carbett  
Danielle Cox  
Christian Cruz  
Derrick Ellis  
Adam Greve



Anthony Hernandez  
Nicholas Morse  
Shelby Novotny  
Shayne Pruitt  
Cali Raida  
Taylor Scott



Cortney Showalter  
Eddie Smedley  
Kristen Spears  
Jonni Stafford  
Ryan Studebaker  
Brett Thornton



Fifth Grade



Dey-Leigh Willhite  
Mr. Steve Aikins  
James Aikins  
Jana Aikins  
Caroline Bradford



Tara Buster  
Nick Crepinsek  
Janeva Reasor  
Brittany Rohling  
Brittany Scott  
Caleb Seibel



Wendy Stafford  
Brandon Stich  
Cassandra Wallace  
Haley Welch  
Jacob Whitson

Mrs. Deanna Rohling  
Christine Bell  
Chesna Cavaness  
Chelsea Cooper  
Kyler Dannelley

### Sixth Grade



Dolores Gonzales  
Mandy Greif  
David Hougardy  
Cathy Johnson  
Miranda Kissel  
Dawna Leck



Shawn Novotny  
Brian Powers  
Scott Reaves  
Aaron Rehmert  
Jaleesa Scott  
Tifny Spears



Samantha Stipp  
Haley Wheeler  
Darby Willhite  
Mrs. Sandra Wheeler  
Christina Bradford



### Seventh Grade



Bill Coats  
Kay Green  
Megan Hartman  
Meghan Hatcher  
Katlin Hooper  
Jennifer Houston



Chad Pierce  
Mandy Raida  
David Seibel  
Christina Stich  
Robyn Studebaker  
Jacob Villalpando



Heather Welch  
Jena Wheeler  
Jessi Whitson

## Class of 2006 Class of 2007



# Eighth Grade



Mr. Dennis Nevin



Kayla Aikins



Kristin Buster



Whitney Clift



Blake Ellis



Amy Greif



Louis Heck



Nicole Holtzman



Michale Larkin



Cody Lowden



Samuel Murphey



Karra Reaves



Ryan Reid



Tania Reid



Adam Sallee



Kayla Thornton



Shane Trim



Garrett Welch

## Class of 2005

# JR. HIGH SPORTS



**FOOTBALL COACHES...**  
Tim Seibel and Michael Lea.



**TWINS 2000 FOOTBALL TEAM...**Back row (left to right) Coach Tim Seibel, Ryan Page, Ryan Reid, Adam Sallee, Sam Murphey, Cody Lowden, and Coach Michael Lea. Middle row David Seibel, Jeremy Ewen, Logan Kramer, Toby Waller, Chad Pierce, and Manager Caleb Seibel. Front row Tony Lukens, Seth Weidert, Louis Heck, Katlin Hooper, and Garrett Welch.

**JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL...**Back row (left to right) Karra Reaves, Christina Stich, Michale Larkin, Heather Welch, Jennifer Houston, and Coach Cindy Hearson. Middle row Whitney Clift, Kristin Buster, Jena Wheeler, Robyn Studebaker, and Amy Greif. Front row Mandy Raida, Kayla Aikins, Kay Green, Nichole Holtzman, and Kayla Thornton.



**GO TEAM!**





**JR. HIGH GIRLS  
BASKETBALL TEAM.....**

Back row (left to right) Coach Deanna Rohling, Whitney Clift, Jennifer Houston, Heather Welch, Jessi Whitson, Kristen Buster, Michale Larkin, Robyn Studebaker, and Manager Tania Reid, Front Amy Greif, Megan Hartman, Jena Wheeler, Kayla Aikins, Mandy, Raida, Nicole Holtzman and Kayla Thornton.



**JR. HIGH BOYS  
BASKETBALL TEAM...Back**

row (left to right) Garrett Welch, Ryan Reid, Adam Sallee, Sam Murphy, Cody Lowden, Toby Waller, Front row Jacob Villalpando, Shane Trim, David Seibel, Blake Ellis, and Katlin Hooper. Not pictured Coach Scott Bradford.



**JR. HIGH TRACK TEAM...**

Back row (left to right) Coach Tim Seibel, Robyn Studebaker, Michale Larkin, Adam Sallee, Sam Murphy, Middle row Jacob Villalpando Ryan Reid, Whitney Clift, Nicole Holtzman, Coach Steve Aikins, Jennifer Houston, Kayla Aikins, Front row Garrett Welch, Kristin Buster, Karra Reaves, Amy Greif, Shane Trim, and David Seibel.

**THAYER JUNIOR HIGH  
CHEERLEADING SQUAD...** Karra  
Reaves, Jena Wheeler, Amy Greif,  
Kayla Aikins, Whitney Clift, and  
Nichole Holtzman.



**JUNIOR HIGH CHESS  
TEAM...** Back (left to right) Tifny  
Spears, Coach Nancy Sherman, and  
Jacob Villalpando. Front Blake  
Ellis, Garrett Welch, and Ryan Reid.



**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOLAR'S  
BOWL...** Back (left to right) Coach  
Sandy Wheeler, Jena Wheeler,  
Kristin Buster, Robyn Studebaker,  
Adam Sallee, Cody Lowden, and  
Garrett Welch. Middle Mandy  
Raida, Nichole Holtzman, Whitney  
Clift, Amy Greif, Kayla Aikins, and  
Karra Reaves. Front Christina  
Bradford, Shane Trim, Kayla  
Thornton, Kaye Green, and Tania  
Reed.





**ELEMENTARY CHESS TEAM...** Coach Nancy Sherman, Eddie Smedley, Ryan Studebaker, Brittany Scott, Shayne Pruitt, Nicholas Morse, Jonni Stafford, Dean Corbett, and Christian Cruz



**JUNIOR HIGH BAND...** Fourth Row (left to right) Chesna Cavaness, Dawna Leck, Christina Stich, Robyn Studebaker, and Karra Reaves. Third Row Mandy Raida, Aaron Rehmert, David Hougardy, Scott Reaves, Chelsea Cooper, Kaye Green, Director Carol Hudson. Second Row Mandy Greif, Jaleesa Scott, Darby Willhite, Christine Cope, and Haley Wheeler. First Row Shawn Novotny, Brian Powers, Kyler Dannelley, and David Seibel.



**FIFTH GRADE BAND...** Third Row (left to right) Brandon Stich, Wendy Stafford, and Nicholas Crepinsek. Second Row Haley Welch, Cassandra Wallace, Janeva Reasor, Caleb Seibel, and Director Carol Hudson. First Row Tara Buster, Caroline Bradford, Jana Aikins, Brittany Rohling, and Brittany Scott.





**YUM!** Shane Pruitt enjoys a frozen treat.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!** The 3rd grade class.



**MMMM!** Kristina Donnelly enjoys a dish of green eggs and ham.



**BE MY VALENTINE!** The 1st grade class on Valentine's Day.



**10 LITTLE MONKEYS LYING IN A BED.** Taylor Holtzman and Erika Ellis helping the younger kids with a play.



**LIL' INDIANS.** Abby Reasor and Britain Web sing at the Veterans' Day Assembly.



**ARE YOU KIDDING?** Kenny Coatney just looks speechless.



**BOOK WORM.** Haley Welch enjoys a good book during class.



# A Walk...



**Candid**

# Through Time



**Candid**



**OUR TWO MAN BAND!!!** Alicia Robertson, Tony Francisco, and Director Carol Hudson.



**THE TECH WAR IS ON...** (Left to Right) Kyle Schulz, Zack Wren, Zack Miller, Michael Duff, Travis Green, Dale Stafford, and Valla Leck



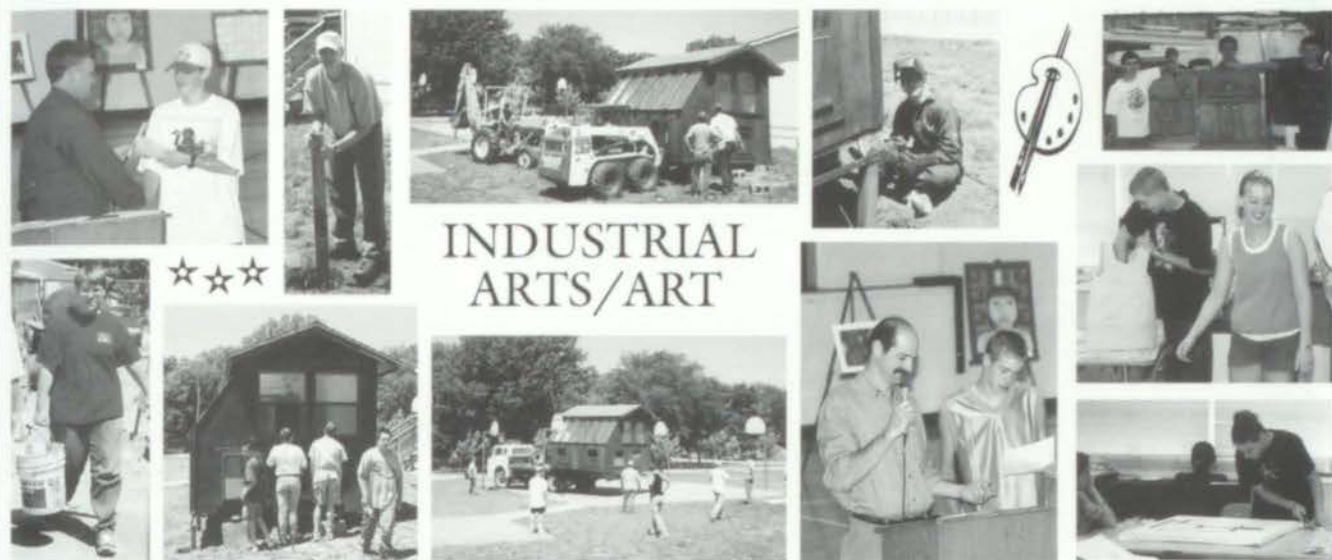
### **INDUSTRIAL ARTS**

(Back Row) Steven Cope, Derrick Umbarger, Casey Hougardy, Chase Moore, Shawn Stipp, Adam Thornton, Sam Kepley, Tia Heck, Pam Allen, T.J. Hager, Rusty Williams, Robert Novotny III, (Middle Row) Instructor Jim Wagner, Tony Francisco, Mike Greif, Ben Carrico, Richard Carrico, Taylor Holtzman, Erika Ellis, Beth Hager, Jessie Holtzman, Nick Carrico, Kyle Schulz, (Front Row) Kent Lowden, Brandon Whittley, Jeremy Wheeler, Clayton Orton, Justin Callarman, Randy Burns, Erin Cox, Dale Stafford, Chad Raida, Brett Rousselle, Kody Dannelly.





On May 22nd the Industrial Arts/Technology Education Department and the Art Department hosted their open-house honoring students and viewing exhibits from both departments. Mr. Jim Wagner, Tech Ed. instructor for 23 years at Thayer said, "I want to thank and praise the students, parents, and people of the community that have helped make the Industrial Arts/Technology Education Program a success! Thayer Attendance Center now has a greenhouse in a functional location where K-12 students, teachers, and even community members can use it at the start of the 2001-2002 year." Mr. David Ingram fondly remembered his second year as Thayer's art instructor. He said, "Looking back over the school year I am impressed with how much fun I had. All the creative and thoughtful students in my classes, friendly and helpful staff, and colleagues combined to make this a great year!"



## INDUSTRIAL ARTS/ART

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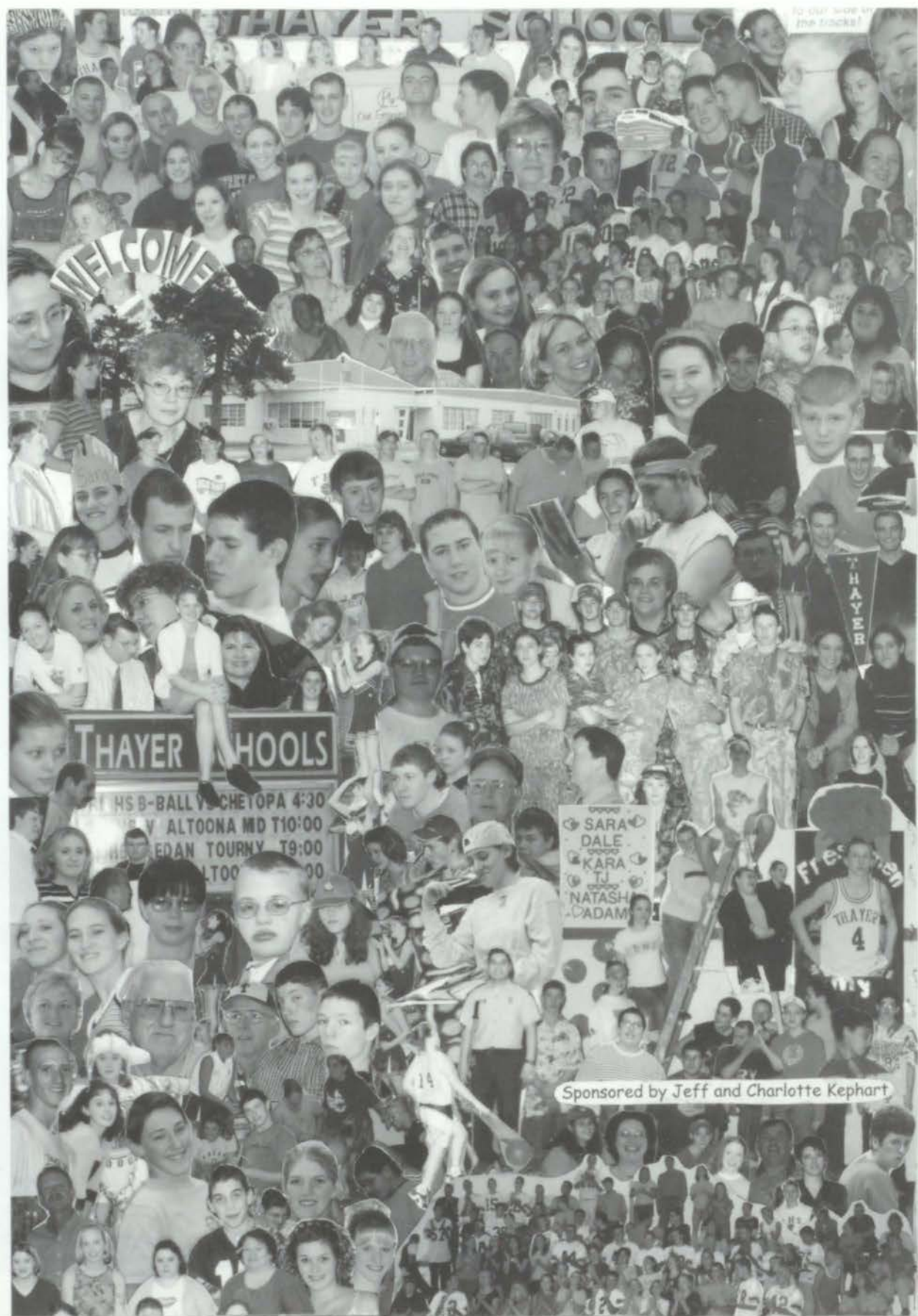


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TO GET MORE OF THE TICKETS!

WELCOME

THAYER SCHOOLS

HS B-BALL VS CHETOPA 4:30  
VS ALTOONA MD 11:00  
EDAN TOURNY 19:00  
ALTOO 00

SARA  
DALE  
KARA  
TJ  
NATASH  
CADAM

Freshmen  
THAYER  
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Sponsored by Jeff and Charlotte Kephart



Congratulations  
on a job well done.  
We love you!  
Mom & Dad



All that you say and  
do; you have always  
made us proud.  
Congratulations,  
Nick!!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Ben

Congratulations, Adam!!  
We are so proud of you.  
Keep that wonderful  
smile. Good luck in  
your future.  
We love you!  
Mom, Dad, and Luke



**Amy, Nick, & Adam**



Katie-

Our little actress and queen,  
A constant source of  
love and joy-  
Always our "baby",  
Happy Graduation!

-Love,  
Daddy & Mama



*Amy,  
Congradulations And Thanks For All  
The Memories!*

*Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Jake*



Sara-

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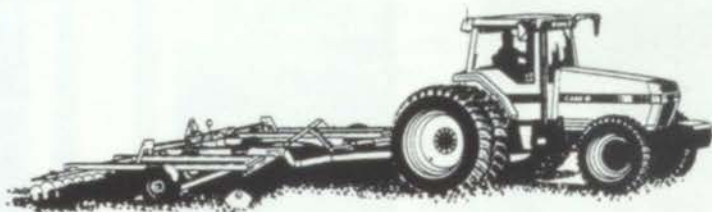
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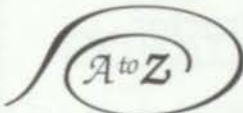
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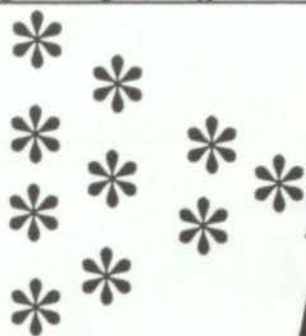
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The volleyball team had a very exciting season, ending with a record of 29-8, and a fun-filled trip to the state tournament in Hays, Kansas. The football team had a record of 4-5, and qualified four members for the All Mineral Belt League team. Football Spirit Week, put on by the cheerleaders, was enjoyed by everyone. Nick Carrico was crowned Volleyball Homecoming King and Katie Brant was crowned Football Homecoming Queen. The basketball teams both enjoyed very successful seasons. The girls ended with a record of 18-6 and the Regional Champion title. The boys ended a very enjoyable season with a second place Regional Title. The basketball homecoming festivities this year also included a class decorating contest, in which all students participated in. On February 10, Sara Rehmert was crowned Basketball Homecoming Queen. The student council sponsored both the football and basketball homecomings. Spring brought forth baseball and softball. The softball team welcomed new Coach Mr. Wayne Rehmert and Assistant Coach Whitney Brant. The girls played the season with great enthusiasm. The baseball team enjoyed many highlights throughout their season. The boys ended the season with a 19-2 record.

Having a wonderful year, the scholar's bowl team won both the Mineral Belt League and Regional titles. They also placed in the top ten teams at the state tournament. The chess team had a wonderful year and participated in the National Chess Tournament in April. The forensics team won the Mineral Belt League title and sent sixteen students to state contests. The Business Professionals of America qualified two members to the National Conference in Anaheim, California. The Thespians successfully produced a fall and a spring production this year. The National Honor Society inducted nine new members on April 5, 2001.

Prom was held on April 21, 2001. After-prom was held in the Family Life Center of the Thayer Christian Church. Students enjoyed many games and activities throughout the night. The event was a huge success.

Baccalaureate was held at the Thayer Methodist Church on May 13, 2001. The annual Senior Breakfast was prepared on May 17, 2001 at the Methodist Church. Commencement was held on May 20, 2001 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Valedictorians were Katie Brant, Natasha Powers, Amy Smedley, and Kara Stafford.

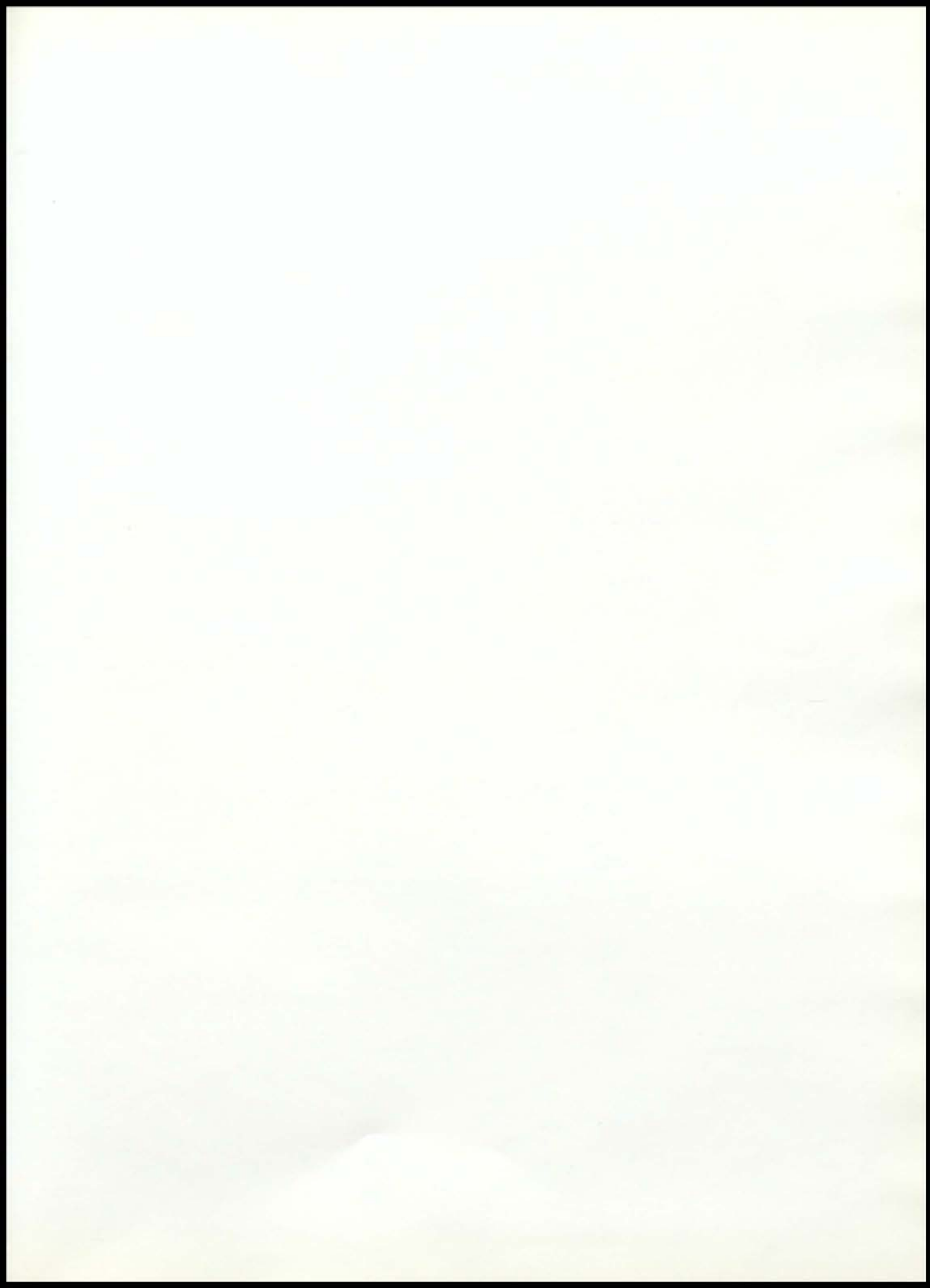
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### Colophon '01:

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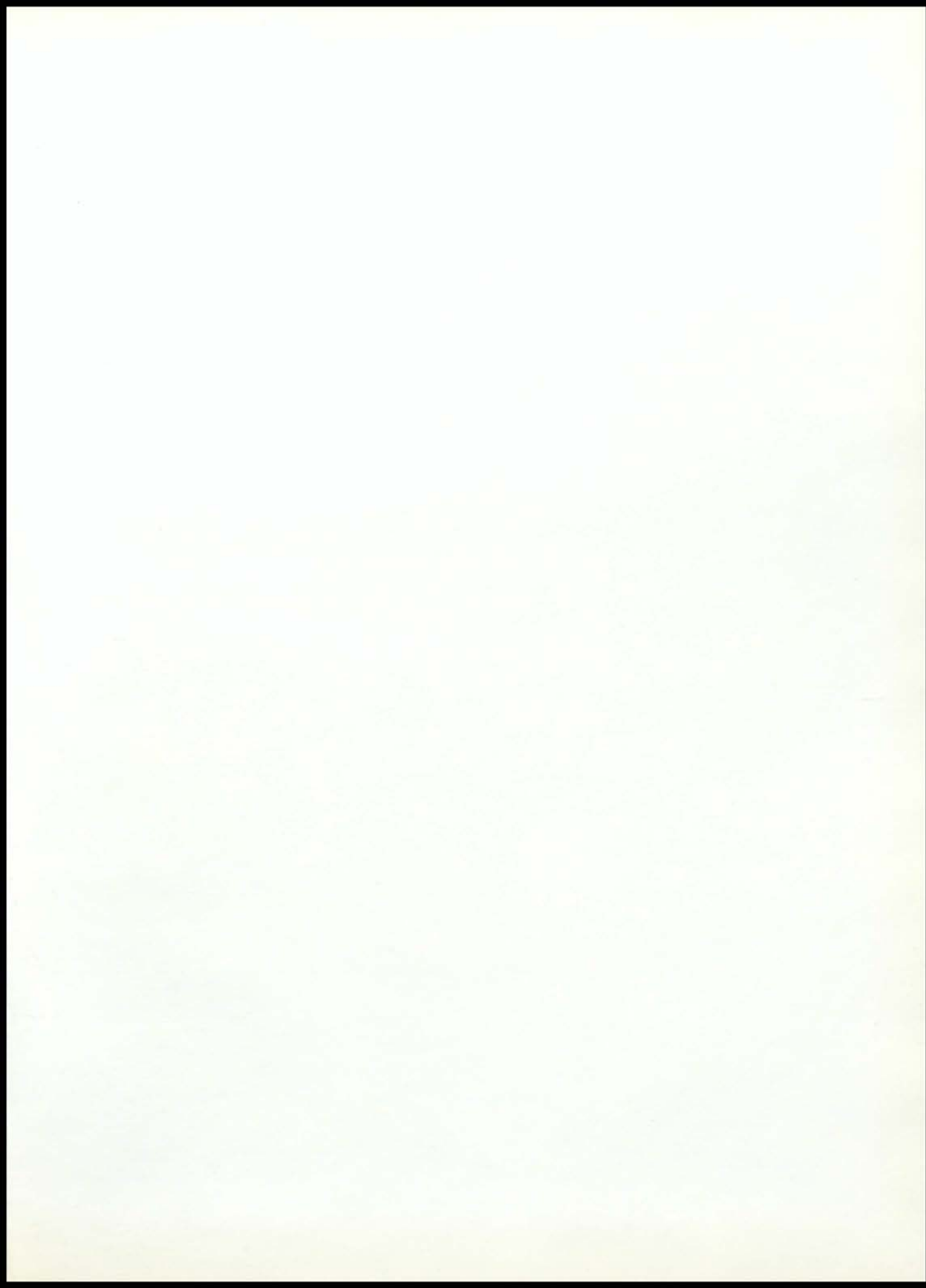
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