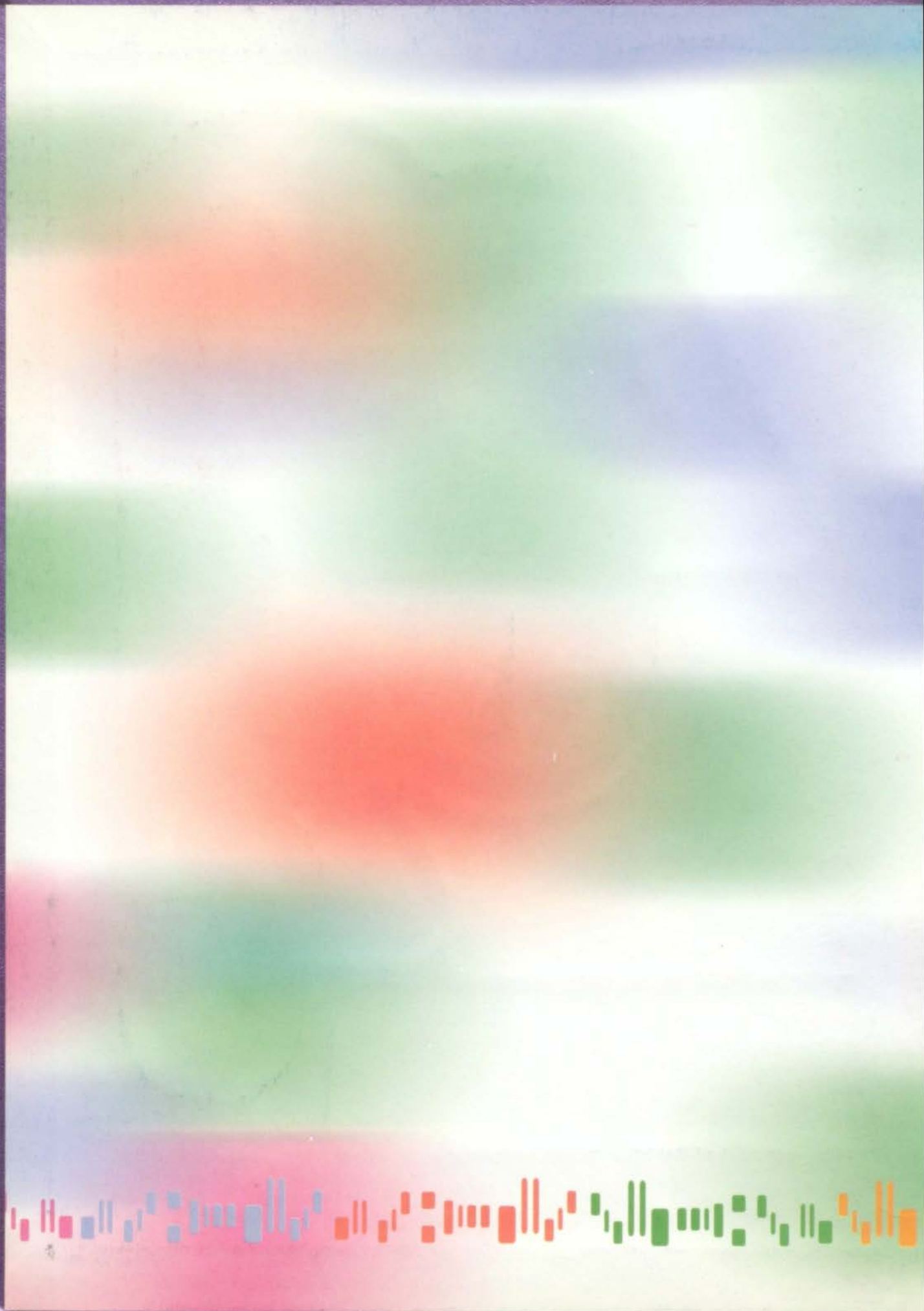
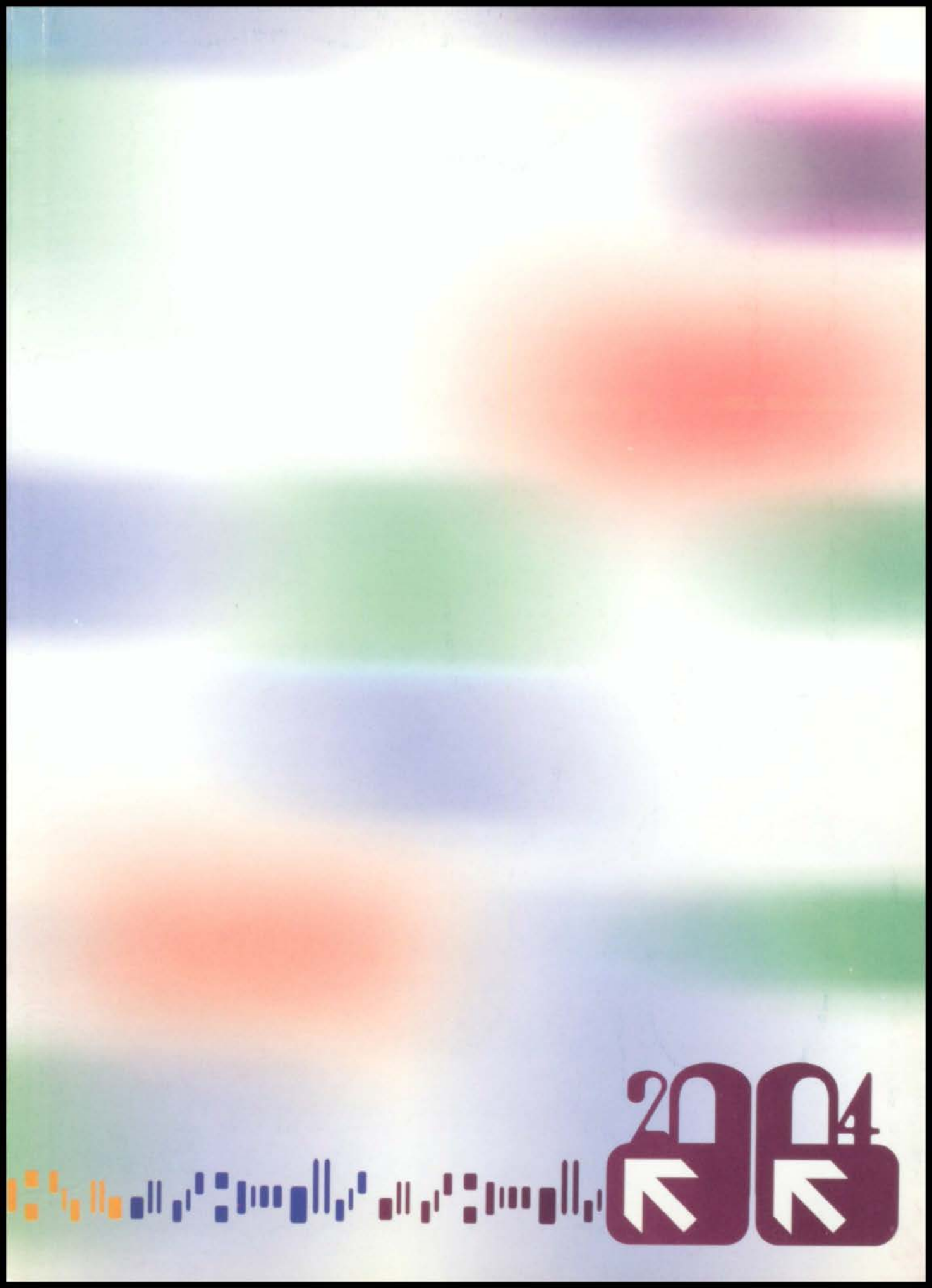


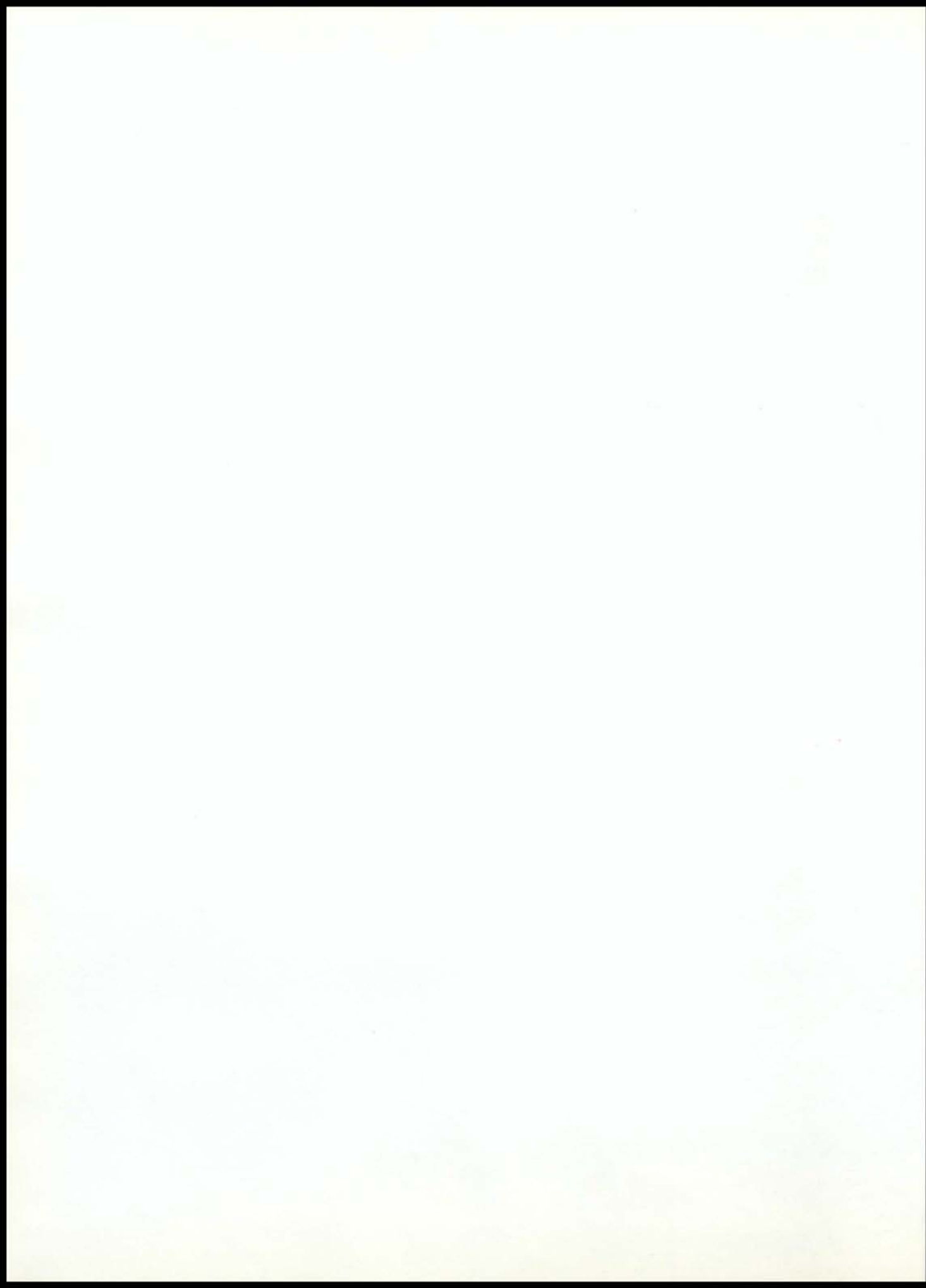
One Step Closer





2004





The 2003-04 Yearbook Staff presents its contribution to
the history of Thayer High School. . .

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One Step Closer . . .

The 2003-04 school year is characterized by feelings of forced change--but it is hard to willingly move forward when you don't know where you're headed. Will *they* close our school? Will *they* keep our school open? Will *they* build a new school? What will happen to the students? Where will they go? How will it all end? The words of Pliny the Elder (23AD - 79AD) sums up the answers to these questions--the only answer that we have.

*In these matters the only certainty is that
nothing is certain.*

We still don't know.

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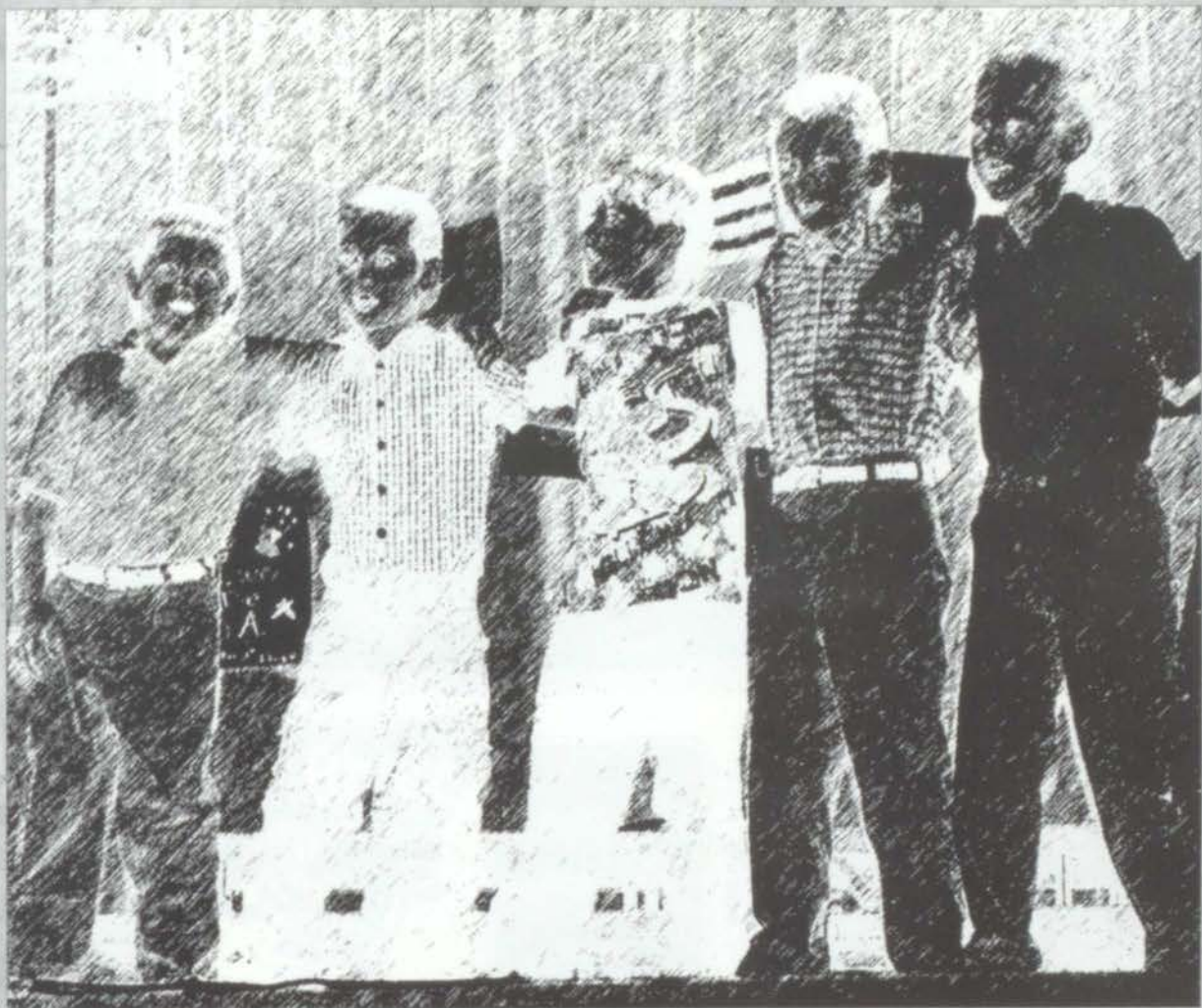


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Elementary



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to High School

Elementary Division by

Boyle Wheeler





Katelyn Berg



Nathan Cope



Logan Frazier



Sara Goms



Mathew Thornton

Kindergarten



Dylan Grantham



Pamela Wire



Jordan Loyd



Trenton Smedley



Ms. Cindy Hearson



Joshua Madl



Bryce Robinson



Jacob Robertson



Pete Rehmert



Lane Raida



Roger Bennin III



Thomas Campbell



Ashlee Corns



Michael Cox



Dalton Dyke



Michael Wire

first



Ashley Gage



Austin Waggoner



Grace Hatcher



Kawliga Vyhldal

Aa Bb Cc



Mrs. Patty Hasty



Jesse John



Dakota Trout



Christian Swiler



Derrick Rohling



Haydon Kennedy



Niki Julich





Mackenzie Barrow



Cheyenne Cox



Chase Davidson



Damian Grantham



Mr. Riek Huguenin

2nd



Matt Harvey



Tristan Thornton



Kelsi Jaynes



Elizabeth Thornton



Brandon Julich



Raycee Stiles



Hunter Robinson



Grant Robinson



Derek Robertson





Russell Carlson



Courtney Clopp



Keenan Coatney



Justin Donnelly



Dillon Vyhidal

3rd



Ty Ellis



Jonathon Thornton



Lacey Greve



Kenzli Swisher



Hope Williams



Mrs. Angie Hines



Ty Henry



Dylan Pruitt



Nicholas Niekle



Elizabeth Ledesma



Randy John

Fourth



We are
the Future



Ms. Becky Robinson



Megan Goins



Michael Hale



Keith Marquardt



Chris Murphey



Randee Corns



Andrew Smedley



Harley Stangle



Cheyenne Trout



Douglas Wire



Desiree Scott



5th



Mrs. Donna Minor



Cash Baker



Kourtney Berg



Christina Donnelly



Amy Hougardy



Shandra Imhoff



Josie Julich



Keith Kane



Kathy Killough



Jordan Lowden



Nathaniel Madl



Tyler Robinson



Kelsey Spears



Wrangler Sweet



John Welch



Jordan Wheeler



Beverly Wire



Sixth



Dixie Allen



Kegan Babcock



Robert Blair



Ashly Collins



Bryson Corbett



Regan Powers



Stephanie Powers



Belinda Rohling



Samuel Stafford



Preston Stich



Luke Rehmert



Kayla Vyhldal



Kristi Welch



The 6th grade class had fun participating in the High School Homecoming Pep Assembly!



Mrs. Deanna Rohling

Preston Allen
Ashley Babcock
Chance Baker
Danton Callarman
Chantelle Campbell

Jimmie Christiansen
Kristin Clopp
Kenny Coatney
D.J. Collins
Dean Corbett

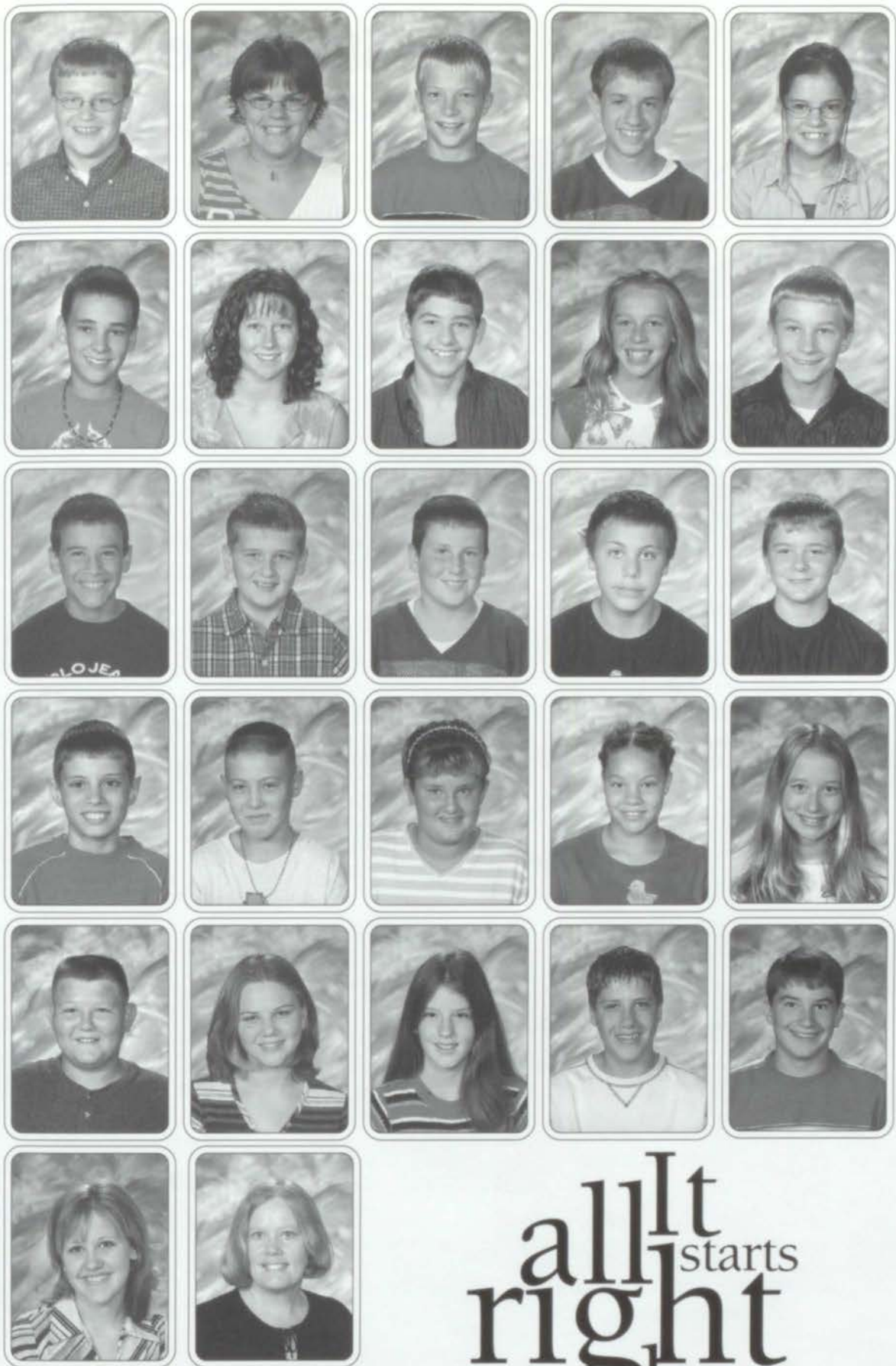
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Derrick Ellis
Adam Greve
Terry Johnson
Caleb Measles

Nick Morse
Shayne Pruitt
Cali Raida
Taylor Scott
Cortney Showalter

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Jonni Stafford
Ryan Studebaker
Brett Thornton

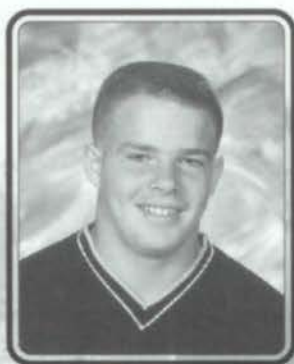
Dey-Leigh Willhite
Mrs. Sandra Wheeler

Seventh



all starts
right
here





James Aikins



Jana Aikins



Tara Buster



Patrick Campbell



Christine Cope



Ashley Hale



Michelle Koller



Levi Measles

...High School!



Janeva Reasor

CLASS
2008
OF



Brittany Rohling



Caleb Seibel



Wendy Stafford



Haley Welch



Brandon Stich



Cody Stipp



Jacob Whitson



Hope Williams eats with her Grandma Mary Alice and her Grandpa Wayne on Grandparent's Day.



The third grade poses with their Santa hats at Christmas.



The Oooy-Goooy Kindergarten Class display the goo they made with the high school biology class.



Ty Ellis is chilling in line with his Grandma Patty on Grandparent's Day!



Read Randy! Randy John spends time with a good book.



Dr. Seuss' Thing One and Thing Two were played by Brett Rousselle and Steve Cope. The Cat in the Hat was Masson Stout.

Friday, February 27, 2004 Thayer School sponsored their first science fair. Students in the grades 2, 4, 6, and 8 participated. Each student was judged by four different judges and their scores were averaged together to determine the overall winners. Medals were given to the top three projects in each class. The top three winners in each class then advanced to the district science fair in Erie. The district science fair was on April 27, 2004.

2nd grade:

- 1st: Tristan Thornton
- 2nd: Matt Harvey
- 3rd: Brandon Julich

8th grade:

- 1st: Brittany Rohling
- 2nd: Wendy Stafford
- 3rd: Michelle Keller

4th grade:

- 1st: Desiree Scott
- 2nd: Keith Marquardt
- 3rd: Randeey Corns

6th grade:

- 1st: Belinda Rohling and Kristi Welch
- 2nd: Stephanie Powers and Ashly Collins
- 3rd: Bryson Corbett and Dixie Allen



Chess



Back: Kenny Coatney, Patrick Campbell, Brandon Stich, Preston Stich. *Middle:* Mrs. Nancy Sherman, Keenan Coatney, Derrick Ellis, Nick Morse, Bill Coats, Doug Wire, Shayne Pruitt, Dylan Pruitt. *Front:* Chase Davidson, Tristan Thornton, Hope Williams, Chris Murphey, Kourtney Berg, Kenzli Swisher.



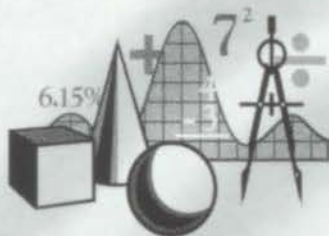
Bill Coats is our only High School Chess Player.

Way to Go, Bill!

Scholars' Bowl

Back: Nick Morse, Dean Corbett, Kenny Coatney, Chance Baker, Brittany Rohling, Mrs. Sandy Wheeler. *Middle:* Christian Cruz, Ryan

Studebaker, Caleb Seibel, Jacob Whitson, Wendy Stafford, James Aikins. *Front:* Preston Allen, Michelle Keller, Haley Welch.



Spelling Bee

- The Thayer Spelling Bee was held February 12, 2004. The top three spellers from grades 5th - 8th participated. Kristi Welch was the overall winner and Belinda Rohling was runner-up. Both girls are in the 6th grade. They went on to participate in the Neosho County Spelling Bee in Chanute on February 19, 2004. While neither placed at the county level, we are very proud of their achievement locally.



TWINS FOOTBALL



Front Row (Left to Right): Trenton Moore, Adam Greve, Preston Allen Nick Morse Christian Cruz, Lee Nading, Brett Bernal. Middle: Kris Moore, Caleb Measles, Brandon Stich, Shane Heady, Chance Baker, Eddie Smedley, Dean Corbett, Kenny Coatney, Danton Callarman, Ryan Studebaker, Mark Merseman, Levi Measles, Caleb Seibel, Brett Thornton, Alex Tromsness. Back: Coach Tim Seibel, Cody Stipp, James Aikins, Kyle Stitt, Michael McCrary, Patrick Campbell, Ian Stich, and Coach Chris Moore.

Record
5-2



Left: Alex Tromsness is taken down by a Hornet at the line of scrimmage.

You can't tackle me!

Below: Three Chetopa hornets try to tackle James Aikins.



Which way to the Goal Line?

Above: Kenny Coatney seems to be a little directionally challenged on the sideline.

Teamwork!

Right: The team lines up to defend the goal line.



Above: Adam Greve gets a close look at Mr. Seibel's instructions in the huddle.



Upper left corner:
Tara Buster and Brittany Rohling pose for the camera on the way to the court.

Top center: Christina Cope puts up a set for Tara Buster to attack.
Above: Taylor Scott passes the ball toward the net.



Above: Brittany Rohling stretches out to reach the serve in time.

Left: The "A" team show those winning smiles after a good game.



Record

5-2

Above center: Courtney Showalter attempts to send a bump back over the net.



Front Row (Left to Right): Manager Alicia Wells, Haley Welch, Jonni Stafford, Wendy Stafford, Taylor Scott, Chantelle Campbell. Middle: D.J. Collins, Kristen Clopp, Michelle Keller, Christine Cope, Jana Aikins. Back: Coach Angela Hines, Ashley Babcock, Brittany Rohling, Tara Buster, Courtney Showalter, Cali Raida.

TJHS

VOLLEYBALL

JR. HIGH BASKETBALL



James Alkins, Cody Stipp, and Chance Baker wait for the ball during a St. Paul game.



The referee watches Caleb closely as he brings the ball down the court.



Caleb Seibel receives a pass from Cody Stipp during a St. Pat's game.



Caleb Seibel intercepts a pass between St. Paul players as Ryan Studebaker turns to help.



Front: L:R : Mgr. Regan Powers, Christian Cruz, Nick Morse, Chance Baker, Derrick Ellis, Adam Greve, Mgr. Kristi Welch. Middle: Danton Callarman, Brett Thornton, Cody Stipp, Kenny Coatney, Ryan Studebaker, Caleb Seibel. Back: Coach Rick Powers, James Aikins, Patrick Campbell, Jacob Whitson, Eddie Smedley.



Patrick Campbell, Jacob Whitson, and Ryan Studebaker look "at odds" at Parsons Catholic.

OVERALL RECORD:

6 - 10



Tara Buster lines up for a freethrow in the Cherryvale game.



Haley Welch goes up for the layup.



Kristen Clopp brings the ball down the court for the Flyers!



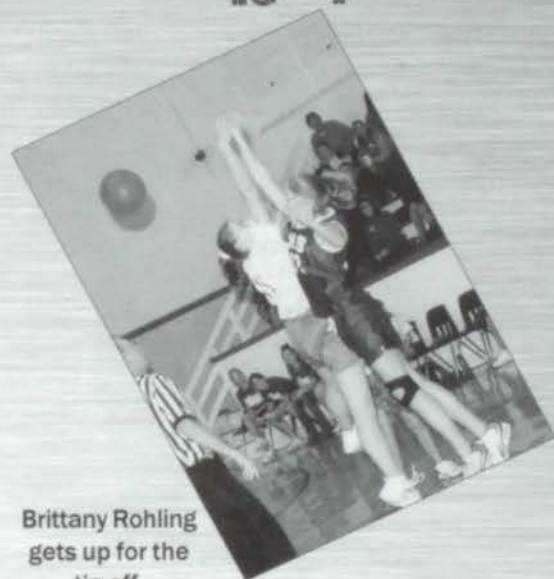
Wendy Stafford glances back during the press.



Christina Cope encourages Brittany Rohling at the line.

OVERALL RECORD:

13 - 4



Brittany Rohling gets up for the tip-off.



Front L:R: Taylor Scott, Kristin Clopp, Danielle Cox, Haley Welch, Chantelle Campbell. Middle: Mgr. Jana Aikins, Cali Raida, Wendy Stafford, Christina Cope, Mgr. Belinda Rohling. Back: Cortney Showalter, Ashley Babcock, Tara Buster, Brittany Rohling, Coach Deanna Rohling.

Jr. High Track



Back: Ryan Studebaker, Caleb Seibel, James Aikins, Kenny Coatney, Brett Thornton, Coach David Ingram. Middle: Eddie Smedley, Chance Baker, Ashley Babcock, Jonni Stafford, Preston Allen, Nick Morse, Dean Corbett. Front: Cortney Showalter, Taylor Scott, Shelby Novotny, Kristin Clopp, Jana Aikins, Courtney Ritch, Wendy Stafford, Haley Welch.



RUN CALEB RUN!
Caleb Seibel runs ahead of everyone else during the mile.

YOU GO GIRL!
Christina Cope throws her winning shot put at Altamont.



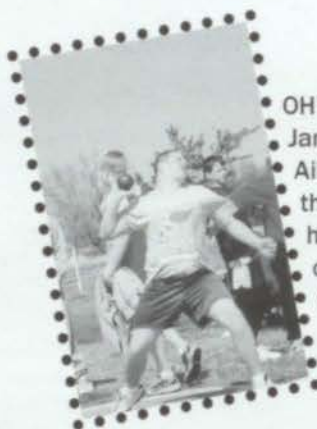
Kristin Clopp gives it her all at the Altoona track meet.



Nick Morse bites his lip as he pushes himself through the hurdles.



Preston Allen turns on the speed at Altoona.



OH YEAH!
James Aikins is throwing his heart out during the shot put.



Brett Thornton runs one leg of a relay for the Flyers.

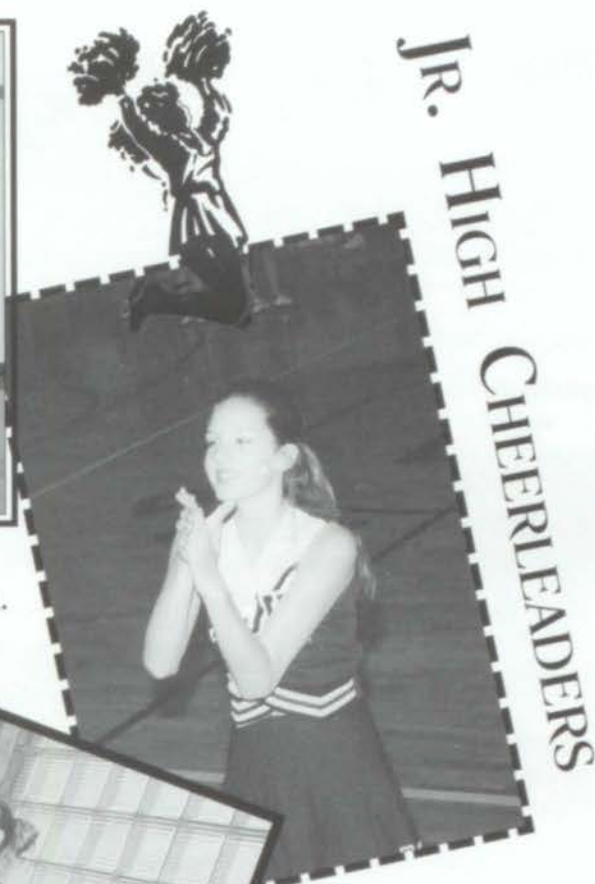


Coach David Ingram gives some advice to Caleb Seibel about running the mile.



Thayer Jr. High Cheerleaders

Front: Chantelle Campbell, Taylor Scott, Danielle Cox.
 Middle: Jonni Stafford, Kristin Clopp.
 Back: Cortney Showalter



JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS



Top: Jonni Stafford shows her spirit at a St. Paul game.

Middle: Jonni, Danielle, Kristin, and Chantelle start off the St. Pat's game with a build and a cheer.

Left: Kristin Clopp "Says Hi!" while Chantelle waits her turn during the half-time cheer.



Taylor Scott helps cheer from the sideline.



Smile for the Camera...The Jr. High Cheerleaders are hanging out before a game.

One Step Closer . . . to Recovery!

A Success Story about 8th Grader, Brandon Stich

August - Saw family doctor for school physical. A growth was found in the left sinus passage. The doctor felt the growth was a small pulp that could be removed easily by an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist in Pittsburg.

September 10 - CT Scan. After review of the scan, doctor reported that Brandon had Juvenile Angio Fibroma, a type of benign tumor common in young boys during puberty. Due to danger of excessive bleeding, Brandon was referred to KU Medical Center for consultation.

September 11 - Saw Dr. Tsue for the first time. The tumor was the size of a baseball, however, Dr. Tsue was confident he would be able to remove it.

September 17 - Had the first MRI. After careful review of all the tests and consulting with the neurosurgeon and radiologist, Dr. Tsue reported that he could not operate on Brandon, due to the position of the tumor. It had grown and was now surrounding the carotid artery and was compressing the optic nerve. For this reason, one wrong move and Brandon would bleed to death in minutes. He began a search for a doctor that would be willing to attempt the surgery. He prepared the family for the fact that they might have to travel a great distance, possibly even out of the country.



Brandon was prepared to visit Mayo Clinic, but Dr. Tsue found a surgeon in Little Rock, Arkansas, that was very well known and came highly recommended by his colleagues. Tests were sent to Dr. Ehab Hanna, and after reviewing them, a date for surgery was set for November 12.

October 17 - Further eye tests were run. At that time, the surgery was moved forward to October 24.

October 20 - The family left for Little Rock and saw doctors on the 21st. Brandon underwent another CT Scan and an MRI.

October 23 - Brandon underwent a surgery lasting over three hours to embolize the tumor. They closed off as much of the blood supply to the tumor as they safely could without endangering the brain or Brandon himself. After this surgery, Brandon was in the most pain that he suffered throughout the entire ordeal. He was given morphine for the pain. His administering nurse never left his side for hours.

October 24 - Dr. Al-Mafety, the neurosurgeon began surgery at 8:34. At 4:55, after about 8 1/2 hours, the family was informed that Dr. Al-Mafety had finished removing the 10% of the tumor that was surrounding the artery and optic nerve. Brandon was doing well and Dr. Hanna and his team, along with Dr. Al-Mafety were now working on removing the remaining 90% of the tumor. The surgery was completed in another 2 hours. It then took until about 10:30 p.m. to complete the rebuilding of bone and closing the sites.

Brandon spent a week in the hospital and another week in an apartment in Little Rock to be close to doctors. Brandon experienced some problems with infection, but the area is healed. Brandon returned to school full-time after the winter break. He will continue to have routine check-ups and yearly MRIs.



A note from the family:

The support we received during this time has been absolutely amazing. Upon hearing the news of Brandon's condition, the offers of help began pouring in immediately. Prayers for healing, hugs for comfort, shoulders for crying, and information on doctors poured in from all over the community and beyond. We were overwhelmed by the way people joined together to raise funds to help us with the expenses. A donation can from Smithy's Express, a trail ride, a donation can at church, personal donations and the benefit sponsored by the Masonic Lodge all supported by the community were unexpected, but deeply appreciated. The funds helped us to concentrate fully on Brandon and his needs and not worry about being unable to work at this time. We also want to express how we feel that the prayers that were sent up on Brandon's behalf were very important in his recovery. One small slip in surgery could have had severe consequences. His quick recovery also continues to amaze everyone. What should have, by all rights, left him with major life-changing effects, has instead left him with only a few small scars and possibly some loss of eyesight in one eye. We have no doubt that this is because of the faithful prayers that were said on his behalf. Thank you to all who supported us at this time financially and spiritually.

David & Katrina Stich and family

Sending Up Prayers



On the day of Brandon's first major surgery, the students and staff of Thayer Schools met together at the flagpole to send up prayers for his safety during surgery, the physicians' steady hands, and his full recovery.

The best way to forget your own problems is to help someone else solve theirs.



8th Grade Promotion



Front: Haley Welch, Christina Cope, Michelle Keller, Jana Aikins, Taylor Scott. Middle: Clayton Abbott, Brandon Stich, Tara Buster, Brittany Rohling, Wendy Stafford, Cody Stipp. Back: James Aikins, Allen Morris, Jacob Whitson, Patrick Campbell, Caleb Seibel.



Citizenship Award Winners:
Brittany Rohling & Caleb Seibel



Presidential Scholars: Jacob Whitson, Wendy Stafford, Caleb Seibel, Brittany Rohling, Brandon Stich, Michelle Keller.



Class President Caleb Seibel gives his exit speech to the other 8th graders.



Dean Corbett and Nick Morse exhibit their dancing techniques.



THE CLASS OF 2004!

Chantelle Campbell and Shelby Novotny excitedly anticipate the start of the dance.



Seventh grade girls await their awards: Ashley Babcock, Cortney Showalter, Taylor Scott & Kristin Clopp.



Haley Welch receives her diploma from CUSD #101 Board Member, Steve Wheeler.





High School



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to Getting Out of Here

High School Division by

Kristal Evans



Freshmen



Emily Alexander



Andrew Allen



Chesna Cavaness



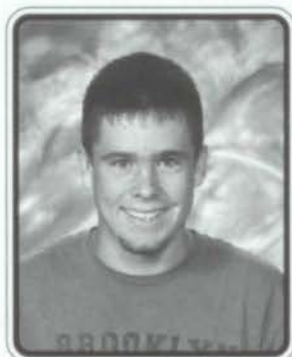
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Dolores Gonzalez



Mandy Greif



David Hougardy



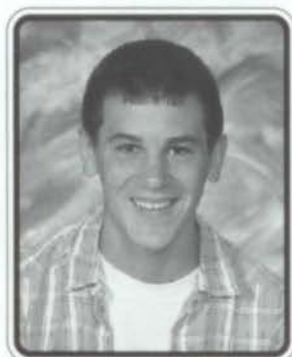
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Dawna Leck



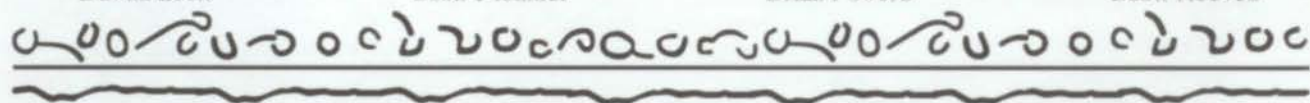
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Brian Powers



Scott Reeves



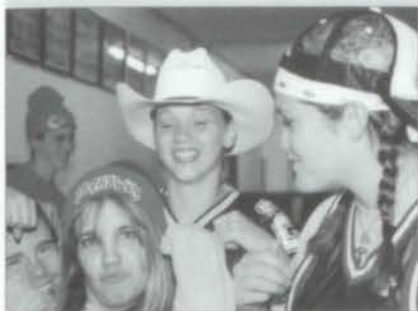
Aaron Rehmert, Haley Wheeler, and Scott Reeves are dressed for success during dress rehearsal of the fall play.



David Hougardy
just LOVES hat
day...he can be
himself.



The freshman class gets into the spirit of favorite team day during fall spirit week.



Nobody is tougher than the Jayhawks and Darby Willhite. Tifny Spears and Dawna Leck are backing up her claim.



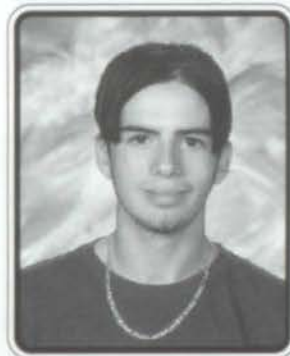
Aaron Rehmert



Jaleesa Scott



Tifny Spears



Jacob Villalpando

Boyz in da hood... Aaron Rehmert and Brian Powers TRY to look tough. Did it work, boys?



Haley Wheeler



Darby Willhite

Class of '07

Freshmen by
Heather Welch



Sophomores



Bill Coats



Zachery Stipp



Megan Hartman



Mandy Raida



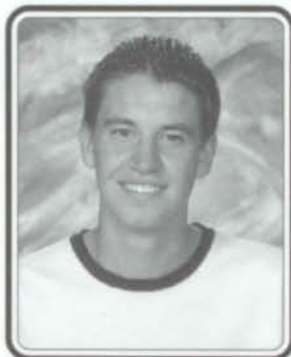
Robyn Studebaker



Krystal Evans



Meghan Hatcher



David Seibel



Heather Welch



Kieran Foster



Jennifer Houston



Christina Stich



Jena Wheeler



Kay Green

CLASS OF
2006



Just
Chillin'





Juniors





Kayla Aikins



Hali Allen



Jennifer Blair



Kristin Buster



Whitney Clift



Amy Greif



Nicole Holtzman



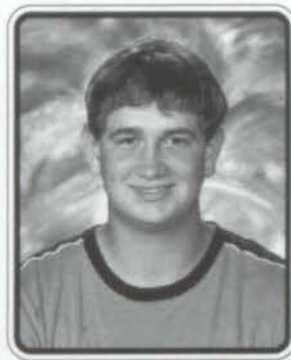
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Cody Lowden



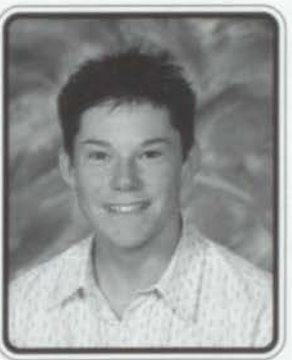
Karra Reaves



Adam Sallee



Kayla Thornton



Shane Trim



Garrett Welch

**CLASS OF
'04**

Senior Personalities

Best Sense of Humor
Ronnie Haynes, Brett Roussele, and Erika Ellis

BEST ATHLETE
BRETT ROUSSELLE
ERIN COX

Best Looking
Chase Moore
Erin Cox

Laziest
Kody Dannelley
Kelsie Brown

Moodiest
Richard Floersch
Erin Cox

WILDEST
CHASE MOORE
ERIKA ELLIS

Hardest Worker
Sam Kepley
Erika Ellis
Taylor Holtzman



Quietest
Kody Dannelley
Pamela Allen

Most Brains
Richard Floersch
Erika Ellis

MOST ANNOYING
MASSON STOUT
TAYLOR HOLTZMAN

Loudest Laugh
Chase Moore
Taylor Holtzman

First to Altar
Taylor Holtzman
Masson Stout

Biggest Flirt
Chase Moore
Taylor Holtzman

Most Likely to Succeed
Richard Floersch
Erin Cox

TEACHER'S PET
STEVE COPE
ERIN COX

CRAZIEST
CHASE MOORE
ERIKAS ELLIS

Class Clown
Brett Roussele
Erika Ellis



Best Smile
Steve Cope
Erin Cox

Smelliest Feet
Steve Cope
Taylor Holtzman

Toughest
Derrick Umbarger
Erika Ellis
Taylor Holtzman



Best Dressed
Richard Floersch
Erin Cox

Best Couple
Richard Floersch
Erin Cox

Troublemakers
Chase Moore
Erika Ellis

Most School Spirit
Brett Roussele
Erika Ellis

Best Personality
Steve Cope
Taylor Holtzman

Class of 2004



Front: Chase Moore, Brett Rousselle, Ronnie Haynes, Derrick Umbarger, Sam Kepley. **Back:** Pam Allen, Richard Floersch, Kelsie Brown, Erin Cox, Erika Ellis, Masson Craft, Taylor Holtzman, Steve Cope, Kody Dannelley.

Class Colors

Blue & Silver

Class Flower

Yellow Rose

Class Motto

*No longer following
footsteps, but making
our own.*



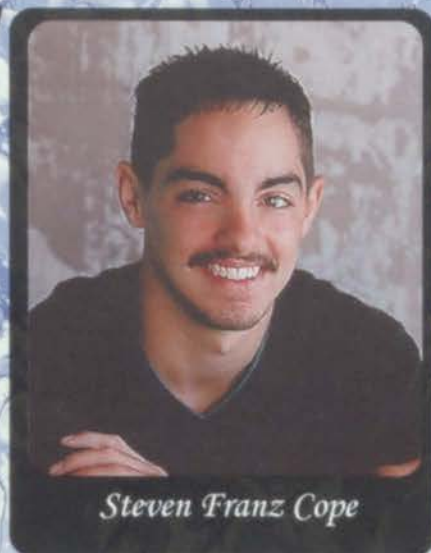
Class Officers...

*Erin Cox, Vice-President;
Taylor Holtzman, Treasurer;
Erika Ellis, Secretary;
Richard Floersch, President.*

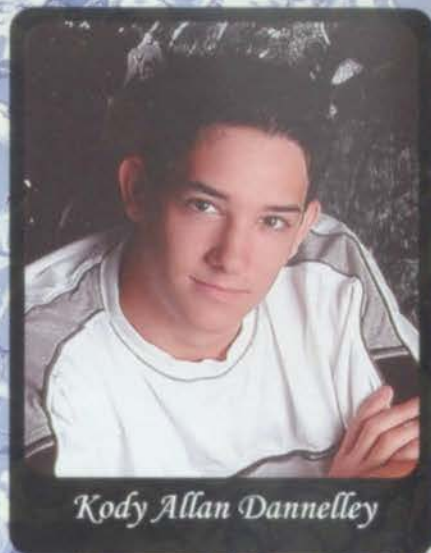
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Pamela Lynn Allen



Steven Franz Cope



Kody Allan Dannelley



Kelsie Diane Brown



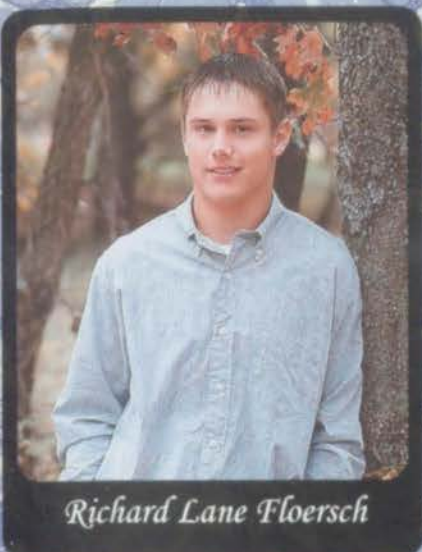
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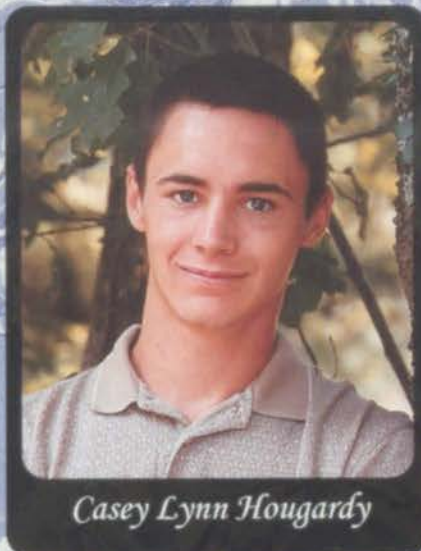
Erika Brooke Ellis



Masson Blake Craft



Richard Lane Floersch



Casey Lynn Hougardy



Brett Andrew Rousselle



Ronald Wayne Haynes



William Samuel Kepley



Derrick Michael Umbarger



Taylor Renae Holtzman



Chase Blane Moore



IT TAKES
ALL
Kinds



Class of 2004

? ?
?

Remember When

- ~ Sam and Pam got married in the 5th grade?
- ~ Derrick, Sam, Clayton, Travis, and Ronnie made a pipe bomb in Mr. Wagner's welding class?
- ~ Chase was pulled around town on Erika's car that we bashed in?
- ~ Chase got kicked out of sophomore English for the rest of the year with more than a semester remaining?
- ~ Brett ate a worm in the 6th grade not realizing that we would have spaghetti for lunch that day.
- ~ Erika gave Justin a "necessity kit?"
- ~ At practice, Kody threw a football and hit Coach Minor in the back of the head?
- ~ Taylor and Casey Hougardy dated?
- ~ Kelsie thought gulls were people?
- ~ Erika ran into the back of Shane's truck?
- ~ In 8th grade when Clinton Ray asked out every girl in the Jr. High?
- ~ Sam gave Erika a necklace in 3rd grade, which really turned out to be his sister Karla's?
- ~ Richard cut off his finger?
- ~ Erin, Erika, and the senior girls of 2003 got in trouble for their potluck dinner?
- ~ Jeremy Wheeler leveled Masson during a football scrimmage game our sophomore year?
- ~ Brett "accidentally" tripped over his chair and dropped his lunch tray?
- ~ We had to drop Ronnie off at the court house in Chanute after we took our senior class picture?
- ~ Mrs. Kephart jumped on the beds with Taylor, Erika, and Erin at State Forensics and told them how to take out the peep holes in other people's doors?
- ~ Derrick broke his wrist?
- ~ Taylor snuck out and got pneumonia?
- ~ When Richard and Nicole Holtzman would talk about their bowel movements to Mrs. Stark and the high school chemistry class?
- ~ Brett didn't argue with everything....neither do we?
- ~ When Brett's mom made Debbie make an announcement to the IHT class our Junior year, that his diarrhea medicine was in the office?

LOOKING
BACK

Faculty



Kim Bartelli, Principal
Debbie Callarman, Secretary
Lisa Clopp, Cook
Wilda Cross, English



Luz Cruz, Custodian
Virginia Francisco, Spec. Ed.
Diana Garard, Librarian
Elbert Goins, Bus Driver
Allene Hensley, Spanish
Joy Holtzman, Librarian



Michelle Hudiberg, Math
David Ingram, Art
Tracy Kennedy, Para.
Lorraine Kilgore, FACS
Lynn Larkin, Para.
Vern Minor, P.E.



Carol Pack, Special Ed.
Mitzi Raida, Cook
Janet Rehmert, Custodian
Marlene Rettmann, Cook
Lenoir Rowland, Librarian
Rhonda Seibel, Para.



Tim Seibel, History
Christian Simmons, Spec. Ed.
Nancy Sherman, Title 1
Stephanie Stark, Science
Jennifer Stoneking, Speech
Tonya Torkelson, Music



Toni Umbarger, Spec. Ed.
Jim Wagner, Ind. Arts
Terri Walker, Title 1 Math
Sherrie Welch, Spec. Ed.
Betty Wheeler, Computer

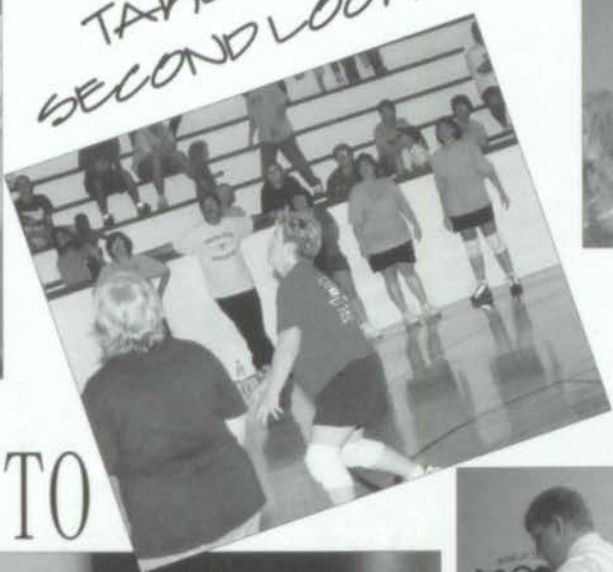


Faculty by

Meghan Hatcher



TAKE A
SECOND LOOK



WELCOME TO



OUR WORLD!!



Faculty by
Meghan Hatcher



Activities



One Step Closer. . .

to Getting Involved!



Activities Division by

Erika Ellis

SKILLS USA

CHAMPIONS AT WORK



SkillsUSA Officers

Pres: Robyn Studebaker
V.P.: Kay Green
Reporter: Megan Hartman
Sec./Tres.: Sam Kepley

Thayer High School formed their first VICA (SkillsUSA) Chapter during the 2002-03 school year. Their advisor, Mr. Jim Wagner, took Thayer's first group of six students last year to the state competition and returned with two third place awards. This year four students were taken to Wichita to compete in the state competition on April 14-16. We were delighted to learn that Robyn Studebaker received 1st place in Technical Computer Applications and qualified for Nationals in Kansas City during July. Kay Green received 2nd place in Technical Related Math and Sam Kepley tied for 4th place in Welding.

On March 3, Mr. Jim Wagner and three of his SkillsUSA officers attended the Kansas Farm Bureau's Capital Experience Day at the capitol at Topeka. Those that attended were Robyn Studebaker, Megan Hartman, and Sam Kepley. This group started their day at 7:00 a.m. by having breakfast with Senator Dwayne Umbarger, other Kansas Senators and Representatives, and two-or-three students per county across the state of Kansas. This was followed by capitol tours, committee hearings, listening to legislative bills being discussed in the House of Representatives and the Senate galleries. The students were allowed to sit in the chairs of the seven judges of the Supreme Court of Kansas as the tour guide explained the general procedures that take place at the Judicial Center. Mr Jim Wagner feels this was a wonderful youth leadership activity that the Kansas Farm Bureau sponsored for our students.

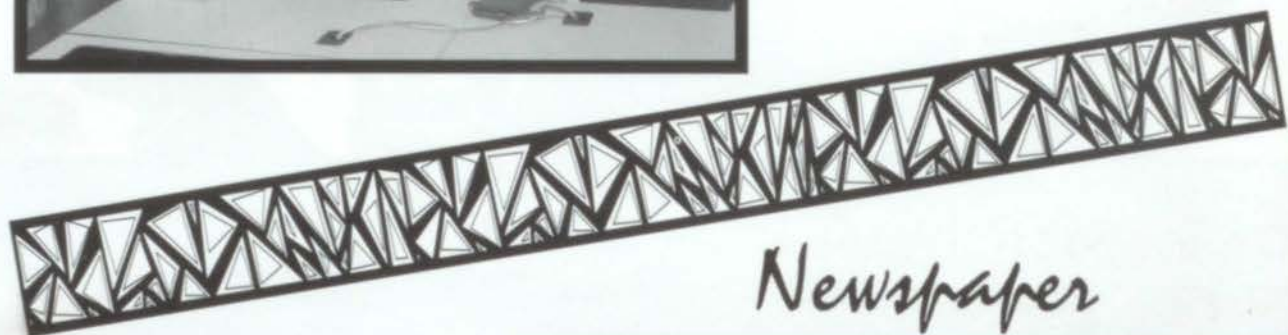
Yearbook



This Yearbook class is responsible for producing the 2003-04 Yearbook. When you think about it, there is no job more important than recording the history of Thayer High School for generations to come. Choosing a theme, designing pages and choosing pictures can be a tedious and frustrating job, especially with a difficult advisor.

The Pilot Staff

Back left to right is Heather Welch, Mandy Raida, Meghan Hatcher, Krystal Evans, and Rae Lynn Rash. Front: Nicole Holtzman, Jennifer Houston and Mrs. Betty Wheeler.



Newspaper

The Thayer Tooter Staff

Back, left to right is Hali Allen, Adam Sallee, Jacob Villalpando, Kelsie Brown, Mrs. Lorraine Kilgore, and Cody Lowden. Front: Nicole Holtzman, David Seibel, and Garret Welch. Not pictured is Megan Hartman.

Desktop Publishing develops skills in collecting information, researching, interviewing and writing news stories, editorials and feature stories. Using the digital camera, reporters improve their photography and take pictures to be published with their articles. The class uses Photoshop and Pagemaker to complete several newspapers each year.



In-House Training Class is the capstone, or "completing" class for our business vocational program. This class completes all kinds of computer jobs for the school and for the surrounding communities. This year, we've done sports programs, wedding programs, student workbooks, certificates, posters, signs, overheads, schedules, play bills, business cards, menus, the football highlights film and the senior video, to mention a few.

IHT



The IHT Employees

Back left to right is Mrs. Betty Wheeler, Erika Ellis, Pam Allen, Brett Rousselle, and Kody Dannelley. Bottom: Taylor Holtzman, Richard Floersch, Erin Cox, and Kelsie Brown.

Entrepreneurship



The Chefs

Pictured left to right is Chase Moore, Derrick Umbarger, Kelsie Brown, David Siebel, Pam Allen, and Kody Dannelley.

Class members become young entrepreneurs by learning what is involved in planning, opening and operating a small business. The students develop a snack & bake business and provide food for the high school students and faculty at break time. Students learn that working for yourself is harder than working for others.

STUCO

“Being all we
can be for
you!”

This year's Student Council had to overcome their first obstacle of money. After raising enough money for the year, they sponsored both of the homecoming dances, Drug Awareness Week, and a food drive for the local pantry. The food drive was a huge success with the students bringing in over 2000 canned goods in one day. The Stuco ended the year by donating money to a local family whose house recently burned down.

Mrs. Stephanie Stack, Advisor



Front: Mandy Greif, Mandy Raida, Kayla Aikins. Middle: Kristin Buster, Erin Cox, Brett Rousselle, Amy Greif, Kelsie Brown. Back: Richard Floersch, David Seibel, Brian Powers, Shane Trim.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes



Front: Karra Reaves, Nicole Holtzman, Brett Rousselle, Taylor Holtzman, Kayla Thornton. Back: Robyn Studebaker, Erin Cox, Jaleesa Scott.

Scholars' Bowl



Front: Robyn Studebaker, Kay Green, Nicole Holtzman. Back: Cody Lowden, Shane Trim.

The Thayer Scholars' Bowl team members were Cody Lowden, Nicole Holtzman, Shane Trim, Kay Green, and Robyn Studebaker. The team competed in six tournaments, including the MBL tournament, hosted by Thayer, and Regionals during a snow storm.

Mrs. Allene Hensley, Coach

National Honor Society



Front: Garrett Welch, Adam Sallee. Back: Kayla Aikins, Erin Cox, Erika Ellis, Amy Greif, Taylor Holtzman.

The Inductees are:

Kay Green

David Seibel

Robyn Studebaker

Heather Welch

NHS Induction



On April 28, 2004, four sophomores were inducted into the Thayer High School chapter of the National Honor Society. The ceremony, hosted by the current members, Mr. Jim Walters, and Mrs. Kim Bartelli, was followed by a cookie and punch reception.



Kay, David, Robyn, & Heather



The new 2003-04 NHS members.



Adam Sallee recites his portion of the NHS initiation ceremony.



Erin Cox explains one of the NHS principles to the inductees and audience.



Mrs. Bartelli and Erika Ellis listen closely as Garrett Welch presides.



The Butler Did It, Again!

The 2003 Fall Play

Cast

Miss Maple: *Erin Cox*
Chandler Marlowe: *Brett Rousselle*
Jane Doe: *Erika Ellis*
Ruth Dice: *Nicole Holtzman*
Eunice/Mrs. Danvers: *Kayla Thornton*
Chips: *Scott Reeves*
Linda Hayes: *Haley Wheeler*
Louie Fan: *Kay Green*
Sister White: *Heather Welch*
Laura Carlyle: *Whitney Clift*
Rick Carlyle: *David Seibel*
Tony Tallchief: *Aaron Rehmert*



Brett Rousselle, alias Chandler, discovers the murder weapon as all the suspects look on with interest, whether real or imagined.



Scott Reeves, playing the Butler, serves Jane, played by Erika Ellis, her tea during the opening scenes of the play.

Behind THE Scenes

Crew

Richard Floersch
Amy Greif
Mandy Greif
David Hougardy
Brian Powers
Jaleesa Scott
Robyn Studebaker
Kayla Aikins



The Cast and Crew





Above: Chandler and Linda Hayes, played by Haley Wheeler, share a secret embrace at Jasper VanDyne's house.

Right: Tony Tallchief, Rick Carlyle, and Sister White (played by Aaron Rehmert, David Seibel, and Heather Welch) use their broom weapons to fight off Charlie, the alligator.



Right: Ruth, played by Nicole Holtzman, survives an attempted strangling by the hooded figure of Jane Doe, played by Erika Ellis.

Below: Louie Fan, played by Kay Green, sits and spits her words of wisdom regarding murder writing.



Above: Kayla Thornton, in one of her dual roles as Mrs. Danvers, meditates on her part in this drama.



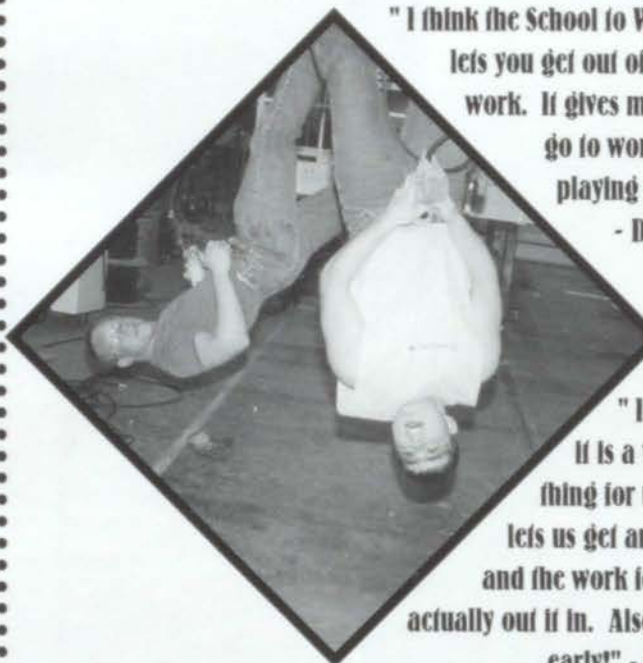
Left: Publisher Miss Maple, played by Erin Cox, discusses the pros and cons of mystery writers of fiction.

School To Work



The purpose of the School to Work Program is to give the students work experience, along with the responsibility of having a job. The program involves Kody Dannelley, Chase Moore, Erika Ellis, Sam Kopley, Derrick Umbarger, and Ronnie Haynes. The sponsor of the School to Work Program is Lorraine Kilgore.

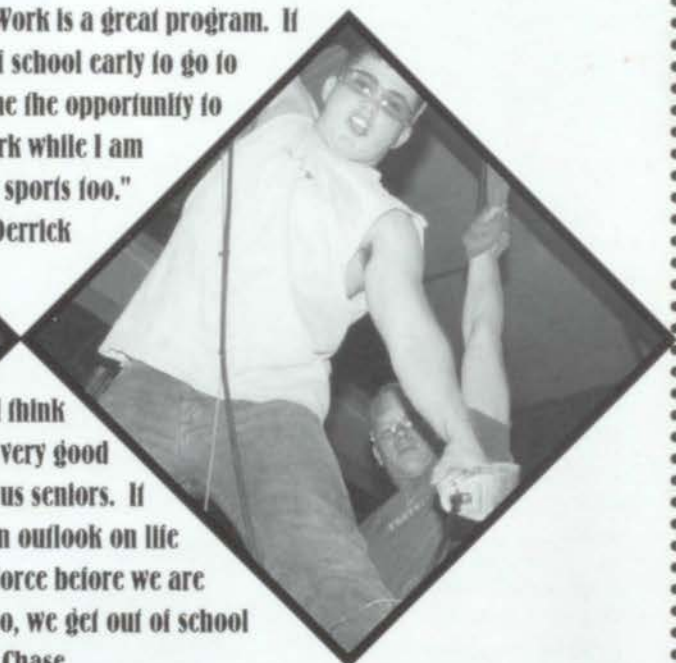
Chase Moore



"I think the School to Work is a great program. It lets you get out of school early to go to work. It gives me the opportunity to go to work while I am playing sports too."

- Derrick

Derrick Umbarger



"I think it is a very good thing for us seniors. It lets us get an outlook on life and the work force before we are actually out of it. Also, we get out of school early!" - Chase

Youngs Welding



Sam Kepley



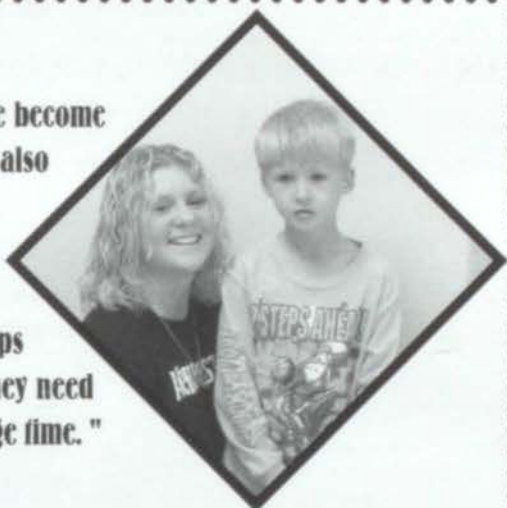
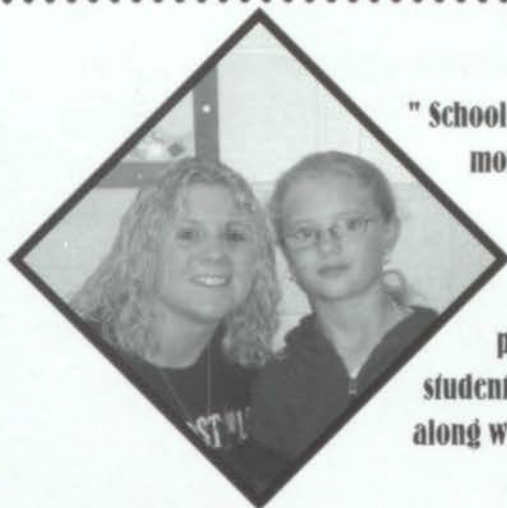
" The School to Work program is a very educational program for the students in the senior class. It helps me make money to support my expensive needs. It also gets me out of school earlier than my other classmates. "



Baker Tire & Weilding

Erika Ellis

" School to Work has helped me become more independent. It has also taught me to balance work with school. I think it is a great program because it helps students learn the job skills they need along with the ability to manage time. "



Babysitting

Ronnie Haynes

Ronnie worked at both the Fireside Inn and the Sunflour Bakery during the school year. While Ronnie was working at Fireside, he was a dishwasher. At the bakery, Ronnie did about anything they needed done, from being a waiter to being a dishwasher.



Fireside Inn/ Sunflour Bakery

Class Officers

Whitney Clift
Treasurer
Nicole Holtzman
Secretary
Kristin Buster
Vice-President
Kayla Aikins
President



Juniors

Sophomores



Heather Welch
Treasurer
Kay Green
Vice President
Robyn Studebaker
President
Christina Stich
Secretary

Darby Wilhite
Treasurer
Haley Wheeler
President
Dawna Leck
Vice-President
Chesna Cavaness
Secretary



Freshmen

Watermelon Homecoming



Queen Robyn . . . Robyn Studebaker hugs her princesses, Nicole Holtzman and Kelsie Brown. Right: Not very queenly . . . Robyn doesn't look so good after she participated in the kids' mud rodeo.



Giddyup! . . . The Watermelon Royalty rides in style at the front of the parade.



Who will be crowned? . . . Thayer High School had many girls participate in the queen contest, but Whitney Clift and Kay Green (left) won recognition in the essay competition and Mandy Raida and Karra Reaves (right) won the interview section.



Come on in to the local diner. . . . The Sophomore float won 2nd place.



Feeling Groovy. . . . The junior class went retro and won 1st in the parade contest.

PROM 2004

The Junior Class of
Thayer High School
requests the pleasure of your company
at the
Junior-Senior Prom
on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of April
Two Thousand and four
at seven o' clock in the evening
High School Gymnasium



Hali



Karra
&
Kayla J.

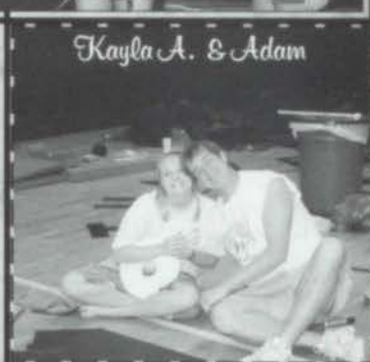
Adam



Kristin & Whitney



Kristin, Karra, & Garrett



Kayla A. & Adam



Michale



Nicole & Shane



Amy

2004 Prom Royalty



Mr. Derrick Umbarger
& Miss Erika Ellis



Erin & Richard



Erika & Zac



Taylor & Casey



Kayla & Lance



Kristin & Ben



Nicole & Kody



Whitney & Adam



Pamela & Ron



Denise & Masson



Chase Moore, Gennie Westhoff, Kayla Aikins,
Lance Claibourn, Derrick Umbarger, Audrey Naff.



Kelsie & Brian



Mandy & Steve



Nicole Holtzman, Kody Dannelley, Hali Allen,
Sam Kepley, Krystal Evans, Shane Trim.



Hali & Sam



Gennie & Chase



Kory & Brett



David Hougardy, Michale Larkin,
Ron Rice, Pamela Allen.



Taylor Holtzman, Casey Smith, Robyn Studebaker
Cody Lowden, Erika Ellis, Zac Stipp.



Audrey & Derrick



Amy & Garrett



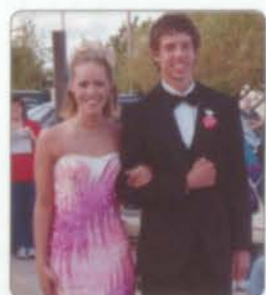
Michelle & David



Brian Powers, Kelsie Brown, Mandy Raida, Steve Cope, Denise
Aiello, Masson Stout, Brett Rousselle, Kory Stafford.



Robyn & Cody



Karra & Aaron



Andy Dixon, Kayla Thornton, Amy Greif,
Garrett Welch, Erin Cox, Richard Floersch.

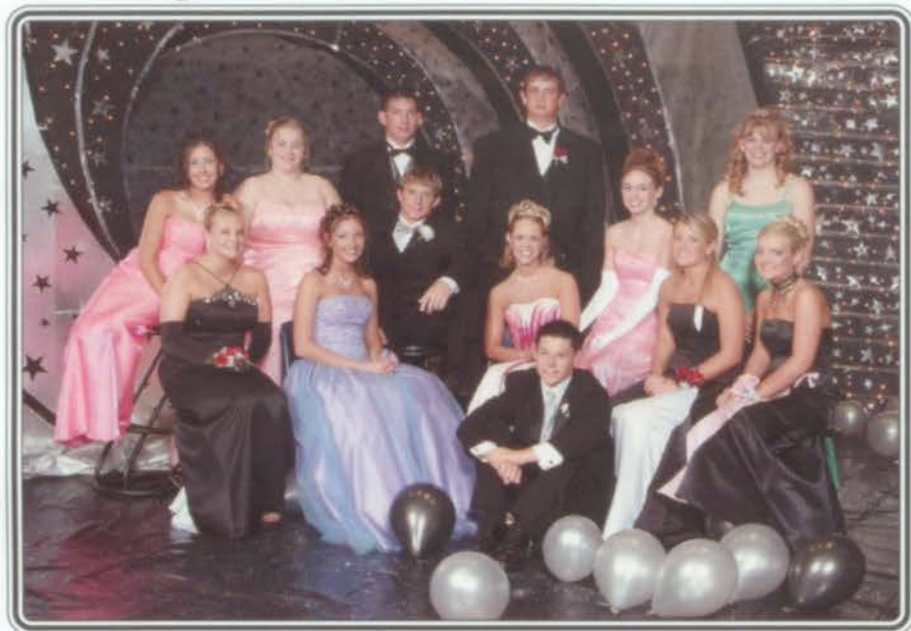


Krystal & Shane



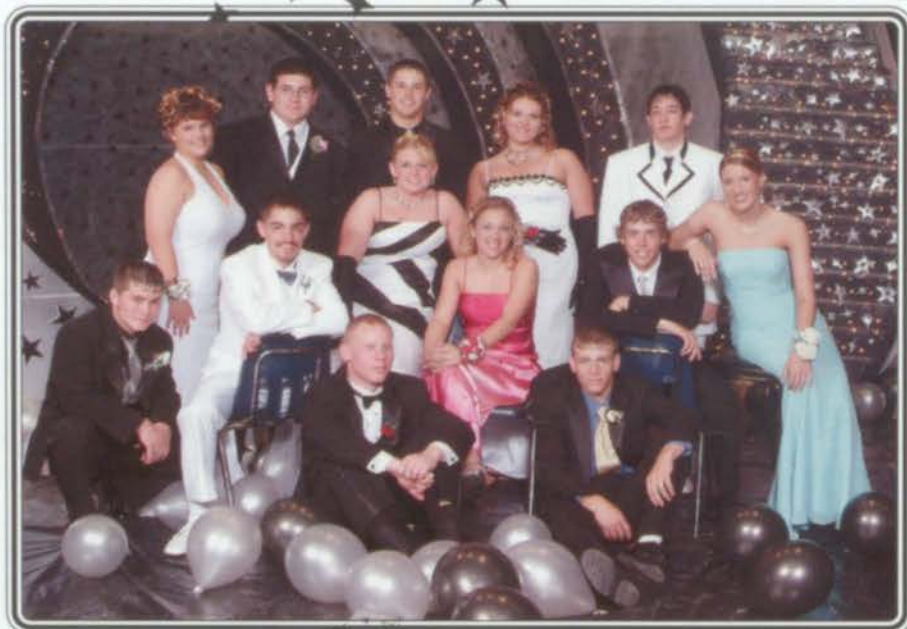
Kayla & Andy

The Juniors



Front Row: Shane Trim. Middle Row: Kayla Atkins, Kristin Buster, Garrett Welch, Karra Reaves, Nicole Holtzman, Whitney Clift, Michael Larkin, & Kayla Thornton. Back Row: Amy Greif, Hall Allen, Cody Lowden, & Adam Saltee.

Front Row: Derrick Umbarger & Masson Stout. Middle Row: Chase Moore, Steve Cope, Erika Ellis, Taylor Holtzman, Brett Rousselle, & Erin Cox. Back Row: Kelsie Brown, Sam Kepley, Richard Floersch, Pamela Allen, & Kody Dannelley.



The Seniors

Afterprom 2004



CHOW TIME! Everyone chows down as soon as they arrive at after prom.



LET'S RIDE BABY! Prom King Derrick Umbarger pretends to take his date for a ride on the motorcycle.



YEAH! YEAH! Brett shows off the money he won at after prom.



CHUG IT! CHUG IT! Erika Ellis and Zac Stipp chug their drink during the couples race.



HANG ON KARRA! Aaron Rehmert poses with Karra Reaves on the motorcycle.



Aaron Rehmert tries to pedal the tricycle around the gym.



SMILE FOR THE CAMERA! Ben Carrico and Kristin Buster pose on the motorcycle.

WHERE'S THAT KEY?! Whitney Clift watches Adam Sallee search for the key during the couples relay.



WONDER WHAT'S IN HERE?! Pam Allen and Brian Powers get ready to pop their balloons.



Thanks to the Junior Parents for a great afterprom!

Special Senior Moments



Richard Floersch heads for Dodge City . . . Coach Vern Minor and Richard's mom, Annette Thomas, look on as Richard signs his national letter of intent to play football for the Dodge City Conquistadors in his freshman year of college. Good luck, Richard.



I'm an All-Star . . .
 Brett Rousselle and Erin Cox were chosen to play in the Southeast Kansas All-Star game at Pittsburg High School and Ft. Scott Community College. Brett was named MVP for the game at Pittsburg with 17 points. Way to go, Brett and Erin.

Kansas Honors . . . On Wednesday, April 14th, Erika Ellis was recognized as a Kansas Honor Scholar at a banquet in Chanute. She was awarded an American Heritage College Dictionary for use in her post-secondary studies. Mrs. Kim Bartelli accompanied her to the dinner.



Brett Rousselle

"Petey"
 You've given us a lot of laughs.

We have certainly enjoyed the last 18 years with you. You have grown into a fine young man with a bright future. Pursue your goals with your best effort and God as your guide. We will always love you and be there for you.

Love Mom & Dad

Ps. 139:14 I will praise thee: for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.



. . . reaching forth unto those things which are before, press toward the mark for the prize . . .



Phil 3:13 & 14

Therefore, I say unto you, whatever things ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24



Phil. 4:13



Richard

Congratulations,
Richard. It has been
an honor to see you
grow to become the
young man you are.
Love Mom & Richard,
Dad & Diane,
Grandpa & Grandma



MASSON

Congratulations, Masson!

You made it! We are all so very proud of
you! Love ya lots.

Mom, Dad,

Morgan, Tristan & the gang



SAM



CONGRATULATIONS!

May all your goals and dreams come true.

Remember:
Life is what
you make it.

Love Mom,
Randy, Karla
and Rayce



DERRICK



Derrick:

Time has flown and now you're grown.
As you adventure out on your own,
We reflect on the past and all you have done.
This family is proud to call you brother and son.



Congratulations!
We Love You
Dad, Donna (Mom),
Kayla, Jana & James



EDE

Brookie

ERIKA

Duckie

Brookie
Cookie



*Erika, your positive outlook on life & your gentle, caring nature make you very special, not only to your family, but to everyone who knows you. Keep your uniqueness & continue to reach for the stars. I know you'll go far. I love you.
Mom & Randy*

Steve

Be safe, be yourself, make smart choices. Remember we love you very much.

*Mom & Dad
Christine & Nathan*



Taylor



Congratulations

Taylor, we are proud of you and love you very much. Remember, you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

Love Dad, Mom, Josh and Tracy

Erin



Erin - We are so proud of you and we love you very much!

Dad & Mom



RONNIE



Ronnie

We are so very proud of you. Watching you grow into the person you are has been a joy. We Love You.
Grandma, Gilbert and Kaitlyn

KELSIE



We have watched you grow from a little girl in pigtails to the beautiful young woman you have become. Good luck and keep God on your side with the next path you take.

*Love Mom, Dad
 Aunt Rhonda, Uncle Glenn, Brad,
 Gage & Bailey*

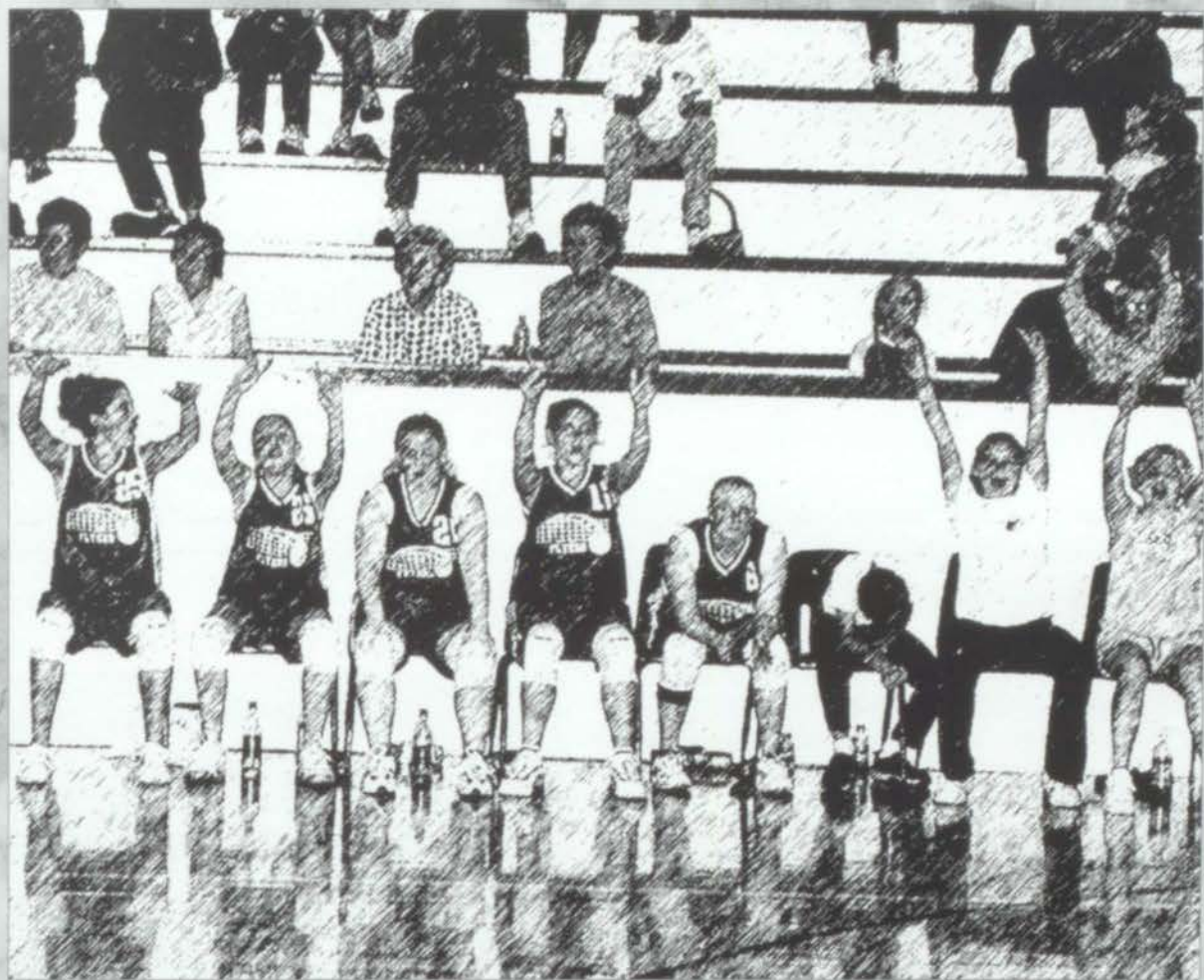
Sam



We're proud of all your accomplishments.

*Love Dad, Desiree,
 Megan, Hannah & Karla*

Sports



One Step Closer. . .

to Reaching Your Goals!

Sports Division by
Betty Wheeler





Top Left: Richard Floersch demonstrates an intense expression as he descends down the run-through at the district championship.

Left Center: Garrett Welch attempts to scramble around two South Coffey County Titans.



Top Center: Kody Dannelley, aka Rody, executes a perfect tackle against St. Paul.

Top Right: Casey Hougardy accepts a pass for a Flyer touchdown.

Right Center: Masson Craft jockeys for position with a Williamsburg defender.

Lower Right: Derrick Umbarger plows forward with three St. Paul defenders in tow.

Senior Leadership



Back: Richard Floersch, Masson Craft, Derrick Umbarger, Sam Kepley. Front: Casey Hougardy, Steve Cope, Kody Dannelley.

All-State Honorable Mention
 Garrett Welch, Quarterback; Derrick Umbarger -
 Linebacker; Richard Floersch - Guard

FOOTBALL



Front Row: Scott Reaves, Aaron Rehmert, Brian Powers, Andrew Allen, Kyler Dannelley, David Seibel, David Hougardy. Middle: Manager Kelsie Brown, Kody Dannelley, Masson Craft, Steve Cope, Garrett Welch, Manager Robyn Studebaker. Back: Coach Vern Minor, Derrick Umbarger, Zac Stipp, Adam Sallee, Richard Floersch, Casey Hougardy, Sam Kepley.

MBL All-League

1st Team - Garrett Welch - Quarterback, Safety; Richard Floersch - Guard, Kicker; Steve Cope - End, Down Lineman; Derrick Umbarger - Linebacker
 2nd Team - Derrick Umbarger, Running Back; Adam Sallee - Center; Kody Dannelley - End, Safety; Richard Floersch - Down Lineman; Masson Craft - Linebacker.
 Hon. Men. - Casey Hougardy - Down Lineman.



A Closer Look: The Flyers football team displays its bi-district runner-up trophy proudly. . . but, if you take a closer look, you'll see a few senior tears shed at the end of a successful high school career.

2003 Score Board

Opponent	Us	Them
Chetopa	50	18
Elk Valley	57	12
Marais Des Cygnes	33	20
Altoona-Midway	60	22
St. Paul	12	48
South Coffey Co.	8	58
Cedarvale	46	26
Williamsburg	66	54
Chetopa	66	22
Waverly	22	44

A Closer Look: Senior Steve Cope is feeling no pain at the hospital after his ankle-breaking touchdown against the Chetopa hornets, but . . . the real pain began at the realization that not only was his football career over, but that he would miss much of his senior basketball season also.



DISTRICT CHAMPS

VOLLEYBALL



Above: Taylor Holtzman and Erin Cox show their excitement upon receiving the 1st Place Regional Plaque.

Top right: Seniors - Erin Cox, Taylor Holtzman, and Erika Ellis. Right: The whole team celebrates after beating Elk Valley in the Regional Championship.



Senior Leadership



Opponent	Scores
Cherryvale	25-19, 25-12
Tyro Christian	25-5, 25-6
Southeast	25-14, 25-17
St. Paul	20-25, 25-12, 15-12
Elk Valley	26-24, 25-23
Anderson County	13-25, 13-25
Caney	25-16, 25-23
Labette County	10-25, 21-25
Humboldt	25-10, 25-10
Cherryvale	25-14, 25-21
Burlington	25-22, 25-18
Humboldt	25-12, 25-19
Humboldt	25-4, 25-9
West Elk	21-25, 25-11, 15-8
Colgan	25-5, 25-12
Uniontown	25-9, 22-25, 4-15
Frontenac	18-25, 22-25
Neodesha	25-16, 25-22
Fredonia	30-28, 25-18
Neodesha	24-26, 25-20, 12-15
Chetopa	25-7, 25-8
Oswego	25-17, 25-16
Elk Valley	25-21, 24-26, 16-18
Altoona-Midway	25-10, 25-5
Jayhawk Linn	25-8, 25-10
Columbus	25-14, 25-14
Colgan	20-25, 28-26, 15-13
Oswego	16-25, 25-20, 15-1
Libral, MO	12-25, 22-25
St. Paul	25-16, 17-25, 15-11
Elk Valley	25-17, 20-25, 17-15
White City	6-25, 14-25



Back: Coach Deanna Rohling, Mandy Greif, Tifny Spears, Jennifer Blair, Michale Larkin, Jennifer Houston, Dolores Gonzalez. Middle: Haley Wheeler, Miranda Kissel, Kay Green, Amy Greif, Jena Wheeler, Whitney Clift, Kristin Buster, Robyn Studebaker. Front: Mgr. Jaleesa Scott, Kayla Thornton, Taylor Holtzman, Erika Ellis, Erin Cox, Kayla Aikins, Mgr. Belinda Rohling.



Above: Jena enjoys some relaxing conversation while stretching before a game at the Colgan tournament.

MBL All-League

- Erin Cox
- Kayla Thornton
- Taylor Holtzman
- 1st Team
- Jena Wheeler
- Honorable Mention



Top right: Haley Wheeler and Erika Ellis celebrate in their own way after winning the chance to play in the Colgan championship.

Record 24-9
Coach Rohling's Overall Record 244-91



Left: Little Taylor Holtzman can get up off the floor for a block in the Colgan Tourney. Above: Erin Cox spikes into the hands of two Colgan blockers Right: Kayla Thornton sets the ball against the Oswego Indians at home on Senior Night.



1st - Thayer Quad - 10 Years in a Row!!!
3rd - Cherryvale Tournament
2nd - Colgan Tournament
Lady Flyers
2nd - Mineral Belt League
Regional Champs

"Here Without You"

Fall Sports Royalty



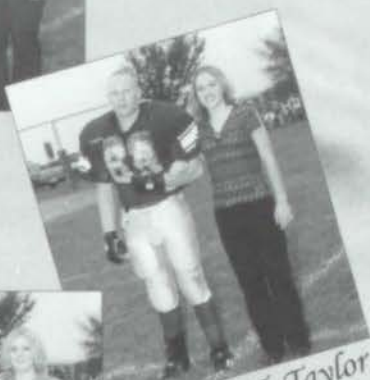
*Queen Erin Cox
King Kody Dannelley*



Homecoming 2003



Steven & Whitney



Derrick & Taylor



Kody & Erika



Garrett & Amy



Richard & Erin



Katie Berg & Nathan Cope



THE ROYAL COURT: Steve Cope, Whitney Cliff, Richard Floersch, Erika Ellis, Kody Dannelley, Erin Cox, Derrick Umbarger, Taylor Holtzman, Garrett Welch, and Amy Greif. Front: Katie Berg, Nathan Cope, Kindergartners.

October 10, 2003



The Kiss!



It looks like Kody is just a little... stunned!



Queen Erin and Princesses Whitney and Amy hang around to watch the homecoming game.

Spirit Week



Aren't you taking dress-up day a little too far Masson?



Beat the Indians.....

The High School Cheerleaders and the Thayer crowd are on their feet to support the football players!



Love the P.J.'s! Robyn Studebaker and Krystal Evans are chillin' in their p.j.'s during break.

GO TEAM!



What a cute couple... of ugly hats! Erin and Richard show their pride during spirit week.



New Cover Girl Model!

Heather Welch poses for an unexpected picture on bad hair and makeup day.



Flyers, Flyers don't be shy... The Thayer High School students are having a yell session in the hallway.



What are they doing? Everyone watches the top five candidates pop their balloons during a pep assembly.

Basketball

Cheerleading

Volleyball

Football



Eat up!! Steve Cope and Taylor Holtzman are racing each other during the pie eating contest.



Pucker up! Erika Ellis is trying to put lipstick on Brett Rousselle, but she is missing his mouth.



Aren't We Cool?! The Sophomores are hanging out in the hallway showing their Thayer Pride.



Go Flyers! Kay Green shows off her beautiful outfit in the hall.



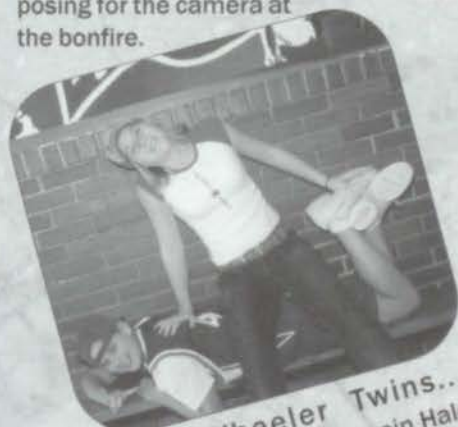
We got our hands up high. . . A K-12 pep assembly got everyone involved.



Diet Pepsi Gives You Wings! Erika and Jena are showing their spirit at a St. Paul football game.



Smile! Dawna, Chesna, and Jaleesa are posing for the camera at the bonfire.



The Wheeler Twins.... Jena Wheeler and cousin Haley Wheeler are posing for the camera on favorite team and hat day.

Lady Flyer Basketball



Front: Mandy Greif, Jaleesa Scott. 2nd Row: Haley Wheeler, Jennifer Houston, Robyn Studebaker, Kayla Thornton. 3rd Row: Dolores Gonzalez, Jena Wheeler, Kristin Buster, Amy Greif, Karra Reaves. Back: Mgr. Heather Welch, Coach Vern Minor, Mgr. Jordan Wheeler, Asst. Coach Betty Wheeler, Whitney Clift, Erin Cox, and Michale Larkin.



Erin Cox

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Erin Cox attempts to block out an Indian while Amy Greif looks on.



Kayla Thornton and Kristin Buster watch the shot go up.

What's the Score?

opponent	us	them
So. Coffey County	44	48
Marais de Cygne	32	53
Colony Crest	50	32
St. Paul	26	36
Colony Crest	46	37
Oswego	52	21
Colgan	49	53
Chetopa	48	24
Altoona Midway	46	16
Oswego	42	41
Colgan	31	46
Bronaugh	54	22
Golden City	44	56
Elk Valley	56	28
St. Paul	31	57
Chetopa	64	31
Altoona Midway	40	30
Elk Valley	47	32
Hartford	45	34
Waverly	52	53
Chetopa	73	25
So. Coffey County	46	65



Record: 13-9



Hands Up Defense . . . Erin Cox and Kristin Buster set up the zone defense in a big win over Bronough.



Get Back . . . Jena Wheeler hustles back on defense against Bronough.



Erin Cox attempts a block at Liberal.



Fly Away Hair. . . Whitney Clift is in defensive motion at the Liberal Tourney.



Comin' Through. . . Kayla Thornton bullies through the Hartford center for a shot.



Michale Larkin gets up to block a shot.



Amy Greif yells at a Wildcat to throw off her shot.



A Bronough Wildcat heads to the hoop while Jennifer Houston plays catch up.



All League

*Erin Cox
Kayla Thornton*

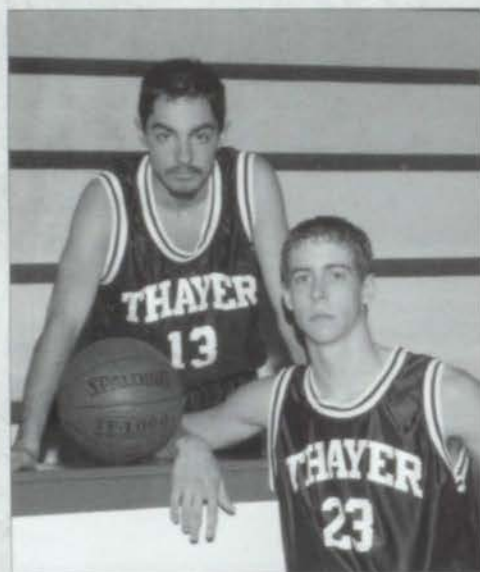
Honorable Mention

*Kristin Buster
Amy Greif
Michale Larkin*

Flyer Basketball



Front: Mgr. Jordan Lowden, Kyler Dannelley, Steve Cope, David Hougardy, David Seibel, Mgr. Hali Allen. Middle: Cody Lowden, Aaron Rehmert, Brian Powers, Scott Reaves, Mgr. Kelsie Brown. Back: Coach Tim Seibel, Zac Stipp, Adam Sallee, Brett Rousselle. Not Pictured: Asst. Coach Chris Holtzman



**Steve Cope and
Brett Rousselle**

Brett Rousselle
All-State Honorable Mention
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S E N I O R S



Brett, Steve, and Aaron Rehmert step back from the huddle while Coach Seibel gives instructions.

Let's Go. . . Brett Rousselle drives for the basket against St. Paul at home.





The Wave . . . David Seibel and Cody Lowden get their defensive hands up against the Hamilton Tigers.

Rebuilding for a
Championship
Team

All League
Brett Rousselle
Adam Sallee

Honorable Mention
Steve Cope



It can't be as bad as it looks, Aaron. . . Adam Sallee posts up while Aaron Rehmert obviously has taken a bump from a St. Paul defender.



Get him, Steve. . . Senior Steve Cope and Aaron Rehmert hassle a Hamilton player in the backcourt.



Brian Powers and Aaron Rehmert hustle on defense against Hartford.



Lay-Up . . . Brian Powers lays one in for the Flyers.

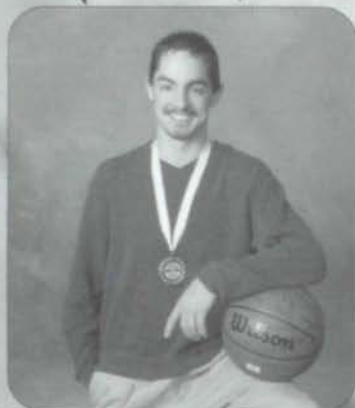
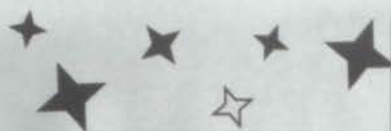
Get Up for the Jump. . . Brett Rousselle and a Hartford Jaguar vie for the tip off.

Scoreboard

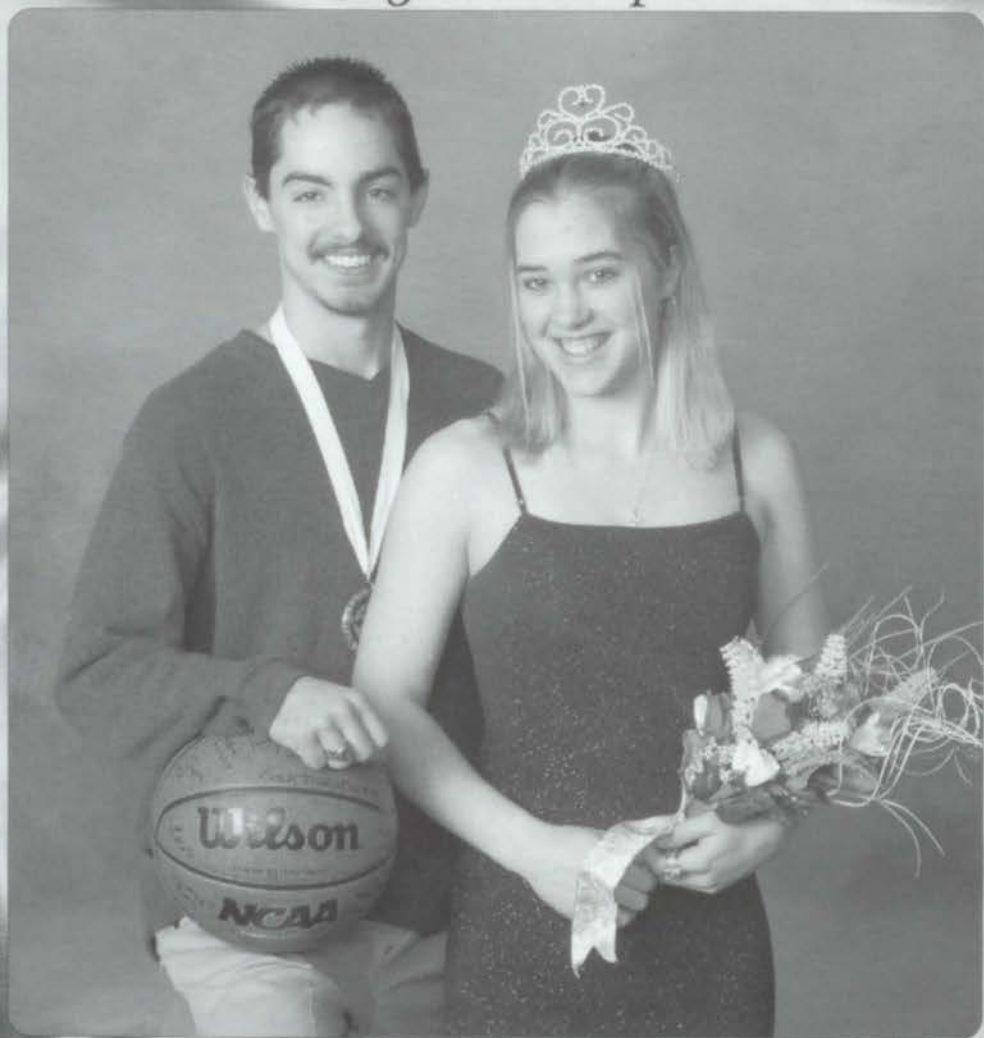
Team	Us	Them
S. Coffey Co.	57	59
Md CU	39	59
Colony Crest	58	53
St. Paul	60	40
Colony Crest	50	55
Oswego	44	57
Colgan	36	90
Chetopa	67	62
Altoona	52	41
Oswego	45	57
Bronaugh	48	63
Thomas Jefferson	46	55
Liberal	57	48
Elk Valley	61	17
St. Paul	58	77
Chetopa	73	47
Altoona	60	34
Elk Valley	72	45
Hartford	46	58
Waverly	57	64
Hamilton	66	48
St. Paul	50	82

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*Brett &
Erika*



*Sam &
Whitney*



*Richard &
Kristin*



*Adam &
Amy*



*Joshua &
Jordan*



The Queen candidates give a smile as they gather round the new 2004 basketball Queen! LtoR: Kristin Buster, Whitney Clift, Taylor Holtzman, Erika Ellis, Amy Greif.

January 30, 2004

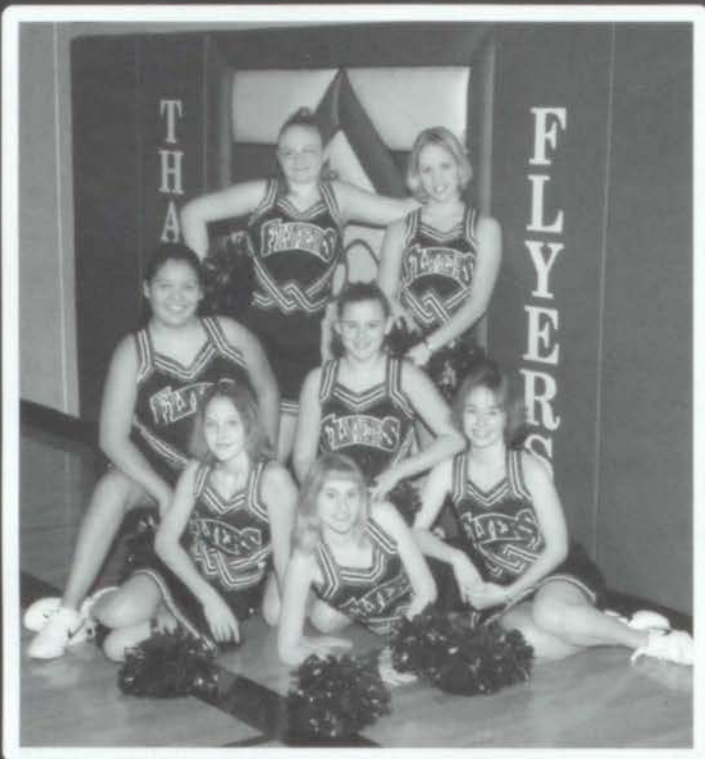


Best friends share a hug after being announced the new 2004 Basketball Homecoming King and Queen!

The Hug!



LtoR: Richard Floersch, Kristin Buster, Brett Rousselle, Erika Ellis, Steve Cope, Taylor Holtzman, Adam Sallee, Amy Greif, Sam Kopley, Whitney Clift, Joshua Madl, and Jordan Loyd.



Front row, left to right:
Mandy Grief, Mandy
Raida, & Nicole
Holtzman.

Middle:
Dolores Gonzalez &
Haley Wheeler

Back: Kay Green &
Karra Reaves

High School Cheerleaders

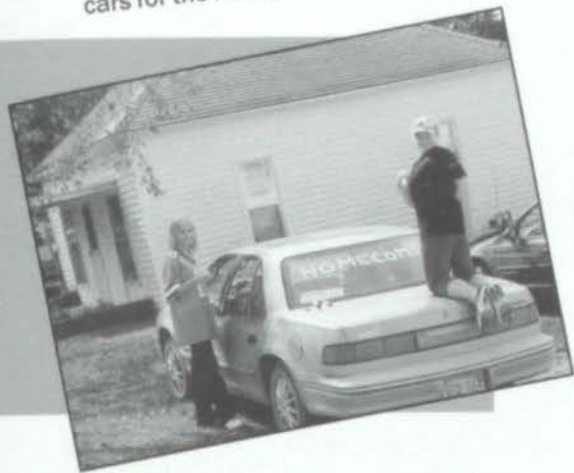


Don't mind us!
Co-captains Nicole Holtzman and Karra
Reaves secretly decorate Mrs. Hudiburg's
SUV, before she travels to St. Paul.

Let's Go Boys!
The cheerleaders line up to wish the
boys Good Luck!

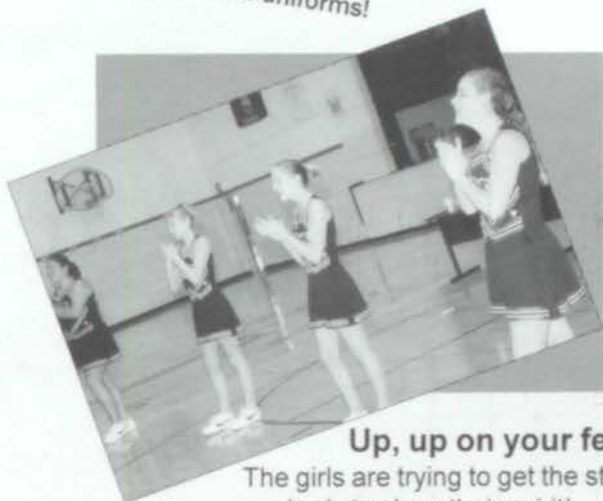


Yes, we're skipping class again!
Mandy Raida and Kay Green are decorating
cars for the Homecoming festivities.

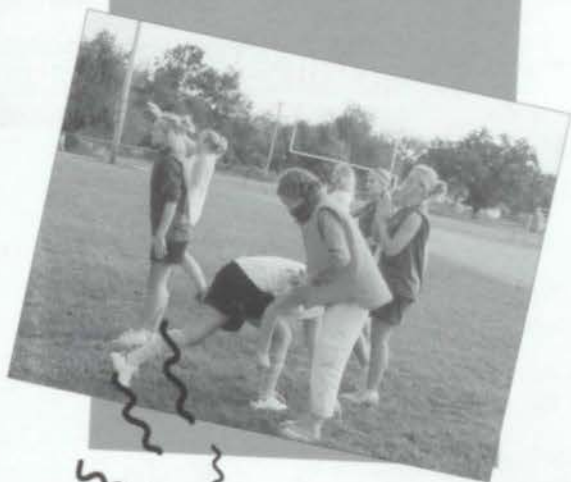


Is that the K-State Cheerleaders?
The High School cheerleaders
are showing off their new uniforms!

I want to be a cheerleader!
Robyn Studebaker tries to retrieve a piece of candy while
the cheerleaders are cheering.



Up, up on your feet....
The girls are trying to get the student
body to show their spirit!



Three Musketeers.....
The Freshmen cheerleaders, Mandy Greif,
Dolores Gonzalez and Haley Wheeler, are
caught red-handed with the car paint.

BASEBALL



Back: Asst. Coach Seth Minor, Coach Vern Minor, Brett Rousselle, Adam Sallee. Middle: Brian Powers, Scott Reaves, David Seibel, Masson Stout, Steve Cope, Cody Lowden. Front: Mgr. Robyn Studebaker, Kyler Dannelley, Garrett Welch, Derrick Umbarger, Andrew Allen, Aaron Rehmert, and Zac Stipp.

Seniors



Back: Brett Rousselle. Middle: Steve Cope, Derrick Umbarger. Front: Masson Stout.

Baseball Scoreboard

	Us	Them
Altoona Midway	13	2
Altoona Midway	11	0
Sedan	1	8
Copan, Oklahoma	6	5
Cherryvale	4	17
Oswego	1	3
Oswego	10	0
Humboldt	6	7
Central Heights	5	15
Altoona Midway	20	14
Altoona Midway	21	6
Elk Valley	20	0
Elk Valley	21	2
Yates Center	7	3
Yates Center	0	3
Chetopa	16	6
Chetopa	10	9
Altoona Midway	13	0
Oswego	16	10
Colgan	0	15
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Steve Cope rounds third after his long home run against Elk Valley.

Then... crosses the plate.



Masson Stout attempts to score on a hit by Adam Sallee.



and is greeted by...



THE TEAM!!!!

Below: Adam Sallee listens as the team gathers around for a short meeting between innings.



Coach Minor gives Steve Cope a word of advice while Derrick Umbarger prepares for his turn at bat.

Brett Rousselle delivers a pitch to an Elk Valley Lion.



Garrett Welch throws the ball to the first baseman from the short stop position.



Derrick Umbarger throws the ball to the pitcher from third base.

Mineral Belt League

- Garrett Welch - 1st Team
- Brett Rousselle - 1st Team
- Steve Cope - 1st Team
- Masson Stout - 2nd Team
- Derrick Umbarger - 2nd Team
- Aaron Rehmert - Hon. Men.
- Scott Reaves - Hon. Men.

Flyer Softball



Back Row : Left to Right: Asst. Coach Debbie Callarman, Heather Welch, Dolores Gonzalez, and Coach Betty Wheeler. Middle Row: Mandy Greif, Tifny Spears, Jennifer Houston, Amy Greif, Whitney Clift, and Rae Lynn Rash. Front Row: Krystal Evans, Jaleesa Scott, Kay Green, Haley Wheeler, Jena Wheeler, Miranda Kissel, Megan Hartman, and Mgr. Jordan Wheeler.

Scoreboard

Sedan:	.....	1-15
Elk Valley:	.....	1-14
St. Paul:	.....	3-8
St. Paul:	.....	16-26
Oswego:	.....	0-15
Oswego:	.....	8-10
Ft. Scott J.V.:	.....	7-10
Burlington J.V.:	...	21-5
Neodesha:	.....	15-0
Elk Valley:	.....	0-4
Elk Valley:	.....	4-16
Giraard J.V.:	.....	0-15
Girard J.V.:	.....	1-16
Yates Center:	.....	6-9
Yates Center:	.....	3-13
Chetopa:	.....	4-5
Chetopa:	.....	5-17
St. Paul:	.....	13-2
St. Paul:	.....	15-0
Elk Valley:	.....	3-8
St. Paul:	.....	17-0
Colgan:	.....	5-17



Rae Lynn Rash and Krystal Evans ham it up while waiting to bat.



Amy Grief hustles to catch a fly ball against Elk Valley.



Left: The Flyers girls are ready to take on the St. Paul Indians. Pictured are: Jennifer Houston, Amy Greif, Rae Lynn Rash, Whitney Clift, and Jena Wheeler.

Whitney, You Have to Work on that Form. . . Whitney Clift slides in safe against Elk Valley.



After playing a tough loss in the Sedan Tournament against Sedan, the girls relax before facing Elk Valley.



Sophomore Jena Wheeler winds up to pitch during the Thayer J.V. Tournament.



Whitney Clift catches a fly ball at shortstop for the out.



Haley Wheeler stretches to catch a throw from Whitney Clift at first base while Heather Welch runs in to back up the throw.

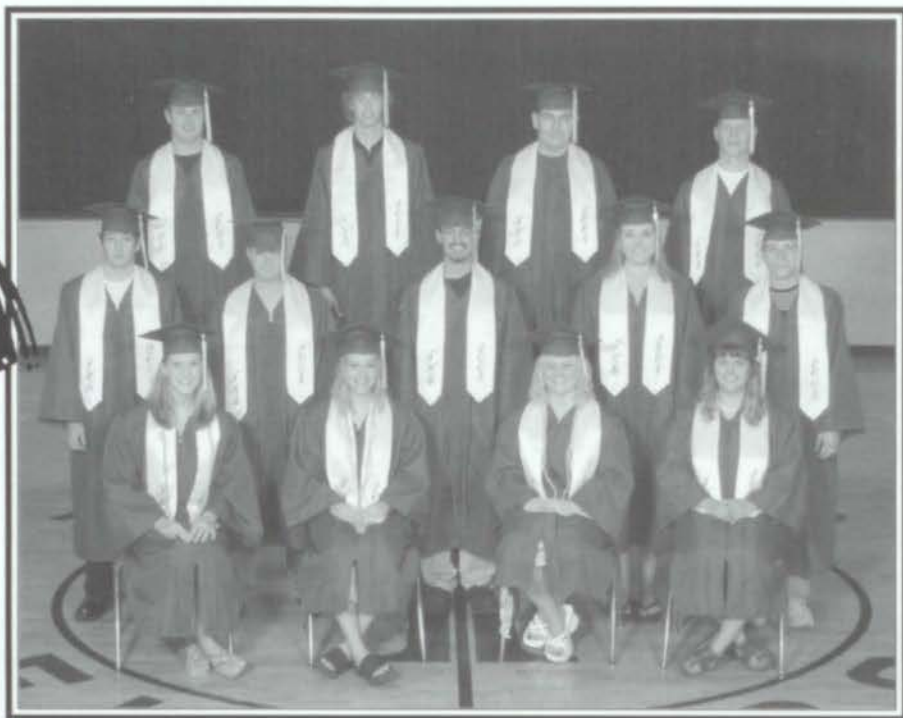
some
kind of fun

Mineral Belt League
Amy Greif - 1st Team
Whitney Clift - 2nd Team
Jena Wheeler - 2nd Team
Rae Lynn Rash - 2nd Team
Haley Wheeler - Hon. Men.



Rae Lynn Rash pitches against Neodesha at the J.V. Tournament with Jaleesa ready in right field.

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Valedictorian



Erika Ellis

Citizenship Award



*Erin Cox
Steve Cope*

Salutatorian



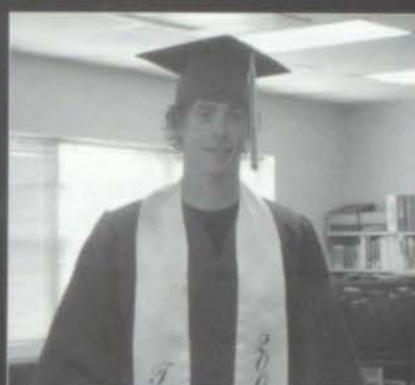
Taylor Holtzman



Kody and Masson



Kelsie



Brett



Pam



Erika and Sam share a smile before graduation.



Richard



Junior Honor Escorts... Amy Greif and Kayla Aikins

There's one in every crowd... Masson Stout hams it up when the parents line them up for the final group shot.



Chase and Derrick



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Bringing Home a State Championship

For many years, Mr. Minor has offered a Body Fitness class which includes lifting weights as part of the curriculum. This year, he entered a group of his weight lifters in the Cherryvale Power Lifting meet on April 3rd. On that date, four students brought home 10 medals. Their awards are as follows:

Denick Umbarger
3rd-Bench-240lbs.
3rd-DeadLift-365lbs.

Masson Stout
1st-Bench-235lbs.
3rd-DeadLift-365lbs.

Chase Moore
1st-Bench-260lbs.
3rd-Overall-890lbs.

Garrett Welch
1st-Squat-350lbs.
3rd-Bench-225lbs.
3rd-DeadLift-370lbs.
2nd-Overall-945lbs.



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Chase Moore
1st-Bench-265lbs.
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Garrett Welch
3rd-Bench-230lbs.
4th-Squat-340lbs.

Masson Stout
1st-Bench-240lbs. - State Champ
5th-PowerClean-225lbs.
6th-Squat-275lbs.
2ndOVERALL-740lbs



On May 1st, Derrick, Masson, Garrett, and Chase entered the Kansas Eight Man Football Association sanctioned State Championship Power Lifting Meet at Quivera Heights High School in Bushton, Kansas.

Masson Stout was named state champion in the Bench Press (148 pound class) lifting 240 lbs. Masson was 5th in Power Clean at 225 lbs. and 6th in Squat at 275 lbs. He also received 2nd overall in his class lifting 740 lbs.

Chase Moore was also crowned state bench press champion lifting 265 pounds (165 pound class).

Garrett Welch competed in the 156 pound class and won 3rd in Bench Press lifting 230 lbs, and 4th in Squat lifting 340 lbs.



Chase



Denick

Masson



Garrett



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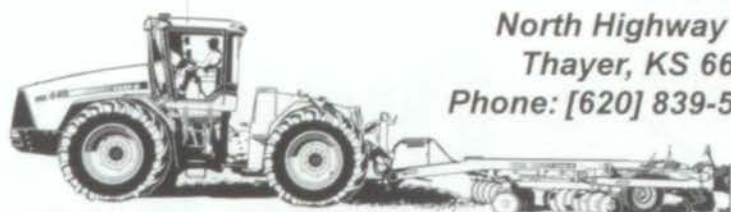
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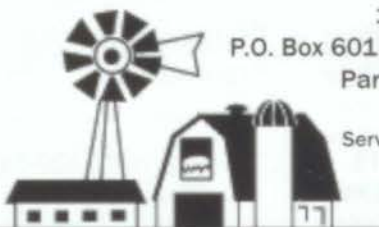
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Jr. High MBL Track Meet

James Aikins	1st	Shot Put
Christina Cope	1st	Shot Put
Caleb Seibel	3rd	1 Mile Run
Taylor Scott	5th	Shot Put
Brett Thornton	4th	400m Run
Christian Cruz	6th	1 Mile Run
James Aikins	3rd	Discus
Ryan Studebaker	6th	400m Run
7th Grade Boys	6th	400m Relay

Jr. High Scholastic Meet 8th Grade

Social Studies 1st
English 3rd

7th Grade

Science 1st
Current Events 1st
Math 1st
English 2nd
Social Studies 3rd

Quiz Bowl

Pool A 2nd
Pool B 3rd

Mineral Belt All-League

Kayla Thornton	Volleyball	1st Team
Erin Cox	Volleyball	1st Team
Taylor Holtzman	Volleyball	1st Team
Jena Wheeler	Volleyball	Hon. Men.
Garrett Welch	Football	1st Team
Richard Floersch	Football	1st Team
Steve Cope	Football	1st Team
Derrick Umbarger	Football	1st Team
Masson Stout	Football	2nd Team
Richard Floersch	Football	2nd Team
Kody Dannelley	Football	2nd Team
Adam Sallee	Football	2nd Team
Derrick Umbarger	Football	2nd Team
Casey Hougardy	Football	Hon. Men.
Erin Cox	Basketball	1st Team
Kayla Thornton	Basketball	1st Team
Brett Rousselle	Basketball	1st Team
Adam Sallee	Basketball	1st Team
Kristin Buster	Basketball	Hon. Men.
Amy Greif	Basketball	Hon. Men.
Michale Larkin	Basketball	Hon. Men.
Steve Cope	Basketball	Hon. Men.
Garrett Welch	Baseball	1st Team
Brett Rousselle	Baseball	1st Team
Steve Cope	Baseball	1st Team
Derrick Umbarger	Baseball	2nd Team
Masson Stout	Baseball	2nd Team
Aaron Rehmert	Baseball	Hon. Men.
Scott Reaves	Baseball	Hon. Men.
Amy Greif	Softball	1st Team
Whitney Clift	Softball	2nd Team
Jena Wheeler	Softball	2nd Team
Rae Lynn Rash	Softball	2nd Team
Haley Wheeler	Softball	Hon. Men.

Erika Ellis

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Kayla Aikins	Bookkeeping	2nd
Hali Allen	Spanish 2	5th
Steve Cope	CAD	5th
Steve Cope	On-Site CAD	4th
Meghan Hatcher	On-Site Drafting	4th
Taylor Holtzman	Filing	4th
Taylor Holtzman	Office Practice	5th
Sam Kepley	On-Site CAD	3rd
Sam Murphey	CAD	5th
Robyn Studebaker	Table Arrangement	4th
Haley Wheeler	Keyboarding 1	5th

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Brett Rousselle

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student awards.**8th Grade Presidential Scholars**

Caleb Seibel
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Michelle Keller
Jacob Whitson
Wendy Stafford
Brandon Stich

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8th Grade
Citizenship Award
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Brittany Rohling

SkillsUSA State Competition

Robyn Studebaker	Computer Applications	1st
Kay Green	Related Technical Math	2nd
Sam Kepley	Technical Welding	4th

**Cherryvale
Weight Lifting Meet**

Garrett Welch		
1st	Squat	350 lbs.
2nd	Overall	945 lbs.
3rd	Bench	225 lbs.
3rd	Dead Lift	370 lbs.
Masson Stout		
1st	Bench	235 lbs.
3rd	Dead Lift	365 lbs.
Derrick Umbarger		
3rd	Bench	240 lbs.
3rd	Dead Lift	365 lbs.
Chase Moore		
1st	Bench	260 lbs.
3rd	Overall	890 lbs.

State Weight Lifting Meet

Garrett Welch		
3rd	Bench	230 lbs.
4th	Squat	340 lbs.
Masson Stout		
1st	Bench	240 lbs.
2nd	Overall	740 lbs.
5th	Power Clean	225 lbs.
6th	Squat	275 lbs.
Chase Moore		
1st	Bench	265 lbs.

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One Step Closer . . .

The school year began on an uncertain note when the Board of Education voted 4-3 to pursue a bond election to construct a new consolidated high school at a central location. Seconds later, that board voted in a 4-3 decision to close Thayer and St. Paul High Schools at the end of the 2003-04 school year. This vote was rescinded a month later, but the damage to the school morale had been done.

When the yearbook staff sat down to decide upon a theme for this year's book, a cloud seemed to descend upon the room. Normally, when choosing a theme, the students are alive with ideas and hopes for their futures. The thought of not having their home-town high school the next year cast a pall over the entire school, and was ever-present in the yearbook classroom. Themes about moving on, changes, or history didn't work. Funny or flippant themes were out of the question. This was too important to take lightly.

The only theme that seemed appropriate was, "One Step Closer . . .". When I questioned the students about what we were stepping closer to, they could not answer. But one thing was for sure, even though they did not know the direction, steps would be taken one way or another on their educational behalfs. So, we stepped out on faith that all things would come together for the yearbook.



As the year rolled along, unrest and indecision seemed to riddle the students and staff. Every sentence seemed to start with, "If we have a school next year . . .". Community groups were organized to fight the consolidation efforts of the 101 Board. A walk-out protest was organized by THS students. Students skipped school and planned to picket in local communities. They were persuaded to cease and desist the protest on the promise from Mrs. Kim Bartelli and Mr. Randy Corns that they would be heard.

Days later, school board members Steve Wheeler and Bryan Coover addressed the students and answered questions from students in a very structured interview. Students left the meeting feeling that they had not been heard, since many of their questions were not allowed or the responses did not answer their questions.

Taking steps toward a known target is scary; imagine moving toward the unknown. With fear and uncertainty, THS students continued to forge ahead with as much normalcy as possible. Teachers asked students to not talk about the situation, but they couldn't stop them from thinking about it. Evidence of that thinking showed itself in students' writings, projects, and attitudes toward the school and each other.

And, then, on May 11th, THE BIG DAY, the CUSD #101 voting district rejected the \$14.13 million bond to build a new high school at the Hwy. 47 and Hwy. 59 junction south of Erie. The proposal was defeated by a wide margin of over 1000 votes. NOW WHAT? Students should have been able to sigh in relief, but instead the tension continues to mount. Majority board members vow to close our school no matter what.

The outcome is still a mystery. But wherever we are headed, we are definitely *ONE STEP*

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Betty Wheeler

by Betty Wheeler, 2004 Yearbook Advisor



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The United States heightens the war on terrorism by initiating a "shock and awe" campaign that liberates the Iraqis from former leader Saddam Hussein's regime. Further military actions resulted in the death of his sons Odai and Ousai and the celebrated capture of Hussein himself.



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon promises to relocate 17 Gaza Strip settlements.



Iranian Shirin Ebadi receives the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian efforts.



Nine months after she was abducted, Elizabeth Smart is found alive in Utah.



Architect Michael Arad's design, "Reflecting Absence," is selected for the World Trade Center memorial.



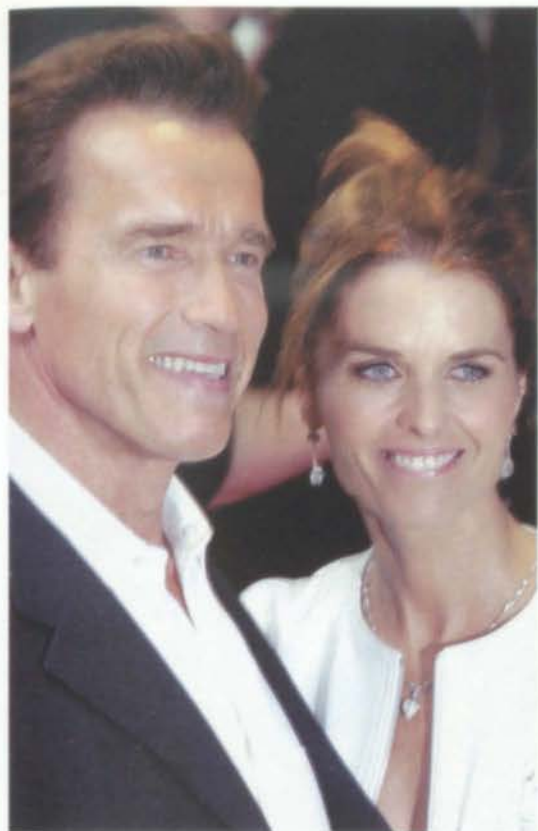
Eleven Russian coal miners are rescued after being trapped 2,625 feet below ground for six days.



Astronomers discover M4, the oldest known planet, estimated to be 12.7 billion years old.



While serving in Iraq, more than 500 American troops are killed and more than 3,000 are wounded.



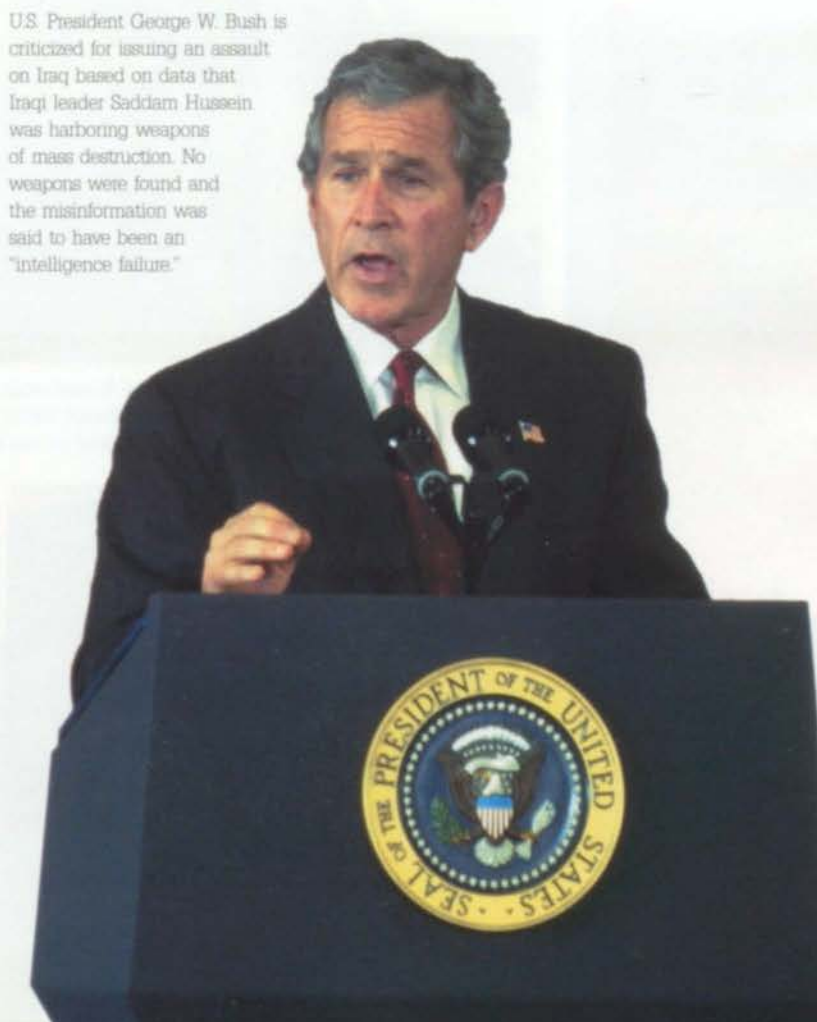
Californians voice disapproval of Gray Davis by voting Arnold Schwarzenegger governor in a recall election. Wife Maria Shriver resigned her seven-figure position with NBC News.



China, Taiwan and Canada are hit hardest by the deadly SARS virus. SARS killed more than 900 people and infected thousands worldwide. In an attempt to isolate the virus, breathing masks were worn, travelers were screened for symptoms and patients were quarantined.



Europeans endure one month of temperatures that soar above 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The record-breaking heatwave killed more than 19,000 people, withered crops, sparked wildfires, caused power outages and melted Alpine glaciers.



U.S. President George W. Bush is criticized for issuing an assault on Iraq based on data that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was harboring weapons of mass destruction. No weapons were found and the misinformation was said to have been an "intelligence failure."

WORLD EVENTS



Martha Stewart is convicted on multiple charges related to her sale of ImClone stock.



The United States Federal Reserve enters a colorful \$20 bill into circulation.



The "Protect Act of 2003" urges states to administer the Amber Alert system.



Pope John Paul II celebrates his 25th anniversary as pope. Despite the debilitating affects of Parkinson's disease the 83-year-old pontiff presided over an anniversary Mass that drew tens of thousands of people to St. Peter's Square, Vatican City.



Gary Ridgway, known as the Green River killer, admits that he murdered 48 women in Washington state.



The Homeland Security Department requires armed law enforcement officers on certain international flights.



Gyude Bryant becomes the leader of Liberia's postwar government. Former leader Charles Taylor was exiled.



Three capitol buildings close for cleanup when ricin is found in Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's mailroom.



A Washington state cow is the first U.S. bovine to contract mad cow disease.



Political commentator Rush Limbaugh seeks rehab for his addiction to painkillers.



A Staten Island ferry crashes into a pier killing 10 and injuring 42 people.



Iranian conjoined twins Ladan and Laleh Bijani die following separation surgery.



Mars comes within 35 million miles of earth, the closest encounter in 50,000 years.



Months after the 14-year-old Galileo spacecraft is vaporized in Jupiter's atmosphere, NASA debates the risk of repairing the Hubble Space Telescope or destroying it.



Roy Horn of Sigfreid & Roy is severely injured when his white tiger Montecore grabs him by the neck and drags him backstage during a Las Vegas performance.



Southern California wildfires char 600,000 acres of land and thousands of homes.



U.S. Customs officials begin scanning the fingerprints of foreign visitors and immigrants.

A major power outage simultaneously cripples cities in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Ontario, Canada.



World Events



U.S. Senator John Kerry, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, U.S. Senator John Edwards and Civil Rights Activist Al Sharpton campaign for the Democratic ticket in the 2004 Presidential Race against Republican President George W. Bush. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader also announced his candidacy as an Independent.



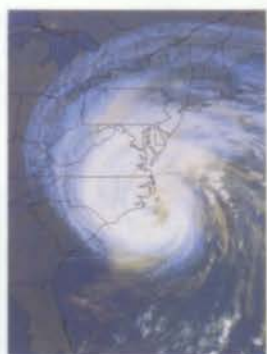
Americans are injected with more than 83 million flu vaccines in defense of the perilous "super flu" epidemic.



Taiwan's 1,674 foot Taipei Tower surpasses Malaysia's Petronas Towers, becoming the world's tallest building.



Following months of rebel opposition, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide is forced to flee his country.



Hurricane Isabel causes four deaths, flash flooding and massive power outages in six East Coast states.



Measuring 1,132 feet long, 236 feet high and valued at \$800 million, the Queen Mary II is the world's largest and most expensive passenger ship.



Kill Devil Hills, NC celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first manned and powered flight. Attempts to re-enact the flight failed because of unfavorable conditions.



Scientists debate whether a 40-foot wide, gelatinous sea specimen found on the coast of Chile is decomposing whale tissue or part of the rare Octopus Giganteus.



Air Force pilot Yang Liwei mans China's first human space mission.



More than 28,000 people die when a magnitude 6.6 earthquake rocks Bam, Iran.



Following two years of opposition, Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf and Indian Foreign Minister Yashwant Sinha agree to engage in dialogues aimed at resolving their long-term dispute over the Kashmir region.



Funny man Bob Hope, dies at 100. Hope's comic career brought laughter to American citizens and troops for more than 60 years.

The new Oklahoma City federal building was opened.

Canada's 3,000-year-old Ward Hunt Ice Shelf split in two.

The remains of Laci Peterson and child were found and husband, Scott, was indicted for the murders.

President Bush called for a lunar space station to be created by 2020.

A magnitude 8.0 earthquake rocked Japan and forced 41,000 people to evacuate Hokkaido island.

Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore was removed from office for refusing to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the State Supreme Court building.

A bird flu outbreak caused countries to ban the importation of U.S. chicken.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ignited a national controversy when it ruled against a state ban on same gender marriages.

Veteran broadcaster David Brinkley and U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond died.

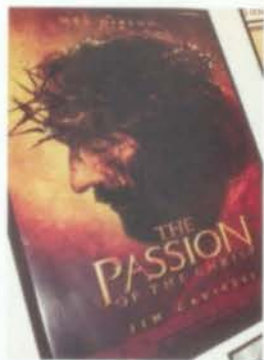
TV & MOVIES



"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" starring Elijah Wood and Sean Astin is this year's biggest box office hit earning more than \$925 million. "Rings" received four Golden Globes and 11 Academy Awards, including Best Picture.



After two seasons, Ashton Kutcher ends his MTV practical joke series "Punk'd"



"The Passion of the Christ" starring Jim Caviezel grosses \$117.5 million its first week



Benjamin McKenzie stars in Fox's new hit drama series "The O.C."



"Everybody Loves Raymond" collects four Emmys including Outstanding Comedy Series.



"Lost in Translation" and Bill Murray collect three Golden Globes and four Academy Award nominations.



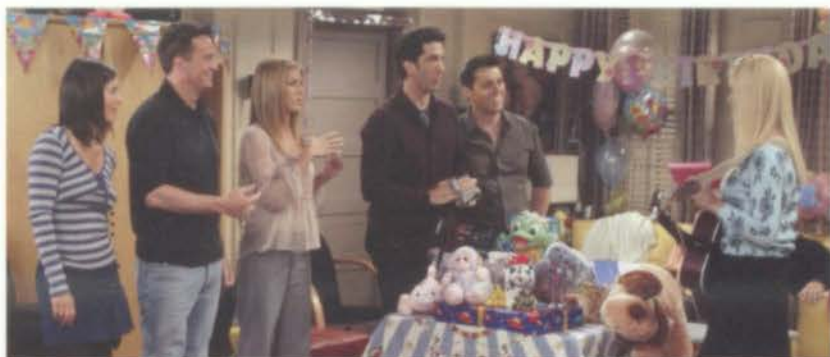
Emmy winner and beloved star of "8 Simple Rules" John Ritter tragically dies at 54.



"Seabiscuit" starring Tobey McGuire earns seven Academy Award nominations including Best Picture.



Johnny Depp wins a SAG award and Oscar nomination for "Pirates of the Caribbean."



Following 10 successful seasons Courteney Cox Arquette, Matthew Perry, Jennifer Aniston, David Schwimmer, Matt LeBlanc and Lisa Kudrow bid farewell to "Friends." The hit show picked up its third People's Choice Award for Favorite Comedy Series.



Lindsay Lohan stars in the remake of Disney's classic "Freaky Friday."



In the wake of their box office hit "Finding Nemo," Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney Company end their 12-year partnership. In addition, Disney rejected a takeover bid from cable giant Comcast and agreed to purchase Jim Henson Company's Muppets.

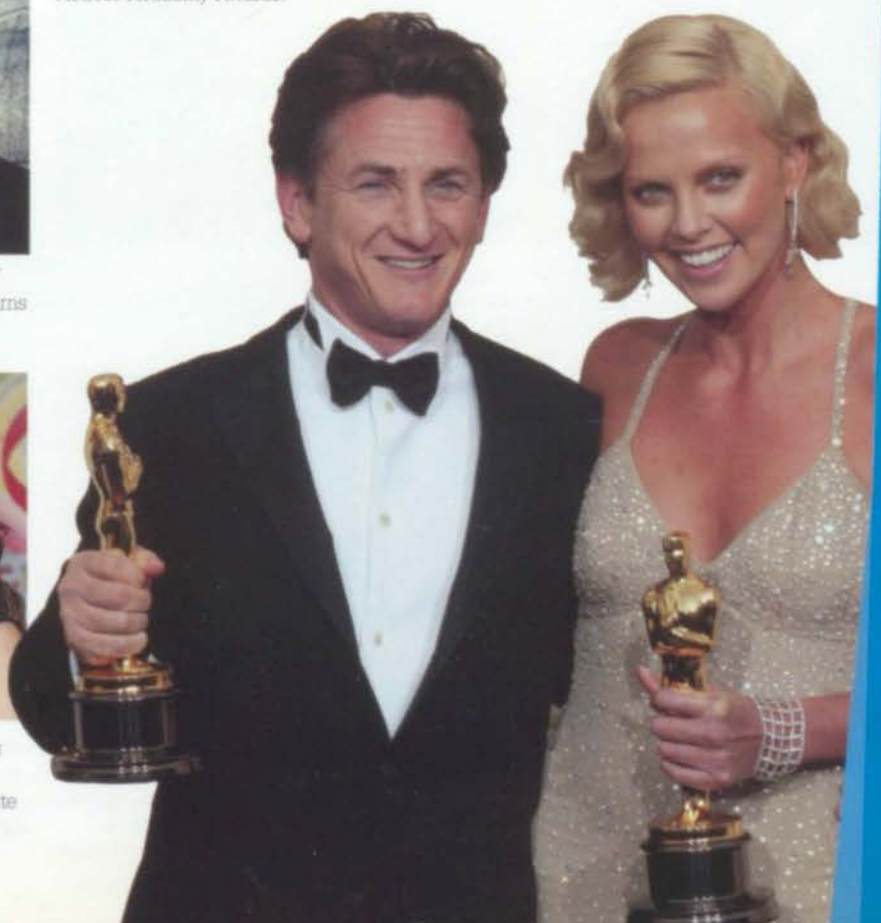


"Mystic River" star Sean Penn and "Monster's" Charlize Theron are awarded the Best Actor and Best Actress Academy Awards.

"Master and Commander," starring Russell Crowe, earns 10 Oscar nominations.



"Joan of Arcadia" starring Amber Tamblyn is the "People's Choice" for Favorite New TV Dramatic Series.



"The People" vote Tom Hanks their Favorite All-Time Entertainer.

ABC hosted a \$4 million wedding for "Bachelorette" couple Trista Rehn and Ryan Sutter.

MTV and CBS were criticized following a controversial Super Bowl halftime performance by Janet Jackson.

Other Hot Movies: "EI," "Big Fish," "The Hulk," "Bruce Almighty," "Cold Mountain," "School of Rock," "Freddy vs. Jason," "The Matrix Revolutions," "The Last Samurai" and "American Wedding."

Other Hot TV Shows: "CSI," "Fear Factor," "American Idol," "Survivor," "Will and Grace," "Six Feet Under" and "The Apprentice."

Legendary entertainers Gregory Peck, Buddy Ebsen, Charles Bronson, Katharine Hepburn, "Captain Kangaroo" Bob Keeshan and "Home Improvement's" Earl Hindman died.

MUSIC



Beyoncé Knowles wins five Grammys including Best R&B Song for "Crazy In Love" and Best Rap Collaboration with her boyfriend, rapper Jay-Z. Beyoncé also received three MTV Video Music Awards and starred in the movie "The Fighting Temptations."



Hillary Duff, star of "Lizzie McGuire," releases her first album "Metamorphosis."



Americans celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Beatles' arrival in the United States.



Kenny Chesney tops the music charts with his album "When the Sun Goes Down."



Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliot receives a Grammy and two MTV Video Music Awards for her song "Work It."



Grammy winner Johnny Cash dies at 71. During his career, Cash was featured on more than 500 albums.



Britney Spears marks the year with a controversial kiss, a brief Vegas marriage and her new album "In the Zone."



MTV's "Newlyweds: Jessica and Nick" exposes the marriage of singers Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson.



OutKast's Big Boi and Andre 3000 claim three Grammy awards including Album of the Year and Best Rap Album for "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below."



The Grammy for Best New Artist goes to rock group Evanescence.



Tenor Josh Groban's album "Closer" tops the Classical Billboard charts.



Rapper 50 Cent collects two American Music Awards for "Get Rich or Die Trying."



Ruben Studdard outsings Clay Aiken, becoming the second American Idol.



Coldplay receives three MTV Music Awards and their single "Clocks" is named Record of the Year at the Grammy Awards. Lead singer Chris Martin married actress and mom-to-be Gwyneth Paltrow.



Justin Timberlake's album "Justified" is awarded two Grammys for Best Pop Vocal Album and Best Male Pop Vocal Performance. Justin also won an American Music Award for Favorite Album-Pop or Rock and three Video Music Awards.

While touring in Europe heavy Metal singer Ozzy Osbourne was seriously injured in an ATV accident.

Stroke survivor Luther Vandross won four Grammys including one for Best R&B Album and two American Music Awards.

Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck call off their engagement ending the "Bennifer" frenzy.

Michael Jackson is indicted on charges involving inappropriate behavior with minors.

Prince Charles knighted Sir Mick Jagger in honor of "his services to popular music."

Other names in music this year included Country superstar Toby Keith, 80s glam rockers The Darkness, Maroon 5, Yeah Yeah Yeahs and The Strokes.

Notable musicians Warren Zevon, Robert Palmer, Barry White and Bobby Hatfield died.

TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY



Fast-food menus change to accommodate the rising number of low-carb dieters.



The Aquada, a new boat/car, can travel up to 30 mph in the water.



Busta Rhymes sports a trendy "throwback" jersey and retro cap.



The United States' second Mars rover, Spirit, explores the Red Planet's terrain. Following 10 days of lost contact, Spirit continued to collect data, dig for soil samples and set a one-day distance record of 70 feet.



Thick-soled and fur-lined Ugg boots stomp their way from Hollywood fashion to everyday footwear.



Physically handicapped people can now travel virtually anywhere in the Independence iBOT 3000.



Carylalls take on a fresh new look with beaded handbags, mesh backpacks and vintage cigar box purses.



High definition, flat screen televisions and DVD recorders are the new wave in home entertainment.



Millions of Americans ban telemarketers from phoning by signing the "Do Not Call List."



Mandy Moore wears cute "girl curls" while guys sport shaggy cuts and close shaves.



Powerpuff Girls, Hello Kitty and Curious George are popular cartoon characters.

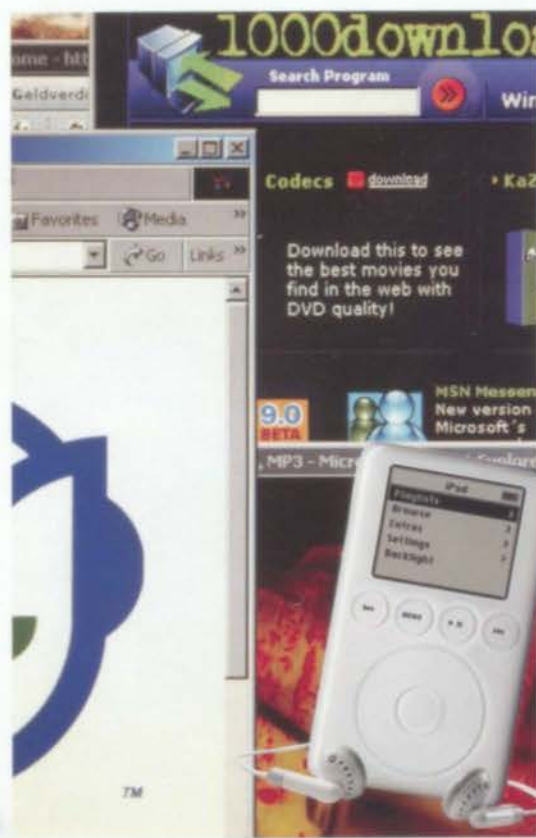


Online booking companies such as Orbitz and Expedia hurt travel agency sales.



The 80s styles make a comeback along with mini skirts, trucker caps, vintage t-shirts, distressed jeans, thick leather wrist bands, stiletto heels and a fascination with the mullet.

Sports Utility Vehicles outsell mini-vans becoming the new "family car." To compete with rising gas prices and smaller cars, automobile manufacturers developed the first hybrid SUVs.



Fines are issued to hundreds of illegal downloaders of music. Media sharing websites and the popularity of MP3 players are blamed for a 31 percent drop in CD sales.

Technology Trends

The first major book printed in the west, the Gutenberg Bible, was digitized and placed online for archival and educational purposes.

Siemens' Virtual Keyboard uses a laser projection that enables users to type on any flat surface.

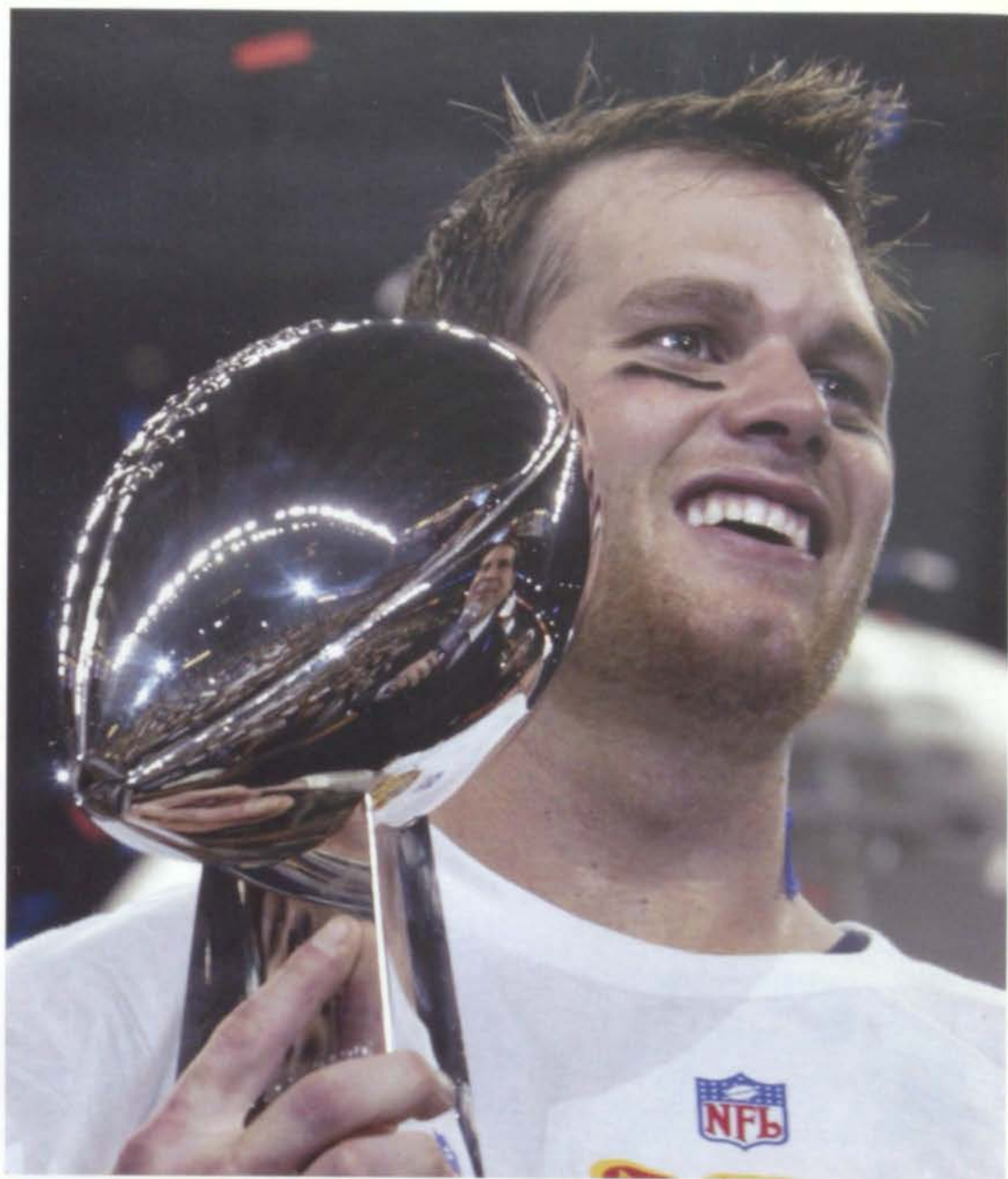
MasterCard created a "swipeless" credit card that emits radio signals.

Scientists developed a weed that changes color when it is grown over a landmine.

The "MyDoom" e-mail virus infected computers worldwide by installing a worm that crashed Microsoft Windows.

Scientists in South Korea clone the first human embryos for stem cell research.

Logitech created a digital pen that captures everything written or drawn and uploads the data to a computer via a USB cradle.



The New England Patriots win Super Bowl XXXVIII in an electrifying 32-29 victory over the Carolina Panthers. With four seconds remaining, the Patriots scored a field goal and claimed their second championship in three years. New England quarterback Tom Brady was Super Bowl MVP.



Carmelo Anthony and the Syracuse Orangemen win the NCAA Basketball Tournament.



On the final hole, Shaun Micheel claims his first win in 163 starts at the PGA Championship.



New Jersey Nets star Alonzo Mourning retires from the NBA to undergo a kidney transplant.



Laila Ali defends her IBA super middleweight title by defeating boxing great Christy Martin.



The UConn Huskies, led by Diana Taurasi, celebrate their second consecutive NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament victory after defeating the Tennessee Volunteers 73-68.



Lance Armstrong pedals to his fifth consecutive Tour De France title.



Justine Henin-Hardenne's eight tennis wins include the French and U.S. Opens.



Pro soccer team D.C. United signs a four-year deal with 14-year-old Freddy Adu.



Jose Santos rides Funny Cide into the Kentucky Derby winner's circle.



Golfer Annika Sorenstam is voted A.P. Female Athlete of the Year.



Heavyweight boxing champ Lennox Lewis retires at 38, ending a 14-year career.



The Florida Marlins win the World Series in a seven-game match up with the New York Yankees. Marlins pitcher Josh Beckett was series MVP.

Dale Earnhardt, Jr. follows in his father's footsteps as he drives to his first Daytona 500 victory on Feb. 15. He took the lead from Tony Stewart with 20 laps to go. The late Dale Earnhardt, Sr. claimed the same title six years earlier on Feb. 15, 1998.





Kristine Lilly, Brandi Chastain and Mia Hamm celebrate a 3-1 U.S. victory over Canada in the FIFA Women's World Cup. The win earned the United States a Bronze Medal.



League MVP Tim Duncan leads the San Antonio Spurs to the NBA championship.



Alex Rodriguez signs with the New York Yankees and moves from shortstop to third base.



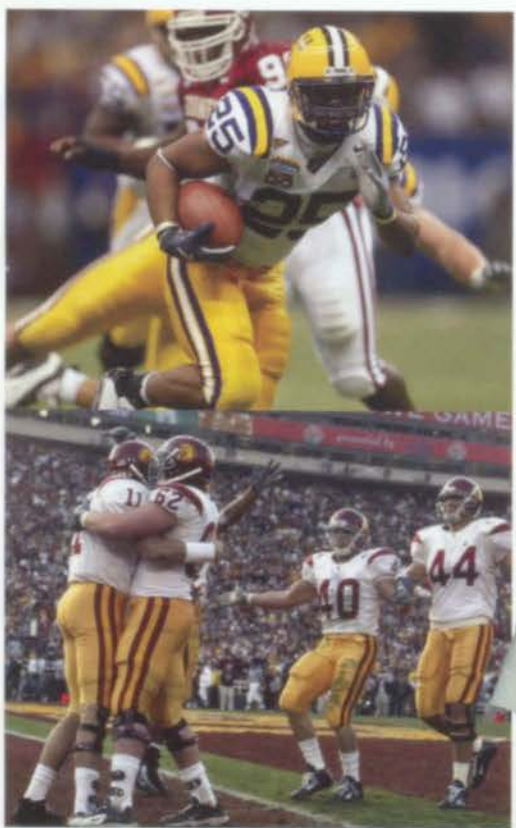
The New Jersey Devils earn their third Stanley Cup in nine seasons after defeating the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 4-3 in the seven game series.



Julie Krone becomes the first female jockey to win a Breeders' Cup race.



Andy Roddick defeats top-ranked Juan Carlos Ferrero in the U.S. Open Finals.



In the first tie since 1997, the LSU Tigers and the USC Trojans share this year's National Football Championship. The Trojans were voted No. 1 by the Associated Press, while the Tigers got the top vote in the Coaches' Poll.

Surfer Bethany Hamilton returns to competition just 10 weeks after losing her left arm in a shark attack.



Fan favorite John Daly won his first PGA tournament in nine years at the Buick Invitational.

Rice University claimed the College World Series title.

Tennis great Pete Sampras retired with a record 14 Grand Slam titles.

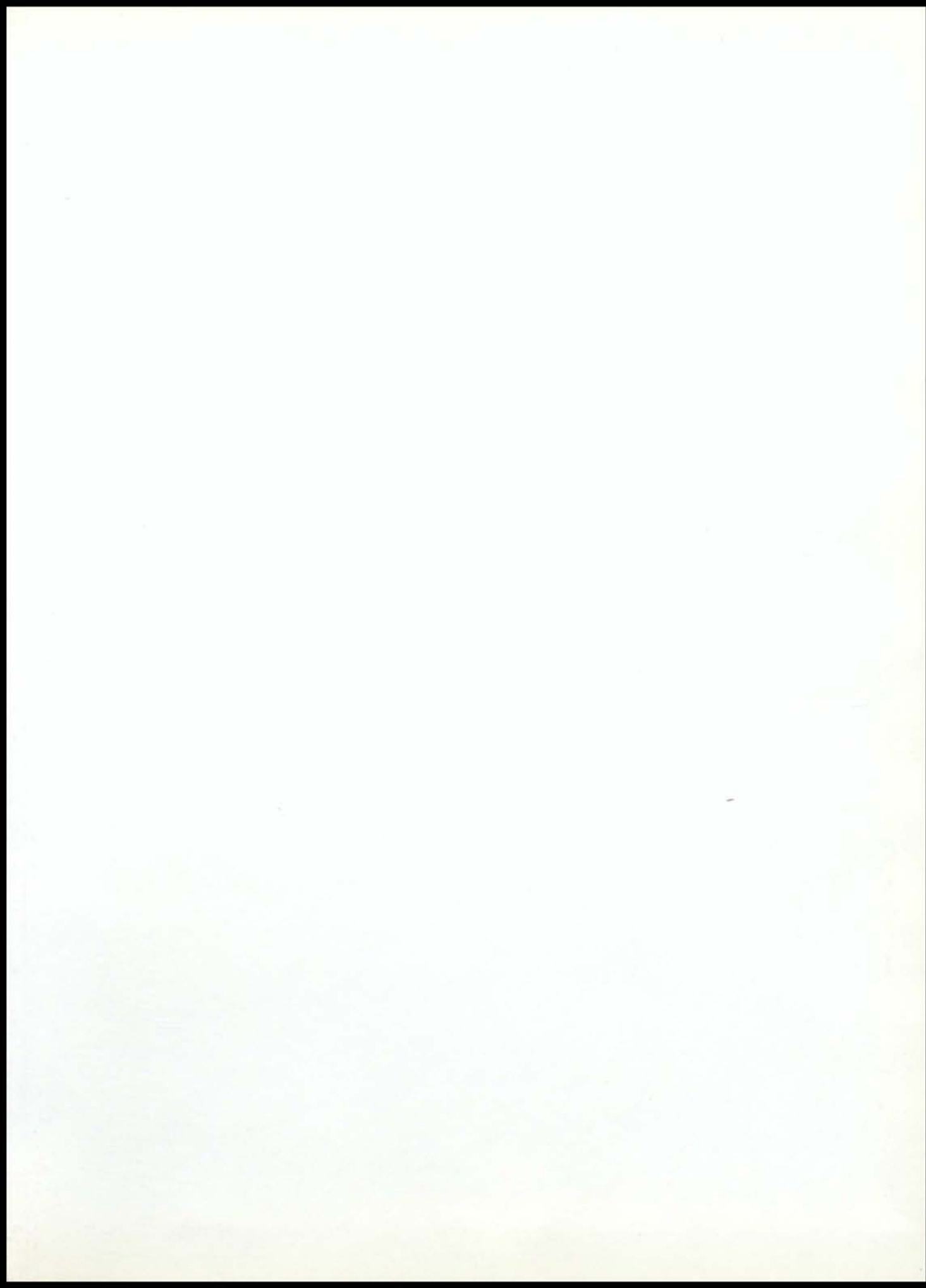
In game four of the National League Championship Series, Chicago Cubs fan Steve Bartman deflected a foul ball as left fielder Moises Alou attempted the catch.irate fans blamed Bartman for the Cubs' loss.

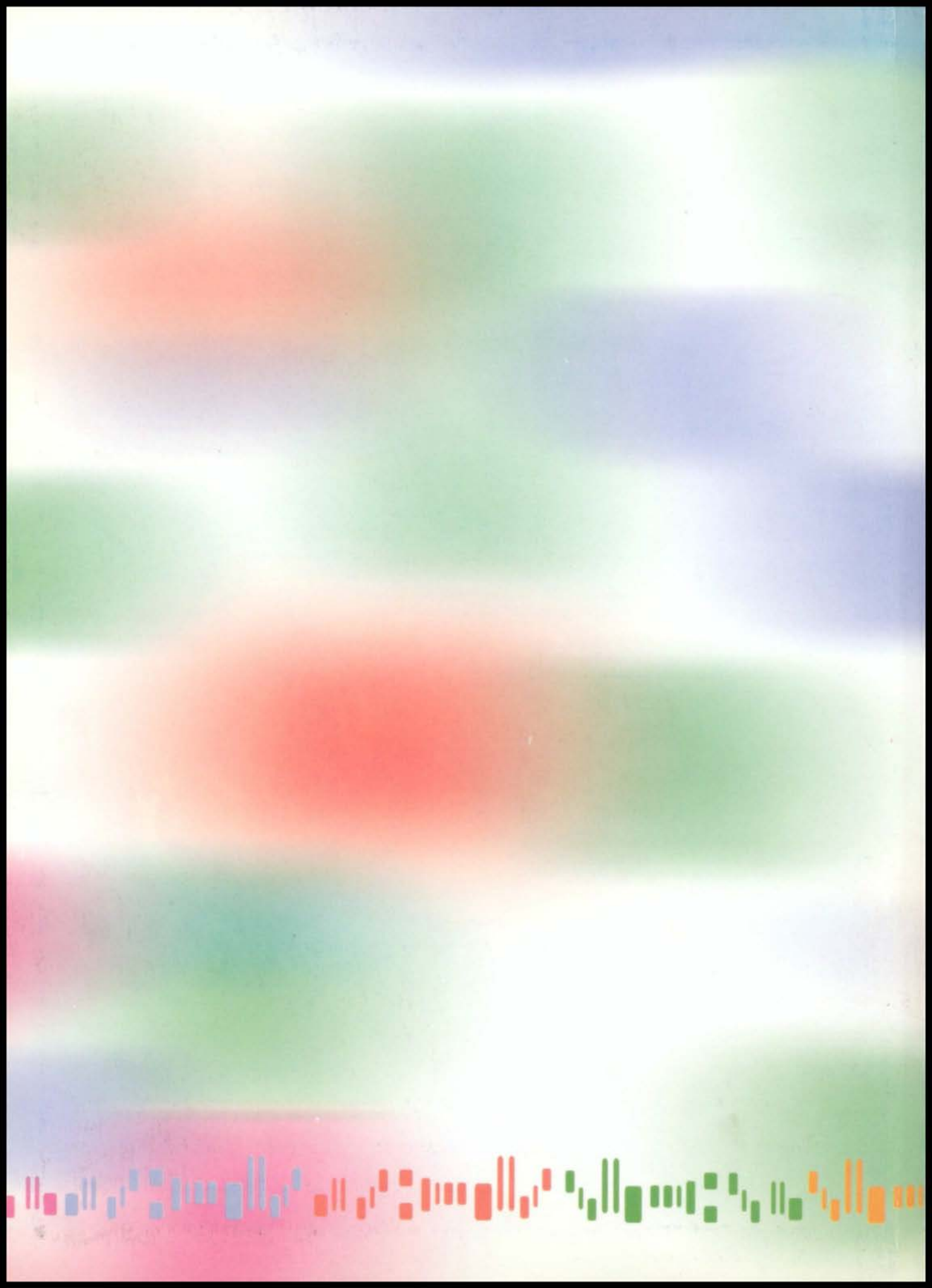
Chicago Cub Sammy Sosa was ejected when an umpire discovered he was using an illegal bat.

Wakeboarding phenom Dallas Friday, 16, wins a Summer X-Games Gold Medal.

Tug McGraw, pitcher for the "Miracle Mets" and Phillies, died at 59. He was the father of country music star Tim McGraw.

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