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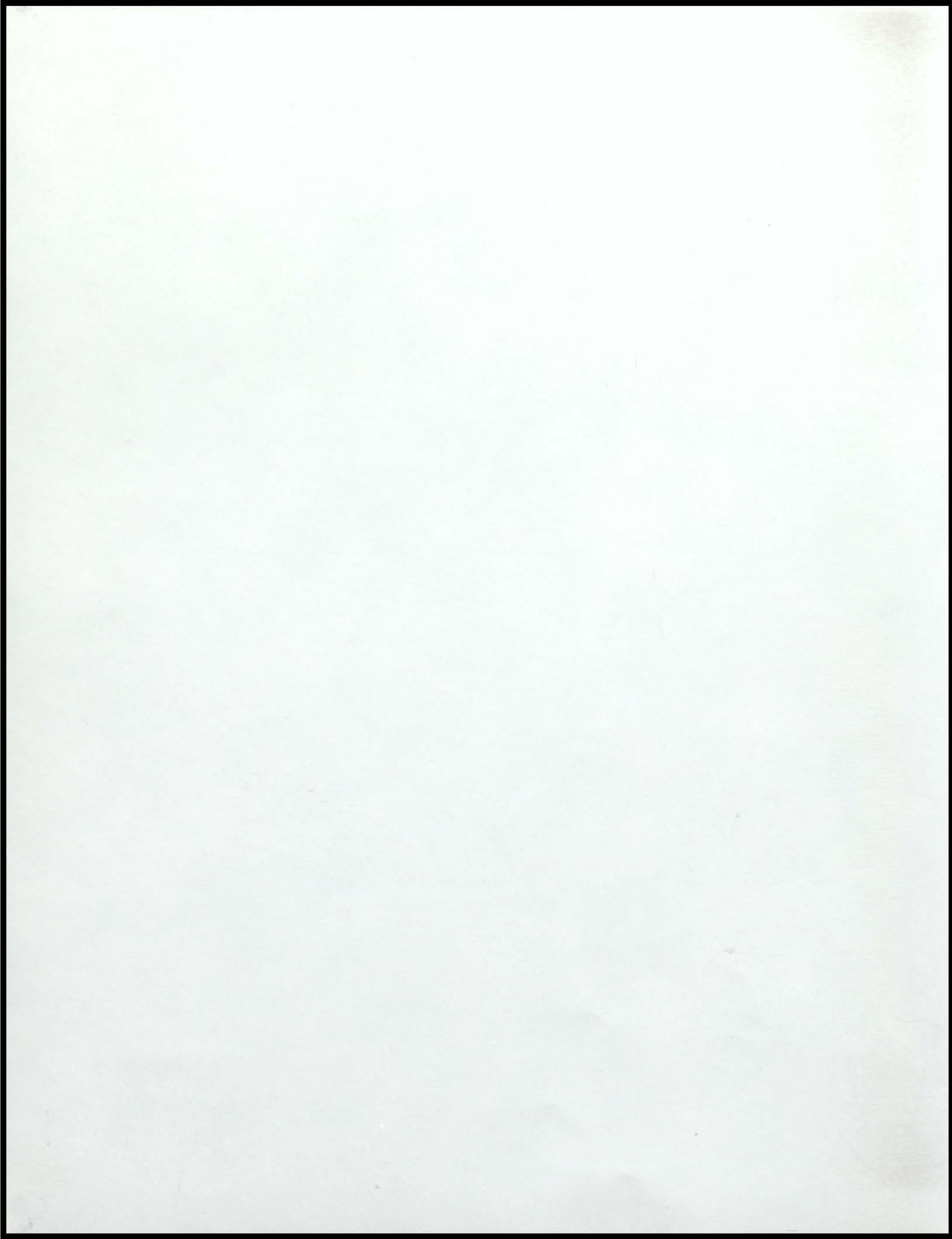
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2001

Dondero
High
School

709 North
Washington
Royal Oak, MI
48067

896 Students
Enrolled

Est. 1927

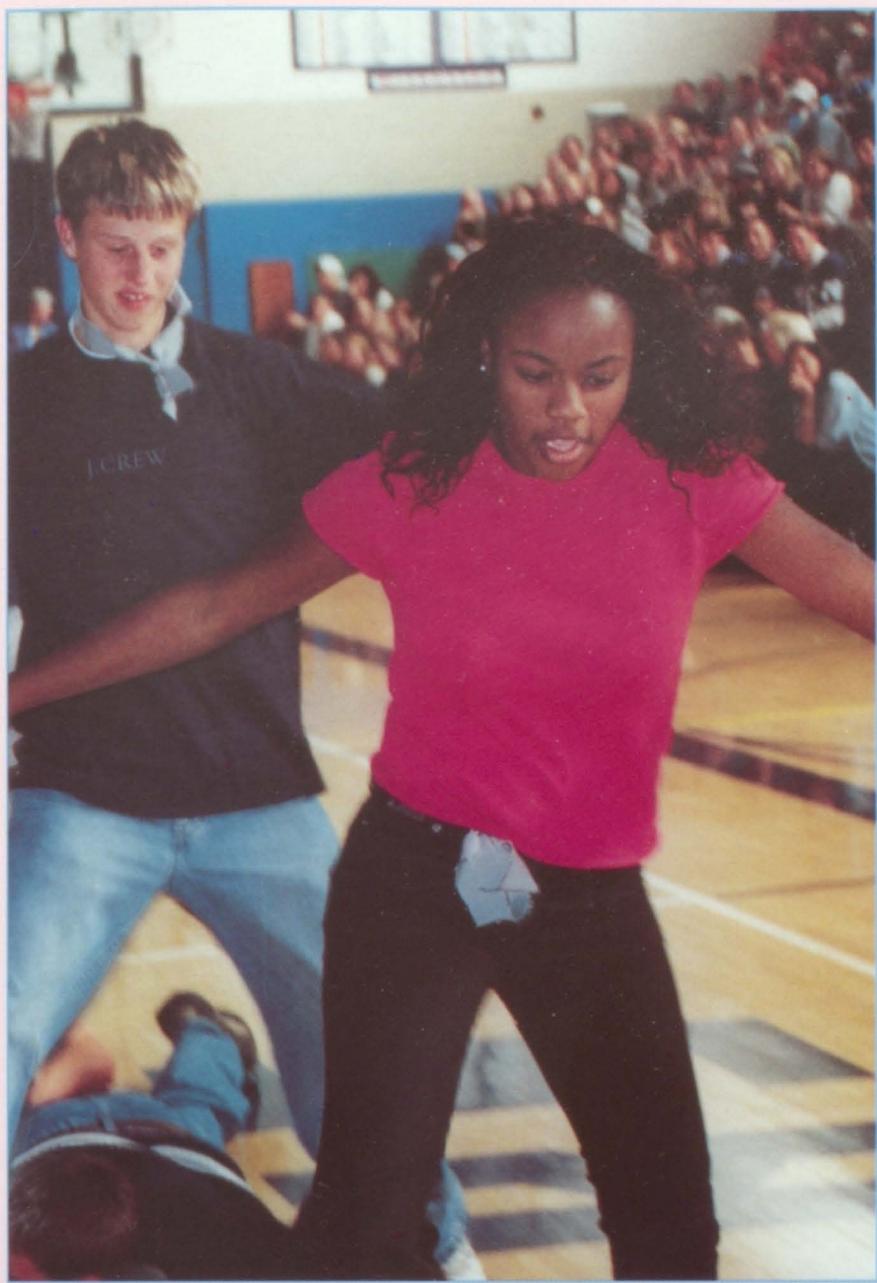
The new commons and pool area were added in a few years ago, the hallways have been repainted and twice re-carpeted between '99 and '98, and Dondero adopted also Dr. Gerald LeCureux as a new principal in '99; it is time to reap the benefits. Dondero's atmosphere changed from a dingy school to a contemporary nice place to be. In the midst of the many physical changes the Dondero staff set a goal that there would be an emphasis on respect within the student body and also between students and teachers. Numerous projects had been undertaken to reach these goals including the development of a respect code and the institution of a responsibility room. Things such as Dr. LeCureux's position at the south entrance every morning, the respect code being posted in every classroom and a larger focus on relationship building skills by the teachers, Dondero students have become more easy to reach. Students do not find themselves dreading having to sit through six hours of classes, because the classes are fun. In the first marking period of '01, 53% of the students were named to the honor roll (that is more than half of the student body), and behavior referrals are down 29% from this time last year. Teachers have found a way to connect with students more often and more personally then they had before, and the outcome was a classroom that is more relaxed, making it easier for students to learn.

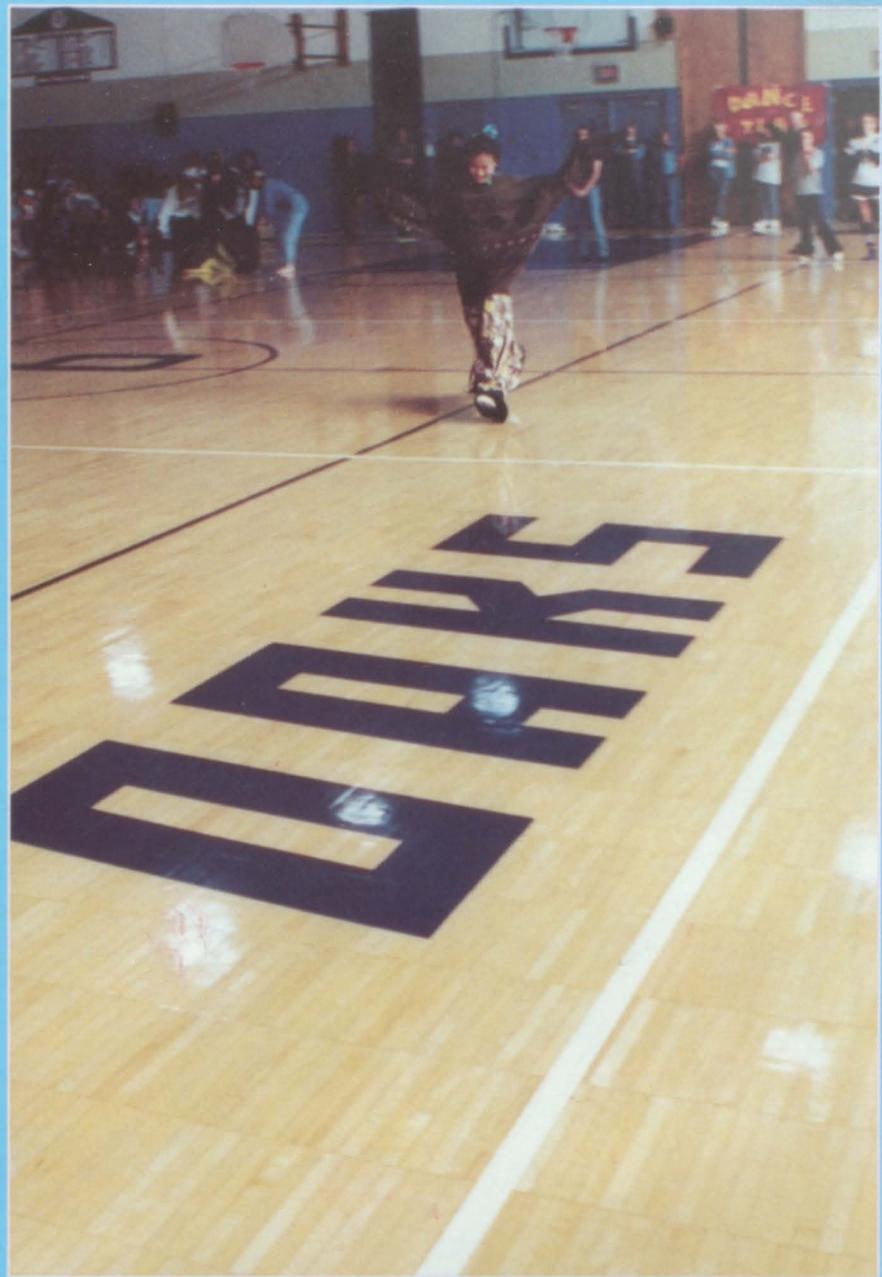
Through The...

Bottom Right: Senior Jon Tarlo sits through his fourth year of math class. Even though students are only required to have two math credits, many of us work for four credits because colleges are getting more demanding for required classes.

Near Right: Seniors Shayla Humphreys and Eric Davis bounce through the "human caterpillar." It was one of the many activities senate created for the students to participate in, which the seniors won.

Far Right: Junior Heather Snyder and her out of school date, take a step back from the dancing and socializing that's expected of students at Homecoming for a moment dedicated to themselves.





When we come to Dondero as freshman we see lots of new images and ideas, but what do they mean? The hundreds of people that drive by 709 North Washington everyday just see a school. It is just another one of the buildings that people see all day long. Those hundreds don't understand the images and ideas at all, and some freshman may not either, at first. Eventually students will realize that the acorns and oak leaves cemented onto the entrances of the school represent the growing that students do. We come in as children, young acorns. Then after four years of hard work and some major time spent staring at the looking glass and reflecting on our accomplishments and what we are going to do with the rest of our lives, we leave as adults, mighty oaks, ready to face the challenges of the world. We have to learn to take the concepts of the real world taught to us by our teachers and apply them to our own lives. Some may grasp it earlier than others, but that is just because they have attained the looking glass. Something arose in them one day and they began to take a look at their whole life through that looking glass, and began to look at what they have done, and what they can do. We will all be ready to leave Dondero with an education. We enter here to learn, and once we have learned, we go forth to serve.

Looking Glass

Near Left: Junior Dama Chunn starts off the student team for the "dress-up relay." The students competed in this game against the teachers, and of course, they won.

Far Left: Phil Lewan stands prepared before the Homecoming parade.

Bottom Left: A sight familiar to all students.....

Looking *At*

When we all come back to our ten or twenty year reunion what are we going to think about? The teachers? No. The classes? No. The school itself? No. Final projects? No. G.P.A.? No. We are going to remember the people, the students, our peers, our best friends, our groups. We are going to remember all of the people whom we once loved so much that we felt that we had to check in with them on a daily basis with a simple, "Hi. How are you?" just to keep track of each other's lives. The people make our day. We have our classes, our grades and our favorite teachers, what makes Dondero what it is, though, is the people who are here to learn.

Some of the people have been around since elementary school, some of them we befriended in junior high, some of them we clung to freshman year, and some of them we finally opened up to senior year. No matter when they came around, though, there was an instantaneous need to value them, to say "hello" to them everyday, to make specific note of when they were not around, to ask them if they are okay when they look a little off balance, to help with problems and to love, even if on just a casual acquaintance level. They were what made us value our days of school, all of the seven hundred and twenty days that we are required to be here. So let's look at the faces that accompanied us through them all.



Faces...

People



Eva Alton



Jeremy Angerer



Timothy S. Balla



Rachel A. Banwarth



Brandon M. Barber



Kari A. Barr



Samuel W. Beaubien



Kevin J. Beck



Kasey J. Bell



April M. Benson



Kristen N. Bentley



Michelle A. Boiteau



Teren L. Bouladian



Loren M. Brinkman



Jenny M. Brown



Timothy P. Brown



Jason R. Bryan



Pamela M. Buszek



Ryan A. Butash



Krysta Butler



Paul D. Caddy



Melissa A. Carafelly



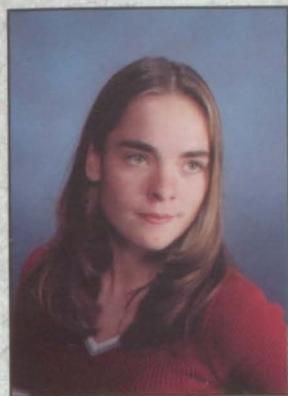
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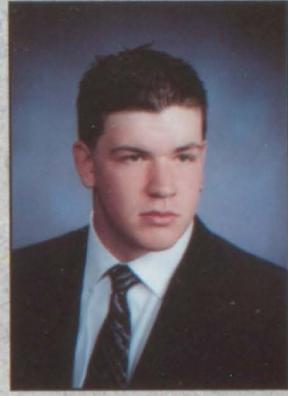
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Joshua R. Corbin



Rebecca J. Cormier



Scott W. Costigan



Isaac M. Coury



Rachel M. Cummings



Eric M. Davis



James R. Dixon



Megan E. Donavan



Emily A. Dressler



Zachary J. Dunaj-ring



Lindsey M. Edgar



Nicholas R. Eichhorn



Bradley R. Elliott



Candice M. Engel



Andrew A. Englehart



Daniel C. Erickson



Jane C. Fader



Laura B. Farms



Jon C. Feinauer



Clifford L. Finney



Melanie E. Flynn



Andrew M. Foster



Jennifer Franke



Victoria A. Gackstetter



Mark E. Garman



Jennifer L. Gates



Kerry M. Gerdes



Crystal M. Gheldorf



Frank T. Giorlando



Ryan J. Gleason



Amanda L. Gniewek



Justin A. Goboly



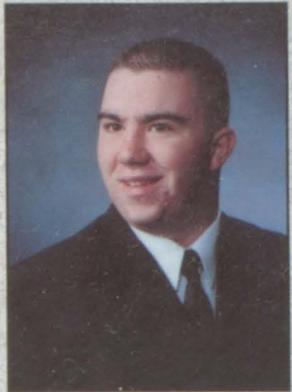
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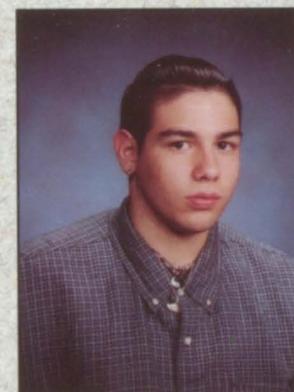
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Heather R. Hawkins



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Carlos B. Hernandez



Jennifer L. Herrick



Sarah J. Herzberg



Abby A. Hetu



Kathleen R. Hornbacher



Paul C. Hubbarth



Shayla I. Humphrey



Maureen L. Hyde



Kyle E. Irving



Andrew L. Jacobs



Andrew S. Janik



Holly M. Jones



Krista J. Kaiser



David A. Kaminskas



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Lindsay M. Kennedy



Katie M. Kidder



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Katherine M. Lamb



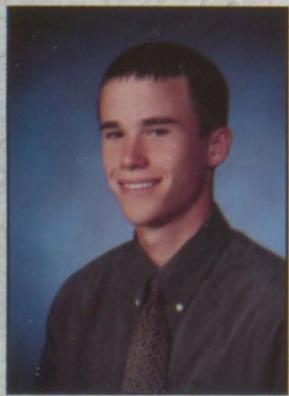
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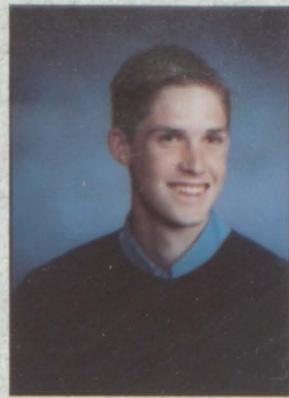
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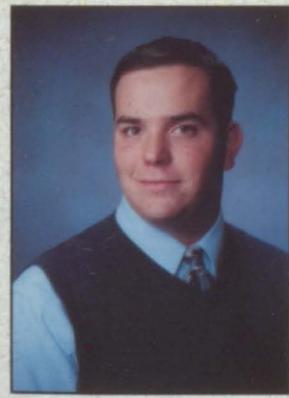
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Whitney M. Rankin



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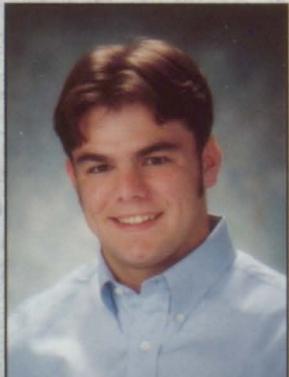
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Christopher A. Sheridan



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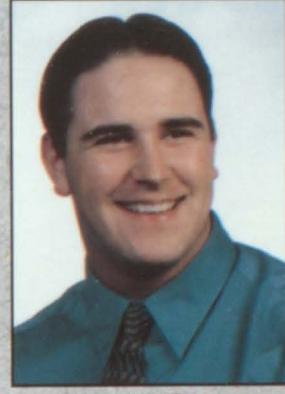
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Kimberley D. Terry



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Samantha L. Thornton



Holly M. Topolewski



Melanie M. Turner



Robert W. Tyner



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Tamar A. Visnaw



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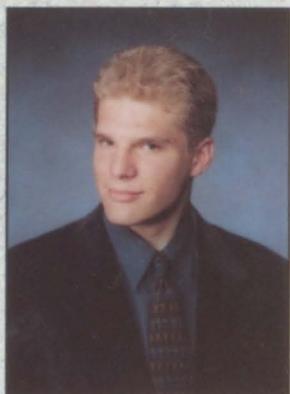
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SENIOR QUOTES

"Little girls have big dreams too." - Emily Dressler "Enjoy life, there's plenty of time to be dead!" - Anne Cristophersen "I may be the visual expression of the inner soul of it's creator." - Jeff Williams "I have no clue." - Brad Voorhees "Phada Pride." - nobody." - Megan Llamas "...days til Spring Break." - Eric Gardner "The fish don't fry in the kitchen, the beans don't - Jenny Herrick "I'm a sucker for corn rows, and manicured toes." - Nate Grover "Nate took my line." - Andy fun things twice." - Deanna Miller "You never know when a kind smile or pat on the back will pull follow my vision and dance in the sun. All my vessel constrictors, they come slowly undone. Can't

*the power at your command...cause there's always tomorrow." - Nicole Sulinski "I got
win. Then it is." - Andrew Foster "Zicke Zacke Zicke Zacke Heu Heu Heu." -
"Say it loud now..." -April Benson "Remember what Ol' Dirty*

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Rachel Cummings "It's the ones that you can

ori Sharpe "Lindsay, Heat

Kim Terry "Consequences"

Bunash "Both tears and sweat are salty, but render a different result. Tears will get you sympathy, sweat will get you change."

"da boogi in da ear" - Kasey Bell "You win one you lose all." - Brandy Stanton "WHALIN'!!!" - Ben Webster "Life without art is stupid; art

You Know You Are A Senior WHEN...

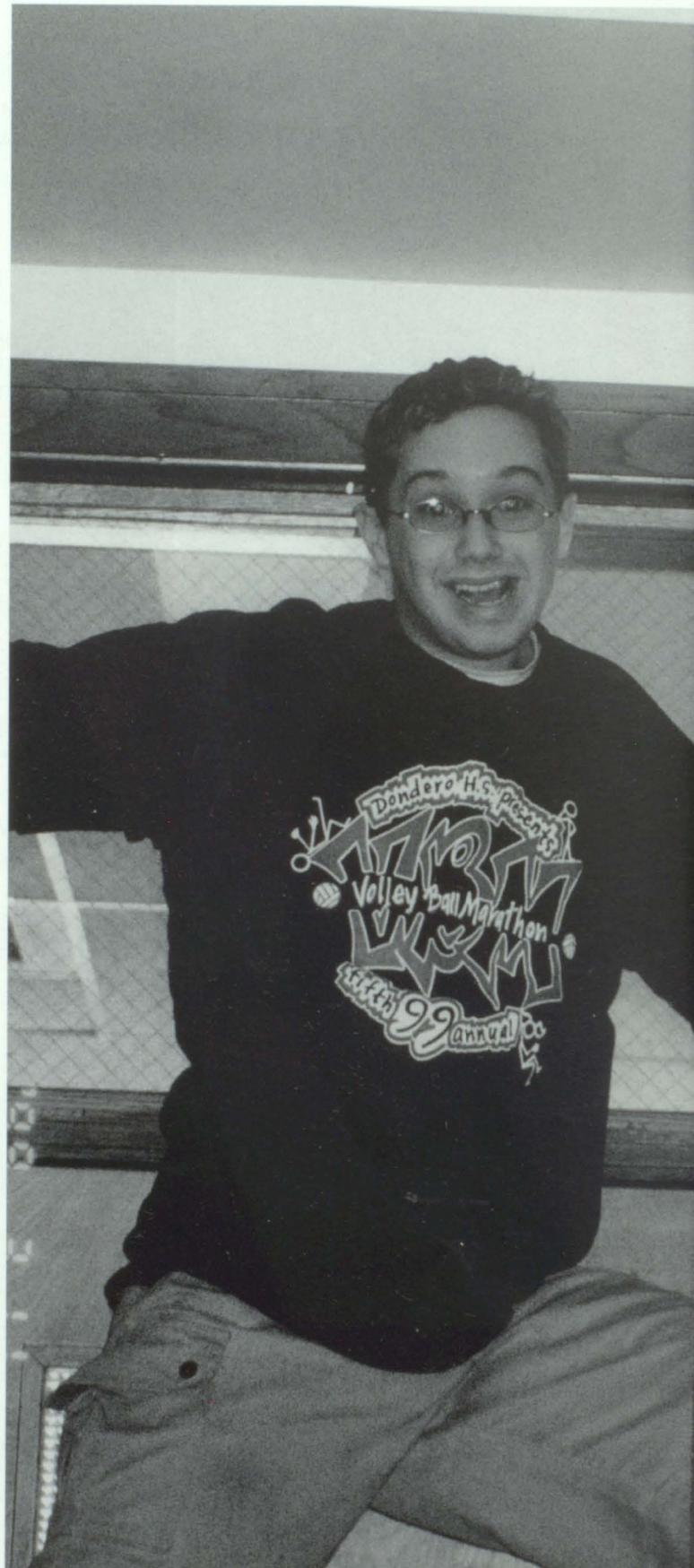
It was 7:00 on a Monday morning. You woke up and realized that tonight was the last band rehearsal before the big Homecoming game, the next day you had a meeting with MSU, after school you had errands to run for Senate, not to mention a huge test in Physics to study for. Before you started freaking out, you remembered that this was your last chance to take part in school activities before leaving high school.

All the little things that you took for granted began to become important because you realized that you are no longer going to be a high school student. Things that you did for the past three years that seemed insignificant suddenly had a greater meaning to you. Going out to lunch with other students became more valuable because you realized that you might not see these people after graduation.

When Amanda Gniewek looked at the "Seniors Rule" sign by the football field she said, "Looking at that makes me feel like a senior." It is funny how the little things that you saw everyday suddenly have more importance to you. You started off as a freshman, when everything was new to you. Going

through the years you learned many things that can only be learned from high school. You learned about relationships, the hardships friendships bring, and how to keep your cool in certain situations. All throughout the four years of high school, the roots of your basic knowledge have been developed. Everything that was once routine, you suddenly began to see in a different light. You discovered that your friends would not be there everyday to hear about your bad experiences. You knew your teacher was not going to be there to help you with your problems after school, because they would have other students by the time you graduated. The friends that you made over the past eleven years were going to be gone, some of them to never be seen again. You took your last days a little more to heart because you knew that after graduation everything was going to be different. Whether you go onto college, the army, work, or whatever your choice may be you will always remember high school and all the things that came with it.

By: Michelle Hurd



Q. DO YOU GET MORE ATTENTION AS A SENIOR?

"Yes, you are noticed and you know the most in the school."
Holly Jones '01

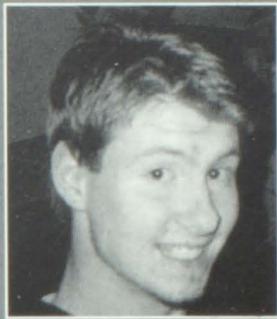
"Ya! I am Big Time."
Andrew Janik '01

Q. WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT DONDERO HIGH SCHOOL?

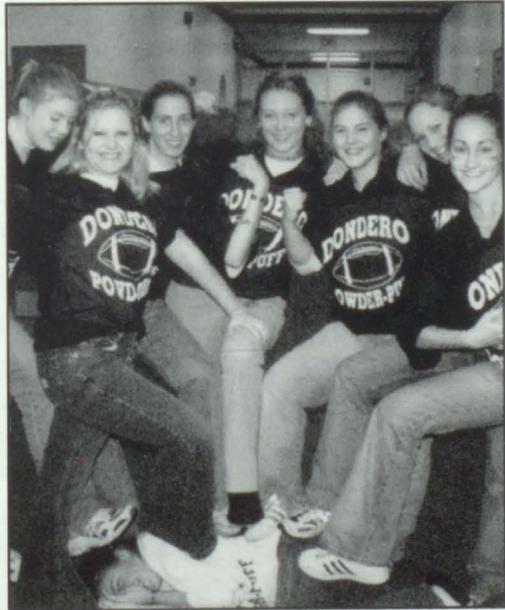


Making varsity swimming and varsity softball my freshman year.
Stacy Meitzner '01

"When I accidentally killed a goldfish in Ms. Calkins' biology class and blamed it on Frank Giorlando. Frank's parents had to have a conference with Ms. Calkins."
Mark Garman '01



"Eating lunch with the same people every weekday for the past four years."
Tim Laster '01



Q. HOW HAVE YOU FELT ABOUT THE STUDENT-TEACHER CONNECTION?

"The teachers here are wicked dope phat like whoa. They really know how to rock it out."
Paul Hubbarth '01



"There are many teachers that I can talk to very easily. What's up, Mr. Drilich!"
Kim Terry '01

Top Left: Cassandra Pauck, Heather Hawkins, and Rachel Banworth cheer on the Oaks at a home football game.

Near Left: The senior Powder Puff team towers over the enemy (the junior class) represented by junior Jessica Olsinski.

Far Left: Ryan Butash is at the top of his class. We have to wonder how he got there?

THE WAY...

Elementary school. A time of cooties, tapered pants, and skating at Ambassador. Recess was the most important thing on our minds; therefore, each class made sure to keep the best of behavior. The girls would play M. A. S. H. (mansion, apartment, shack or house) and then have long talks about their crushes during sleepovers, and the boys would hurry home to play Super Mario Bros. and Duck Hunt. Friendships were being formed that would end up lasting all through their school careers. From first to fifth grade, all they yearned for was to be in sixth grade. They admired the sixth graders, the whole time with a glow in their eyes

that they would be the ones that were looked up to. They didn't see then the responsibilities that were brought with that high status. Sixth grade meant that we were the biggest and baddest in the school, but it also entitled being a role model for the younger students. The sixth grade graduating classes of 1995 had no idea what was in store for them in the future. Their bright and shining faces gave a brief glimpse into the people they would soon become. The class of 2001 has lived up to every bit of their potential. They have exceeded the expectations of their peers, and have gone far above and beyond in every aspect of their lives.

By: Sara Brown and Michelle Hurd



Pictured from top to bottom are the 1994-95 sixth grade classes of Oakland and Whitter elementary schools.

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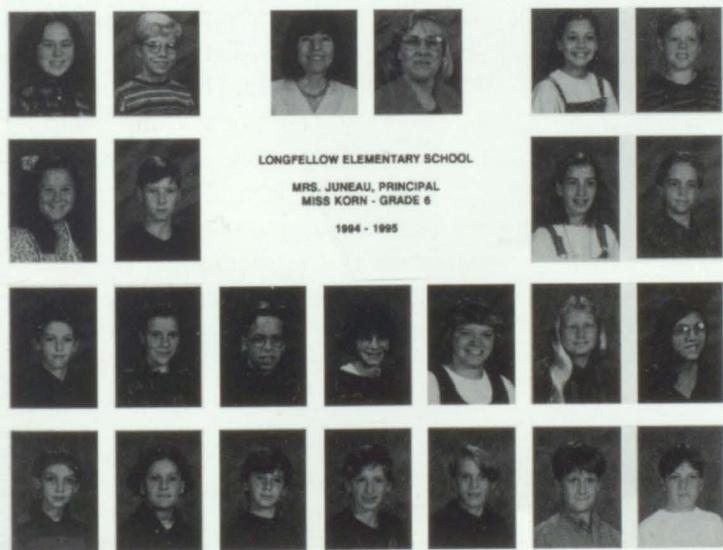
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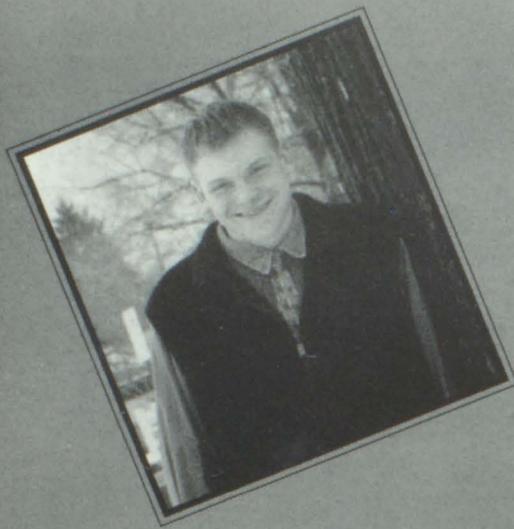
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...THEY WERE.



Pictured from top to bottom are the 1994-95 sixth grade classes of Whitter and Longfellow elementary schools.

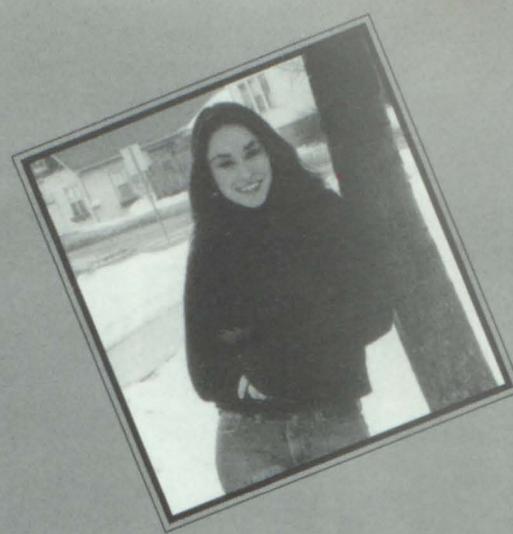




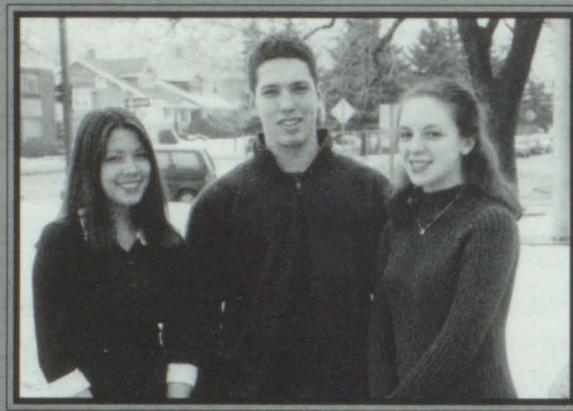
Below: For the four years that I have known Ian Prukner, I have seen him grow and develop as a person and as a musician. He continually exhibits superior behavior, attendance and musicianship- both as a singer and as an instrumentalist. He has contributed greatly as a musician and officer in the A Cappella Choir, and his advanced talents have qualified him for membership in our Musical Minority. By: Rick Hartsell

Katherine Lamb is someone who personifies persistence. As a student, she is committed and hardworking at all times. Katie often encourages her fellow section members by routing them on through tough passages. Her diligence and excellence are not only restricted to her own personal interests, but are also representative of her attitude toward her classmates and program. By: Bill Milicevic

Melanie Flynn has been a great help this year. She showed great leadership as Color Guard Captain for Marching Band. She is an excellent musician. Melanie's leadership and beautiful flute playing will take her far when she goes to school in the fall pursuing a music performance degree. By: Tim Foreman



Above: Andrew Englehart has taken ten semesters of the most challenging science courses and has maintained an A average. Besides his obvious academic prowess, his refreshing attitude, effort, and school involvement make him a model student and a pleasure to know. He has elevated the overall academic atmosphere in the classroom and raised the level of enthusiasm. By: Ken Weiss



Above: Kathleen Hornbacher is a very talented young artist. She is able to respond to the requirements of any art challenge by expanding and pushing the boundaries in all ways to develop and produce original art work. Katy's work reflects a very personal style which incorporates a sensitivity for the use of texture, color, and movement. She also excels as a leader both in and outside of the art program. Katy displays excellence in her art abilities and demonstrates leadership qualities daily. She is truly an Outstanding Senior! By: Martha Shrode

OUTSTANDING

Below: Benjamin Webster has entertained the Royal Oak community over these past years with his acting and antics! Being in every show since his freshman year, Ben leaves us playing one of the principle roles in this year's musical, *Guys and Dolls*. Aside from being extremely active in our drama productions, Ben has demonstrated and modeled diligence, commitment, and excellence in theatre. Ben's leadership in these areas serves as an incredible example to other Drama Club members. We wish Ben well in his endeavors for the future! Thanks Ben; it's been a great run! By: Leslie Whalin



Below: Megan Lamas is the outstanding senior in mathematics. In a class of high achievers, she has consistently stood out as the best and brightest. She has gone above and beyond the rigors of the honors class and continuously challenged herself outside of the classroom. Megan's dedication and displays of teamwork often ensures completion of tasks that others on their own may not be so motivated to see to an end. Megan's excellence in the classroom and love of mathematics have not only made her the outstanding senior, but more importantly have laid the foundation for many future successes. By: Christine Reeves



Above (l. to r.): Ryan Shipman thinks with passion... writes with conviction ... and leads with vision. As ACORN Editor-in-Chief, he is responsible for planning and implementing the publication process, as well as guiding 26 staff members in their efforts as writers. Ryan's leadership inspires staff members to believe in the power of words to teach... to reveal the truth... to unravel mysteries... to cause change. The end results? A thoughtful and engaging newsmagazine and a young man who distinguishes himself as a leader. By: Ann Maudlin

Cara Carrithers began working on and planning for Genesis in the Fall of 2000, even though we officially start working in January 2001. She is an excellent writer and cares very much about all of the creative arts. She is a wonderful addition to the Genesis Staff! By: Mia Gutierrez

Robin Cooper is nothing less than an outstanding editor of OAK. While Robin has the drive, dedication, and heart to produce the entire yearbook herself, she does an excellent job in leading her staff to assist her in carrying out her great ideas. Robin shows commitment in creating our yearbook, and patience and understanding with her staff. Her kindness and honesty have earned her love and respect from her peers and adviser, and she will be greatly missed. And no, Robin, I'm not lying! By: Jennifer Kocis



Below: **Emily Gandolfi** has proven to be an outstanding senior in all aspects of the social studies. Emily has taken the most demanding courses offered in the social studies and consistently maintained an exemplary grade point average. When a course did not exist in our current curriculum, Emily worked to create her own. Emily is a stellar student in the classroom always prepared to engage in conversations, debate an issue, or better help her fellow classmates understand concepts or issues. Emily is truly an academic leader. By: Jennifer Vick



Below(l. to r.): Knowing **Jennifer Tello, Gregory Carlson** and **Amina Ahmed**, you realize it is a three way tie for outstanding Business/Marketing Student. They are energetic, enthusiastic, and team members. They are assets to the Dondero Family. By: Nanci Marek



Above (l to r): **Megan Llamas** began her German studies three years ago. Since then she has proven herself not only as a bright and studious student of German, but as a responsible and mature young woman. Megan has consistently been at the top of her class due to her conscientious attitude and devotion to the language. Megan is very deserving of the title of Outstanding Senior of German. By: Monty Weathers

Sam Stocker has taken Spanish for four years. He is a very enthusiastic, intelligent, conscientious, and dedicated student. He has earned all A's in Spanish and has always been a great role model for other students. He has been a joy to have in class. *Buena suerte Sam y te deseo todo lo mejor pues te lo mereces.* By: Bertha Arribas

Corinne Sharpe has been a very good student in French during her four years at Dondero. Cori has a real passion for learning French and practices speaking the language inside and outside of school. As my student assistant this semester, she has been very helpful to some of my 2nd year students. Cori is a unique student of French and is very deserving of this special recognition. I have not had many students like her during my many years of teaching French and will always remember her. By: Martha Sauer



SENIORS



Above: As a student and a person, **April Benson** is a wonderous flower, drawing with great sensitivity and strength all the nutrients in the soil around her. She fears no storm (nor book), no dry earth (nor assignment) no book (nor author). Like a violet, her gentle demeanor and countenance quietly yet boldly enhance her surroundings. Her desire and willingness to learn, her sharp intelligence, and her positive nature, like a violet set in a bouquet of carnations, clearly distinguish her from other fine students of English. By: Perry Cicchini

Above (clockwise): **Kathleen Hornbacher** is creative, talented, intelligent, and resourceful. She has had a significant impact on Senate and Dondero as well.

Jennifer Herrick, as a student, has made her education her number one priority; as a learner, she has proven herself intelligent, focused, and determined; as a leader, she has gained the respect of her peers and teachers alike.

Emily Dressler's organizational skills, commitment, and sensitivity are three of her stronger assets, and part of the reason why Senate has had two terrific years.

Jenny Brown has been both a pleasure and a privilege to work with! She has made my life that much easier as adviser of Senate and will be greatly missed.

Krista Kaiser (not pictured): it has been a privilege watching her develop her social and leadership skills these past four years. She truly has become a remarkable young lady. By: Larry Streeter

SENIORS



"Wherever we are, it is but a stage on the way to somewhere else...." -Robert Louis Stevenson

CLASS FAVORITES

Flower: Rose
Color: Blue
Radio Station: 89X
Soda Pop: Mountain Dew
Song: "Time of Your Life" by Green Day
Restaurant: Hooters
Mascot: Gar Man
Motto: You win some, you lose some.
Web Site: www.napster.com

CLASS OFFICERS

President:
Andrew Janik

Vice President:
Corey Nimety

Treasurer:
Corrie Chansler

Secretary:
Jessica Harrington

Above left: Cori Levasseur looks ready to take on the junior girls as she helps her class win in the tug-of-war at the pep assembly. Above middle: The Senior Powder Puff girls teamed together and came out on top in the game. Here, they smile for their last team effort. Above right: Senior class officers (l to r) Corrie Chansler, Corey Nimety, Andrew Janik, and Jessica Harrington take time out of their vigorous schedule to flash us a quick smile. Looks like they're happy to be taking this break. Right: This year's senior float theme of Peter Pan hovered over the city. Their hard work and time spent really paid off.

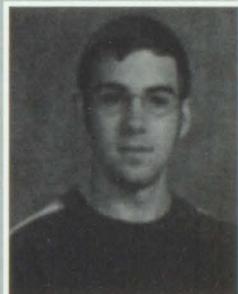




Left: (top to bottom) This pyramid of seniors includes Jennifer Herrick, Jessie Knapp and Megan Llamas. These girls have been friends throughout high school and still have a great time together. Below: The senior senators have been working together for four years to help better our school. Their hard work and dedication has greatly shown all over Dondero. The efforts of this group of seniors will be hard to match.

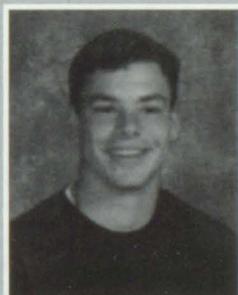


Q: WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN TEN YEARS?



"Hopefully I will have a family and be successful in my career. I want to teach choir, maybe here at Dondero."
Bradley Elliot - '01

"I probably will have just finished school. I want to be married, maybe have one kid, and become a nice family with my husband and other kids later.
Jennifer Franke - '01



"In ten years, I will have started a family with one or two kids. Then I hope to move to Rome and pursue my career there."
Samuel Stocker - '01

JOLTING JUNIORS

Wow! It's been three years already? On the first day back to school, junior year, many are thinking about that. It seems as though just yesterday we were just beginning the journey that we once saw as an impossible task. It's still hard to grasp the fact that next year we will have completed high school, and we will be on our way to beginning a new life, may it be college or whatever path is chosen. Before we can really begin thinking about what's in store for the future, we must get through this long junior year. This is the most imperative and difficult year because we have to start thinking about what we want to do with our future. At the same time, we still want to have fun, and not have to deal with the responsibilities that come with completing high school. Even though the temptation of slacking off is great, we must resist and keep on working. When senior year comes, we'll realize that all our hard work paid off. By: Michelle Hurd

Right: Adam Hobart works with a smile on his face as he efficiently finishes his work. Looks like he's ready to jump into his senior year.



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Julia Adkins

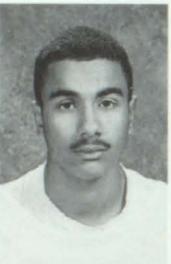
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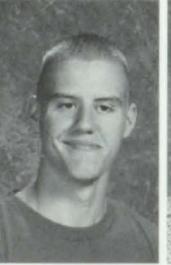
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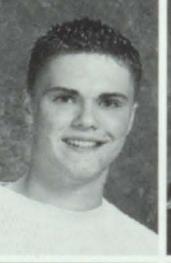
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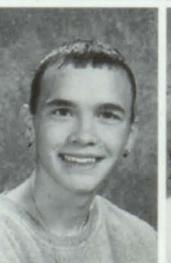
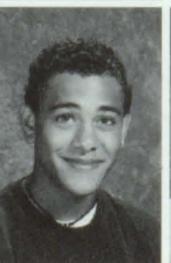
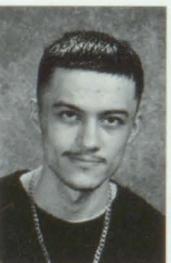
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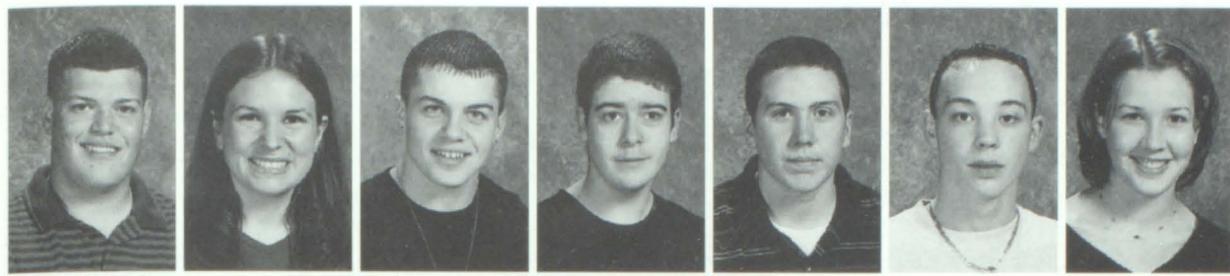
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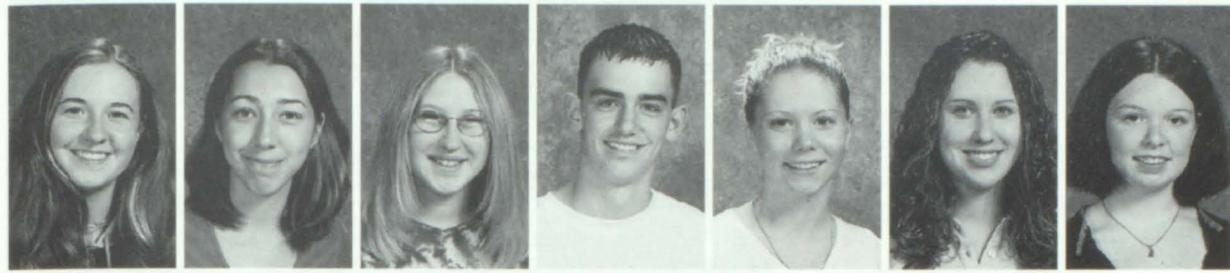
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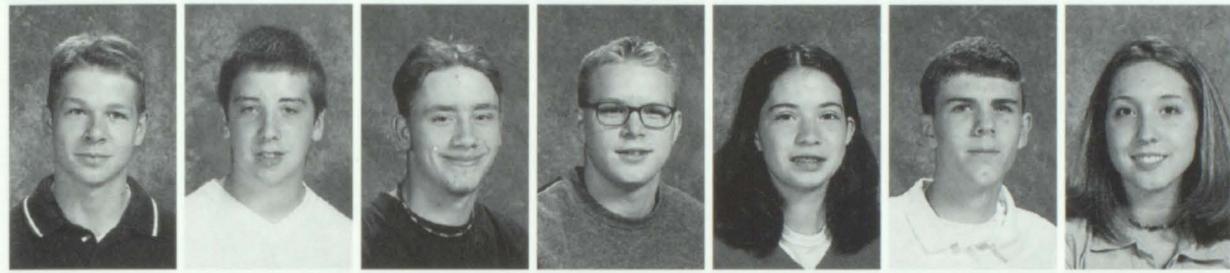
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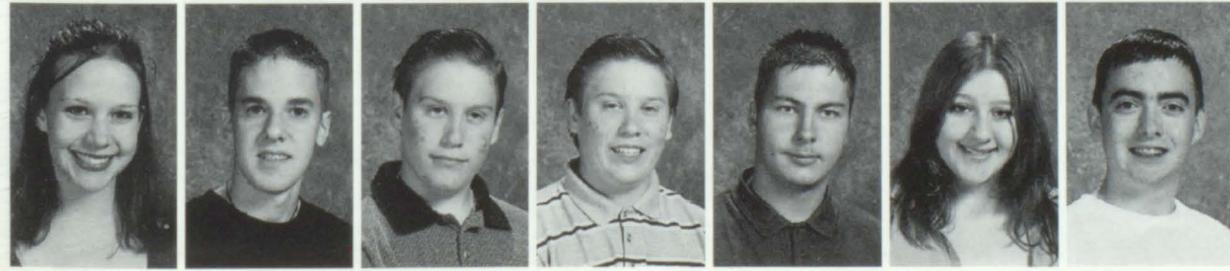
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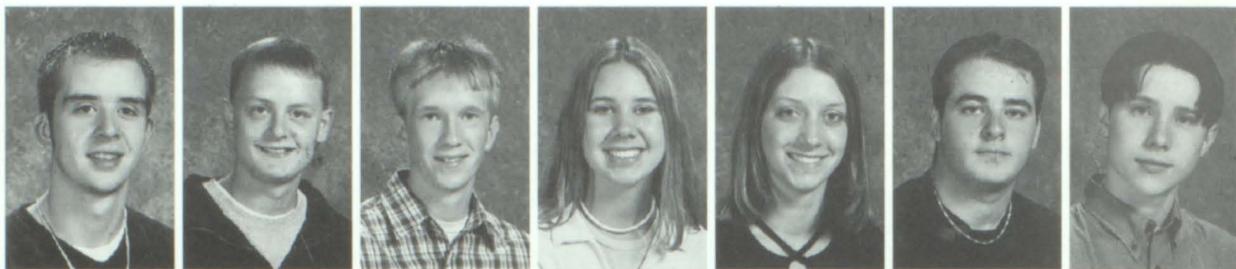


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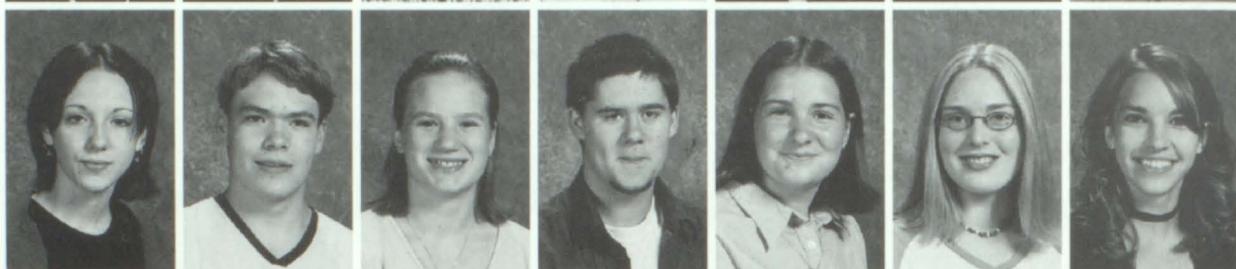


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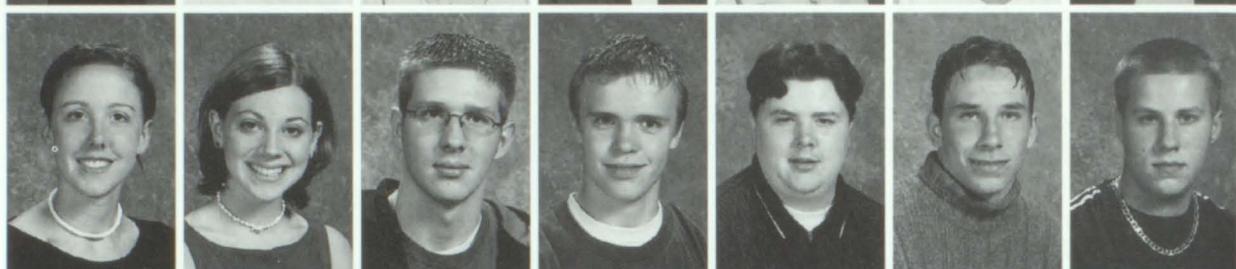
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John Karabelski
Sarah Kendall
Andrea Kendziorski
Alexandra Kerrigan



Megan Kimmerle
Rebecca Kipp
Daniel Kirkman
Matthew Klaver
James Kling
Joseph Koehler
Ryan Kolodziejski



Chad Kozloski
Jessica Laga
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Joseph Layde
Christopher Leasia
Melissa Leaym
Andrea Lentz



Glen Linson
Tara Loyselle
William Luketich
Danielle Manderachia
Saleh Mansour
Samira Mansour
James Martin



Daniel Maurer
Nicholas Maurice
Taylor McMahon
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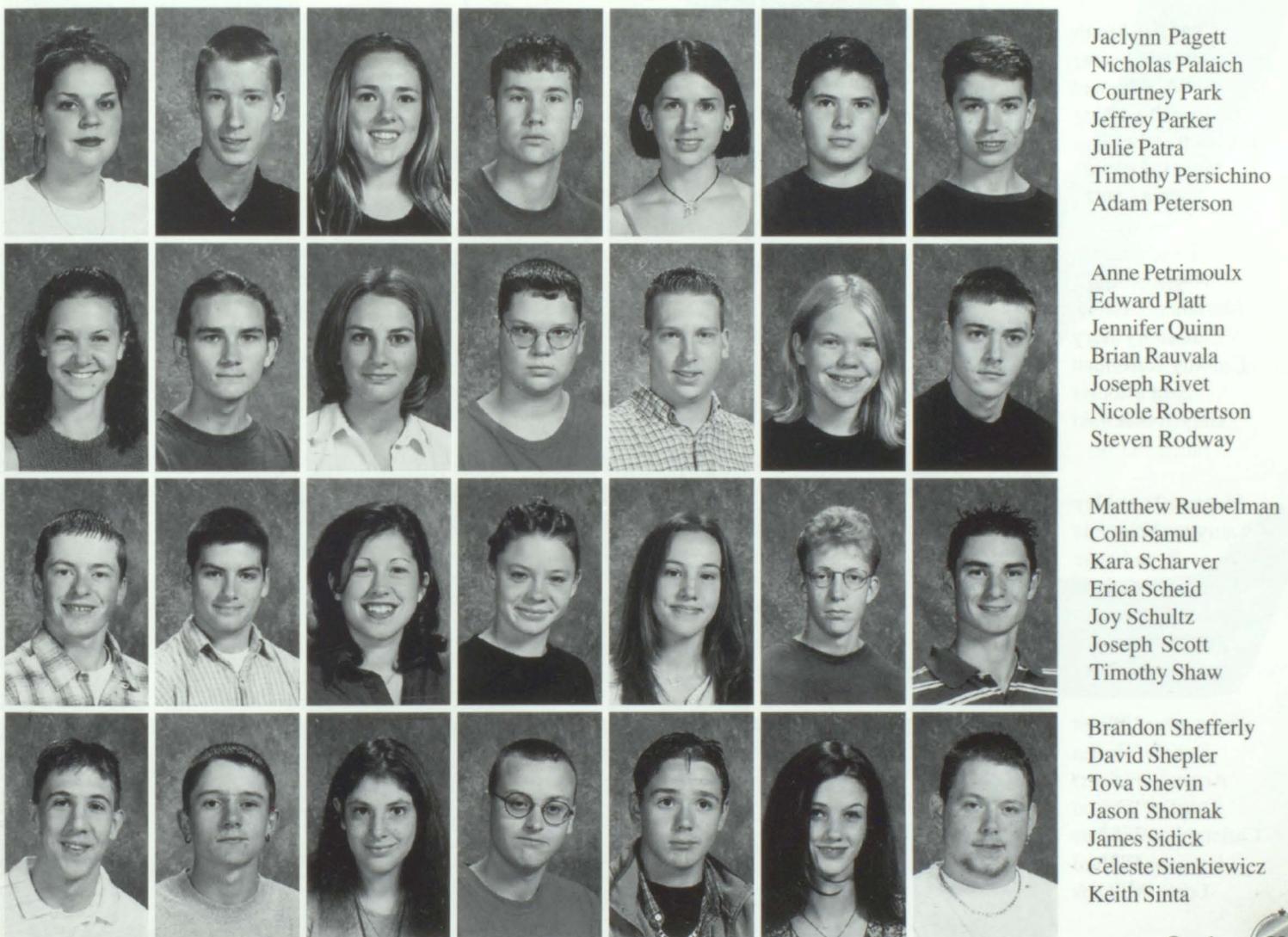
JADED JUNIORS



Above: Thomas Spalding and Michael Nielson look happy to be taking a break from their vigorous work load. Mmmm...gotta love that Juicy Juice!

6:45 a.m. You hit the snooze button, but know it's time to start the day. It's only Monday, and there is still an entire week that has to be completed before you can relax. It's the same thing every day...get up, shower, get dressed, and get off to school. It's all becoming so old. Everything's just getting so incredibly boring. By the time junior year comes, homework no longer becomes important. All that matters junior year is getting through it. You realize how important it is, but it's no longer a top priority. It's becoming so hard to do everything. Between working, spending time with friends, and homework, what else is there time for? Perhaps that's part of what makes junior year so tough. There are so many things you want to do, but realize school must be at the top of the list. It's important to know and keep in mind that this hard work will only help in the future.

By: Gregory Scott



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Courtney Park
Jeffrey Parker
Julie Patra
Timothy Persichino
Adam Peterson

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JUBILENT JUNIORS

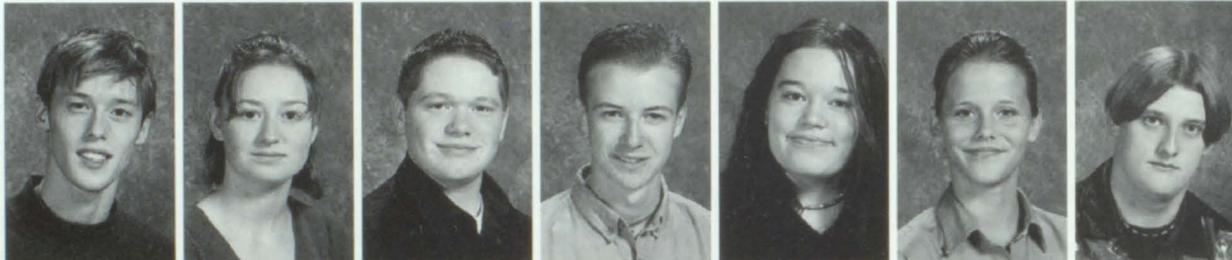
"Put a smile on your face." Vitamin C's words of advice should not be taken lightly. During junior year, it's always hard to remember not to take things so seriously. It's difficult to understand that there is a proper time and place to goof off and have fun when you don't want to stay on task. To make junior year as enjoyable as it can be, it's important to remember there is not much time left here. Believe it or not, once it's over, you will miss it. It's just so hard to always wear a smile. You begin feeling pressured to do the best possible, and it's hard not to give up. Around this time, the stress has mounted so high, it is so hard to smile once in awhile. As long as you stay optimistic, all your dreams will become reality.

By: Gregory Scott

Right: As Joseph Guzman, Richard Calverly, and John Donnelly head out to the field, they stop and strike a pose before they strike out.



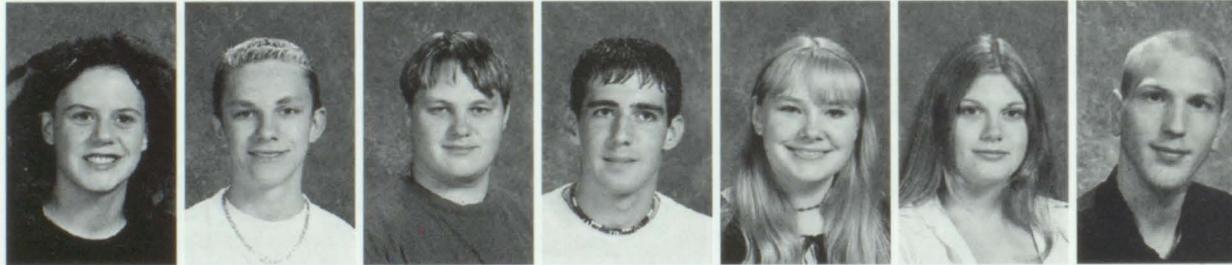
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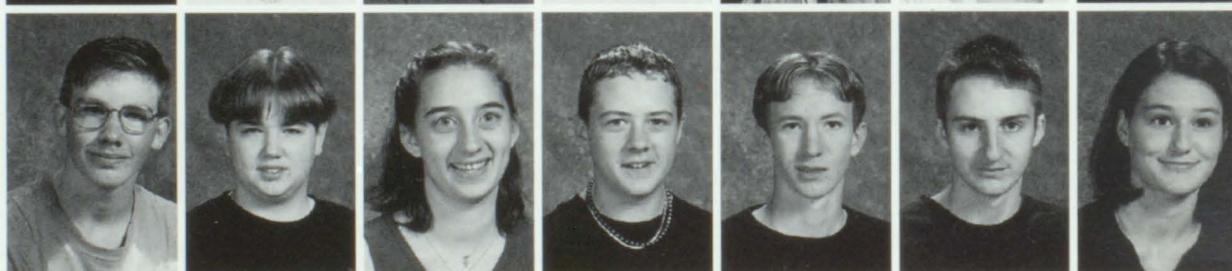
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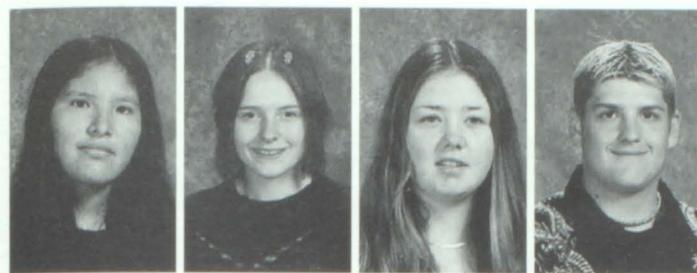


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Amanda Weipert
Donald Weston
Christopher Wildbur
Brandon Willard
Loren Williams





Elizabeth Wissman
Amber Wright
Jennifer Young
Christopher Zito

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JUNIORS



"Don't join an easy crowd; you won't grow. Go where the expectations and the demands to perform are high." -Jim Rohn

CLASS FAVORITES

Teacher: Mr. Shultz

Color: Red

Store: Abercrombie and Fitch

Place to be: The Mall

Female Celebrity: Sarah Michelle Gellar

Male Celebrity: Ryan Phillippe

Band: Blink 182

Radio Station: 93.1

Soda Pop: Pepsi

Movie: *Empire Records*

Song: "Hanging by the Moment" by Lifehouse

Brand: Adidas

Expression: "How you doin'?"

Web Site: www.mtv.com

TV Show: "Seinfeld"

CLASS OFFICERS

President:
Mary Casey

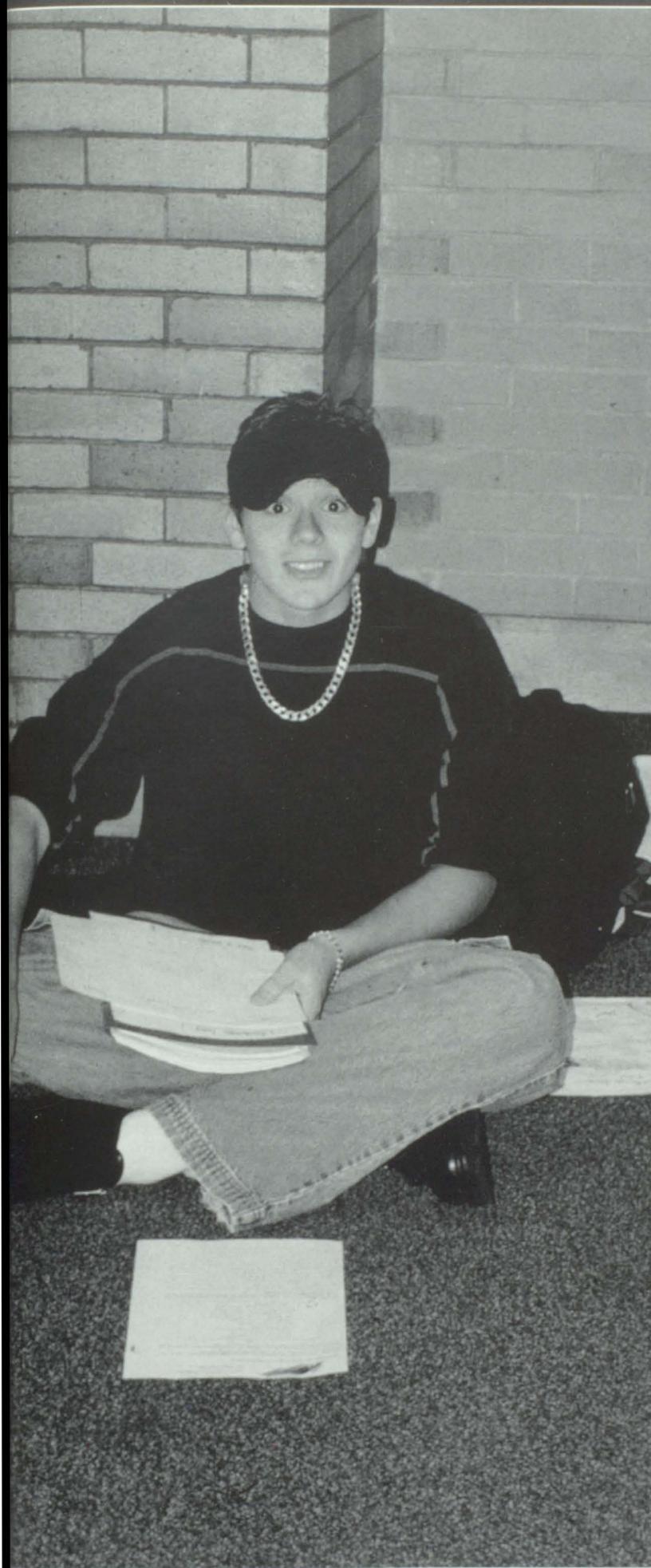
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Stephanie Cooke

Treasurer:
Kristin VanPutten

Secretary:
Rachel Nievelt

Above left: Joseph Guzman, Joshua Belvedere, Richard Calverly, and Joseph Koehler try their best to defend their class in the tug-of-war at the Homecoming pep assembly. Better not let go boys! Above middle: These boys cheer on the junior girls as they play against the seniors in the Powder Puff game. Look out ladies! These boys have potential. Above right: Officers Mary Casey, Rachel Nievelt, Kristin VanPutten, and Stephanie Cooke have spent endless hours working hard for the junior class. It's hard to believe they have time to take a picture. Right: The theme for this year's junior class float was "Cinderella." Even though they didn't come out on top, they put in a lot of time and effort into making it the best it could be.





Left: Jimmy Sidick gets kicked out of his class once again. Looks like he still hasn't figured out that getting kicked isn't always the best thing. Below: Melissa Garland gives a spirited smile before she leads the cheerleaders to march in the Homecoming parade.



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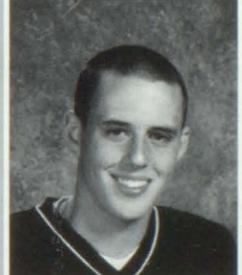
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST ABOUT YOUR SENIOR YEAR?



"Spring Break in Florida with all my friends!"
Rebecca Kipp '02

"I am looking forward to all the advantages of being a senior, like Prom, getting out of school before everyone else, and stuff like that."

Bryan Beebe '02



"I think the best thing about next year will be spending time with my friends before we go our separate ways."
Andrea Champagne '02

SPIRITED SOPHOMORES

As the years go on, it seems as though the spirit of each class grows. This year's sophomores have made that true. This class has made it evident that they have devotion and pride, having the spirit points to prove it. The class of 2003 made sure they made the most of their high school career by getting involved and presenting as much spirit as they could.

Sophomore Megan Wujcik says, "Even though there's only one Oak on the Blades, my friends and I still go to show our support and spirit. We have a lot of fun and keep the energy alive." With their infectious enthusiasm, it is apparent their spirit will never die.

By: Sara Brown

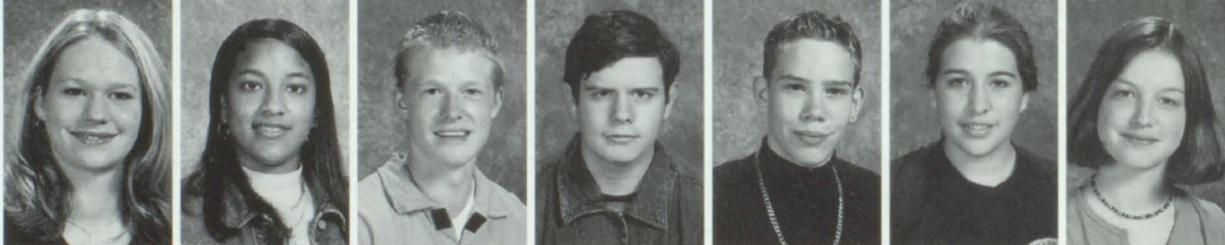
Right: David Chaney and Brittany DiNardo come together as they sport their class color of green during the pep assembly.



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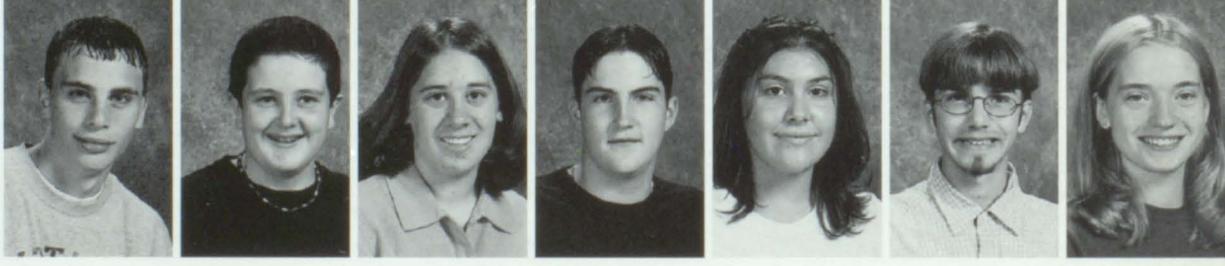
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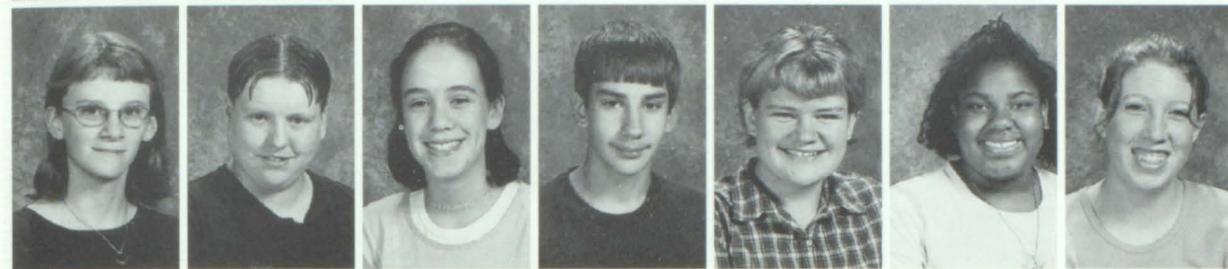


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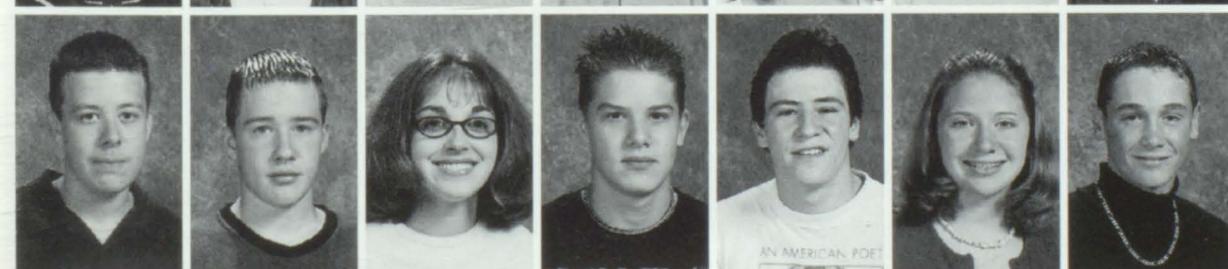
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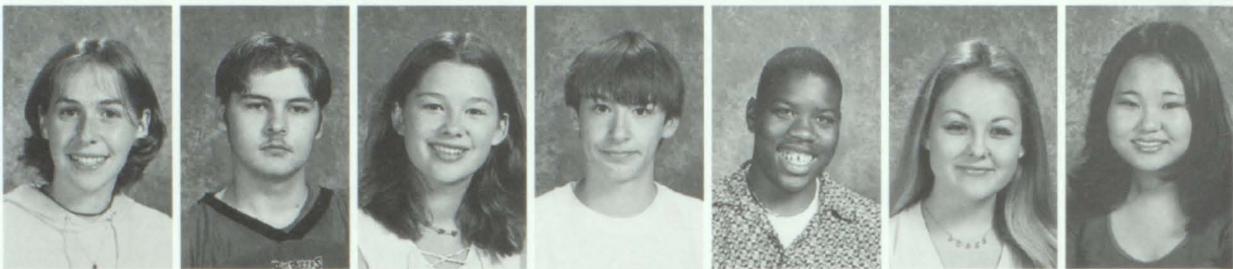


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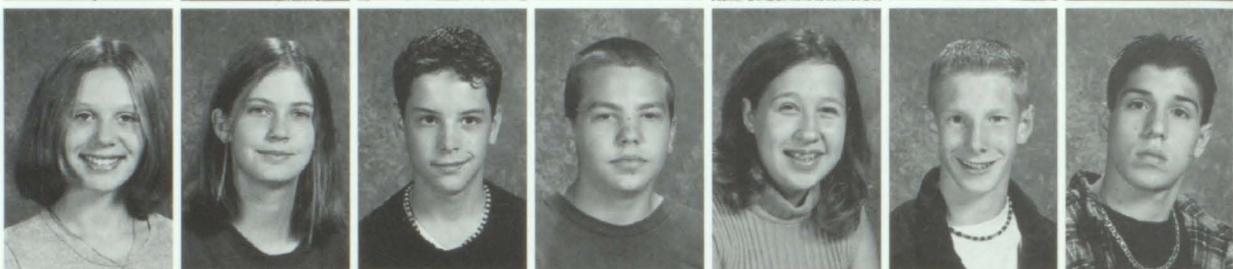
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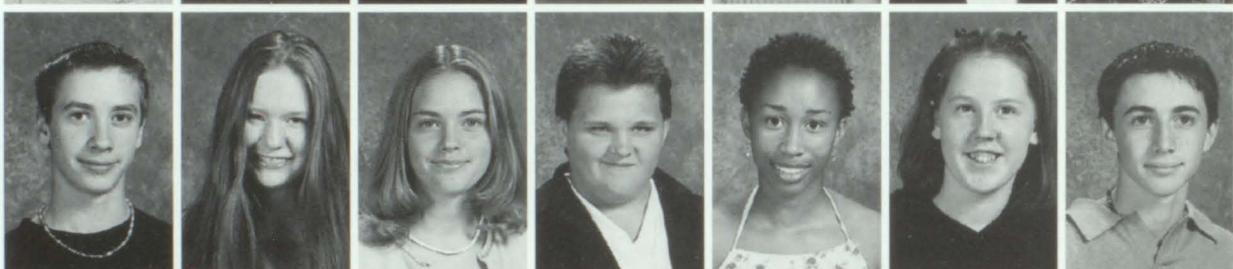
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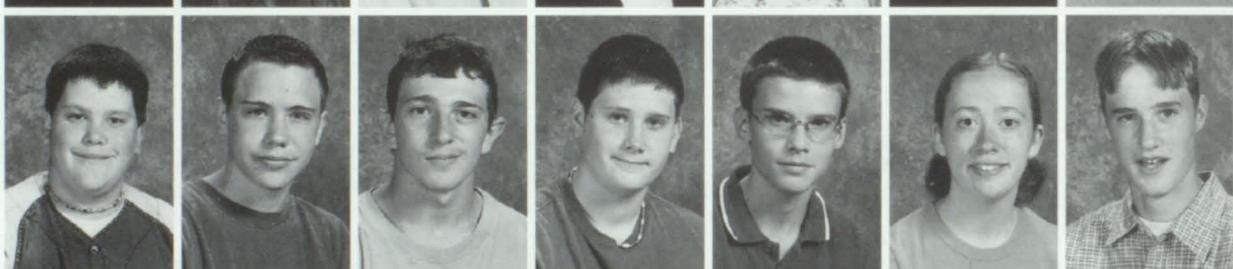
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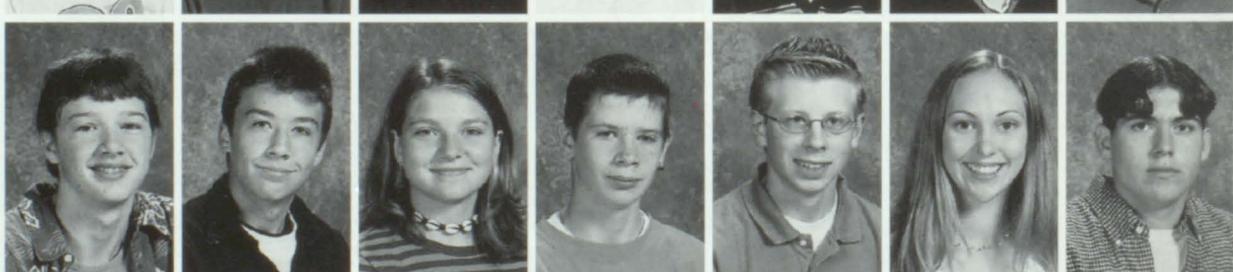
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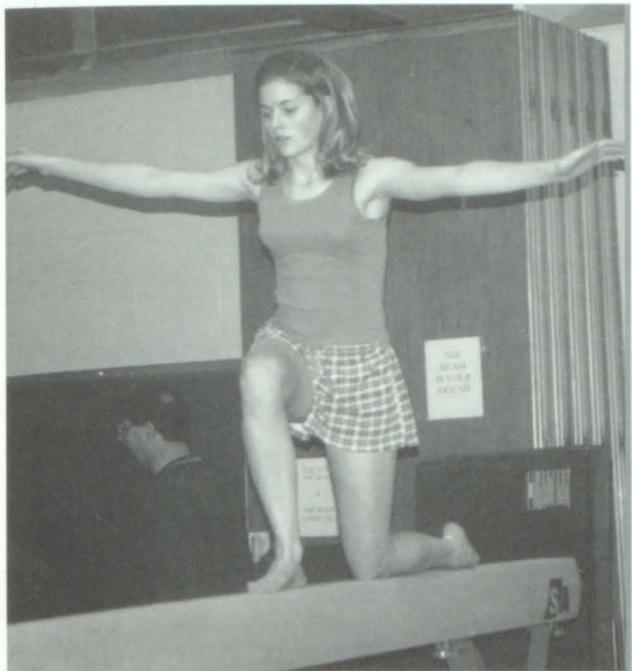
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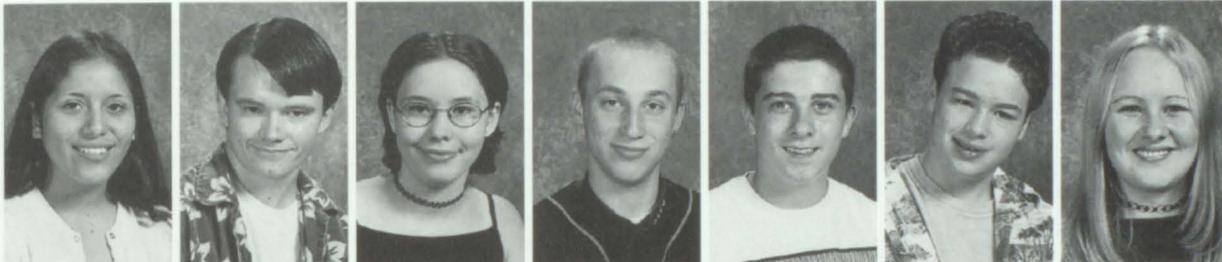


At the start of the year, everyone tries hard to be involved in as many activities as they can. The popular choice of many students is to join a sports team. Not only does it get them the involvement they want, but also earns new friendships with people they never had the chance to meet. "I never thought I'd be friends with the seniors, but being on the basketball team made me realize I had much more in common with them than I thought," says sophomore Jeffrey Wilusz. We have all, at one point during high school, shared these views.

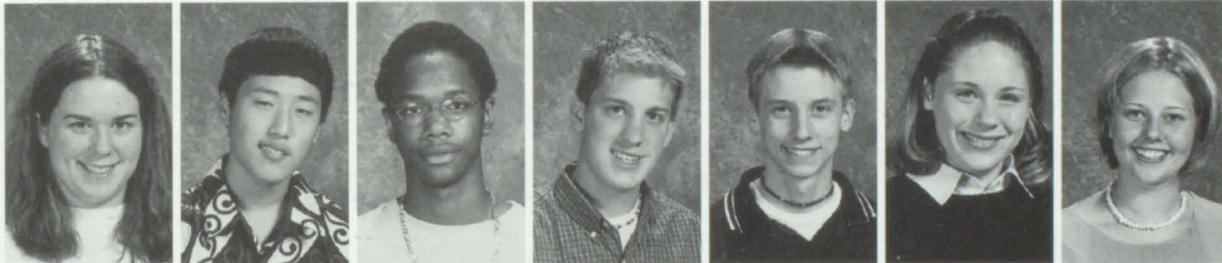
Whether you are in it for a win or just to stay in shape, Dondro makes it clear that the teammates can compete with the best of them while still having a great time. Being involved is a great way to make your high school experience a little more worthwhile. Sports are just one of the many ways to accomplish that goal and have a good time doing it.

By: Gregory Scott

Left: Not only is Andrea Hoff a great student, but she can find the time to work it on the balance beam. We give her a perfect "10"!



Andrea Lujan
Brandon Makowski-king
Jessica Maloney
Justin Malzahn
Michael Mannella
Phillip Marine
Laura Maroni



Amber Marsh
Christopher Marsh
James Marshall
A Gerald Martini
Robert May
Elizabeth Mccoy
Nicole Mccoy



Sean McGill
Jeremy Mckellar
Sarah McLaughlin
Samuel Mcpherson
Myra T.d. Merchant
Rachel Merkle
Melissa Merrill



Kimberly Michalski
Brian Miller
Stephanie Miller
Josephine Mix
Emily Morgan
Christopher Moser
Joseph Mumper

SLEEPING SOPHOMORES

Sophomore year is a hard one to get through. Already having gone through one long year, it makes it difficult to pay attention. Roaming the hallways, people are seen leaning on their lockers and laying on the ground, all the while trying everything they can to stay awake. "Even though I know it's important to pay attention in class, sometimes it's really hard!" exclaims Valerie Heidrich. Whether it was an all-night cram session, or just staying up to watch "ER", each causes the problem of staying awake in class.

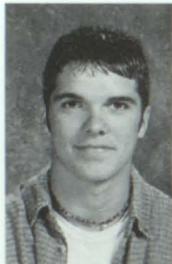
This is not to say that all sophomores suffer this problem. Some sophomores opt to pay attention in class, despite their sleep deprivation. "It doesn't matter how tired I am, I always stay awake in class to make sure I don't miss out on anything, but after school, I go home and sleep," says Andrew English. As Andrew indicates, the second year of high school is one of the most difficult times for a student. Sophomores know they have to pay attention, even though they may not always want to do so.

By: Michelle Hurd



Above: Nap time already? Jamie Gower takes a break outside of her classroom from what seems to be a grueling school day.

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Bianca Naas
Vincent Nader
Robert Naismith
Jenna Nassouri
Lara Nemeth
Adam Nickerson



Ashley Nowak
Aqua Obryan
Joseph Olsen
Jessica Orlando
Kelly Orr
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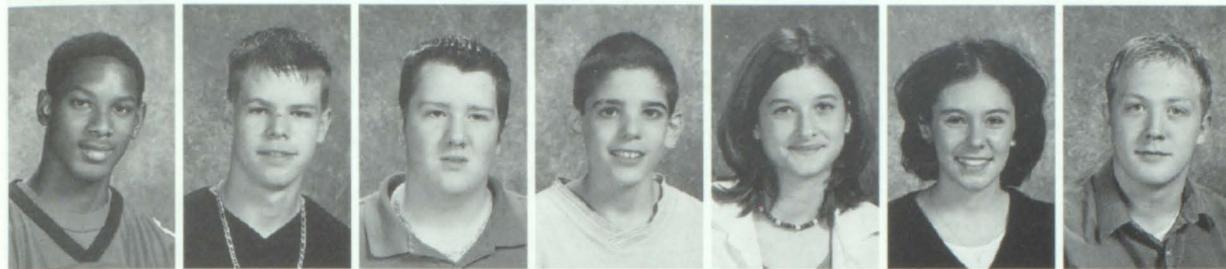


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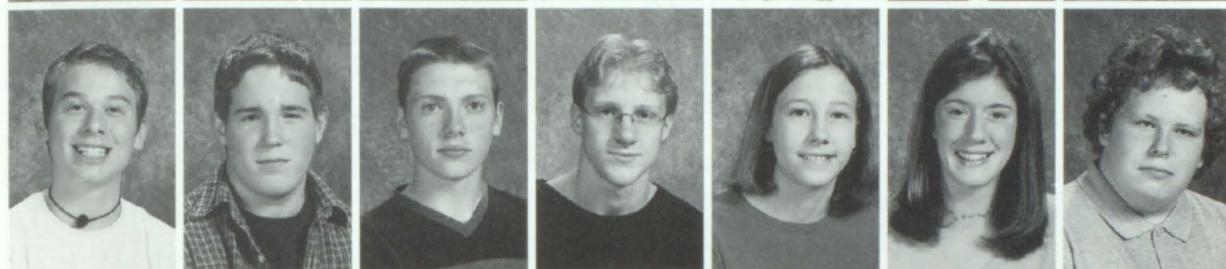




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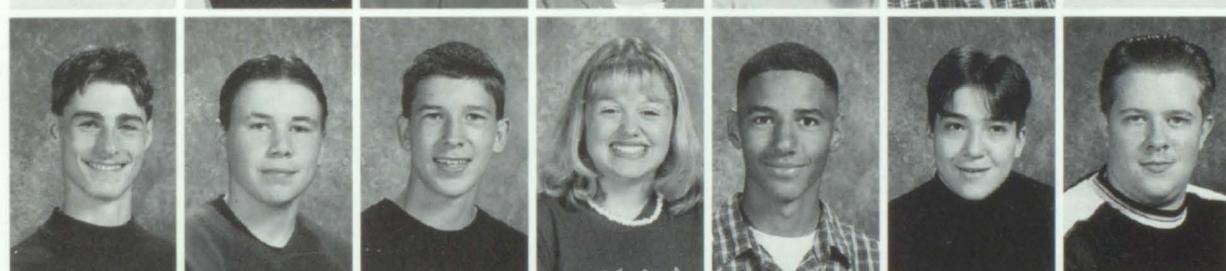
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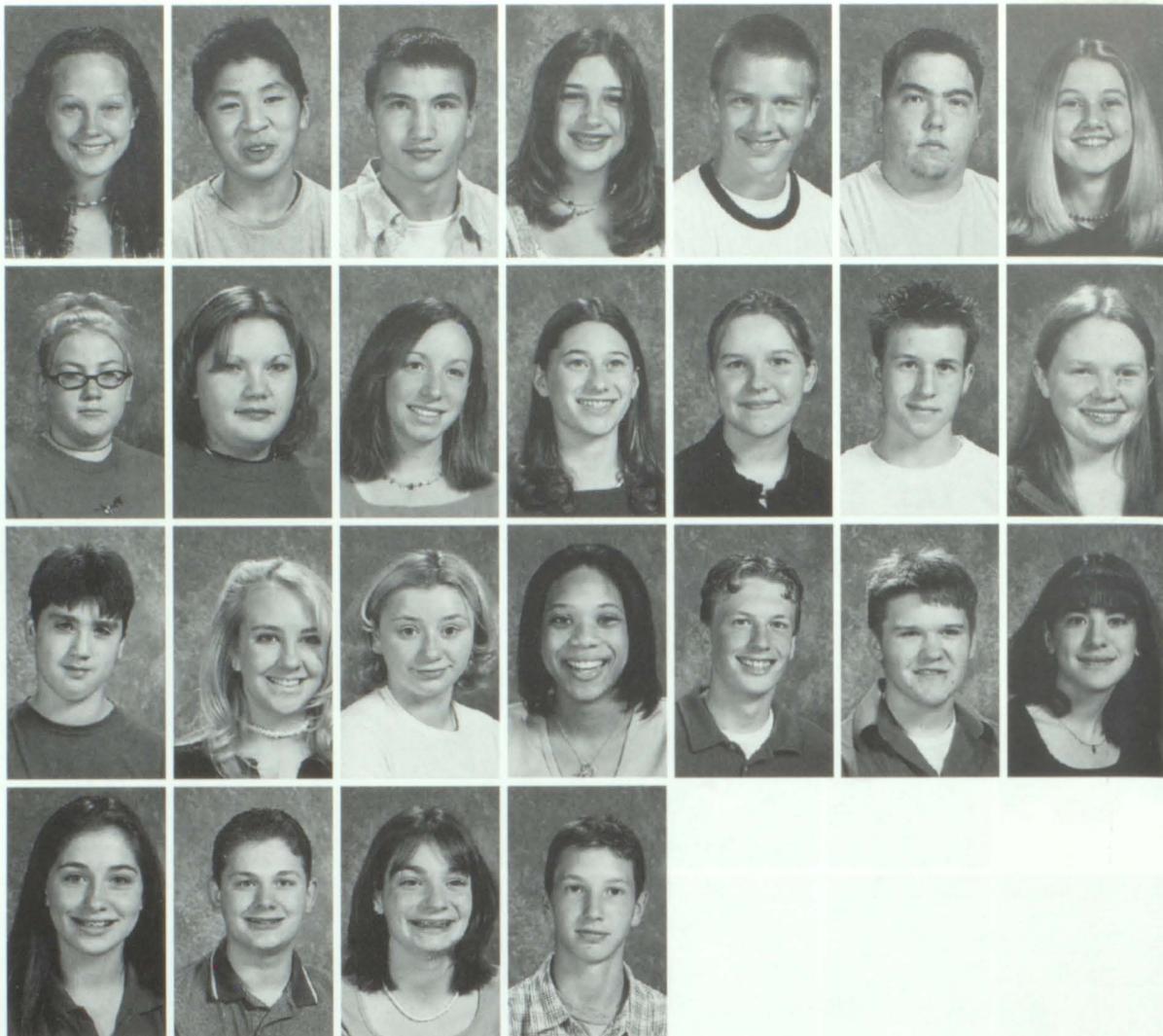


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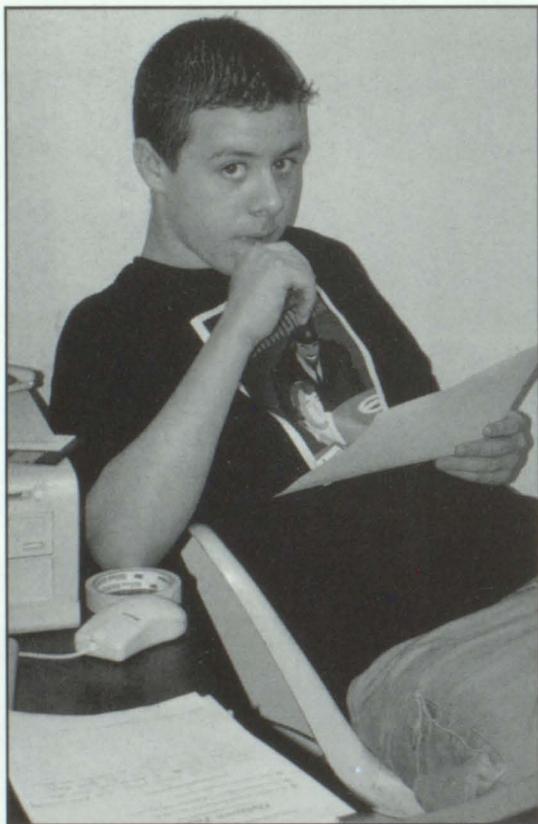
Andrea Torvinen
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Matthew Waananen
Elizabeth Wanless



Mara Waskowski
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Darcy Weipert
Kimberly Welch
Matthew West
Rose Whalen

Justin White
Kelly Wilcox
Nerrissa Williams
Shawnta Williams
Jeffrey Wilusz
Matthew Wlotkowski
Renee Wright

Megan Wujcik
Andrew Wyckhouse
Brandi Zehner
Edward Zuzindlak



Left: David Frank looks a little nervous as he reads over the Oaktown Today forms to prepare for the daily morning announcements.



Above: Freshman Laura Nickerson joins her sophomore friends as Delores Cottingham, Vanessa Duffy, and Jennifer Day spend their lunch hour outside to get a breath of fresh air. Enjoy!

SHINING SOPHOMORES



The sophomore class of 2003 seems to really know how to have a good time. They always have smile on their faces, the whole time making the best out of the years they have together. Even though they realize that they still have two years to look forward to, the time they have sophomore year will be taken advantage of as much as they can.

Valerie Heidrich says, "This year's great so far. I'm just trying to have as much fun as I can before the year's over." Many other sophomores feel the same. They feel as though this year's just as important as any other and should be brought to its greatness.

It seems as though it would be difficult to be so optimistic when they realize that they still have a long road ahead of them. Even so, the class of 2003 pulls it off very well. They can stay on task while still having a great time. As the years go on, their enthusiasm will continue and hopefully rub off on other classes.

Left: Elizabeth McCoy, Lauren Abelman, and their visitor look eager to be at school and be able to be with each other.

"MY FRIENDS HAVE MADE THE STORY OF MY LIFE. IN A THOUSAND WAYS, THEY HAVE TURNED MY LIMITATIONS INTO BEAUTIFUL PRIVILEGES, AND ENABLED ME TO WALK SERENE AND HAPPY IN THE SHADOW CAST BY MY DEPRIVATION." - HELEN KELLER

SNEAKY SOPHOMORES

Years ago, all classes were allowed to leave for lunch. They could go wherever they wanted and make the most of the 40 minutes they were allowed. There were no worries and everyone just went out to have a good time. Unfortunately, however, several students ruined it for everyone by making unnecessary threats to people from other schools. Not long after these unfortunate incidents, it was said that only juniors and seniors could go off campus for lunch. This rubbed many people the wrong way and caused them to rebel.

"When I first came to Dondero, I was really mad because I couldn't leave campus for lunch," says sophomore Timothy Kaminskas. After a few years, people began to calm down and realize that it was not as big of a deal as they had first perceived. Still, freshmen and sophomores decided to take the matter into their own hands and leave school grounds during lunch. Sometimes they get caught, sometimes they do not. Even today underclassmen sneak out for lunch.



Above: Desrire Bouchard, Stephanie Gibson, Rose Kotoff, and Jillian Faust look as though they're trying to sneak back from lunch, but actually they're just enjoying the weather.

SOPHOMORES



"Personally, I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught." - Winston Churchill

CLASS FAVORITES

Teacher: Mrs. Cumming
Color: Blue
Store: American Eagle
Place to be: Friend's House
Female Celebrity: Sandra Bullock
Male Celebrity: Freddie Prinze Jr.
Band: *N Sync
Radio Station: 89X
Soda Pop: Pepsi
Movie: *Fight Club*
Song: "Butterfly" by Crazy Town
Brand: Adidas
Expression: "I got the munchies."
Web Site: www.bored.com
TV Show: "That 70's Show"

CLASS OFFICERS

President: Kristin Shumacher
Vice President: Joshua Vaughn
Treasurer: Ashley Nowak
Secretary: Elizabeth McCoy

Above left: Nicholas Schell, Michael Villerot, Matthew Waananen, Scott Brown, Daniel Kime, Justin Malzahn, and Nathan Braley unite for a stunning victory in the tug-of-war at the pep assembly. Above middle: Role of film: \$5.49... beverage: \$1.00... bringing friends together for a memory they'll never forget: Priceless. Above right: Class officers Elizabeth McCoy, Joshua Vaughn, Ashley Nowak, and Kristin Schumacher put forth their best smiles and proudly represent the sophomore class. Right: The class of 2003 proudly displays their float at the Homecoming parade. The chosen theme was Moby Dick and they discovered it to be a whale of a good time.



Left: Laura Maroni, Vinhoudama Chunn, and Tracie Ennes strike a pose while roaming the halls. Better get back to class, ladies! Below: Lance Thomas tries his best to concentrate and stay on task during class. Looks like he was too busy to notice his picture being taken.

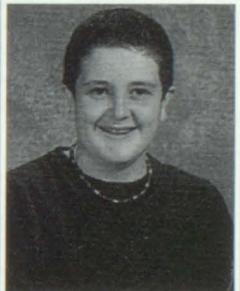


Q: WHAT HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST CHANGE FROM THE TRANSITION INTO YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR?



"It seems as though this year I have much more power over the school and respect from the freshmen!"
Holly Swigert '03

"My classes have become much more straining and there's much more work."
Alex Brown '03



"When my favorite teacher of my entire freshmen years, Mr. Walsh, left the school."
Hunter Green '03

FULL-FLEDGED FRESHMEN

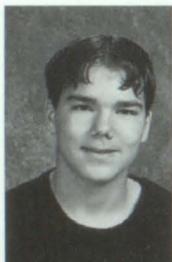
It's 6:30 AM, and you are wondering why you set your alarm over the summer. Then it hits you: Today is the first day of high school! Frantically, you run around your house getting ready, hoping that you will not be late for your first day.

As you arrive at school, many different thoughts are running through your head. You are excited to see everybody, but not ready for the school work. What if the schedule is too hard? Will having six different teachers be too confusing? What if you get lost navigating your way between the Old Commons and I.P.E.S.? Where will you sit at lunch, since you cannot go off campus? Who will you bond with at lunch? Surely every freshman has thought of at least one of these questions, which means even the seniors have gone through this uncertainty at one point (and they made it through)!

With *everything* being so new, the first day of school can seem overwhelming. However, pretty soon, you get used to it and realize high school is not that bad after all. High school will be what you make of it; let it start the next chapter of your life.

By: Michelle Hurd

Archie Adams
Ryan Allard
Chelsea Anderson
Aldin Avdic
Eric Backus
Robert Bajek
Steve Barash



Shaun Barber
John Barr
John Batherson
Allen Beck
Daniel Belanger
Timothy Bennis
Jeremy Benson



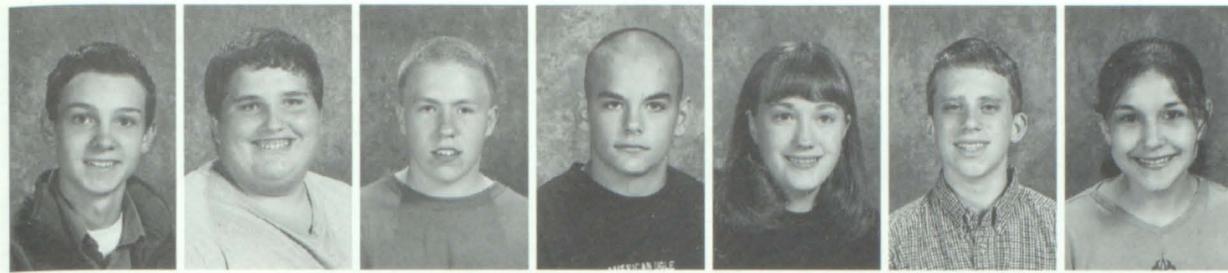
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Kasie Berry
David Berube
Sean Beynon
Billy Bingham
Michelle Blair
Abigail Bonar



Portia Boroumand
Kristin Branstrner
Jeffrey Buck
Andrew Butler
Christopher Bylski
Rick Bylski
Jennifer Carty



Above: Part of being a full-fledged freshman in marching band is learning to endure the early morning practices; freshman Paul Nagrant looks like he is adapting well to this ritual.



Forest Casey
Jonathon Cejmer
Benjamin Chevela
Justin Christopher
Melissa Ciampichini
Paul Cipriani
Laura Coker



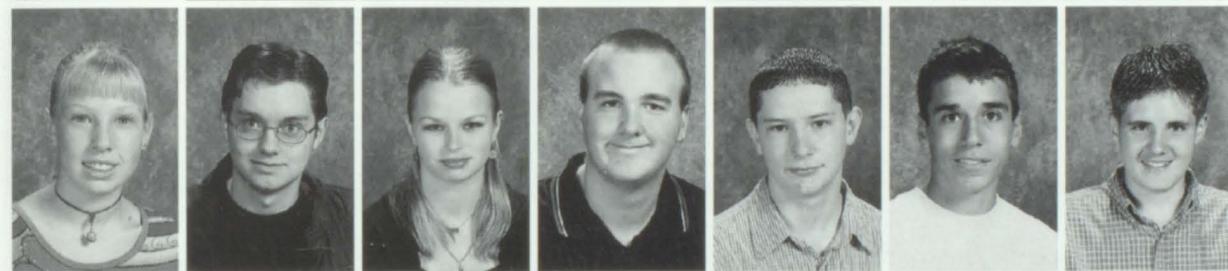
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Katherine Costanzo
Meghan Covell
Timothy Creasey
Karl Cronberger
Katherine Davey



Erin Davidson
Monica Denny
Amanda Derocher
Christina Derouin
Christine Dorn
Lakeisha Dorch
Nicholas Dresden



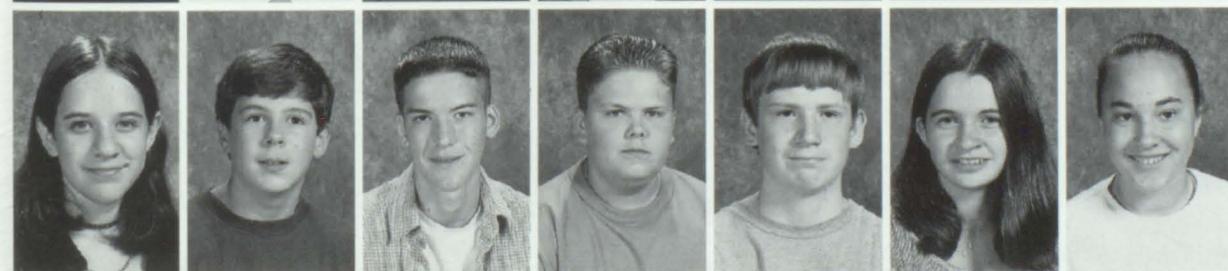
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Colin Duerr
Courtney Engel
Audrey Englehart
Mary English
Nathan Enochs
Kyle Evans



Kelsey Ewald
Evan Ferguson
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Michael Fossano
Michael Fowler

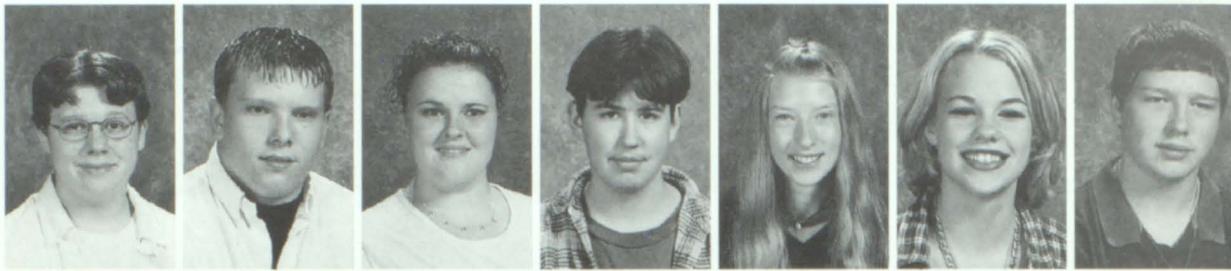


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Jeremy Gardner
Julia Gardner
Eric Garland
Joshua Garrett
Ryan Gates

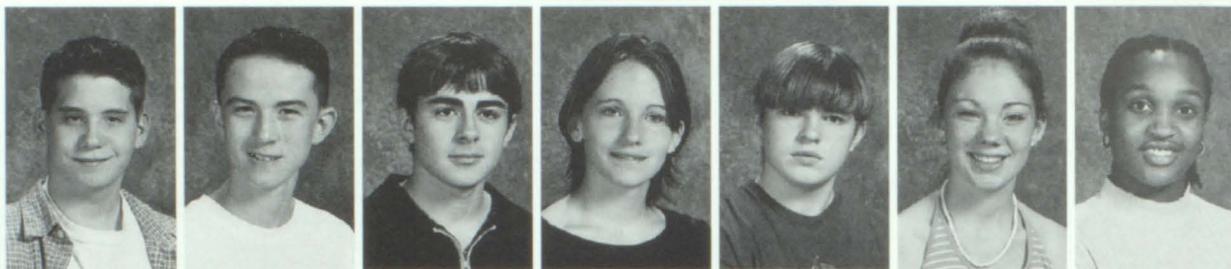


Kara Gheldorf
Steven Gilbert
Zachary Goldenberg
Steven Gossett
Andrew Gowman
Ashley Gunn
Laura Beth Guzman

Robert Hallock
Miles Hancock
Jennifer Hanks
Jeremy Hatfield
Nicole Helegda
Jana Hermstein
Richard Hill



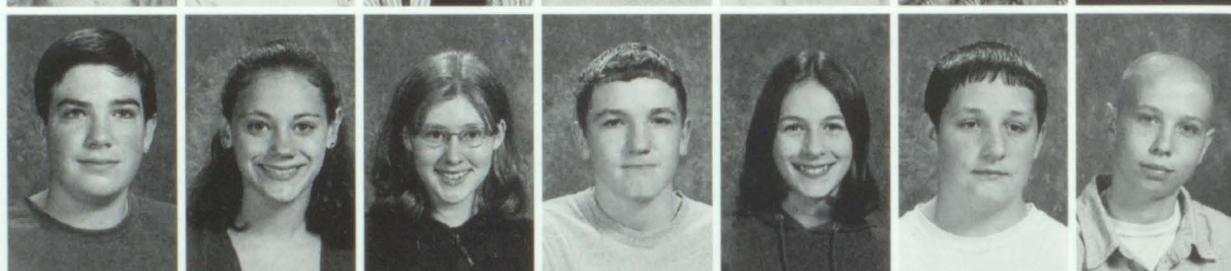
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Jacquelyn Hudson



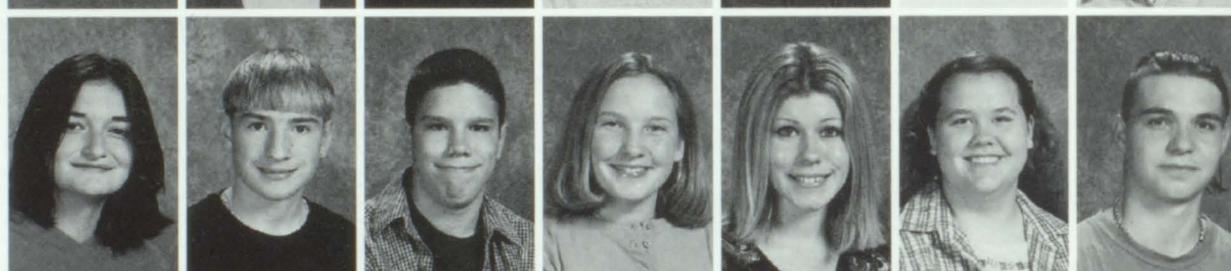
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Kathryn Huston
Shawn Jean
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John June
Hogan Kangas
Patrick Kennedy



Michael Kiesel
Kathryn Kipp
Rebecca Kirkman
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Kailie Komph
Paul Kuebler
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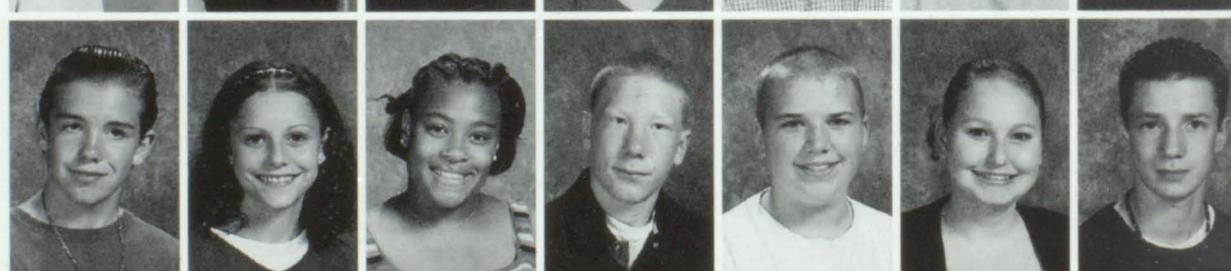
Vildana Kurtovic
Robert Laight
Robert Lambert
Andrea Langdorf
Ashley Laporte
Veronica Larke
Sean Lathrop



Lindsey Lewis
Christie Lockman
Christopher Logan
Kelly Lutz
Daniel Mahrle
Christopher Mannella
Fuad Mansour



Dale Massengill
Marie Ann Maurer
Chloe McCullough
Sean Mcnairnie
Benjamin Meek
Rebecca Merkle
Gregory Miesch



FRESHMEN

FEARS

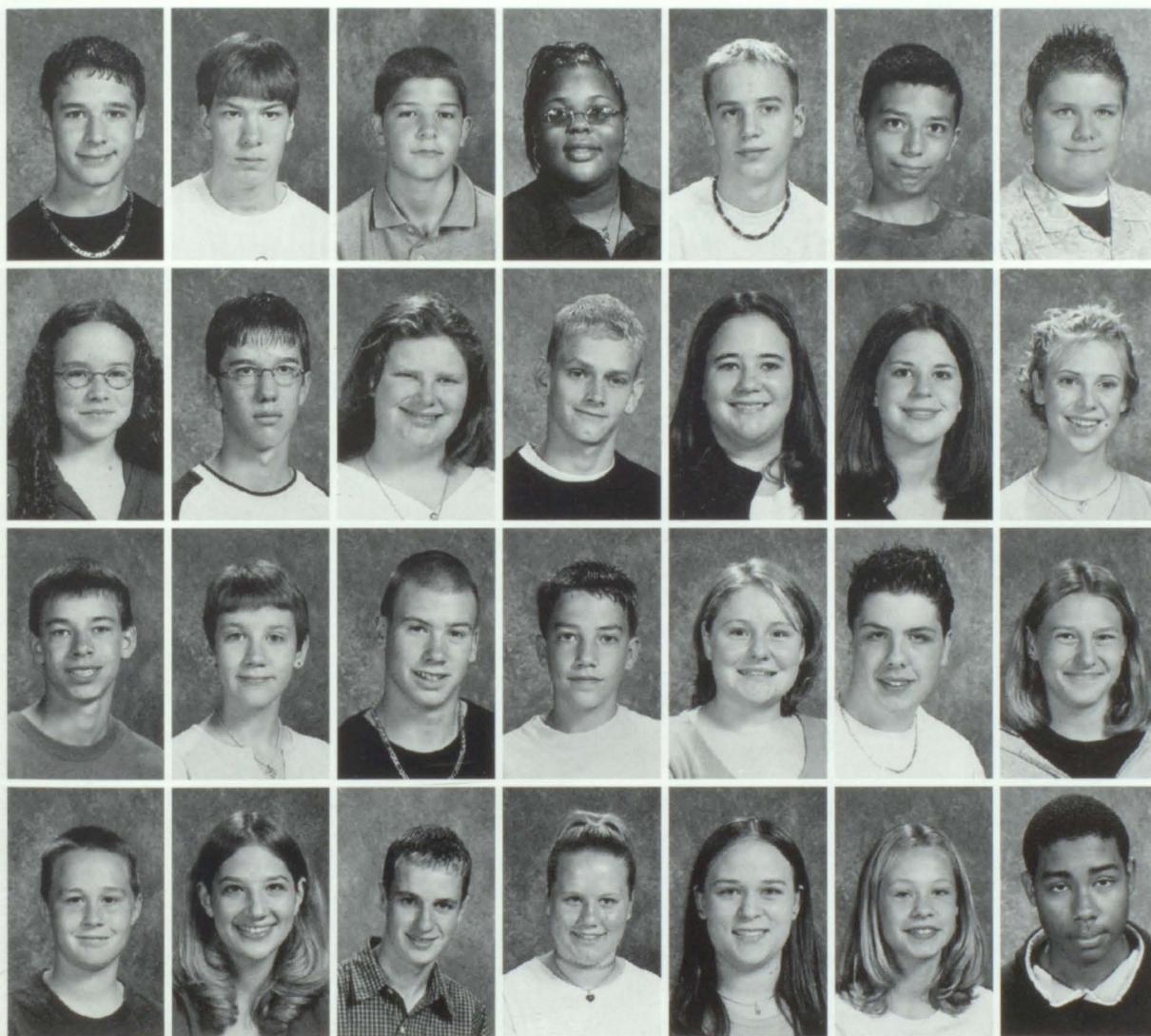
Coming into a new school can be pretty scary. "My freshman fear was getting lost," says freshmen Bryan Yamasaki. All those new faces pass you in new, strange hallways. Those larger, quite funky classrooms seem more vast than your middle school ones. With those weird green and orange carpet colors, it can definitely turn you around. The teachers treat you much differently from the old teachers you may have had in the past. The teachers here at Dondero treat you like an adult, not like a kid anymore.

Freshmen think that they have so much to worry about, but they really do not. Freshmen think that the first Friday is the worst day of high school. They believe the myth that upperclassmen pick on freshmen and wedge and can them in the bathroom trash cans, but it never happens. Even if it does happen, it is usually one of your older friends who is just joking around with you. The tradition of wedgies was replaced with an ice cream social, turning Freshman Friday into something positive. Freshmen this year got more and more used to the school and noticed how non-threatening the people were and how friendly they could be.

By: Greg Scott



Right: Ryan Allard and Frank Quinn are confronted in the New Commons at lunch by seniors Greg Scott, Corey Nimety, Jon Feinauer and Nathan Grover. Sorry seniors; it looks like these freshmen have no fear!



Kyle Moore
Scott Morgan
Richard Morrow
Erricka Mosley-jenkins
Scott Musu
Brandon Myers
Paul Nagrant

Colleen Naughton
Robert Nesbitt
Laura Nickerson
Johnathan Oden
Katie Park
Katelyn Perkins
Allison Phillips

Timothy Pingle
Claire Plouff
Kevin Pollack
Frank Quinn
Shayna Quinn
Ronald Rafalski
Jessie Rauf

Bradley Reichelt
Ashleigh Ruggero
Sean Ryan
Julianne Sadach
Joy Salmi
Kealy Salva
Major Sapp

FRESHMEN FIRSTS

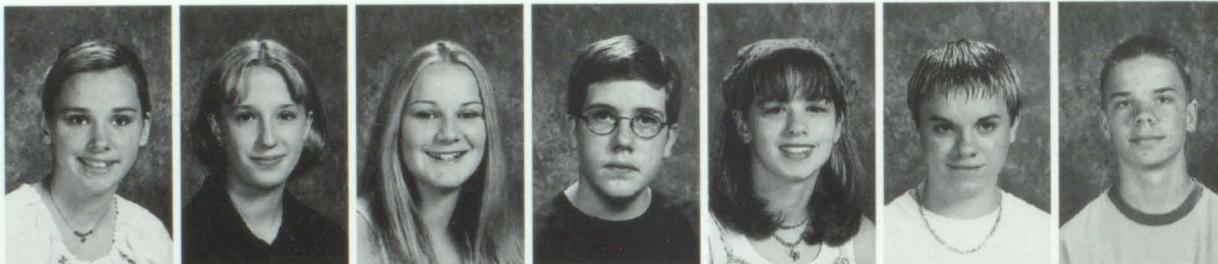
August 27: The day before the first day of the new school year. Most students are getting their last rays of sun and thinking about what is to come. Some are excited because they will be able to see friends they have not kept in touch with all summer. No matter how nervous we may be, freshmen are ten times more concerned than upperclassmen can ever imagine. Thinking about all of their firsts makes them shudder, because many of the things they are about to do in the upcoming year have never been done. They wonder about Homecoming and their very first football game. They have so many worries when it comes time to get ready for the next day that they cannot sleep. But after they have faced their fears, they realize it is not that big of a deal. The Homecoming game and dance are exciting and awesome, not as they thought. After all the firsts freshmen overcome, they realize that high school is not all bad and begin to become comfortable, instead of frightened, of their surroundings. "My favorite first time was going to Homecoming and having a great time with all of my friends. I'll never forget that," says Paul Cipriani. Freshmen firsts are the ones we never forget when we look back at our freshmen memories, and that is why they are so important.

By: Sara Brown

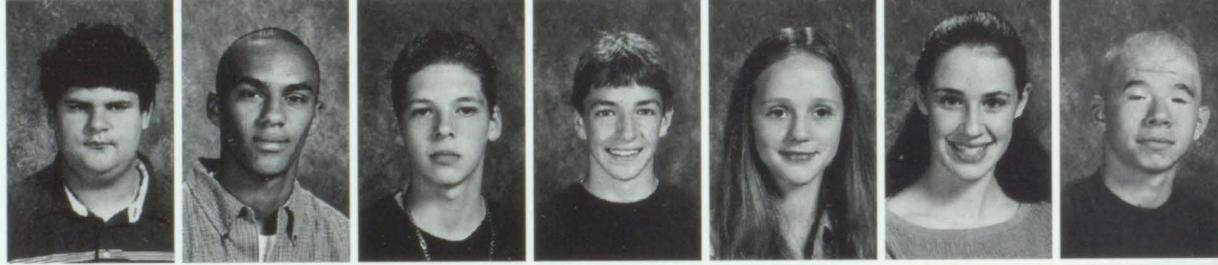


Above: Kelsey Ewald, Megan Thompson, Rebecca Merkle and friend, Laurynas Valivonis, Ryan Allen, Vivian Zuber, Audrey Englehart, Kara Gheldof, Nicole Helegda get together in the gym during Homecoming. From their faces, we can tell they are having the time of their lives.

Raven Sarrach
Mallory Schell
Nicole Schema
Joel Schenk
Shari Schreiber
Christopher Sergent
Scott Seymour



Brian Shaw
Andre Shayna
Kenneth Sherry
Troy Shipman
Bailey Sidick
Paula Simoni
Richard Sinta



Jodi Smith
Alex Sorah
Jay Stockman
Jason Stortz
Katy Strohmeyer
Gregory Strunk
Nicholas Sundberg



Justin Tabor
Jason Tackett
Cristopher Tarr
Colleen Taylor
Timothy Taylor
Amy Thomas
Megan Thompson





Kimberly Thornton
Rosana Todaro
Kristine Toquigne
Lorina Toskaj
Ashley Turner
Michael Tyner
Danielle Unternahrer



Jeffrey Vanbuskirk
Christopher Vandereyk
Andrew Vanhagen
Katherine Vansickle
Clifford Villerot
Theresa Villerot
Michael Vosburgh



Megan Wallace
Sarah Wallace
Julianna Weaver
Nathaniel Webster
Jordan West
Nowell Westenberg
Kellie Weston



Claire White
Daniel Willhite
Micah Williams
Ashley Wilson
Brittnie Wilson
Bryan Yamasaki
Hollie Zerkich



Vivian Zuber

Not pictured:
Keri Bindschatel
Louis Coker
Heather Glovack
Daniel Rodgers
Tanisha Simmons
Gabriel Troy
Amy Wilson
Latrice Woods



Left: Ashleigh Ruggerow and Allison Phillips help collect money for the freshman float at Tailgate. Their efforts paid off by earning their "Hantzel and Gretel" float first place at the Homecoming parade

FRESHMEN



"Don't hurry, don't worry. You're only here for a short visit. So be sure to stop and smell the flowers." - Walter Hagen

CLASS FAVORITES

Teacher: Mr. Camp
 Color: Yellow
 Store: Pacific Sunwear
 Place to be: Up North
 Female Celebrity: Reese Witherspoon
 Male Celebrity: Matt Damon
 Band: Creed
 Radio Station: 105.9
 Pop: Root Beer
 Movie: *Clueless*
 Song: "My Own Prison" by Creed
 Brand: Nike
 Expression: Whassup?
 Web Site: www.ae.com
 TV Show: "The Simpsons"

CLASS OFFICERS

Presidents:
 Kealy Salva and
 Ashleigh Ruggero
 Vice President:
 Danielle Unternahrer
 Treasurer:
 Christie Lockman
 Secretary:
 Nicole Schema
 Parliamentarian:
 Allison Phillips

Above left: Audrey Englehart, Vivian Zuber and Danielle Unternahrer get together in the cafeteria and relax after a morning of school work. Above middle: Allison Phillips, Kelly Litz, Paul Nagrant, Ryan Gates, Forest Casey and Troy Shipman are some freshmen that choose to eat lunch in the front of the school, since they cannot go off campus. Above right: 2004 Class Officers. Near Right: The class of 2004 shows off their outstanding artistic abilities with their first place float at the Homecoming parade. "Hansel and Gretel" was a big hit with the judges!



Left: Kealy Salva and Nicole Shema get decked out all in red to show their school spirit by dressing in their class color for spirit week. They sport the shining stars that reflect their shining, spirited personalities. Below: Gimme a D! Jocelyn Howell cheers on the Oaks at the first home football game.

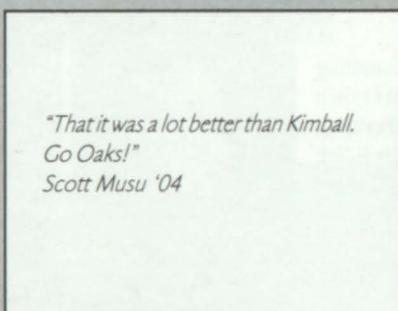


Q:

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF DONDERO?



"I thought of Dondero as a big and intimidating place which would be easy to become lost in."
Kara Gheldorf '04



*"That it was a lot better than Kimball.
Go Oaks!"*
Scott Musu '04



"I like Dondero more than middle school because there are more people and a lot more activities to get involved with."
Steven Gilbert '04

TERIFFIC TEACHERS



Above (l to r): Sam Lynch, Alec Snyder, and Larry Streeter show off their shining personalities to match their shiny heads. After they found that the Canned Food Drive goal was met, they were off to shave their heads. Photo courtesy of The Daily Tribune newspaper.

Each year, since 1976, Dondero has had a Canned Food Drive that lasts from Thanksgiving to holiday vacation. Our goal for 1999 was 25,000 cans to be brought in by the student body for charity. This goal was far beyond what was previously set, and the student body brought in 35,000 cans. However, in the year 2000, Senate had its mind set on surpassing their previous goal. To reach it, three teachers came together to help with the cause. As an incentive for the students, they agreed to shave their heads once the goal was met.

"I did it because hopefully it would motivate them and get them to raise even more. I told the senators if they could hit 35,000 cans, then they could shave my head," says Senate adviser Larry Streeter, on why he donated his noggin. The other two participants were math teacher, Sam Lynch and history teacher, Alec Snyder, who eagerly waited for the final count.

Dondero not only reached its goal, but also went above expectations, bringing in 38,000 cans. The entire school pulled together to raise money for PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society) and Dondero's Benevolent Fund, as well as bringing in canned goods for a worthy cause. Every year, it's evident that Dondero has worked as a team to achieve the goals they set.

By: Sara Brown

Jolie Booser
Pam Bordy
Patricia Bostwick
John Camp
Steve Chisnell



Melea Cumming
Neal Drilich
Robert Eberhardt
Jennifer Edick
Lorne Fairfield



Nicole Fellnauer
Tim Foreman
Cheryl Goodgine
Karamia Gutierrez
Ruth Hansen



Not Pictured: Bridget Schipper, Bertha Arribas, Karen Banat, Donna Brewer, Katherine Calkins, Lyn DeCarlo, Chuck Gosdzinski, Leslie Holman, Sue Morrison, John O'Brien, Carol Pearce, Vern Ratliff, Dick Rockwell, Martha Sauer, Todd Schultz, Alec Snyder, Caroline Caughell, Cathy Cheff, Deborah Meyerand, Janis Nelson. List continued on page 55.



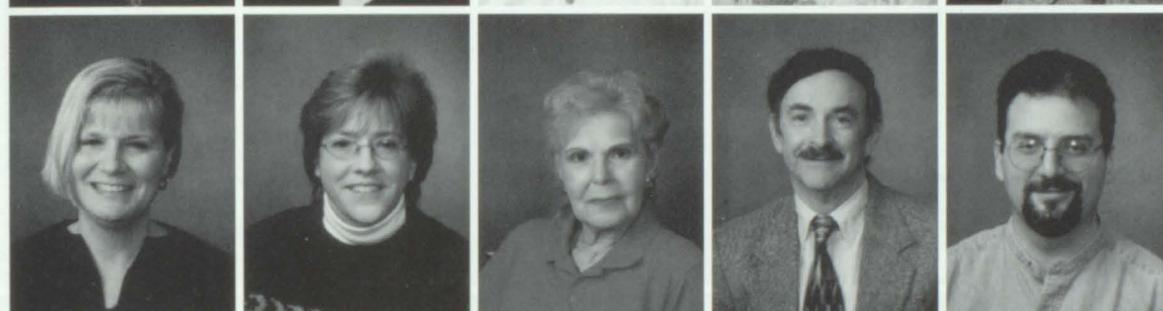
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Rick Hartsoe
Patricia Hayes
Catherine Joyce
Larry Kaye



Kathy Ketel
JoAnn Khachaturian
Jennifer Kocis
Caroline Krynak
Judith Landers



Gerald LeCureux
Sue Lareau
Sam Lynch
Susan Marcola
Zoe Marcus



Nanci Marek
Ann Maudlin
Virginia McAuley
Mike McClure
Bill Milicevic

TALENTED TEACHERS

Here at Dondero, the teachers are always showing students how important it is to be involved. Not only do they put in extra time and effort into each of their classes, but they also participate in activities outside of school. These activities help teachers to unwind from their busy days of referrals, grading, and lecturing. Teachers also take part in other side jobs to keep themselves busy.

"Coaching gives me the opportunity to get to know students outside of the classroom. I gain pride in the sport [cheerleading]," says Christine Reeves. Many other teachers coach sports and find it rewarding to work with the kids and learn what they can't in the classroom.

It's hard to believe that teachers have a life outside of school. They contribute to the community by helping out with children and giving them the chance to do what they love. Without the kindness and support the teachers have for school and the community, many of the things we take for granted would not be here.

By: Michelle Hurd

Above: Ann Maudlin looks on as her swimmers show off their skills during practice.



TEACHER'S TEAM TOGETHER



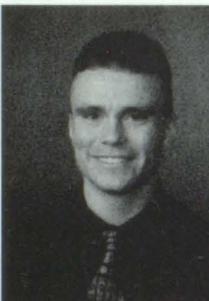
Above (top to bottom, l to r): Rick Hartsoe, Monty Weathers, Steve Chisnell, John Shirkey, Nanci Marek, Mary Sutton, Patricia Bostwick, Karamia Gutierrez, Sue Lareau, and Sue Sandteveit come together for one last picture at the end of their retreat.

The bell rang at 11:15 a.m. on October 10th. As all the students were anticipating their plans for the half-day, the teachers were preparing for their annual staff retreat at Camp Gordonwood in Ortonville Michigan. Each year the teachers travel to a secluded area to improve on their relationships with their coworkers and establish good teamworking skills within their small community. They did such things as talking about ways to improve our school (which spawned the idea of making the R-E-S-P-E-C-T code a few years ago). This year, there were more games related to education. One new activity this year involved picking up a playing card and grouping themselves by the number given. This helped them meet and bond with faculty members that they may have never come in contact with.

"It's a good opportunity to find out where other teachers are coming from, which in turn gives you an idea of the extreme diversity of our school," says Jolie Booser. The challenges and activities they encountered left them with more strategies which they could use in the classroom. The trip has ended every year with a bonfire, where the teachers gather round it and share with each other what they each learned from their experience at the retreat. After all returned home, they looked back and reflected on their better understanding of teaching.

By: Gregory Scott

Lori Pastorino
David Pontzious
Christine Reeves
Lynn Renkert
Michael Reno



Ruth Rivera
Sandy Roberts
Jill Ruffles
Elizabeth Sage
Sue Sandtveit



Suzanne Scott
Filomena Sdao
Sandy Shapiro
John Shirkey
Martha Shrode

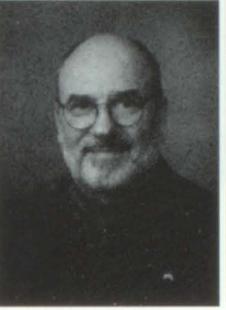




Chuck Steele
Patrick Stemas
Robert Stevens
Jan Stewart
Pam Stoia



Kathleen Stone
Larry Streeter
Mary Sutton
Judy Sweet
Rosemary Tinetti



Jennifer Vick
Kathryn Walker
Monty Weathers
Ken Weiss
Leslie Whalin

TEACHERS TAKING THE TIME



"The reason I teach is because I love the kids here so much. I feel I've learned at least as much from them as I have taught," says Sam Lynch. It's obvious that with feelings this strong, the student teacher connection is as great as it is.

Junior Joshua Steele says, "I feel very comfortable going to teachers, especially Mrs. Marek, about problems that are on my mind." Most of the students feel the same closeness to the teachers, and know that they will be there if needed.

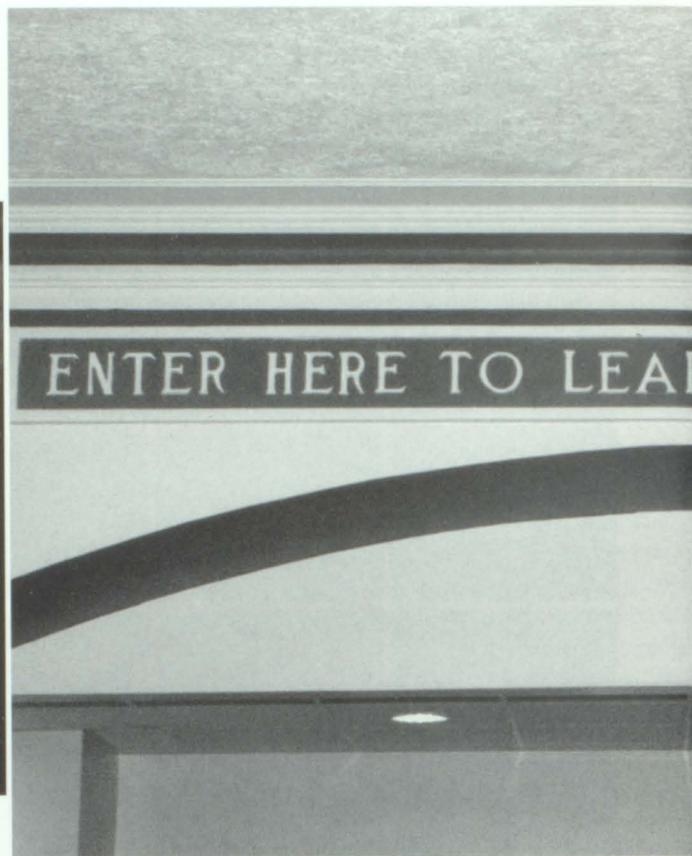
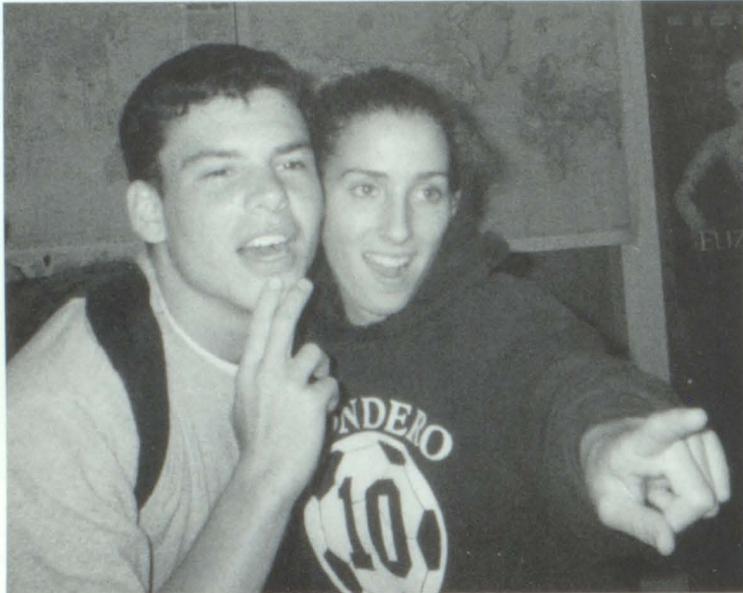
With such great teachers here at Dondero, it makes it much easier to come to school each day, knowing that they really do care about us, and are willing to help us any way they can.

All the teachers here at Dondero take the time out of their busy schedule to interact with the students. Whether the teachers are listening to problems concerning school or if they're more personal, they make sure to take the time and listen. The teachers here make it their point to make the students their top priority.



Right: Sam Lynch takes the time to read juniors (l to r) Marianne Tassone, Christopher Csicsay, Jennifer Kaiser, Andrea Kendzierski and Matthew Klaver their daily dose of Green Eggs and Ham during his math class.

Not pictured: Nancy Tenney, Doug Boerkel, Theresa Bowles, William Callan, Keith Gillespie, Don Gerard, Sara Kincannon, Steve Langsdale, Glenn Mehlenbacher, Scott Nerdy, Eugene Nawrot, Danny Pangrassi, Chuck Strzalkowski, Dan Webster, Todd York, Patricia Bonneau, Jean Moore, Francis Renou, Janette Chisholm, Mike Miller, Annette Cleghorn, Rhea Embry, Angie Noonan.

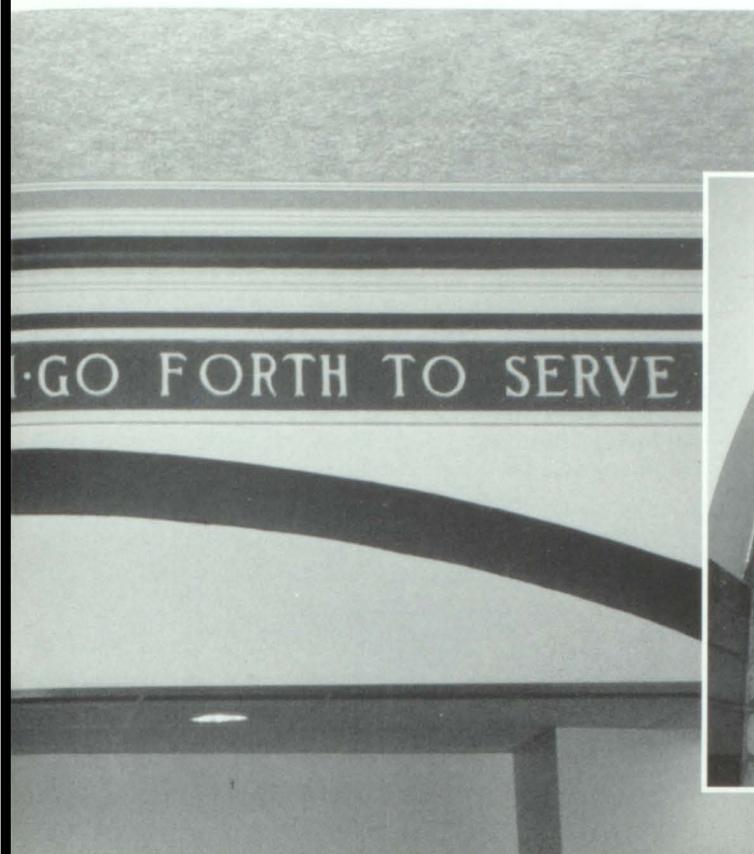


Looking Inside

Everyday we get up at 7:00 a.m. or somewhere near there, and we get into our daily routine. Blindly we shower, eat, walk or drive to school, sit and learn. We take what we learned and do homework, or we just go to work, then we fall asleep and repeat it all when we wake up the next day. Besides the weekends and occasional vacations, this is the extent of our lives from age 5 to 18. We realize that we are living beings, that we go to school, our sex, our age and who we like to spend our time with. Do we really think about what that means anymore, or have we just programmed our minds to learn, to retain information long enough to pass the final and then let it go? Do you really learn? Do you remember what your first and sixth hour teachers taught you today? Are you educating yourself, or are you just getting the passing grade?

Some of you may not appreciate these questions and some of you may. However you feel, just know this: people go to school for years to be able to teach the ways of the world to us, and we spend thirteen years doing homework and papers, serving detentions and in-houses, and it's for a reason. Whether we realize it or not five years from now, or even twenty years from now when we read this again, it's to make ourselves smart. We learn so that we can ponder the intellectual questions of life. We cannot do that without retaining the basic knowledge that we learn everyday inside the walls of our high school academic classes.

By: Robin Cooper



the Walls...

Academics

Adding up the Elements

Math and Science

You walk into your first hour class with your feet dragging and your eyes barely open, ready to catch up on that sleep you missed the night before. Then when you are finally dozing off your teacher tells you to sit up. In every high school student's life this has occurred at least once. However, once you bust out those Bunsen Burners or crack into those calculators, the fun always begins.

Some say math or science isn't the most exciting class you'll ever take, but you never know; you just *might* need them later in life. Of course, it's cool to burn things up, but in science classes students do much more than that. With the teachers that we have at Dondero who take the time to put together interesting labs so that we will understand how things work, we are sure to succeed. Also, math teachers are beginning to make sure we understand and enjoy their subject by doing more hands on and group activities.

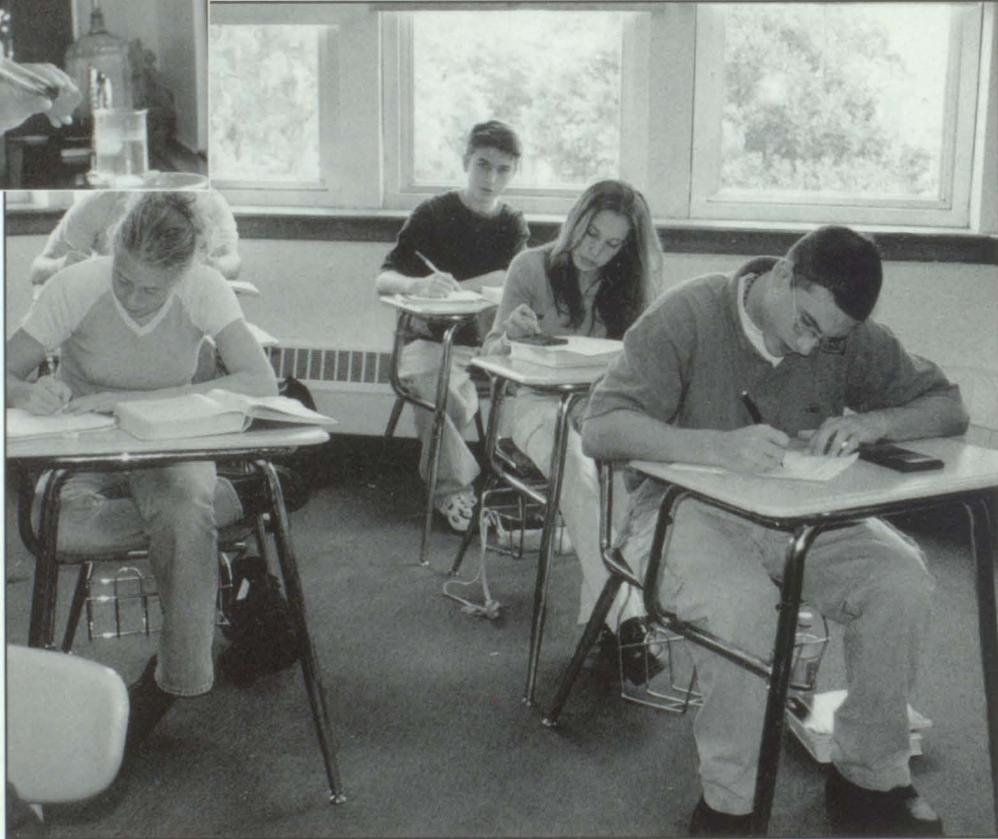
Have you ever thought that you might be missing something important while dozing off? What about when you go to balance your checkbook, buy a house, a car, or even go shopping? We need math for these things,

and science is a part of our life more than we know. The understanding of these subjects is what our teachers are trying to accomplish in our classrooms today. They want us to see the organized, yet sometimes mysterious, systems of the world around us.

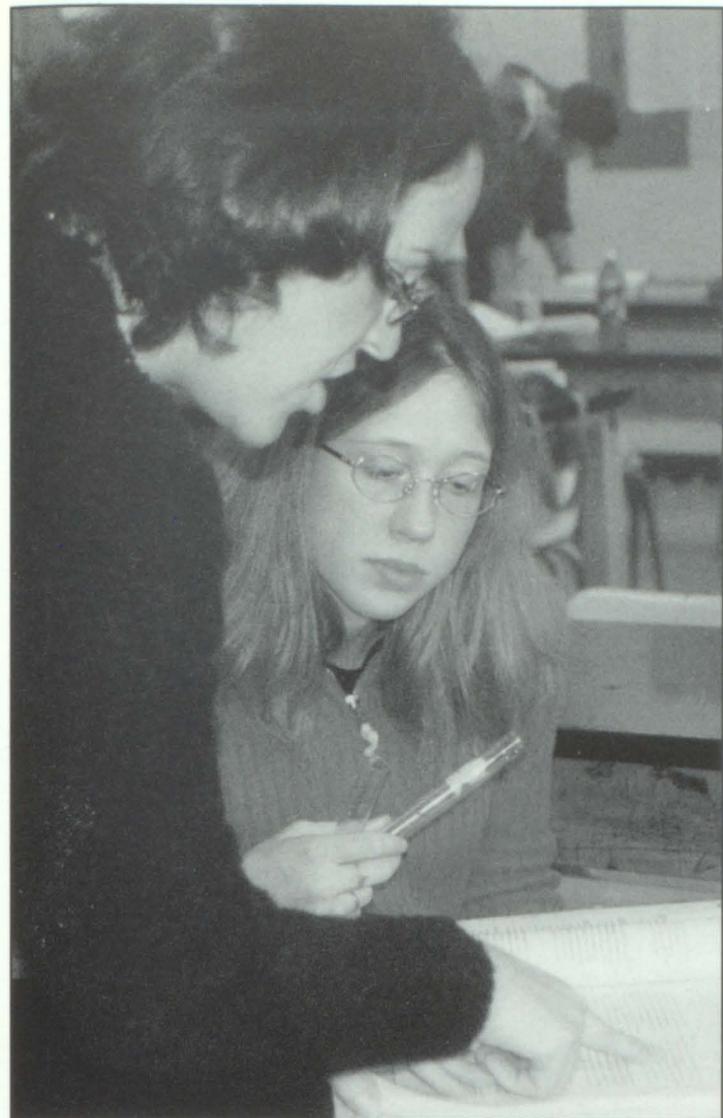
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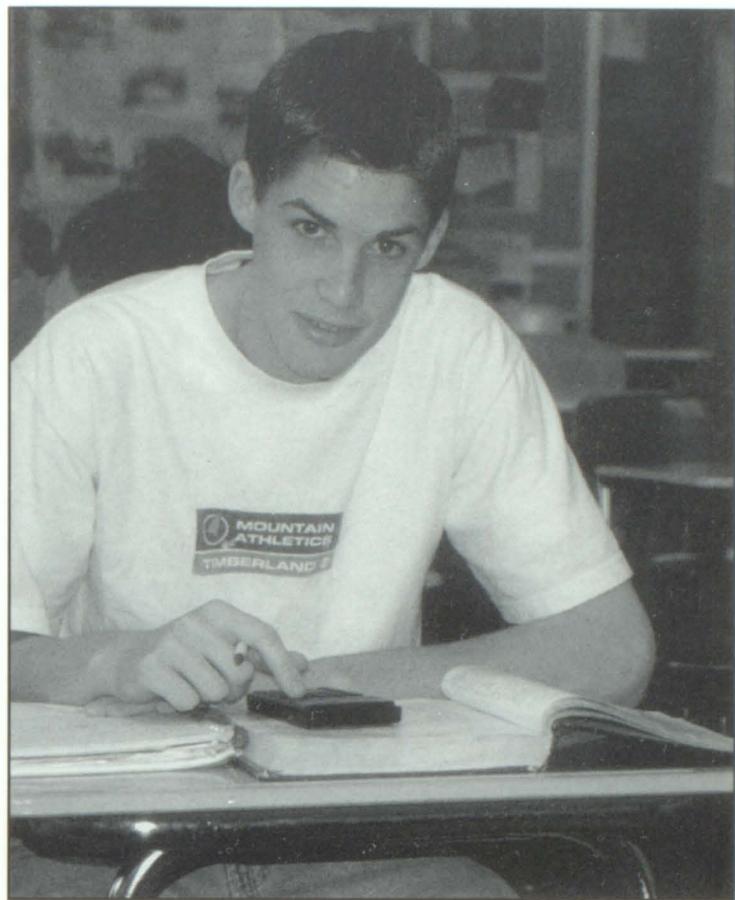
Above: Christopher Villerot realizes how having a partner is always helpful when doing a lab in Biology. Students find that adding two chemicals together creates a chemical reaction. Good thing they are wearing those safety goggles!



Right: Here in Ms. Landers' math class, a group of ambitious math students are working diligently to pass a difficult upcoming math test. Megan Sulinski, Adam Peterson, Joy Schultz, and John Donnelly will be sure to have the highest scores in the class.



Below: Mrs. Cumming uses her bubbling and helpful personality to point Jessica Orlando in the right direction with an answer about a question in her fifth hour Biology class.



Below: Overwhelmed with homework, students find themselves doing homework for one class in another class. Ryan Matthews uses a high-tech calculator to decipher some "fuzzy" math his English class.

Q: WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT IN CLASS?



"When I mooned a bunch of kids not realizing a teacher was among them."
Kasey Bell '01



"When we were talking in English class about how much the death penalty cost. I said 'Because it uses so much electricity?'"
Jane Fader '01

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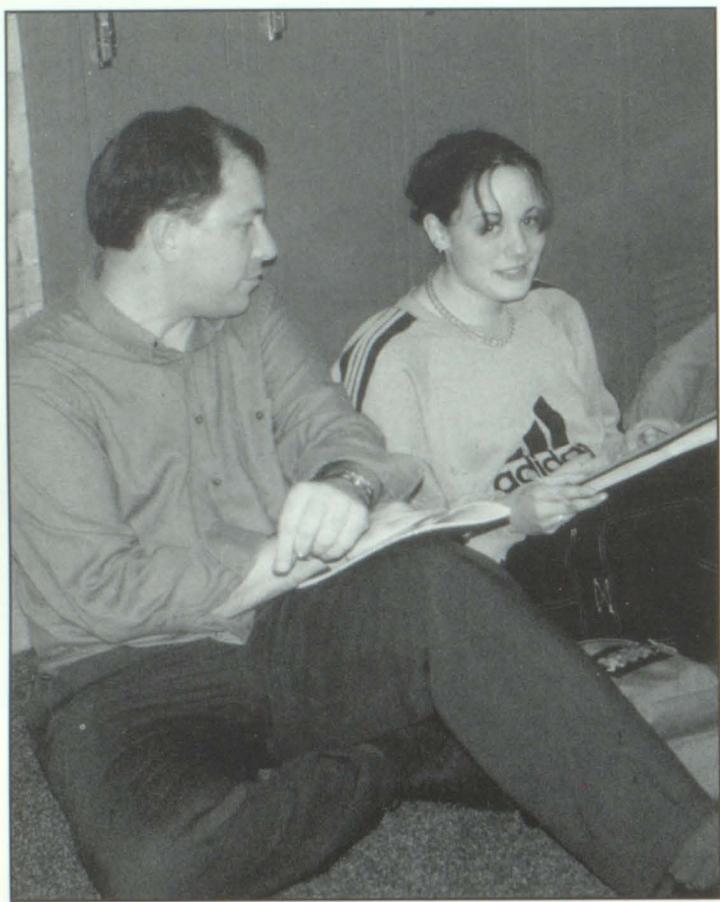


1. I grew up in Royal Oak.
2. I went to MSU.
3. I have a thing for Thomas Jefferson.

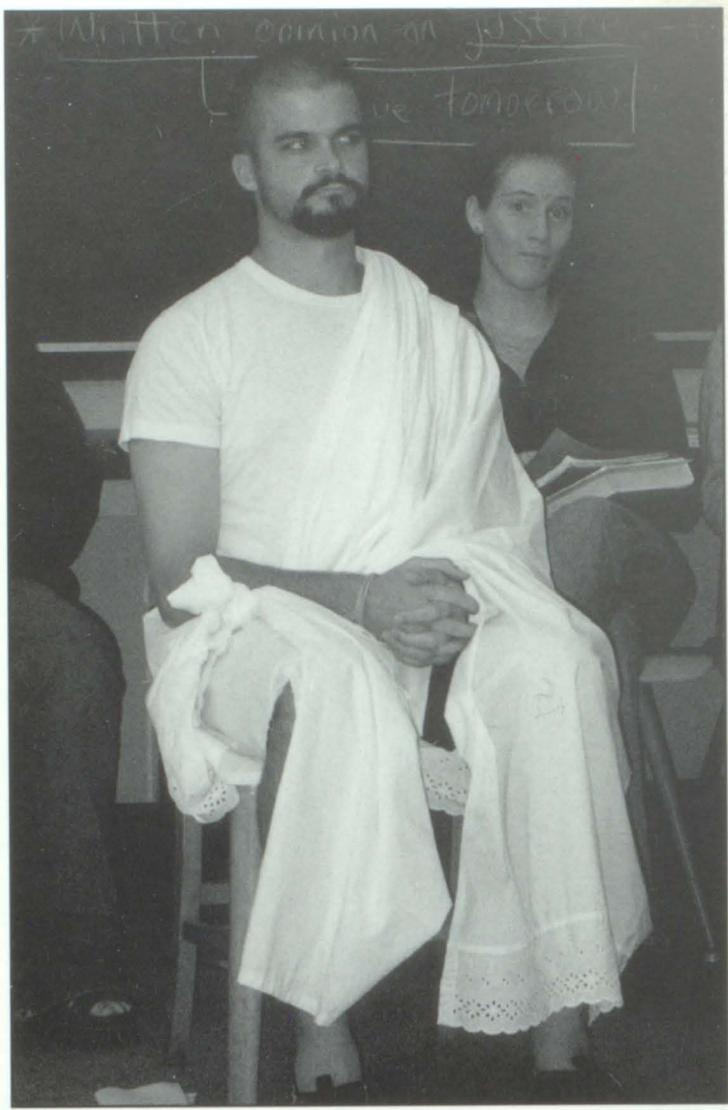


1. Disco balls!
2. The Stephen King School.
3. So I said to myself, "Self".

Mrs. Vick and Mr. Chisnell



Below: Mr. Chisnell, English teacher, teaches challenging classes such as Advanced Composition and Argumentation. Whatever he is teaching, though, he is always willing to lend a hand... even if that means taking a seat on the floor in the hallway next to junior Beth Laraway.



Above: The lacy sheet that Mr. Snyder, social studies teacher, wears serves as a costume for his annual Socrates trial. Senior Michelle Boiteau is perplexed because he uses "Socratic questioning" to divert a direct answer to her question.

Which teachers are featured in their high school photos?



1. Graduated from Kimball High School
2. Taught at Keller Middle School
3. Has three boys: Huey, Duey, and Louie.



1. Has the "best" room in the school
2. Loves her calanders
3. Most seniority in her department

What was your most embarrassing moment in class?



"In Mr. Lynch's class I blew a huge bubble with my gum and Andy Buck reached over and popped it. The gum went everywhere!"
Mary Casey '02



"When I burped in the middle of Biology class and my whole table got sent out into the hall."
Lindsey Cooper '02

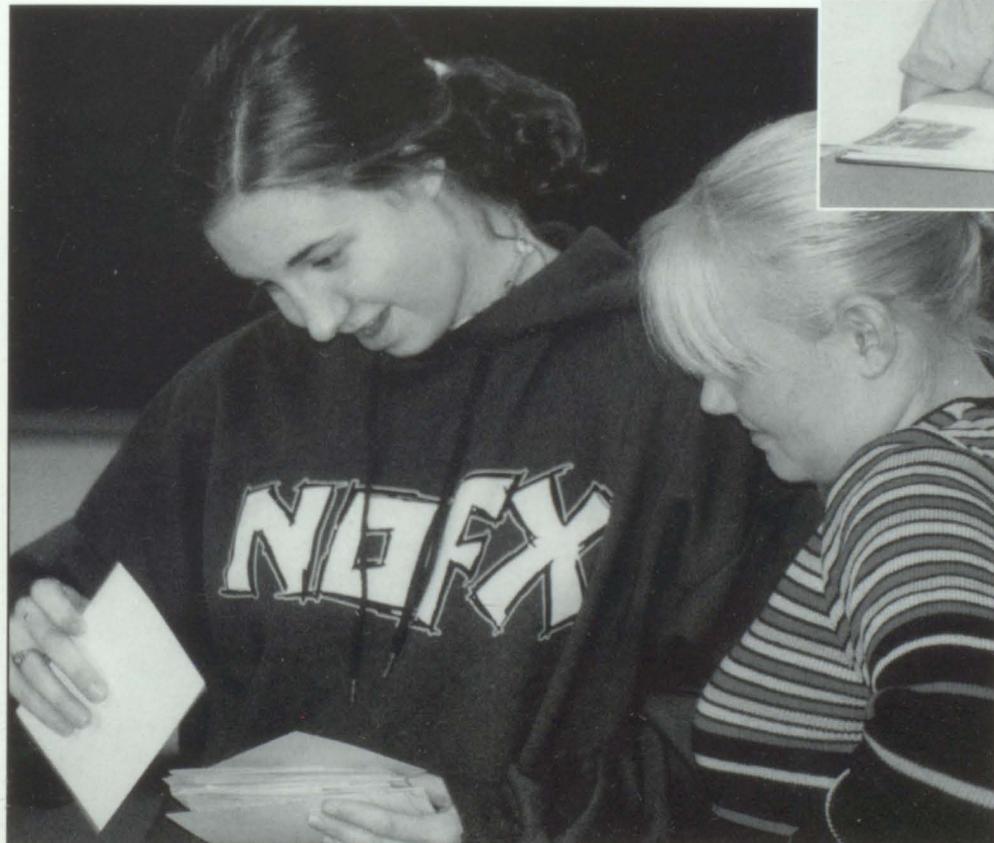
Communications For A Lifetime

"English classes make me think," says junior Caitlin Cassady. Of course, she is right. Why else would this be the only class that Dondero students are required to take all four years of their high school career? According to Caitlin, English classes give students, "...faith in society." Senior April Benson agrees that, "English and social studies classes can move people in ways that no other classes can." So you want to know how English and social studies make us think? Most of all they both require creativity and the ability to think on the spot, especially in classes like Argumentation and World History.

The humanities courses teach us reading skills, writing skills, and inevitably...Public Speaking. These subjects are essential not only to graduate, but also in everyday life. Three years of social studies and four years of English may seem like a lot, but in the long run we all will realize how they are a necessity to our lives. These classes often add up to a lot of homework, but we can see how they help us to understand different people's point of view.

Social studies and English classes can create heated discussions about what happened in the past and how to change it in the future. These discussions can change your actions later in life. Maybe in twenty years you will see how all these semesters of social studies and English were very important and useful to you; don't doubt yourself.

By: Danielle Fisher



Above: History classes often encourage students to work together to get their work down better and faster. Here, seniors Victoria Gackstetter and Julie Gordon prove that they can work together and still get things accomplished.

Left: Juniors Caitlin Cassady and Kristin VanPutten pour over pictures for "Me Books." In Communications class, students were required to make "Me Books," which ask them to reflect upon and write about snapshots of their lives. These books are milestones for many juniors and seniors.

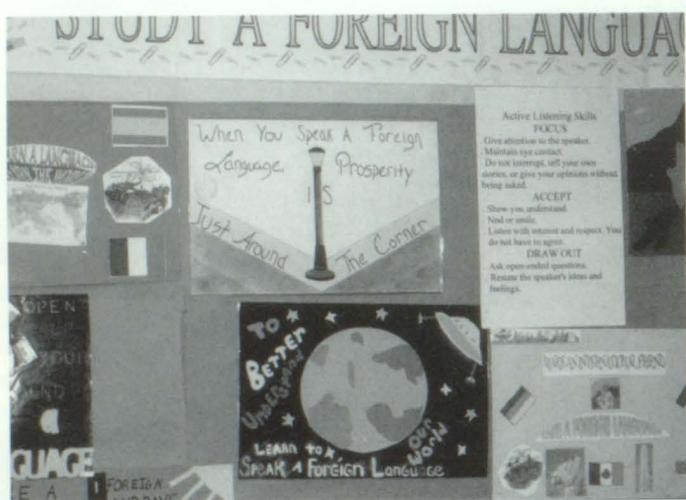
Learning New Languages Opens the World

All foreign language classes are a major challenge, but they can also be very fun and exciting. If you like to study different cultures and different countries, then a foreign language class is for you. Ever wonder where the delicious smells are coming from? More often than not, the source is one of the language classes having another food day. With Cinco De Mayo in the Spanish class, the Oktoberfest in the German class, and many more holidays that the foreign language classes celebrate, it is difficult for students in other classes to contain their jealousy. Each language celebrates more than once a year; it's hard to keep up with the smells!

In these classes the teachers do many projects to help students better understand the culture they are being taught. If you have ever dreamed of traveling to a far away country, then this would be a great experience for you. Taking a language broadens your outlook on the world and catches your interest with fascinating information about different people and their way of life.

Having these skills of communication and understanding will be a great advantage in your future. Today, taking a language course is a necessity if you plan on going to college. Foreign languages are just another way to help improve your interactions with and understanding of other people.

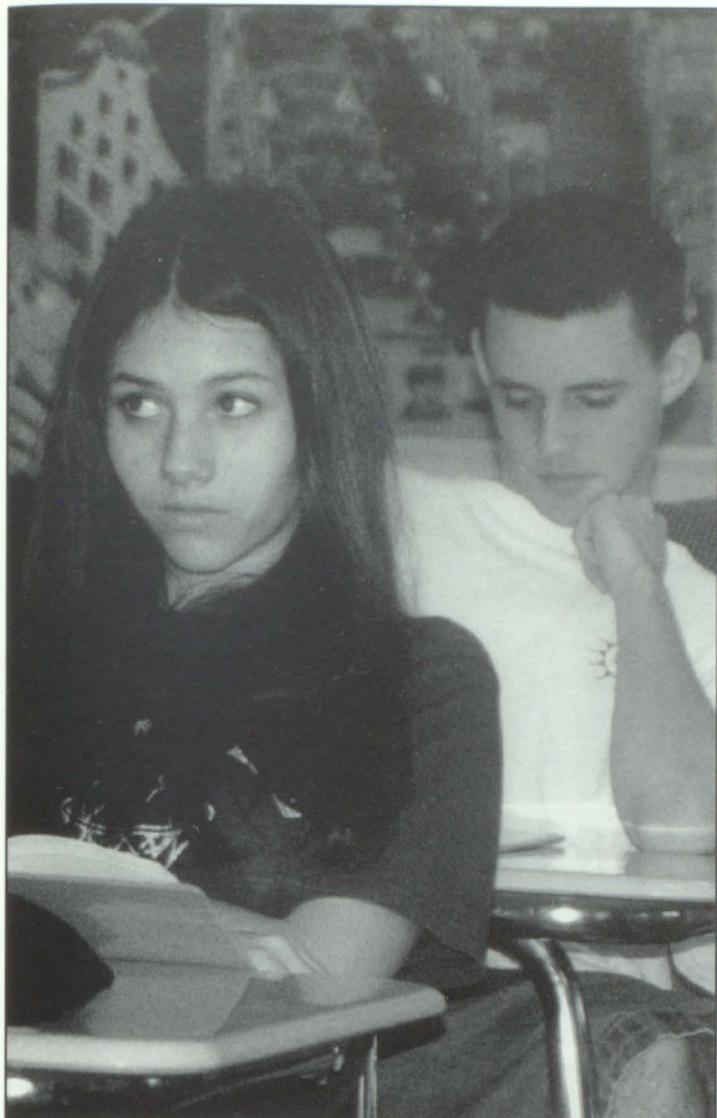
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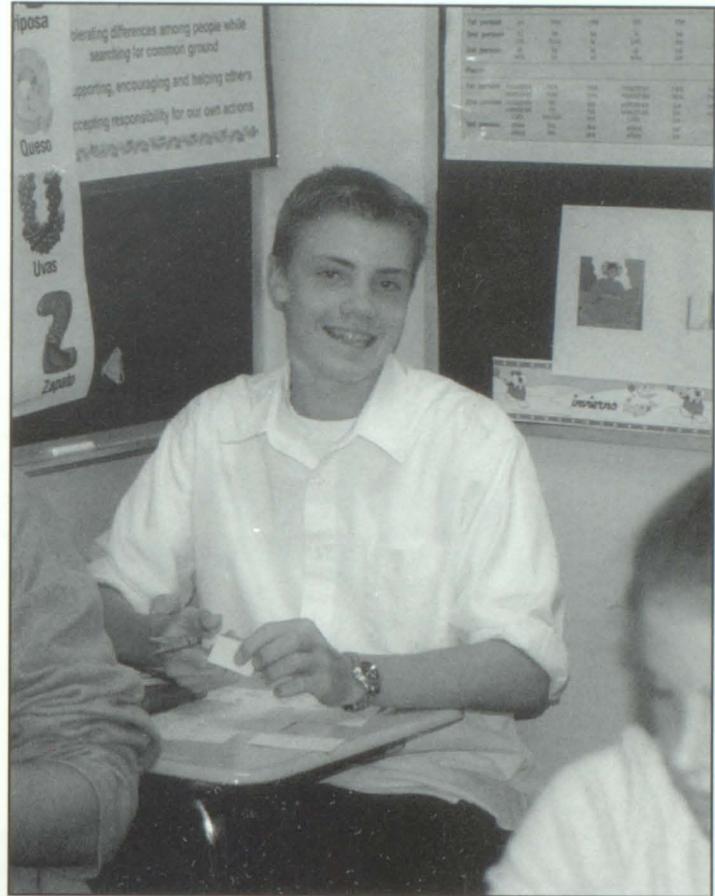
Above: Senora Arribas has a colorful bulletin board to entice students to take a foreign language. The posters represent only a fraction of the fun students can have in Spanish class.



Right: When Madame Sauer is not around, Heather Flynn, Jessica Carty, and Erica Bell like to take time out and catch up on recent gossip (speaking French, of course).



Above: Ashley Turner and Bryan Beebe seem to think that Herr Weathers is telling quite a story. They must learn to trust the magic of German storytelling.



Above: Justin Knapp wants everybody to know how much he enjoyed learning the Spanish alphabet in his Spanish class by studying the alphabet chart next to him.

Which teacher does this high school photo belong to?



1. I am a U of M graduate.
2. I have a forklift operator's license.
3. I ran the Detroit Marathon on my first wedding anniversary.

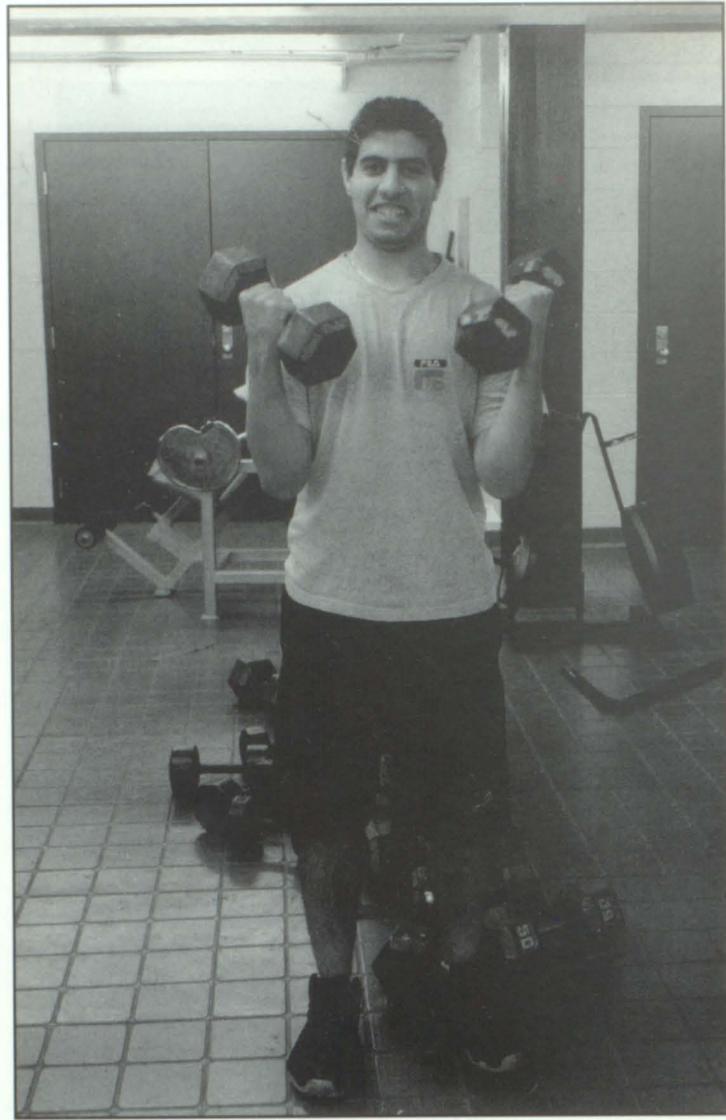
What is your favorite thing to say to others in class?



"If you don't want the plane to crash, daydream about it. Daydreams never come true."
Erin Berard '03



Above: Junior Johnathon Donnelly feels the need to squish his face during a delay in the badminton game. John knows how to use his time wisely in Team Sports.



Above: Saad Saif shows off his muscles as he builds his biceps. Weight and Body is the key to his success as a body builder. Saad is lifting 50 pounds with each arm. His face tells us that he is enjoys a physical challenge.

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1. I am a first year teacher at Dondero.
2. I am a 1968 Kimball graduate.
3. My husband teaches and coaches at Keller Junior High.



1. Earned a Merit scholarship to Wayne State University since she ranked top 5 out of 400+ students.
2. Has three gorgeous sons ages 8, 7, and 4.
3. Awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to study in Spain.

Q: WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT IN CLASS?



"In Mr. Camp's math class I yelled out the wrong answer and then argued about it. It took me 15 minutes until I realized I was on the wrong problem."
Jenna Nassouri '03



"In my Spanish class I told my teacher that I was feeling well and I thought I was going to get sick, so and I threw up right outside of the classroom everybody heard me. When I walked back in the room everybody was staring at me."
Rachel Fa '02

Learning to Play Together

There are approximately 950 students in this school and we all have had to take a physical education class. In your year/years at Dondero, have you figured out why students need a Physical Education class to graduate? The Board of Education says that physical education is required "to prepare our students to become productive, responsible, lifelong learners in an ever-changing world."

At Dondero High School there is only one year of gym, which is one credit that is required. We have two teachers for physical education: Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. Ratliff. Some students question the reason why we can only take gym for our required credit instead of Team Sports or Weight and Body. One of Dondero's valued counselors, Mr Stemas, says, "Gym is the prerequisite for Team Sports and Weight and Body because gym is a required credit. If Team Sports and Weight and Body were options to take for the required credit, then there would be fewer boys in the gym classes."

Our Health teacher is Ms. Holman. She is very involved with her students and how they perform academically. In Health students learn about drugs, CPR, and HIV. Health is a learning experience that every student should endure. We appreciate our health and physical education teachers because we spend approximately one year with two of these three teachers. They are helpful to us as students in the way that they teach us to play as a team and work together to accomplish our goals and be conscious of our physical beings in general.

By: Danielle Fisher



Above: Senior Ryan Gleason works out his legs on the leg press. He is trying to buff up his legs to impress the girls. Mr. Ratliff is the teacher who encourages Ryan to keep up on his good work.

Left: Eric Henry does 150 arm curls during Weight and Body. Eric is trying to tone his muscles to intimidate the lowly freshmen.

Lights, Camera, Action!

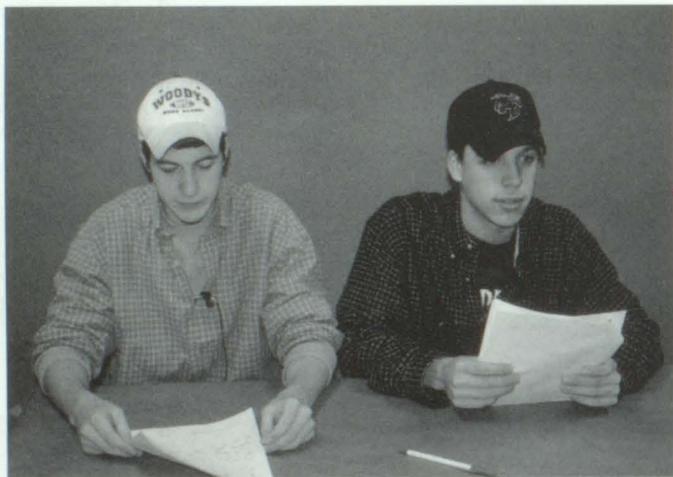
Some people spend their spare time watching television, while others spend their time creating it. Introduction to Telecommunications and Telecommunications are two classes that help to broaden student knowledge and interests in the world of television production.

Intro to Telecom develops skills in fields which lots of students of this generation have been and will be going into. "We mostly study movies, shots, and screenplays, as well as make the television announcements during second hour," junior James Martin stated when he was asked what exactly Intro to Telecom was all about. James also mentioned that "everyone gets a turn making the announcements, working the camera and operating the computers and doing sound." This class gives you some experience that could be used in Telecommunications I and II.

Telecommunications I and II is an advanced, yearlong course that provides instruction and experience in telecommunications technology and program production. Most of you might know it as WOAK. In this class students such as Benjamin Webster can choose to work in front of the camera acting and hosting, or behind the camera like Ian

Prunkner, who prefers editing. "Ben's the talent; I just make him look good," Ian stated. This television program is primarily about school events and activities, and it is on channel 54 or 15 on your cable T.V.

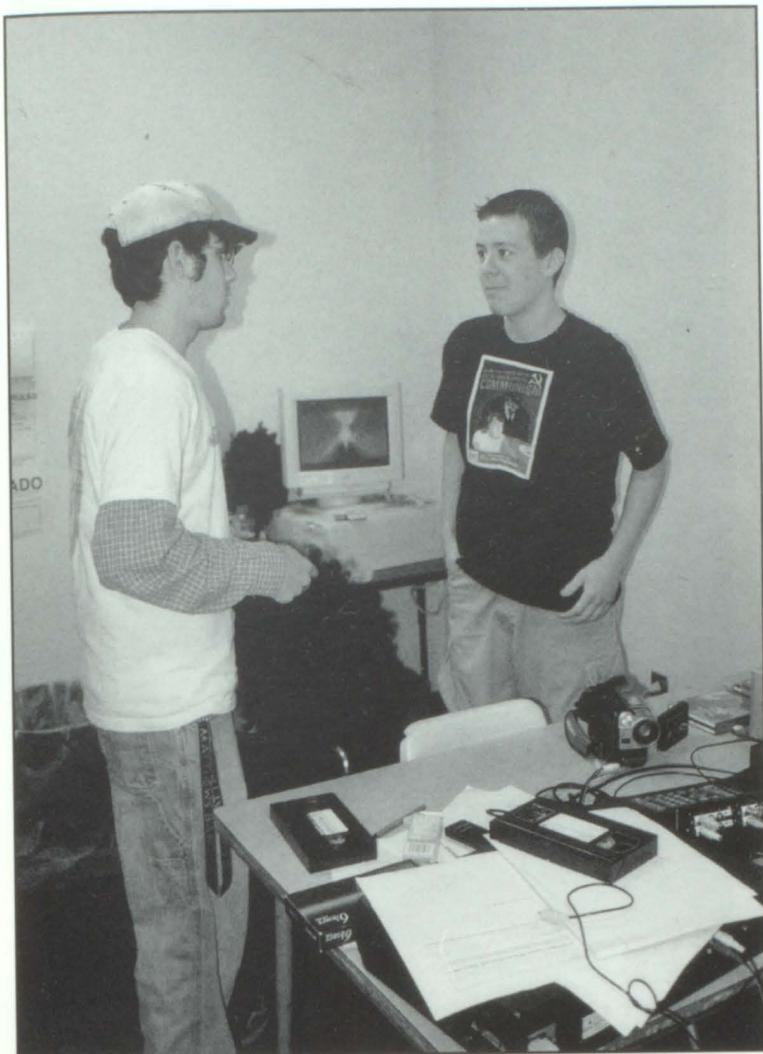
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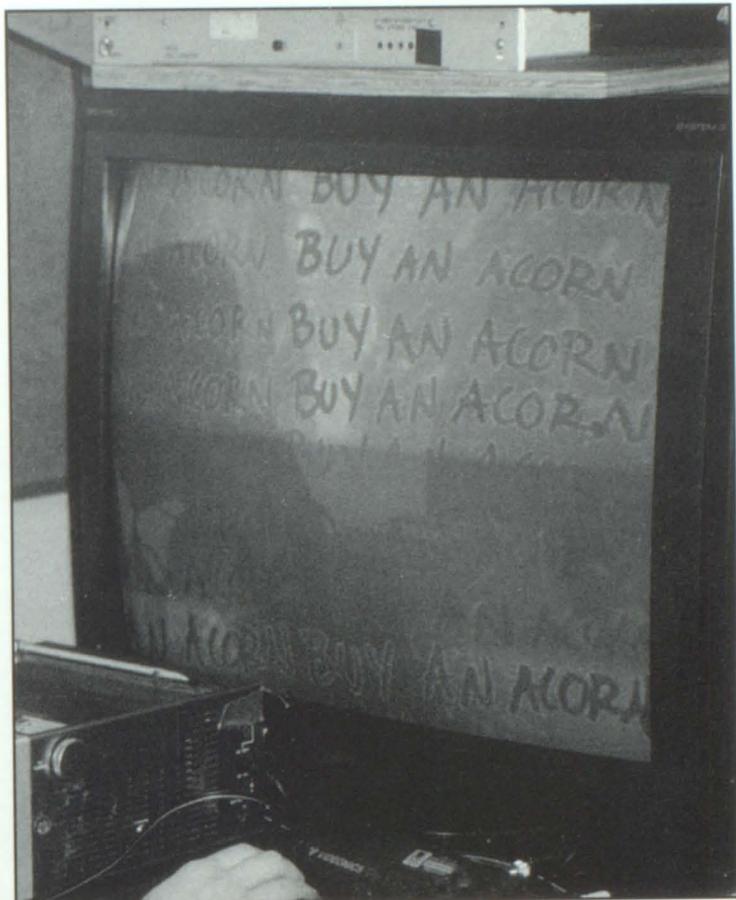
Above: Junior James Martin spends every last minute practicing his lines for the daily announcements while Senior Mark Garman waits for his que.



Right: Seniors Kasey Bell and Andrew Janik check the camera, while Kerrie Kennedy and Frank Giorlando go over their lines to make a perfect show.



Above: Senior Bradley Elliot tries to convince Sophomore David Frank to put the infamous afro wig on, but David does not seem willing.

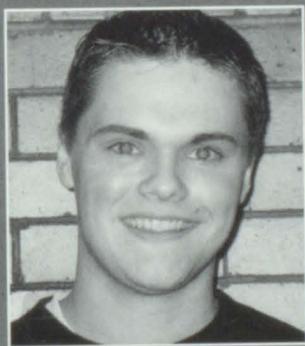


Above: Desperate for advertisement, ACORN asked Telecommunications to subliminally inform students that they needed to buy an issue.

Q: WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT IN CLASS?



"I fell asleep in class on my blue folder and drooled all over it, when I got up I didn't realize that I had blue ink all over my face until my next class." Amy Bellmore '02



"I was doing a presentation in my 9th grade Biology class, and my tie was loose and my fly was down. I didn't realize this until my presentation was done." David Benvenuto '02

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1. I grew up during the "Wonder Years".
2. I arrived at Dondero from Keller Junior High.
3. I live with Less Than Jake fans.

1. I will always explain why I do something, even when I'm not asked.
 2. I like to be in attractive, neat, and clean places (especially my classroom).
 3. I try to practice what I preach.



Above: These figures pinpoint specific positions of the body's everyday movement done by Mrs. Shrode's third hour Art 3/4 class.



Above: Ashley Nowak practices her artistic skills by doing an assignment titled "camouflage name plate." Students in Art 1/2 are required to do this assignment to pass the class.

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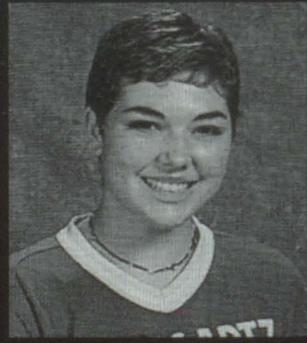


- 1) Yes?
- 2) No?
- 3) Maybe?

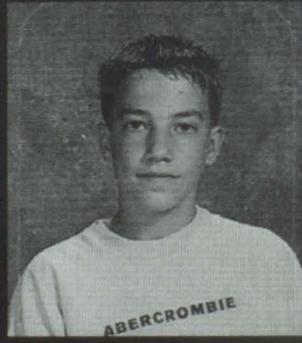


- 1) She thinks chocolate is an essential food group.
- 2) All-time favorite band is Pink Floyd.
- 3) Loves the legends of King Arthur.

What was your most embarrassing moment in class?



"I got banned from the trainer's room "I yelled out the wrong answer, and for shooting snot on someone." everyone laughed at me."
Chelsea Adams '02



-Frank Quinn '04

Looking at a Masterpiece

Dondero offers experience in a variety of Fine Arts courses. The beginning level art class is called Art 1&2. In this class you learn methods and styles of drawing, composition, color, and design. At the next level, Art 3&4, students have a chance to explore block prints, woodcuts, and silk screen. Students also learn painting techniques like watercolor, gouache, and acrylics. There are many things that can be designed after learning how to sculpture wood, plastics, and clay. One's own masterpiece could be a ceramic, an illustration, or a poster layout. What ever it may be, it is a personal creation.

Some students take art just for fun and are not looking to pursue it later in the future. Junior Lindsey Cooper says, "Not everyone who takes this class is going to art school. I'm not sure what I want to major in yet." Others enjoy art and would like to take it to the next level by possibly going into a college that is especially for art. "I'm not sure what I want to do, but I would really like to get a job where I can express my artistic talents," said Junior Drew Budry.

Those who are not good at drawing might want to look into the arts and crafts class. Students explore various types of crafts such as decoupage, macrame, paper toile, relief printing, clay projects, stitchery, and much more! The art courses at Dondero give students a chance to express themselves creatively, and they also open students up to new ideas.

By: Stephanie Cooke



Above: Ms. Shrode and Senior Thomas Woodbury examine the eraser as a potential art project. Perhaps an oil crayon still-life will do?

Left: Junior Drew Budry looks over at his array of oil pastels and contemplates which color to use next in his drawing.

Rolling in the Dough

Imagine being 17 or 18 and running a store. Most people want to grow up and run their own stores, but they can get practice everyday here at Dondero. Our school store is called Oak Avenue, and for those of you who don't know, this is a class: Marketing 3/4: School Store1/2. These students prepare the store during fourth hour and then take turns working at the store during lunch.

The store has many things to offer to a student, parent, or teacher of Dondero. They sell t-shirts, boxers, picture frames, sweatshirts, blankets, and much more. Students here at Dondero probably know the store best for its wonderful Otis Spunkmeyer cookies. The store offers many seasonal things as well; for example, during Christmas time they sold ornaments and ribbon.

Seniors like Heather Tate, Jennifer Tello, and David Haugk make decisions about merchandise, what to put on sale, and what to display. Accountant Heather Tate says, "I've experienced a lot of new things here in the store. Working at Oak Avenue is a ton of fun, but also work." On average, 75 students go to the store every day.

Have you ever noticed the music that is playing in the background as you walk in to the store? Well, the reason for the music is if the right type of music is playing in a store, and if it smells great, then you are more likely to buy something. So when you walk past the school store during lunch, stop in to take in a deep breath, listen to some great tunes, and buy some great cookies.

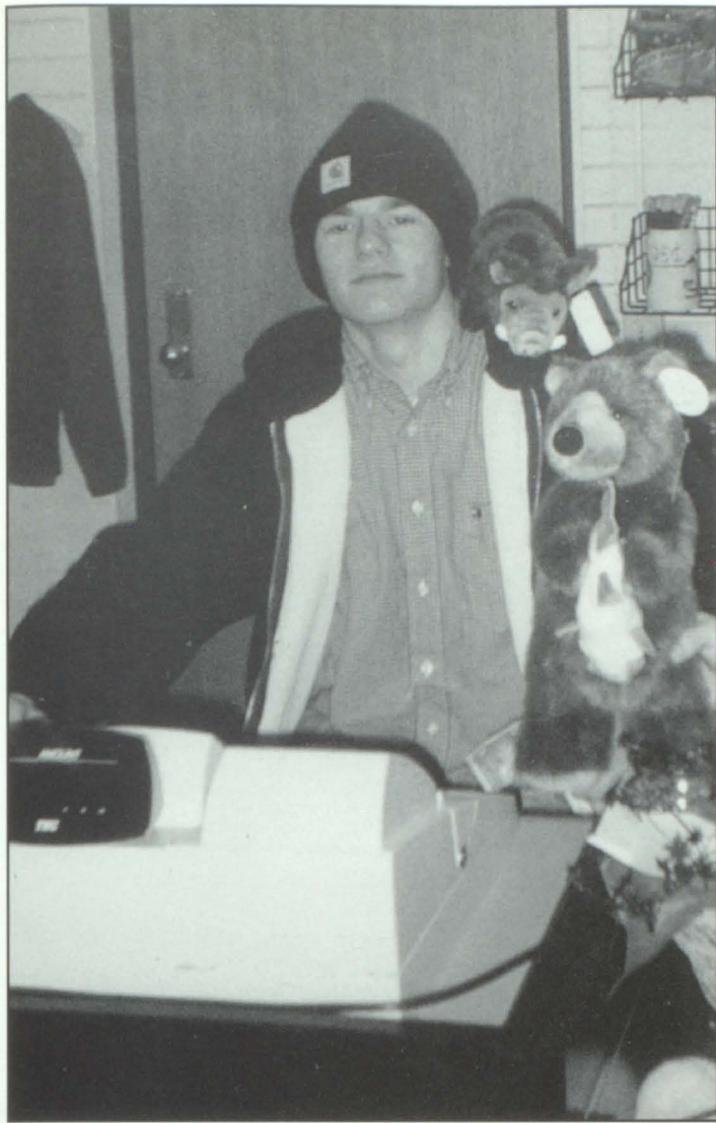
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Above: Senior Heather Tate shows us what she does for the school store. As the accountant, she spends most of her time in the office.



Right: Senior Brandie Summers tries to persuade her customers to buy very cool Dondero Oaks sweatshirts. Brandie helps set-up the school store once in a while.



Above: Senior David Haugk works at the cash register with a wombat on his shoulder and a bear at his side. Dave helps make the students that come into the store laugh with his comedic personality.



Below: Senior Jennifer Tello is a key part of the school store. Here she packages cookies by threes into their bag. Her classmates tend to steal a few.

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1. I graduated from Utica High School in 1963.
2. I like lighthouses.
3. I spend a lot of time where the students tend to be the noisiest.



1. I grew up in Ann Arbor.
2. I am a MSU graduate and a loyal fan.
3. Traveling is my passion.

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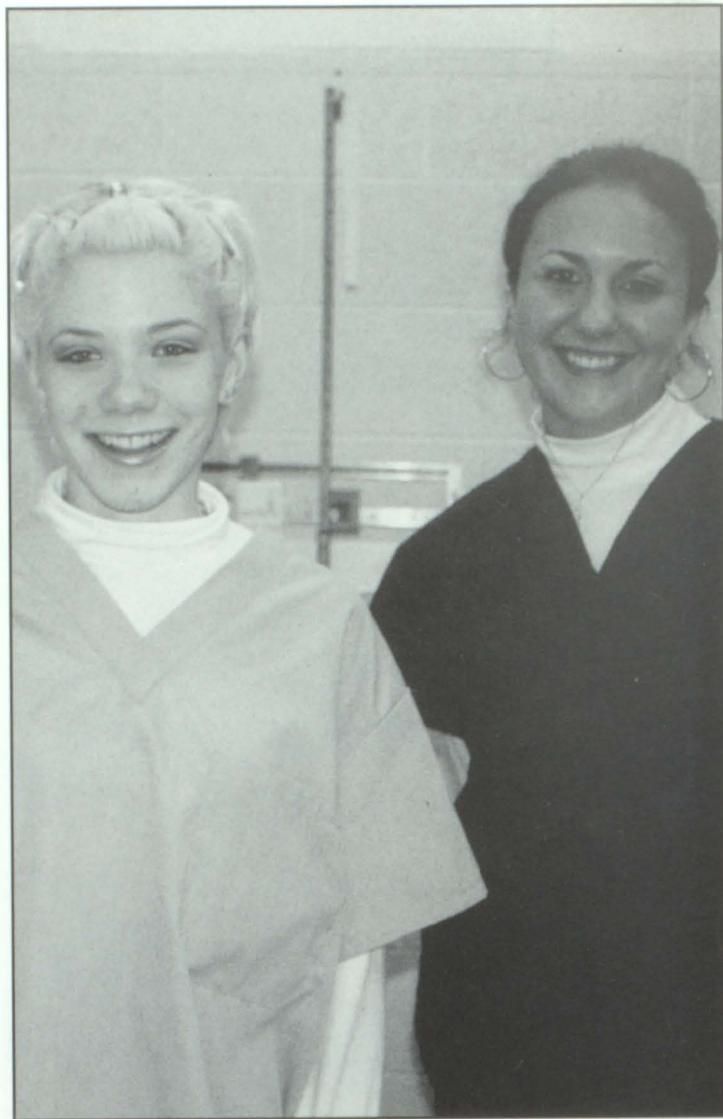
"Once at early morning band practice, I was marching backwards and I fell on my butt; everybody started laughing."
-Melanie Aldenbrand '03



"During freshman year, I went to the wrong class for the first three days of school."
-Ashley Nowak '03



Above: Juniors Justin Browder and Elizabeth Hanson are surprised to find out that there is so much to the reproductive system in Medical Skills at Kimball.



Above: Juniors Chelsea Neri and Danielle Manderachia are excited about taking people's blood in O-TEC.

Q: WHICH TEACHERS ARE FEATURED IN THEIR JUNIOR HIGH PHOTOS?



1.) I'm an awesome break dancer, i.e. the worm.
2.) I'm shorter than the average student.
3.) I can touch my tongue to my nose.



1.) I was a synchronized swimmer at Kimball in high school.
2.) I have a wiener dog named Simon.
3.) I have been a swim coach for 12 years.

Q: WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT IN CLASS?



"When I got gum stuck in my hair."
-Lindsay Lewis, '04



"When Art Club photos were postponed because I fell asleep on the stairs and someone had to come get me."
-Emily Sherlock, '01

Looking into the Field

"Being a doctor is something I've always wanted to do since I was little," said junior Danielle Manderachia. Danielle is just one out of the many students who participates in the courses at the Oakland Technical Center. The Technical Center offers students opportunities to explore career areas, prepare for college, or acquire the skills to go directly into the job market. The best part about these programs is that you get academic credit for learning about things that interest you.

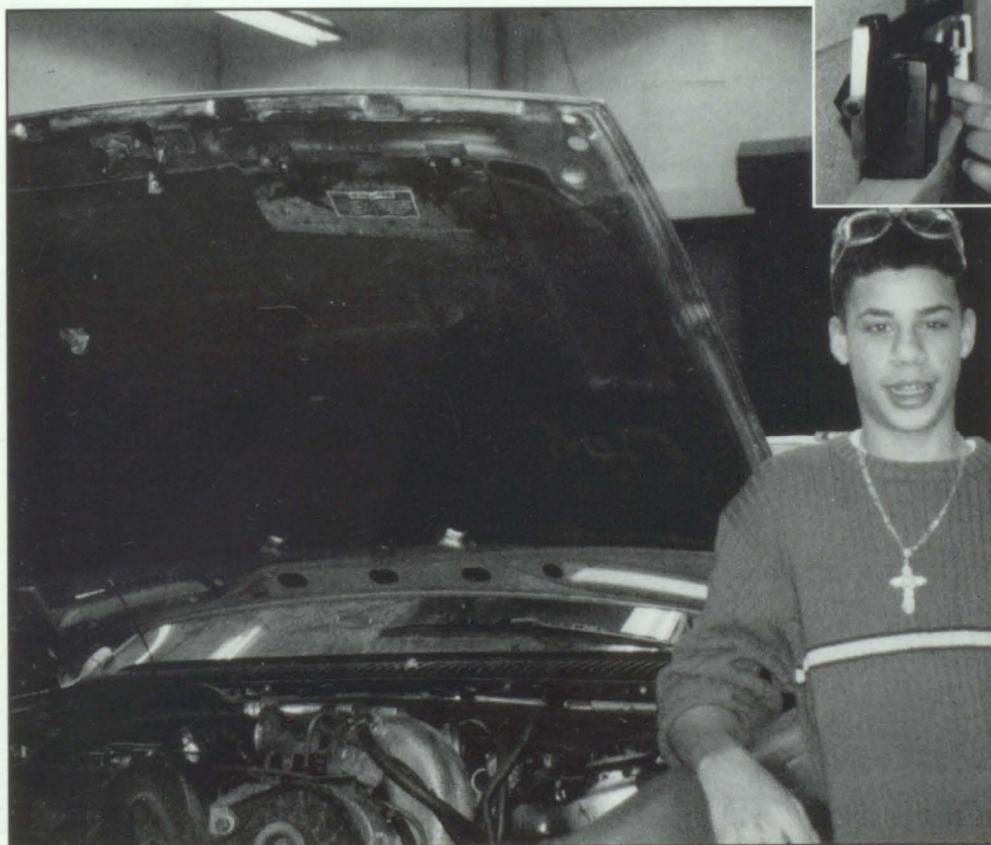
During the day, some junior or senior students take a bus or drive over to Kimball to participate in some of the courses that are available there, such as Medical Skills and Modern Diets & Nutrition. The most popular course that Dondero students take is Medical Skills. In the first year you learn everything from medical terminology, to adult and child CPR, to first aid. In the second year students will build on the skills and knowledge learned in Medical Skills 1&2. Students study human anatomy, physiology, and specific disease processes in this course. Dondero students who have successfully completed the Medical Skills program can earn a maximum of three credits at Oakland Community College with successful testing in the area of medical terminology.

Housing & Interior Design is also a class that you can take at Kimball, though many students do not. Housing & Interior Design provides experiences for real life situations. Students make decisions and apply life management skills to their own lifestyles. In this course students use computers and art; they also look at a selection of furnishings for apartments, and decorate a home for a certain lifestyle. These are some of the many choices of interesting classes at Kimball in which Dondero students can take part.

By: Stephanie Cooke



Above: Junior Kimberly Gordon thinks it is pretty funny when sophomore Lance Thomas insists on weighing her in Medical Skills at Kimball.



Left: Junior Terry Arsott takes a "brake" from his exhausting work in auto body class at O-TEC.

Going Above and Beyond

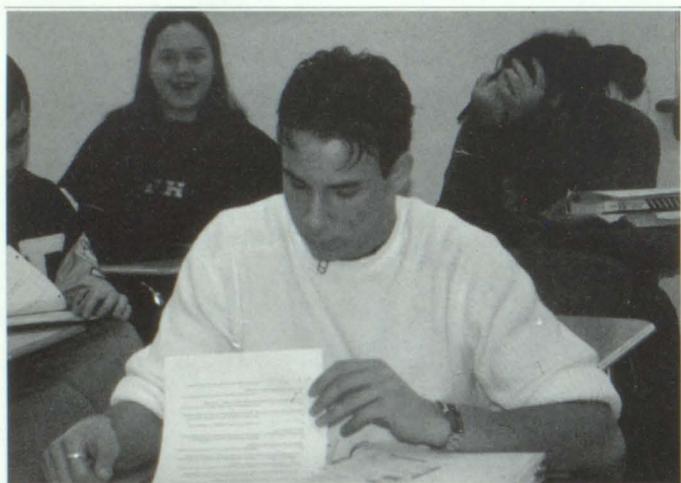
Advanced Placement classes, a challenge to students, but a great preparation for college. There are five A.P. classes: History, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, and English. Junior Aileen St. John says, "A.P. History is a fun, interesting, and intense class. It is also very time consuming." Studying is a necessity for students in A/P classes. They cover so much information over such a short period of time, that there is great pressure to keep up. Junior Jayna Estopellan feels, "A.P. History is a challenge but a nice way to prepare myself for college". Mrs. Vick teaches A.P. History, and it is evident that she loves her students and teaching her class very much.

Junior Kristin VanPutten thinks, "A.P. Biology is fun, but it would be more fun if there were more people. Mrs. Cumming is a really great teacher. She makes sure that everybody understands." Senior Jon Feinauer says, "I have never learned as much in a class as I have in A.P. Bio. Mrs. Cumming is a great teacher!" Many students in an A/P class believe that they are the most challenging class in their day. The other Advanced Placement science class is A.P. Chemistry. Mr. Weiss is known as a great teacher; he gives the students a hands-on experience. Many of his students rave about his A.P. class but I just couldn't find any....

Students who enroll in Advanced Placement English are preparing themselves for college. The Board of Education says that this class is the equivalent to a class that a college freshman would take. Senior Jill McWilliams says, "Mr. Cicchini is really cool, but there is a

lot of work so it is really helpful to get your work done on time. Sometimes it is better to get ahead so I don't have to stress right before a due date." These A.P. classes require many late nights and some early mornings to keep up with the work. Most A.P. students will agree, A.P. classes are fun if you enjoy a challenge in your school day.

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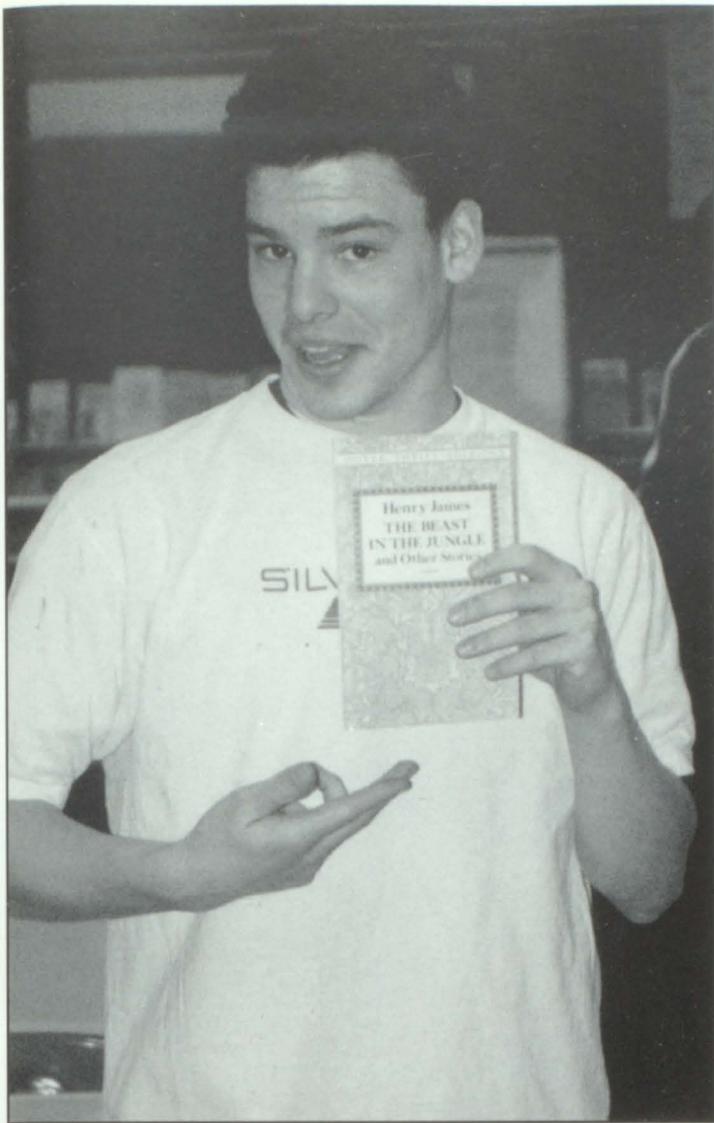
Above: Junior Joseph Koehler looks over his previous quizzes so that he can ask Mrs. Vick questions and prepare for the midterm. Junior Debra Bennett looks mesmerized by the camera as she laughs at a joke told by a friend.

Right: Senior Katie Kidder leans over to help senior Matthew Rautio with a question in A.P. Chemistry. Senior Andrew Englehart studies the chapter so he can do the section review.

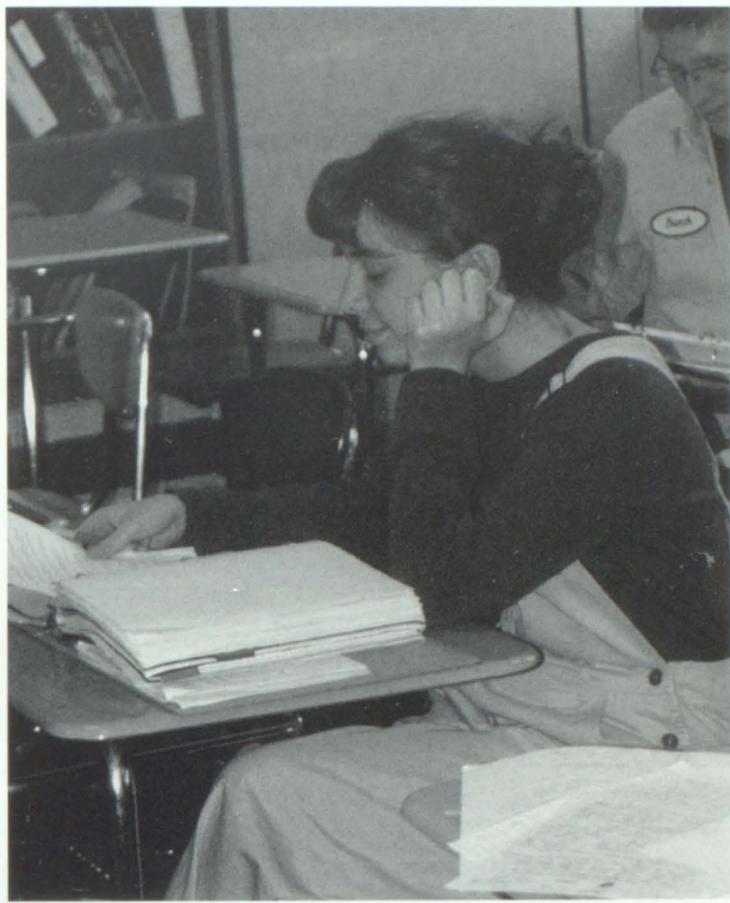


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Above: Senior Samuel Stocker shows off the newest book that his A.P. class is reading, *The Beast in the Jungle*, Vanna White style.



Above: Junior Sara Fenwick reads over her notes before taking a quiz, but it seems that she is dazing off into a dreamland.

Q: WHICH TEACHERS ARE FEATURED IN THEIR HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOS?



"One day in Descriptive Chemistry the seam of my pants ripped, and I didn't realize until Amber Marsh told me about it"
-Lisa Hyde '02

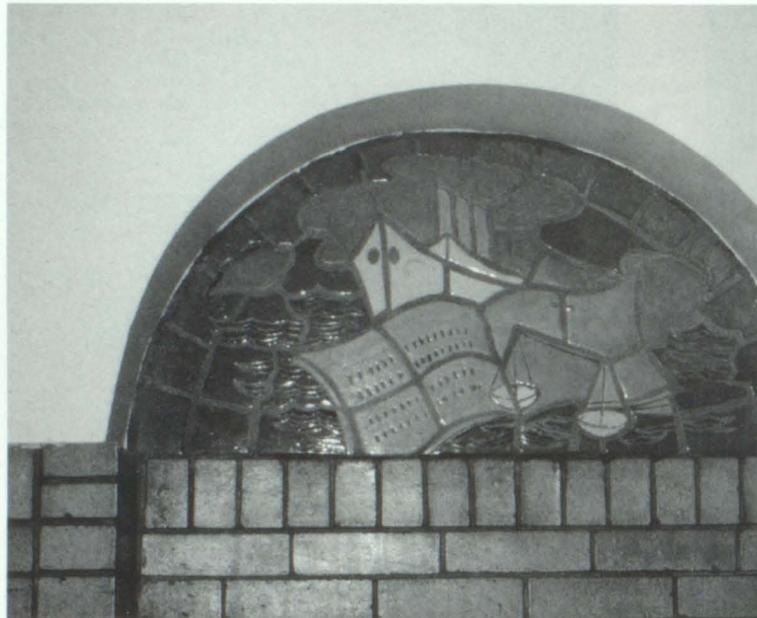
"In the computer lab Carol Roman, Brenda Boges, Candis Stanton and I were fooling around; I got a crutch stuck on my head."
-Laura Maroni '03

Q: WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT IN CLASS?



1. I attended Lockman Elementary and St. Dennis.
2. I used to teach high school English and coach girls softball.
3. I love watching music and drama programs.

1. I was a rock and roll "groupie".
2. My first granddaughter was born on my birthday.
3. I played a fairy godmother in musical theater.



Looking Through

Student lives and student days move far beyond the world of academics. While school is an undeniable major portion of our lives, so are other things. Sitting in a desk in a class, trying to concentrate on classwork, other facets of your life infiltrate your thoughts. For example, what will you wear to Homecoming? How many days until summer vacation? Where will you go for lunch today? Will your boss be cool today? What movie will you see this weekend? So many things to do, so little time . . .

Whether it is after school or on the weekend, students can probably be found at home, at a party, at work, the movies, out eating, or with their girlfriend or boyfriend or even a best friend. Most students do not really care what they are doing with their time, as long as it does not deal with sitting in a desk at school. Throughout all the one hundred and eighty days of this school year, we caught many different glimpses of where students spend their time.

By: Robin Cooper



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Student Life

School Is Out...

Summer vacation for American kids is the best thing about life. After being dragged down for almost ten months, summer vacation is like being let off the leash for the first time. Never in school will you be able to say, "I ran into a flock of geese with a boat in Virginia." No geese were harmed in the making of this quote from freshman Colleen Taylor. In order to understand why summer rules, we must first establish why school is so very not cool. School requires waking up five days a week before 8:00 a.m. For a high school kid, the hours between 6 a.m. and noon are prime sleep time. School kills any kind of life you may have after 3:00 p.m.. We all wish that as soon as the bell rang, our lives could get fun again. However, the reality is that when you go home you have hours of homework hanging over your head. Weekends are no better because then you usually have big projects or tests on your mind. Week long breaks are the only thing that compare to summer because you usually have tests out of the way. During school the only way to get through a full hour of class is to put down your head and dream about how last summer you "...went to Cedar Point and went bungee jumping," like freshman Ronald Rofalski. Summer vacation is the best time of the year. Not only do you never have homework, but you can spend all your days how you want to.

By: Jon Feinauer



Above: Sophomores Tara Deleo, Jenna Nassouri, and Jessica Bryan take a ride on the Millenium Force at Cedar Point over the summer.



Right: Juniors Danielle Manderachia and Stephanie Cooke spent a day working on their tans at Black Lake in northern Michigan.



Above: Sophomore Valerie Heidrich is trapped in the 1970's with this wonderful "Saturday Night Fever" look. She certainly set the fashion trend over the summer.

Summer Is In...

Finally, summertime comes as a savior to teenagers' sanity all around the country. A kid can sleep in everyday until the sun is hot, at 1:00 PM. You wake up to the sun in full effect, and you realize: "I have no obligations." You could sit around all day and do nothing, and you might not get yelled at. The parents are at work, so the house is to yourself. Why not go get some sun for a few more lazy hours, then call up the posse and waste some more time? Dinner is the only consistent daily event, and eating rules. After dinner is when you may start using your body, but not your mind, of course. You can relocate yourself to the scene of a party, where you can have fun with your friends till the early morning. As if that was not the best thing in the world, you can always arrange a road trip with your friends or family. Vacations rule because they have all the qualities of a normal summer day, but you are usually in a place with water near by, and water is what summer is all about. Senior Jenni Sego told yearbook, "I spent the summer with my boyfriend, and went to Cedar Point and up north." Sophomore Ashley Nowak said, "I went to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. I tried to take pictures, but they took my camera." Summer vacation really is the best thing in life. Everyday is fun, even if you do nothing, because you are not in school! You could do things like Bradley Elliot, who said, "I joined a band, and I dis-joined a band." The only two things that can suck a little fun out of summer are the presence of a job and the fact that summer goes by in 0.5 seconds.

By: Jon Feinauer



Above: Freshman Katherine Costanzo (middle) and friends spend time down under at Planet Hollywood in Sydney, Australia.



Above: Sophomores Elizabeth Wanless, Rachel Fox, Jackie Roberts, and Angela Dilacovo spend their lazy summer days gathering some rays with the birds on the roof.

Left: Seniors Kerry Gerdes and Shayla Humphrey hug up close with Woody the Woodpecker on an Island Adventure over the summer.

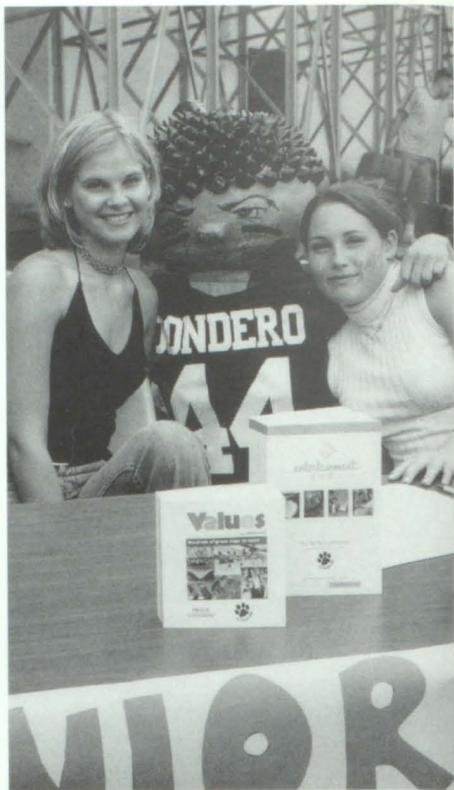
Time for Tailgate

Dondero students are excited and sometimes depressed when Tailgate comes around. Tailgate reminds students of the fun that can come with the school year. You get to talk to all your old friends and meet new ones. However, Tailgate also reminds students that the school year is a reality. Homework is a reality. Detentions are soon to be served. Sleeping in will cease for nine months. Your health will fade as you become sleep deprived. Yet, most students attend Tailgate with a smile on their face. Senior Melanie Flynn said, "The Tailgate dance was fun."

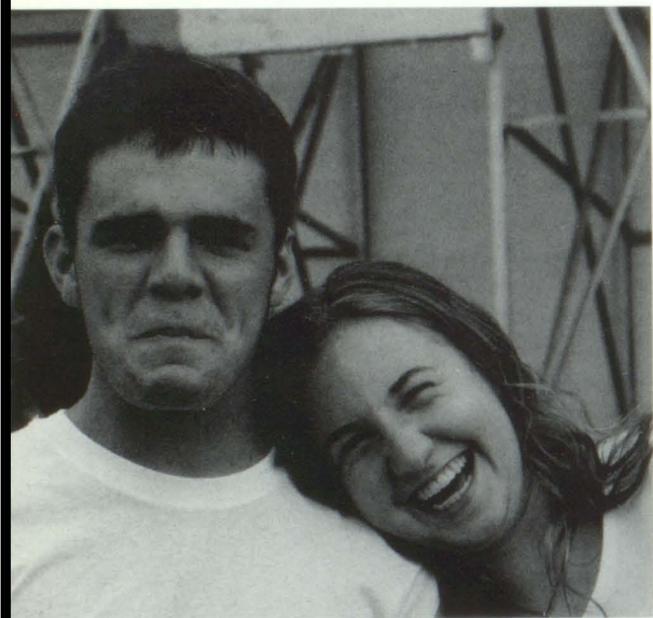
During Tailgate all of the clubs and organizations crowd the space behind the bleachers in hopes of making a little cash. Because of this, senior Katie Lamb said, "Tailgate is boring if you're broke." The groups spend weeks planning an event that will attract the students. Some clubs have great success with fundraising. Drama Club was pretty successful with their face-painting booth, and the senior class sold a hot item: Entertainment books.

Tailgate is a good time to check out the different groups in school and see which one, if any, you want to join. This is the time that you can win prizes and also have great fun and food while you are there with your friends. Mother nature cooperated with the event this year, and the whole evening was great. From the events before the game, to the cheering during the game, and lastly, the fun dance, the whole day was a time to let loose and have a good time.

By: Jon Feinauer



Above: Seniors Samantha Thornton and Jessica Harrington, with the help of the Oak mascot, Spike, try to earn some money for the senior class.



Above: ACORN Editor-in-Chief, Ryan Shipman, pulls a face when asked for his picture. ACORN's Assistant Editor, Caitlin Cassidy, is happy, thinking that they have made serious money for their newspaper here at Tailgate, but Ryan knows otherwise.



Right: Sophomore Tracy Ennes paints a pretty picture on senior Emily Dressler's face. Wait a minute, what is a sophomore doing helping a senior?

Powder Puff Girls



Above: The seniors knew exactly how to get the crowd going at the Powder Puff game. Here Justin Meister and Joseph Landorf offer Michael Volk as a sacrifice to the game of flag football.

What is better than watching a bunch of girls wearing jerseys running around playing football? This may have been the question that the men who witnessed Powder Puff asked themselves. The junior girls faced the reigning champs: the senior girls. Everyone should remember last year when the junior girls beat the seniors. Obviously, the seniors this year had high levels of confidence.

The juniors had a big task this year. What could they do to beat the seniors? They would have to have been really good last year to win the game against last year's seniors. Wondering if they were as good this year, the juniors had to have a plan. The plan was to win. As the aftermath reveals, plan A didn't come through.

The score was 12-0. Junior Jennifer Quinn said about the loss, "No biggie." She felt that the juniors performed at a superior level, but by a stroke of bad luck they lost. The seniors were unanimous in their idea of what happened: they crushed the juniors with no problem. Tension still remains between those two groups of females, as would be expected.

The senior girls are very happy to have won two years in a row. The senior class is made up of a very talented group of people, and winning this really showed their athletic ability as girls.

Some brave men participated in Powder Puff as cheerleaders. They competed with each other on a whole different level. Senior Samuel Stocker said, "The cheerleaders exemplified the superiority of the senior class." All seniors should agree.

By: Jon Feinauer



Above: Junior girls Rachel Nievelt, Jennifer Young, Elizabeth Hanson, Kara Scharver, Sara Brown, and Andrea Champange take a break as they watch the other team extend their margin of victory.

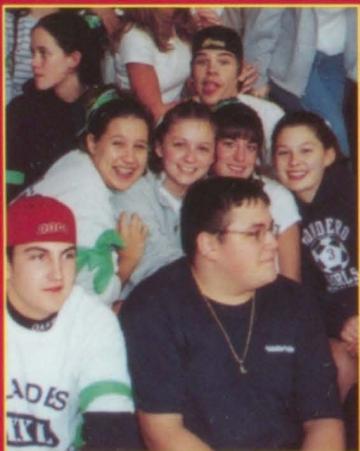
Left: Taking a break, the senior girls listen to some advice from their coaches. It looks like they had some game winning advice.

Spirit Week

Spirit Week was successful again this year in getting students to embarrass themselves with the clothes they wore. Many kids participated in the festivities all week long and each day there was a competition to see who had the most spirit. Twin Day, Eighties Day, Get Up and Go Day, Class Colors Day, and Blue and White Day had students coming to class dressed very "differently." Eighties Day helped everyone remember the Detroit Pistons and the movie, *Back to the Future*. Greg Carlson won the prize for this day with his jean jacket, bandana, and huge "Ponch" sunglasses. He got those at Mobile, by the way. The fuzzy cartoon character slippers and baggy pants seen on a few hundred of the girls here were a part of Get Up and Go Day, a favorite because students could literally roll out of bed and come to school, bad hair and all. The last day, Blue and White Day, found kids walking down the halls with huge blue and white socks, painted faces, and pom poms. Dondero proved itself to be a school chock-full of spirit!

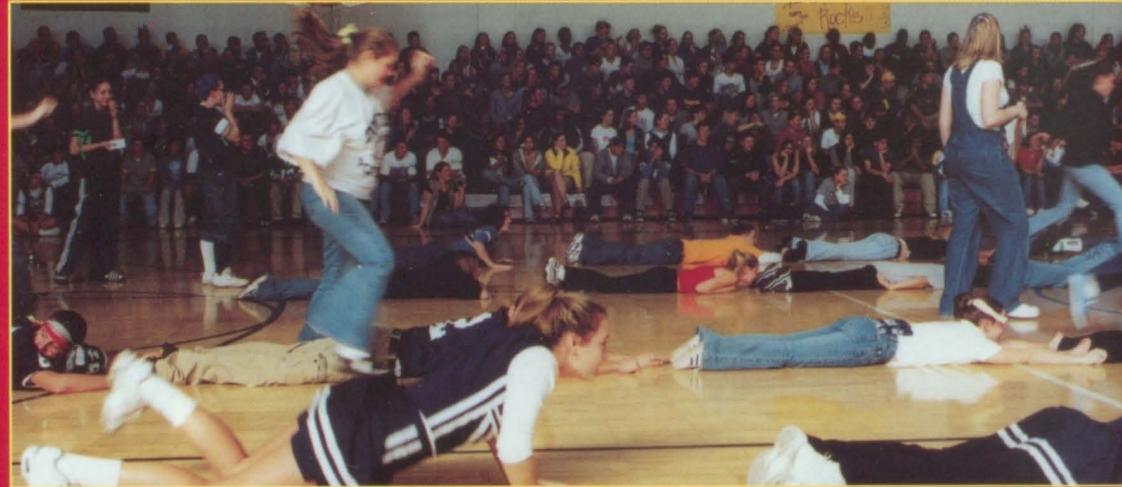
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Below: Sophomore class members got spirited with their green ribbons. Decked in their green, Valerie Heidrich, Jennifer Breadon, Renee Wright, and Jamie Gower cuddle together for a little sophomore love.



Above: Looking their best, teachers Mrs. Kocis and Mrs. Vick represent the staff members during the Dress Up Game at the pep assembly. This is what happens when the students win!

Right: Seniors Andrew Miller and Gregory Carlson stole the show with their Eighties Day gear. Or is that how they always dress?

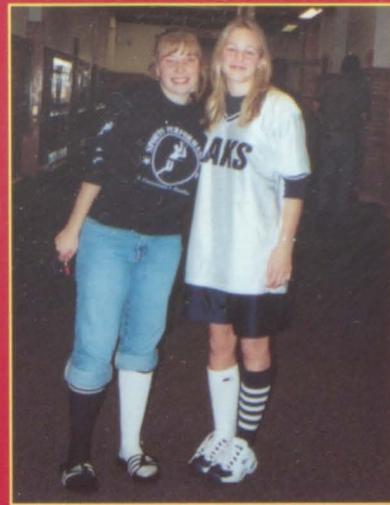
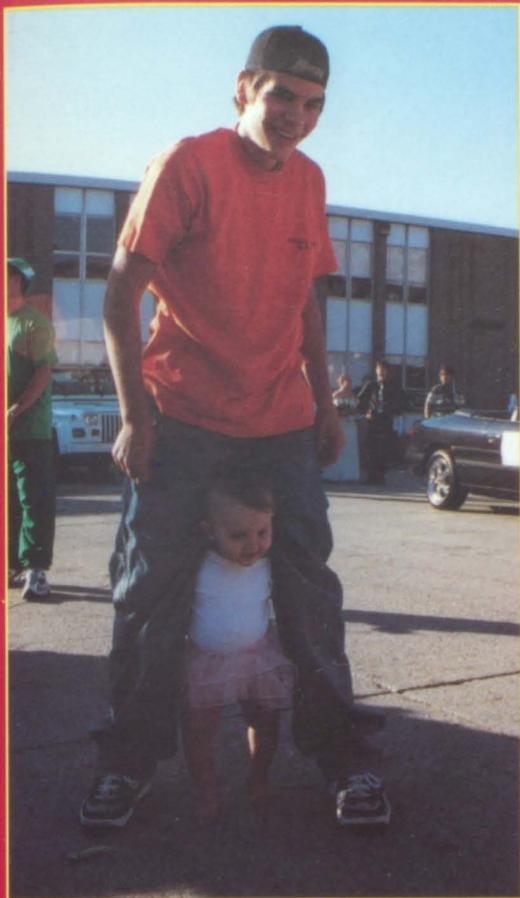


Right: Juniors Jessica Olinski, Amanda Herrick, Erica Scheid, Andre Champagne, Jennifer Kaiser, Sara Fenwick and Tara Loyselle live in the yellow submarine, or maybe they're just wearing yellow for class color day.

Above: Corrie Chansler gets down dirty to make a human caterpillar during pep assembly. The human caterpillar just one of the many activities designed to get students involved and to show their sp



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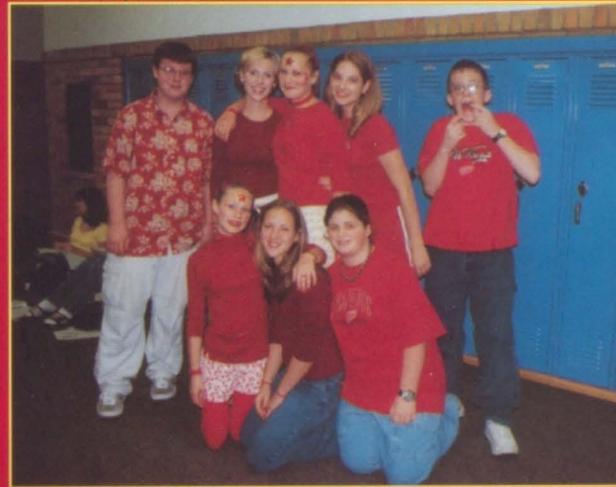
Left: Ryan Thornton showed us his third leg after the parade. His niece posed as Tinkerbell in the senior Peter Pan float.

Above: Sophomores Brenda Bouges and Stephanie Miller are Oaks from their heads down to their toes.



The finale of the week was the assembly during our fifth and sixth hours on Friday. There were many events such as relays, pie throwing, and rope pulls. The seniors won both of the senior-junior rope pull, of course, but the juniors put up a good fight. The seniors had to be cautious at the start of the pull remembering the prank the juniors pulled last year by letting go of the rope. Surprisingly, there was no toilet paper throwing on the way out. What is Dondero coming to? Many students were probably disappointed about that. Also, the kids had to go back to class before they left to have attendance taken: what an outrage! Students served detentions for that one. The highlight of Spirit Week: Mrs. Kocis getting almost knocked out with a pie.

By: Jon Feinauer



Above: Red stands for power. Freshmen proved to have incredible school spirit this year and blew away all other classes with their Hansel and Gretel float. Freshmen Kealy Salva and Nicole Schema even went the extra mile to paint red stars on their foreheads. Now that is spirit!

Left: Sure, or unsure? Facing both sides of the gym, barearmed, barefooted Dance team members give the crowd a thrill by grooving to their favorite tune.

Below: Although it did not win first prize, the senior class float was the center of attention during the parade, as it should be.



Right: Friday's pep assembly at the end of Spirit Week did a great job of getting Dondero students pumped up. Seniors Nicole Sulinski, Naomi Huckins, Rachel Cummings, Krista Kaiser and Kathryn Welc scrambled over some unlucky participants in the Caterpillar.



Above: The cheerleaders gather for a picture just before the parade gets started.

Right: The Homecoming Court is getting ready to kick off the weekend with the parade through downtown Royal Oak.



Homecoming before and after



Preparing for homecoming usually takes the whole day. The girls spend more time getting their hair done than they do at the dance. Junior Amanda Herrick said she "...spent four hours getting ready with her best friend." The guys, however, spend more time washing their car than they do on the dance floor. If you get lucky, then someone else will make the dinner and the night plans. Those two things take a lot of planning and sometimes connections. Most groups go out to dinner before the dance and show up fashionably late. If the ladies had it their way they might want to go out to dinner afterward so that they could order more than a salad. The people who have it the easiest are the ones like senior Ian McArthur who said he likes "... watching The Simpsons at home while everyone else is out dancing." No matter what you do before or after homecoming, it is usually the best part of the day.

The men have lots to do before the dance. Girls often complain that guys are so lucky, but if

they listen up they will realize we men have plenty buisness to take care of. First on the list is washing the car, of course. Some guys might then go to the gym and toss some weights around to pump up before the dance. The next step is to hit up the bank and take out a few Washingtons or Benjamins if the guy ever wants to see his date again. Hopefully, a shower would be on that list too, but you never know.

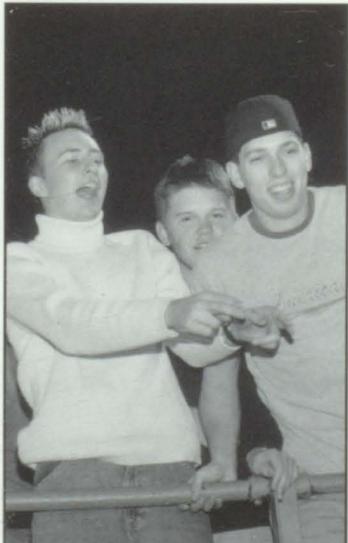
The horror stories that involve what happened after the dance are often a lot more serious: the parents may have come home early, the neighbors may have called over some uninvited "guests," or the people downstairs may have complained to the front desk. All students hope this doesn't happen to them. Of course, here at Dondero none of the students has to deal with any of these problems anyway, because we know what is what. Whatever the experience, Homecoming makes for some great memories.

By: Jon Feinauer



Left: Kasey Bell eggs on the football players during the game, as Ian Prunkner and Matthew Wlotkowski prepare to back him.

Above: The senior boy's Homecoming Court wrap up the dance and are ready to party after one final picture. We're not sure where they are going with Timothy Balla, but boys will be boys!



Once Upon A... Homecoming

How can we forget what happened throughout: building the floats, staying up late (to riot paper the underclassmen's houses), getting hyped during the pep assembly, cheering with friends during the last home game, and finally, dancing the night away with that special someone? The night seems too good to be true, almost like a scene from a timeless fairytale.

What was the "first" thing you noticed when you walked into this year's homecoming dance? Was it seeing your friends all dressed up? Maybe it was the decorations? For some of us it was our favorite song that happened to come on as we were walking in. Whatever it was, it was probably something that made this year's homecoming better than any other year.

When you entered the new com-

mons, you realized it was more than a place to hang out and eat during lunch. It had been transformed into a classic fairytale, and you were a character. As you glanced at the walls, you noticed Peter Pan flying through the air right beneath the DJ in front of you. On the wall to your left there was a castle. Looking at the stained glass windows, you noticed that each one of them represented a different fairytale. As you turned around and made your way into the old commons area, you traveled through the dark forest, but not for long. Soon you approached the "fairy forest," the school had been transformed into a magical dance; a magical fairytale that made the night special.

By: Ashley Heidrich



Right: Matthew West looks stunned by how his date, Chelsea Adams looks in her dress at the dance.

Above Right: "Hey foxy lady, do you want to dance with me?" James Sidick asks the ladies for a dance.

Above: Lindsay Kennedy takes a minute from dancing, in her smashing dress to laugh at the camera. She was a vision in green.



Dancing Queen... and King



There were people dancing everywhere. More noticeable, was a large circle of people with a select few dancing in the center. If we peeked through to see who was inside, we could've seen James Sidick, Latasha Dorch, Kevin Aulph and other students break dancing in the circle. People were starting to get the groove of things and dance the night away.

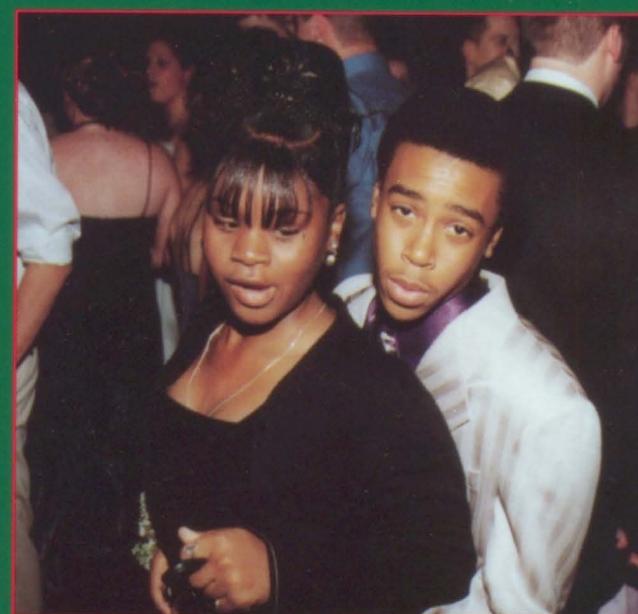
The dancing was interrupted for the special announcement to find out who would be crowned Homecoming King and Queen. The nominees stood on the steps in the new commons while last year's King and Queen (Derek Ward and Francis Mudge) came out and walked up and down the stairs, looking for this year's perfect King and Queen.

The night turned perfect for Michael Volk, and Deanna Miller who were chosen as the 2000 Dondero

Homecoming King and Queen. When they were asked their thoughts on being crowned, Michael replied, "The true definition of platinum plus is Mike Volk." Deanna's feelings were, "The first thing I did was cry. It felt like I was walking on water, it was *too* good to be true."

Although Deanna and Mike won something special that night, so did everyone else that attended the dance. Everyone will definitely remember the friendly faces, and indelible moments. This year's homecoming was one of the most unforgettable dances you will have had in high school. There are always a few select nights from your high school years that stick with you; Homecoming 2000 is most definitely one of them.

By: Ashley Heidrich



Left: King, Michael Volk and Queen, Deanna Miller pose for a picture as Cinderella and Prince Charming. Above Left: Members of the 2000 Homecoming Court (Top row, l. to r.) Timothy Balla, Holly Jones, Benjamin Webster, Jennifer Herrick, Nicole Prunkard, and Andrew Janik. (Bottom row, l. to r.) Corey Nimety, Deanna Miller, Michael Volk, and Jessica Harrington. Above: Lakeisha Dorch and her date remain calm on the wild dance floor.

Movie Mania

One of the best things to do on a Friday night is to see a movie with your friends. Movies also provide a good scene for a first date. There have been many great movies to see this year, and the classics have remained popular. Some people prefer the romance classics like the movie *Ghost*, whereas others are more of the action type and like fast, suspense movies like *Mission Impossible*. In terms of comedies, many people have said that *Meet The Parents* was one of the funniest movies to come out this past year.

The movie industry takes full advantage of high school students. They know we are addicted to them, and they know we will pay for them. Most major theaters, such as Star, charge \$7.50 for an evening movie. They also get you with snacks, charging as much as \$2.50 for a box of candy. Senior Mark Kauffman says, "It tickles cutie, it's worth it!"

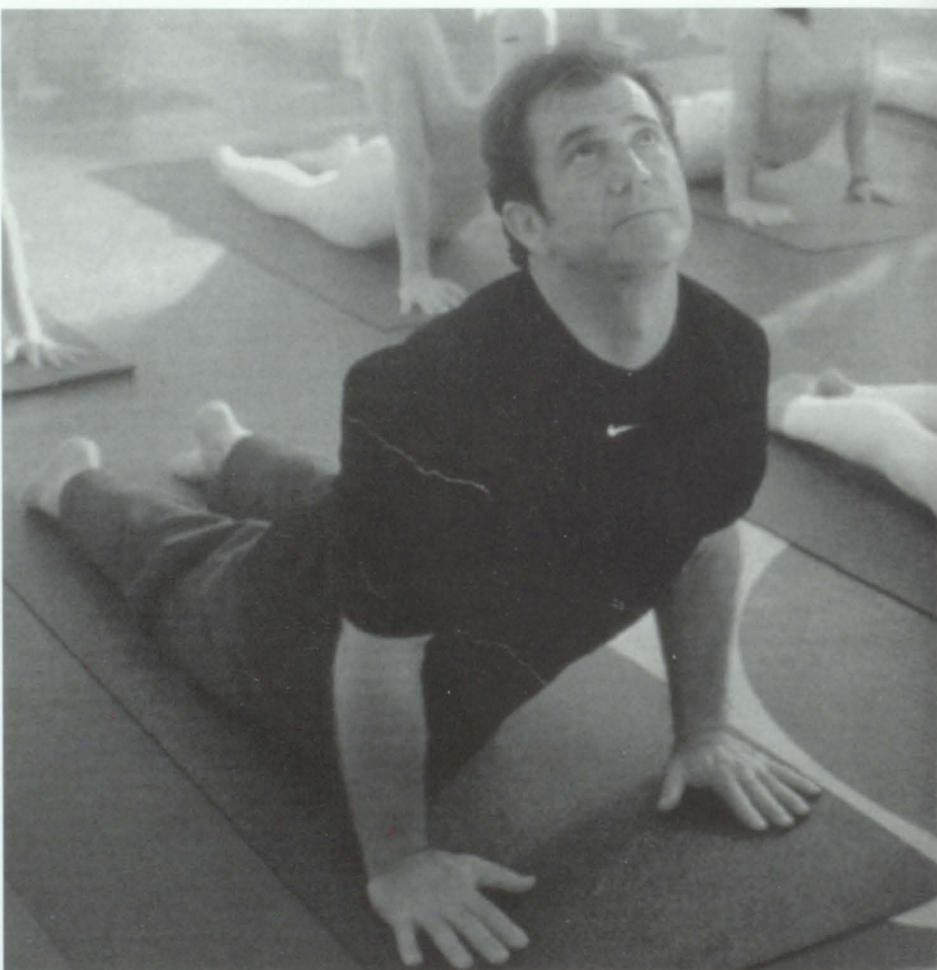
The cheaper alternative, and often more fun alternative, is to go up to Hollywood or Blockbuster and rent a movie. You save a bunch of money, and you can also talk during the movie. If you're lucky, your mom will be around to make you snacks. If you're on a date, you're lucky if your mom is nowhere in sight.

If you like to make your own movies, then you can join people like seniors Kasey Bell and Bradley Voorhees in making some home footage that seems to take on a large audience. Whatever type of movies you like, and whatever setting you're most comfortable in, there is a movie and a place to watch it for everyone.

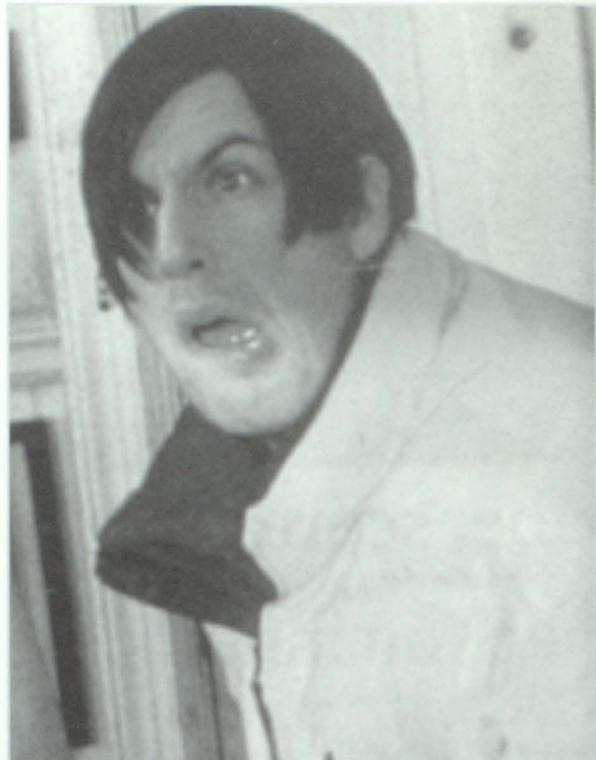
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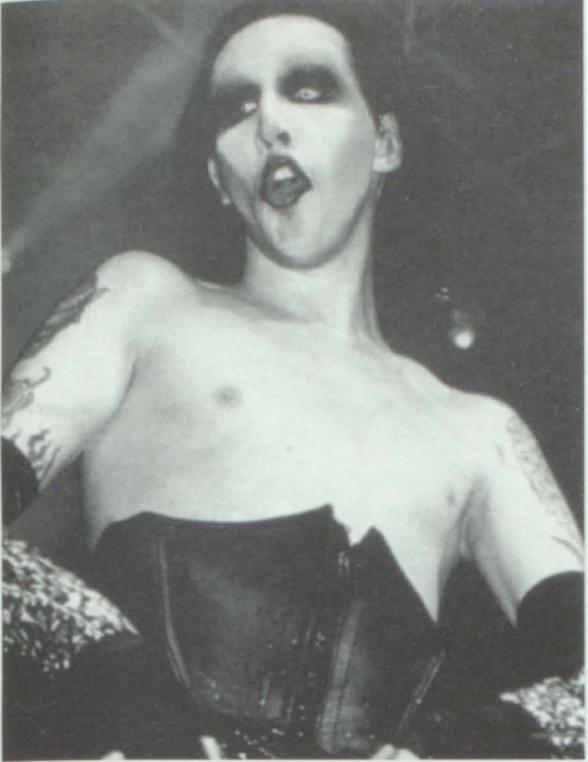
Above: Sandra Bullock gives her best Miss America smile in the romantic movie *Miss Congeniality*. Photo courtesy of: Entertainment Weekly



Right: Mel Gibson stretches his muscles and his manhood in the romantic comedy *What Women Want*. Photo courtesy of: Entertainment Weekly.



Above: Adam Sandler shows us a face that only a mother could love, in the comedy *Little Nicky*. Photo courtesy of: Rolling Stone magazine.



And the Award Goes to...

Do you find yourself listening to music a lot? For some students, music might interrupt their classwork, that is if you have headphones on in class, like junior Randy Gignac likes to do to drown out the world. Almost everyone in the world either listens to music or participates in making music.

Most students spend a lot of money on CD's. They cost about 17 dollars at stores like Best Buy and Harmony House, and even more at others. Another possibility is adding Napster onto your computer, so you can just download the songs you want. However, to do that you have to have a computer, a CD burner, and blank CD's to put your music on. If you want your music to be downloaded faster and more efficiently, a cable modem is most effective. For most people, the cost for making a CD is made up in no time.

There are a lot of students at Dondero who also like to write their own music, or even participate in events like Pop Concert, which is put on by A Cappella choir. It's like attending a real concert, but your friends are up on stage instead of the voices you commonly hear on the radio.

By: Ashley Heidrich

Above: With albums like, *Anti-Christ Superstar*, Marilyn Manson is the opposite of the common teen role model, yet is still admired by many. Photo courtesy of: Rolling Stone Magazine.



Above: With the hit albums, *Baby One More Time*, and *Oops I Did It Again*, Britney Spears has been a role model for teens everywhere. Photo courtesy of: Rolling Stone Magazine

Left: When Nelly came out with the album, *Country Grammar*, he had people all over acting like they were brought up on a farm. Photo courtesy of: Rolling Stone Magazine.

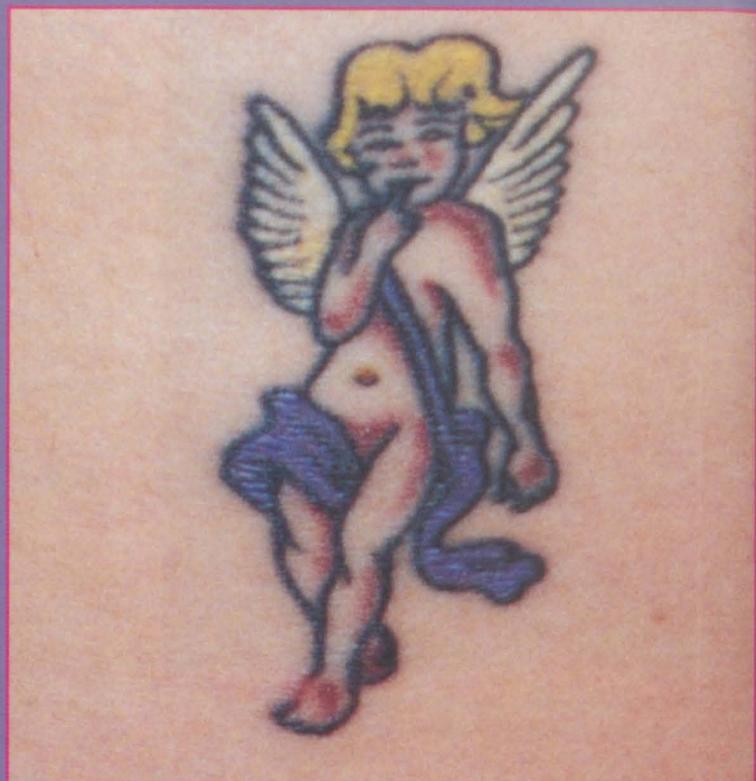


Mortal Canvas

Body art has begun to appear more often in society. Even though the legal age to get a tattoo is eighteen, many students have found ways to get around that. Some go over to Canada (where there is no legal age), or some have friends in high places and then there's the very few who have parents who are cool enough to give them permission to do it. More and more students are finding that tattoos can be used to express themselves physically/visually with colors and shapes. Images that represent a particular time in a person's life were found on a few bodies, and also lots of cartoon things, like suns, dolphins, roses, etc. If you can draw it, they can tattoo it. Not to say that it can be done quickly though. Many tattoos require more than just one session.

Tattoos, various piercings, and oddly colored hair are seen constantly throughout the halls. Some hold special meanings, while others were just done for fun. Junior Paul Holland has a tattoo in Persian that says, "God be with you." He says that the tattoo is "symbolic, and permanent. It's almost like a commitment." Senior Jessica Harrington, has an angel tattooed onto the small of her back. She says that it is "[her] guardian angel, who is always watching over [her] now." Also senior Steven Jean is always proud to show off the colorful sun on his forearm, which took many hours of work and patience. All tattoo bearers would agree to tell those who are thinking of getting a tattoo to not worry about taking too much time on it. You can never be too picky with who your artist is going to be, make sure you make a reasonably wise choice as to which piece of art you want and where you want it at (so as to avoid regrets later on in life).

By: Emily Sherlock



Above Left: The man in the moon has nothing on senior Steven Jean! The sun will surely never set for him...

Above Right: Junior Paul Holland's tattoo is so short, and yet so powerful for him.

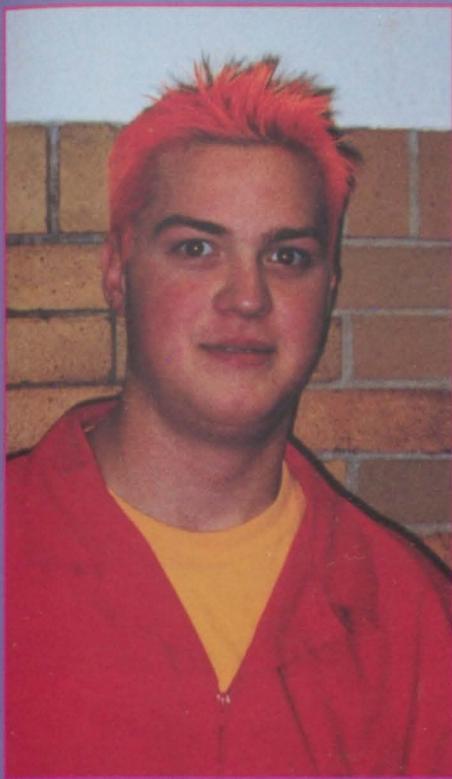
Above Right: Senior Jessica Harrington's angel always watches her back... while on her lower back! That angel must get a little cold though...

Far Right: With tongue, labret and ears pierced, senior Jennifer Gates is a -many- hole wonder! She likes them so much she even tries to lick them.... yum yum.

Right and Far Right: Senior Jessica Short wears her heart on her back instead of her sleeve, and nothing works like the natural midday sunlight to bring out the color of her illuminating hair.



Holes and Hairs



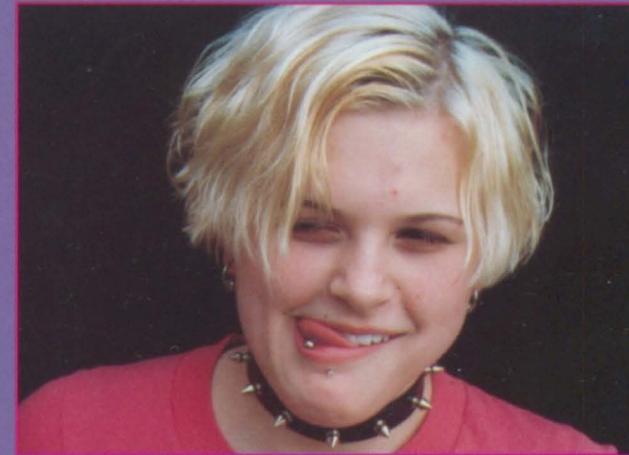
Above: Sophomore Maria Waskowski may not like to get her picture taken, but at least she has pretty purple hair to show off!

Left: Junior Randy Gignac makes sure to always color coordinate his clothes with his hair. Isn't he so stylish and most of all... bright?



There is no "alternative" today, and there hasn't been for a very long time. Stripped of its individuality, society has been blended together as a whole and there really are no more "startling fashion statements." Everything has been done before, twice. We've been struggling for the past decade to find ways to make ourselves "startling" and not mainstream. In doing that we have all mixed together, taking portions of different styles and putting them together to create a semi new style. While some students have given up on "individuality," there are still those who want to do something that they believe will make them different and give them self-confidence. People have found two eye catching ways to do that: to be pierced and dyed. But this beauty comes at no small price as far as upkeep and money are concerned. Senior Jessica Short has had pink hair since her sophomore year. After three years of bleaching and dying it pink every other week (that's about twenty five dollars worth of products and two hours of work) she still isn't tired of it. The time and money are worth it for many students, because no matter how bland the blue jeans and matte sweaters get, holes and bright hairs will never fail to rip through the not-so-flexible fabric of normalcy.

By: Robin Cooper and Emily Sherlock



Survey Poll

How much does...

Hair Dying Cost?
(if done yourself)

About \$5 - \$25

Piercing Cost?
(depending on where and how many)

About \$35 - \$50

Tattooing Cost?
(depending on where, color inks used, size, and artist)

About \$50 - \$100+

Seniors . . .

on the town

Seniors spend many weekend nights all over the Royal Oak region. Some students go to parties thrown by their fellow senior friends. Some go to a restaurant, like Marinelli's, Mongolian Barbecue, or National Coney Island, or just down the street to Wendy's for a burger. Some just spend long hours hanging out downtown, perhaps visiting one of the many coffee shops, or snacking on some pastries from Hermann's Bakery.

When asked about their weekends, seniors gave a wide variety of responses. Senior Matthew Rautio says, "On the weekdays, I sleep. On the weekends, I sleep. At home, I sleep. In class, I sleep. I am very tired." Go take a nap, Matt. Senior Thomas Woodbury says that on weekends, "I am in a candle lit room, pretending to be a half elf, and using magic weapons to slay monsters. I love playing Dungeons and Dragons." Jeanette Harris says, "I spend all of my weekends watching free movies while I'm supposed to be working at the Main Art Theater." Senior Cara Carithers says, "My best friend and I like to go downtown to the sushi bar to play with chopsticks and to Monterreys because of the hot waiter there. But don't tell my boyfriend!" Oops... Whether you are half elf or a movie nut, the prospect of the weekend makes the week bearable.

By: Emily Sheridan



Above: Seniors Candace Pratt and Kimberly Terry go to a Pistons game and simultaneously support their favorite Backstreet Boys with a little too much enthusiasm.

Right: As they use household products to decorate sophomore Alexis Decruydt's house the day before the Homecoming parade, the class of 2001 continues the tradition that seniors have passed along to the incoming class for years.



Above: What does Paul Zuber do on the weekends? Why, he hangs out with his long time friend Paws (the official Detroit Tiger's mascot) in the mall.



Students... having fun

Rumor has it that underclassmen have lives too, maybe even a little more wild than the upperclassmen. What do they do late at night when school is over and the sun has set?

Junior Elizabeth Wissman says that she goes "to the mall, listens to music, and vegetates with my fellow potatoes. Nothing is better than that." Yeah, life as a vegetable. Junior Paul Baker says, "Honestly, I am a hermit, and I go and do Lynch's homework. Take down the man." You go get him, Paul. Freshmen Bailey Sidick and Mallory Schell both agree that "chasing cute guys and hanging out with friends" is definitely the best way to spend their time, and they enjoy doing it too. Junior Melissa Garland says, "I go to downtown Birmingham on nights I'm not cheerleading or on nights when I'm not slumming around in Caribou." Maybe cold nights, cheerleading, and hot coffee are really what make life worthwhile. Then again, maybe they are wrong . . . Hopefully all of these "extracurricular activities" don't interfere with their homework!!

By: Emily Sherlock

Above: Junior Matthew Klaver spends his weekends trying to find out how to get out of the woods.



Above: Freshman Rebecca Merkle gets all dressed up to make a very special call. Many students spend their nights yapping on the phone.

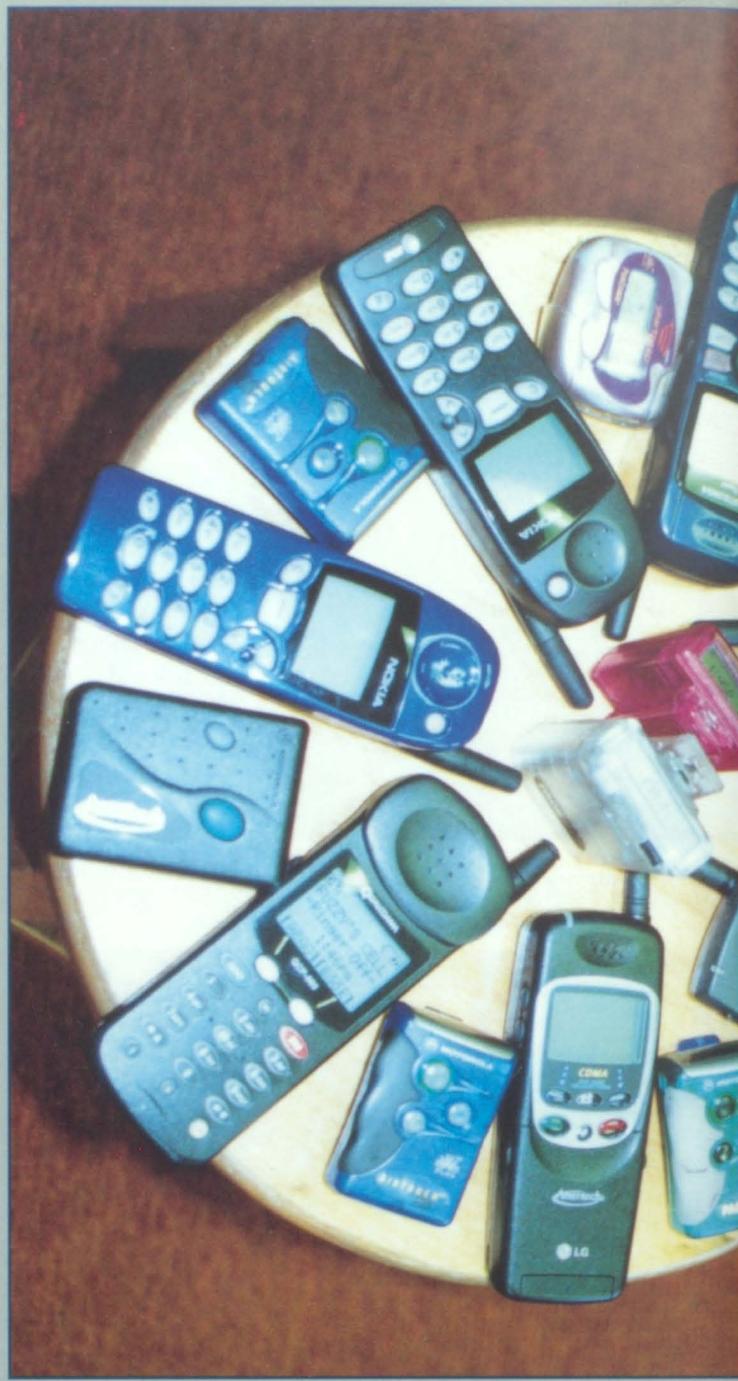
Left: Dondero underclassmen (from left to right) Sara Fenwick, Jessica Olinski, Jennifer Quinn, Megan Wujcik, Sara Brown, and Michelle Hurd take all of their cousins to the N'Sync concert. Looks like they are ready to say "Bye Bye Bye"!

Below Right: Seniors Greg Scott and Steve Sergant show us some of the more slicker cars that could be found in the student parking lot. They agree that Grand Dams are the best pick.

Above: Junior Colin Duerr's hair can speak for itself, it has a mind of its own.

Below: Senior Katy Hornbacher shows off her ever popular flare jeans with twizzler in hand.

Right: Cell phones and pagers are popular among all types of students this year, even though they shouldn't be.



Subject To Change



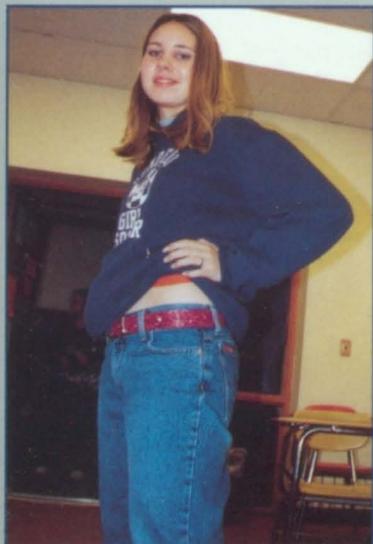
The trends this year were as forgettable as the last. Most of us can remember seeing the white hat clan in the halls a few years ago. There have always been the people who wore Nike and Adidas gear everyday. Then, you have the generic preppy, punk, and GQ's out there. Freshman golfer Kellie Weston said, "Boot and flare cut jeans are popular now. Also, 3/4 length shirts." Then what separates 2001 from all the others? The halls looked entirely different than they did before. The senior class that left last year took countless preppys and GQ's with them and the freshman class of 2004 brought a new style to Dondero. So this year when students walked down the halls you saw a lot more dyed hair, a lot more piercings, a lot more casual style, and a lot less of the neat look. The school may keep this trend going for a few more years, but inevitably the clothing trends will change and the classes that come back to check out the school won't recognize it.

The taste in music of the school shifted quite a bit in 2001. While many people are still into Rap and R&B, it seems that this year Rap Metal music is taking over. Kids would recognize the name "Papa Roach" over "Rappin-4tay"

for sure. More and more people are starting to like groups like Limp Bizkit, and forgetting about groups like N'Sync. Living close to Detroit, oops Warren, many kids at Dondero like Eminem. When freshman Lakeisha Dorte and Ashley Wilson were asked what was in their CD player right now they said, "Lil Kim, Trina, and Eminem."

Students taste in cars hasn't changed much this year. Obviously, the parking lot is not full of the cars we like, but the cars our parents could afford 15 years ago. If we had our way the lot would be packed with 5 series BMWs, Bentleys, Tahoes, and Renn Tech SL 600s. Freshman Alex Sorah said that there were "...too many cars to list," when asked what his favorite car was. Instead, there is an abundance of Dodge Shadows, Neons, Cavaliers, and the like. However, some of us managed to get cars that people, other than themselves, would like.

By: Jon Feinauer



Far Left: Belts started to be used for more things than simply holding up pants, now they are considered fashion statements. Plaid, studded leather, cotton, or (as displayed here by Michelle Hurd) sparkles were some of the more popular types found this year.

Left: Eminem's CD "The Marshall Mathers LP" did pretty well this year. People still purchased his album even though his songs are always on the radio and you could have just downloaded his music off Napster.

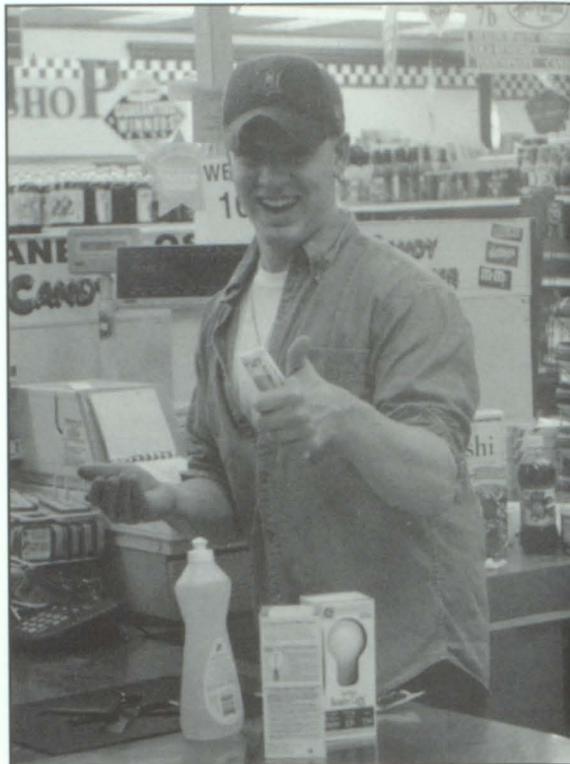
Working Hard... or Hardly Working

School consumes a lot of energy; work on top of that is asking for trouble. Junior Lisa Hyde commented on her job at CVS: "I get stuff thrown at me; Tylenol is overpriced and it's my fault." When you are dead tired during 6th hour, the last thing you want to do is go to work and hear the manager tell you to do useless things until closing time. The worst part is when the owner comes in all dressed up with benjamins in his pocket, and you realize you get payed one millionth of what he gets and that you are earning it for him.

For a student in high school, most jobs will fall right around minimum wage. Making more than \$5.15 an hour would require serious labor, such as construction, yard work, or food services. Construction might get you above \$10.00 an hour, but when you go home you are dead and all you want to do is sleep. If you think a construction job will keep your nights free, think again. They will only be free for sleep. The only other option would be working with clothes, which is an easy job, but you usually spend your whole paycheck at work because you get a 50% discount.

Another option is yard work. You can make your own hours and help people in the neighborhood too. Your best bet would be to do work for elderly people who cannot do things themselves, and they usually have lots of money laying around. Also, when you are done with a job and give them a big smile when you say it cost seven dollars, it could take the \$7.00 and turn it into a couple of twenties. Of course, sometimes you walk away with a five and two ones.

By: Jon Feinauer



Above: Senior Scott Costigan enjoys his job at Hollywood Market much that even making change for a five sends him on a thrill ride.



Above: The Jim Fresard Car Wash on Main Street is a nice, clean place to work. At least the cars are not giving any complaints.



Right: Sophomore Elizabeth Gattes bags for the customers at Hollywood Market. She knows the delicate art of stacking groceries so that the bag is easy to carry and does not rip.

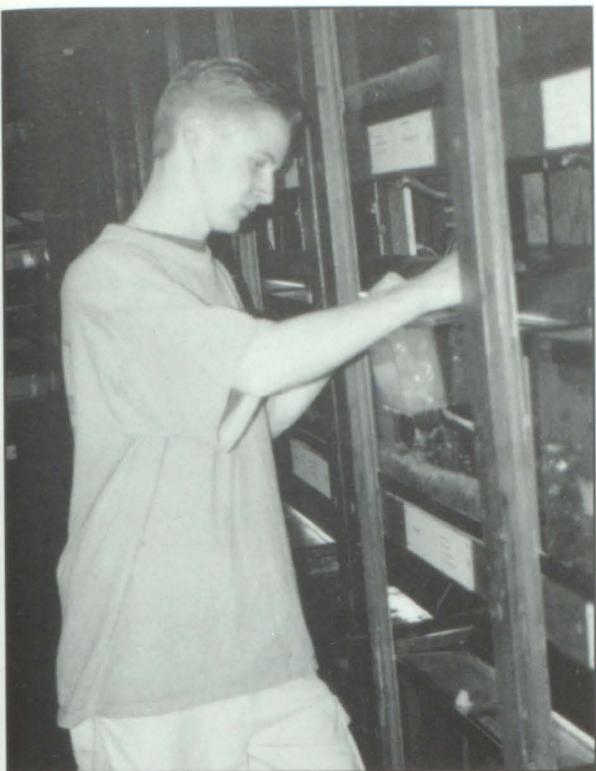
For the Love... of Money

Working at a restaurant is a very greasy job, but you get free food, a paycheck, and tips. Freshman Christina Lockman, who works at Comet Burger, disagrees. She says, "I'm a shake girl; it's not too greasy." At a restaurant job, if you lose your inhibitions you can enjoy the filet mignons and desserts that your customers leave behind, which is a bonus. The worst part of a restaurant job, and the reason why many students do not have them is that to make good money you have to work Friday and Saturday nights. At a restaurant employees will not leave until around midnight which makes it tough to find friends afterward and get into the party mood. However, junior Laurynas Valivonis pointed out a bonus of working at Taco Bell: "I love that my workplace is 75% female, I really like that."

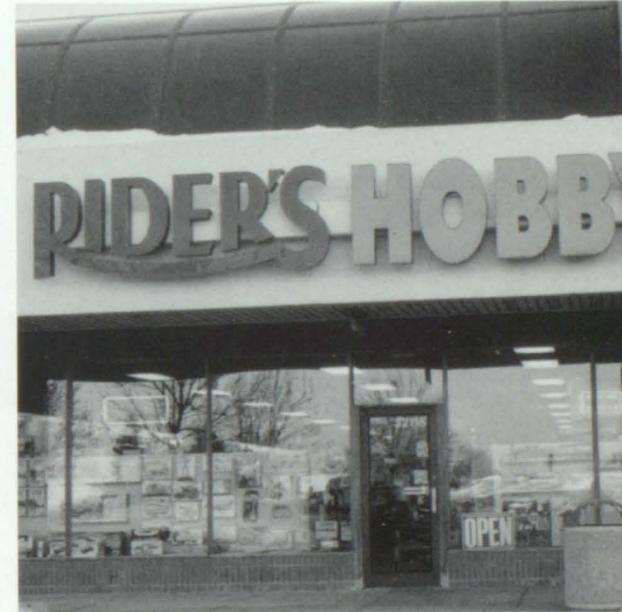
Working at a clothing store, though, is a slacker's job. You can fold clothes, or work a register. Also, in a clothing store you can hide. Jobs which make it possible for you to hide are very good jobs. No one will miss you at a clothing store if you are hiding in the changing room. The downside of this job, though, is the fact that your bank account will not increase, especially if you like the store where you work. You will think you are getting such a good deal when you buy clothes with your discount that you will not care if you blow your whole check. The owners of clothing stores are smarter than you think.

Overall, the bottom line is that jobs in high school have negatives that outweigh the positives. If you can get away with not having a job, go for it.

By: Jon Feinauer



Above: When junior Thomas Spalding is working with his gilled friends at The Aquarium Shop, he is like a fish out of water!



Above: Rider's Hobby is a fun place to find a toy for your spare time, but to senior Timothy Laster, it is all work, not play.

Left: Senior Charlie Hooker knows that the cool dudes hang out in aisle 5 of Hollywood Market. Taking a brief break from bagging, he sits in style.

Dondero Architecture: SCARY!

Dondero students go to a school that is much better looking than most. If you drive by Kimball, you are disgusted by the hideous architecture. If you are cruising Washington, you might slow down to admire the good looks of Dondero High School. However, the inside of Dondero can get a little weird.

And what about the fabled fourth floor, riddled with its ghosts? Mr. Chisnell said that he's "been to a room on the 4th floor... people don't believe it exists, but obviously it does if I've been there." Ms. Whalin knows about even more interesting, yet hidden, places around Dondero. She says that "there's a place in the basement where the fraggles live. And there's also a legend about the catwalk, and someone falling off... but I'm sure that that's just a legend." Perhaps it's not, because Mr. Snyder said that "every myth, every legend, every story is true. Ghosts on the fourth floor? I've had dinner with them."

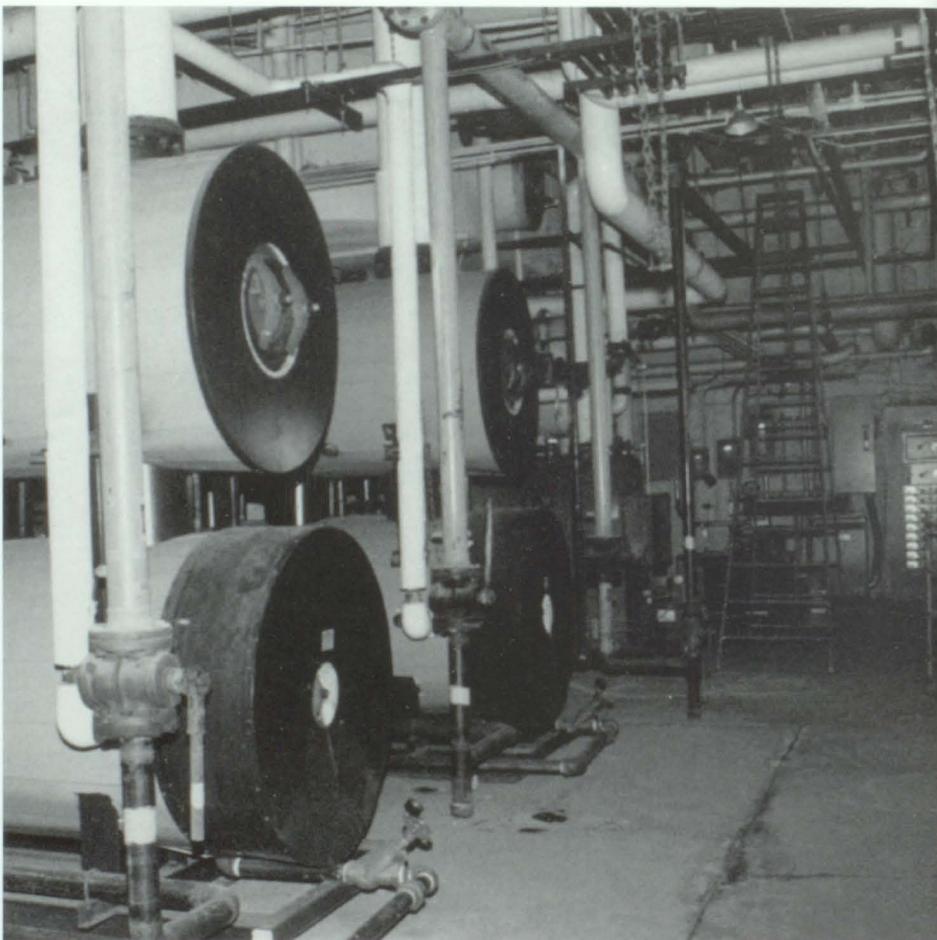
Often the freshman at Dondero are a little confused when they wander to the back stairwell near the art room. As you reach the top floor, the stairs turn and keep going up, only to stop midway and leave you staring over the other steps. Students have come up with some interesting ideas about what this might be used for, but as far as most are concerned, it's useless. Senior Emily Sherlock takes advantage of this peculiar spot by catching naps between or during class. One time I found her sound asleep and woke her up in time for 4th hour. The bell didn't phase her.

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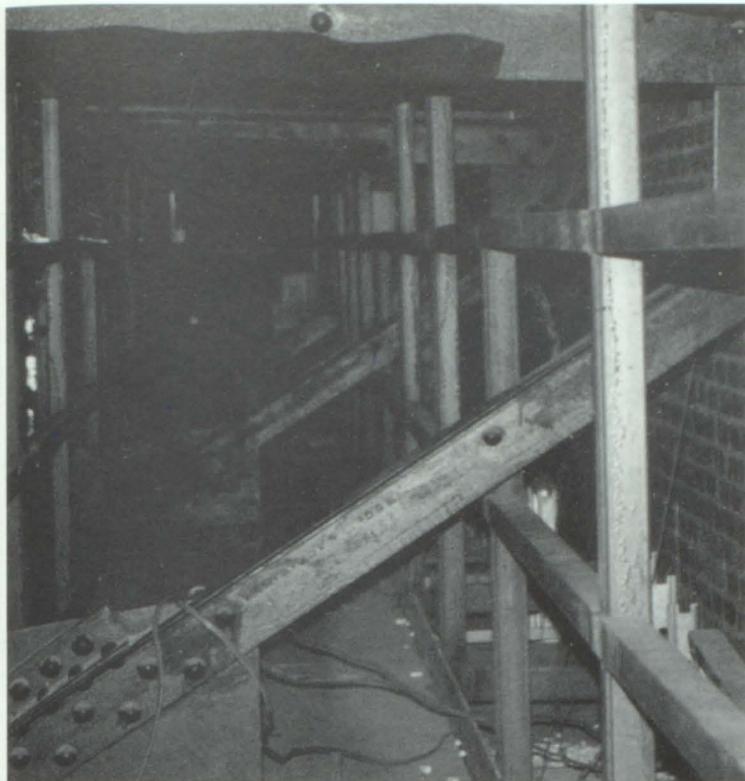
Above: You were always told not to take treats from strangers... how about strange stairs? The stairway behind the choir room inspires our yearbook staff to write some hilarious captions.

Right: Heating furnaces or cloning vats? We're just trying to find out where these are hidden...



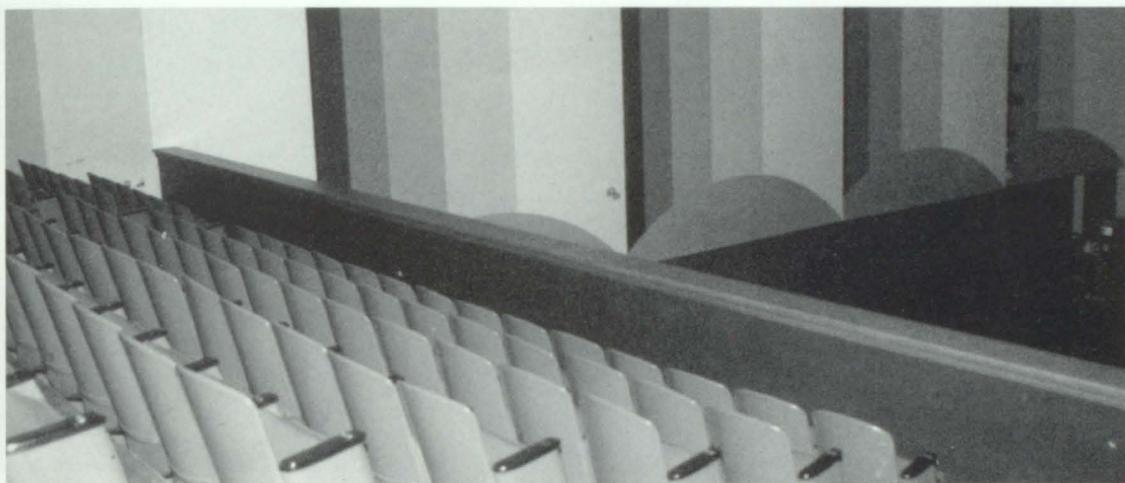
Above Far Right: "I was late because I couldn't get all the way up the stairs to the third floor." a good excuse.

Creepy Places



Left: Neverending hallway? Bottomless pit? Nah... just another forbidden place within the depths of Dondero.

Below: Does this metal door hold back the terrifying monster or a herd of hungry freshmen? We may never know...



Above: We waited for the Phantom of the Musical up in the balcony, but instead all we encountered were some angry custodians.



Left: After seeing The Blair Witch Project, you might be hesitant to help your teacher when they ask you to go on one those mysterious errands of theirs. Who knows what they are trying to avoid.

The auditorium has some strange and disturbing places, as some of these pictures show. The cafeteria has a little courtyard that is walled in by brick and is extremely creepy. There is a very unknown stairwell that connects Mr. Fairfield's room with a few others. No one uses it, and it serves no purpose. The greenhouse on the third floor is questionable also. You can see it from the windows of rooms that look out the back of Dondero, but when you walk down the halls to find a door to it, there isn't one to be found. The fourth floor is creepy too, even though it doesn't exist.

The message to students is that if you are bored in class, which happens often, grab a bathroom pass and look for more creepy places.

By: Jon Feinauer



Above: This is the abandoned greenhouse on the third floor (a.k.a. Mrs. Cumming's torture chamber for misbehaving students).

Food Run

Luchtime at Dondero may be the only thing that keeps kids going. A six class day can be very stressful to a student. Maybe if all the classes were fun and exciting and you could always sit next to your friends, then you wouldn't be so desperate for lunch. Let's get back to reality: Lunch is necessary to maintain sanity. Students at Dondero may still be a little upset that lunch is five minutes shorter than it used to be; however, if you play your cards right you can squeeze out about 50 minutes of solid break time. Do not forget the freshman and the sophomores cannot leave school for lunch. However, senior Cara Carithers said, "It was easier to get off campus as a freshman than as a sophomore." Keeping a low profile is your best bet for sneaking off campus.

A lot can be accomplished in 50 minutes. A normal person may go to the cafeteria or the new commons and chill with their friends. Junior Julia Adkins said, "Everyone should be allowed to go off campus." That comment can be heard by almost all underclassmen. The upperclassmen, however, if they have a ride and money, can go off campus to any of the number of fast food restaurants nearby. The more daring students, or the ones with cool

5th hour teachers, might try to go to a sit down restaurant for some real food. Senior Paul Hubbarh enjoys going to Little Tree for sushi during lunch, and taking any victims that he can with him. Other students have found different possibilities for luchtime. Senior Katie Lamb said, "I like eating in Chisnell's room...it's loads of fun and you can do whatever you want." ~~~ We need to fix this ~~~ Sophomore Justin Gardner said his favorite lunches are the ones where he has to "...walk one block to Jon Feinauer's house where a homecooked meal from Jon's mom awaits." The slackers might go home and set the alarm for a refreshing 30 minute nap. There are only a few things that put you in a more relaxed mood for 5th hour than a nice, afternoon nap..

Anyway you choose to spend your lunch break, you are always reluctant to return to class. That results in many tardies and the strict teachers will turn those into unexcused absences. Therefore, students know the rules and must go to the attendance office. You never want to finish the year and find out that you lost credit, or that you could have been late three more times.

By: Jon Feinauer

Far Right: Freshman are limited to eating in the commons or in the cafeteria, but it doesn't seem to bother Jennifer Carty, Kathryn Pack or Julianna Weaver a bit.

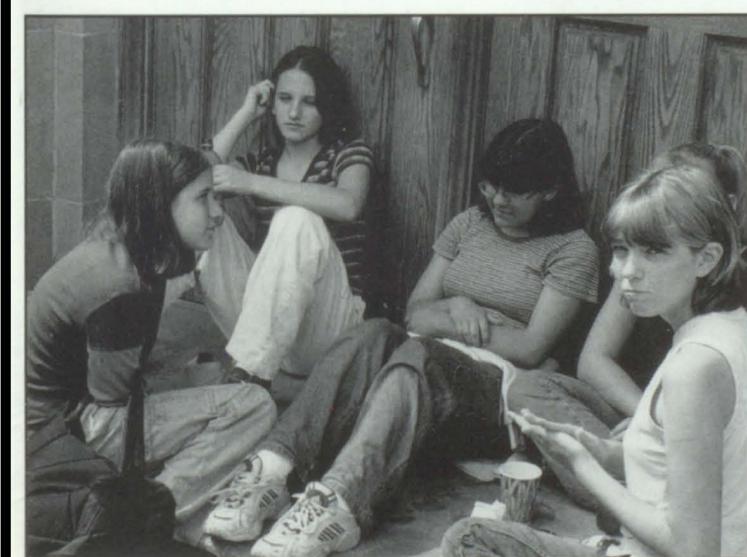
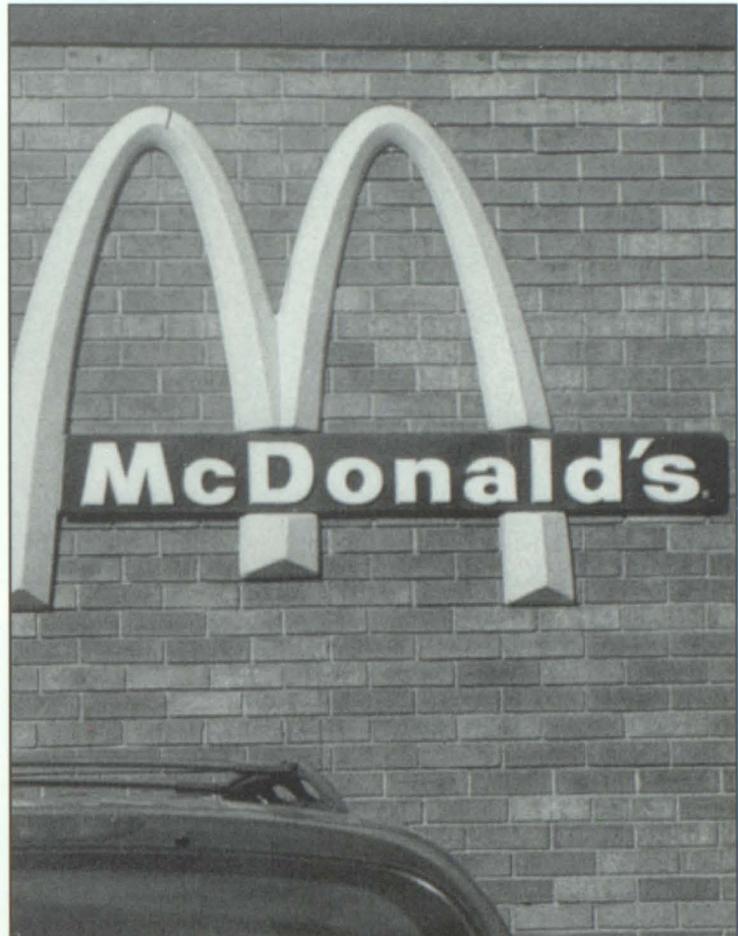
Right: Seniors Tiffany Bodner and Ryan Randolph have found that they can do things when eating in a classroom, like playing cards, that they may not be able to get away with elsewhere.





Left: Freshmen Robert Gignac, Eric Backus, Benjamin Chevela, Benjamin Meek, Jessie Rauf, Jenna Nassouri, Levi Jensen, Paul Kuebler, Jeremy Benson and Shaun Bannon and can all agree that whether it's a brown bag or a styrofoam tray, lunch at school is best accompanied with a 20 oz. Coke!

Below McDonald's gets most of their business from Dondero students between the hours of 1200 and 1:00 PM on the weekdays and late on the weekends. Sometimes the drive-thru is faster, but sometimes it is not!



Left: The front entrance to the school is a good place to eat if you want to work on your tan. Keally Williams, Kara Cheldorf, Megan Thompson and Erin Beard do it on a daily basis



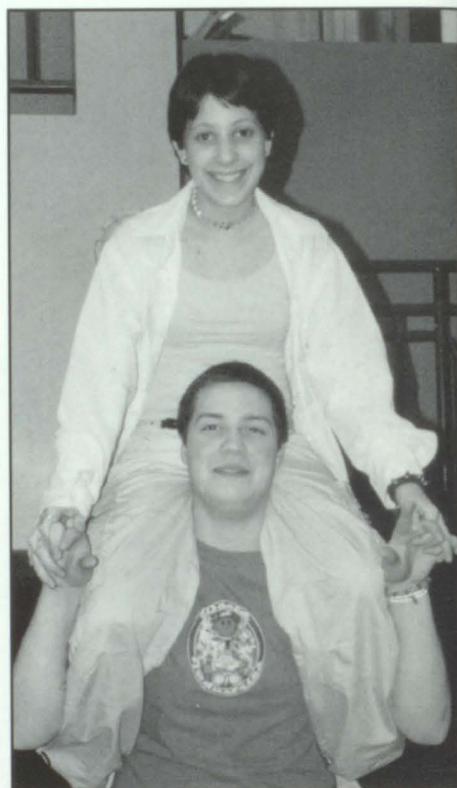
Above: Scott Lautzenheiser rolls into the already full parking lot a few minutes late for 5th hour. Sometimes, it pays to stay in!

Right: Senior Kyle Irving tells us about his girlfriend, junior Jessica Olinski. "Everything about the day we started going out I remember, and all those memories will always hold a place in my heart." Dating since Nov. 24th, 1999.

Below: Sophomore Joshua Tabor likes how his girlfriend "always goes to (his) sport games." Sophomore Caitlin Lasley remembers how he "brought Chinese food to (her) work on (her) birthday one time." Dating since June 8th, 2000.

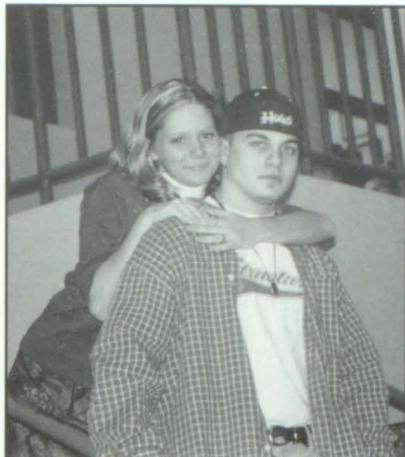
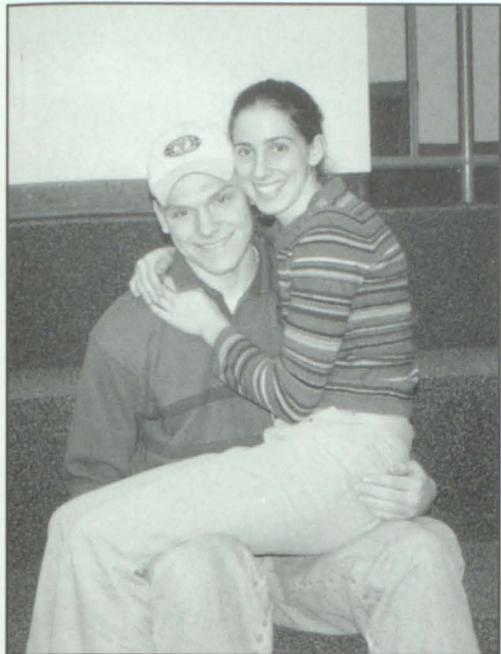


Above: Juniors Erin Morris and Joseph Koehler share a sentimental moment while remembering their good times. Dating since April 7th, 2000.

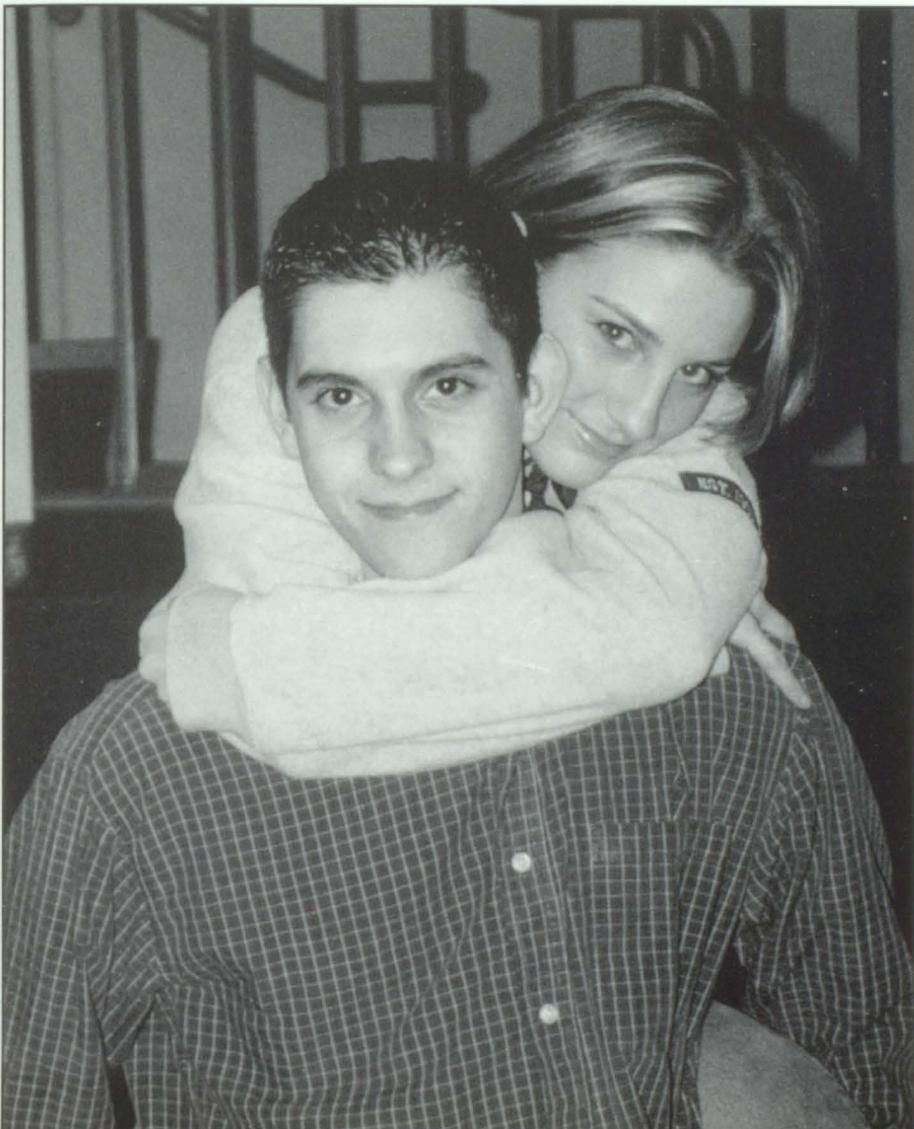


Above: Junior Randy Cignac and sophomore Elizabeth Rizza say that, "You know you're in love when you're having the worst day and you wouldn't care if the world ended, but one look at each other and you can't help but to smile." Dating since Feb. 10th, 2000.

Love 101



Above: Junior Stephanie Cooke with boyfriend, junior Drew Budry. "Drew spent six months making a Christmas present for me and spent all night decorating the tree." Dating since September 18, 1999.



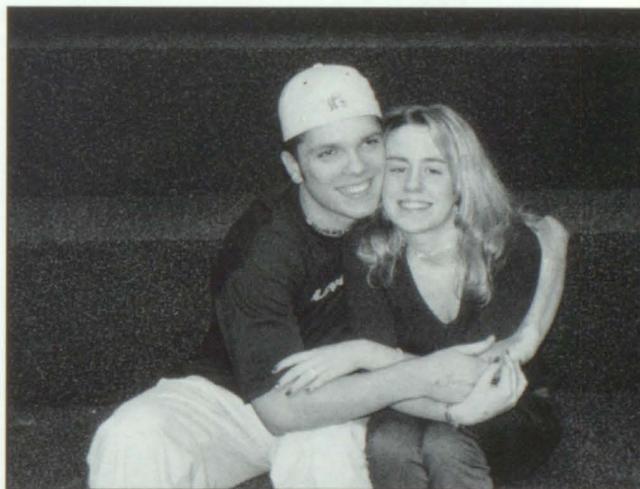
Having a significant other in high school can be a real bonus. For some, it's hard to get a date, for others, it's hard to stay single. Once you have a boyfriend or girlfriend, everything changes. People start coming up to you and asking questions, the people who used to have a crush on you now hate you, and your weekend nights are all taken in advance.

Having a girlfriend has its pros and cons. You get to walk around with an amazing girl on your arm, which rules. Also, you don't have to worry about being smooth or dressing nice, because you already have a girl. Plus, even us guys like a little tender, love and affection. The downside is that your wallet takes a huge blow every weekend, and you will spend more time on the phone than you ever thought possible. Two words boys: Phone Card.

Boyfriends have their ups and downs too. A girl can expect free dinners, movies, and gifts. Also, they have someone around that opens doors for them and is ready to listen to them with their problems. And who could forget about the tender, love and affection? Those things are all good, but boys can be a big pain also. Sometimes they don't pay, sometimes they won't call, and sometimes you see them with another girl. And who can forget about the jealousy and overprotectiveness? Sometimes it's cute though...

Even with all this drama, many Dondero students have decided that life is better with a significant other.

By: Jon Feinauer and Emily Sherlock



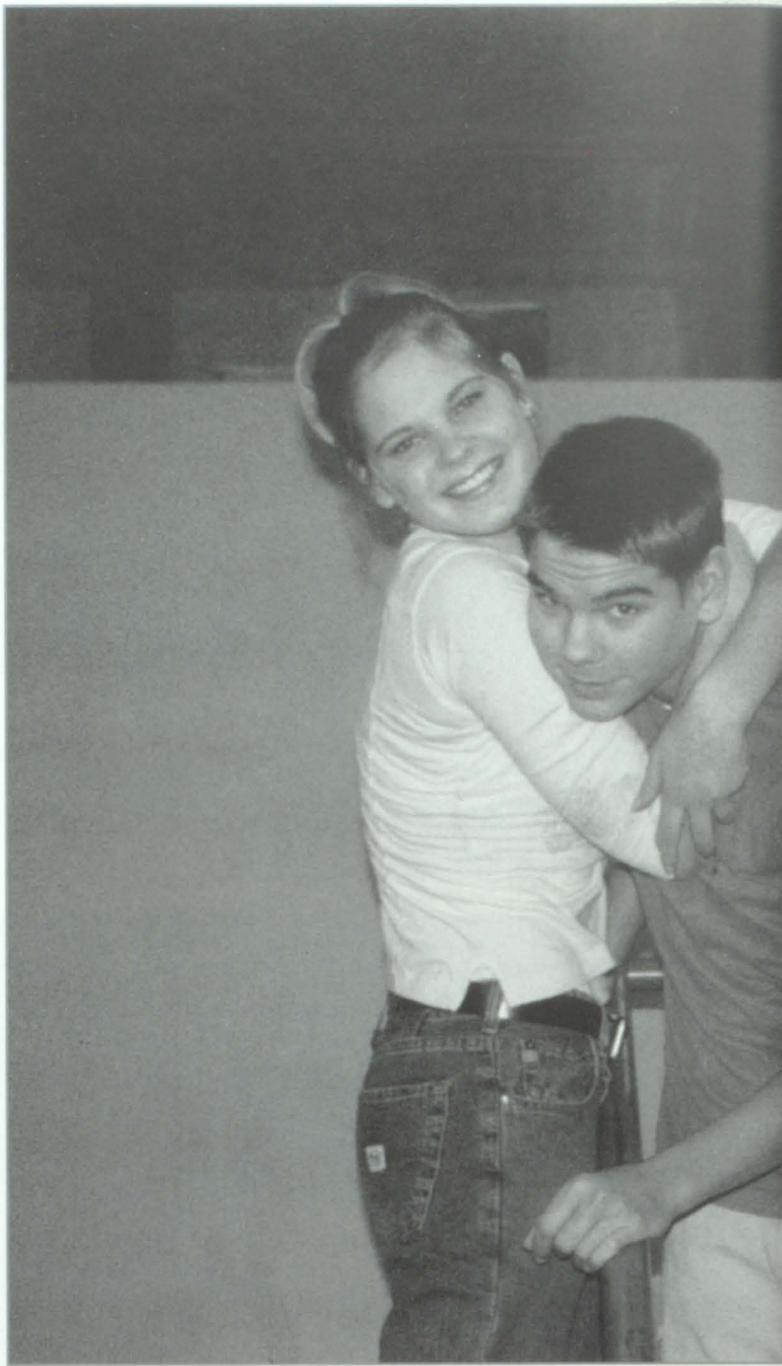
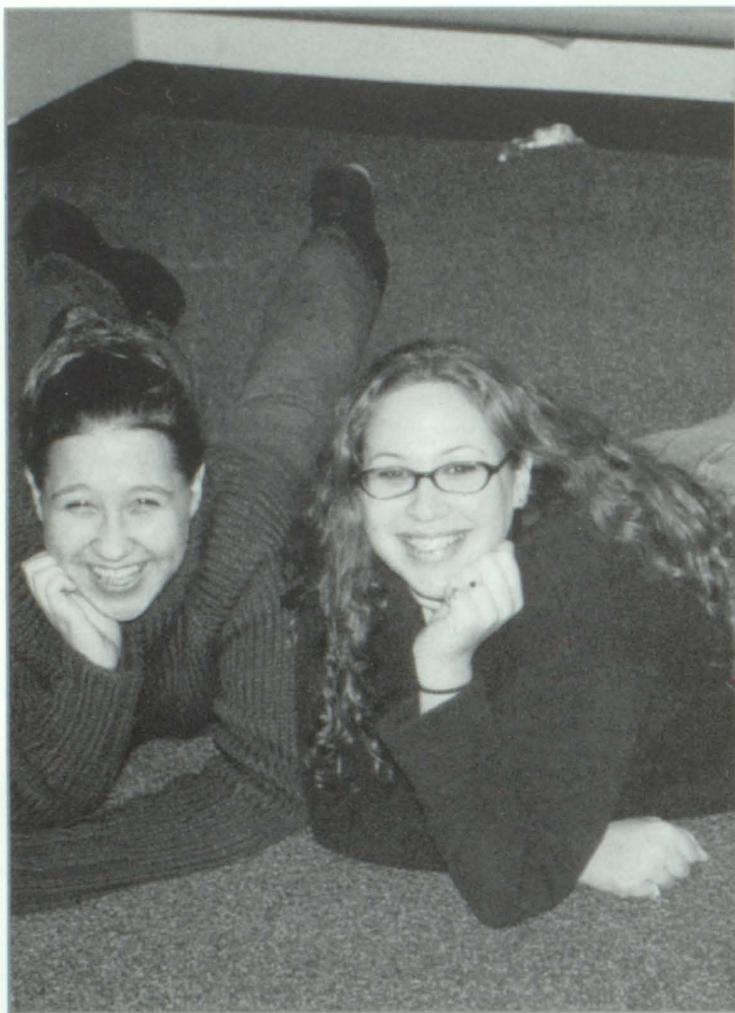
Far Left: Senior Krista Kaiser made her senior boyfriend Andrew Englehart a schedule of everything that she was going to do when she was in California. Dating since September 19th, 1999.

Above: Sophomore Jeffery Myre says that his senior girlfriend Jenni Sego, "Jenni makes me cute 'cards for no reason," and she says, "Jeff always writes me poems." Dating since June 16th, 2000.

Left: Junior Jennifer Quinn with boyfriend, senior Samuel Beaubien. "Sam picked me up for a date with flowers and when I got in the car, he had our song playing." Dating since October 8, 1998.

Left: Senior Samantha Thornton and sophomore brother Ryan Thornton smile for the camera during a rather aggressive hug.

Below: Senior Ashley Heidrich and her sophomore sister Valerie Heidrich share a sisterly moment on the floor of the commons.



Above: Senior Jessie Knapp's sophomore brother Justin Knapp is about two seconds away from giving a new meaning to the term "bear hug".

Right: Aloof Senior Jennifer Gates snuggles up to her rather surprised freshman brother Ryan Gates.



Family in School



It's much easier to start school at Dondero when you have a big brother or sister already there. For these people, their older sibling is someone who can protect them, introduce them to upperclassmen, and maybe even invite them to parties. If you are cool with your older sibling, and were not annoying to their friends when you were little, they might hook you up also. They might sneak you off campus for lunch, or introduce you to the good looking seniors. These are the advantages to having a sibling at Dondero, but the younger ones may have a few things to complain about. Freshman Shaun Barber says of older brother Brandon: "He embarrasses me in front of my friends."

If you have an older brother or sister at school, you will most likely have the title "little" added in front of your last name. Even worse, if someone doesn't know you well, they might add "little" to the name of your older sibling. That can be a rough one for a guy with an older sister. Of course, if you don't like your older sibling, or even hate them, you certainly won't enjoy being called by their name. Although the recognition from classmates might be nice at first, if the name sticks more than a few weeks it starts to get old. Sophomore Scott Brown told yearbook, "It doesn't bother me."

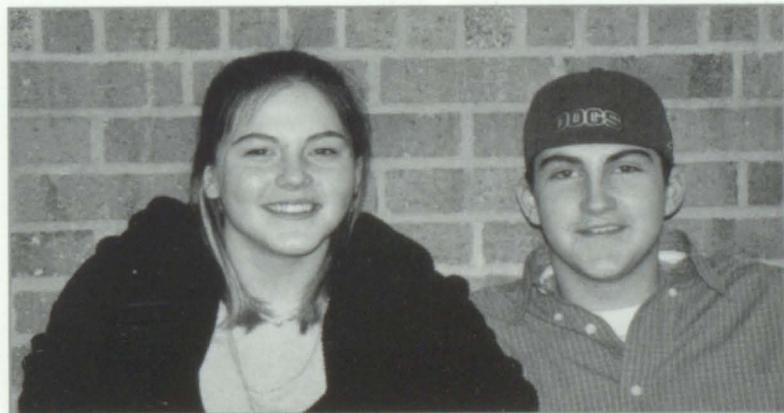
The final issue of older siblings has both pros and cons. Your older sibling got to enter high school with a clean name and no shoes to fill. S/he could choose to

become a slacker, a 4.0, or a freak. When you enter school, your teachers often expect you to be like your older sibling. If your older brother or sister was a genius, then you will probably get called on a lot in class, and who wants that? It didn't seem to bother sophomore Charles Llamas, who said, "I don't even see her in school."

The shoes to fill issue is also very difficult. Parents always seem to expect that you will do as well in school as your older sibling. ACT scores are a killer. If you get lower than your bro or sis, not only will they harass you, but you risk getting that disappointed look from your parents.

Because you don't have much choice in the sibling situation anyway, you had better learn to take advantage of it. Dondero students had a lot to say about their siblings or just the situation in general, so here are mad quotes: Freshman Kara Gheldof about sister Crystal, "I'm the smart and cute one." Senior Jennifer Herrick on sister Amanda: "It's cool, I guess." Freshman Audrey Englehart regarding brother Andy: "He acts like a two year old, but I still love him. Senior Brandon Barber has some words to say about his freshman brother Shaun, "He's taking all my girls." Sophomore Tony Fader about sister Jane: "She's pretty irritating." These are just a few thoughts on siblings at school.

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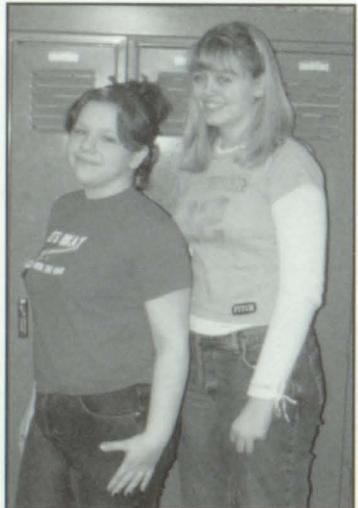
Left: Senior Jenny Brown and her sophomore brother Scott Brown are all smiles together; two seconds before they start to argue again.

Right: Sophomore Lara Nemeth and her junior sister Alexis Nemeth put their differences aside for a quick sibling photo.



Top left: Seniors Scott Costigan, Steven Marley, Kasey Bell, Bradley Voorhees, Ian Prukner, and Benjamin Webster. "Us senior boys resemble what the girls of Dondero will miss the most...Pure untamed heat!"-Benjamin Webster

Second From Top: (back) Eric Davis, (middle) Gregory Scott, (bottom) Jon Feinaur and Mark Kauffman. "One the behalf of the entire "Fab Crew," including the ones that couldn't make it for the pic, we've got a lot more trouble to get into in the next four years!"-Jon Feinaur



Above Left and Middle: Sophomores Tara Deleo and Vinhoudama Chunn, Ashley Nowak and Candis Stanton. "I'll be there for you...Our band ROCKS!!!" "I luv Candis because she is the only person that is louder than me."-Ashley Nowak

Above Right: Seniors Ryan Shipman, Timothy Laster, Nicholas Weiderhold, and Kyle Irving. "Brothers don't shake hands, brothers hug."-Ryan Shipman

Best Friends

The best part of high school is getting to spend time with your friends. During the summer most people work, which makes it hard to get together with your crew. Even if you and your friends have a day off, it is likely that you will blow the good part of the day being lazy around the house. During school you get to see your friends five times a week for about seven hours. Having a close group of homeboys (or homegirls) makes school much easier to deal with. "It's nice to have a good circle of friends," said senior David Haugk. When you have tons of "dawgs" you are always busy goofing around, and people are less likely to mess with you.

Dondero is an easy place to make friends, and people are always ready to add someone new to their posse. Junior Tara Loyselle said, "Friends make school so much more fun and worth going to." Sophomore Lauren Aldeman agrees; she said, "I wouldn't come to school if I didn't get to see my friends." Senior Thomas Beavers said, "I get by with a little help from my friends." Sophomore Vanessa Duffy likes "...spending time with Delores Cottingham and Jennifer Day. They're my best friends." Senior Steven Jean had a very thoughtful quote: "The people that matter the most are the people that are still by your side during your darkest days." Alexis Hudson has a different opinion about friends: "You can't live with them, and you can't live without them." Senior Kyle Irving said, "I always put my guy friends above girls...unless they are really hot." Sophomore Orlando Griggs said, "Friends can change a person's life by always being there for you."

Obviously, the social scene at Dondero is in full effect, and it is the only reason kids drag themselves to school five times a week.

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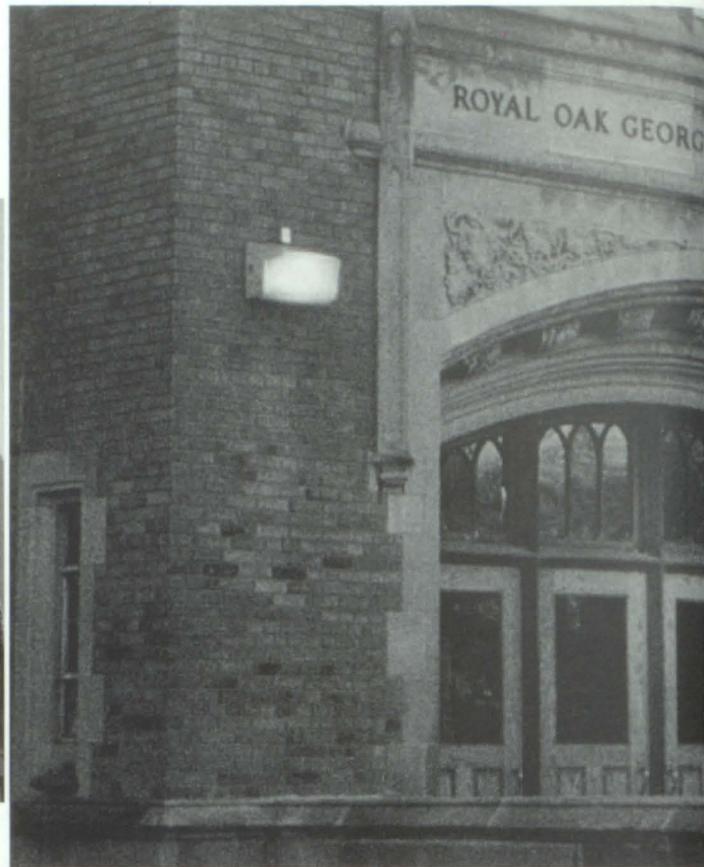
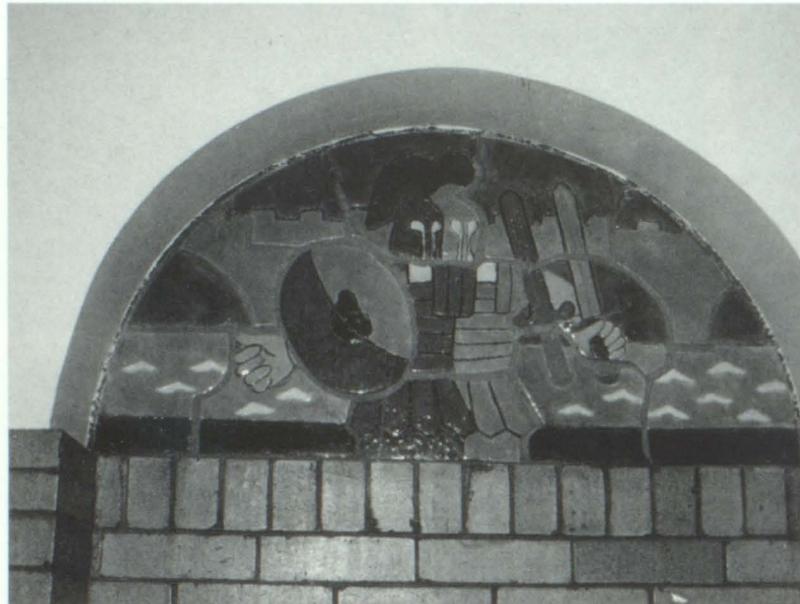


Above Left: Seniors Robin Cooper and Jessica Short. "After the scrub squad, Chad, and being 2GOTH4U... even after high school is over, at least we still love each other."

Bottom Left: Juniors Sarah Vermiglio, Katie Hanks, and Amber Gossett. "Whenever we are together we always have a good time." -Amber Gossett

Bottom Right: Seniors Sam Stocker, Andrew Jacobs, and April Benson with longtime pal Mrs. Pearce. "Whether we're at the beach, at the movies, or just hanging out, Mrs. Pearce is always there with her best friends." -The group





Looking Between

Dondero must applaud itself this year in the area of sports for our excellent progress toward achievement. For instance, the boys soccer team were undefeated in league play and won their division in October of 2000, and the Lady Oaks sent the most swimmers ever to the State Meet in Holland last November. The football team won its first game since October of 1997 in late August 2000. Those are just a few of the high achievements that we reached this year.

There has to be an explanation as to why all these advancements have come into play. Look inside the lines of the field (or court) and off the field as well, and see that we have found an amazing group of teams and individuals. Their extreme success has come at no small price for the players, though. Strategy, stamina, dexterity, strength, patience, and teamwork are all integral parts of the success of our winning teams, not to mention the long, long hours of morning and summer practice and gallons upon gallons of sweat. Many students do not mind putting forth all of the extra effort, though, because of the pay-off it brings. Time-management, cooperation, dedication: these are the reasons that so many students play inside the lines.

By: Robin Cooper



the Lines

Sports

Rushing Into the End Zone

If you went by the Dondero football field early in the morning on a hot summer day, you would have seen the varsity football players already hard at work for another pre-season practice. This dedication definitely paid off more than once in their season. Two great examples of this were their season opener win against Centerline, and also in the last game against Avondale, the "final dive of the season" play. For students who missed this play, it was a last second diving touchdown catch made by senior Gregory Carlson in the homecoming game.

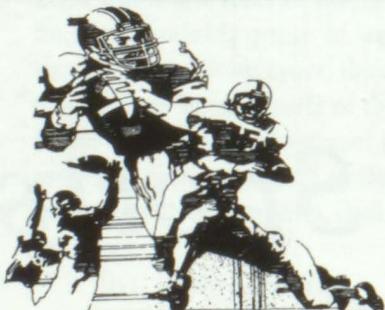
Although they may not have won every game, the guys have shown strength in teamwork and camaraderie. The players had many superstitions like the "special" captain's handshake before every game, and the burning of James Kling's unwashed undershirt that he wore to practice everyday. Clifford Finney always had to roll up Nathan Grover's sleeves and Nathan had to pull Clifford's jersey over his shoulder pads. The most memorable moment of the season was, of course, beating Centerline. Besides the game itself, some things the seniors will miss the most are "the funny moments in the locker room, Clifford Finney's dances, and half moons."

Their outlook for next season is that they should be very good because of the many returning key starters and an awesome J.V. team moving up. Keep on rushing!

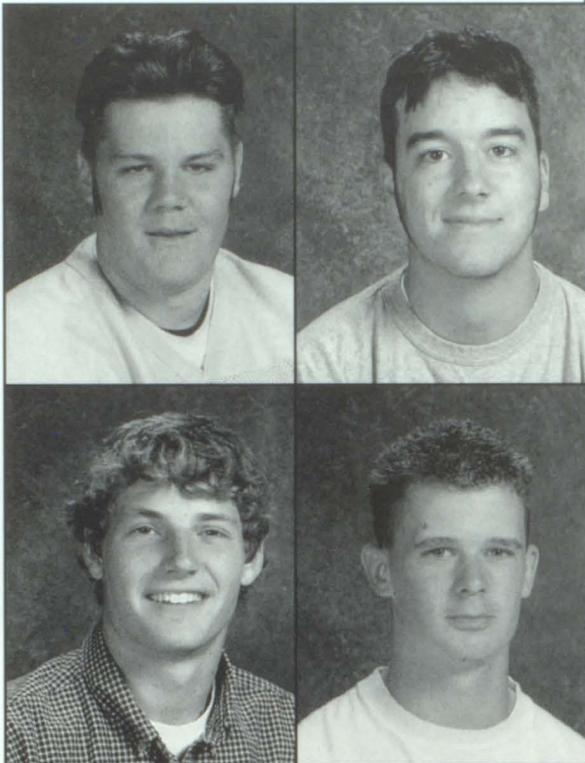
By: Deanna Miller, Stacy Meitzner and Jessica Olinski

SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	WL	SCORE
Centerline	W	25-6
Brandon	L	40-50
Clawson	L	3-29
Madison	L	18-28
Ferndale	L	0-28
Andover	L	7-28
Lamphere	L	6-20
Lakser	L	7-20
Avondale (Homecoming)	L	6-46



CAPTAINS



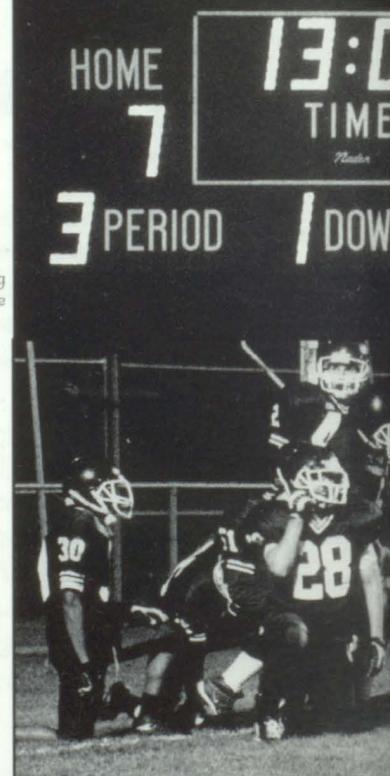
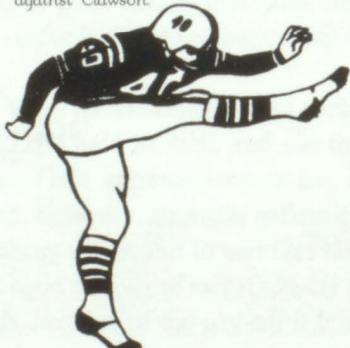
Above Left: Nathan Grover '01
"I'm better than Coach Ratliff!"

Above Right: Andy Miller '01
"Week #1 (Oaks 25-Centerline 6)."

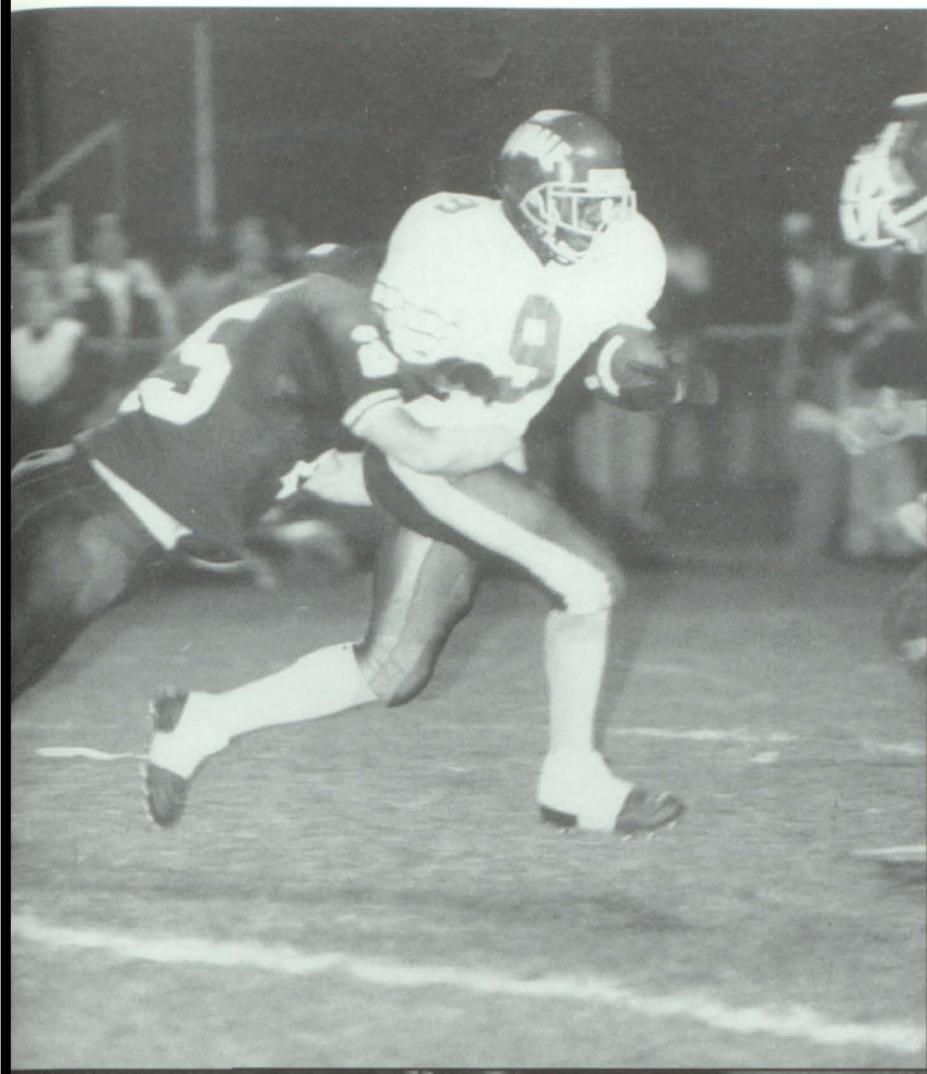
Bottom Left: Corey Nimety '01

Bottom Right: Clifford Finney '01
"Thanks for stealing my glory
Crazy Carlson!"

Right: Tensions rise as the Oaks hold strong with only one period left in the home game against Clawson.



Right: Nathan Grover led the pack of wild Oaks while the team took a breather after a long hard run.



Left: Junior Joseph Guzman flies through the air tackling Avondale's runningback before he scores a touchdown.

Below: Andrew Miller looks for the open player to score the next touchdown.



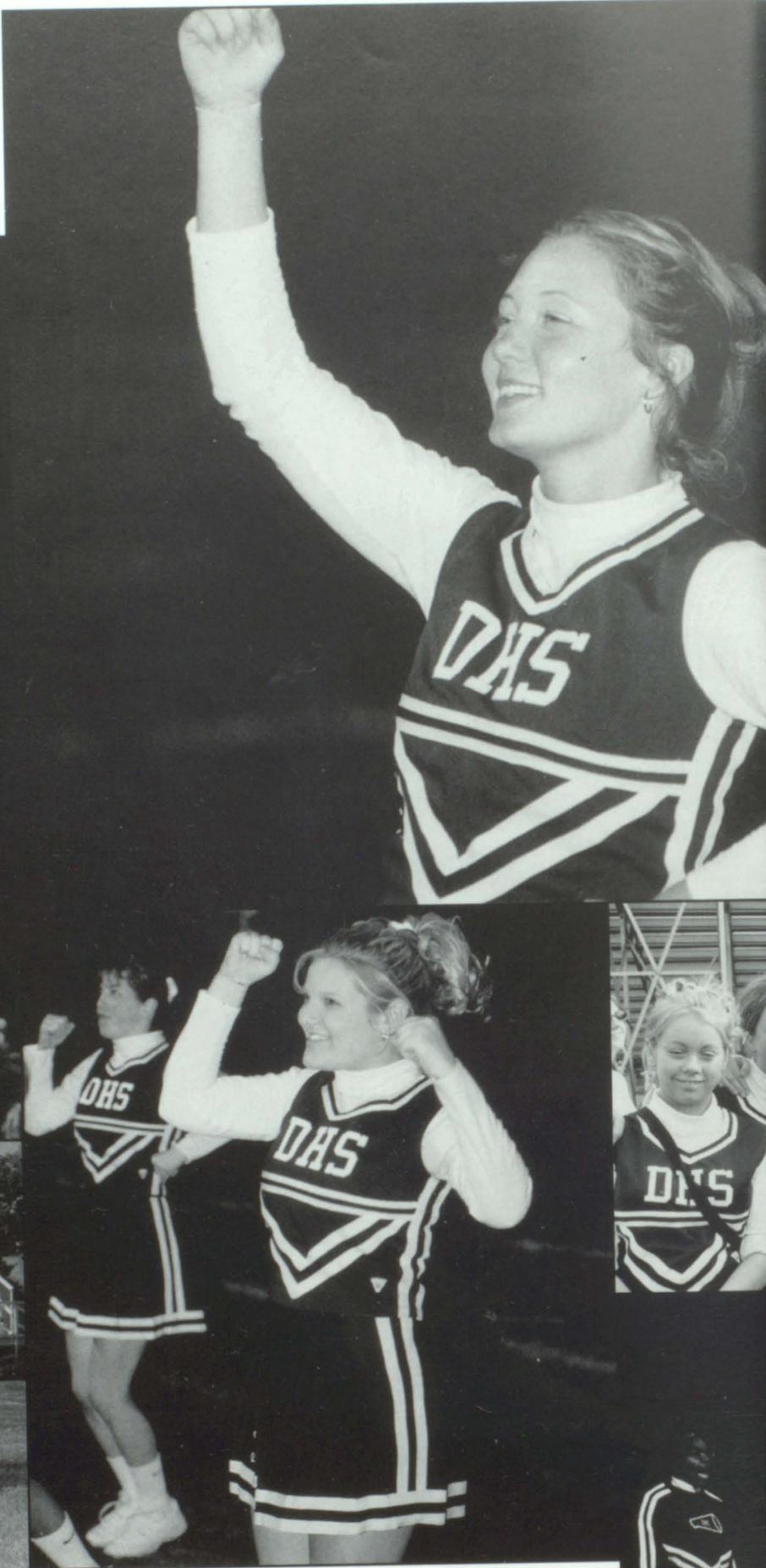
Above: Richard Calverly and Nathan Grover crushed this Avondale player during the homecoming game.



Back Row: Andrew Buck, Joseph Koehler, Richard Calverly, Andrew Miller, Nathan Grover, Corey Nimety, Robert Thomas, Clifford Finney. Middle Back Row: Coach Ratliff, Coach Schultz, Gregory Carlson, Christopher Villerot, David Moran, Coach Lynch, Coach DeCarlo. Middle Front Row: Nicholas Bentivolio, James Sidick, Gavril Ijikoski, Joseph Guzman, Jeffrey Myre, Matthew Hallet. Front Row: Caleb Fortune, Gary Topolewski, Michael Dresden, Eric Bunker. Not Pictured: Drew Budry, Joseph Christopher, Zach Dunaj-Ring, Eric Henry, James Kling, Charles Llamas, Joseph Rivet, Sam Stocker.

Right: Senior Corrie Chansler knows that the perfect pose must be accompanied by the perfect smile.

Below: It's all about support! Junior co-captain Jennifer Czerwinski is held up by her teammates junior Danielle Fisher and senior co-captain Whitney Rankin.



Above: Back Row: Melissa Garland, Rebecca Costigan, Corrie Chansler, Kristin Schumacher, Caitlin Lasley, Whitney Rankin, Danielle Fisher. Middle Row: Elizabeth McCoy, Azia Spraggins, Candace Pratt, Kathryn Welc, Heather Tate. Front Row: Jennifer Czerwinski, Rachel Cummings, Con LeVasseur, and Brandie Summers.

Above: Senior co-captain Rachel Cummings is known for her energetic personality, not only on but off the field as well.



Cheering From the Side

Captains



Far Left: Rachel Cummings '01

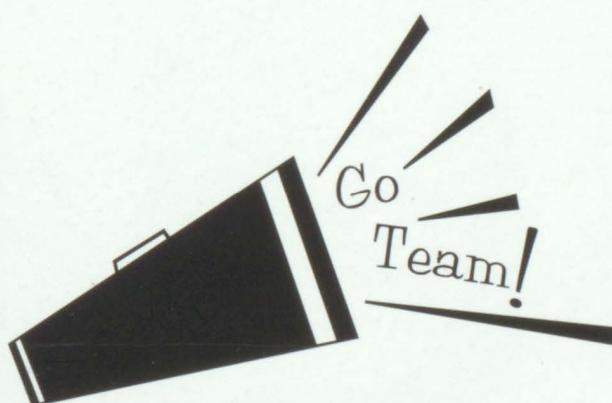
Left: Jennifer Czerwinski '02

Far left: Cori LeVasseur '01

Left: Whitney Rankin '01



Left: Senior cheerleaders Brandie Summers, Heather Tate, junior Rebecca Costigan, and seniors Whitney Rankin and Azia Spraggins have become close friends as a result of all the time they spend together cheerleading.



Left: These cheerleaders practice hours each week to perform for those who come to the football and basketball games.

There are 27 seconds left on the clock in the fourth quarter and the mighty Oaks are down by two touchdowns. Seemingly, there is nothing here our boys can do to win the game. They play their hardest as they always do, but to no avail. They walk to the sidelines, preparing to be looked at with disappointed faces. Instead the Oaks are greeted by a smiling bunch of girls.

The girls that greet them are members of the varsity cheerleading squad. Cheerleaders are one of the highlights of varsity football and basketball games. These smiling and upbeat girls are always there, win or lose. No matter the score, whether our guys are playing well or being booed by the crowd in the stands, these girls are there to give support...always. It could be considered their job. If it is their job to be nice and peppy, then it could be said that they are taking their work home with them. In the halls, you can see this.

Some may ask why cheerleading should be considered a sport. Here is why: these girls, these athletes, work just as hard as any of the football players do. True, they may not run laps or work out in the weight room, but they practice everyday. Every week they put hours and hours into practicing. Cheerleading is the only sport that spans two complete seasons. It's not a fall sport or a winter sport: it's both. For all that time, effort, and dedication, these girls not only deserve our respect, but our admiration as well.

The cheerleaders are doing something new this year. They are going to a competition for the first time ever. "It's going to be a challenge," says senior co-captain Cori LeVasseur, "but I think we'll do well." In the meantime the cheerleaders are waiting and preparing. You can see the girls hard at work Tuesday and Friday nights at the boys varsity basketball games.

By: Stacy Meitzner

Shooting For Success

Captains

She shoots at the buzzer; her team is down by one. If the shot goes in, then they will win by one, but if it the shot doesn't go in, then they lose by one. She watches the ball as it glides through the air, as it swooshes through the basket, nothing but net.

The girls varsity basketball team played outstanding this year. They consisted of five seniors who were all leaders on the team, all in different ways. Megan Llamas led the team with her quick defensive skills, not letting anyone from the opposing team get by her. Megan received the "bulldog" award this season for the best defensive player on the team. Melissa Carafelly could shoot a three pointer on command, money. Stacie Seymour handled and took care of the basketball whenever needed, not letting anyone steal the ball from her. Katie Kidder and Deanna Miller were the captains of the team this season and led the team all around. Katie and Deanna also made the All League team this year. Katie received the "heart and hustle" award on the team because she always gave one hundred percent effort during all the practices and games. Deanna received the team MVP this season. Freshman Laura Guzman received All League Honorable Mention and the team's rookie of the year award. This was the first season at Dondero that a freshman has made the varsity team. Other team contributions were made by juniors Courtney Park, Erica Scheid, Chelsea Adams, Jessica Olinski, and Erin Morris and sophomores Stephanie Miller, Emily Till, and Carol Roman. Carol received the team "most improved player" award this year.

The team improved their overall record to 12-9, and a league record of 8-4. In their league the girls finished tied for second place. This is the first time in many years that the Dondero girls basketball team has won over ten games.

The basketball team had many accomplishments this year. A major accomplishment the Oaks had this year was beating crosstown rival Kimball twice this season. The Lady Oaks have not beaten Kimball in over six years, and to do it twice in one season is absolutely amazing. The Lady Oaks also accomplished another important victory this season: they won their first district game. This feat has not been accomplished in many years.

The Lady Oaks plan to improve their record and their playing ability with five returning seniors, three returning juniors, and one returning sophomore who started for the Oaks this year. Good luck next season and congratulations on all team accomplishments!

By Deanna Miller



Above: Deanna Miller '01

Above: Katie Kidder '01

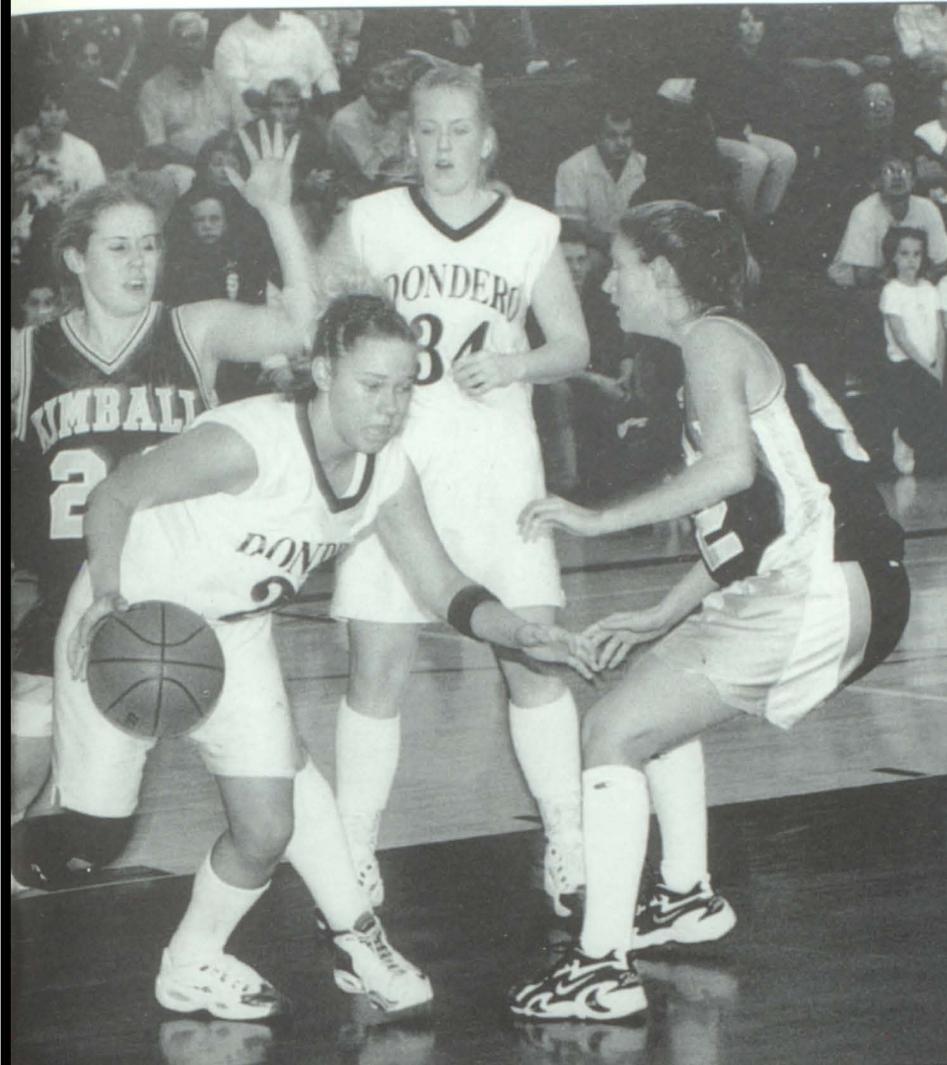
Right: Freshmen Laura Guzman leads the Oaks at the guard position, ready to drive to the basket to put two more points on the board during the Kimball game.



SCOREBOARD

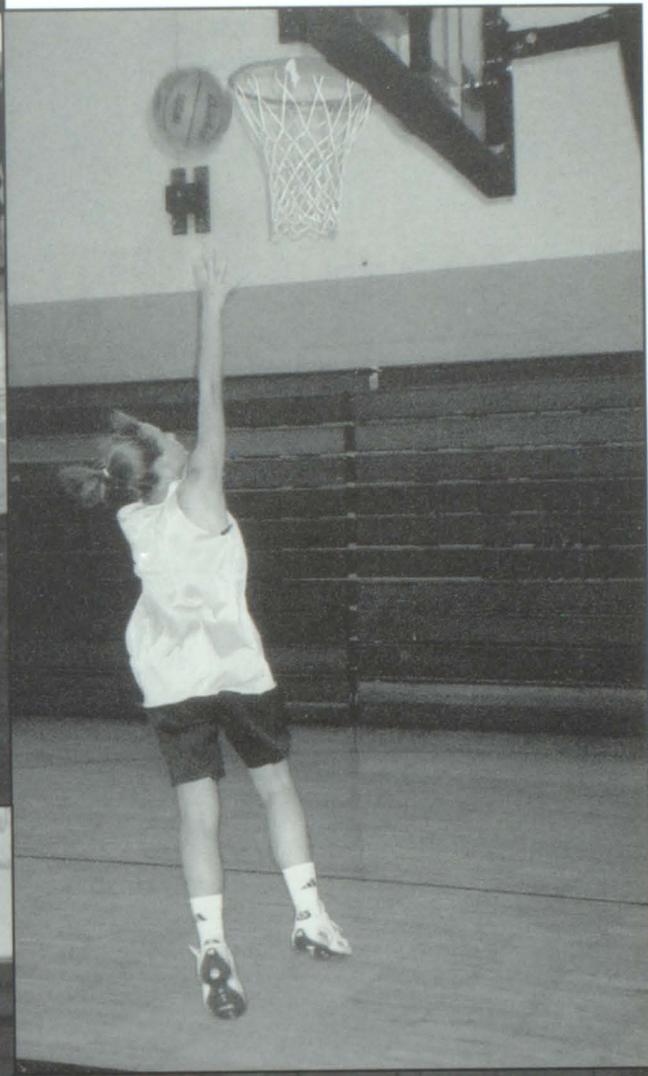
OPPONENT	W/L	Score
Clarenceville	W	57-22
Farmington	L	27-48
Avondale	L	27-36
Madison	W	28-24
Clawson	W	39-32
Andover	L	27-40
Hazel Park	L	28-40
Lamphere	W	31-21
Kimball	W	47-36
Madison	W	36-35
Clawson	W	26-25
Andover	L	34-40
Hazel Park	W	36-27
Lamphere	W	43-44
Kimball	W	38-30
Brandon	L	17-38
Hazel Park	W	32-29
Kimball	L	32-42
Beeckley	W	30-25
Thurston	W	40-23
Courtesy Day	L	16-57

Right: The Lady Oaks continue the tradition of meeting in a team huddle before the start of every game. What are we gonna do? Drive, To the, basket, To, Win, The, game, Tonight! Oaks!



Left: Senior guard Stacie Seymour uses her great box-out against Kimball to dribble the ball to Dondero's basket.

Below: Erin Morris stays focused as she concentrates on shooting the ball off of the backboard during an afternoon practice in preparation for the Oak's next game.



Above: Senior co-captain Deanna Miller uses her vertical to out jump her opponent for the ball at the beginning of their game against Madison winning 28-24.



Above: Back Row: Katie Kidder, Deanna Miller, Carol Roman. Middle Row: Megan Llamas, Courtney Park, Jessica Olinski, Coach O'Brien, Stacie Seymour, Emily Till, Chelsea Adams. Front Row: Erica Scheid, Laura Guzman, Stephanie Miller. Not Pictured: Melissa Carafelly, Erin Morris.

Right: Junior Corey Vanderhoff steals the ball from the Pontiac Northern opponent to make a run down the field.

Below: Junior Joshua Belvedere winds up to place this corner kick right in scoring position.



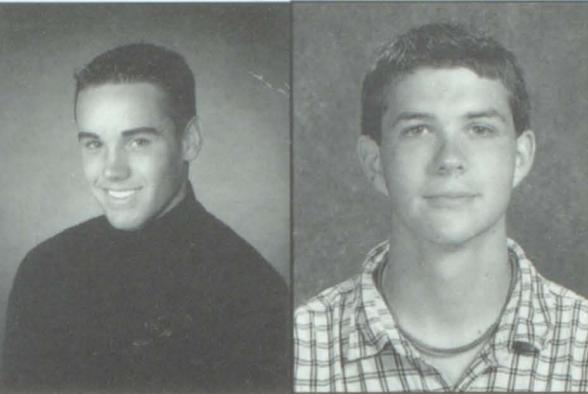
Above: Back row: Coach Vlaming, Paul Baker, Nicholas Weiderhold, Eric Davis, Ryan Matthews, Paul Caddy, Corey Vanderhoff, Coach Morgan. Middle row: Joshua Belvedere, James Martin, John Phillips, Mark Waskowski, Loren Brinkman, Edward Zuzindlak, Timothy Balla, Matthew Rautio. Front row: Christopher Wildbur, Alexander Lamb, Adam Sylvester, Gregory Scott, Ryan Shipman, Steve Anderson.

Varsity Boys Soccer

Above: These boys varsity soccer players, Ryan Matthews, Loren Brinkman, and Edward Zuzindlak, wait eagerly to get put back into the game.

Kickin' Grass

Captains



Above: Timothy Balla, '01

Above: Matthew Rautio, '01

Below: Senior co-captain, Matthew Rautio, fakes out the player from Pontiac Northern to pass him by.



SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Hazel Park	W	9-0
Southfield	W	1-0
Berkley	W	2-1
S. Lathrup	W	7-0
Central	W	9-1
Northern	W	8-0
Shrine	W	4-1
Kimball	L	1-2
Clawson	W	3-0
Hazel Parl	W	9-0
Ferndale	W	1-0
Southfield	W	7-0
S. Lathrup	W	10-0
Lamphere	W	4-3
Northern	W	1-0
Clawson	W	3-1
Groves	L	0-4
Hazel Park	W	10-0
Fitzgerald	W	5-2
Berkley	L	2-1

Left: Senior John Phillips watches the play waiting for a chance to jump in and steal the ball.

The boys varsity soccer team had an impressive season and made great improvements from past years. Some of their accomplishments were being undefeated in league play, obtaining four cross-over wins, being League Champs, and playing in the district finals.

Co-captain senior, Timothy Balla, received the MVP and Best Offensive Player awards and he also led the team in scoring. Eric Davis and Steve Anderson were named Co-Best Defensive Players, while Loren Brinkman snatched the MIP award. The "Clutch" player award went to Paul Caddy because of his ability to pull through on the very close games. All-League awards went to Timothy Balla, Eric Davis, Joshua Belvedere, Steve Anderson, Paul Caddy, Corey Vanderhoff, Alexander Lamb, and Adam Sylvester. Eric Davis and Timothy Balla made the All-Area first team and Joshua Belvedere, Steve Anderson, and Corey Vanderhoff made the second team. All-Area Honorable Mention went to Paul Caddy, Alexander Lamb, and Adam Sylvester. Timothy Balla, Eric Davis, Joshua Belvedere, and Steve Anderson made the All-District team.

The team played one game at a time, and they just kept winning. Co-captain senior Matthew Rautio's most memorable moment of the season was of his scoring the season opener goal at home. When asked what he will miss the most about the season and the team, Rautio replied, "The history with the guys. We've been playing together for four years and to leave them is tough."

The outlook for next season is a good one. With eight returning players and a strong J.V. squad who love to play, the future is still looking bright for the Oaks.

By: Jessica Olinski



Between the Lanelines

Take your mark...bang! That's how it went for our girls swimming and diving team this year. They started their season off with a bang with wins against Bishop Foley and Pontiac Central. The girls had one of the best records around town this year. Actually, they had the best record in town. In fact, this year marked the second time in twenty-three years that the Lady Oaks beat their cross-town rivals, the Kimball Knights. All four senior swimmers this year had the opportunity of being the only class to be a part of both wins (the first time when they were freshmen). Not only did the girls blow Kimball out of the water, but they beat Shrine to be city champs for the second time in twenty-three years as well.

Another big win for the girls was the Clarkston meet. Arriving at Clarkston, the Oaks were greeted by the trash-talking team. The Lady Oaks didn't take one bit of it. Proving they were not only the classier team by having good sportsmanship, they also showed they were the better team in the water. In an exciting meet, our girls edged Clarkston out by two points.

A mass. That describes the amount of swimmers and divers that participated in the Diving Regional and State Championship meets for the Oaks this year. At Diving Regionals seniors Rachel Banwarth and Cassandra Pauck represented the girls. With co-captain, Rachel, at one point in position to qualify for the State Meet, it made for a very memorable night.

As for State Meet, the Lady Oaks sent seven girls to the competition. For the first time ever, the girls qualified all three relay teams for the meet. Leading the way for the girls were senior co-captains Lindsey Edgar and Stacy Meitzner. Both will remember the experience for the rest of their lives. For Edgar, who was also voted Most Dedicated by her teammates, it was memorable because she was given the opportunity to swim at State Meet for the first time ever.

However, for Meitzner, it will be remembered for a different reason. Qualifying for the State Meet all four years, Meitzner had the swim of her life in her final individual event of her swimming career at this season's meet. Meitzner was also voted M.V.P. by her teammates and named to the All-Area team, along with junior Jennifer Osterhout.

Ending this season with ten wins and just three losses, the Oaks have a great outlook for next year. They might be losing senior talent from the blocks and the boards this season, but the girls will be led by the large number of sophomores they had this year, not to mention possible talent from the incoming freshmen next year.

By: Stacy Meitzner

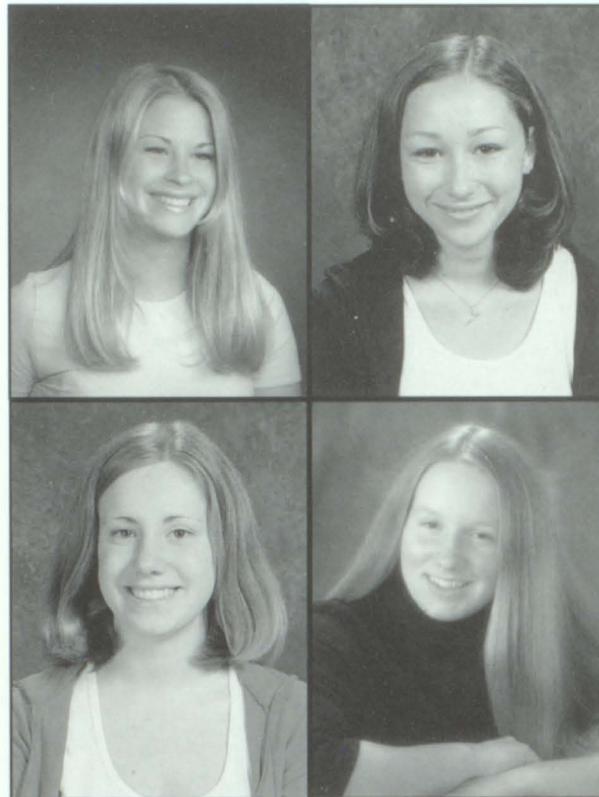


118 Girls Swimming

SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Bishop Foley	W	130-53
Pontiac Central	W	97-63
Lady Oaks Relays	1st Place	N/A
Kimball	W	109-77
Southfield Schools	W	99-83
Andover	L	85-101
Clarkston	W	94-92
Shrine	W	99-86
Avondale	W	113-73
County Meet	N/A	N/A
Lamphere	W	100-86
Berkley	L	72-114
Hazel Park	W	114-69
Lake Orion	L	66-120
Div. III League Meet	4th Place	N/A

Captains



Far Above Left: Rachel Banwarth '01

Far Above Right: Lindsey Edgar '01

Above Left: Alice Lyon '01

Above Right: Stacy Meitzner '01

Right: There were so many girls that qualified for the State Meet this year that all seven of their names couldn't fit on the marquis. Congratulations Lindsey Edgar, Stacy Meitzner, Jennifer Osterhout, Stephanie Gibson, Andrea Torvinen, Katherine Constanzo, and Claire Plouff.



Right: Co-captain Alice Lyon shows just how much she enjoys swimming at the Division III League Meet. She will remember her last league meet by the best swim of her career in her final swim of the 100 breaststroke.





Left: Here is something you do not see everyday. Why is co-captain Stacy Meitzner swimming the breaststroke?

Below: Freshman Katherine Costanzo shows what a good start looks like as she gets ready to explode off the block into the water.



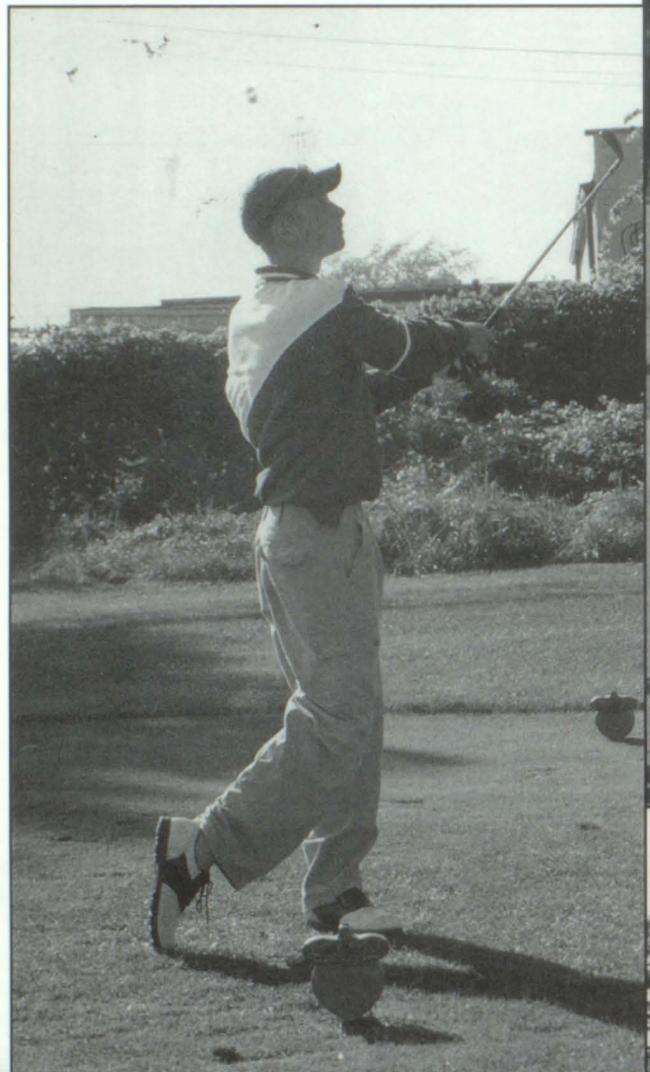
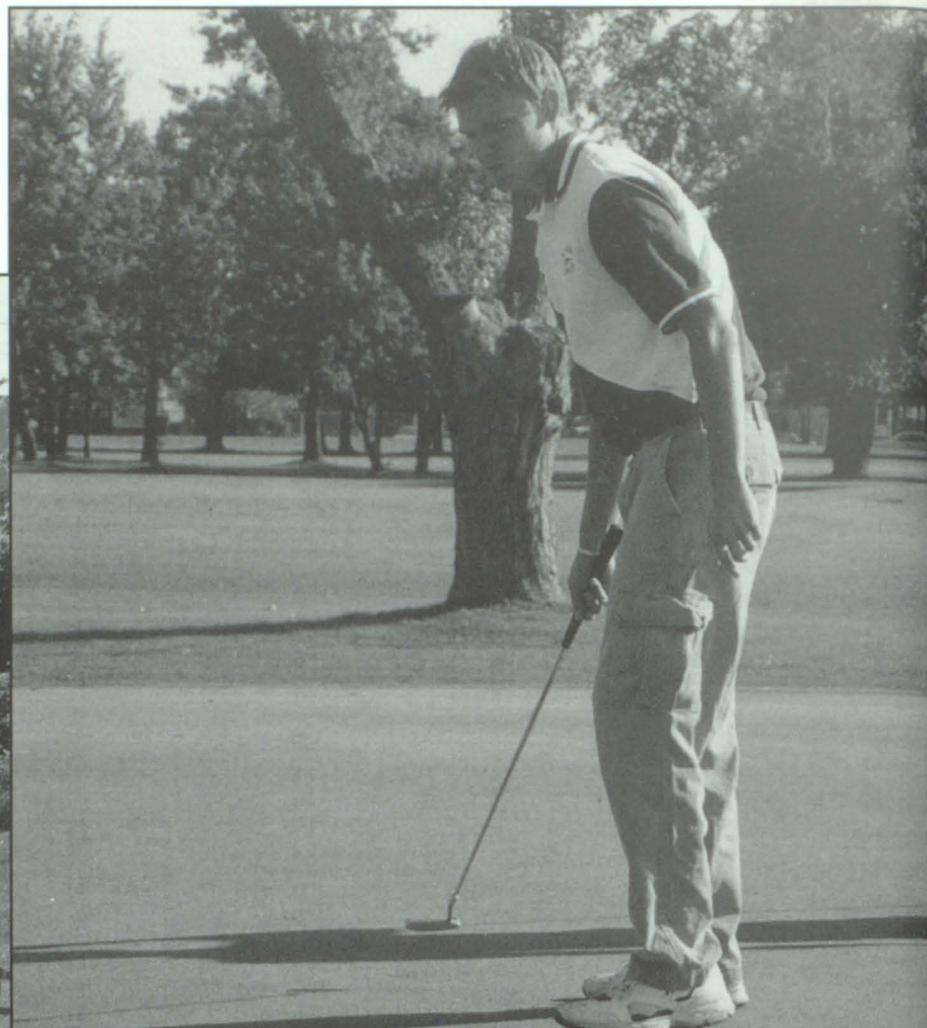
Above: As Rachel Banwarth gets ready to do her approach, she reviews her dive one last time before she performs it.



Above Back Row: Coach Schurig, Andrea Torvinen, Rachel Gardiner, Sarah Herzberg, Stephanie Lindsey, Alexis DeCruyde, Katherine Sylvester, Katherine Costanzo, Coach Darrin, Coach Jen Middle Row: Katherine Park, Rebecca Dear, Sara Thomas, Alice Lyon, Megan Donavan, Delores Cottingham, Stacy Meitzner, Lindsey Edgar, Jessica Carty, Jennifer Osterhout Front Row: Cassandra Pauck, Sarah McLaughlin, Holly Dein, Claire Plouff, Amy Thomas, Jennifer Kaiser, Emily Peychich, Stephanie Gibson, Rachel Banwarth.

Right: Andrew Englehart watches his ball anxiously as it rolls towards the hole.

Below: Michael Vosburgh, the only freshman on varsity, shows what kind of swing you need to make it...



Above: Back Row: Andrew Englehart, Coach Eberhart, Coach Shively, Andrew Janik. Middle Row: Scot Lautzenheiser, Ryan Butash, David Haugk. Front Row: Michael Vosburgh, Mark Garman, Eric Gardner.

Above: If Ryan Butash and Scot Lautzenheiser can't impress the ladies with their swings, they can do it with their looks.

Driving for the Green

Movin' on up from Division IV to division to Division III, the varsity golf team had yet another outstanding season. They may not have been League Champs or have gone undefeated in their league this year, but the Oaks accomplished some great feats.

A great moment for the boys this season was defeating Bloomfield Hills Andover 151- 155. "It really was a huge upset," said senior co-captain David Haugk. With another impressive record in tournament play, the Oaks finished second place, third place two times, fourth place, and sixth place. With seven seniors and just one freshman, the golf team finished their season eleven and two. When asked what he saw in store for the future of the golf team Haugk believed, "Next year will be a time of rebuilding for the team, being led by Michael Vosburgh." Hats off to the golf team. They did a great job this season in a new division! Good luck next year golfers, in the mean time keep swingin'!

By: Stacy Meitzner, Jessica Olinski and Deanna Miller

Left: Captain David Haugk '01

Above: Is that Tiger Woods? Nope, it's Andrew Janik giving us his best impression of the pro golfer.

Left: Captain David Haugk takes his sweet time to line up his next putt.

Left: Whatcha' want girls? We want some hot boys. The golf team struts their stuff for the camera.

SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	WL	SCORE
Warren Cousino	W	170 - 189
Pontiac Central	W	163 - 190
O.A.A. I Div. III	3rd place	339
Southfield Lathrup	W	156 - 164
Brandon	W	160 - 168
Kimball	L	165 - 164
Berkeley	W	156 - 161
Hazel Park	W	166 - 171
Oxford	W	171 - 172
Royal Oak City Champ.	2nd place	209
Clawson	W	168 - 204
O.A.A. II Div. III	4th place	338
Bloomfield Hills Andover	W	151 - 156
Ferndale	W	159 - 171
Oakland County Div. II	6th place	323
Birmingham Groves	L	162 - 161
Southfield	W	170 - 213
Wyndgate Inv.	3rd place	Not available
Regionals	13th place	578



Who's Making That Racket?

Captains



Effort. That is one thing the girls tennis team had this season. The girls may not have had a winning record this year, but they always had smiles on their faces, which you cannot take away from them. Led by captains Rachel Cummings, Jessica Harrington, and Kerrie Kennedy, the tennis team united this year. "New courts plus a new coach equals a new attitude," all three captains agreed. That is what really counts: attitude. So many times athletes forget how to enjoy themselves during their sport, but not these girls; they managed to have fun while playing.

Their wins came against Hazel Park, Ferndale, and Lathrup. Leading the way for the Oaks during these wins were Kerrie Kennedy and Maria Wissman. These wins, although few, and a couple of other close matches helped to give the girls hope and to show that anything is possible. With their determination and love for the game, the girls played hard. Towards the end of the season they had a shut-out against Lathrup as a little bit of proof to show that they never did give up and that they always came to play.

The captains added that although this season was not the best, the team will keep improving with the number of freshmen they had this year.

By: Stacy Meitzner

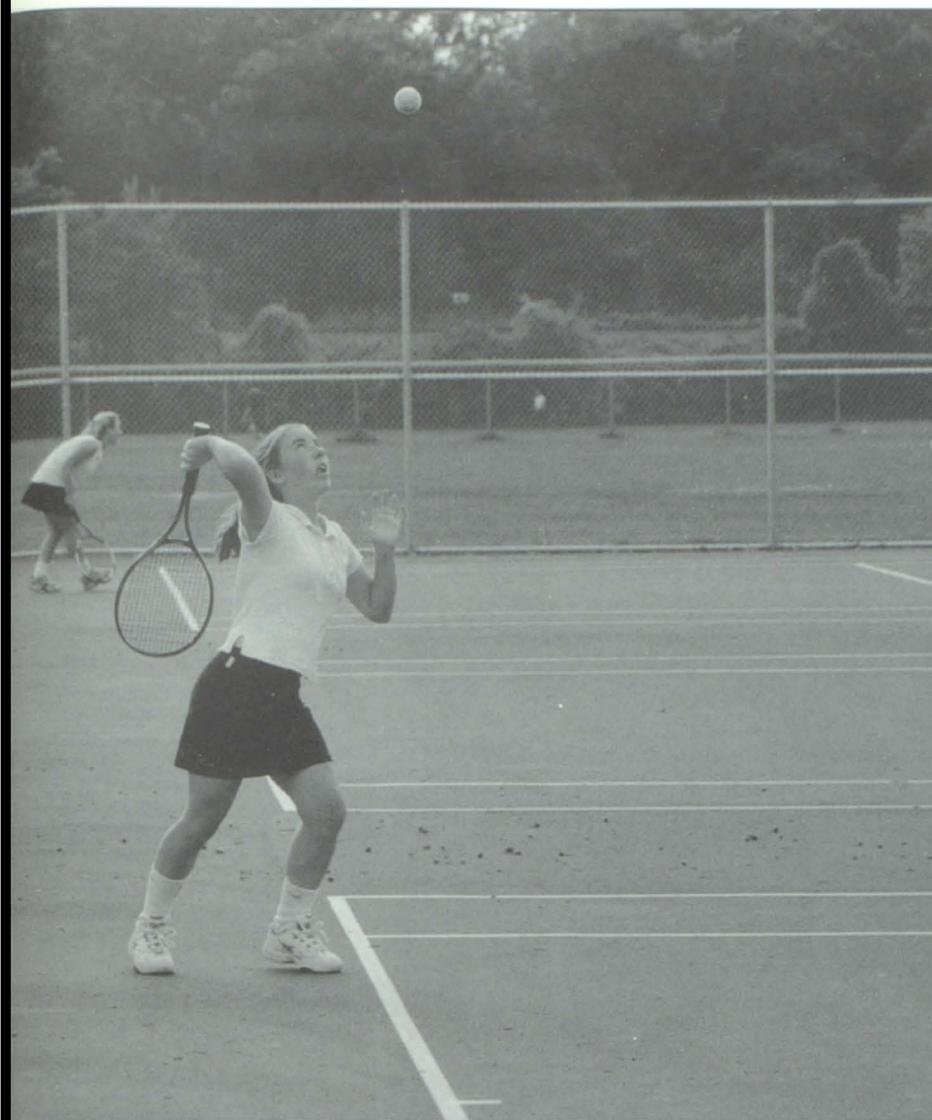


SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Southfield High	L	1-7
Hazel Park	W	7-1
Lamphere	TIE	4-4
Clawson	L	0-8
Waterford Mott	L	1-7
Berkley	L	1-7
Bishop Foley	L	3-5
Brandon	L	1-7
Shrine	L	2-6
Ferndale	W	6-2
Avondale	L	0-8
Kimball	L	1-7
Lathrup	W	8-0
East Detroit	L	2-6

Right: Junior Marianne Tassone hustles after the ball to keep the other team from scoring.





Right: Watch out, Steffi Graf! Here is Julianna Weaver serving what is sure to be an ace.

Below: Jane Fader may have time to smile for the camera, but her doubles partner, co-captain Rachel Cummings, is nothing but serious when it comes to winning.



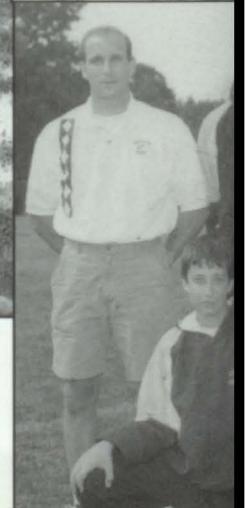
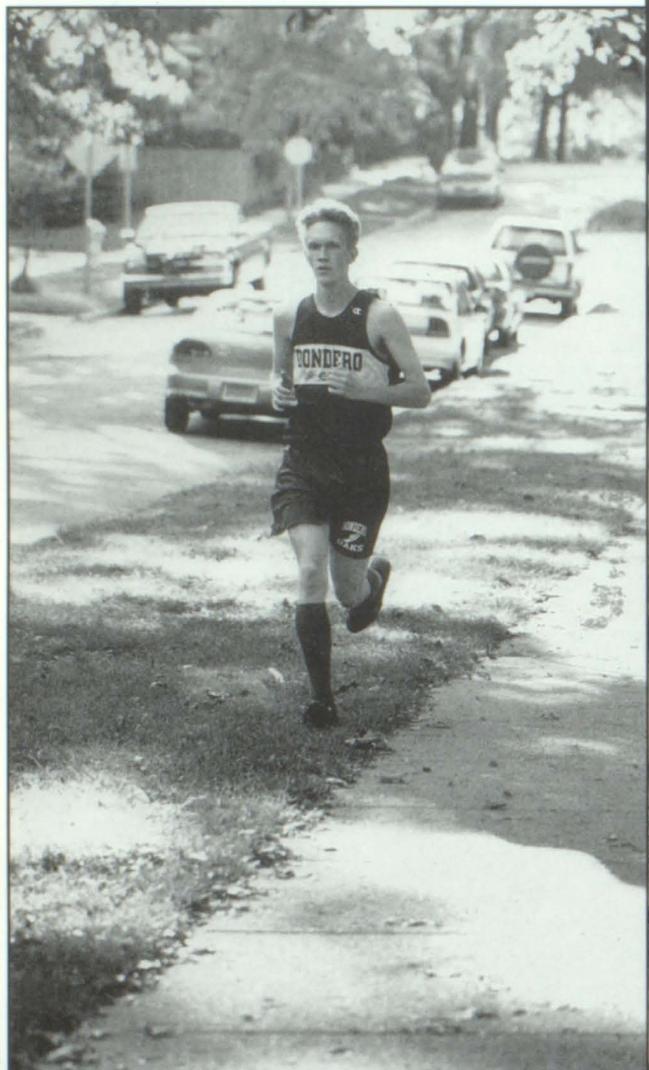
Above: Co-captain Jessica Harrington knows what it takes to win. Focus, determination, and that competitive drive: you can see them all in her face.



Above Back Row: Coach Reese, Allison Phillips, Britany DiNardo, Heather Hawkins, Vildanna Kurtovic, Amber Marsh, Andrea Langdorf, Jane Fader, Middle Row: Elizabeth Wissman, Lara Nemeth, Jessica Harrington, Andrea Hoff, Paula Simoni, Kristine Toquing, Kerrie Kennedy, Rachel Cummings, Front Row: Jessica Gadwa, Kelly Lutz, Marianne Tassone, Julianna Weaver, Katie Kipp, Maria Wissman

Right: The boys cross country runs at a constant pace as they turn the corner to another big victory.

Below: Look at those socks! Joshua Hubner makes sure he is noticed as he crosses the finish line first.

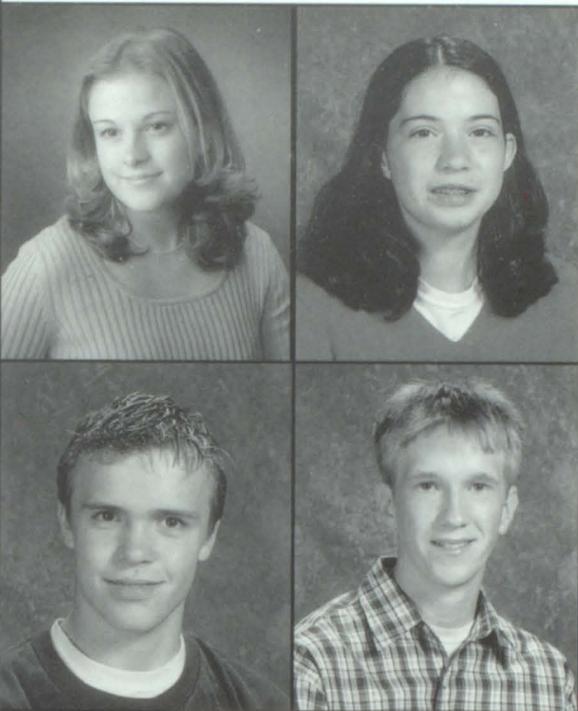


Back: Coach Hoover, Michelle Cohen, Anne Petrimoult, Colleen Taylor, Megan Sulinski. Front: Emily Dressler, Abigail Bonar, Jennifer Edington, Jennifer Herrick. Not Pictured: Andrea Champagne, Jayna Estopellan.

Above: Anne Petrimoult leaves the other runners in the dust.

Racing Through the Finishline

CAPTAINS



Above Left: Emily Dressler '01
 "If we don't beat you on the course, we'll beat you in the parking lot"
 "Fast girls in short shorts-we go all the way!"

Above Right: Jennifer Edginton '02
 "Running won't kill you, it will make you pass out first."

Below Right: Matthew Klaver '02
 "We do for practice what your team does for punishment"

Below Left: Joshua Huebner '02

Left: The Girls Cross Country Team sticks together as they make their way to the finish line.

Left: Back: Coach Steeby, Bryan Beebe, Joshua Huebner, Matthew Klaver. Front: Joshua Garrett, Ian Kangas. Not Pictured: Hogan Kangas, Scott Olson.

Going, going, gone! That's the cross country team off and running. Both the boys and girls teams did extremely well this year. Last year the boys had a tough season with just one win. This year though, the boys improved tremendously from their last season, finishing the year off with three wins and five losses. The boys cross country team is proof that hard work really does pay off! Losing just one senior this year, junior co-captain Matthew Klaver has big expectations for the team next year saying, "We should be very good with new additions and four seniors!"

The girls ran circles (no pun intended) around their competition finishing with an impressive league record of five wins and just one loss. The highlight of the season for these ladies was beating the cross town rival, Kimball. Congratulations girls; that's certainly something to be proud of! "The team will be very strong," says senior co-captain Emily Dressler. Speaking of next year: "The juniors will really carry the team." With returning members and new girls joining, the cross country team is sure to continue their steady season in 2001.

By: Jessica Olinski, Deanna Miller and Stacy Meitzner



SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	BOYS	GIrls
Bishop Foley	31-24	15-52
Lamphere	42-17	20-43
Hazel Park	34-24	23-37
Brandon	33-26	19-36
Kimball	51-18	18-40
Lutheran N.W.	18-38	18-39
Ferndale	26-29	15-50
Clawson	26-29	34-21
Beckley	—	32-39
Kimball	—	—

Hoop Dreams

There are five seconds left in the game and the score is tied. Senior captain, Corey Nimety, has the ball. As he jumps up for the shot the noise of the crowd becomes extinct. All eyes shift to the ball, which is circling around the rim. After an instant, it falls in the net as the buzzer goes off. There is an instant of silence in the gym, which is interrupted by an uproar of cheers and excitement. Everyone is on their feet and the team is in a big group hug. They win the game by two points in the last five seconds.

The 2000-2001 season started off a bit rocky, but the team improved with every game. Once the whole team was healthy, they were able to compete with everyone in their division. Coach Lynch was very happy with how well the team worked together this season. Part of the team unity came from special bonding events like team dinners at Andrew Miller's house.

The boys shared many rituals and inside jokes. To get pumped up before games, they had to play a game of hackey sack with a dodge ball; everyone had to touch the ball before they went out to play.

With seven of the eleven team members being seniors and leaving this year, next year will be a year of rebuilding. The team has a lot of work ahead of them, but they are very optimistic about things. The competition and team unity are what senior captain, Eric Gardner, said he would miss the most about Dondero basketball. Coach Lynch had all good things to say about the boys: "It has been a pleasure working with this team."

By Jessica Olinski

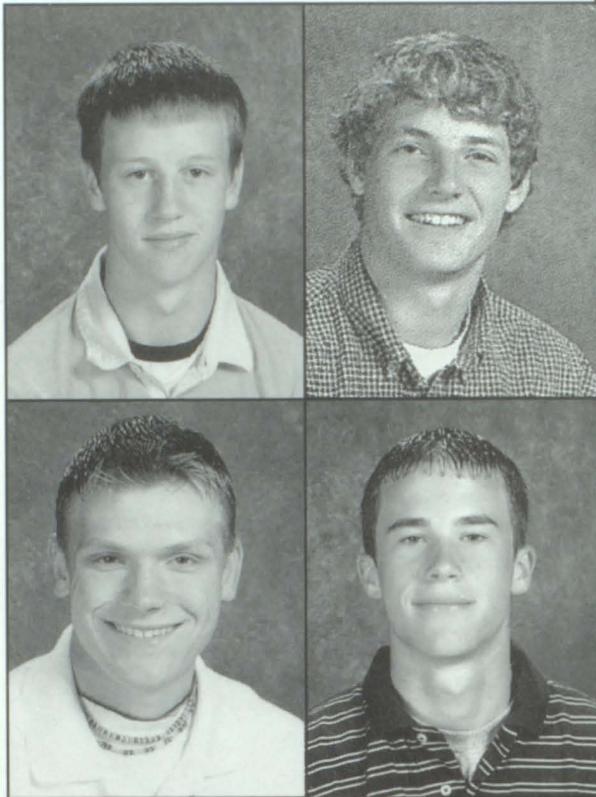
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SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Notre Dame	L	35-61
Clawson	L	55-69
Avondale	L	30-61
Hamtramk	W	47-41
Kimball	L	37-56
Andover	W	55-43
Madison	L	41-53
Seaholm	L	52-58
Clawson	L	37-46
Lamphere	W	45-43
Seaholm	W	62-56
Brandon	L	58-64
Andover	W	51-48
Madison	L	55-59
Lamphere	L	58-63
Brandon	W	49-44
Waterford Mott	L	48-49
Seaholm	L	43-45
Andover	L	62-64
Lamphere	L	47-54
Country Day	L	44-75

CAPTAINS



Far Above Left: Eric Gardner '01

Far Above Right: Corey Nimety '01

Above Left: Andrew Englehart '01

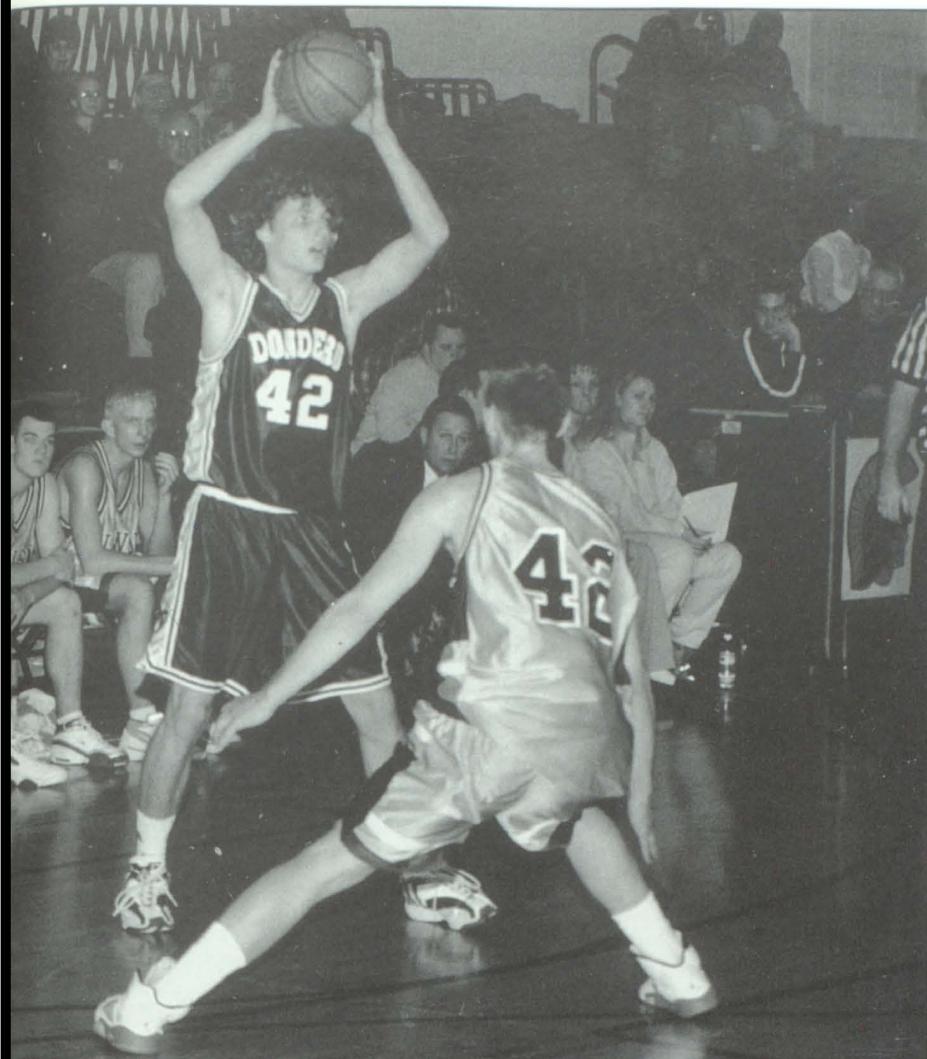
Above Right: Scot Lautzenheiser '01



Right: Sophomore Jeffery Wilusz flies by his opponent to the basket with great ease.

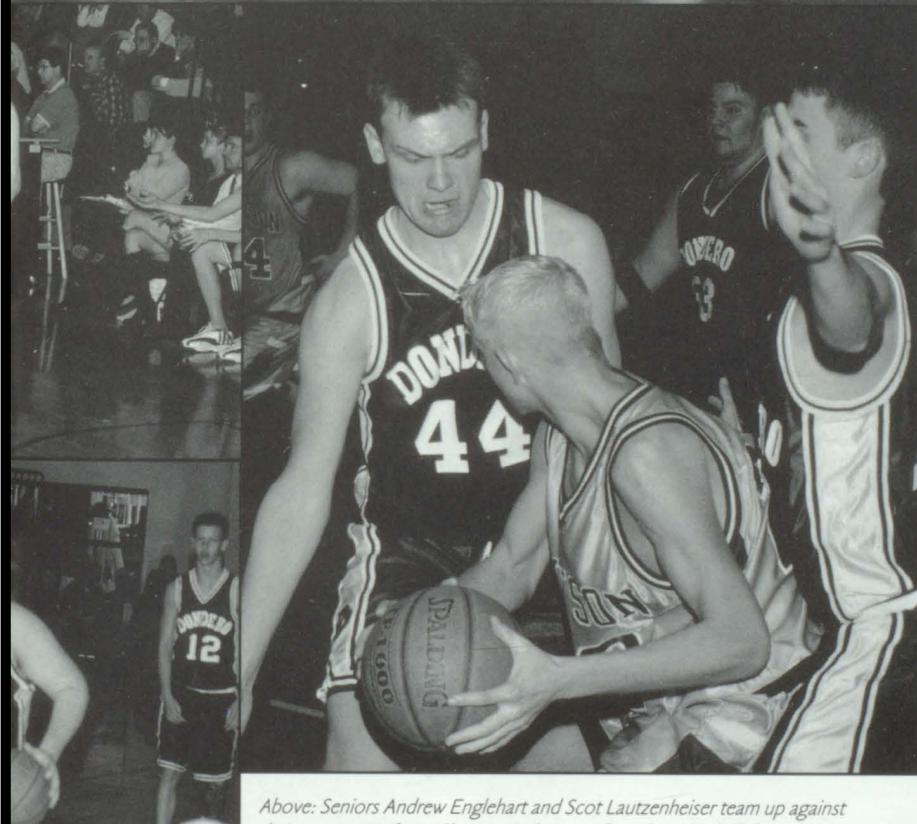
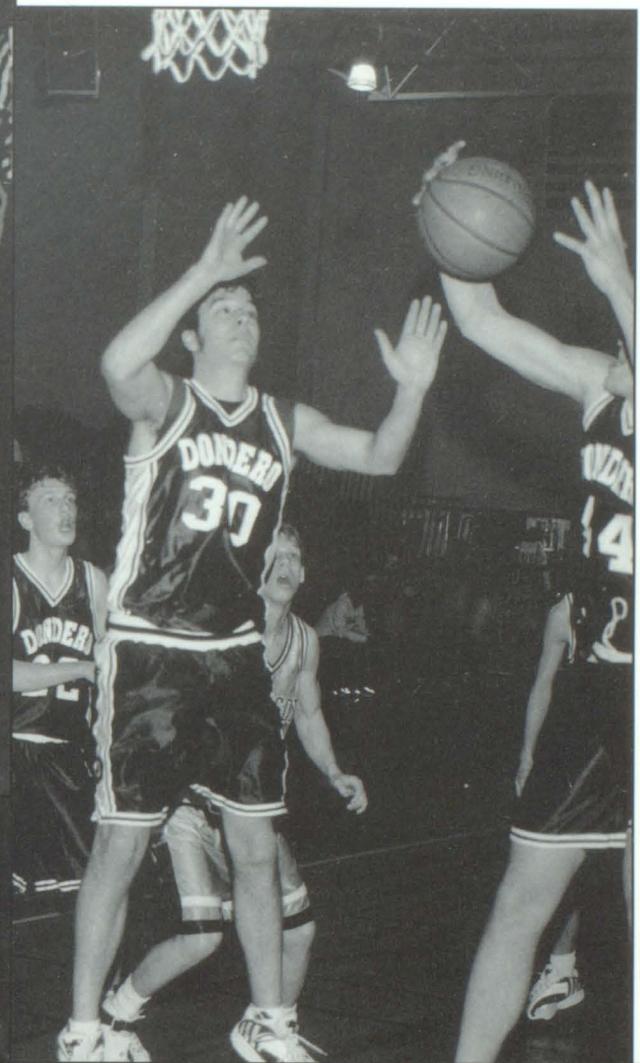


Right: In his final game of the season, senior Nathan Grover fakes out his opponent and makes a dash for the net, with senior Eric Gardner ready to back him up.



Left: Senior Corey Nimety pauses, looking around the court for an open teammate.

Below: Senior Andrew Miller is always ready to help his teammates out under the basket.



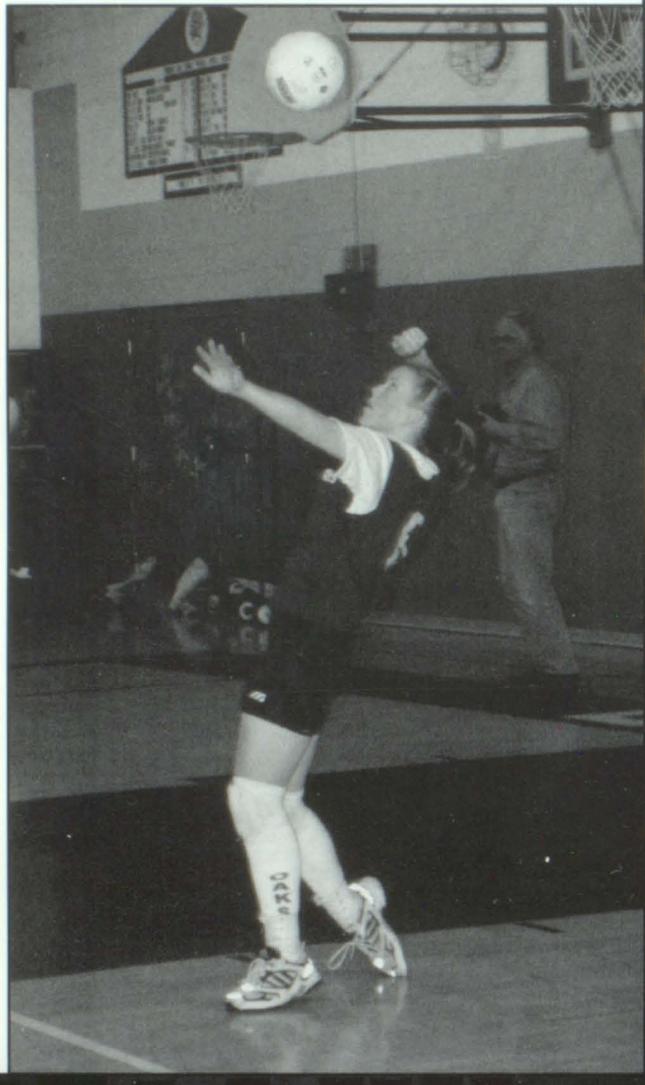
Above: Seniors Andrew Englehart and Scot Lautzenheiser team up against their opponent from Clawson in hopes of stealing the ball from him.



Back Row: Nathan Grover, Andrew Englehart, Jeffery Parker. Middle Row: Andrew Bartley, Corey Nimety, Andrew Miller, Coach Sebastian, Coach Lynch, Richard Calverly, Jeffery Wilusz, Scot Lautzenheiser. Front Row: Eric Gardner, Michael Beadia.

Right: Junior Erica Scheid (# 4) gets down low to make a pass, while tri-captain Deanna Miller (# 10) follows the ball with her eyes, prepared to help her teammate at any time.

Below: Tri-captain Katie Kidder '01 tosses the ball, while in perfect form, about to serve another ace at her opponent.

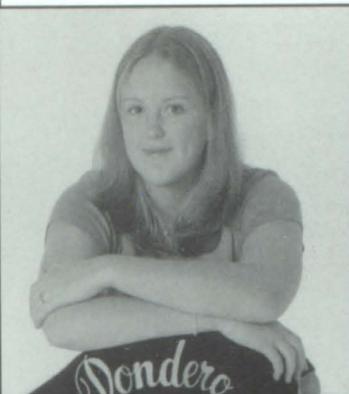


Above: Back Row: Coach Menzel, Erica Scheid, Andrea Torvinen, Carol Roman, Courtney Park, Rebecca Dear, Coach Millar. Front Row: Megan Llamas, Jennifer Brown, Katie Kidder, Deanna Miller, Krista Kaiser, Holly Jones.

Above: Sophomore Carol Roman, (# 11) concentrates on the set as she warms up her arm during the Kimball vs. Dondero game.

Breakdown Oaks

Captains



Above Left: Katie Kidder '01

Above Right: Megan Llamas '01

Left: Deanna Miller '01



Left: Senior Krista Kaiser uses her spike approach to loosen her arm up before the game begins.

Below left: Sophomore Andrea Torvinen sets the ball to her outside hitter awaiting yet another kill against their cross town rival Kimball.

SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	DATES	W/L
Clawson	12-14-00	Won
Hazel Park	1-4-01	Won
Andover	1-8-01	Won
Waterford Mott	1-18-01	Won
Madison	1-22-01	Lost
Avondale	1-25-01	Lost
Clawson	1-29-01	Lost
Hazel Park	2-1-01	Won
Andover	2-5-01	Won
Kimball	2-8-01	Lost
Waterford Mott	2-12-01	Won
Madison	2-15-01	Lost
Avondale	2-26-01	Won

The Dondero varsity volleyball team started off the season with four wins in their league against Clawson, Hazel Park, Waterford Mott, and Andover. As the season progressed, the Oaks hit a rough couple of weeks, losing their league games to Clawson, Madison, and Avondale. The team pulled together slowly, regaining their composure to defeat Andover, Hazel Park, and Waterford Mott.

This season the Oaks tied for second in their division with Madison; their league record was 8-4. The volleyball team consisted of a great group of girls and athletes. Although times were rough, everyone continued to get along and work together.

The Oaks had many memorable moments this season, such as going to Movie Sixteen to see *Bring It On*. The girls will also remember the many team dinners they had and the cheers they made up as the season progressed. During the season the Oaks had one team superstition. This superstition was to say the breakdown cheer before every game. "Breakdown Oaks, Breakdown Oaks, Breakdown Win!"

The team consisted of six seniors, three juniors, and two sophomores. "What I will miss the most about volleyball is the laughs and smiles of the girls, hanging out with the team, and just playing volleyball," said senior Katie Kidder.

Although the Oaks are losing six seniors, next year's season is expected to be promising. The junior varsity girls who will be moving up to varsity next season are all exceptional players who will contribute greatly to the team. The Oaks set high goals for themselves, like winning their division.

By Deanna Miller



On the Mat

He throws his opponent on the mat with a half-nelson to win the match. No, this is not Monday Night Raw, it is a typical scenario for the Dondero wrestling team. This season the boys had a much improved record over last year's; they finished their season 12-7-1, as opposed to last year's 1-12 record. Finishing their season 6-1 in league meets, the boys had the best record in their league.

The Oaks had many accomplishments throughout this season. Although they did not win the Brandon Tournament, they were consolation champions, which was still impressive. A big win this season for the Oaks came when they matched up against cross-town rivals, the Kimball Knights. This victory was not only exciting because it was over Kimball, but it was the first time the Oaks had defeated Kimball in seven years!

As far as the guys on the team go, they were all hardworking. "We had a large turnout and most of them stuck it out," said senior co-captain Jeremy Angerer. Next season is sure to be another promising one with the team being led by this year's junior co-captain Joshua Belvedere.

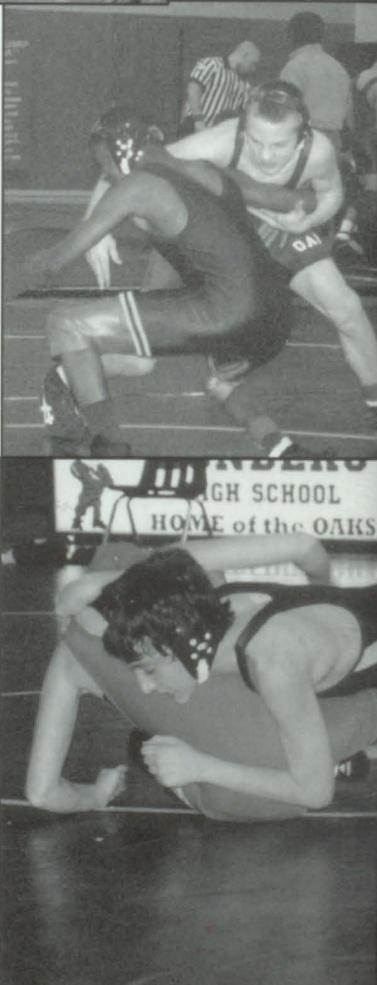
By Stacy Meitzner



Above: The boys gather together one more time before another easy win.

Right: Freshman Clifford Villerot tricks his Andover opponent and works to get him down on the mat to win the match.

Below Right: Sophomore Joshua Garret is not going to take anything from his Lathrup opponent; he is giving it his all to win the match.



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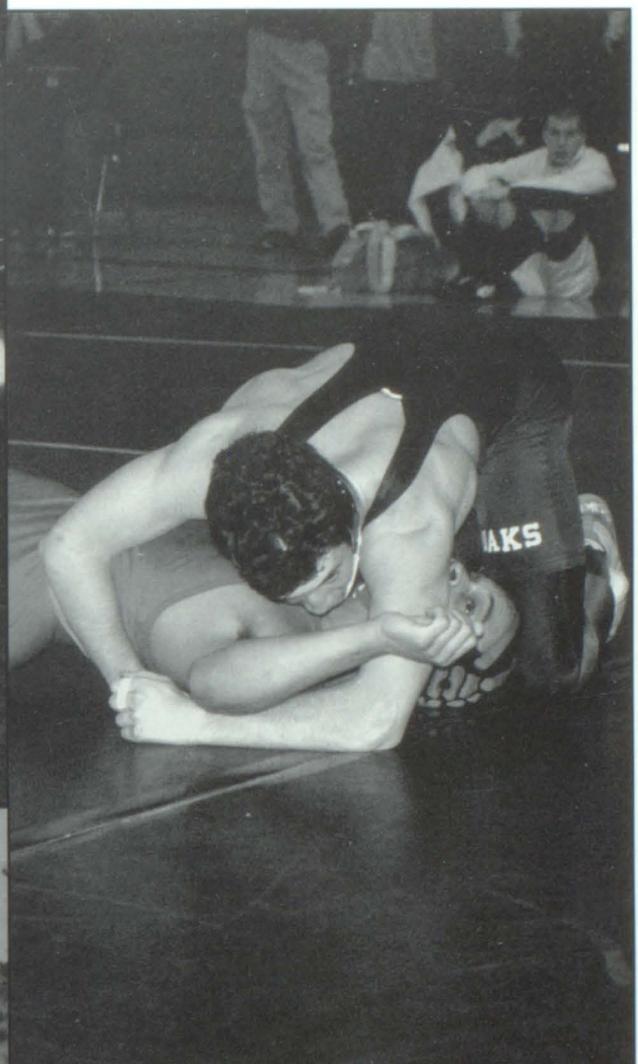
OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Hazel Park/ Lathrup/ Southfield	N/A	N/A
Ferndale Invitational	N/A	N/A
Madison/ OP	N/A	N/A
Andover/ Lathrup	N/A	N/A
Berkley Invitational	N/A	N/A
OCADA	N/A	N/A
Royal Oak Tournament	N/A	N/A
Pontiac Central/ Lamphere/ Lahser	N/A	N/A
Madison Tournament	N/A	N/A
Brandon Tournament	N/A	N/A
Kimball	N/A	N/A
Lathrup Tournament	N/A	N/A
Clawson/ Lahser	N/A	N/A
OAA Tournament	N/A	N/A



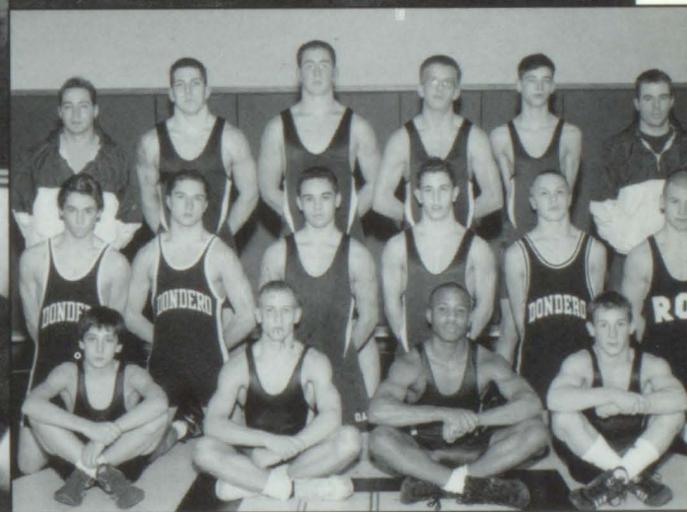


Left: Freshman Kevin Pollack shows, with all his strength, that he is taking his opponent down for good.

Below: Junior co-captain Joshua Belvedere is working on pinning his opponent from Lathrup.



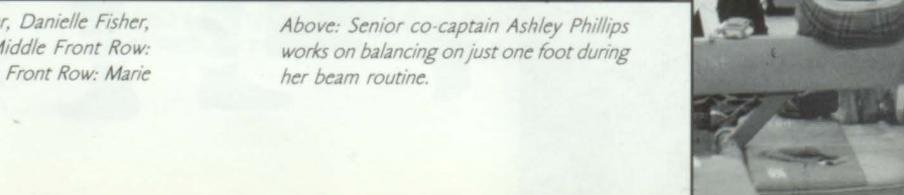
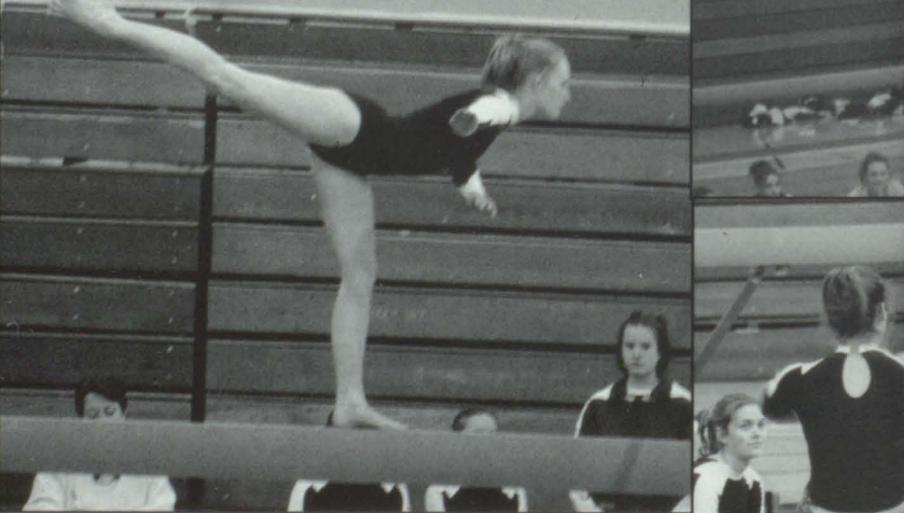
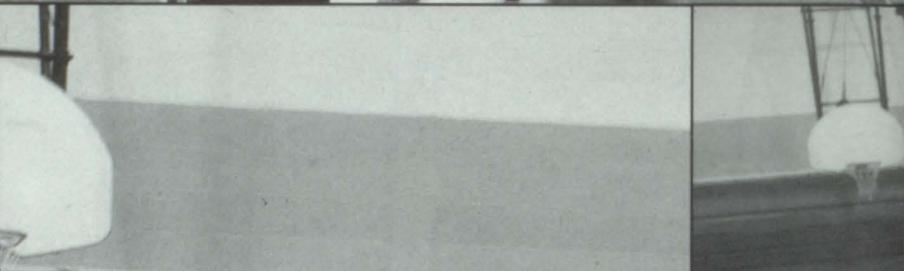
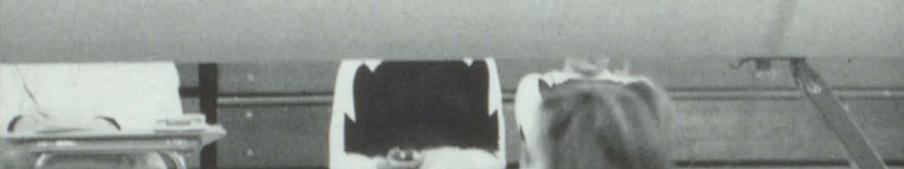
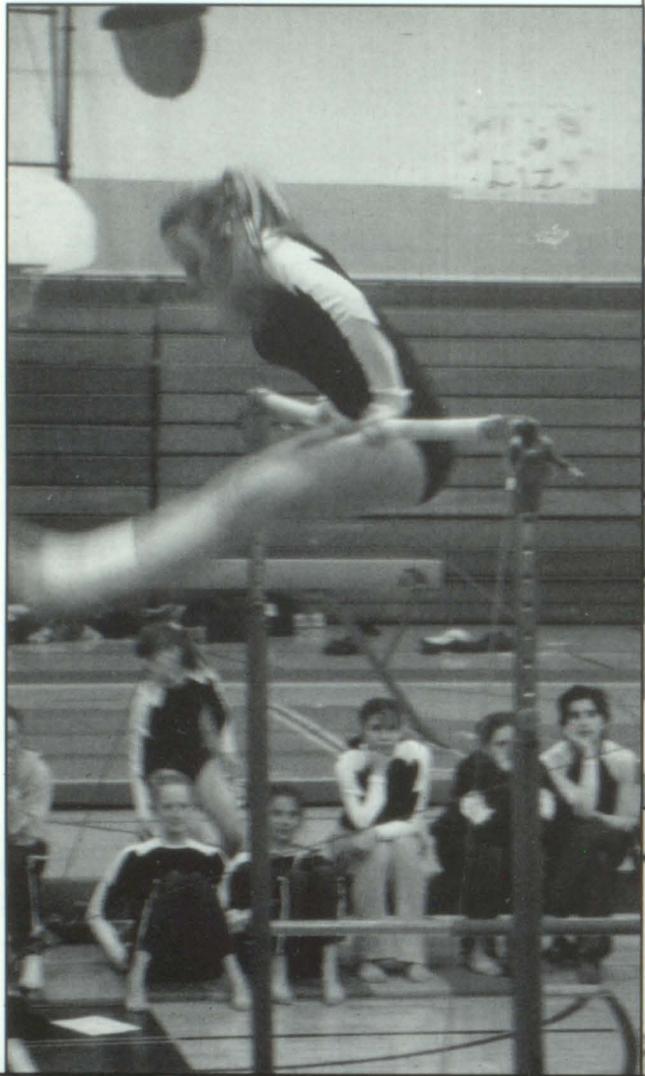
Above: Junior Caleb Fortune begins working on his Clarkston opponent, figuring out the quickest way to get him down on the mat.



Above: Back Row: Coach Allen, David Moran, Brian Pagenkopf, Nicholas Sundberg, Tim Pingle, Coach Groesbeck, Middle Row: Justin Gardner, co-captain Jeremy Angerer, Timothy Balla, co-captain Joshua Belvedere, Clifford Villerot, Kevin Pollack, Front Row: Joshua Garret, Steven Anderson, Caleb Fortune, Joshua Tabor.

Right: Freshman Kathryn Kipp looks as though she is ready to do a front flip on the balance beam.

Below: Junior Tara Loyselle is in motion here, as she is caught spinning around the uneven bars.



Above: Back Row: Jennifer Kaiser, Andrea Hoff, Caitlin Lasley, Kristen Schumacher, Danielle Fisher, Bianca Naas. Middle Back Row: Coach Bojerck, Tara Loyselle, Coach Wilson. Middle Front Row: Joanne Seefeld, co-captain Corrie Chansler, co-captain Ashley Phillips, Kathryn Kipp. Front Row: Marie Maurer.

Above: Senior co-captain Ashley Phillips works on balancing on just one foot during her beam routine.

Head Over Heels



Above: The girls get ready to warm-up as their coaches give them a few words encouragement.

Left: Sophomore Joanne Seefeld displays her strength with this move on the uneven bars.

Below Left: Coach Bojercik gives her girls a little advice as they sit preparing themselves for their routines.

SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
N/A	N/A	N/A

This year the gymnastics team had a tremendous season. The Oaks' league record was 3-5, and they finished third in their division. This year the team consisted of two seniors, three juniors, four sophomores, and two freshmen.

Two outstanding wins for the girls this year came over our cross-town rivals, the Kimball Knights; the other was against Groves in which they won by two points. Also, this season, the team was able to send four gymnasts to Regionals: seniors Corrie Chansler and Ashley Phillips, sophomore Kristen Schumacher, and freshman Marie Maurer. Marie also qualified for states.

The gymnasts had one tradition this year and that was to talk about each event before their meet during the team meeting.

The Oaks also had many memorable moments, such as every team member getting injured at least once. "We believe we are going to miss the excitement of competing and the wonderful laughs we've had through the last four years," said senior co-captains Corrie Chansler and Ashley Phillips.

Next year's season looks to be extremely successful with nine returning gymnasts. Having high expectations, the Oaks plan on capturing an OAA league championship.

By Deanna Miller, Stacy Meitzner, and Jessica Olinski



On the Blocks

It is 6 a.m. on a Tuesday or Thursday morning (and occasionally a Friday); do you know where the members of the Royal Oak Men's Swimming and Diving team are? No, they are not sleeping like many of you non-swimmers. Truth is, they have already been up for at least half an hour and are now in the pool turning out a few thousand yards before they hit the classrooms. The swimming does not stop there, though. Later at night the guys will be swimming either at Dondero's pool or an opposing team's, turning out another couple thousand of yards. Although the guys practice six times and have two meets every week, they manage to survive their grueling swim season.

Not only did they survive their swim season, but the boys enjoyed it as well. The Oaks did well again this season. To start things off, the boys finished second at the Warren Mott Relays. At next year's relays the boys will be looking to take first place.

One of the highlights of the season was the Oakland County Meet. With dozens of teams represented and far beyond one hundred swimmers, the Oakland County Meet makes for one of the largest meets in the state, besides the State Championships. The Oaks did exceptionally well at this year's meet. Senior Andrew Foster had a great swim finishing sixth in the 500 freestyle.

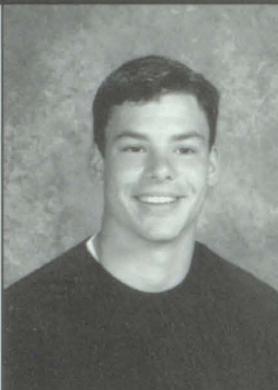
Andrew also helped further the tradition of the swim team sending at least one guy to the State Championships every year. Finishing first in both the 200 yard and 500 yard freestyles, at the boys' Division II League Meet, Andrew earned not only All League honors, but qualified for state meet with personal best times as well. Senior Sam Stocker also received honors as well, being named Academic All American.

Although much of the team's success can be related to the seniors by not only their times, but leadership skills as well, next season is sure to be promising for the Royal Oak Men's Swimming and Diving team.

By: Stacy Meitzner



Captains



Above: Kasey Bell, '01

Above Right: Andrew Foster, '01

Right: Sam Stocker, '01

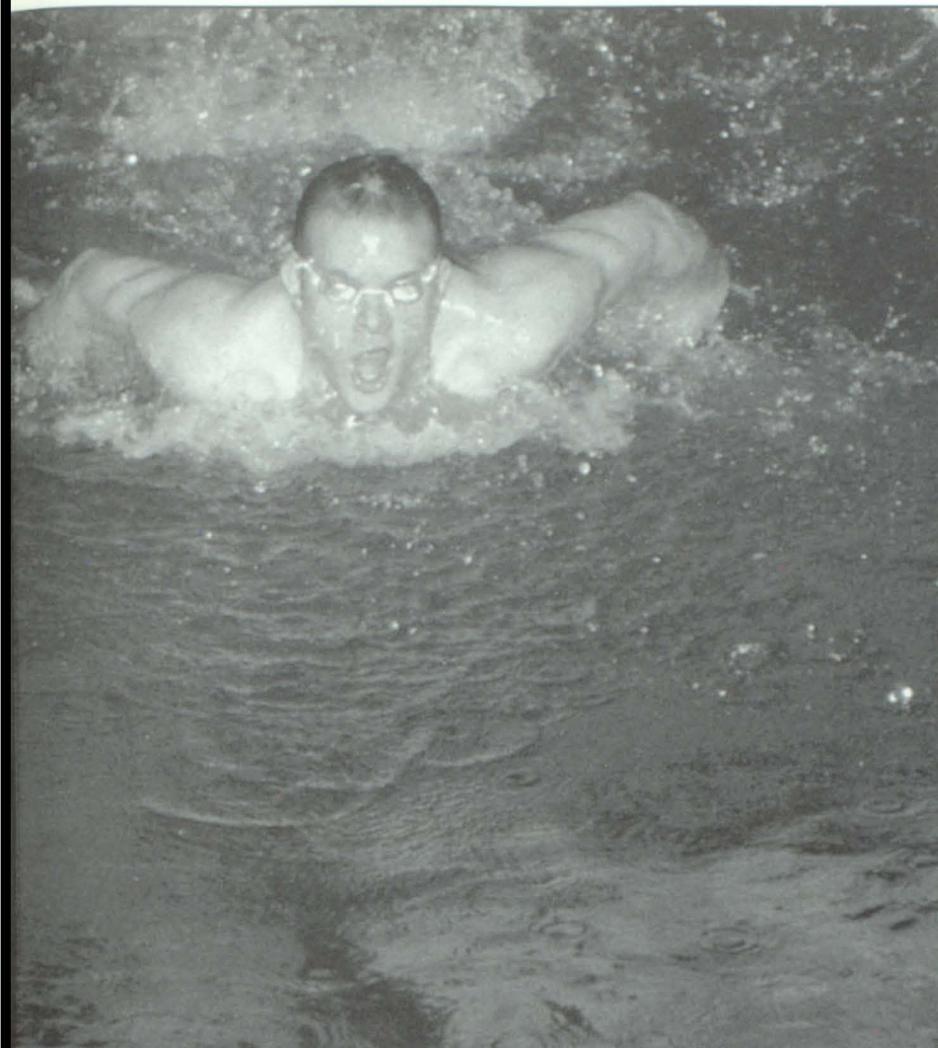
SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Mott Relays	2nd Place	N/A
Berkley	L	76 to 110
Ferndale	W	107 to 71
Andover	W	110 to 76
Clawson	W	107 to 71
Athens	L	81 to 105
Hazel Park	W	105 to 64
Seaholm	L	78 to 108
County Meet	12th Place	N/A
Lamphere	W	105 to 71
West Bloomfield	L	51 to 129
Lake Orion	L	80.5 to 105.5
Clarkston	L	86 to 98
Div. II League Meet	5th Place	N/A

Above Right: Sophomore Scott Hepner remembers to enter the water pencil straight so as not to be marked down on this dive.



Right: Sophomore William Woelk comes up for air while swimming the breaststroke in the 200 Medley relay.



Left: Junior James Ede "flies" his way to the finish of his race.

Below: Senior Robert Thomas springs off the board to begin the first of many dives to be completed during a meet.



Above: Seniors Kasey Bell, Sam Stocker, and Kyle Irving are in their suits and ready to swim, but why isn't fellow senior Timothy Osborne?

Above: Back Row: Coach Dein, Sam Stocker, Christopher Villerot, Andrew Foster, Kevin Aulph, Robert Thomas, Adam Sylvester, Sam Ciske, Douglas Graustein, Coach J. Hanson, Middle Row: Scott Hepner, Karl Cronberger, Matthew Pardy, Nicholas Sikora, Kyle Irving, James Ede, Kasey Bell, Andrew West, Avrom King, Timothy Osborne, Ryan Danescu, Christopher Marsh, Josh Brennen, Front Row: Coach R. Hanson, Benjamin Meek, Maxwell Cook, Michael Mansfield, Alex Hill, William Woelk, Kevin Jewett, Troy Shipman, Michael Calkins, Jason Storz, Coach Millar.



He Shoots, He Scores

It is Wednesday night and you have nothing to do, and you remember that there is a hockey game tonight. You decide to get ready and go up to Lindell Arena to watch the Royal Oak Varsity Blades play.

As you are walking up the bleachers, you try to spot a familiar face, but all you see are a bunch of Kimball kids cheering for their favorite players. Then you see a small cheering section of Dondero students yelling, "GO SCOTT!" That is when you remember that sophomore Scott Brown is the only player on the team from Dondero.

Even though Scott is the only one on the team that is not from Kimball, he has no problem getting along with the other guys. The team works great together and it paid off when they won their first tournament this season. They worked great together to beat Clarkston 3-2, a team that is always a challenge.

For next season, the Blade's goal is to work hard, have fun, and win the league title. They would also like to see more Dondero students try out for the team. So sharpen your skates, dust off your stick, and go show the Blade's what you've got.

By: Jessica Olinski

SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Dearborn	L	1-2
Southfield	W	13-0
Birmingham	L	3-4
Brandon	W	20-2
Clarkston	T	3-3
W. Bloomfield	L	3-4
Troy	T	1-1
Berkley	W	4-2
Notre Dame	W	7-2
Clarkston	W	3-2
Avondale	W	10-0
Wtefd. Mott	L	2-3
Port Huron	W	3-2
Troy	L	1-2
Dearborn	W	4-3
Brandon	W	9-1
Berkley	W	6-2
W. Bloomfield	L	2-3
Birmingham	L	2-3
Brother Rice	L	2-5
Lake Orion	W	8-1
Stevenson	L	1-5



Back Row: James Tumble, Chris Wagner, Brandon Wilson, Scott Brown, Kyle Lang.
Standing: Ryan Bussa, Jason Serapiglia, Doug Stone, Manager Doug, Coach Itami, Coach Fox, Coach Amick, Michael Briggs, Chad McWilliams, Patrick Taylor. Sitting: Ryan Mulholland, Drew Krawl, Matt Itami (Asst. Captain), Aaron Sewell (Captain), Warren Walker, Justin Franks, Daniel Sulich (Asst. Captain), Russel Auitou, A.J. Nichols, Ryan Hubbard.

Varsity Hockey

Far Above: Scott Brown, number four, follows the play down the ice.

Above: The Royal Oak Blades ready themselves for the challenge ahead while paying tribute to their country.

Burnin' Up the Court

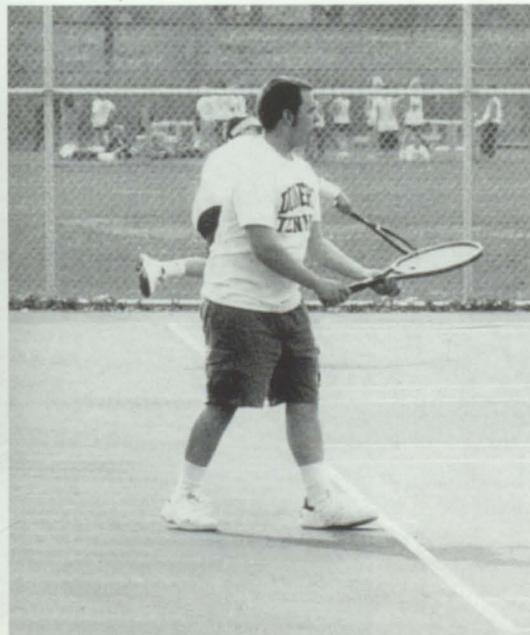
Captains



Above: Gregory Barger, '00

Above Right: Jason Hoff, '00

Left: Freshman, A. Gerald Martini, struts his stuff on the follow through.



Far Above: Back Row: Greg Barger, Daniel Hill, Coach Germain, Sam Stocker, Timothy Osborne. Front Row: Lance Thomas, Jason Tharpe, Jason Hoff, Rylan Sharpe, Robert Naismith.

Going from zero wins in the 1999 season to four wins in the 2000 season, the boys tennis team has drastically improved their record. The team was lead by captain Greg Barger, who took second place at the league tournament and made the semi-finals at regionals. Timothy Osborne took second place at the league tournament in number two singles. The team's hard work and dedication paid off, resulting in a third place finish in their league.

Their plan for the 2001 season is to improve even more from previous years. "We're going to kick butt!" says junior Sam Stocker. When the guys were asked what they would miss most, they said they would miss the whole "team thing."

With two returning seniors and five returning sophomores, the 2001 season is looking mighty good for the mighty Oaks.

By: Jessica Olinski



Above: Looking through the fence we see junior, Sam Stocker, preparing for the return.

Left: Freshman, Grant Roy, stumbles after a brilliant return.

SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Clawson	L	1-6
Northern	W	5-2
Ferndale	L	1-6
Oak Park	W	7-0
Kimball	L	1-7
Hazel Park	W	6-0
Lamphere	L	2-6
Southfield	L	2-6
Lake Orion	L	1-7
Lathrup	L	0-7
OAA Meet	--	3rd
Bishop Foley	W	5-2
Divine Child	L	0-7
Regionals	--	7th

Left: Junior Timothy Osborne sets up to make the perfect serve.

Focusing on the Pitch

The girls varsity softball team has improved their record tremendously over the past two seasons. They went from an overall 15-17 record to an overall 21-12 record. All their hard work and dedication lead them to winning the Division III League Championship with a record of 15-3. This feat was last accomplished in 1984. Not only did the team win their division, but they also defeated Bishop Foley 4-2 for the first time in five years.

This year Stacie Seymour led the team with 41 runs, 36 singles, 16 stolen bases, 200 innings played, 105 at bats, and one homerun. Deanna Miller lead the team with 55 hits, ten doubles, ten triples and four homeruns. Sarah Seymour lead the team with 15 sacrifices and Nicole Prunkard lead the team with 22 walks. Erica Scheid lead the team by getting hit with five pitches this year.

The softball team expects to improve even more next season because they will have six returning seniors, two returning juniors, and three returning sophomores. Setting high goals for themselves, the team expects to win another League Championship.

SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	W/L	Score
Southfield Christian	W	9-6
Feendale	W	10-0
Hazel Park	W	11-0
Lahsee	W	17-0
Clawson	W	6-3
Avondale	W	12-0
Madison	W	13-1
Madison	W	15-5
Lamphere	W	13-2
Lamphere	W	10-1
Kimball	L	11-6
Hazel Park	L	4-1
Hazel Park	W	8-0
Bishop Foley	W	4-2
Clawson	W	4-3
Clawson	W	8-6
Madison	W	8-0
Lamphere	W	15-0
Lahsee	L	1-0
Lahsee	W	10-4
Avondale	W	6-1
Avondale	L	24-13
Seaholm	L	10-8

Big D,
No E!

CAPTAINS



Above: Deanna Miller '81

Above Right: Leanna Holloway '80

Right: Sarah Seymour '80

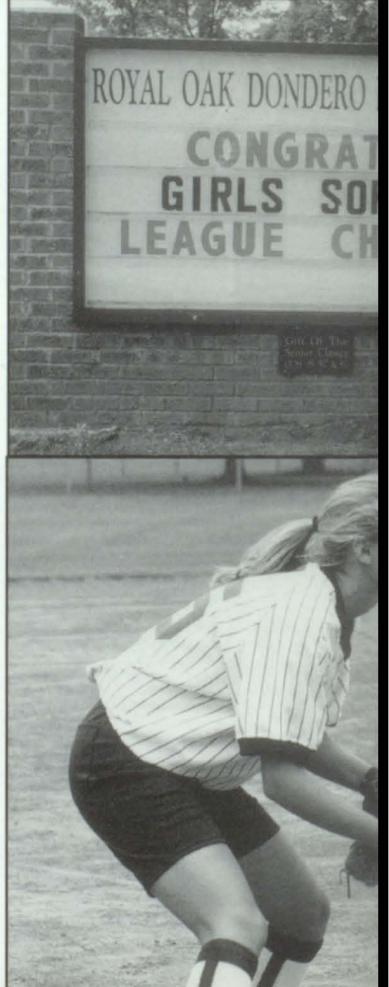


Three Up, Three Down!

Right: The Lady Oaks win their division for the first time since 1984.



Right: Third baseman Leanna Holloway gets ready to make the play at the chance that the other team can hit the ball.

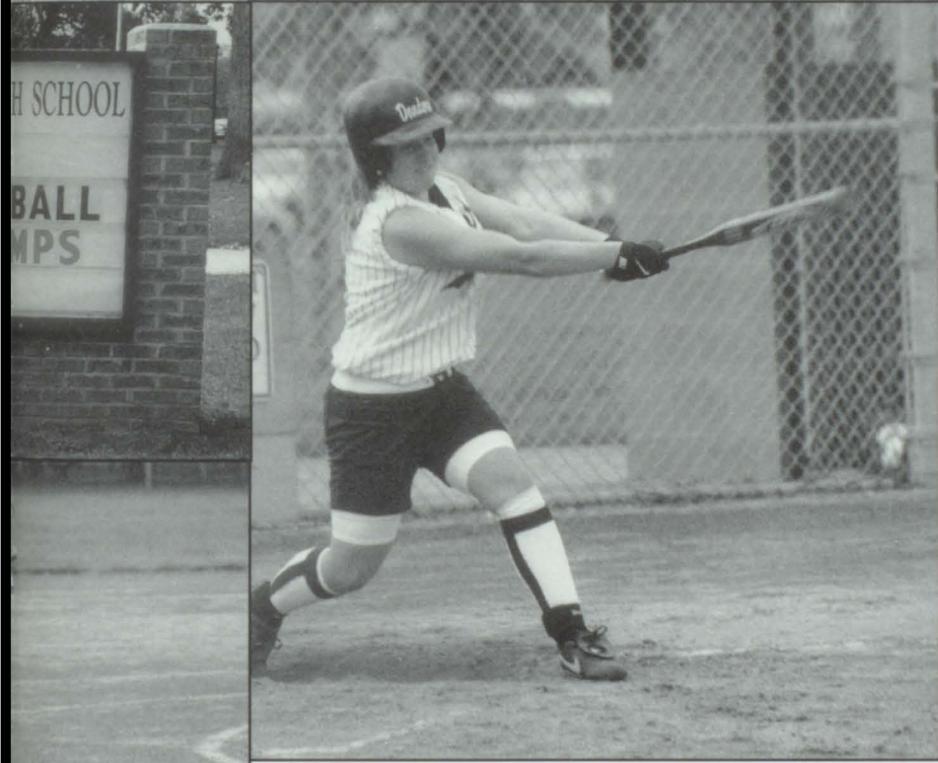


Air Tight,
No Bubbles!



Left: Deanna Miller helps lead the Lady Oaks to another victory with this strike. This is just one of the 227 strikes she threw for the season.

Below: Nicole Prunkard waits for that perfect pitch, but instead receives a ball for a walk.



Above: Stacy Meitzner puts her all into this hit, making it her third homerun early in the season.



Back Row: Coach Falkenbury, Stacie Seymour, Rosie Finney, Deanna Miller, Nicole Prunkard, Coach Earnshaw. Middle Row: Stacy Meitzner, Leanna Holloway, Ryan Comb, Brittany DiNardo, Courtney Park, Megan Donavan. Front Row: Erica Scheid, Jessica Harrington, Stephanie Miller, Sarah Seymour. Not Pictured: Kristin Calverly, Stacy Peltier

Right: Ryan Matthews' mind drifts from baseball to girls as he prepares to catch the strike that is about to be delivered by Tim Atkins.

Below: Andrew Englehart concentrates on the pitch so that when the ball is hit he can make the play at first base.

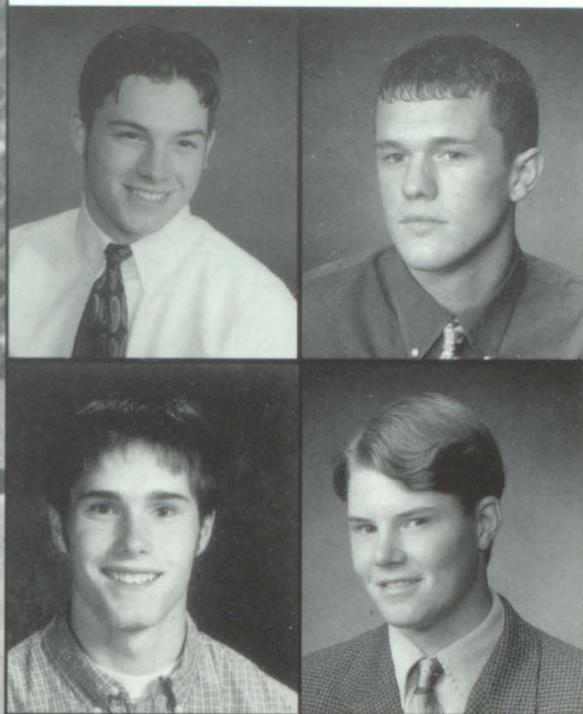


Above standing: Aaron Rosinski, Coach Lovelace, Coach Tillander, Coach Andrus, Andrew Englehart. Middle: James Palmer, Ryan Matthews, Andrew Miller, Timothy Atkins, Scott Costigan. Front Row: Mark Garman, Erik Seidl, Derek Ward, James Figlan.

Above: James Figlan and Scott Costigan wonder which way they should bat, right or left?!

Sliding Into Home

CAPTAINS



Above Left: Derek Ward '00
Above Right: Timothy Atkins '00

Below Left: James Palmer '00
Below Right: Erik Seidl '00

Left: Erik Seidl thinks to himself, "This is so easy I could do it with my eyes closed," but Andy Engelhart, Ryan Matthews and Derek Ward disagree.



Left: The team listens attentively as the coach tells them what it takes to win the game.

Heart, soul, and dedication. This was the attitude that guided the baseball team through the 2000 season. All of the hard work and dedication throughout the season payed off when they defeated Groves 8-5 at Groves late in the season. Another great game was won against Waterford Kettering at Waterford Kettering 7-6. During the nail-biting Groves game, Andy Miller smacked a triple and drove in three runs to win the game.

Even though the team didn't win as many games as they wanted, they still shared many memorable moments. For Andy Englehart, his memorable moment was "...starting a game pitching and throwing a two run game against Madison."

The upcoming season is expected to improve tremendously with six returning seniors. Also the junior varsity team has many exceptional players that will be brought up to varsity. "The team has a lot of potential," says Englehart.

By: Deanna Miller, Stacy Meitzner and Jessica Olinski

SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	W/L	Score
West Bloomfield	L	7-5
Rochester Adams	L	11-0
Berkley	L	12-7
Waterford Kettering	W	7-6
Birmingham Groves	L	8-3
Birmingham Seaholm	L	6-1
Kimball	L	14-1
Farndale	L	8-5
Madison	L	2-1
Troy Athens	L	15-0
Waterford Mott	L	8-7
Waterford Kettering	L	7-5
Birmingham Groves	W	8-5
Birmingham Seaholm	L	8-5
Kimball	L	7-1
Troy Athens	L	16-0



Picturing The Goal

It's 6:30 on a Friday night in April, and while a majority of the student body is at work or at home getting ready to go out for the night, the girls varsity soccer team is still at Dondero, hard at work in the middle of another grueling practice. However, these girls aren't complaining one bit. Co-captains Mary Roman and Emily Dressler are encouraging everyone and motivating them to give it their all.

This hard work and enthusiasm could be seen not only in practices, but in games too. Ending up with an overall record of 7-4-4, the girls had a great season. Goalie Michelle Boiteau had an impressive season with one-third of her games resulting in shutouts and letting less than 20 balls slip past her into the net for goals. This was due to great defensive help too. Mary Roman also stood out during the season and took a lead role; for this she received the MVP award and the All-Academic Individual Award. The team really only had one superstition, and that was getting in groups and juggling, or keeping the ball in the air with their feet, legs chests or heads, before each game.

The ladies have memories off-the-field too. Captain Emily Dressler will never forget the Clawson game from this season, because she was locked in the bathroom by Clawson girls before the game. Luckily, a kind person came along and let her out, but she has not been too fond of the Clawson team since then.

Not only did these girls have a great relationship on the field, but they were also very close off the field too. From the sleepovers and leaving the coach a "gift" at her house for the morning, to riding around in electric scooters while shopping at Meijers late at night, the girls became rather close during the course of these months.

The outlook for next season is that the girls are going to be awesome. With seven strong returning seniors, four remarkable juniors, and three amazing sophmores, the teams experience and skill combined will help contribute to a successful year. Their goal for next year? Beat Avondale and take first in the league!

By: Jessica Olinski

Captains

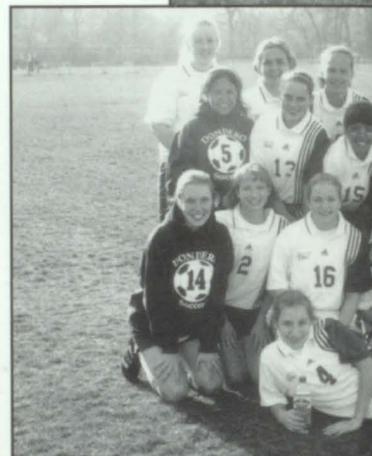


Above: Mary Roman '00

Above: Emily Dressler '01



Right: Here the team is seen showing their unity before a game. Friends as well as teammates, the girls soccer team shared some great moments.

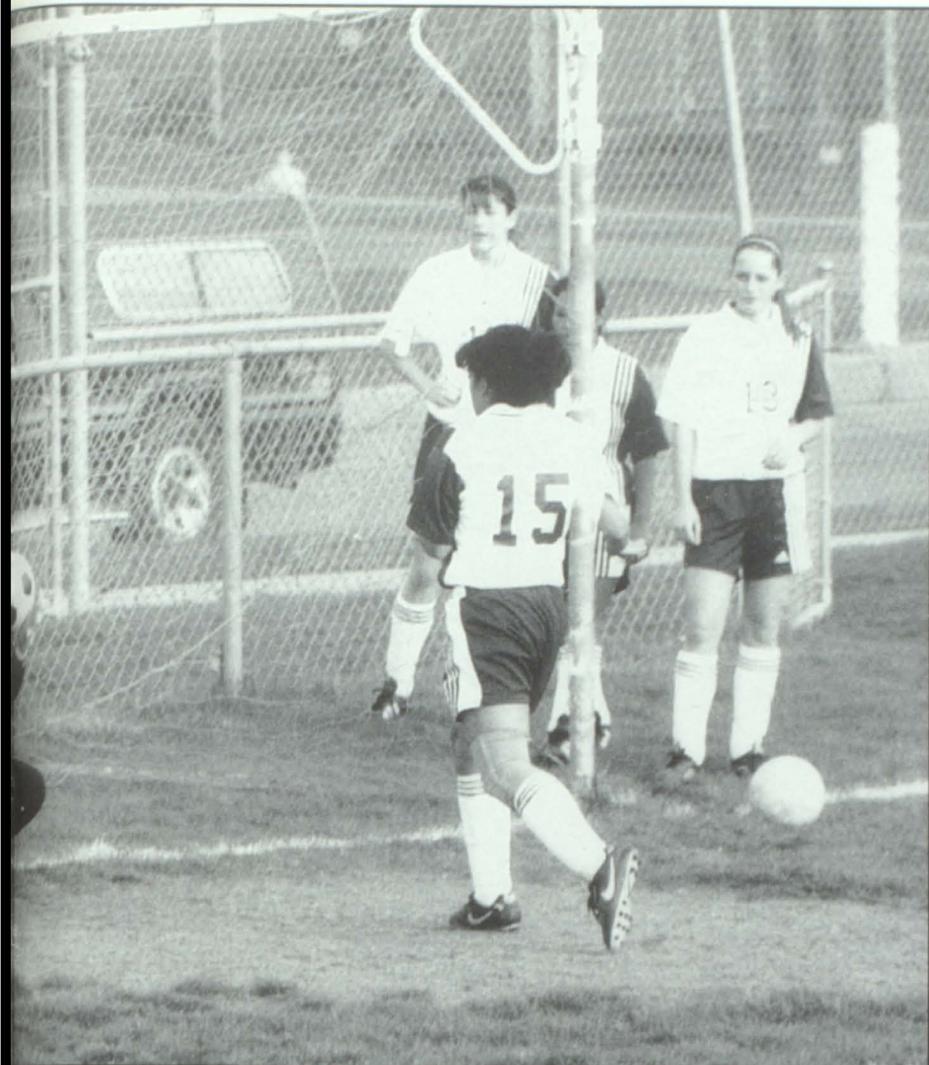


SCOREBOARD

Opponent	W/L	Score
Brandon	W	5-1
Berkley	W	4-2
Avondale	L	1-3
Andover	W	3-2
Mott	W	2-0
Clawson	T	2-2
Beeckley	W	2-1
Avondale	L	2-3
Kimball	T	0-0
Andover	T	0-0
Mott	W	5-0
Fairington	W	3-0
Clawson	T	2-2
Groves	L	0-5
Andover	L	1-3



Right: Krista Kaiser and Megan Sulinski practice the team superstition of juggling before the game against Andover.



Left: Michelle Boiteau makes a great save during warm-ups before the Clawson game.

Below: Defenders, Jennifer Herrick, Andrea Torvinen, and Maria Wissman help goalie Michelle Boiteau to get ready to save the shot that is about to be made.



Above: Carol Roman makes a mad dash down the field with the ball to put it in the net.



Above: Back row: Coach Millar, Katie Kidder, Krysta Butler, Carol Roman, Krista Kaiser, Mary Roman, Coach Ritter. Middle row: Michelle Boiteau, Andrea Torvinen, Tiana Hood, Alexis DeCruydt, Becky Ainsworth, Megan Sulinski, Rebecca Dear. Front row: Maria Wissman, Erin Morris, Jennifer Herrick, Emily Dressler, Alicia Tabor, Elizabeth Wissman.

Right: Senior Paul Caddy clears the hurdle in perfect form, about to take first place.

Below: Anne Petrimoulx paces herself around the track as she circles the corner to the finish line, bringing another win to the Oak's record.



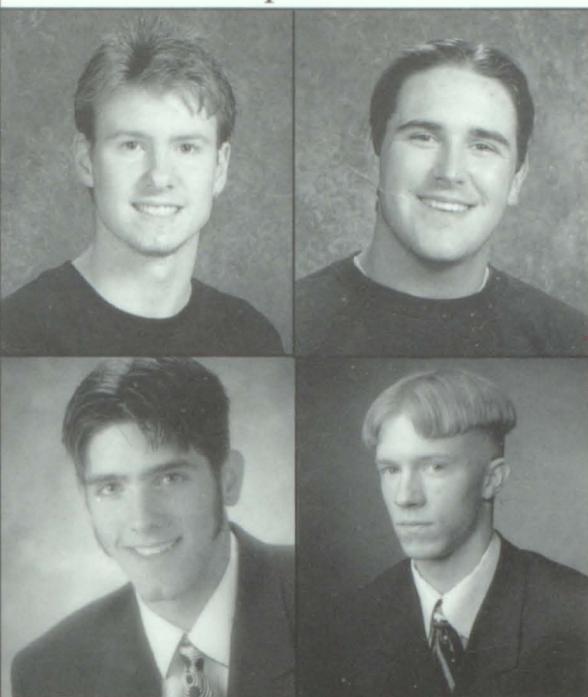
Above: With baton in hand, Chelsea Adams waits in anticipation as the official shoots the starting gun.

Back Row: Coach O'Brien, Rachel Bonar, Caitlin Cassidy, Francis Sarnacki, Sara Brown, Danielle Fisher, Coach Travis. Middle Row: Chelsea Adams, Amanda Gniewek, Candice Engel, Lisa Freeman, Andrea Kendzioriski, Cecilia LaPointe. Front Row: Michelle Cohen, Amy Hepner, Jennifer Edginton, Andrea Champaigne, Jenny Osterhout. Not Pictured: Amber Cossett, Martha Hannah, Anne Petrimoulx, Azia Spraggins.

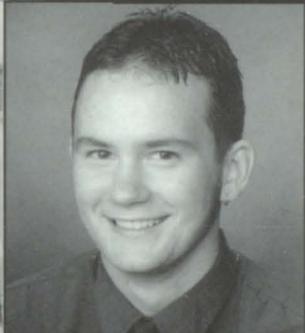
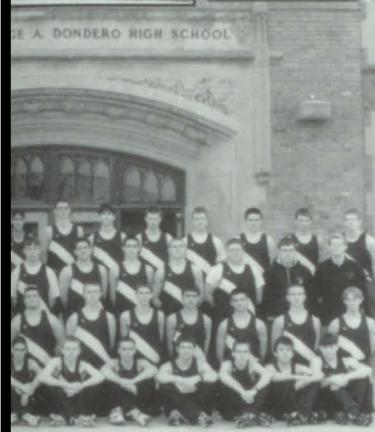
Right: Senior Timothy Laster glides with ease over the high jump, managing to clear the bar during his field event.

Going the Distance

Captains



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Above Top Left: Timothy Laster '01
Above Top Right: Robert Thomas '01
Above Bottom Left: Douglas Wilcoxson '00
Above Bottom Right: Adam Stoops '00
Left: Brian Burke '00
Middle: Cece LaPointe '00
Bottom Left: Amy Hepner '00

The boys track and field team had a tremendous season this year. They finished the season with an outstanding record of 9-4. Not only did the team have an outstanding season, but they also accomplished taking second place in their league meet. There were many great teams in the league meet; working together as a team to take second place is something to be very proud of.

The boys track and field team not only had a great season *on* the track, but they also had lots of laughs and memories *off* the track. Senior Michael Volk's most memorable moment from this season was "when the karate master (a.k.a. Matthew Rautio) fought coach Steele on the high jump circle." "I'm going to miss the good times and the fun people," "the great coaches," "the track bond," and "the meets," said seniors Michael Volk and captain Timothy Laster.

The team also had a superstition this year that the entire team shared: the uglier the shoes, the better they are. The superstitions will hold true for next year, where the season is expected to improve tremendously with all of their returning players. Winning leagues next season is the main goal the team has set for themselves.

The girls track and field team also had an exceptional season this year. They finished in their league with a 3-4 record. The team was led by senior captains Cecilia LaPointe and Amy Hepner. Cecilia LaPointe made All League in the 3200 meter run. Not only did she accomplish making All League, but she was also the MVP for the Oaks. Amy Hepner received the Golden Oak Award.

The Oaks expect to improve their record next season with eight returning seniors and two returning juniors.

By: Deanna Miller

SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	BOYS	GIRLS
Hazel Park	86-32	62-57
Brandon	40-80	24-103
Madison	88-74	90-32
Bishop Foley	104-24	61-63
Lamphere	80-48	47-77
Avondale	48-80	65-62
Clawson	62-66	53-70

Far Left: 4th Row: Clifford Finney, David Eades, Christopher Villerot, Robert Thomas, Brad Ennes, Doug Wilcoxson, Terry Freeman, Michael Volk, Timothy Laster, James Costanzo, Philip Holloway, Gregory Boyer, Daniel Kirkman. 3rd Row: Coach Steele, Matthew Klaver, Markus Richardson, Michael Krist, Scott Olson, Eric Henry, Joseph Langdorf, Bryan Beebe, Adam Sylvester, Michael Pfaff, Mgr. Regis Kless, Asst. Coach Fluery. 2nd Row: Michael Woltkowski, Christopher Edington, James Ede, Gregory Ijlkowski, Joshua Huebner, Christopher Polemitis, Nicholas Wiederhold, Paul Caddy, Joel Bauer, Colin Samul, Michael Villerot, Adam Stoops. Front Row: Ian Kangas, Scott Hepner, Brian Burke, Joshua Belvedere, Jesse Strunck, Philip Lewan, Chris Leasia, Matthew Rautio, Zachary Hickman, Alex Lamb, Gregory Czarnowski. Not Pictured: Eric Bunker, Michael Beadia, Nick Manderachia, Joel Parks, Scott Polonoski.



JV and Frosh Sports



"The way a team plays together as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." -Babe Ruth

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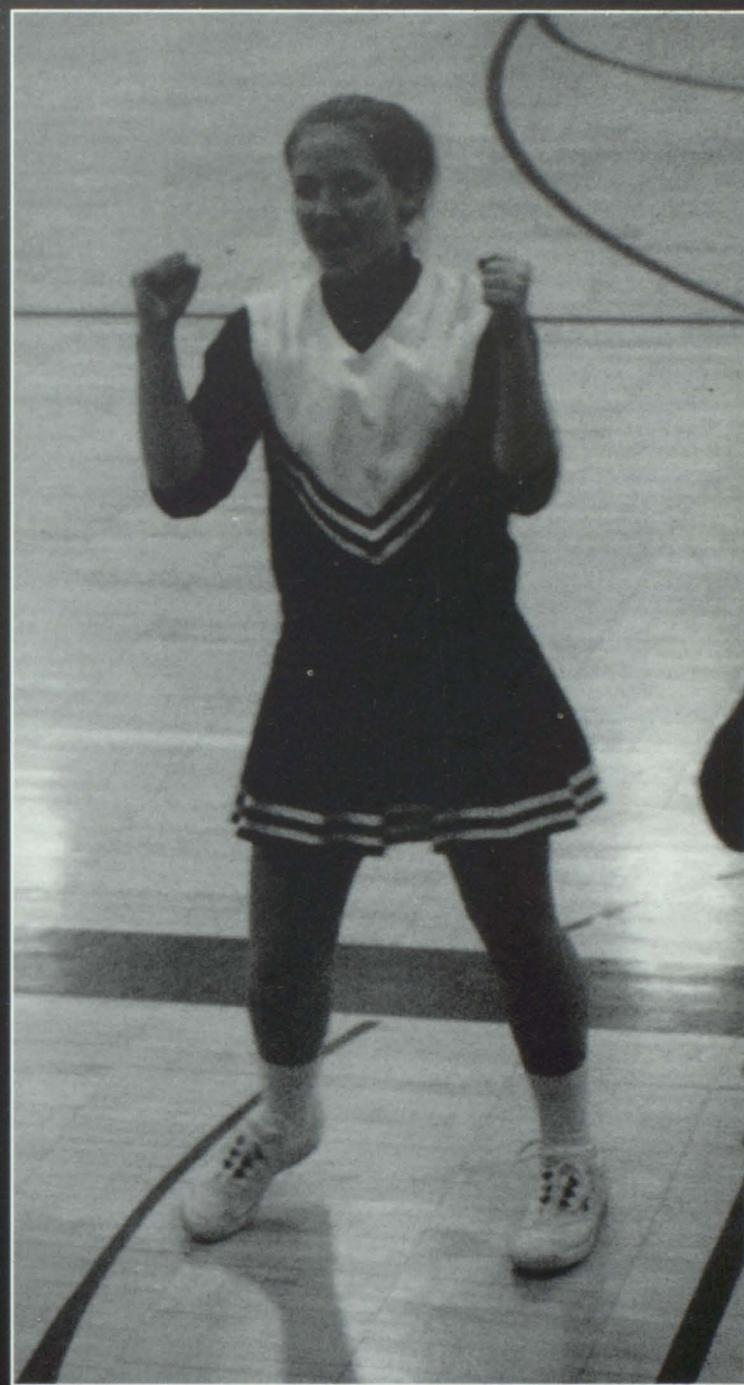
"Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom." -General George Patton



Junior Sara Fenwick

"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them." - Michael Jordan

Freshman Christie Lockman



"Mental will is a muscle that needs exercise, just like muscles of the body." - Lynn Jennings

Defense Wins

The junior varsity football team played hard this season. Lead by sophomore captains Gregory Breitinger, Daniel Kime, and Jeffery Wilusz, the Oaks worked as a team to win. They never lost sight of their motto: "Defense Wins."

The boys hard work paid off in a big victory. The Oaks came back after half-time and ended up winning a game where they had been losing zero to twenty. The captains are looking forward to a promising season from promising players next year.

By: Stacy Meitzner

Right: The Oaks remember "defense wins" before this play begins.

Above: Save some of that energy for the field! The JV football team gets pumped up for their game during their pre-game rally.



Above: Back Row: Andre Shayna, Michael Fowler, Michael Villerot, Jeffrey Wilusz, Scott Polonowski, Christopher South, Daniel Schenk. Back Middle Row: Coach Hoemke, Coach LaLonde, Gregory Breitinger, Matthew Cordle, Joshua Spielbusch, Daniel Marlle, Charles Llamas, Coach Snyder, Coach Kong. Front Middle Row: Jeffrey Buck, Scott Seymour, Miles Hancock, Matthew Rivet, Timothy Pingle, Joshua Vaughn, Joshua June, Lance Thomas. Front Row: Benjamin Meek, Justin Christopher, Charles Hornbacher, John Tran, Clifford Villerot, and Joshua Tabor.

Above: Freshman Miles Hancock practices hiking the ball on the sidelines before the Oaks take the field.

Through the Pom-Poms



Left: Co-captain sophomore Shanitra Bowman puts her hands together to rile the crowd.



Crucial is what the junior varsity cheerleading squad is to the JV football and boys' basketball teams. These girls are always at the games cheering on the Oaks. Even when things are not going well for the boys, these ladies keep the spirit going.

For many of the girls, it is their first time competing, so there is much excitement involved. The girls look forward to next year with the possibility of making the varsity squad.

By: Stacy Meitzner

Left: Back Row: Nicole Schema, Lisa Hyde, Courtney Engel, Christie Lockman. Middle Row: Raven Sarrach, Amanda Weipert, Julia Gardner. Front Row: Darcy Weipert, and Jocelyn Howell. Not Pictured: Shanitra Bowman.



Above: Hey, why do half of the girls get to sit down while the other half has to stand?

Left: Here the girls make an attempt to get the crowd involved in a fun cheer.



Above: Julia Gardner takes a little break in between cheers at one of the football games this past fall.

Soccer Jocks

Running out onto the field, the cool wind in their hair, sun on their faces, and....shirts unbuttoned?! You must be watching the junior varsity boys soccer team, because it was a team superstition to leave the top button of their jerseys undone. The boys always had a good attitude about things. They went into every game thinking they could win no matter what the odds were. Zachary Goldenburg was the top scorer and a big contributor to them. Leading the boys were captains Bryce Erwin, Rylan Sharpe, and A. Gerald Martini.

Their outlook for next season is that they will be great. They hope that each player will be returning next year, so they can win every game!

By: Jessica Olinski



Back Row: Coach Ruffles, Justin Knapp, Timothy Bennis, Zachary Goldenberg, A. Gerald Martini. Middle Row: Jeffrey Vanbuskirk, Scott Caddy, Bryce Erwin, Eric Garland, Rylan Sharpe. Front Row: Jeremiah Smith, Scott Hepner, Troy Shipman, and Brandon Meyers.



Far Above: Freshman Troy Shipman attacks the ball, stealing it from his opponent.

Above: Sophomore A. Gerald Martini releases his kick to send the ball flying downfield to the awaiting forwards who will put the ball in the net.

Past the Goalie

Left: Sophomore, Jessica Olinski winds up to shoot the ball into the net, past the opposing team's goalie.

Below: Back Row: Michelle Hurd, Amanda Herrick, Kerry Cerdas, Coach Brauner, Jamie Gower, Alexandra Kerrigan, Jessica Olinski. Middle Row: Bianca Naas, Kelly Wilcox, Lindsay Kennedy, Kara Scharver, Andrea Hoff, Brenda Bogues. Front Row: Sara Fenwick, Tracie Ennes, Erin Scafone.

From canceled games to surgeries, a new coach, and barely enough players, these girls were real troopers. The junior varsity girls soccer team did not have an easy season. They started the season off with a new coach, which meant they needed to rebuild some aspects of the game.

After the season was up and running and the games were started, the girls began dropping like flies. Some quit for their own reasons, others were getting hurt quite frequently and some had to end their seasons early to have surgery. The girls were playing with the minimum number of required players on the field. Despite all the barriers they had to overcome, the girls were very successful in their season.

By: Jessica Olinski



Above: With a look of determination on her face, freshman Kelly Wilcox maintains control of the ball to be able to send it down the field.



Above: Freshman goalie Jamie Gower looks at the field to find an open teammate to send the ball to.

Left: Keeping an eye on the ball, freshman Brenda Bogues hurries back to her defensive position.



Sinkin' The Putt

When most people think of the golf team, they usually picture guys. This year though, it wasn't just guys on the junior varsity golf team, there was one female member: freshman Kellie Weston.

Freshmen Gregory Meisch and Adam Johnson were two very key players in contributing to the success of the season. You won't see anyone on this team complaining about practice; they like it. "Practice is fun," says sophomore Philip Lewan.

With only one player returning to the varsity team next year, there will be many open spots. The JV players are just planning on practicing to be able to earn a spot on the varsity team.

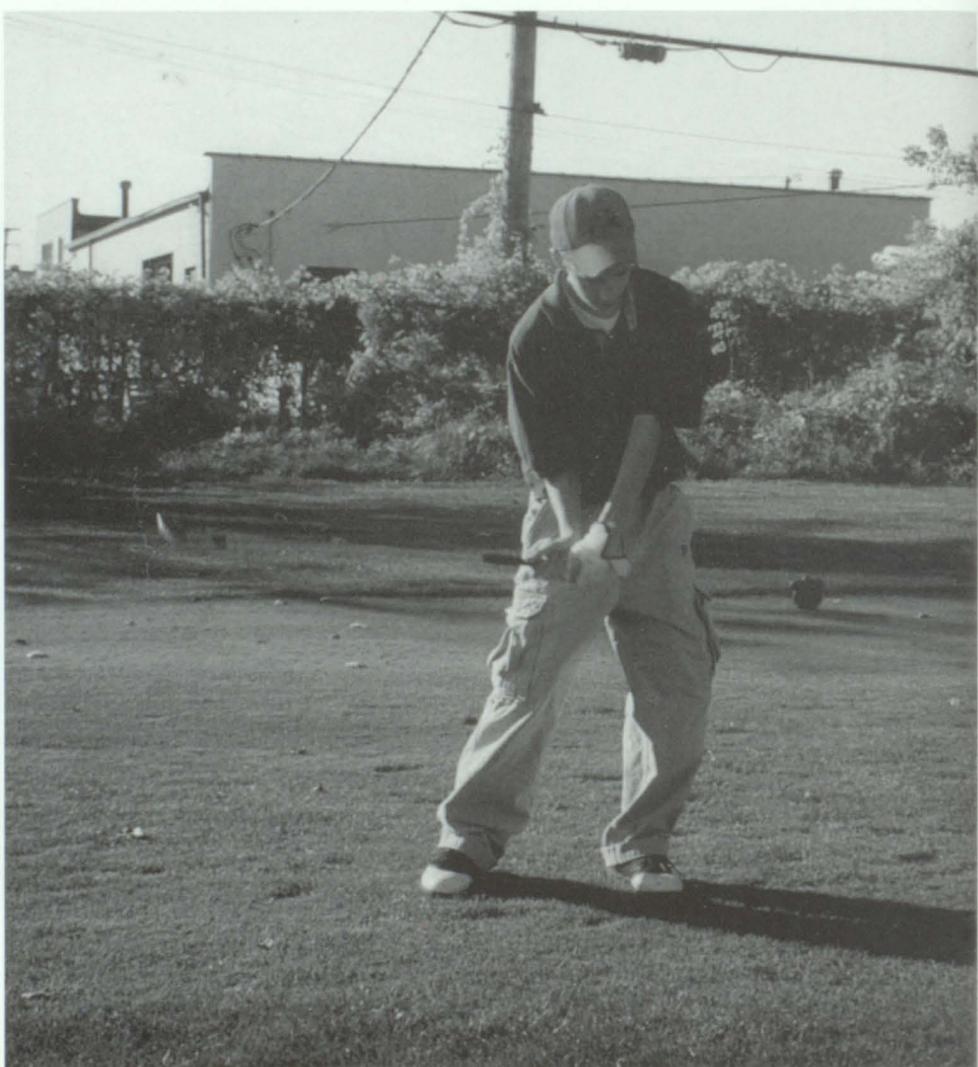
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Right: Freshman Forest Casey watches his ball rolling down the fairway towards the green.



Above: Back Row: Adam Johnson, Coach Eberhart, Coach Shively, David Berube. Middle Row: Philip Lewan, Kellie Weston, Gregory Meisch. Front Row: Forest Casey, Frank Quinn.

Right: Gregory Meisch takes his sweet time to perfect his swing before stepping up to his ball.



Shootin' For Threes



Left: These JV basketball players, freshman Lyndsey Lewis, sophomore Jamie Gower, and sophomore Holly Swigert smile pretty for the camera while they wait for the bus ride to their game.

Below: Back Row: Vivian Zuber, Audrey Engelhart. Middle Row: Jennifer Breadon, Ashleigh Ruggero, Valerie Heidrich, Jamie Gower, Coach Moore, Melissa Bentivolio, Alexis Hudson, Stacy Peltier, Bailey Sidick. Front Row: Holly Swigert, Lyndsey Lewis, Ashleigh Parker.



Above: Sophomore Jennifer Breadon takes a breather from the game against Madison to watch teammate, sophomore Stacy Peltier, shoot her free throws.

Far Left: Coach Lisa Moore calls a time-out to tell the team what play to run next.

Left: Nicole Hakli shows off her great skills by defending the player from rival team, Kimball.

Making the Play

He shoots, he scores. The junior varsity basketball team had a great season this year. All ten players contributed to the success of their season. When five of the players were working on the court, the other five were cheering them on.

The Oaks had many unforgettable moments to accompany their great plays this season. "My most memorable moment from this season was when I shot a three pointer at the buzzer and made it against Andover," said sophomore Justin Malzahn.

The outlook on next year's season looks extremely good. There will be ten exceptional freshmen moving up to the junior varsity team. The Oaks have set high standards for themselves, like winning their division and becoming OAA Champions.

By: Deanna Miller

Right: The junior varsity basketball team huddles together during a time out to discuss their next play.

Below Right: Sophomore Justin Malzahn practices his shot by shooting a three pointer during warm ups.

Below: Sophomore Bryce Erwin shoots a free throw after being fouled by Madison.



Above: Back Row: Bryce Erwin, Charles Llamas, Patrick Anderson, James Marshall, Coach Lovelace, Paul Chonko, Adam Johnson, Scott Polonoski, Edward Zuzindlak. Front Row: Gregory Breitinger, Shawn Layou.

Dribbling Down the Court

Left: Freshman Eric Forgash fights for the basketball while his opponent tries to steal it away during their game against Madison.



Below: Back Row: Sean McNairnie, Eric Garland, Andre Shayna, Eric Forgash, Coach Lovelace, Andrew Vanhagen, Shaun Barber, Daniel Mahrle, Alden Advic. Front Row: Gregory Miesh, Scott Seymour. Not Pictured: Ryan Allard.

The freshmen basketball team had an exceptional season this year. They may have been a young team, but the Oaks played well none the less. The boys played best due to their ability to play as a whole, as a team.

The Oaks' highlight of the season came when they beat Kimball at home. The freshmen team was the only basketball team to beat the Knights this year.

The boys had many moments which they will never forget. "My most memorable moment this year was when Andre Shayna was thrown out of the game," said Scott Seymour.

The Oaks plan on improving as a team within the next year and also winning many more games. The Oaks have made high expectations for themselves during the upcoming season.

By: Deanna Miller

Below: Andre Shayna and Sean McNairnie wait in tandem as their team mate is about to pass in the ball during the Andover game.



Left: Freshman Ryan Allard keeps the ball away from his opponent, thinking about the pass he is going to make during their game at Madison.

Bump, Set, Spike

The junior varsity volleyball team had a tremendous season this year. The team consisted of seven sophomores and four freshmen. Overall, the team has won more games than they lost. An outstanding game that the Oaks played was against Romeo in the Fraser tournament. They lost the first game; however, they came back and won the second one.

The best part about playing on the junior varsity volleyball team is how the players are very close and how they have a ton of fun when they are together. The Oaks make sure that they never wear blue and white ribbons in their hair; it brings them bad luck.

The girls all look extremely good, practicing hard and working on specializing on their positions. Next year's season looks very promising with four returning freshmen. All the girls have to do is "believe."

By: Deanna Miller

Above Right: The junior varsity team huddles together during a time out for a quick cheer before they continue the game.



Above: Sophomore Stephanie Miller stays on her toes for the pass, while sophomore Stacey Peltier waits to set the ball for freshman Jennifer Carty.



Above: Back Row: Christine Taylor, Jamie Gower, Coach Vespert, Veronica Larke, Nicole Schema. Middle Row: Stephanie Miller, Jennifer Carty, Stacy Peltier, Katie Park. Front Row: Jennifer Breadon, Vinhoudama Chhun, Brenda Bogues.

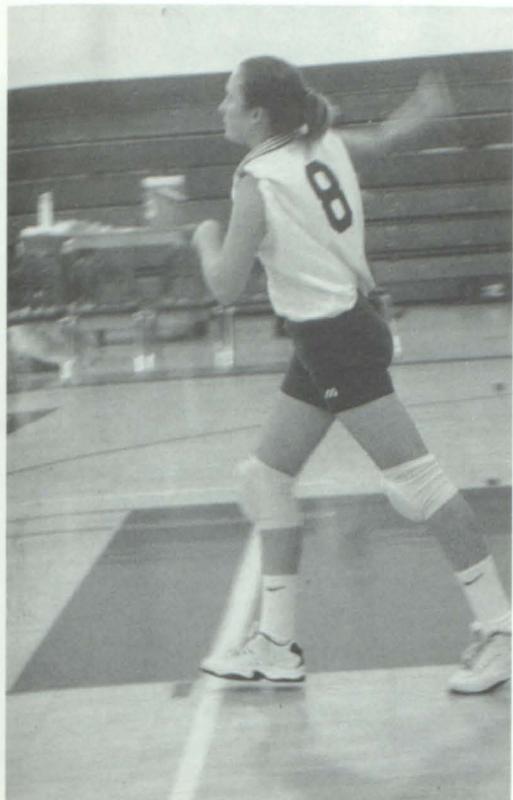


Hitting the Floor

The freshmen volleyball team had a positive season this year, learning and applying the basic skills needed to play volleyball, such as getting their serves over the net. For many of the freshmen girls, this was their first time playing volleyball. "The best thing about playing volleyball would have to be the mood. You get 'good jobs' and high fives when you do something good, and when you make a mistake someone is always there to say, 'It's O.K., you'll get it next time,'" said Theresa Villerot. The Oaks may have not won many games, but they made strong friendships along the way. For some of the girls, volleyball has helped them with their transition into high school.

Next year's season looks extremely promising. Learning the fundamentals will help carry onto the junior varsity team, making their team even better. Continuing to learn and carrying on positive attitudes are some of the Oaks' top priorities.

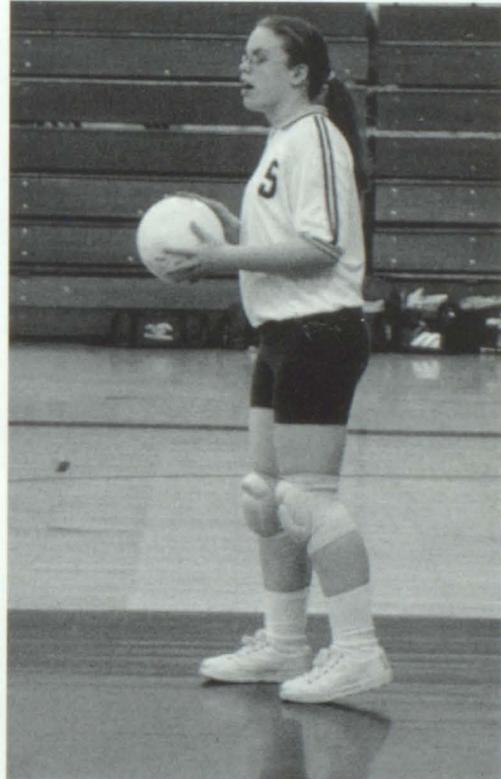
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Left: Freshman Andrea Langdorf finishes her arm swing after serving an ace over the net at her opponent.



Below: Back Row: Kristin Branstrner, Theresa Villerot, Coach Gudz, Amanda DeRocher, Andrea Langdorf. Middle Row: Kristine Toquigne, Bailey Sidick, Allison Phillips, Abigail Bonar. Front Row: Shayna Quinn, Christine Dorn, Elizabeth Drewek.



Above: Freshman Elizabeth Drewek waits in anticipation as the referee is about to blow the whistle.

Left: The freshmen girls gather together during a time-out to discuss their next play.



Left: Freshmen Amanda DeRocher keeps her eye on the ball as she swings full force, hitting the ball at Clawson.



Swinging For the Fence

The game is tied in the ninth inning with one out left to go. The opponent's clean-up batter is at the plate with a runner on third base. Michael Dresden, under a tremendous amount of pressure, pitches a fastball across the plate. The umpire calls a strike.

The junior varsity baseball team had an outstanding season this year. The Oaks won their division with a 10-1 record in league play and a 14-4 record overall. Not only did the JV team win their division, but they also defeated Kimball twice.

The Oaks worked strong as a team, but they also gave solid individual performances, which helped to clinch their division.

Beating Kimball, along with winning their division again, and going to states are the top priorities for these Oaks next season.

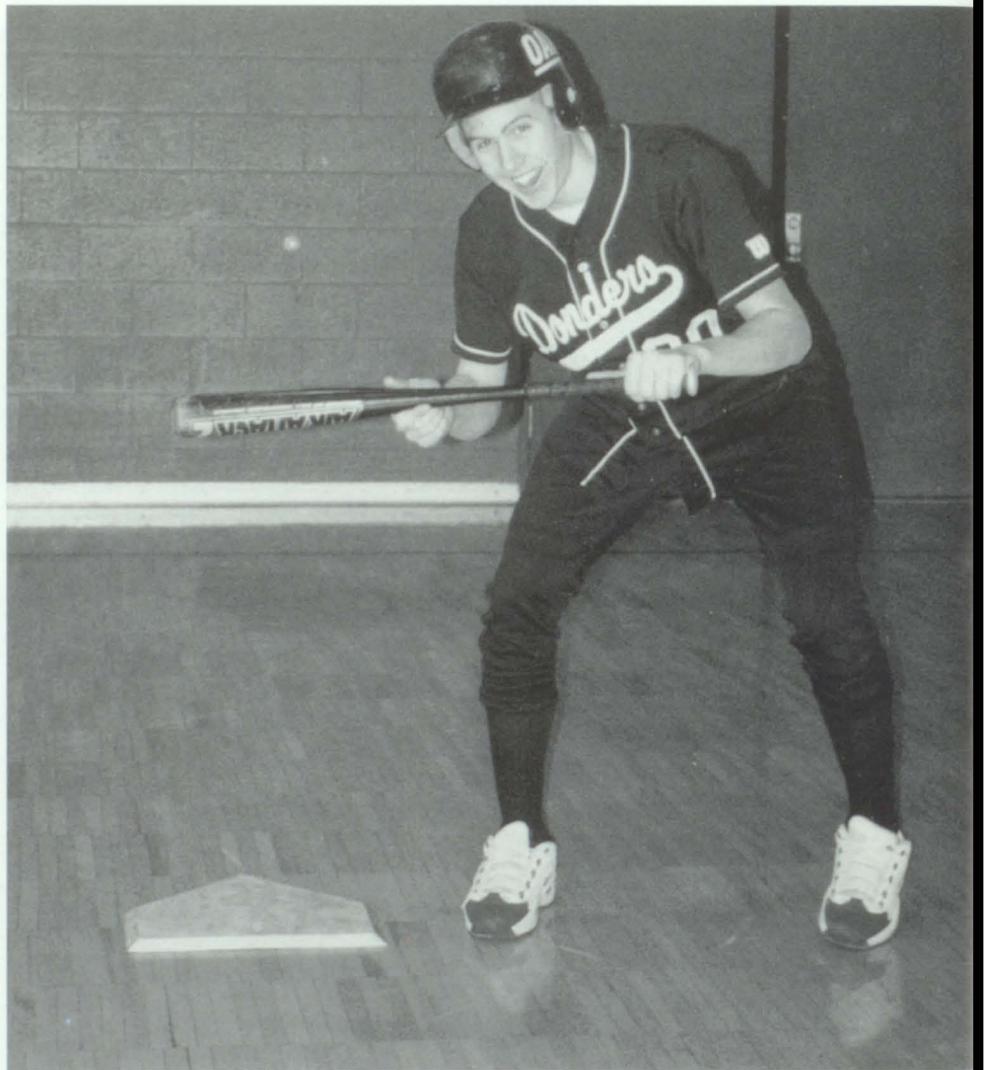
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Above Right:
Sophomore Joseph
Guzman
concentrates on
getting the pitcher
to throw a strike
right to his glove.

Right: Sophomore John Donnelly prepares to fire the ball home to keep the runner from scoring.



Above: Back Row: Coach Bogusz, Michael Dresden, Joshua Steele, Craig Hornung, Andrew Buck, Coach Pontizious. Middle Row: Christopher Zito, Joseph Guzman, William Luketich, John Donnelly. Front Row: Terry Arscott, David Shepler. Not Pictured: Richard Calverly.



Above: Richard Calverly smiles at the pitcher trying to distract him as he throws a ball.

Life's a Pitch

Left: Freshman Jeffery Wilusz concentrates on the pitcher, predicting whether he will throw a fastball or a curveball.



Below: Back Row: Coach Johnson, Scott Brown, Adam Johnson, Paul Chonko, Jeffrey Wilusz, Coach Davis. Middle Row: Daniel Schenk, Daniel Kime, Andre Stienke, Brian Miller, Adam Kneil, Gregory Breitinger. Front Row: Adam Nickerson, Jonathan Hawkins, Alexander Brown, Joshua Hager.

The freshmen baseball team had an outstanding season this year. The Oaks may have been a young team, but they still played strong as a whole. All of the boys' hard work and dedication won them second place in their division.

The Oaks plan to win their division again next season. Along with winning their division, they plan to continue growing as a team.

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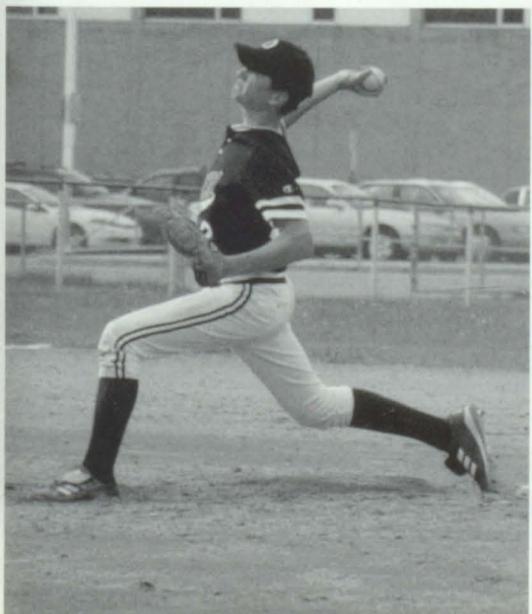


Below: Freshman Gregory Breitinger puts all of his strength into his throw, getting the opponent out at first base.



Left: Freshman Scott Brown prepares himself by getting in the ready position, waiting for the batter to hit to him.

Left: Freshman Brian Miller uses his whole body for this pitch, striking out one of his many opponents.



Behind the Backstop

It is the last inning; the score's tied. You are playing your rival school. You step up to bat. The pressure is on. It is all up to you. This, however, was not the case of the girl's softball team in their game against Kimball in the 2000 season.

The girls had no pressure on them during the game, because they mercied Kimball 12-0, beating them for the first time in seven years. Along with this huge win, they also took second place in the Kimball tournament, remaining undefeated until the final game.

These girls have big plans for the 2001 season. They hope to become champs in their league and to have a great season overall.

By: Jessica Olinski

Above Right: This is some of the equipment that is essential in a softball game.



Above: Back Row: Coach Melissa, Brittany DiNardo, Jenna Nassouri, Kristin Schumacher, Caitlin Lasley. Middle Row: Jeanette Harris, Sara Thomas, Kari Barr, Kathleen Hornbacher. Bottom Row: Stephanie Miller, Jennifer Breadon, Holly Swigert, Tara Loyselle.

Right: Dondero's j.v. softball catcher, freshman, Holly Swigert, did not gain her skill overnight; she's been working on her game since she was nine.



Mending the Boo-Boo's

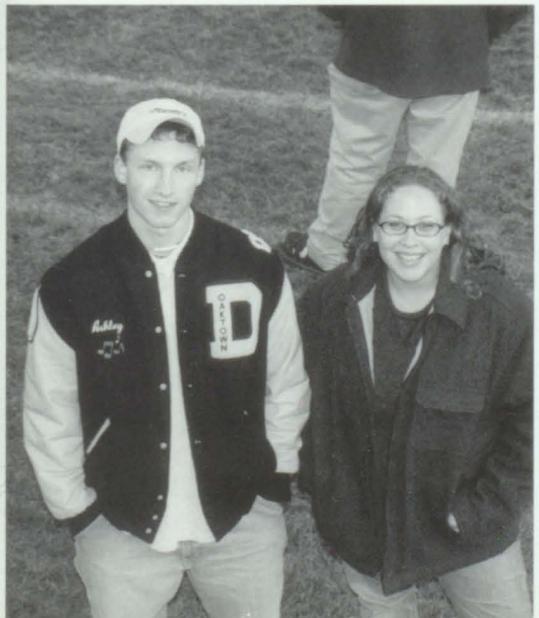
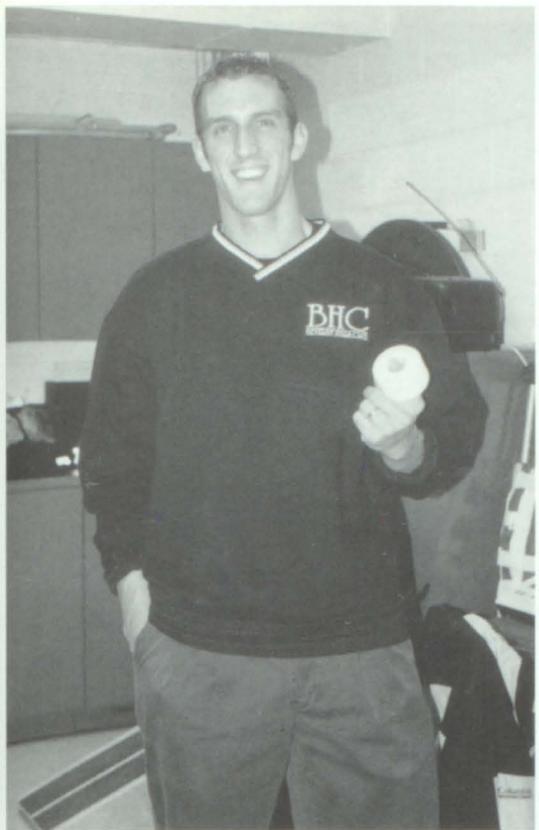
Most people that have been injured in a sport at school know Mike Perkins. For those who have not been hurt and do not know Mike, he is the athletic trainer at Dondero. In his third year here, Mike is a familiar, friendly face to many.

When someone is injured, Mike is by their side in an instant. If you have sprained your ankle, blistered your foot, or pulled a muscle, Mike can help fix it. Anyone who knows Mike more than likely knows his favorite remedy: "Tape it and ice it."

When Mike is not busy here at school, he is busy with many other things. He just got married to his wife, Jenn, last August. Mike grew up in Dearborn and played basketball for his high school, Divine Child, but he now resides in Holly. Majoring in sports medicine at the University of Detroit Mercy is how Mike earned his degree. He is also very excited about his new job as the strength and conditioning coach for the Detroit Fury, a professional football team. You can also find Mike weightlifting and playing hockey in his spare time. Seniors, Ashley Heidrich and Anthony Nader, his assistants, make things much easier on him when he is preoccupied with his other obligations.

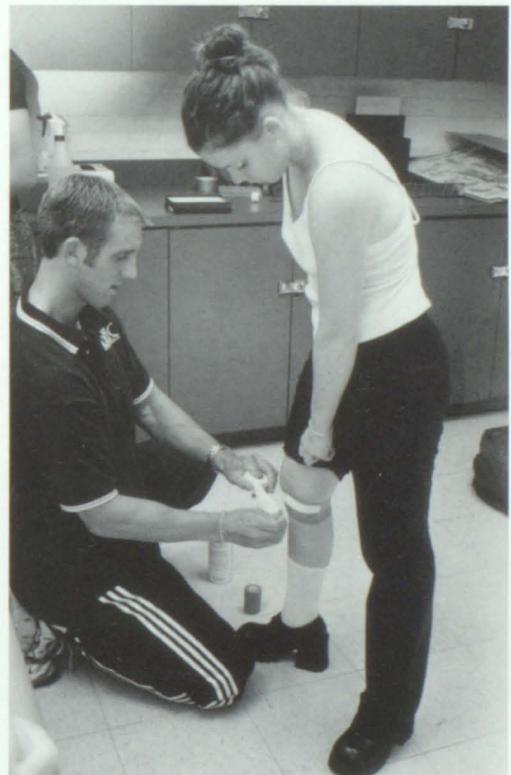
Mike takes his job very seriously and is greatly appreciated for all the time and effort he puts in here at Dondero.

By: Jessica Olinski



Above: Sophomore Kristin Schumacher visits the training room daily, to get stretched out before her gymnastics practice.

Left: Anthony Heidrich and Ashley Nader, er, Anthony Nader and Ashley Heidrich, try to trick us by switching jackets between attending to injured sports players.



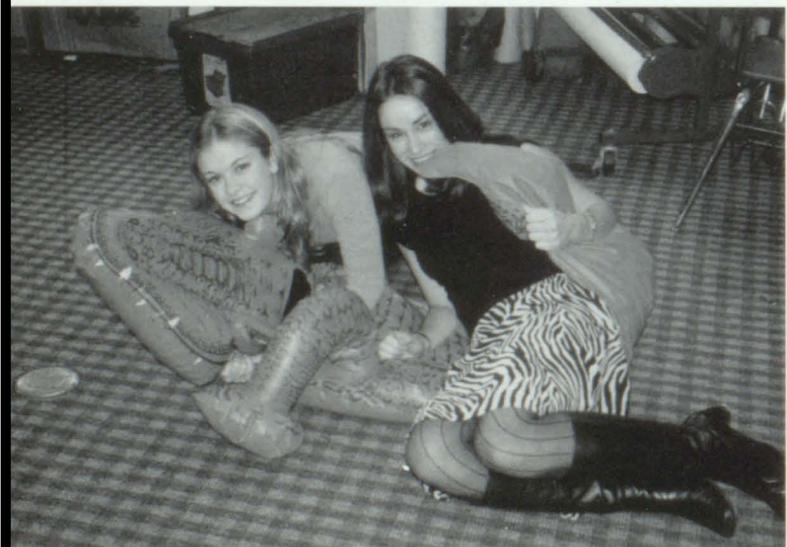
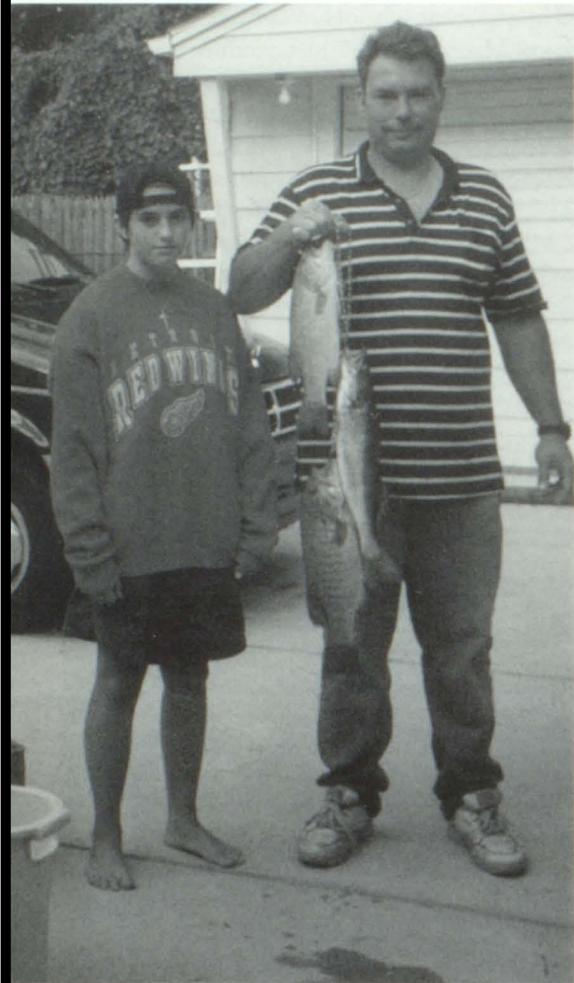
Above Far Left: Mike Perkins, the athletic trainer, takes a minute to pose for a cute picture for the yearbook.

Above Left: Enter here to be healed, go forth to perform.

Above: By taping it, Mike tenderly mends to junior Erica Scheid's knee.

Right: Senior Paul Hubbart jumps the steps on the southside of school while fellow senior Harold Scissors watches and hopes his friend doesn't wipe out.

Below: Junior Jessica Frazier has evidence of her favorite sport, fishing, as her neighbor holds up the fish they caught at Lake St. Clair.



Above: Seniors Emily Dressler and Kathryn Hornbacher love to wrestle alligators in their spare time. So is this what goes on during Senate everyday?!



Right: Freshman Joshua Spielbusch enjoys snowboarding during the winter months.

Beyond the Court



Extreme, weird, fun, far-out, off-the-wall, crazy, strenuous, interesting, dangerous, lame, insane, idiotic, boring, or just plain stupid: these might be some words that could be used to describe this feature of the sports section. The activities on these pages may not even be considered "real" sports either. All of that does not matter, though.

What matters is that these "sports" all have one thing in common: they are unique. From hunting to aggressive skating, snowboarding, and yes, even tp-ing, these activities are not recognized as sports by most, but are nonetheless favorite pastimes of Dondero students.

By: Stacy Meitzner

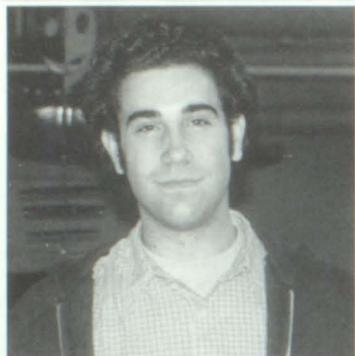
Left: This looks familiar. Some senior guys get ready to do one of the more memorable events during the football season.



Above: These girls are part of the Royal Oak ice skating club made up of girls from both Dondero and Kimball that practice out of Lindell Arena. Back Row: Ellen Backus, Coach Hewelt, Elizabeth Fielder, Front Row: Kealy Salva, Kacey Dittmer, Not Pictured: Kristen Baker.

Left: Watch out Bambi lovers! Senior Ryan Butash poses with the deer he and his family caught while hunting at a relative's place in Buckley, Michigan.

Outstanding



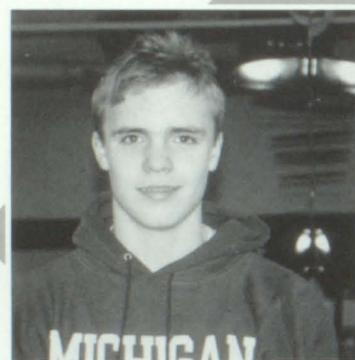
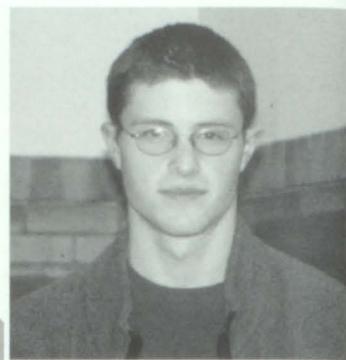
Left: Eric Davis: is chosen as outstanding in soccer. Eric is an exceptional leader who led by example. Eric's many honors include: defensive player of the year, All League, All Area, All Region, and All State Honorable Mention.

Mary Roman (not pictured): is outstanding in soccer.



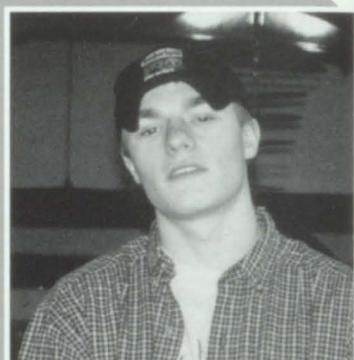
Right: Stacy Meitzner: is outstanding in swimming. Stacy had great leadership and talent. Stacy's many honors include: four time MVP, All League, four time All Area, and four time state qualifier. Stacy qualified for county and state meets in numerous events. She is the number one all time scorer for total points, she owns or shares eight Dondero records, and was also team captain for the 2000 season. Stacy is a well rounded athlete and a great role model for her entire team.

Far Right: Andrew Foster: is outstanding in swimming. Andy is an Oakland County qualifier in many different events, he is a candidate for the state championship, and is also team captain. Andy also is in the top ten club for the 100 free style, 200 free style, 500 free style, and the 100 back stroke. Andy is an exceptional team leader and role model.



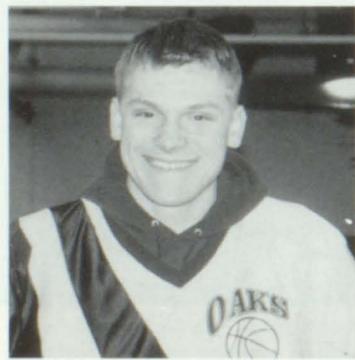
Far Left: Matthew Klaver: is outstanding in cross country. Matt is a two time captain and a great leader with a positive attitude. Matt is a person who the team could look up to. Matt is a state qualifier, All League award winner, and is ranked 147th in the state of Michigan.

Left: Megan Sulinski: is chosen outstanding in cross country. Megan is a role model to her team, an exceptional leader, and a natural student athlete. Megan took charge of the team when needed, while having a positive attitude. Megan is named team MVP in 2000.



Right: David Haugk: is outstanding in golf. Dave is a great team leader and led by example. Dave has been on the team for the past four years. For the past four years Dave has been named MVP, All League, All Area, and All County twice. Dave motivated the team and encouraged them both on and off the green.

Amy Hepner, Adam Stoops, Douglas Wilcoxson, and Christopher Polemitis (not pictured): are outstanding in track.



Far Left: Andrew Englehart: is outstanding in basketball. Andy is a great team leader and a tremendous role model. Andy is the leading scorer for this past year. Andy has been a varsity player for the past three years. Andy's honors include: All League, All Area, and MVP 2000.

Middle Left: Deanna Miller: is chosen outstanding in basketball. Deanna is a three year varsity starter on the team and was also co-captain her senior year. Deanna's honors include: All League, All Area, All North Honorable Mention, and MVP. Deanna led the team in scoring and rebounding. Deanna is an exceptional leader who encouraged her teammates throughout the season.

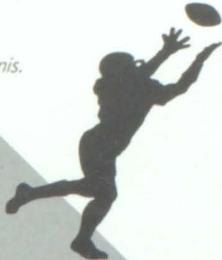
Left: Corey Nimety: is outstanding in basketball. Corey is extremely supportive of his team and had great sportsmanship. Corey is the second leading scorer for this past season. Corey has been a varsity player for the past three years and is named All League.

Athletes



Right: **Kerrie Kennedy**: is chosen as outstanding in tennis. Kerrie was tri-captain for the 2000 season and is also named team MVP. Kerrie had a positive attitude and great sportsmanship towards all of the players. Kerrie put forth great effort and hard work during practices and matches.

Gregory Barger (not pictured): is outstanding in tennis.



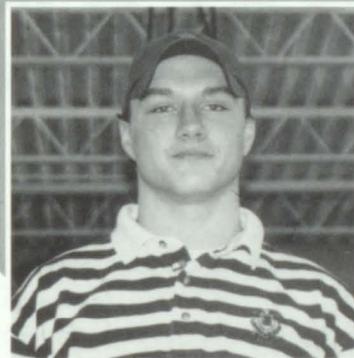
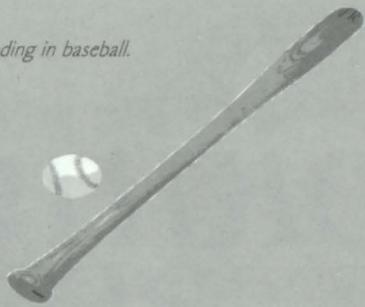
Far Left: **Corey Nimety**: is chosen outstanding in football. Corey was chosen captain by his peers and is an exceptional leader. Corey had great work ethic both on and off the field. Corey's honors include: MVP, All League, and All Area.

Left: **Corri LeVasseur**: is outstanding in cheerleading. Corri has been on varsity cheerleading for the past four years and was tri-captain her senior year. Corri showed great enthusiasm for her squad and had great leadership. Corri also motivated her squad and led by example.



Right: **Deanna Miller**: is outstanding in softball. Deanna was a tri-captain as a junior and was a positive influence on the team. Deanna's awards include: two time All League, All Area, All Area Honorable Mention, two time All District and two time MVP. Deanna led by example and is an exceptional leader.

Eric Seidl (not pictured): is chosen outstanding in baseball.



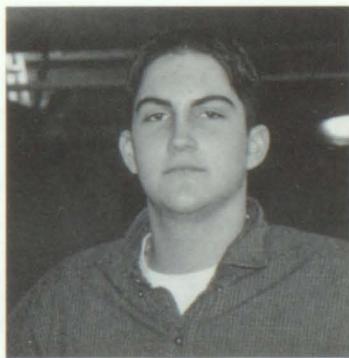
Far Left: **Corrie Chansler**: is outstanding in gymnastics. Corrie had a great attitude towards her teammates and is an exceptional leader. Corrie motivated her team and at the same time made sacrifices for her teammates. Corrie has been on the team all four years and was a team captain this past season.

Left: **Jeremy Angerer**: is chosen outstanding in wrestling. Jeremy is a four year varsity wrestler and was team captain his senior year. Jeremy is an exceptional wrestler and a tremendous team leader. Jeremy led by example and is a great role model for the rest of the team.

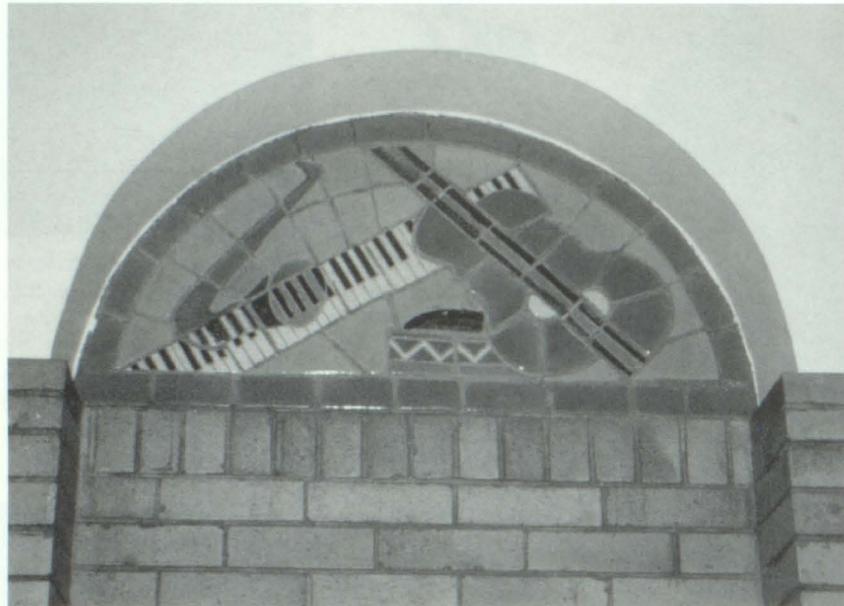


Right: **Katie Kidder**: is chosen outstanding in volleyball. Katie has been on varsity volleyball since her sophomore year and was tri-captain her senior year. Katie had stepped up in leadership by her senior year, giving positive reinforcement to her teammates. Katie motivates her players while playing hard and being dedicated herself. Katie's honors include: All League, and All Area Honorable Mention.

Far Right: **Scott Brown**: is outstanding in hockey. Scott represents his school by being the only Dondero student on the team. He wears his jersey with pride as he walks through the halls promoting the Dondero-Kimball hockey team.



By: Deanna Miller



Looking Behind

With things in a teenagers life such as continuous homework, a part-time job, and college applications constantly hovering over our shoulders, life can become pretty self-involved. To help keep the social atmosphere on an uprise, we have organizations that bring many students together to share a common goal that will help the student body prosper. What fun would high school be without a newspaper, dances, plays, a yearbook, pep-assemblies, and Chisnell's bagels at nutrition break? Well these are all products of school organizations.

Whether a student likes photography, community service, dancing, playing an instrument, creating a publication or learning more about a language, any student can find a spot for herself. Everybody is there to have fun, feel like a part of something, and meet people, and it just so happens that in the process of building life skills and gaining friends that will last a lifetime, students create things that everyone loves. Student Senate created all dances held this year, Drama Club helped to make *Is There a Comic in the House* and *Guys and Dolls* such big hits and Acorn published monthly issues to keep students up-to-date on school and national issues, just to name a few accomplishments of various organizations that benefited the student body.

Even if some of us do end up going through high school without being a part of an organization, we have to appreciate what they have all done to create Dondero's atmosphere. So throughout the next section, think about how these assorted organizations may have affected your life, while they were working behind the scenes of Dondero.



the Scenes...

Organizations

Oak



"The best part of OAK is working with others and creating a part of history."
-Stephanie Cooke '02



All staff members have an initial struggle with getting in step with things, but this year was extra hard, because everything was new to everyone. The Oak office was repainted to coordinate with Acorn's Barney color and Mrs. Kocis decided to go with a new publishing company too: Lots of big changes for a small staff.

All staff members worked extremely hard this year doing many things: choosing or creating a layout, filling out photo requests, writing body copy, tracking down people for quote boxes, getting photos back (or taking them), soliciting ads, writing captions, thinking of headlines, stickering, cropping and placing pictures, checking proofs, editing *everything*, deadlines, deadlines, deadlines! And then finally seeing the final product at the end of the year. Sounds pretty easy, huh? Well, we can assure you it's not. After losing your pictures, or losing all of your work on a computer which constantly crashed, not being able to find a cropper, not having headlines, being plagued with writer's block or having a lazy section member, being faced with over 2,000 layout choices, not having your spreads in on time for the deadline, and crying because things just weren't working out, it got pretty hard.

But all staff members loved going through all of the trouble this year, because as Stacy Meitzner said, "...I like knowing that at the end of the year, after the daily stress and frustration has ended, there will be this beautiful finished product to look at, and everybody will be buying it. They all want to know what WE have been doing all year long." Most staff members feel the same way, and all hope that you enjoy reading Through the Looking Glass, as much as we enjoyed making it.

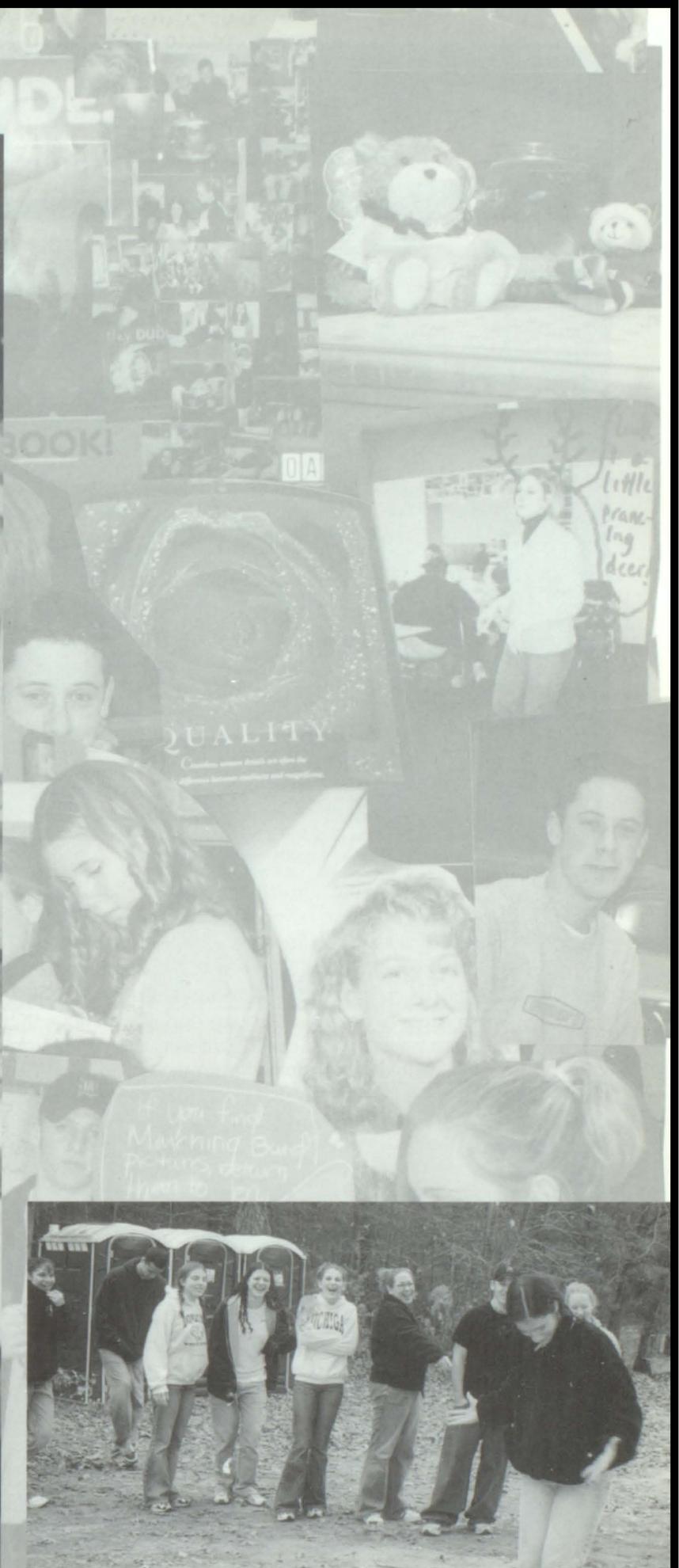
Robin Cooper
Editor-in-Chief



"OAK is cool because you get to work closely with fun people in a stressful environment all year long."
-Sara Brown, '02

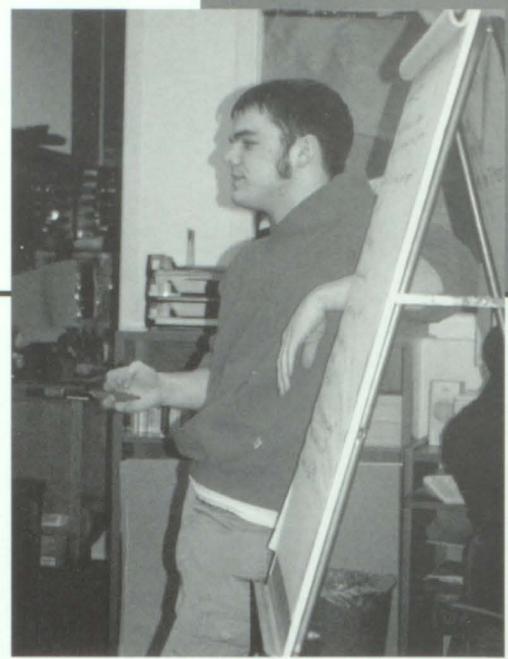


"I decided to be in OAK because Robin threatened my life if I did otherwise."
-Emily Sherlock, '01



Above (l. to r.): Junior Danielle Fisher, senior Jon Feinauer, junior Jessica Olinski, senior Robin Cooper, junior Jennifer Quinn, senior Ashley Heidrich, senior Greg Scott and senior Stacy Meitzner try to direct junior Sara Brown in making her way through the "Lava Activity," which was assigned to them at Camp Tamarak in November.

Making Deadlines....



Above: TOP ROW: Kevin Aulph, Bradley Elliott, Benjamin Webster, Harold Scissors, Paul Hubbart, Azia Spraggins. SECOND ROW: Jennifer Gates, Andrew Janik, Lindsay Kennedy, Emily Sherlock, Rebecca Costigan, Whitney Rankin, Ms. Maudlin. THIRD ROW: Mark Garman, Brandon Barber, Megan Donavan, Julie Patra, Sara Brown, Stacy Meitzner, Corinne Sharpe. BOTTOM ROW: Timothy Laster, Caitlin Cassady, Ryan Shipman, April Benson.

Above: Senior Editor-in-Chief Ryan Shipman gives his advice on how to make the Acorn a better newspaper for all. Trying to satisfy everyone is hard, but he manages to do a great job at it.

People run by you in the chaos of the moment. What happened? Why? Where? As more facts become clear, the story begins to formulate. Before the details are even all clear, you have an opening sentence. All you can think about is acquiring some paper. This needs to be written.

Here at Dondero, being a junior or senior can bring many privileges. Along with being able to go off campus, and being able to join certain clubs and organizations, juniors and seniors are also able to apply to the Acorn staff. Not only does Acorn meet every day during sixth hour, they also spend numerous hours after school, working to give us a great publication. The Acorn covers everything from current events to useless facts. On the staff, there are many opinionated students who bring out very different views on certain subjects. Every person involved with the Acorn has a specific job that they are held responsible for. Editor-in-Chief, Ryan Shipman, says, "Being able to get your views out into the world and being able to expose people to things they wouldn't otherwise find out about is the most rewarding part about being on Acorn."

By: Jen Quinn



(The greatest thing about being a reporter is) "having people come up to me and tell me they read my articles!"

-Megan Donavan, '01



(The greatest thing about being copy editor is) "It's nice to see a published article I authored. I also enjoy improving fellow staff member's talents."

- Mark Garman, '01



"The atmosphere is loose, but the relationships are tight."

-Julie Patra, '02

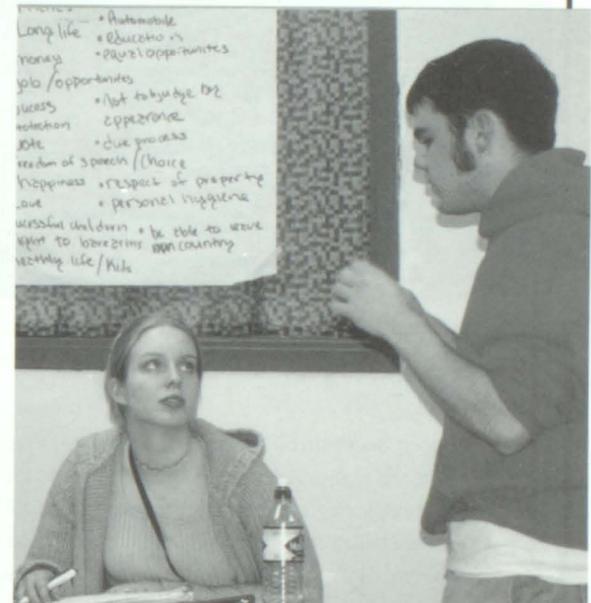


"The writing has taught me a lot about myself."

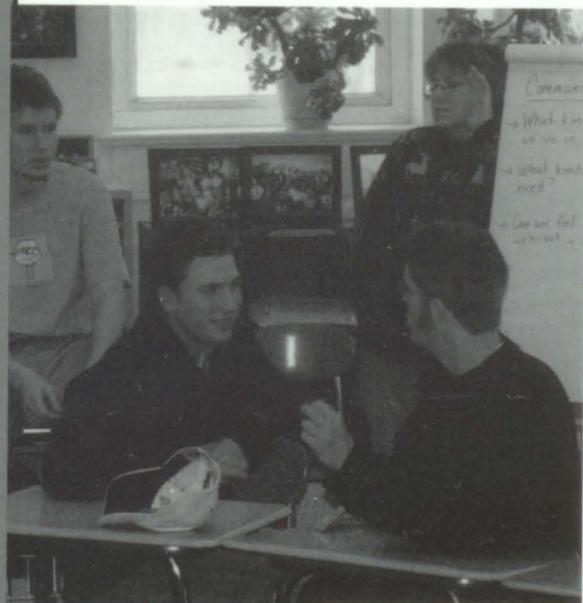
-Whitney Rankin, '01



Above: The staff listens intently to Editor-in-Chief Ryan Shipman as they ready themselves to begin their March issue.



Above: Senior Ryan Shipman gives advice to his fellow Acorn member, Megan Donavan. Megan listens closely to what he says, to make sure she gets it right.

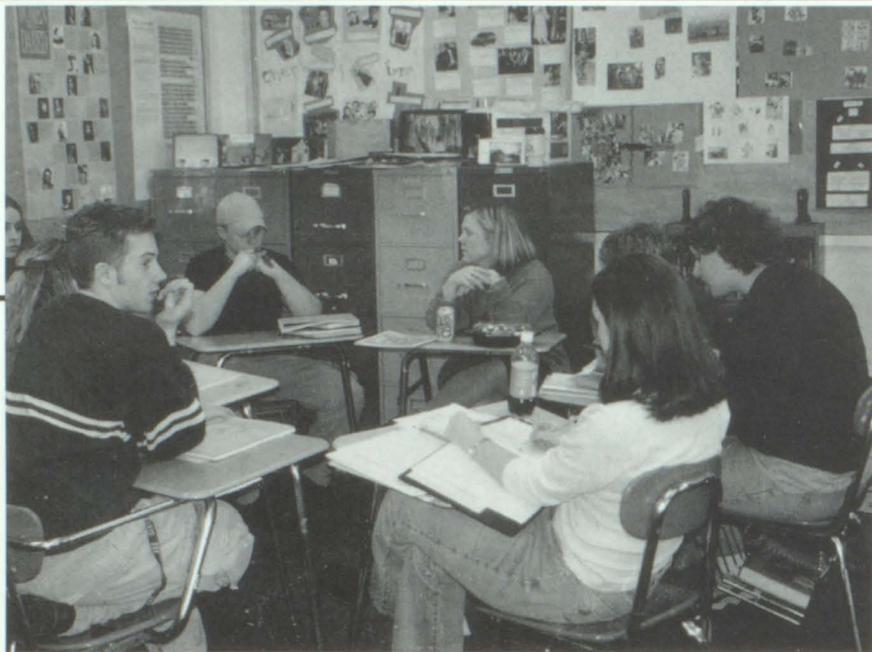


Above: Adviser Ms. Maudlin closes her eyes and prays that her staff will be able to give some valuable input as they renavigate their production process. Are Benjamin Webster and Brandon Barber taking this seriously?



Above: Sara Brown, Stacy Meitzner, Corrine Sharpe and Emily Dressler gather together for brainstorming. Working with each other and getting each other's opinions is something these Acorn members are familiar with.

Genesis



Above: Mrs. Gutierrez and a group of her students get together for a short meeting to discuss what needs to be done that week.



Above: April Benson, Assistant Editor; Cara Carithers, Editor-in-Chief; and Emily Sherlock, Creative Director stand together to take a picture. They know that getting involved is important in their high school years.

You may be asking, "What is the Genesis?" Well, here's the answer, Genesis is a publication that is combination of original music, artwork, short stories, photography and poetry. There is a huge process in making any type of book or magazine, and it starts early in the year. Before the class even starts to convene, the editor-in-chief and the art editor post signs and put boxes in classrooms that ask for your participation in the contest that they hold annually. These boxes are placed around the school in each English classroom. The entries that were submitted by the end of the first semester entered in a contest, and were eligible to win cash prizes. The students who decide what is actually put into the Genesis have no idea who wrote the poetry or the short stories.

To get into the Genesis class, you must have a teacher's recommendation and you have to fill out an application. An application that is submitted is looked at over the summer and during the first semester of the school year. Mrs. Gutierrez, the adviser of the Genesis and the editor-in-chief, Cara Carithers work together so that the Genesis is wonderful. Genesis is a great way for people to express themselves and work with other people on a daily basis. Sarah Kendall says, "Being in Genesis is a lot of hard work, but it is definitely worth it!!!"

By: Danielle Fisher



"Genesis is very enjoyable and a great thing to do in the afternoon."
-Bradley Elliot, '01



"I love Costco. (It's an inside joke.)"
-Kyle Irving, '01

Art Club



Above: This brightly colored mobil was created during three or four of the many afternoons at Art Club.



Above: Crystal Gheldolph and Nancy Gheldolph decide what color will be the best for their newest drawings.

They doodle in class. They draw on desks, on books, and on scrap pieces of paper. They daydream of modern designs, creatures of pure fiction, lines and shapes, and always in full Technicolor. They are those that will paint the future with creativity and imagination. They are those who go a step further than the class and go to Art Club. They are those that are able to put dreams, thoughts, and ideas into visual representations. Then again, some of them just like to waste a little time in an artistic way after school on Thursdays.

For an hour and a half, the art room is open to anyone, whether they are in art class or not. Games are played, paint is flung, and pencils wildly sketch whatever the artist's heart desires. People of all grades arrive and enjoy the relaxed environment that Art Club provides. There are no elected officials only those who attend regularly and those who are new to the club. It is a mix of a lot of unique, different, and always insightfully creative people who share a common interest: art, in any of its many forms. Everyone has fun, they all leave with a smile, a masterpiece, and usually a pocket full of candy.

By: Emily Sherlock

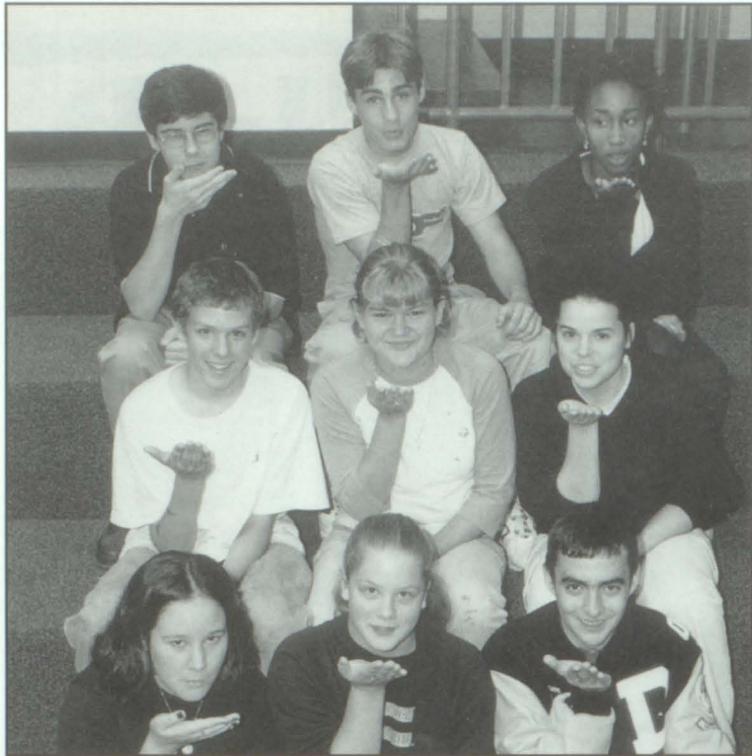


"If you're not in Art Club, you are as good as a piece of Melba Toast."
-Tom Woodbury, '01



"Art club is better than a box of hot rocks."
-Aileen St. John, '02

TOP ROW: Micheal Gilbert, Christopher South, Kamara Hooks. SECOND ROW: Terry Faust, April Cushion, Taylor McMahon. THIRD ROW: Corinne Sharpe, Heather Flynn, Adam Hobart. NOT PICTURED: Katie Hanks, Elizabeth Wissman, Carrie Chonko, Amber Gossett.



"Being in French Club has associated me with people that I would never normally get to know...and it will help me on my road to college"

-Amber Gossett '02



Sara Brown, Michelle Hurd, Sam Stocker and Jennifer Quinn try to come up with some good fundraising ideas for Spanish Club.

El Club De Espanol

The Dondero Spanish club is more than just a club that represents a foreign language. By going to the cider mill in the beginning of the year, the Spanish club learns to become a club, and as senior Azia Spraggins who is also the Vice President of Spanish Club says; "the cider mill sort of makes us unite." Dondero's Spanish Club is devoted to the spreading of the Spanish culture, and contributes to school activities that help Dondero students in many ways. The Spanish club contributes through activities such as hosting games at the annual tailgate party, having students dine at authentic Spanish restaurants, and also by creating displays that exhibit important aspects of the Spanish culture.

TOP ROW: Jeffrey Buck, Ian Kangas, Kim Rennie, Alex Lamb, Lyndsay Rankin, Kyle Hoemke. SECOND ROW: Stacey Meitzner, Zack Dunaj-Ring, Vildana Kurtovic, Erin Berard, Kathryn Houston, Mark Carmen, Jennifer Franke. THIRD ROW: Christopher Leasia, Debra Bennett, Jennifer Berger, Herr Weathers, Anne Petrimoulx, Mary Casey, Kelly Wilcox. FOURTH ROW: Andrew Wissman, Megan Llamas, Micheal Volk, Loren Brinkman.



"German Club not only helps me with my communication skills now, it also will help me in the future."

-Vildana Kurtovic '04

Looking at Languages

Le Club Francais

The French Club gives students who wish to take their knowledge of French to the next level. Students who participate in such a club must have a true passion for the language which they have learned. Club members participate in many fundraisers like selling entertainment books and feeding the schools addiction to Bon-Bons. They use this money to go on trips to restaurants, such as their visits to La Fondue. They also use this money to fund their trip to France they take every other summer.



Katie Hanks and Amber Gossett are representing the French Club at the annual Tailgate party.



"Spanish Club has opened my eyes to another culture, as well as taught me a language that will be with me forever."

-Azia Spraggins '01



TOP ROW: Jeanette Harris, Shayla Humphrey, Gabrielle Poshadio, Chris Csicsay, Matt Csicsay. SECOND ROW: Matt Klaver, Andrea Kendzierski, Sara Brown, Jennifer Quinn, Larry Valivonis, Alex Gallegos. THIRD ROW: Tivie Powell, Megan Kimmerle, Jennifer Edington, Michelle Hurd, Azia Spraggins, Sra. Arribas. FOURTH ROW: Steven Gilbert, Sam Stocker, Jessica Moscorro, Rachel Farms, Jessica Maloney, Andrea Champagne.

Deutsch Verein

Deutsch Macht Spass! German is fun! This is the idea the Herr Weathers tries to convey to all of his German students. Foreign language students who join a language club open themselves to the ideas and experiences involved with that culture. For German Club students, this means taking part in activities such as trips to Frankenmuth and coffee houses, and the celebration of Oktoberfest. If you're thinking about joining German Club, don't hesitate! Join in on all the fun!

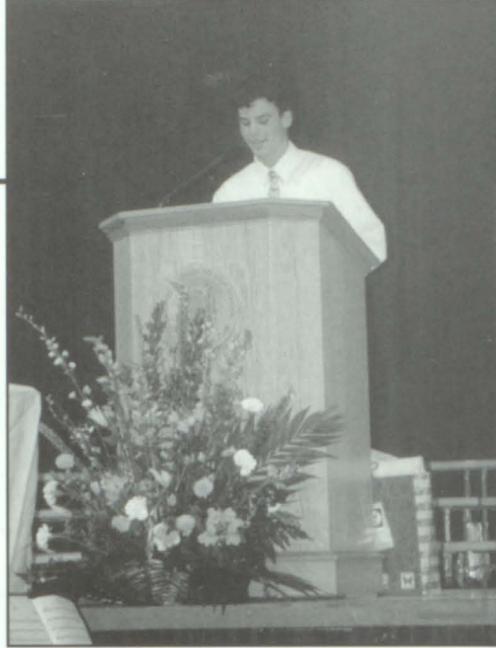


Andy Buck enjoys the fine German cuisine while celebrating Octoberfest in Herr Weathers classroom

N.H.S.



Above: Senior Ashley Phillips was ready to answer questions about N.H.S. at the Tailgate party before the big game.



Above: Senior, President Samuel Stocker is giving his opening speech at the Induction Ceremony. Sam has earned the respect of his fellow members by working hard at the meetings.

National Honor Society went under some major changes this year. For example, the new advisors, Mrs. Gutierrez and Mrs. Goodgine, asked for 100 percent participation. The members here at Dondero are only a chapter of the whole N.H.S. organization. N.H.S. members have to keep a grade point average of a 3.2 or higher. This must be accomplished by the end of their sophomore or junior year. In addition to having a high grade point average, N.H.S. members must meet requirements of service, leadership, and character in order to join the society. Members must keep up with these requirements within the school and community.

The National Honor Society offers great things to the community and to the school. Here at Dondero, they have what is called the Homework Place. The Homework Place is where students can go and get help with math, science, or any other academic problem that they might be facing. As for dedication ... well, the members of N.H.S. sure do have it. This was shown as they stood out in the pouring rain to collect money for the canned food drive. The N.H.S. members were very successful in getting money for this worthy cause.

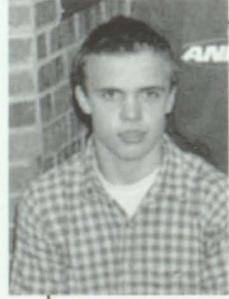
Vice-president, senior, Corrie Chansler put the Induction Ceremony together for the incoming members, with the help of her fellow officers and their committees. At the Induction, president of the National Honor Society, senior, Samuel Stocker opened with an award winning speech and later that night former N.H.S. member, Mary Roman gave the pledge. Being in N.H.S. is very rewarding, not to mention how it's a great addition to your college application.

By: Danielle Fisher



"I wasn't really excited about being accepted until I realized what a big deal it was to be in N.H.S."

-Amanda Weipert, '02

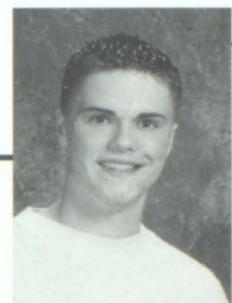


"My parents were so excited about me being accepted that they cried."

-Matthew Klaver '02



"When I found out that I was accepted into N.H.S. I was really excited and surprised. It will look good on my college applications."
-Tara Loyselle, '02



"The Induction was special because of the candle ceremony. It really gave a sense of being in a special, elite group."
-David Benvenuto, '02



Above: Juniors Sara Fenwick, Marianne Tissone, Joy Schultz, and senior April Benson play their hearts out for the National Honor Society's Induction Ceremony.



Above: TOP ROW: Melissa Carafelly, Kathryn Kidder, Holly Jones, Emily Dressler, Krista Kaiser, Clifford Finney, Timothy Balla, Scott Lautzenheiser
SECOND ROW: Mark Kauffman, Nathan Grover, Corey Niemietz, Stacy Seymour, Loren Brinkman, Mark Garman, Andrew Wissman
THIRD ROW: Whitney Rankin, Melanie Flynn, Ashley Phillips, Kerri Gerdes, Jessie Knapp, Abby Hetu, Jenny Herrick, Megan Llamas, Melissa Smith
ON THE FLOOR: Sarah Herzberg, Lindsey Edgar, Matthew Rautio, David Haugh, Emily Candoft, April Benson, Teren Bouladian, Andrew Jacobs, Stacy Metzner



Above: Seniors Melissa Smith and Melissa Carafelly work hard at an early morning meeting in the Media Center before school.

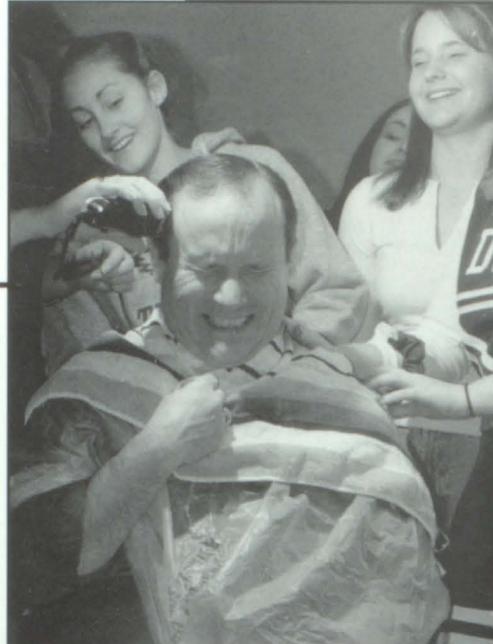


Above: Here is the group of members that were inducted. These juniors are proud to be in the National Honor Society.

Making A Difference



Above: On and off raining. *l to r.*: Benjamin Webster, Mr. Streeter, Nicole Sulinski, Andrew Miller, Kerrie Kennedy, Rachel Cummings, Sara Fenwick, Jennifer Kaiser, Philip Lewan. Sitting on steps. *l to r.*: back row: Megan Wajcik, Ryan Bush, Andrew Englehart, Paul Cipriani, Joshua Tabor, Kristen Edgar, Tracie Ennes, Tara Loyelle. Second row: Laura Maron, Shantia Bowman, Robert Hallock, Ryan Vance, Christie Lockman, Alison Phillips, Megan Sulinski. Third row: Jamie Cawer, Vinhoudama Chunn, Andrea Champagne, Jessica Olinski, Erica Schad, Amanda Henick, Kelly Wilcox, Megan Lamas, Melissa Smith, Danielle Untermahr. Fourth row: Nathan Crover, Holly Jones, Amanda Cniewek, Kysta Butler, Krista Kaiser, Jessie Knapp, Melissa Carafelly, Nicole Schema, Kealy Saka. Fifth row. *l to r.*: officers: Eric Gardner, Emily Dressler, Kathleen Hombacher, Jennifer Henick. Not pictured: Jenny Brown.



Above: Senior Holly Jones and Amanda Cniewek look on as the already half bald Mr. Streeter gets his head shaved.

Making the transfer from junior high to high school can be a very scary and difficult experience. What makes it easier are all the school activities that help you make friends and have a good time. If it were not for Student Senate, Dondero students would not have all of the fun and exciting activities that they do. Oak Rock, Spirit Week, spirit points, and Homecoming are just a few of the many activities that the Student Senate work very hard on to encourage school spirit throughout the school year. Community service is also something very important to the members of Student Senate. It gives them the chance to help out and get involved with the community. Visiting nursing homes, setting up blood drives and participating in the Spooktacular for Halloween in downtown Royal Oak are just a few of the many community service projects that Senate takes part in.

Not only does the Student Senate do everything they can for the school, they also do what they can to help others. There are two major fundraisers that Senate organizes every year: Volleyball Marathon and the Canned Food Drive. VBM is a night where everyone plays volleyball in addition to other activities in order to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. The Canned Food Drive is a six week in event in which when everyone tries to bring in as many canned foods as they can to donate to the needy. As you can see, the Student Senate is a vital part of this school and community. If you're looking for a good time and a great way to meet new people, senate is the place to be!

By: Jennifer Quinn



"Everyone gets along really well; it's hard work, but laid back."
-Rob Hallock, '04



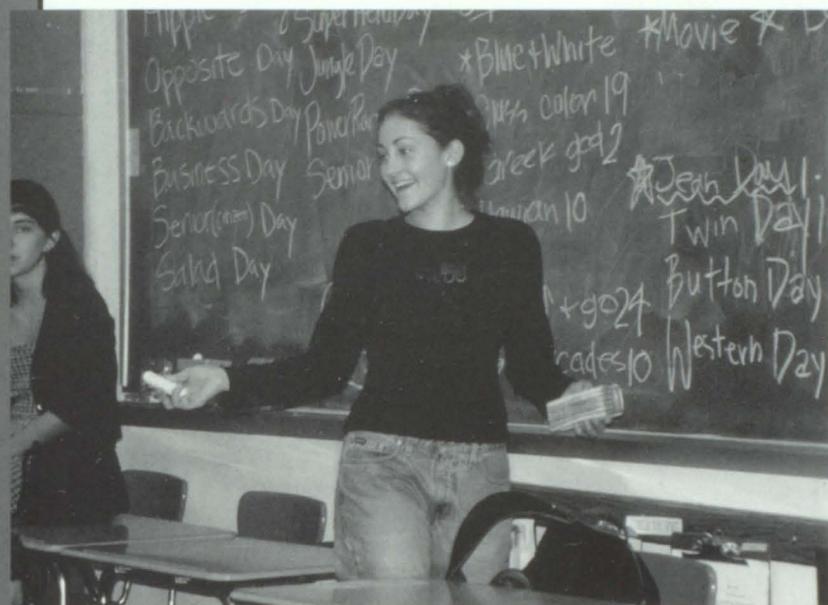
"I like getting a chance to help out the school and community."
-Allison Phillips, '04



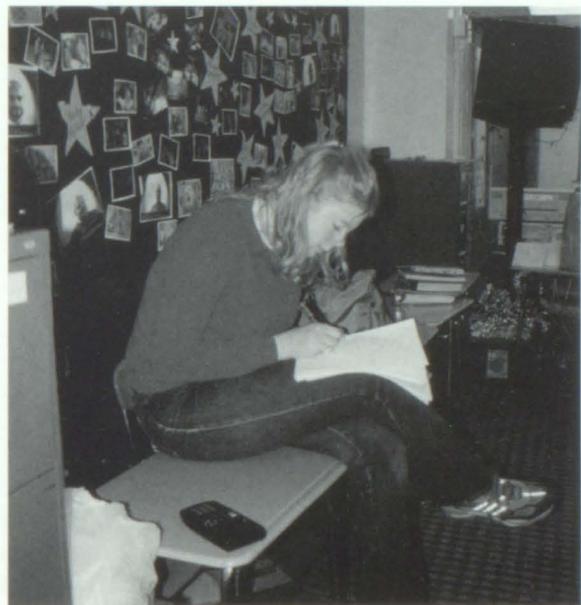
"Everyone is accepted, and it is a very fun atmosphere!"
-Holly Jones, '01



"All the other senators are very friendly"
-Paul Cipriani, '04



Senate discusses the possible themes for Spirit Week. Power Rangers Day?



Above: Senior Jessie Knapp tries to think of ways to get people involved. From the looks of all the school spirit, she's doing a great job!



Above: Seniors Amanda Gnierek and Rachel Cummings display the organization folder for the Canned Food Drive.

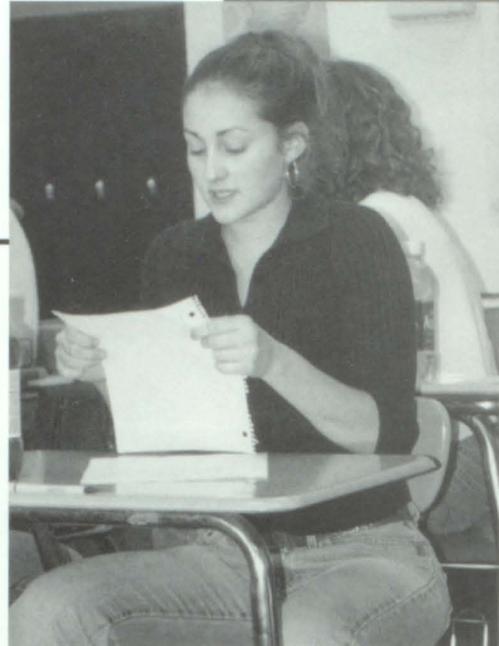


Above: Juniors Jessica Olsinski and Erica Scheid sit down and take a break from all their hard work. It's unusual not to see the senators hard at work!

Varsity Club



Mr. Schultz talks with senior Emily Dressler to make sure she understands the responsibilities of being a good sport.



Above: Senior Holly Jones reads her thoughts to her Varsity Club members.

After being supervised by Mr. O'Brien for many years, the Varsity Club undertook the new supervision of Mr. Schultz. Despite the transition, they still have done some great things this year. They donated over four hundred dollars to the Canned Food Drive, and members help out in the concession stand at basketball games. When they are not at meeting enjoying their pizza, members work on their service projects. Each member works on one big project for the year. Many of the members hope to help out at the Special Olympics this spring. Varsity Club is a great club where varsity players of any sport can help promote athletic activities happening around in the school. As said by Mr. Schultz, "The goal of the Varsity Club is to help foster the highest ideals of good sportsmanship and fellowship in competition." By learning these ideals, the club members can pass them on to their team members, making the game more enjoyable for all. The Varsity Club meets every other Tuesday and is open to anybody who participates in a sport and is on the varsity team.

By: Paul Baker



"I enjoy working with all the great people of the Varsity Club."

-Melissa Carafelly, '01



"I like relating with people that have things in common with me."

-Stacy Meitzner, '01



"I like helping out to raise money for good causes and our school."

-Deanna Miller, '01



"I enjoy being able to talk to people that I normally don't get a chance to associate with."

-Danielle Fisher, '02



Above: Senior Deanna Miller helps senior Megan Llamas with some of her homework during one of their lunchtime meetings.



Above: Senior Jennifer Herrick, Varsity Club member, commands attention on and off the field from her fellow class members.



Above: Junior Courtney Park and sophomores Stephanie Miller and Carol Roman take a break from all their activities to smile for the camera.



Above: In between conversations and fundraising ideas, seniors Andrew Englehart and Krista Kaiser stuff their faces with pizza during one of the many Varsity Club meetings.

SADD



Above: Juniors Carrie Chonko and Sarah Hillawi and senior Catherine Kleiss are having a great time marching down Washington in the Homecoming parade, representing SADD.

The Dondero SADD club has started this year with a bang! With a new name and a new attitude, Students Against Destructive Decisions have made an impact on their peers by organizing activities that have drastically improved our schools outlook on decisions that affect ourselves as well as Dondero's student body. This year's SADD club has funded many leadership events that have not only shown students the risks of making certain decisions, but has also made it clear that the outcome of destructive decisions are not as beneficial as they may seem. SADD focuses on the consequences that come with destructive decisions, whether they are short or long term.

The members of SADD are very firm believers in their club's reasoning, and as one of their advisers, Ms. Banat states, "SADD is serious about the drinking and drug use in this school. Our goal is to address this issue and make sure the students are aware of the effects that substance abuse has on an individual." Some other events that SADD has sponsored this year have been such activities as Red Week, Prom Promise, and the Chain of Friendship. Probably the most recognized of them all is the birthday balloons, where each and every student who turns sixteen during this school year received a balloon as well as a poem that shows the dangers of drinking and driving.

By: Samantha Thornton



"I love SADD/Awareness because we get together every week and get to help out with the events that happen around the school."

-Lisa Hyde, '01



"I love being a part of SADD and being able to stand for something I believe in."

-Sarah Hillawi, '02



"I like spending time with the people that share my common interest in spreading awareness."

-Heather Difranco, '01

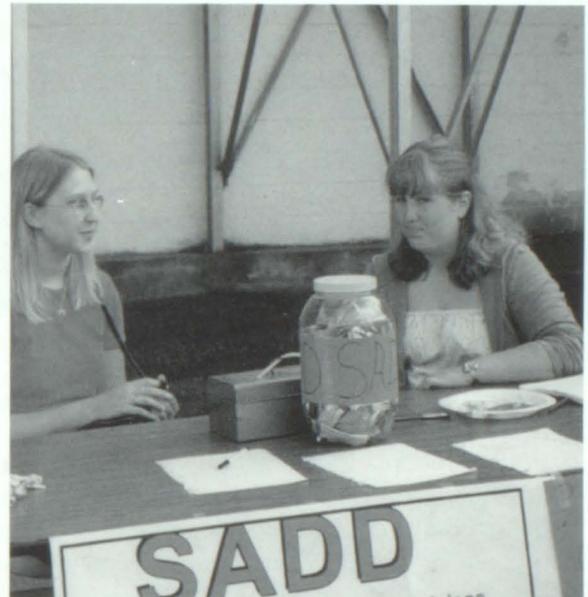


"I enjoy being able to talk to people that I normally don't get a chance to associate with."

-Hannah Ford, '02



Above: The annual wrecked car displayed the week before Homecoming is an action of SADD/Awareness. With the wrecked car, they hope to spread awareness of drunk driving.



Above: Carrie Chonko and Heather Difranco hope to attract some possible new members for SADD at this year's Tailgate Party.



Above: Carrie Chonko is caught while speaking about her feelings towards drunk driving during one of the meetings.



Above: TOP ROW, Left to Right: Hannah Ford, Taylor McMahon, Carrie Chonko, Heather Tate, Lisa Hyde, Darcy Weipert, Sarah Hillawi. BOTTOM ROW: Mrs. Banat, Melissa Garland, Amanda Weipert.

Working For a Peaceful Future



TOP ROW: Mr. Snyder, Joel Odine, James Ede, Fuad Abdo Mansour, Laurynas Valivonis, Mr. Chisnell. SECOND ROW: April Benson, Colleen Naughton, Kelsey Ewald, Forest Casey, Laura Farms, Ryoko Namihara. THIRD ROW: Theresa Villerot, Tricia Rossbach, Megan Thompson, Tracie Ennes, Erica Bell, Jennifer Franke, Katherine Lamb. FOURTH ROW: Benjamin Webster, Christopher Marsh, Andrew Jacobs, Jessie Knapp, Megan Llamas, Corinne Sharpe. SITTING: Emily Candolfi.

The Model UN is an amazing club that helps create more peaceful and understanding people for our future. By simulating the activities of the actual United Nations, students gain a greater understanding of global issues and the complexities of the international system that debates humanity's future.

Due to the many conferences they attend, some that can sometimes last a week at a time, the ambassadors are expected to research, participate in sales and promotional activities, and to build ties with Royal Oak and the larger community.

All the ambassadors take all these responsibilities knowingly when they become a member of the Model UN, but they still manage to have plenty of fun along the way. They get to travel to different schools and sometimes even different countries to learn about various cultures outside of their own. Earning national and international honors in each of the last four years, the team was the first and only United States team to debate in Athens, Greece, this year.

By: Paul Baker



"I joined the Model UN because I enjoy learning about the other cultures of the world."

-Laurynas Valivonis, '02

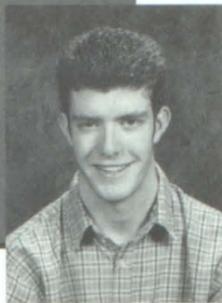


"Never face a political crisis without your pants."

-Christopher Marsh, '03



Above: Senior Andrew Jacobs demands more caucus time while Jesse Knapp wishes to rule him dilatory.



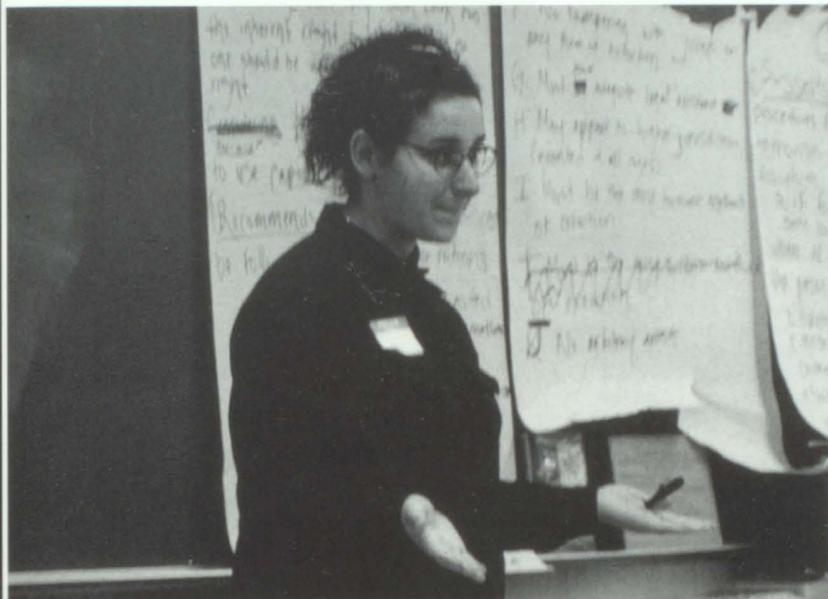
"We win on 'strategery' alone."

-Benjamin Webster, '01

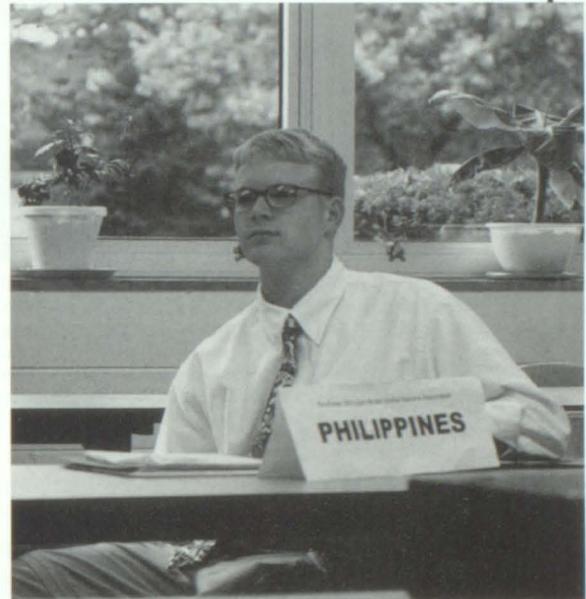


"Meeting new people and going to different places is the greatest part about Model UN."

-Theresa Villerot, '04



Above: Secretary General Emily Candolfi rules that motion dilatory.



Above: Junior James Ede listens closely while representing the nation of the Philippines.



Above: Senior April Benson persuades delegates to enforce women's rights.

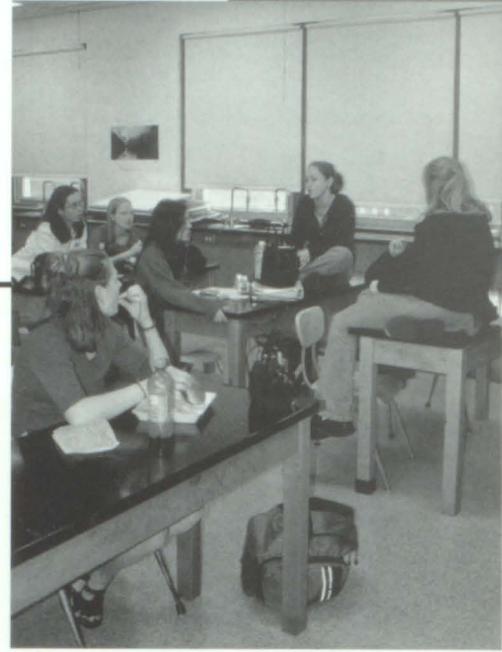


Above: The Dondero delegates finish up a long day with a discussion about international policy over lunch. Even fierce political rivals come together over good pizza.

Girls Forestry Club



Above: TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Melissa Carafelly, Mary Casey, Tara Loyselle, Amanda Herrick, Melanie Flynn, Jessica Mascorro, Jessica Olinski, Megan Sulinski, Michelle Hurd, Sara Brown, Rebecca Kipp, Megan Kimmerle, Racheal Nievelt. SECOND ROW: Lindsay Cooper, Erin Morris, Andrea Champagne, Melissa Smith, Nicole Prunkard, Jennifer Herrick, Abby Hetu, Jessie Knapp, Samantha Thornton. THIRD ROW: Kathryn Hanks, Sarah Vermiglio, Debra Bennett, Heather Snyder, Stacie Seymour, Megan Llamas, Katie Kidder, Courtney Park, Kimberlie Gordon, Jennifer Quinn. FOURTH ROW: Holly Jones, Emily Dressler, Lindsey Edgar, Stacy Meitzner, Mrs. Cumming, Alice Lyon, Michelle Cohen, Deanna Miller.



Above: The girls talk about upcoming events while enjoying their lunch together.

Whether they are working hard on their next project or just hanging out in Mrs. Cumming's room eating during lunch, the girls in the Girls Forestry Club are always having fun. With Mrs. Cumming as their adviser, the Dondero Girls Forestry Club has accomplished many things over the course of this year. In October they participated in Powder Puff games, with the seniors prevailing in the end. Also, in December they helped out with a clothes drive for the Coalition of Temporary Shelters. They had to sit out in the front of Dondero and collect clothes as it was snowing hard, but thanks to their efforts, the clothes drive was a resounding success. In the spring, they use the money they raised from their many fundraisers to help pay for a trip to go camping.

By: Paul Baker



"I love spending time with people that share my interests."

-Amanda Herrick, '02



"I like being around people that share my interest with the outdoors."

-Michelle Hurd, '02

Boys Forestry Club



Above: Mr. Cicchini, along with his fellow club members, enjoys his pizza.



Above: TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Clifford Finney, Nathan Grover, Anthony Nader, Jonathon Piercy, James Dixon. SECOND ROW: Joshua Belvedere, Joseph Langdorf, Michael Volk, Thomas Woodbury, Adam Sylvester. THIRD ROW: Nathan Hanks, Justin Meister, Matthew Rautio, Sam Stocker.

Dondero's Boys Forestry Club is an excellent club that junior and senior boys may participate in. In the Boys Forestry Club the advisers, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Cicchini, hope to spread awareness of the outdoors and the activities concerned with the outdoors. The Boys Forestry Club takes part in various camping trips over the year, and hosted the fifth annual Camp-A-Thon; who could miss the bunch of tents propped up on the front lawn of Dondero? The Camp-A-Thon is probably one of the most recognizable fundraisers that occurs here at Dondero, and its goal is to collect money for the Common Ground Sanctuary. The Boys Forestry Club meets every Friday for pizza in Mr. Lynch's room to discuss upcoming events and to spend some time with others that share a common interest in the outdoors.

By: Paul Baker



"I enjoy getting to know other people that I don't normally get to socialize with."

-Christopher Villerot, '02



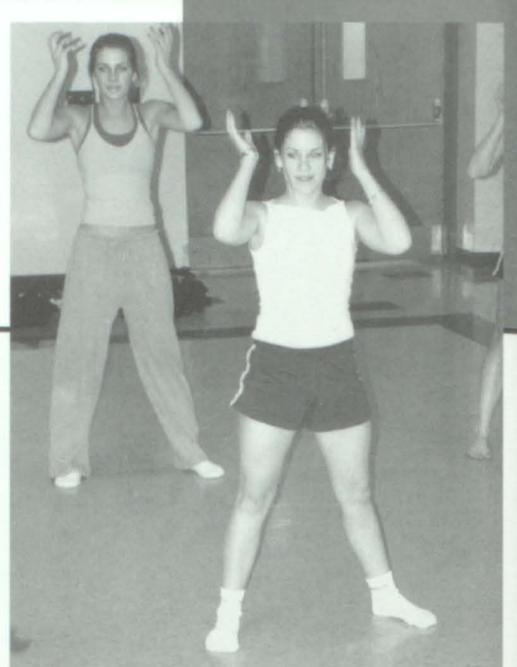
"I like being able to spend time with others that share the same interest in the outdoors as I do."

-Curtis Erickson, '02

All They Wanna Do Is Dance...



Above: The girls get together for a quick picture before their debut performance at the first pep assembly of the school year.



Above: Junior Jennifer Quinn and Senior Rachel Banwarth prepare for an important home boys basketball game.

The bleachers are full of fans ready to cheer on their team. It is 20 seconds until half-time and the fans are more excited than they have been throughout whole game. The reason for this is because the crowd know what comes next...the Dance Team!

The Dance Team consists of thirteen spirited dancers who thoroughly enjoy their job entertaining the school during the half-time breaks at basketball games and at other school events like Oak Rock and pep assemblies. The Dance Team has been up and running for four years now, with this year being a little different than previous years. They started the year very early by going to a dance camp in July at Oakland University, which was run by professional dancers. "Our spirit blew them away!" says freshman Kealy Salva. The girls started the year off with an awesome performance at the Homecoming pep assembly and continued with many more unforgettable shows throughout the year.

The Dance Team is run by two captains, Rachel Cummings and Cassandra Pauck. These girls are what hold the team together. "Without them next year, we'll all be lost!" says sophomore Andrea Hoff of the captains. Rachel has been part of the team for all four years and became a captain when she was in a junior. Sandy has been a part of the team for three years and also became a captain her junior year. "My favorite thing about being captain is making up the dances, teaching them to the girls, and then sharing them with the rest of the school," says Sandy.

By: Jen Quinn



*"My favorite part of dance team is being captain and making up dances! We just have so much fun together!"
-Rachel Cummings, '01*



*"It's a lot of fun and very exciting dancing for the boys basketball games"
-Cori LeVasseur, '01*



"It was awesome dancing throughout the year! I had a lot of fun!"
-Corrie Chansler, '01



"My favorite thing about dance team is the performances!"
-Marie Mauer, '04



Above: The Dance Team practices about three times a week in the new commons. From right to left they are: Marie Mauer, Kristie Lockman, Nicole Schema, Corrie Chansler, Jennifer Quinn, Rachel Cummings, Rachel Banwarth, Andrea Hoff, Kealy Salva, and Julia Gardner.



Above: Freshman Christie Lockman goes up for a hard jump with perfect form. She never misses a beat.



Above: Senior captain Rachel Cummings shows great enthusiasm and energy during their "Word Up" performance. She knows just get the crowd excited!

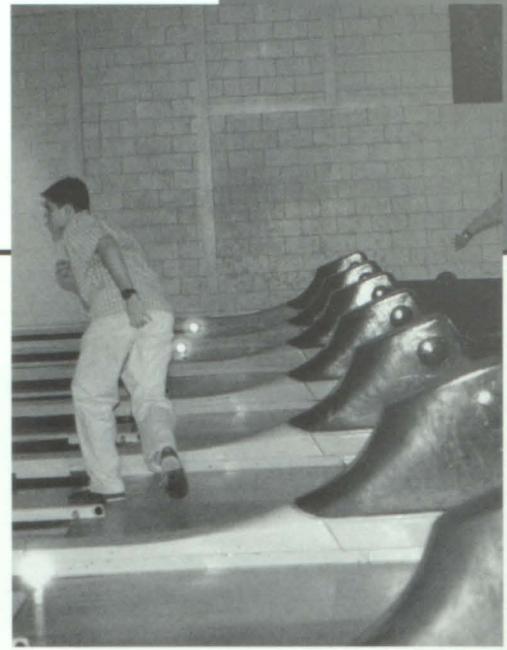


Above: Senior captain Cassandra Pauck is all smiles while dancing at a home basketball game.

Bowling Club



Before one of their Thursday night practices, the entire bowling club gathers together for a club photo for us.



Above: Here is freshmen, Michael Fowler, who looks like he knows what he is doing. It looks as though Mike is hoping for a lucky strike!

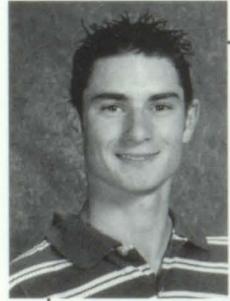
Over the music that plays on the jukebox at Royal Oak Lanes, you will most likely hear the sound of many bowling pins crashing against the hardwood floor and the laughter of many students who are enjoying themselves. Two things occur every Thursday afternoon: students get together and have tons of fun, and Mr. Drillich takes off his tie, puts on those cool bowling shoes, and acts like another hip student. It is heard that Mr. Drillich enjoys going to Royal Oak Lanes on Thursday afternoons because it lets him feel young again.

There are only two elected spots in the Bowling club which the students can hold: President; Christopher Wildbur, and Vice-President; Timothy Shaw. As many people know, bowling is not easy, and it takes skill. To Chris Wildbur, though, it seems to come naturally. Attendance with the Bowling Club varies from week to week. "Bowling with other students is a lot of fun, and I try not to flatter myself but... I think I'm a pretty good bowler," said Junior Andrew Buck. If you like just hanging out with friends and don't have anything to do on Thursday nights, the bowling club is the place to be.

By: Danielle Fisher



"I just found out that it is possible to get a score of 300 points in bowling (I thought that you could only get a score of 100)."
-Meghan Covell, '04



"I enjoy Bowling Club because I get to go and have fun with my friends."
-Timothy Shaw, '02

Photo Club



Above: Junior Edward Platt is mixing two chemicals together in the darkroom, so that his pictures will develop. Ed is a member of the Photo Club who really seems to enjoy his work.



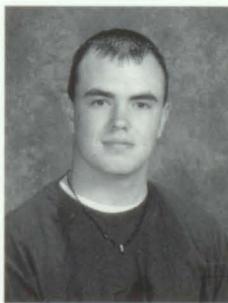
Above: Senior Amina Ahmed is putting a bright light on her film, in the darkroom, to increase the sharpness and the quality of her pictures. As we all know, "A picture is worth a thousand words."

Spending many lunches and many hours after school in a darkroom with two or three other members of the Photo Club is what some students like to do in their spare time. These would be members of the Photo Club. These students are the people who tend to be behind the camera taking photos, rather than be in the pictures themselves. Photo Club members enjoy taking great snapshots of nature, sporting activities, and various other things.

Coach Steele is the Photo Club's adviser, the man who is always there to help them when they are in need of it. Coach Steele has elected only one position and it was president, Amina Ahmed. She has been taking pictures for several years of her life, and she has shown her skills by taking pictures for the yearbook and by entering the Genesis contest for three years now.

In the Photo Club the photographers learn to take better quality pictures and also learn to develop them in Dondero's own darkroom. The Photo Club goes on monthly trips to take pictures. Coach Steele said, "It is nice to work with students who have great artistic abilities."

By: Danielle Fisher



"This club is great because it is a club where you don't need anybody else. You can work in the darkroom by yourself. It is a great experience."
-Nathan Hanks, '01

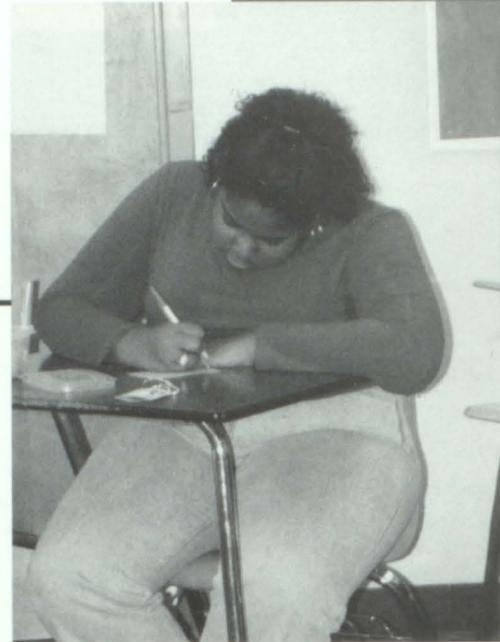


"I really love taking pictures, so this is the most enjoyable thing for me to do when I get a chance to go to the darkroom."
-Amina Ahmed, '01

Care Club



Above: Sophomore Dama Chhun and junior Kristin VanPutten get together for a quick snapshot before they get down to business. These two girls are very serious about the work that gets done during C.A.R.E. Club meetings.



Above: Sophomore Alia Daniels is jotting down some quick notes before the group discussion gets on its way.

The Care Club is an advisory board that talks about diversity and problems that are occurring here in our own school. The members also compare problems here at Dondero to other schools that are in the local area. One main goal for the Care Club members is to try to improve the school environment, while acknowledging and accepting differences. They also feel that it is important that the student body here at Dondero tries to make everyone feel accepted and important.

Care members elected four leaders to help the club as it goes along during the year. The President is Azia Spraggins, her woman-at-hand is Vice-President, Cara Carithers, their trusty Treasurer is Shanitra Bowman, and the most superior Secretary is Kristin VanPutten. The person who helps to bring people to the club would be the Publicity Manager, Vinhoudama Chhun.

Even though the attendance at the Care meetings was very low many, things still got accomplished with heavy discussions and writing up surveys. Ms. Maudlin and Mrs. Sutton, the advisers, are both very active in the club and both practice what they preach: equality. The club is glad to have such great leaders!

By: Danielle Fisher



"Care Club is a great way to learn about diversity here at Dondero."
-Kristin VanPutten, '02



"It's how we, the students, learn about the differences in each other."
- Shanitra Bowman, '03



"Care is a good group where people can come together to reach a common goal."
- Marianne Tassone, '02



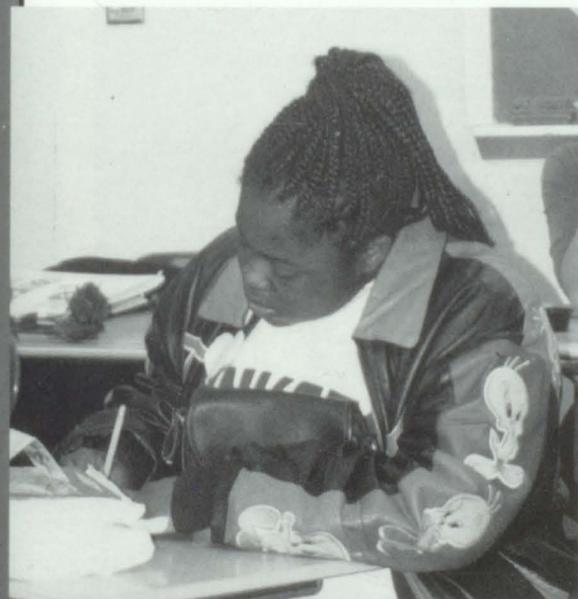
"I really enjoy spending my lunch with people who really want to make a positive difference in our beautiful school."
- Vinhoudama Chhun, '03



Above: Sophomore Shawnta Williams is thinking about how she can positively contribute to the discussion that happens to be the focus of the day, the novel *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.



Above: Senior Azia Spraggins gets into the conversation that is at hand.



Above: Sophomore Shanitra Bowman is looking at one problem about diversity that happens everyday at our school. She is also looking over some of the solutions that can help to fix the problem.



Above: Left to right: Ms. Maudlin, Kristin VanPutten, Sara Fenwick, Emily Candolfi, Kathryn Hanks, Vinhoudama Chhun, Megan Sulinski, Holly Jones, Alia Daniels, Azia Spraggins, Shanitra Bowman and Ms. Lareau

The Sun Came Out For Annie



Above: BOTTOM ROW: Tracey Ennis, Jeffrey Buck, Caitlyn Cassady, Benjamin Webster, Andrew Jacobs, Bradley Voorhees, Jane Fader, Jake Schaale, Ashley Nowak, Kamara Hooks. SECOND ROW: Laura Farms, Matthew West, Chelsea Adams, Meghan Covell, Joy Schultz, Vildana Kurtovic, David Benvenuto, Kathryn Hanks, Shanira Bowman, Crystal Geldof. THIRD ROW: Melissa Smith, Erin Berard, Jennifer Berger, Rachel Bonar, Aileen St. John, Alia Daniels, Nicole Roberts. FOURTH ROW: Andrea Kendzierski, Matther Klaver, Gerald Martini, Kelly Wilcox, Sean Altman, Stacey Peltier, Lara Nemeth, Alexis Nemeth, Micheal Tyner, Robert Bajek STAIRS: Advisers Ms. Whalin and Mrs. Marcus



Above: Graduate Trish Brown, famous for her curls, donned a red wig to play the lead of *Little Orphan Annie*. Singing her heart out, Trish brought the character to life.

Long, late-night rehearsals are what it takes to make one of the best musicals Dondero has ever seen. This was proven by the cast and crew of the 2000 Spring Musical, who received standing ovations for their job well done. *Annie* was, by far, one of the biggest hits Dondero has produced in a long time. Not only did it have a wonderful audience appeal, but *Annie* was also the most profitable show that we, at Dondero, have ever had. The musical was very familiar, and songs such as "It's a Hard Knock Life" and "Tomorrow" made it easy for the audience to enjoy a good trip down memory lane. Some of the members of Dondero's band and orchestra also chipped in to make it a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all that participated. All of the students involved had a wonderful time and gave props to all the directors for a wonderful job directing. The directors were not the only ones who made this musical happen. Students who were behind the scenes greatly influenced the production of this musical. Such leaders as Rachel Shurig, Lauren Semivan, and Emily West all contributed greatly to the making and outcome of *Annie* as great as it was. The cast led the way to a superb performance that was well acted above and beyond many expectations.

By: Samantha Thornton



"Since everyone was familiar with the musical, the pressure was on for us to perform the best we could in order to meet the audience's standards."
-Kasey Bell, '01



"We had a great cast with a lot of good chemistry between us. The set was fabulous, and so were the directors!"
Jane Fader, '01



"It was my first musical, I had a wonderful time, and all of us had a lot of fun!"

- Kelly Wilcox '03



"The seniors who were in the musical made me feel very welcome, and I had a great time."

- Lara Nemeth '03



Above: Lara Nemeth, Kelly Wilcox, Jennifer Edington, and their younger cast members were just as excited to be in the musical as we were to watch it!



Above: Kelly Wilcox, Azia Spraggins and Lara Nemeth impressed the crowd by singing and dancing their hearts out as three of the many troubled orphans.

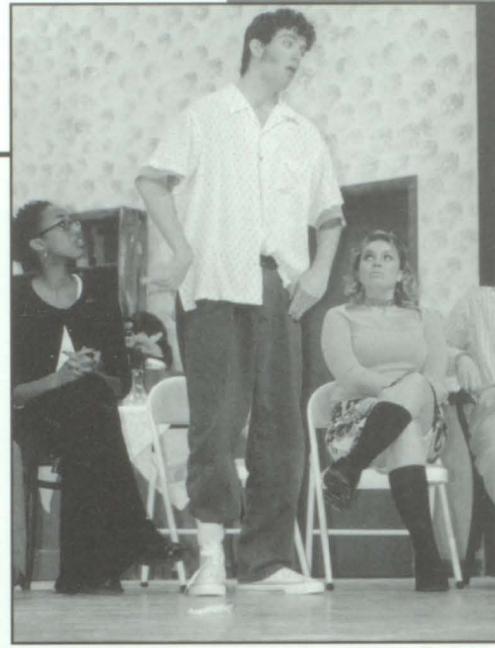
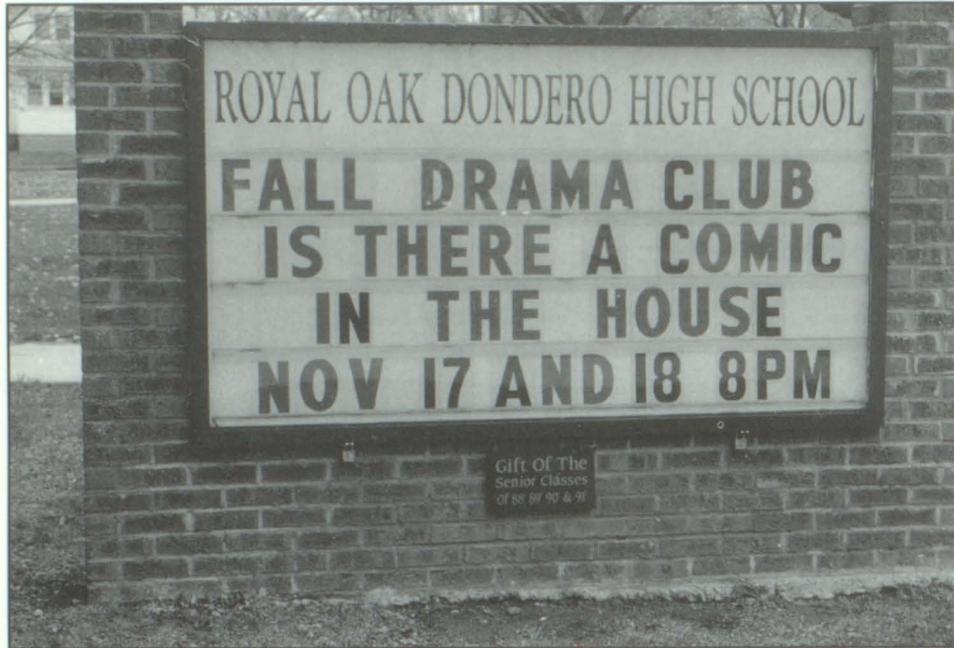


Above: Charles Hooker and Dariel Erickson contributed to the success of the musical by playing their instruments in the pit. After all, where would the musical be without the music?



Above: Andrea Scobie, Benjamin Webster and Jane Fader get into character while on stage. They really know how to get the crowd excited!

Is There a Comic in the House?



Above: Benjamin Webster, playing Zack, shows off his school-renowned humor.

Teamwork and long night rehearsals proved to be the successful ingredients for the cast and crew of *Is There a Comic in the House?* Even though this play is not as well-known as some, it did allow the cast to show off their acting talent. Being a play all about comedians, Benjamin Webster fit right in playing Zack. Proving to be a great showing, the Dondero Drama Club received many standing ovations for their excellent work. The directors were not the only ones that made this play happen; it was a combined effort by the cast and the crew. Everyone worked hard for the making of the play, and it made the directors' jobs much easier. By working together, they helped make the play very enjoyable and well deserving of the applause they received. "It was a really good play," said junior Joy Schultz, a crew member. "It really helped bring us all together."

By: Paul Baker



"I enjoyed working with the power tools! They are big, loud, and fun!"
-Marianne Tassone '02



"I liked being able to work behind the scenes and also contributing to the acting."
-Matthew Klaver '02



Above: Jennifer Berger pays close attention to the script during the play.



Above: Jane Fader displays some attitude playing Gloria. She knows how to get sassy.



Above: The cast listens to Brad Vorhees as he makes an important speech.

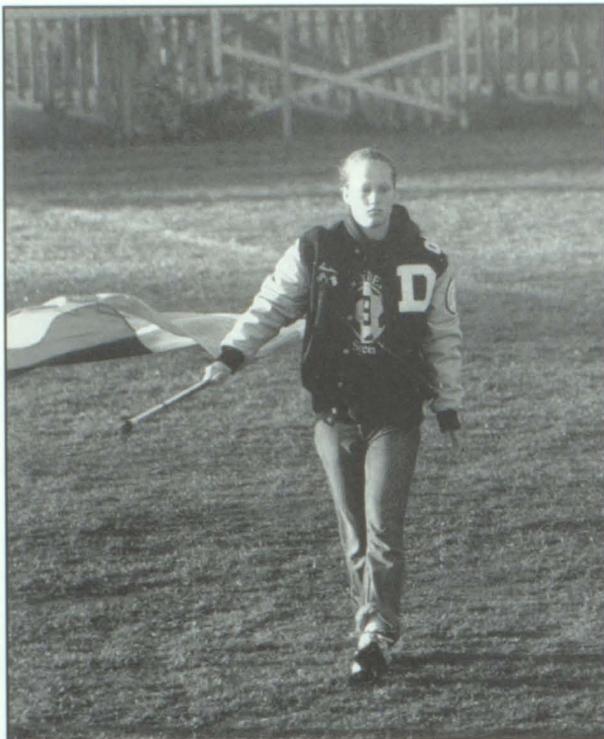


Above: The cast poses together before a showing of *Is There a Comic in the House?* Even offstage, these are quite the characters.



After their first stupendous showing, the cast and crew pose for a group picture.

Left: Sophomore Andrea Torvinen thinks hard about what the next move is. It's very important for everyone to be in sync.



"What I thought was really fun about Guard was the parties. It was hard getting everyone together, but it was worth it.

-Claire White, '04



Above: Senior Jennifer Franke stands at attention while working hard on making their show the best it can be. It takes a lot of hard work and discipline to learn, perfect, and perform their show.

Left: Juniors Jacob Schaale and Rachel Bonar, and seniors Julie Gordon and Azia Spraggins take their positions at the pit. The pit, though sometimes ignored and invisible to the crowd, are an extremely important aspect of band because they keep the beat. If they get off beat, so does everyone else.



The Guard...

This year's Colorguard had a major contribution to the success of the 2000 Marching Band season. Their endless hours of hard work did not go unnoticed by all the spectators. Seniors Melanie Flynn and Jessica Moscorrow led this enthusiastic group of girls to one of their best seasons yet. "We all got along really well!" said sophomore Andrea Torvinen about her experiences with the other girls. The group not only got along well, but they also worked together to produce a show that would not be forgotten.



"Despite popular opinion, Guard takes a lot of work and discipline!"

-Megan Kimmerle, '02

The Field is Yours...

The Band...

"Once in a lifetime experience!" That is the way senior Sarah Herzberg described the 2000 Marching Band season. This year's show was from the classic musical *Fiddler on the Roof* and contained many of its famous songs like "Sunrise Sunset" and "Bottle Dance." The band started the year off with a brand new director, fresh out of college. Tim Foreman came into this school and turned the band into an even greater success. "He kept his sense of humor even when times were tough," said junior Sara Brown. Seniors Holly Jones and Sarah Herzberg had the great honor of being drum majors for this year's show. They did an awesome job and everyone in the band was very proud of them.



Above: Seniors Matthew Rautio and Melanie Flynn take a break at one of the football games to chat.



"We have some of the most devoted people in our band!"
-Michael Krist, '03



Left: Senior Robert Thomas takes a break from the norm, giving the drum majors a chance to sit back while he does the directing.



Above: Senior Drum Major Sarah Herzberg leads the band to victory.

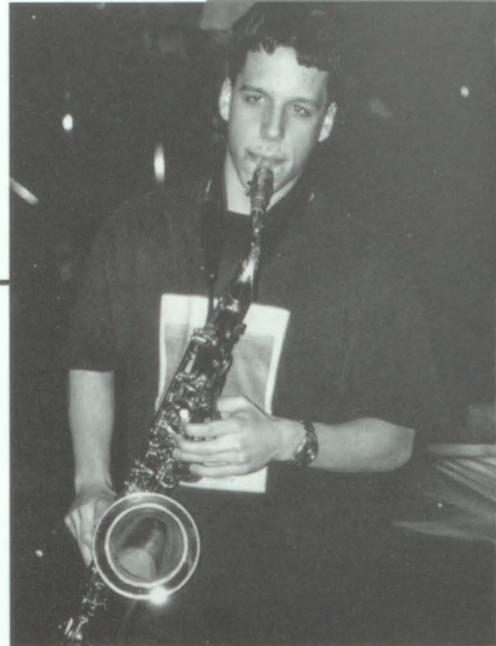
The Scores...

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Trenton.....	53.9, 5th place
Plymouth.....	52.5, 5th place
Durand.....	62.6, 3rd place

Symphony Band



Above: Heather Flynn, Anne Petrimouk, Sara Brown, Andrea Torvinen, Jennifer Edington, Sarah Herzberg, Megan Goldenberg, Kristin VanPutten, Mara Waskowski, Lindsey Edgar, Melanie Flynn, Michelle Hurd, Megan Kimmerle, Sarah McLaughlin, Sara Thomas, Jennifer Franke, Lindsey Rankin, Stephanie Miller, Brenda Bogues, Amanda Gnierek, Julie Gordon, Jessica Mascorro, Melissa Bentivolio, Chelsea Adams, Samuel Beaubien, Andrea Champagne, Kyle Irving, Ian Kangas, Joseph Schmidt, Amanda Weipert, Melanie Aldenbrandt, Rachel Gardner, Holly Jones, Matthew Rautio, Nicholas Maurice, Rose Kotoff, Phillip Lewan, Mark Garman, Adam Hobart, Michael Volk, Corey Niemetz, Stephanie Gibson, Candice Engel, Justin Knapp, Brandi Zehner, Matthew Klaver, Scott Caddy, Kevin Beck, Robert Thomas, Samuel Stocker, Michelle Cohen, Bryan Beebe, William Lukatich, Joseph Langdorf, Director Timothy Foreman

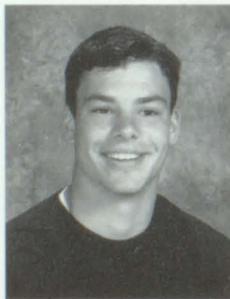


Above: Senior Mark Garman displays great skill and talent while performing. Playing the saxophone is something he will always remember!

Among the many benefits of joining Dondero's Symphony Band, the most rewarding is meeting new people and developing friendships that will last a lifetime. Here at Dondero, the music program is recognized as being one of the best, with Symphony Band always going above and beyond their expected level of talent. Senior percussionist, Daniel Erickson said, "Being in Symphony Band for the past four years has made high school very enjoyable for me."

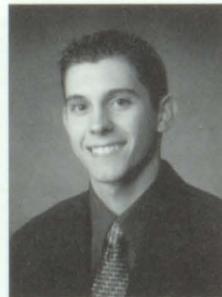
With a new band director on board, the band was unsure of how this year's season would go, but the group of musicians, along with Mr. Foreman, proved that they could handle the hardships that could come along with getting used to a new director. "While we were very successful this year, there is always room for improvement, and I can't wait to get started next year!" says band director Tim Foreman.

By: Jen Quinn



(I most enjoy) "the supportive environment and the supreme challenges."

-Sam Stocker, '01



(I most enjoy) "playing the music and being involved in the many different activities."

- Samuel Beaubien, '01

Concert Band



Above: Freshman Rebecca Kirkman comes into Concert Band after a long night of practicing and proceeds to nail her solo.



Above: Troy Shipman, Ryan Gates, Dan Marlle, Jeremy Benson, Ashley Turner, Richard Morrow, Jonathon June, Levi Jenson, Nathan Enochs, Bryan Yamasaki, Haleigh Horsley, Eric Baccus, Paul Nagrant, Vivien Zuber, Caitlyn Houston, Claire White, Colleen Naughton, Megan Thompson, Audrey Englehart, Mike Fassano, Nicole Heledga, Rebecca Kirkman, Director Timothy Foreman

For those incoming freshmen who are undecided of whether or not they want to be involved with the music program here at Dondero, joining Concert Band can very easily help them to make this decision. Concert Band, also having Tim Foreman as their talented director, is a second hour class solely filled with freshmen. Concert Band member Richard Morrow says, "I decided to join Concert Band because I have played an instrument my whole life, and it was just the next thing to do." The idea of joining this band is appealing to many different people for various reasons: meeting new people, playing in front of an audience, and the enjoyment of being a part of the band are just a few of these reasons. Director Tim Foreman says, "Having a Concert Band really helps to develop a strong and experienced Symphony Band for years to come."

By Jen Quinn



(I most enjoyed) "meeting new people and playing in front of an audience."

-Colleen Naughton, '04



(I most enjoy) "the closeness between people. It's just a fun environment!"

-Richard Morrow, '04



Above: Symphony Orchestra students, April Benson and Kelsey Ewald play their instruments with ease. The music that they generate is enjoyable for everyone!

Symphony Orchestra

“Being a part of Dondero’s music department can be a very rewarding experience,” says, junior Julie Budnick. Symphony Orchestra consists of many students who audition to become a member of this incredibly talented group of musicians. They also meet with selected members of the Symphony Band one day during the week to practice their music. They also meet everyday during first hour to practice for any upcoming concerts. They perform at all orchestra concerts, the Collage Concert, and the Winter Choir Concert.

Chamber Orchestra

Selected members of the Symphony Orchestra and Concert Orchestra can be a part of what is called the Chamber Orchestra. These talented musicians meet together once a week before school in Dondero’s auditorium and perform at festivals and orchestra concerts. Katherine Lamb, ‘01, says, “It has given me a lot of insight into the effectiveness of teamwork and cooperation.”



Above: Juniors, Marianne Tassone and Jennifer Kaiser take a moment from one of their vigorous Chamber Orchestra practices to smile for the camera. These girls know how to work hard and have fun at the same time.



“It’s not always about the audience. I play the cello for me.”
-April Benson, ‘01



Above: Symphony Band, Front to Back: Katherine Lamb, Jennifer Kaiser, Andrew Wissman, Christopher Marsh, Joy Schultz, Sarah Kendall, Kelsey Ewald, April Benson, Emily Ganolfi, Sara Fenwick, Elizabeth Rizza, David Benivento, Lindsey Edgar, Melanie Flynn, Sarah Herzberg, Jennifer Edington, Anne Petrimoux, Heather Flynn, Alex Kergan, Mark Waskowski, Alice Lyon, Gabrielle Poshadlo, Erin Scafoni, Michael Nelson, Deanna Miller, Kari Barr, Melissa Carafelly, Ashley Phillips, Rebecca Kipp, Julie Budnick, Melanie Aldenbrandt, Rachel Gardiner, Holly Jones, Matthew Rautio, Kyle Irving, Andrea Champagne, Samuel Beaubien, Bryan Beebe, Joseph Langdorff, Robert Thomas, Rachel Neivelt, Sarah Hillawi, Daniel Erickson, Charles Hooker, Matthew West



Above: Chamber Orchestra, Front to Back: Jennifer Kaiser, Gabrielle Poshadlo, Katherine Lamb, April Benson, Michael Kiesel, Christopher Marsh, Andrew Wissman, Sara Fenwick, Kelsey Ewald, Nicholas Sundberg, Elizabeth Rizza, Paula Simoni, Emily Ganolfi, Erin Scafoni, Joy Schultz, Sarah Kendall, Charles Hooker, Matthew West



(I most enjoy) “Learning how to cooperate with others.”
- Andrew Wissman, ‘01

No Strings Attached

Concert Orchestra

Incoming freshmen who want to be part of Dondero's Orchestra are automatically put into the Concert Orchestra. This is where they begin to develop the skills and talents they will need if they want to continue onto the next level. Concert Orchestra practices during second hour and performs at all Orchestra Concerts here at Dondero. Many students enjoy this class because of its great atmosphere among the members.



Above: Concert Orchestra student, Paula Simoni, pays close attention to her music and her director at the same time. This can be a very difficult task to perfect.



Above: Mr. Milicevic and these talented Fiddle Ensemble students work hard preparing for an upcoming concert. We are sure to be satisfied during any of their performances.

Fiddle Ensemble

Something extra that Symphony and Concert Orchestra members can take part in is the Fiddle Ensemble. Any student can be in this group, as long as they are committed to working hard and putting in a lot of effort. They also must be able to make the weekly Thursday morning rehearsals. "(Fiddle Ensemble) has helped me become more organized. Also, it gives me a break from the normal work week because we can joke around," says junior Jennifer Kaiser. Fiddle Ensemble members express their talents at Orchestra Concerts and the annual Collage Concert.



(I most enjoy) "Having fun!!"
- Kari Barr, '01



Above: Concert Orchestra, Front to Back: Kristin Branstner, Paula Simoni, David Berube, Kristine Toquigne, Audrey Jones, Adam Sarkisian, Julianna Weaver, Nicholas Sundberg, Frances Sarmacki, Katie Kipp, Kallie Komphi, Joel Shank, Jessica Cadwa, Hogan Kangas, Veronica Larke, Christopher Tarr, Katelyn Perkins, Sarah Kendall



Above: Fiddle Ensemble, Front to Back: Jennifer Kaiser, Gabrielle Poshadio, Sara Fenwick, April Benson, Christopher Marsh, Erin Scafoni, Elizabeth Rizza, Emily Gangolfi, Rebecca Kipp, David Benvenuto, Joy Schultz, Charles Hooker, Katelyn Perkins, Sarah Kendall



(I most enjoy) "Being able to perform in front of an audience."
- Veronica Larke, '04

Singing Their Hearts Out



Above: TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Hartsoe, Kevin Aulph, Ashley Heidrich, Sarah Herzberg, Nicole Prunkard, Ian Prukner. BOTTOM ROW: Aileen St. John, Bradley Elliott, Jeanette Harris, Debra Bennett, Christopher Csiscay, Andrea Kendzierski.

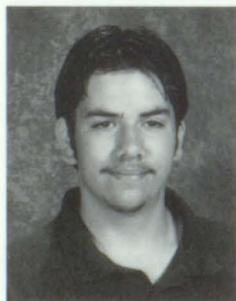


Above: Senior Ashley Heidrich sings with her heart at last year's Pop Concert while singing "Down So Long" by Jewel.

Musical Minority is a group of the best singers here at Dondero. In order to get into the Dondero Musical Minority, you must already be an existing member of A Capella and you have to take a vocal test on your own time. It is difficult to get into this group because Mr. Hartsoe is looking for the best of the best.

Over the course of the year, the Musical Minority performs at many "gigs" outside of their normal school functions. "Gigs" are special appearances they make just for the sheer enjoyment of others. Among these "gigs," they also practice year long for their school performances at the Winter Concert, the Spring Concert, the Collage Concert, and a performance with A Capella at the Fischer Building in downtown Detroit. Being a part of the Musical Minority is a great honor and it is something these students will always remember.

By: Paul Baker



"Singing is a really great experience, and I love getting to miss school when we go on trips!"

-Christopher Csiscay, '02



"I joined Musical Minority because I wanted a challenge, and I wanted to be able to be in a group of incredibly talented people."

-Debra Bennett, '02

Hitting the High Note



Above: Juniors Caitlin Cassady and Andrea Kendziorski sing in their popular duet of "Least Complicated" by the Indigo Girls at last year's Pop Concert.



Above: TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Ian Prukner, Christopher South, Christopher Csicsay, Jonathon Piercey, Bradley Voorhees, Bradley Elliott, Nicholas Byrnes. MIDDLE ROW: Cara Carithers, Jill McWilliams, Jennifer Kaiser, Stacy Peltier, Sarah Hillawi, Jeanette Harris, Caitlin Cassady, Kelly Wilcox, Nicole Prunkard. BOTTOM ROW: Mr. Hartsoe, Catherine Kleiss, Sarah Herzberg, Ashley Heidrich, Aileen St. John, Debra Bennett, Amanda Herrick, Andrea Kendziorski, Emma Farr.

A Capella is a group of some of Dondero's best singers. It takes hard work and determination, as well as a good knowledge of music theory to get into Dondero's A Capella. Only after getting an A on the ten page test about music theory do you get even a chance to have a vocal test. Then, after taking the vocal test and passing, you're a member of A Capella. This is a great achievement for the students who make it into this group of talented musicians.

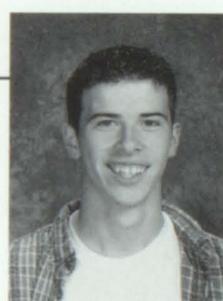
A Capella spends most of their time preparing for the many concerts they perform at here at Dondero. They include the Winter Concert, Pop Concert, Spring Concert, and Collage Concert. They also join Musical Minority for a concert just before Christmas at the Fischer Building.

By: Paul Baker



"For reasons I cannot explain . . . (the famous quote of Mr. Hartsoe."

Jennifer Kaiser, '02



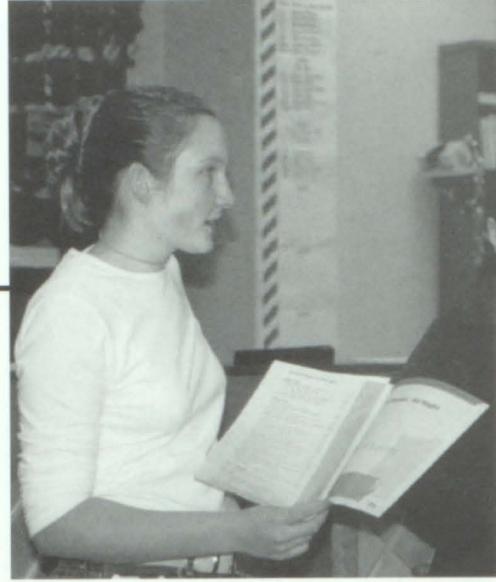
"I love the challenge of singing music that requires brains."

-Kevin Aulph, '02

Mixed And Freshman Choirs



Above: Junior Amanda Docter, seniors Gayle Shrag and Kimberly Terry, and sophomore Tracie Ennes are hard at work during one of their vigorous choir rehearsals.



Above: Freshman Andrea Langdorf has no problem showing great charisma while performing a piece of music.

If you are looking for a way to meet new people and make new friends, joining the Mixed or Freshman Choir might be just the thing you need. There are many singing activities that these two groups of people take part in. They are involved in the Winter and Spring Concerts, Mini-Pop, and the Mixed Choir takes part in a trip to Keller Middle School in May to perform for the 6th through 8th grade students. To prepare for these performances, the choirs first learn the pieces of music, and then spend many hours practicing to perfect them. While Mixed and Freshman Choirs are very similar, they also have some differences. Besides the obvious, that freshman Choir is solely for freshman, Mixed Choir usually has more people with more experience, they usually perform music of more difficulty, and they usually perform more pieces. Also, both choirs take part in Mini-Pop. "There are usually more people from Mixed Choir involved in solos in this particular concert," says choir director, Mr. Hartsoe.

Although there are senior veterans who are very important to the overall ability in Mixed Choir, Mr. Hartsoe believes that a spotlight should not be put on any individual, and that it's the collective whole that makes these two choirs what they are. All the students involved in these two choirs are very happy to be a part of such an important group of people.

By: Jennifer Quinn



"Life is short so suck it up and take it like I do!"

-Gayle Schrag, '01



"Mixed Choir is great! The people are really nice and Mr. Hartsoe is a great teacher!"

-Mary David, '03



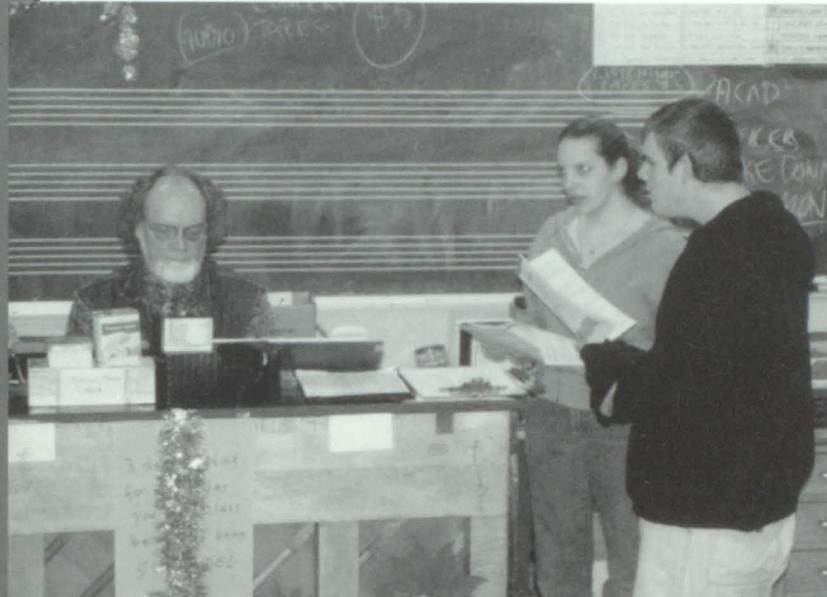
"I met a lot of very nice and hardworking people through choir."

-Elizabeth Gattes '03

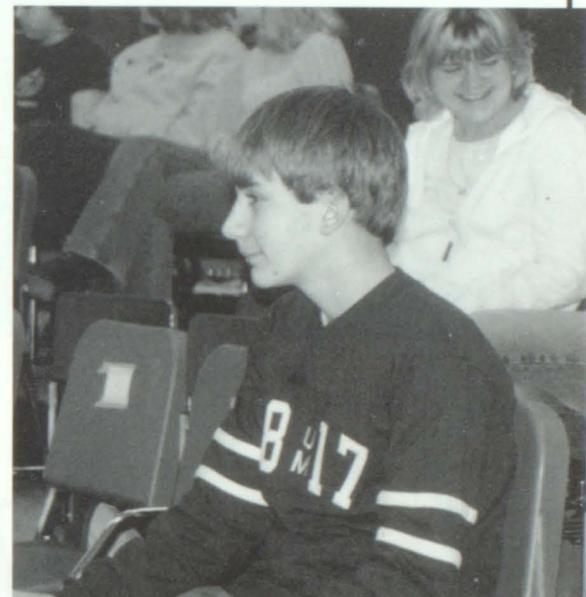


"Mixed Choir is great because we are all very comfortable with each other. Mr. Hartsoe is great...we have so much fun!"

-Tracie Ennes '03



Above: Senior Kathryn Welc and sophomore Regis Kleiss try to impress Mr. Hartsoe with their beautiful singing voices. These two students know exactly what to do to make him happy!



Above: Freshman Matthew Csicsay prepares his vocal cords for another hard practice.



Above: Freshman Robert Hallock strikes a high note in the Freshman Choir.



Above: Freshmen Katie Park, Kellie Weston and Andrea Langdorf are all smiles for Mr. Hartsoe.

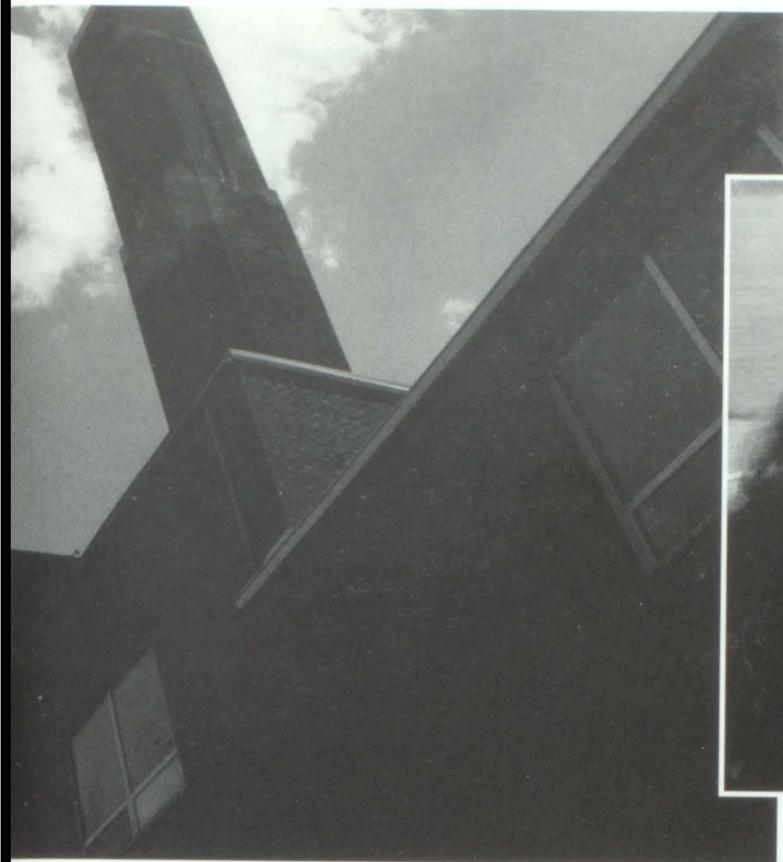


Looking At Our

The community that surrounds Dondero supports the students and is supported in return. Through the students is where the residents can see the community shine through. Royal Oak is one of the trendiest places around, and students started in seventh or eighth grade to help make it what it is today. The unique stores like Axis, Corky's, Isle of Avalon and Cat's Meow prove Royal Oak to be the most popular place to be a patron. People swarm the corners (FOURTH AND MAIN!) slow down traffic, and force community members to stop and take a look.

While Comet, National Coney Island, and Memphis Smoke are the main attractions who can forget the bikers infesting the parking spaces along side Main Street itself? While in comparison to the rustic bikers, the more artsy people can be found at The Main Art Theatre watching films such as the Oscar winning movie American Beauty or independent films such as Dondero graduate Dan Casey's 2000 movie The Makeshift Specter. The student body has many different interests when it comes to where they like to spend their time and money, but Royal Oak provides an extreme variety of choices for us to pick from. Thanks to the community members and business member who support Dondero, making it a great environment.

By: Robin Cooper



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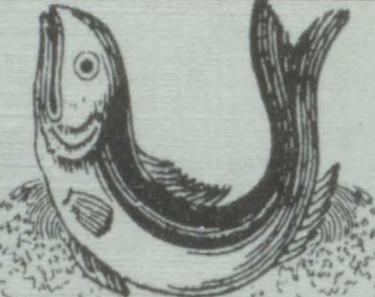
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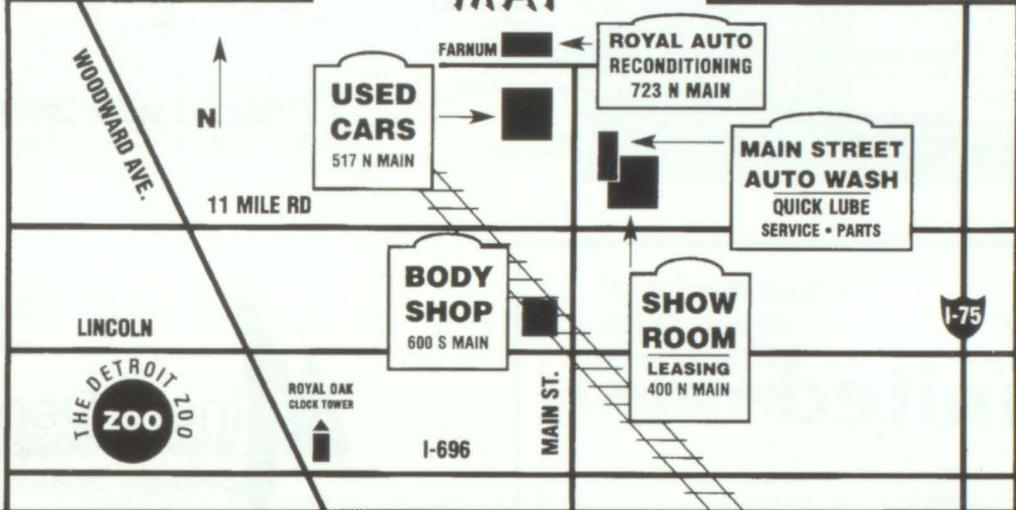
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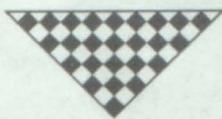
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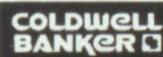
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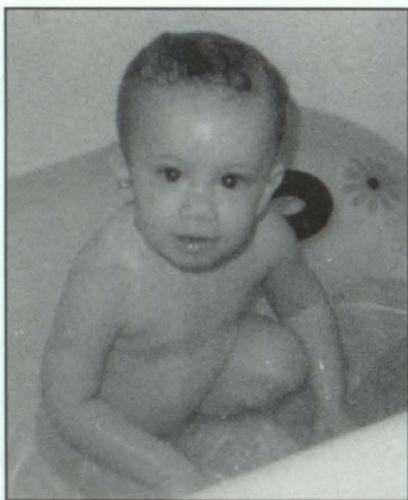


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MOM, DAD, JENNIFER, AND KELLEY

ABOVE: KYLE IRVING



GOD GAVE YOU AS A GIFT TO THE WORLD AND TO US. NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO MOVE TO YOUR NEXT STAGE IN LIFE. BUNKY BOOBERS, WE LOVE YOU DEEPLY, AND WISH FOR YOU EVERYTHING SPECIAL AND WONDERFUL.

MOM AND DAD

ABOVE: KRISTA KAISER



CATHY, WE WILL ALWAYS BE SO PROUD OF YOU. KEEP TO YOUR DREAMS, SPREAD YOUR WINGS, AND FLY LIKE THE HAWK! ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU ARE NEVER ALONE IN OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE AND REMEMBER TO STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE! WE LOVE YOU LOTS!

MOM, DAD, REGIS, AND GRANDMA MILLER

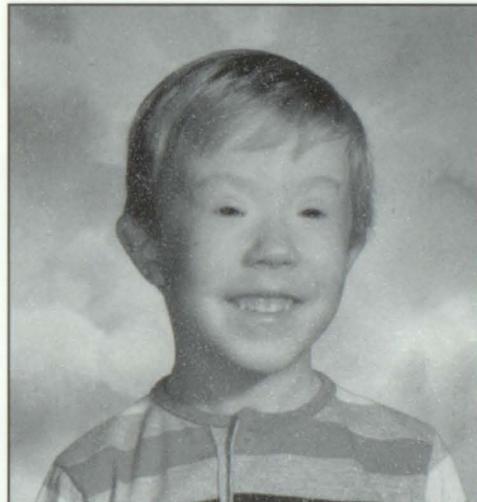
ABOVE: CATHY KLEISS



YOU ARE LAST, BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST, OF ONE OF OUR MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND WE KNOW YOUR FUTURE CAN ONLY BRIGHTEN. REACH FOR THE STARS!

LOVE, MOM, DAD, PAUL, AND JENNIFER

ABOVE: RYAN MATTHEWS



STEVE, NO MATTER WHERE LIFE TAKES YOU, REMEMBER ONE THING: WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU AND BE PROUD OF YOU.

"LIVE LONG AND PROSPER"

LOVE, MOM AND DAD

ABOVE: STEVEN MOBERLY

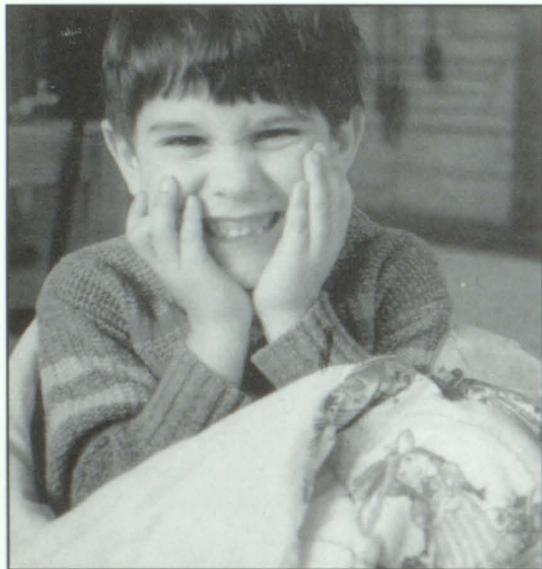


We're so proud of you!!!!
Left: Kerrie Kennedy

You have always
made a difference
in a day, and now
that you're on your
own you'll make a
difference in the
world. Make the
best of what this
world has to offer.

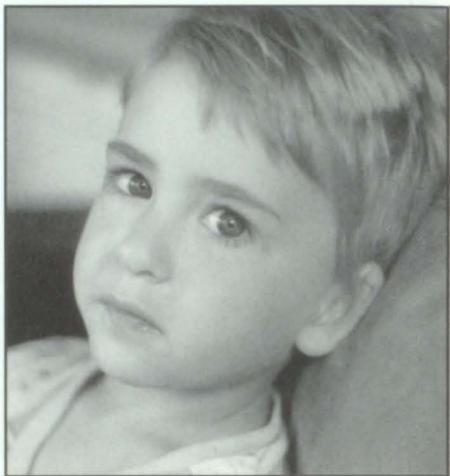
We love you so
very much.
Love, Mom, Derek,
and Megan

Left: Nicole
Sulinski



CONGRATULATIONS. WE
LOVE YOU AND ARE VERY
PROUD OF YOU. KEEP MAKING
BEAUTIFUL MUSIC.
LOVE, MOM AND DAD
LEFT: SAM BEAUBIEN

To our favorite
son and favorite
brother.
Congratulations
on a very
successful high
school career.
We know you'll
have a great
future.
Love, Mom,
Dad, Karly, and
Emily
Right: Kasey
Bell



WE WISH YOU
THE BEST IN YOUR
ARCHITECTURAL
QUEST, AND YOU
HAVE ALL OUR
LOVE AND
SUPPORT FOR
YOUR FUTURE.
LOVE, MOM,
DAD, AND KARA
LEFT: CRYSTAL
GHELDUF

J.J.
Go get em'. You
have worked hard
to achieve all you
set out to do.
Always follow your
dreams and your
heart. We are very
proud of you.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and
Amanda
"GO LIONS"
Right: Jennifer
Herick





SUNSHINE AND ROSES
OUR LITTLE GIRL SITS AND POSES
TIME GOES QUICKLY AS WE SEE HER GROW
MANY SEASONS COME AND GO
SELDOM IS THERE A CLOUD
FOR SHE ALWAYS MAKES US PROUD
THE FLOWER GETS PRETTIER EACH YEAR
NOW TIME HAS COME FOR OUR DEAR

STILL THE SUNSHINE OF OUR EYES
OUR LITTLE GIRL REACHES THE SKY
IT'S CAPS AND GOWNS
ALL SMILES; NO FROWNS
FOR THIS SUMMERTIME
IT'S SUNSHINE AND ROSES
OUR LITTLE GIRL NOW STANDS AND POSES.
LOVE, DAD, MOM, AND MICHAEL

LEFT: MELISSA SMITH



"THAT CAR SURE IS SWEET! I CAN'T WAIT 'TIL I START DRIVING." WELL NOW YOU ARE, AND IT'S ME YOU'RE DRIVING "CRAZY" THAT IS, WORKING TWO JOBS, FINISHING SCHOOL, HELPING ME WITH YOUR TWO SISTERS. I'M PROUD OF YOU, AND I'M HAPPY TO HAVE YOU AS MY DAUGHTER.

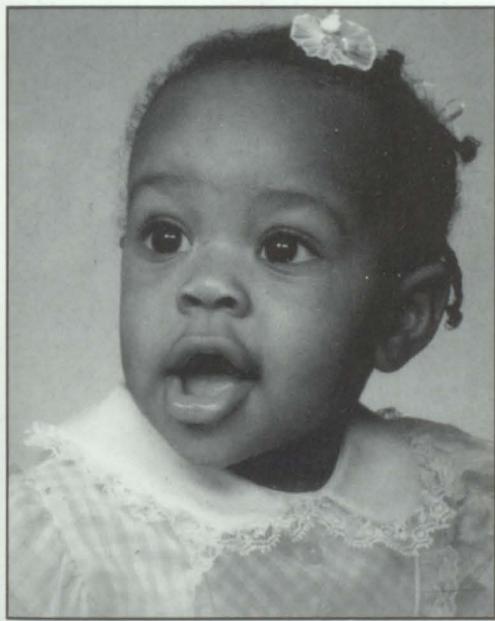
LOVE, DAD

LEFT: BRANDY STANTON



HOW LUCKY WE ARE TO HAVE A DELIGHTFUL DAUGHTER WITH BRAINS, LOOKS, HUMOR, AND GOOD SENSE. YOU HAVE ALWAYS BROUGHT JOY TO THIS FAMILY.
LOVE, MOM, DAD, AND MATT

LEFT: EMILY DRESSLER



Shayla, who would have known that your wonderful smile would bring so many years of pleasure to my life. For you are my wonderful and beautiful daughter, and I'm very proud of you.

Love, "Mom"

Above: Shayla Humphrey



LINDSAY, WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL THAT YOU ARE AND ALL THAT YOU WILL BE. WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. MOM, DAD, AND NICO
LEFT: LINDSAY KENNEDY



Krysta,
Everyday I thank God you are my daughter.
You bring laughter and joy to our family.
You have the ability to get whatever you want out of life.
Reach for the stars.
Love, Mom, Michael, and Joseph
Left: Krysta Butler

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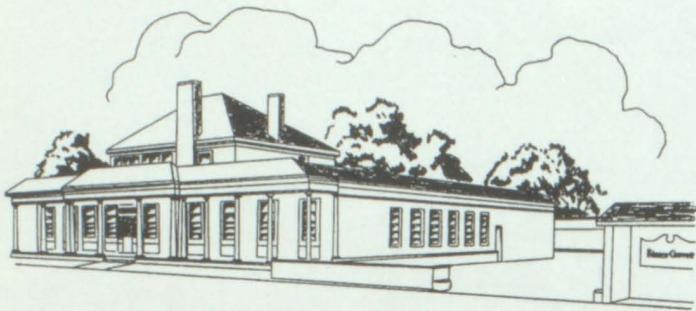
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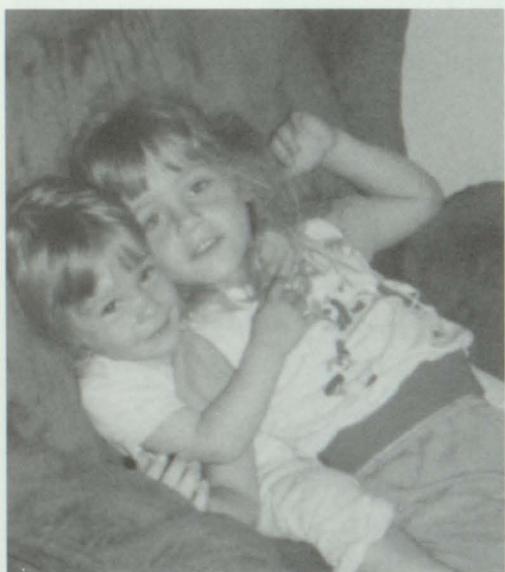
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Dear Deanna,
When I first saw you, I loved you! I have loved you all these years unconditionally. Remember me always and all the good loving times Grandpa, you, and I had.
Love always,
Grandma Maluchnik



Deanna, I am proud of you and your accomplishments throughout your high school years. I will never forget when I got mad at you and told you Chucky lived in your closet and you had to come sleep with me for two whole weeks. I guess the bagel story will just have to remain a mystery! Now since you won't be around so much I'm going to have to beat the dogs up or mom or dad when I get mad because you won't be there. Just remember one thing: you're my best friend!
Love, Stephanie

D darling, daughter, dynamic, dazzling, dirty dancing.

E Everyone's friend, energetic, earnest, empathetic.

A always loving, athletic, achieved, adventurous.

N nice hair, neverending, natural, naive.

N not neat, nervous, nostalgic, nurturing.

A always smiling, affectionate, altruistic, always mine!

I LOVE YOU!
MOM



From the moment I met you I knew you were someone very special. Not only are you so very prevalent to my life, but I see how much you mean to so many other people around you. Congratulations on your accomplished high school career and I look forward to being with you as you start the rest of your life.
My love,
Lee



Deanna,

Throughout your four years, you have accomplished a lot. As always you have kept your head high and kept going through the highs and lows. Just remember to be true to yourself and you will not go wrong.
Love always, Dad



Dear Deanna,

I am very proud of you and the accomplishments that you have made through your high school years. You have become such a beautiful young woman that I know whatever you choose to do in your life, you will be a success. Enjoy your years ahead and always remember I will always be thinking about you. I wish you the best of everything life has to offer. Remember, Aunt Linda will be looking down from the heavens.

Love always,
Grandma Miller



Katie,

Congratulations, graduate!! You are a joy in our lives and an example that if you put your mind to it you can do anything. All the good things in life await you. Your loving and caring spirit has been a joy to us all. We all love you very much.

Love,

Your family



KATIE WELC

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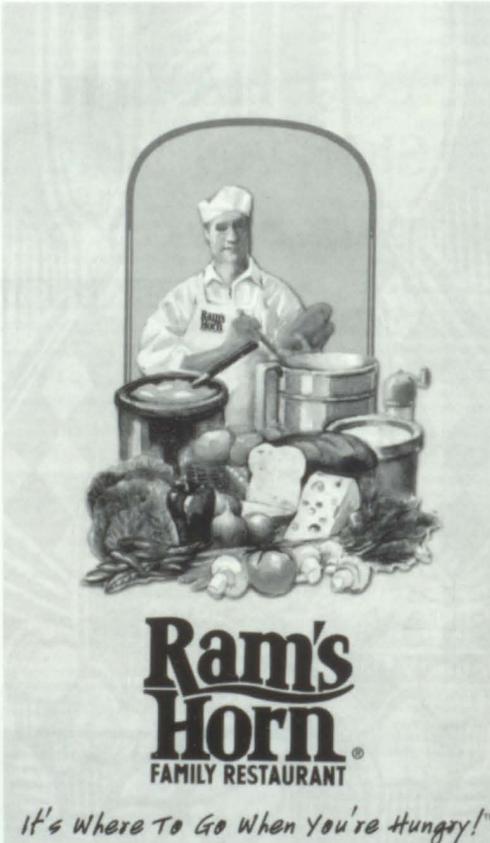
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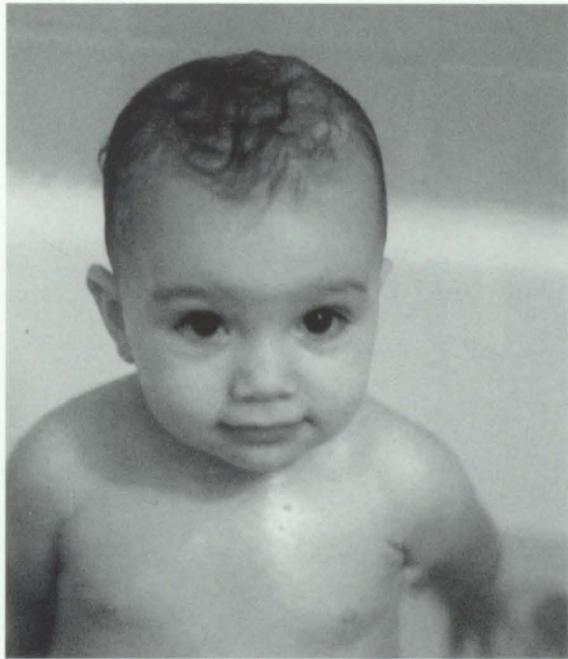
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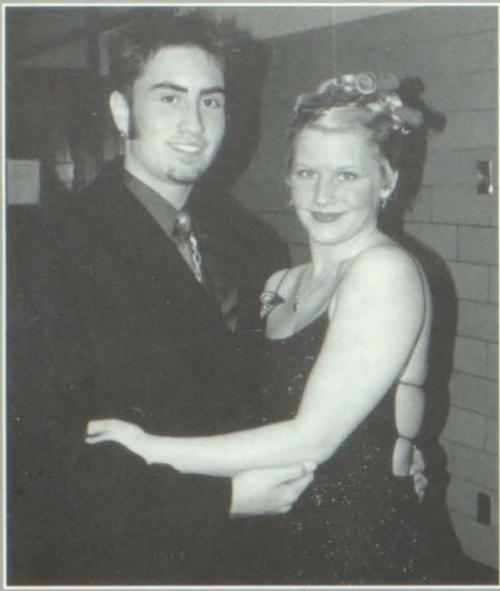
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CONGRATULATIONS JANE! YOUR HARD WORK, DETERMINATION, AND HUMOR HAVE MADE THIS HAPPEN.
ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE LOVE YOU. LOOK OUT WORLD, HERE SHE COMES! PHADA PRIDE!
LOVE, DAD, MOM, TONY, AND PAULA
ABOVE: JANE FADER



TAKING YOUR FIRST STEPS, YOU HAVE NEVER LOOKED BACK SINCE. GOOD LUCK, WE LOVE YOU, MOM, DAD, JOHN, AMY, JOE, MICHELLE, AND FAMILY
ABOVE: THOMAS BEAVERS



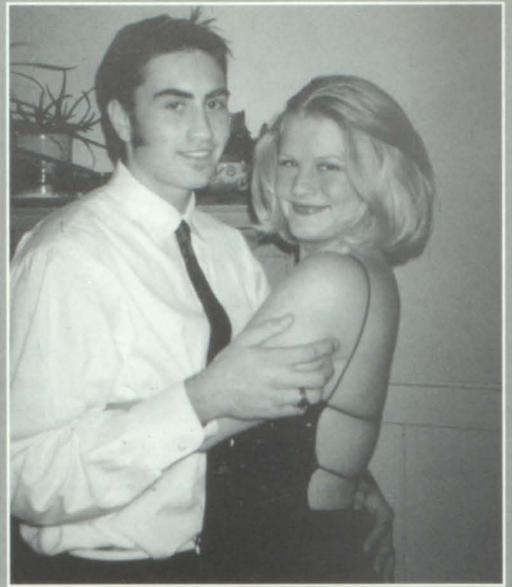
JEFFREY

MY DEAREST LOKI:

FROM THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU, I KNEW THAT THERE WOULD BE A SPECIAL PLACE FOR YOU IN MY LIFE AND IN MY HEART. WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT WE WOULD LATER FALL IN LOVE. YOU ARE THE BEST THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO ME. YOUR SMILES AND HUGS GIVE ME WHAT I NEED TO BE A TRULY HAPPY PERSON. I KNOW THAT YOU LOVE ME AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE THE SAME FOR ME.

LOVE,
YOUR PRINCESS-KOA

LEFT, RIGHT, AND BELOW: JEFFREY WILLIAMS



WILLIAMS



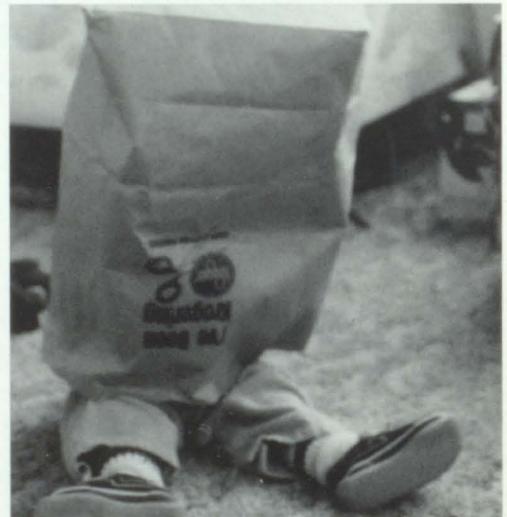
DON'T LET THIS NICE SMILING FACE FOOL YOU. SHE REALLY IS NOTHING MORE THAN THE COOKIE MONSTER IN DISGUISE. LOVE, LUCK, LAUGHTER, AND LOLLIPOPS IS A GOOD RECIPE TO START A NEW LIFE.

LOVE, MOM AND DAD
ABOVE: SARAH HERZBERG



"CONGRATULATIONS." YOUR DAY HAS FINALLY COME, YOU'VE WAITED ALL YOUR LIFE, "AND I MEAN ALL YOUR LIFE." WE'RE VERY PROUD OF YOU, YOU HAVE THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET, AND THE STARS ARE YOUR PLAYGROUND. REMEMBER THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO. WE LOVE YOU!

MOM AND DAD
ABOVE: HEATHER HAWKINS



PABLO, WE ALWAYS KNEW THOSE BIG FEET AND LONG LEGS WOULD COME IN HANDY FOR TRACK AND SOCCER! GO-PABLO!
MOM, DAD, SCOTT, AND DAVID
ABOVE: PAUL CADDY



MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK AND MAY
GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.
LOVE, MOM
ABOVE: MICHELLE BOITEAU



MEGAN, KEEP YOUR EYES TO THE FUTURE, BUT NEVER BE AFRAID
TO EMBRACE YOUR PAST. YOU'VE COME SO FAR- WE CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE WHAT LIES AHEAD. YOU MAKE US SO VERY PROUD.
LOVE, MOM AND DAD
ABOVE: MEGAN LLAMAS

CONGRATULATIONS,
HOLLY, ON YOUR GRADUATION
FROM DONDERO-GO
OAKS! YOU NOT ONLY SUR-
VIVED SENIOR YEAR, BUT
THRIVED- DRUM MAJOR,
HOMECOMING COURT,
QUATERBACK FOR POWDER
PUFF! WE'RE SO VERY
PROUD OF THE BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN YOU'VE BECOME.
LOVE, MOM AND KEVIN
ABOVE: HOLLY JONES



CONGRATULATIONS, JUS-
TIN. WE'RE PROUD OF
YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND
LOOK FORWARD TO A
GREAT MANY MORE IN
YOUR FUTURE.
LOVE, MOM AND DAD
RIGHT: JUSTIN MEISTER



TAMARA, FROM THE DAY YOU WERE
BORN WE HAVE ANTICIPATED WITH EX-
CITEMENT SEVERAL CHALLENGES YOU
WOULD ENCOUNTER. THE FIRST GOAL
BEING YOUR FIRST STEPS, AND IDENTI-
FYING EACH OF US IN OUR PROPER ROLES
AS MOMMY, DADDY, AND GRANNY.
YOU HAVE ACHIEVED THIS IN YOUR
NORMAL GRACE, WITH LITTLE DIFFI-
CULTY. WE'VE PROUDLY WATCH YOU
PREPARE FOR YOUR HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION. WE LOOK AT YOUR
SUCCESSES AS WELL AS YOUR DIFFI-
CULTIES AND NOT ONLY SAY THAT WE
LOVE YOU, BUT JOB WELL DONE!
MOMMY, DADDY, GRANNY
LEFT: TAMARA SUTTON

TWO THUMBS UP!
WAY TO GO,
POOKIE! WE
LOVE YOU!
MOM, DAD, AND
LISA
RIGHT: ANDREW
JANIK





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JENNY,

SEEMS LIKE JUST YESTERDAY YOU WERE OUR LITTLE BABY GIRL, AND TODAY YOU'RE A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS YOU ALWAYS MADE US SMILE AND MADE US SO VERY PROUD OF YOU. REMEMBER, AS YOU GO OFF TO COLLEGE, THAT YOU'LL BE GOING WITH ALL OUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. KEEP SMILING JEN, AND KNOW THAT WE LOVE YOU..

LOVE, MOM AND DAD





DEAR NICOLE,

ALL THE PRIDE I FEEL WHEN I LOOK AT YOU CAN'T BE SUMMARIZED IN A FEW SHORT LINES. YOU ARE TRULY A BEAUTIFUL PERSON INSIDE AND OUT. YOU'RE LOVING, KIND, COMPASSIONATE, AND SINCERELY CARE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR FELLOW MAN. THE WORLD IS IN GOOD HANDS WITH PEOPLE LIKE YOU IN IT. I HAVE NO DOUBT YOU WILL DO WELL IN YOUR LIFE. CONGRATULATIONS!

LOVE, MOM, MICHELLE, DON, AND TODD

"ABILITY IS WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF DOING. MOTIVATION DETERMINES HOW WELL YOU DO IT." - LOU HOLTZ

ABOVE LEFT AND RIGHT: NICOLE PRUNKARD



MICHAEL,

NO MATTER HOW TALL AND SMART YOU GET, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY SUNSHINE.
LOVE YOU, MOM

MICHAEL,

NO MATTER HOW IT'S COMPUTED, YOU'VE MADE US PROUD PARENTS. YOU'RE SURE TO CLEAR ANY HURDLES YOU COME UP AGAINST AND STAY ON TRACK TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS. WE KNOW YOU'LL STAND TALL AT MSU NEXT YEAR.

LOVE, MOM AND JEFF

ABOVE LEFT AND RIGHT: MICHAEL VOLK



JESSIE, YOU HAVE FILLED OUR LIVES WITH SUCH JOY. WITH YOUR DETERMINATION, COURAGE, AND GOOD HEART, WE KNOW YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WILL BE ENDLESS. WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU.

LOVE YOU,

MOM, DAD, AND JUSTIN

ABOVE: JESSIE KNAPP



CONGRATS ASHLEY! EACH DAY IS A STEPPING STONE ON A PATH TO THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. IT'S AN ADVENTURE, BUT YOU'VE GIVEN EVERYONE GREAT REWARDS JUST KNOWING YOU. THE WORLD IS YOURS, TAKE A LEAP INTO YOUR FUTURE. WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE,

MOM, BIG JOHN, KELLI, DEVON, JOHN AND JESSICA

ABOVE: ASHLEY WALKER



M.A.C.

OUR YEARS WITH YOU HAVE BEEN A TREAT- YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN ONE TO SHARE... THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES AND THE BEST FOR YOU ALWAYS!

YOUR FAMILY

ABOVE: MELISSA CARAFELLY



DEAR DAUGHTER,

ALWAYS REMEMBER; OUR DEEPEST FEAR IS NOT THAT WE ARE INADEQUATE. OUR DEEPEST FEAR IS THAT WE ARE POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE. IT IS OUR LIGHT, NOT OUR DARKNESS, THAT MOST FRIGHTENS US. WE ASK OURSELVES, WHO AM I TO BE BRILLIANT, GORGEOUS, TALENTED AND FABULOUS? ACTUALLY, WHO ARE YOU NOT TO BE? YOU ARE OUR DAUGHTER. SHINE ON ALWAYS.



HERC, YOU MADE IT!! CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE MOM AND DAD

GOOD LUCK MARK! LOVE MARTY

HERC, YOU DID IT! YAY...

LOVE MARA

ABOVE: MARK WASKOWSKI



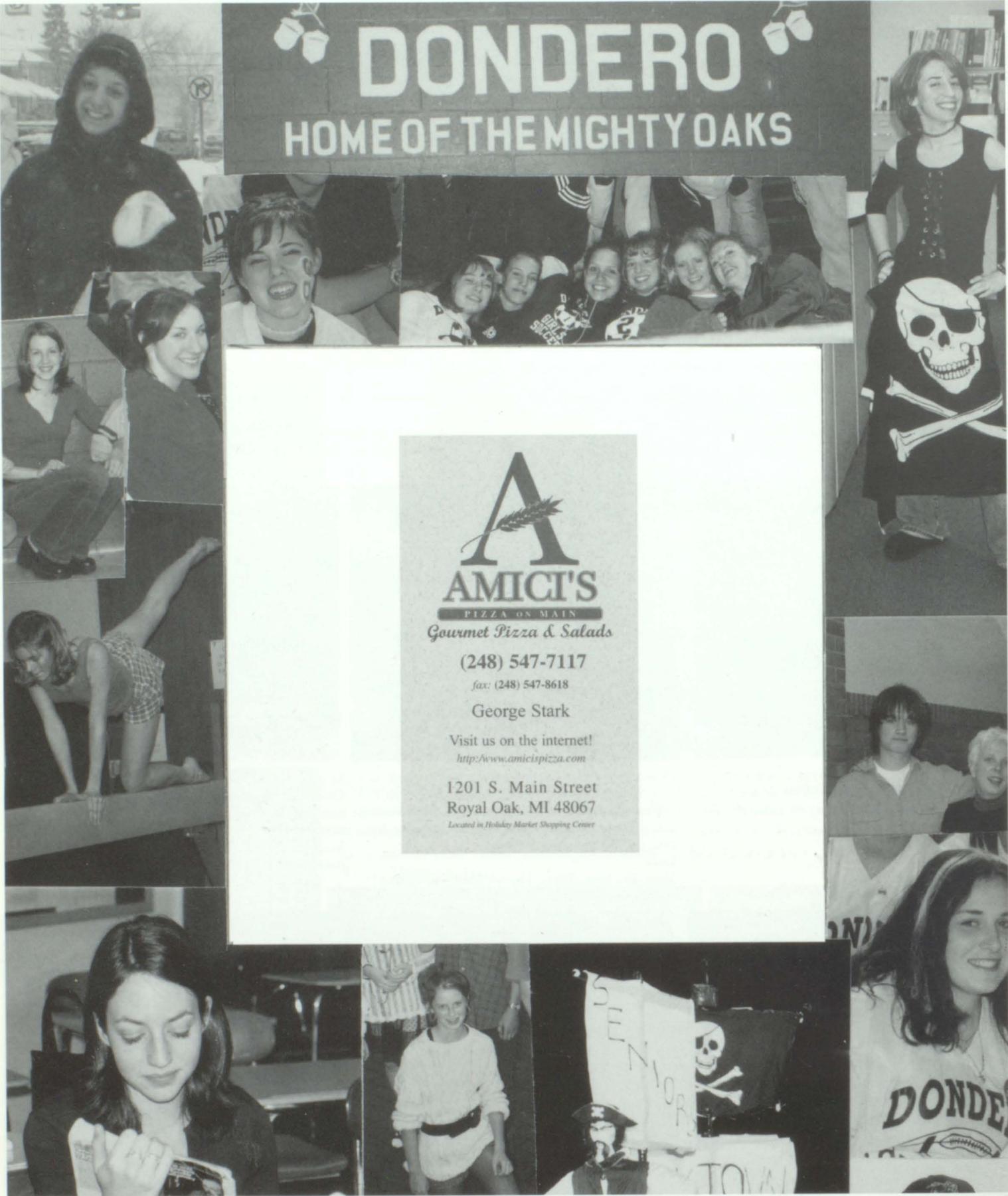
AMANDA,

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE ALWAYS,

MOM AND DAD

ABOVE: AMANDA GNEIWEK



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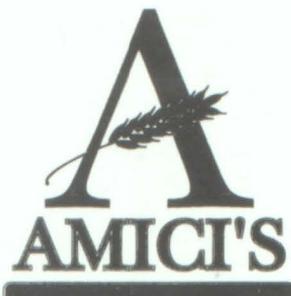
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Jalapeño Peppers
Banana Peppers
Onions
Spinach
Artichokes
Tomatoes
Scallions
Green Peppers
Pineapple
Walnuts
Olives: Green or Black

Cheeses:

Mozzarella
Monterey Jack
Parmesan
Fontinella • Ricotta



Meats:

Pepperoni
Italian Sausage
Anchovies
Bacon • Ham

Premium Items:

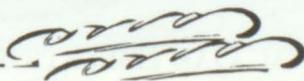
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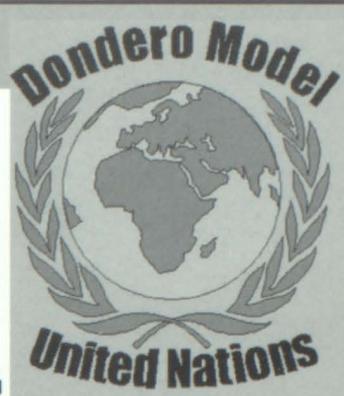
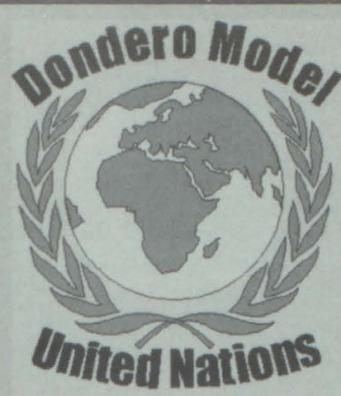
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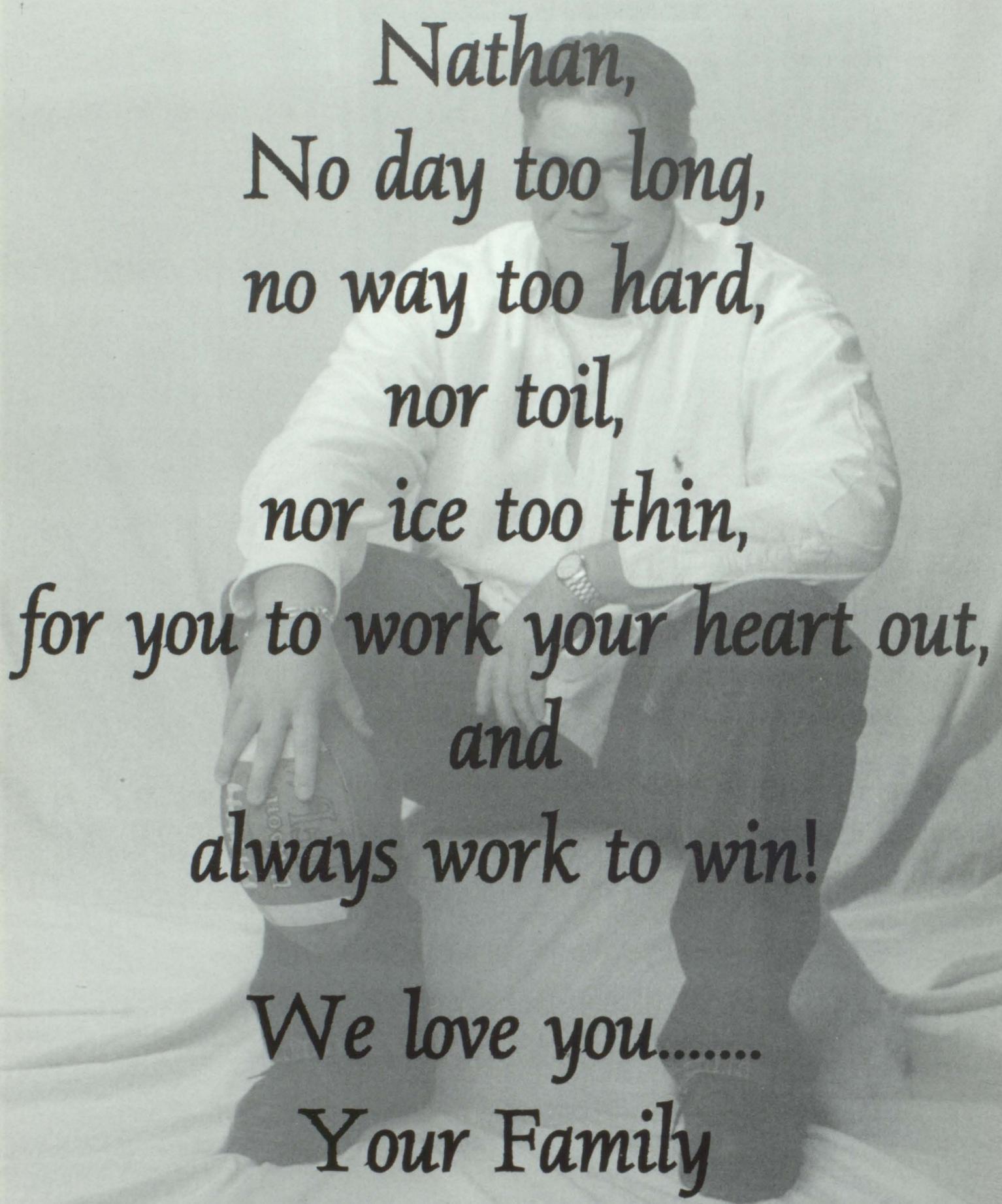
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I LOOK BACK ON SO MANY MEMORIES OVER THE LAST YEAR AND FOR SOME THE LAST FOUR YEARS: RETREAT, HOMECOMING, HOLIDAY BANQUET, VBM, AND THE LIST CONTINUES. WE'VE CRIED, LAUGHED, TRAVELED OVER MANY MILES, PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES, MADE NEW FRIENDSHIPS, SHAVED STREETER'S HEAD (THANKS AMANDA), AND CREATED A LOT OF "OH, YEARS!" FOR THE DHS STUDENT BODY. YOU'RE FANTASTIC! JUST COUPLE OF PARTING THOUGHTS FROM STREETER: IN YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE REMEMBER TWO SAYINGS I LOVE:

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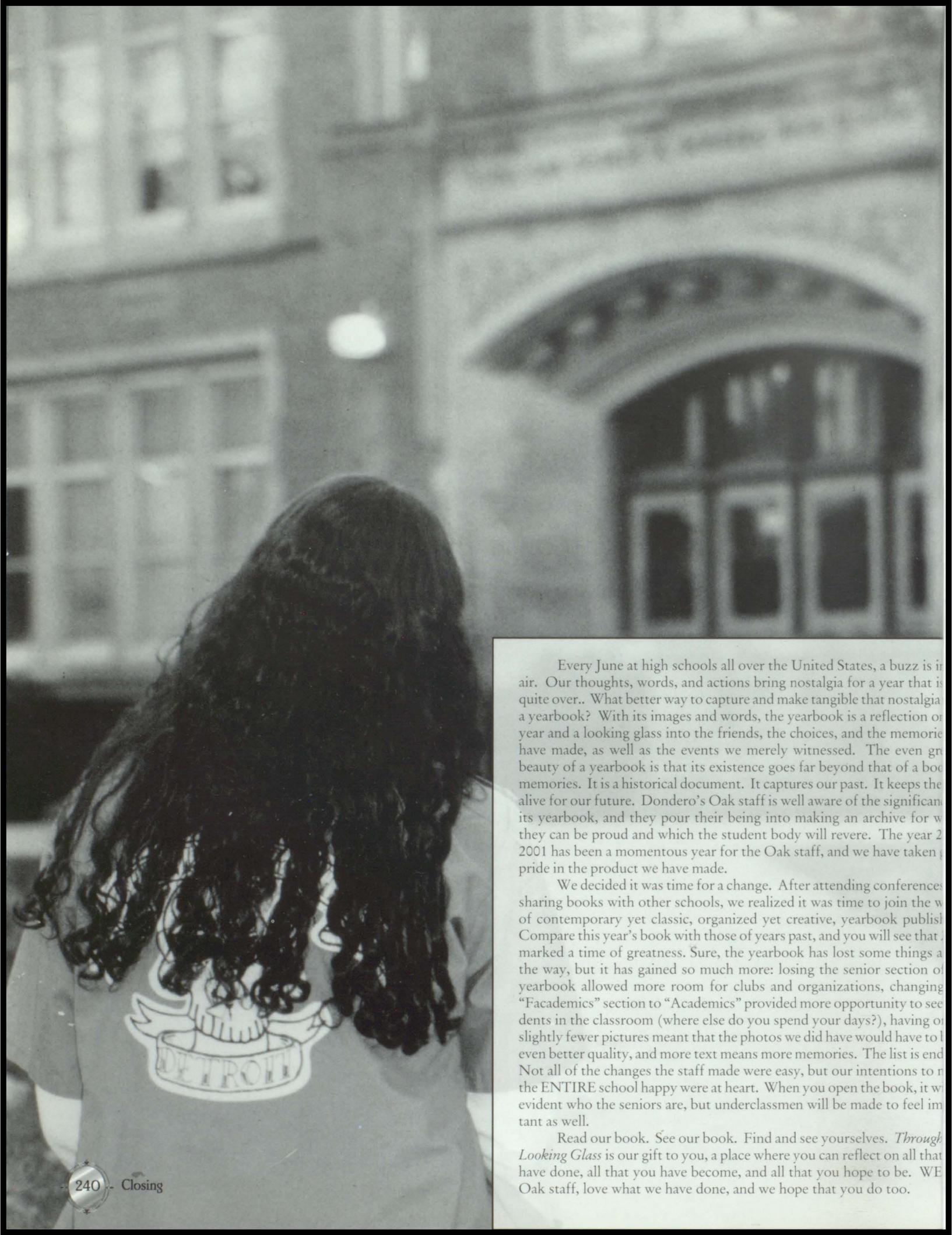
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Every June at high schools all over the United States, a buzz is in the air. Our thoughts, words, and actions bring nostalgia for a year that is quite over.. What better way to capture and make tangible that nostalgia than a yearbook? With its images and words, the yearbook is a reflection of a year and a looking glass into the friends, the choices, and the memories we have made, as well as the events we merely witnessed. The even greater beauty of a yearbook is that its existence goes far beyond that of a book of memories. It is a historical document. It captures our past. It keeps the past alive for our future. Dondero's Oak staff is well aware of the significance of its yearbook, and they pour their being into making an archive for what they can be proud and which the student body will revere. The year 2001 has been a momentous year for the Oak staff, and we have taken great pride in the product we have made.

We decided it was time for a change. After attending conferences sharing books with other schools, we realized it was time to join the world of contemporary yet classic, organized yet creative, yearbook publishing. Compare this year's book with those of years past, and you will see that it has marked a time of greatness. Sure, the yearbook has lost some things along the way, but it has gained so much more: losing the senior section of the yearbook allowed more room for clubs and organizations, changing the "Facademics" section to "Academics" provided more opportunity to see students in the classroom (where else do you spend your days?), having only slightly fewer pictures meant that the photos we did have would have to be of even better quality, and more text means more memories. The list is endless. Not all of the changes the staff made were easy, but our intentions to make the ENTIRE school happy were at heart. When you open the book, it will be evident who the seniors are, but underclassmen will be made to feel important as well.

Read our book. See our book. Find and see yourselves. *Through Looking Glass* is our gift to you, a place where you can reflect on all that you have done, all that you have become, and all that you hope to be. WE, the Oak staff, love what we have done, and we hope that you do too.

