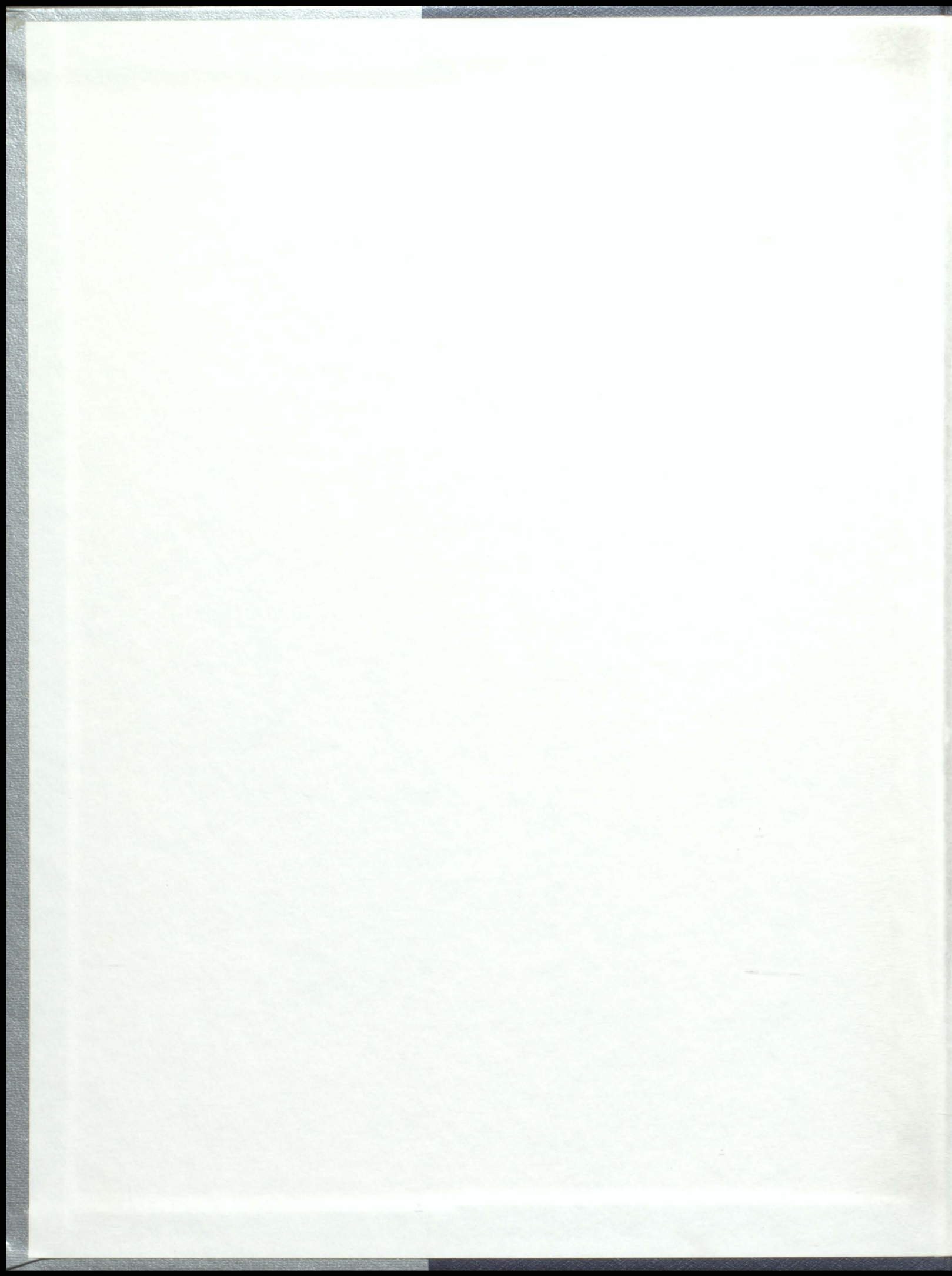
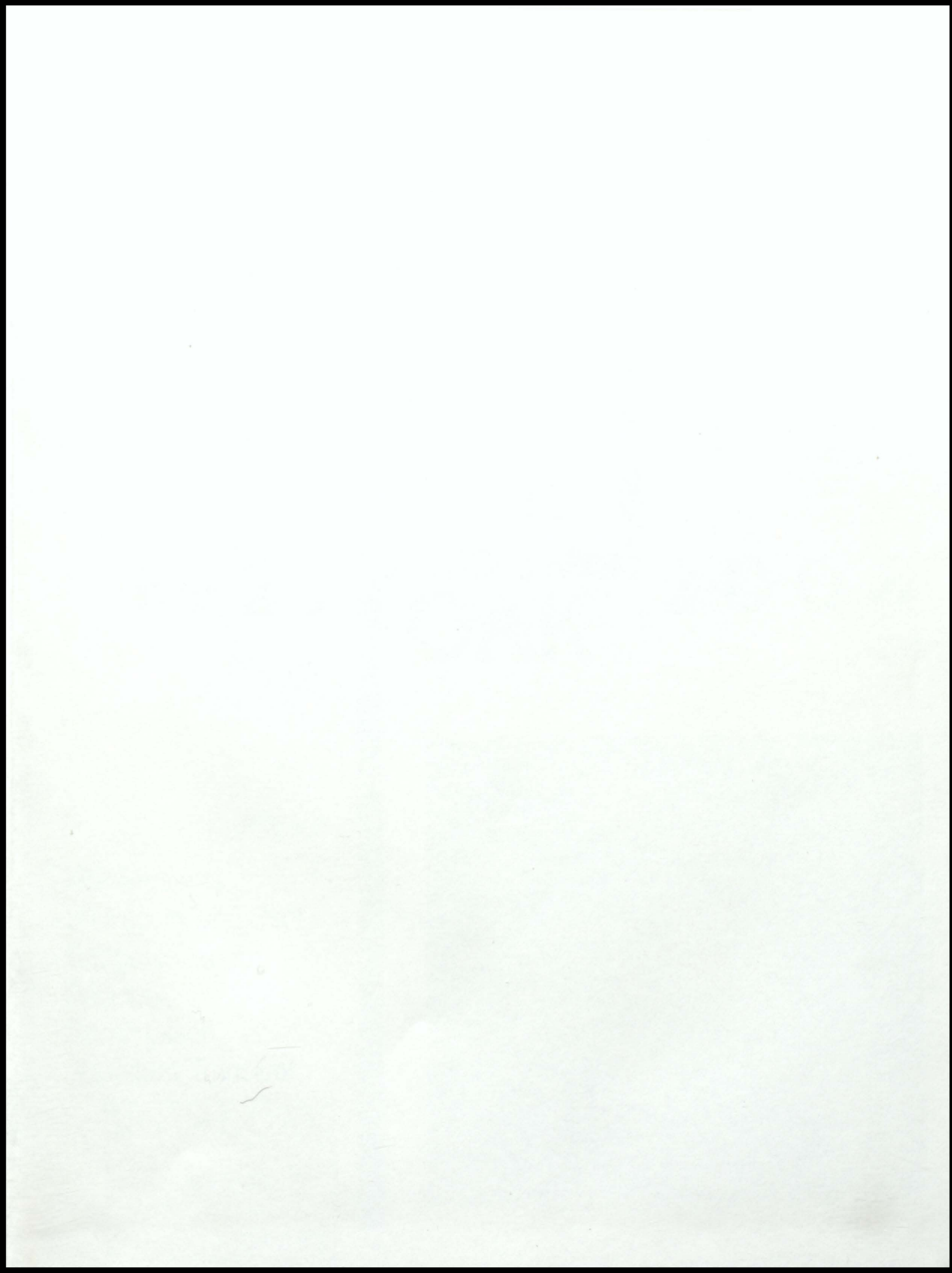


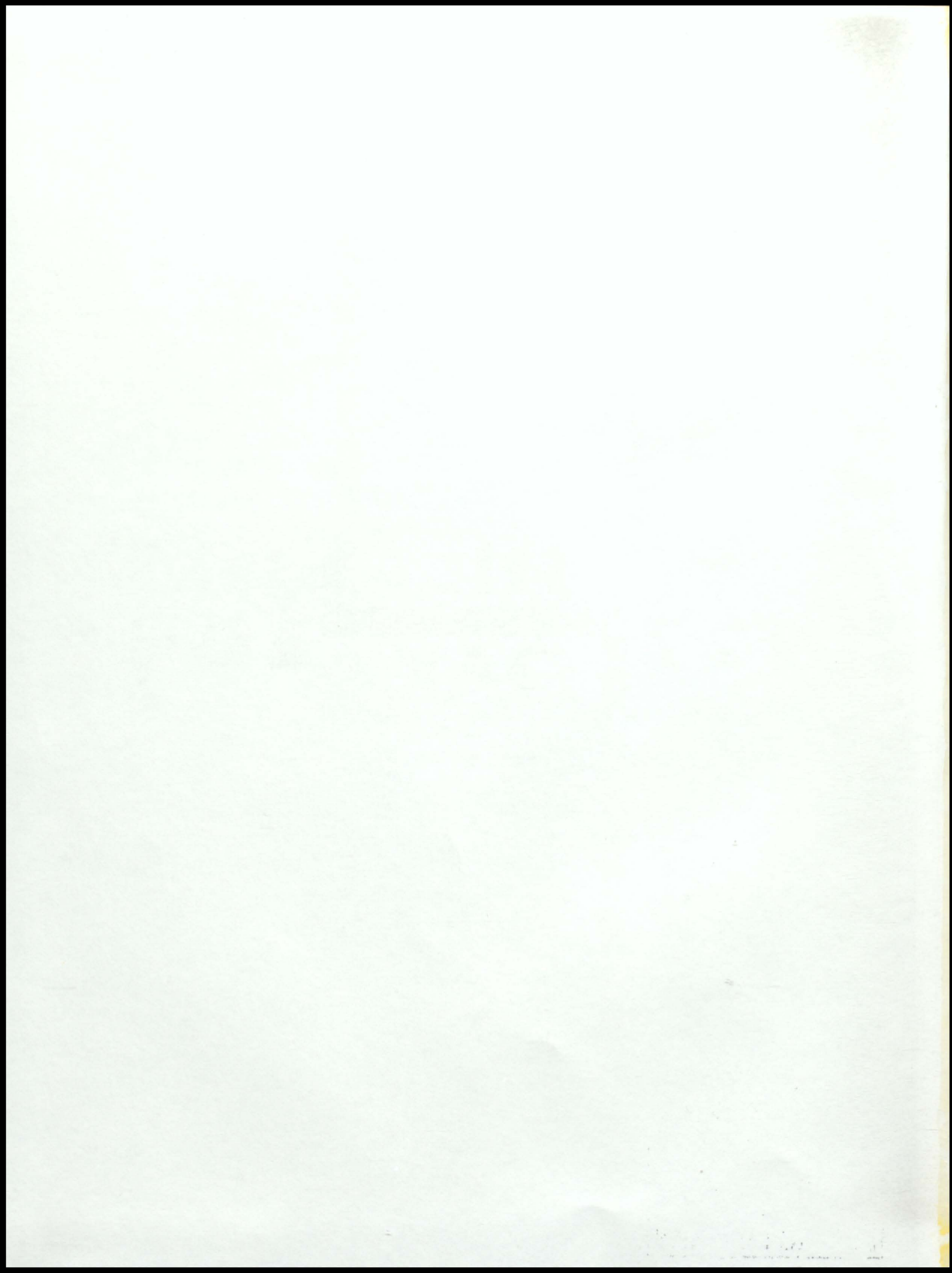
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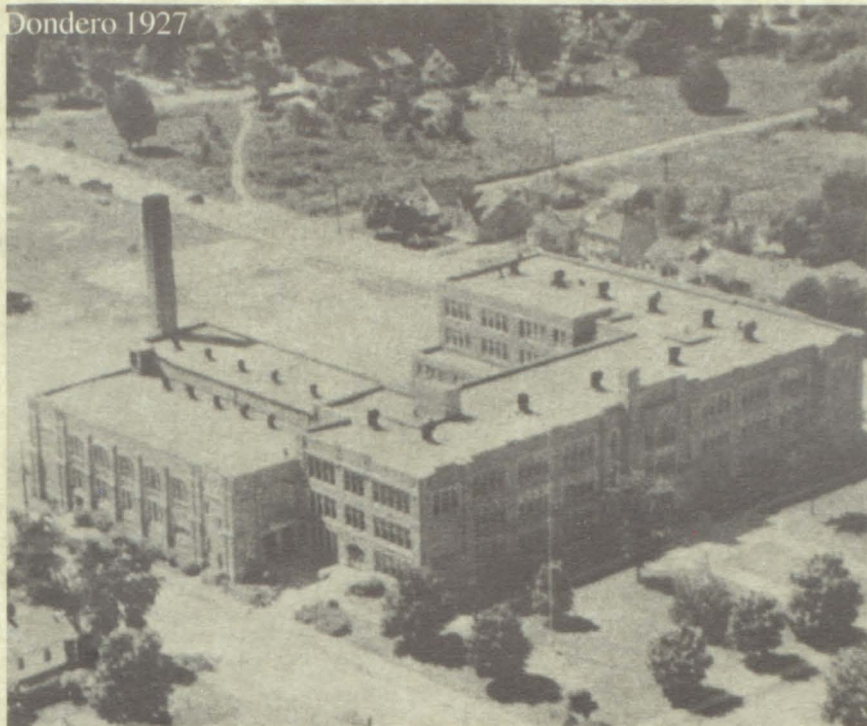
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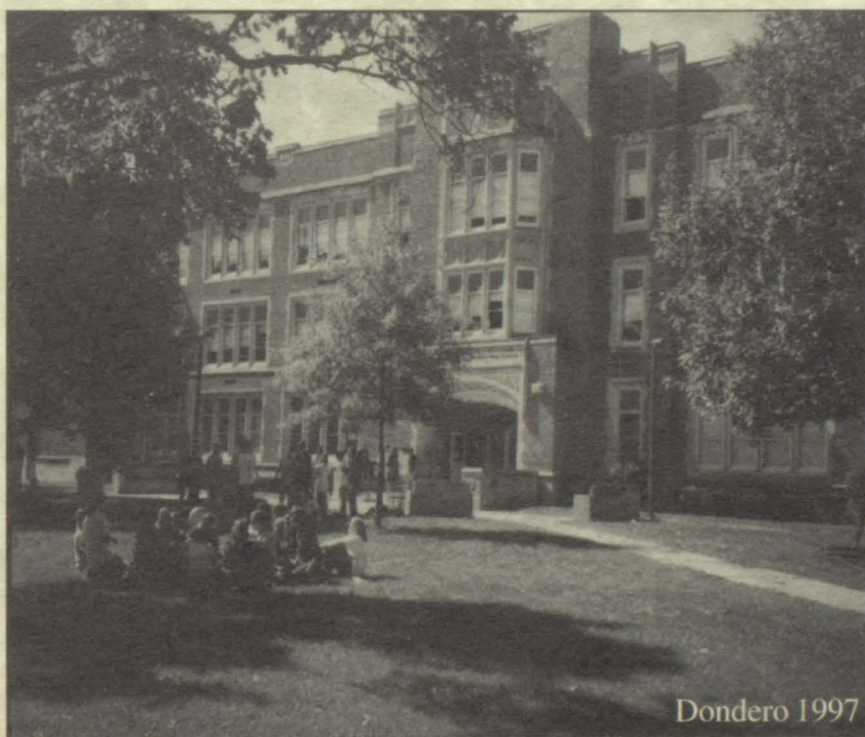
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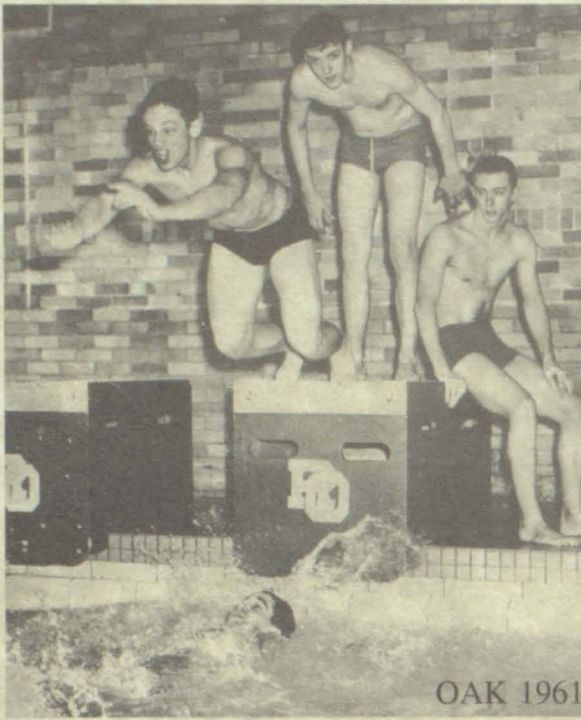
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Royal Oak High School opened its doors in 1926 as an educational institution with a goal in mind for students to "Enter here to learn, go forth to serve." When the Royal Oak community grew, Royal Oak High School could not facilitate all the students. Another high school was built in 1957, and this building became George A. Dondero High School. Over the years, Royal Oak Dondero High School has been a school like no other. This school is well-known for its warm, caring, family-like atmosphere.

This year, 2006, Royal Oak Dondero High School will be closing its doors for good, and once again, the city of Royal Oak will have one Royal Oak High School. While the closing of this institution that has meant so much to so many individuals is sad, it is also a time of celebration. This year, more than ever, the spirit of Royal Oak Dondero High School is very much alive and is ever-present everywhere. The students show it, the staff show it, and the alumni show it. Royal Oak Dondero High School has left an indelible mark with anyone who has ever been a part of our community.

With this final edition of the OAK, we want to communicate what Royal Oak Dondero High School has meant to us using "words." Words transcend time, and with this, Dondero's final mark, we present to you, Volume 124 of Dondero High School's OAK, "The Final Word."



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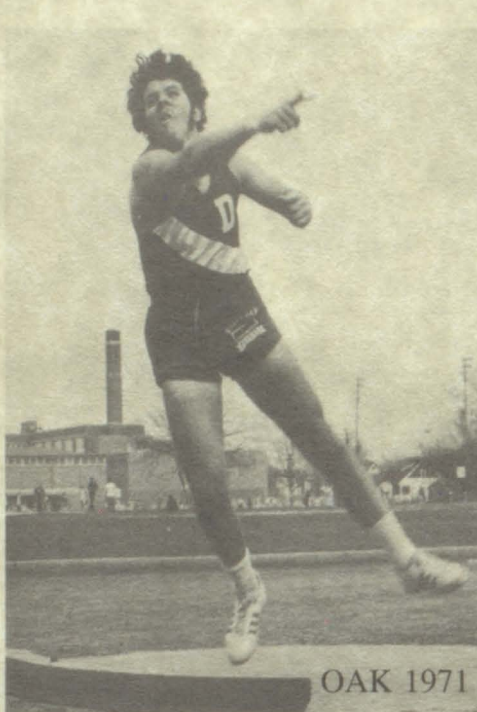
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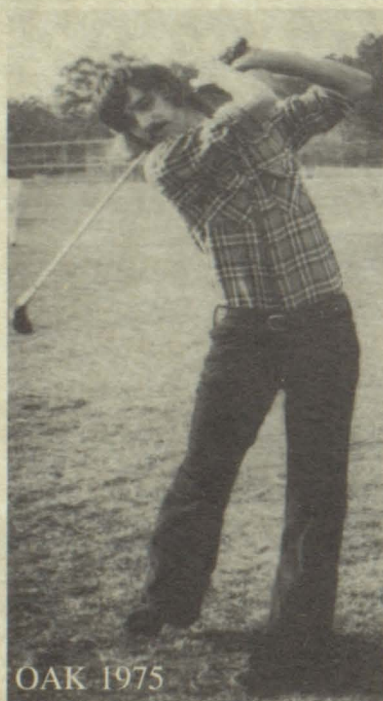
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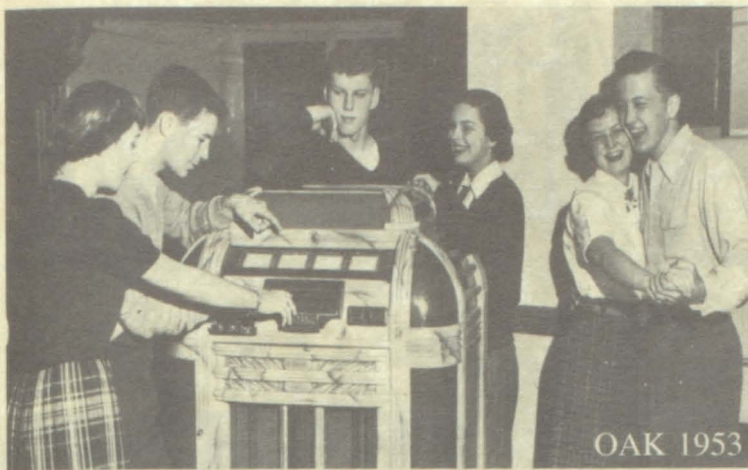
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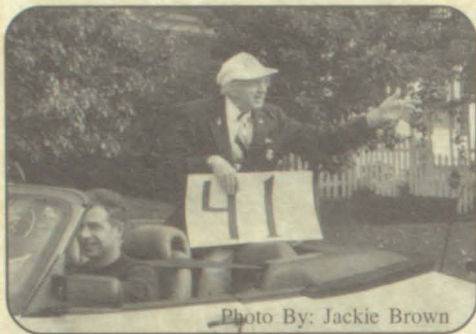


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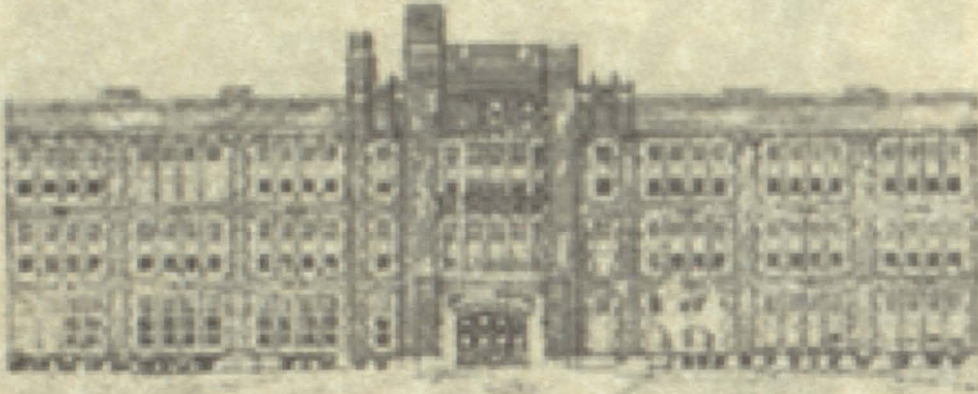


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“Even if you
teach
here, you
become
a part of the
tradition and
history.”

- Ann Maudlin, Dondero Teacher

Sequence of photos above: Many proud Dondero alumni march in the annual Homecoming parade. There was a great turn-out to this event!

To the right: A few old football buddies gather around in the gym and reminisce about old days on the field. These old teammates seem thrilled to be together.

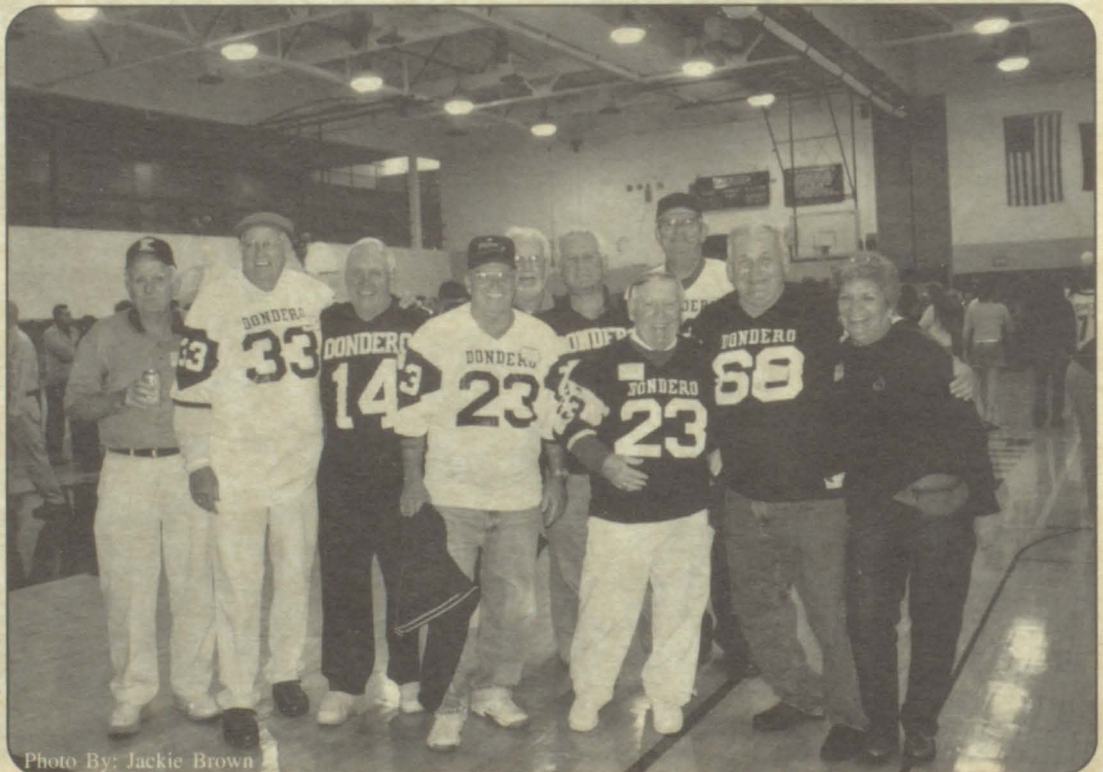


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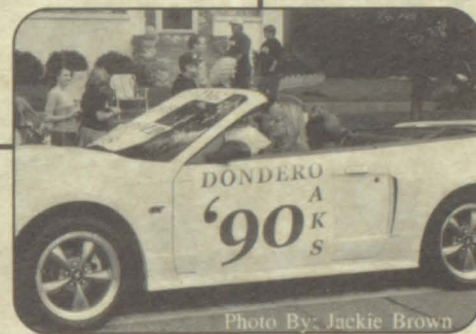


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**GO,
OAKS!**

The Alumni Blast wasn't an event that Dondero hosts annually; many events, like this one, were organized to celebrate Royal Oak Dondero High School in its last year. The Alumni Blast was held on October 14, 2005 as a kickoff to the big Homecoming game. "The turn-out was magnificent, more than I expected," said Ann Maudlin. Nearly 6,000 people attended this event! Alumni showed their support for RODHS by sporting posters that displayed their graduating class in the annual Homecoming parade. Marching Band alumni were invited to play and march along in the parade as well. After the parade, Dondero merchandise was for sale, and old high school friends and teachers had the chance to reunite on their former "stomping grounds." It was clear that Dondero High School has meant a lot to many people, and the support and excitement of that day was refreshing. "This is a place where you learn about people building a community, spirit, and family," said Maudlin.

By: Elise Androkites

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Spencer Poshadlo, '07, William Peltier, '07, Elizabeth Reed, '06.
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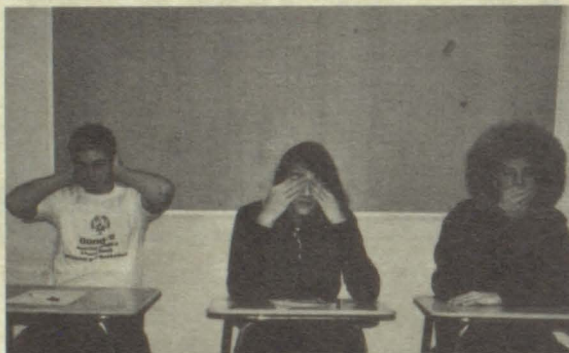
Chad Gardner, '06.
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Breanna Byrnes, '06.
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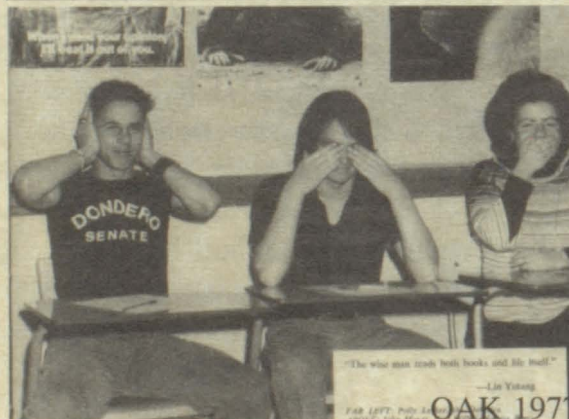
Andrew Costigan, '06, Cameron Lamberti, '06, Andrew Cissell, '06. Photo By: Jackie Brown



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Kevan Corbin, '06, Anthony McNeal, '06, Casey McRae, '06, Stephen Burwell, '06. Photo By: Jackie Brown



"The wise man reads both books and life itself."
—Lin Yutang
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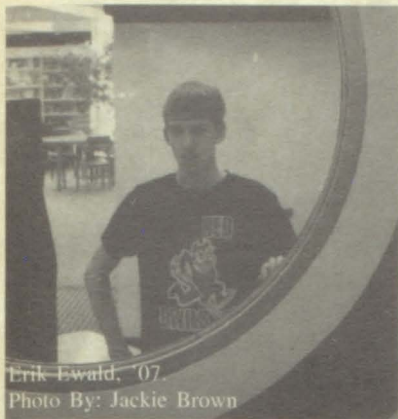
Jacob Devries, '06, Anna Nelson-Lenhart, '07.
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Erik Ewald, '07.
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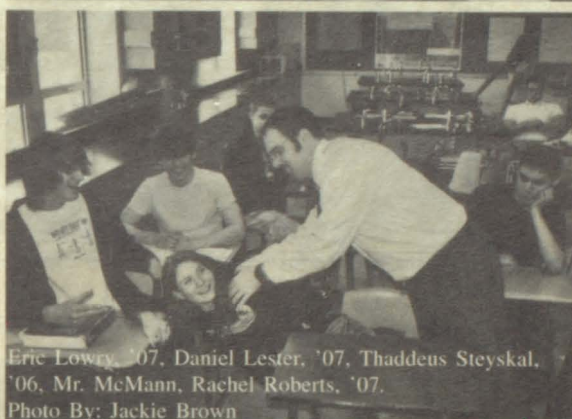
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Kyle Resto, '07.
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Eric Lowry, '07, Daniel Lester, '07, Thaddeus Steyskal, '06, Mr. McMann, Rachel Roberts, '07.
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Nolan Tillis, '09,
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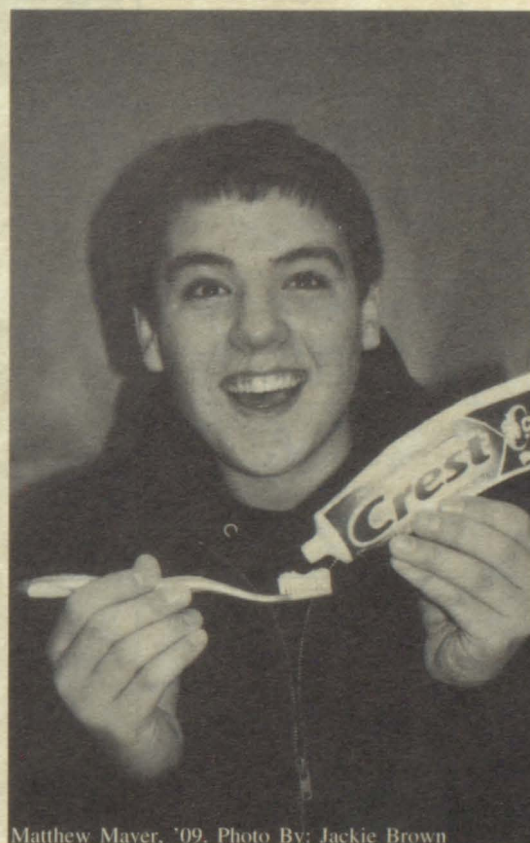


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DONDERO'S FRESHMAN
'OUGHT TO BE BRITE

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Matthew Mayer, '09. Photo By: Jackie Brown

OAK Then and Now 9

Dondero Graduate Families

By: Kristin Flanigan

The Kincannon Family

From the left:

Brian, '99; Sara, '95;
Sharon, '97; William,
'08; Bill, '71; and
Elizabeth, '73.

The Gardner Family

Top Row: Karen (Abel)

Gardner, '73;

Jean (Barber)

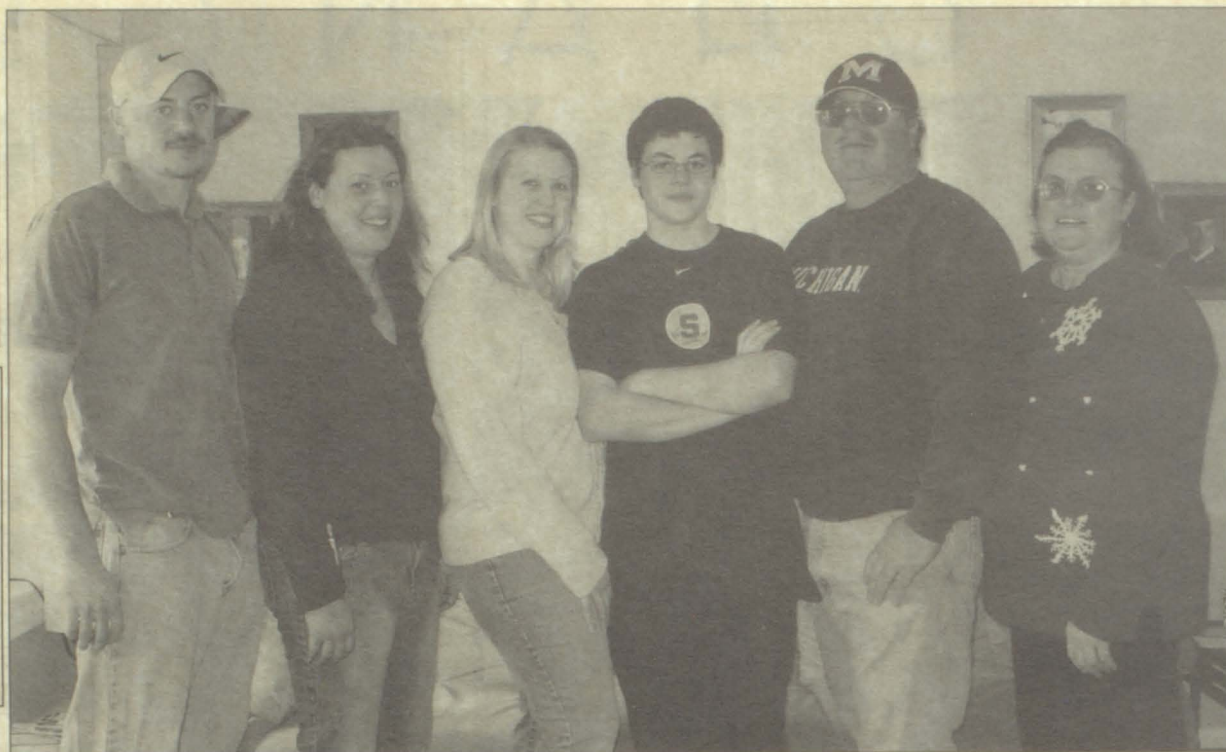
Gritzinger, '47

Bottom Row:

Sara Koski, '97;

Chad Gardner, '06;

Julia Gardner, '04



Dondero Shout-outs!

Becky,
Crystal Lake or bust.
Love, Aunt Shelly, Uncle Al
and Emily

Becky,
Good luck in Cross Country,
Dance and Track!
Love, Scott, Mom, Dad, and
Taylor

Wishing you a simply good year!
-Mr. Duke

Mike and Sue Williams

Long may Dondero live warmly
in our hearts and family in our
memories.

- Bob, Madeleine, Colleen, Sami
and Will

We're proud of you, Brad!
Good Luck
Jim and Grandma

Brad,
Cherish your Dondero Memories
Best of Luck in 2007
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Seniors
2006.

Thank You, Dondero,
for everything.
- A. Snyder

Nick Johnson,
You have now reached the beginning
of the person you will become. Good
luck in the adventure!
Love you, Mom and Dad

12- Best of everything, always.
Love- Your #1 Fan
Dad

Best of luck with your transition to the
new school!

Good Luck, Oaks-
Beisiegel # 12 You're Terrific!
Love, Aunt Carol

CONGRATULATIONS,
Elise!

Love, Aunt Jan and Doug

Royal Oak Writers' Club
"Putting Life Into Words"





The Showers' Family

From the left: John, '81; Donna, '78; Mary Jane, '76; Jeffrey, '74; Elizabeth, '73; Steven, '69; Kenneth, '68; Michael, '66; Butch, '64; and Janet, '61.



The Schurig Family

*From the left:
Jessica Cortez, '90;
Amanda Dwyer, '93;
Hannah Morris, '91;
Robert Schurig, '06;
Rachel Schurig, '00;
Katherine Schurig, '96.*

Congratulations Dondero High School Class of 2006

From proud Dondero alumni

Then



Jimmy Powell
Class of 1968



Terry Carver
Class of 1971

Now



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Powell
Married July 27, 1985
Children: Jim, 26, and Stacey, 24
Jimmy is a retired Royal Oak police officer, 28 yrs
Terry is a bookkeeper with Fraza Forklifts of Detroit

Then



Holly Powell
Class of 1965

Now



Holly Powell and husband Noel "Gus" Kott
Married April 7, 1989
Holly is retired from Ameritech, 34 yrs.
She is currently a leadership development consultant
Noel handles insurance claims and dispute resolutions

Then



Terri Powel
Class of 1970

Now



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bardallis
Married May 1, 1976
Children Nick, 28, and Stacie, 25
Both Terri and Ed are retired from Ameritech

Good luck to everyone! Follow your dreams!

Joyce E. Warren Class of 1965



Joyce E. Warren, Class of 1965 (deceased 1984). Served USN, Vietnam Era medic; BSN, San Diego State University (honor student), 1977. Joy's spirit lives on through her sister, Cheryl, class of 1963 and others that she served. While Joy, like many, had fun, "cruisin", etc. during high school, she matured to breathe life into the motto:

"Enter here to learn, go forth to serve."

In Loving Memory Of James R. Sidick 2005

Penny, Jimmie, Bailey and
Stephanie

With Love,
Grandma

Congratulations to all Dondero Alumni

as we move
forward into a new era.

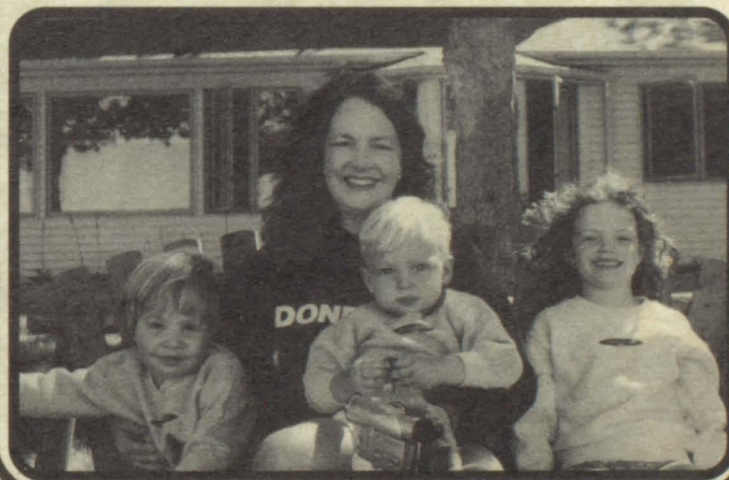
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*"The creation of a thousand forests is
in one acorn." - Ralph Waldo Emerson*

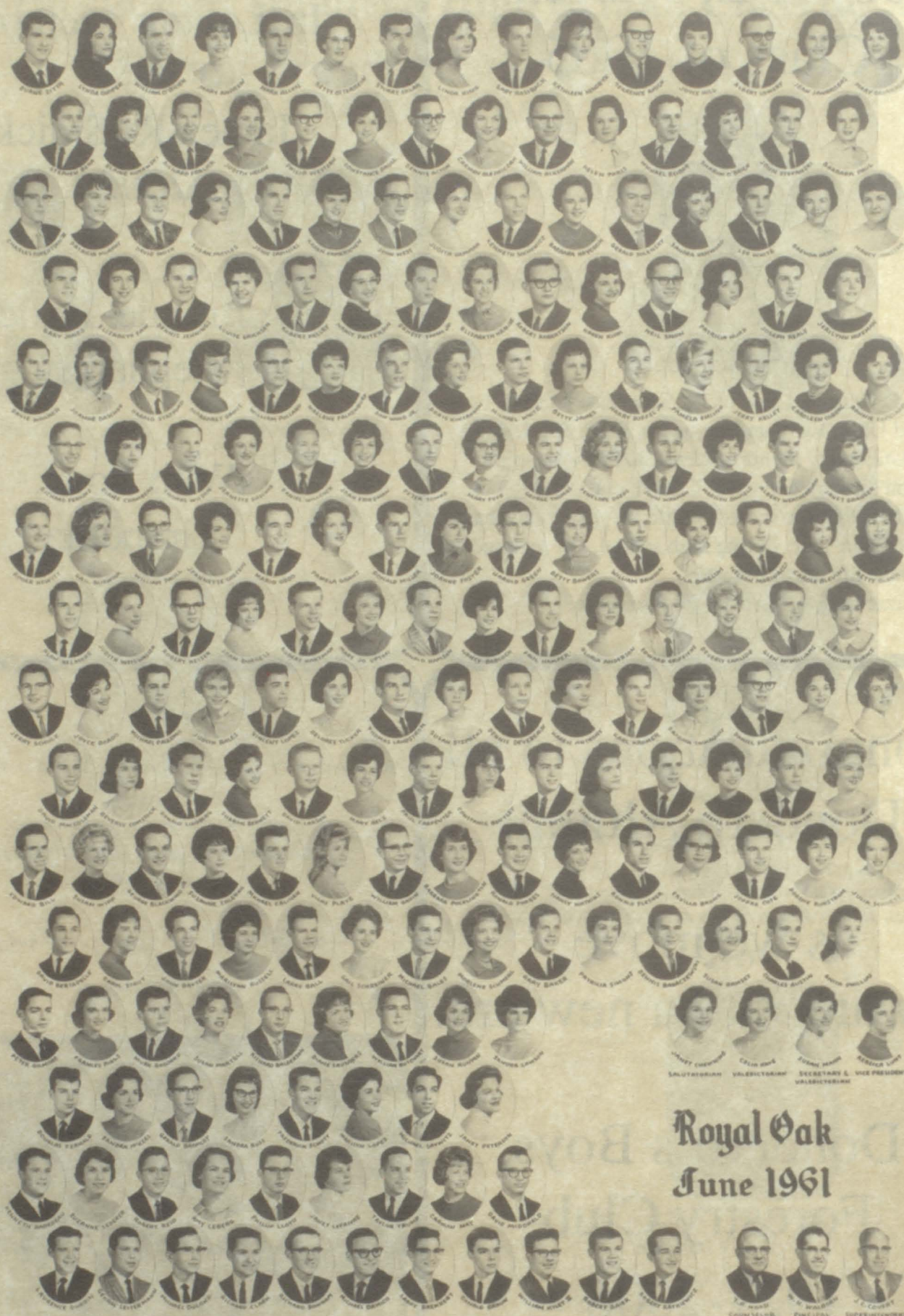
*All the best in everything you do.
Remember the power of the mighty oak,
and never forget your roots.*

Love to all my Dondero family, past and present.

Patricia Bostwick

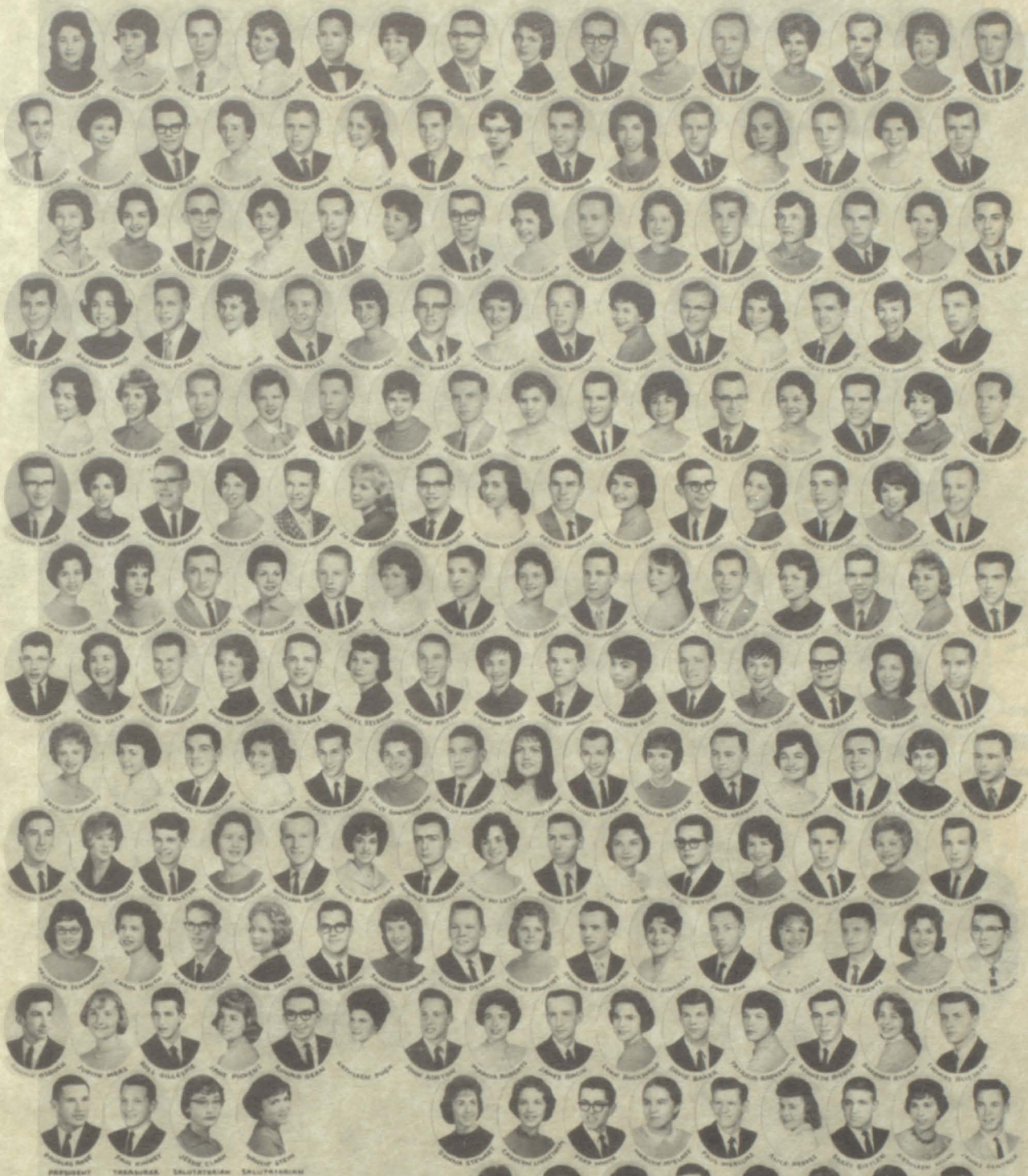


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Enter here to learn ...

I walked down these halls
And read faces like books,
Seniors heads held high
Freshman faces, nervous looks.

These blessed four years,
Climbing the Dondero ladder.
Kids to the side chatting,
A soft pitter-patter.

A sense of belonging
when I step into these doors.
My spirit is an eagle,
And through these halls it soars.

The cohesivness of this school
Is hard to explain through a poem.
A place so amazing,
A home away from home.

You've your actors, your athletes
Your littles and your tall,
Hundreds and thousands of bricks,
Memories bind these walls.

This school has special feeling,
An iridescent glow.
If you were never a member of this family,
Then you will never know.

Up and over obstacles,
Side to side we swerve,
This is where we enter
Then go forth to serve.

Diversity is Dondero's medicine,
Easily we mix,
From 1927
To the year 2006.

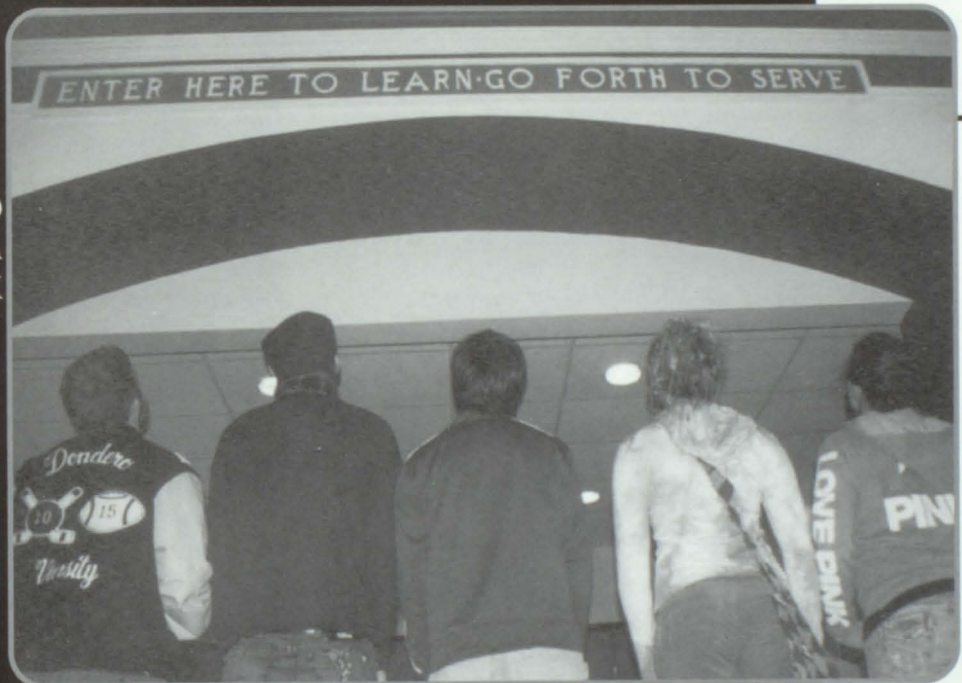
Good-bye beautiful tile work,
Memories will never pass
So long, Dondero High School,
Your shades drawn at half mass.

By: Abigail Petri

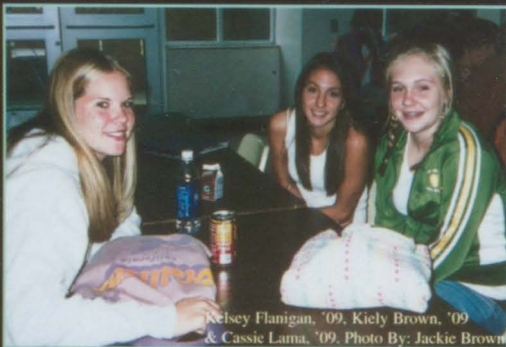
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Kelsey Flanigan, '09, Kiely Brown, '09
& Cassie Lama, '09. Photo By: Jackie Brown



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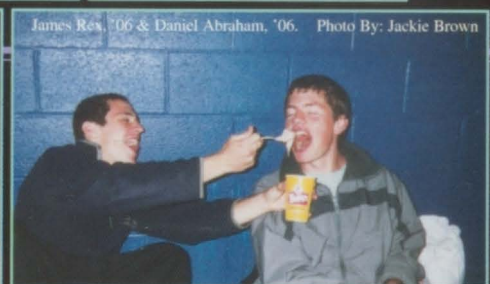
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Morgan Gardner, '06. Photo By: Prestige Portraits



James Rex, '06 & Daniel Abraham, '06. Photo By: Jackie Brown

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Student Life

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"Participation Tailgate"

Football players, cheerleaders, band members and other fellow students gathered in the gym for Dondero's final Tailgate. Some students like Alexandra Wendland, '07, were at Tailgate to raise money for clubs and sports or just to keep everything in order. "I was in charge of Tailgate because of Senate. I had to make sure all the clubs got to their tables and had everything that they needed," said Wendland. Tailgate seemed to be successful to everyone. "This was the first Tailgate I have been to because I always had football practice, and it was a lot of fun," said Christopher Layou, '07. Along with the student organizations, the PTSA, Booster Club, and the Transition Team also joined in the festivities at Tailgate.

By: Jamie Septer



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: Ryan Updike, '07, and Antonio Huntley, '07, buy kisses from cheerleaders Lindsay Dyja, '07, and Amanda Bartley, '08, outside the gym at Tailgate.





Photo By: Jackie Brown



Photo By: Jackie Brown

To the far left: To raise money for the dance team, Lauren Stephan, '07, gets a water balloon popped over her head by Gregory Martini, '08. This will be the third year in a row the Dance Team will be traveling to Nationals with proceeds made from Tailgate.

To the left: At the Human Relations booth, Amanda Andreski, '09, selects beads to make her key chain. The key chains were made with beads that said harmonious words and cool designs.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: The Dondero Pep Band plays at Tailgate to keep everyone excited for the first football game.



Photo By: Jaime Keeter

To the left: Kallie Riopelle, '08, Leahandra Wendland, '08, and Jackie Brown, '06, are supporting the sophomore class by dressing up and posing for a picture.



Photo By: Jackie Brown



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Following the theme "Happily Ever After," the senior class float won first place with a castle and a moving dragon. As Dondero's last graduating class, seniors went out with a bang.

The acorn carriage was designed and built by the junior class. It is complete with a princess and incorporates the opponent Hazel Park by dragging a dead, headless dummy wearing a Hazel Park jersey.

The sophomore float came in fourth in the float building competition. The float consists of a kingdom on a football field.

In successfully completing their first float, the freshmen took third place with a glass slipper stepping on a Hazel Park player.



Photo By: Jackie Brown



Photo By: Jackie Brown



Photo By: Jackie Brown

At a sophomore float meeting, Jennifer Johnson, '08, lends a helping hand in making one of the thousands of flowers to be placed on the float. The yellow flowers made the giant goalposts on the float.

Alec Bauer, '09, Cassie Lama, '09, and Kelsey Flanigan, '09, show their school spirit during the Homecoming parade by walking next to their float down Washington Street.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Representatives from each class gathered at the entrance of the football field to walk next to their class float. The sophomores came in fourth, the freshmen came in third, the juniors came in second, and the seniors went away with first place. "The senior float was sweet; they definitely deserved to win," said Cullen McHugh, '08. Along with all the hard work that was done, there was also the fun that comes along with float parties. "A bunch of us waited outside Derek Balnius's house with hoses, waiting to see if anyone was coming to toilet paper us," said Katelyn Ather, '07. This year's floats were very festive and went with the theme for homecoming, "Happily Ever After."

"Vivacious"

Floats

By: Jamie Septer

"Lively" Spirit Week

Cheering, dancing, games and fun, a little something for everyone. Dondero's 2005-2006 Spirit Week was far from boring. "This year's spirit week was a blast," said Kelly Robinson, '09. The week's schedule went as follows: 'Hat Day', 'Twin Day', 'Wacky Tacky Day', 'Detroit Sports Day', and 'Dondero Spirit Day'. Second year senator Andrea Shippey, '07, said, "This year's Homecoming week took a lot of hard work, especially the pep assembly." The pep assembly took place on Friday, the day of the last Homecoming game in Dondero's history. There were many fun events that went on at the pep assembly, such as court questions, games, and a performance from the dance team. "My favorite part of the pep assembly was when James Rex, '06, did his dance in the middle of the gym floor," said Jeffrey Anderson, '08. The pep assembly went perfectly and got Dondero students pumped for the game that followed.

By: Rebecca Stringer

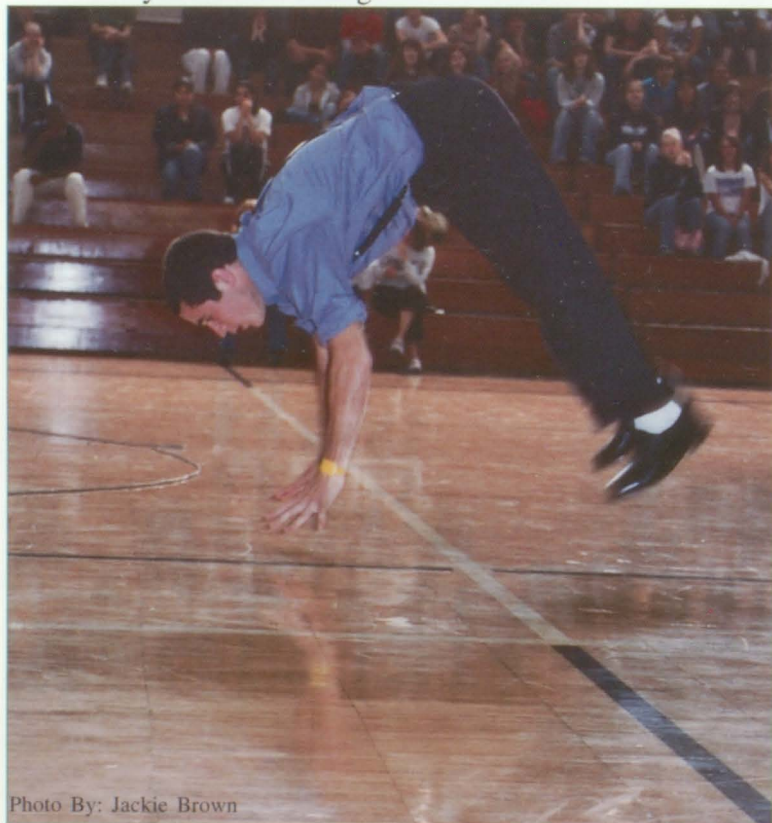


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Above: James Rex, '06, does his special dance for one of his court questions. James knows the girls love it when he dances!

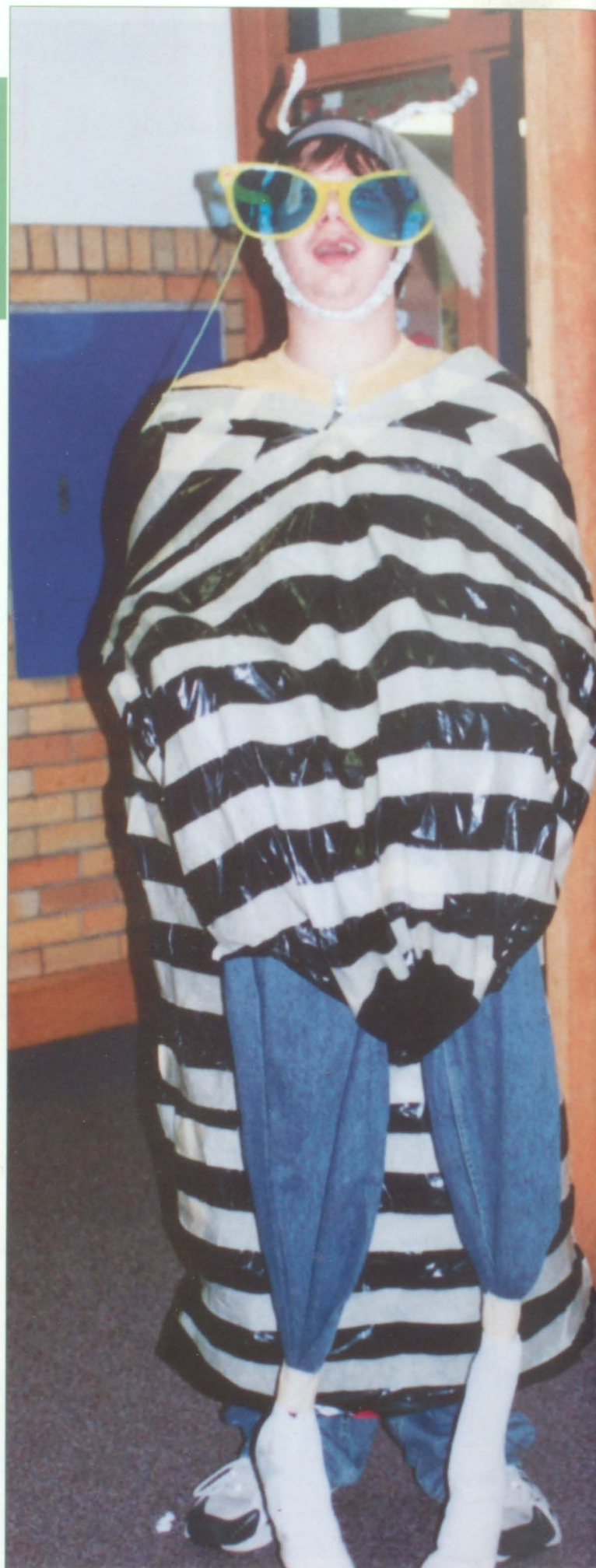




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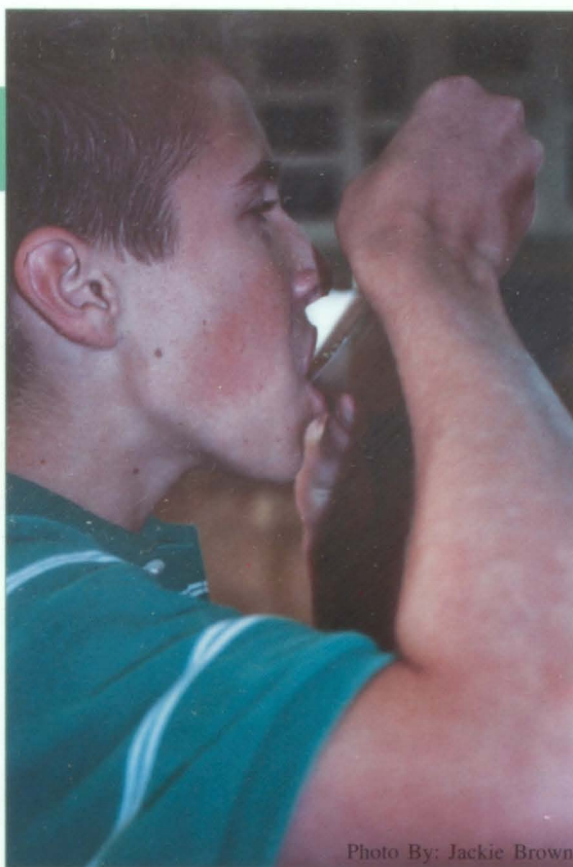


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To the far left: Richard Davis, '06, laughs at his own wacky-tacky outfit for spirit week.

To the left: Scott Olinski, '09, gulps a cup of applesauce during an intense relay game at the pep assembly.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: Paul Buck, '06, Anthony Hallett, '06, James Rex, '06, Morgan Huffman, '06, Daniel Stasiak, '07, Timothy Casey, '07, Brian Gregory, '07, and Daniel Abraham, '07 paint their chests to show their Dondero pride at the last Homecoming game.



Photo By: Mrs. Marc

To the left: Senior girls, AlexSaundra Hamm, Abigail Petri, Allison Septer, Jamie Skewes, Alexandria O'Hara, Miya Hooks, Jackie Brown, Kristin Flanigan, Elise Androkites, Meryn McClelland, and Celina Maggi show their support for the Dondero Boys Varsity Football team.



Photo By: Prestige Portraits



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*Matthew Hallock, '06,
and Breanna Byrnes,
'06, dance it up at
Homecoming.*

*Brian Gregory, '07, shakes his
thing, doing the robot.*

*The crowd at Homecoming
does not stop dancing for
anything, even when the
balloons accidentally
dropped from the ceiling.*

*Rachel Roberts, '07, and
Samantha MacMillan, '07, rest
while enjoying a snowcone from
the refreshment bar.*



Photo By: Prestige Portraits



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“... It's late in the evening; she's wondering what clothes to wear. She puts on her make-up and brushes her long blonde hair. And then she asks me, “Do I look all right? And I say ‘yes,’ you look wonderful tonight.” Eric Clapton - “Wonderful Tonight”

Garrison Benson, '06, and Morgan Gardner, '06, walk down for their slow dance after being named Homecoming king and queen.

The senior Homecoming court:
Back row: Anthony Susin, Robert Schurig, Garrison Benson, Morgan Huffman, James Rex.
Front row: Caitlin Burr, Stacy Thompson, Morgan Gardner, Meghan Luzod, and Rachel Rosenbach. They all look proud to represent Dondero High School.



Photo By: Prestige Portraits



The memories of the last Homecoming here at Dondero will always be everlasting. “I would say Homecoming this year was by far the best one ever,” said Todd Saukko, '07. This year's homecoming was a great one for the last homecoming in Dondero's history. The theme this year was “Happily Ever After.” The rooms included the castle room and the enchanted forest, and the bathrooms were pirates and mermaids. “This dance took a lot of hard work and dedication,” said Leahandra Wendland, '08. The dance had a great turn-out. Over 600 students, including some alumni, showed up to the dance. “This homecoming was better than what I expected it to be,” said Ashley Leslie, '09.

“Everlasting”

Homecoming

By: Rebecca Stringer

"Vogue" Trends

Trends, there's always some sort of fad that everyone tries to keep up with. Whether it's something that stays or something that fades quickly, it seems more often than not we look back and think, "What was I wearing?!" This year, trends widely varied. Fashion was whatever you wanted it to be. Miya Hooks, '06, said, "I really like the look with the colored tights, mini-skirt, and boots." Gabriel Kish, '06, said, "I like the more conservative look for girls, with polos and stuff."

• Supporting, encouraging and helping others
• Accepting responsibility for our own actions



Photo By: Jackie Brown

However, Nicole Hartwig, '08 said, "I like the whole Bohemian-inspired thing." In addition to these looks, sequined purses, shrugs, and gaucho pants were really popular with the ladies. Tighter fitted jeans, polos and vintage t-shirts became popular with the guys. Hartwig said that variety is key. "Spending a lot of money isn't what makes a look. If you mix thrift store stuff with one or two nice pieces, you can create a really cool look."

By: Meryn McClelland



Photo By: Jackie Brown



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Top: Colorful belts were popular with the gals. You can wear them in the loops or thick around your middle, either way they're an eye catcher.

To the left: Polos with collars popped were super slick this year. Gregory Martini, '08, Gabriel Kish, '06, and Matthew Rosenbach, '08, sported this look around school.

Above: Clog shoes have been in style for a few years now. This year they come in different patterns and colors.



To the left: Belt buckles were all the rage this year with the guys. Thor Brovold, '06, Spencer Poshadlo, '07, James Semivan, '06, Guy Ditri, '06, and Zachary Verneau, '07, show off their unique and trendy belt buckles daily at Donderq.

Photo By: Jackie Brown



Photo By: Jackie Brown



Photo By: Jackie Brown

To the left: Bracelets for both genders were really cool this year. They were seen in thick and leather, or thin and abundant. Students wore them in all different styles. Some even were able to turn necklaces around their wrists.

Above: Track jackets keep you toasty warm in the not-so-hot, but not-so-cold autumn weather. The retro/vintage look that's coming back this year makes these zip-ups a must have. "Yeah, they're quite stylish," said Amelia Anderson, '06.

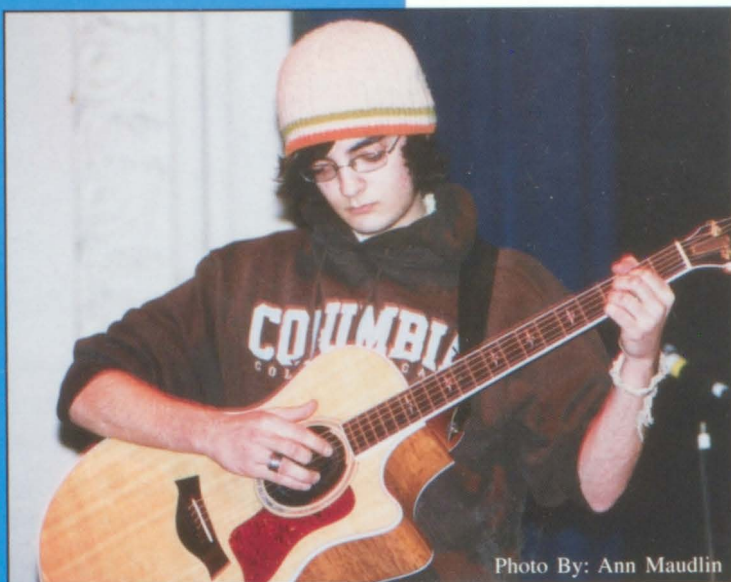


Photo By: Ann Maudlin

Patrick Tassone, '05, peacefully strums the guitar accompaniment to Robert Schurig's, '06, solo "Remember When it Rained" by Josh Groban. Tassone now studies music at Columbia College in Chicago.

Sean Dufty, '05, and John Norander, '08, concentrate on their finger placement while playing the guitar accompaniment to "Don't Look Back" by Boston.

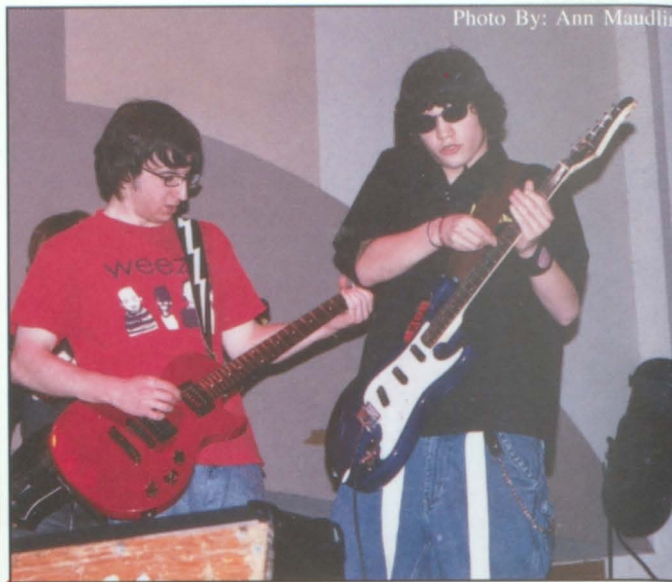


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Kristin Flanigan, '06, and Elana Prukner, '05, announce Robert Schurig's solo "Remember When it Rained" by Josh Groban.

Rocking out like Bon Jovi, Douglas Velliquette, '05, and Nathan Dubetz, '06, play the electric guitar accompaniments to the A Cappella choir singing, "Runaway" by Bon Jovi. This song was a big hit with the Pop Concert fans.



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With much emotion, Patrick Love, '05, sings "Take Me Out" by Franz Ferdinand at the 2005 Pop Concert.

Singing "You're My Best Friend" by Queen with the A Cappella choir, William Peltier, '07, Joshua MacMillan, '06, Julie Fox, '05, Laura Huseur, '05 and Kyle Fall, '05 harmonize.



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The crowd in the Dondero auditorium was far from silent. There were guitars, pianos, and even trombones playing throughout the night. It was the night of Pop Concert 2005. Pop Concert was an outstanding mixture of vocal and instrumental talent. Some solos that stood out were James Hartrick, '05, singing "Burning Down the House" by Talking Heads, accompanied by James Semivan, '06, playing trombone. Also a favorite was Robert Schurig, '06, and Michael Farr, '06, singing a duet to "Dust in the Wind" by Kansas. "This concert was a lot of hard work," said Julie Thomas, '07. The A Cappella choir started practice a month before the concert. The A Cappella choir sang "Carry On My Wayward Son" by Kansas, "Baby Won't You Drive My Car" by The Beatles and "You're My Best Friend" by Queen. The end of Pop Concert was the same as in years past. The alumni all came back and sang "Aquarius" by The Fifth Dimension. "In three words, Pop Concert is a good experience," said Farr.

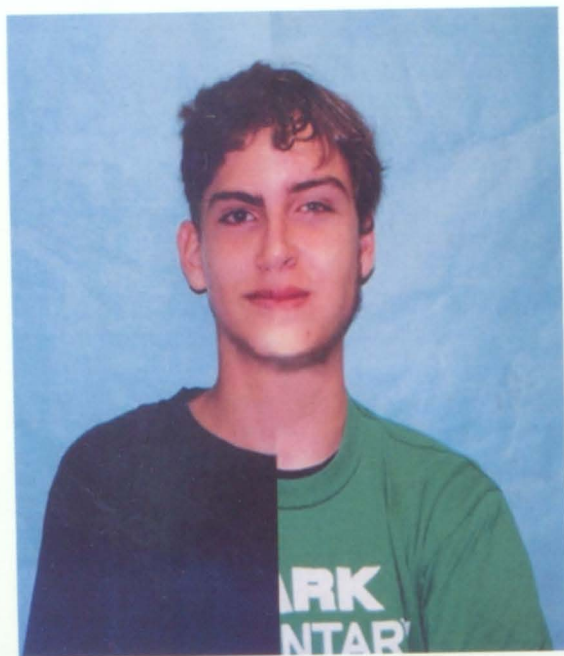
"Star" Struck

Pop Concert

By: Rebecca Stringer

"Resemblance"

Siblings



Gus Brovold, '09
& Thor Brovold, '06



Sean Riopelle, '06, and Kallie
Riopelle, '08, are so happy to
be related. They're best friends.



Kendal Andersen, '08
& Taryn Andersen, '06

Brothers and sisters crowd the halls of Dondero High School as the bells ring throughout the day. Gus Brovold, '09, was a freshman this year, coming to school with his senior brother, Thor Brovold, '06. Kendyl Andersen, '09, was a sophomore this year, coming to school with her senior sister, Taryn Andersen, '06.

As you can see, our Dondero students share many of the same physical characteristics. "We're pretty much the same person," said Taryn. Some siblings have the same noses, eyes, or hair, but more importantly than that they have each other. Brothers and sisters at Dondero are lucky that they aren't too far apart in age, and because of this closeness, they have the opportunity to share a friendship that can't be duplicated anywhere else. "We're pretty much best friends," said Taryn and Kendyl.

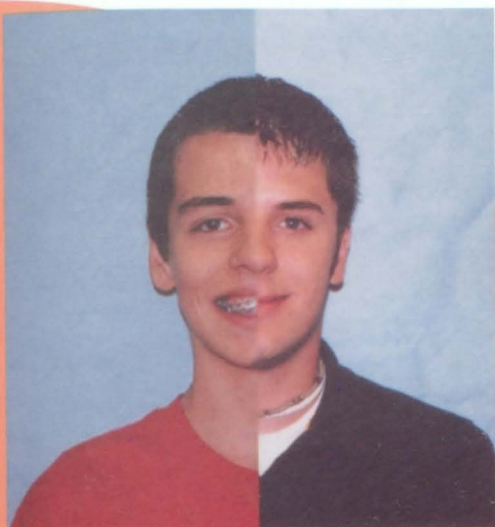
Despite their closeness, it seems there's never a dull moment in the Brovold home. "When I go to bed I smack him. He always puts banana peels in my bed, and I smack him with them when he's sleeping," said Thor.

When asked about the bathroom situation in the mornings, Gus said, "We don't fight about the bathroom in the morning because of marching band. I leave early." The Andersen girls have a similar situation. "We don't fight about the bathroom in the morning, because it takes me like two seconds in the morning. All I have to do is brush my teeth, wash my face, and I'm ready to go," said Kendyl.

Even through the chaos, deep down, all siblings love each other. "I'm going to miss her when she goes to college," said Kendyl of Taryn.

"It's odd going to the same school as Thor. He makes fun of me in the hallways a lot, but I guess it's just brotherly love," said Gus. Whether they're putting banana peels in each other's beds or sharing a laugh over an inside joke, Dondero siblings are, in a word, "priceless". So there you have it, sibling love in the Dondero halls.

By: Meryn McClelland



Drew Balnius, '08
& Derek Balnius, '07



Gary Buck, '07
& Paul Buck, '06



Kimberly Hoobler, '07
& Katherine Hoobler, '07



Daniel Lewan, '06
& Matthew Lewan, '09



Matthew Rosenbach, '08
& Rachel Rosenbach, '06



Kevin Sirianni, '06
& Natalie Sirianni, '08



Bradley Whitley, '06
& Natalie Whitley, '06



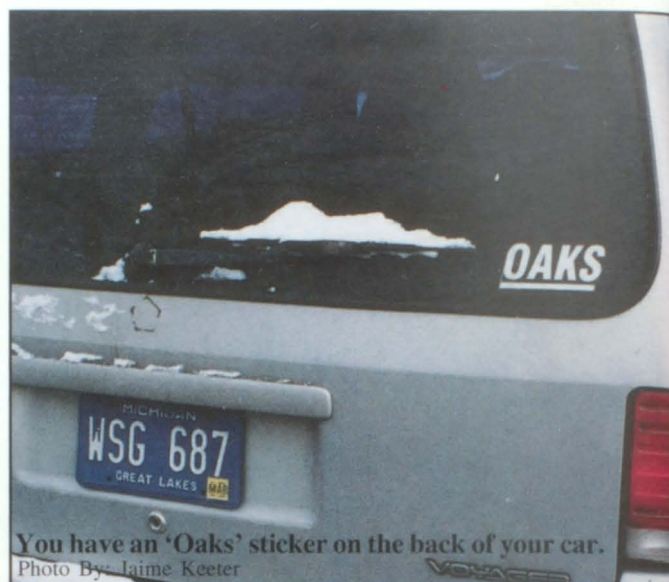
Jacob Budnick, '09
& Jamie Budnick, '06



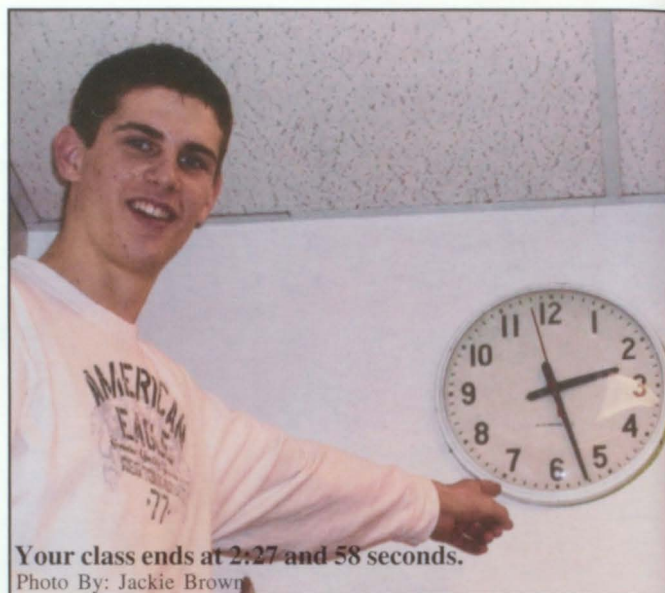
Leahandra Wendland, '08
& Alexandra Wendland, '07

You know you're a Dondero student when...

1. Your bathroom stalls have no doors.
2. You have a "stairway to heaven."
3. The wall clocks all show different times.
4. Your carpet is orange.
5. The air conditioning runs in the winter and the heat runs in the summer.
6. You go to school when there is 25 feet of snow.
7. None of the windows will open.
8. You have five minutes for lunch.
9. You know where your teachers live.
10. You know your teachers by their first names.
11. Your teachers all went to school with your parents.
12. All your family goes to school with you.
13. All your relatives graduated from Dondero.
14. You call your school "Oaktown."
15. You consider your school the "D."



You have an 'Oaks' sticker on the back of your car.
Photo By: Jaime Keeter



Your class ends at 2:27 and 58 seconds.
Photo By: Jackie Brown



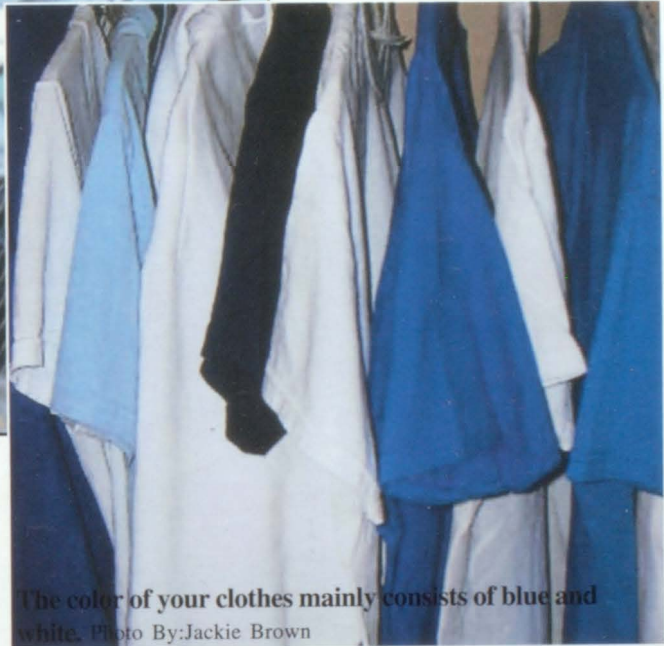
The mouse in the publications offices responds to the bells.
Photo By: Kristen Olinski



Your parking lot looks like a 1980's used car shop.

Photo By: Jackie Brown

There are many traits in this school that make it stand out more than any other school. We have so many unique people and teachers at Dondero. "This school has such a big sense of community. We are all so close," said Jordan Potter, '06. Dondero High School has had so many memorable moments. All of the kids in this school are so close and are going to take these memories with them when they go. "Everyone in this school knows everyone," said Jamesa Gracy, '05. There has always been so much love in this school, and it has gotten even stronger as the years go on. Everyone loves this school, and it is going to be sad to see it go.



The color of your clothes mainly consists of blue and white. Photo By: Jackie Brown

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You know you're a
Dondero
student
when...

By: Rebecca Stringer

"Expenditure" Student Expenses

Dondero tee-shirts, yearbooks, and parking passes are just some of the things students at Dondero purchased throughout the year. Class rings, another expenditure, are offered during your sophomore year through your senior year, ranging from many different prices. Mark Patterson, '07, got his for \$143.00. "It was definitely worth it; I love it," said Patterson. Patterson's ring includes a Michigan State Spartan head and a basketball, because that is what he is interested in. Another possible purchase that is offered to people with cars are parking passes for \$20.00. Some students, such as Allyse Josefosky, '07, believe that price is too much for a parking pass. "I don't think we should have to pay that much a year to park in the school parking lot. We have to go to school, and we need somewhere to park," said Josefosky. However, most of the things available to purchase are very useful and are good for a longer period of time.

By: Jamie Septer



Photo By: Jaime Keeter

Above: Alicia Akers, '08, waits patiently in line to pick-up her class ring from the Balfore saleswomen. I bet she's excited to check out her new Dondero bling!





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Left: Yearbook business manager Kristin Flanigan, '06, records book orders during the class period. Yearbooks start at \$45.00 at the beginning of the year and end at \$65.00 if purchased at the end of the year.

Far left: Justin Gilman, '06, and Jeremy Tabor, '07, buy Homecoming tickets from senators Michelle Keller, '09, and Kaitlin Shipman, '07. At a price of only \$10.00, Homecoming is a favorite of Dondero students.



Photo By: Jaime Keeter

Above: These juniors, Elizabeth Purchis, Elizabeth Carter, and Sarah Heinrich are glad that they bought varsity jackets. They show school pride and help you stay warm around school.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

To the left: Daniel Stasiak, '07, proudly displays his parking pass he purchased at the beginning of the year.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Jacob Nielsen, '09, Sean Barry, '09, Matthew Mayer, '09, Alexander Berard, '09, Sean Burwell, '09, and Domenic Smith, '09, have all been best friends since pre-school, and they always find a way to have a good time.

Alyssa Ruggero, '08, and Chelsea Anderson, '08, enjoy a quick picture in the hallway to show that they are best friends.

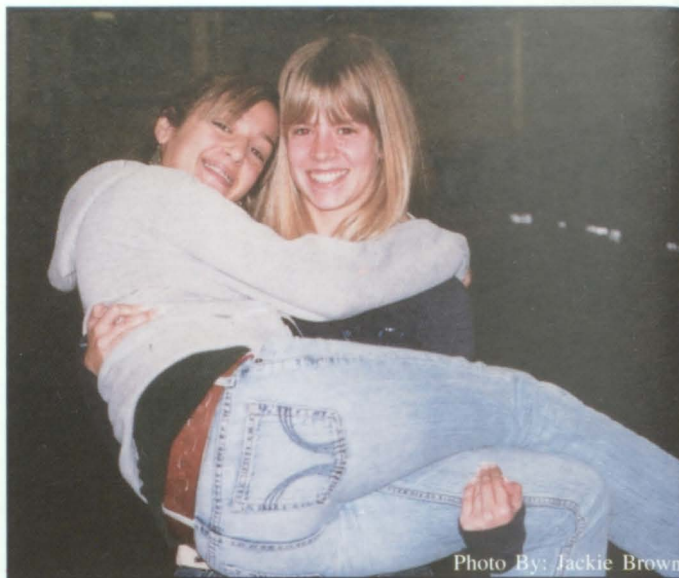


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High-fiving, Mellissa Miller, '06, and her best friend Nicholas Casabon, '06, know how to make each other smile.

Best buds inside and outside of school, Sam Lynch, sassy Irishman, and Alec Snyder, "Star Wars" lover, are so happy to just be together.



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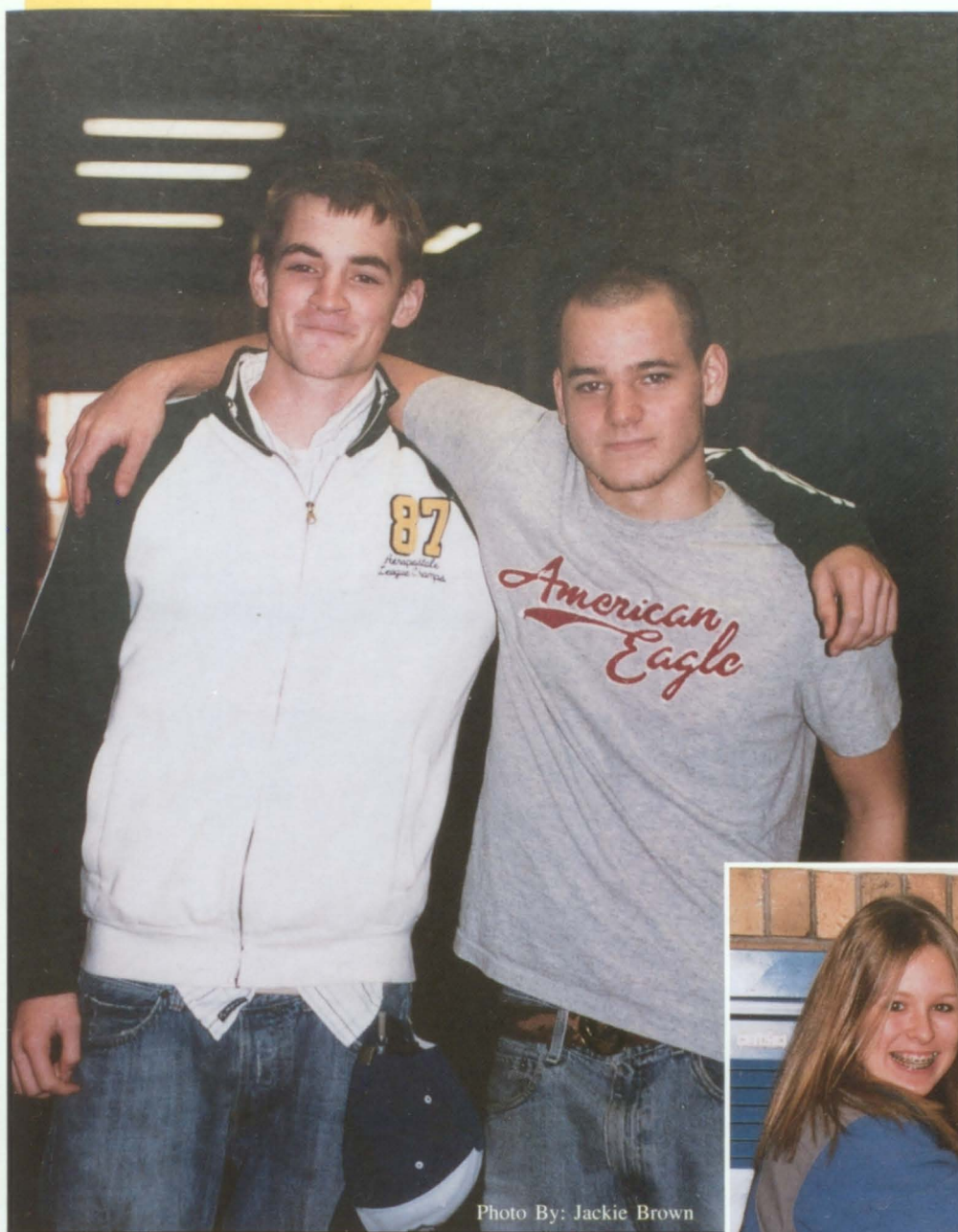


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Being friends for many years, Cory Smith, '07, and Benjamin Blostein, '07, are always there for each other when they need someone to lean on.

Whether having classes together, shopping, or just hanging out, best friends Nicole Unsworth, '09, and Kelsey Flanigan, '09, like to spend most of their time together.



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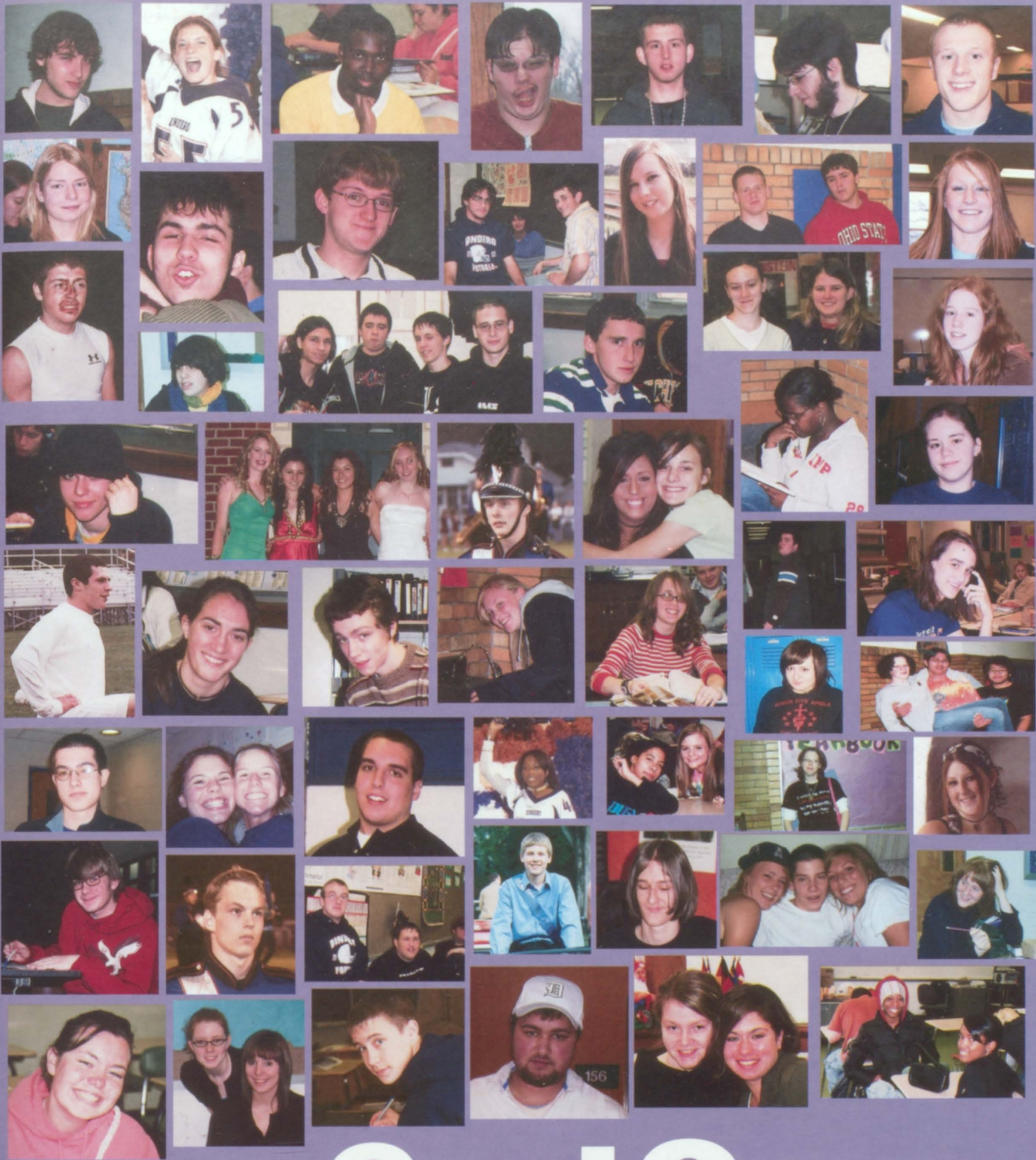
Movies, shopping, video games, and hanging out are just some of the things best friends at Dondero do when they are together. "We used to play dress up when we were little, now we just watch movies and talk," said Alyssa Ruggero, '08, and Chelsea Anderson, '08. Because of their parent, they have been friends since they were babies. However, these friends don't always have a good time. "We get into arguments all the time, but it's never serious enough to get into a fight," said Nicole Unsworth, '09, and Kelsey Flanigan, '09. It's getting over these fights and creating memories that make these friendships so special and unique.

"Inseparable"

Best Friends

By: Jamie Septer and Rebecca Stringer

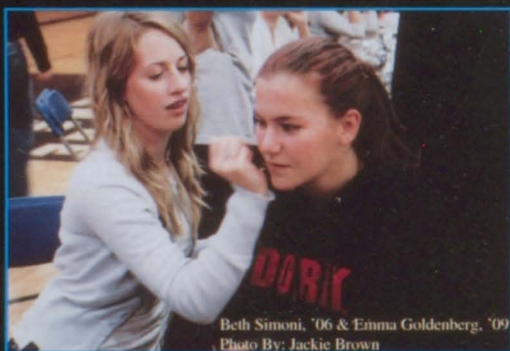




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Beth Simoni, '06 & Emma Goldenberg, '09
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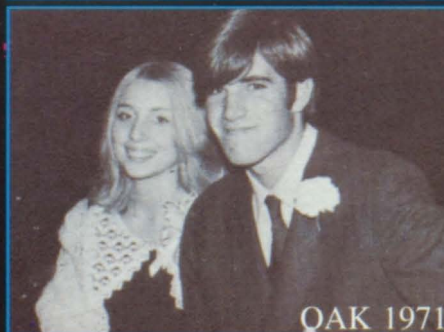
OAK 1980



OAK 1968



Emily Huston, '07. Photo By: Prestige Portraits



OAK 1971



Devon Gardner, '08.
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Senior Class Officers



Photo By: Jackie Brown

"Being a senior class adviser is a two-way street. They influence me in a very positive way, more-so than most may realize. Everyone brings something to the table. They are the future generation, and they help to keep me young at heart."

-Adviser
Mrs. Marek



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"It is fun and beneficial, and with Max there are always surprises!"
-President,
Caitlin Burr, '06

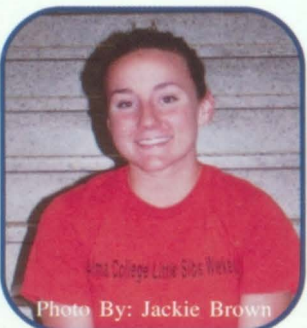


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"I wanted to be more involved, and do something important for my last year."
-Vice President,
Stacy Thompson, '06



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"Being a senior class officer has been an uplifting experience, with a plethora of memories, a seemingly inordinate amount of time, and Mrs. Marek's zealously didactic approach to almost every situation that has truly prepared me to 'go forth and serve.'"
- Treasurer
Robert Schurig, '06.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

"It builds good leadership skills and helps you to interact with others."
-Secretary,
Kimberly Lambert, '06



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Above: Senior class officers perform crucial tasks on a daily basis. Here they are using their classtime to prepare flowers for the Senior Float for our last Homecoming.

Class Favorites

Male Teacher: Mr. Snyder

Female Teacher: Mrs. Marek

College: MSU

Sport: Football

Radio Station: 89X FM

Cartoon Character: Stewey Griffin

Superhero: Batman

Pickup Line: "I lost my number, can I have yours?"

Celebrity Dream Date: Johnny Depp / Jessica Alba

By: Veronica Adkins



Daniel Abraham
"Educational"



Veronica Adkins
"Indescribable"



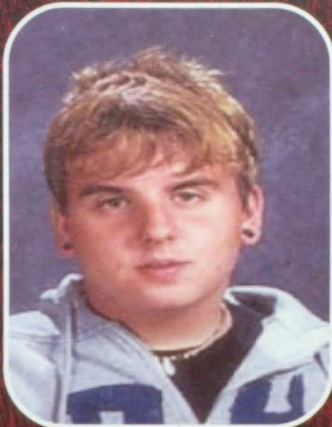
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Taryn Andersen
"Tranquil"



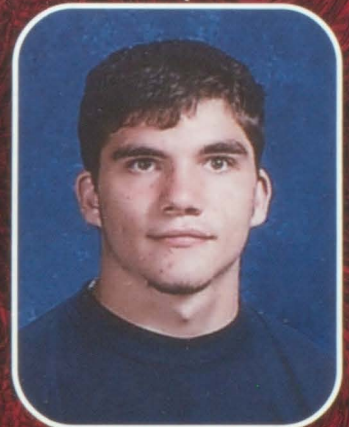
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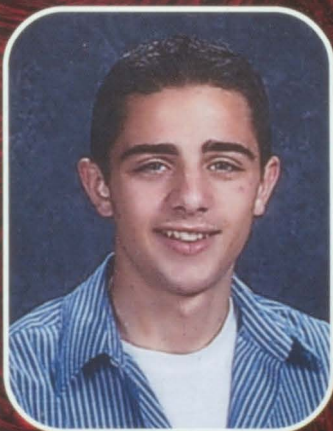
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Joshua Appenzeller
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Bradley Bauer
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Eric Begeny
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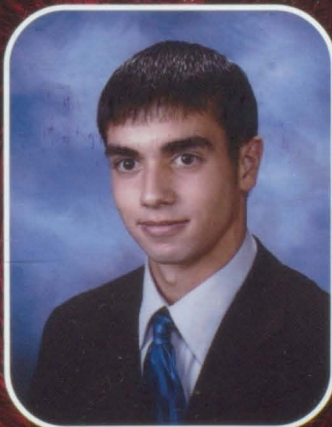
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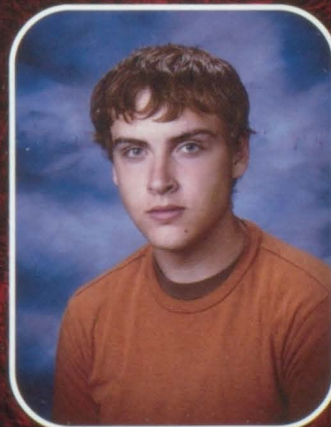
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Zachary Benton
"Rewarding"



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Thor Brovold
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Cierra Brown



Jackie Brown
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Kasey Brown
"Trouble"



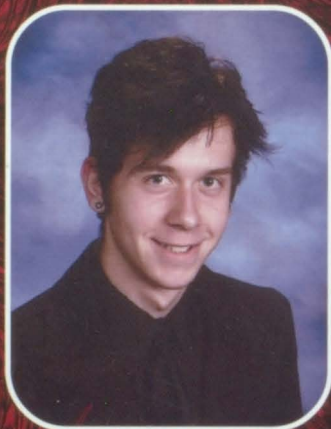
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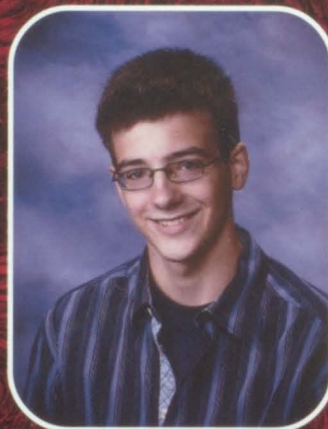
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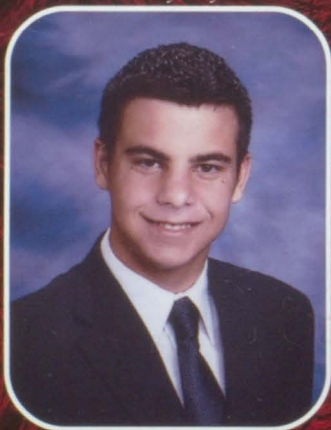
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Stephen Burwell
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Brian Caloia



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Natasha Carter
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Nicholas Casabon
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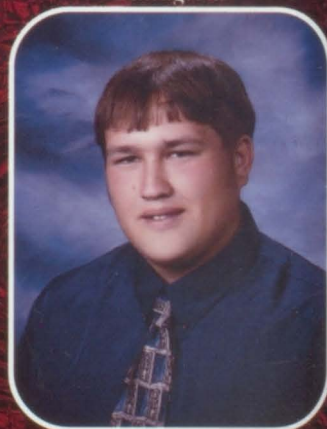
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Casey Chevela



Michael Chonko
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Andrew Cissell
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Virginia Cook
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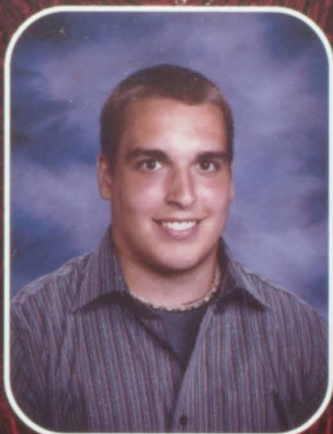
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James Cronberger
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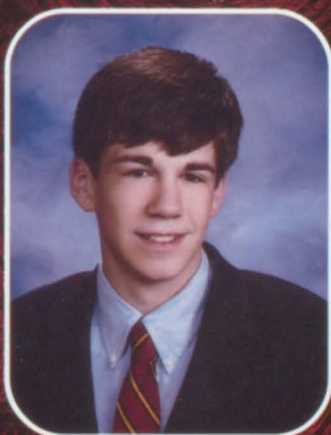
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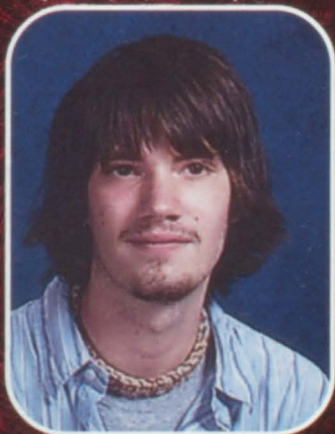
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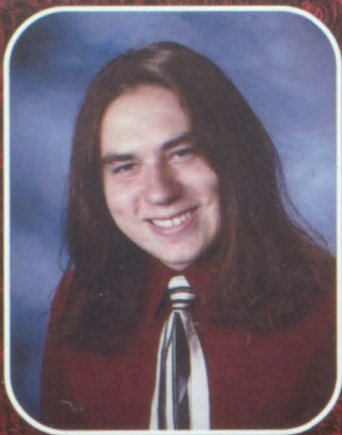
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Edward Dillow
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Guy Ditri
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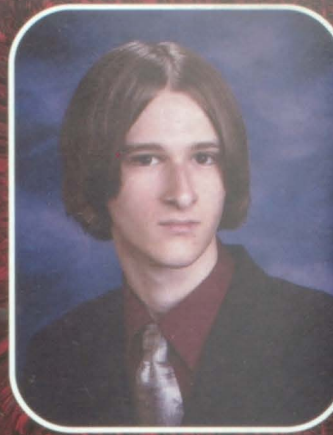
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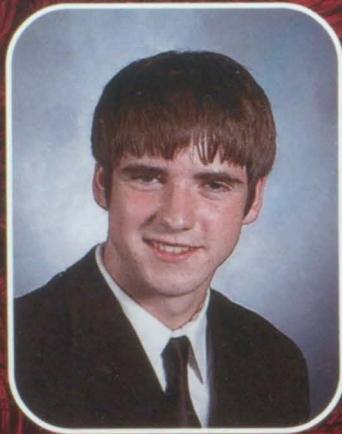
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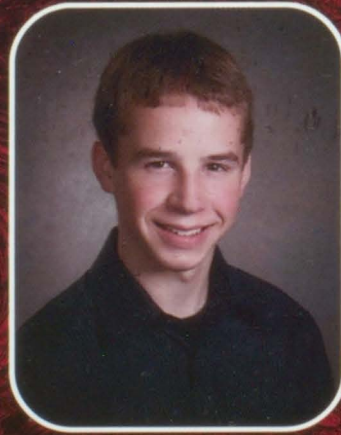
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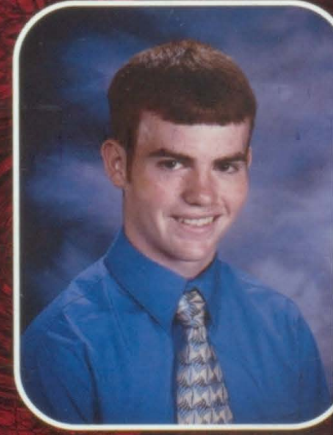
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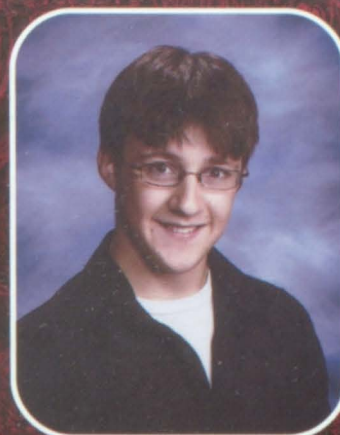
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David Greenway



Jonathan Hacker



Anthony Hallett
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Matthew Hallock
"Intelligent"



Ashli Hamilton



AlexSaundra Hamm
"Athletic"



Katharine Helegda
"Chill"



Rafael Herbert
"Multiextraordinary"



Lindsay Hilliard
"Eh?"



Joshua Hooks



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Morgan Huffman



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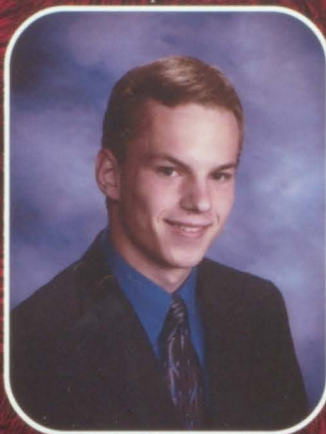
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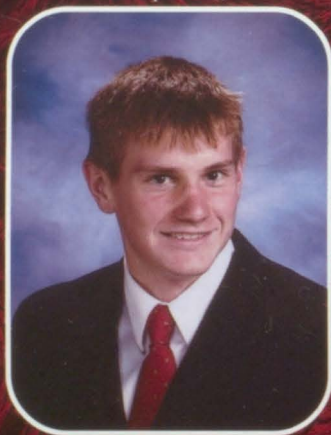
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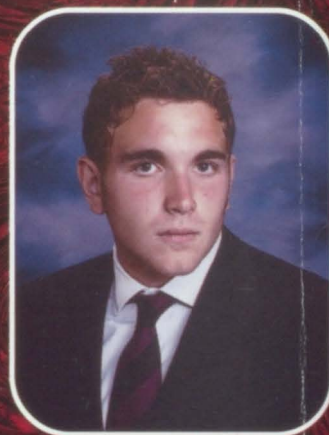
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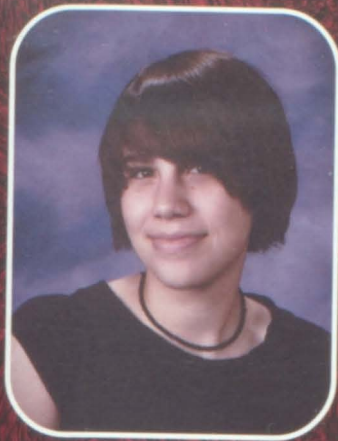
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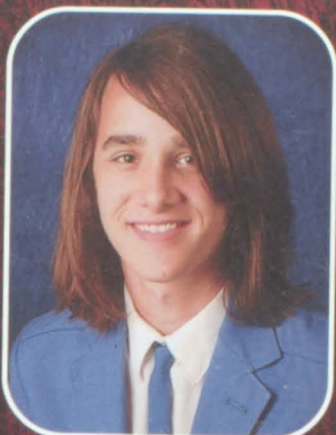
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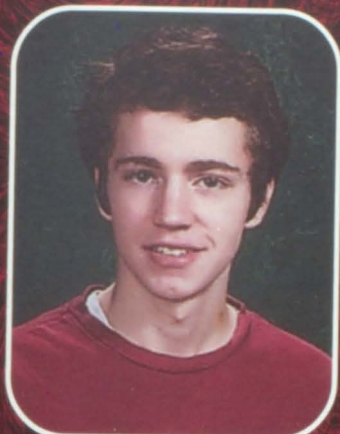
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Kristin Lochner
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Meghan Luzod
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Joshua Macmillan



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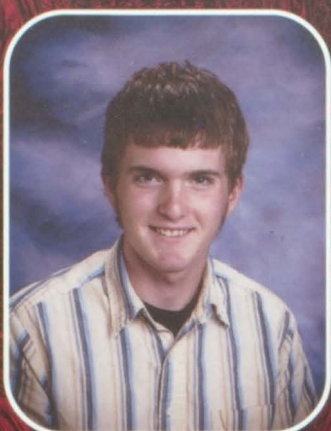
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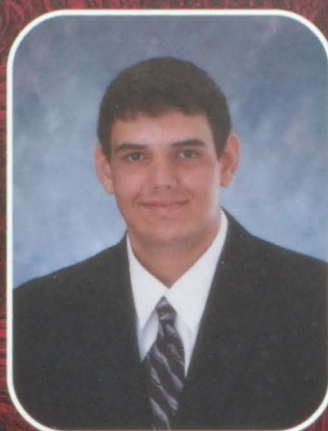
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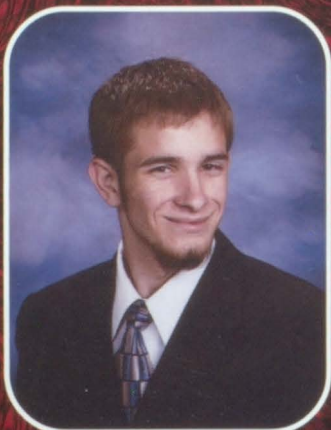
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Justin McDonald
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"Casanova"



Casey McRae
"Energetic"



Aisha Mfinanga
"Bubbly"



Mellissa Miller
"Truthful"



Lauren Mitchell
"Interesting"



Andrew Moffat
"Passive"



William Mooney
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Christine Morelli
"Charming"



Catherine Nicolia
"Loyal"



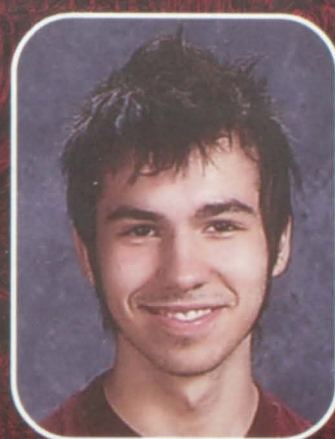
Violet Niedbala
"Exhilarating"



Alexandria O'Hara
"Loyal"



Kristen Olinski
"Change"



Albert Paris
"Eskimo"



Trevor Peschke
"Bye"



Abigail Petri
"Humorous"



Christopher Pineau
"Honest"



Jordan Potter
"Thinker"



Keira Price
"Independent"



Ryan Rankin
"Picnics"



Elizabeth Reed
"Generous"



James Rex
"Whoop-whoop!"



Sean Riopelle
"Witty"



Benjamin Rizza
"Studious"



Melissa Roman



Rachel Rosenbach
"Priceless"



Amanda Roualet
"Intriguing"



David Ruttan
"Impressive"



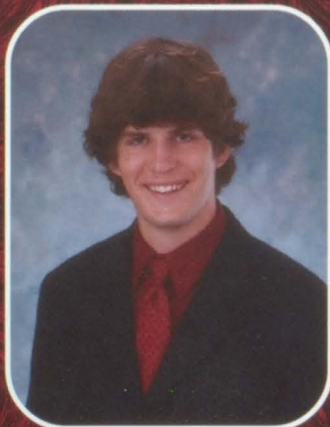
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Erica Scafone
"Sophisticated"



Randall Schonfeld



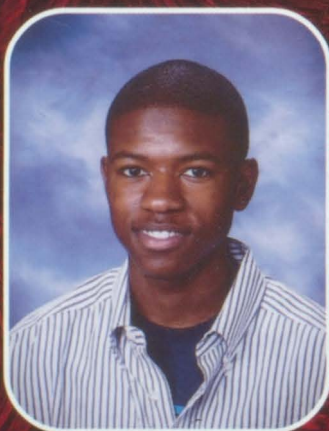
Robert Schurig
"Superluous"



James Semivan
"Football!"



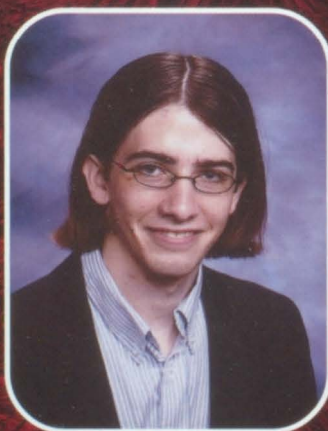
Allison Septer
"Loving"



Joshua Shephard
"Success"



Beth Simoni
"Fantabulous"



Kevin Sirianni



Jamie Skewes
"Firsts"



Stephanie Smith
"Creative"



Jonathan Spalding
"Different"



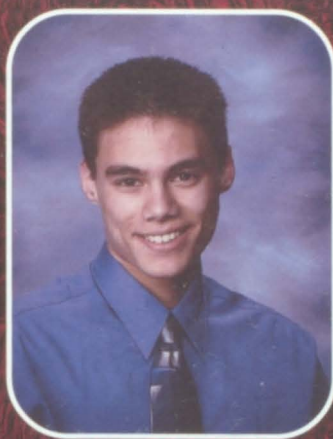
Verdina Spann



Keegan Springfield
"Faithful"



John Stanichuk



Thaddeus Steyskal
"Rad"



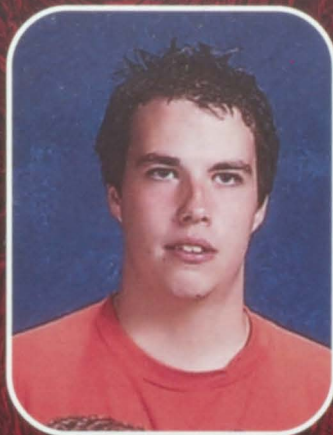
Amanda Stuart
"Sincere"



Anthony Susin
"Samurai"



Trent Sutherland
"Obnoxious"



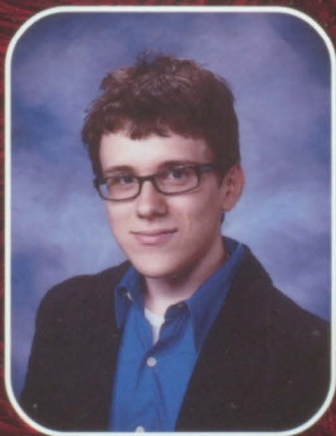
Brian Taylor
"Annoying"



Kelly Thielen
"Denial"



Stacy Thompson
"Incognito"



Andrew Toggweiler
"Decent"



Jessica Toner
"Classic"



James Uelmen
"Zoetic"



Calvin Vankeersbilch
"Evasive"



Harold Vaphiadis



Marianna Vermiglio
"Jawsome"



Russell Vctor
"Lucky"



Sydney Walsh
"Indecisive"



Martin Waskowski
"Quick"



Bradley Whitley
"Majestic"



Natalie Whitley



Lauren Wilkins
"Unique"



Meghan Wlotkowski
"Friendly"



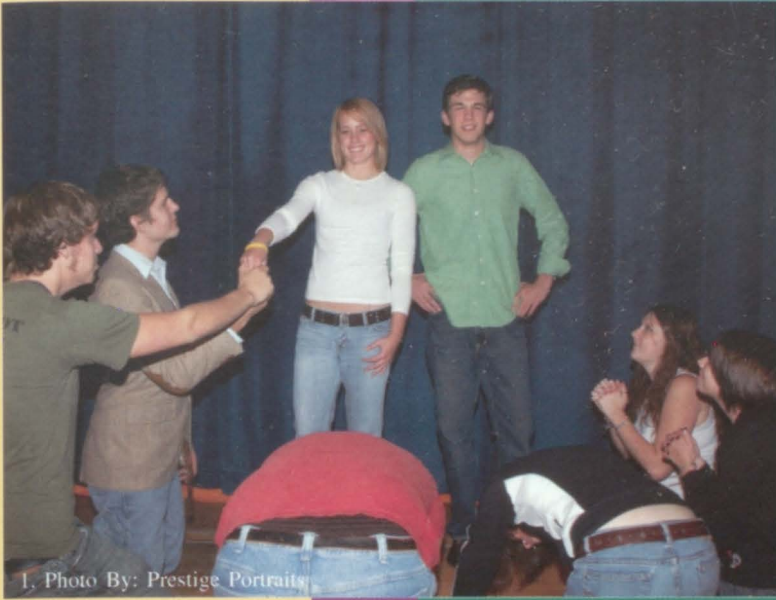
Rebecca Young
"Energetic"



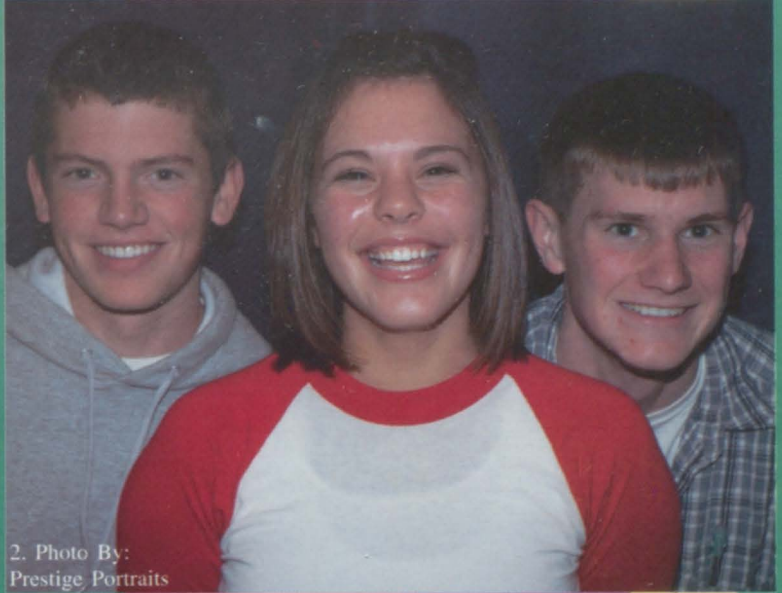
Jamie Zimmer
"Crazy"

The Last Graduating Class of Dondero...

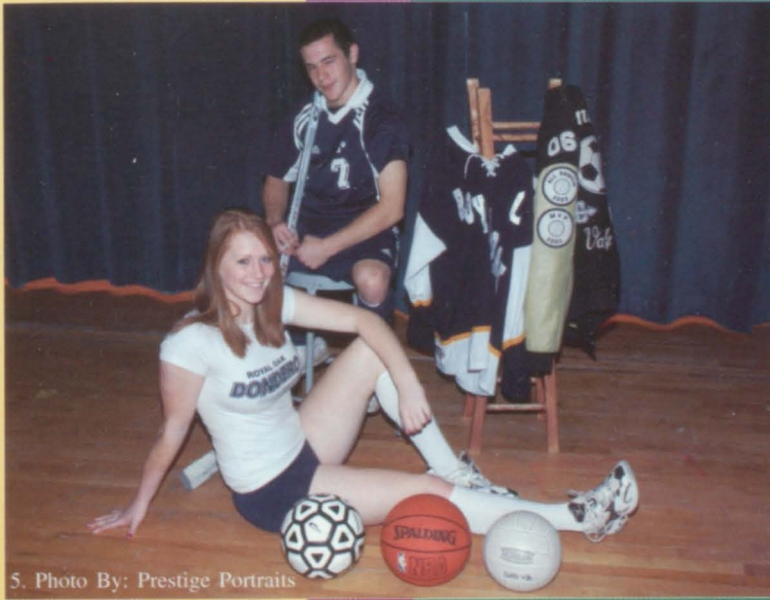
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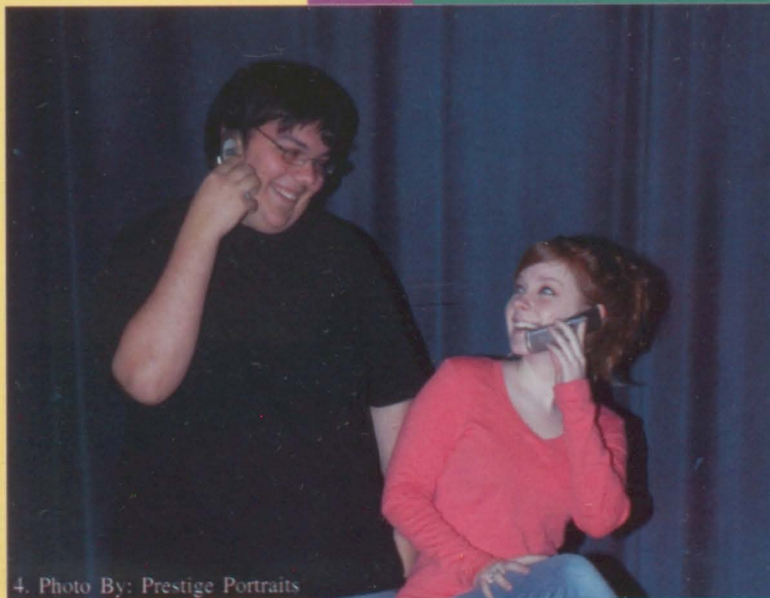
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Clockwise:

1. Most Eligible Bachelor and Bachelorette:
Holden Dawda & Allison Septer

2. Best Smile:

Daniel Abraham, Rachel Rosenbach & Alex Keith

3. Most Likely to be President:

Brianna English & Matthew Hallock

4. Biggest Gossip:

Michael Farr & Meryn McClelland

5. Most Athletic:

AlexSaundra Hamm & James Rex

SeNiOr

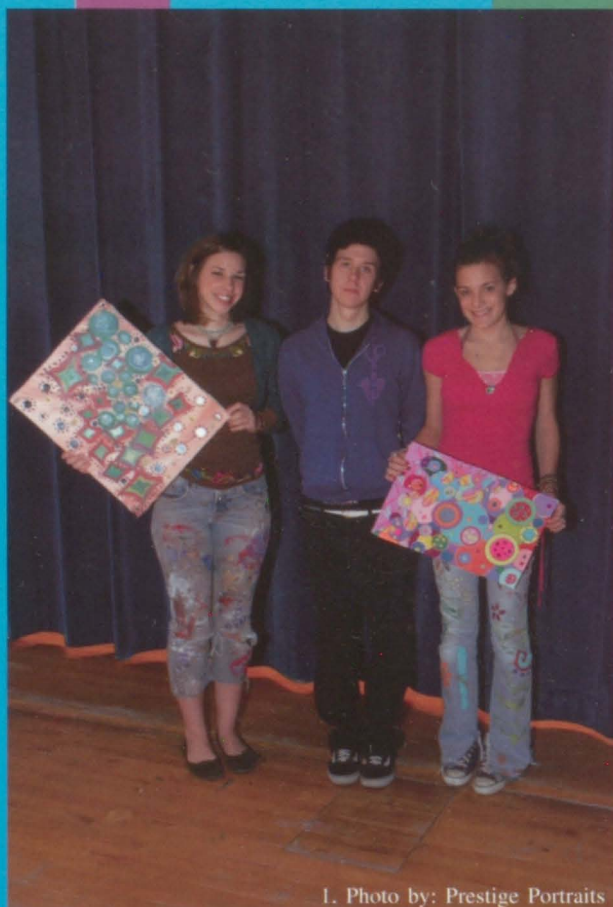
Clockwise:

1. Most Artistic
Elise Androkites,
Nicholas Burrige,
& Lauren Wilkins

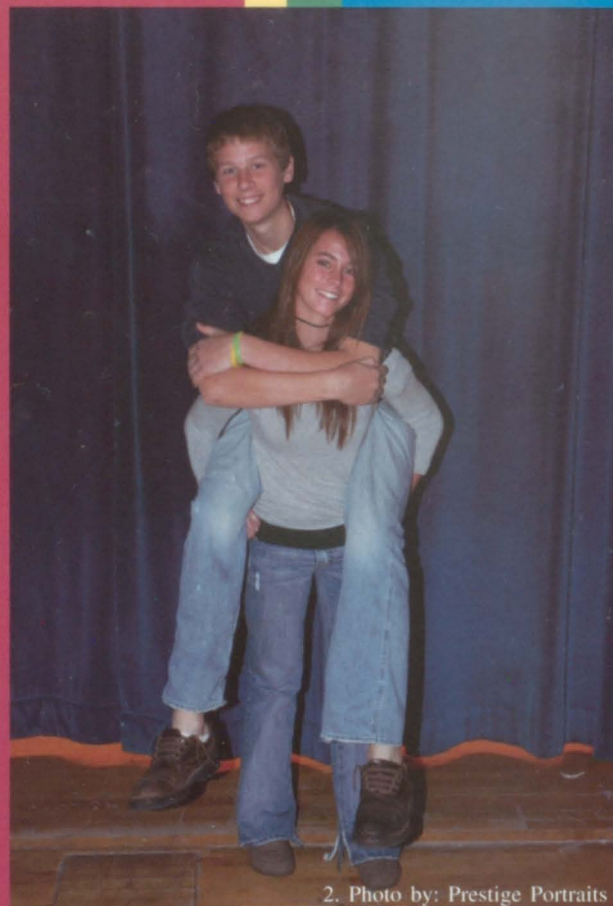
2. Best Personality
Morgan Huffman
& Morgan Gardner

3. Best Hair
Katharine Helegda
& Andrew Cissell

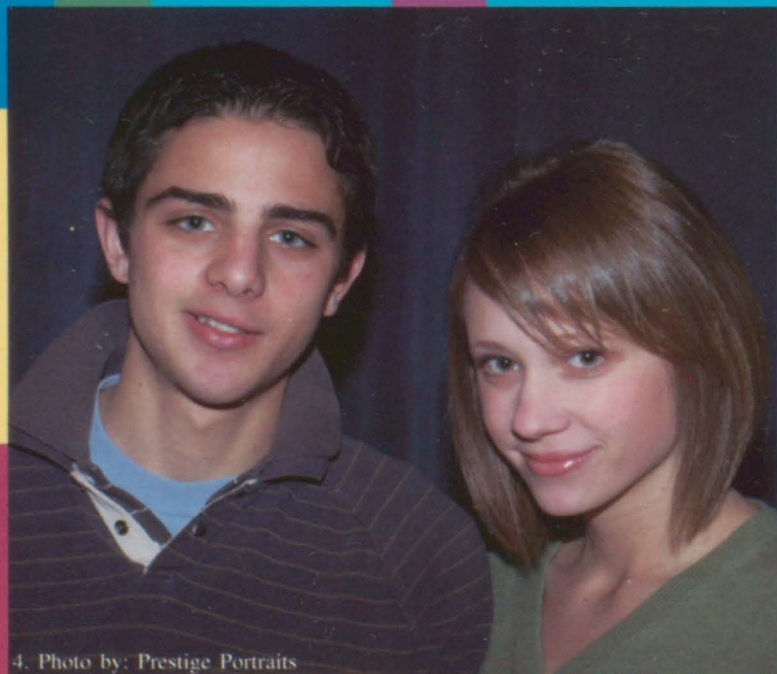
4. Prettiest Eyes
Bradley Bauer
& Kristin Lochner



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4. Photo by: Prestige Portraits



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MOCKS



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Clockwise:

1. Class Flirt
Stacy Thompson
& Ryan Rankin

2. Cutest Couple
Christa Good
& Colton Karabelski

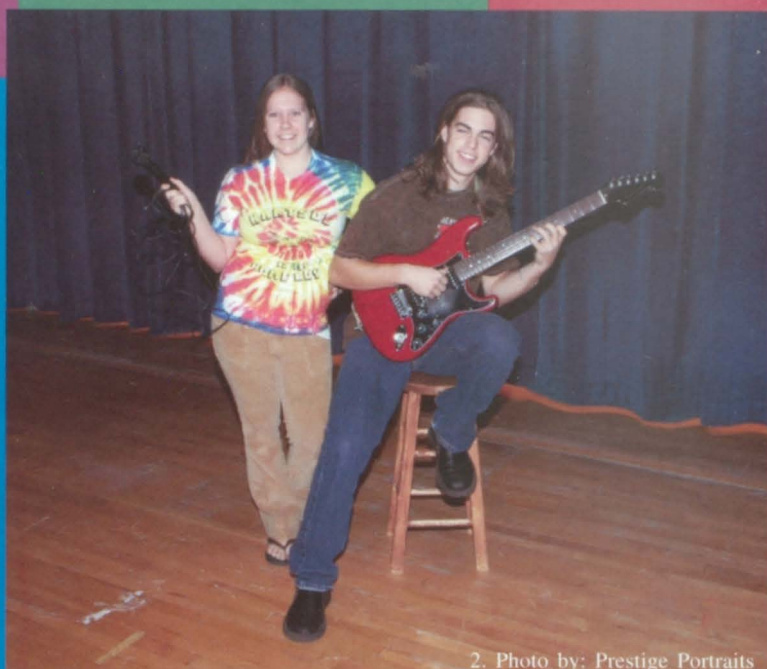
3. Best Dancer
Albert Paris
& Kristen Olinski

4. Mr. GQ & Miss Vogue
James Semivan
& Celina Maggi

SeNiOr



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Clockwise:

1. Most Likely to Win an Oscar
Breanna Byrnes,
Robert Schurig
& Amelia Anderson

2. Most Musically Inclined
Caitlin Burr
& Andrew Costigan

3. Most Likely to Succeed
Evan Kangas
& Autumn Kangas

4. Mr. Universe & Miss America
Anthony Susin
& Meghan Luzod



4. Photo by: Prestige Portraits



3. Photo by: Prestige Portraits

Mocks



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Clockwise:
1. Most Likely to Win Nobel Peace Prize
 Taryn Andersen
 & Alexander Fike

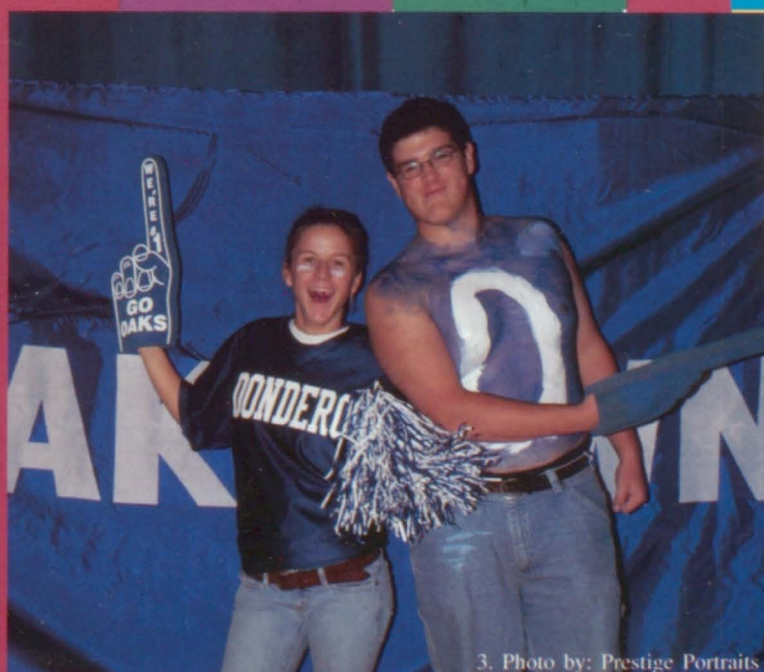
2. Class Clown
 Thor Brovold
 & Tatiana Aleeva

3. Most Spirited
 Jackie Brown
 & Paul Buck

4. Catchiest Laugh
 Sydney Walsh
 & Brian Caloia



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3. Photo by: Prestige Portraits







Photo By: Jaime Keeter

Above: Erica Ongstad, '07, Brittnee Hogan, '07, and Rebecca Comby, '07, are excited to attend Dondero's last homecoming parade. Alumni were able to march in the parade this year with the band or their graduating class.

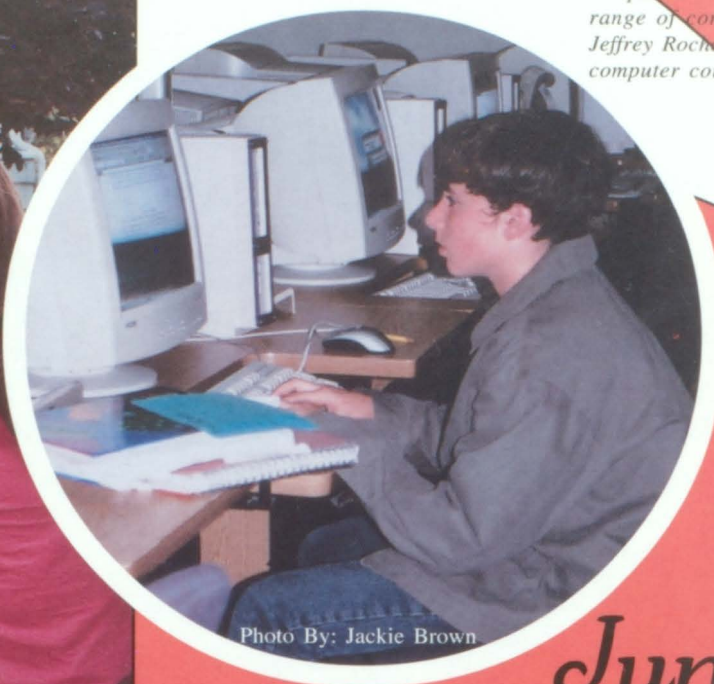


Photo By: Jackie Brown

Below: Students at Dondero have the opportunity to use computers and learn an broad range of computer programs. Jeffrey Rochon, '07, enjoys his computer courses at Dondero.

Juniors

Class Favorites

Male Teacher: Mr. Cicchini

Female Teacher: Mrs. Kocis

College: U of M

Sport: Basketball

Radio Station: 95.5 FM

Cartoon Character:

Bugs Bunny

Superehero: Superman

Pick-up Line: "Do you have any raisins? How about a date?"

Celebrity Dream Date:

Chad Michael Murray/Carmen Electra



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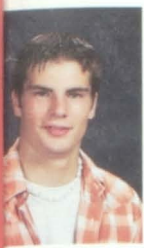
Above: Junior class officers, from left, Brian Gregory, '07, Sarah Rogers, '07, Dalila Mujagic, '07, and Rachel Stephens, '07, don't just hang around all day. They are very active in the school.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

To the left: Rose Rivard, '07, and Kathleen Duncan, '07, enjoy having math together. They help each other out a lot, since math is such a tough subject!

By: Megan Beck



Eric Akers



Ashwaq Al-Siamer



Joshua Allard



Kelly Anderson



Kristina Andreski



Samuel Apfel



Logan Appelbaum



Beriah Asher



Katelyn Ather



Derek Balnius



Andrew Barber



Richard Bassett



Megan Beck



Brad Beisiegel



Brandon Belanger



Douglas Beynon



Nicholas Bidelman



Michael Bindschatel



Addison Binek



Benjamin Blostein



Ashley Bourke



Kaylin Boyd



Jessica Brown



Aaron Browne



Lynn Chun Mei Bryan



Gary Buck



Daniel Call



Jocelyn Cardinas



Kevin Carr-Boykins



Elizabeth Carter



Timothy Casey



Glen Cawthon



Christopher Charnow



Zachary Chavez



Rebecca Comby

Elizabeth Carter, '07, thinks it's awesome that she is allowed to go off campus for lunch now that she is an upperclassmen.



Junior Year is...

Adapting to high school

MEAP

Upperclassmen

ACTs

Relationships

Grades

Off-campus privileges

By: Veronica Adkins & Megan Beck



Carly Cooper



Scott Corey



Angela Cruickshank



Anthony D'Agnillo



Rachel Davidson



Halee Davis



Patrick Day



Andrew Derochie



Andrew Derouin



Rhiannon Dixon



Jacqueline Dowding



Jonathon Dresden



Kathleen Duncan



Lindsay Dyja



Riley Eroh



Kenneth Eubanks



Erik Ewald



Brandon Ferguson



Adam Fischer



Brandon Fitzpatrick



Lance Fletcher



Autumn Fromm



Allen Fugate



Brandon Gehringer



Kevin Gibb



Kacey Glabach



Laura Gniewek



Johnathan Gogoleski



Mark Goodson



Jamesa Gracy



Brian Gregory



Lukas Hadjiveloudos



Dustin Hartley



Sarah Heinrich



Crystal High



Brittnee Hogan



Katherine Hoobler



Kimberly Hoobler



Ryan Hooper



Keenan Horvet



Clarissa Howell



Michael Hubbarth



Robert Hunsicker



Antonio Huntley



Emily Huston



Kyle Jarois



Yun Tong Jiang



Dennis Johnson



James Johnson



Jason Johnson



Allyse Josefosky



Maria Jucha



Justin Kaczmarek



Garrett Kapel



Jaime Keeter



Alan Kipp



Lewis Knight



Jason Kowalske



Kaitlyn Kueber



Jake LaCroix



Bradley LaJoye



Christopher Layou



Ryan Lee



Andrew Lentz



Sylvester Leslie



Daniel Lester



Calen Livingstone



Joshua Lovelace



Eric Lowry



Kelly Ludeman



Scott Lukas



Samantha MacMillan



Sarah Markland



Robert Mason



Lauryn McGee



Molly McGuire



Elizabeth McLaughlin



Christopher Merchant



Nicholas Miller



Adelina Mujagic



Dalila Mujagic



Sarah Myers



Anna Nelson-Lenhardt



Angela Nielsen

These are just a few of Dondero's many lockers. The blue color helps add a homey feeling to the building.



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Did You Know
Dondero...
Looking at Dondero in numbers..

349 Boys

319 Girls

1,069 Lockers

604 Stairs

55 People in the Hall of Fame

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Jacob O'Hare



Brittany Oliver



Erica Ongstad



Peter Pappas



Devon Park



Mark Patterson



William Peltier



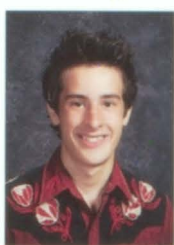
Brian Peterson



Richard Phillips



Jeanne Pingle



Spencer Poshadlo



Elizabeth Purchis



Kara Ramos



Aaron Rearick



Julia Renkert



Kyle Resto



Emily Ries



Rose Rivard



Rachel Roberts



Jeff Robinson



Jeffrey Rochon



Sarah Rogers



Gina Rome



Charles Ruark



Jamie Ryan



Mariam Safadi



Michael Sansom



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Todd Saukko



Christopher Sauve



Maggie Schultz



Jessie Scott



Jamie Septer



Kaitlin Shipman



Andrea Shippey



Porsha Silvers



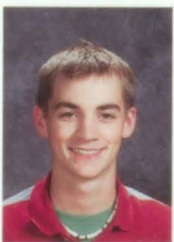
Ashley Sims



Brittany Smith



Charles Smith



Cory Smith



Joseph Smith



Zoe Smith



Daniel Stasiak



Alexander Stavros



Matthew Steele



Heather Steinberg



Lauren Stephan



Rachel Stephens



Bianca Still



Chelsea Stoops



Rebecca Stringer



Jeremy Tabor



Samantha Tank



Samantha Taylor



Julie Thomas



Howard Thompson



Zachary Truran



Ashley Underwood



Ryan Updike



Zachary Verneau



Ian Vickers



Allison Voglesong



Jacquelin Walsh



Jennifer Warneck



Alexandra Wendland



Kathryn White



Erin Wiles



Anthony Wucetich



Kosuke Yamamoto



Nathaniel Yocum



Erica Zakrzewski

Class of 2007

Not Pictured: James Gillies, Danielle Woods

Dave Miller, '80, enjoys sharing the daily news with the school. As a member of Dondero's WOAK he gets to learn how to use media technology.



Did You Know Dondero...

**Looking back at
Dondero in 1979...**

**WOAK had a new
broadcasting
room built.**

**There was once a
vocational food
restaurant run by
students, open to the
public located in the
building.**

**SEOVEC programs
helped students get a
jump start on their ca-
reers. This program
included floral design,
commercial art, optical
mechanics, and
cosmetology.**

By: Veronica Adkins & Megan Beck



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: Austin Shah, '08, pays attention in Ms. Maudlin's second hour American Literature class. Shah is participating in an interesting discussion on Native American Literature.

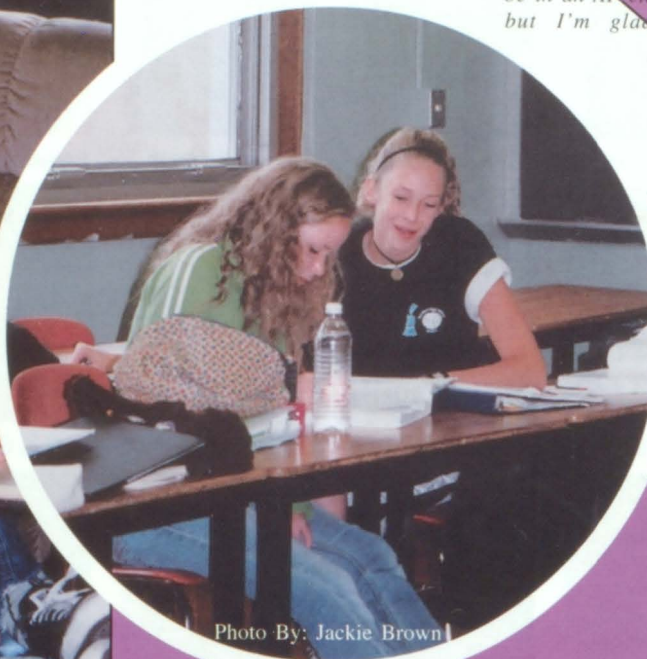


Photo By: Jackie Brown

Below: Maria Smith, '08, and Justine Stange, '08, work diligently on their AP Government assignments. "It is a really great experience to be in an AP class as a sophomore. It's hard, but I'm glad I did it," says Smith.

Sophomores Class Favorites

Male Teacher: Mr. Milazzo

Female Teacher: Mrs. Martin

College: OCC

Sport: Soccer

Radio Station: 96.3 FM

Cartoon Character: Betty Boop

Superhero: Spiderman

Pick-up Line: "Did it hurt when you fell from heaven?"

Celebrity Dream Date:

Jessica Simpson/Brad Pitt



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: Sophomore class officers, clockwise from top left: Sara Dunaj-Ring, '08, Jillian Rodriguez, '08, Katelyn Zlotecki, '08, and Samantha Finney, '08, know how to keep it real in face of all the responsibilities a Dondero class officer is presented with in the school's final year.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

To the left: Marco Feld, '08, enjoys learning and is very excited to be in Mrs. Marek's Business and Technology class. In this class, the students learn the basics of Excel and PowerPoint.

By: Megan Beck



Melanie Adams



Alicia Akers



Daniel Aldrich



Kendal Andersen



Chelsea Anderson



Jeffrey Anderson



Ashley Aronson



Kacy Ather



Drew Balnius



Robert Bare



Amanda Bartley



Alisha Bauer



Holly Begeny



Keith Bennett



Carrie Bennis



Christian Benvenuto



Sasha Bezak



Erika Black



Harmony Braley



Timothy Broaddus



Tina Brown



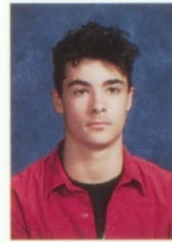
Steven Burrige



Tyler Butler



Ryan Cairo



Jacob Campbell



Morgan Chandler



Michael Charette



Jacob Choate



Diana Daddo



Alexa Danescu



Joshua Davis



Emma Dawda



Brittany Dear



Amanda Diamond



Chad Donovan

Katelyn Zlotecki, '08, is one of the lucky sophomores who gets to drive to school. She's one cool cat on campus with her sweet car!

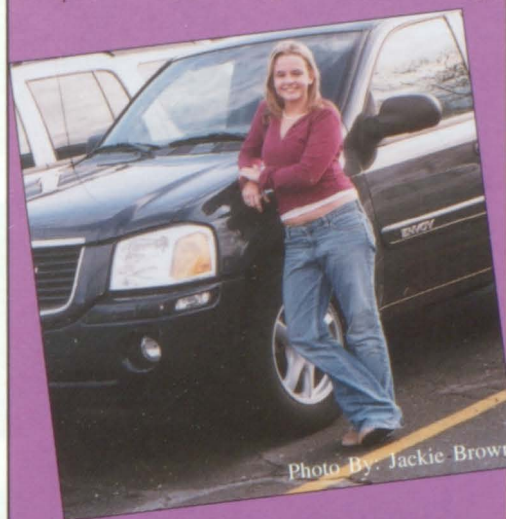


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Sophomore Year is...

Adapting to High School

Driving

Involvement

Confidence

Identity

Experience

Transition

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Alexander Dubetz



Jacob Dubuque



Taylor Duerr



Eric Dumas



Sara Dunaj-Ring



Jamison Dupraw



Emily Durnion



Sean English



Allison Ennis



Michelle Fabry



Marco Feld



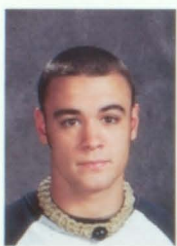
Emily Fields



Samantha Finney



Anthony Flores



John Fresch



Adam Gallegos



Devon Gardner



Rachel Geyer



Kathryn Gorman



Jonathan Gossman



Brittany Green



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Valerie Hague



Kaitlyn Hahn



Richard Hakli



Nicole Hartwig



Nakota Hedrick



Bryce Heinrich



Larry High



Scott Hill



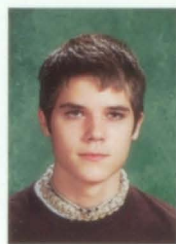
Alexander Hiltunen



Charlene Holm



Sarah Hopkins



Daniel Hubbard



Brian Hunsicker



Ethan Hutton



Ian Iverson



Stephen Jackson



Christine Jacobs



Cassie Jarman



Maxwell Jenkins



Jennifer Johnson



Jeffrey Jones



Kimberly Jones



Nathan Jones



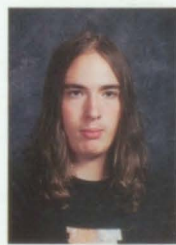
Laura Kerre



William Kincannon



Elizabeth Kipps



Sky Kissell



Patrick Koehn



Valerie Kozlowski



Timothy Kulesza



Ashley Kumer



Dain Kurkowski



Heather Laight



Aaron Laskie



David LeBlanc



Gage Leppert



Alexis Lewis



Megan Linthorne



Brianna Long



Stephen Longe



Anntara Lozen



Alexander Lozen-Kowalski



Trisha Maroni



Gregory Martini



Charles Mays



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Timothy Miller



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Alisa Moore



Anthony Morey



Janet Morrow



Kevin Nicaise



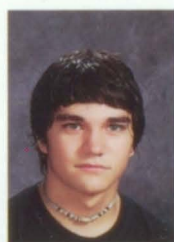
Deneira Nickerson



Lillian Noga



Amber Nolan



John Norander



Abigail Norling



Karen Orlowski



Matthew Palm

Mrs. Martin brings her energy to class so the student will be interested, but still have fun learning

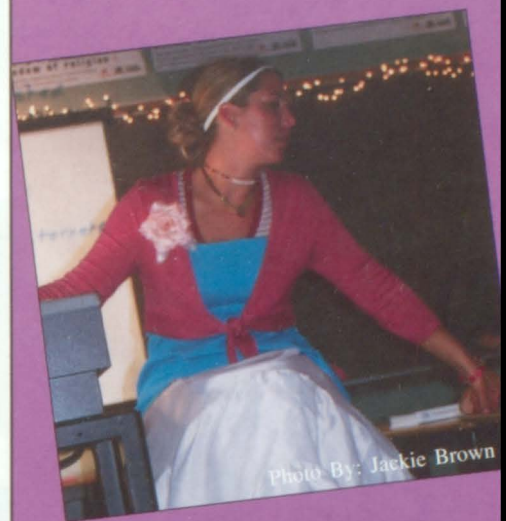


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Did You Know Dondero... When Students Become Teachers...

Mrs. Martin:

Graduating class of '97
Voted most spirited
Member of homecoming
court
Member of student
senate

Mr. Lynch:

Graduating class of '87
Varsity Football
All league/MVP for
football
Varsity Basketball
Spanish Club

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Kyle Paulsen



Breanne Petri



Mary Pollack



William Purchis



Lindsay Rance



Emilia Rauckis



Thomas Rex



Lindsay Reynolds



Kallie Riopelle



Brendan Risberg



Colin Roberts



Matthew Rockentine



Jillian Rodriguez



Matthew Rosenbach



Alyssa Ruggero



Laura Saloka



Matthew Sambrook



Melinda Sambrook



Rebecca Satawa



Keith Savage



Harry Saville



John Schnaidt



Lauren Shack



Austin Shah



Scott Shaler



Evan Sharpe



Nathaniel Sienkiewicz



Natalie Sirianni



Bianca Rae Small



Maria Smith



Michael Smith



Tyler Smith



Justin Springfield



Alicia Stack



Christina Stack



Justine Stange



Joseph Stanichuk



Donald Stewart



Lauren Steyskal



Marah Stratton



Brittney Sullivan



Morgan Sundberg



Lauren Tarr



Kathleen Tennant



Katie Tishler



Teegan Toggweiler



Aaron Usher



Jacob Virden



Michael Walby



Veronica Ward



Elizabeth Wardrop



Matthew Wathen



Dana Webb



Gregory Webb



Juan Welch



Leahandra Wendland



Theresa Williams



Sarah Woodmansee



Jacob Yates



Nicholas Yocum



Abigail Young



Katelyn Zlotecki

Class of 2008

Not Pictured: Jacob Beadia, Tiffany Bowery, Nicholas Cannu, Shayla Carr, Mimi Diamond, Michael Filer, Zachary Haggart, Antonio Huntly, Erik Knight, Elexis Lawhorn, David Page

Chris Kasich, '91, and Heidi Sachs, '91, enjoy attending the Junior/Senior Mixer. This is one of the many Dondero traditions that have been lost over the years.



Did You Know Dondero...

**Looking back at Dondero
in 1990...**

**Girls Track
uniforms still in
use from 1990.**

**For the annual
powder puff game
the boys dressed
up as cheerleaders
to support the
girls in the game.**

**There was a
Varsity Club.**

**Home Economics
Class was offered.**

**The school
held Junior/
Senior Mixers
(dances)**

By: Veronica Adkins & Megan Beck



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: Every year each class competes to see who can make the best looking float. Amanda Degraaf, '09, Michaela Garrett, '09, Alec Bauer, '09, Michelle Keller, '09, Emily Mykietiuik, '09, and Kelli McGee, '09, work together in hopes of creating the winning float for the last year here at Dondero.

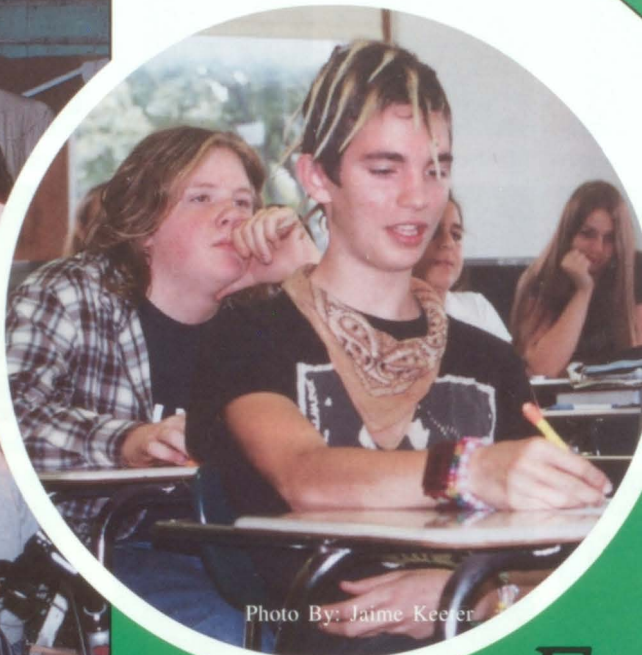


Photo By: Jaime Keener

Below: In Mr. Boysen's class, Matthew Michael, '09, works on his assignment while Beau Lukas, '09, listens intently to the algebra lecture.

Freshmen Class Favorites

Male Teacher: Mr. Fitzpatrick

Female Teacher: Ms. Gardy

College: NYU

Sport: Hockey

Radio Station: 101.1 FM

Cartoon Character:

Spongebob Squarepants

Superhero: Underdog

Pick-up Line:

"How you doin'?"

Celebrity Dream Date:

Ashton Kutcher / Pamela Anderson



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: Freshman class officers Gabrielle Rome, '09, Michelle Keller, '09, Cassie Lama, '09, Matthew Lewan, '09, Richard Diriti, '09, and Matthew Mayer, '09, do more than just stand around. They organize float parties as well as different fundraisers.

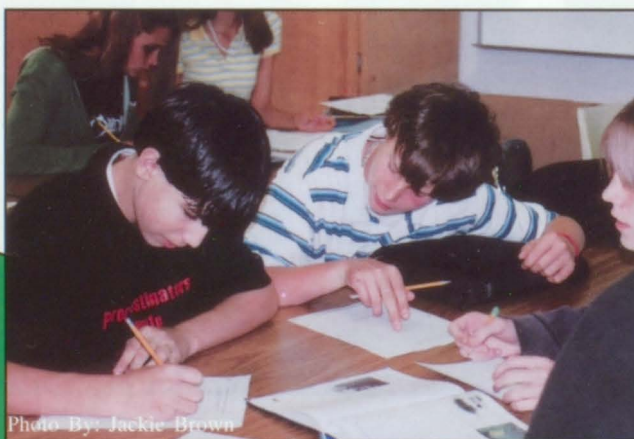


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To the left: Dondero is known for its family-like atmosphere. It is shown here as Joshua Dziengel, '09, and Kevin Filthaut, '09, help one another to complete their IPES assignment.

By: Veronica Adkins



Ali Al-siamer



Amanda Andreski



Shane Asher



Sean Barry



Alec Bauer



James Beber



Keely Beck



Robyn Benson



Alexander Berard



Alexandra Boiko



Jonathan Bonar



Patrick Bremer



Gus Brovold



Kiely Brown



Jacob Budnick



Sean Burwell



Scott Cichowlas



Adam Czarnowski



Matthew Davidson



Claire Dedeckere



Amanda Degraaf



Richard Ditri



Katlyn Dresden



Brett Dufty



Joshua David Dziengel



Joshua Edmonds



Trevor Eroh



Amanda Fayed



Kevin Filthaut



Kelsey Flanigan



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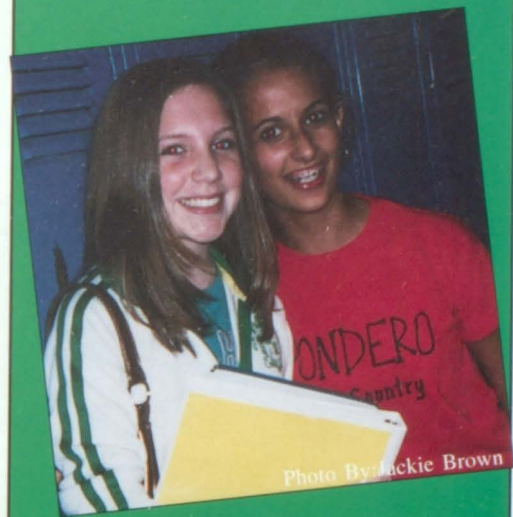


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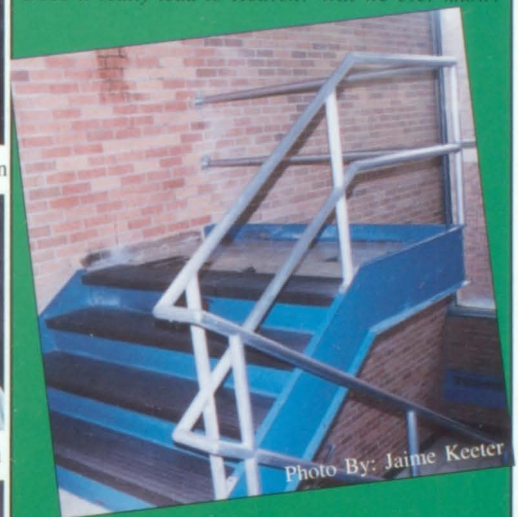


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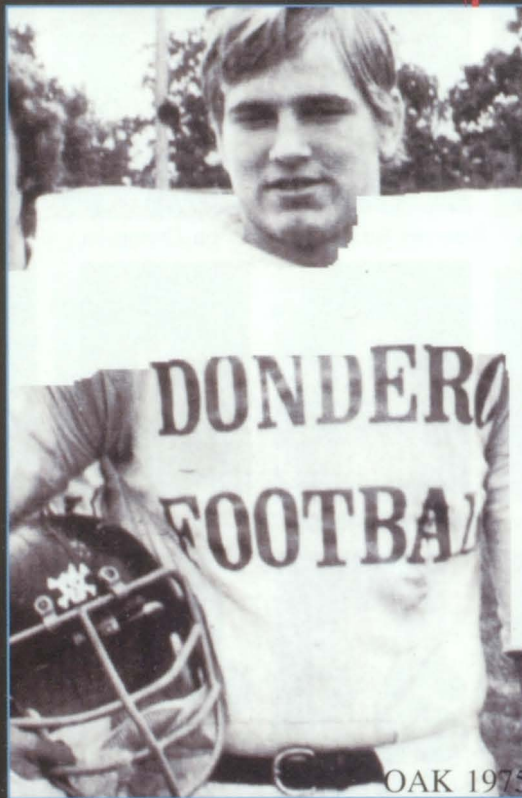
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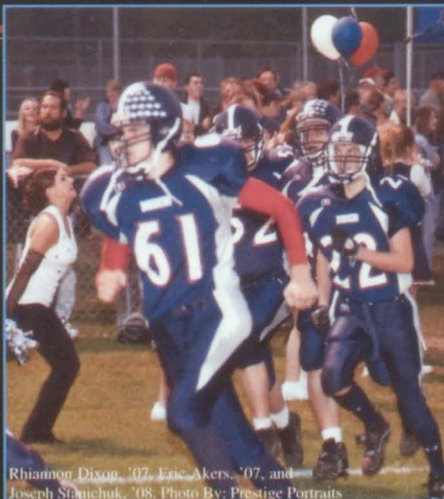
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Alexis Lewis, '08. Photo By: Prestige Portraits



Brittnee Hogan, '07. Photo By: Prestige Portraits



Rhannon Dixon, '07, Eric Akers, '07, and Joseph Stauchuk, '08. Photo By: Prestige Portraits



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"Heart" Boys Varsity Football

The Oaks had a very difficult season this year. With the record of 0 wins and 9 losses, the adversity they overcame was truly amazing. "The wins and losses didn't really mean that much to us. We never gave up," said Matthew Layou, '06. The spirit was incredible, even after the losses. When the morale was as low as possible, the spirit would always bounce back. The coaches and captains really helped out with lifting the team up. "Being a captain, you are seen as a better player and a role model, and many people look up to you," said Jason Maurice, '06.

Watching the team from a whole different perspective, Jake LaCroix, '07, was disappointed with how the season turned out. LaCroix tore his ACL only two games into the season, leaving him only to be able to cheer from the sidelines. "The only reason why the season was disappointing to me was because of all the hard work and long hours that all the guys put into practice. Other than that, the team was so close that it didn't matter what the record was. They were going to do what they could to try and pull through," said LaCroix. Excited for next year's season at Royal Oak High School, along with many others, LaCroix said he has nothing but fond memories and good times on the Dondero Varsity Football Team.

By: Abigail Petri



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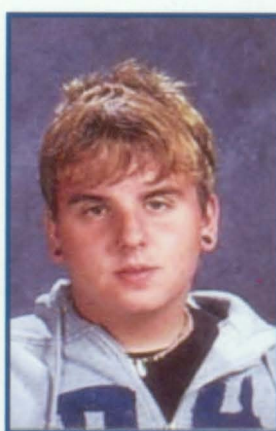
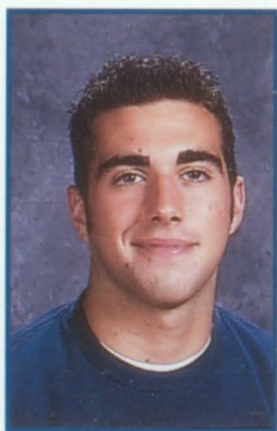
Above: Completely unstoppable, solid senior James Cronberger, '06, pushes and pulls his way through Hazel Park's defense.

" E n d u r a n c e "

Left: "Endurance is one word that described our season," said Jake LaCroix, '07.

Middle: "We worked so hard, and I have no regrets on the season. A win would have been nice, but our heart was better," said Victor Andres, '06.

Far Right: "We never gave up, and we fought until the end every time," said Trevor Peschke, '06.



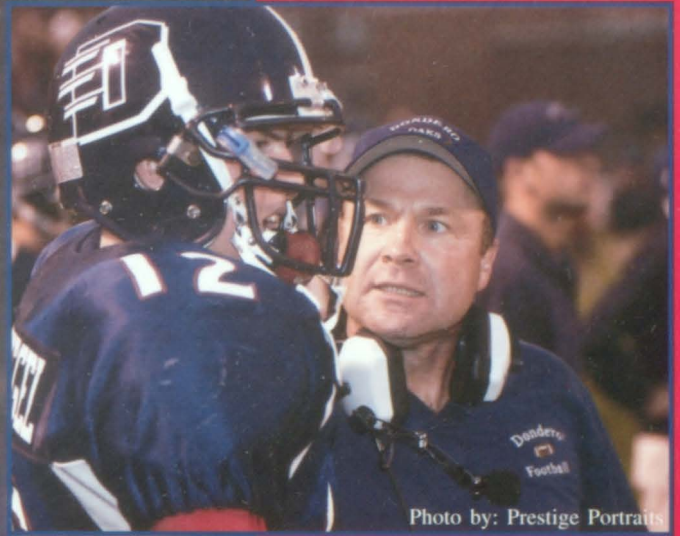
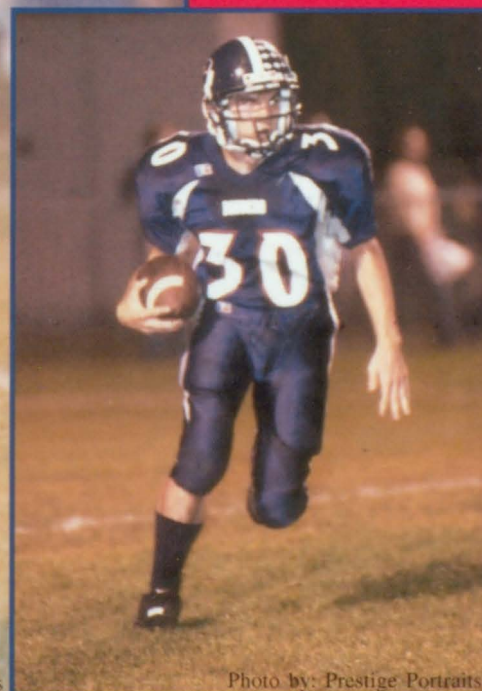


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Above: Varsity football head coach, Jim Fitzpatrick, strongly encourages Brad Beisiegel, '07, to step up things out on the playing field.

To the left: It's a bird, it's a plane, no it's Anthony Susin, '06, popping out of mid-air to grab an interception and run it back for the Oaks.



To the left: It is the beginning of the game, and Joshua Appenzeller, '06, returns the kick-off.

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“Solid” Boys Varsity Golf

The boys varsity golf team was extremely loaded with talent this year. They had a solid core of experienced seniors that led the team to be successful, but all in all the teammates felt like the season was an underachievement. The team record was 8-6, and for many people that would be good, but for the level of talent on the team it could have gone way better.

“The captains kept us on our toes and helped us out on our skills,” said Anthony Hallett, '06. The captains, Nicholas Johnson and Jim Uelmen, really led the team during the season, not only through leading by example but by taking time out of their day to help out other teammates who were having difficulties. They kept the spirits up even through the hard times. “Our team was really committed, and that was a factor that played into our success,” said Paul Buck, '06.

The lifespan of a golfer is way longer than any other sport, and continuing on in the future is definitely an option for the players of the golf team here at Dondero.

By: Abigail Petri

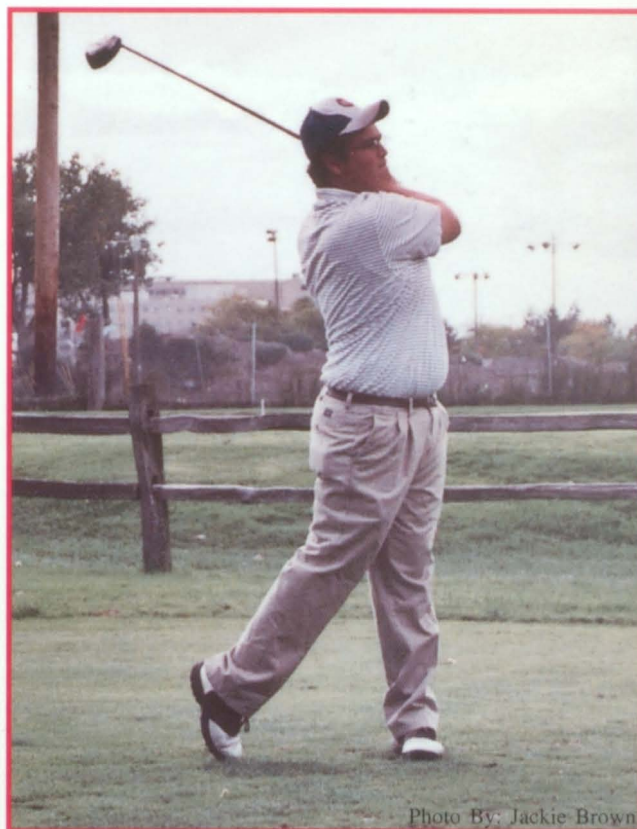


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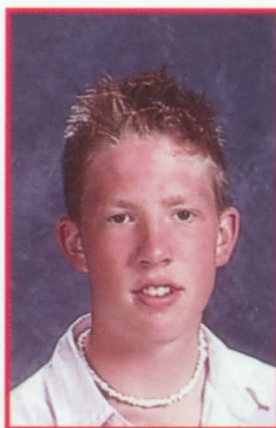
Above: Paul Buck, '06, follows through after swinging, hoping for a hole-in-one. Buck's strategy for success in golf is having a good stance when swinging.

“ U n b r e a k a b l e ”

Left: “Unbreakable” is the word that Johnathon Gossman, '08, used to describe the team.

Middle: “Golf is a really classy game, and I really enjoy playing it,” said Michael Smith, '08.

Far Right: “This season was a lot of fun; I really enjoyed it,” said senior captain James Uelmen, '06.



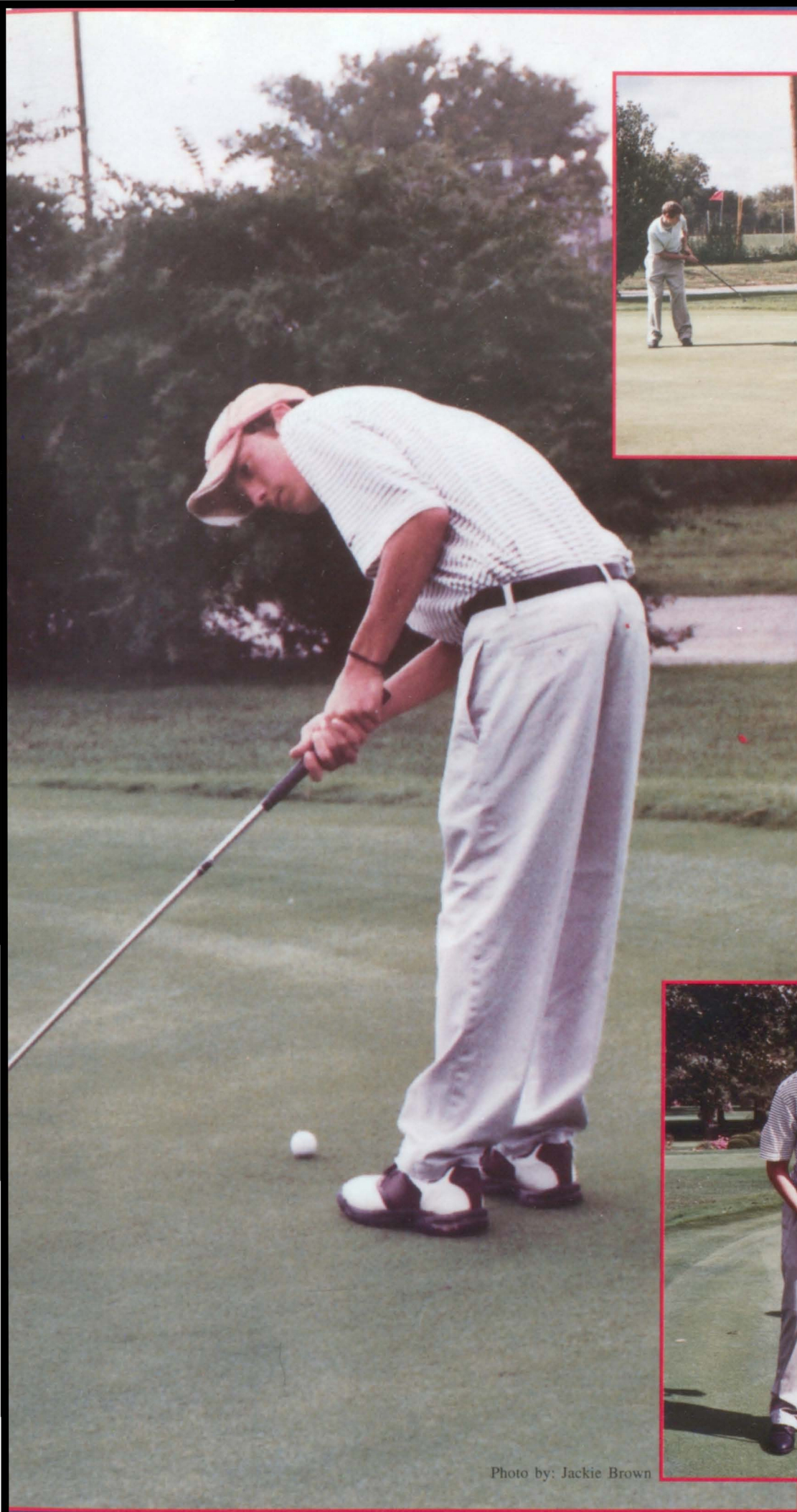


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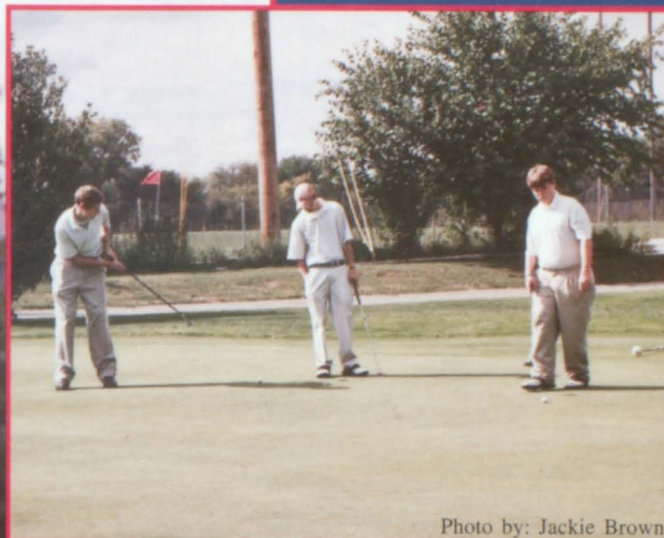


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Above: Important members of the team join to practice between rounds. Having good strategies is how they won matches.

To the left: Named Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player, and Dream Team, James Uelmen, '06, was an all-star on the varsity golf team this past season. Leading the Oaks to nine victories, Uelmen strived only to do his best.



Photo by: Jackie Brown

Above: Technique is key here for Morgan Huffman, '06. In deep concentration, he is only seconds away from teeing off.

“Motivational” Varsity Cheerleading

Motivational leaders or cheerleaders are a vital part of any sporting event. They get the crowd into the game and give life to the competitors on the playing field. “We try to pep up the team during the games. We give them the edge on the field,” said cheerleader Bianca Small, '09.

These girls put in hours of work every week to choreograph cheers for game days, hoping they could inspire their team to victory. “Everybody has to be on the same page when you cheer. It takes a lot of practice to get that timing perfect,” said Lindsay Dyja, '07. It was evident that the team utilized this practice time as their cheers improved throughout the year.

The amazing jumps, flips, and stunts that the Dondero cheerleaders performed showed the athletic ability that it takes to cheer. “Cheerleading is a sport and takes many skills to perfect,” said Small. These girls are proof of that.

By: Anthony Susin



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: How can she do that? Ashley Underwood, '07, performs a difficult stunt of the mid-air splits in front of tons of Dondero fans. This stunt is extremely hard, and takes the effort of many girls on the team to do.

“ E n t h u s i a s m ”

Left: “We have to bring enthusiasm with every cheer. We have to stay positive even when the teams are down,” Amanda Bartley, '07.

Middle: “I love the cheer team! Regardless of how the team does, we still do our thing and have fun.” Bianca Small, '08

Far Right: “It’s only my first year on the squad, so I learn new things every day from the more experienced girls. It’s fun to cheer, and it helped me meet a lot of new people.” Emma Janowicz, '09.



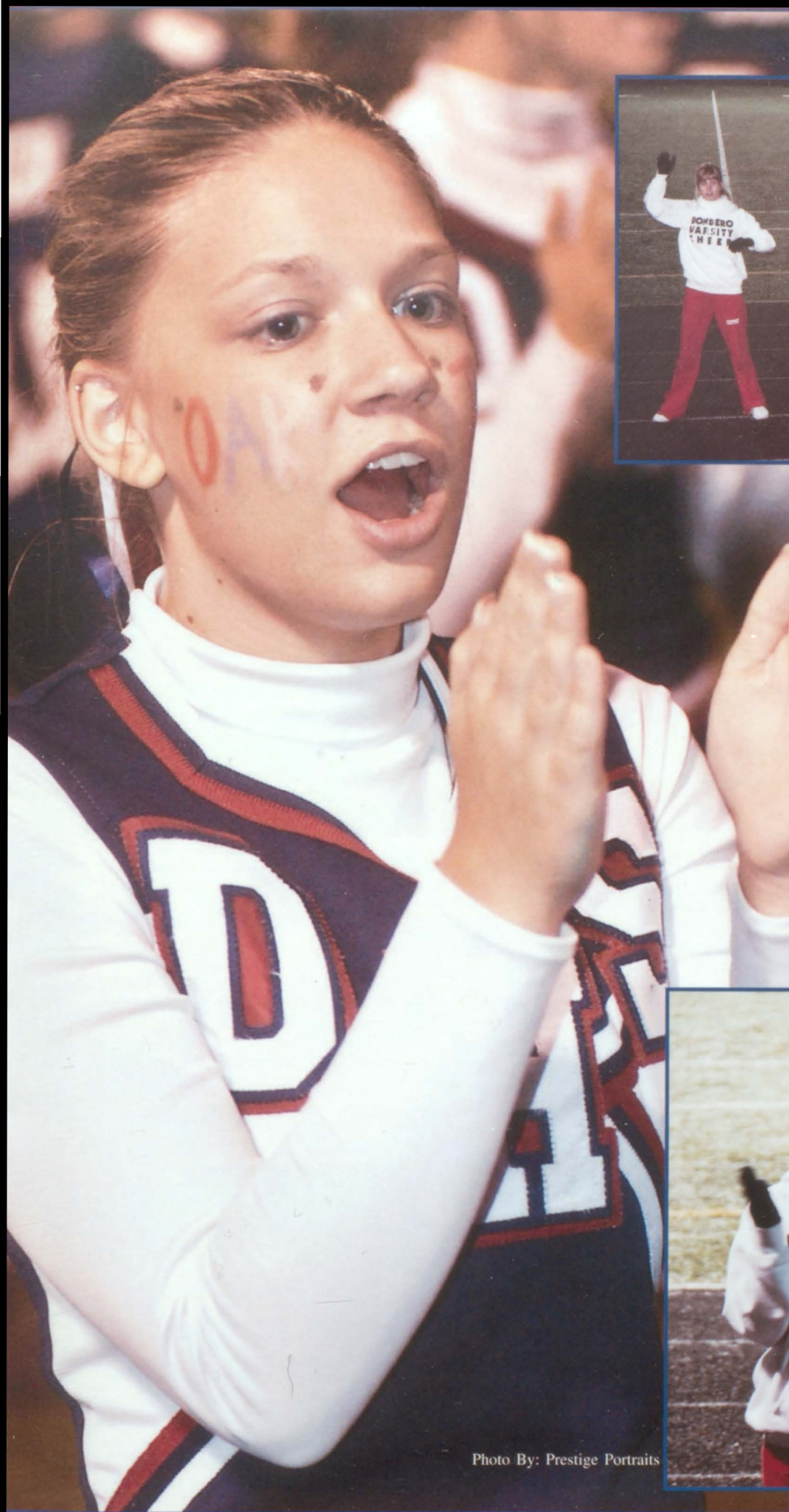


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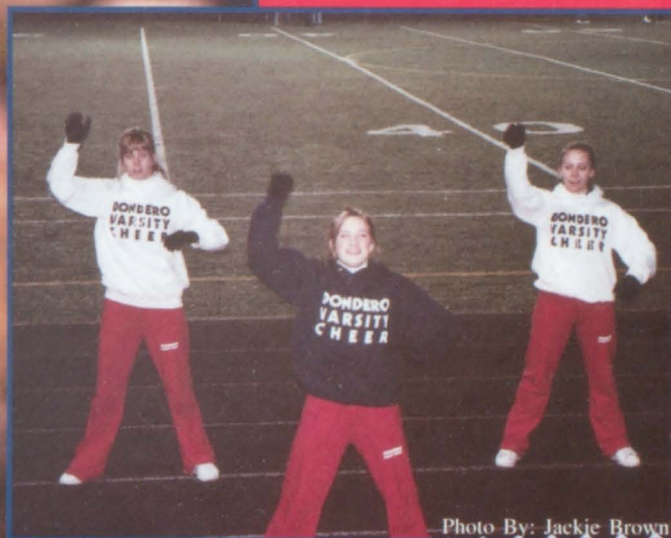


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Above: Led by co-captain, Chelsea Stoops, '07, members of the cheer squad unite the football team's supporters and begin an Oaktown chant. "It's fun when you get a reaction from the stands," said Stoops.

To the left: Lindsay Dyja, '07, joins her team in a game time cheer. "I cheer because it's fun and you get to make a lot of close friends," said Dyja.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

To the left: You go, girl! Beriah Asher, '07, tries to cheer the Dondero Oak's football team to a comeback victory. Like this freezing day, the weather the girls faced all year long was difficult.

"Love" Girls Varsity Tennis

This year's girls tennis team had a good season. There were many first year players on this team. The main goal for these girls was to improve their game throughout the course of the season. "I practiced mostly with Meghan Luzod, '06, sometimes with the machine, and sometimes with the coach. We mainly played against each other to get used to real game situations," said Carolin Jakobs, '06. Singles players worked a lot with the ball machine to improve their games. Doubles players did a lot of serving and volleying, and worked on technique to improve their form. "My most memorable moment this year was when we had a really long match against Southfield, and we finally beat them," said Emma Dawda, '08. The teammates worked well together to improve the overall game. They never quit and always tried their hardest. The girls played their best and worked hard to make the last season one that they will never forget.

By: Brad Beisiegel



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: Alix Kowalski, '06, and Rachel Champagne, '06, get in their stances, awaiting the serve from their opponent.

" R e g i o n a l s "

Left: "We were at regionals, and Lizzy Carter and I were put up to first doubles. It was scary, but we let loose and had fun," said Dalila Mujagic, '07.

Middle: "My most memorable moment was the very last game because it was the last of the season and the last at Dondero," said Elizabeth Carter, '07.

Far Right: "My most memorable moment was singing Beatles songs on the bus on the way to our matches," said Jamie Ryan, '07.





Photo By: Jaime Keeter

Above: Beth Simoni, '06, watches intently while waiting for the serve from her Berkley opponent.



To the left: Meghan Luzod, '06, shows her perfect form while returning the serve from her opponent.



Left: Carolin Jakobs, '06, throws the ball in the air and winds up for a strong serve.

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"Tenacity" Boys Varsity Soccer

With a record of 14 wins, 3 losses, and 2 ties, the Dondero Boys Varsity Soccer had a very successful season. Practice helped the players get through long and tiring 70 minute games. The varsity soccer boys started every practice with a three mile run; then they moved on to stretching and drills. Captain Mitchell Erwin, '06, has been playing the rough and tough game of soccer for 13 years. As a graduating senior, he will be missing the Dondero Oaks team, but he is looking forward to the future. "I will hopefully be playing at the college level," said Erwin.

"I play on another team called the Royal Oak Rockers, but nothing compares to the Dondero team," said Matthew Palm, '08. As a sophomore, Palm is wishing for another varsity letter at the new Royal Oak High School next year. There will be many underclassmen going to the newly combined school, such as junior Michael Sansom, '07. He has been playing since he was four years old, living in Australia. "Soccer is a very big thing in Australia. Everyone plays it," said Sansom. The District Finals was the team's ultimate goal, which they had to work their hardest to achieve.

By: Angela Nielsen



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Above: Defender Austin Shah, '08, does his job of getting the ball out of Dondero's end and up the field.

" T o u g h "

Left: "Dondero's team is by far the best team to be a part of, even when the competition gets tough," said Matthew Palm, '08.

Middle: "After 13 years of playing soccer, it is a huge part of my life," said Mitchell Erwin, '06

Far Right: "You have to go all out to play soccer," said Michael Sansom, '07.

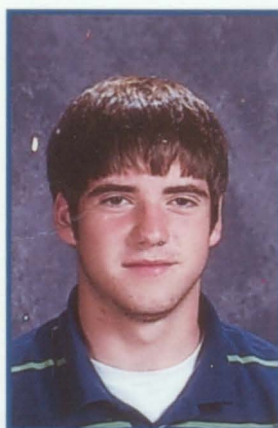
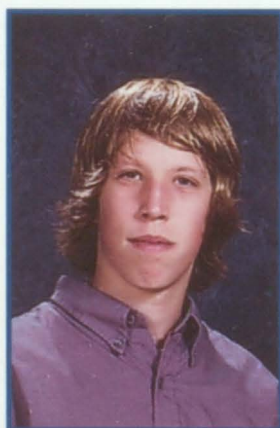




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Above: The Dondero Boys Varsity Soccer team awaits the beginning of the game. They all are wishing for another victory against their competition.



To the left: Joshua Lovelace, '07, dominates in an attempt to kick the ball across the field.



To the left: Team captain James Rex, '06, races away from two of the Ferndale High School players heading towards the goal. Dondero obtained another victory against the opponent.

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"Driven"

Girls Varsity Basketball

Some people expected this year's girls varsity basketball team to accept the losing ways of old and give up on the chance of a productive year. The 12 players on the squad desired a different fate and used this doubt as motivation towards their struggle for victories. "We were a very focused team. People expected us to lose every game this year, and we knew that we had to work harder than anyone else to get that win on game night," said power forward and co-captain, Allison Voglesong, '07.

The Oaks battled every game in search of victory, and when that first win came on October 6th against the Hazel Park Vikings, the girls were ecstatic. "I don't even know how to explain it. We worked so hard to get to that point, and it felt so good to get rewarded with a win," said center, Justine Stange, '08.

The Oaks surprised many fans and added more wins throughout the year. "We showed that with hard work, winning is possible," said point guard, Samantha Finney, '08, "and that the Dondero Girls Varsity Basketball Team was for real."

By: Anthony Susin



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Above: Looking very energetic, the girls varsity basketball team gathers in a pregame breakdown. "Breaking down helped us get pumped for the game to come," said AlexSaundra Hamm, '06.

" F r i e n d s h i p "

Left: "We progressed throughout the year in all areas of our game. We were able to accomplish this because of the friendships built during the season," said Justine Stange, '07.

Middle: "Nobody can tell us that we didn't give it our all," said Morgan Sundberg, '08.

Right: "We didn't make excuses and worked hard every time that we went at it. We really pushed ourselves," said Allison Voglesong, '07.



The Pyramid Scheme.





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Above: Katelyn Zlotecki, '08 battles with an opponent for a loose ball that she has just stolen. This type of hustle demonstrates the team's "will to win".

To the left: Four year varsity star Abigail Petri, '06, looks for an open lane to drive as she attacks the basket. Petri was the team's leading scorer and took every opportunity to put points on the board. "She was our biggest threat," said Vogelsong.



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To the left: Point guard Samantha Finney, '08, dribbles upcourt to set up an Oak's designed play. "Sam had the ball in her hands for much of the game," said Abigail Petri, '06. Obviously the coach and fellow players had a lot of trust in Finney's skills.

"Stamina" Varsity Cross Country

The cross country team had yet another strong season, finishing with an 8-2 record. Practices consisted of different drills which varied day to day. Some days would be distance runs, which were four to five miles or more, and other days would be speed work-outs or hill work-outs at the Lamphere hill. The team worked very hard to achieve their goals. There were many talented runners, a few running for the first time. "I just wanted to run the best time I could. It was my first year, so I didn't really have a set time, just to run to the best of my ability," said first year cross country runner, Brianna English, '06. Running is definitely harder than people think. They must be well-conditioned and must eat right to do well in the meets. The night before meets, the team had pasta parties, ate lots of carbs, and drank a ton of water. "While I run I usually sing songs, do math problems, daydream, or just think about the English paper that I have to write after the meet," said Gabrielle Rome, '09.

By: Brad Beisiegel



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Above: Yun Tong Jiang, '07, continues to run a good pace as he crosses the two mile mark, entering the last leg of the race.

" U l t i m a t e "

Left: "My most memorable moment was beating Kimball in ultimate frisbee. They outnumbered us three-to-one," said Sean Klaver, '06.

Middle: "My most memorable moment was when we went to Noodles and Co. and played with noodle toys and had a war," said Stephen Burwell, '06.

Far right: "My most memorable moment was the De La Salle meet because we got first place," said Lynn Chun Mei Bryan, '07.





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Above: The Dondero girls get off to a strong start at the county meet at Kensington Metropark. They fought through the cold and wound to finish this 3.1 mile race.

To the left: Jesse Lawrence, '06, runs his hardest to get a step ahead of Lathrup opponent as they approach the finish line.



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To the left: Seniors Sydney Walsh, '06, and Ashley Bennis, '06, along with juniors Angela Nielsen, '07, and Jamie Septer, '07, finish their warm-up before the meet against Lathrup at Kimball High School.

"Sportsmanship"

Girls Swimming and Diving

Whether jumping off the blocks, diving smoothly into the clear blue water, springing off the diving board or doing elegant flips through the air and into the water, the Dondero Girls Swim Team stops at nothing to do their best at all of the meets and practices. The team's competition was harder than ever, and at Leagues they managed to attain fifth place out of fifteen different schools. In order to accomplish such a great goal, they had to work very hard and never give up. "The hardest part about being on the team were the work-outs and trying to stay focused the entire time," said Natalie Sirianni, '08. They also had a lot of enjoyable moments to go along with all of the hard work. As a combined team with Kimball High School, the new friendships flourished. "The team members are by far the best part of being involved in swimming," said Lauren Steyskal, '08. The girls had a great time, not only playing a sport they love, but also by being with their old and new friends on the team.

By: Angela Nielsen



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: After a quick breath, Kristin Lochner, '06, is back into the water in hopes of winning the race for the combined team. She is one of the influential captains on the team.

" R e w a r d i n g "

Left: "The swim season is overall very rewarding, especially during the work-outs and the meets," said Natalie Sirianni, '08.

Middle: "The swim team was small, but we were all really close," said Kaitlin Shipman, '07.

Far right: "Being on the swim team means wanting to work really hard and being able to have a lot of commitment for the team," said Lauren Steyskal, '08.





Photo By: Jaime Keeter



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: The Dondero Girls Swim Team join together for an upbeat and positive chant towards the other team. The swim meets involve a lot of spirited yelling to get all the swimmers motivated for the races and diving.

To the left: One of Dondero's top divers, Alexandria O'Hara, '06, preapres to jump and dive backwards into the water. She is very concentrated on this difficult task before her.



Photo By: Jaime Keeter

To the left: Elizabeth Kipps, '08, stands behind the first swimmer in order to get ready to swim next. They have a very intense race ahead of them.

"Showmanship"

Varsity Dance Team

"One more time!" The varsity dance team heard this phrase from their coach many times while trying to perfect their routines throughout the year. The girls learned a routine in September that they would critique until February 3rd when they would perform in Orlando, Florida at the National Dance Team Championships.

Since the dance team has been attending the NDTC, the highest the girls have placed is 11th, but improving on that rank isn't the only reason for coming back. "The highlight to any year of dance in going to Nationals. We get to perform, but also get to watch other great teams perform as well as going to Disneyland for the week that we're there," said Autumn Fromm, '06.

These girls know how to have fun, but they also know when it's time to get serious. "We work as hard as any other sport," said Rhiannon Dixon, '06. Sometimes sports such as dance don't get the credit they deserve, but these girls recognize the effort they put forth and the skill that it takes to perform their routines. "Dance is a sport as well as a performance," said Dixon. "You must have good showmanship and keep your "facial" while performing."

By: Anthony Susin



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Above: In perfect position, co-captain Kristen Olinski, '06 awaits the music before she can get her freak on. Olinski knows how to get down!

" P e r f o r m i n g "

Left: "Performing in front of fans is very nerve-wracking, but it's my favorite part of dance," said Samantha MacMillan, '07.

Middle: "Dance camp is where you learn most of the moves that you use throughout the year," said Rhiannon Dixon, '07

Far Right: "Dance is as hard as any other sport. We work really hard, and it's not easy," said Autumn Fromm, '07.





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Above: It's all smiles as the dance team finishes up their routine to the hip rap song, "One, Two Step". These dance members are never seen without a smile on their faces when performing in front of fans.

To the left: Co-captain Christine Morelli, '06, dances proudly for the Oaks during half-time at the Homecoming game.



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To the left: Kelly Robinson, '09, makes one of her many poses during a half-time performance. Robinson is one of the two freshmen that made contributions to this year's dance team.

"Strength"

Boys Swimming and Diving

The Royal Oak Boys Swim and Dive team had to uphold the undefeated record and league champion title from last year. This strong and determined group of both Dondero and Kimball guys were very successful at accomplishing all of their goals. Most of the swimmers have been swimming for years and are very passionate about the sport. "I have been swimming ever since I was in fourth grade, and I have always loved to do it," said Daniel Lewan, '06. In order for the team to do so well, they frequently had to wake up early for practices. "The hardest part about being on the swim team is the six in the morning practices, twice a week," said Zachary Benton, '06. At the end of the season, all of the hard work-outs seemed to have paid off, giving the Royal Oak team a competitive reputation.

By: Angela Nielsen

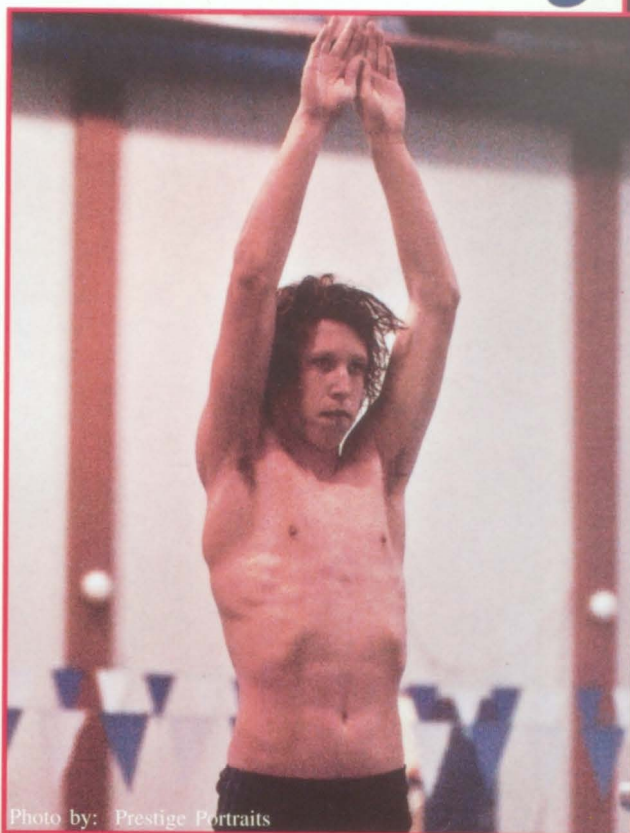


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Above: One of Royal Oak's top divers, Matthew Palm, '08, prepares to dive off the board backwards. This will add to the winning score against their competition.

"Talent"

Left: "It takes a lot of hard work and talent to be a Royal Oak swimmer," said Nicholas Miller, '07.

Middle: "The last four years have been awesome, and the team is only better," said Zachary Benton, '06.

Far right: "Royal Oak swimming equals complete domination," said Daniel Lewan, '06.

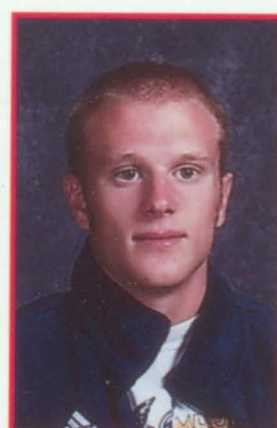
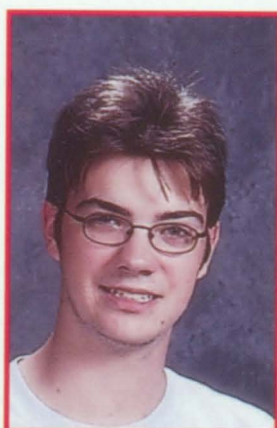




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Above: Taking a deep breath before he heads back into the water, Loren Wolfe, '09, is a tough competitor when it comes to freestyle.

To the left: The Royal Oak Boys Swim Team waits patiently waiting for the next race to start. The teammates cannot wait to cheer them on during the meet.



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To the left: Participating in the backstroke is not the only event that Zachary Benton, '06, is good at. His positive influence on the team helps them achieve their ultimate goal of victory.

“Extreme” Boys Varsity Basketball

The Dondero Varsity Basketball Team stops at nothing to try to achieve their goal of winning against their tough competitors. First year varsity player, Justin Kaczmarek, '07, started his season before try-outs at open gym, where players could go to have fun and get back into the basketball season. “I try to stay in shape during the off season,” said Kaczmarek. Most of the players on the team try to prepare themselves for the hard practices ahead of them. “The practices can be really challenging, but it is still exciting to play the game,” said Nicholas Bidelman, '07. Without these practices, though, the players would never be able to get through the fast-paced games throughout the season. All in all, the varsity basketball team knew what it took in order for them to have an enjoyable and successful season.

By: Angela Nielsen

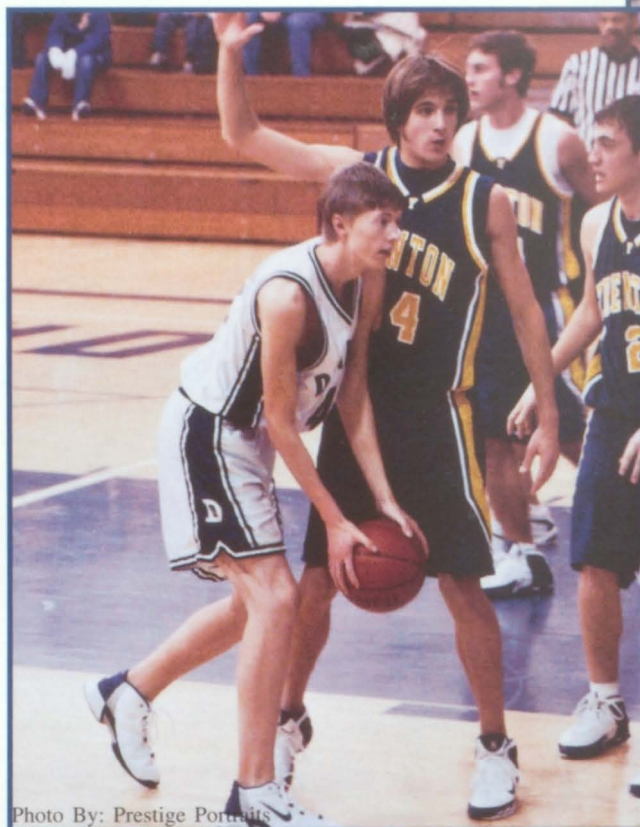


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Above: Andrew Lentz, '07, gets ready to pass the ball to one of his teammates, in order to bring home a win for the Dondero Oaks.

“ E x p e r i e n c e ”

Left: “Dondero basketball has been a unique experience during all four years,” said Andrew Cissell, '06.

Middle: “Basketball is a lot of fun to play, but all the running we do makes the practices hard,” said Nicholas Bidelman, '07.

Far Right: “I’m glad that I was pushed last year to try out. I really enjoy playing basketball, and it helps me stay physically fit,” said Justin Kaczmarek, '07.





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Above: Members of the basketball team watch the game intently. They are showing their support for the players on the court. The intensity of the game reflects upon their expressions. Dondero sports are always exciting!

To the left: Alex Keith, '06, jumps high over his competition towards the hoop. He is a major asset to the Dondero Oaks team, and it would not be the same without him.



To the left: Racing down the court with incredible speed, Matthew Forgash, '06, drives towards the net. Being a guard for the Oaks team is a tough job, but Forgash knows how to do what needs to be done.

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"Adrenaline" Varsity Wrestling

This year's Royal Oak Varsity Wrestling team put in a lot of time, hard work, and effort. Practices consisted of mostly drills and conditioning; the rest is just live wrestling. All of this leads to winning matches. The team has been combined for the last few years, and it doesn't seem to be a very big problem with the wrestlers. The team gets along pretty well. Eric Akers, '07, who wrestles in the 171 weight class, said, "Having a combined team is alright. We get picked on occasionally, but not too much. It doesn't really bother me." Akers decided to get back into wrestling this year and is determined to place in the State. Harry Saville, '08, who wrestles in the 130 weight class, said, "My goal is to at least make it to States."

By: Brad Beisiegel

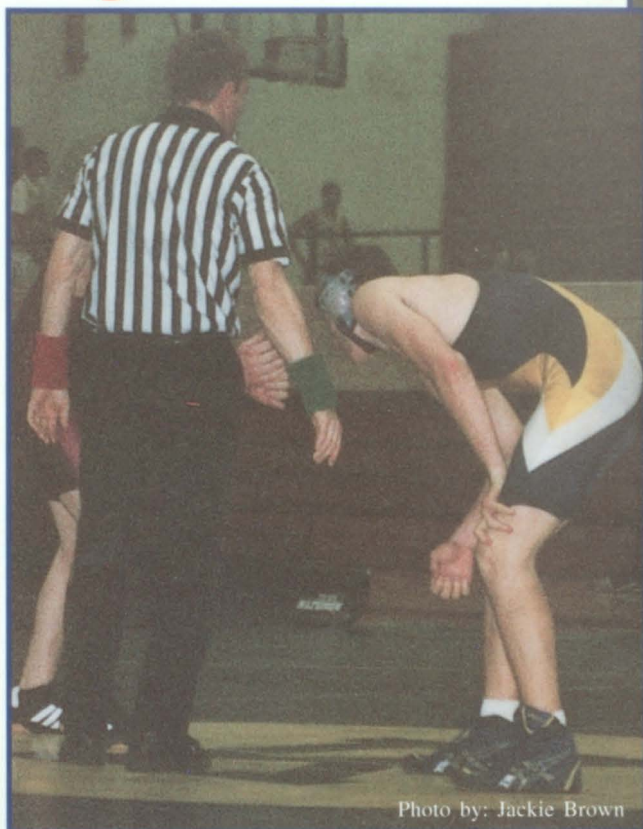


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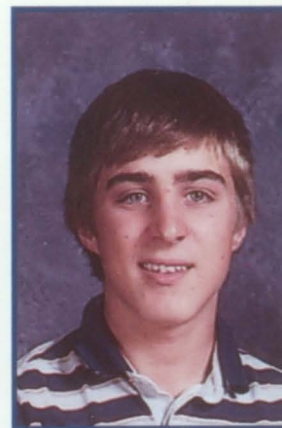
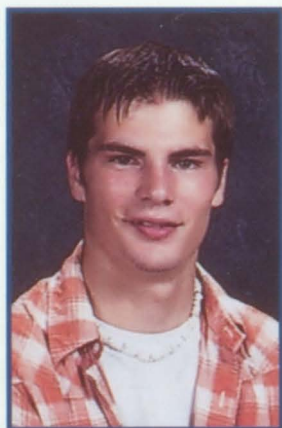
Above: Eric Akers, '07, shakes his opponent's hand before the beginning of the match. Akers looks ready to win the match.

" P a t i e n c e "

Left: "Having patience is the hardest part; I've done most of these drills before. I have to give the younger kids a chance," said Eric Akers, '07.

Middle: "In an individual sport like wrestling, hard work and dedication really pays off," said Matthew Steinberg, '09.

Far Right: "To be successful in wrestling, you really have to push yourself. You have to have goals and push yourself to meet those goals," said Harry Saville, '08.



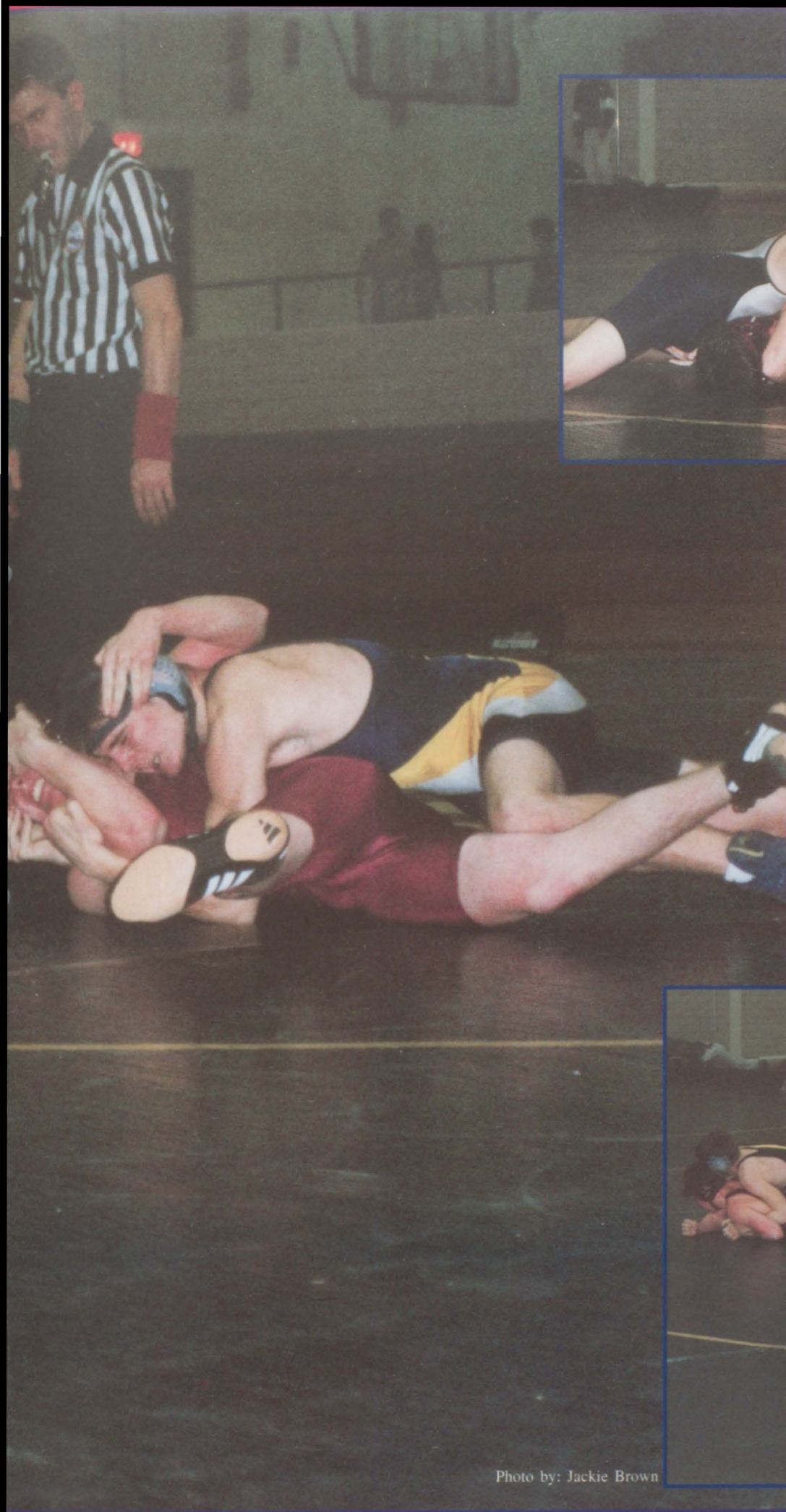
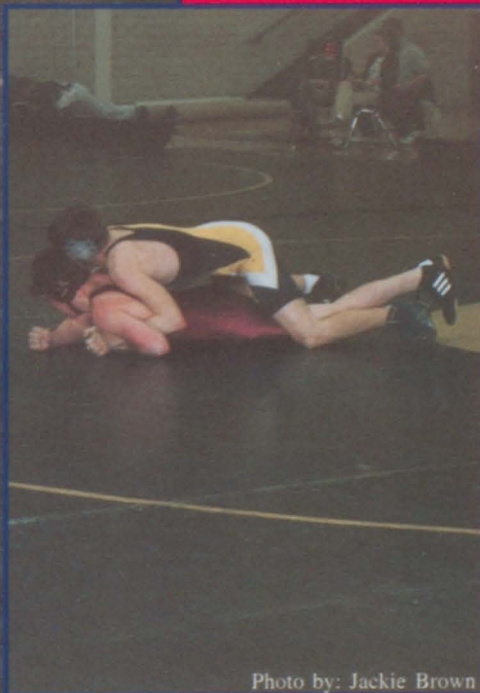


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Above: Eric Akers, '07, overpowers his opponent from Seaholm and pins him down for the count.

Left: Harry Saville, '08, tries his best to pin his opponent from Seaholm High School. Saville is a very strong competitor in the 130 weight class.



To the left: Harry Saville, '08, attempts to get the Seaholm opponent on his back and hold him down for the count.

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"Winning" Girls Varsity Volleyball

In a year when a lot of our athletic teams struggled, the girls varsity volleyball team stood out as a bright spot for all of Dondero High School sports. The girls came into the season with expectations to match last year's stellar record of fourteen wins and zero losses in league play. "We had high expectations for our team. We knew how much talent we possessed and how bad we wanted it," said returning starter Alexandria O'Hara, '06.

This "winning" mentality is the same mentality that surrounds the locker rooms of all successful teams. It's something that these players possess because of past success and of belief in themselves and their fellow players. "We know that we can be successful. It's all there," said Rebecca Comby, '07.

So if you ever saw these girls playing freeze tag before a game and worried about them being "mentally prepared", you shouldn't have, because these girls always bring it.

By: Anthony Susin



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Above: With perfect form, Alexandra Wendland, '07, bumps a pass to her setter. Wendland is one of the juniors that contributed to the winning ways of this team.

" L a f f y - T a f f y "

Left: "Our pre-game ritual is doing a dance to the song 'Laffy-Taffy.' It gets us going before the games," said Alexandria O'Hara, '06.

Middle: "I had a lot of fun during the season. I got to know the girls a lot better, and I made new friends," said Rebecca Comby, '07.

Far Right: "Volleyball takes a lot of effort and dedication if you want to be successful," said Erica Ongstad, '07.





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Above: Senior setter and co-captain, Rachel Rosenbach, '06, makes a great tip in a match against Pontiac Northern. Rosenbach usually sets up her teammates for the kill, but this time she did it herself.

To the left: Another one bites the dust! Hits like this put fear into the eyes of AlexSaundra Hamm's, '06, opponents. "She's a beast," said Rebecca Comby.



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To the left: Look at those ups! Co-captain, Allison Seper, '06, shows off her vertical jump while smashing a back row hit. "She can really get up there," said Rachel Rosenbach, '06.

"Perfection"

Varsity Gymnastics

For the past couple of years, the Royal Oak Gymnastics team has been extremely successful. The girls moved up to Division One, making the competition really tough. As the season progressed, the team continued to overcome obstacles and grew a lot.

Some people may think that because the "cross town rivals" are side by side competing together, there would be a problem. This is the absolute opposite of the truth, and the girls said that the team has bonded and become so close that you would never be able to tell that they were from different schools. This puts the team at an advantage for next year's consolidation.

"The seniors on the team really take over and are good role models for the younger girls. The team is really close, and that makes it so much fun," said captain, Jamie Skewes, '06.

Royal Oak Gymnastics had a lot of new talent this year, consisting of seven new girls, five of whom competed regularly. With the help of this new talent, the team earned a high score of 132.5. They received this score at the Troy Athens Invitational Meet, placing fourth out of twelve teams. Also this year the team qualified Regionals and a few continued on to the State Meet.

By: Abigail Petri



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Above: Four year varsity star Jamie Skewes, '06, executes a smooth move on the bars at a meet. Skewes' fellow teammates said they really look up to her.

"T r i c k s"

Left: "Bars is my favorite event because you can do a wider variety of tricks," Amanda Andreski, '09

Right: "Beam is my favorite event because you can be creative, and it is very challenging," Jamie Skewes, '06.





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Above: Sophomore, Natalie Sirianni, '08, strikes a pose at the end of her routine. It is her first year ever doing gymnastics, but you would never be able to tell because she does it like a pro.

To the left: Freshman Amanda Andreski, '09, performs on the balance beam at a meet. Even though she was a freshman, she did very well and competed toughly.



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To the left: Amanda DeGraaf, '09, dismounts the beam after completing a challenging routine at a meet.

"Talented" Varsity Hockey

This year's hockey team combined with Kimball and had sixteen seniors on the roster. The team was very knowledgeable and experienced. As the season progressed, the team improved. "Although the team was not very big, we capitalized on our strengths, which were our speed and our offense," said senior Anthony Susin, '06.

Led by captains, James Rex, '06, DJ LeAnnis, Kimball student, and Travis Dittmer, Kimball student, the Royal Oak Blades excelled in big games. Overall, the season was successful. The boys made their way to regionals, but lost at the district level. The players took away more than victory. Before every game, at the end of the national anthem, each player on the team slapped their sticks on the ice in a pre-game ritual. They took away friendships and good leadership skills. "The team was really close, and that's where a lot of our success came from, because we were together on and off the ice," said Sean Riopelle, '06.

By: Abigail Petri



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: The varsity team lines up, waiting patiently to play. The national anthem was ending and adrenaline pumping. Before every game it is ritual for the team to line up and bang their sticks on the ice at the end of the national anthem.

"Aggressive"

Left: "We needed to be more aggressive this season, which we did a pretty good job of," said Sean Riopelle, '06.

Middle: "The song 'Can't Be Touched' by Roy Jones Jr. was very inspirational to us during the season," said Anthony Susin, '06.

Far Right: "This was a good way to go out big," said captain James Rex, '06.

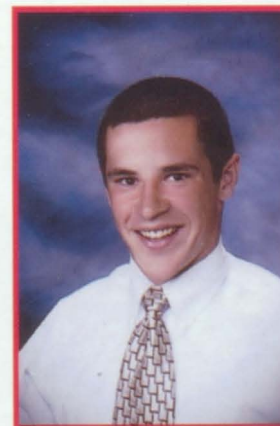
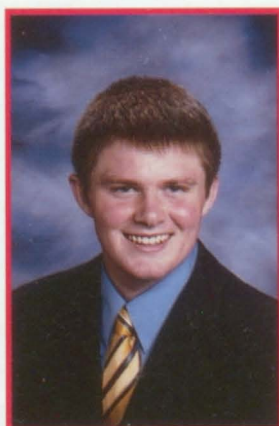




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Above: Senior captain James Rex, '06, is ready to face off against Clarkston. This three year varsity captain did an excellent job leading the Blades to victory.

To the left: Senior defender, Sean Riopelle, '06, receives a pass from a fellow teammate as he tries to advance the puck down the ice. Go, Sean, go!



To the left: Senior center forward, Anthony Susin, '06, glides into the offense, looking for his other options, mainly trying to achieve one thing: scoring.

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"Intensity"

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

It is a close score. The sun is beating down on the players as the game comes to an end. With the score so close, the junior varsity lacrosse team works their hardest, making sure that they do not lose to their competitors, Romeo High School. Finally, the whistle is blown, and Royal Oak wins their first game of the season. Lacrosse is a fast-paced, full-contact sport that includes both Dondero and Kimball boys. Being one of the only combined teams, the players agree on one thing: "It is a lot of fun getting to know all of the Kimball guys on the team," said Jeffrey Robinson, '07. He will be joining some of his Kimball teammates at Royal Oak High School his senior year.

The teams are looking forward to more successful future seasons and hopefully, more boys trying out. This was Robinson's first year playing lacrosse. "I needed a sport that would help me stay in shape for hockey," said Robinson. The Royal Oak Lacrosse Team is a newly combined sport offered to Dondero that will continue to expand and succeed during the following years.

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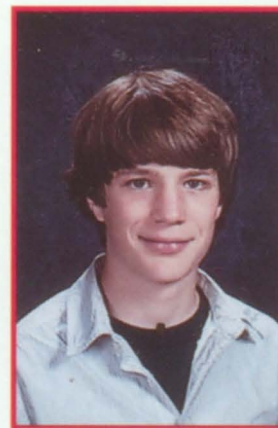
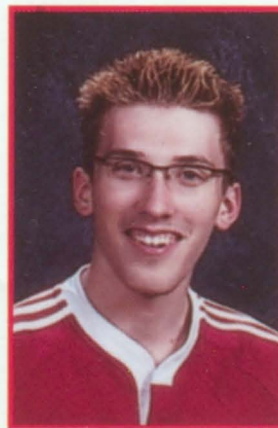
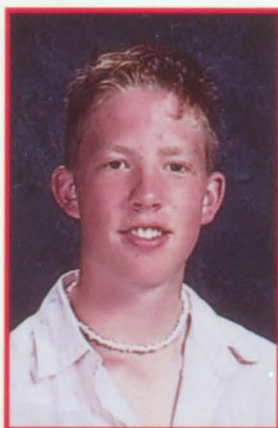
Above: Jeffrey Robinson, '07, carries the ball up the field in attempt to score a goal.

" C o n t a c t "

Left: "I love playing sports that are filled with contact and require a lot of energy; lacrosse is definitely one of those sports," Michael Smith, '08.

Middle: "No matter what sport someone plays, lacrosse is the best way to keep in shape," said Martin Waskowski, '06.

Far right: "Lacrosse is a great sport to learn how to play on a team with the Kimball guys," said Jeffrey Robinson, '07.



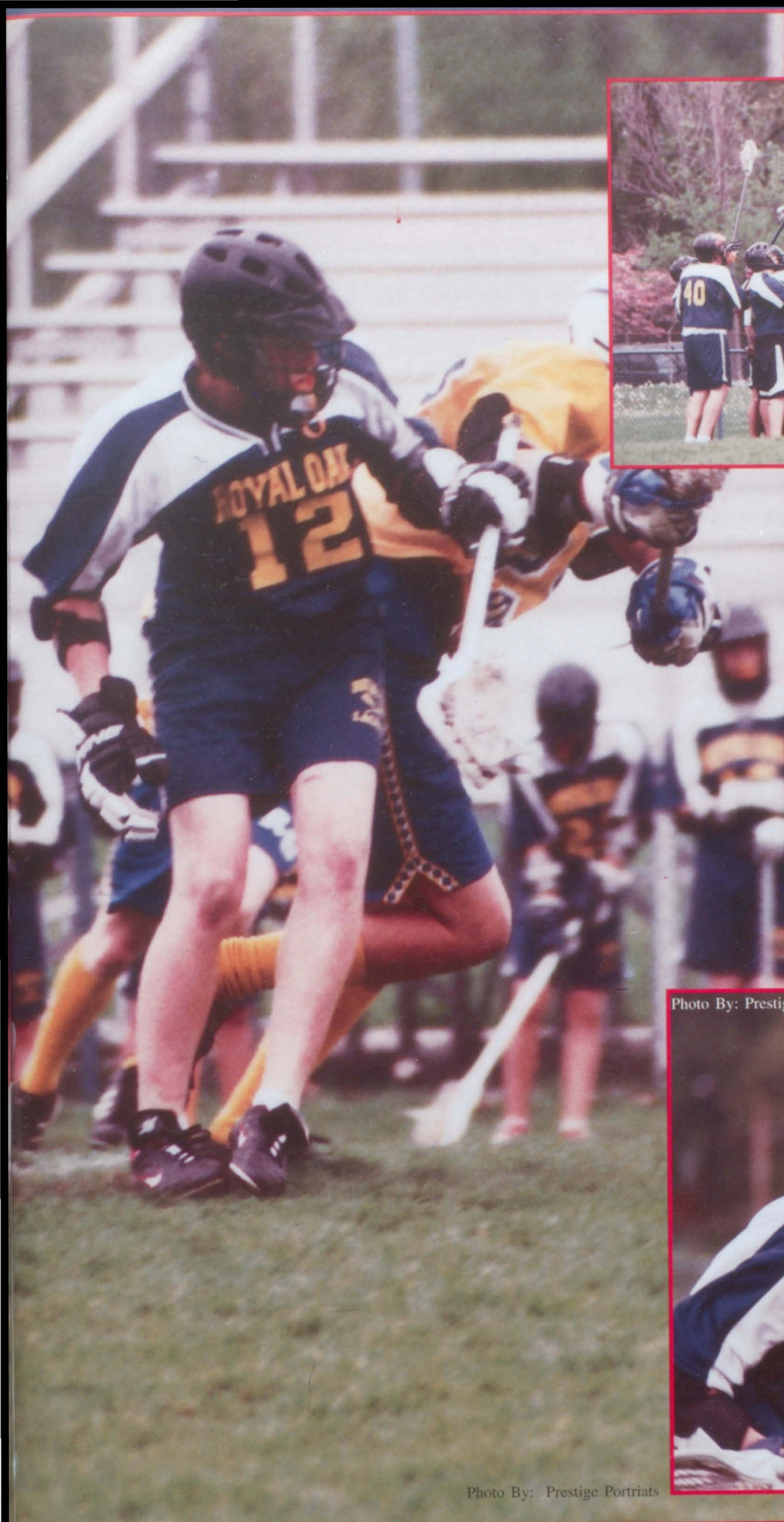


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Above: The junior varsity lacrosse team gets pumped before the tough game ahead of them.

Left: Michael Smith, '08, plays ferociously against Royal Oak's opponent.

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To the left: Martin Waskowski, '06, has his mind set to win the game.

"Endurance" Track and Field

Whether it is running, jumping, throwing, or sprinting that you are good at, track and field gives everyone a chance to show their stuff. Shot-put and discus all-state athlete, Sara Dunaj-Ring '08 is a great example. Not only does Dunaj-Ring, like to work hard, she loves just being on the team. Sean Klaver, '06, agrees with her: "During the season there were a lot of team bonding memories." When asked to pick one, Klaver said, "The track sleepover after the Lamphere meet was definitely one of the best." Klaver is a senior captain and a definite role model for first year members. Track and field is not just all fun and games. "The practices and the anticipation before the meets are two of the hardest parts about being on the team," said Dunaj-Ring. Overall, track is a great sport that not only helps people stay in shape, but also an awesome place to meet new people.

By: Angela Nielsen



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Above: Jamie Ryan, '07, jumps high over the bar, clearing it for a safe fall on the mat.

" C o m p e t i t i o n "

Left: "I love the improvement we make throughout the year in order to face the tough competition," Violet Niedbala, '06.

Middle: "Track is a great place to make new friends and have a lot of fun, while keeping in shape at the same time," Lance Fletcher, '07.

Far right: "Running is something you just do, you can't really think about it," Rebecca Stringer, '07.





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Above: Team captain, Sean Klaver, '06, leads his 4x800 team to a successful meet against cross-town rival, Kimball High School.

To the left: Megan Beck, '07, runs a leg of the 4x800 to help the team win their race. She has been on the team since freshman year and has always been a part of the victorious 4x800 team.



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To the left: Evan Kangas, '06, speeds to the finish line in attempt to achieve another victory for the Oaks. Kangas, '06, is a key member of Dondero's sprint team.

“Agility” Boys Varsity Tennis

“Fun, rewarding, and exhilarating” were the three words used to describe the varsity tennis team by William Peltier, '07. The year was quite overwhelming for the tennis team, considering that they moved up one whole division. For those who do not understand the level of difficulty, moving up a division is a whole new level of competition. Many obstacles were overcome, but together they pulled through the adversity that they faced.

Influenced greatly by his father and fellow Dondero teammates, Gregory Martini, '08, described the tennis team as very cohesive. The hard-working, well bonded team accomplished so much together but also a lot individually. The season became a lot easier with the leadership that existed throughout. The underclassmen were very impressed by the leadership skills that the upperclassmen displayed, along with their experienced form and technique that they modeled for their younger teammates.

By: Abigail Petri



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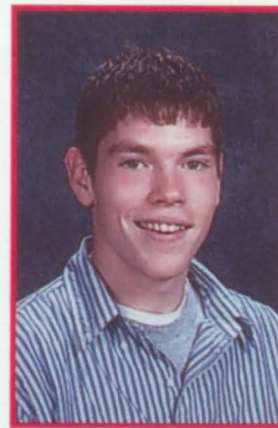
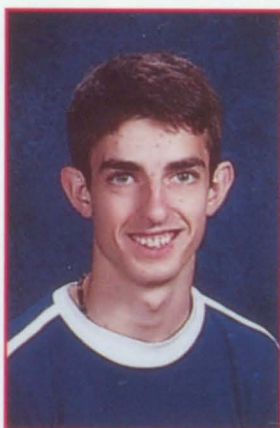
Above: Up, up, and away, William Peltier, '07, serves up the ball, hoping for an ace. Being number two singles and a leader on the team, Peltier had an excellent season.

“ H a r d w o r k i n g ”

Left: “...is what best described the team this year,” said William Peltier, '07.

Middle: “My coaches and teammates really lifted my spirits and helped me a lot,” said Gregory Martini, '08

Right: “Tennis is fun and skilled; that's what makes me enjoy it so much,” said Brian Gregory, '07



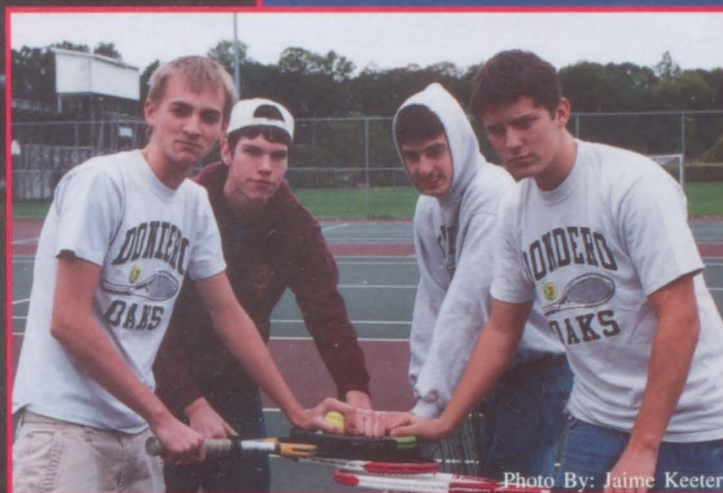


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Above: Cory Smith, '07, Brian Gregory, '07, William Peltier, '07, and Gregory Martini, '08, gather to discuss the match. Game faces on and prepared to play Kimball, the Oaks relied upon their team morale to get the win.



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To the left: One of the core players of Donderos Varsity Tennis team, Gregory Martini, '08, lines up to blast the ball back. Forcefully, Martini wins this point and takes the match.

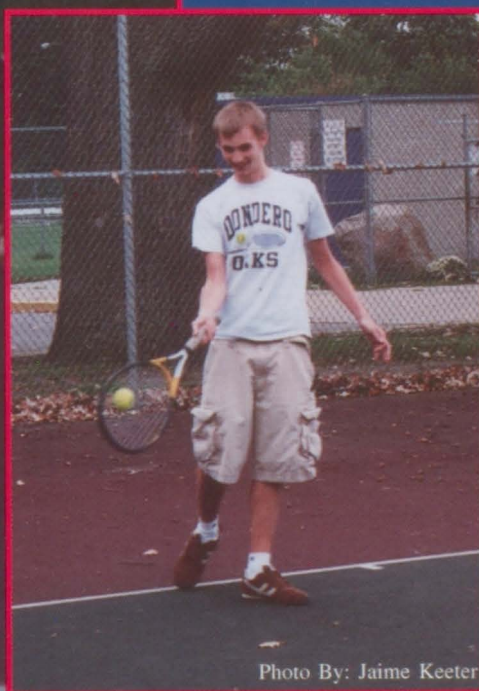


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To the left: Cory Smith, '07, steps in to return a slow serve from the opposing team. Calmly but correctly, Smith swings away. A forehand hit is what comes next of Smith's racket.

"Championship" Girls Varsity Soccer

Overcoming adversity says a lot about a person, or in this case an entire team. The girls varsity soccer team was plagued with many injuries this past season, but they always seemed to persevere, eventually becoming only the second girls soccer team in school history to win districts. "With so many good teams in this area, it felt rewarding to come out on top," said sweeper Rebecca Young, '06.

The Oaks made it look easy, but a lot of players had to step up their game after injuries sidelined returners Brittany Zuzindlak, '05, Morgan Gardner, '06, and Rachel Rosenbach, '06, for the majority of the season. "We had so many injuries this year. It made the season very challenging," said forward Jeanne Pingle, '07.

The Oaks never surrendered and had a very successful season.

By: Anthony Susin

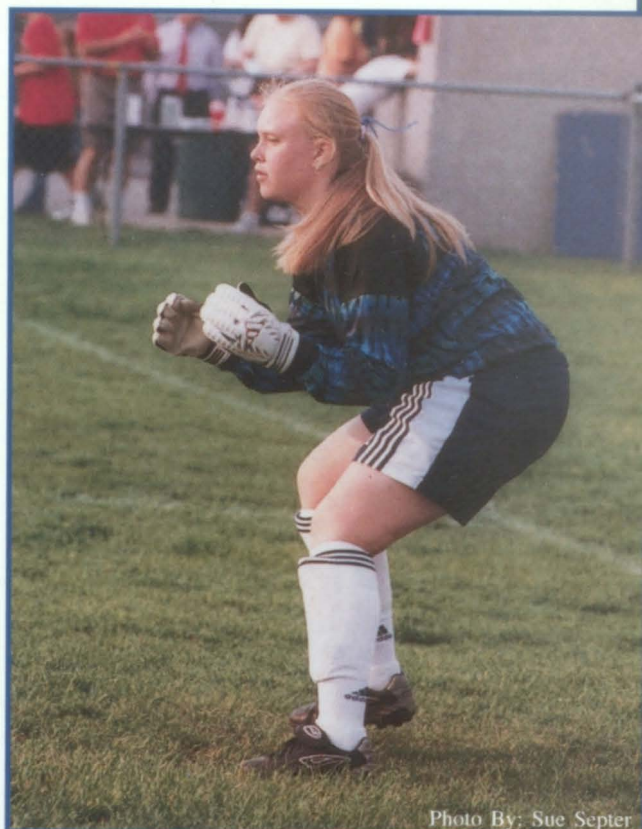


Photo By: Sue Septer

Above: Goalkeeper, Marky Jenkins, '06, shows great form while anticipating a shot from an opponent. "Marky is very fundamentally sound and always seems to be in the right place at the right time," said teammate, Jeanne Pingle.

" A g g r e s s i v e "

Left: "I love soccer because it is an aggressive and fast-paced game," said AlexSaundra Hamm, '06.

Middle: "Soccer is something I love to do. It's fun and keeps me in shape as well," said Ashley Bennis, '06.

Far right: "I have never been a part of a team that has gotten along so well together. We all shared a goal and set out together to capture it," said Amber Nolan, '08.





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Above: The girls soccer team joins in a pre-game ritual, huddling on the field to get "pumped up" for the game to come. "It gets us mentally prepared for the game," said AlexSaundra Hamm, '06. It's this toughness that helps the girls overcome adversity during the season.

To the left: Jamie Septer, '07, tiptoes the sideline to keep the ball in play. When you have an entire team of players that can make athletic plays such as this, you've got something special. The Oaks made these plays look routine all year long.



Photo By: Sue Septer

To the left: Practice makes perfect. Stacy Thompson, '06, understands this concept and works on her juggling skills just before kick-off. Hard work is one reason why this team is so successful.

"Precision"

Girls Varsity Golf

Golf is a sport, unlike any other. You must push yourself at a high level, both physically and mentally, and cannot depend on a team to carry you to victory. "All the pressure is on your shoulders, and when you succeed, it makes the win much more gratifying," said Abigail Norling, '05, one of only two Dondero students on the combined team.

Every week you must disregard your previous accomplishments and prepare for the upcoming match. "Golf is a funny game. You might shoot good one day, and terrible the next. You're only as good as your score shows," said Norling. Mental toughness is what keeps these players on the course for hours everyday, critiquing their game inch by inch. "When you win, you know that you earned it," said Ericka Sestock, '05.

By: Anthony Susin



Photo by: Vince Caruso

Above: Erika Sestock, '05, knows that rest is important in any athlete's schedule and takes a seat while waiting for her turn to tee-off. "Sometimes you just need a break," she said.

" F O C U S "

Left "Golf is a game that you must love to play in order to be successful. If you don't, you will lose focus sometime during the season," said Erika Sestock, '05.

Right "Golf is game that doesn't get the credit that it deserves," said Abigail Norling, '06.





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Above: Abigail Norling, '07, shows great form while driving the ball off the tee to begin a match. "It's always important to get a good start," said Norling. Norling practices hard on her drives and thinks that the tee-off is a vital part of the game.

To the left: With a look of concentration, Abigail Norling, '07, lines up a putt. "It's important to finish once you're on the green," she said, regarding putting.



Photo By: Vince Caruso

To the left: In preparation for tee-off, Erika Sestok, '05, stretches her lower back. "Flexability is huge in golf. It helps you get more whip on the club," said S e s t o k .

"Success"

Boys Varsity Baseball

A solid core of extremely talented baseball players led the Oaks to a successful season this year. Almost every person on the team had been playing baseball for a minimum of ten years, and that definitely helped strengthen the team in more than one way. Nicholas Johnson, '06, said "The wisdom, hard work, and strength of the team is what shaped us."

Another strong player for the Dondero Oaks Varsity Baseball Team was Brad Beisiegel, '07, who had an excellent season and is very excited for the last year of Dondero High School. Watching baseball ever since he was little, Beisiegel has always wanted to play baseball after high school. His hopes for the future are to pursue a career in baseball, and playing for Dondero took him a couple steps closer to that goal. After the 2005 season, the team graduated all their seniors and the remaining players are Johnson and Beisiegel. Next season is going to have a young team, but that will not stop them from achieving so much and going above and beyond.

By: Abigail Petri



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"Above: Ready to swing Kyle McHugh, '05, patiently awaits his perfect pitch. Being an all around player McHugh helped the Oaks through a successful season."

"Committed"

Left: "Committed and strong players are what the team was mostly made up of," said Nicholas Johnson, '06.

Right: "Baseball is such an exciting game to me, especially here at Dondero with the nice kids and excellent talent level," said Brad Beisiegel, '07.





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Above: Matthew Wilusz, '05, is making a big play at first. As the starting shortstop for the Oaks, Wilusz was a very big contributor to the team.

To the left: Nicholas Johnson, '06, rapidly fires a pitch into the heat of the game. As a junior, Johnson was a starting pitcher with the E.R.A of 2.21. Strike out after strike out, Johnson held his own on the mound.



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To the left: "It's just natural for me up there on the mound," said Brad Beisiegel, '07, and on the mound is where he spent most of his time. Pitching the ball with rapid fire, Beisiegel nails it for the strike out.

“Determination” Girls Varsity Softball

Foul ball, strike one. Swing and a miss, strike two. Swing and a base hit up the middle. “This girl is slow, I can hit her,” is the mentality of Jackie Brown, '06, as her batters walked up to the plate for each at bat. This season was definitely a challenge for the team, but they didn't give up and improved tremendously over the course of the season. Brown, a three year varsity player, and freshman starter Katelyn Zlotecki, '08, were both really looking forward to next season and improving their own game as well as growing as a team. There seems to be one very important goal on the girls' minds: to beat the crosstown rival, Kimball, for the final Dondero softball season. “We can kill them and show them we're a better team,” said two year varsity player, Devon Park, '07. The Lady Oaks have much confidence and determination to win games and are going to work hard to have a successful season.

By: Brad Beisiegel



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Above: Faye Blumberg, '05, throws the ball in from left field to get the sure out.

“ W i n n i n g ”

Left: “I hope to have a winning season and win districts” said Devon Park, '07

Middle: My goal is “...to play as a team, work hard, and win games” said Katelyn Zlotecki, '08.

Far Right: “All I want to do is go out with a bang, A.K.A, Kan Kimball!” said Jackie Brown, '06.





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Above: After making a great play on the ball, graduate Samantha Seymour, '05 winds up to make a strong throw over to first to get the out.



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To the left: Starting pitcher, Devon Park, '07, fires a fastball toward the plate for yet another strike at Memorial Park.



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To the left: Faye Blumberg, '05, takes her lead off second base, looking intently at the third base coach that is giving her signs.

Fall Sports

Varsity Football



Front row: Todd Saukko, Trent Sutherland, James Cronberger, Anthony Black, Joshua Appenzeller, Larry High, Trevor Peschke, Second row: Victor Andres, Anthony Susin, Christopher Layou, Jason Johnson, John Stanichuk, Brad Beisiegel, Joseph Stanichuk, Cullen McHugh, Gary Buck, Third row: Michael Filer, Coach Seymore, Coach Layou, Coach Steele, Head Coach Fitzpatrick, Coach McHugh, Coach K. McHugh, Athletic Trainer Derrek, Jonathan Hacker, Fourth row: Christopher Charnow, Sean English, Steven Creasey, Anthony McNeal, Randall Schonfeld, Eric Begeny, Alex Keith, Brian Taylor, Ryan Updike, Ian Vickers, Fifth row: Matthew Layou, Eric Akers, Jason Maurice, Robert Schurig, Gabriel Kish, Derek Balnius, Jake LaCroix, Guy Ditri, Bradley LaJoye. Photo By: Visual Sports Network

Girls Varsity Tennis



Front row: Rachel Champagne, Jillian Rodriguez, Christina Martoni, Emily Durnion, Dalila Mujagic, Alexandra McKenna, Middle row: Jaime Keeter, Holly Begeny, Carolin Jakobs, Leahandra Wendland, Elizabeth Carter, Jackie Brown, Beth Simoni, Back row: Coach Serdinnie, Jamie Ryan, Alix Kowalski, Emma Dawda, Harmony Braley, Meghan Luzod, Sarah Heinrich. Photo By: Visual Sports Network

Boys Varsity Soccer



Front row: James Rex, Matthew Palm, Daniel Abraham, Evan Sharpe, Daniel Lester, Thomas Rex, Middle row: Austin Shah, Brandon Belanger, Nathaniel Yocum, Stephen Jackson, Lukas Hadjivelloudos, Daniel Lewan, Daniel Call, Back row: Coach Worrell, Alexander Dubetz, Kyle Sarate, Michael Sansom, Mitchell Erwin, Joshua Lovelace, Coach Erwin. Photo By: Visual Sports Network

Varsity Cheerleading



Front row: Valerie Kozlowski, Dana Webb, Lindsay Dyja, Chelsea Stoops, Alexis Lewis, Middle Row: Beriah Asher, Christine Herron, Ashley Underwood, Amanda Bartley, Alexa Danescu, Lindsay Reynolds, Back row: Kimberly Jones, Emma Janowicz, Morgan Chandler, Bianca Small, Chelsea Anderson, Emily Jarman. Photo By: Visual Sports Network

Boys Varsity Golf



Front row: James Uelmen, Jonathan Gossman, Middle row: Coach Lynch, Morgan Huffman, Michael Smith, Coach Uelmen, Back row: Anthony Hallett, Paul Buck, Nicholas Johnson. Photo By: Visual Sports Network

Girls Varsity Basketball



Front row: Samantha Finney, Ashley Williamson, Katelyn Zlotecki, Middle row: Carrie Bennis, Ashley Mueller, Morgan Sundberg, Allison Voglesong, Coach Gergosian, Abigail Petri, Karen Orlowski, Alisha Bauer, Cassandra Matti, Back row: AlexSaundra Hamm, Justine Stange. Photo By: Visual Sports Network

Boys Varsity Cross Country



Front row: Sean Klaver, Anthony D'Agnillo, Yun tong Jiang, Nicholas Yocum, Middle row: Kosuke Yamamoto, Coach Barnett, Stephen Burwell, Back row: Justin Gilman, Jesse Lawrence. Photo By: Visual Sports Network

Varsity Dance Team



Front row: Christine Morelli, Kristen Olinski, Second row: Rhiannon Dixon, Autumn Fromm, Breanna Byrnes, Lauren Stephan, Chelsea Stoops, Back row: Coach Weferich, Julia Lester, Rebecca Stringer, Alyssa Ruggero, Samantha MacMillan, Kelly Robinson, Coach Pauck. Photo By: Visual Sports Network

Girls Varsity Cross Country



Front row: Maria Smith, Lynn Chun Mei Bryan, Gabrielle Rome, Second row: Brianna Long, Coach Hoover, Coach Gembis, Angela Nielsen, Third row: Rebecca Stringer, Jamie Septer, Back row: Ashley Bennis, Stacy Thompson, Sydney Walsh, Brianna English. Photo By: Visual Sports Network

Girls Swimming and Diving



Front row: K.Bradley, M.Krozek, Alexandria O'Hara, S.Skoog, K.See, H.Leestma, S.Earl, E.Kipps, Second row: L.Miller, Lauren Steyskal, S.Kraft, M.Shell, Kacy Ather, Adelina Mujagic, L.Mason, L.Yarmy, J.Stannick, Third row: Coach Runnivitch, Coach Schurig, L.Ledford, Abigail Norling, Tina Brown, H.Thatcher, L.Greenway, Coach Groth, Coach Wolfenberg, Back row: M.Droulliard, M.Johnston, E.Reed, E.Manidock, Kaitlin Shipman, K.Williams, L.McCormick, Kristin Lochner, B.Harris, Natalie Sirianni. Photo By: Visual Sports Network

Fall Sports

Winter Sports

Varsity Wrestling



Front Row: M. Steinberg, J. Lonergan, C. Redmond, Manager A. Abraham, W. Reef, R. Pomroy, L. Chunn. Second Row: K. Caverly, K. Crocker, M. Smith, D. Hernandez, J. Morgan, J. Thomas, Harry Saville, M. Abraham, D. Kowalski. Third Row: Coach Brad Smith, D. Kant, A. Shaw, R. Davis, B. Spitz, C. Cotter, D. Gray, B. Klanke, Coach Greg Castle. Back Row: M. Withers, N. Sleek, J. Belanger, Z. Burger, P. Webb, D. Hernandez, T. Brady, Eric Akers, J. Castle, A. Castle. Photo By: Visual Sports Network.

Varsity Gymnastics



Front Row: H. Leestma, Jamie Skewes, J. Stanek. Middle Row: M. Lerh, M. Smith, L. Hartstuff, J. Hodson, L. Yarmy, Amanda Andreski, A. Claerr. Back Row: M. Kantarian, Natalie Sirianni, Coach Leestma, Coach Ewell, Coach Rebecca, M. Skewes, Amanda DeGraaf. Photo By: Visual Sports Network.

Boys Varsity Hockey

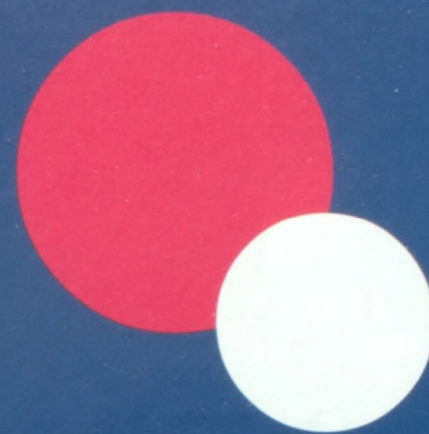


Front Row: J. Tomaszewski, C. Fall, James Rex, R. Gonzales, C. Dehring, R. Hennard, D. LeAnnais, T. Dittmer, T. Skelton. Middle Row: Coach AJ Plaskey, B. Nettle, G. Edwards, J. Jolly, C. Hedrickson, K. Garlow, Anthony Susin, T. Brennan, S. Serepilia, S. Lloyd. Back Row: T. Doland, J. Chappell, Sean Riopelle, B. Rossbach. Photo By: Visual Sports Network.

Girls Varsity Volleyball



Front Row: Jeanne Pingle, Stacy Thompson, Alexandra Wendland, Erica Ongstad, Alexandria O'Hara Back Row: Coach Heidi Leidy, Jamie Septer, Allison Septer, AlexSaundra Hamm, Abigail Petri, Rebecca Comby, Rachel Rosenbach. Photo By: Visual Sports Network.



Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving



Front Row: J. Hechler, A. Lyon, C. Wolke, J. Bunker, Scott Hill, T. Newman, Loren Wolfe, J. Daniels, Jason Thompson Middle Row: B. Gouan, A. Salowich, T. Calhoun, J. Hall, Nicholas Miller, E. Heppner, Daniel Lewan, Matthew Palm Back Row: Coach Jeff Travis, Coach Jen Oyozaowski, T. Mack, Zachary Benton, W. Brenetti, N. Kraft, A. Donnelly, Coach Richard Hansen, Coach Joy Aulph, Coach Darrin Miller. Photo By: Visual Sports Network.

Boys Varsity Basketball



Front Row: Daniel Dickerson, Nicholas Bidelman, Richard Ditri, Matthew Forgash Back Row: Justin Kaczmarek, Andrew Lentz, Cameron Lamberti, Andrew Cissell, Alex Keith Photo By: Jackie Brown.

Winter

Sports



Kelly Anderson, '07. Photo By: Prestige Portraits



Stephen Longe, '08 (left) and Matthew Wathen, '08. (right). Photo By: Jackie Brown



Emily Durnion, '08, and Amanda Diamond, '08. Photo By: Prestige Portraits

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"Invigorating" Junior Varsity Football

Playing for a different school with different coaches and teammates from a different area can be very challenging, but the Dondero players seem to be fine with the newly combined team from Kimball. Most of the players have played in the past. Being on the team takes a lot of skill and talent, so the past experience helps a lot. "I played for Keller Middle School both in seventh and eighth grade," said Matthew Rosenbach, '08. A typical practice includes stretching, drills, scrimages, and conditioning, but the games are what all players look forward to.

By: Angela
Nielsen

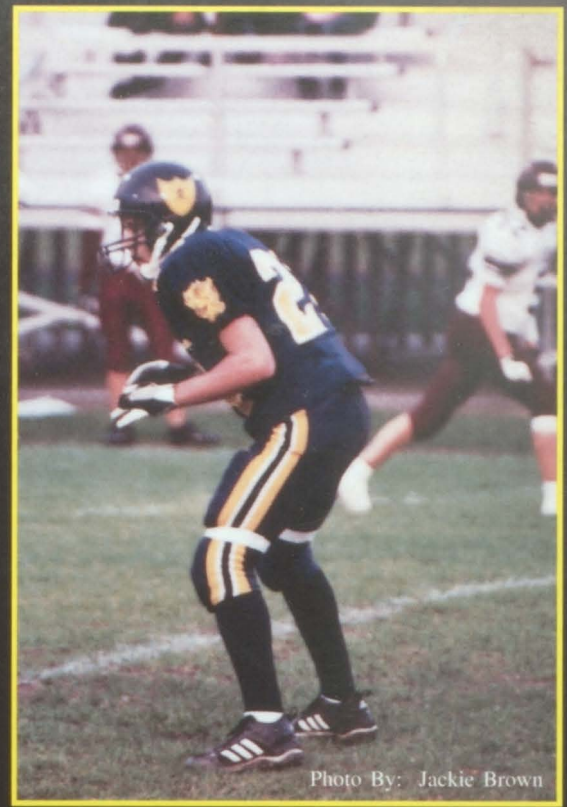


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To the above right: Matthew Rosenbach, '08, gets ready before the start of the game. He is very concentrated in bringing the Royal Oak football team a victory.



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To the right: Player number 24, Matthew Rosenbach, '08, executes the trick play by handing the ball off to fellow Kimball teammate.

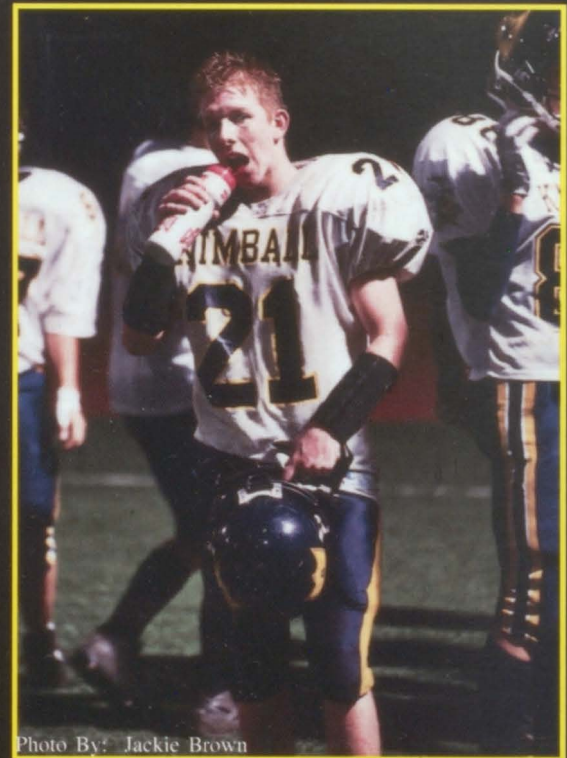


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To the far right: Mick McKenzie, '08, grabs a quick water break on the sideline during an important game. He has been working his hardest to obtain another win.



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To the right: Before the game, Mick McKenzie, '08, knows how to get ready. Taking a few warm-up jogs around the field helps the team defeat their opponents.

To the right: The Royal Oak team does not let the Southfield Lathrup Chargers get too far with the ball.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

"Perseverance"

Freshman Football

As ninth graders, freshman football players already have a hard time adjusting to high school, but these players have to adjust to two different high schools, creating an even harder time. However, players such as, Tyler Howell, '09, enjoy playing for a different school. "The teamwork and excitement that happens during the games is the best part about playing football," said Howell. All of the freshmen players are striving for future varsity letters at the Royal Oak High School. It's a good way to keep in shape and be active during the school year.

By: Angela Nielsen

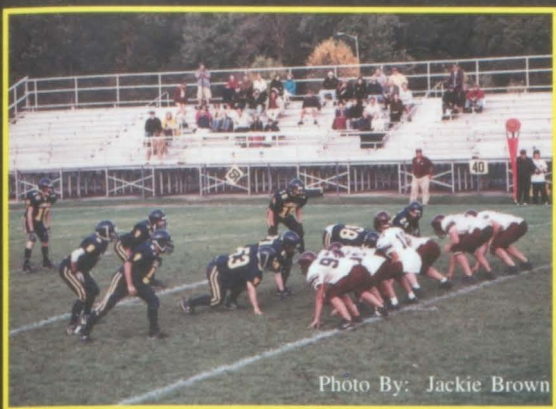


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To the above left: The combined Royal Oak freshman football team awaits the whistle to begin their game against their opponents from Seaholm High School.

To the far left: Player number 24, Matthew Lewan, '09, takes off across the field. His important role on the team gives the team a possible chance of winning against Seaholm.

To the left: Catching a quick breather, number 45, Ali Al-Siamer, '09, and number 48, Matthew Steinberg, '09, are ready to go back into the game.

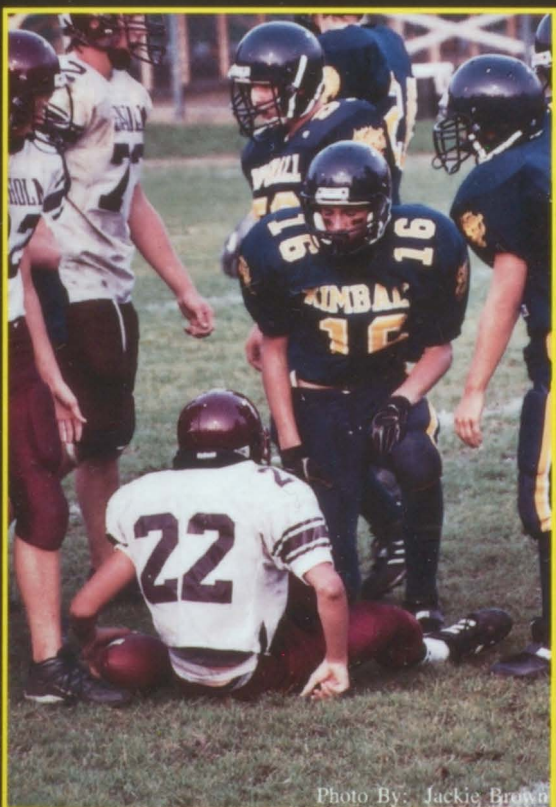


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To the far left: Number 16, Tyler Howell, '09, does not let them get too far with the ball, bringing Seaholm's number 22 soon after the play.

To the left: Ali Al-Siamer, '09, knows how to get open for the pass.

"Commitment"

Junior Varsity Volleyball

By:
Angela
Nielsen

No matter what position the girls played on the court, everyone had a good time encouraging each other in hopes of achieving a victory. Most of the junior varsity volleyball players had been playing volleyball ever since middle school. "I'm glad that I was pushed to try out for volleyball; it is a lot of fun and a great sport to play," said Devon Park, '07. As a first-year captain, Park tried her hardest to show support for the other girls. Teammate, Amanda Diamond, '08, enjoyed playing with everyone, but had to admit that it can be quite difficult at times. "In order to do well in the matches and tournaments, we have to endure a lot of hard workouts," said Diamond. To sum it up, the successful junior varsity volleyball team knows what they need to do to be able to come out on top.

To the right: Devon Gardner, '08, bumps the ball very high as two other teammates hope it gets over the net. She is an important asset to the junior varsity team.



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To the right: Look how high she can jump! Number three, Tina Brown, '08, spikes the ball high over the net. It does not look like the competitor is going to be able to get this one.



To the bottom right: The junior varsity volleyball coach brings her team in for a quick time-out. These meetings help the girls become more determined in achieving a win.



"We get along really well as a team and have fun playing together," said Amanda Diamond, '08.



"We've got heart!" said captain Leahandra Wendland, '08.



"Playing on the junior varsity volleyball team is a very good experience that prepares me for varsity," said Carrie Bennis, '08.



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Above: Emily Durnion, '08, definitely puts some power behind her hit. That ball needs no help getting over the net. She is a key reason that the junior varsity volleyball team is so successful.

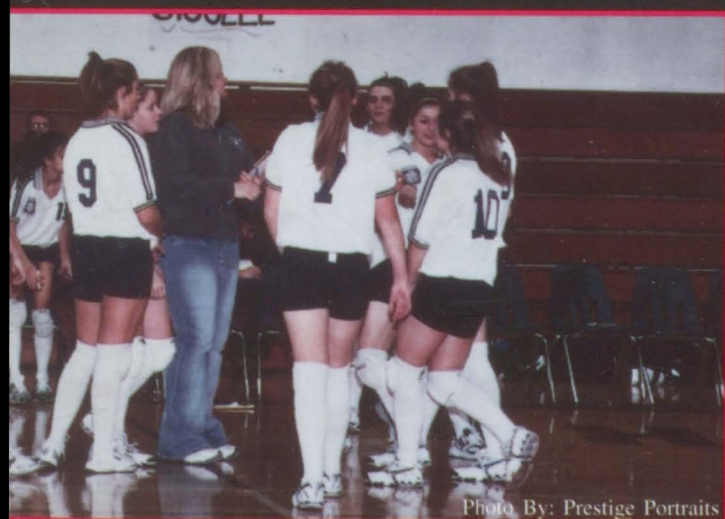


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Above: Even though she is a freshman, Alec Bauer, '09, knows how to show that she is as good as the other players. Bauer hits that ball way over the net, contributing to a victory for the Dondero Oaks.

"Tough" Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

By: Brad
Beisiegel

This year's J.V. boys basketball team had a very tough season. They worked very hard throughout the whole season, and their goal was to just improve their individual games and grow as a team. Jacob Yates, '08, described this season as "Tough love." Yates loves the game of basketball and has been playing the game for about four years now. He concentrated on making smart decisions and just playing the game. In practice, the team did a lot of conditioning: they ran over plays to stay in shape, got faster, and bettered themselves for each and every game. These boys played hard all season, never gave up, and always played to win.

Top Right: Nicholas Greenwell, '09, is sent to the line. He concentrates hard and makes a great shot to put another point on the board.

Right: The Oaks bring it in tight and break it down to get pumped up and ready for the game.

Bottom Right: Richard Jenkins, '08, drives hard to the line for yet another lay-up to put two more points on the board.

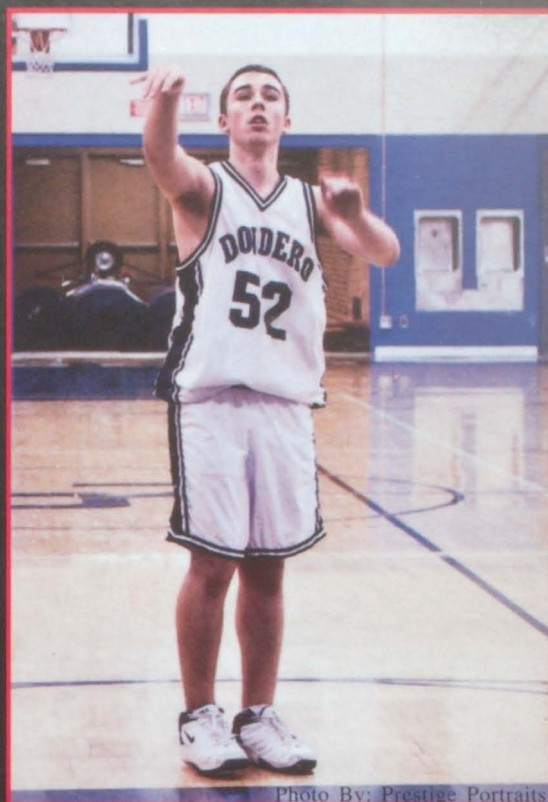


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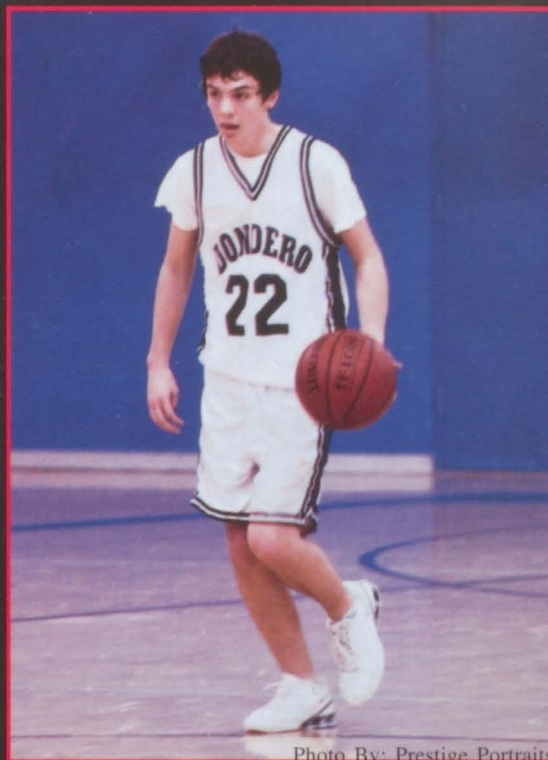


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Above: Joseph Stanichuk, '08, brings the ball up the court, telling his teammates what offense to set up in. Point guard is a key position, and Stanichuk takes care of the ball and gets the job done.

Below: John Fresch, '08, takes a good look at the goal while waiting for the puck. He's determined to score on this one.



Photo By: Jackie Brown



Photo By: Jackie Brown



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"Score" Junior Varsity Boys Hockey

This year's junior varsity boys hockey season was rough. They worked hard, had fun, and that's what was most important. In practice, they worked on improving their game as much as possible by doing shooting drills, passing drills and just skating. Scott Olinski, '09 said, "My goal this year is to make it to play-offs, score a few goals and win a few games." Olinski has been playing hockey for nine years and loves playing the game. Andrew Barber, '07, said, "I'm concentrating on getting in better shape and working hard to get good enough to make varsity." Although the team had a tough season, they improved as a whole.

By: Brad Beisiegel

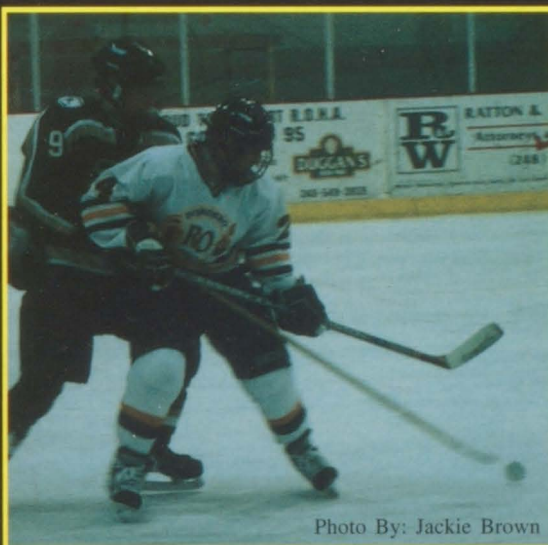


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Far left: Mick McKenzie, '08, intently listens to the coach during the break.

To the left: Andrew Barber, '07, fights for the puck so he can make a pass to his teammate and take the puck down the ice and score.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Far left: Mick McKenzie, '08, reaches for the puck before the opponent gets there.

Left: Defender Scott Olinski, '09, sits back for support while teammates take the puck up the ice to score another goal.

"Effort"

Junior Varsity Boys Soccer

By: Brad Beisiegel

The JV boys soccer team had a fairly successful season. This team was full of very talented and experienced players. Dondero had only two players from the combined team: Stephen Longe, '08, who has been playing soccer for ten years, and Chad Donovan, '08, who has been playing for eight years, which shows that there are many levels of experience on this team. Practices consisted of various drills, runs, and scrimmages to get into real game situations. To better their game even more, they scrimmaged and trained with the varsity team. To get ready before the games, the team talked about strategies, just relaxed, and listened to their C.D. players while thinking about what had to be done to win the game.

To the above right: Chad Donovan, '08, takes a quick breather after clearing the ball away from the net.

To the right: Matthew Wathen, '08, looks back and anticipates a pass from the defense. He looks like he's about to make a good play.

To the far right: Playing tough defense, Chad Donovan, '08, gets the ball from his Troy opponent.

To the right: Staying in position and looking for a run, Matthew Wathen, '08, is ready and waiting for the pass. Playing in the middle is a key position for soccer.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

To the right: Matthew Wathen, '08, playing defense, keeps an eye on his opponent to make sure he doesn't get the ball.



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Below: The girls huddle together and do a pre-game pep talk before each game. They talk about strategy and goals for the game.



Photo By: Kim Whelan



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"Aggressive" **Junior Varsity Girls Soccer**

Last year's JV girls soccer team had an overall good season. In order to win games, they needed to put in a lot of hard work at practice. The practices consisted of many drills to improve technique and ball-handling skills. Also, each day they alternated long distance run or sprints. A few of the girls had some personal goals that they wanted to achieve by the end of the season. "I just wanted to play more aggressively and improve my game," said Michelle Fabry, '08. "I wanted to get through the whole game without getting subbed. I didn't have much endurance, which improved over the season," said Ashley Bourke, '07. Both of these girls achieved their goals, and the team improved and bonded as one.

By: Brad
Beisiegel



Photo By: Kim Whelan

To the far left: The Dondero girls do a quick warm-up jog across the field to get their muscles loose. This helps them get pumped up and ready for the game.

To the left: After a hard fought game, the Lady Oaks recognize Kimball for a job well done. This is the biggest game of the season.



Photo By: Kim Whelan

To the far left: Devon Gardner, '08, traps the ball and gets ready to make a lead pass to waiting teammate, Michelle Fabry, '08. Fabry is ready to take the ball to the goal.

To the left: With help from Ashley Bourke, '07, Kendal Andersen, '08, chases down the ball before her opponent has a chance to touch it,

"Preparation"

Junior Varsity Baseball

Playing for a new coach can be tough, but the JV baseball players made the transition with ease. Coach Jeff Cooley took over the squad, receiving leadership help from captains, Gary Buck, '07, and Daniel Stasiak, '07. The team worked hard to ready themselves for possible varsity play next year.

Led by seven sophomores, the JV ended their season 7-9. "My highlight to the season was watching Gary Buck hit a home run. It was funny to watch him run all that way," said Joseph Stanichuk, '08. Other high points to the season were a big win over Waterford Kettering and hard a fought win over Stoney Creek.

"Most of the players on the team grew up playing in the Royal Oak Sandlot League," said Buck. This baseball background is the reason for the knowledge of the game that these players possess, and for the future varsity play they have in their sights.

By:
Anthony
Susin

To the above right: Utility man, Al Kipp, '06, awaits a sign from his catcher before delivering the strike-out pitch. Kipp helped the team in many different positions throughout the year.



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To the right: Patrick Koehn, '06, makes the tag on an Avondale opponent after a successful pick off move from pitcher Daniel Stasiak, '07. "Danny has a great pick-off move," said Derek Balnius.



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To the far right: After smashing a ball into left field, long ball hitter, Gary Buck, '07, starts to make his way to first base. Buck had extra-base hits all year long. "He was one the best hitters on the team," said Matthew Wathen, '06.



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To the right: Joseph Stanichuk, '06, gets down in a good position as he fields a ground ball. Stanichuk is one of those guys who makes every play look routine.



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To the right: Alexander Dubetz, '08, takes a big lead at third. When you have the kind of speed that Dubetz has, you become a big threat once you reach base.



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"Tough" Junior Varsity Softball

The term "softball" seems to do an injustice to the players of this grueling game. There is nothing soft about this sport, nor of the girls that play it.

The girl's junior varsity softball team finished the year with a one win season but never gave up or complained about the situation. Coach Scheid repeatedly pushed the girls very hard and demanded the best out of them, but a lack of experience served as a hardship for the Oaks. "We only had three sophomores on the team. We were basically a freshman team and didn't have a lot of experience," said co-captain Katelyn Ather, '07.

The players realize that they struggled this year and look to up their games in years to come.

By:
Anthony
Susin



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To the above left: Catcher Bridget Iannotti, '08, frames a pitch during the Stoney Creek softball game. Iannotti can make balls look like strikes with her extraordinary talent to frame.

To the far left: In a dead out sprint, Jocelyn Cardinas, '07, is heading for third. Cardinas doesn't stop there and eventually puts a score on the board for the lady Oaks.

To the left: Second base-man Brianna Long, '08, makes a great catch to get the force out at second. Long looks to make similar plays next year on the varsity team.



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To the far left: Samantha Finney '08, delivers a fastball from the pitcher's mound. Because of her superb pitching ability, Sam was the team's main pitching threat.

To the left: Jennifer Johnson, '08, awaits the pitch to see if her teammate will advance her to second base. Remember, there are no lead-offs allowed in the game of softball.

Junior Varsity

Sports

Boys Junior Varsity Baseball



Front Row: Nathan Jones, Jacob Yates, Alan Kipp, Matthew Wathen, Patrick Koehn Back Row: Coach Eric Garland, Cullen McHugh, Justin Kaczmarek, Alexander Dubetz, Christopher Layou, Coach Alexander

Girls Junior Varsity Softball



Front Row: Bridget Iannotti, Jennifer Johnson, Samantha Finney. Middle Row: Kacey Ather, Kaitlyn Ather, Brianna Long. Back Row: Morgan Chandler, Lauren McGee, Coach Schied, Natalie Sirianni, Jocelyn Cardinias. Photo By: Pam Parks.

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball



Front Row: Alex Miller Middle Row: Ali Al-Siamer, Joseph Stanichuk, Matthew Lewan, Richard Jenkins, Coach Gordon, Ryan Lee, Matthew Rosenbach, David Greenwell, Jacob Yates, Thomas Pingle Back Row: Eric Dumas, Jacob Nielsen, Tyler Howell

Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball



Front Row: Carrie Bennis, Amber Nolan, Emily Durnion, Devon Park. Middle Row: Devon Gardner, Amanda Diamond, Kallie Riopelle, Alec Bauer. Back Row: Coach Deanna Miller, Tina Brown, Sara Dunaj-Ring, Harmony Braley, Leahandra Wendland

Girls Junior Varsity Soccer



Front Row: Emily Durnion, Elizabeth Kipps, Harmony Braley, Alexandra Wendland, Michelle Fabry Middle Row: Carrie Bennis Ashley Bourke, Carly Cooper, Rebecca Comby, Devon Gardner, Kendal Andersen Back Row: Coach Jennifer Tucker, Lauren Wilkins, Kallie Riopelle, Angela Nielsen, Leahandra Wendland, Coach Mary Roman. Photo By: Visual Sports Network.

Boys Junior Varsity Football



Front Row: J. Nierman, W. Reef, J. Longeran. Second Row: D. Gray, R. Franceck, N. Hall, Mick McKenzie, S. Lloyd. Third Row: J. Lambert, N. Hagen, Coach Todd Gordon, Coach Ryan Eisley, Coach Jim Yourkovich, J. Schowalter, N. Yatooma, C. Photiades. Fourth Row: D. Hatala, J. Mackie, S. Knupp, N. Hoye, B. Ruby, Matthew Rosenbach, F. Jazdyk. Back Row: M. Swanson, S. Moline, N. West, J. Vettori, K. Kass, J. Castle. Photo By: Visual Sports Network.

Boys Junior Varsity Soccer



Front Row: M. Somers, William Purchis, R. Somers, B. Racicot. Middle Row: M. Stewart, B. Strzalkowski, J. Deneweth, Matthew Wathen, J. Barrick. Back Row: E. Hull, M. Reaume, Coach David Jones, K. Pruner, J. Rutledge. Photo By: Visual Sports Network.

Boys Junior Varsity Hockey



Front Row: D. Aliotio, Scott Olinski, J. O'Branovich, T. Flack, J. Cortis, A. Nowicki, B. Ionello, Mick McKenzie. Back Row: Coach K. Olinski, Anthony, D. Jerzak, V. Bashi, John Fresch, E. Mocheri, J. Riopelle, Andrew Barber, J. Phalen, Coach B. Olinski

Junior Varsity Sports

Outstanding Varsity Athletes

By: Abigail Petri



Boys Golf

James Uelmen, '06, and **Nicholas Johnson**, '06, were both extraordinary golfers for their team all four years on varsity. They both received All OAA first team, all area dream team, and James was the recipient of player of the year nominated by the Royal Oak Daily Tribune.

- Coach S. Lynch



Baseball

Nicholas Johnson, '06 has been a pitcher for the varsity baseball team for the past two years. He is one of the captains for this year's team. He is dedicated, hard working, and has a love for baseball. He is the kind of athlete that coaches like to have on the team. He is competitive and loves to win. It has been a great experience coaching him.

- Coach J. Dinkelmann



Girls Tennis

Meghan Luzod, '06 has been a varsity tennis player for four years, in the 1 Singles position. She is all league, all region, a scholar athlete, and on the Dream Team. Meghan was undefeated in the league this year and seated 2nd place in regionals. She has been voted MVP all for years and has had more wins than anyone at Dondero.



Dance

Kristen Olinski, '06, and **Christine Morelli**, '06, have both been a critical driving force along the way to our teams historic performance. Both girls epitomize the image of a team captain who perform flawlessly in her sports, who is tirelessly committed to the teams goals, and who inspires her teammates to work for perfection as well.

- Coach H. Wiefelrich



Football

Anthony Susin, '06, was a great competitor on the football field this past season. As difficult as Friday nights became, Tony kept his competitive spirit, played with great sportsmanship, and was determined to do his best. That is a success that made all his coaches very proud to have coached him. Anthony received all area dream team, MVP, and special team player of the year just to name a few.

- Coach J. Fitzpatrick



Girls Basketball

Abigail Petri, '06, was a threat on the basketball court since she stepped into Dondero High School. Playing all four years on Varsity, Petri was a great defender and a huge key to the offense being leading scorer three year in a row. Abigail was all league honorable mention her junior year and all area her senior year. She was a captain for three out of the four years here at Dondero and being a leader was what shes best at.

- Coach W Gergosian



Girls Cross Country

Sydney Walsh, '06, captain and senior, contributed a great deal to the girls cross-country team for the past three years. She is a positive role model to the other athletes on the team, and was a very approachable captain. Her contributions to the team are numerous as she was All-League two years in a row. She always give 110% at practice and at the meets.

- Coach K. Hoover



Boys Cross Country

Sean Klaver, '06, is a natural leader, which made him an outstanding captain. Sean was determined to maintain the traditions of Dondero and make the last year of the Dondero boys cross country team worthy of those traditions. He ran a personal best of 17:43 in the OAA Division III meet at Murphy Park in Pontiac to earn All-League honors.

- Coach D. Barnett



Girls Swim and Dive

Alexandria O'Hara, '06, was the Dondero Girls swimming and diving team's most outstanding diver in 2005. Ali accomplished so much in the 2005 season alone such as, in dual meets she placed first twice, second four times, and third twice. She took third place at the OAA Division III Championships, she qualified for the diving regional, and has all around been a hard worker for 3 years on the Varsity swimming and diving team.

- Coach R. Schurig



Boys Swimming

Daniel Lewan, '06, is a four year varsity swimmer. He was a captain his senior year and a two time all conference swimmer. Dan was also a member of top 10 club in 200 medley relay and 50 free style.

- Coach D. Millar

Boys Basketball

Alex Keith, '06, was a leader on and off the court for the boys Varsity Basketball team. Alex has been playing on varsity for 2 years now and has done nothing but excel and grow as a player. The development of this young man is truly outstanding. He was a captain this year and also leading scorer for the team.

- Coach W. Gergosian



Wrestling

Alex Fike, '06, is the only senior from Dondero on the Royal Oak Wrestling team. He has been on the team for four years and served as team captain his sophomore year. Alex underwent extensive knee surgery last year, but pushed himself through the season and continues to rehabilitate. He made it to the district level this year.



Volleyball

AlexSaundra Hamm, '06, has been a starter for the Oaks varsity volleyball team for the past three years. She was named All-Leauge OAA in 2004 & 2005 and All-State honorable mention in 2005. She is currently one of the teams captains hoping to lead the team to another leauge and district championship like last year.

- Coach H. Leidy



Track & Field

Graduates **David Caddy**, '05, and **Amber Straton**, '05 were outstanding athletes in track. As captains, these two students were very responsible, never missing practices or meets, and always did what was asked of them. Both team members ran hurdles and the 4X400.

- Coach C. Steele



Softball

Jackie Brown, '06, is a three year varsity starter. She is one of our captains because of her hard work, leadership, and dedication. She is an all leauge, all district catcher and to top it all off she is on the academic all state team.

- Coach V. Earnshaw



Girls Golf

Erika Sestok, (former graduate) was MVP and captain. She played golf all four years and was the first girl since we started girls golf to letter all four years. She was voted to the All-Leauge team in the OAA and finished 8th in the Oakland County tournament. She was an amzing golfer and will be remembered for her skill and team leadership.

- Coach V. Caruso



Gymnastics

Jamie Skewes, '06, is a hardworking, dependable, and pleasant person in the classroom as well as in the gymnastics arena. She has competed on the Royal Oak gymnastics team for 4 years. Whenever Jamie is presented with a challenge, she rises to the occasion. This year she is a team captain and a regional qualifier.

- Coach C. Ewell



Hockey

James Rex, '06, is a leader on and off the ice. He leads by example and does everything that the coaches ask of him. James is a prime example of what a student athlete should be, a very nice student to promote Dondero High School.

- Coach A. Plasky

Boys Soccer

James Rex, '06, is an outstanding player on the field and at practice. He is a mentor and role model for the younger players. James led his team in scoring and assists. He has also received many awards for soccer on his behalf including most valuable player.

- Coach J. Worrel



Girls Soccer

Marky Jenkins, '06, and **Allison Septer**, '06, were both four year Varsity starters. Marky was a strong quiet defensive leader who comes ready to play every game.

Marky was all leauge, all district, all regional, all state 3rd team, and all area first team. Allison was a strong, explosive offensive leader who could break open a game at any time with her speed. Allison recieved all leauge, all district, and all area first team.

- Coach C. Millar



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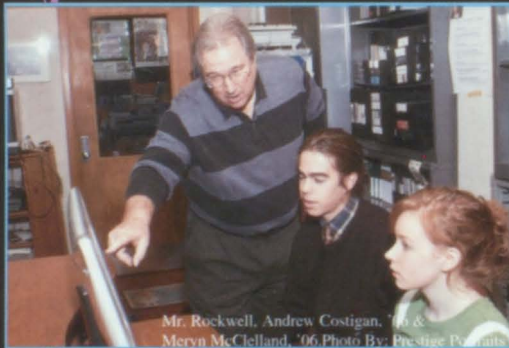
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Beriah Asher, '07,
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Ashley Underwood, '07.

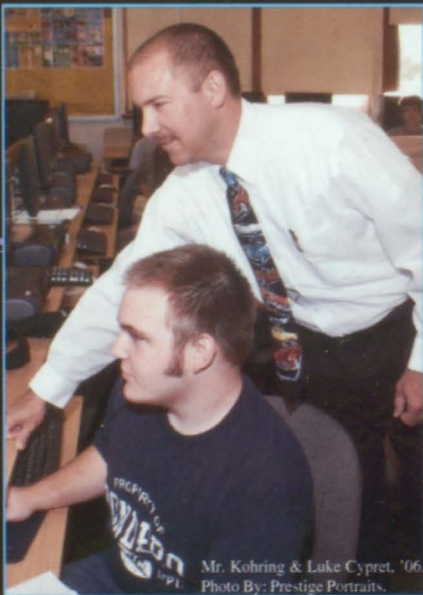
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William Peltier, '07.

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Mr. Rockwell, Andrew Costigan, '06, & Mervyn McClelland, '06. Photo By: Prestige Portraits.



Mr. Kohring & Luke Cypret, '06. Photo By: Prestige Portraits.

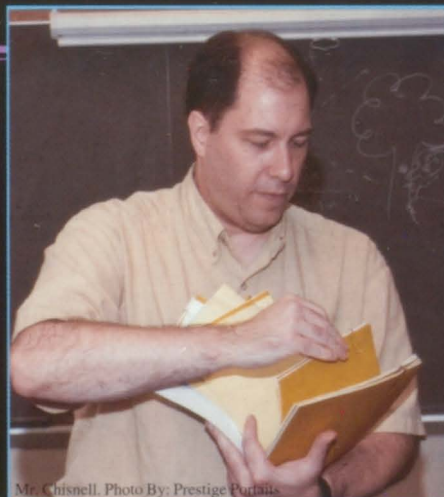


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Mr. Chisnell. Photo By: Prestige Portraits.



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Academics

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OutStaNdINg SenIorS

By: Kaitlyn Kueber



Choir - Michael Farr and Robert Schurig

Michael Farr has been in choir for three years as a member of both A Cappella and Musical Minority. He is an excellent tenor in both groups and is one of the best electric bass players for Pop Concert. He participates in many solos as a bass player, giving hours of preparation time for other singers in the choir. He is a totally positive force in the choir room and on stage.

Robert Schurig has been in choir for all four years as a member of both A Cappella Choir and Musical Minority. He is very capable and can sing BOTH tenor and bass. As the Choir President, Max works as hard as anyone ever could to make choir and the concerts involved the best they can be.

-Rick Hartsoe

Marketing - Jessica Toner

Jessica Toner is part of our business and marketing program. She was accepted to Dondero's School to Work Cooperative Program working for the Royal Oakland Community Credit Union. Her employer has described her as exhibiting outstanding work values - punctuality, accuracy, and dependability.

-Nanci Marek



Genesis - Celina Maggi

Celina Maggi (or is it Maggical?) is an extraordinary student and a spectacular human. Simply stated, Cheli is one of the best people I have ever known. Her spirit brightens those around her; her dedication and effort are absolute; she is honest, trustworthy, kind, funny, and totally reliable. I will miss her not only as an Editor-in-Chief but as a person who made each day better.

-Perry Cicchini

German - Stephen Burwell

Stephen Burwell has consistently been at the top of his class due to his conscientious attitude and devotion to the German language. Stephen studied hard for four years of outstanding progress and has been a model student to his classmates. He is well-liked and respected by all. Stephen has proven himself not only as a bright and studious student of German, but as a responsible and mature young man.

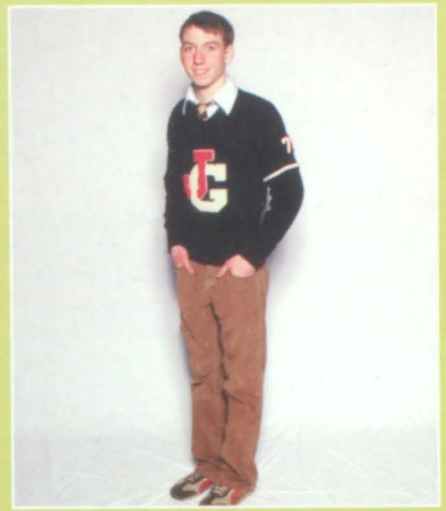
-G. Monty Weathers



WOAK - James Semivan

I would like to nominate James Semivan as an outstanding senior for his role as WOAK Advanced Video and Media Production student and as my Coop Technical Assistant. James is responsible and creative, accepts and takes on tasks in a professional and workmanlike manner. James will be competing in the upcoming Michigan SkillsUSA competition in the video production category and shooting for a chance to represent Michigan in the national finals.

- Dick Rockwell



English - Alix Kowalski

Thoughtful, intelligent, principled, passionate, curious - Alix Kowalski is all of these. I've watched her wrestle with Conrad and Ellison, tackle the absurdities of Heller and Freud, and play with the deconstructions of Murakami and de-colonizing of Achebe. Alix latches on to idea, turns ideas around until they match and yet conflict; her frustration and delight sometimes merge as she reconciles the oppositions of her life and the world she encounters. Her poise and enthusiasm, her greatest moments of engaging others in dialogue that leaves them warm and enlightened - these are moments of human strength.

-Steve Chisnell

French

Alix Kowalski is truly an outstanding senior. Alix is a conscientious student dedicated to French beyond expectations. Her optimism and positive attitude have helped her achieve all A's and improve the level of achievement around her. She consistently works hard and has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the study of French with her contagious enthusiasm. Alix's dedication, intelligence, and excellent work make her truly deserving of recognition as an outstanding French student.

-Cherilyn Ross-Blair

Band - Michael Farr

Michael Farr has played an integral roll in all of our performing ensembles in band, orchestra, and choir. Mike demonstrates a natural ability, and his enthusiasm to learn and create is contagious. Mike will be very successful as he goes forth to continue his musical training and experiences.

-Tim Foreman



Orchestra - Catherine Nicolia

Catherine Nicolia is a member of the Dondero Symphony Orchestra, Fiddle Club, Chamber Music Club, and actively performs outside of school on her violin with the Oakland Youth Orchestra. Catherine is a dedicated student who loves music. She is the Vice-President of the Symphony Orchestra, and Concertmistress of the Symphony Orchestra as well. Often, Catherine leads sectionals where she teaches the violins how to perform a particular portion of music, all for the sake of our group sounding better. As is evident in this article, Catherine is a special student, musician and person. She will achieve many successes in her future. Her musical legacy will live on in Royal Oak for years to come.

- Hester Hasheian

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Outstanding Seniors 149

Acorn - Brianna English and Autumn Kangas

Her intellect, passion, drive and cooperative spirit were signs early on that Brianna English would make an ideal editor in chief of Acorn. This year, she serves ably and nobly in that role. Brianna is at the very center of our publication process, and I trust her actions, her leadership, and her work. Her investment and consistency have been central to the quality and success of our newsmagazine.

Her integrity, intuition, compassion and wisdom insure that Autumn Kangas speaks strongly in every day. Flexible, affable and inquisitive, she thrives in cooperative ventures, and establishes a comfortable, earnest rapport with remarkable quickness and ease. In her presence, people feel safe, comfortable and valued. Autumn is a steady, shaping force in our publication.

-Ann Maudlin



Science - Autumn Kangas

Autumn Kangas has consistently established herself as an Outstanding Science Student. The quality of both her written work and her participation in class is unparalleled. She has chosen to challenge herself by participating in the Advance Placement program completing both AP Biology and AP Physics. She is a leader not because of her words, but through her actions and the example she sets. Congratulations to Autumn

-Betsy Mackowiak



OAK - Elise Androkites

From its very conception to its final word, the Dondero Oak yearbook is evidence of the outstanding work of Elise Androkites. As this year's editor-in-chief, Elise has been an inspirational leader to an excellent staff. Imaginative, passionate, ambitious, and responsible, Elise is one of the finest editors I have ever known. She is a marvel both behind the scenes and at the forefront of the publication process, and though she takes her position very seriously, she brings a much needed element of humor to our environment as well. Elise Androkites is truly an exceptional young woman, and a bright future awaits her.

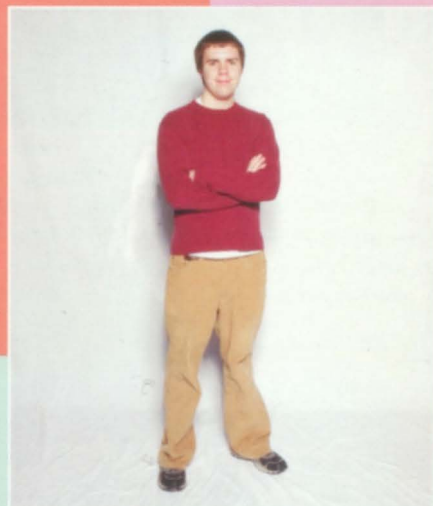
Drama - Elise Androkites

Elise is truly a well-rounded member of the Dondero Drama Club. She participates with energy in all aspects of theatre production, including acting, set building, painting, program, advertising and serves as the club's President.

Social Studies - Sean Klaver

Sean Klaver is the outstanding senior for reasons beyond his exemplary grades in all his social studies classes. His interest in history has driven Sean to an extraordinary level of accomplishment in Dondero's social studies department. Sean has consistently demonstrated the reason why social studies is a significant discipline of study: an appreciation of our past and an awareness of important events in the present that will shape our future. Sean's keen interest in history is at a level that sets him apart from his classmates: not many high school students across the country can claim to have visited the home of former President Garfield on purpose.

-Alec Snyder



Business - Meghan Wlotkowski

Meghan Wlotkowski is always accepting additional responsibilities in addition to the required class work; for example, she assists other students and takes the initiative to look for additional assignments. Furthermore, Meghan currently maintains the accounting records for Dondero's Bagel sales. Without her assistance, the ordering, billing and general flow of work would not happen.

-Nanci Marek

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Spanish - Morgan Gardner

Morgan Gardner is a good Spanish student and very motivated in the Spanish classroom. She was always committed to taking four years and has earned all A's and B's throughout the four years of study. She is bright and is always willing to help her classmates. She is very positive in class and understands the value of knowing a second language. She was also very creative as she worked on several projects. It has been a pleasure to have her in my classes. I am sure she will succeed in whatever she pursues.

- Bertha Arribas



Mathematics - Evan Kangas

In my time at Dondero, Evan Kangas may be the best math student I have seen. With extremely high marks, he completed all of our curriculum by the end of his junior year. This in and of itself sets him apart as Dondero's outstanding math student. However, he has taken it even farther during his senior year with his studies of Calculus three at the college level. Through all of this, he has assumed a reticent position of leader by example in his classes, which all subsequently collectively benefited from his contributions. In short, he has achieved greatly, and we have benefited greatly for these efforts.

- Sam Lynch

Senate and Mathematics - James Rex

James Rex has been an amazing example of how much hard work and dedication can pay off. He has done nothing but succeed in the field of mathematics for the last four years, achieving all the way up to the level of AP Calculus as a senior. He has also proved time and time again that he is a student leader in the classroom, giving the kind effort every day that would allow any student to succeed.

- Matt Milazzo

James Rex has led our team impeccably! Be it his integrity, sense of responsibility, commitment to people, or his incredible energy, all in Senate have been influenced by his presence. James has a phenomenal leadership resume, both formally and informally. He has, in four years, attended close to 10 intense leadership development seminars and has held three elected Senate positions: general member, parliamentarian, and president. People who know James respect and admire him, and understandably so! He is truly one of the finest young men to walk these halls!

- Kim Martin



Art - Cameron Lamberti

Cameron Lamberti is a talented and dedicated artist! He challenges himself daily as he explores ideas and refines techniques through painting, printmaking, drawing and sculpture. In addition, he heads up fundraising for the Art Club. At home, he pursues his passion by participating in extra art experiences. A gifted and self-motivated individual, it is no surprise that Cam is interested in an art-related career. With his visual intelligence and organizational skills, he will surely be very successful!

- Martha Shrode

To the right: Mr. Vought seems very content as he surveys at his class that is hard at work after a long lesson.



To the right: Casey Chevela, '06, works on organizing her binder after she is done with her notes for the day.

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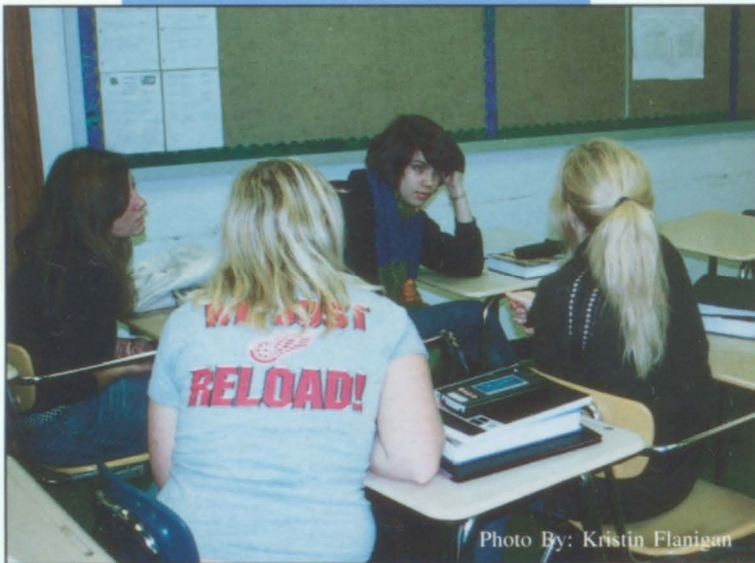
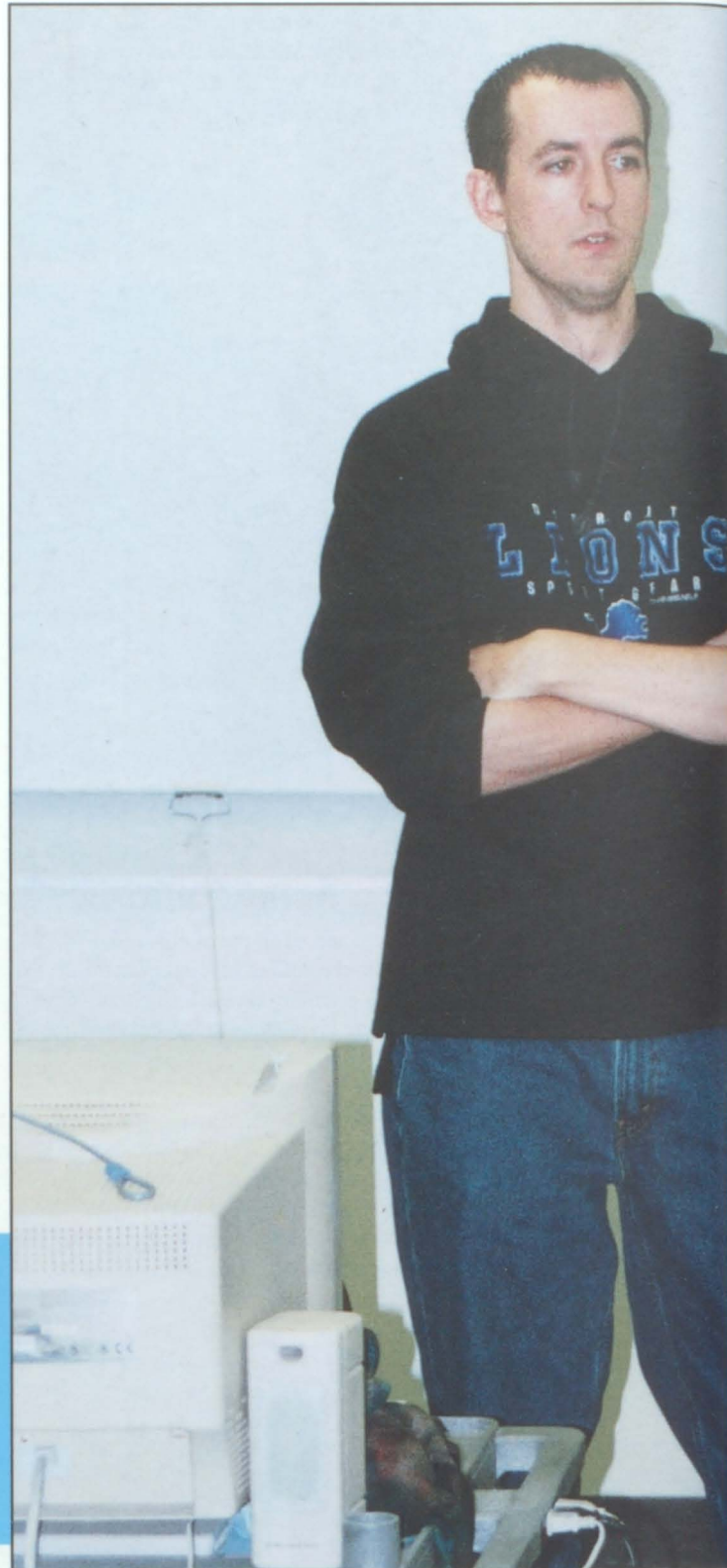


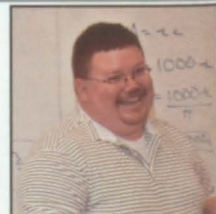
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Above: Stacy Thompson, '06, Katharine Helegda, '06, Noelle Fleishans, '06, and Kimberly Lambert, '06, discuss the math homework that was just assigned.

Advanced Placement Statistics



Tom Boysen
John Camp
Sam Lynch



"Quiet"

Think about this: how would it feel starting your day off with one of the most dreaded classes of your high school career, and on top of that, making it advanced placement. Well, Mr. Vought's first hour Advanced Placement Statistics students don't seem to mind. Spotting trends, relative frequency and percentages are just some of the many ways they start off their days. "It's a great class to take if you want to learn about real life situations," said Kyle Resto, '07, who really enjoys learning the challenging information that goes along with it. "Only six problems of homework a night, that's great for an advanced placement class!" said Meghan Luzod, '06, who preferred statistics over calculus. One of the other things that made this class so worthwhile is the teacher, Mr. Vought, who everybody agrees is an awesome teacher. He has been teaching at Dondero for two years, and you will often find him saying the word "QUIET" in his class room. "Staying at least one day ahead of the kids is the hardest part of teaching," said Mr. Vought. "My favorite thing about teaching this class is how it gives the students a chance to explore college material." This class is definitely challenging, but it is worth it.

By: Lauren Stephan

1st Hour Mathematics



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Top: Anthony Susin, '06, and Robert Schurig, '06, converse during class trying to make the time go by faster. Hopefully, Mr. Vought does not notice. Above: Kyle Resto, '07, sits back and enjoys himself while Mr. Vought is giving his lesson for the day. On the other hand, Andrew Cissell, '06, looks very busy with his homework.

Photo By: Kristin Flanigan



Matt Milazzo
Kirk Swientoniowski
Jay Vought

To the right: Trying to escape the class, Gus Brovold, '09, reaches for the window in hopes of living his life long dream as a squirrel. Fortunately, he remains inside and enjoys the teachings of Ms. Gardy.



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Below: Carl Graham, '09, tries to finish his work quickly. Luckily, he gets it done and turns it in to receive nothing but an A+.

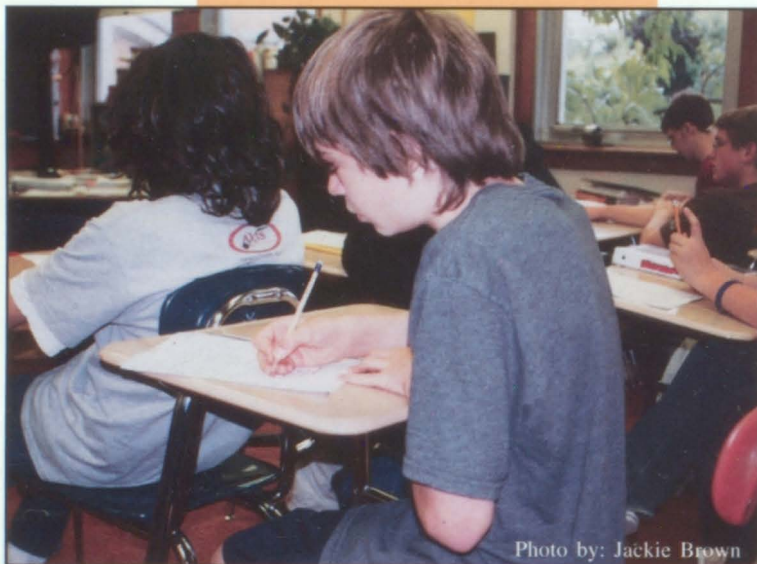


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To the right: Emma Goldenberg, '09, greatly appreciates the advice that Ms. Gardy has given her to help her complete her work. Ms. Gardy is always willing to lend a hand.



Literature and Composition

Steve Chisnell
Perry Cicchini
Jill Gardy
Mia Gutierrez



“Please” 2nd hour English

“What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet” (Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*). What most refer to as “Lit and Comp,” Ms. Gardy’s second hour Literature and Composition has a wide range of students from freshmen to seniors. Even with such a variety of ages, Emily Jarman, ’09, and Julia Lester, ’09, agree: “They are really not that different, I mean, they are students in the same class as me.” Many students said that reading short stories was by far the best thing they had done this year. When asked what her favorite part of teaching was, Ms. Gardy said, “Every day the students remind me why I am a teacher. Their creativity and energy teach me things I have not learned yet, and I love it!” Every teacher is unique in his or her own way. Ms. Gardy brings her uniqueness to a whole different level. Ms. Gardy said, “‘=Please’ is my most frequently used word. It seems to sound more pleasant if you say it in the beginning of a sentence.” Although this class may sound easy, in no way is it.

By: Kaitlyn Kueber



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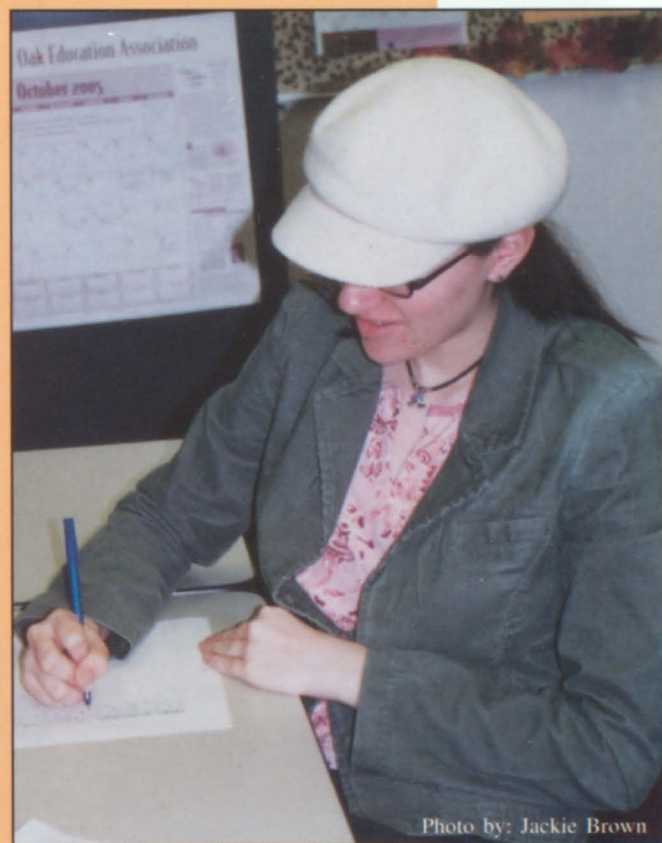
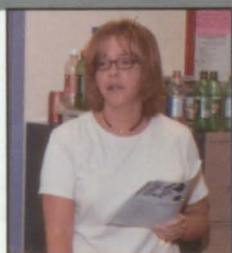


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Top: As many students raise their hands to answer a question, Ms. Gardy encourages Shawn Kurkowski, '06, to participate in the lesson, instead of lending his face to the camera.

Above: Writing out her final copy for her latest assignment, Tabitha Kronenwetter, '06, carefully gets to work in hope of getting a good grade.



Jennifer Kocis
Ann Maudlin
Dick Rockwell
Tanya Roycraft for Kitty Stone
Not pictured: Sue Lareau

To the right: Timothy Casey, '07, looks over the shoulder of Lisa Martin, '05, as she asks him a series of questions relating to what they were doing that day.

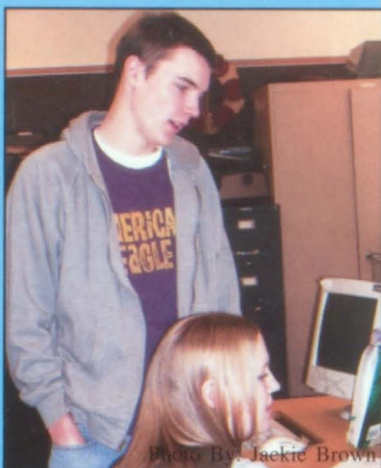


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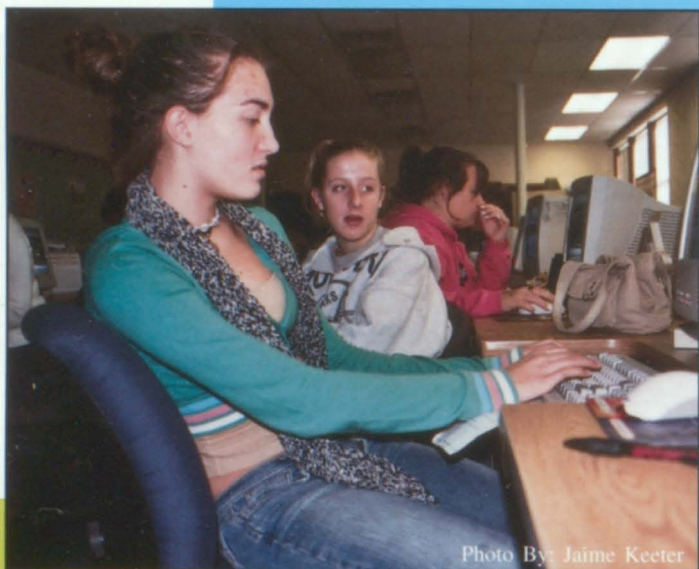


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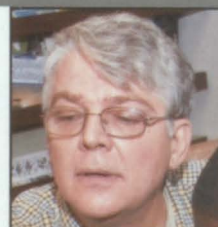
Above: Morgan Sundberg, '08, and Elizabeth Reed, '07, practice their typing skills.

To the right: Mrs. Marek is one of the business teachers all students love to have.

Computer Applications and Business



Donna Brewer
Caroline Caughell
Chuck Gosdzinski



“Skills” 3rd Hour

Business and Technology

The sound of typing fills the room as Mrs. Marek’s third hour Computer Applications and Business class is busy with their work. “Mrs. Marek makes this class the jam,” said junior Timothy Casey, ’07, who enjoyed this class because all the work that they did involved computers. Some of the material this class covered was Word Processing and Power Point. “I love Mrs. Marek, and this is my favorite class of the day,” said Daniel Stasiak, ’07. They agree that the hardest material they had covered had been Power Point, but they both found this class very challenging and practical.

The ladies of the Media Center also contribute highly to the technology here at Dondero. Mrs. Ong and Ms. Caughell are extremely hard workers, and know how to put their skills to use. “I absolutely love the students that come in and read the newspaper in our big yellow chairs. You could tell that the news was very interesting to them,” said Mrs. Ong. Where would our technology at Dondero be if they were not here?

By: Lauren Stephan

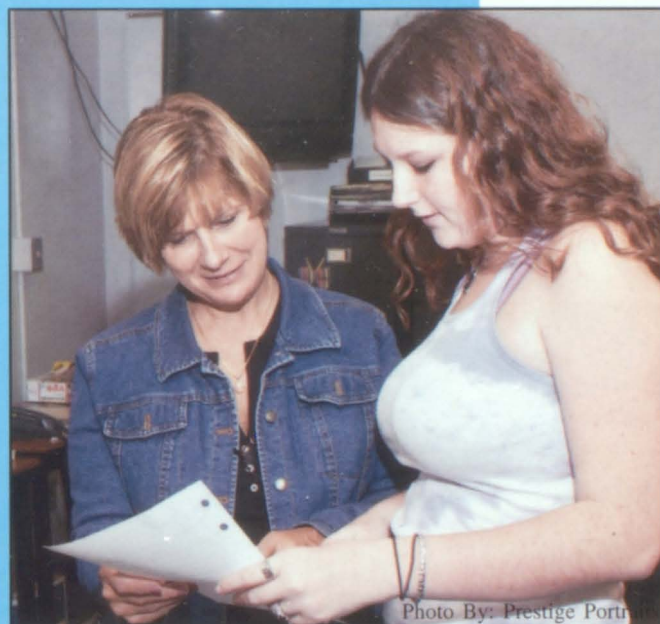


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Above: Mrs. Marek helps Veronica Adkins, '06, with her assignment in her business class. Mrs. Marek is a very helpful and friendly teacher.

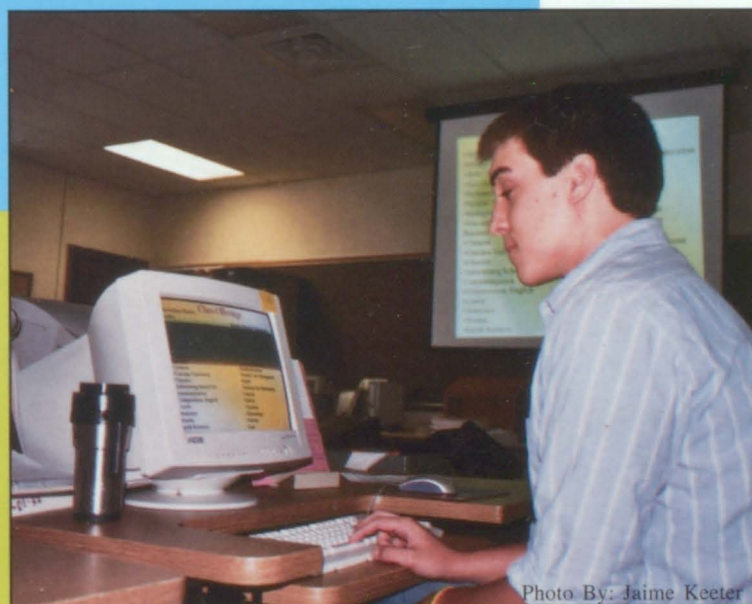


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Above: Maxwell Jenkins, '08, works on his class assignment. He clearly takes his work in the class very seriously.

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Keith Kohring
Nanci Marek
Betty Ong

To the right:
Ashley Leslie,
'09, is hard at
work studying
for her test.



Photo By: Jaime Keeter



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Above: Emily Jarman, '09, corrects Mr. Fitzpatrick on an error he has made. She really knows what she is talking about!

United States History

To the right: Mr. Fitzpatrick makes a crazy face while Adam Czarnowski, '09, laughs at him.



Kim Bos-Martin
Jim Fitzpatrick
Lynn Renkert



“Study” 4th Hour

Social Studies

Immigrants, Presidents, World War II, The 60's, The Depression, and Civil Rights. These are just some of the many topics that Mr. Fitzpatrick's fourth hour U.S. history class has covered over the course of this year. "This class gives you knowledge of what happened before our generation," said Lauren Fromm, '09. Many people who did not get enjoyment from history class gained enjoyment from the teaching methods of Mr. Fitzpatrick. "He has a way of teaching that really draws you in," said freshman Samantha McHugh, '09. He has many energetic and creative ways to make the class interesting such as movies, and Jeopardy review games.

By: Lauren Stephan



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Top: Freshman Joshua Jones, '09, takes time out of his day to sit and ponder what he has just learned.



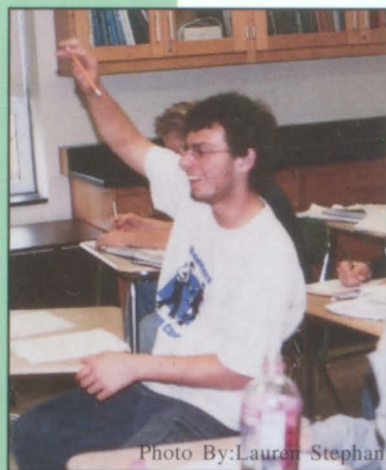
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Above: Ashley Mueller, '09, asks for help from her teacher, Mr. Fitzpatrick.



Cherilyn Ross-Blair
Alec Snyder
John Worrell

To the right: Mr. McMann holds his yard stick, "Benno," which is one of his favorite parts about teaching.



To the right: Sean English, '08, raises his hand because he has a question about his chemistry homework.

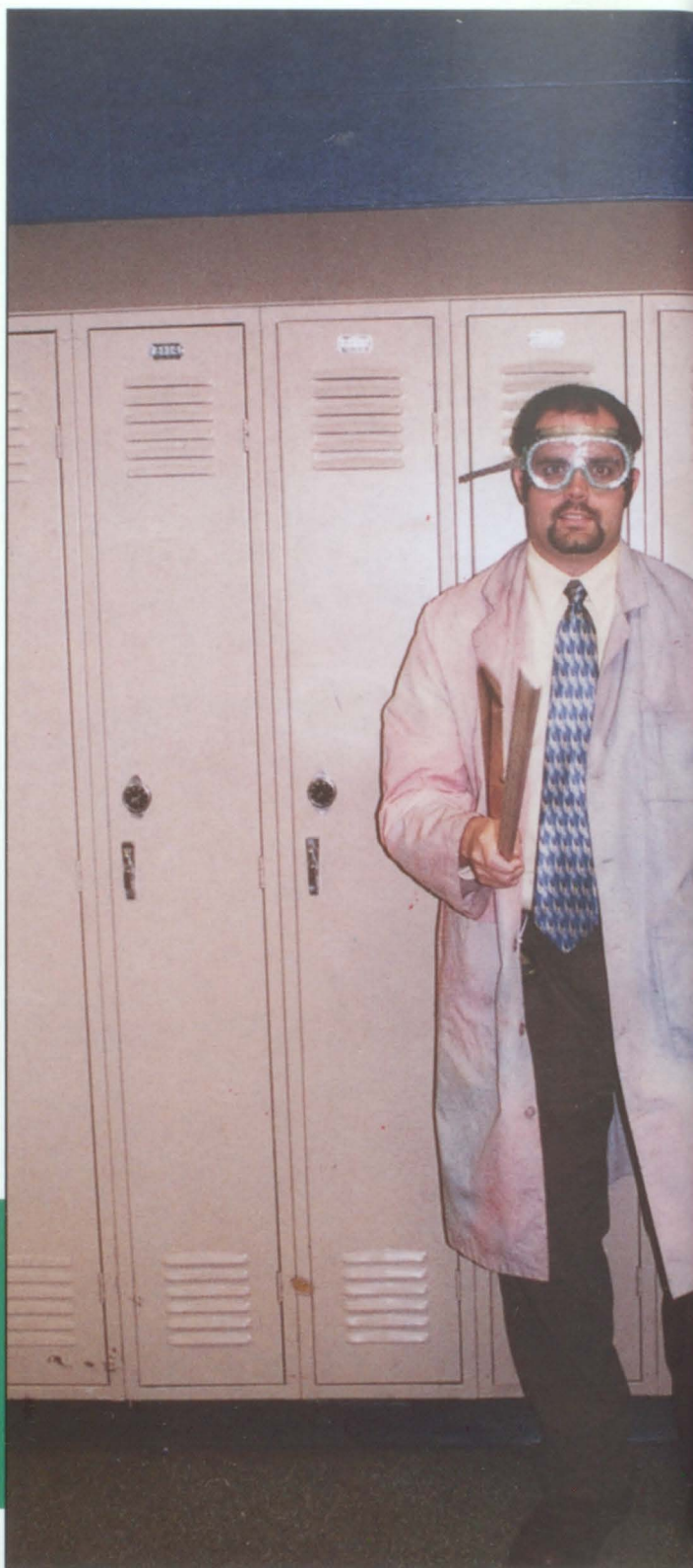
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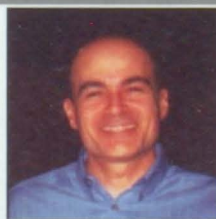
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Above: Justine Stange, '08 and Melanie Adams, '08, prepare their answer for the class discussion.

Chemistry



Neal Drilich
Kristen Elsner
Betsy Mackowiak



“Quizzie-Poo”

5th Hour Science

“They’re tiny and they’re teeny, much smaller than a beanie, they never can be seenie, ‘The Atoms’ Family’,” sings Mr. McMann’s fifth hour Chemistry class. “I loved being in this class because of all the fun labs and experiments we did,” said Ryan Updike, ’07. “I really enjoyed Mr. McMann and how he was so laid back,” said Jeanne Pingle, ’07. This is Mr. McMann’s third year teaching at Dondero, and he especially loves teaching Chemistry. You will often find him saying the word “quizzie-poo” and talking about his beloved yardstick named “Benno.” “I love teaching at Dondero because of all the fun that the students and I have together; we share a special bond,” said Mr. McMann. “The best part of my day was coming into fifth hour and stealing ‘Little Ray-Ray’,” said Updike. ‘Little Ray-Ray’ is not only the fifth hour mascot, he is Mr. McMann’s wooden straw reindeer that was brought over to Dondero from his house. Experiments such as flame tests, tie-dying, and silver coating bottles were just some of the things that the Chemistry classes at Dondero covered over the course of the year.

By: Lauren Stephan



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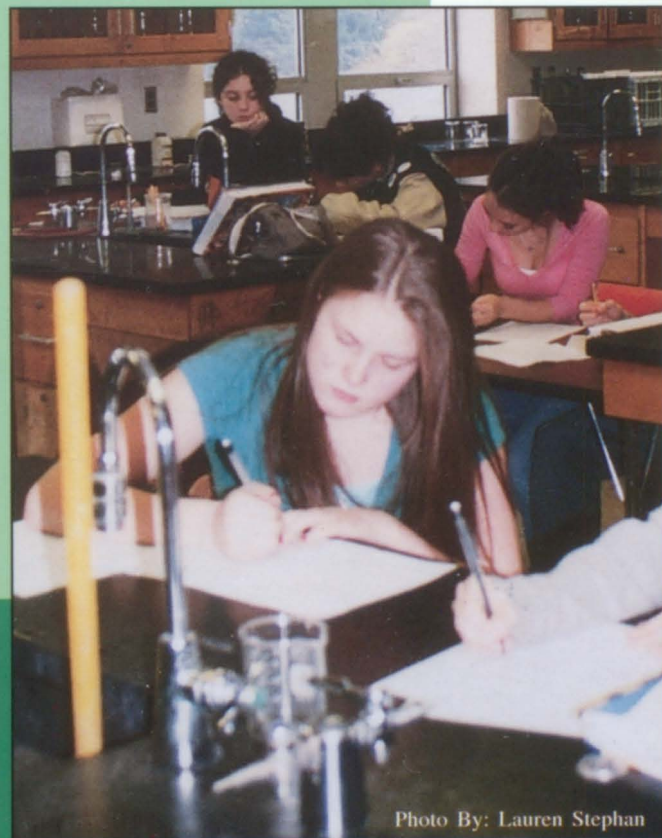


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Top: The class works hard trying to contain all the information Mr. McMann has just taught.

Above: Kallie Riopelle, '08, works on her prelab. Hopefully she finishes it before the bell rings.

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Ray McMann
Jessica Quinn

To the right: Alexandar Fike, '06, listens in on the conversations his classmates are having. The students are required to speak to each other in French for an entire class period.



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Below: Mrs. Ross-Blair writes a sentence in French that the students must translate into English. Any takers on this toughy?

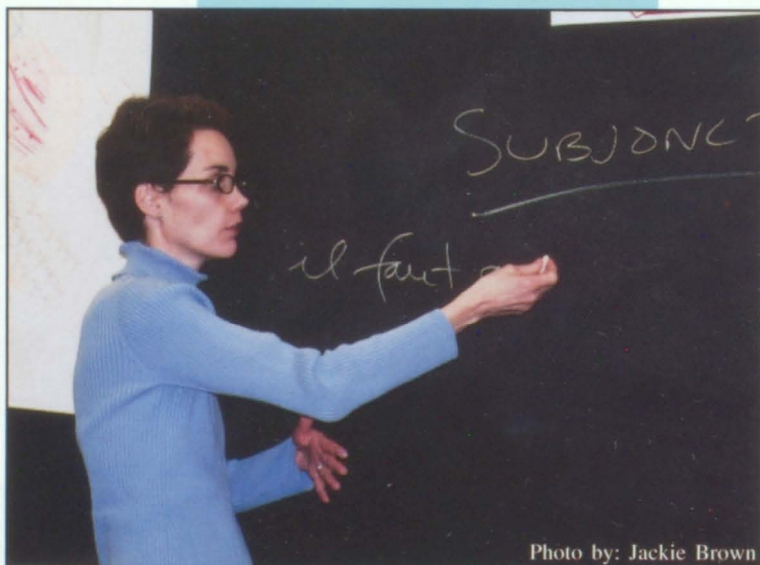


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To the right: Beth Simoni, '06, carefully goes through the French to English dictionary to make sure she thoroughly grasps the concept of the word, 'Bonjour'.



Fourth Year French

Bertha Arribas
Martha Landgraf



“Crazy” 6th hour

Foreign Language

“Bonjour” is a basic friendly way of saying “hello” in French, but the students in Mrs. Ross-Blair’s sixth hour, fourth year French class already knew that. Being so advanced comes with its difficulties. “I never realized how much work actually goes into speaking French, but I have to say that I really do love it.” said Keegan Springfield, ’06.

Along with French, which has two teachers, Mrs. Ross-Blair and brand new, Mrs. Landgraf, there are two other languages being offered. Those languages are: Spanish, that is taught by Senora Arribas, and German, which is taught by Herr Weathers. These classes offer a variety of new things to students, which will come in handy when they are off at college making a life for themselves.

It is recommended to have two years of a foreign language in high school; most students take these classes their freshman and sophomore year. “It is easier to get it out of they way, but in my case, I really wanted to learn about France and their culture, so I have decided to stay in this class since freshman year,” said Springfield.

Remember that with each year taken of a language, the work will get harder, but it will pay off in the long run.

By: Kaitlyn Kueber

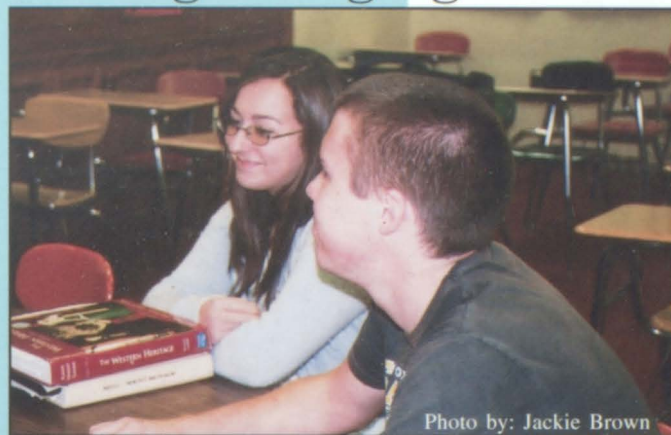


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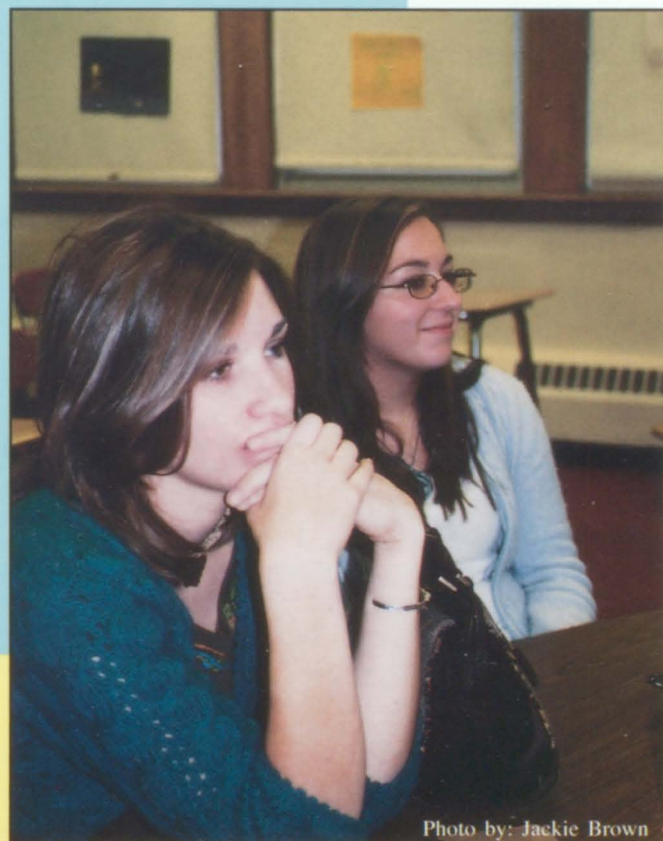
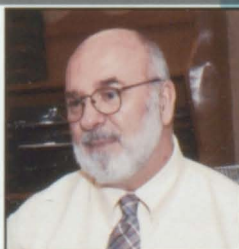


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Top: Rachel Champagne, '06, and Sean Klaver, '06, look like they are doing their work, but what is their history book doing out? I wonder if Mrs. Ross-Blair sees that. Bottom: Elise Androkites, '06 and Rachel Champagne, '06 pay attention carefully because they know if they don't then they will not do well on their test.



Cherilyn Ross-Blair
Monty Weathers

To the right: As the only two girls in this class, Samantha MacMillan, '07, and Katelyn Zlotecki, '08, decide to play one-on-one basketball with each other.

"Sweat"

Physical Education

Physical Education is a must in order to graduate. The sweat and toil poured into exercising every day can be quite exhausting, especially when you have a long term substitute to watch over your every move. Physical Education teacher, Mr. Burr took a leave, which brought in his sub, Mr. Watchowski. Alissa Jones, '09, said, "It is harder when we have a sub because he does not really know us, but I think that Mr. W is really sweet!" With six weeks of health and six weeks of swimming, these kids do not have to spend all of their time in the gym. As for the games that they play, Justin Owens, '09, said that his favorite was basketball. "I just like basketball because I think that I am good at it, and maybe Mr. W will show me some things to make me better." While Chelsea Phillips, '09, said that her favorite was when they played tennis outside. "I just like playing tennis, because all though it seems easy, you really do have to put a lot of effort into it." When asked what one word would best summarize Physical Education, Mr. Watchowski said, "Sweat" only because we have so many kids and when they are running around for fifty minutes and then we all go downstairs, all you see are sweat drops and all you smell is body odor; it reminds me once again why I am doing this."

By: Kaitlyn Kueber



Dale Burr

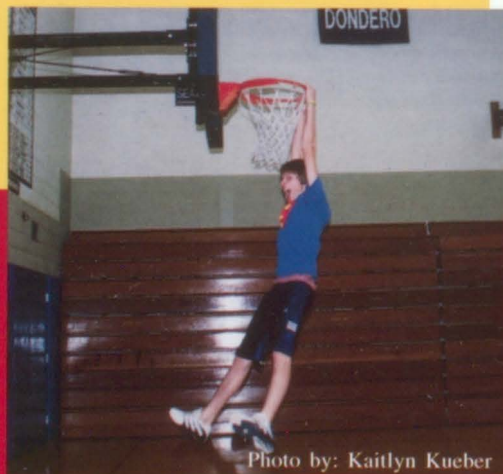


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To the right: Morgan Huffman, '06, is swinging like a monkey as he practices his dunking skills. Who knows, could we be going to school with the future Ben Wallace?

To the right: Mr. Watchowski discusses basketball techniques with Nicholas Bidelman, '07. Is Mr. Watchowski really teaching, or is he the one being taught?

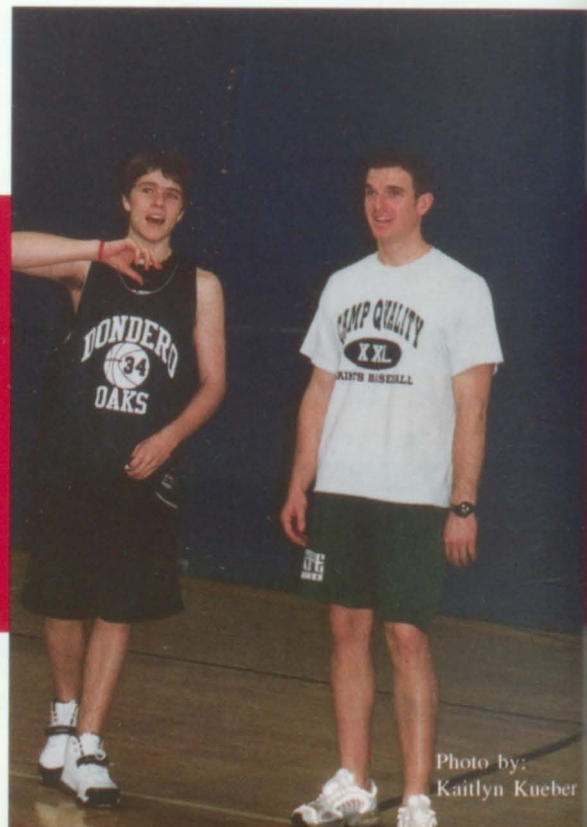


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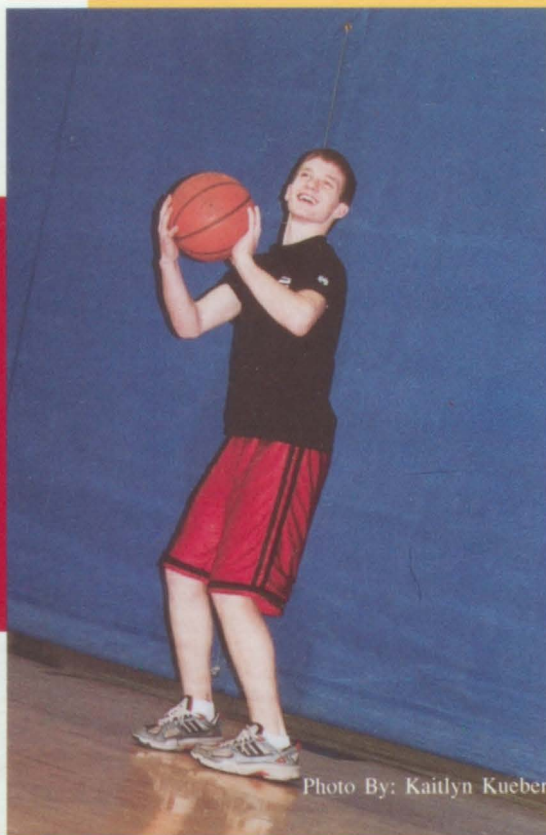


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To the left: Joshua Allard, '07, gets away from his defense to put up an open shot. He shoots, he scores!

Above: Can you say, Dondero Basketball? Six guys surround the basket; who will the first be to retrieve the rebound?

To the right: Lauren Fowler, '06,
gets a real life demonstration of how
the hand should look.

"Expression"

Art

Painting, sculpting, drawing, printing. Students use their creative skills in art class. "Art class is a way for me to express myself," said Autumn Fromm, '07, who has been in art class since her freshman year. Art is not an easy class. You are constantly challenged to better your skills each year by increasing not only your knowledge of frequently used terms, but by using every possible medium.

"I have been doing art ever since kindergarden and hope to have a career in it some day," said Marianna Vermiglio, '06, who is now in advanced art. Ms. Shrode's art students are introduced to new ideas through field trips to the Detroit Institute of Art, movies, text books, and by practicing these skills. "Painting and drawing are my favorite things to do, and they also happen to be what I find the easiest," said Fromm.

Many of the senior art students enter their art work in contests for scholarships. At the end of the year there is a senior art show where not only the senior art work is featured, but also the work of the underclassmen and many other students. It is something that everybody looks forward to, and it takes a lot of work to get it organized. Art is something these students do on their spare time; it is something they really enjoy and take very seriously.

By: Lauren Stephan



Martha Shrode

To the right: Ms. Shrode compliments sophomore Veronica Ward, '08, on her assignment.



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To the right: Nicholas Burrige, '06, works on his independent project.



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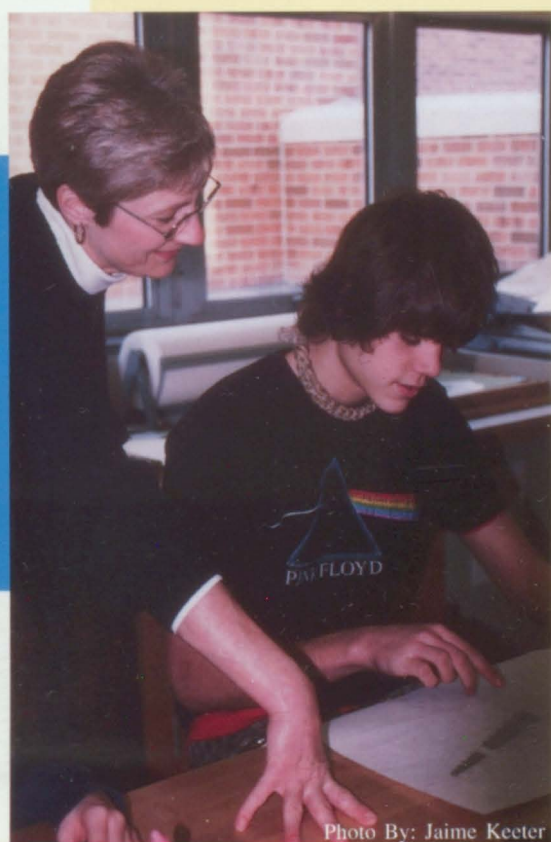


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To the left: Daniel Hubbard, '08, asks Ms. Shrode a question about his drawing assignment

Above: Ms. Shrode helps Marco Feld, '08, set up his grid for his next project.

To the right: Brian Taylor, '06, reads his music thoroughly in order to please Mr. Hartsoe. I wonder if Christina Stack, '08 and Kelly Anderson, '07, know how to do this too?

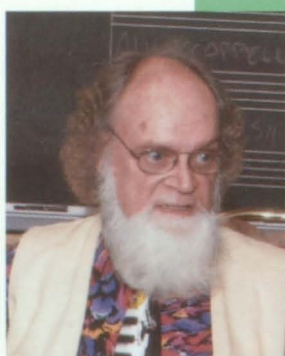
"Serenade"

Music

The familiar tune of "Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do" is a simple part of Mixed Choir's vocal warm-up. Mr. Hartsoe, who has been the director of the choir for 39 years, said, "When I hear my students sing, I know that they are reaching far and beyond so that they can sing to their full extent." The Mixed Choir was made up of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors, which gave the underclassmen opportunities to hear what they could sound like if they stuck in choir for the rest of high school. Lindsay Dyja, '07, said, "I love singing, it brings out something that I never knew was inside of me. My favorite thing, though, that we do as a group has to be Mini-Pop." Mini-Pop gave the chance for students in Mixed Choir to sing a song of their choice in front of the entire school and community. "It gave me such a rush inside, a rush that I love and feeds me to sing more and more," said Dyja.

With such a wide variety of ages in Mixed Choir, it is fun to get to know someone else who you may not have had gotten to know throughout the school year. Dyja also said, "Since being a junior, I enjoy making friends with the sophomores. They were really cool once I got to know them." So, now if you are ever wandering the halls during fifth hour, keep your ears open to hear the beautiful voices that Mr. Hartsoe conducts of the Mixed Choir.

By: Kaitlyn Kueber



Rick Hartsoe



Jan Stewart

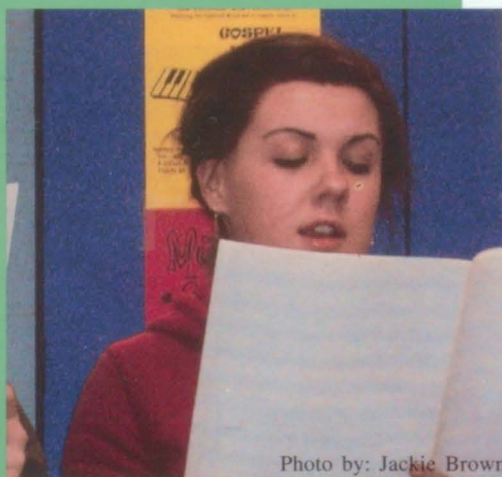
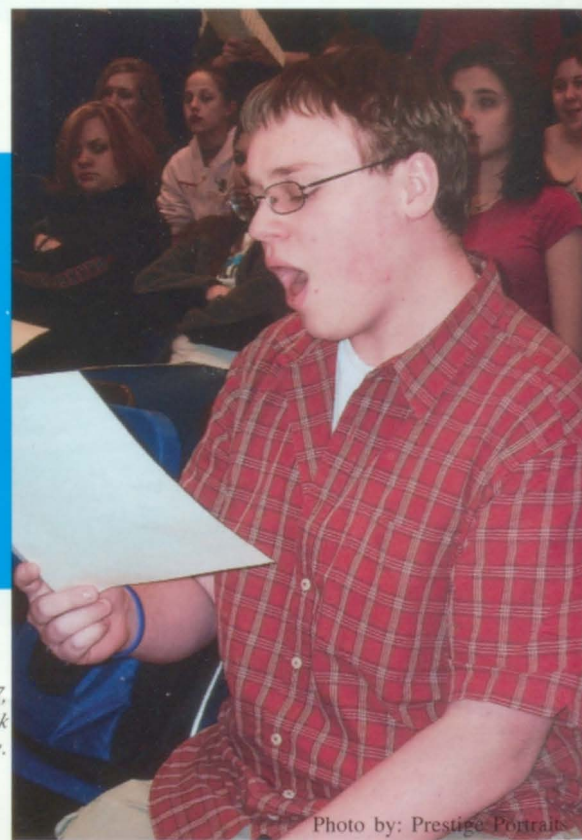


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Above: Erica Ongstad, '07, is doing exactly what Mr. Hartsoe wants her to do, which is singing her heart out like there is no tomorrow.



To the right: Brandon Gehringer, '07, practices his solo as other students look on and learn from his voice.

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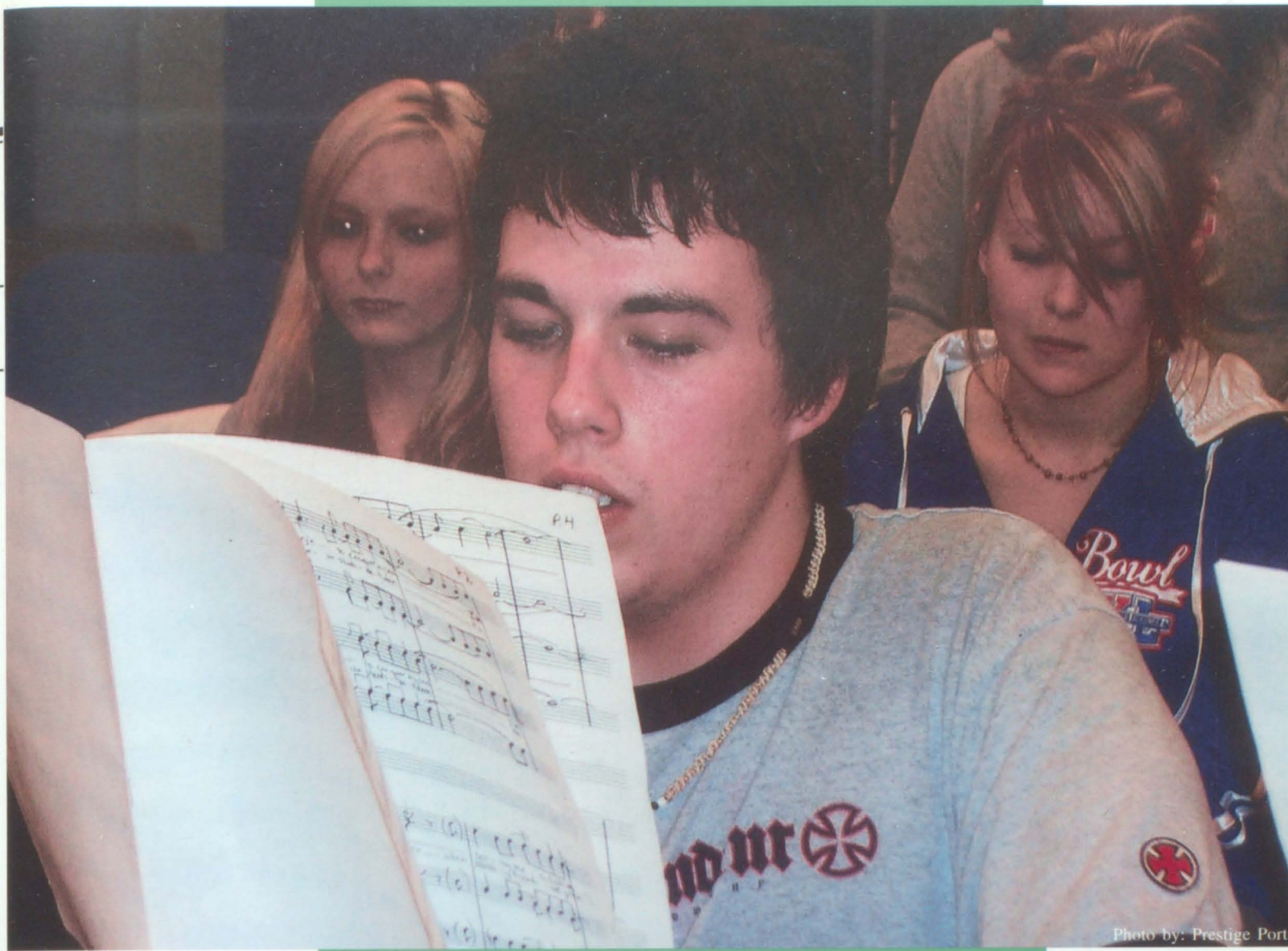


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To the left: Lynn Chun Mei Bryan, '07, and Violet Niedbala, '06, warm up their voices as they are getting ready to sing their songs that they are going to be performing at Pop Concert.

Above: Lauryn McGee, '07, Christine Morelli, '06, and Melanie Adams, '08, read through their music before Mr. Hartsoe puts their voices to the test.

To the right: Ms. Schipper's smiling face is frequently seen around the Dondero halls. Even with her busy schedule, she manages to make time to check-up on students in classrooms and attend many of the Dondero events.



Suzanne Scott

"Hello"

Administration and Secretaries

Helping students is their passion; they look out for us like our "real mothers." Moms care for us when we are sick; our at school "moms" care for us when we have problems. In so many ways, they are similar. Our female administrative staff is similar, and that is why people describe Dondero as a home away from home. When asked what she was going to miss most when Dondero closed, Mrs. Olson said, "Most definitely the intimacy that our school has. Everyone is so close; it is like we are one big happy family." Ms. Schipper's secretary, Mrs. Roberts was kind enough to lend us her voice when asked what was her most memorable moment that she has had here at Dondero over the past years. She said, "Every graduation. Ever since my first few years here, I have participated in the graduation, and seeing the students go off on their own, knowing that we helped them along the way gives me such a warm, fuzzy feeling inside." If you are ever around the office, you will probably hear Mrs. Roberts using her favorite and most frequently used word: "Hi." She is so friendly, and that is why Dondero is like one big happy family!

By: Kaitlyn Kueber



Pamela Moore



Deb Harlan



Pam Bordy



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Above: Athletic Department head, Mrs. Krynak, takes a break as she is making the sporting schedule for both Kimball and Dondero sports teams. As the A.D., Mrs. Krynak is always working very hard to insure that the players and the students have a great time at the events.

Above: Assistant principal, Mrs. Olson, is sitting quietly in her office, most likely waiting to meet with a student. Uh-oh, hopefully no one will be getting into too much trouble.



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To the left: Secretary Mrs. Roberts is writing out Ms. Schipper's schedule for the day. Boy, who would know what would happen to our principal if Mrs. Roberts was not around?

Above: Mrs. Olson's secretary, Mrs. Harbert, listens as the morning announcements are being said over the PA system. Hearing these help her throughout the day so she is informed about what is going on in the building. Often, though, she already knows!

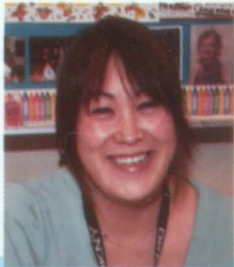
To the right: Christina Martoni, '06, gets ACT advice from counselor Ms. Tinetti. As a senior, it is extremely crucial to take this test and place into a good college. No question about it, Martoni will surely place high enough to get into the college of her choice.



Jo Cooley



Lori Pastorino



Miho Prokurat



Sue Sandtveit

Not Pictured:
Karen Banat

"Angels"

Counseling, Psychology, and Special Education

They could very much be considered the 'angels' of Dondero High School due to their daily contributions that enable each student to live out his or her high school experience to the fullest.

In the beginning of the year, the counseling office was packed to capacity for schedule changes. Mrs. Laird said of the students the counselors saw, "Most of their problems were that they did not have a class for an hour, they were worried they were not going to get into the class on time, and they would always be behind, no matter how hard they tried to catch up." However, this was not the case. Brian Gregory, '07, was one of the individuals that did not have a class scheduled for his sixth hour, but luckily his counselor an opening in Mrs. Gutierrez's sixth hour Poetry.

The school psychologist, Mrs. Sutton, has helped many individuals throughout her years here at Dondero. Mrs. Sutton said, "When students come to me with life or family problems, I try my hardest to console them and try to give them advice which would help with their situation."

The women of special education, who give their time teaching individuals are in no doubt some of the best people that this school has employed. Their main goal for the day is to help students who may not be fully capable of doing everything themselves. Mrs. Sandtveit said, "I just love teaching these students. They bring a different perspective to the world, and you can always look to them to put a smile on your face."

By: Kaitlyn Kueber



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Above: School psychologist, Mrs. Sutton, helps make this school a better place by offering a safe haven for individuals who may find one necessary. If you ever need her, just look for the lady with a friendly smile!

To the right: District psychologist, Mrs. Love, may not always be seen around the school, but if you ever hear a soothing voice, you know that it is the voice of Mrs. Love.



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To the left: Counseling office secretary, Mrs. Laird, is always extremely busy giving students passes to come see their assigned counselor, among her other responsibilities. Luckily, she was able to sneak away for a bit for this picture.

Above: Mrs. Bostwick gives friendly advice to Benjamin Rizza, '06, as his senior year comes to a close. Hopefully, her advice will further Rizza's life, and you will soon see him as a future millionaire.

To the right: School custodian, Keith Gillespie, takes a break from working the halls. It is always a fun time to strike up a conversation with this sweet guy!



Robin Sulich

"Partners"

School Support

'Partners are always willing to give you a hand, through the worst of times and through the best of times. Whenever you need someone, you know that you can always count on them.

You see them patrolling the hallways, always on their toes. Sometimes, they may try to catch you skipping classes or not having a hall pass. These famous people are known as "hall guards", but we like to call them by name: Mrs. Moore, Francis and Coach Steele. If you really get to know them, you will realize that they are some of the nicest people you will ever meet here at Dondero.

The ladies of the kitchen who prepare our daily lunches are another group of people here that make Dondero a friendlier place. As a freshman or sophomore, you see these ladies five times a week; as a junior or senior, you may see them when you stay in.

Whenever a locker gets jammed or we need assistance setting up for an event, we can always count on the custodians of our school to be there. They are probably the most important aspect of our school. Without them, we would not be able to open up our learning environment.

Whenever you see any of these people around school, make sure that you always put on a happy face to match theirs.

By: Kaitlyn Kueber



Kathy Ketel

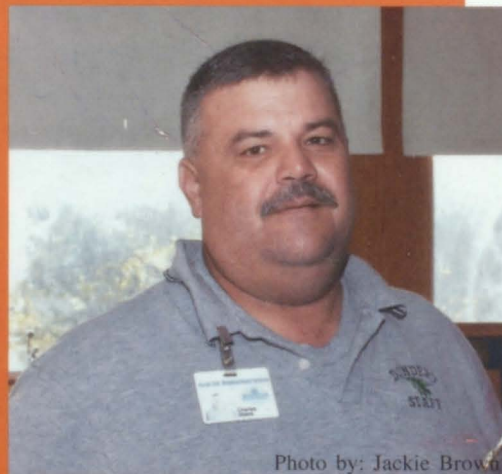


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Above: The students' number one man, Coach Steele, is here in the trophy room that is open throughout the '05-'06 school year. Underneath that tough exterior, Coach Steele defines niceness.



Susan Marcola

To the right: School custodian, Don Gerard, responds to a page during his extremely busy day. Even Mr. Gerard, an individual whose services are in high demand, can stop for a yearbook photo.

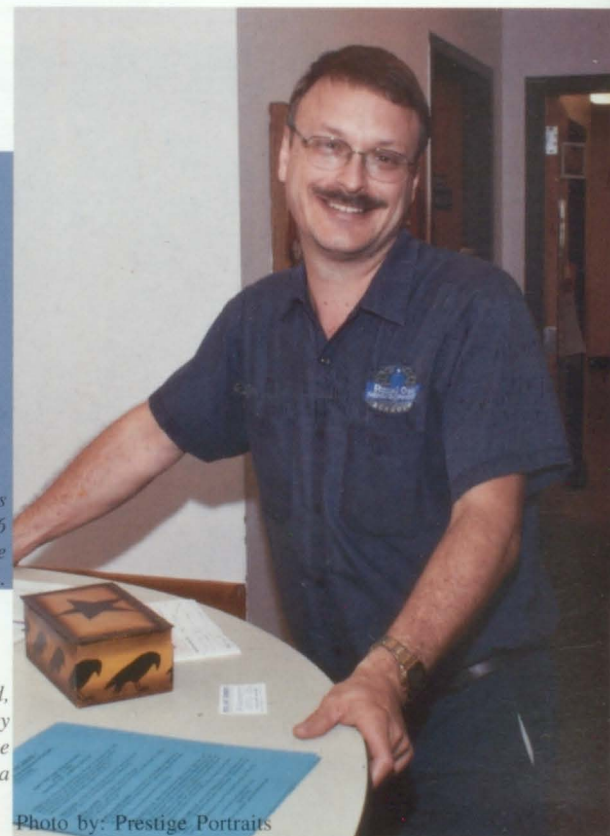


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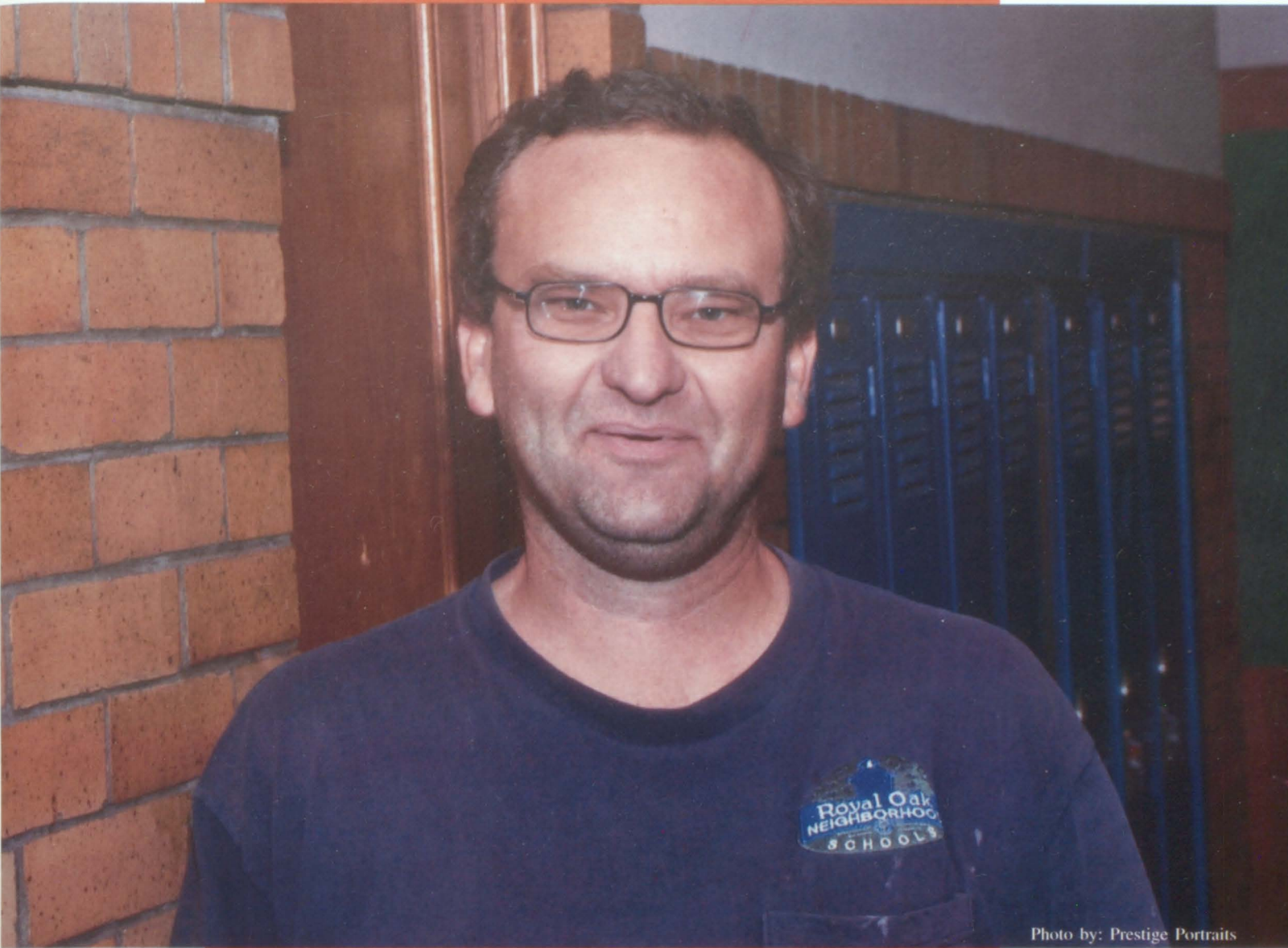


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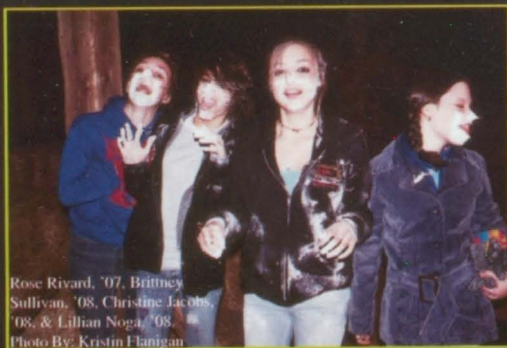


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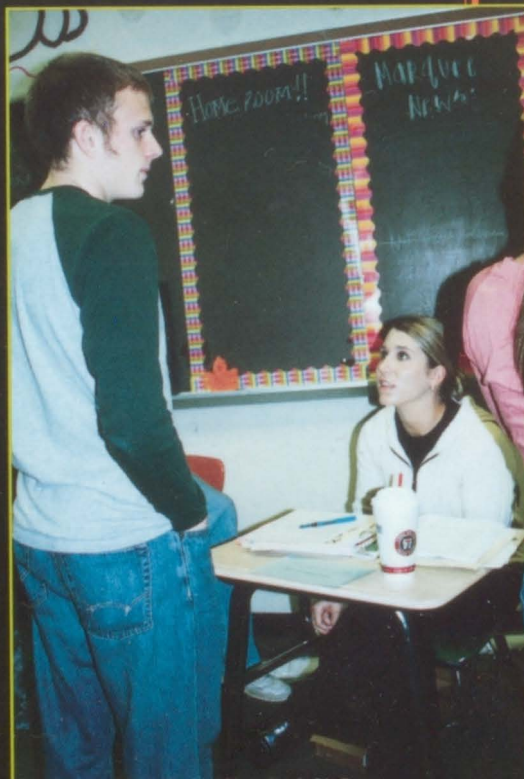
Above: Robin Ruth just radioed another staff member. Did they get her page?

To the left: Hall monitors, Francis and Mrs. Moore, are always around the school, and it's good to know that they are not afraid to smile together.

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Rose Rivard, '07, Brittney Sullivan, '08, Christine Jacobs, '08, & Lillian Noga, '08.
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Daniel Lewan, '06 & Ms. Bos. Photo By: Jackie Brown



Gus Brovold, '09. Photo By: Prestige Portraits



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"Dedication"

Publications

Dondero plays host to three student-organized publications: "Oak," yearbook; "Acorn," newsmagazine; and "Genesis," creative arts magazine. To be a part of any publications staff, you need key qualities such as being a team player, organized and tenacious. Each publication has its own significant purpose and plays its own part in remembering Dondero in future years.

Yearbook is an organization composed of juniors and seniors (with the exception of one sophomore.) Mrs. Kocis oversaw the class along with the editors, Elise Androkites, '06, Kristin Flanigan, '06, Jamie Skewes, '06, and Kristen Olinski, '06. The class has an independent atmosphere and everyone did their own thing to get their job done. "I was very impressed by the consistent effort and creativity of my staff members," said Mrs. Kocis.

Acorn, the monthly newsmagazine, is advised by Ms. Maudlin. Brianna English, '06, and Autumn Kangas, '06, were the editors this year. This class was made up of all upper-classmen with the exception of one sophomore, Jillian Rodriguez, '08. Most of the members joined because it was a great way to get their opinions about things going on in the community and all around the world quickly publicized.

Art, music, poetry, photography, and writing are the elements that make up the school's creative arts magazine, Genesis. It is released to the public and student body at the end of the year. Mr. Cicchini supervises the staff and gives guidance. Editor-in-chief, Celina Maggi, '06 put a lot of hard work into making this publication a great success. "Genesis is such a unique publication; its awesome," says Lisa Martin, '06.

By: Emilia Rauckis

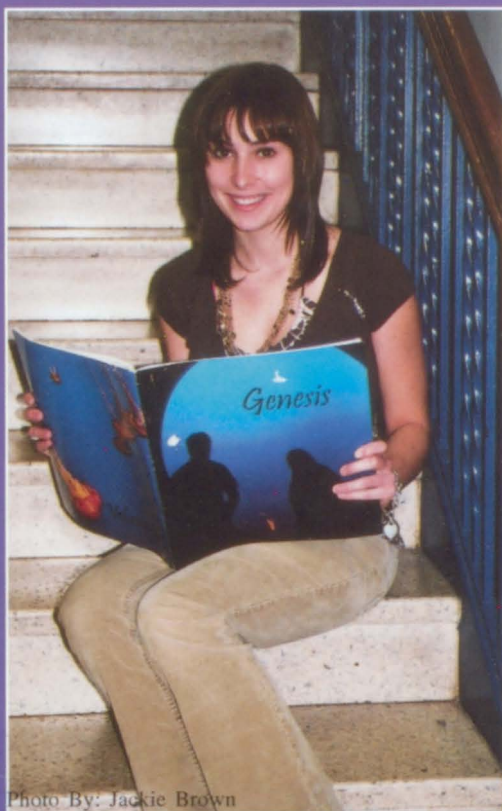


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To the left: The Editor-in-chief of Genesis, Celina Maggi proudly shows off last year's issue. Maggi dedicates hours of time to making this creative arts magazine a success.



Photo by: Kristin Flanigan



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To the left: Rebecca Stringer, '07 and Angela Nielsen, '07, work hard at cropping their pictures in time for the upcoming yearbook deadline.

Below: Genesis staff members, Violet Niedbala, '06 and Emily Huston, '07 examine student art submissions for their creative arts magazine. Deciding which pieces to publish is always a tough process.



"The most valuable thing that I learned was how to give and take criticism."

-Jillian Rodriguez



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To the left: Ms. Maudlin and Emily Huston, '07, work together to edit copy for Acorn.

To the left: Zachary Truran, '07, demonstrates that being comfortable does not have to affect your working habits.

"Expression"

Writer's Club

Expression:
*an act,
process, or
instance of
representing
in a medium*

If Rayna Ketchum, '06, could describe Writers Club with one word she would say "creative." Every Wednesday, Writers Club members meet to write and discuss each other's writing. The club allows its members to use their creativity. The members in Writers Club loved to talk to each other and get ideas, especially from their club adviser Ms. Gardy. Even outside of Writers Club, members still write. Tabitha Kronewetter, '06, has finished a 100 page story and a 300 page novel and still is working on some other writings of hers. She hopes to be published one day. Ketchum said, "Before Writers Club I still wrote, but Writers Club is very important for those individuals that need a place to sit in quiet and be inspired by their peers."

By: Lauren Wilkins



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To the right: Richard Davis, '06, is sharing his new story and getting some feedback from Ms. Gardy on some of his writing. Davis is not afraid to express himself with very creative writing.

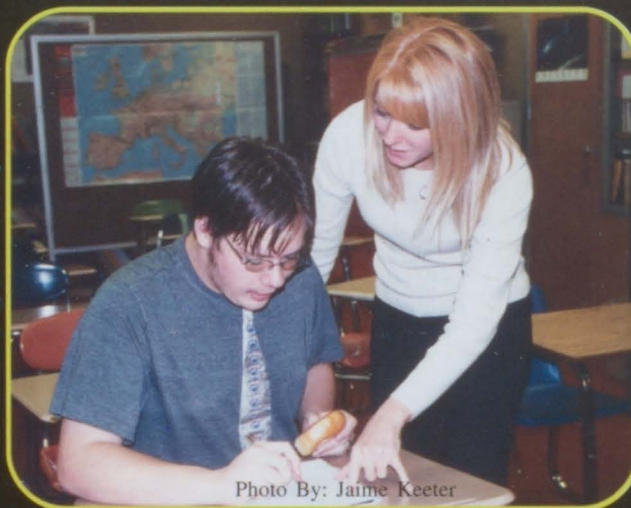


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Above: Rayna Ketchum, '06, is trying to decide whether or not her writing sounds good so far. Ketchum really loves to write, so she wants it to sound just the way it should.



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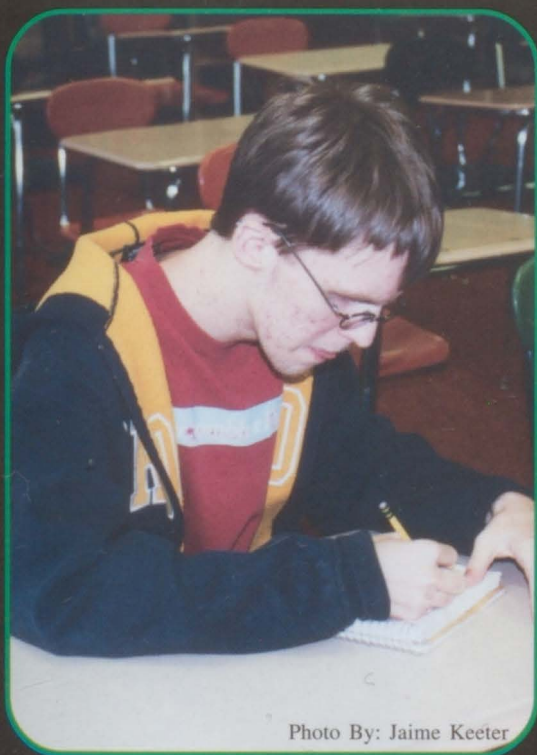


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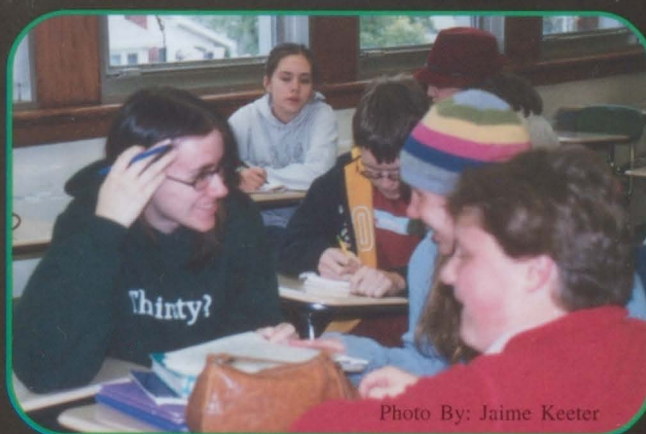


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T*o the left: Zachary Rudolph, '09, is very into his writing. He is working on one of his many short stories that he will soon finish up. Then he will start on a new one.*

T*op: Keira Price, '06, relaxes in the corner at a Writers Club meeting. Price looks to be very focused on her writing.*

A*bove: Writers club members sit around with each other and try to get good input on what to revise in their writing, if anything. They also just like to hang out with each other and have fun.*

"Before writers club I still wrote, but, writers club is very important for those individuals that need a place to sit in quiet and be inspired by there peers."

-Rayna Ketchum, '06

"Leadership"

Student Senate

Senate is not just sitting around playing cards and socializing with your friends, it's hard work too. Senators from all grades are in charge of all the school activities that we participate in. They make all the decorations around the school, they organize all the dances, they spend numerous hours of work planning pep assemblies, and they fund-raise the money for these activities all by themselves. Along with all the dances, fund-raisers, and other daily responsibilities, they are in charge of VBM (Volleyball Marathon). "We started working on the VMB project the week after Homecoming ended, and it took all that time to make it what was," said Kaitlyn Kueber, '07. Everything they did took a lot of hard work and dedication to the school and community. "This year is our last, so we wanted to make everything extra special. We wanted everything to be the best it has ever been," said four year senator Paul Buck, '06. Without Senate, our school wouldn't have organized dances, fund-raisers, Tailgate parties, and all the other fun school activities we are involved in throughout the year. Senate deserves the respect for all the extra hours they put into their work.

By: Nicholas Johnson



Photo By: Jackie Brown

How long do you think you would last duct-taped to a wall? Thomas Rex, '08 stood, stuck to the wall for five minutes before he fell to the ground. Even with the lightweight T-Rex taped to the wall, his team wasn't the winning team. It's about having fun, though, not winning. This is one of the many enjoyable, bonding games that goes on at Senate Retreat.

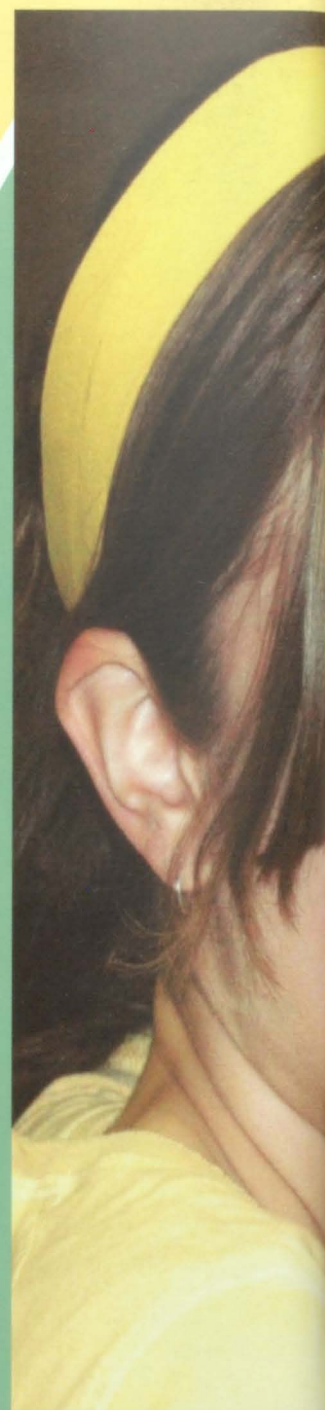


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To the left: Senators Jillian Rodriguez '08 and Marah Stratton '08 dress up as Timon and Pumba for their skit at the Senate retreat. The skits are a ritual at the retreat, and everyone gets really involved in them. The little black spots for their noses are the girls' testament to their true spirit!

Below: Matthew Rosenbach, '08, waits patiently for his food while master chef James Rex, '06 prepares his breakfast. What a breakfast of pancakes and sausage!



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**"Senate is all about creating bonds,
making plans for the year,
and most importantly, stepping out of the comfort zone."
Jillian Rodriguez '08**

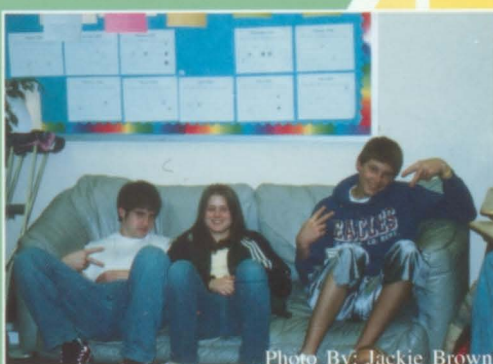


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To the left: Leahandra Wendland, '08 and Ashley Bourke, '07 both work together to finish decorations for the last homecoming in Dondero history.

To the left: It's "chill time" for senators Morgan Huffman, '06, Mitchell Erwin, '06, and Kallie Riopelle, '08. This is what they do on their down time, when they're not working on a big project.

"Perfection" Marching Band and Color Guard

From long practices and lots of hard work, the students in marching band and color guard have a sense of accomplishment when they end their show and the whole crowd goes wild. The Dondero Marching Band and Color Guard start their rehearsals in August, and they run all the way through November. This year was the last year for marching band and color guard. At Homecoming all alumni were invited to come back and participate in the half-time show and in the parade, "It was a cool feeling to have all of the alumni back on the field again," said Rachel Davidson, '07. "There are a lot of emotional ups and downs in marching band. Some people take it more seriously than others, but in the end it all comes together," said Allison Voglesong, '07. The marching band and color guard took a lot of pride in what they accomplished this year, and they will remember it for the rest of their lives.

By: Kristin Flanigan

Perfection:
*an
unsurpassable
degree of
accuracy or
excellence*



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: Alumni band members join the marching band at the Homecoming game for one last time. It's really special that these folks helped make Dondero's last Homecoming an event to remember.



Photo By: Jackie Brown

Above: Alix Kowalski, '06, is very happy to be a part of the color guard. Kowalski has been in color guard for four years and strives to make her last one be the best it can!



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To the left: Alexandra McKenna, '08 twirls a flag during the halftime show at the Homecoming Game. Being in color guard requires a lot of concentration and skill.

Top: Daniel Call, '07, Christopher Sauve, '07 and Allison Voglesong, '07 perform during the halftime show at the Homecoming game. This year's show featured the music of Danny Elfman; it was definitely a success with the audience.

Above: Theresa Williams, '08 and Daniel Lewan, '06, prepare to march in the Homecoming parade. Marching Band members devote a lot of time to practice, that's why practice make perfect!

"There are a lot of emotional ups and downs in marching band. Some people take it more seriously than others, but in the end it all comes together."

- Rachel Davidson, '07

"Culture"

Foreign Language

Dondero's foreign language students experience different cultures by being involved with a foreign language club. Here at Dondero we have Spanish, German, and French Clubs. Vice-president of German club, Meghan Wlotkowski, '06, said she enjoys being in the club.

Her favorite thing is that they get to do different activities as a group, such as going to Frankenmuth for a day, going on group dinners, and being involved in Tailgate.

"Being in German club is a good experience; and if you enjoy speaking a foreign language, you should join a foreign language club." Third year Spanish student and treasurer of Spanish Club, Violet Niebala said, "Spanish Club has helped me with my Spanish speaking, and I have learned a lot from being in the club. It has

helped me to be more comfortable speaking Spanish to other club members, and I enjoy being in the club." Spanish Club also does some activities like Tailgate and a food day at school, where students shared Spanish food with staff members. Foreign language is an important part of Dondero curriculum. Join a foreign language club to expand your knowledge in a unique way!

By: Lauren Wilkins



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To the left: Doesn't Erin Wiles, '07, look happy while she gets some good German food from German Food Day? German students love to participate in this special occasion that comes once a year.



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To the left: Virgina Cook, '06, Lindsay Hilliard, '06, Steven Burwell, '06, Cory Smith, '07, and Megan Beck, '07, members of the German Club proudly march down Washington in the Homecoming parade.

Below: Kristina Andreski '07 shows off her sombrero while messing around in the Spanish room with some of her friends.



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To the left: Kaitlyn Hahn, '06, prepares the German food for the annual German food day. Staff and students look forward to this day.

"Being in German Club is a good experience. If you enjoy speaking a foreign language, you should join a foreign language club"

- Meghan Wlotkowski, '06

To the left: Spanish Club members Christopher Charnow, '07, Kristina Andreski, '07, Jesse Lawrence, '06, Gina Rome, '07, and Mrs. Arribas enjoy one of their first Spanish Club meetings of the year.

"Creativity"

Art Club

Creativity:
Having the ability or power to create; Characterized by originality or expressiveness.

Every Friday after school students join in room 262, not to watch the game film for their upcoming game or to get hyped up for their meet, but for Art Club. They meet to sketch, have fun, and express their feelings in ways that not many know how to: they express themselves with a pencil on sheet of paper. When Richard Davis, '06, was asked what his favorite part of Art Club was he said, "Just being there. Being able to be around other artists that care about art as much as I do." Art can be a big influence on your life. "It has made me more peaceful; it's a relief for me," said Halee Davis, '07. Art is more than a sketch on a pad of paper, it's a feeling, an expression. Art Club is time for you to finish up your project, sit around and talk with friends, or just have fun. That's what it's all about.

By: Nick Johnson

T*o the right: Richard Davis, '06, and Zachary Rudolph, '06, pose with their artwork at their side, to show everyone at Tailgate just how good their work really is.*

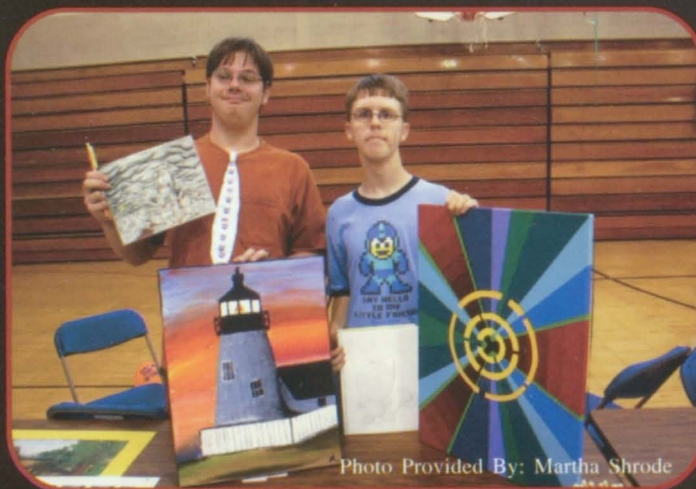


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A*bove: Why must we fall from grace? Ask Adam Fischer, '07. Fisher made this work of art, which was screen printed onto a t-shirt for art club.*

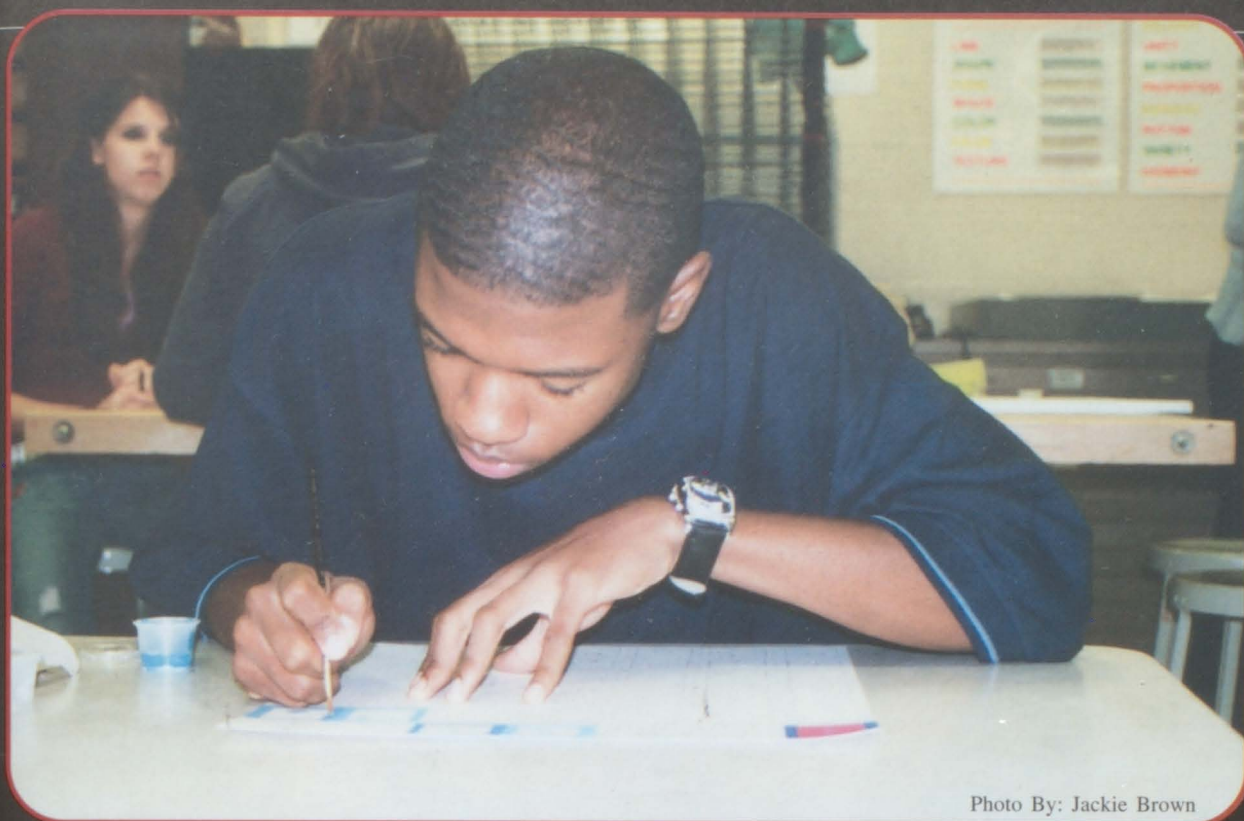


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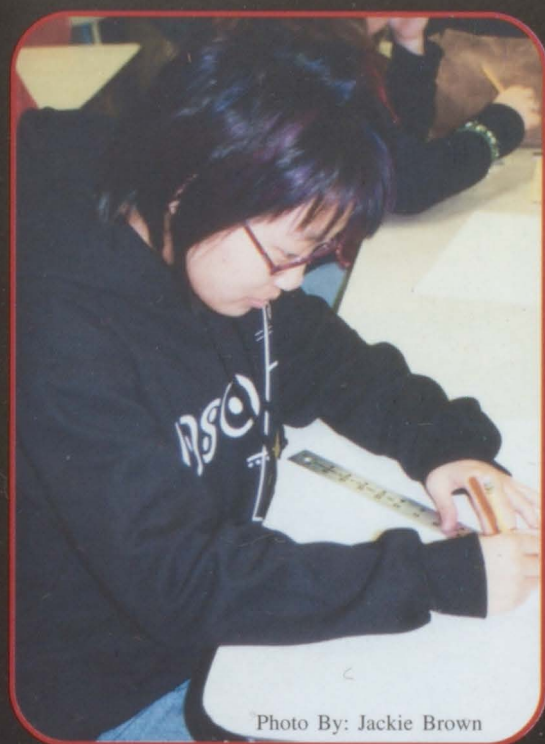


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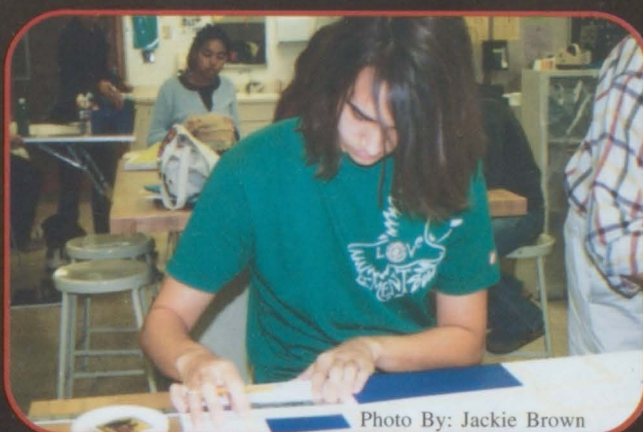


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To the left: Sasha Bezak, '08, concentrates as she uses a ruler to make sure her line is straight. This type of precision is needed in a successful, good work of art. Bezak is always very precise with her work, like many good artists.

Top: Joshua Shephard, '06, works very hard on finishing his watercolor painting. Shepard puts a lot of effort into his paintings.

Above: Cameron Lamberti, '06, studies a piece of artwork after school during Art Club.

"The best part of art is just the peace of mind it brings, just focused on one thing."

-Halee Davis, '07

"Character" Drama Club

"Captain! Captain! Where is the lifeboat?! The ship is sinking!" Mrs. Harcourt screams frantically. If you saw the spring musical, you surely would remember this scene, when Mrs. Harcourt (played by Elise Androkites, '06) was convinced that there was a problem with the ship. It was dramatic and crowd-pleasing. The drama club spring performance of the comedy, *Anything Goes* was a success, a charming musical that took place on the ship, the S.S American. Over the course of the trip, a humorous six person love triangle develops and a wanted criminal, Public Enemy #13, got a little bit of limelight

Try-outs were in January, and they went extremely well. The parts were picked and rehearsals started right away, running Monday through Thursday, 7:00 - 9:30p.m., and continued every week until the performance in April. "It consumed my whole life," said Melanie Adams, '08. When they weren't at the school reciting lines, running through the play, making the set or participating in dance classes, they were most likely at home memorizing the script. "It was definitely worth all the time we put into it. I gained so many valuable experiences and made a lot of new friends," said Kaitlyn Hahn, '08.

By: Emilia Rauckis



Photo by: Ann Maudlin

To the left: Hope Harcourt (Kaitlyn Hahn, '08) and Billy Crocker (Patrick Love, '05) share a stolen moment.



Photo by: Ann Maudlin



To the left: Reno Sweeny (Breanna Byrnes, '06) sings the show stopping number, Anything Goes in the ship's nightclub. Behind her, a few of ship's sailors, (Thor Brovold, '06) and (Ryan Cairo, '08) keep things in order on the ship.

Below: In this comedic scene, Elisha Whitney, (Nicholas Yocum, '08) uses binoculars, in place of his misplaced glasses, to see Mrs. Harcourt (Elise Androkites, '06) in his attempt to romance her.



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Photo by: Elise Androkites

To the left: "The Angels", Charity (Stephanie Smith, '06) and Chasity (Rose Rivard, '07) tap dance the night away in the ship's nightclub.

Above: During a rehearsal, Sarah Rogers, '07 and Kacey Glabach, '07 raise their glasses to "Public Enemy #1". These long rehearsals really paid off, the show was a great success!

"So though I'm not a great romancer, I know that you're bound to answer when I propose..."

"Anything Goes"

-Cole Porter

"Mystery"

Drama Club Fall Play

The Drama Club Fall Play, *Bone Chiller*, was a clever production, a brain teaser, and a well-crafted "who-done-it." The storyline revolved around a suspicious death and a complicated, puzzle-like will. A coincidental collection of characters was summoned to the reading of the will. There was dispute as to the reason many of them were there, for they were not relatives or even friends of the man who died. When they finally got around to reading the will, most of it was left unsolved, but little did the guests know that hidden in the will was how the man died and who his murderer was. The people had to learn to work together to solve the mystery of his will, which resulted in a comedic outcome.

"Drama Club is like a great big family; dedicating my spare time to working with them is extremely fun," said Nicholas Yocum, '08. Sarah Rogers, '07 is on the same page as Nicholas: "It's a good way to connect to other people, and it's a nice learning experience."

By: Emilia Rauckis

Mystery:
A work of
fiction, a
drama, or a
film dealing
with a
puzzling
crime.

To the right: Meryn McClelland, '06, the student director, concentrates as she sorts through the play's promotion posters.



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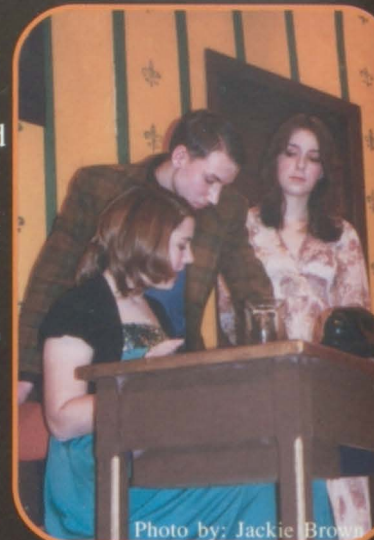


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Above: Buzzy Burdett, (James Sentyan, '06), and Connie Travers (Rose Rivard, '07) listen as Kissy Travers (Kristin Flanigan, '06), tries to explain how to decode the numbers for the mysterious safe deposit box in Lucerne!



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To the left: Zita Van Zok (Caitlin Burr, '06,) tunes into her surroundings and senses evil forces in their midst.

Top: Theodosia Travers, (Sarah Rogers, '06,) Flame Fondue, (Breanna Byrnes, '06,) Jerry Delvin, (Nicholas Yocum, '08,) Pippi, (Rachel Rosenbach, '06,) Adler Sheridan, (Robert Schurig, '06,) and Lucretia, (Lisa Maroni, '06,) gather around and discuss possible interpretations of the will.

Above: Melanie Adams, '08, the set manager, balances on the ladder as she works on stenciling the designs onto the wall.

I was really excited to work for the first time backstage for *Bone Chiller*. The cast and crew were really great,"

- Melanie Adams, '08.

"Integrity"

National Honor Society

"National Honor Society has given me more opportunities to give back to the community, and it has broadened my horizons," said Alexander Fike, '06. NHS is an organization that does more than just make your college application look better. NHS provides service that is needed throughout the community by students. Each member puts in at least 20 hours of community service a year. Although each member works hard in all the meetings and community service outside of school, some still go the extra mile by doing the extra work of helping out, making important calls, and just doing everything that is needed in order for everything to go right. NHS plays a big part in our community and should receive the acknowledgment for it. NHS students should be looked at as role models for other students.

By: Nicholas Johnson



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To the left: Historian of National Honor Society Sean Klaver, '06, announces Ms. Schipper to the podium. Her speech was very motivating and inspired all of the inductees.

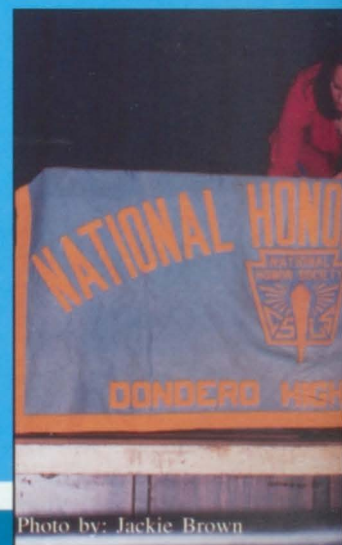


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Below: NHS members gather with their candles representing Scholarship, Integrity, Leadership, Character, as well as the Eternal candle.



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Below: Mr. McMann stands at the podium as he reads the pledge. The pledge is what all the students sign as an agreement to their role as a member of the National Honor Society.

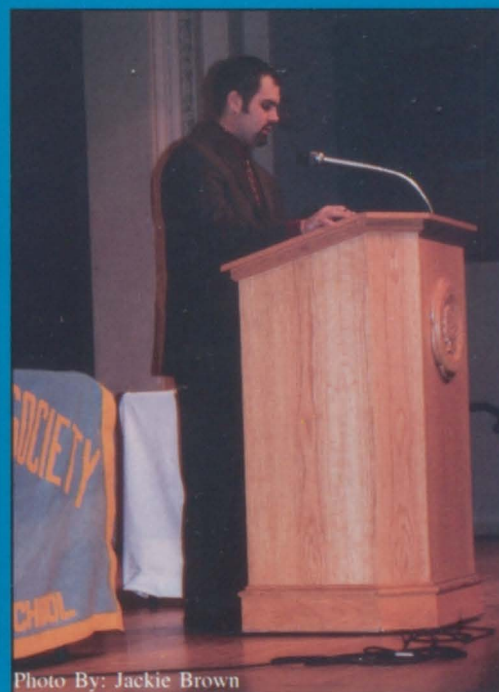


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“National Honor Society gives students the chance to help out the community as well as the chance to show a sense of leadership.”

-Kristin Flanigan, '06.

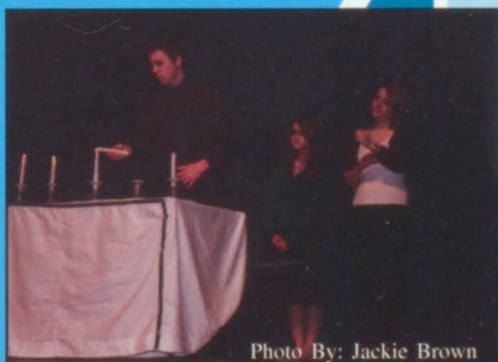


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To the left: Autumn Kangas, '06, and Kristin Flanigan, '06, wait patiently as senior Sean Klaver, '06, lights the Eternal candle.

To the left: Maria Juchaz, '06, signs the induction sheet. The induction sheet is an agreement that you are going to fulfill your requirements as a member of the National Honor Society.

'Nature'

Girls Forestry Club

*Nature:
a creative
and
controlling
force in the
universe, an
inner force or
the sum of
such forces in
an individual*

To the right: Virginia Cook, '06, Rose Rivard, '07, Sydney Walsh, '06, Alix Kowalski, '06, and Stacy Thompson, '06, laugh with their fellow club members while going over their plans for the rest of the week.

Dondero's Girls Forestry Club is a very unique group. "The Girls Forestry Club is a very important club for Dondero. We try to get people involved, and we have a pretty big group this year," said Rose Rivard, '07, treasurer of the Girls Forestry Club (GFC). "We help the environment by promoting recycling throughout the school," said Amelia Anderson, '06. Dondero's GFC organized many fun activities this year, including going to the cider mill, sledding, and canoeing. They also held a coat drive during the winter to help out in the community. "I like being in Forestry Club because we get things done when they need to be done," said Alix Kowalski, '06.

By: Lauren Wilkins



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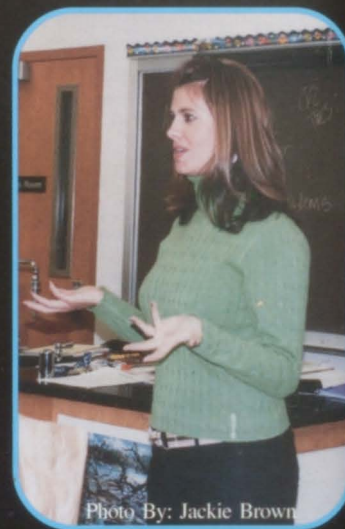


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Above: Betsy Mackowiak, adviser of the Girls Forestry Club, talks to the club members about their next few activities they have to work on.



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To the left: Rose Rivard, '07, Molly McGuire, '07, and Kacey Glabach, '07, keep the school clean by putting up recycling bins.

Top: Elizabeth McLaughlin, '07, Rose Rivard, '07, Molly McGuire, '07, Julie Thomas, '07, and Kacey Glabach, '07, put recycling cans around the school.

Above: Rachel Davidson, '07, and Molly McGuire, '07, discuss what they are going to do in their meeting later on in the day.

"We help the environment by promoting recycling throughout the school."

-Amelia Anderson, '06

"Jive"

Swing Club

As one of Dondero's many clubs, Swing Club has to be considered one of the most energizing clubs in Dondero's history. Three year Swing Club member, Jordan Potter, '06 said, "There really are no competitions. Everyone just goes to have fun. It gets you prepared for Homecoming or Prom. Swing Club is so cool because you don't compete with anyone. It's just really laid back, and it feels good to be a part of the club." Starting second semester, Swing Club met every week on Thursdays after school for an hour and a half. Sometimes they were lucky enough to have visitors come and teach them some new dances. Swing Club is an important club here at Dondero because it brings people together to have fun with each other.

By: Lauren Wilkins

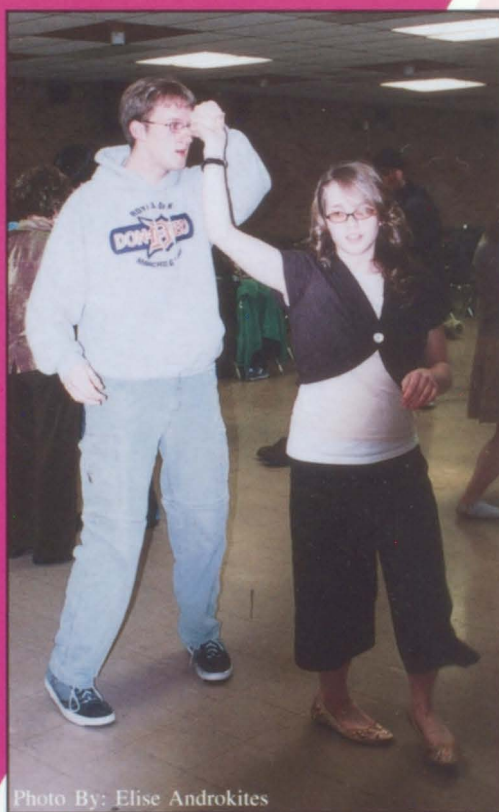


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*To the left:
Garrison
Benson '06,
and Autumn
Kangas
'06, dance it
up in the
cafeteria
at one of Swing
Club's after
school practices.*



Photo By: Jan Stewart



To the left: Julie Thomas, '07, Caitlin Burr, '06, Noelle Fleishans, '06, and Jordan Potter, '06, practice their dance moves at one of their many classes. It looks like they're having a lot of fun.

Below: Justin Springfield '08, asks a friend to dance with him at their banquet dance. The dance also involved friends and family.

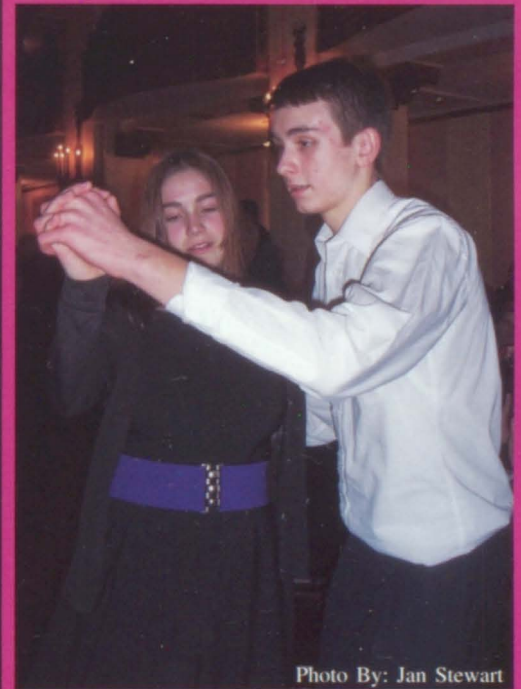


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"Swing Club is a lot of fun; you meet a lot of people and become a really good dancer."

-Jordan Potter, '06



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To the left : Allison Voglesong, '07, and Alex Hudgins, '08, get their groove on at their dance party.

To the left: The Swing Club members dance together at one of their banquets. They practiced a lot for this dance, and looks like they got it down.

"Strike" Bowling

*Strike-
To damage
or destroy,
as by
forceful
contact*

"It's a lot of fun to come and bowl every week with all my friends. I get to choose who I bowl with, and it is a nice friendly atmosphere," said Edward Dillow, '06. Bowling Club is fun for everyone to hang out with their friends and joke around while enjoying a little competition as well. Bowling Club is actually a league. There are 14 teams in this league (three people per team), so there are quite a few bowlers.

Bowling Team, on the other hand, is quite competitive. The team bowls against nine other schools at a different bowling alley every week. They played in tournaments throughout the year, including regionals, and some qualified for States. "I just hoped this year would be as good as last year, I really hoped I would win States again," said James Uelmen, '06, (last year's reigning State Champion). The girls Bowling Team made a great improvement this last year and hope to continue to be strong. Bowling Team had a very successful year. Let's hope Royal Oak High can do just as well this coming year.

By: Nicholas Johnson

To the right: Varsity bowler Russell Vektor, '06, sets up to throw his sixth frame. Vektor has five strikes in a row. Let's hope he gets another one for a six pack.

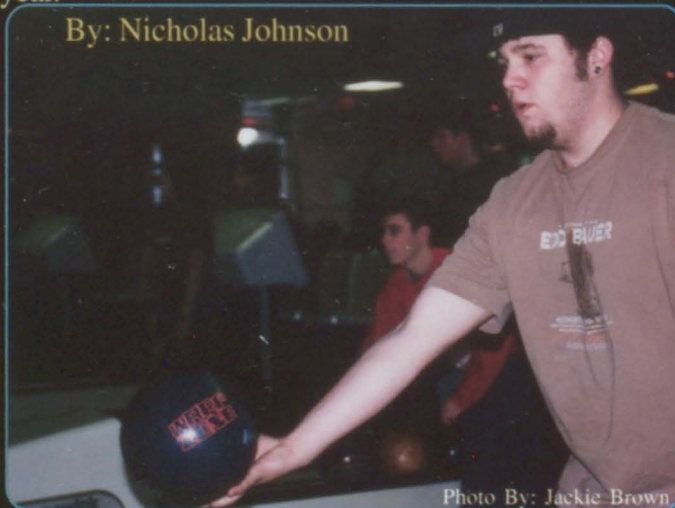


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Above: James Uelmen, '06, follows through with his shot in practice. Bowling is the only game in which practice can actually make perfect. James has had two perfect games in his career.



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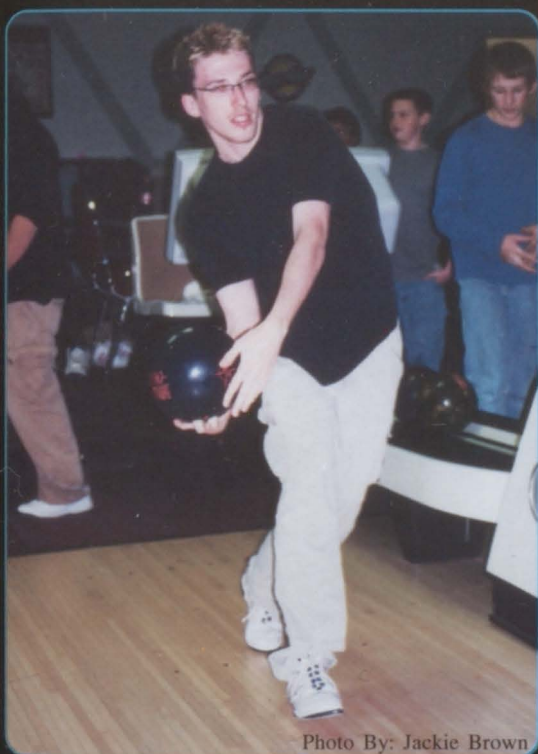


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To the left: Martin Waskowski, '06, takes his approach, looking like a pro. In case you were wondering, that ball was a strike.

Top: Sarah Myers, '07, has perfect form as she throws the ball down the alley for a strike. Sarah's hard work in practice has paid off this year in the bowling matches.

Above: Emily Ries, '07, gets ready to throw her ball as she makes sure her fingers are in the four and five o'clock position. The four and five o'clock positioning is what bowling coach, Mr. Drillich stresses the most.

"Bowling team is really fun, and I love it when I get all the pins down." - Paul Buck, '06.

"Peace"

Model United Nations

This year here at Dondero we have a really involved Model United Nations. They are in charge of the UNICEF fund-raisers, and they raised a lot of money for this charity this year. Model UN has also traveled a lot around the world as a club. They have been to Costa Rica, San Francisco, Denmark, Norway, and New York along with many other great places. Stephanie Smith, '06, the Secretary General of the Model UN said, "Model UN is a very important club here at Dondero for me and everyone that is involved in it. Everyone that is involved in it are all very close to each other, and they enjoy it and take the club seriously. Everyone really gets into what the club is all about."

Model UN was combined with Kimball this year. They met every Monday after school, alternating between buildings. This allowed students from both high schools to become acquainted with each other.

By: Lauren Wilkins



Photo By: Steve Chisnell

*To the left:
Alexander
Fike, '06
was
France in
the
Historical
Security
Council.
He seems to
be pleased
with his
work.*



Photo By: Steve Chisnell



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To the left: Taryn Andersen, '06, Stephanie Smith, '06, Gina Rome, '07, Nathan Dubetz, '06, Kristina Andreski, '07 unknown, Lisa Maroni, '06, Rose Rivard, '07 and Dalia Mujagic, '07 are some members of the MUN club. They are at one of their many meetings they have had this year.

Below: Zoe Smith, '07 reviews her working paper with a few members of the Model UN group.



Photo By: Steve Chisnell

“Everyone in ROMUN works really hard to accurately articulate foreign policy in committee and help raise Global Awareness outside of committee.”

-Stephanie Smith, '06

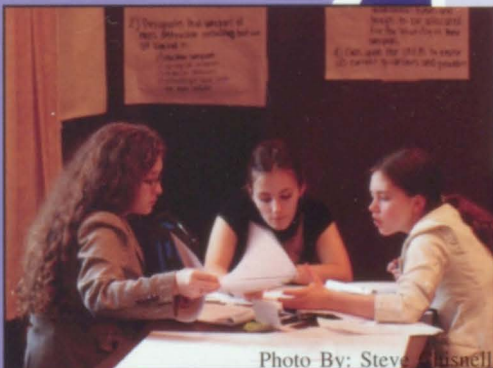


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To the left: Rayna Ketchum, '06, Dalila Mujagic, '07, and A. Hull (Kimball Student), are at a meeting discussing a resolution on nuclear weapon inspections.

To the left: Matthew Hallock, '06 and Taryn Andersen, '06 celebrate finishing a lot of hard work after the GLIMMUN conference held in Lansing this year.



Steve Chisnell

“Solution”

Human Relations Advisory Council

Solution:
*the method
or process
of solving
a problem*

Dondero has a very unique student body, a student body that doesn't look at other people and judge them by what they wear and who they hang around with. They know no one is perfect. However, the few problems that did arise this year were addressed by the Human Relations Advisory Council. This group of students, otherwise known as HRAC, mediated conflicts and promoted a positive school climate. “To solve issues, we sit down and discuss the problems that come up. We then try to resolve them in ways that benefit the entire student body,” said HRAC Co-Chair Maria Jucha, '07. This year, HRAC's biggest project was “Challenge Day,” a school-wide forum aimed at discussing issues such as diversity and acceptance. Eighty Dondero students and twenty Kimball students were involved in this nationally renowned program. People may not realize how much work HRAC does and how involved the group is in addressing issues at Dondero. HRAC has come up with great solutions to problems. “We hope to eliminate conflicts and make the transition to Royal Oak High School smooth,” said Jucha.

By: Nicholas Johnson

To the right: Maria Jucha, '07, looks very excited as she writes down the ideas for the group's thoughts on fund-raising.

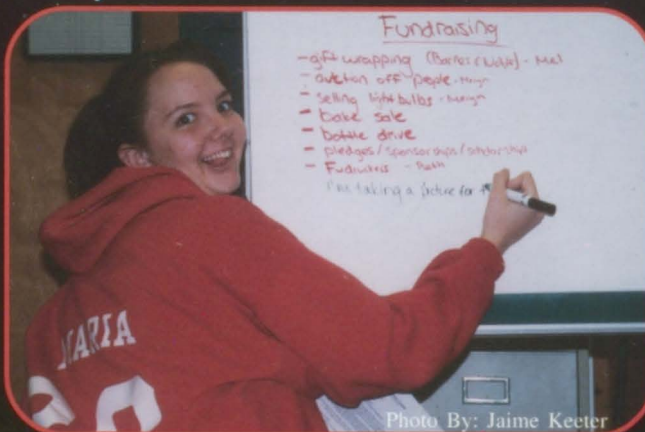


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Above: Allison Ennis, '08, relaxes as she waits for the rest of the group to join the meeting. She is excited to discuss details for the upcoming “Challenge Day.”



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To the left: Co-adviser of HRAC, Mrs. Sutton, prepares some paper work for "Challenge Day." Mrs. Sutton spent a lot of time preparing to make "Challenge Day" a success.

Top: Maria Jucha, '07, and Emily Huston, '07, read off their topics for the meeting. Jucha and Huston are very dedicated to the HRAC. Sometimes during meetings, the girls laugh when they find themselves off topic.

Above: Rachel Davidson, '07, sits back and listens to the discussion. She isn't only listening, she is already thinking and coming up with a solution to the problem; the rest just don't know it yet.

"We discuss issues which are relevant in our student body. We even influence other people who can make more of an effect than us."

- Emily Huston, '07.

"Harmony"

Band & Orchestra

The Band and Orchestra program is one of the many important elements that makes Dondero a great school. It brings musically inclined people together into an environment where they can learn to create and perfect art.

They have three to four performances a year in which they play a great variety of compositions. Their first performance was the Winter Concert around mid-December. Due to the combining of the schools, many changes had to be made to the performing arts department. Usually A Cappella Choir and Symphony Orchestra combine for the first concert, and they perform selected songs together. This year they presented their hard work over the past few months during separate concerts. Symphony and Concert Orchestra combined this year as well. "The Orchestra is more cooperative this year, and we work more closely," said Catherine Nicolia, '06. Matthew Palm, '08, agrees. "It's pretty laid-back, and everyone gets along."

By: Emilia Rauckis



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To the left: Natalie Sirianni, '08, is extremely focused as she multi-tasks: playing her instrument, reading the music, listening to the rest of the orchestra and watching the conductor.



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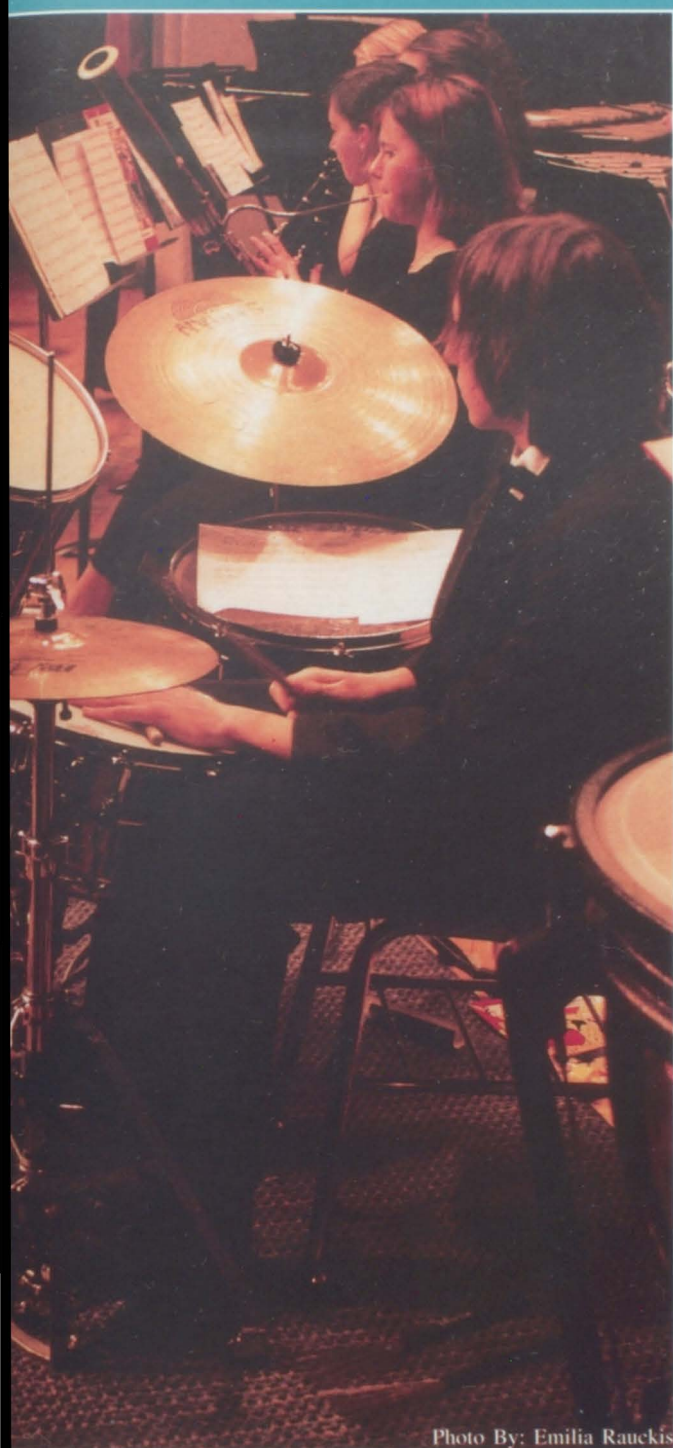


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To the left: Micheal Hubbarth, '07, helps the orchestra stay together by keeping the rhythm steady.

Below: Ms. Hashein conducts the Orchestra and Band. She concentrates on the first and second violins and makes gestures that imply a crescendo.



Photo By: Emilia Rauckis

"The best part of band is when we go perform at concerts and competitions. They encourage you to do your best."

- Kathryn White, '07

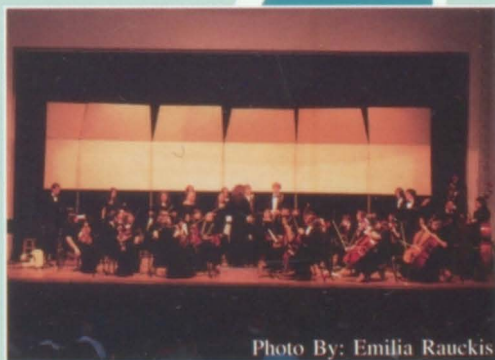


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To the left: Symphony Orchestra, combined with Symphony Band sit in a ready position waiting to begin playing.

To the left: Garrison Benson, '06, Matthew Davidson, '09, Allison Voglesong, '07, and Christopher Sauve work together to form the Brass Section.



Emilia Rauckis

"Elite"

A Cappella and Musical Minority

*Elite:
a group of
persons who by
virtue of
position or
education
exercise much
power or
influence; the
best of a class*

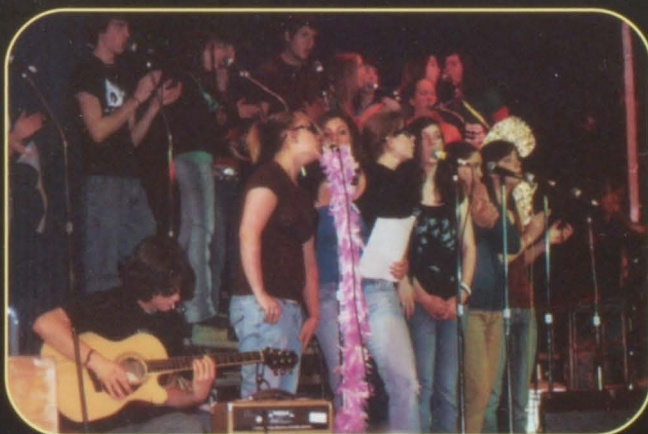
"Harmony and understanding, sympathy and trust abounding, no more falsehoods or derisions. Golden living dreams of visions, mystic crystal revelation and the minds true liberation. Aquarius! Aquarius!" It is a tradition of the A Cappella choir to sing "Aquarius" from the musical "Hair" every year at Pop Concert. "Pop concert is probably one of the sweetest things ever. Sure, it's challenging, but it's an amazing experience that even people outside of choir can "tune into." Anyone can team up and share their mad instrumental skills," said Christine Jacobs, '08. A great deal of time is put into making it work. "I was pretty much married to Pop Concert starting at the end of December to the performance in March," said John Norander, '08. A Cappella is the only elective class offered at Dondero that you must pass a challenging ten page test to get into it. After passing the test into A Cappella, you can also go on to audition for an even more elite singing group, Musical Minority. "It's great being able to sing more advanced music out of school with such a select group," said Michael Farr, '06. The instructor of both groups, Mr. Hartsoe, will be retiring at the end of this year with the closing of Dondero. Christina Martoni, '06, said "Mr. Hartsoe is one of the most incredible people I have ever met."

By: Emilia Rauckis

To the right: Musical Minority members sing "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" in a circle, holding hands. This hand holding technique keeps them unified.



Above: Maggie Schultz, '07, Violet Gieduda, '07, Lynn Bryan, '07 and Abigail Norling, '08 multitask by reading their sheet music and singing into the microphones at the same time



To the left: Rose Ryard, '07, is at the center of attention performing "Wonder" as Top Soloist at Pop Concert '06.

Above: Members of A Cappella clap in time to an instrumental break during their performance of one of Boston's catchiest songs, "Foreplay/Long Time."

Top: Mike Farr, '06 and Robert Schurig, '06 steal the show with their enthusiastic rendition of "Tribute."

"Pop concert is absolutely amazing. There is a ton of work put into it; we even had to come to school during break for rehearsals. It's all worth it in the end, though, especially since it's the last year."

-Jordan Potter, '06

"Devotion"

Robotics

Football players, former technology students, and the naturally talented: Robotics is composed of all kinds of students. The robotics team constructs robots to perform a variety of tasks. Along with being a wonderful after school activity and a good learning experience, Robotics is also a very good time. "Doing hands-on work is great, and everyone is very dedicated. All of that makes Robotics a lot of fun," said Sarah Hopkins, '08. The robotics team works harder than many other clubs or team in the school. They are at school until at least eight o'clock every night, and some members sacrifice their Saturdays as well. The robotics instructor, Mr. Goszdinski, does the work with the students, teaching them how to work with all of the different machines and how to build a robot. He is a big influence on his students. The Robotics Team is full of talented individuals working together to make something amazing. All the hours of work they put in this year have paid off. The robotics team will be recognized and honored throughout our school, as they are by all the schools they go up against in their competitions.

By: Nicholas Johnson



Photo by: Jackie Brown

*To the left:
Melissa
Davis, '06,
and Lauryn
McGee, '07,
work together
on the
computer.
Robotics isn't
all about
building.*



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To the left: John Stanichuk, '06, measures the height of the robot, while in the background, Kevin Sirianni, '06, gets ready to drill in the spot Stanichuk is measuring.

Below: Ashley Sims, '07, stays after school for a few hours to work. Working these kinds of hours isn't anything out of the ordinary for the robotics team; they all put in an amazing amount of work.



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To the left: Some of the Robotics Team members stop for a picture as they are leaving the lab after a hard day's work.

"We all put in a lot of hard work, but it's time well spent. I enjoy being on the Robotics Team; it's something that I love to do and do well,"

-John Stanichuk, '06.

To the left: Kevin Sirianni, '06, works on a part for the robot that is about to compete in the next competition.

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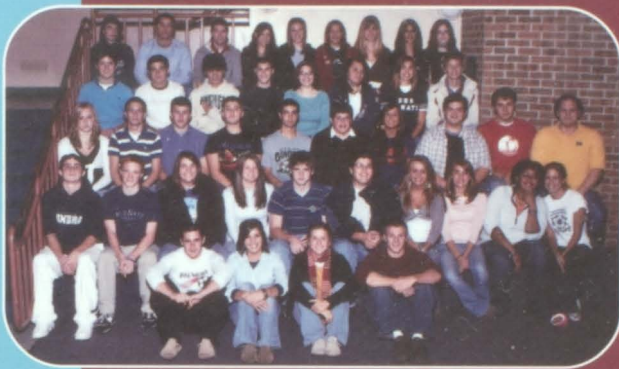
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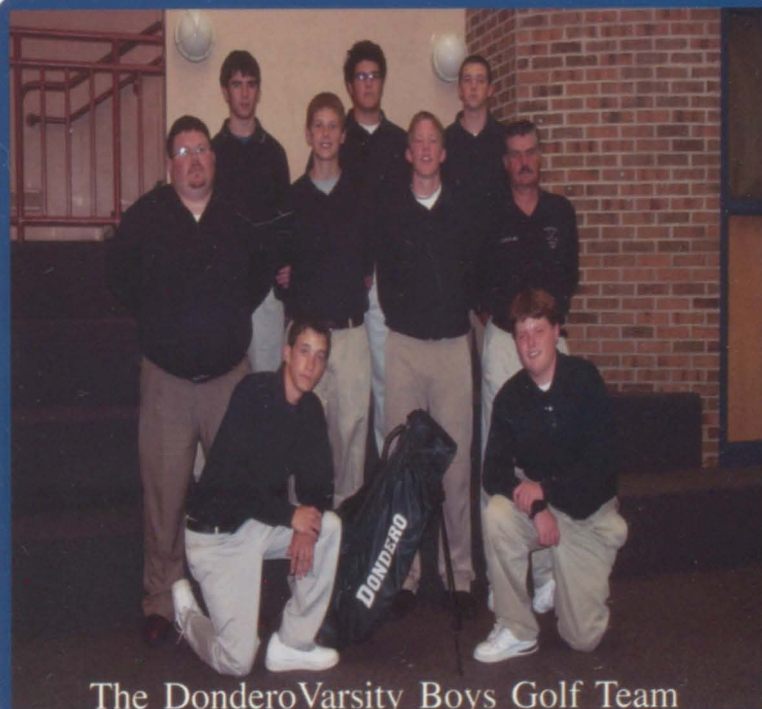
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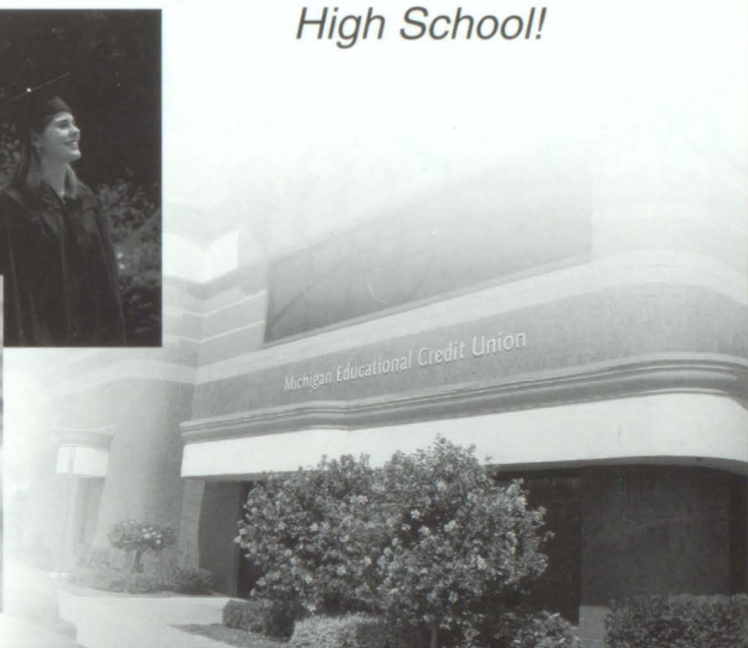
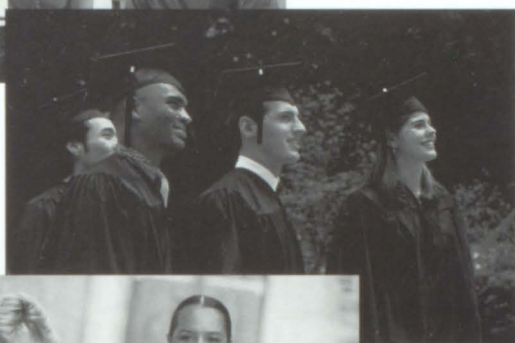
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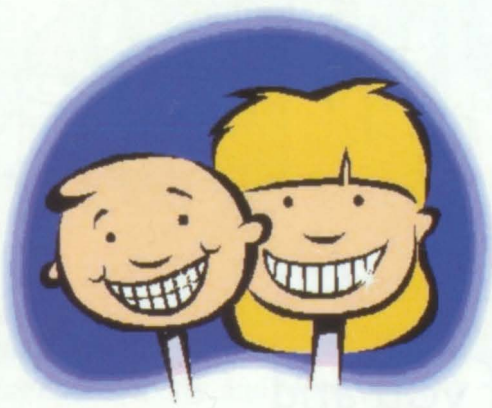
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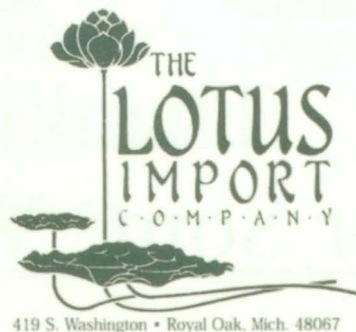
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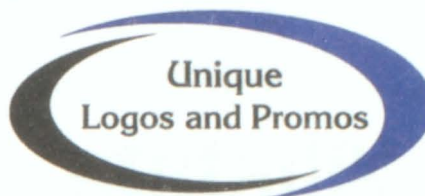
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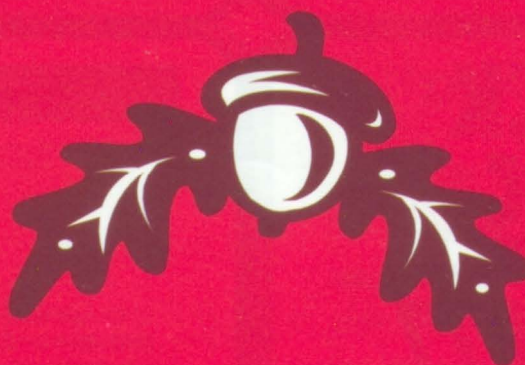
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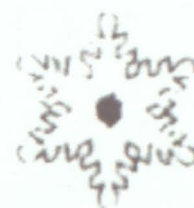


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Much love to each of you, my AP English
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"We're not metaphors."

"I know," I say. "But metaphors help eliminate what separates you and me."

A faint smile comes to her as she looks up at me. "That's the oddest pickup line I've ever heard."

"There're a lot of odd things going on—but I feel like I'm slowly getting closer to the truth."

"Actually getting closer to a metaphorical truth? Or metaphorically getting closer to an actual truth? Or maybe they supplement each other?"

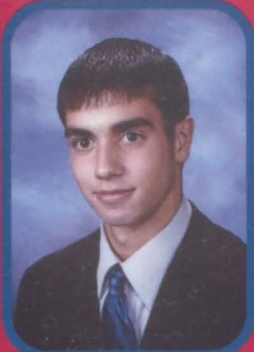
"Either way, I don't think I can stand the sadness I feel right now," I tell her.

"I feel the same way."

Senate Seniors



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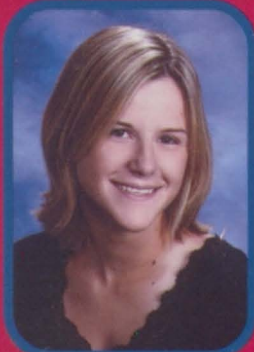
Anthony Black



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You have all not only met my expectations, but exceeded them. Last year's senior class was celebrated for its strength and activity, and you 10 stepped up to flawlessly continue that legacy of investment, influence, and impact.

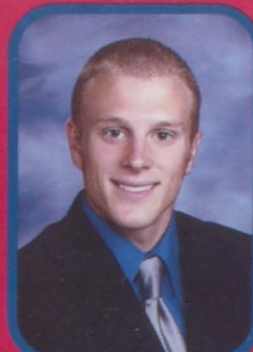
Collectively as a group, you offer countless amounts of leadership experience, energy, inclusiveness, empathy, and joy. Individually, you each brought a distinct gift to the program.

Mitch, I am glad you joined the team this year. You are always ready and willing to help out, and what is even better is that you do it with genuine care and interest. Tony, as a first year member, you took initiative like a veteran. What a wonderful example you set for others-you are thoughtful, proactive, and kind-spirited. Thank you for making Senate better than it was before you came. Meghan, you are sweet and warm – such a lady! I have really enjoyed our walks and talks (retreat). Many aspire to be as smart and talented as you – never forget to celebrate yourself. Morgan, you have brought the much-needed energy and charisma to the program. You have the rare ability to motivate and mobilize others, and to make people happy. I thank you for your genuine commitment to others. Jackie, your skills and organization have held this organization together. Your constant commitment to Senate for four years has been valuable, and the example you have set for others has raised the bar for our members. Paul, you are our steady beacon. You are a man of high integrity and strong moral character – you set the best example for others. Thank you for being so consistently kind and good. Dan, your knowledge about the inner-workings of Senate is second-to-none. You are one person I have depended on for...most everything. I thank you for stepping up and taking control of our budget – your shoes will be difficult to fill. Sean, you bring the much-needed humor and ease to the program. Your sense of confidence and collectiveness really inspires us all to not take life too seriously. James, you inspire us all to be better people. Be it in the classroom (scholarship), on the soccer field (athletics), at home as an active older brother (relationships), or in Senate (leadership), you are the best! I am so proud of you, and so grateful for your investment to Senate. You have changed this program in such positive ways. Rachel, you are carefree, organized, and creative – the perfect package. You provide so much energy and compassion to Senate. I appreciate you striking such a wonderful balance between taking charge, but encouraging others to step up and grow.

My door is forever open to you all. There is no issue or circumstance that could present itself to you in the future that I would not be interested in learning about and guiding you through. I love you all and will miss you more than you know. - Mrs. Bos-Martin



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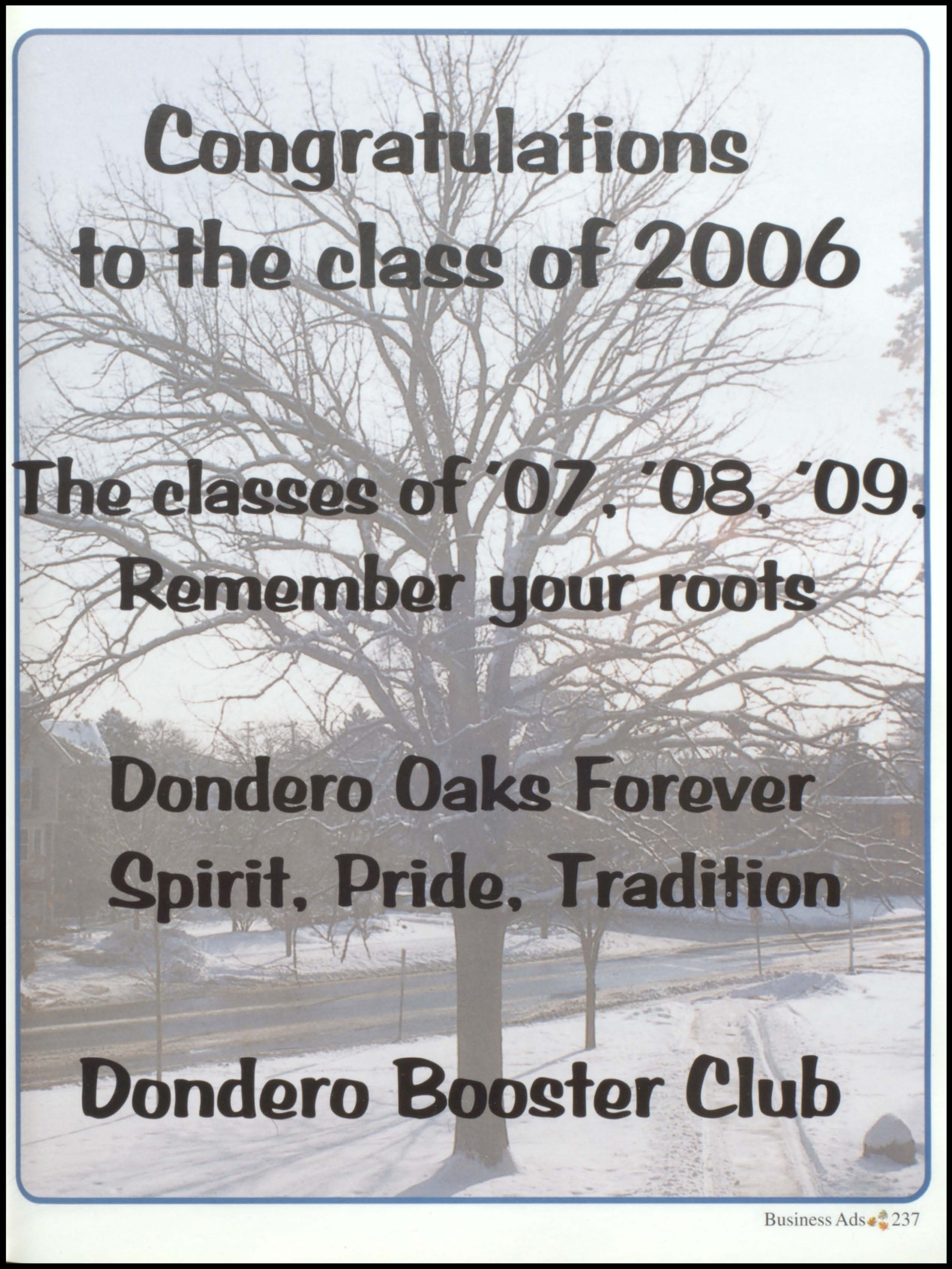
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Dear Acorn Staff,

You might think 11 years in the publications business would make it really easy for me to write "this year." Saying what Acorn's about...saying it ALL... would be impossible. And saying it's "the END" would be wrong. Memory won't allow that, after all. I think it's a very good thing. What I can say is that each of you somehow kept it real here - HONEST- and I love that about you. Thanks to *Veronica*, for being a very true and dependable barometer whenever things got crazy, to *Melanie*, for rewarding us once again with your vibrant spirit that translates beautifully to your work, to *Breanna*, for keeping Acorn in mind, and after two years, embracing the chance to just give it a try, to "*Mr. Costigan*," for writing well in the final stretch, and the ever so affectionate pet name: "Maudie Bear," to *Rachel D.*, for sharing the chair every day with Emily, and for watching and listening and absorbing, and for being "too good" ALL of the time, to *Erika*, for bringing a unique flair to our Acorn dynamic, for warming quickly to the atmosphere, and for keeping Adam in check, to *Caitlin*, for floating into things so seamlessly, for being a leader among leaders, and for laughing at me soooo long just now, when Tony said, "Hey, Maudlin, if you ever need your car towed..."(and I can't write the rest, and you know why)... to *Andrew D.* for being calm and quiet in one moment, and for stomping on my cute cuddly teddy bear with your big boots in the next, to *Kady*, for faithfully selling bagels and holding the bag just high enough that one day when there was a ruckus, for understanding me well enough to say "I love you," even after one of my "this is really hard to say" adviser speeches, to *Brianna*, for being right out there with your thoughts in a way I deeply respect, for developing a voice-on the page and through layouts- that speaks boldly and well, for being sound and poised and gracious and steady, and for being able to smile and relax and breathe so evenly from one issue to the next, even though you were a little worried about that back in the day, to *Adam*, for your keen instincts and your eye, and for keeping on me to read "A God Shaped Hole," to *Lauren*, for a wit that's dry and wonderfully full of surprises, to *Matt H.* for being our Photoshop guru and all-around steady hand at the computer, and saying yes always, even if it's at the last minute, to *Spence*, for performing stuffed animal shows through the office window in between counting monies and keeping records, to *Gabe*, for being ridiculously outrageous that one day with the GFC recycling container, for keeping me on my toes, and for making me laugh in spite of myself, to *Katie*, for being on call with a camera and creative instincts and amazing patience during so many hours, to *Miya*, for keeping people in check and having things to say that needed to be heard, to *Billy*, for being a quick study, a capable writer and for being able to converse with me comfortably and take care of business all the while connected to an ipod, to *Marky*, for displaying a wonderfully obvious and endearing sort of quiet and wit, to *Autumn*, for decompressing by walking the halls and raiding the chocolate dishes with me, for having a sense of humor that is a match for mine, and integrity that I respect greatly, and for listening to my otter story in the wake of that "weightier" stuff that will never compare to the sharp, scholarly, passionate, and remarkably wise soul that you are, to *Matt K.*, for being our video game beat reporter, and for introducing us to "winter -een - mas," to *Rayna*, for taking on the task of organizing all those past issues, editing so many stories and for writing "the bigger picture," to *Meghan*, for being spirited and fun, compassionate, effervescent, a great friend to all, and most importantly, a person of great force and substance, to *Lisa*, for consistently combining good cheer with a sense of diplomacy, to *Lauryn*, for being a strong instinctual writer, for enduring the now legendary bagel incident, and for "putting up the mirror" after I've made myself all too obvious through my expressions, to *Abby*, for invigorating our class with fun and boldness and hilarity, to *Jillian*, for being in this two years already, for being the hope, for being so driven and undaunted and inspired - a leader in the truest sense, to *Rachel R.*, for resilience and soundness and smiling and being versatile and visible and respected all over this place in so many ways, to *Beth*, for being Marky's devoted ad partner all year long, for being generous of spirit and helpful and kind, for keeping everyone else in mind, and for running so many copies, to *Zach* for selling bagels and playing Van Halen unrelentingly in the office and entertaining us regularly by convulsing with your own laughter, to *Tony*, for shooting those bottle caps so well and still being a gentleman always, for being a good writer even at the last minute, and for sharing my love for Cat Stevens and Jim Croce, and to *Emily*, for letting us see YOU - your smarts, your sass, and your sense of fun -and for hurling the green pillow my way, even when I didn't ask for it.

Thanks for a great year. I really love you guys.

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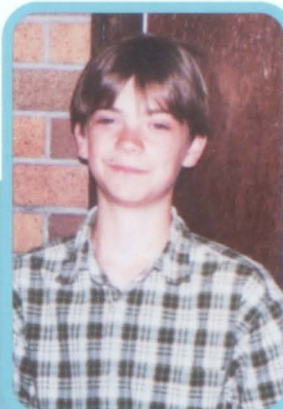
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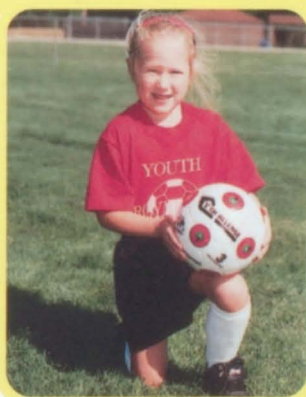
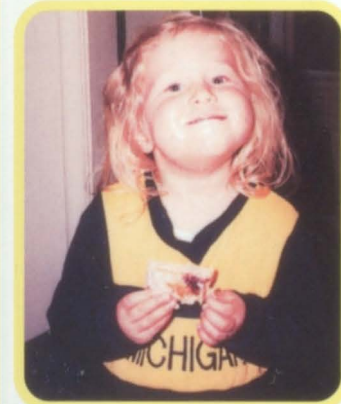
- Dr. Seuss

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Love,
Mom, Dad and Jake



Rebecca Young



It's been a blast watching you grow up! You are bright, articulate, funny, intelligent and a great friend. Your artistic, musical and athletic abilities continue to amaze us. We admire you for your fair-mindedness and the non-judgmental way that you deal with people. The gift of knowing what you want from life is an admirable trait and will take you far. You have become a "phenomenal woman," and we are so proud of you!

With much love and many hugs,
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Kristin Flanigan

Kristin,

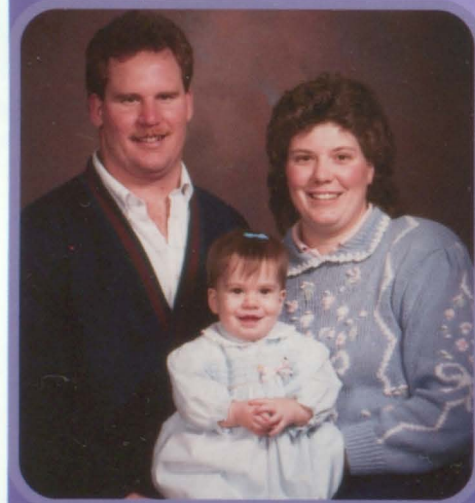
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We can't believe this chapter in your life is ending; it seems like yesterday that you entered Dondero High School as a high school freshman, and you're walking out as the last class to graduate from Dondero with dignity and honor, and for that we are so proud of you.

We wish you the best of luck for the future that awaits you. With your dedication to whatever you do in life, I know you are going to make a difference in this great land of ours.

We love you, Kristin,
Mom, Dad, and Kelsey

P.S. No matter how hard life may get at times, keep working hard and don't give up, because you can make a difference.





Max Schurig

Since the day you were born, you've brought nothing but joy to your family. We admire your intellect, we respect your strong moral character and we delight in your goofiness.

Thanks for the music, Mr. Piano Man. Keep moving to your own beat, and the world will be yours. We love you, sweetie.



Mom and Dad



Sean Riopelle

You never cease to amaze us. Keep going!

We love you, Mom, Dad, Chris, Aunt Nay,
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Our sweet Lisey Girl,

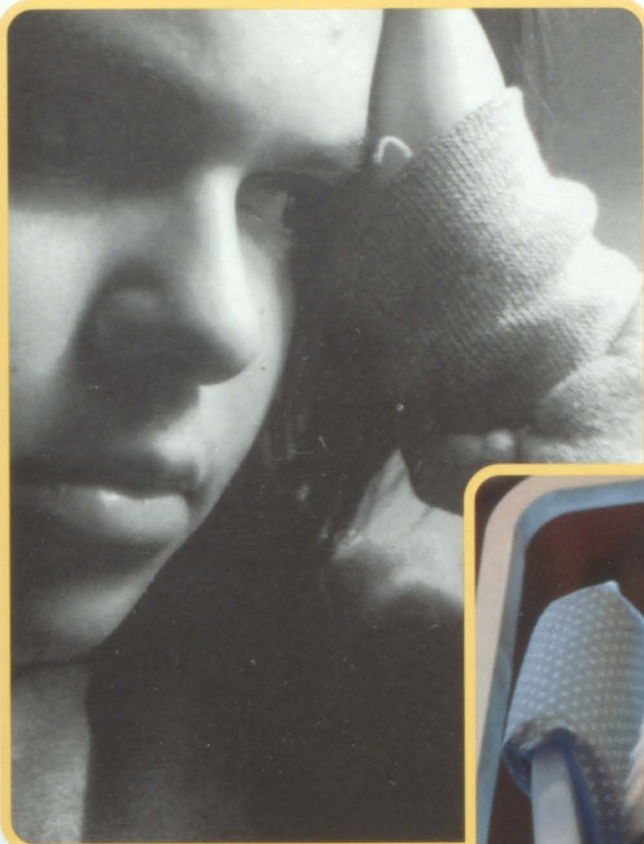
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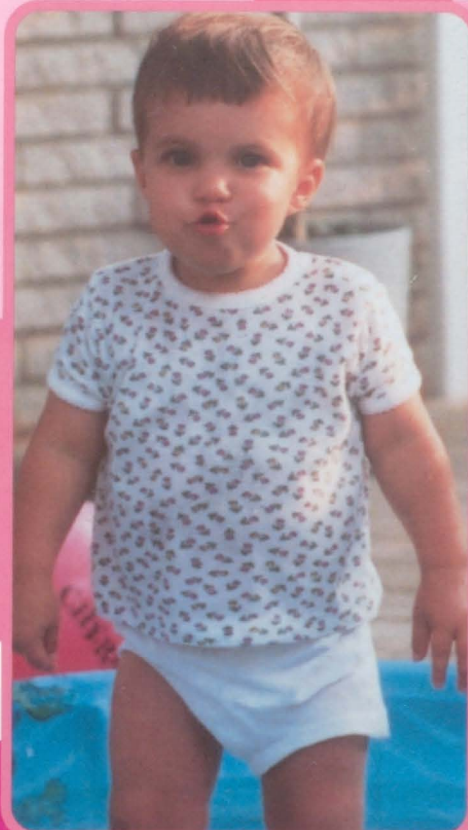
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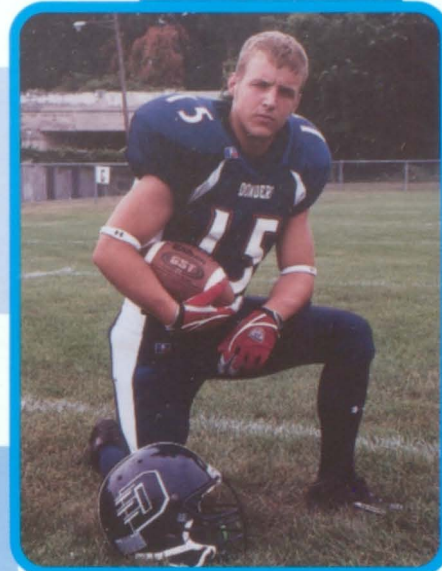
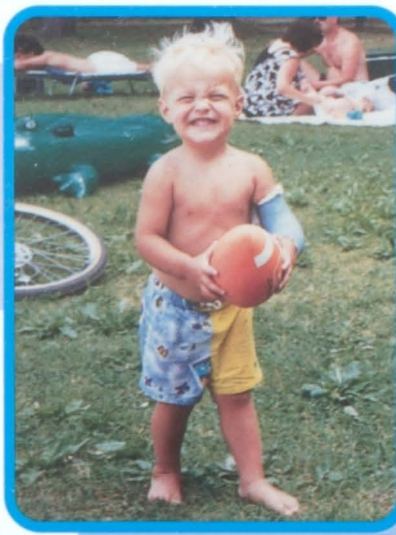
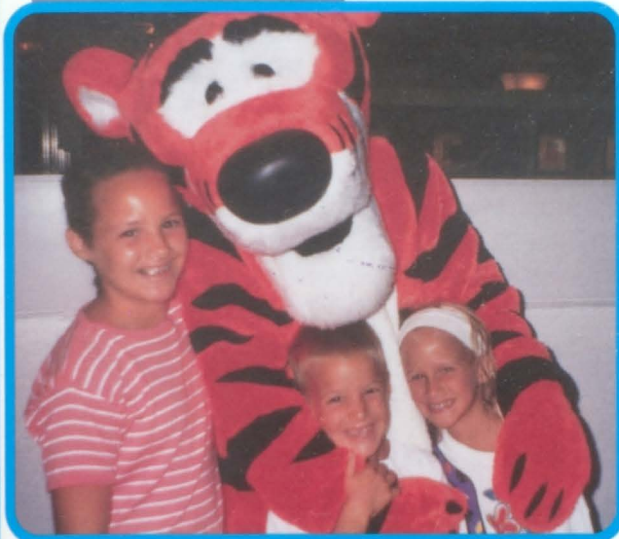
We love you and are very proud of you.

Always remember that we are here for you.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Michelle



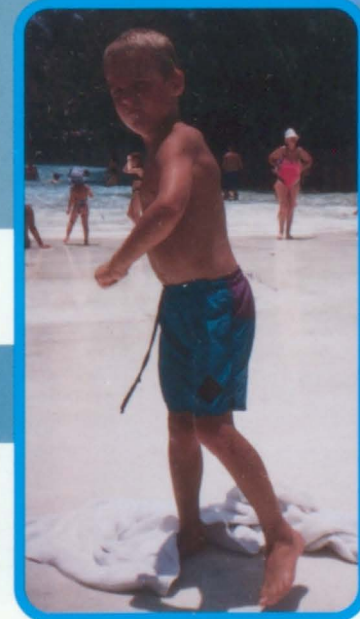
Tony Susin



Tony,

It's your spirit for life that we admire so much! The world awaits you - continue to shine your light in all you choose to do.

Good luck, and we love you.
Mom, Dad, Sara and Cait





Rachel Rosenbach

From my little baby to
a young lady, I'm so
proud of you and will
always love you!
Congratulations!

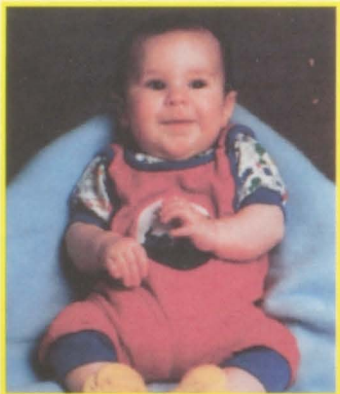
Love,
Mom



Paul Buck

Follow your dreams.
Keep sharing your
laughter and love. We
are very proud of you!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Andy, Jeff
& Gary



James Rex

Wherever life takes
you, you will always
be our little Oak.
Love, Mom and Dad
We love you, brudder,
Joey and Thomas



Meghan Luzod

You are the future.
Spread your leader-
ship, understanding
and love. The world's
lucky to have you, and
so are we.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Kristen Olinski

You're a daughter
who's special in so
many ways. Your love,
laughter & smiles
lighten our hearts and
brighten up our days.
Love, Mom, Dad,
Kevin, Jessica and
Scott



Ali O'Hara

Mom & Dad's pre-
cious little girl, our
little (Ali Cat). We
love you so much, and
we are so proud of
you.
You're a gift from
heaven



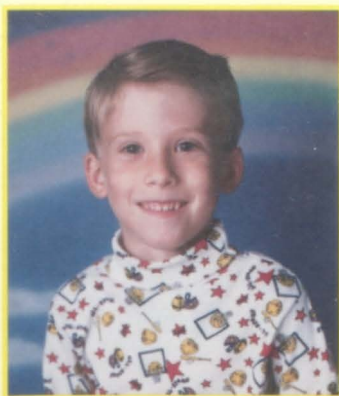
Dan Lewan

We love you, Dan!
God bless you in the
years ahead!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Phil, Matt
& Sarah



Nick Johnson

You have now reached
the beginning of the
person you will be-
come. Good luck in the
adventure!
Love you much,
Mom and Dad



Marty Waskowski

Marty, we love you
and are so proud of
your achievements in
sports and technology.
Mark and Mara say,
"Congrats, Marty
mwp!"

Love, Mom, Dad,
Mark, Mara and Teddy



Jonathan Spalding

My artist, chef, dare-
devil... Your future is
bright and totally in
your hands.

Have fun - Enjoy life
Love,
Mom



Lindsay Hilliard

Lindsay, you've grown
from a beautiful baby
into a beautiful young
woman.

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Kristyn Ivison

You have grown up so
much over the years. I
am so proud of you.

I love you,
Mom



Matthew Kerre

We are so very proud
of you. You will
succeed in whatever
you choose.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Laura



Lisa Maroni

Always remember:
"the most wasted of all
days is one without
laughter."

e.e. cummings
We're so proud of you!
The Family



Erika Lessien

YOUR WORLD -
Creative patient,
understanding, caring,
loving, giving, gentle,
strong, reasoning,
sensible: logical
I'm so proud to know
you,
Mom

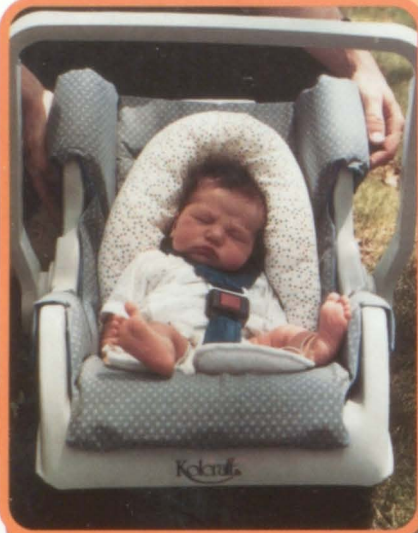


Guy Detri

You have, and always
will be, such a joy to
us.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Caitlin Burr

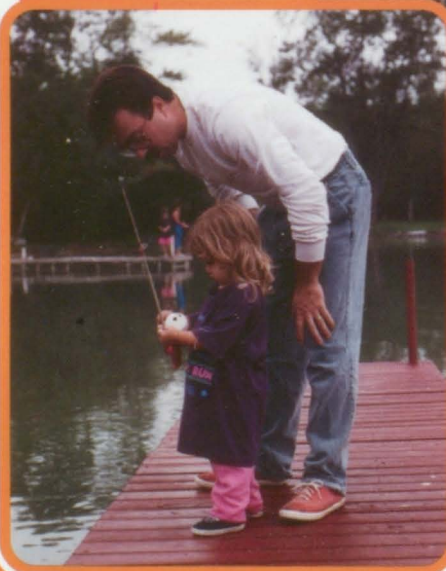


First day home.
"Now what do we do?"



You're a senior.
Where did the
time go?

"I can do it myself."
Already independent?



Caitlin,
We have always said that you were a
good starter baby. You continue to
amaze us with your independence and
good choices. We are proud of you,
daughter.

Ylm and Yld



First day of school.
"How will you do?"

Evan Kangas

"Child of Mine"
Carole King

Although you see the world different than me,
sometimes I can touch upon the wonders that you see.
And all the new colors and pictures you've designed,
oh yes, sweet darling, so glad you are a child of mine.

Child of mine, child of mine, oh yes sweet darling
so glad you are a child of mine.

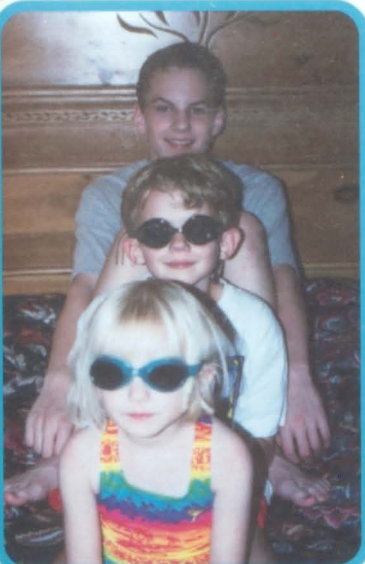
You don't need directions, you know which way to go,
and I don't want to hold you back, I just want to watch you grow.
You're the one who taught me, you don't have to look behind.
Oh yes, sweet darling, so glad you are a child of mine.
Child of mine, child of mine, oh yes, sweet darling
so glad you are a child of mine.

Nobody's gonna kill your dreams
or tell you how to live your life.
There'll always be people who make it hard for awhile,
but you'll change their heads when they see you smile.

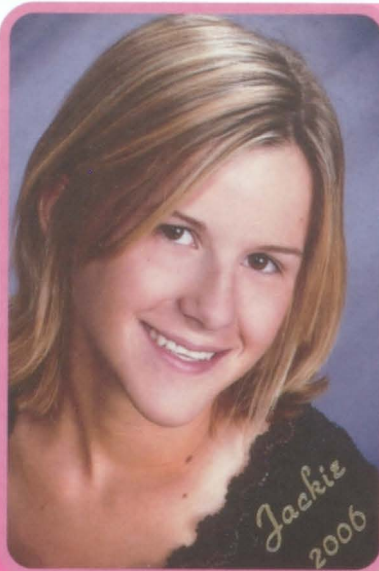
The times you were born in may not have been the best,
but you can make the times to come better than the rest.
I know you will be honest if you can't always be kind,
oh yes, sweet darling, so glad you are a child of mine

Evan,
To whom much is given, much shall be required.
You have exceeded every hope and dream we've had for you thus far.
It is truly a privilege to be your parents.

Love,
Mom and Dad
Max and Lexi



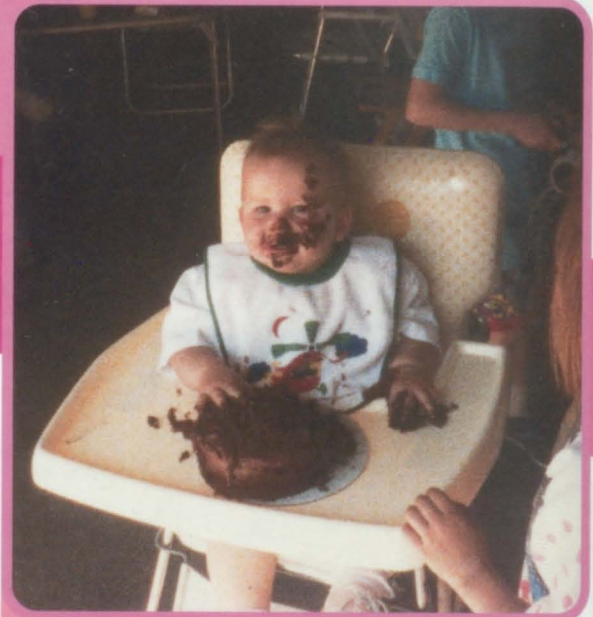
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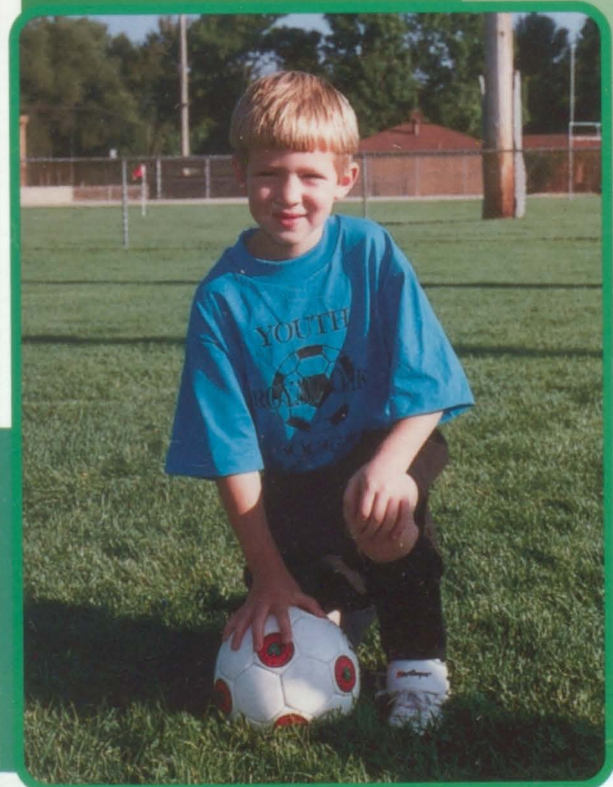
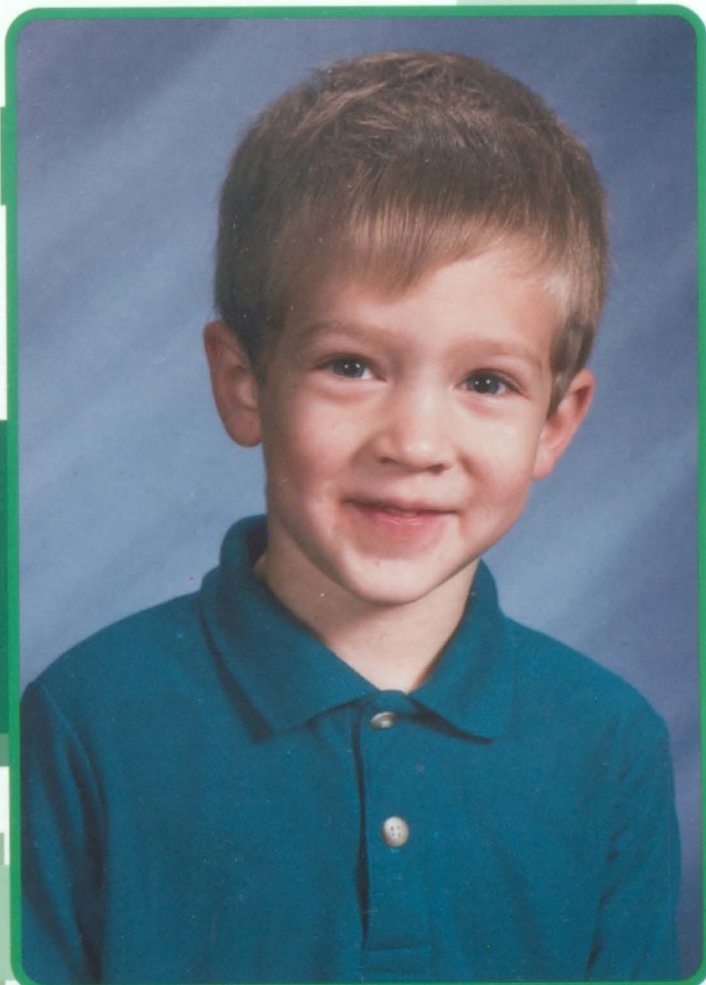
Baby, where has the time gone?
Yesterday kindergarden, today
graduating. Well, somewhere in
between you've grown into a
wonderful, smart, beautiful young
lady who we couldn't be more
proud of! So, we have no doubts
that whatever you choose to do
now, you'll do your very best at it
just like you always do. As you go
on, just remember, wherever you
go, whatever you do, we'll always
be your #1 fans!

All our love,
Mom and Dad

P.S. How about hitting us a
homerun!



Nick Johnson



N Nicholas you are the **NICEST NECESSARY** part of all of our lives!
 I an **IMPORTANT, INDIVIDUAL** with **INTEGRITY!**
 C you're **CHARMING, CARING, CHEERFUL** and can make us **CHUCKLE!**
 H and **HANDSOME, HELPFUL, HONORABLE** - always in our **HEARTS!**
 O **OPTIMISTIC** and **OVERWHELMINGLY** loved by all of us
 L always **LOVING, LOYAL, LIVELY** and **LOVABLE**
 A an **APPRECIATED, ACCOMPLISHED, ATHLETIC, ADMIRER,**
ATTRACTIVE and an **ABSOLUTELY AWESOME** individual.
 S **SO SINCERE, SKILLED, SWEET, SOFT-HEARTED,** and a **SHINING**
 part of our family.

CONGRATULATIONS, NICHOLAS.....

"Our memories we'll cherish with love without end.
 We're glad you're our nephew, we're glad you're our friend."

We love you always,

Grandma,

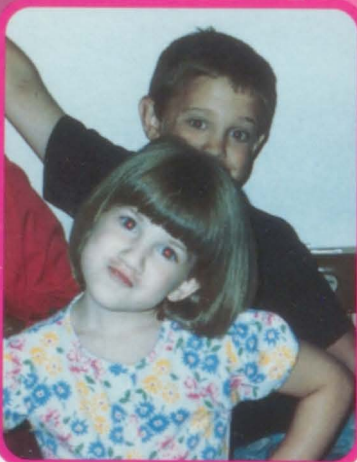
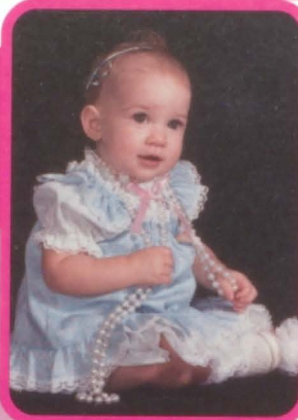
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Uncles: Denny, Bill, Chris, Pat

Cousins: Natalie, Jon, Wendy, Eric, Jeremy, Gary, & Stephanie Lou

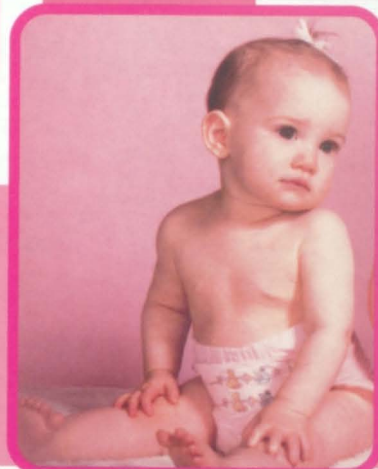


Christa Good



I'm so blessed to have you
as my daughter, and I pray
for great things in your life.

Love ya,
Mom



Erica Scafone



You make us proud, you keep us guessing, you
look at life from a different angle. You are the
jalopena pepper in the family recipe.

"There's nothing you can do that can't be done,
There's nothing you can sing that can't be sung,
There's nowhere you can be that isn't where
you're meant to be. It's easy, all you need is love

We love you,
Mom and Dad



I am so proud of you! You are an awesome sister, and I
will never forget how much fun we have together! You
have grown from my cute little sister with a bad stutter-
ing problem to my gorgeous (taller than me!) sister who
I can tell any problem to and get good advice back. You
are one of my very best friends, and I am so proud of
you for every thing that you have accomplished!

I love you EET,
GOOEY

I wish I could describe in words what an asset you have
been to my life. You are one of the most interesting
people I know and definitely the most unique. I have
always been inspired by the passion and creativity that
you have brought to every situation. I am so proud of
you and all of your accomplishments, and there have
been many. I love you so very much; I am so lucky to
have a sister like you.

ERIN

Christine Morelli



You have been a joy in our
lives at every age!
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Robert





Celina Maggi

You were a "fashionista" from the beginning! I'm so proud of the beautiful, intelligent, witty & loving young woman you have become.

Love,
Mom, Zachary & Lydia



Morgan Gardner

"Live the life you've imagined." - Henry David Thoreau
Congratulations,
Morgan!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Justin
and Devon



Kristin Lochner

Thank you for the privilege it's been to be your anchor, and the confidence you've given us to set your sail.

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Alexander Fike

I can't tell you enough how very proud I am and how much I love you. I know you are going to go places.

Love,
Mom



Veronica Adkins

Of course we're proud of you, just because you're you. But most of all you should be very proud of yourself. You've done all the hard work. We love you oh so very much. P.S. We really didn't find you under a rock...



Taryn Bailey Andersen

"Everything you can imagine is real."
- Pablo Picasso
Congratulations,
Bailey!

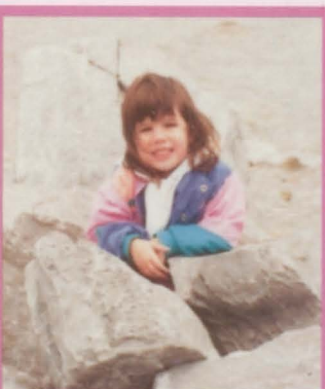
Start imagining...
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Bryn



Brian Caloia

Never lose sight of your dreams. I'm very proud of you and will be behind you all the way.

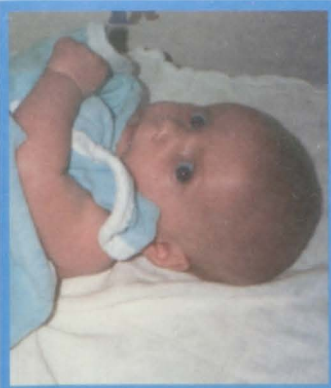
Love,
Mom



Kimberly Lambert

We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished!

Love you lots!
Mom, Dad and Rob



James Semivan

Good luck, Mr. G.Q.
Thank you for being a
wonderful son and a
fantastic big brother.
We'll miss the "funny."

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ian
and Jackie



Rachel Champagne

We have enjoyed
having you in our life.
You have grown into a
wonderful person that
we are proud to call
our daughter.
Love, Mom and Dad
GB A WOY+



Garrison Benson

You've filled our lives
with RAMs, and
we've admired your
HD. Your
motherboard,
fatherboard, and all the
little peripnerals love
you very much.



Jamie Budnick

You have given us
countless days of
laughter, smiles, and
happiness.
We love you,
Mom and Dad



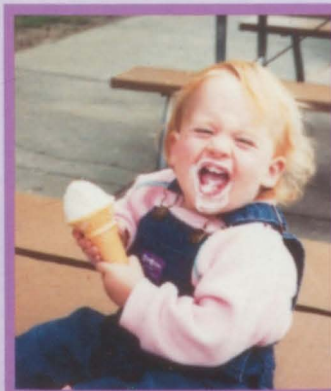
Amanda Roualet

You bring such joy to
our lives. We are so
proud of you.
We love you,
Mom, Dad and Maria



Nathan Dubetz

From day one, you've
been our special guy!
You are a fine young
man. We are very
proud of you!
Love,
Mom and Dad



Beth Simoni

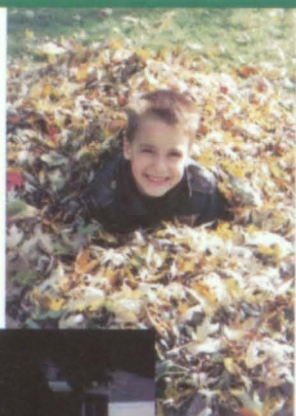
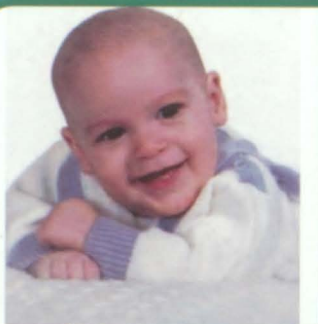
God has blessed us with
you. You still bring us so
much joy with that happy
face. You've made us
proud with all your accom-
plishments. Continue to
follow God always.
With all our love,
Mom, Dad and Paula



Christina Martoni

I am so proud of the
beautiful and talented
young woman you
have become.
I love you!
Love,
Mom

James Cronberger



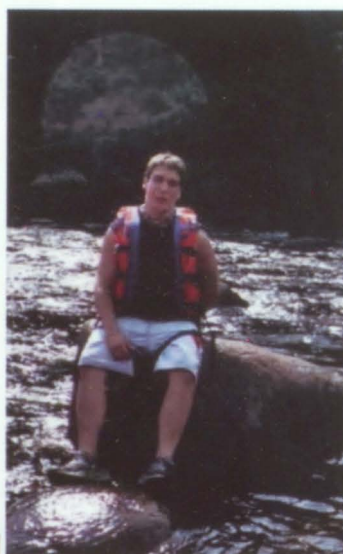
Jim,

Thanks for being my brother; we've always had alot of good times together. Do your best in whatever you decide to become in life. I'm very proud of you!
Your brother Karl



Jim,

Look to the future see yourself in it. Find what works for you and go get it. Love your Grandparents



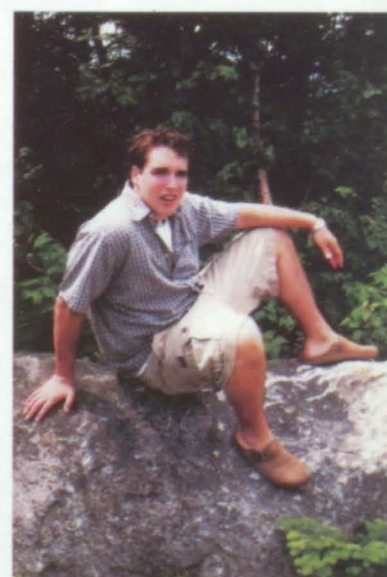
Jim,

Life has many roads but the right path that's what will get you there. Good luck always
Love Aunt Sharon &
Uncle Joe



Jim,

I want to say thank you. God blessed me so much with you. Keep believing and He will be faithful and he will show you His plans for. Love Mom



Jim,

I'm are so glad your my son, your growth over the last two years and kindness are truly heart warming. Your future looks bright. Keep your faith in Jesus He will carry you through your life.

Love Dad



Catherine Nicolai

You've come a long way, babe!
Congratulations and
play on!
Love you!



Olivia Martin

EVERYTHING
WONDERFUL

I love you,
Mama



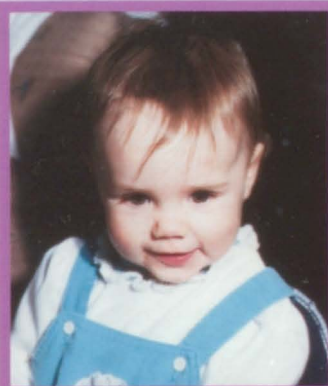
Harold Vaphiadis

"Seize the time. Live
now; make now
always the most
precious time. Now
will never come
again."
- Jean Luc Picard



Noelle Fleishans

Fearfully and wonderfully
made, our precious
sweetie sunshine princess
bringing Heaven to Earth.
Stay strong, use your
voice!
God Bless Love,
Mom, Dad, Jacob &
Kayla



Sydney Walsh

We love you, and we are
so proud of you!
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Chris, Jeff,
Winnie, and Jackie



Melissa Davis

Does this look familiar?
Always on the phone!
You've made us very
proud!
We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Jeff



Abigail Petri

Brothers & sisters, ladybugs,
candy, dress-up parties, Girl
Scouts, soccer, boyfriends,
girlfriends, braces, music,
smart, basketball, volleyball,
long hair, tall & beautiful!
I'm so proud to be your
mother
Love you!

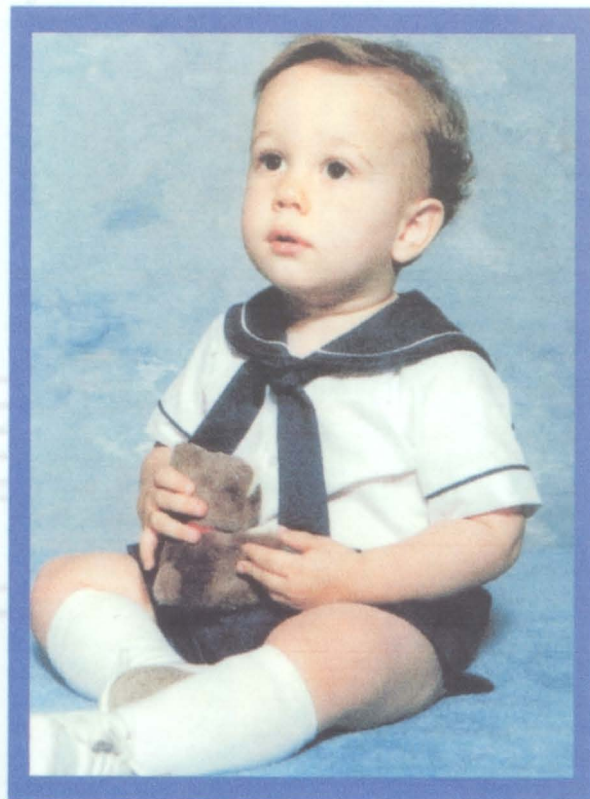
Congratulations,
to the
Class of 2006

ADAM MADER

Class of 2006

**The path to wisdom
is never easy, but
those who strive
and never give up
will find their
journey blessed.**

**We are so proud of
you and all that you
have accomplished.
Congratulations on
your graduation!
Love, Mom and Dad**



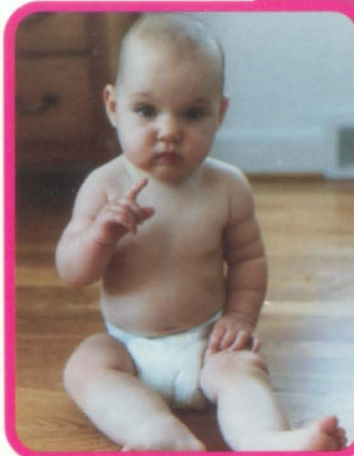
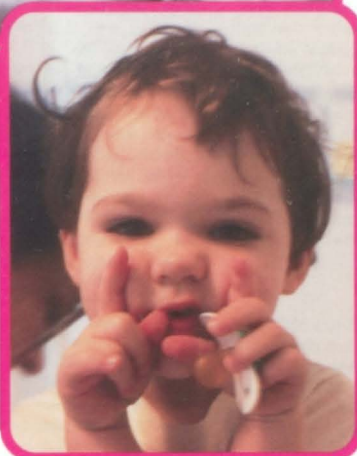


Alix Kowalski

"There is always one moment in childhood
when the door opens and the future comes flying in..."
- Graham Greene

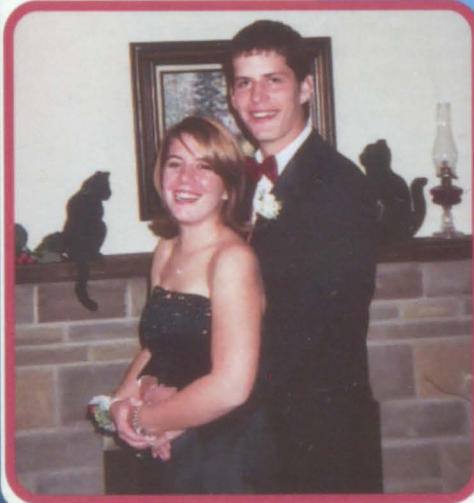
Our love & pride are bigger than the moon!
We cherish you,
Mom & Dad

La Femme du Monde!

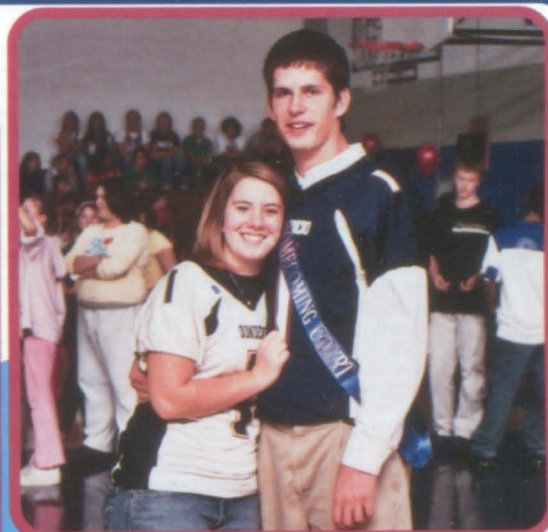
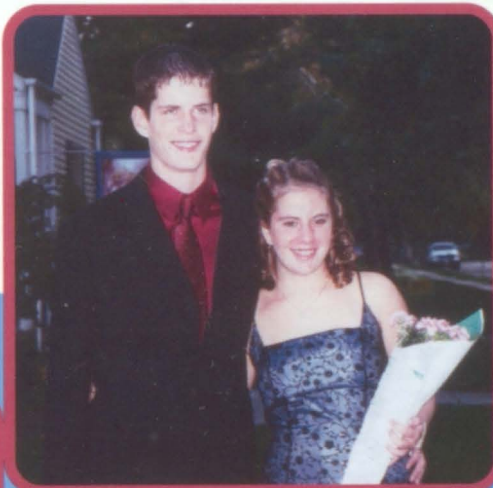


**"You'll never
walk alone"**

Senior year Homecoming



Sophomore year Homecoming



Senior year pep rally

"You're my best friend"

Max,

You have been my best friend all through high school. I will cherish all of the good times we had. I would have never imagined myself being as involved as I am, and I have you to thank. From the plays and musicals to A Cappella and Minority, you have made my high school career something that I will never forget. You have always supported me and made me feel better whenever I was sad. You have made my senior year a year I will never forget. I love you with all of my heart.

Love, Kristin

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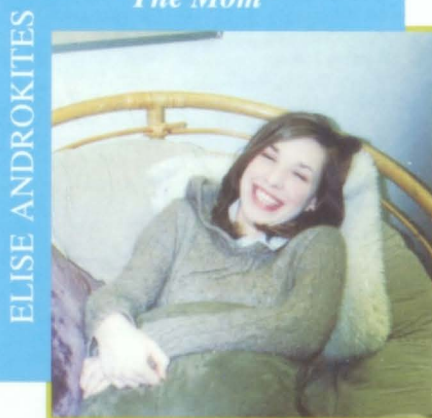
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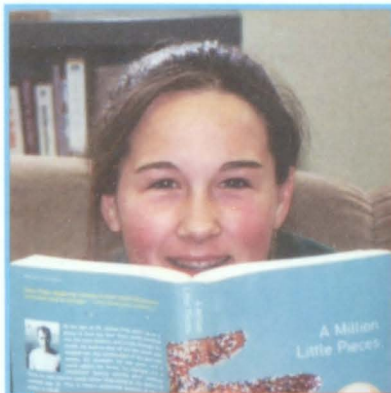
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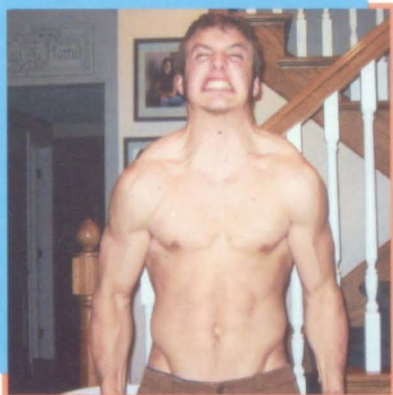
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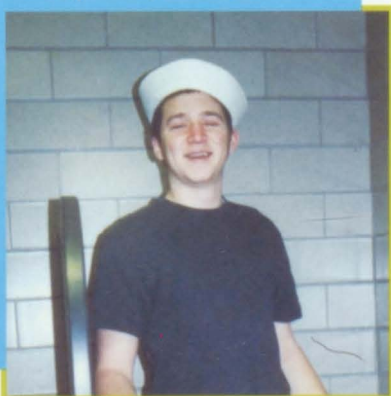
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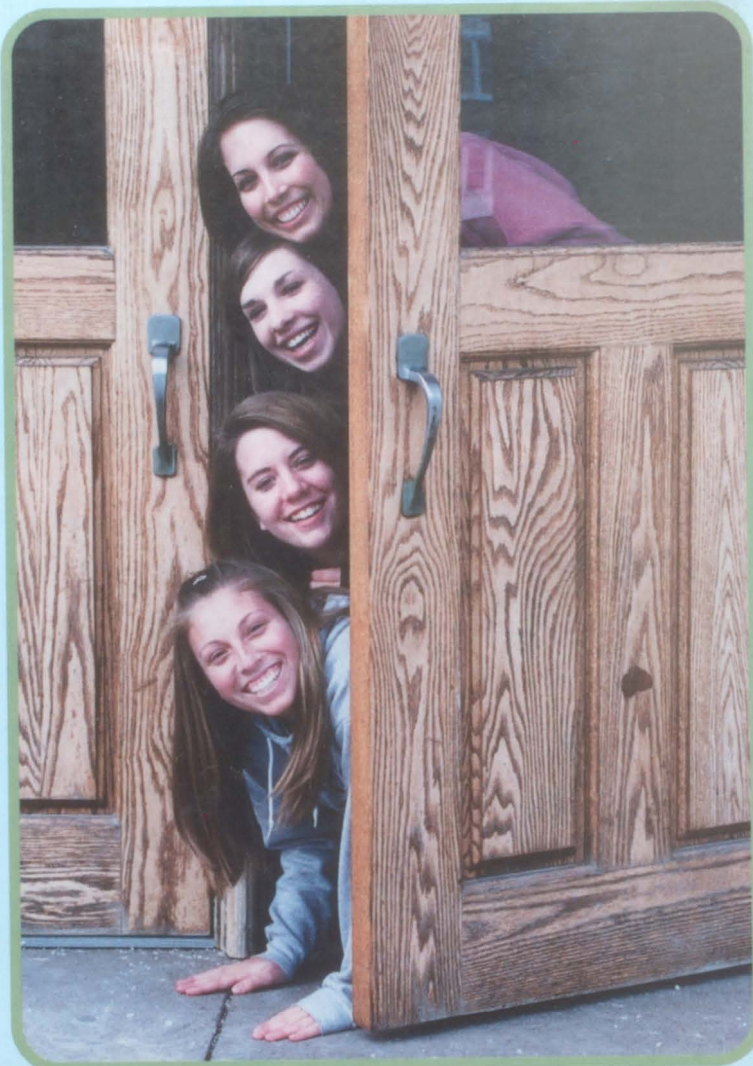
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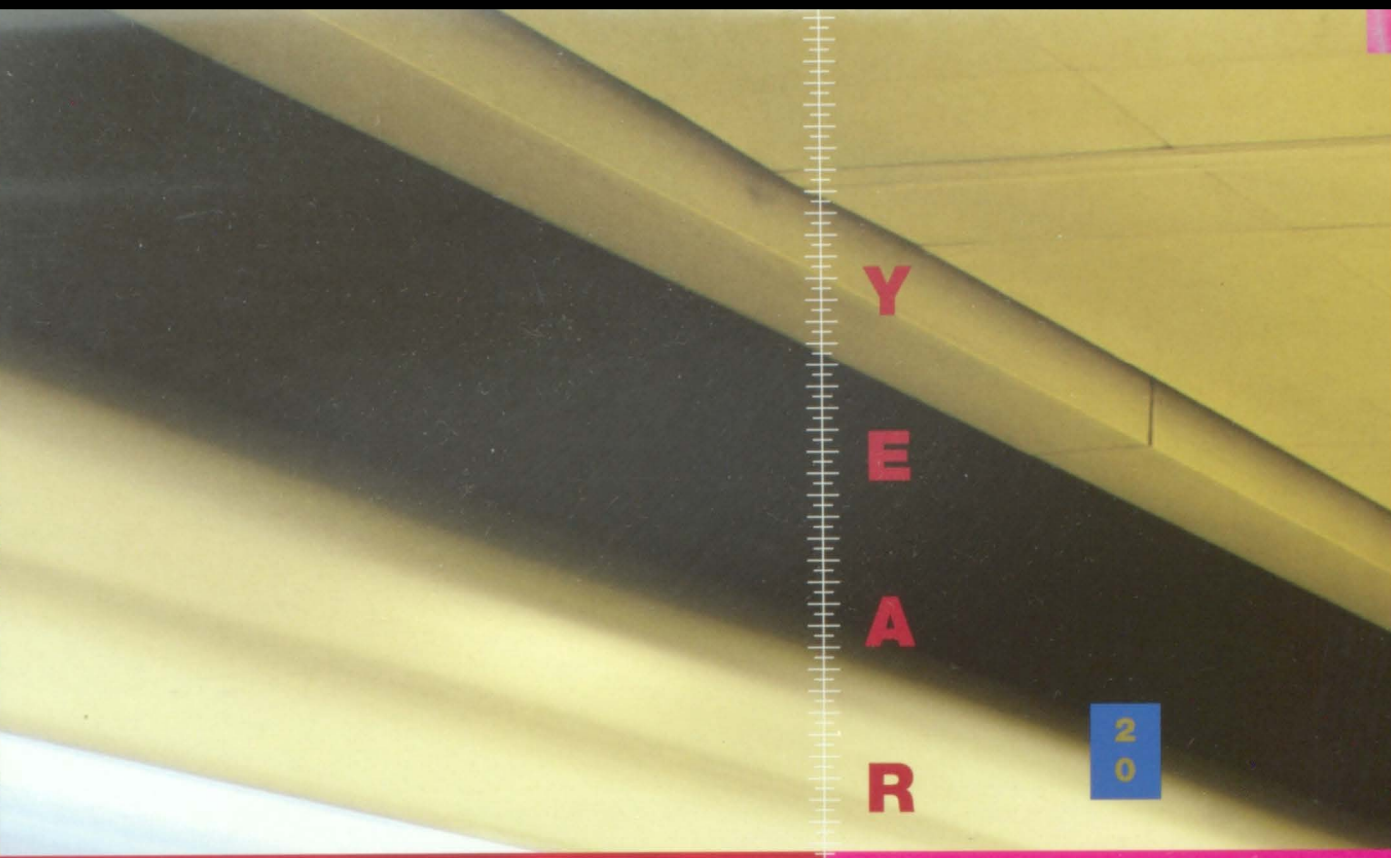
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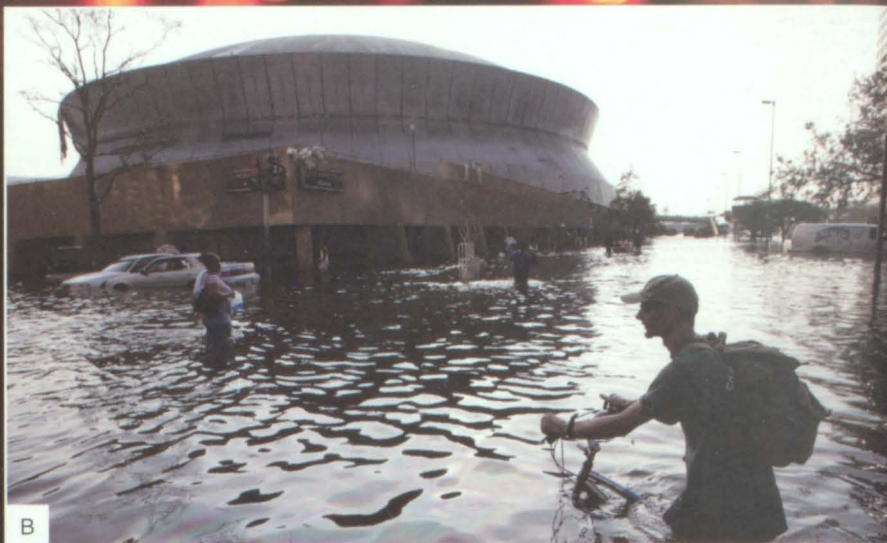
A-D Storm surge

The 2005 hurricane season led to a record 27 named storms – 14 of them hurricanes – with several of them striking the U.S. Gulf and Atlantic coasts. Losses were estimated at \$57.6 billion in the U.S. from hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, with those first two storms throwing more than 500,000 people out of work. Here's a breakdown of some of the damage:

- Katrina struck the tip of Florida before making a beeline for Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama on Aug. 29, destroying homes and businesses and taking more than 1,200 lives.
- New Orleans flooded after levees broke, leading to many rooftop rescues. More than 25,000 people, including the 23,000 who fled to the New Orleans Superdome, were sent to Houston's Astrodome for temporary shelter.
- The Mississippi coast took a direct hit, with high winds and 20-foot high waves leveling buildings and even moving casinos off their moorings.
- About 372,000 children from all three states started school in different cities or were being home-schooled; and approximately 18,000 college students from Louisiana spent the fall semester at other universities.
- Rita struck three weeks later in Louisiana and Texas. In one of the largest evacuations ever, 2.8 million people in southeast Texas, including Houston and Galveston, struggled to leave.
- Arlene hit Mississippi and Alabama, while Dennis struck Alabama and Florida. Ophelia stayed offshore of the Carolinas and Virginia and pummeled the area with heavy rains.

E. Hurricane tragedies widespread

Wilma hit Mexico first, stranding tourists and damaging Mexico's resorts and economy. The tragedy was much greater in Guatemala following heavy rain from Hurricane Stan. More than 650 people died and more than 370 were missing after massive landslides there buried communities. Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Costa Rica also reported deaths and damage from Stan.



You said it...

Have you made any type of donation to the hurricane relief efforts along the U.S. Gulf Coast?

YES 57.7%

NO 43.3%

Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

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Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein went on trial for crimes against humanity.



A three-day transit strike in New York City stranded 7 million people before Christmas.



Angela Merkel became Germany's first woman chancellor.



Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf became president of Liberia and Africa's first elected female head of state.

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F. New day in Iraq

Coalition troops, mostly from the U.S., remained in Iraq to put down insurgents as the citizens continued their quest for democracy. Iraqis approved a new constitution in October and their Parliament in December, in an effort to set up their new government.



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G. New terrorist attacks

London felt the wrath of Islamic extremists when four bombs went off July 7, killing 56 people and injuring 700. Alarming was the fact that the four suicide bombers were Britons. An attempted attack on July 21 was thwarted and the suspects were caught. Bali, Indonesia, was the site of a suicide bombing again following one in 2002, and three suicide bombers attacked three hotels in Amman, Jordan.



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H. More of Mother Nature's wrath

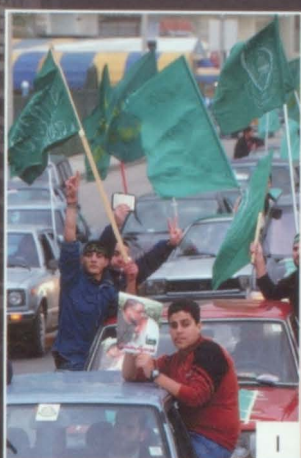
A severe drought provided kindling for wildfires that consumed hundreds of thousands of acres and hundreds of homes and businesses in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Colorado.



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I. Palestinians elect change

Members of the Hamas organization, which calls for the destruction of Israel, won a majority of the seats in the Palestinian Parliament in January. The United States, the European Union and Israel have labeled Hamas a terrorist group, and were carefully watching the change of government.



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J. Top court shuffle

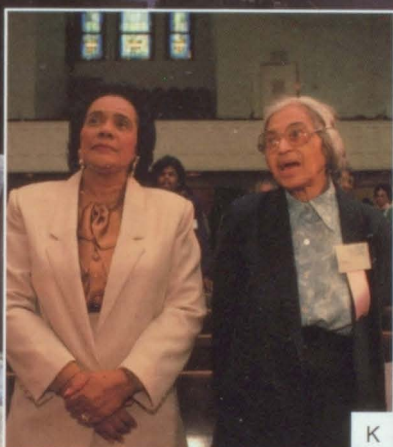
Two vacancies were filled on the U.S. Supreme Court. John G. Roberts became the new chief justice, replacing William Rehnquist after his death. Samuel Alito took the seat of Sandra Day O'Connor, who retired.



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K. Matriarchs pass on

Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King, two leaders of the civil rights movement, died within a few months of each other. Parks was remembered for refusing to give her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955. King was the wife of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and she founded the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta to carry on his work.



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L. Gas, oil prices heat up

High gasoline prices increased even more following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which damaged oil refineries in the Gulf region. Prices were up already because of increased summer demand, higher crude prices and less refining capacity worldwide. Winter heating bills also surged as oil companies tried to repair damage and restore production.



Peter Jennings, anchor of ABC's *World News Tonight* for 22 years, died of lung cancer.



Western Union discontinued all telegram services after 150 years.



High school senior Michael Sessions was elected mayor of Hillsdale, Mich., beating the incumbent as a write-in candidate.



W. Mark Felt, a 91-year-old former FBI official, revealed he was Deep Throat of the Watergate scandal.

M. Mountain tragedy

A massive earthquake in the mountains of the Kashmir region of Pakistan in October killed more than 79,000 people, injured almost as many, and left about 3.3 million homeless as winter approached. Donations were lacking and relief supplies were slow in reaching the needy.

N. New Pope

Joseph Ratzinger, a 78-year-old German cardinal, was installed as Pope Benedict XVI. Benedict, who now leads the world's 1.1 billion Catholics, worked closely in the Vatican with his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

O. Flu scare for the birds

Medical officials put the world on notice after a strain of avian flu was detected in some isolated human cases in China and Hong Kong. After more cases popped up elsewhere, the World Health Organization urged countries to prepare for a possible pandemic. There were concerns not only about migratory birds spreading the disease, but commercial fowl shipped for consumption.

P. Nuclear concerns

The U.S., Great Britain, France and Germany continued to pressure Iran to reduce its nuclear activities, and wanted the United Nations security council to impose sanctions.

Q. Should they listen in?

The National Security Agency came under fire for using electronic eavesdropping without warrants. The practice began after the 9/11 attacks to fight terrorism, and while the Bush administration, including Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, defended the practice, others argued it was illegal.

R. Mining tragedies

Sixteen West Virginia coal miners died in separate accidents in January, as did one miner in Kentucky. In the first accident at the Sago mine in West Virginia, a terrible miscommunication led the families to believe the men were alive after a 41-hour rescue.



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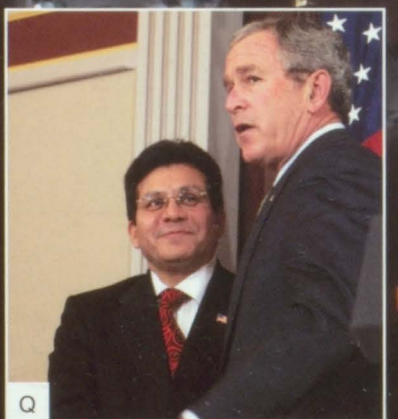
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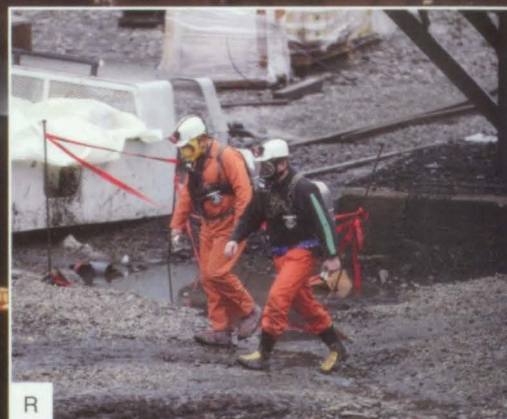
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The U.N. sought more international aid for Africa, where conflicts and food shortages continued.



Economists estimate China is the world's fourth-largest economy.



Leyan Lo, 20, spent only 11.13 seconds solving the Rubik's Cube puzzle, setting a new record.



I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, an aide to Vice President Dick Cheney, was indicted in the investigation into who leaked a CIA officer's name.

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Are you concerned about a possible worldwide outbreak of a deadly strain of the "bird flu?"

YES 74.4%



NO 25.6%



Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

You said it...

S. Stroke affects election

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a massive stroke three months before March elections. Sharon had formed a new political party, Kadima, and was seeking support at the polls as he attempted to reach a peace agreement with Palestinians.



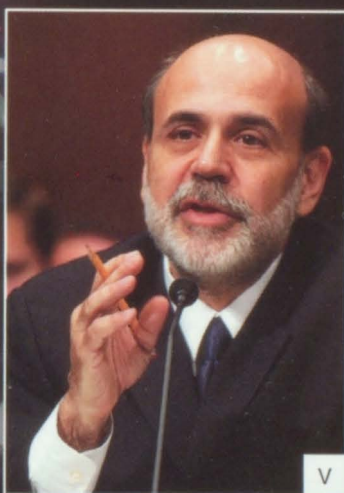
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T. Tsunami recovery

Tourists began returning to areas in Asia where a tsunami swallowed people, towns and livelihoods on Dec. 26, 2004. Aid came from across the globe to the dozen countries that were hit. In the U.S., the relief effort was headed by an unlikely pair – former presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.



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U. Paris ablaze

France endured 18 nights of rioting that started in the poor suburbs of Paris. The arsons and other acts of destruction began after the accidental electrocution of two teens who thought police were chasing them, and turned into protests against the government for racial discrimination and unemployment.

V. A new money man

Ben Bernanke was appointed by President Bush to be the new chairman of the Federal Reserve board, a position that directs monetary policy for the U.S. and affects your wallet. Bernanke, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, replaced Alan Greenspan, who was the much-watched Federal Reserve chairman for 18 years.



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W. ARGG!

An old-fashioned battle of the sea was won with today's technology. Pirates attacked the Seabourn Spirit cruise ship off the coast of Somalia with grenade launchers and machine guns, but never got close enough to board. The cruise ship crew used a sonic device to send an ear-splitting noise toward the pirates, then shifted to high speed and changed course.



More than 1,200 people died when an Egyptian ferry sank in the Red Sea.



Dr. Michelle Bachelet, jailed under a previous dictatorship, was elected president of Chile.



Ted Koppel, who started ABC's *Nightline*, stepped down after 25 years.



Cindy Sheehan, whose soldier son was killed in Iraq, launched protests near President George W. Bush's Texas ranch.

A-E Games of Turin

Turin, Italy stepped onto the world stage and played host to the Winter Olympics for two weeks in February. It was the largest Winter Olympics ever, with 2,500 athletes representing 82 countries competing in 84 events.

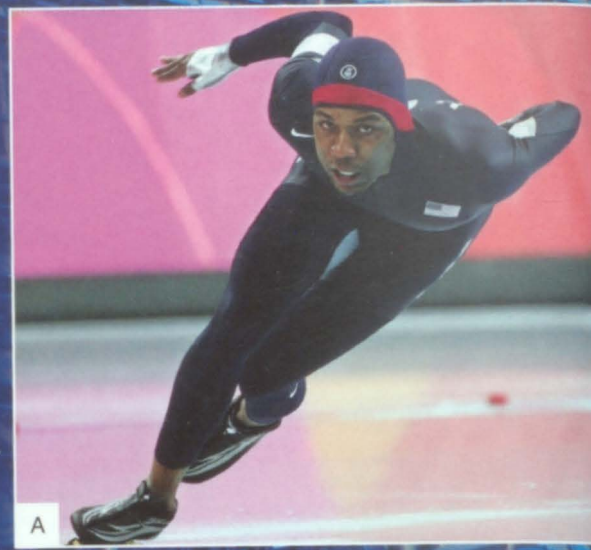
Long-track speedskating turned into one of the American team's best events. Shani Davis (A) won the Gold medal in the men's 1,000 meters and became the first African-American champion in Winter Olympics history. Former inline skating champion Chad Hedrick became an Olympic speedskating champion in the men's 5,000 meters just three years after taking the ice in the sport for the very first time. They were joined at the top of the podium by teammate Joey Cheek, who sprinted to Gold in the men's 500 meters.

Snowboarding was also ruled by the U.S. Shaun White (B), nicknamed "The Flying Tomato" for his bright red hair and acrobatic moves on the extreme sports circuit, won the Gold medal in the Men's Halfpipe. The 19-year old White showed nervousness when he fell during qualifying, but he recovered to win the Gold with a flourish in the finals. Other American winners included Hannah Teter in the Women's Halfpipe and Seth Wescott in the Men's Cross.

Ted Ligety (C) gave the U.S. ski team a boost by winning the Alpine Combined. It was the first Olympic appearance for the relatively unknown Ligety. He became only the fourth American male to win an Alpine Olympic Gold medal.

It was not all positive news for the U.S. Snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis (D) poignantly summed up the highs and lows of the Olympic journey. Jacobellis was easily racing to victory in the finals of the Women's Cross when she threw too much style into an aerial and crashed. Jacobellis was unable to recover in time to keep her lead, and she was forced to settle for the Silver medal.

Figure skater Michelle Kwan (E) was forced to withdraw because of injury. Several other U.S. stars, including skiers Bode Miller, Daron Rahlves and figure skater Johnny Weir turned in disappointing performances. Figure skater Sasha Cohen, a Gold medal favorite for the U.S., stumbled to a Silver medal after falling during the Ladies free skate.



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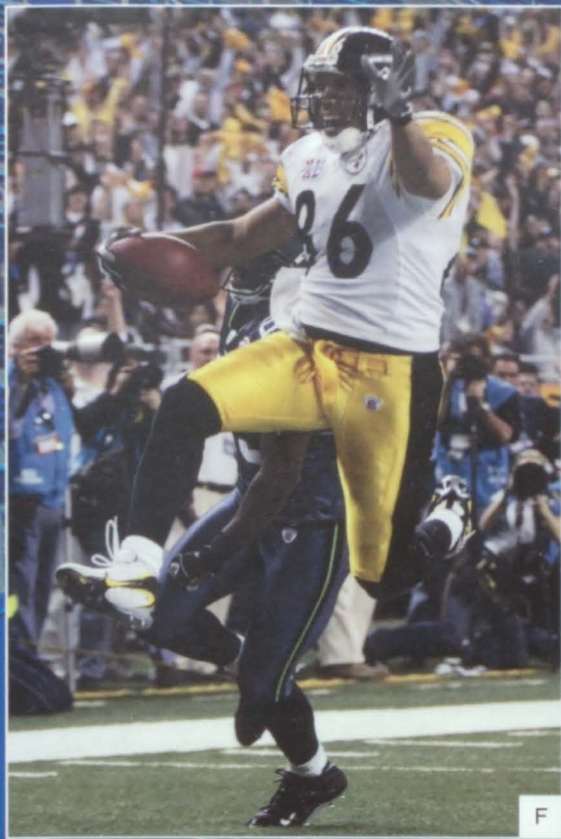
After 36 years on ABC, *Monday Night Football* left the network and moved to ESPN.



Jimmie Johnson won the 2006 Daytona 500.



Tiger Woods won his 10th major championship, taking the British Open for the second time.



F. Men of Steel

The Pittsburgh Steelers capped an improbable championship run by defeating the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL, 21-10. Pittsburgh was the last team to qualify for the AFC playoffs, and the Steelers made it to the title game by becoming the first team in NFL history to win three straight playoff games on the road. Wide receiver Hines Ward was chosen Super Bowl MVP after he grabbed five catches for 123 yards, including the game-clinching 43-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

G. White Sox champs again...finally

The Chicago White Sox eased the pain of long-suffering Windy City baseball fans by winning their first World Series title in 86 years, sweeping the Houston Astros in four games. Chicago was dominant in the playoffs with an 11-1 record.

H. Back on the ice

After losing an entire season to labor strife for the first time in league history, NHL owners and players settled their differences and returned to the rink. The new season arrived with a slew of rule changes as well, designed to speed up the game.

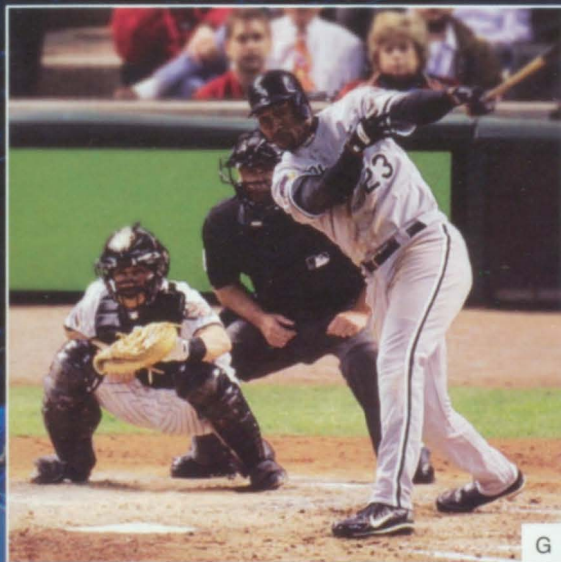


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Annika Sorenstam remained the top female golfer, winning 10 times on the LPGA tour.



The Los Angeles Galaxy won their second MLS Cup title with a 1-0 overtime victory over the New England Revolution.



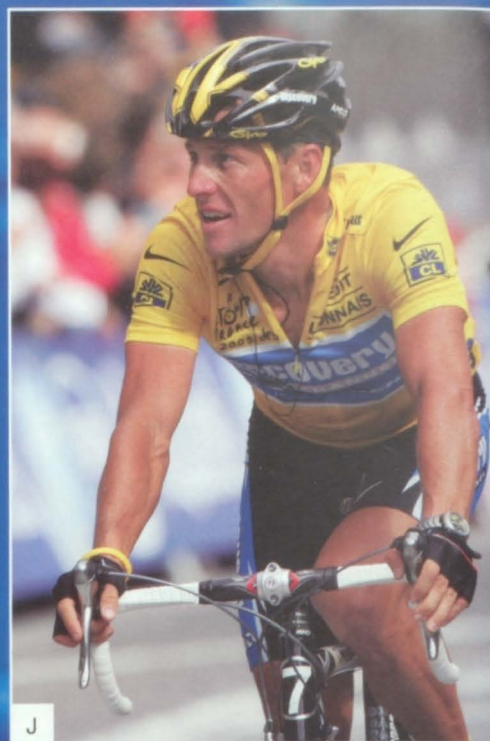
Legendary sports broadcaster Curt Gowdy died at the age of 86.

I. Danica in the driver's seat

Danica Patrick was not the first woman to ever race in the Indy Racing League, but she might have made the biggest splash, qualifying and finishing fourth at the Indy 500, the highest finish ever by a rookie driver. The 23-year-old Patrick went on to win IRL rookie of the year after several top 10 finishes.

J. A bumpy ride

Cyclist Lance Armstrong pedaled his way through another newsworthy year, winning the Tour de France for a record seventh consecutive time, then retiring from the sport, announcing his engagement and break-up to rock star Sheryl Crow and again being forced to respond to doping allegations from the French media.



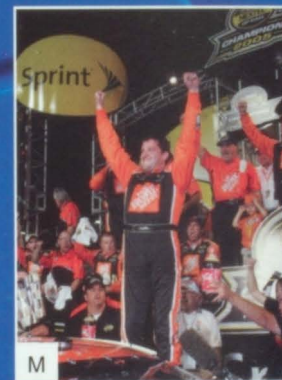
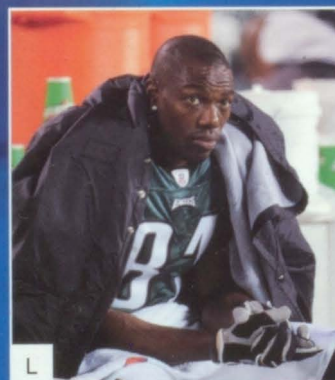
K. One for the ages

USC's Heisman Trophy teammates, running back Reggie Bush and quarterback Matt Leinart, were not quite good enough to win a third straight college football national title, as the Trojans fell to Texas, 41-38, in the dramatic championship game at the Rose Bowl. Texas quarterback Vince Young stole the show, scoring the game-winning touchdown with 19 seconds left.



L. No more T.O.

Just one year after helping the Philadelphia Eagles reach the Super Bowl, wide receiver Terrell Owens got suspended from the team in mid-season, due to his detrimental conduct. The problems started when the outspoken and controversial Owens got upset that the team would not re-negotiate his contract.



M. Sensational Stewart

Behind a season that included five wins and 24 top 10 finishes, NASCAR driver Tony Stewart won his second Nextel Cup championship. Often referred to in the past as the bad boy of racing due to his short temper, Stewart joined Jeff Gordon as the only multiple Cup winner among active drivers.

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Hurricane Katrina forced many New Orleans sports teams, including the NFL's Saints and NBA's Hornets, into playing long stretches on the road.



New studies showed that the high school sport with the largest increase in participation was bowling.



The first World Baseball Classic took place in the spring.

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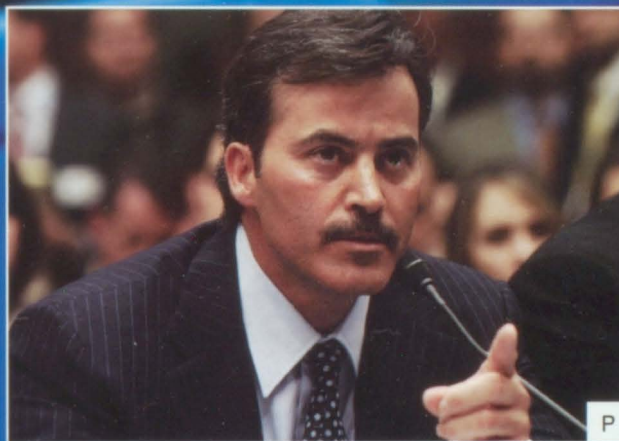


N. Golden retirement

Considered by many the greatest golfer of his time, Jack Nicklaus decided to retire from competitive golf at the age of 65. Nicklaus won 18 major championships in his career, more than anybody in history. In his final round at the British Open, Nicklaus ended in style by sinking a 15-foot birdie on the final hole.

O. Two of a kind

The San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons, respective winners of the previous two NBA championships, continued their domination. The two teams met in the 2005 NBA Finals, with the Spurs winning in seven games. Both rolled along during the 2006 season, compiling two of the best records in basketball by the All-Star Break.



P. Cleaning up the game

Baseball's steroid use scandal continued, with many high-profile players even testifying at Congressional hearings. Baltimore Orioles star Rafael Palmiero denied use, then tested positive and was suspended during the season. After the 2005 season, Major League Baseball instituted a stricter steroid testing policy.



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant scored 81 points in one game, the second highest individual total in NBA history.



USC running back Reggie Bush won the Heisman Trophy in a landslide vote.



Swiss tennis star Roger Federer stayed number one in the world by winning Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open.

A. Shuttle back in orbit

Two years after the Columbia tragedy grounded NASA's manned space flight program, space shuttle Discovery returned NASA to outer space with a successful two-week mission. However, anxious moments came after foam insulation knocked loose on take-off caused a two-day delay in Discovery's return to Earth.



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B. Science or religion?

Communities and school districts ferociously debated the merits of Intelligent Design, a concept that asserts certain aspects of the living world seemed to be caused by an intelligent source, rather than a random process such as natural selection. Opponents claimed it was religion masquerading as science, while proponents insisted it should be a respected point of view.

C. Space tourist

American scientist Gregory Olsen paid \$20 million for a 10-day trip to the International Space Station. Olsen, the co-founder and chairman of his own fiber-optics company, made the trip aboard a Russian rocket and became only the third civilian to become a "space tourist."



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D. 360 around the world

Microsoft released its newest gaming system, Xbox 360, just in time for the holidays and prompted shoppers to camp out in lines to gobble them up. The consoles were also launched with a new expanded service from Microsoft that allowed gamers worldwide to play one another.



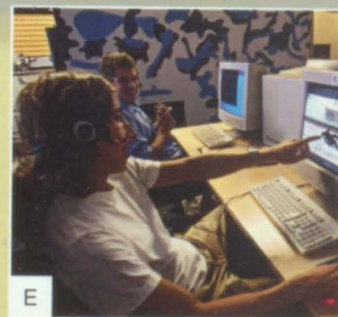
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E. Generation MySpace

Teens continued becoming more immersed in the internet. MySpace.com, an online social community geared toward young adults and musicians, became one of the fastest-growing websites on the internet. Just two years old, MySpace's membership approached 50 million users and began getting more hits than Google and AOL. Elsewhere, popular online encyclopedias like Wikipedia started to be viewed as viable reference tools, despite debates regarding its accuracy.



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Ocean researchers in Japan captured photos of a giant, 60-foot squid, thought to be one of the largest creatures in the sea.



Stem cell scientist Woo Suk Hwang was accused of fabricating lab results.



Clark, Texas, a suburb of Fort Worth, officially changed its name to Dish, Texas, in order to win 10 years of free satellite TV service from DISH Network.

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F. Lost World

Conservation groups on an expedition into the remote tropical jungles of Indonesia discovered dozens of new animal and plant species. The scientists reportedly found up to 20 new types of frogs and a species of tree kangaroo (pictured) that was previously thought to be extinct.

G. Park for free

Salt Lake City joined a growing list of American cities that began offering free metered downtown parking for more environmentally friendly vehicles. To qualify, cars needed to get at least 50 miles to the gallon or be a hybrid powered by an alternative fuel. Other cities that offered similar programs included Austin, Texas and New Haven, Conn.

H. Landmark surgery

Doctors in Miami successfully removed a 16-pound tumor from the face of Marlie Casseus, a 14-year-old Haitian girl suffering from a rare genetic disorder. Casseus was brought to the United States for the procedure after aid workers in Haiti discovered her case. Donations from all over the world helped Casseus' family pay the medical bills.



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I. Monkey business

A group of American scientists announced that they successfully decoded the DNA of the chimpanzee, considered the closest relative to humans in nature. By comparing the chimp DNA to human DNA, the doctors hoped to discover the roots of various diseases.



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What is your favorite website?

Myspace.com 25.7%

Google 11.5%

Xanga.com 5.7%

Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.



NASA launched the New Horizons probe, with a planned trip to explore the planet Pluto expected to take 10 years.



Due to high costs, Sony pulled the plug on Aibo, its robotic dog program.



Australian doctors Barry Marshall and Robin Warren won the Nobel Prize in Medicine for their break-through research on stomach ulcers.

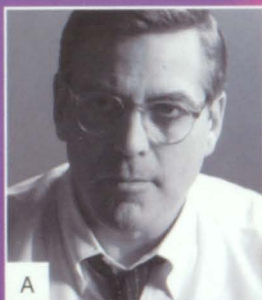
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A. By George, a great year

Already one of America's most popular movie stars, George Clooney added critical acclaim to his resume by earning two Oscar nominations. Clooney received a Best Supporting Actor nod for his role as a CIA spy in the thriller *Syriana*, and a Best Director nomination for the Edward R. Murrow biopic *Good Night, and Good Luck*, which also was nominated for Best Picture.

B. A slice of real life

The films honored with Best Picture Oscar nominations relied heavily on real events. *Munich* told the story of fallout from the terrorist attacks at the 1972 Olympics, *Good Night, and Good Luck* focused on 1950s TV journalist Edward R. Murrow, and *Capote* examined the life of famed writer Truman Capote. Other Best Picture nominees included *Brokeback Mountain* and *Crash*.



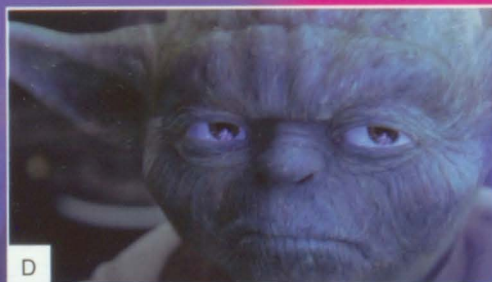
C. King of the mountain

An updated version of the classic tale of *King Kong* made it into theaters around New Year's. The big-budget, special effects blockbuster once again told the story of the giant ape discovered on a mysterious tropical island, who is brought to Depression-era New York as a sideshow act.



D. May the force be with you... always

The long-awaited final movie in the Star Wars saga, *Revenge of the Sith*, dominated the box office and became one of the highest grossing films of all-time, earning nearly \$400 million. Despite the critical and financial success of *Sith*, series creator George Lucas vowed the story was over and no more Star Wars movies would be made.



E. Not Lost on the audience

Lost, ABC's adventure series about a group of people stranded on a mysterious island after a plane crash, won Best Drama Series at the Emmy Awards and continued to attract nearly 20 million viewers each week.



Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon both got Oscar nominations for playing Johnny and June Carter Cash in *Walk the Line*.



Popular children's tale, *Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, was made into a hit movie.

What is your favorite type of music?

Rap/Hip-hop – 27.9%



Rock – 26.5%



Country – 15.8%



Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

You said it...



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F. Back in the spotlight

After her career seemed derailed due to a series of highly publicized emotional troubles, R&B singer Mariah Carey staged a huge comeback when her new album, *The Emancipation of Mimi*, ended up as the highest seller of the year. The record earned Carey three Grammy awards.

G. Can't get enough CSI

TV viewers continued to be infatuated with CBS' batch of crime dramas. *CSI* was still the most watched show on network TV. *CSI: Miami* and *CSI: New York* also drew huge ratings.



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H. 50 Cent worth millions

Rapper 50 Cent put out another hit album, with *The Massacre* selling more than 5 million copies. He also starred in the hit movie *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, which was loosely based on his life story.

I. Potter mania rampant again

Release of the sixth book in the popular Harry Potter series created quite a stir. *Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince* sold more than 10 million copies, and author J.K. Rowling stunned many readers by killing off one of the story's main characters. The latest Harry Potter movie (based on the fourth book), *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, ruled the box office in the fall.



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J. Familiar faces

Ratings showed that several familiar TV shows continued to be big hits with the young teen audience. *Gilmore Girls*, *The OC*, *Smallville* and *Veronica Mars* were among those that stayed popular.

K. Penguins everywhere

Documentary film *March of the Penguins* drew in nearly \$80 million at the box office, a previously unheard of figure for its genre. Critical praise and positive word of mouth helped the movie, which fascinated millions with its story about the mating rituals of penguins at the South Pole.

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Wedding Crashers was the comedy hit of the year, raking in more than \$200 million.



Gwen Stefani released her first solo album, which included number one hit song "Hollaback Girl."

L. Whole new idols

Carrie Underwood won the fourth season of musical reality TV show *American Idol*. By the spring, 24 new hopefuls were picked as finalists for the fifth season. Meanwhile, past winners Kelly Clarkson and Fantasia became the first Idol alums to earn Grammy nominations.

M. Womack wins

Straying away from the trend of pop-infused country music, Lee Ann Womack was rewarded with three wins at the CMA Awards. Womack's traditional country record, *There's More Where That Came From*, won Album of the Year and her ballad "I May Hate Myself in the Morning" won Song of the Year.

N. The first lady

So when will the U.S. have a female president? In the world of fictional TV, it happened this year. ABC's *Commander In Chief* cast Geena Davis in the role of the president, and the drama series became the highest-rated new show on the air.

O. Gone, but not forgotten

Famed American comedian Richard Pryor died after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. Other noteworthy entertainers to pass away included R&B singer Luther Vandross, actresses Anne Bancroft and Shelley Winters, and actor Pat Morita, the beloved Mr. Miyagi from *The Karate Kid* movies.

P. 8 is enough

On the 20th anniversary of his famous charity concert Live Aid, music producer Bob Geldof reprised the event by staging Live 8, a series of charity concerts that took place in eight countries during the first week of July. Estimates indicated that more than one million people attended and more than 1,000 musicians performed at Live 8.



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Green Day won five honors at the MTV Music Video Awards.



Shock jock Howard Stern jumped to satellite radio, signing a \$500 million deal with Sirius.

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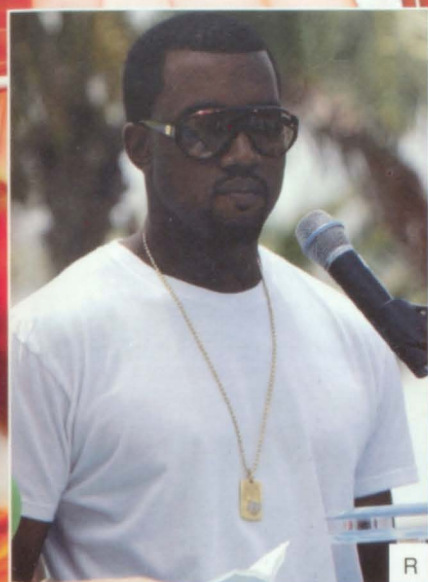
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Q. Good works rewarded

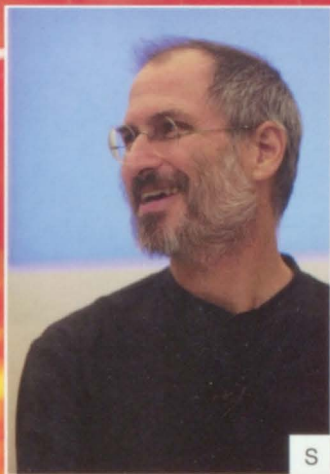
U2 lead singer Bono received another prestigious honor, but this one had nothing to do with his music. Bono, along with Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda, were chosen Persons of the Year by *Time* magazine for their global charitable efforts to fight poverty and disease.

R. Kanye keeps up

Controversial rapper Kanye West made headlines for his music, with his latest album *Late Registration* earning eight Grammy nominations, and for his mouth after he criticized President George W. Bush's handling of Hurricane Katrina.



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S. A new job with Disney

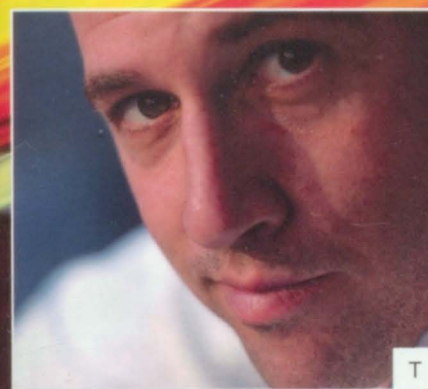
Steve Jobs, co-founder and CEO of Apple Computers, strengthened his status as a pop culture icon after his Pixar Animation Studios, the creator of popular computer animated movies like *The Incredibles* and *Toy Story*, agreed to a merger with longtime partner Walt Disney Pictures. In the process, Jobs became the largest shareholder in Disney.

T. A million questions

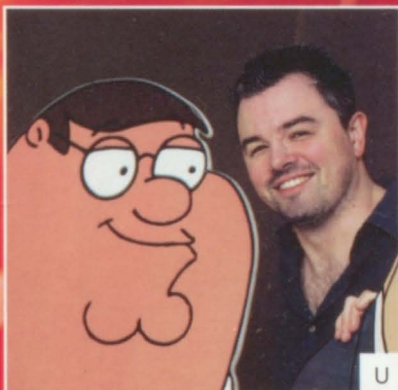
Author James Frey garnered critical acclaim for his best-selling self-help memoir *A Million Little Pieces*, which told the story of how he overcame a life of crime and drug addiction. However after much public scrutiny, Frey admitted that large portions of the book were exaggerated and embellished.

U. Back on the air

A grassroots fan movement, driven largely by DVD sales, prompted Fox to bring back animated comedy series *Family Guy*. The show, centered on the wild antics of an off-the-wall Rhode Island family, a diabolical one-year old baby and their talking dog, had been cancelled by Fox in 2002.



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Popular *Newlyweds* Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey called it quits.



Oprah Winfrey celebrated the 20th anniversary of her popular daytime talk show.



Five movies starring 11-year old actress Dakota Fanning were released, including *War of the Worlds*.

What is your favorite TV show?

Family Guy 9.5%



Laguna Beach 7.1%



The O.C. 4.7%



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When Apple Computers developed the latest generation of its popular iPod digital music player, users were thrilled to find they could now download video files. In the first three weeks of the new service, iPod users bought more than one million video podcasts.

Box office numbers were down and movie theaters sold fewer tickets, but many industry analysts said the decline was due to the growing number of people with high-tech home theaters simply choosing to wait a few months for films to go to DVD.

While some analysts think poker peaked in popularity, the card game remained a pastime, with some teens holding supervised games at home and watching tournaments on television. Some adults spoke out against teens playing poker, since it is gambling.

Downloadable digital music continued to drastically alter the recording industry. Studies showed that the sales of CDs and albums were down eight percent over the previous year, while sales of digital singles increased 150 percent.

It's not just fun and games. More colleges began offering courses and degrees related to video games as the industry becomes serious business. The colleges are feeding a demand for skilled developers and technicians.

A study showed that half of all teens and 57 percent of teens who use the internet have created a blog or website or posted something online. The study by Pew Internet and American Life Project was conducted to look at falling newspaper readership.

For dressing up this year, shrugs and gauchos were the rage for girls of all ages, while other students who wanted to dress down did not even bother with regular clothes – they just wore their PJs to school.



Do you own an iPod or other similar MP3 player for downloadable music and video?



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