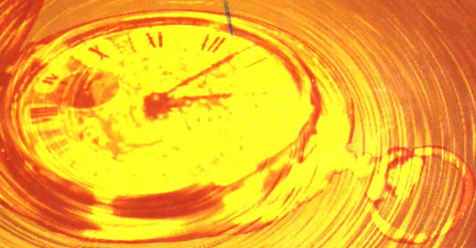


# Reliving the Moment



H-Lights 2003



## **First Moments**

It all began with the first bell.

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## **Stage Two**

As the semester ended, we were almost a step ahead.

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## **Times Three**

Time raced on as we passed the half-way point.

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## **And As Time Ran Out**

The time came to count down the days.

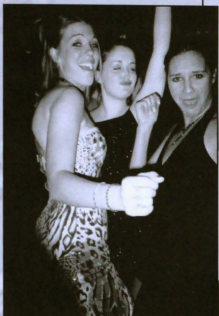
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# RELIVING THE MOMENT

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Seniors Mary Beth Jankowski and Lora Richey take time out of class to pose for a picture sitting in one of Mr. Wells' language art class's homemade teepees. The girls decided they needed to incorporate some

fun before they went to work in yearbook class.

Staff Photo

Junior Shane Provost concentrates on strumming his guitar as part of the instrumental music group at a school mass. Many students put their talents to good use by participating in the mass as part of the liturgical

ensemble, playing an instrument, or singing in the choir. Each person's involvement gave a special touch to each part of mass.

Photo by Mary Nelson



# Unique Moments

When reliving the moments in our past, we must know how everything began. Whether we know the date, time, or place, each single event made its own significant impact on the year. The 2003 school year can not be described in one single story. Instead, it was a collage of moments that all came together to create a novel of memories.

The year was full of happy and exciting moments. In sports, the boys' cross-country team went to semi-state for the first time. This accomplishment was soon followed by many more as the wrestling team sent another team to state for the ninth year in a row. Even boys' swimming and diving, a first-year team, sent senior Nick Moll to state after a second place finish at

sectionals and eighth at regionals.

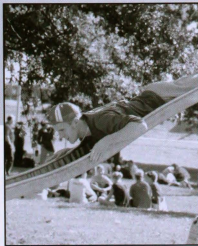
Sports weren't the only things that gave us exciting moments. The speech team had the biggest turnout of participants in years and went on to lead the team to a victory over the challenging Reitz panthers. Ensemble members proved that size doesn't matter as they went on to achieve Division I and II rankings at state competitions.

However, no year can go over perfectly. We were unexpectedly faced with the challenges of having no principal and also rearranging the school calendar because of snow days. The parts we each played in getting through these challenges allowed us to write our own story, giving us just a few more moments to relive.

Kelsey Wannemuehler '03



Junior Matt Halbig prepares to receive communion at one of the Mater Dei school masses. Many teachers are looked upon as role models because of their continued involvement during church. Senior students who decide to become Eucharistic Ministers are also admired by the faculty and student body.  
Photo by Mary Nelson



The Mater Dei student body cheers enthusiastically as the varsity football team gives their all against the Castle Knights. Students continuously attended the games to cheer on the players and have a fun time with friends.  
Staff Photo

Senior Dave Lappe takes a relaxing slide down during the 7 and 1/2 mile Walk-A-Thon at Howell Park. Every year the whole school made a stop at Howell Park for a drink and short rest before finishing the walk back to Mater Dei. The Walk-A-Thon proved to always be a great fundraiser for each class, while providing a shortened day of school with free dress for everyone.  
Photo by Brittini Herron

# Continued Support



Mrs. Linda Denstorff, class of 1973 and mother of Hallie and Jenna Denstorff, and Mrs. Mary Jo Musgrave, class of 1972 and mother of Tyler Musgrave, rearrange and dust the volleyball trophies and trophy case at campus clean-up in August. Not only students help get the school ready, but parents chip in their time and effort to make Mater Dei look its best.

Photo provided by Sister Jane Michelle McClure

Professional golfer Brian Tennyson, class of 1980, gives a quick golf lesson before the Tradition Classic Golf Scramble. It's alumni like Tennyson who make it possible for the Alumni to earn a profit and be successful in their fundraisers.

Photo provided by Sister Jane Michelle McClure



ECHS President Robert Wehde converses with Mater Dei alumni at the "Treasure the Tradition" campaign kickoff. Thanks to the MDFAA's contributions and tremendous efforts, Mater Dei continues to grow and function as a high standing school and community.

Photo provided by Sister Jane Michelle McClure

As we relive the moments in our lives, we often forget about the people who made those moments possible. Many people donate to Mater Dei and a few in particular should be recognized for their contributions.

Back in 1985, the Mater Dei Friends and Alumni Association was created to help fund much needed improvements around our school. Starting with updates to the boys' locker room and parking lot, the MDFAA continues to work at bettering our school and it's environment.

The MDFAA kicks the year off with a campus clean-up day to beautify the school grounds. Throughout the school year they fund supplies, equipment, and capital improvements, providing the best learning environment possible. And as the school year draws to a close, they host a breakfast for the seniors,

honoring their achievements and awarding the MDFAA scholarship.

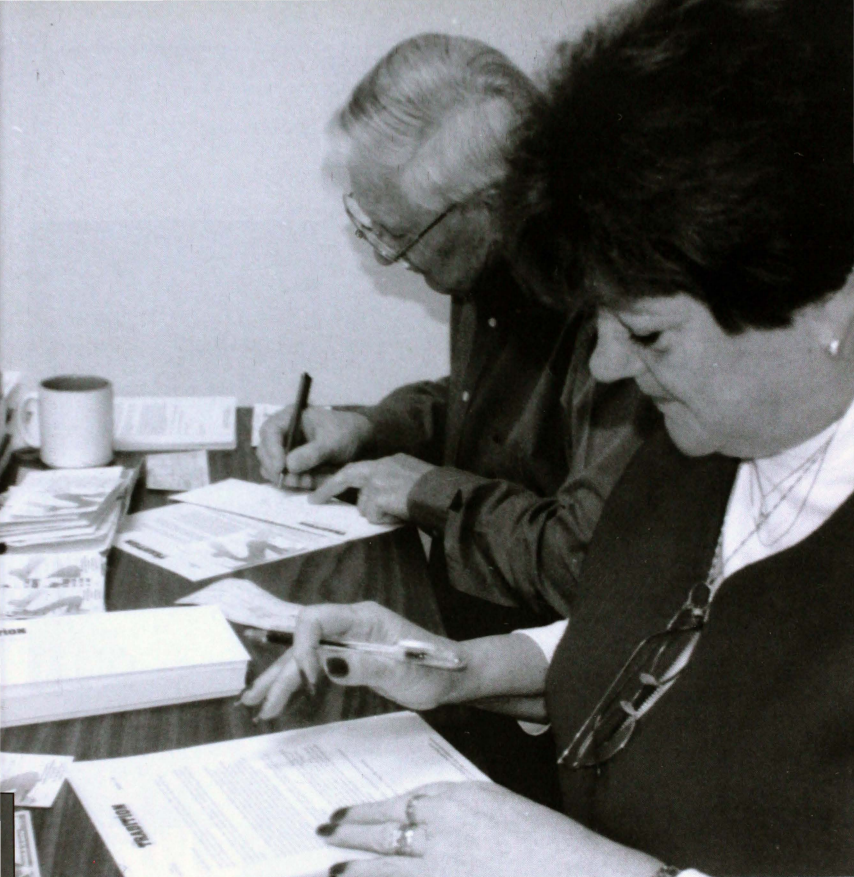
The MDFAA is more than just a source of funding; it is the manifestation of the care and commitment that supports this Mater Dei family. These parents, alumni, friends and supporters wish for this school to continue to thrive and for the students here to share in the community that binds them together.

For their efforts, we dedicate this book to the MDFAA. It is just a small token of the appreciation that we have for what they do out of the kindness of their heart and the faith that they have developed in, from, and through Mater Dei. Without their continuing hard work and dedication, reliving the moments would not be possible.

Mary Nelson '03







On a hot day in August, Sister Jane Michelle, class of 1967, cleans the cracks of door frames during the MD campus clean-up. Alumni cleaned not only the door frames, but also walls, floors and removed

weeds in the landscaping. The MDFAA also called upon students to help clean, allowing them to start the year off with some easy service hours. Photo provided by Sister Jane Michelle McClure

Mrs. Janice Schuble sorts tickets and money for the monthly lottery as Mr. Allen Schmitt addresses envelopes to mail to lottery participants. Schuble and Schmitt spent countless hours at the Alumni office on

the Memorial campus organizing lottery money and tickets. Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski







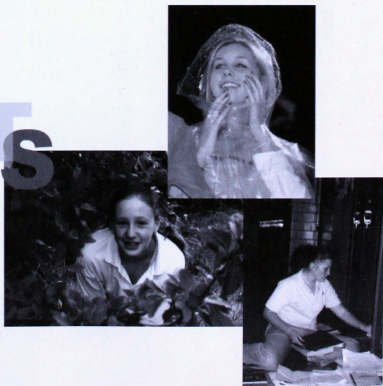
As we unwillingly trudged back into the hallways after months of sun, it was back to the grind. The chimes rang, the freshman hallway was jammed with over 160 greenies, the corridors were filled with students bunched in groups talking, and suddenly it seemed as if summer break had been 10 *days* instead of 10 weeks. Going to class seemed automatic; we filed into the lunchroom automatically when the chimes signaled; it seemed like the same routine.

But as the days went on, we lived through the moments that made us see this year as our *own*—moments that defined our seasons and separated this fall from previous ones in our memories. While the dance cats spent time fundraising for their first ever trip to nationals in Florida, the drama department spent countless hours producing their crowd pleasing fall production of "I Take This Man." Due to overwhelming interest, we saw the creation of two new clubs, Without and Smart Moves as well as the inspiration to create three new diverse classes: Drama, Ministry, and Art History. The fall sport teams spent the long summer days practicing to be champions, including the girls' cross-country team who sent a runner one step farther to state finals, and the girls' soccer team who had an unprecedented win over Memorial.

The experiences each person at Mater Dei went through are as different and unique as they are. Moments like these set the tone for the rest of the year.

# 1<sup>st</sup> MOMENTS

*From the very first chimes, we created a patchwork of moments that defined our year.*



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 Adler, Joshua  
 Adler, Kyle  
 Alexander, Kathleen  
 Anderson, Steven  
 Appler, Penny



Armstrong, Daniel  
 Arnold, Joseph  
 Babcock, Jaci  
 Baumgart, Daniel  
 Bell, Ariel



Berneking, Meghan  
 Bittner, Tyler  
 Bohleber-Schenk, Brittney  
 Branson, Robert  
 Brundage, Matthew  
 Burkeen, Alicia



Butler, Joseph  
 Capshaw, Charles  
 Catt, Cassidy  
 Clements, Branden  
 Clements, Calvin



Clements, Kyle  
 Correa, Jacob  
 Coudret, Christopher  
 Cox, Amanda  
 Crowe, Aaron  
 Dausman, Benjamin



Deig, Brandon  
 Deig, Cassandra  
 DeVault, Brian  
 Dick, Julia  
 Dingman, Wesley



Edwards, Alyssa  
 Egli, Jamie  
 Eickhoff, Jonathan  
 Eickhoff, Matthew  
 Elliott, Kevin  
 Elpers, Brittani



Going through the food line during the Greenie Weenie Day festivities, freshmen fill their plates with hamburgers and chips. This is a day for seniors to show the freshmen they are truly green.  
 Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski



Elpers, Emily  
 Elpers, Jaci  
 Elpers, Nicole  
 Elsner, Danielle  
 Farny, Nicholas  
 Fehrenbacher, Aaron

# Freshmen celebrate being green

10:20 a.m. - September 30, 2002

BAND FIELD



High green spirits raced out the doors. The suspense was finally lifted as the secrets were revealed. Greenie Weenie Day activities began, starting the freshmen initiation.

"They are the new foundation every year, the new tradition of Mater Dei," Dean of Students Mrs. Darlene Quinlin said about the freshmen.

Mary Nelson, senior class president, defined Greenie Weenie Day as, "A day that we recognize the freshmen for being so green."

Greenie Weenie Day started out like a normal day. "We started getting called out of homeroom around 10:20 that day. I didn't know what to expect and I was scared of

what they might do to us," said freshman Allie Raben. "We got shirts thrown at us and we had to get signatures on them before we could eat. That helped us get to know our classmates and the seniors because we had to go up and ask them to sign our shirts."

"The free food and getting out of class" was the universal answer to what the best part of the day was.

Quinlin and senior class officer Laura Pritchett agreed, "It is a great way to welcome the freshmen and help them ease into their freshman role at Mater Dei."

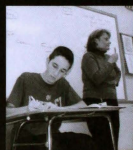
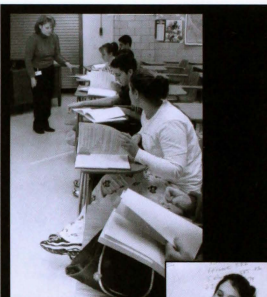
The majority of the freshmen felt that "Greenie Weenie Day should become a tradition because it was fun."

Quinlin agreed, "Freshman year is a big transition year for the students. Most of them come from a small feeder school and being thrown into 180 students is hard. This is their welcoming into our community. We hope that making the students' freshman year positive and successful will carry over to their senior year."

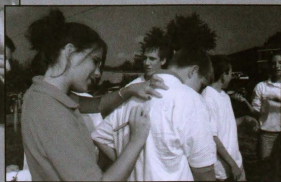
Freshman Derek Lappe stated, "Greenie Weenie Day was fun and a great learning experience. Hopefully more activities will come along and it will become an all day event."

Kelly Johnson '05

Senior Cody Reddington signs the back of freshman Ryan Schnarre's shirt. Seniors decorated the freshmen's shirts with green markers and silly sayings.  
 Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski



"It's all about students helping other students," said two-year member junior Katie Scheller of peer mediation. Peer mediation is a confidential way for students to solve their problems without the gossip and dramatic explosions of their friends. It helps both parties come to a middle ground to solve their differences. Peer mediation is a good way for students to help out their fellow classmates in a safe and supportive setting.  
 Photos by Kristi Wilsman and Katie Scheller

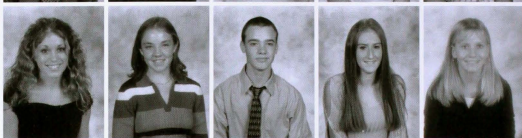




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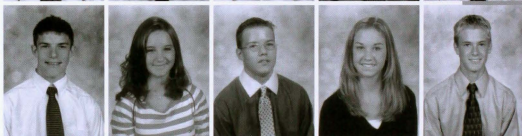
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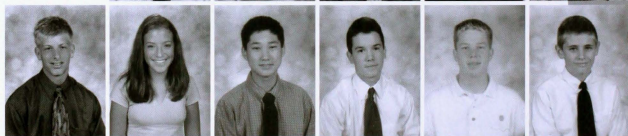
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 Karges, Matthew  
 Kelley, Joseph  
 Kempf, Cory



Kempf, Hailey  
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 Kercher, Andrew  
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Kraft, Elyse  
 Lambert, Adam  
 Langton, Daniel  
 Lannert, Corey  
 Lappe, Derek  
 Lasher, Benjamin



Freshman John Loehr gets on the bus after school to head home. Loehr is one of many students who doesn't have a car and instead gets to ride the bus to and from school. For students who don't carpool with upperclassmen or have their parents pick them up, riding the bus is their only option.  
 Photo by Holly Sparks



Lawson, Reece Learned, David Loehr, John Loehrlein, Matthew Major, Matthew Martin, Brittany

## The only way home

2:45 p.m. - December 4, 2002

### MATER DEI PARKING LOT

A group of kids exit the school and congregate underneath the overhang. They talk and laugh as they huddle to keep warm. Cars zoom by up the front hill, but a cluster of students still wait. A snowball is thrown, and the students start to gather their things when they hear the familiar squeak of the brakes that can only mean one thing: the bus has arrived.

Upperclassmen at Mater Dei forget what it's like to be without a car. Several younger students, however, have to find a different way to get to and from school, whether it be bumming a ride, riding the bus, or walking.

Freshman Matt Brundage started out the year walking to school in the mornings and was a

frequent sight for students who drove on Harmony Way. "I usually get a ride now, though," he said. "People would stop in the mornings for me."

Other students *prefer* to walk home. Freshman Zach Moore can be seen walking up the side hill after classes are over.

Many students' parents make them ride the bus. Freshman Zach Miller rides the bus in the mornings and sometimes after school. "Most of the time I don't have to ride after school because I have wrestling," he commented. "The worst thing is being the only one who comes into homeroom late and everyone just looks at you."

"Sometimes people throw stuff out the windows or mess with people who fall asleep," Miller said of the bus rides.

Freshmen Ben Dausman and Chris Coudret catch rides with senior Dawn Wink before and after school. "It sucks having to wake up to be ready whenever your ride needs to leave," Dausman said.

But whatever the method they've found to get home, most of the underclassmen look forward to one thing—Coudret summed it up when he said, "I just can't wait until I have my own car and can drive myself!"

Melanie Knapp '03

After waiting for a few minutes once school got out, sophomore Jessica Byrley finally gets to go home. Although many students carpool with juniors and seniors, one problem underclassmen face is finding a way home from school. Photo by Melanie Knapp



Wish your car got better gas mileage? Mater Dei's efficiency car team strives to create a car from scratch that does just that. The team starts building in the fall to compete in the spring. Starting with a lawn-mower engine, they create a fully functional car to race against other teams at the Indianapolis Race Park. Not only are they judged on fuel efficiency, but also on speed and total laps. The competition encourages students to consider a career in engineering. Photos by Kelsey Wannemuehler





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Meredith, Nathan



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Miller, Nathan J  
Miller, Nathan S



Miller, Zachary  
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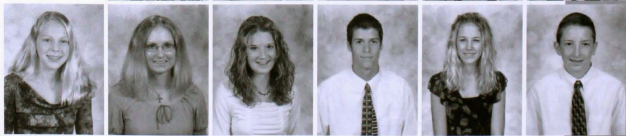
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Render, Kasey  
Rice, Joshua  
Ross, Erin  
Rush, Tegan



Sanding down a board, senior Noah Eltzroth helps close friend senior Zach Wampler finish building a student learning center at the local Ozanam Shelter. The scouts helped complete cubicles designed within the student learning center for the kids and adults that seek help there. Photo provided by Zach Wampler





Sartore, Rosanna  
Schaefer, Bart  
Schapker, Scott  
Scheller, Katherine  
Scheller, Kendra  
Schenk, Mallory

# Soaring to their highest honor

1:00 p.m. - June 10, 2002

## RESURRECTION GRADE SCHOOL

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oy scouts have many different badges and rankings. Some of the badges require them to do service projects, and others they just attend meetings. The projects might be easy but others are more difficult.

The badges represent many different activities they participated in and awards they earned. "There's lots of badges such as first aid, backpacking, mile swim, and citizenship of the world," said freshman Zack Miller.

"In order to earn some of these badges you must go on trips. To earn my first aid badge I took a class at the Red Cross," Miller said.

There are two different kinds of badges, the

riverrats and the merit badges. As boy scouts go higher in the rankings, they must complete harder service projects.

Boy scouts also have the chance to go to different places across the country. Sophomore Matt Feller earned his camping badge by camping in the Smokey Mountains and senior Chris Gibson has traveled to New York City with his troop.

Boy scouts have seven different rankings to achieve. They are in order: tender foot, scout, first class, second class, star, life, and eagle. In order to move up, you must earn a certain number of badges and complete service projects.

"In order for me to earn my Eagle Scout, I had to make up my own service project," said senior Paul Scheller. "My service project was landscaping an area in Resurrection Church's new prayer garden."

Scheller also said, "One of the things that I did to earn a badge was going out to the University of Southern Indiana and attending a seminar."

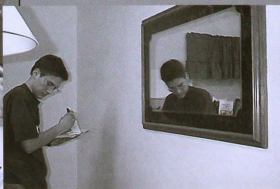
There are many different ways that you can earn a badge or move up in the rankings. Some come easier than others do. The most important lesson each scout learns is being able to work with others anytime, any place.

Marie Schiff '05

Trying to complete his Eagle Scout project, senior Zach Wampler adds more paint to his brush to smooth over a wall. Wampler was one of five students at Mater Dei this year working on his Eagle Scout. Photo provided by Zach Wampler



Art club members in Mr. Sills' block four class work diligently on their collages. There are many interesting techniques involved in producing a good collage. A mix of different materials is used. The art club is also currently working on repainting the press box and scoring table in the gym. At the beginning of the year, they made a display that was hung in Wal-Mart. The art club, being a new activity at Mater Dei, has been successful and fun for the students. Photos by Mary Nelson



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Tenbarge, Kenny



Topper, Alex  
VanHooser, Samantha  
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Weinzapfel, Jake  
Weinzapfel, Kayla



Weinzapfel, Leah  
Weinzapfel, Paul  
Werner, Brian  
Wildeман, Sondra  
Will, Kayley  
Will, Shawn



After opening her locker sophomore Hannah Johnson's day is brightened. Students can decorate the inside of their lockers in almost any way they want, giving them encouragement to finish their day.  
Photo by Susan Muensterman





Williamson, Cherie  
Winternheimer, Emily  
Wire, Jason  
Wolf, Adam  
Yingling, Benjamin

## Behind the red door

7:03 a.m. - February 12, 2003

### SOPHOMORE HALL

Retrieving her geometry book from her locker, sophomore Jessica Byrley is one of the many students who transform an ordinary school day into a day that's a little bit more exciting. How? In two words Byrley explains, "Locker art." That space formerly used just for the storage of the never-ending piles of books has become a showplace for one's creativity, spirit and friendship.

Sophomore Lauren Muensterman is quite familiar with interior locker art decoration.

"It's my own little personal space. I put pictures of my friends in it, and I make it really colorful." Her locker is filled with multi-colored pen holders, enhancing magnets that cling to

the pictures of her friends and a locker mirror with a pink rim. "It stands out from everybody else's because it's just very me."

Sophomore Brittany Erkman is also an active locker decorator.

"In the inside, I have pictures of all my friends. It just makes the school day a little bit more fun than normal," Erkman states. "I made some posters for the inside of my friends' lockers, too."

By decorating the locker of her cross country secret sister, sophomore Britini Herron sees a higher calling in her locker art: encouraging and inspiring fellow athletes.

"She knows someone's supporting her and cheering her on," Herron says.

Others say "lockers" celebrate birthdays.

"I made her this colorful poster with glitter and decorations to make it stand out," sophomore Dana Mueller said, pointing to her birthday creation she had just taped to sophomore Mallory Morrow's locker. "Three other people have put posters on her locker too and when she sees it, she will feel special."

Whether students are decorating friends' lockers with posters or the interior of their own, one thing is for sure: it spices up an ordinary school day.

Susan Muensterman '05

Sticking a new picture in her locker, sophomore Jenna Denstorff adds to her collection of memorabilia. Students liked to hang up pictures of friends and movie stars to lighten up the stress of school in between their classes. Photo by Mary Nelson



As the first snowflakes of the season begin to fall, students are glued to the windows. The hopes of half days and cancellations quickly travel down the hallways. Excitement spreads rapidly once an announcement is made. This year students had their fair share of hopes fulfilled, resulting in several days off and two hour delays. Despite the cold and bad traffic conditions, a random day off caused by snow will always be happily accepted by any student.

Photos by Karly Kempf





Carefully taking notes sophomore Mary Beth Barchet pays close attention to Mr. Hickman's lecture. Mr. Hickman was a favorite teacher among the upperclassmen guys. They would make shirts and hold Mr. Hickman appreciation days in his honor.

Quietly taking a test, the sophomore biology class concentrates on their answers. Testing is always the worst part of school for students because they actually have to use their minds.

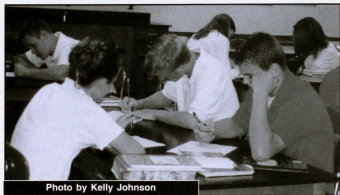


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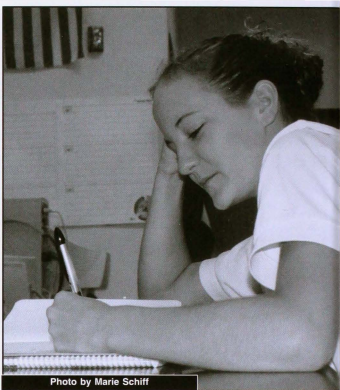


Photo by Marie Schiff

Writing on the chalkboard, sophomore Greg Ambrose goof's off during class. Some teachers teach from bell to bell while others are nice enough to give their classes time to work on their homework.

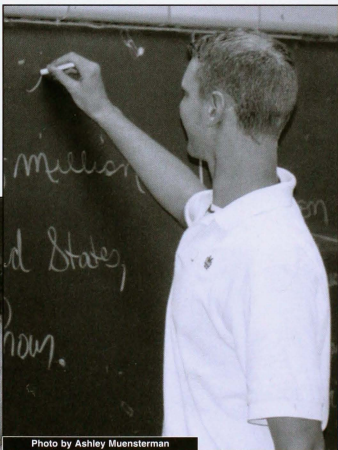


Photo by Ashley Muensterman



Photo by Jordan Baer

Pondering on how to make his webpage better, junior Andy Barchet asks Mrs. Hudgins her opinion. Designing web pages is a very tedious and time consuming project.

Passing papers behind him, freshman Kevin Elliott laughs as a classmate tells a corny joke. Sometimes teachers pass out papers during class to break the monotonous tone of their lectures.



# Desk Job

## It is the sole purpose of school and where we spend the majority of the day

7:20 a.m. - Mater Dei

ANY CLASSROOM

When it comes to school, it is the one thing that we do best. In fact, it is the sole reason that we come to school. The state tries to judge how well we do it and teachers are charged with making us do it.

It is learning.

Mater Dei has always been recognized as a leader in education. Just by looking at the standardized test scores, it is obvious. Students racked up averages of an impressive 22.3 on their ACT and 1121 combined on their SAT. Over 90 percent of the sophomore class passed the ISTEP on the first attempt and the seniors were awarded close to a million dollars in scholarships.

But it is the dedication of the teachers and the persistence of the students that realizes numbers like that.

"We are dedicated to education here," said acting principal Gary Houchins. "Mater Dei prepares students to be productive, Christian citizens."

Of course that dedication to education has a price. Countless hours are spent on homework and the teachers demand excellence.

"You just can't turn in just anything," said junior Shanna Bush. "You get rejected. You will have to do it again and you will get points taken off if you don't do it right."

It is the commitment to what the school stands for that separates it from the public school around it. Sure it might be easier at Reitz or Mount Vernon, but would you learn as much?

"Students definitely get a high-caliber education at Mater Dei," said Houchins, "and I think the students are better off because of it."

With strict rules and high expectations, Mater Dei has created an environment in which the classroom is not just a room in a building, it is a real classroom where real learning takes place.

Mary Nelson '03



Photo by Katie Scheller

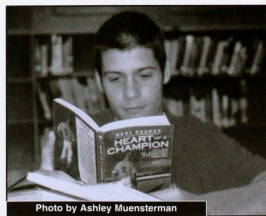
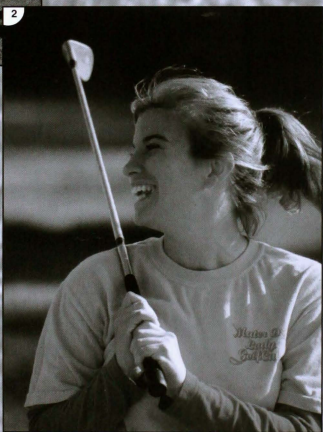
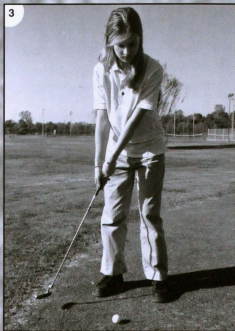
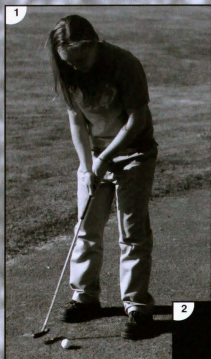


Photo by Ashley Muensterman

Freshman Josh Rice reads his free reading book for English class during study. The library was a popular place during study because its atmosphere was quiet and provided a comfortable working environment for students to finish assignments or work on one of the many computers.



1 Photo by Jaclyn Muensterman

Sophomore Natalie Wolf ignores the pressure as she putts on the first green. Many of their meets were held at Helfrich Golf Course, where they also practiced, giving them an advantage over other teams who had no experience there.

2 Staff Photo

Preparing for her next shot, senior Erica Wildeman cannot control her laughter. She and senior Laura Raben showed great leadership as the sole seniors of the team. Erica recorded an impressive individual finish and a 6th place spot in Sectionals.

3 Photo by Jaclyn Muensterman

Freshman Kasey Render concentrates as she aims for the hole. Although a young player, Render learned quickly and helped out the team by taking instructions and putting them to use on the course. The team ended the season with a record of 36-55.

4 Photo by Jaclyn Muensterman

First-year golf member Hallie Denstorff looks on with disappointment as the wind plays on her recent shot. During her first season, she was known for forgetting her clothes and also for motivating and encouraging her teammates with inspiring words.





## Improvements start with snow cones

7:00 p.m., August 6, 2002

MATER DE VAN

**T**wenty minutes into the trip home from the Nuzzy Zoeler course, senior Laura Raben had everyone doubled over in laughter. Like every trip home, her unique outlook on the game, the competition, and coach Jeff Jewell had the whole van laughing to tears.

"Laura kept us rolling all the way home," said sophomore Alissa Seibert. "She has a unique way of expressing her thoughts."

The rides back home after meets were the highlight of the season for the team. On the way home, Raben continuously said the inside joke, "Are you going to tell me how to play golf?"

The girls really bonded this year. Erica Wildeman, a senior, has numerous hilarious memories from playing golf.

"Laura Schroeder and I got snow cones, usually raspberry with whip cream, after practices and meets," stated Wildeman. "When we played against Jewell, we bet snow cones."

Some other moments that the team

remembers are when junior Abby Schmitt threw up before her first meet, when Schroeder had to play in her school uniform against Memorial, and Mr. Jewell's nickname, "Jewell Daddy."

During meets, most girls remember how Wildeman cheered for everyone in secret since lots of cheering and noise are forbidden at meets. Under her breath she yelled out sayings that the girls made up, like "Skizzert!" or "Raise the gloves up."

All in all, the girls had a really fun year. They made T-shirts and had a "Top Ten Reasons to Play MD Golf" list. The girls ended the season with a 33-55-3 record. The season may not have been a huge success number wise, but the girls shared some of their best moments with each other.

The girls really improved their game this year. Their scores at the start of the season matched their scores at the end of the team's season last year.

Jewell tried new and different ways to help the girls improve. He introduced them to putting drills which they had never done before. Jewell made bets with the girls. If the girls won, he bought them snow cones. If the girls lost, then they had to buy him snow cones. It was just his new way of motivating the girls to try their best.

Karly Kempf '03



5 Photo by Jaclyn Muensterman

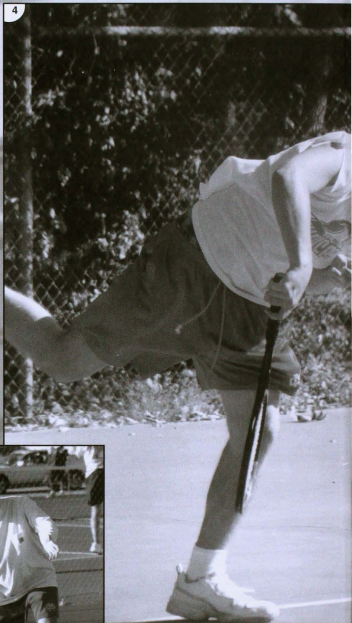
Sophomore Natalie Wolf eyes the green as she prepares to putt. The team spent long hours practicing their putting skills and learning to focus on their tactics before each shot. Natalie finished her season with a score of 93 at the SIAC tournament.

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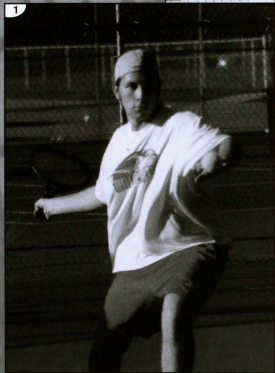
After an exhausting match, junior Laura Schroeder and senior Erica Wildeman ride off in style on a speedy golf cart. The pair always seemed to inspire and motivate each other, being the oldest and most experienced veterans of the team.



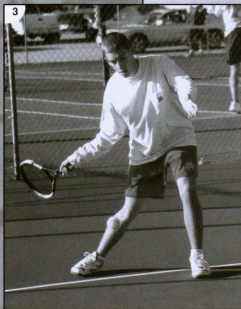
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Staff Photo

Junior Todd Wannemuehler prepares to hit the ball back across the court during a crucial match against North. Wannemuehler gave it his all in every match as he played number one doubles. He helped the team acquire victories in tough matches.

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Photo by Ashley Alles

Senior Taylor Uhde puts all his energy and concentration into his serve. Uhde's dedication and hard work paid off throughout the season. He finished with a winning record for the season and led the team to an overall winning record of 6-5.

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Staff Photo

Kyle Kraft, a junior, controls his form and accuracy as he prepares to stroke the ball back to his opponent. Kraft and junior Todd Wannemuehler played well together and won some key matches as number one doubles partners.

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Photo by Ashley Alles

Recovering after a tough hit, junior Todd Wannemuehler watches the ball soar over the net. He tried to finish with a strong follow-through in order to ensure a good hit. With his impressive improvement, he gained more power and accuracy.





# Boys

## Win over North was just the first step

3:45 p.m. - September 16, 2002

BURDETTE PARK

The sweltering heat did not faze the Mater Dei boys' tennis team during the most important meet of the year. To everyone's surprise, MD pulled off a number of impressive individual victories that led to the team's win over North.

"I prepared for the meet by practicing hard and staying mentally focused," senior Taylor Uhde comments.

"North came into the meet thinking they were going to pull off an easy win, but we kept our focus and didn't let it bother us," senior Lindsey Wagner states.

As seniors, Wagner and Uhde stepped up to lead their team to a winning season. Wagner finished with a record of 6-1 in the city and Uhde finished the season with an overall 11-4 record.

To contribute to the victory over North, Wagner defeated Greg Lynch for a big win in number one singles. Taylor came through with a major upset in number two singles when he beat Bobby Hoffman, an SIAC

champion. Freshman Brandon Clements, a first-year member of the team, had an unexpected and tiring win against Danny Kuebler to put the Wildcats further in the lead. It was a moonball match with both guys continuing to hit the ball high and long. The three-hour match went into three sets with both players struggling to outlast the other.

The victory over North was what the coaches wanted most. Their second-year head coach Tim Sallengs wasn't sure if he would return this season. However, he decided that even though he worked a nine-to-five job, he would still give some more of his time for practice. Sallengs played at Western Kentucky University. He had much experience with playing tennis, and he did all he could to get the most potential out of his team.

All of the team members would agree that the win against North gave them the confidence they needed to beat any team in the city. Believing in themselves was a vital part in winning games.

The tennis players celebrated their victory with a team dinner at Fazoli's after the meet. Their fond memories will include junior Tony Reckhoff eating 22 breadsticks in one sitting. Celebrating their victories was the most enjoyable part of the season.

Holly Sparks '03



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Photo by Ashley Alles

Junior Kyle Kraft reaches up to serve the ball. He used all of his effort to get an accurate serve towards the opponent's side. Kraft and his teammate Junior Kevin Hall beat Castle in their doubles match and were important in the team's winning record.

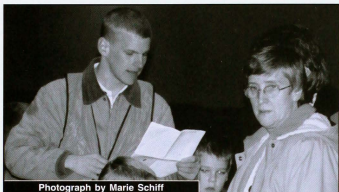


Cracking down on sophomore parking, senior Marc Wolf issues a ticket to an underclassman for not having a parking permit. Police officers frequently go out into the parking lot to make sure that their fellow students are abiding by the school's rules.



Photograph by Jordan Baer

Senior police officer P.D. Stolz helps to get grade school students and teachers where they need to be during the Nutcracker performance in the auditorium. For the performance, Mater Dei police officers assigned seating for all the grade schools that attended.

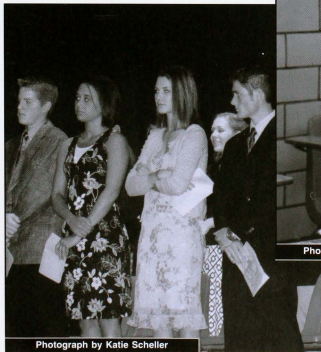


Photograph by Marie Schiff

Counting the money raised from the Valentine's Day compatibility tests was one of the many responsibilities of senior Mayor Courtney Woehler. The student council does a number of fundraisers that give back to the community, including adopt-a-family during Christmas, rice bowl collections during Lent and a Thanksgiving can food drive to feed the hungry.



Photograph by Melissa Schnur



Photograph by Katie Scheller

Seniors on student government stand while being inaugurated in front of the student body. Later, City Councilman Curt John spoke to the students about getting involved.



Emptying the recycle bin was only one of the many duties of freshman homeroom representative, Nathan Meredith. Attending every one of the council meetings, Meredith voiced his homeroom's opinion and reported back to them about all the events going on.

# A City Of Our Own

## Weekly meetings help inform student body of upcoming events

7:05 a.m. - March 12, 2003

ROOM 205

Mater Dei-ville student Mayor Courtney Woehler announces, "I now call this meeting to order." After she bangs the gavel, she rattles down the list of things on the agenda for the meeting, which include swearing in new homeroom rep Daniel Baumgart. On a typical Wednesday, events can range anywhere from planning Homecoming

dances to organizing the Thanksgiving canned food drive and May Day activities.

"Student Council is a chance to have a voice in some of the decisions made, rather than just complaining about them later," junior class president Todd Wannemuehler comments. Students like Wannemuehler use this opportunity in return for rewards of experience of participating in the unique student government. Mater Dei-ville is an actual city, complete with a functioning Parks and Recreation Department, a city charter, and a ticket-issuing police force.

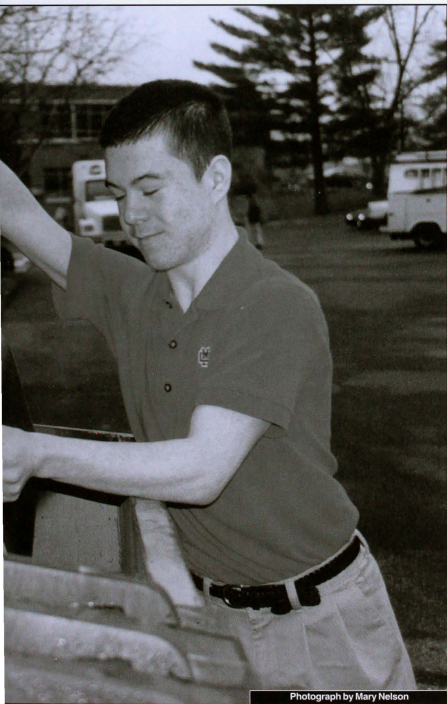
"Our student government always looks to improve our school by using our talents and creativity," says sophomore homeroom rep Brittany Erkman.

Different ideas are brought up at meetings and voted for. Since the diversity of the group brings different viewpoints and backgrounds, the council knows that they can make a decision to please a large group of the school.

This year, Mater Dei attained the privilege of calling themselves an Honor Council. To achieve this status, the student council had to plan several events in accordance with state projects, such as Celebrate America week and a year-long scrapbook documenting their actions. "It was something we really wanted to do and had talked about since the beginning of the year," senior homeroom rep Mary Beth Jankowski says.

A short fifteen minutes later, all business is covered and Woehler hits the gavel again. The meeting is adjourned for the week, and each homeroom rep leaves with a list of info to inform their homerooms about.

Melanie Knapp '03



Photograph by Mary Nelson



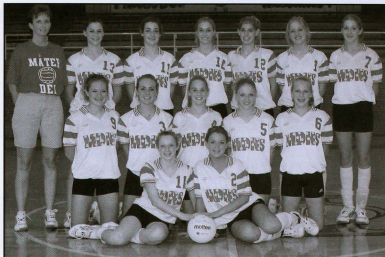
Photograph by Marie Schiff

Senior police officer P.D. Stolz helps direct traffic before the Nutcracker performance in the morning at Mater Dei. Stolz, along with the many other appointed officials, become very helpful during school functions and events.



## Girls Golf

Row 1- Laura Schroeder, Hallie Denstorf  
 Row 2- Abby Schmitt, Rachel Raben, Erica Wildeman, Katie Floyd,  
 Natalie Wolf  
 Row 3- Alissa Seibert, Susan Muensterman, Jaclyn Muensterman,  
 Emily Raben, Coach Jeff Jewel



## Freshman Volleyball

Row 1- Katelyn Norman, Jamie Egli  
 Row 2- Stephanie Seibert, Nicole Elpers, Kendra Scheller, Emily  
 Weinzapfel, Genna Ramsbey  
 Row 3- Coach Mary Jo Wolf, Alicia Burkeen, Laura Mesker, Ashley  
 Hoffman, Alyssa Edwards, Jessica Seib, Laura Schill

# A Fight For Life

12:30 p.m. - October 18, 2002

MATER DEI TEARDROP



A group of 15 students gathers in the tear drop to hammer white crosses into the ground.

"Every cross stands for 400 abortions done daily in America," explains junior Elizabeth Kirsch, president of teens for life. "We put these up to show students visually how many babies are aborted."

The members of teens for life have very strong feelings against abortion and want to make other students aware of the issue.

"I'm in teens for life to help people realize the negative effects of abortion," says junior secretary Christina Ward.

Natalie Wolf, a freshman participant, says, "It means something to me to speak up for the people who don't have a voice, like the unborn babies."

Others are involved because they want people to have the same gift they did.

"It makes me feel good because I am the youngest of nine children and I'm happy my family chose to keep all of us," says Kirsch. "It feels good in my heart that we change about seven girls' minds a year."

Placing the crosses in the teardrop is just one of the events that members of teens for life participate in. An event members look forward to all year is the annual trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life in January.

"We walk from the National Monument to the Supreme Court Building," explains Kirsch. "We also go to the legislature breakfast and we get to meet the representatives to see what they are doing to further the action of Roe vs. Wade."

The students enjoy the opportunity to spend time with those who share their same beliefs.

"Being a part of the March for Life makes me feel better because we fight for what we believe in. And that is what being in teens for life is all about," says Ward.

Katie Scheller '04

Over 20 members of Teens-For-Life braved the cold for a few hours to show their support during the Right to Life March in January. The students also attended rallies and toured Washington D.C., making stops at various points throughout the city.  
 Photo by Kristi Wilsman



Megan Martin, a junior in Teens-For-Life, looks on in concern as she listens to a pro-life speaker. Many people share their beliefs of pro-life, including President Bush, who called from St. Louis over the loud speaker to share his support with the crowd.  
 Photo by Kristi Wilsman







### Reserve Volleyball

Row 1- Katie Zenthoefter, Kristin Kissel, Erica Bohleber, Jessica Knight,

Ashley Adler

Row 2- Haley Kempf, Tiffany Payton, Alyssa Edwards,  
Cassie Schentrup, Molly Couture, Jessica Dick, Coach Bryan Morrison



### Varsity Volleyball

Row 1- Kara Adler, Stephanie Elpers

Row 2- Manager Kayley Will, Kristin Kissel, Tara Elpers, Jessica Dick,  
Erica Bohleber

Row 3- Coach Carolyn Adler, Andrea Kiesel, Katie Roberts, Andrea Reising, Andrea Niemeier, Anna Weber, Coach Bryan Morrison



Junior Elizabeth Kirsch rolls up the Teens-For-Life banner after finishing the Right to Life March. Every year the Teens-For-Life group travels to Washington D.C. in January for the annual march to show their support for the pro-life cause.

Photo by Kristi Wilsman



### Rocket Team

Row 1- P.D. Stolz, Christina Ward, Amber Drury, Megan Thompson,  
David Wolf

Row 2- Stan Blaszczyk, Zach Wampler, Phil Elpers, Todd Wannemuehler, Mr. Bob Schleiter, Scott Modesitt, Matt Seibert, Tony Reckelhoff



### Efficiency Car Team

Row 1- Brittany Eickhoff, Lucas Kirsch, Katie Reising, Kyle Neisen  
Row 2- Chris Gibson, Anna Koester, P.D. Stolz, Kelsey Wannemuehler

Row 3- Michael Well, Corey Lannert, Mr. Bob Schleiter, Phil Elpers,  
Craig Schutz, Kourtney Scott, Stan Blaszczyk



## Boys Tennis

Row 1- Kyle Kraft, Kevin Hall, Daniel Stevens, Branden Clements, Phillip Elpers

Row 2- Lucas Nelson, Todd Wannemuehler, Tony Reckelhoff, Lindsey Wagner, Taylor Uhde, Coach Tim Sallengs



## Boys Reserve Soccer

Row 1- Jeremy Fehrenbacher, Kyle Swickard, Steve Anderson, Kyle Clements, Wes Dingman, Calvin Clements, Daniel Armstrong, Adam Lambert, John Tenbarge

Row 2- Coach Clay Havill, B.J. Griesse, John Herron, Lee Schoolfield, Phillip Dressler, Brian Kuester, Jason Kothe, Cory Roseck, Ben Lasher, Coach John Armstrong

# Competitive Rivals

## TEN SECONDS TILL GAME TIME

### TEAM BENCH

The adrenaline rushes through your body. This is the game you've been waiting for all season. The game that means the most. The crowd's screams are silenced as the whistle blows. Let the game begin . . .

Rivalries are one of the many traditions at Mater Dei, whether it's the west side, city, or even state wide.

Senior Kevin Tooke looks forward to playing MD's rival, Memorial during the baseball season.

"We are both competitive year in and year out. But we are rivals mostly because they are the east side Catholic school."

Even so, rivalries are not just in sports. For Mater Dei's academic teams, east and west rivalries are a big concern. Ms. Rose Rogge, coach of both spell bowl and English academic super bowl, says, "We always seem to be compared to Memorial. Even though we are smaller, we still compete in their division."

Even though many think that Memorial and Reitz are

the main Wildcat rivalries, some athletes have found their competition from different schools.

"Heather Stenbridge from Central is my big rival. Last year, she was beating me by a minute and this season she was only beating me by twenty seconds. At the Memorial Invitational, I beat her for the first time. It was also the first time she was ever beaten in a regular season so that was exciting," said junior Katie McKinney.

Though most people think that rivals hate each other, this is not the case for Katie.

"She's not my enemy, just competition. Just because you try to beat them in a race doesn't mean you don't like them. It's just a friendly rivalry."

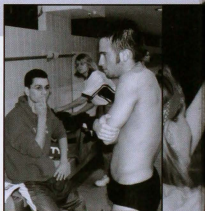
For junior wrestler Blake Maurer, the competition is best when traveling north.

"Belmont is our biggest rival in wrestling. They have a great tradition of being state contenders and are great competitors," says Maurer.

Our tradition at Mater Dei is victory. With all our rivalries, victory becomes that much sweeter.

Kristi Wilsman '04

Every year, players look forward to playing their teams' rivals. The Panthers and Tigers always prove to be fierce rivals, and Mater Dei fans love every minute of it.  
Staff Photo



Confronting one of your biggest rivals is always a challenge, as senior diver Nick Moll finds out in his first year on the boys swim team. Evansville schools are highly competitive until reaching the state level, when they then pull together and cheer each other on.  
Staff Photo







### Boys Varsity Soccer

Row 1- Coach Clay Havill, Kevin Teepol, Eric Reffett, Nick Lannert, Nick Moll, Jake Oliver, Simon Anderson, Kyle Messersmith, Coach John Armstrong

Row 2- Billy Wayne, Drew Nurrenbern, Andy Barchet, Seth Wilson, Shane Provost, Stan Blaszczyk, Michael Pigman, Kevin Memmer



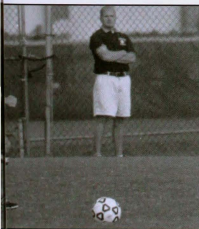
### Girls Reserve Soccer

Row 1- Haley Morgan. Row 2- Mary Beth Barchet, Nicole Hinderliter, Alivia Scott, Andrea Schnur, Jessica Grabbert, Emily Shetler, Adria Keller. Row 3- Coach Tom Williams, Katie Barnes, Mackenzie Goebel, Madison Parkinson, Kasey Kolkler, Alli Vick, Mallory Morrow



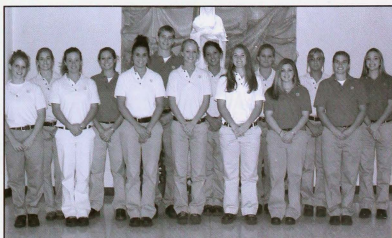
### Girls Varsity Soccer

Row 1- Haley Austin, Alex Jost, Jaci Babcock, Natalie Fleming, Leslie Coans. Row 2- Melissa Schnur, Jenny Padavic, Alison Mesker, Tina Morrow, Michelle Rietman, Sarah Fehrenbacher, Maire Schiff, Kristin Schapker, Liz Covert. Row 3- Coach Tom Williams, Kendra Weber, Jenna Babcock, Sarah Bishop, Melanie Knapp, Danielle Dippel, Jennifer Lasher. Coach Rob Schoenstein



Cheering their hearts out, seniors Emily Stratman, Sara Rainey and Courtney Wehde show Reitz that it's okay not to have a home field. Southwest Grafix sponsored T-shirts saying, "You may have a home... but who's been to the dome?" in response to the shirts made by the Panthers.

Photo by Kelly Johnson



### Student Ambassadors

Dawn Wink, Abby Blankenberger, Shanna Gunn, Megan Niemeier, Kristen Frazer, Josh Wildeman, Kim Bauer, Cody Reddington, Sarah Bishop, Aimee King, Kendra Weber, Jessica Hudson, Erica Wildeman, Krista Dunn





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Photo by Katie Scheller

Junior Katie McKinney and sophomore Kathy Goebel begin the race quickly, pulling ahead of the North girls. The two tried to hold on to the lead, but the competition at the City Meet was stiff. The girls pulled out an impressive 4th place finish.

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Photo by Kelly Johnson

As she finishes her race, freshman Katie Scheller finds the energy to give it her all for the remaining yards. Scheller helped her team achieve a definitive 41-29 victory over North in the Memorial Invitational. The team came out with a 5th place finish.

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Photo by Kelly Johnson

Junior Katie McKinney races to a victory on a hot afternoon at the USI course. The team beat Boonville 30-27 and finished with a 26-22 record. Her second year in a row, she advanced to the state race and placed 67th among Indiana's best runners.

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Photo by Kelly Johnson

Coach George Moll, always a key motivator, helps sophomore Kathy Goebel cool off after a tough race. Moll tried to communicate on an individual basis with his runners to tell them how to improve their times and compliment each of them on her strengths.



# Tribal ritual was no stretch for girls

4:00 p.m.- September 17, 2002

U.S.I.

**A**s time winds down to the start of the race, the girls' cross country team lines up for a run-out. After just 50 feet or so, they stop and bunch up, preparing for a bizarre moment that many might confuse for some sort of tribal ritual.

"We would jump up and down and scream to get the nervousness out," said sophomore Kathy Goebel.

"We would have run-offs and pump each other up. It was really fun and loosened everyone up," explained freshman Katie Scheller.

The pre-race rituals went beyond just chants and jumping around.

"We ate peanuts and apples before a race because they are supposed to give you a quick burst of energy," said senior Courtney Woehler. "We also ate animal crackers because they are easy on your stomach."

The young team needed something to bring the team together. Woehler, being the only senior on the team, was charged with doing just that.

"It was difficult being the only senior leader on the team. I had to step up and be a positive leader because our team was so young and the freshmen needed the encouragement," explained Woehler.

That process of encouragement and bonding was made easier by the team's small squad.

"Everyone was close because the team was small and we all supported each other," explained Goebel.

Despite attempting to evade nervousness, many people still get jitters before they run. That was where junior Katie McKinney stepped in to calm her teammates' fears.

"I got nervous before every meet," said second-year runner McKinney. In just her sophomore year on the team, she made her way to state as the Wildcats' lone representative in the 170 person field.

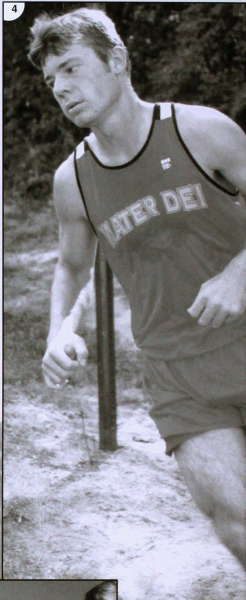
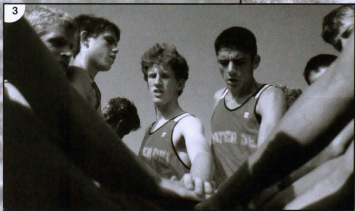
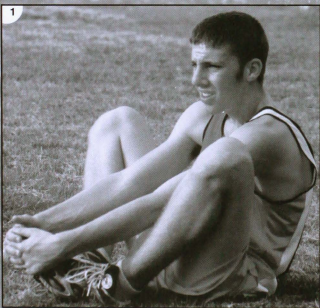
McKinney's individual successes gave the girls a sense of what they could accomplish, but the team as a whole had an uphill battle to success. Several key runners were sidelined as the season wound down. Those injuries, however, did not take away from a successful season finish or a strong base upon which the Wildcat runners will continue to build for many years to come.

Katie Scheller '04

Photo by Katie Scheller

Before each race, the girls gathered together to pray and hear a few encouraging words from Coach Moll. These pep talks, as well as pre-meet warm-up rituals and certain good-luck foods, helped the girls mentally prepare and run their very best races.





1 Photo by Brittini Herron

Sophomore Eric Sammet stretches before running while also focusing on his upcoming race. Sammet improved immensely this year and helped the team's standing in the city. Each member of the team improved his personal time, allowing the boys to be victorious.

2 Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Sophomore Patrick Farmer cools himself off after a hard race with a long squirt of water. As only a second-year member, Farmer helped take the team to a 20-29 record. Tradition continued with using their water bottles to cool off rather than drink from.

3 Photo by Brittini Herron

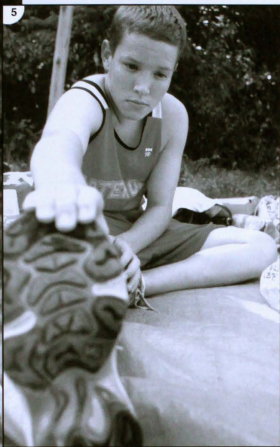
Before starting the race, the team came together for their meet ritual to pray for a good race and health of each teammate. The team's improvements showed dramatically, taking them all the way to semi-state to run against some of the best runners in the state.

4 Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Taking a sharp turn, senior Sam Kaiser focuses on improving his time as he strides ahead towards the finish line. As a four-year member, Kaiser motivated his teammates and helped lead the team to semi-state for the first time in Mater Dei history.



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## Boys make first run at semi-state

4:55 p.m. - October 15, 2002

U.S.I.

**H**uddled before the shotgun start of the race, the boys' cross country team talked about what had to be done. "Everyone had to improve his individual time if he wanted to qualify to race at regionals.

"Coach gave everyone a job to do and a time to beat," said senior Sam Kaiser, a 4-year runner for the Wildcats. "We ended up at least meeting our best times or beating them and winning by a big margin."

Sophomore Andy Krack remembers finishing the race, placing 13th, and waiting with anticipation for his teammates to follow.

"I realized that I had improved my time so all I could do was hope that the rest of the guys would pull through," Krack said.

"Sectionals was the best race for me," senior Michael Weil remembers. "After breaking my time by one minute at our invitational at U.S.I., I kept improving the rest of the season. At sectionals I ran an 18:10, which was my best race."

After placing fourth in sectionals and also running to a fourth place finish in regionals, something new was ahead for the Wildcats' semi-state. The boys' cross country team had never been represented at semi-state before this year.

With high hopes of making it to the state finals in Bloomington, the boys prepared mentally and physically for the race ahead of them. They had to put their excitement behind them and focus on the task that lay ahead.

"We knew what we had to do. The whole team needed to stay focused and concentrate on improving their time," Kaiser added.

The afternoon of semi-state, the boys were anxious to get the race started. Armed with the knowledge that this was not just an individual race, the boys waited impatiently after finishing their own races to cheer on their teammates. Unfortunately, they had tough competition and came up just short of making it to the finals.

Even though the 17th finish at semi-state didn't earn them a trip to state, the boys were fortunate enough to have participated. Being a part of the first ever boys' cross country team to make it to semi-state, the underclassmen have an opportunity to step up next year and achieve even more.

May Nelson '03

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Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Freshman Kevin Elliot concentrates on stretching his legs out before his race. As a new member of the team, Elliot learned and obtained skills from the upperclassmen for future improvement. Stretching was an important part of warming up before each race.

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Photo by Kristi Wilsman

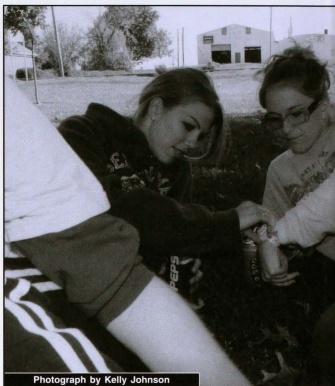
Sophomore Ben Macke focuses his full attention on a recent news article about the team. The boys constantly checked to see what the paper had to say about their increased progress throughout the season and their times compared to other runners'.

While relaxing at Howell Hall during the break, senior Jen Sotolongo tries to figure out how to make senior Sarah Bishop's Sponge Bob watch work. Kicking back in the shade is what most students look forward to after completing the first half of the walk in the sun.

Mater Dei students join together while walking down Wimberg Road at the start of the walk-a-thon in October. The event raised over \$20,000 for various things that are needed at Mater Dei.



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Juniors Jennifer Carter and Kelsey Lottes await the start of the walk at the top of the main hill. Carter's friends showed their school spirit by decorating her wheelchair with read and gold streamers. Each of them took her turn wheeling Carter through the crowd during the walk-a-thon.



Photograph by Brittini Herron



Photograph by Marie Schiff

Juniors Natalie Droste, Hanna Scott, Lindsey Culver and Rachel Raben relax in the shade with their water during the break. Resting was popular for students at Howell Park.

Freshmen Andy Tekoppel and Ryan Schnarre have fun swinging on the playground during the break at Howell Park. Students used their break time in different ways, ranging from relaxing to going crazy on the playground with friends.





# 7.5 Miles For A Cause

## Annual walk across West Side finances school expenses

9:30 a.m. - October 22, 2002

### FRONT TEAR DROP

The mob of students gather in the front tear drop preparing for a day of fun and lots of walking. The school liaison officer gives them the OK as she blocks traffic with her police car. The students eagerly start up the front hill to kick off the seven-mile walk.

Every year the Mater Dei student body is asked to raise pledges for each of the miles they walk in the annual walk-a-thon. Each student is asked to contribute fifty dollars.

Each class gets to keep a portion of the money to spend on various things. For example, the senior money goes towards paying for the much anticipated class trip. However, the walk-a-thon isn't all about raising money; at least not for the students, that is.

"It's a great way to spend a school day," said senior Chris Gibson. "Of course any day with friends away from school is a good day."

Other students share similar opinions, "If you have to raise money for school this is the way to do it," said senior Michael Weil. "It's better than selling candy bars like in grade school."

Unfortunately, not all the students get to participate in the fun. Some athletes, like the soccer teams and football team can be unable to walk because of upcoming games. Nevertheless, they don't have it bad by any means.

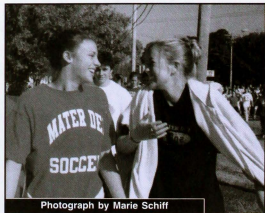
"We are supposed to help clean around the school, but we mainly just sit around and talk," said senior Kenny Miller, who has been unable to participate for three years due to football.

The students came together and raised more than 20,000 dollars for the school, making this year's walk-a-thon, like so many other things here at Mater Dei, a great success.

Kelsey Wannemuehler '03



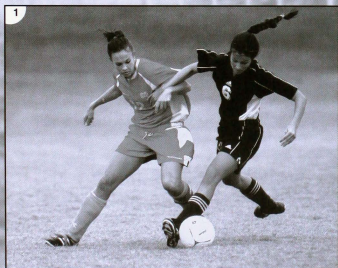
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Seniors Jenna Babcock and Abby Blankenberger joke around with each other during the annual walk-a-thon. Each year students enjoy the walk, which in turn raised a large sum of money for each class.





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Staff Photo

With all her strength and determination, senior Jenna Babcock tries to steal the ball from her North opponent. As a strong leader and captain, Babcock led the team with goals and assists all season long and helped the girls get to the sectional finals.

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Staff Photo

Senior Melissa Schnur fights in the midfield to keep the ball from her Huskie opponent. Schnur gave her all for the team throughout the season. She stepped up and led her team to many victories, including taking a crucial PK in the victory against Memorial.

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Photo by Karly Kempf

After obtaining possession of the ball against her Castle opponent, freshman Natalie Fleming shields the ball while she waits for an open teammate to pass it on to. The girls went on to tie the Knights after losing previously in the season to them, 0-2.

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Staff Photo

Senior Jenna Babcock tries to instill some pregame spirit in the fans as the lineup is called for the sectional game against Boonville. The Lady Cats always relied on pregame dinners and music before warming up to raise their focus and energy levels.

# Girls

## It all comes down to one kick

10:00 p.m. - October 17, 2002

CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

The girls soccer team has played for ninety-four minutes. Their second overtime period was over and the score was still tied, leaving the outcome to ten penalty kicks.

"I was excited that we held Memorial scoreless for ninety-four minutes, but it wasn't over and with the penalty kicks anything could happen," explains senior Jenna Babcock.

Senior Melissa Schnur stepped up to take the first penalty kick, scoring only seconds later to put the girls on top, 1-0. Sophomore goalie Michelle Rietman followed up by stopping Memorial's first kick. Senior Melanie Knapp found the back of the net on the Wildcats' second kick, but the Tigers failed again on their second attempt. The game rested on the foot of a freshman.

"I wasn't too nervous because we all wanted to win so bad," said freshman Natalie Fleming, who kicked in the third and eventual game winning penalty kick.

Memorial's third kicker made her penalty kick. Despite her best efforts, freshman Leslie Goans missed,

making the score 3-1. Memorial made their next kick, bringing them within one. It was up to Babcock to make her penalty kick.

"I told everyone if they went out there nervous it would effect their shots, so I just tried to take my own advice," said Babcock.

Babcock made her shot and the girls knocked Memorial out of sectionals for the first time since 1994.

"The first thing that went through my mind was we actually beat Memorial," explains Babcock. "It was the highlight of my senior year."

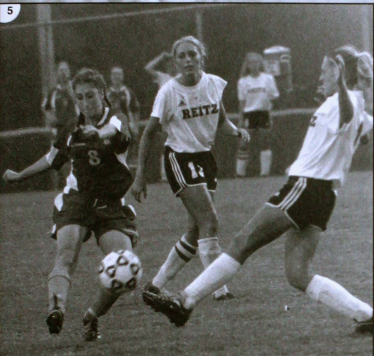
Many of the players thought of this as "sweet revenge."

"We were happy to take them out of sectionals, since they beat us in regionals last year," explains senior Kendra Weber.

The team played outstanding, including the goalie Michelle Rietman. Rietman even surprised herself. "I never thought that I would save one or even two at that," says Rietman. "It was the best feeling."

This was one of the most exciting and well-played games of the season. "We played our hearts out and we came out with more intensity and heart than Memorial. We were ready to play. We definitely deserved it," says Weber.

Katie Scheller '04



5 Photo by Brittini Herron

Freshman midfielder Leslie Goans goes one on one with a Reitz opponent. The Wildcats went on to lose by over a touchdown in their worst game of the season. This game proved to be a learning experience in that pregame focus was especially important.

6 Photo by Marie Schiff

Reserve coach Tom Williams gives his team one of his signature halftime pep talks. Several of the reserve players later stepped up to help out varsity during sectionals. Williams also assisted head coach Rob Schoenstein at each varsity game.



Senior Megan Parkinson awards a child with a pumpkin ring at the St. John's Daycare halloween party. The service club traveled to the daycare to play games, read stories, and do other activities to make halloween a little more fun for all of the children.

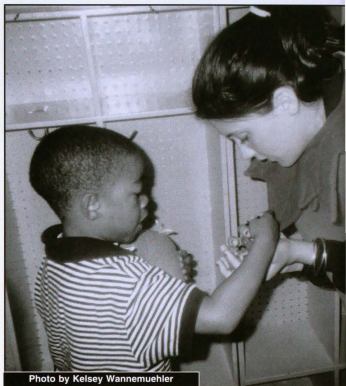


Photo by Kelsey Wannemuehler

Secretary junior Hallie Densdorf discusses upcoming events as members listen carefully. This year brought out the biggest turn out of members, which helped make all of their projects a huge success.



Photo by Katie Scheller

By sorting through various donated items, senior Michelle Crowe helps make the homeless for the homeless event a huge success. This was the first year for this service club sponsored event in which three truckloads of items were donated from the community.

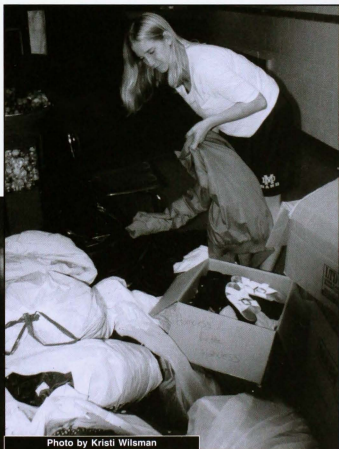


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Service club sponsor, Ms. Joan Vickery, strains to lift a box full of clothes, shoes, and other items to donate to St. Vincent de Paul.



Seniors Jenni Jost and Mary Beth Jankowski determine what they want to buy at the service club bake sale. The service club put on several fundraisers like this to help raise money to put on future projects to serve the community.



# Serving Others

## One organization's mission is to return the blessings they have received

1:00 a.m. - October 6, 2002

MATER DEI WRESTLING GYM

As the clock rolled over to one in the morning the students were diligently separating goods which had been donated to Mater Dei's first "homeless for the homeless." Once all was separated and loaded on the trucks they soon settled down to watch movies and go to sleep. The service club collected food, clothing, personal items, and money from

local parishes, schools, and other members of the Mater Dei community. "Over three truckloads of our collected donations were taken by members to St. Anthony's Homeless Shelter and the Food Bank," stated Tessa Farone, the president of the service club. That night, after separating all the donations, the Service Club members spent the night in Mater Dei's gym being "homeless" themselves.

Service club has about sixty members, all of who are willing to help out in the events that service club has during the year. Some events the service club has are unloading food at the food bank, reading to kids at St. Vincent's Daycare, visiting the elderly at Pine Haven Nursing Home, collecting money for the hungry, and putting together packages for service men overseas.

Some favorite events of the students' are visiting Pine Haven Nursing Home. Close to Halloween, members of the service club dressed up in costumes and handed out candy. "It was so cute, all the people were so excited and very talkative," said sophomore Christina Morrow, "they were all very happy to see us." The service club members also like visiting the children because they can play games with them and its also fun to act like a kid again and see the smiles on the children's faces.

As president of the service club, Tessa has a lot of weight on her shoulders. "My job is to lead the members as well as serve as an example through participating in our events," said Tessa. Tessa mainly does a lot of organizing and presenting new ideas to the club. She also tries to tie up loose ends and motivate other members to help out. "I have had it so great this year as president because service club has great officers who are always willing to give 110%," claimed Tessa. The service club does a lot of great things for many people and will keep going for the years to come.

Karly Kempf '04



Photo by Katie Scheller



Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Junior service club member Kristina Kayser helps load donated food into boxes. This was the first year the service club participated in the homeless for the homeless project. Members of service club stayed the night at Mater Dei in return for donated goods like food, clothing, and games.



1 Photo by Marie Schiff

Junior Joe Schenk fights to shield the ball from a Reitz opponent. Schenk was a vital part of Mater Dei's offense as he contributed numerous goals and assists this year. Winning physical battles in the midfield determined the tide of the Wildcats' games.

2 Staff Photo

Junior Shane Provost mans the near post during a free kick just outside the box. As a three-year varsity member, Provost's goal-keeping experience was a backbone for the team and allowed them the chance to go far in post season.

3 Staff Photo

Junior Joe Schenk prepares to cross the ball to the far post for a teammate to run onto for a goal. A three-year varsity member, Schenk created chances all season to assist his teammates, allowing the Wildcats to score in crucial moments.

4 Photo by Shanna Bush

Junior Kyle Messersmith leaps in the air over his opponent to win a crucial header in the midfield. Messersmith helped the team extensively, while their aggressiveness in the air helped make for a successful season with a winning record.



# Boys

## Boys met their goal at the last minute

6:50 p.m. - October 17, 2002

ball to soar wide.

DCSoccerFields

The intensity and desire of each member of the team came together to accomplish the main goal of this year's season: to advance to the sectional final.

"A lot of people thought we had not matured enough, but our coaches said, 'We will succeed,' and I totally believed what they said," stated Blaszczyk.

The guys began the season as underdogs and were also faced with the challenge of adjusting to two new coaches. Things were going to change and they could only hope for the best. In the end, the coaches came through and helped them record an outstanding season, one of the best in the last several years.

The three seniors, as well as junior captain Nick Lannert, stepped up to help lead the team to their many victories. "The leadership was great from all the seniors, but in particular, Stan had a great year. Even though he didn't play goalie, he was a major player in our win against Gibson Southern," said senior Nick Moll.

Although the boys ended up losing 2-0 to the Mt. Vernon Wildcats in the sectional finals, it could not diminish a season with a winning record or spoil the boys' first chance at a sectional title in three years.

Meissa Schnur '03



5 Photo by Marie Schiff

Expressing his disappointment at the official's call, junior Kevin Tepool furiously shakes his hands in the air. During the game against Gibson Southern, the boys had to keep their cool and rely on themselves to pull out a tough and exhausting win.

6 Staff Photo

Preparing to strike the ball, junior Jake Oliver tries to bypass the oncoming opponent. Oliver's quickness and technical skills made him a formidable threat to all the defenders in the city. He went on to be one of the scoring leaders of the team.



During an all school liturgy, senior Kara Adler distributes communion to freshman Sondra Wildeman. At the beginning of the year, seniors had the option of volunteering to serve as eucharistic ministers.



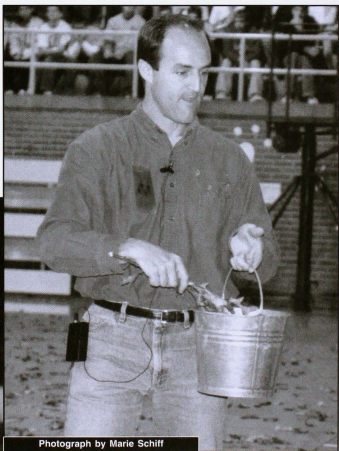
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Singing with enthusiasm, sophomores Ashley Lefler and Brittini Erkman and freshman Mark Modesitt lead the school in one of our many masses. The liturgical ensemble provides upbeat music and keeps the students awake.

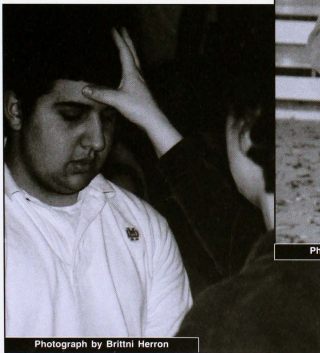


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During the walk-a-thon prayer service, Fr. Ken Steckler interacts with the student body. Fr. Ken is known for trying to get the students involved in mass. In this prayer service he gave each student a leaf to represent diversity among the school and the "circle of life."



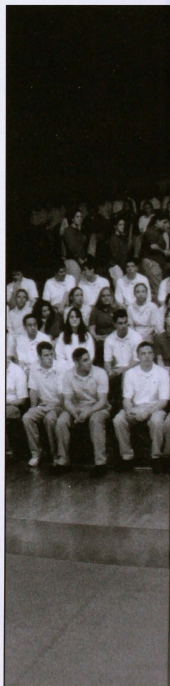
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Sophomore Craig Schutz solemnly receives ashes during the school's Ash Wednesday Mass. The students came together to pray and reflect on their lenten promises.

During the Ash Wednesday Mass, students prepare to receive communion from the senior eucharistic ministers. School masses were held once a month to bring students and faculty together in unity to celebrate their faith.



# United As One

## The entire Mater Dei community gathers to celebrate cultural diversity

8:40 a.m. - November 1, 2002

Gym

**D**uring the All Saints Day Mass, a group of seniors reflectively walked out onto the gym floor carrying a single candle that represented the loss of someone close to a fellow student or faculty member. All Saints Day was a time to remember the special people who are no longer in our

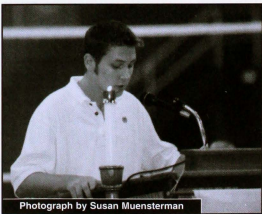
lives. The light of each candle reminds us that those who have gone before us still pray for us. Students and teachers gathered together to celebrate the lives of the distinguished saints of our pastime.

Along with honoring the different feast days throughout the year, Mater Dei also celebrates the liturgy once every month. "We look at the individual feast and liturgical season, while appreciating diversity, and incorporate into the themes," states Sr. Donna Marie Herr. "We try to bring out the richness of the liturgical season so it helps us to grow in our lives."

Mr. John McMullen comments on diversity, "Look at the stained glass window. It would be pretty boring if it were just one color. Christ shines through the multi-colored window, just as He shines through each one of us." Masses are also dedicated to certain saints that have been role models in their faith and good work. "We use John Boscow. He adopted children and set up homes for neglected children," McMullen says.

There are many ways that the religion department grasps the students' interests during mass. During the Walk-a-Thon prayer service, the students received a leaf and were asked to join together in a circle of life. As the students silently processed around the gym, they reflected on the fact that each of us is different, yet we are all connected in the same circle. When Fr. Ken Steckler threw seeds into the crowd, the students and teachers were surprised at first, but soon realized how they tied into the theme of the mass. "It caught me off guard because Father said he would take care of the homily part of the mass. We had no idea what he was planning," Mr. Scott Whitehouse says laughingly.

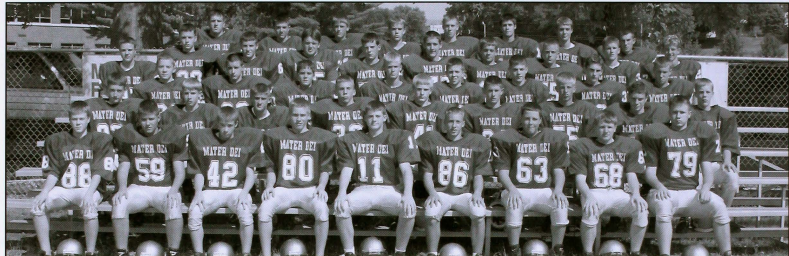
Karly Kempf '03



Photograph by Susan Muensterman

Junior Todd Wannemuehler reads at the All Saint's Day Mass. Three different students are chosen each liturgy to read the first reading, responsorial psalm and petitions, while others volunteer to serve communion and bring up gifts.





## Freshman Football

Row 1- Ben Yingling, Alex Topper, Tim Goebel, Patrick McKinney, Kelly Muensterman, Scott Schapker, Paul Mintrup, Jonathon Mochau, Jason Wire

Row 2- Kevin Short, Joe Butler, Ben Dausman, Jeremy Goebel, Logan Schiff, Neil Kippenbrock, Jeff Johnson, Riley Moore, Chuck Capshaw

Row 3- Kyle Adler, Daniel Langton, Aaron Fehrenbacher, David Hudson, Andy Tekoppel, Paul Kempf, Matt Brundage, Robbie Branson

Row 4- Daniel Weinzapfel, Adam Wolf, Mark Modesitt, Nick Farney, Tyler Bittner, Andy Niemeier, Matt Major, Ryan Schnarre, Nathan S. Miller, Mason Kempf

Row 5- Jacob Correa, Zach Moore, Paul Weinzapfel, Justin Haag, Brandon Deig, Josh Rice, Matt Eickhoff, Andy Kercher

# The Next Step

7:30 a.m. - September 19, 2002

## COLLEGE ROOM

College binders were everywhere. Differences among seniors guided them in their own direction. An intriguing spark of ambition stirred in all of them. Mrs. Herr's speech the night before brought every senior into the real world: they had to pick a college before time ran out.

"I was extremely excited to see all of the seniors come here today. They took me seriously and seem to be responsible about deciding their futures," said Herr.

The college room was made to be a comfortable place where seniors could hang out and get information. Knowledge was abundant, but every student had questions. The college room served its purpose in answering these questions and providing as much material as needed. Countless opportunities lined the walls and offered a guide to every college, each with its own concentration of studies.

"The resources are right here. They are so much easier to get than at the library or anywhere else," said senior Megan Parkinson. "It was an excellent idea. It has helped all of the seniors in choosing a field of study and

get extra information."

"I work on the college binders and try to update them as new material comes in. Any new information is then printed in the senior newsletter," said secretary Mrs. Amy Craig.

Organization was a main key to the college room's success. It relieved pressure from the counselors and let the students become more independent on their choices and final decisions. The college room also provided a place out of the way and stress free environment for students to concentrate and get things done.

"Having the college room gave people motivation to actually go for themselves to see what to try out, not necessarily what someone else said," said senior Matt Seibert.

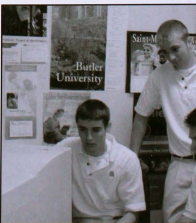
Planning students' future, that's what the room was all about.

Melissa Schnur '03

Seniors Brandon Richardt, Brian Stute, Marc Wolf and Brian Muth search for college information on the internet. The college room is open to all students at any time during the school day. It is decorated with posters and pennants of several Tri-State colleges.  
Photo by Katie Scheller



Senior Natalie Goebel looks diligently through a college binder, trying to acquire as much information about the colleges she is applying to. The college room makes this an easy task due to its peaceful environment, allowing relaxation.  
Photo by Kristi Wilsman







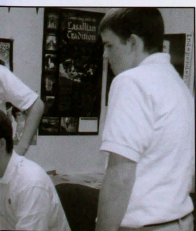
## Varsity and Reserve Football

Row 1- Daryl Booth, Doug Cardin, Josh Wildeman, Dustin Beal, Joey Kiesler, Kevin Muensterman, Kyle Hartz, Kenny Miller, Sam Wildeman, Aaron Scott, Jake Stephens, Jon Cidcumb, Alex Nally, Thomas Unfried

Row 2- Blake Maurer, Logan Miller, Nathan Doshier, Raymond Goebel, Andrew Musick, Carl Ramsbyer, Nick Jureczki, Nathan Weinzapfel, Matt Johnson, John Fuchs, Nick Weinzapfel, Zach Zirkelbach, Jordan Baer, Chris Niemeier, Brent Hagan

Row 3- Chaz Schwartz, Jason Coughlin, Dan Euler, Cory Goebel, Mike Coughlin, Eric Hamilton, Jason Born, Scott Modesitt, Tyler Musgrave, John Shetler, Chad Dewig, Ryan Wildeman, Josh Henderson, Alex Will

Row 4- Joe Lehman, Scott Lehman, Jason DeVillez, Ryan Matt, Scott Koressel, Jake Herrmann, Drew Alcorn, Andy Reddington, Jared Droste, Dan Martin, Joe Weinzapfel, Nick Logel, Dustin Staton, Casey Wildeman, Matt Coughlin, Greg Ambrose



Senior Karly Kempf thumbs through the file cabinet looking for a scholarship application that she needs. The college room, a new addition to the main office this year, made students' college searches a little easier. It provided a place to look up valuable information about their futures or sign up for the SAT and ACT tests.

Photo by Kristi Wilsman



## Girls Cross Country

Row 1- Anna Reckelhoff, Brittni Heron, Lauren Mochau, Kathy Goebel, Kim Spahn, Julia Dick

Row 2- Coach George Moll, Katie Scheller, Emily Stute, Courtney Woehler, Katie McKinney, Kelly Johnson



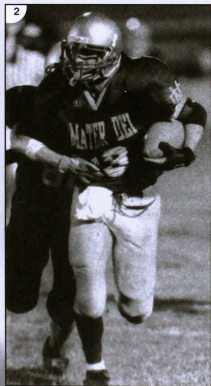
## Boys Cross Country

Row 1- Mike Fischer, P.D. Stolz, Kevin Elliot, Brian Werner, Ben Macke, Eric Sammet

Row 2- Coach George Moll, Mike Weil, Sam Weber, Matt Feller, Andy Krack, Sam Kaiser, Patrick Farmer



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Photo by Brittini Herron

Junior Logan Miller follows through on another perfect PAT, helping the team record an impressive win over the Bosse Bulldogs. A two-year varsity starter, Miller ended the season with 34 out of 36 completed kicks and one touchdown.

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Photo by Karily Kempf

Team co-captain senior Sam Wildeman uses his technical skills to attempt another touchdown. Wildeman was a great motivator for the team, on and off the field. Wildeman led the team with a total of 127 rushes and contributed seven touchdowns.

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Staff Photo

Senior wide receiver Kyle Hartz prepares to make a tricky move as he runs down the field. Hartz had to deal with the big change of playing quarterback for three years to being a wide receiver his senior year, carrying for 455 yards during the season.

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Staff Photo

Teammates senior Doug Cardin and sophomore Dustin Slaton congratulate each other after a great offensive play. The team spirit they showed helped bring home many victories. They ended with a record of 7-4 and outscored their opponents by over 100 points.





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# Pre-game jitters pump up the team

6:40 p.m.- August 24, 2002

REITZ HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Raymond Goebel takes a deep pregame breath. "It's silent before the game. Just completely quiet," he said.

Sophomore quarterback Dustin Slaton, who had a total of 2,335 yards, 178 completions, and 19 touchdowns, added by saying, "Everyone is tense right before we go out onto the field."

Many agree that the seniors and Coach Mike Goebel are key in the motivation of the team.

"Seniors always pump us up. They are our leaders. Coach Goebel motivates all of us, too. His speeches are one of the things I'll remember most," says junior Zach Zirkelbach. Zirkelbach finished the season with 31 catches and two touchdowns.

To pump themselves up before each game, each team member has his own tactic.

"I take a nap and listen to a rock CD," says Slaton.

For senior Josh Wildeman, motivation comes from a different place.

"I'll watch the highlight movie before each game. I also use any motivation that the other team has given us. Anything they've done or said to make us mad."

But with that motivation comes nervousness.

"I'm nervous before every game, but after kickoff that all goes away," says senior Aaron Scott.

Raymond Goebel's nervousness is now more or less obsolete.

"I was nervous for my first varsity game, but now it's just a game."

For Wildeman, nervousness doesn't come for just the important games.

"All games are hard, so yea, I get nervous. We are in a tough conference so any team could beat us."

As the team breaks through the decorated sign, the crowd erupts in cheers and applause. For the next two hours, fear is not a word in any of the player's vocabulary. Victory is

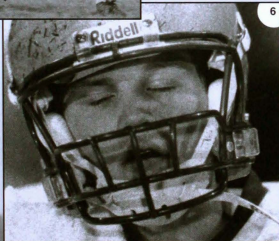
"It's awesome how pumped up everyone is before kickoff," says Zirkelbach.

The pre-game nervousness was quickly extinguished as the players began to focus, waiting for one familiar sound: the whistle.

Kristi Wilsman '04



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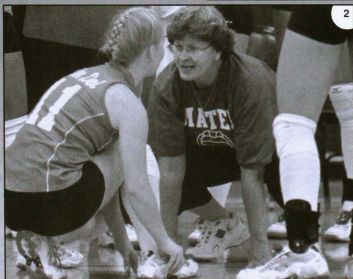
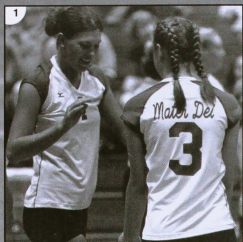
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5 Photo by Marie Schiff

Senior Kyle Hartz keeps hold of the ball while trying to break free from his opponent. Hartz showed a lot of adaptability in his new position. Ending the season with two touchdowns, Hartz contributed punts as well, with a total of 26 punts and 792 yards.

6 Photo by Karly Kempf

Varsity quarterback Dustin Slaton tries to regain himself after a hard blow. One of the few sophomore players, Slaton had to quickly learn how to step up and lead the team, with an impressive varsity start of 2,325 yards and 19 touchdowns.



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Staff Photo

Senior Andi Reising and junior Andrea Kiesel give each other a high-five to congratulate themselves on a point earned for the team. The girls ended their season with a 19-5 record, making it to semi-state and winning tough matches like against Castle.

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Staff Photo

Junior Erica Bohleber gets some quick advice from her coach, Carolyn Adler, before the start of the match. Coach Adler frequently gave individual attention to her players to be sure to get their best performance and attitude each and every game.

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Photo by Brittini Herron

Winding up, junior Katie Roberts prepares to drill the ball toward her opponents. The girls practice their spikes every day in order to perform well in the games. Accuracy and technique are two of the keys that help them with their spikes.

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Staff Photo

Senior Andi Reising and sophomore Tara Elpers work together to block the ball in their game at the Boonville tournament. The girls went on to win this tournament with no losses on their record. Teamwork was a crucial part of the volleyball team's success.





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## Last year loss motivated Wildcats

6:55 p.m. - October 8, 2002

CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL  
GYM

The Lady Wildcats ran out on the court and circled up to pray the Hall Mary. Just as they finished, the official blew his whistle and it was time to start the game. Senior Stephanie Elpers took the first serve to start the SIAC title match between the Mater Dei Wildcats and the Castle Knights.

"This game meant so much to us, especially since they took the SIAC and sectional titles away from us last year," said senior Kara Adler.

The game was quickly underway and in full swing as the score flew back and forth constantly. The girls managed to stay focused, though, and before they knew it they had won the first two games, 21-18 and 21-16, and were starting the third.

"We would be up by five or so and then before we knew it Castle would tie the game up with a single server. We just had to stay focused," said senior Anna Weber. "We were so psyched after winning the first two games we started making little, stupid mistakes which cost us the third game."

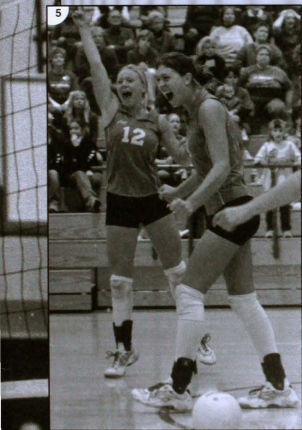
The third game 15-21 loss didn't slow the girls down at all, though. They quickly gathered as a team in the middle of the court and shared a few jokes to get everyone relaxed. They then joined in a circle and yelled, "Pride," as loud as they could. After that it didn't take long for the girls to get fired up. Just like the first game, they jumped out to an early lead. However, it wasn't long before the game became tied up again.

"We knew we were going to have to play hard but it helped to know that we already had two wins backing us up," stated Elpers. "It got really frustrating for a while but we all knew we could pull it out."

With a few quick points, the girls were on top again and just one point away from a victory. The ball was served up to start one of the longest rallies of the game. Then in one detrimental mistake Castle hit the ball into the net. The game was over and Mater Dei officially claimed the SIAC title with a 21-9 victory. Coming off the incredible high of this game the girls went on to win ten more consecutive games. They ended with an outstanding overall record of 29-6 and another sectional title, one of the Volleyscats' 25 sectional titles.

"The whole season was just unbelievable. It was exactly what you would want your senior season to be," exclaimed Weber.

Kelsey Wannemuehler '03



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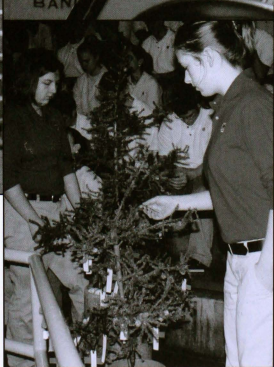
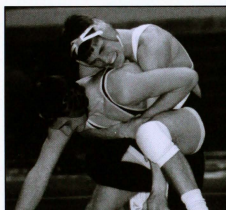
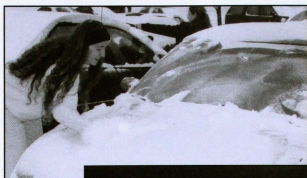
Celebrating their victory, senior Andi Reising and junior Andrea Niemeier scream with pride after scoring a point during a crucial match against Memorial. It's moments like these that make all their hard work pay off and bring them together as a team.

Staff Photo

The varsity volleyball team gathers together before a match for a pep talk from Coach Adler. Before each game the girls come together to prepare not only physically, but mentally, too. Focus was a main key to their success along with being physically fit.

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Snow fell, blanketing the school grounds yet again. This winter we awoke each morning with the ever-present possibility of delays due to inclement

weather. Sometimes our hopes would be appeased and more times than we can remember, we'd be granted a few extra hours of sleep. Three Mondays in a row we didn't have school at all. The Christmas Dance fulfilled our many wishes as snow proceeded to blanket the ground and our dates as we hurried into The Centre for a night to remember.

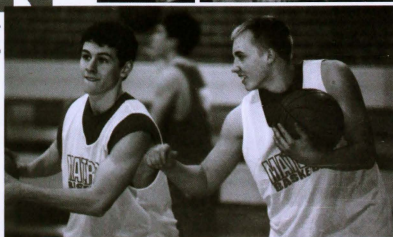
The dying months of winter evoked changes in the school body itself. The seniors seemed to give up on school spirit. Pep assemblies reached an all time low and color days were virtually nonexistent. We struggled. Luckily, things took an upward turn after a much-needed Christmas Break.

But as the snow melted, Mater Dei still achieved many impressive feats.

The student body prepared itself for two long, cold weekends in Indy as the wrestling team sent its eleventh team to state. With one of its largest turnouts, the speech team dominated Reitz for the first time in years, and the boys' basketball team pulled off some very impressive, close victories to capture yet another sectional title. Thirty new juniors and seniors were recognized for their dedication to their school and community by being inducted into the National Honor Society. By the end of the third quarter, things really started to thaw out as students began looking forward to Spring Break.

# SNOWED IN

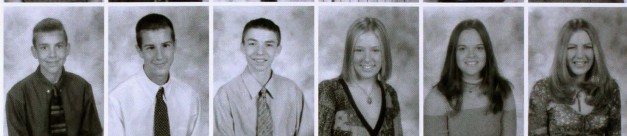
*The snow and dreary months of winter couldn't keep us from creating our own happy times.*



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Barchet, Mary  
Barnes, Kathryn



Bartek, John  
Beach, Nathan  
Beavin, Daniel  
Bouillet, Tara  
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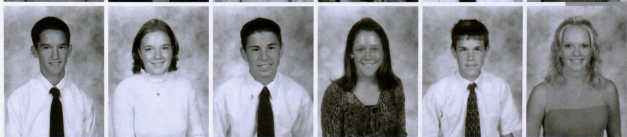
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Dewig, Chad



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Elsner, Shane  
Erkman, Brittany



Farmer, Patrick  
Farney, Michelle  
Fehrenbacher, Jeremy  
Fehrenbacher, Sarah  
Feller, Matthew  
Ferrari, Amber



Fischer, Aimee  
Fischer, Phillip  
Fuchs, Michael  
Goebel, Audrey  
Goebel, Cory  
Goebel, Katherine



Petting one of the many animals Mrs. Coughlin has brought home from Kentucky, junior Jason Coughlin proves that man's best friends are not only dogs. When not chasing the other animals around, Mickey, one of their kangaroos, gets individual attention as the donkeys watch in envy. Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski





Goedde, Shane  
Goetz, Michael  
Grattenthaler, Matthew  
Groves, Beth  
Hage, Lauren  
Hall, Wesley

## Pets migrate to America

3:00 p.m. - January 25, 2003

### THE COUGHLIN FARM

As the sunset in the African Serengeti where many animals search for a place to sleep tonight, or find their way back to their homes to wait until morning. There are many animals that live in the Serengeti, including mutjack deer, hedgehogs, and African servals. It just so happens that these animals also find their home with brothers that attend Mater Dei. Junior Jason, and sophomores Matt and Mike Coughlin bunk with these unusual pets.

According to Jason, "An African serval is like a cheetah and it has long legs like a cat. It costs a lot of money and takes a lot of room for the animals," says Jason. "The African serval is hard to care for because it needs calcium and chicken that needs to be cooked just right or it could die."



Not only do the Coughlins have the aforementioned animals, they have even more.

"We have a lot of animals: kangaroos, wallabies, miniature horses and dogs, whippets and a giant schnauzer," said Jason. A whippet hails from good old England, looks like a greyhound and has been known to run up to thirty-five miles per hour.

Junior Katie Reising also houses an unusual pet, a chinchilla.

"Chinchillas are like a cross between a rabbit, squirrel and a mouse. Their bodies are about the size of softballs with fur softer than a rabbit's fur. They have coarse tails like squirrels, yet they have round ears like mice," said Reising.

Also, Reising warns, "Beware! if chinchillas get loose, they're nearly impossible to catch." Many times Reising has had to chase a delinquent chinchilla around her house, causing upturned furniture, broken glass, and many bruises from falling over chairs.

So, what do Jason, Matt, Mike and Katie all have in common? They all have rather odd pets taking over their living space, but the true question is, are the pets or the owners the eccentric ones?

Shanna Bush '04

Junior Katie Reising entices her chinchillas with an afternoon treat as they crawl on her shoulders. Their big ears and soft fur make them loveable pets for their owners.  
Photo by Shanna Bush



Many teenagers use their vehicles as a way to express themselves. If that's the case, then a lot of Mater Dei students have a lot to say about themselves. For some students, detailing has become an obsession. From simply working on their cars to pimping them out, everyone has their own style. Some are content with the usual CD player and speakers, while others spend hundreds of dollars adding rims, foglights, or window tinting.  
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Henderson, Joshua  
Herrmann, Jacob  
Herron, Brittni  
Hertel, David  
Holzapfel, Patricia  
Jenkins, Drew



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Keller, Adria  
Kerchief, Brittney



Ketzner, Rachel  
Knight, Natalie  
Koester, Meagan  
Koester, Rhen  
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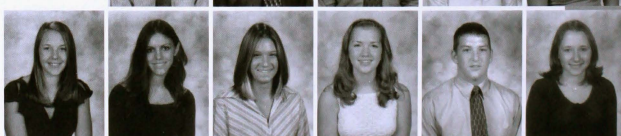
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Mueller, Dana  
Muensterman, Ashley  
Muensterman, Jaclyn  
Muensterman, Jerad  
Muensterman, Lauren



Sophomore Jason Devillez fights his way over classmate Philip Fischer and around other sophomore Shane Goedde, hoping to score a touchdown. Once a week these and other sophomores got together to play tackle football with friends from Reitz.  
Photo by Marie Schiff





Muensterman, Susan  
Murray, Getty  
Neisen, Kyle  
Padavic, Jennifer  
Perkins, Ryan  
Provost, Emily

## Girls getting into the action

2:00 p.m. - October 19, 2002

### PHILLIP FISCHER'S FRONT YARD

Most people are familiar with the stereotype of girls being delicate and powerless. However, this stereotype is quickly being shot down by a newly created football league. It all began when a group of Mater Dei students got together and decided to create their very own football league, consisting of not only boys, but girls as well. This co-ed tackle football league goes against the precedent of same gender sports and demonstrates the girls' equal ability to compete on the field alongside the boys.

Sophomore Phillip Fischer, founder of the FFFL, explains, "Fischer's Front-yard Football League. We've been playing every Sunday for seven weeks," Fischer said.

The lady members jumped right in on the fun and showed they have what it takes to play with the boys.

"I'm pretty bad. Most of the girls are better than me," said sophomore Matt Feller.

Sophomore Aimee Fischer has been playing with the league for three weeks. Many of the male members express the intimidation Fischer causes on the field. Fischer feels differently about the members of the opposite sex, however, "Heck no, they don't intimidate me. I tackle them all the time. Especially Fuchs and Feller because they're weak."

With all the running, passing, and tackling, the games can be a little rough.

Sophomore Hannah Johnson, another active female member of the league, came away with battle wounds after a rough game of tackle football. "I had a big bruise above my lip after tackling some of the guys."

They will keep on coming back to hang out with their friends, however, through all the pain and bruises. The FFFL goes to show that athletics can be much more than tough competition and winning. These members play for their pure enjoyment of the game.

Jaclyn Muensterman '05

Sophomore Michael Fuchs tackles sophomore Craig Maier during an intense game of FFFL. Sophomore Phillip Fischer donates his yard once a week so his friends can play a friendly game of co-ed tackle football.  
Photo by Marie Schiff

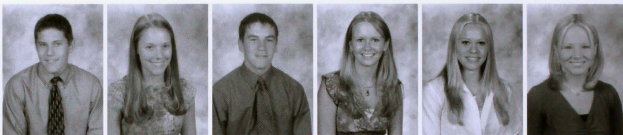


One of the overlooked performing teams at Mater Dei is the winterguard. That slight has not diminished their resolve; in fact, it might have made them better. After their coach had to back out before their season began, the girls on the squad found a friend in past band member Christina Groves, created their own routine, and designed their stage props. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed, having led to better scores and performances at competitions.

Photos by Shanna Bush



Raben, Jordan  
Reckelhoff, Anna  
Reddington, Andrew  
Render, Nikolette  
Rietman, Michelle  
Robinson, Jessica



Rosek, Corey  
Rousey, Arthur  
Sammet, Eric  
Schapker, Kristin  
Scheller, April  
Schentrup, Cassandra



Schiff, Marie  
Schilling, Cody  
Schmitt, Natalie  
Schutz, Craig  
Scott, Kourtney  
Seibert, Allisa



Sheridan, Mary  
Shetler, Emily  
Shetler, John  
Slaton, Dustin  
Spaetti, Luke



Staup, Whitney  
Stoltz, Christopher  
Stute, Emily  
Swickard, Kyle  
Tenbarge, Jonathan  
Toelle, Amber



Unfried, Bradley  
Vick, Allison  
Weber, Benjamin  
Weber, Timothy  
Weinzapfel, James  
Weinzapfel, Joseph



Weinzapfel, Philip  
Werner, Abigail  
Wildeman, Casey  
Wildeman, Ryan  
Will, Alex  
Williamson, Mary



Adjusting the temperature to cook their food just right, seniors Zach Raben and Jason Yoder admire their hamburgers and bratwursts. Raben, Yoder and many other seniors perfected their cooking abilities by the end of the football season, while also mastering their pregame ritual to get everyone pumped up.  
Photo by Kristi Wilsman





Woehler, Leslie  
 Wolf, Christopher  
 Wolf, Natalie  
 Yellig, Heather  
 Zenthoefler, Abe  
 Zenthoefler, Katie

# Fans get fired up

6:00 p.m. - October 18, 2002

## REITZ BOWL PARKING LOT

**A**nxiously awaiting the start of the battle of the west-side football game, seniors Taylor Udhe, Jason Yoder and Dave Lappe were among those gathered in the parking lot at Reitz, grilling out hotdogs and playing some football.

As students arrived for the game, the tailgating crowd grew larger. The tailgaters were mostly seniors, with a few juniors in attendance.

"A lot of people showed up before the Reitz game and we were dressed crazy and we were ready for the game to start," said Lappe.

This year, before every football game, a group of guys met in Mater Dei's parking lot, and

from there, carpoled to the game. Getting there an hour early was a must, considering they had to get the grill fired up and start cooking.

With their favorite songs blaring from their car stereos, the guys would hang out and watch the fans enter the parking lot for the games.

"We usually threw a football around or played with Kevin's remote control car," said Yoder.

Senior Kevin Tooke recalls one of his favorite tailgating experiences: "At the Mt. Vernon game, junior Brandy Sparks drove over my remote control car, so we threw it over a fence and it got stolen."

On the way into the game, many students would stop by to grab a bite to eat; that is, if they had any leftover.

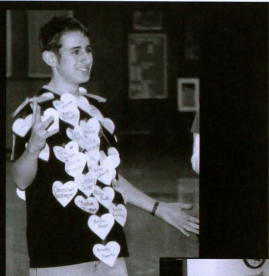
"We just hooked a grill to the back of Udhe's dad's truck and grilled hotdogs, sometimes hamburgers. Everyone pitched in and brought food," said Yoder.

Udhe, the founder of the tailgating crew, just wanted to have fun before the games with his friends.

"We just decided to tailgate instead of going out to eat. It gave us time to hang out and have fun before the game even got started," said Udhe.

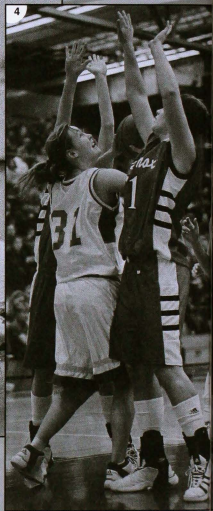
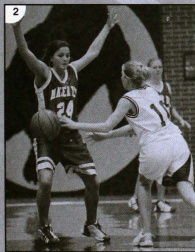
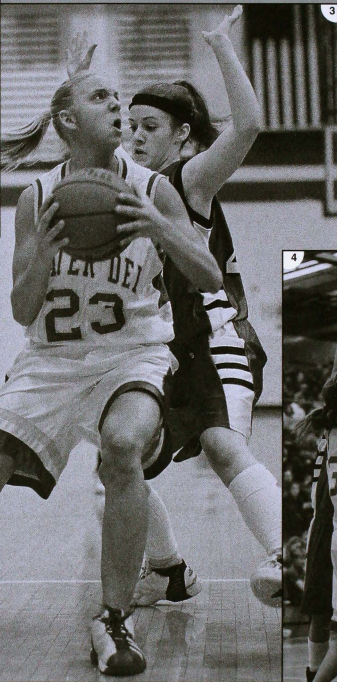
Mary Nelson '03

Seniors Zach Raben and Travis Miller enjoy their delicious supper they cooked before one of the varsity football games at Reitz Bowl. They came each game with other seniors prepared to make a tasty meal and prep for the game. Photo by Kristi Wilsman



Valentine's Day is either dreaded or welcomed. Many girls get excited as they know they could receive a special gift from that special someone. However, the girls that don't have this opportunity turn to their friends. Every year the office is filled with flowers as friends pass out their valentines. All the students get involved with a special heart game throughout the school. When it comes down to it, Valentine's Day becomes just a sweet day for everyone. Photos by Marie Schiff





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Staff Photo

Senior Jenna Babcock keeps tight grip of the ball, making sure not to lose it as a Southridge guard dives in for a steal. Babcock helped lead the team to their second victory of the season over the Raiders by 11 points to advance to the regional finals.

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Photo by Brittni Herron

Flailing her arms wildly in her opponent's face, senior Courtney Woehler aggressively attempts to cut off the Central player's passing lane. During the season the Wildcats twice stomped the Bears, posting 11 and 20 point victories, respectively.

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Staff Photo

Fiercely pushing to get a short jump shot, senior Missy Glaser strains with determination to get past her North Knox opponent. Glaser led the team in total points and assists, and will continue her basketball career playing for Florida Atlantic next year.

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Staff Photo

Junior Katie Roberts struggles to put up a shot between two North Knox defenders during the sectional championship game. Mater Dei came in as the underdog against the sixth ranked Warriors, but still managed to record a 60-55 victory.





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# Girls Girls attain sweet Basketball revenge

7:00 p.m. - February 15, 2003

SOUTH KNOX

**T**heir surprising performance shocked everyone around. Despite being underrated, the girls played an outstanding season no one expected. They proved themselves to be a unified, over-achieving team.

"No one expected us to make it as far as we did because we lost three, six foot seniors, but we thought we were better as a team," explained senior Missy Glaser.

Every player was an important asset. "It was a team effort for every win," said junior Katie McKinney.

The girls worked hard together, but still made sure that they had fun.

"During the games the bench got pumped by making moose calls when our teammates shot free throws," remembered junior Jessica Knight.

There were other ways the team pulled together to pump each other up explained McKinney. "Before games we are all nervous, but we feed off each other's energy."

Junior Laura Schroeder has her own memories of the team pulling

together. "When we played North Knox we did very well and every time we came out of the locker room we all sang 'We Ready.'"

Many moments throughout the season stuck in the players' minds. The game that stood out the most was against North Knox. "We were definitely the underdogs in that game and it was really awesome how we came out there and ended up beating them," exclaimed Glaser.

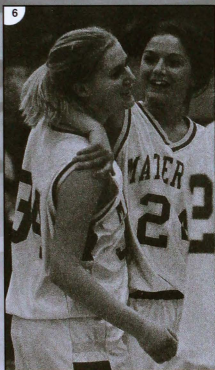
Everyone had already ruled out the North Knox game as a win for Mater Dei, except for the team. North Knox was ranked sixth and Mater Dei wasn't ranked at all. The girls came together and upset the predictions, taking home the sectional title.

"North Knox was ready for revenge," explains Glaser. "We beat them last year at their home court in sectionals."

The Lady Cats proceeded to avenge their regional loss last year against Southridge. "It was a great feeling beating them. We wanted it so bad and ended up winning our first regional game," shares Glaser.

Southridge wasn't ready for this upset, but instead they were set to stay for a while. "The Southridge fans had cookouts in the parking lot ready to stay for the second game and then they were sent home," laughs McKinney.

Katie Scheller '04



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5 Staff Photo

Sophomore Audrey Goebel pump fakes to one side before dribbling past her opponent. As one of the youngest members of the varsity team, Goebel got things rolling on the court as a guard, helping the Lady Wildcats conquer dominating victories.

6 Staff Photo

Senior Courtney Woehler and sophomore Jessica Dick embrace after an exciting, yet strenuous win in the sectional championship. The girls came together throughout the season, helping to motivate each other on and off the court.

Junior Becky Parkinson announces the next wrestlers to compete on the next available mat at the 19th annual Holiday Classic. Before and after each match, mat cats announced who would wrestle where and final scores of completed matches. If not for the mat cats being on top of things, the meet wouldn't have been as efficient.

Recalculating her work senior Sarah Bishop looks over the stats she recorded during a match to check the posted score. Mat cats took turns keeping stats of each wrestler's match. Many times they were called upon to check the score after a controversial call.

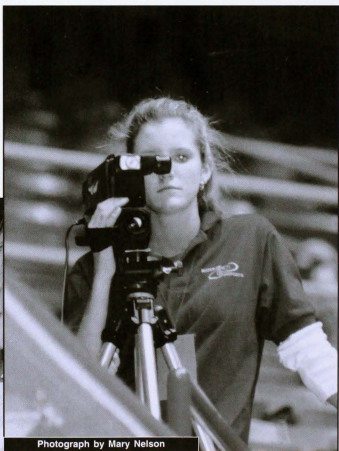


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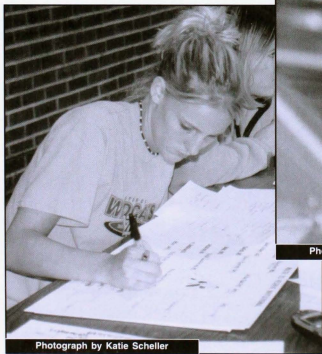


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Rotating with the other mat cats, junior Megan Martin takes her turn to film the wrestlers, so the coaches can later review each wrestler's mistakes and good moves. Videotaping was one of the more boring jobs, but someone had to do it. Each wrestling coach greatly appreciates all the work the mat cats do because without them, this extra work would not get done.



Photograph by Mary Nelson



Photograph by Katie Scheller

Senior Megan Parkinson focuses her camera as she prepares to take an action shot at the Ohio State tournament. Parkinson participated as a second year mat cat, giving her numerous responsibilities to make sure were taken care of and completed correctly.

Recording results at the Holiday Classic, senior Natalie Goebel copies the winning names onto the official bracket sheets. This was one of many jobs done by the mat cats.





# Behind Their Team

## The Mat Cats are overlooked many times, but their work is invaluable

7:30 p.m. - February 22, 2003

CONSECO FIELDHOUSE

The score was 1-1, and junior Blake Maurer was holding his own in double overtime. Mishawaka wrestler Alex Dolly attempted an escape, but somehow Blake managed to hold on.

Although the main focus was on the match, at the edge of the spotlight there was at least one person working behind the

scenes, during this meet and every meet, attentively recording every move Blake made. That person is a mat cat, one of a group of junior and senior girls who dedicate their time during wrestling season to help out with the program.

"It's a lot of time. We take stats and pictures, and film at the meets. We also make signs for the wrestling room and assemblies," two-year mat cat senior Aimee King said. The girls' "job" lasts the whole season. They run the annual Holiday Classic every year and work an average of two meets each week during the season. However, it is not all work and no fun. They also go on each of the wrestlers' out of town trips.

"After Blake won at Individual State, all of us mat cats and the parents stayed that night at a hotel. We were so hyper and it was... interesting," junior Kristi Wilsman said with a sly smile. Junior Katie Scheller agrees. "I've always liked wrestling, and as a mat cat we get to see every meet. It's really fun when we go to tournaments because we get to stay in hotels."

When asked why they wanted to be mat cats, the girls had different answers. Many are involved as a result of having watched older siblings, as in seniors Jill Schaefer and Sarah Bishop. "Ever since I was little I've been around wrestling, and I always looked up to the mat cats," said Bishop.

One of the largest projects the mat cats handle doesn't take place until the end of the year. "We make scrapbooks for every varsity wrestler, coach, and trainer," King said.

Whether you see the girls painting posters after school or down at the meets keeping stats, they are always doing *something* for the wrestlers. In years to come the mat cats will continue to play a vital role in the Mater Dei wrestling dynasty.

Melanie Knapp '03

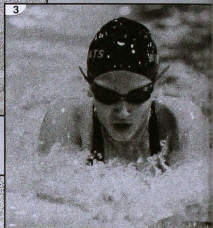


Photograph by Melissa Schnur

Waiting for the right moment, senior Jill Schaefer focuses the camera to get the best picture as senior Laura Raben watches the match attentively. Mat cats use the numerous pictures they take for their scrapbooks at the end of the year. Each mat cat was assigned a certain wrestler and must record each meet in this book while adding pictures and graphics to make them awesome memory books.



Photograph by Mary Nelson



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Staff Photo

Juni Brandy Sparks concentrates on perfecting her stroke during the 100 backstroke event at the North meet. Sparks was an important asset to the girls' swim team this year, contributing numerous victories in individual events as well as relays.

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Staff Photo

Freshman Stephanie Seibert gasps for a breath of air while swimming the 100 yard breaststroke event. Seibert, along with the other freshmen on the team, greatly contributed to this year's success and the future success of the girls' swim team.

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Staff Photo

Using her strength to achieve a personal best, sophomore Jenny Padavic pulls through the water during the 100 yard breaststroke event. Padavic practiced to be the best at breaststroke on the team and ranked as one of the top 8 in the city.

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Staff Photo

While swimming the freestyle leg of the 200 yard individual medley, juni Brandy Sparks takes a breath of air. Sparks and her older sister, senior Holly Sparks, competed in many of the same events such as backstroke and the individual medley.





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# Girls

## 400 freestyle relay decides all

# Swimming

8:30 p.m. - January 19, 2003

### LLOYD POOL

The tension was mounting as the last event began. The score was tied between North and Mater Dei and each swimmer's body was quivering from nervousness. This was one of the teams they wanted to beat this season and the golden opportunity awaited them. As the 400 free relay began, each team member held her breath. Minutes later, the relay ended as the Wildcats pulled through with an exhausting, but exhilarating victory.

"The best moment of the season was when we beat North. It came down to the very last event and we pulled through as a team," said junior Brandy Sparks.

Mater Dei's swim team had to reestablish itself after losing seven seniors. Regardless of these losses, the girls' team fought with new and experienced vitality.

Mater Dei, like all city teams, practiced at Lloyd Pool. "It's harder to practice at Lloyd because every city team practices there," said senior co-captain Holly Sparks. "At Lloyd, we only get two lanes to practice in for just an hour and a half."

Although practice times were scarce, everyone improved her personal times. But it was the freshmen and new swimmers that helped push the team to their goals.

"We had a very green team," said senior co-captain Megan Niemeier, "but the sophomores and incoming freshmen were really good swimmers and have a lot of potential."

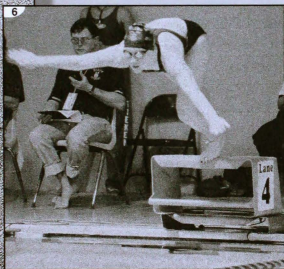
Many team members joined Mater Dei with years of experience and family history. Sophomore Jennifer Padavic has been swimming with her sister Jessica, class of 2002, since she was four.

"Jessica was a senior when I joined last year, and she really helped me get used to the meets." Padavic adjusted quickly with the help of her sister, fellow teammates, and coaches.

"Mater Dei's team is really close and supportive of each other. We have a great coach that had a lot of one on one time with all of the swimmers," said Padavic.

As the season closes, each swimmer reflects on her season. From a rocky beginning, the girls' team has established a solid foundation of fans, community support, and family. As Brandy Sparks recalls the past season, she smiles and says, "All the talent in the world will get you nowhere without your team."

Zach Wampler '03



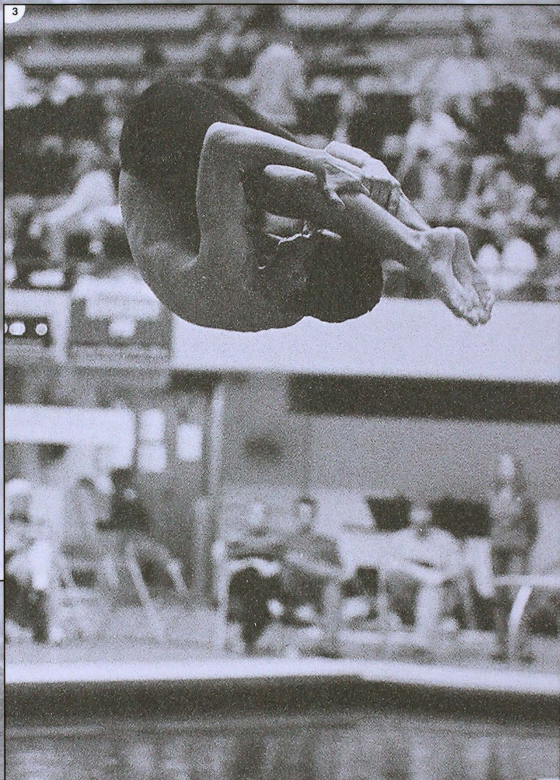
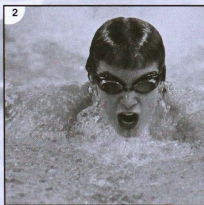
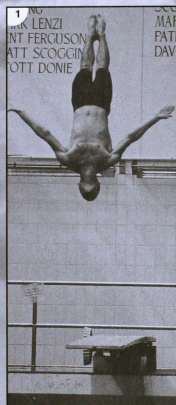
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5 Staff Photo

Taking a deep breath to keep her endurance, junior Hallie Denstorff concentrates on her motions and uses her strength to last through the 500 freestyle event. Staying focused on breathing is a must while swimming 20 laps in a 25 yard pool.

6 Staff Photo

Diving off the block, sophomore Katie Zenthoefler begins her 500 yard freestyle race with a successful and efficient start. Zenthoefler's structured technique and skills came in quite handy in all of her events throughout the season.



1 Photo by Karly Kempf

Perfecting his dive at the state competition, senior Nick Moll uses his strength to keep his body in a straight position. As the lone member of the team to advance to state, Moll used his gymnastics skills to finish 21st, missing the state finals by less than three points.

2 Staff Photo

Swimming in the butterfly leg of the 200 yard individual medley race, freshman Branden Clements takes a deep breath of air. Clements was one of nine freshmen on the team, making the future success of the team very prominent.

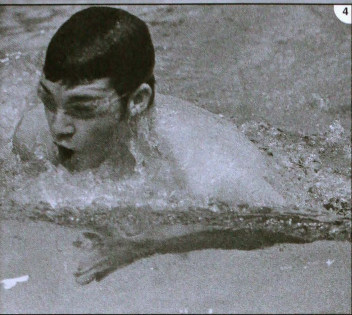
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Senior diver Nick Moll perfects his dive with a flawless pike position at the state diving competition. Moll participated on the first ever boys swim team and completed the season as the first male diver from Mater Dei to advance to state.

4 Photo by Karly Kempf

Straining to get a breath, freshman Mark Modesitt pushes forward during the 100 breaststroke event. Hardwork and dedication are two words that greatly described the boys team this year, with proof lying in their many improvements and accomplishments.





# Boys

## Lone senior capti- swates new team

4:30 p.m. - February 28, 2003

IUPUI NATATORIUM

You can hear the sound of divers splashing into the water, whistles blowing, and swimmers warming up. As senior Nick Moll walked into the Natatorium, the atmosphere astonished him. The usual sounds at meets include teammates yelling and encouraging swimmers, but when divers compete, the pool becomes silent. He couldn't believe he was really there.

Even in its first year, the boys' swimming and dive team proved they could do above and beyond what was expected of them. Sending three members to sectionals and one diver to state were major accomplishments.

"When I heard that I qualified for state, I stepped up the level of practice and started focusing on what the meet was going to be like," remembers Moll.

Christine Weil, Moll's diving coach, said, "This was his first opportunity to come out, and although he had no prior experience, he's been doing gymnastics for several years which gave him an advantage and made him easier to coach. Robert and I

had fun coaching all the boys. From the first day we knew we had lots to work on, but they're a good group of guys with lots of potential."

"They were constantly pushing us, but it wasn't just a workout. We had a lot of fun at practice," says freshman Wes Dingman. "I remember looking up and seeing Robert waving his arms and yelling, 'GO! GO! GO!'"

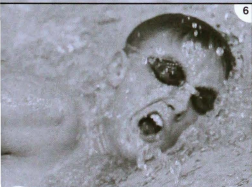
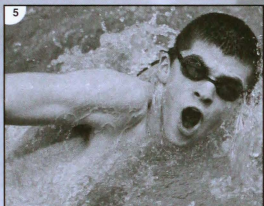
Apart from being a new team, this group was dominated by freshmen. There were only two upper-classmen on the team, Moll and junior Scott Modesitt.

"The freshmen on the team were great. Everyone put in a lot of effort and we have a great chance to have a successful team if we keep all the freshmen we had this past year," said freshman Calvin Clements.

Clement described the first practice. "Robert started the first week by saying 'This is how you swim.' Most of the team learned as they went along."

The first year of the boys' swim team was a great year that focused on hard work, personal improvement, and team development. With so many freshmen on the team, the boys' team is sure to expand and become a strong part of Mater Dei tradition.

Molly Stoltz '03

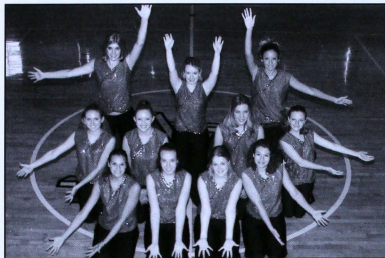


5 Photo by Karly Kempf

Freshman Lucas Nelson swims in the freestyle relay at the Memorial meet at Lloyd Pool. Nelson improved throughout the season to become one of the best swimmers on the team. He worked hard to be a leader and set examples for his teammates.

6 Staff Photo

Swimming as one of the many freshmen, Wes Dingman strives to finish his freestyle race at the beginning of the season. Improving his personal time throughout the season was his main focus while helping the team accomplish first year goals.

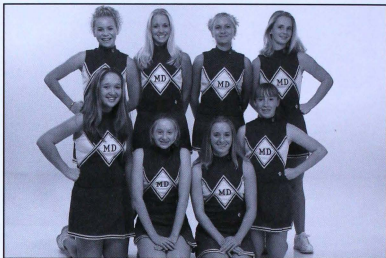


### Dance Cats

Row 1- Rachael Gries, Jocelyn Ketzner, Emily Stratman, Sara Rainey

Row 2- Jenny Rathgraber, Stephanie Schenk, Jessica Blyrle, Robin Fehrenbacher

Row 3- Alyssa Edwards, Brittany Erkman, Kellyn Murphy



### Freshman Cheerleaders

Row 1- Lauren Oliver, Emily Elpers, Katie Alexander, Sondra Wildeman

Row 2- Christy McMillan, Ali Raben, Jaci Elpers, Tori Fischer

# Remote Control

11:46 a.m., April 11, 2003

IVY TECH STATE COLLEGE

Watching in anticipation as the robot successfully goes around the first turn, the team knows that all it has to do is touch the can and come back with no major difficulties.

"It's fun to compete," said sophomore James Weinzapfel. "The team works so hard to put the robot together and program it. It is great to get to the competition and see how good of a job you really did."

The team is given a lego data team challenge kit with 700 pieces to construct a robot. Once the robot is constructed it must be programmed. This whole process can take days.

"It does take a few days to build the robot," said sophomore Phil Weinzapfel. "But the hardest part is programming the robot."

Once the robot is constructed and programmed, it must then be entered into the competition. There are two competitions a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. For every competition a new robot must be

made because each time a different task must be completed by the robot.

"We usually build a new robot each competition that we think will best complete the challenge," said sophomore Rhen Koester. "It has to follow a curvy black line through bricks and rods. Then we have to grab the can, turn around, and come back to the start."

Of course, winning the competition is always the main goal. The winners receive a \$50 gift certificate to Best Buy and a trophy. Mater Dei has been lucky enough to be the home of this trophy for the past two years.

"It is cool to win because we did it all on our own," said Weinzapfel. "We spend many hours working on the robot and the only downfall is that it is hard to split up a \$50 gift certificate to Best Buy equally."

The robot team has very little publicity at Mater Dei, but that doesn't stop its members from working their hardest and succeeding. They are very excited about their fortunes and they hope to continue dominating in the future.

Marie Schiff '05



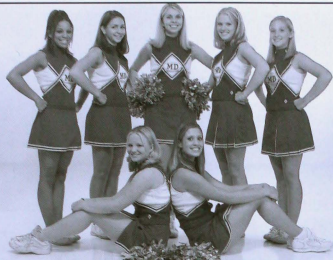
Sophomore Rhen Koester makes final checks on the robot that his team built. The local competition at Ivy Tech State College pits machines built by middle school, high school, and college students as they race around a track knocking off soda cans.

Photo by Marie Schiff

Sophomores Philip Weinzapfel and Logan Bartek place their homemade robot on the competition track. Weinzapfel and Bartek are members of a robot building team called Zap-Tek. This team built robots that compete against other student-made robots.

Photo by Marie Schiff





### Reserve Cheerleaders

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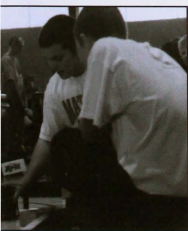
Row 2- Kayla Weinzapfel, Rachel Luigs, Danielle Elsner, Amber Ferrari, Kourtney Scott



### Varsity Cheerleaders

Row 1- Abby Blankenberger, Mary Beth Jankowski

Row 2- Michele Lewis, Mary Nelson, Stephanie Schapker, Jeanna Butler



Sophomores Philip Weinzapfel and Logan Bartek place their robot on the track and calibrate its position before setting it loose. The two founding members of Zap-Tek build robots which battle with other contraptions. Photo by Marie Schiff



### Liturgical Ensemble

Row 1- Ashley Lefler, Shanna Bush, Rachel Schenk, Emily Copeland, Elizabeth Kirsch, Jennifer Carter

Row 2- Christina Ward, Megan Wright, Brittany Erkman, Amber Drury, Natalie Wolf, Katie Frank

Row 3- Mark Modesitt, Amanda Cox, Cara Batema, Anna Koester, Lindsey Schenk, Jenna Schmitt, Kelsey Lottes, Brittney Eickhoff

Row 4- Mark Taylor, Shane Provost, Drew Jenkins, Nick Wildeman, Derek Herrmann, Craig Schutz, Kyle Kraft, Lucas Kirsch, Katie Reising



### Band

Row 1- Meagan Koester, Anna Koester, Amanda Gears, Rachel Schenk, Caitlyn Nemer  
 Row 2- Derek Herrmann, Michelle Crowe, Jacob Farney, David Learned, Sara Paciorowski, Cara Batema, Ashley Alles, Amber Drury, Jeremy Hill, Kyle Niesen, Kourtney Scott, Zach Wampler, Megan Thompson  
 Row 3- Whitney Staup, Rachel Buskivitz, Melissa Elpers, Christina Ward, Jessi Buskivitz, Nick Wildeman  
 Row 4- Hannah Johnson, Katie Reising, Ashley Bradford, Robin Fehrenbacher, Ben Paciorowski, Mark Taylor  
 Row 5- Andrew Cheaney, Amanda Cox, Nick Farny, Craig Schutz, Drew Jenkins

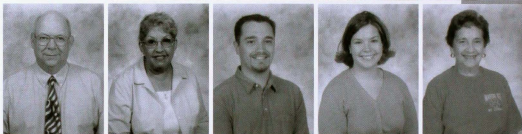
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Herr, Sr. Donna  
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Hudgions, Carol  
Keith, Richard



Kent, Simon  
Kirchoff, Mary Jo  
Knight, Darin  
Kunkler, Julia



Mr. John McMullen takes time to review the work on sophomores Matt Grattenthaler and Patrick Farmer. They designed the cover of McMullen's newest novel. That novel went into production over the winter and is expected to be released the summer of 2003.  
Photo by Jordan Baer





Larson, Becky  
Leffler, Donna  
Little, Mary Jane  
McMullen, John  
Metzler, Don

## McMullen's novel approach

3:00 a.m. - August 21, 1999

### McMULLEN'S STUDY

**B**etween grading papers and spending time with their families, do teachers have enough time to write books? Religion teacher John McMullen says since he is currently editing his first commercially published novel, *Roman*.

Several influences, besides the fact that St. Luke was a writer, drove McMullen to write. It started in fifth grade with his teacher.

"I had an active imagination. I really think I started writing to create order out of my chaos," he said.

*Roman* started in May 1997 with over two years of research on Rev. Weinzapfel, the main character in the book. Then one Saturday

morning in August 1999, the first words were written.

"I started writing on a Saturday morning at ten till three in the afternoon. From then on I would write from eight or nine at night till one or two in the morning," McMullen said.

McMullen ironically inked the final page of *Roman* on November 11, 2001, the same day that Rev. Weinzapfel passed away.

"I do believe that he was helping me with this book," McMullen said.

McMullen loves to write, but it is a constant re-write process for him.

"The writing process is a long re-write exercise," he said. "But there comes a point when the writer has to say 'enough' and move on."

Although this as well as other works of McMullen's have a religious overtone, he believes that everyone has experiences that they can use for subject material.

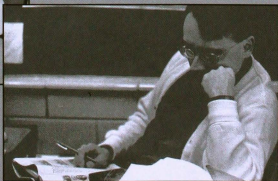
"Anyone who has not been in a coma, or anyone who survives their teenage years has a story to tell, has something to write about," he said. "There are times I don't want to write but I have to, it helps me create order out of my chaos. If I can write three hundred words a day, I am lucky."

Ashley Muensterman '05

"The hardest part of writing is the editing," says Mr. John McMullen. It is such a time-consuming process that McMullen has to squeeze in editing anytime and anywhere he can, such as in his classroom between classes. Photo by Jordan Baer



A few years ago, Mr. Hickman and his wife bought a forty-acre lot near Ferdinand, Indiana, complete with a lake and twenty acres of forest to be closer to their daughters' school. They opted to build a log cabin with a full basement, loft, study, two full fireplaces, a two car garage, and a ten foot wrap around porch. It is a mile and a half walk from the porch to the mailbox and back. Mr. Hickman did most of the finishing work and he enjoys the seclusion and natural setting. Photos by Ron Hickman



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Mrs. Kristy Herr, guidance counselor, looks for a college application for one of the senior students. She played an important part in helping seniors prepare for their future college plans.  
Photo by Brittni Herron





Whitehouse, Scott  
Wildeman, Carla  
Williams, Sr. Mary Francis  
Wilson, Rick

## Fresh faces fit in easily

7:20 a.m. - August 12, 2002

### TEACHERS' WORKROOM

Every year Mater Dei gets a group of new teachers. With the help of Principal Gary Houchens, this year's new teachers have been able to join the school's faculty easily and successfully.

"We try to make an effort from the moment they walk in for the interview to show them around. We have a special orientation where we can show them some of the ways things are done," said Houchens.

"Everything has been top-notch," said Mr. Chris Drew, Mater Dei's new Language Arts teacher. "All of the faculty is motivated and I love the school's enthusiasm towards the theatre program."

Houchens had nothing but positive comments to say about them.

"I think they are doing a fantastic job," said Houchens. "They are the most enthusiastic and talented teachers I have ever met. Each and every teacher has gone the extra mile to make sure the students enjoy and learn from their class."

The new teachers had some crazy experiences in their first few weeks at school. When Drew started, he ate lunch A only to find later that his freshman homeroom eats lunch C. The students had been in his choice alone. Mr. Jason Craig, a substitute teacher working toward a full-time position, discussed his new responsibilities. He said, "When I'm responsible for monitoring lunch, I feel like I'm a warden in a prison making sure people don't throw food at each other. It's quite an experience."

One of the most important new staff members has been Houchens. "This is my first high school experience," noted Houchens. "The support has been terrific, and with Mater Dei's continued success, we can do anything."

Houchens said he thinks the new teachers will continue to be with the Mater Dei community for years to come.

Jordan Baer '04

Sr. Bonnie Bierwagen, a new religion teacher, concentrates on helping her students with their assignments. She was hired to teach freshman religion and the senior ministry class. Photo by Brittini Herron



When it comes to teaching, some on Mater Dei's faculty can not get enough of it, at least for Mrs. Brenda Donofrio, Mrs. Debbie Haton and Mr. John Wells. These three teach college English and math classes at USI and IVY Tech. "It really gives me a chance to see what our students will be asked to do after they leave MD," Wells said. "We can adjust what we teach here to make sure MD students are better prepared for what they will see in college." Photos by Mary Nelson





## May Day Court

Travis Miller, Jocelyn Ketzner, Andrew Werner, Mary Nelson, Zach Wampler, Jill Werner, Paul Scheller, Attending Queen Melanie Knapp, Queen Tessa Faraone, Lindsey Wagner, Erica Wildeman, Craig Weinzapfel, Jill Schaefer, Aaron Scott, Jennifer Lasher, Dave Lappe

# Taking It Outside

3:45 p.m. - September 4, 2002

## HOWELL WETLANDS

Every teacher has the goal of making their classroom learning relevant and meaningful to their students. Sometimes that means tying the lessons to practical matters or career choices. For science teacher Carl Vogel, that means putting plant biology to use beautifying the community.

This year, Vogel offered his class the chance to earn extra credit points by volunteering to work with the Garden Club as they replanted tulips and other flowers around the Howell Wetlands nature preserve on Tekoppel Avenue. The students, along with other organizations and Garden Club members, planted bulbs and cleaned up the area.

"I wanted to give these kids the chance to get involved and do something good for their community," said Vogel. "I was very happy with the turnout and their work."

Although this project was a practical use of the subject material Vogel teaches everyday, the one continuous project that he and his classes maintain is the courtyard gardens. This area between the Kempf Auditorium

and the classrooms is not often used, but is seen every day by students and teachers alike.

In the courtyard, one will find a variety of flowers, shrubs and trees that help conserve the area as well as beautify it. The combination is meticulously kept up and is a wonderful outside classroom experience.

The materials are all donated, but it is the labor that is key to its upkeep. Students will see at least Vogel, if not his whole class, out in the dirt, planting and weeding. The extra credit is the first motivation, but some students will admit that it is outdoors and the gorgeous colors that make it worthwhile.

"Of course they want the extra credit, but I think that many of them actually like to work out there with their hands," said Vogel.

But does working out in the gardens, with the sun beating down and the dirt caked to hands, beat the infamous sewer tour Vogel takes every year?

"Probably not," admits Vogel.

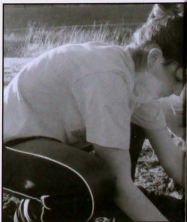
It's messy work, but it is work that can only be done by hand. After the ground was broken and trenches were dug, the bulbs to be planted had to be placed by hand and covered up. Others can by afterwards to fertilize the newly buried tulip bulbs.

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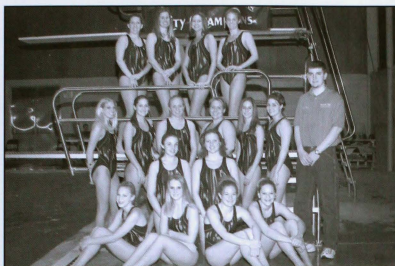


Breaking ground is the first and the most backbreaking work, as this freshman found out. The project to replant and beautify the Howell Wetlands started with the digging of bulb beds and clearing of weed patches.

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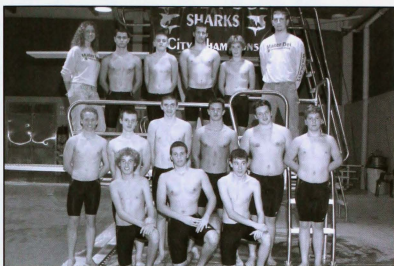






## Girls Swimming

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 Row 2- Katie Funke, Cherie Williamson  
 Row 3- Kerri Dennis, Jenny Padavic, Katie Zenthoefler, Jenna Denstorff, Emily Shetler, Christina Morrow, Coach Robert Thomas  
 Row 4- Hallie Denstorff, Holly Sparks, Megan Niemeier, Brandy Sparks



## Boys Swimming

Row 1- Branden Clements, Mark Modisett, Adam Lambert  
 Row 2- Wes Dingman, Ryan Marx, Lucas Nelson, Phil Loehr, Nick Farny, Aaron Crowe  
 Row 3- Coach Christine Weil, Nick Moll, Cory Kempf, Scott Modisett, Calvin Clements, Coach Robert Thomas



As the work came to a close, crews had to come back over the newly planted bulbs and cover them up completely to prevent birds or small animals from stealing the flower seeds as a tasty snack. The dirt was replaced and the grounds were watered, all in hopes of an explosion of color the following spring.  
 Staff Photo



## Basketball Homecoming

Row 1 - Noah Wells, Nathan J. Miller, Brittany Elpers, Name, Emily Raben, Paul Mindrup, Chaselyn Craig  
 Row 2 - Jerod Droste, Sarah Fehrenbacher, Jon Herron, Kristen Kissel, Nick Jureczki, Abby Blankenberger, King Nick Moll, Queen Megan Parkinson, Erica Wildeman, Kenny Miller, Tyler DeWeese, Kevin Tepool, Kathy Goebel, Greg Ambrose



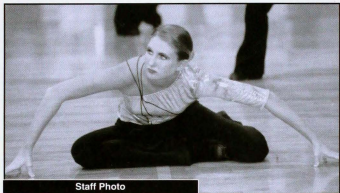
Not everyone working at Howell that day got to plant. Close to 10 other volunteers walked the trails and paths, picking up trash and debris. The efforts were to make sure that the garbage was not washed into the wetlands during winter snow-melts and endanger wildlife.  
 Staff Photo

Sophomore Jessica Byrley looks at the poinsettias as she unwraps them from their box. The poinsettias were one of the many fundraisers the dance cats had to raise money for their trip to Florida.



Photo by Brittini Herron

As she waits for her cue to perform the routine at senior night, freshman Jennifer Rathgraber remains motionless. The dance cats spent numerous hours to perfect their routines for assemblies, games and competition.



Staff Photo

Waiting for the beat of the music to move her to her next position, senior Emily Stratman pauses in a perfect stance. A four year member of the dance cats, Stratman not only helps lead the squad, but also competes in dance outside of school.



Staff Photo

Senior dance cat member Emily Stratman peers into fellow senior Rachael Gries's bag of treats. The pep club sent each member off to Florida with a good luck bag of candy.

The dance cats perform their nationals routine to the Mater Dei crowd during a basketball game. The dance cats not only performed at basketball games, but also football games and pep assemblies.





# Making It To The Top

## Fundraising and practice pay off for girls as they earn their way to nationals

9:30 a.m. EDT - February 1, 2003

DISNEY WORLD, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The lights dimmed and the dance cats huddled together for a last minute pep talk. "Now introducing the Mater Dei Dance Cats!" roared the announcer. The crowd cheered like crazy as the girls entered the stage.

"I was so nervous I felt like throwing up, but once I got out there,

I was fine. It was great to see all the people out there cheering for us," said senior Rachael Gries.

As the dance cats took their places on the floor, the crowd quieted and prepared themselves to watch an amazing routine.

"I was so excited. I kept thinking 'Oh my gosh' I am really here. I knew it was real because we had worked so hard as a team," said senior Jocelyn Ketzner.

This was the first time the dance cats competed on a national level. Although they didn't make it past the preliminary round, each girl was still proud of her performance. "I was happy once we got done because I knew we had hit things that we never hit in practice," said senior Emily Stratman.

Practicing was the main focus for the girls in preparing for nationals, after they officially qualified last summer. "Once we knew we qualified for nationals, we knew there was a lot of hard work and fundraising ahead of us," said Stratman.

The dance cats added lots of extra practices throughout the week. Not only did they have to prepare a routine, but they also had to be ready to dance at various football games and all the home basketball games. To pay for the trip they also had to add extra fundraisers, amounting to an extra \$5,000.

"After working so hard on all the fundraising and practices it is kind of nice for it all to be over and have a break," said Stratman.

The dance cats learned a lot about teamwork and what it takes to compete on a national level. These girls will always remember what they accomplished this year and how proud of themselves they were.

Mary Beth Jankowski '03

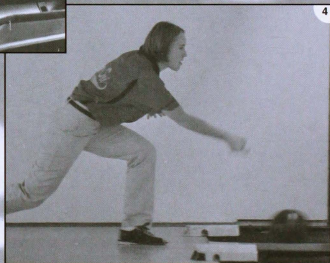
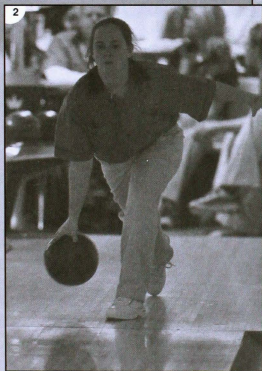


Photo by Kelly Johnson



Photo by Susan Muensterman

Senior Jocelyn Ketzner waits patiently for the upbeat music to start. They danced at a national competition and spent a few days of fun in Walt Disney World.



1 Photo by Brittini Herron

Seniors Emily Stratman, Jenny Reed and Jennifer Sotolongo receive instruction from their coach, Chuck Stratman, before the start of their meet. These seniors, along with senior Laura Pritchett, led the team to a successful second season.

2 Staff Photo

Trying to perfect her technique, sophomore Lauren Adcock concentrates as she rolls the ball down the lane for a strike. As a first-year member, Adcock worked to improve her scores and performed well by putting a natural curve to her ball.

3 Staff Photo

As the meet came to an end, senior bowler Laura Pritchett grabs her bowling ball and shoes, returning them to the bowling alley. Pritchett earned her way onto the varsity team by working hard and getting the rest of the team rallied before each meet.

4 Photo by Brittini Herron

Sophomore Hannah Johnson follows through her motion after releasing the ball down the lane. By her extreme finesse and control of the ball, Johnson performed the best out of the sophomores and always made her mark down the lane for a high score.





# Girls

## A laid back approach to it all

4:00 p.m. - January 7, 2003

never miss it."

### ARC LANES

Rolling her eyes and ignoring the other team's cheers, senior Jen Sotolongo arranges herself on the hardwood floor. She's followed this path over and over, and easily set the ball to fly exactly where she wanted, before it even left her hand. Soon, another crash rang out and Jen spun around, smirk on her face, giant X blinking above her head.

Jen commented, "At Arc Lanes versus Harrison, I was against the best girl on their team. She beat me the first time, then I came back with a 186, my highest score ever." Smiling, she added, "She was shocked."

Jen refined her talent at practice, which was held every Tuesday at Franklin Lanes.

"We just bowled games by ourselves to practice strikes, then later we practiced at corners," sophomore Hannah Johnson said.

As coach, Chuck Stratman had his own ideas on what the girls should work on. "We concentrated on form and getting better," he stated.

"Single pins were a menace—it's like shooting free-throws, you should

Throughout the season, improvement was outstanding. On average, from week 4 of competition to week 10, sophomore Lauren Muensterman's average jumped 10 pins, sophomore Lauren Adcock's improved by 8, and Johnson's by 7.

"Our team was always really laid back, but other teams were all serious with wrist braces and stuff," senior Laura Pritchett commented.

The team did have some tricky strategies for competition. "I always tried to wear my crazy socks, my 'lucky socks'," Sotolongo said.

Johnson remembered other things. "The one thing that sticks out in my mind is when we were playing against Central and their car had broken down. Our coach stopped and picked them up and they beat us!"

Despite a few bittersweet memories, the season was full of a fair share of hard work, laughter, excitement and gain. With only three girls from this year's team returning next year, they'll need to teach what they've learned to the new members. Whether the lesson involves "lucky socks" or sabotaging rivals' tires, we know these girls and those moving on will be prepared for whatever they must face in the future.

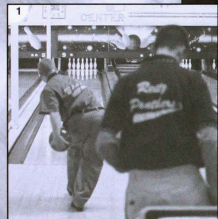
Jill Werner '03

5 Photo by Brittini Herron

Preparing to take her next turn, senior Emily Stratman picks up her ball and readies herself to add points to her individual score against Bosse. The girls came out with a dominating victory over the Bulldogs, pulling the girls ahead of them in the city rankings.

6 Staff Photo

Releasing the ball after a perfect, routine warm-up, senior Jennifer Sotolongo watches the ball roll steadily down the lane for a strike. As the strongest bowler, Sotolongo took up the fifth spot on the varsity roster each meet to bring up the team score.



1 Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski

Senior Jon Gidcumb goes through his routine motions as he prepares to release the ball down the lane. Gidcumb was one of five seniors to participate on the bowling team this year, being one of the leading individual meet scorers among all the members.

2 Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski

Coach Chuck Stratman gives pointers to seniors Jon Gidcumb and Jason May and juniors Tyler Musgrave and Jeremy Gries as they prepare to begin their meet against Boonville. The Wildcats came within 40 points of the Pioneers, ending with a score of 782-822.

3 Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski

Senior Jason May consults with Reitz's coach to confirm his current score. Scoring was quite difficult this year. Not only were the boys not used to the sport because it was their first year, but also because the boys had to bowl from behind most of the season.

4 Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski

Junior Jeremy Gries watches intently from behind as senior Jon Gidcumb makes his approach in the fifth frame against Warrick County foes, Castle. Gidcumb ended up bowling 143, leading the team in individual scores for the day.





5 Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski

Holding his follow-through, junior Jeremy Gries looks to improve his score against the Reitz Panthers. May bowled a combined 293, 151 pins behind high scorer senior Jon Gidcumb, and 11 pins better than Wildcat third place junior Alex Blazier.

# Boys First win of season boasts team

4:00 p.m. - January 8, 2003

## FRANKLIN LANES

The score was 18-2 and it was final. The Mater Dei boys bowling team had won its very first bowling meet ever. The boys agreed that beating North was a much-needed confidence booster for the team.

"We were so excited! I didn't think we would ever beat anyone," said senior Jason May.

The fact that it was North's first year and they didn't even have team shirts didn't take the glory away from the team at all.

"We were ready for the meet. We even went up on the approach and did warm-up exercises," said junior Tyler Musgrave. "The other teams just laughed, but we didn't care."

Volunteer coach Chuck Stratman was very dedicated to helping the team improve every meet, giving them tips, and encouraging them to try new styles until they found one that fit them the best.

"After Coach gave us a pep talk we circled up and chanted 'Defense.' Some bowler from Bosse gave us the dirtiest look and said, 'There is no

defense in bowling.' The whole team couldn't stop laughing!" said senior Daryl Booth.

While the Mater Dei team is congregating and having a good time, the other teams are much more serious and focused.

"Mater Dei bowling is all about fun," said May. "All the other teams take it too seriously."

Each bowler is responsible for his own game as well as the team's game. Senior Jon Gidcumb holds the league record for Mater Dei with the score of 238. May was right behind him with 236 and a personal best of 244.

"It takes lots of practice," said May. "After doing it for so long, I developed a technique that works, the two finger spin."

For some players like May and Gidcumb, bowling is a learned skill. For others like Musgrave and Booth, it all depends on what the pins do.

"It is always hard to control what the pins would do," said Booth. "Sometimes they would fall and sometimes they were glued to the floor."

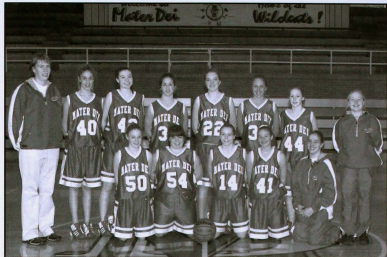
By sharing common goals for the season, the team became very close. Throughout the year, they created memories that will last as they bowl in the future.

Mary Beth Jankowski '03



## Girls Freshman Basketball

Emily Weinzapfel, Mallory Schenk, Tiffany Payton, Madison Parkinson, Coach Kim Goebel, Laura Schilli, Brittani Elpers, Sarah Scott, Andrea Goebel



## Girls Reserve Basketball

Row 1- Emily Weinzapfel, Megan Wright, Ashley Alles, Jaci Babcock, Manager Jennifer Carter  
 Row 2- Coach Angie Linker, Madison Parkinson, Cassie Schentrup, Laura Schroeder, Michelle Farney, Mallory Morrow, Brittni Herron, Manager Amber Drury

# Money Matters

7:45 a.m. - October 19, 2002

MATER DEI GYM

The Mater Dei cheerleaders gather early one morning to prepare for the kindergarten through eighth grade clinic they are putting on. The cheerleaders have worked hard learning a dance, cheers, and chants to teach all the young future wildcats.

"Teaching all the little girls was a blast," said senior co-captain Abby Blankenberger. "It was also a major fundraiser for the cheer squad."

All the different organizations at Mater Dei hold fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for extra necessities needed to make their activity run smoother. The money raised goes to a variety of things including new warm-ups, entry into competitions, new equipment, and even a trip to Florida for nationals.

"We had to raise so much money," said senior dance cat Emily Stratman. "We had four car washes, a garage sale, and we sold a huge variety of items."

Some organizations raise money for their instructor's pay or even the gas in their vehicles so they can get

from one place to the other.

"We all have a blast at all of our fundraisers," said senior color guard member Jill Werner. "We spend all of our money on repairing instruments and paying for us to go to band camp."

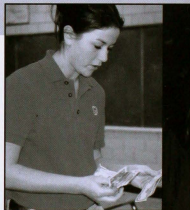
Fundraising comes in many different forms and the money is used in just about as many different ways. From purchasing equipment and supplies to raising funds to donate to needy families, the money is put to good use.

"Every penny we bring in goes back out in donations of cash money or household items," said service club advisor Joan Vickery. "We want to give as much back as we can."

It is true that some of the things sold at fundraisers are lame, but the money is going to a worthwhile cause and helps keep clubs and organizations operating.

Mary Beth Jankowski '03

Fundraising is an important part of any group's activities, ensuring that it can do the fun things it wants as well as pay for the things it needs to do. Sophomore Molly Couture knows just how important it is, sacrificing her time to work at the Service Club bake sale during the May Day games.  
 Staff Photo



Senior Courtney Woehler counts through rice bowl money collected from all the homerooms and at the end of the lunch line. The loose change collected through the day was then donated to Mater Dei families to help defray medical expenses.  
 Photo by Mary Nelson







### Girls Varsity Basketball

Row 1- Kristin Kissel, Audrey Goebel, Jenna Babcock, Abby Schmitt, Jessica Knight

Row 2- Manager Jennifer Carter, Courtney Woehler, Missy Glaser, Katie Roberts, Katie McKinney, Jessica Dick, Manager Amber Drury



### Boys Freshman Basketball

Row 1- Brandon Deig, Tyler Bittner, Nathan Miller, Ben Dausman, Andy Tekoppel

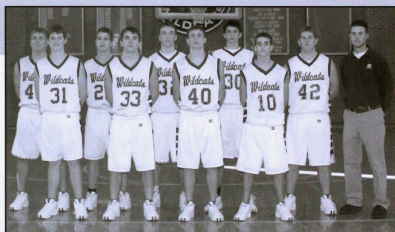
Row 2- Matt Major, Ryan Schnarre, Paul Kempf, Will Moll, Patrick McKinney

Row 3- Coach Matt Weber, Kyle Grossman, Paul Weinzapfel, Matt Soellner, Nathan Hassler, Joe Kelley, Adam Wolf, Coach Scott Slaton



Junior Michelle Lewis gives eager young girls cheerleading tips at the cheer camp. The cheerleaders held many fundraisers this year to raise money to purchase new warm-ups and uniforms, but this camp generated funds as well as interest in the Wildcat cheer squad.

Photo provided by Lauren Oliver



### Boys Reserve Basketball

Cory Goebel, Kelly Muensterman, Michael Goelz, Andy Reddington, Drew Alcorn, Scott Korressel, Andy Krack, Tyler Lutterbach, Danny Martin, Coach Justin Elpers



### Boys Varsity Basketball

Row 1- Manager Jake Weinzapfel, Chris Robinson, Chris Marx, Dominic Turi, Chris Hertel, John Fuchs

Row 2- Coach John Goebel, Craig Meier, Cory Goebel, Jonathan Fehrenbacher, Wacey Hall, Zach Zirkelbach, Matt Halbig, Drew Alcorn, Coach Justin Elpers, Coach Kevin Moore

Looking up to the packed bowl, junior Jeanna Butler yells a chant to the fans during the Reitz football game. Butler, along with the other cheerleaders, tried to keep the student section involved throughout the tough game.



Photograph by Brittini Herron

During a school pep assembly, senior Mary Beth Jankowski performs the school song. Being a four-year member of the cheer squad, Jankowski proved herself to be a leader as she took on the responsibility of varsity captain.

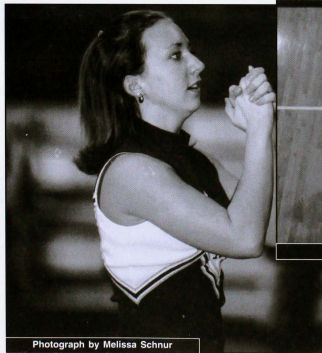


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Senior Stephanie Schapker focuses on staying tight to perfect her extension as others concentrate on keeping her steady in the air. Schapker, a four-year member of the cheer squad, participated as a front or back spot, flyer and even a base.



Staff Photo



Photograph by Melissa Schnur

Even the rain and cold weather can't keep senior Abby Blankenberger from showing her spirit. Rain or shine, the cheerleaders would never falter in their attempts to keep the crowd pumped up for the action.



Senior Mary Nelson leads the seniors in a chant during one of the pep assemblies. The girls did their best to keep the student body involved during school assemblies.



# More Than Just Spirit

## Candy, posters and scrapbooks are just part of their duty

5:45 p.m.- October 18, 2002

MATER DEI PARKING LOT

The cheerleading squad gathered in the Mater Dei parking lot before the big Mater Dei vs. Reitz football game. While sharing some jokes and laughs, the girls braided each other's hair. Realizing the time, the squad quickly piled into a single car and sped off to Reitz Bowl.

"Meeting before the games was a lot of fun," said senior Mary Nelson, "and it really helped the squad come together."

This year's team was composed of twenty-three girls, led by senior captain Mary Beth Jankowski and senior co-captain Abby Blankenberger. The girls would join together every Monday and Wednesday for practice during football season, and then every Wednesday during basketball season. While at practice the girls would perfect cheers, stunts and other little things that are needed to prepare them for the games.

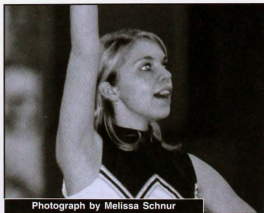
"Once the season got started we never really learned anything new. We really just wanted to make sure we had our quarter and half-time cheers figured out and ready to go," said Jankowski.

However, the girls did a lot more than just cheering at the games. They were constantly putting in time, behind the scenes, doing little things here and there for the boys, to show their immense support.

"Each week, before the football games, we would throw candy all over the boys' locker room, for the guys to have after they got done with practice and put up posters," said varsity member, junior Jeanna Butler. "We also make scrapbooks for the senior boys' basketball players so they can go back and remember the great, winning season they had."

The cheerleaders' work never seems to stop. If they aren't pumping up the players, they are pumping up the students and parents in the crowd at the games or at the pep assemblies. Although often over-looked, a lot of seen and, mostly, unseen work makes it just as, if not more, grueling than some sports. When it is all said and done, these girls are what help bring the school spirit to the community of Mater Dei High School.

Kelsey Wannemuehler '03

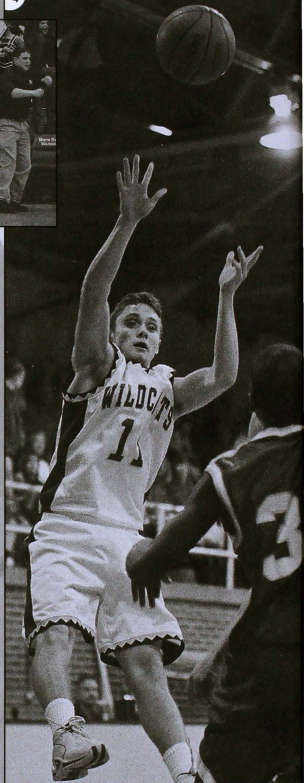
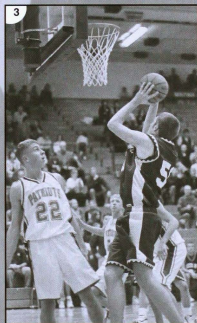
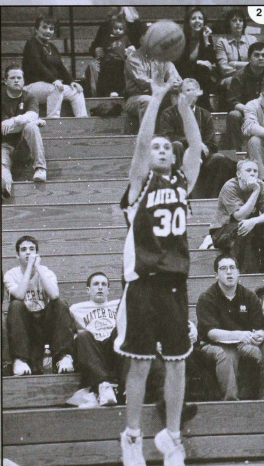
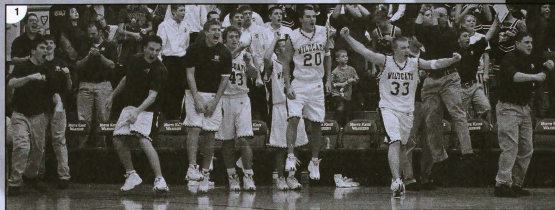


Photograph by Melissa Schnur

Freshman reserve member Danielle Elsner helps chant the school song during the football homecoming assembly. Since the homecoming games are so important, the assemblies have to be just as exciting and all the cheer squad members, no matter what class they are, are involved.



Photograph by Brittini Herron



1 Staff Photo

The bench erupts in excitement and celebration as sophomore center Wacey Hall hits a crucial free throw to ice the game in the closing seconds. By beating Eastern Greene the Wildcats advanced on to defeat Salem 76-52 in the first regional game.

2 Staff Photo

The crowd and reserve team look on as senior John Fuchs shoots for a three pointer. Fuchs was the second highest three point scorer on the team, making 23 out of 53 shots in the season and helped lead the team to the sectional championship.

3 Staff Photo

Junior Matt Halbig pulls up for an easy two points over a Heritage Hills defender. The power forward led the team in field goal percentage, shooting 75.6 percent on 127 of 168 shooting. He ended the year scoring 12.6 percent of the Wildcats' total points.

4 Staff Photo

As the Wildcats' leading ball handler, senior Chris Marx led the team in steals with 52 and contributed 33 assists and 72 rebounds. He was the second highest scorer on the team, pouring in 306 total points, including a team high 36 three point shots.



# Boys Rivalry win sets Basketball season

7:00 p.m. - December 13, 2002

REITZ GYM

The buzzer sounded as the game ended with the scoreboard showing 70-52 and the crowd cheering. The Wildcats left the Reitz Panthers' gym with an underdog victory in the second game of their season.

"It was nice to be able to come out and play a good game and win by a big margin," said senior Chris Hertel. "We had a lot to prove so early in the season and we didn't let that hold us back."

Everyone was excited about this win because it was so unexpected. The players caught the Panthers off guard and left them with their mouths dangling open.

"Reitz was definitely our best game," commented senior Chris Marx. "They are our West Side rivals, and we're the heavy favorites. We came out and beat them pretty good and everybody played at this best."

The Wildcats' big victory resulted from a big difference on how the defense stepped up and came together. Instead of depending on one player to score all the points, the team relied on defense.

"We focused on defense," commented senior Chris Robinson. "When we play defense, we are a much better team."

This year was different because both the losses and the victories were the result of the team's efforts, not just the effort of one player.

"This year, we're playing like a team," said coach John Goebel. "We don't really rely on one person; we spread the wealth."

Having more than one key player is beneficial to defeating opponents; they cannot watch the game and pick out just one player to focus on.

"It was nice when coach would rotate us in and out," said senior Dom Turi. "It would give us a breather and a chance to get some advice from the coach and watch to see how to improve when you got put back in."

Underclassmen also stepped into a major role on the varsity team.

"Juniors Matt Halbig and Wacey Hall stepped up this year," said Marx. "They have done a heck of a job."

The team had a lot of changes to get used to and did an excellent job of dealing with what they had. They finished their season 14-7 and with a sectional championship.

Cara Baterna '03



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Filling in the guard spot, senior Dom Turi handled the ball for the Wildcats while leading the team in three-point shooting accuracy at 43.5 percent. It was his court vision and constant passing to his teammates that made Turi the team's assist leader with 68.

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Sometimes fiery, sometimes passive, always adjusting to the opponents, first year head coach John Goebel storms the sidelines, campaigning for his Wildcats. Goebel went 17-8 in his first year after taking over for the retired coach Roger Sills.

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The advertising managers, senior Jennifer Jost and Lora Richey, tackle the difficult task of placing advertisements in the ad section of the yearbook. The two spent countless hours on the phone, visiting businesses and sending letters to generate the necessary fund to get the yearbook printed.

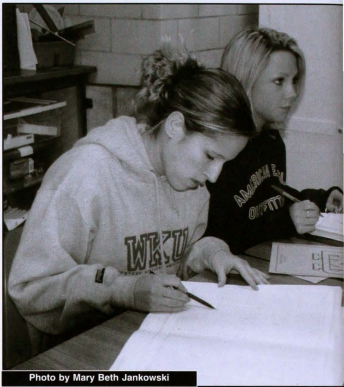


Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski

Receiving advice from Mr. John Wells, sophomore Mallory Morrow concentrates on making a good decision on her layout project. Finishing a layout project is quite a task because there are so many important steps that have to be completed correctly for it to work.



Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski

Making changes on the computer, senior co-editor Melissa Schnur's goal was to find and correct the minor errors in the page designs to ensure a unified layout. Proof-reading and editing the pages is a very tedious task because it is so hard to find every single mistake and the staff wants to create a quality product.

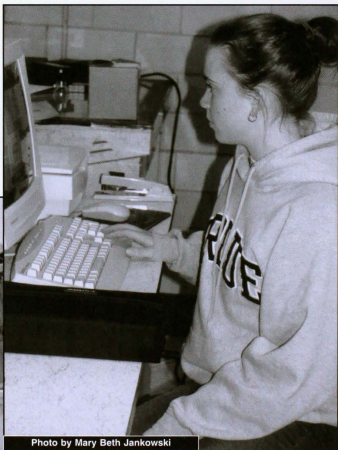


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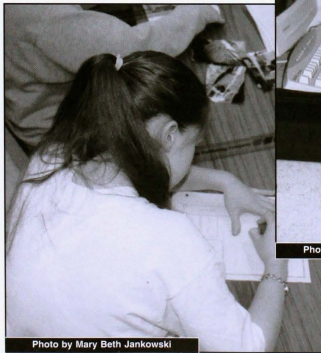


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Sophomore Intro student Brittni Herron sketches out a layout for one of her journalism projects. This layout featured cemeteries from around the area.

Taking a break from a day of hard work, senior co-editor Mary Beth Jankowski gets her hair cut by seniors Holly Sparks and Karly Kempf. Working on the yearbook is stressful, so sometimes a break is necessary to keep everyone from going crazy.





# Marking the Time

## Staffers have fun in class, but they have the awesome task of recording the year

2:15 p.m. - September 27, 2003

MATER DEI GYM

**W**e anxiously wait in the gym as the yearbooks are rolled onto the floor. Later, we flipped through each page of the newspaper and tried to rub off the black ink that inevitably stains a student's fingertips. Who takes all the pictures? Who writes all those stories? Going behind the scenes to the classrooms is where the people who put their time and effort into each yearbook and newspaper can be found.

Yearbook is one of the interesting things involved in journalism. Co-editor senior Mary Beth Jankowski remembers her most interesting moment of this year by going back all the way to last summer. "The editors summer camp was the best moment because it was time for just the editors to get together and get everything figured out. It was exciting because we knew we were ready for the beginning of the year," says Jankowski.

Not all students realize how much time and effort is put into making the yearbook. "At first I thought yearbook would be an easy class, but after a few weeks, I realized how much work is involved," says senior staff member Holly Sparks.

Another important aspect of journalism is newspaper. Each quarter students receive a newspaper, filled front to back with stories about sports, movie reviews, and coffee shops. Being her first year on newspaper, junior Laura Schroeder remarks by saying, "I really enjoy being on newspaper. It's a lot of hard work collecting quotes, stats, and things like that, but once you see your finished product, it's all worth it."

The last, and certainly not least, important part with journalism is the intro to journalism class. This class is designed to teach writing, photography and other essential skills for future newspaper and yearbook members. "The journalism students help us out tremendously. They work really hard and don't get the recognition the staff does," says senior yearbook co-editor Mary Nelson.

As the year ends, I reflect on my year on the yearbook staff. I remember the countless times I've logged pictures, wrote captions, cropped pictures, and chased people around for quotes. And in the words of senior co-editor Melissa Schnur, "You'd better like this book."

Kristi Wilsman '04

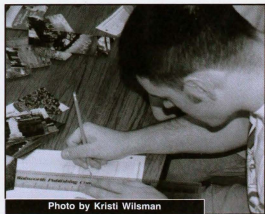
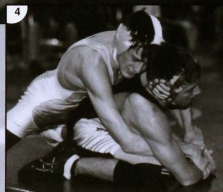
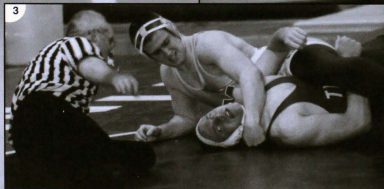
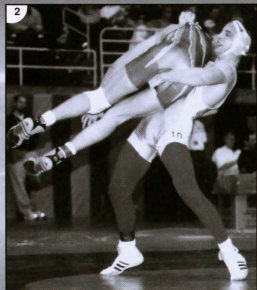
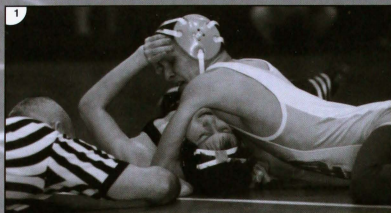


Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Trying to draw the best layout for his pictures, junior Jordan Baer tries his hardest to make them all fit. The best way to get a good grade from Mr. John Wells is to be thorough and to turn it in on time.



Photo by Kristi Wilsman



1 Photo by Melissa Schnur

Junior Brian Bittner prepares to pin during a grueling match. With a 38-8 record, Bittner worked hard for his team this year, coming out with a number of outstanding accomplishments. These included a 2nd place finish at semi-state and a state finalist.

2 Staff Photo

Lifting his opponent off the ground, senior Sam Wildeman uses his strength to acquire another victory at semi-state. Wildeman, 160 lb state champion, received the MD Most Outstanding Wrestler Award for his career record, 92-7 with 61 total pins.

3 Staff Photo

Putting his skills to work, senior Tom Unfried keeps his Memorial opponent on his back during a crucial match at the Castle 5-Way tournament. Unfried was awarded the Mater Dei Pin Award for his total pin time for 6 matches, 9:01.

4 Photo by Mary Nelson

Wrestling 119 lbs, Junior Joe Hillenbrand tries his hardest to keep his Castle opponent down on the mat at the Castle 5-Way tournament. Hillenbrand obtained a 33-11 overall record, placing 2nd at regionals and earning a trip to semi-state.





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# It is more than just Wrestling

2:00 p.m. - March 1, 2003

CENTER GROVE

As the wildcats entered the gym at Center Grove High School to face the panthers of Griffith High School, the announcer roared. "And now, the 8 time defending state champions, the wildcats from Evansville Mater Dei" Some of the toughest matches of the season were about to begin.

Performing to his highest ability is the main focus for each wrestler. The driving force behind this mental attitude is not only determination, team and physical competition, but also the sheer presence of tradition. Every year the team is expected to come out on top, not second best.

"I know that when I started out freshman year, I was in awe that I was actually a part of something this great," said three-time state champion junior Blake Maurer. "I just couldn't believe that I actually got to step out on the mat and represent our school."

Many of the team members felt this way. It's not that they get to do what they love, it's the fact they get to represent Mater Dei in one of the greatest and longest traditions in Indiana history.

"To me, it's not about winning each match. It's about wearing the uniform with dignity," commented senior Sam Wildeman.

Other than playing for tradition, many of the wrestlers are fighting to defend their honor.

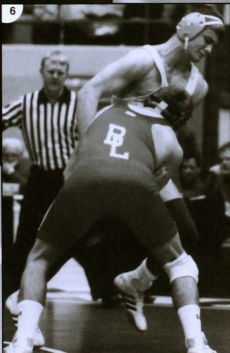
"Coach prints things off the internet that people are saying about us," said senior Aaron Scott, who has made two consecutive state appearances, placing fourth in 2002 and third in 2003. "It keeps us motivated knowing that other teams want to beat us so bad."

Hearing negative comments that other schools say about the team makes them want to work harder.

"I remember coach telling us that two guys from Mishawaka said that they were going to win state this year and beat Mater Dei," remembers Maurer. "The two guys were in Sam's and my weight class. Sam and I vowed to each other that we were going to win state and beat them. Sam beat his guy in semi-finals and I beat my guy in finals. Saying that kind of thing just makes us work harder to win and be the best."

That type of motivation must work. Out of the ten, eight went on to the final day and six placed in the top six. Wildeman, Maurer, and seniors Dustin Nosko and Craig Weinzapfel went on to be crowned champions.

Emily Stratman '03



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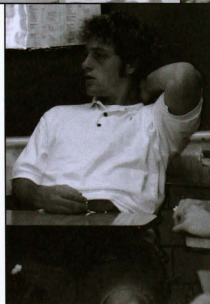
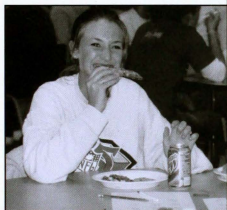
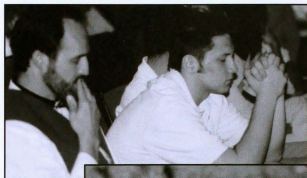
Photo by Mary Nelson

While concentrating on his next move, senior Craig Weinzapfel attempts to hold his opponent down to the mat. Wrestling 145 lbs, Weinzapfel won his second individual state championship and earned an outstanding record of 43-0.

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Photo by Melissa Schnur

Using all of his strength, junior Blake Maurer attempts to free himself from his opponent at the Ohio State National Duals meet. Maurer became the first wrestler from Mater Dei to win an individual state championship 3 times in a row.





Although spirits were hindered at the return to school after Spring Break, things fell back into routine. The warm weather quickly brought out everyone's

good spirits, as students started practicing for spring sports and counting down the weeks to come.

The mad rush for prom began. Talk of tanning beds, perfect dresses, and outrageous tuxedos permeated the

lunch tables as we prepared for the "big night" in our secret garden.

The talent show, ranging from banged trashcans to superb vocalists, left those in the auditorium in awe of the

talents possessed by our students. It was like our own little concert. Many of the same students also showed

their skills in the phenomenal rendition of the musical Godspell.

With the sun came many complications with parking. Traffic to and from school became a slow and

tedious process because only one car could fit, at a time, between the sea of sophomore

cars at the top of the hill.

With the determination of the seniors, trying to keep the tradition of a victory, the

competition of the May Day events were fierce. Besides the excitement and fun of the games, we

came together as one to honor our patron saint, Mary, the mother of God.

Just as our yearbook comes to a sudden end, so did our year. Graduation approached faster than anyone

could have imagined. Underclassmen prepared for a short summer, juniors looked forward to their senior year

and seniors threw off their caps at graduation, ready to face a new world.

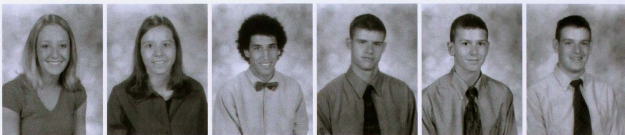
However, we all continued to hold on to one thing---the moment.

# SUNNY DAYS

FOCUSING ON THE FINAL STRETCH, WE BASKED IN THE WARM WEATHER AND TRUDGED THROUGH THE LAST OF OUR SCHOOLWORK



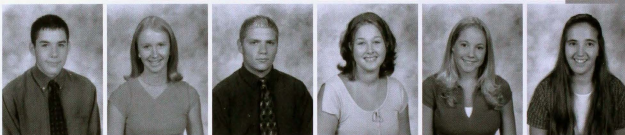
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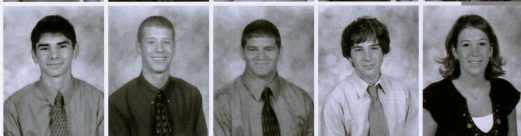
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Lead singer junior Shane Provost head bangs between words during practice in junior Brian Kuester's basement. Provost, Kuester and senior Nick Wildeman make up the band formerly known as Euphoria.  
 Photo by Joe Schenk





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# Naming the band

10:00 p.m. - September 20, 2002

## HOME COMING DANCE

The DJ's music selections are drowned out by the most popular band at Mater Dei. All the students race their way to get a good spot in the front, with the upperclassmen pushing their way through the freshmen and sophomores.

The band consists of senior Nick Wildeman, the bassist, junior Shane Provost, the vocalist and rhythm guitarist, and Brian Kuester, the drummer. The fourth member, Derek Deopker, who attends Memorial, is the lead guitarist. The band's beginning can be traced back to the two juniors.

"People knew I played the drums and that Shane played the guitar," explains Kuester. "They were like, 'you guys would be good

together.'"

"We played with Ben Kemper at the talent show freshman year," says Provost, "and Brian asked Tim Prichett to play with us as well."

Since then they have made a few adjustments.

"After Tim left for college we played with Nick Wildeman because we needed another bass player," explains Kuester.

They still needed another person and Provost remembered an old friend.

"I met Derek at the Celebrate the Tradition in 2000 and we played together. Then I saw him again at the Freedom Festival and asked him to play with us," explains Provost.

This is how the members of the band finally came together. The four guys have played at the 2002 and 2003 talent shows, prom, parties during the summer and at football homecoming. Although they have received much recognition at Mater Dei, they would like a little bit more.

"We want to be heard outside the Mater Dei community," says Provost. "We also want to get original songs and get a demo out."

Katie Scheller '04

Junior Brian Kuester keeps the beat while playing the drums with his band. The band spent countless hours in Kuesters' basement practicing their routine for homecoming and the talent show.  
Photo by Joe Schenk



Junior Derek Herrmann gets ready to participate in the Evansville Youth Philharmonic. While participating in the philharmonic he was lucky enough to enjoy a trip overseas to play in Japan. Traveling gives him the options to learn from the best professionals. He puts his learned skills to use for Mater Dei by playing in the pep band at home basketball games. He also earned his way to the important position of drum major of the Mater Dei Marching Band.  
Photos by Shanna Bush



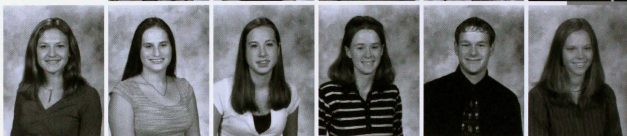
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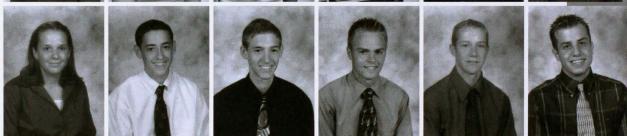
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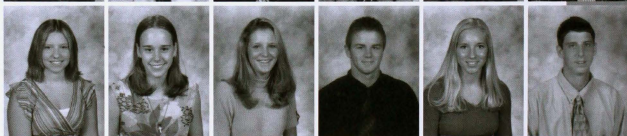
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Senior Holly Sparks concentrates as she practices on a skill that she hopes to never have to use: rescue breathing for an infant. Sparks, like all who work as lifesavers or first responders, must re-certify every year.  
Photo by Kelsey Wannemuehler





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# More than just slide-guards

5:00 p.m. - February 23, 2003

Lloyd Pool

Junior Hallie Denstorff hurried to get a few last minutes of studying in before she took her lifeguard exam at Lloyd Pool. She passed with flying colors and now works at Howell Pool during the summer.

There are many students at Mater Dei that have prominent jobs in the community. Numerous hours of training and hard work are required for these jobs. Lifeguards and slideguards take on the challenging task of protecting patrons at our neighborhood and county pools. Denstorff comments, "We work nine hour days Monday through Friday and six hours on Saturday and Sunday. It's very hot outside, and the patrons can be very frustrating."

Senior Kelsey Wannemuehler reflects on the summer she spent at Lorraine Pool. "We had about 300 patrons every day in a small pool, and three guards were supposed to watch them all. It was stressful because there were many unattended young children that didn't know how to swim."

Senior Jenni Jost worked as a slideguard at Burdette Pool this summer, and knows keeping kids under control and protecting them from getting hurt can be a tough job. "It is annoying when the kids don't listen to me because I am just trying to watch out for their safety," Jost comments on her experience with difficult people.

Another student who has an interesting job serving the community is senior Brian Stute. He is a volunteer firefighter at German Township. Upon completion of a greuling six month training class he was given a basic firefighter degree.

"During my training, I learned everything from search and rescue to ladders and ropes," comments Stute.

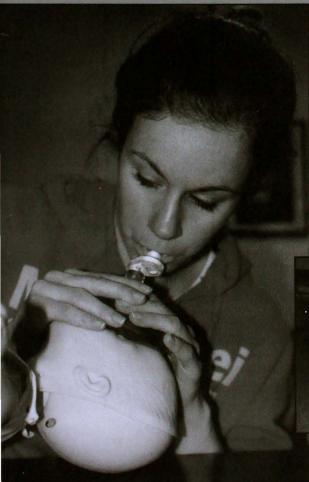
Stute's experiences include house fires, car fires, extraction, and toxic cleanup. He enjoys his time spent volunteering and plans to carry on his hobby in the future.

Holly Sparks '03

Senior Kelsey Wannemuehler tilts the head of a practice dummy to get just the right position to ensure the proper exchange of air, a necessary skill in an emergency situation to perform effective CPR. Photo by Holly Sparks



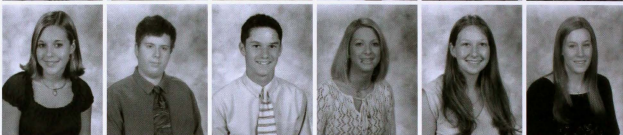
Trade and Industries, better known to students as T & I, is a half-day program held at various public schools. Juniors and seniors miss two blocks and spend half their day learning vocational trade skills like electrical work, printing, mechanics, and child care. Some even use their skills to help build a house. By starting early, these students a hope to get valuable field experience in the career that they want to pursue after high school. Photos by Melissa Schnur, Mary Nelson, and Mary Beth Jankowski



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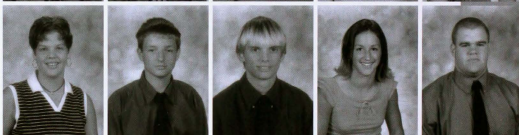
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Preparing to mix chemicals, senior Jennifer Lasher has to take extreme precautions to protect herself. The science department values their lab assistants by putting them to work grading tests, setting up labs, and cleaning labs.

Photo by Mary Nelson





Williams, Bryan  
Wilsman, Kristi  
Wolf, David  
Wright, Megan  
Zirkelbach, Zachariah

# Working for the grade

10:20 a.m.- December 16, 2002

## LIBRARY

It's the week before Christmas break and everyone is cramming for finals. The computers are all occupied and books are being brought back in. The library is full of people typing away on every computer.

This is one time when assistants help take the pressure off of teachers and secretaries.

"Before finals, choice is full and it's helpful to have assistants in here to help me check books in and out," said librarian Mrs. Becky Hemmer.

Students also get to help the secretaries out in the offices.

"It gets extremely busy in here; we have to cover phone lines and doors. They take care

of deliveries and also deadlines," said secretary Mrs. Jeanne Tornatta. "They help take the strain off us."

Senior Jason May agreed, "Teacher's aids are important because teachers don't have a lot of time, and it helps take stuff off their hands."

Why do people choose to be assistants? "I thought it would be neat to help out in biology," said May. "I liked his advanced biology class and thought it would be cool."

Senior Kelsey Wannemuehler said, "It's nice to have a break during the day, because I have calculus and statistics on the same day."

Senior Leslie Owen helps Mrs. Hemmer out in library. "I just think it's an interesting thing to do," said Owen.

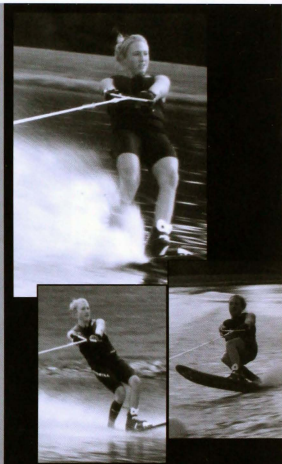
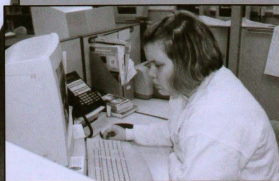
Wannemuehler described her duties as an office aid: "I answer the phones and the doorbell, take around notes and packages for the teachers, send out progress reports, and other stuff like that."

"I put away books, newspapers, magazines, and check out books," Owen said.

May said, "I grade a lot of papers, get materials out for the labs, and help outside with the landscaping." Mrs. Tornatta said, "They assist us with anything we need done in the office."

Brittini Herron '05

Looking at a list of names, senior Leslie Owen checks to see which students have past due library books. Library assistants help keep the library in order, check out books, and inform students when they have a book to turn in. Photo by Marie Schiff



Junior Abby Schmitt has been waterskiing since she was a very young girl. She enjoys skiing during the warm summer months. She skis competitively and practices in her own lake in her backyard. Abby's father helps her improve her techniques by taping her while she practices and going over the videos with her later. Abby has been to Florida for different camps and she will continue to ski during the rest of her high school career.

Photos provided by Abby Schmitt



Senior Tessa Faraone communicates with a non-verbal girl through the use of a computer. As Faraone and other ministry class members can attest to, patience is the key to working with these children with special needs.

Senior Amanda Wildeman paints the nails of a patient at Pine Haven Nursing Home. Wildeman, along with the other ministry students, get to hear the patients' stories and tales of their families each class block.

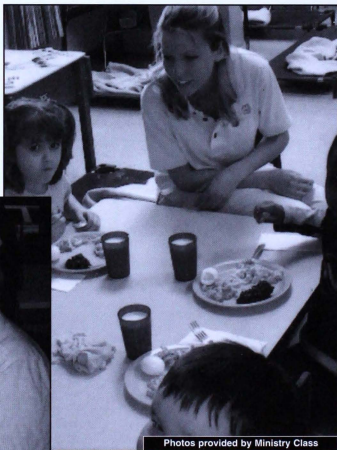


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Senior Laura Pritchett visits with the children at St. Vincent Day Care while they eat their lunch. This is the first year that the ministry class has been offered, but based on the reaction of the facilities and the patients, it will become a regular class offering.



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Senior Amanda Wildeman poses for a snapshot with her newly made friends at Pine Haven. Ministry class is about helping the patients, but sometimes the best help students can give is to listen and spend quality time with them.

Cleaning up after lunch, senior Megan Parkinson helps a boy scrape off his plate. The ministry students were there to help the facility, but they also learned much in return.





# Giving Of Themselves

## A new ministry class allows students to go out into the community and serve

12:50 p.m., April 22, 2003

ST. VINCENT DAY CARE

**A**s one enters Mater Dei they will see the phrase "Enter to learn. Go forth to serve." Several students under the supervision of Sr. Bonnie Bierwagon are taking this phrase literally by participating in the new ministry class.

"After many years of studying the Catholic Faith, Mater Dei seniors, through the Ministry Experience Class, will be able to put

into practice what they have learned about living a Catholic Christian lifestyle," said Bierwagon. "During the semester the students will go off the campus and perform community service in one or more assigned ministry positions."

The students have been paired up to go to three different locations. After their ministry, the class meets to discuss their experiences, a time in which these students get to see God's hand in their work.

"When we share our experiences in a group, it helps the students to see how their experiences are similar," said Bierwagon. "The discussion also shows how much the students are gaining from their service to others."

Patients and residents have become a regular part of all of the ministry class group conversations.

"We've talked a little bit about the patients," said Bierwagon. "Jocelyn Ketzner used to always talk about a little boy named Montana."

Ketzner, along with senior Tessa Faraone, has chosen to minister at St. Vincent's Day Care. It was there that she met the hyperactive four-year-old boy missing his front teeth.

"The first day I was there I patted his [Montana's] back for about a half hour trying to get him to go to sleep and he never slept," said Ketzner. "When I had to leave the teachers told me I didn't have to do that because he never goes to sleep anyway. This last time I patted his back and he fell asleep."

Although the students have taken the class for a variety of reasons, each student gains one thing in common, a sense of satisfaction and gratitude.

Mary Nelson '03

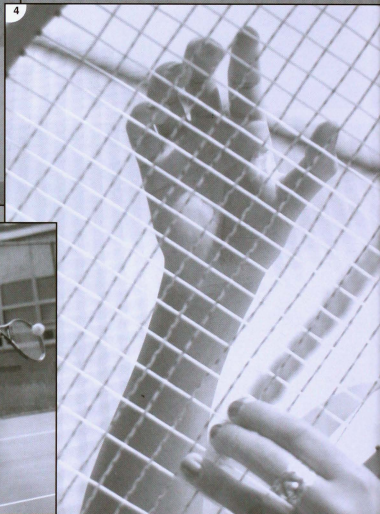
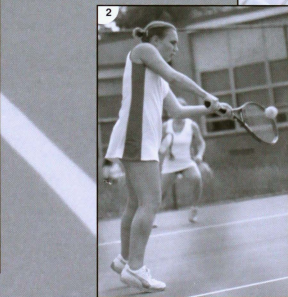
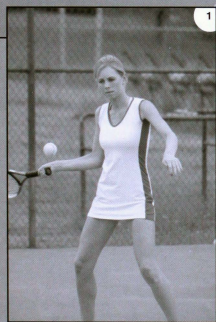


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Rubbing her back to help her fall asleep, senior Travis Miller comforts a young girl at St. Vincent Day Care during nap time. After the children go to sleep, Miller and the other ministry students at St. Vincent help clean up the lunch area.



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Staff Photo

Focusing on trying to return a serve, senior Courtney Wehde prepares to forehand the ball back to her opponent cross-court. Wehde has played tennis since freshman year and improved immensely this year, posting a fifth place at the SIAC tournament.

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Staff Photo

Backhanding a volley at the net, senior Kelsey Wannemuehler tries to put the ball back over the net at her Central opponents. Playing number one doubles with senior Dawn Wink, the girls broke even by the end of the season, recording the most wins on the team.

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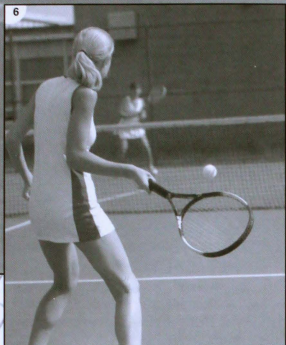
Senior Melissa Schnur returns a forehand hit by her Harrison opponent. Schnur played number one singles, allowing her the opportunity to play some of the best singles players in the city. She placed seventh at SIAC by beating her Bosse opponent, 6-0, 6-1.

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Getting ready to face her number three singles opponent, sophomore Amber Toelle adjusts the strings on her racket to tighten them before she plays. Toelle, a second-year member of the tennis team, improved her strokes to conquer a varsity spot.





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# Making the best of Girls Tennis

7:30 p.m., April 8, 2003

Bend Sin Park

After the match against Princeton, girls tennis player sophomore Molly Couture stands with her head attached to teammate senior Kelsey Wannemuehler's car window.

"I couldn't move at all," Couture explains, "my bangs were caught in her window!"

Wannemuehler and fellow senior Dawn Wink had locked the door to the car and wouldn't let Couture in.

"Dawn let down her window so I stuck my head inside. She ended up closing the window on my bangs. Then they opened the other door and let themselves out. I was standing next to the car for a good ten minutes before they let me out," said Couture smiling.

The girls's tennis players definitely know how to have fun, and that is good for a team that had an uphill battle all year long. But they are also dedicated, improving their game and becoming a close-knit team.

"We're really coming together. The seniors keep unified as friends and as a team," said freshman Cherie

Williamson.

Couture believes that Coach Stumpf is instrumental to the team's success.

"The coach really plays to our strengths," says Couture. "It makes being on the team a lot of fun. I enjoy the competitive atmosphere and the girls on the team are super-cool."

People may choose to get involved with the tennis team for a variety of reasons.

"I've been playing tennis since I was in fourth grade," said Williamson. "It keeps me active, and I enjoy hitting the ball around."

Couture became interested when her father suggested that she try playing tennis. "I've been playing tennis since the summer of my sixth grade year. I like playing tennis because it keeps me busy," she said.

Whatever team members' reasons for playing, their friendship is clear.

"The tennis team always makes it a goal to hit as many people as possible with tennis balls during practice. My personal best is six people in one practice," said Williamson proudly.

And having fun made this year so much easier.

Emily Copeland '05



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Staff Photo

Sophomore Molly Couture, a second-year player, backhands the ball across the court to her Central opponents. Couture and sophomore Audrey Goebel posted the only win against the Bears, 6-3, 6-4, playing in the number two doubles position.

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Staff Photo

Watching and waiting for the ball to come to her, senior Courtney Wehde stands in perfect form to forehand the ball back to her Central opponent. Wehde was a leader on the team, taking time to teach the underclassmen skills they will need to help them improve.



## Reserve Softball

Row 1- Stephanie Seibert, Dana Mueller, Niki Render, Erica Bohleber, Brittney Kirchief, Andrea Goebel

Row 2- Elyse Kraft, Hilary Masterson, Kaite Floyd, Sarah Paciorkowski, Leslie Woehler, Assistant Coach Audrey Kempf

Row 3- Coach Gene Whorl, Mallory Schenk, Madison Parkinson, Jenna Schmitt, Coach Larry Lutz



## Varsity Softball

Row 1- Niki Render, Amanda Wildeman, Courtney Woehler, Michelle Rietman, Megan Wright

Row 2- Tiffany Payton, Hailey Kempf, Melissa Elpers, Sarah Scott, Brittney Kerchief, Erica Bohleber

Row 3- Coach Gene Whorl, Jenna Schmitt, Dana Mueller, Hannah Scott, Assistant Coach Audrey Kempf, Coach Larry Lutz

# Sippin' Joe

9:00 p.m. - April 4, 2003

WADI CAFE

Walking into the Wadi Café a group of students yell "Hi!" from across the room. This is the usual scene on any given night at the café.

"The atmosphere is so relaxing," said sophomore Natalie Wolf, a regular at the Wadi Café. "It really puts me at ease."

Going to the Wadi has taken the place of other normal weekend activities. The comfortable and tranquil setting is what draws the Mater Dei students to this cozy little place wedged between two buildings on the West Side of Evansville.

"Just the atmosphere about the place is cool," said sophomore Mary Beth Barchet. "It's definitely something new to do instead of movies and normal things, and it doesn't cost as much, which is another plus."

Hanging out with your friends is easy to do here. They offer a large variety of board games, books, and magazines. Also if you go in at the right time you could be lucky enough to find a local band playing.

"I like going into the back room and playing board games with my friends," said sophomore Keni Dennis. "Sometimes we listen to the local bands that come in and play which is pretty cool."

The Wadi doesn't just draw the attention of coffee drinkers. They offer a whole menu for people who don't particularly care for coffee.

"They have really good hot chocolate," said sophomore Jaclyn Muensterman. "I am not a big fan of coffee, but I still love going there and hanging out with my friends."

Although going to the movies, playing putt-putt, and hanging out at the mall will always be something to do on the weekends, chilling at the Wadi Café can now be added to the list of exciting weekend activities. At any given time a group of Mater Dei students can be found drinking coffee, playing games, or reading a good book.

Susan Muensterman '05

Enjoying each other's company, Senior Noah Eltzroth and Junior Christina Ward sip their steamy cup of joe at Starbucks. Places like these offer numerous flavors and exotic blends of coffee, lattes and frappachinos.

Photo by Jaclyn Muensterman



Sophomores Ashley Muensterman and Brittney Kerchief thumb through a Self magazine while waiting for their coffee to be prepared. The Wadi Café, along with other coffee houses, provide an abundant supply of reading material to suit everyone's tastes. Photo by Jaclyn Muensterman







## Boys Golf

Row 1- Tegan Rush, Crag Meier, Daniel Armstrong, Craig Macke, Ben Macke, Matt Seibert, Michael Pigman. Row 2- Michael Fuchs, Chip Alstadt, Nick Frazer, Coach Mike Greenwell, Tommy Cervone, Matt Loehrleine

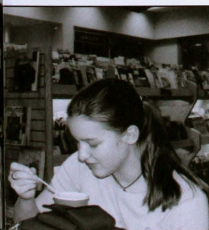


## Girls Tennis

Row 1- Dawn Wink, Courtney Wehde, Melissa Schnur, Kelsey Wannemuehler. Row 2- Molly Couture, Tara Elpers, Natalie Schmitt, Amber Toelle, Audrey Goebel. Row 3- Coach David Stumpf, Lauren Oliver, Laura Mesker, Hannah Wannemuehler, Kayley Will, Cherie Williamson, Assistant Coach Sarah Rea.

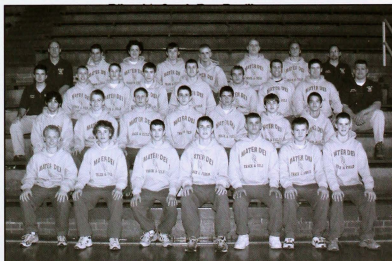


Senior Cara Batema receives her change after purchasing a drink at the Wadi Cafe. Mater Dei students have recently begun to visit various coffee shops more frequently to read, listen to poetry or to just enjoy a cup of coffee with friends.  
Photo by Jill Werner



## Girls Track

Row 1- MaryBeth Barchet, Jenny Padavic. Row 2- Emily Stute, Marie Schiff, Kim Spahn, Tina Morrow, Kristin Schapker, Kristin Kissel. Row 3- Laura Schroder, Almee Fischer, Katie Scheller. Row 4- Jessica Knight, Kathy Goebel, Katie McKinney Allison Mesker, Jeanna Butler. Row 5- Coach Matt Krack, Coach Charles Eickhoff, Coach Don



## Boys Track

Row 1- Wes Dingman, Bandon Clements, Michael Fisher, Matt Feller, Mike Coughlin, David Hertel, Jeremy Coomes. Row 2- Brandon Miller, Patrick McKinney, Scott Krossel, Corey Rosek, Andy Krack, Ryan Perkin, Patrick Farmer. Row 3- Coach Matt Krack, Scott Schapker, Kyle Clements, Adam Lambert, Ben Weber, Tyler Musgrave, Scott

Junior Philip Pettijean has many things he would rather do than bag groceries at the West Side Schnucks, but his money is going to a good cause. Pettijean's paycheck is going towards pimping out his Eclipse.



Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski

Senior girls love to go to the mall, but senior Vanessa Burkeen has taken that love to the next step, getting a job in the mall. Demonstrating her job for senior Kelsey Veeck, she runs the water jet massager in front of Famous Barr.



Photo by Katie Scheller

Junior Jordan Baer gets fresh with the fruit at the West Side Buy-Low. Baer first got his job when his father was the manager at the West Side store three years ago and has continued to work while playing football.



Photo by Kristi Wilsman

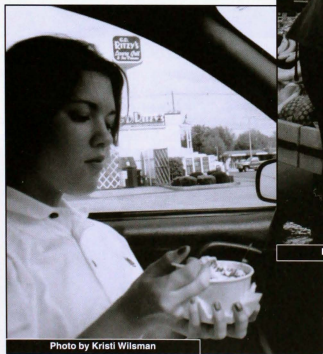


Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Many Mater Dei students work in fast food. Senior Katie Muensterman might be said to be in food service too as she checks out another Schnuck's shopper.



No one wants to work, but the benefits of the extra money are good, especially for Jaclyn Muensterman who enjoys an after-school treat on her way home.



# On The Job

## After putting in a full day at school, students go to their 'second job'

4:15 p.m. - Mount A.D. High School

### ON THE JOB

Many Mater Dei students spend countless hours after school and on the weekends at their workplace. There are a variety of reasons for working, and many students agree that making a little extra money is worth missing a few football games, parties, and other enjoyable events. Seniors in particular are putting in extra hours in order to make enough money for college next year.

"I applied everywhere, and they were the first to hire me," senior Paul Scheeller comments on his decision to work at G.D. Ritz's. When he was searching for a job 13 months ago, Paul did not care where he got hired, as long as he could start making money soon.

Senior Katie Muensterman states, "I applied at Schnucks because one of my friends worked there." Although that friend has recently found a job elsewhere, Katie says she is glad she applied because the job isn't hard and she is able to work a decent amount of hours.

There are many types of tasks that students have to complete while at work. These duties include anything from bagging groceries to scrubbing floors. Certain chores are not always fun, but students realize that in order to make money, you have to be willing to do odd jobs.

A controversial question is whether or not students should work during the school year. Some think that it could interfere with homework, and that school and work is too much for a high school student to deal with. Others think that balancing a job and schoolwork can teach a person to manage his or her time.

Katie comments on this subject, "I think students should work, as long as it's not too much, and as long as school comes first."

Students like Katie and Paul have to make sacrifices in order to make their desired amount of money. Late night work schedules sometimes mean missing a party or game, and students say it is hard when their friends make plans for the weekend and then they find out they have to work.

By balancing work schedules and schoolwork, students learn time-management skills that help them in their everyday lives.

Holly Sparks '03

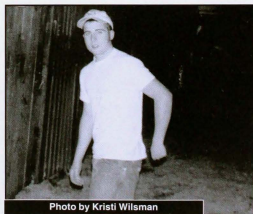
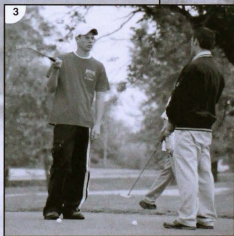
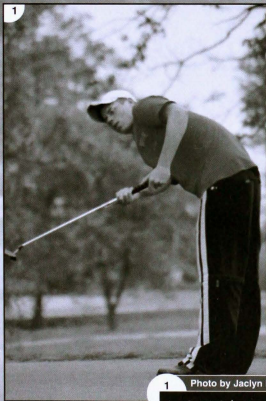
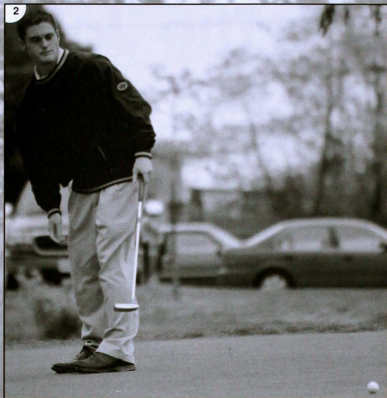


Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Junior Eric Hamilton has a different type of job. He works on a horse farm, raising and tending to a stable full of animals. The job is hard and dirty and, according to Hamilton, dangerous. Once he was bit by a horse he was working with.



Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski



1 Photo by Jaclyn Muensterman

Junior Nick Frazer gives a little english to his putt. The shot on the 1st green at the Memorial Invitational in April went in, with a little extra help. Frazer ended up shooting an 88 that day and helped Mater Dei place seventh with a 379 total score.

2 Photo by Jaclyn Muensterman

Senior Matt Seibert, a four-year member of the golf team, stands back and watches as his putt tolls to the cup. The short game can make or break a golfer's score and the Wildcats spent a great deal of time practicing and perfecting their putting game.

3 Photo by Jaclyn Muensterman

Junior Nick Frazer gets some much sought after advise from senior Matt Seibert. Seibert, the most committed and dedicated member on the team, was always ready to lend a hand to the younger players and practiced on his own almost every day.





# Passion for the game starts early

## BOYS GOLF

3:30 p.m. - May 1, 2003

HELFRICH HILLS GOLF COURSE

**B**oys golf may not be one of the most well-known sports at Mater Dei High School, but its team members still strive to reach the top by hard work and dedication just like the members of the football and wrestling teams, some of whom have added golf to their sports schedules.

Growing up was a time for many of Mater Dei's golfers to develop their skill and talent for the game. For many members of the boys golf team, playing golf first started out as a family activity. Many on this team began playing the sport with their fathers at a young age. With their fathers' encouragement, these young men have gone on to perfect their talent and become members of the golf team.

"I started playing golf when my father taught me how to play around the age of eight," explains sophomore golfer Ben Macke.

An eight-year veteran of the game, Macke is continuing in his second year on the team. Macke's older brother, senior Craig Macke, is also a

four-year veteran of the team, proving that family does indeed tie the golf team together.

"I was young when my dad introduced me to golf," says sophomore Craig Maier. "I've been playing the sport since about the fifth grade and I've been on the Mater Dei team for two years now."

Freshman Daniel Armstrong was also taught to play golf by his father.

"My dad got me started playing golf," says Armstrong. "I was probably about seven years old when I started. My dad just gave me a golf club one day, and I just started swinging it," he says.

Little did he know, eight years later, he would become a member of a high school golf team.

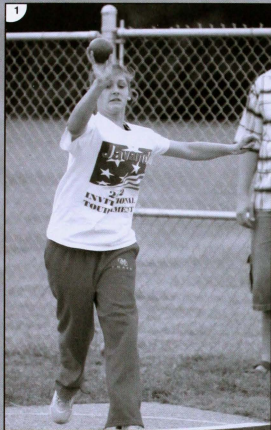
Being part of a team means more than tallying wins and losses. Being part of a team means learning to lead a hand, to encourage, and to support each other whenever problems or difficulties may arise. The teammates have learned to offer moral strength to each other and to keep their spirits up through a difficult season.

"The positive attitudes of the other players on the team really inspire me," says Ben Macke. "It's what keeps me going."

Jaclyn Muensterman '05

4 Photo by Jaclyn Muensterman

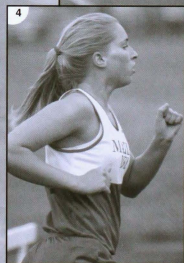
Sophomore Craig Maier chips up to the green on his third shot. The ball landed just over the edge of the green, just about 35 feet from his shot, at Helfrich Hills, setting himself up for a 5 on the 10th hole against Harrison in the team's home opener.



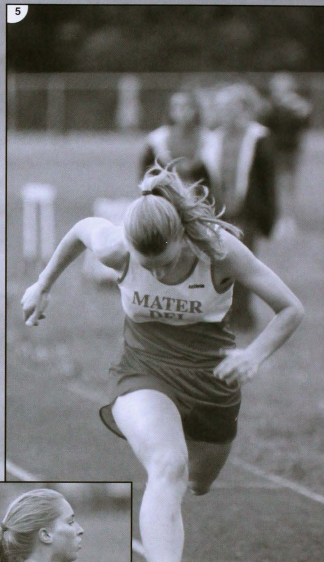
**1** Photo by Marie Schiff  
Sophomore Jennifer Padavic heaves the shot put in the prelim round at the Mt. Vernon Sectionals. Padavic spent the year bouncing between throwing the shot and the discus, splitting time with sophomore Marie Schiff and senior Molly Stoltz.



**2** Photo by Marie Schiff  
Sophomore Emily Stute flies high as she jumps over the hurdle at the Mt. Vernon sectional. Stute won her heat, advancing her to the finals for the first time in her high school track career. The hurdles involves speed, as well as precise technique.



**3** Photo by Marie Schiff  
Sophomore Aimee Fischer launches herself from the kickboard after a long run down the long jump lane. Along with the jumping event, Fischer also threw the discus. At the sectional meet, Fischer advanced to the finals in the long jump and placed sixth.



**4** Photo by Marie Schiff  
Senior Katie McKinney was the Wildcat's star distance runner, competing in the 1600 and 3200 and was a member of the 3200 relay. McKinney took her long distance skills from her state cross country appearances and put them to good use on the oval track.



# Showing consistent improvement

5:30 p.m.-Mon, 20, 2003

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close to 100 percent midway through the season."

The girls had to lean on each other to draw strength and inspiration. The teamwork, although expected, is necessary in a sport that is scored through individual results.

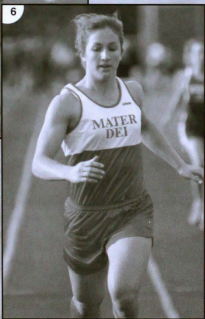
"Leaders, or upperclassmen on the track team, tend to set most of the goals personally," said junior Laura Schroeder. "The heart of a team begins in the leaders and branches out to the followers."

The boys and girls teams are working together to improve themselves. Besides practicing together, they pull for each other at meets; something that has paid off for them from the very first meet.

"Our very first track meet this season was against Memorial," said Kissel excitedly. "Our guys track team won their meet for the first time in seven years. We all congratulated the guys for their accomplishments."

After the ribbon at the finish line had been broken, tears or cries of joy flowed from each racer. If she fell short of victory, the team picked her up and the racer was back for another race. If the racer flew to the top, the team was also there to keep her head from getting overly large. Together the girls track team continued to improve living the motto: "There is no I in team."

Shanna Bush '05



Everyone is lined up and the scrawny lanes seem like they never end. Sweat is flying everywhere, from person to person. The determination is like fire in the racers eyes. Finally, after the hundredth time the racer has run that race through her head, the shot to start is heard. Running forward, the racers' pump their arms, grit their teeth and push themselves as hard and as fast as they possibly can. The finish line can be seen after the final turn; sprinting toward it, she wants to hold victory close to her.

Girls track may have been tedious in the stands, but on the track there was nothing but excitement for the racers and their teammates. Being a spectator gives no insight into what was really going on and how hard the team had worked to get that far.

The first step that the team made was getting back junior Kristen Kissel. She returned after off-season surgery, but worked hard from the first day of practice to get back into shape.

"Surgery put a huge constraint on my ability to run and more specifically to sprint," said Kissel. "I was finally

5 Photo by Marie Schiff  
Freshman Allison Mesker leans in at the start/finish line, trying to get any type of advantage in a close match-up against a Bosse Bulldog runner. Mesker advanced to the sectional finals in the 100 meter dash along with sophomore Kristin Schapker.

6 Photo by Marie Schiff  
Junior Laura Schroeder cruises to the finish line in the 200 meter dash to come in fifth. The versatile Schroeder competed in both track and field events, placing second in the sectional finals in the discus throw, throwing the discus over 104 feet.



## Freshman Baseball

Row 1- Aaron Fehrenbacher, Matt Brundage, John Eickhoff, Ben Dausman, Will Moll, Ryan Schnarre, Phil Loehr  
 Row 2- Coach Brian Schapker, Tyler Bittner, Matt Major, Kyle Grossman, Andy Niemeier, Joe Kelley, Jeff Johnson, Jason Wire, Matt Karges



## Reserve Baseball

Row 1- Luke Spaetti, Michael Goelz, Ryan Matt, Jared Droste, Cody Schillinger, Coach Brian Schapker

# Star Search

8:15 p.m. - April 16, 2003

KEMPE AUDITORIUM

The crowd of students and parents, that packed the school's auditorium rose to their feet, with a roar of cheers and applause. The group consisting of Jenn Sotolongo, Kourtney Scott, David Learned, Craig Schutz, and Brian Kuester performed Stinkin' Garbage on trashcans and the drum. After their act, the group took their bows and accepted their first place prize of fifty dollars.

"It's not every day that you can see people make awesome music out of a couple of trashcans," said senior Katie Muensterman. "I was really impressed, not just with them but with all the contestants this year."

This year's talent show was filled with the most talent that Mater Dei has seen in several years. The crowd was awestruck with thirteen performances, consisting of drummers, brother and sister acts, dancers, soloists, and rock groups. One of these many acts was sophomore Emma Provost who sang the Jewel song "You Were Meant For Me," as her brother, junior Shane Provost, played the guitar. The brother/sister act went on to win second place in the talent show, receiving a prize of twenty-five dollars.

"If you were to close your eyes during Emma and Shane Provost's act you would have thought that you were listening to the CD," said senior Craig Weinzapfel. "It was really good."

Adding to this year's talent show were the two senior emcees Kenny Miller and Kevin Muensterman. Changing their clothes between acts, they stunned the crowd by imitating Gold Member from the Austin Power movies, wearing little pink belly shirts, and showing off their dangerous rollerblading tricks.

"I don't think I've ever laughed so hard as I did when Kenny got in that pink shirt," said senior Dawn Wink. "Both guys did a good job of keeping the audience into all of the performances."

All in all this year's talent show let all of us know just how much talent we really have here at Mater Dei. It served not only as entertainment but also as a way to honor those talents, which often gets overlooked in high school. Mater Dei is truly lucky to have such a talented student body.

Kelsey Wannemuehler '03

Stinkin' Garbage, comprised of sophomores Craig Schutz and Kourtney Scott, freshman David Learned, junior Brian Kuester and senior Jenn Sotolongo, took top honors for their trash can percussion act. They expanded on an act done two years ago that also won first place. Photo by Shanna Bush



Senior emcees Kenny Miller and Kevin Muensterman kept the crowd laughing between acts at the annual talent show. Muensterman rollerbladed and Miller stripped down to a teeny-tiny tank top to keep time moving. Photo by Shanna Bush







### Varsity Baseball

Row 1- Drew Alcorn, Mark Goldman, Dustin Slaton, Nathan J. Miller, Chris Marx, Kevin Tooke, Jason Kothe, Alex Blazier  
 Row 2- Coach Darin Knight, Jeremy Gries, Matt Halbig, Chris Robinson, Josh Wildeman, Brad Dick, Jason Yoder, Jon Ferehbacher



### MatCats

Row 1- Megan Parkinson, Kim Bauer, Sarah Bishop, Jill Schaefer, Aimee King, Jenny Reed, Laura Raben, Laura Pritchett  
 Row 2- Hallie Denstorff, Mackenzie Goebel, Kristi Wilsman, Katie Scheller, Becky Parkinson  
 Row 3- Kristina Kayser, Jill Merkel, Rachel Raben, Lindsey Culver



Junior Shane Provost stuns the talent show crowd with his guitar-playing skills. He and his sister Emma won the 2nd place award of \$20 for their rendition of Jewel's "You Were Meant For Me." Shane also went on to play with his band later in the night while the judges deliberated.  
 Photo by Shanna Bush



### Secretaries

Sister Agnes, Mrs. Becky Rice, Mrs. Jeanne Tornatta, Mrs. Molly Weber, Mrs. Carla Wildeman



### Cafeteria Workers

Row 1- Rosemary Freeman, Georgianna Amos, Michelle Krack, Sue Greulich, Gloria Bumb, Roseanna Ames  
 Row 2- Tonya Schenk, Mary Jo Kirchoff, Julia Payne, Taffney Welsh, Kate Seib, Mary Jane Little

Senior Chris Robinson presents evidence into record for his client Dawn Wink to testify about. Robinson, along with senior Kevin Tooke, took on a serious role as defense attorneys.

Seniors Kevin Tooke and Dawn Wink use their skills they learned in the Mater Dei-ville court system as they play out their roles at the mock trial. Their experience at MD helped them succeed in this case.



Photo by Mary Nelson

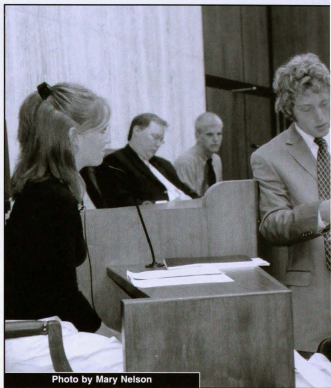


Photo by Mary Nelson

Senior Erica Wildeman gives her opening statement to the jury at the beginning of the trial for the plaintiff. Wildeman and senior Tessa Faraone, the plaintiff's attorneys, researched and talked to real lawyers to prepare for their role at the mock trial.



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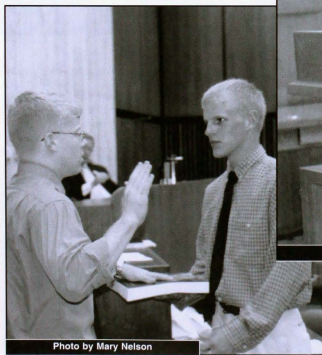


Photo by Mary Nelson

Senior Tessa Faraone cross-examines a witness as she portrays a plaintiff's attorney for law day. Every year a law day is held for the local high schools so the students can experience the trial process.

Posing as the bailiff, senior P.D. Stolz swore in senior Nick Wildeman before he was cross-examined. The day out of school is more than a quick vacation; it is a chance to get a taste of a possible career.



# Court Jester

## Law Day's mock trial was no laughing matter for students

9:00 a.m. Mon, 1, 2003

### FEDERAL COURTHOUSE

As senior P.D. Stolz bangs the gavel, everyone in the courtroom rises and the judge enters. The attorneys introduce themselves and their clients. Opening statements are made as the jury gets their first impressions of the plaintiff and defendant.

Every year, along with other local schools, Mater Dei takes part in Law Day. Sponsored by the Local Bar Association, Law Day gives

students a chance to experience the happenings in a trial.

"Law Day is a great opportunity for students to go to the courtroom and see what it's all about," government teacher Mr. Darin Knight stated.

The three government teachers, Mr. Mike Goebel, Mrs. Wynn Mitchell, and Knight gave their students the option of attending this educational day. The seniors looked forward to missing school in order to visit the courthouse and experience the way our court system works.

Most students have only observed court procedures on television and in movies but have never had the chance to sit in on a real life trial. Law Day allowed everyone to finally understand the process of trying a civil case.

"You see a lot of stuff on movies but you never know the exact procedures of a real trial," senior Tessa Faraone comments. "We had to prepare opening and closing statements and questions for cross-examination."

The senior government students took this day very seriously by thoroughly going over their case. Senior plaintiff attorneys Erica Wildeman and Faraone made a point to meet with professional lawyers to be aware of what was permissible in the courtroom. The defensive attorneys, Seniors Chris Robinson and Kevin Tookey, also prepared themselves with the help of their fathers who have been lawyers for quite some time. Law Day was a wonderful way for students to have fun and learn about the Evansville court system.

This awesome experience was a chance for the student to not only learn more about the legal system, but to get a first hand look at a possible career choice.

By Holly Sparks '03



Photo by Mary Nelson

Senior Molly Stoltz gives her testimony about the made-up story of her husband being killed by a drunken driver. A whole mock trial is played out every year with all the parts played by students.

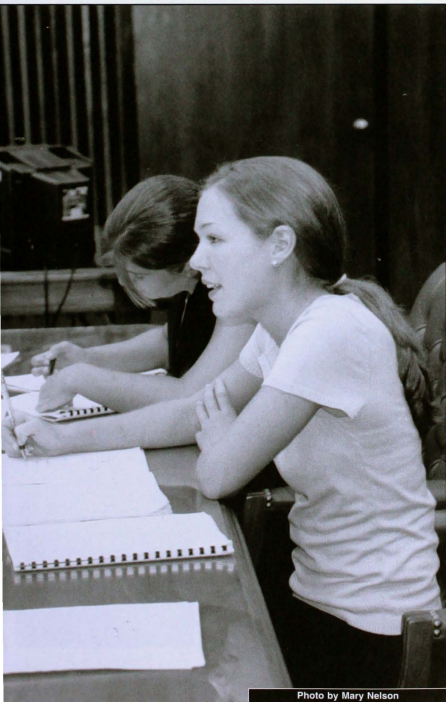
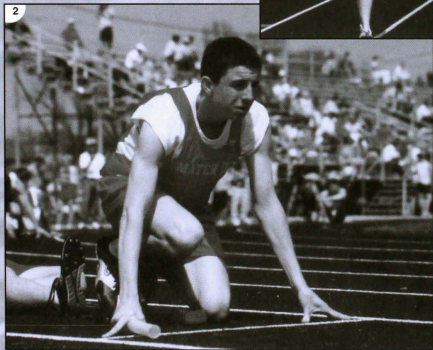
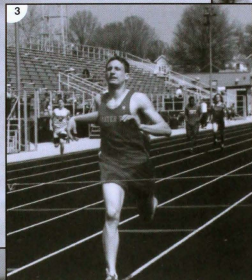


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1 Photo by Karly Kempf

Sophomore hurdle runner Corey Rosek shows other runners how it's done as he soars over yet another obstacle in his lane. This year the boys track team had one of the best seasons Mater Dei has seen in years, taking home three first place finishes at city.

2 Photo by Karly Kempf

Clutching his baton tightly and waiting for the gun, Rosek crouches in starting position before the start of a relay. Relay finishes, which are worth the most, accounted for numerous points that helped lead the boys to a successful season.

3 Staff Photo

Rounding his last lap, sophomore Scott Koressel visualizes the win as he approaches the finish line. Technique and running style were keys to a good finish, as the boys showed in their first place finish in the 3200 meter relay at the city meet this year.

4 Staff Photo

Senior Nick Moll pulls a graceful superman as he flings himself over the bar in the pole vault. Since it's only the second year that the city track teams have had pole vaulting, Moll and others had to overcome the obstacle of starting from scratch.





# Biggest rival was first to fall

6:35 p.m.- May 2, 2003

REITZ SPORTS COMPLEX

**R**unners on your mark, get set, GO! There they go running around the track. For most this is what you train for. The crowd is cheering loudly as they come around the last turn. Here they come down the straightaway, pushing themselves and giving it there all. It comes down to the final seconds as the first person leans across the finish line for the win.

The excitement for the boys track team was missing for the team for a long time. The team was competitive for the past few years, but it was not able to go over the top and take a win.

That was until this year.

After celebrating May Day at school, the boys track team had to regain their focus for a meet against their Catholic rival Memorial when the two clashed at the Reitz Sports Complex. When the dust settled, the Wildcats had stolen a win from the Tigers.

"The win over Memorial got the season off to a good start," said senior Mike Weil.

That win was, in fact, the team's first win in over seven years.

It was in no small part due to the three returning seniors and first year runner Sam Kaiser, who competed at state in the 800 meter run.

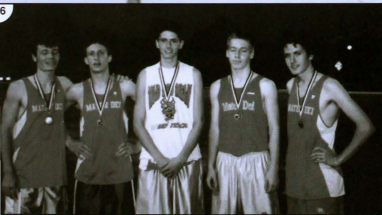
"The seniors show great leadership and enthusiasm for the sport. They have made this season more enjoyable," said freshman Brandon Clements.

With no reserve team, the freshmen were allowed to make an instant contribution to the team. The underclassmen ran most of the sprinting events, while the juniors and seniors dominate the throwing field events.

The freshmen were key to the team's improved record this year. Freshman Wes Dingman, the SIAC 3200 meter champion, cheered the champion 1600 meter relay team made up of fellow freshmen Patrick McKinney, Brandon Clements, Adam Lambert and Michael Fischer. Freshman Scott Schapker was also a SIAC place winner.

"It is a good sign of things to come when we have this kind of success with so young of runners," coach Dan DeVillez. "We wanted to build strong relays and runners. I think we have done that."

Marie Schiff '05

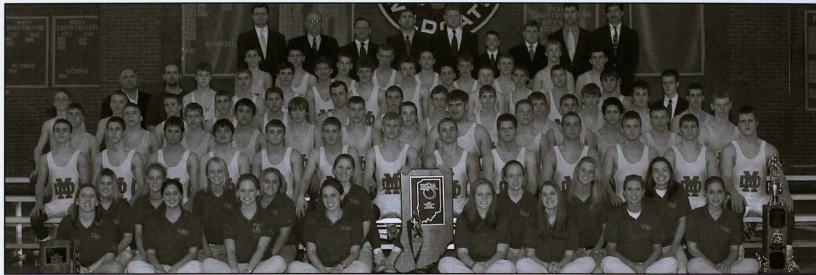


5 Photo by Marie Schiff

Sophomore Matt Feller struggles to keep the lead over an approaching Jasper opponent in the straightaway as he nears the finish line. Much endurance was needed for the long distance races Feller ran, which included the individual 3200 meter.

6 Photo by Brittini Herron

Members of the track team who won first place at City line up to show off their medals. The races, many of which were close, included the 3200 relay, the 800 meter run, and the 1600 meter run. Junior Andy Krack managed to win by less than a second.



## Wrestling

Row 1 – Hallie Denstorff, Megan Parkinson, Aimee King, Jenny Reed, Kristina Kaiser, Katie Scheller, Mackenzie Goebel, Rachel Raben. Row 2 – Laura Raben, Natalie Goebel, Kim Bauer, Jill Schaefer, Sarah Bishop, Jill Merkel, Megan Martin, Kristi Wilsman. Row 3 – Brian Bittner, Bryan Williams, Joe Hillenbrand, Craig Macke, Matt Coughlin, Aaron Scott, Joe Lehman, Craig Weinzapfel, Dustin Nosko, Sam Wildeman, Blake Maurer, Jason Coughlin, Tom Unfried. Row 4 – Eric Sammet, Jeremy Goebel, Ben Macke, Getty Murray, Andy Barchett, Nathan Doshier, Jake Herrmann, Chaz Schwartz, Nathan Weinzapfel, Mike Coughlin, Joe Weinzapfel, Raymond Goebel, Greg Ambrose. Row 5 – John Tenbange, Kyle Adler, James Weinzapfel, Logan Bartek, Jordan Raben, Rhett Lawson, Abe Zenthoefler, Rhen Koester, Alex Will, Scotty Lehman, Tim Weber, Josh Henderson, Chad Dewig. Row 6 – Carl Schmitt, Dan Bauman, Ben Yingling, Joe Butler, Daniel Baumgart, Mason Kempf, Derek Lappe, Reese Lawson, Kenny Tenbange, Ryan Hinton, Bart Schaefer, Dave Lappe. Row 7 – Scotty Schmitt, Alex Topper, Robert Branson, Zach Miller, Logan Schiff, Chuck Capshaw, Andy Kercher. Row 8 – Principal Gary Houchins, Athletic Director Joe Dippel, Reserve Coach Randy Helfrich, Phil Zenthoefler, Scott Lewis, Jerry Parkinson, John Helfrich, Steve Anslinger, Head Coach Mike Goebel

# Mind Games

1:00 p.m. – March 22, 2003

RIVERSIDE ONE

As he entered, the extreme tension and nervousness surfaced, yet a cool feeling of intellect guided his responses. Question after question about his life goals, past grades and future plans kept surfacing. After this interview, the answer would be known if senior Kevin Tooke received the Lily scholarship.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Tooke. "The people there made me feel more comfortable and at ease during the interview. Beforehand, I just thought about questions and answers to make it go smoother."

Scholarships are given based on many different factors including intellect, grades, community involvement and effort. A good combination of these traits will get someone the money he wants for college.

"Many students don't complete and turn in scholarships because they take too much time and effort. They are a lot of work, but in the end, they are worth it," said counselor Ms. Robin Rosenberg.

Competing with the mind takes many shapes. Seniors

Cody Miller and Brad Dick made their own web page design based on a previous course in Mrs. Carol Hudgions' class. In competition, it won best of category in the region and received a division one rating in the state.

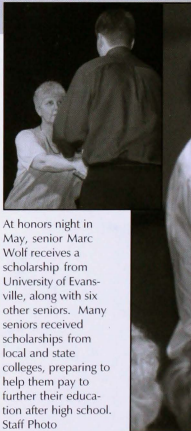
"We started on it at the beginning of the school year and I worked on it almost every day between using the computer during choice and Mrs. Hudgions' class," said Miller. "I just added my own ideas to make the Mater Dei homepage better overall."

Besides scholarships and computer awards, yearbook and newspaper also receive awards throughout the year. Students on each of these staffs attend workshops and competitions where issues of the newspaper and sections of the yearbook are judged. Students received a countless number of honors towards stories, pictures, headlines and captions.

Honors night and a day in May commemorate awards received by all students. Recognition is given to those who have achieved success throughout the year in all aspects: sports, academics and scholarships. Competing intellectually combines an individual's time, patience, intelligence and natural ability to procure his greatest final product.

Melissa Schnur '03

Senior Brad Dick is presented with one of 50 \$1,000 scholarships from WFIE/Fifth Third Bank. WFIE/Fifth Third Bank awarded two Mater Dei seniors this scholarship: Dick and Kevin Tooke. Photo by Melissa Schnur



At honors night in May, senior Marc Wolf receives a scholarship from University of Evansville, along with six other seniors. Many seniors received scholarships from local and state colleges, preparing to help them pay to further their education after high school. Staff Photo







### Service Club

Row 1- Ms. Joan Vickery, Hallie Denstroff, Holly Sparks, Tessa Faraone, Laura Schroeder, Courtney Woehler, Mrs. Judy Berberich. Row 2- Lindsey Wagner, Amanda Wildeman, Kendra Weber, Kristen Frazer, Michelle Crowe, Jennifer Lasher, Rachael Gries, Katie Muensterman, Mary Nelson, Matt Seibert, Melissa Schnur, Kelsey Wannemuehler, Matt Stratman. Row 3- Susan Muensterman, Jaclyn Muensterman, Tori Fisher, Rachel Luigs, Amber Ferrari, Tara Bouillet, Ashley Alles, Tina Morrow, Michelle Rietman, April Scheller, Emily Shetler, Katie Zenthofer. Row 4- Dana Mueller, Eric Reffett, Abby Schmit, Rachel Raben, Becky Parkinson, Tyler Musgrave, Ashley Bradford, Kortney Scott, Melissa Elpers, Emily Copeland, Brittini Herron, Allison Mesker, Kristin Schapker. Row 5- Katie Scheller, Michelle Lewis, Kristen Kissel, Jessica Knight, Jill Merkel, Kristina Kayser, Kristi Wilsman, Brandy Sparks, Adrienne DeVault, Ashley Adler, Erica Bohleber, Derek Herrmann, Todd Wannemuehler, Andrew Cheaney. Row 6- Megan Thompson, Kyle Swickard, Drew Nurrenbern, Michael Pigman, Daniel Cowan.



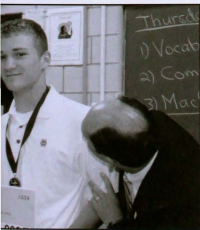
### Academic Team

Row 1 - Zach Wampler, Lindsey Wagner, Tessa Faraone, Melissa Schnur, Kelsey Wannemuehler, Anna Koester, Melanie Knapp, Courtney Woehler, Holly Sparks, Sam Kaiser. Row 2 - Matt Seibert, Jenifer Carter, Natalie Wolf, Susan Muensterman, Jaclyn Muensterman, Ashley Alles, Christina Ward, Ben Pacicowski, Philip Elpers, Jason Weyer. Row 3 - Andrew Cheney, Todd Wannemuehler, Kristin Kissel, Derek Herrmann, Melissa Elpers, Brittini Herron, Drew Nurrenbern, Michael Pigman, Jeremy Gries.



### National Honor Society

Row 1- Lindsey Wagner, Anna Koester, Melissa Schnur, Kevin Tooke, Row 2 - Tessa Faraone, Jennifer Lasher, Jason Yoder, Matt Halbig, Josh Wildeman, Kelsey Wannemuehler, Melanie Knapp, Courtney Woehler, Holly Sparks, Matt Seibert, Sam Kaiser. Row 3 - Nick Lannert, Eric Reffett, Andrew Cheney, Todd Wannemuehler, Kristin Kissel, Ashley Alles, Derek Herrmann, Ben Patricowski, Philip Elpers, Michael Weil. Row 4 - Laura Schroeder, Katie McKinney, Hallie Denstroff, Stephanie Schenk, Kelsey Lottes, Megan Wright, Jill Werner, Anna Weber, Cara Batema, Jeremy Gries.



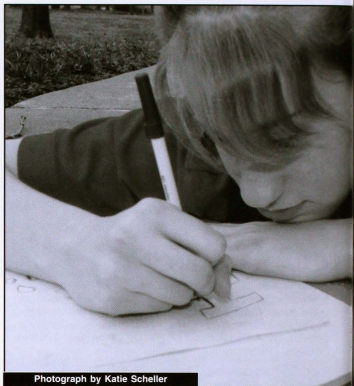
Senior Lindsey Wagner shakes the hand of the West Side Improvement Scholarship representative as he receives this \$1,000 monetary award. Each year students have the opportunity to apply for numerous scholarships from local businesses and national organizations.  
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### Art Club

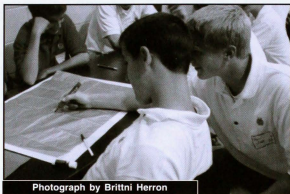
Row 1- Lauran Hage, Katie Chandler  
Row 2- Jocelyn Ketzner, Molly Couture, Matthew Grattenhaler, Tessa Faraone, Anna Koester

Junior Kirby Splitorff ponders her letter to her parents as she doodles on a piece of paper. Students had a lot of alone time, allowing them to compile their thoughts and reflect on their experiences.



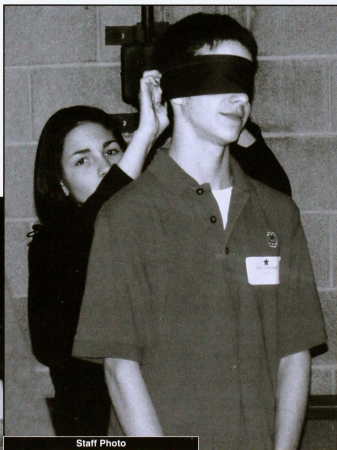
Photograph by Katie Scheller

Senior Nate Weinzapfel leads a table of freshmen during their retreat. Each table was responsible for creating a poster that symbolized their class and the poster were later displayed in the freshman hallway.



Photograph by Brittini Herron

Sophomore Rachel Luigs ties a blindfold around the eyes of her classmate Tyler Lutterbach as they prepare for an activity at the sophomore retreat. Retreats provide a chance for classmates to come together as a class.



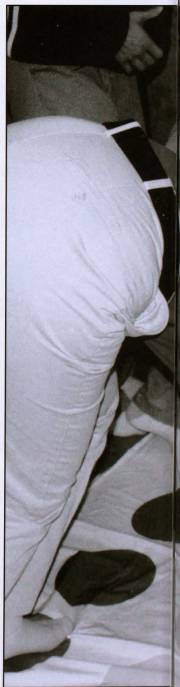
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Senior group leader Nick Moll plays twister with an underclassman during their retreat. Interaction with others was key at the retreats, especially to get to know fellow classmates. Senior leaders led students in activities, discussions and group prayers.

Freshmen fill out a questionnaire during their first retreat at Mater Dei. During their retreat, the students wrote letters to themselves which they will receive during their junior year.





# Finding Themselves

## Retreats give students a chance to find out more about themselves and their classmates

10:04 a.m.- March 18, 2003

### ST. JOHN'S DAYLIGHT

The adult helpers scanned the room, passing out materials ranging from flour to water and oil. The juniors began putting the mixtures together as they brainstormed ideas for designs of their bread. Quickly, butterflies and other symbols appeared on the pans. "We made ours into a

rainbow," junior Katie McKinney said.

Making bread was just one of the many activities that are planned into the retreat day. These retreats, planned by the religion department, take place at various locations around the city and are an important part of our Mater Dei tradition.

"Students, like adults, need extended time for prayer and reflection, especially with one another. It gives them a chance to get away from a normal school day and be in a different setting," acting Principal Gary Houchens commented.

Although they have not yet had the opportunity to create bread sculptures, the sophomores also had a dynamic day that started off with ice breakers. "I really liked the slapping game. It touched me right here," sophomore Molly Couture commented, pointing to her heart.

However, the day consists of more than just fun and games. "I learned a lot about myself and classmates," sophomore Haley Austin commented.

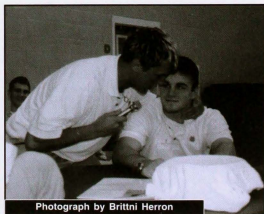
Through time spent in reflection and prayer, students grow spiritually and watch their class bond. Sophomore Jenna Denstorff said, "It taught us how to communicate as a class and that we are one body. We're lucky to have these."

Most students at other schools can't say they get a day to set aside for prayer like the student body at Mater Dei does. Overall, it is a unique experience that binds the students and all involved into a deeper communion with Christ and the community.

Melanie Knapp '03

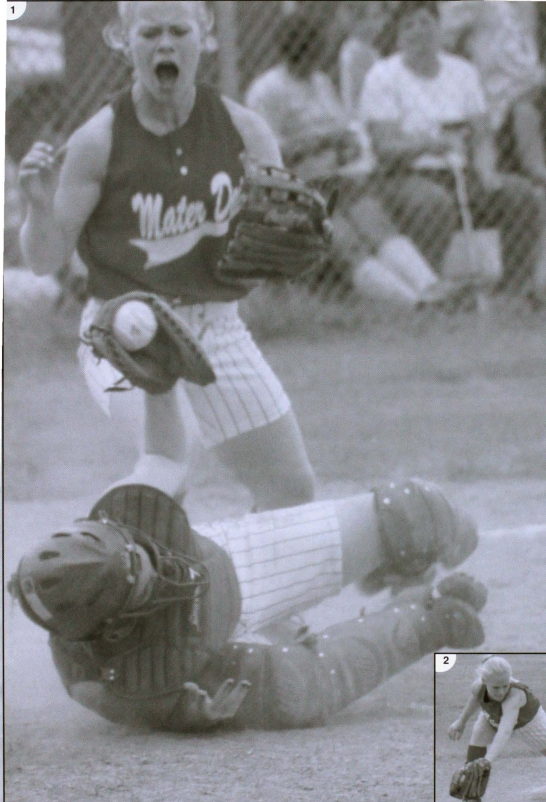


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Photograph by Brittini Herron

During question time with the seniors, junior Kyle Messersmith sings "Happy Birthday" to Tony Raben. Unfortunately, fellow junior Blake Mauer got the special serenade . . . lucky Blake.



1 Photo by Karly Kempf

Sophomore Michelle Rietman yells to help direct freshman catcher Sara Scott on where a foul ball is going to drop. Rietman, who also played varsity her freshman year, was not only an essential part of the team but also a versatile one.

2 Photo by Karly Kempf

Sophomore Michelle Rietman lunges to catch a fast moving ball, making sure she keeps her foot in contact with the base to get the force out at third base against Bosse. Rietman was a key for the softball team, playing both third base and pitcher.



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3 Staff Photo

Freshman Hailey Kempf, varsity third baseman, stops a fast line drive in hopes of tagging out an oncoming Bosse runner. The girls went into to four extra innings with the Bosse softball team before posting a high and hard fought out 11-7 victory.

4 Staff Photo

Hailey Kempf finishes her wind up as she sends in a fast pitch, hoping for another strike out. Kempf, another freshman varsity player, was known for striking out girls to end the inning. She was a great asset to the team playing not only pitcher but also third base.



# Plenty of room for underclassmen



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4:43 p.m., May 15, 2003

GLENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

What does it mean to be part of a team? A softball team is a collection of individuals playing as a team. Teammates have to develop trust, faith, and communication between them. If you don't communicate, how can you win? The players also have to have skill and knowledge of the game to win as a team.

"We have grown a lot more this season," senior Courtney Woehler says.

In order to reach a goal, the players need help and assistance from not only their teammates, but their coaches as well. A good coach knows how to help a player, what to tell them and how to help them. This team is no different.

"My goal was to have more power hitting and my coach is helping me with that. He's really good at helping us reach our goals," sophomore Hannah Johnson says.

Someone people can trust. The players on this team have really stepped up this season, but some of the greatest inspiration has come from some unlikely sources.

"I think the underclassmen are definitely very positive. The underclassmen really bring a lot to the team. They get us pumped up and excited and they make us play our hardest," says Woehler.

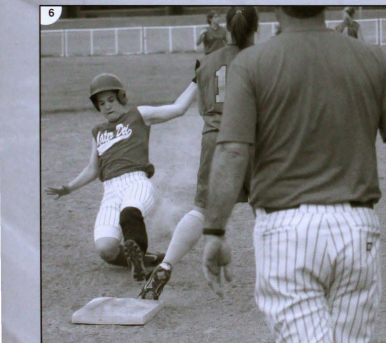
The underclassmen are more important to this Wildcat team. With only two seniors on the team, the younger girls have plenty of opportunity to show what they can do.

The underclassmen are inexperienced, but they made an immediate impact.

"There are a lot of good players on the team. Hailey (Kempf) is an awesome pitcher, and Michelle (Rietman) is a great hitter. We have a lot of talent on this team," adds senior Kara Adler.

Kempf, who led the pitching staff with an ERA of 2.0 and Rietman, with a batting average of .219, are great assets to the team.

As the Lady Wildcats pile up hits and steal bases, they are constantly mindful that as they grow closer together as a team, they have a shot at post-season success.



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Photo by Marie Schiff

Freshman Tiffany Payton, varsity center fielder, attempts to slide into third base, hoping to get there before the throw down. Payton, a well rounded player, was one of just three girls who were talented enough to take essential varsity spots their freshman

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Sophomore Melissa Elpers quickly slides into third base, trying not to take out her Bosse opponent. Elpers who played left field was known to be always peppy to pick up the team, as well as, a great hustler who would dive after any ball.

Every team needs a leader, someone to stand up and take charge.

Brittni Herron '05

While others were at wrestling team state, a group of dedicated junior boys made the trip to Forest Park to cheer on the girls' basketball team at regionals. Dressing up and showing school spirit is one thing Mater Dei fans are known for. This gives teams an extra push to do their best.

Fans of all ages come out to support the Wildcats and their favorite football players. Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and cousins brave the cold weather to make the trek to Paradise to cheer on the Wildcats as they take on the Castle Knights.



Photo by Marie Schiff



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Sophomore Emily Stute holds her breath and crosses her fingers at wrestling team state. A large group of students traveled three hours to Center Grove High School, sporting their red and gold to root for their Wildcats as they went for their ninth straight team state title.



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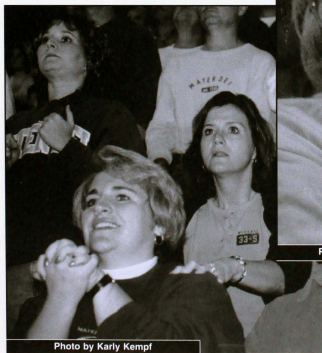


Photo by Karly Kempf

Parents at a football game watch attentively, anticipating the next play. Most agree that the parents help the crowd get more motivated by cheering as loudly as the students.

A group of junior boys stand up to support their basketball Wildcats on Homecoming night. The fan support helped the team come from behind in a close match-up with the Bosse Bulldogs, and pulling out a win by 12 points.





# Support Base

## No matter how far they have to go, a Wildcat crowd is often twice that of an opponent's

1:30 p.m.- March 1, 2003

CENTER GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

**S**upport and encouragement: we all need it, we all want it. "The support is indescribable," says junior Blake Maurer. "We are very lucky to have the fans we have."

Maurer has experienced how the Mater Dei crowd can be, especially when he is down on the mat wrestling. Wrestling is a

huge sport for Mater Dei and has one of the largest fan bases.

"Nothing feels better than hearing the Mater Dei crowd when I'm on the floor," explains Coach Mike Goebel. "At team state the Griffith crowd was really loud and outgoing until Dustin got his pin. Then Griffith fans grew silent and Mater Dei only got louder," remembers Goebel. "The fans got louder with each win."

There are a variety of other sports that fans love to attend, such as basketball, football, bowling, golf, volleyball, track and baseball. It is sometimes hard to choose just which one event to support.

"With all the different events it is tough for students to get to all of them, so we are appreciative of the fans who support" as explains basketball coach John Goebel. "So whether we get 20 or 200 fans, we appreciate it."

Baseball coach Darin Knight agrees.

"Mater Dei fans are very special because they support the athletic teams so well," shares Knight. "They are always very vocal and that gives the team an emotional lift."

The fans obviously mean a lot to the team, and they show it time and time again from wrestling to bowling. It is something that is hard to forget for the many athletes who have witnessed scenes, such as the one at Team State.

"Blake wrestled David Martin, from Griffith, and Martin said, 'wish your fans weren't so loud, I won't be able to hear my coach,'" says Mike Goebel.

And that is something that fans can cheer about.

Katie Scheller '04



Photo by Melissa Schnur

Mater Dei wrestling fans cheer on the team as they win their ninth consecutive team title. Wrestling at Mater Dei is known for the fans just about as much as the wrestlers. The faithful Wildcats can often be counted on to bring close to twice as many fans as any of their opponents, no matter where they have to travel.



Staff Photo



## Eucharistic Ministers

Row 1- Emily Stratman, Jen Sotolongo, Blythe Bell, Kristen Frazer, Kim Bauer, Cody Reddington, Sarah Bishop  
 Row 2- Courtney Woehler, Holly Sparks, Kara Adler, Steph Elpers, Abby Blankenberger, Melissa Schnur, Tessa Faraone  
 Row 3- Laura Pritchett, Lindsey Wagner, Courtney Wehde, Dawn Wink, Jenny Reed, Leah Spivey, Jennifer Lasher, Laura Raben  
 Row 4- Matt Stratman, Melanie Knapp, Anna Koester, Michael Well, Lori Jackson, Rachael Gries



## Newspaper

Row 1- Noah Eltzroth, Anna Koester, Cara Batema, Zach Wampler  
 Row 2- Molly Stoltz, Laura Schroeder, Andrea Schenk, Emily Stratman

# The Gift of Life

Planning Period Every Day

BAND ROOM

Mel Stowers sits quietly in the back of the band room for the third time today. The fluid filled bag released new fluid into him with a constant and slow drip. Two hours later he is ready to go teach another class.

Doctors told Stowers he was going to have a kidney transplant over spring break in 2001. However, getting a donor is not such an easy task. A cadaver donor usually takes anywhere from three to five years. There is always the hope of getting a live donor, which would cut the waiting time to three to five months. "I have type O positive blood which makes it very hard to find a compatible donor," said Stowers.

However, if you have type O blood it is harder for you to find a match to receive, especially when it comes to transplants like in Stowers' case. "A person must take a written test, blood test, and tissue test before they can be considered a donor," said Stowers. "Lucky for me my sister decided she would try."

After taking the written part of the test, Stowers' sister passed and was ready to move on to the next test. Just

days later, fate worked against them. His sister was overcome with mono and all tests were stopped. After a while the mono passed, but the tests were still not rescheduled.

"The doctors told us that they want to wait a little while longer just to make sure it was totally out of her system," stated Stowers. "Once you are turned down for donorship you can't reapply."

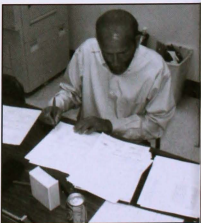
Since then, Stowers has been going through dialysis. The process involves taking fluids out of him and putting new, clean fluids back into him. He has to go through this process six times everyday: three during the day and three at night.

"The treatments last two hours a piece," said Stowers. "It took a lot of getting used to, though, because now I have no free time whatsoever."

He hopes that this summer all tests will be completed and the transplant can go underway. When asked if he was nervous or scared about the surgery he simply replied, "the surgery has been done for over fifty years and is almost always successful. I'm not scared, I'm just ready to have it done."

Kelsey Wannemuehler '03

Physics teacher Randy Dick had his work cut out for him when he returned to school after missing almost two months for kidney surgery. After this surgery, Dick jumped right back into the classroom and took off like he had never been gone.  
 Photo by Anna Koester







## Yearbook

Row 1- Mary Beth Jankowski, Mary Nelson, Kelsey Wannemuehler, Kristi Wilsman  
 Row 2- Holly Sparks, Melissa Schnur, Jenni Jost, Lora Richey, Karly Kempf, Katie Scheller, Melanie Knapp



## Choir

Row 1- Nikki Render, Allison Probert, Sondra Wildeman, Amanda Cox, Megan Wright, Natalie Wolf, Jennifer Carter, Neil Kippenbrock, Kevin Elliott, Lauren Muensterman. Row 2- Kendra Weinzapfel, Tori Fisher, Emily Shetler, Ariel Bell, Katie Scheller, Cheri Williamson, Robin Fehrenbacher, Toni Solis, Jessica Grabert, Leslie Woehler. Row 3- Scott Lehman, Laura Muensterman, Ashley Muensterman, Courtney Wehde, Natalie Schmitt, Dana Mueller, Michelle Rietman, Nicole Elpers, Ashley Hoffman, Ryan Marx, Abby Werner. Row 4- Hannah Wannemuehler, Kellyn Murphy, Erin Rousk, Tiffany Floyd, Tara Elpers, Keri Dennis, Shane Goedde, Scott Schapker, Phil Loehr, Kelly Muensterman, Aaron Crowe, Daniel Baumgart.



Band director Mel Stowers has put his transplant testing on hold while he continued to teach and direct the Wildcat bands. That decision has forced him to undergo self-dialysis, but that dedication to teaching and his students has rubbed off on the band as they have made remarkable improvements this year.

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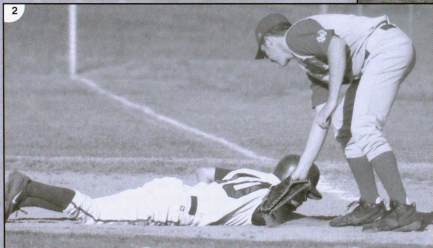
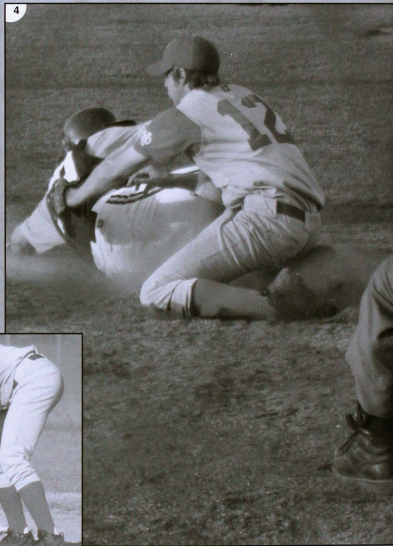
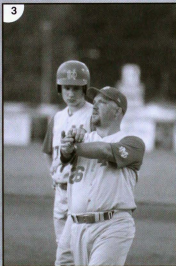
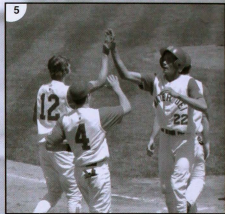
## Speech

Row 1- Natalie Wolf, Kaitlyn Nemer, Ashley Lefler, Jeremy Fehrenbacher, Kelsey Lottes, Katie Frank, Anna Koester, Ben Weber, Nathan Meredith. Row 2- Tiffany Schoenbechler, April Scheller, Amanda Cox, Rachel Schenk, Cara Batema, Toni Solis, Leah Weinzapfel. Row 3- Erin Rousk, Kellyn Murphy, Mrs. Donna Lefler, Lori Jackson, Megan Thompson, Becky Kelly, Phillip Elpers, Brandon Clements, Lucas Nelson, Kyle Kraft, Katie Funke, Mark Modestif, Meaghan Berenking, Brian Devault, Rosanna Sartore. Row 4- Emily Stute, Carrie Dennis, Brittany Eickhoff, Nick Wilderman, Emily Copelan, Natalie Schmitt, Molly Couture, Allison Probert, Jessica Grabert, Alex Topper, Cheri Williamson, Hannah Wannemuehler, Amber Ferrari, Nicci Sheridan



## Without

Row 1- Jenna Densdorff, Melissa Elpers, Haley Austin, Michele Lewis, April Scheller, Katie Frank, Megan Wright, Michelle Reitman. Row 2- Jennifer Carter, Becky Parkinson, Kristi Wilsman, Laura Schroeder, Liz Krusch, Lindsey Schenk, Ashley Lefler, Shanna Bush, Christina DeVault, Abby Schmitt. Row 3- Molly Couture, Jessica Dick, Dave Wolf, Kevin Tooke, Shane Provost, Jenna Schmitt, Lucas Kirsch, Kirby Spiltofff, Kelsey Lottes, Kyle Kraft, Megan Thompson



**1** Staff Photo

Senior Chris Robinson, without being intimidated, throws a fast ball at Central standout catcher and New York Yankees draftee Taylor Mattingly. That kind of courage and determination put the Wildcats in their second straight regional finals game

**2** Staff Photo

Junior Matt Halbig attempts an out against the North Huskies at North High School. His first year on varsity, Halbig was one of the many juniors and underclassmen to step up this season and fill in for the departing seniors from last year.

**3** Staff Photo

Junior Jeremy Gries pays close attention to assistant coach Steve Ricketts' advice before that start of the game. Ricketts, Head Coach Darin Knight, and many other coaches helped lead the team to many victories during the season at their home field, Bosse Field.

**4** Staff Photo

As he tags a Central player out, senior Jason Yoder creates a cloud of dust as he achieves his goal. A four year member of the baseball team, Yoder has been a leader and helped the team with support and leadership, as did each senior this year.





# Focused on a repeat performance

5:05 p.m. - May 19, 2003

SOUTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

give me a better idea of the game, because varsity pitching is much better. Everything happens a lot faster and playing with varsity helps me to mentally prepare for a JV game," said Alcorn.

Coming back to follow up on the state championship semi-final appearance by last year's BatCats is not an easy task. Practices had been hard and grueling to prepare for another such run for a state title.

"Practice can be very hard at times," said sophomore Andy Reddington. "You are always moving and it gets really tiring. Even though I hate being at practice sometimes, I know it will help me become a better player."

To reach that dream of a state title, the team relied on the arms of some of the conference's best pitchers.

We have a lot of good pitchers. We also have a lot of really good reserve players if any of the varsity players get hurt," said sophomore Drew Alcorn.

It is the reliance on the JV that put the team on the road to a winning record. As players were hurt or needed to be replaced, there was talent already being developed on the reserve level. Floating between squads was also helpful for the JV team.

I think that being up with varsity will

Every team has certain goals and expectations for the season and different people that they look up to. The leader of the team is usually the one that will be the first to step up and play his hardest.

"My team goal for the season is to win a state championship," said sophomore Dustin Slaton. "I think that our team will really come along and have a great season. I also think that our seniors will help us get that far because they are in charge. They are all really supportive and really great players."

All teams start the year with the goal of reaching the state championship, but the pressure is on this Wildcat team. Last year the team was bounced out just one game away from the big game and that left a bad taste in their mouths.

"We just want to get back and avenge last year's loss," Slaton said. "We are playing one game at a time, but we want to get back to Victory Field and prove what we can do."

As individuals make up a team, so do those individuals contribute to the team's record. That teamwork was the key to this year's success.

Mallory Morrow '05

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Senior Jason Yoder and freshman Nathan Miller come out of the dug out to congratulate senior Josh Wildeman on his run score. The team grew close over the season, learning to play together as a team and realizing each one's strengths and weak-

6 Staff Photo

Junior Matt Halbig jumps in the air to avoid a collision with a baseball in the air to avoid a collision with a baseball member of the Central Bears. Though a close call, the team did not achieve a victory against the Bears this year. This did not discourage the team, achieving many victories over the season.

Getting down for the student body, senior Nathan Weinzapfel, also known as Sherman, doesn't hold anything back on the field or on the dance floor. His dance was a locker room favorite that always got the team prepared to win.

Digging down low, junior Andrea Niemeier goes for a ball that was spiked down at her. Just as teammate junior Kristin Kissel stood behind Niemeier, so did the rest of the team voice their support throughout their post-season run.

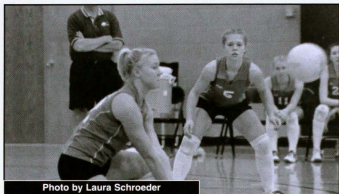


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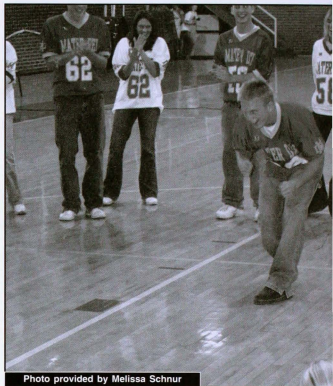
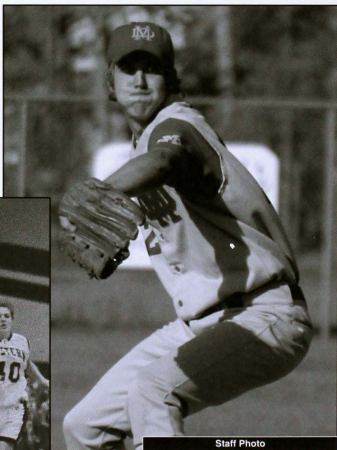
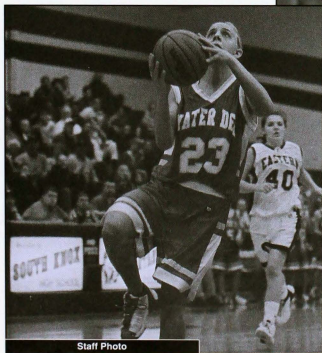


Photo provided by Melissa Schnur

Winding up to throw a fastball, senior Jason Yoder prepares to strike out another sectional opponent. Yoder was one of the many rotating pitchers that the team was lucky enough to have. Having so many pitchers on the team helped keep them fresh and on the top of their game each time out.



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Sophomore Allison Mesker steps past a North defender in the sectional championship game at Castle. Despite their best efforts, the team fell 1-0, but the post-season was still a success after an awesome defeat of Catholic rival Memorial.



Going up for another layup against Eastern Greene in the sectionals, senior Missy Glaser led the team in scoring on their way to the first of four post-season victories.



# Extra Innings

## The whole season is forgotten as teams enter the realm of 'Post Season'

7:30 p.m., October 24, 2003

NORTH KNOX VOLLEYBALL SECTIONALS

Senior Steph Elpers lets yet another serve fly. The tension is high as Eastern Greene struggles to return the ball. They fail, the scoreboard records a point for the VolleyCats, and Elpers breaks into a nervous smile of relief.

Just another game? No, this is an entirely different story – it's

post-season, the time of the year when polls don't matter and records aren't clear indicators of the way things could go. Heavy favorites can choke and underdogs can pull off near impossible wins. It is the guts and glory of high school athletics, with all athletes vying for the coveted trip to state competition.

To prepare for these crucial games, athletes undergo certain rituals. "We shave down, which means we shave our arms to hopefully take seconds off our times," junior swim team member Hallie Denstorff comments. The young and inexperienced swim team came away with a 7th place finish in their sectional meet.

The Volleyball team took an alternate method of preparation. "We pumped up the hitters by hitting practice before the games. I know Andi would go crazy when I put one where she wanted it," Elpers laughs. After taking Brownstown Central into four grueling games, the volleyball team lost in the regional championship. But the team wasn't fazed. "We went further than last year. That was our main goal," said Elpers.

Individual sports can also see their own shot at glory. Junior cross-country runner Katie McKinney qualified for state, eventually finishing 67<sup>th</sup> out of nearly 180 runners and taking the honor of Top Evansville Runner. "I was always nervous before running, but this year was my best finish," she commented. She soon discovered there were certain *other advantages* of going to state as well. "I had fans for once!" she laughs. "A bunch of the juniors drove up to IU's course to see me."

However, whatever the teams' final finish, things go on during post-season that will never be forgotten. It's all about heart, and whatever team shows the most will end up on top. And what happens when the season is over? Take Denstorff's advice; "Have a big party," she says with a sly smile.

Melanie Knapp '03

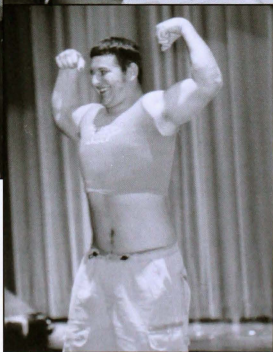
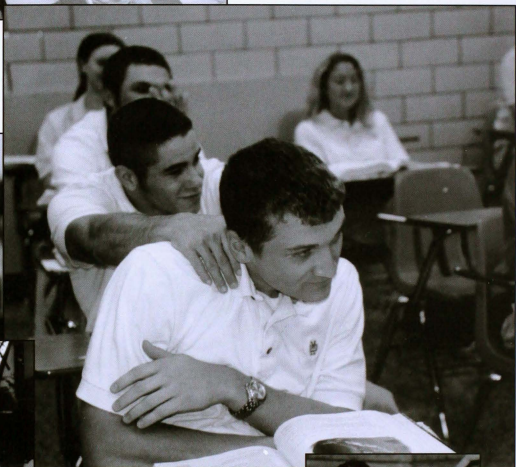
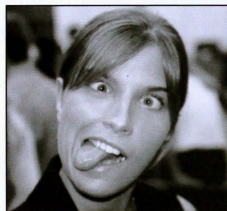


Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Yelling encouragement to their teammates, the entire team and coaches are on their feet in anticipation of a win. Every year the wrestling team is in contention for another state title.



Staff Photo





## FOUR YEARS!!!

It is over. Finished. There is no more school, no more homeroom and no more high school drama.

But there are no longer May Days, the times when we came together to pray and play. Mater Dei is grounded in spirituality, but that faith has brought us together and given us a reason to be together.

And what about homework? True there are no more updates and agendas, but for many of us, we are just getting started with four more years of school. And we get to start all over again as the lowly freshmen who have no idea where classrooms are, all our books are in our bookbags and living on our own is a totally new experience for us.

Friends? There will be new ones we will meet as soon as we get to college. They will never replace the ones that we have been with, in many cases, for the last 12 years.

Hopefully, no one can ever take their places.

This year has been a collection of great memories and low points in our lives that have gone a long way to forming who we are and who will be. We share these cherished memories and build upon them with countless moments to come.

So to the Class of 2003, thank you for all these memories.

# TIMES UP

*Tossing our caps into the air, we completed our moments  
and began the journey into the unknown.*



# CLASS OF 2003



**Kara Lynn**  
Kara played basketball her first two years, and volleyball and softball all four years. When not practicing sports, she and Steph Elpers enjoyed going to the YMCA to work out. Her favorite travel destinations included Florida and the Bahamas. She was a member of the service club for two years and her senior year she was a eucharistic minister and a student ambassador.

Kara Adler

**Jenna Lynn**  
Jenna was actively involved in pepclub and service club her junior and senior year. She was also a four-year varsity member of the soccer and basketball teams. She held many records on the soccer team and was captain her senior year. She also ran track for two years. Sports were Jenna's favorite activity because she would always do her hair before games, but never before school.

Jenna Balcock



**Kimberly**  
Kim was actively involved in pep club and mat cats her junior and senior years. She was also a eucharistic minister and student ambassador. Kim played basketball her freshman year and ran cross-country her sophomore year. After school, you could find her working at Paul's Menswear. She was known for her ears because one of them stuck out farther than the other.

Kim Bauer

**Blythe**  
Blythe was a member of the girl's softball team for three years and swim team her sophomore year. She was also involved in things other than sports like service club, choir, and teens for life. She was a eucharistic minister her senior year. In her spare time she enjoyed scrap booking, skiing, and ice-skating. After school, you could find her working as a manager at Dairy Queen.

Blythe Bell



**David Paul**  
Chip was a four-year member of the varsity golf team and also participated in basketball during his freshman year. After school, if Chip was not at golf practice, he was probably working with his dad at Allstadt Plumbing. His hobbies included going out with friends and having fun. He also liked to spend some of his free time doing things like hunting.

Chip Attkin

**Cara Patricia**  
Cara was involved in band, concert band, liturgical ensemble, drama club, spell bowl, teens for life and speech all four years. In her free time, she enjoyed scrap booking. She hoped to one day travel overseas to tour Ireland and Japan or to study guitar in Italy and South America. Cara was surprised when she found out what her name really meant: beloved potato farmer.

Cara Batema



**Dustin**  
Dustin was active on the football field all four of his years at Mater Dei. He was also a member of the wrestling team his freshman, sophomore, and junior year. After school, he enjoyed going to the YMCA to play basketball and lift weights. He considered weightlifting and football his main hobbies. He hoped to one day travel to California.

Dustin Beal

**Sarah Marie**  
Sarah was a member of the girl's soccer team for four years, earning a varsity letter three years. She was also a matcat for two years and involved in pep club for three years. During her senior year, Sarah was a eucharistic minister and a student ambassador. Her hobbies included sleeping, soccer, and fishing. She was always known for her very unique laugh.

Sarah Busby

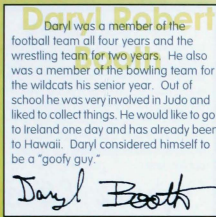






**Abby Maria Blankenberger**  
 Abby was a varsity cheerleader for two years moving up to co-captain her senior year. She also played volleyball her freshman year. She was a member of many groups like service club, wildcat watch, and a promise to keep. Abby participated as a student ambassador for St. Wendel her senior year. One very defining quality of Abby was her unique ability to make dolphin noises.

*Abby Blankenberger*



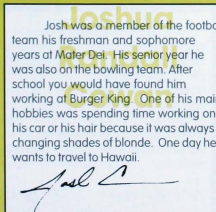
**Daryl Robert Booth**  
 Daryl was a member of the football team all four years and the wrestling team for two years. He also was a member of the bowling team for the wildcats his senior year. Out of school he was very involved in Judo and liked to collect things. He would like to go to Ireland one day and has already been to Hawaii. Daryl considered himself to be a "goofy guy."

*Daryl Booth*



**Douglas Paul Cowlin**  
 Doug was a four-year member of the football team, as well as, a three-year member of the golf team. Doug also wrestled for the Wildcats his sophomore and junior years. After school, while not at practice, he spent his free time catching up on sleep or playing basketball at Golfmore with a group of friends. Doug considered playing sports his main hobby.

*Doug Cowlin*



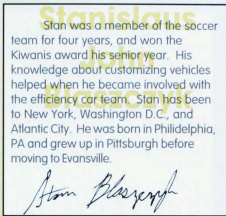
**Joshua Paul Crowe**  
 Josh was a member of the football team his freshman and sophomore years at Mater Dei. His senior year he was also on the bowling team. After school you would have found him working at Burger King. One of his main hobbies was spending time working on his car or his hair because it was always changing shades of blonde. One day he wants to travel to Hawaii.

*Josh Crowe*



**Brad David**  
 Brad was a member of the baseball team for four years after overcoming a broken back he suffered junior year. After school, if not at practice, you could find him working at Fehrenbacher Cabinet, or hanging out with his friends working on their trucks. He considered baseball and customizing his truck to be his main hobbies and also enjoyed traveling to Florida and Texas.

*Brad David*



**Stanislaus Adam Blaszynski**  
 Stan was a member of the soccer team for four years, and won the Kiwanis award his senior year. His knowledge about customizing vehicles helped when he became involved with the efficiency car team. Stan has been to New York, Washington D.C., and Atlantic City. He was born in Philadelphia, PA and grew up in Pittsburgh before moving to Evansville.

*Stan Blaszynski*



**Vanessa Berken**  
 Vanessa was a member of the volleyball team her freshman and sophomore years. She was also a member of service club. She liked to shop, weight lift, and run. When not shopping or working out after school, she worked at the Aqua Touch Massage Clinic at the mall. She would like to travel to several interesting places like Australia, Bora Bora, and Amsterdam one day.

*Vanessa Berken*



**Katherine Chandler**  
 Katie was a member of the swim team her sophomore year and also participated in service club for three years. She also was involved with the art club her senior year. She enjoyed painting and sketching artsy things in her free time. After school she worked at Schnucks on the North side, ran or went home to take care of her very unusual pet known as a leopard gecko.

*Katie Chandler*



**Michelle Crowe**  
 Michelle participated in band and concert band her junior and senior years, while also singing in the choir her freshman and sophomore years. She also helped with the play junior year and service club her senior year. Michelle enjoyed playing video and computer games in her free time. She considered herself unique because she was a girl who liked to skateboard.

*Michelle Crowe*





**Krista Diane**  
 Krista participated in peer mediation and teens for life her sophomore year. She was also a student ambassador at Holy Redeemer her senior year. After school, she spent most of her time working at the Pet Food Center or catching up on some much needed sleep. We will always remember when Mrs. Donofrio said she looked like a deer.

*Krista Dunn*

**Noah Caleb**  
 Noah was a peer mediator all four years and a promise to keep mentor his junior and senior years. He was also a member of the newspaper staff his junior and senior years at Mater Dei. Noah enjoyed working with interesting things like rocketry, amateur radio, and computers. He loved Star Trek and spent most of his free time becoming a self-professed Trekkie.

*Noah C. Eltzgraf*



**Patrick Ryan**  
 Patrick was a member of the football and wrestling team his freshman year. During his sophomore and junior years, his main focus was wrestling for the wildcats. After school you could find him working at Fehrenbacher Cabinets or hanging out with friends. Patrick enjoyed doing many different activities like hunting, fishing, and four wheeling in his spare time.

*Patrick Fehrenbacher*

**John Walker**  
 John was a four-year member of the basketball team. He was an asset to the varsity team his junior and senior years as a guard. He was also a three-year receiver for the football team and he spent his senior year as a prosecuting attorney for Mater Dei-ville. Besides basketball, he said his main hobby was playing with his good friend, Chris Robinson.

*John Truchs*



**Danielle**  
 Danielle was a member of the girls soccer team all four years at Mater Dei. She participated in choir her sophomore and junior years, and service club her senior year. She also helped out with wildcat watch her junior year. She considered soccer to be her main hobby. She hoped to one day travel to India, and her friends liked to make fun of her webbed toes.

*Danielle Leigh Duppal*



**Stephanie**  
 Stephanie participated in basketball, volleyball and softball all four years. Other than sports, she was a student ambassador, a peer mediator and a promise to keep mentor. Her senior year, she was the assistant clerk affiliate of Mater Dei-ville and the secretary of her class. Every Tuesday at lunch, she enjoyed dipping her pizza in applesauce.

*Stephanie Elpers*

**Tessa Marie**  
 Tessa participated on the track team her freshman year, was involved with pep club, and was the president of the service club her senior year. She was also a eucharistic minister, a peer mediator, and a promise to keep mentor. She was in the art club and teens for life for two years, as well. Tessa enjoyed painting, drawing, and running in her free time.

*Tessa M. Faraone*



**Kristen**  
 Kristen was on the cross-country and basketball team for two years, and was also a member of the pep club and service club. She served as a student ambassador and a eucharistic minister her senior year. After school you could find Kristen working at Donut Bank. She loved the school's green beans, and would also like to go skiing in Colorado some day.

*Kristen N. Fraze*

**Amanda**  
 Getting involved her senior year, Amanda joined pep club, service club and became a eucharistic minister. She was a four-year member of band and the winter guard. She was also the head of finance for the efficiency car team her junior year. Amanda said that she loved to dance so much, that you would often find her dancing in her car as she drove to school.

*Amanda Geers*







## Christopher Gibson

Chris Gibson was a four-year member of the service club, as well as, teens for life and the efficiency car team. He also wrestled for two years and was a member of the liturgical ensemble for three years. He served his student government as a police officer his senior year. At lunch, Chris would never eat his food until he mixed it all together, no matter what it was.

*Christopher Gibson*

Missy was a four-year member of the varsity basketball team, spending most of her free time practicing. She was also a two-year member of the track team. Missy always did the same thing before every game, in hopes of pulling out another victory. Out of sports, she was also a four-year member of service club and served as a promise to keep peer mentor her junior year.

*Missy Glaser*



## Kyle Andrew

Kyle enjoyed playing video games, which usually took up most, if not all, of his free time after school. He also liked spending time with friends, hanging out and having fun, as well as working at the northside Pet Food Center. He would like to travel to Alaska one day. He believed the weirdest thing about him was that he was always late no matter where he was going.

*Kyle Andrew*

Elizabeth was a four-year member of the soccer team, playing the position of forward. She also ran track for the Wildcats, earning a varsity letter all four years. After school, Govert liked to just go home, if she didn't have practice, to take some time to relax. One day she wants to travel to China and England. When not at practice, she enjoyed spending time with friends.

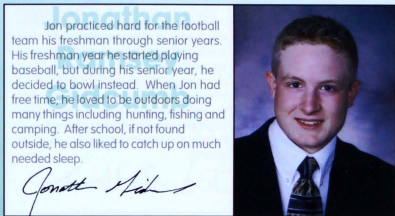
*Elizabeth Govert*



## Shanna Lynn

Shanna was a student ambassador for WCCS her senior year. After school she either went to work at Helfrich golf course, worked on homework or caught up on much needed sleep. She also liked to talk on the phone with her friends. She considered playing softball as one of her hobbies, despite being known for having extremely short fingers.

*Shanna L. Gunn*



Jonathan practiced hard for the football team his freshman through senior years. His freshman year he started playing baseball, but during his senior year, he decided to bowl instead. When Jon had free time, he loved to be outdoors doing many things including hunting, fishing and camping. After school, if not found outside, he also liked to catch up on much needed sleep.

*Jonathan*



## Natalie Ann

Natalie played softball since her sophomore year and joined matcats and service club her senior year. After school you would have been able to find her cleaning tables at the westside Hacienda. In her free time she enjoyed catching up on much needed sleep, playing softball and talking on the phone to her friends. One day she would like to visit Hawaii.

*Natalie Hoebel*

Mark was a member of the track team his sophomore year and his junior and senior years he played baseball. Typical after school activities for Mark included partying or working at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home. One of his many hobbies was collecting baseball cards. He will always be remembered for the many chants of "Ma-ark Goldman!" started by his fellow seniors.

*Mark A. Goldman*



## Rachael Ann

Rachael was a dance cat for four years and also ran track her freshman year. During her junior and senior years, she was involved in pep club and service club. She went on to appear on wildcat watch her junior year. After school she liked to go home and get some much needed rest or go for a run. She also liked to choreograph dances for the dance cat team.

*Rachael Lissa*



### Joseph Paul

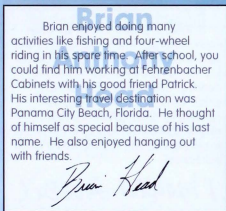
After school, Joe usually hung out with friends and then went home to do homework and talk to people on the internet. In the spring, Joe enjoyed playing baseball for the Babe Ruth league. His favorite baseball teams were the Red Sox and the Cubs. He hoped to one day travel to interesting destinations, including, New York City, Los Angeles, and Miami.

Joe P. Hardesty

### Molly Murphy

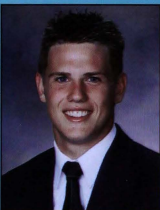
Molly spent her freshman and sophomore years at Memorial before coming to Mater Dei. She had been to many interesting places, such as, Montreal and Oregon. She also enjoyed playing sports like intramural soccer. After school, you could have found her hard at work at Turoni's. To describe herself, Molly simply said she was "not a morning person."

Molly M. Mahan



Brian enjoyed doing many activities like fishing and four-wheel riding in his spare time. After school, you could find him working at Fehrenbacher Cabinets with his good friend Patrick. His interesting travel destination was Panama City Beach, Florida. He thought of himself as special because of his last name. He also enjoyed hanging out with friends.

Brian Head



### Kyle Wayne

Kyle was a four-year member of the football team. He also participated in baseball for three years and wrestling for two years. He has been to Panama City Beach and liked to go hunting and fishing in his spare time. When not satisfying his unusual love of eating grapes, he was usually found hanging out with Mr. Miagee (Chip) and Patrick.

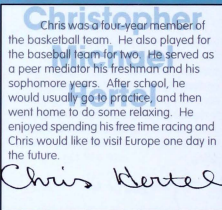
Kyle Hany



### Jessica Ann

Jessica played volleyball her freshman year, and was involved in the service club for two years. She served as a student ambassador and a public relations commissioner her senior year. She enjoyed playing recreational softball in the summer. Something very strange about Jessica was that her knees could bow inward, whenever she wanted them to.

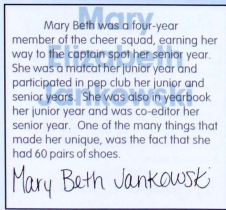
Jessica A. Hudson



### Christopher

Chris was a four-year member of the basketball team. He also played for the baseball team for two. He served as a peer mediator his freshman and his sophomore years. After school, he would usually go to practice, and then went home to do some relaxing. He enjoyed spending his free time racing and Chris would like to visit Europe one day in the future.

Chris Bertel



### Mary

Mary Beth was a four-year member of the cheer squad, earning her way to the captain spot her senior year. She was a mascot her junior year and participated in pep club her junior and senior years. She was also in yearbook her junior year and was co-editor her senior year. One of the many things that made her unique, was the fact that she had 60 pairs of shoes.

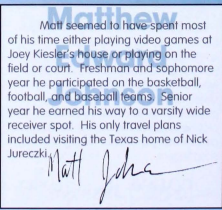
Mary Beth Jankowski



### Lori Ann

Lori Jackson was busy participating in pep club and service club all four years. She also was a member of the band her freshman year, teens for life her sophomore and junior years, and winter guard her freshman and senior year. She served her student body as an eucharistic minister her senior year. She was known by her friends, for always answering her own questions.

Lori Ann Jackson



### Matthew

Matt seemed to have spent most of his time either playing video games at Joey Kiesler's house or playing on the field or court. Freshman and sophomore year he participated on the basketball, football, and baseball teams. Senior year he earned his way to a varsity wide receiver spot. His only travel plans included visiting the Texas home of Nick Jurecki.

Matt John







## Jennifer Bath

Traveling for cheerleading was Jenni's normal weekend. While participating for two years in the pep club, service club, and yearbook staff, she worked at her grandpa's restaurant, Rookie's, as well as Donut Bank, and Burdette during the summer. Something unique about Jenni is that she lived in two different states: Indiana with her mom and Kentucky with her dad.

*Jennifer B. Jorst*

Sam was a four-year member of the boys cross-country team. He helped lead the boys to semi-state his senior year. He also played baseball for three years and basketball his freshman year. During the winter, Sam coached Resurrection's basketball team. He was a member of the national honor society and believed he was unique by his impressive widow's peak.

*Samuel T. Kaiser*



Karly was a four-year member of the pep club and service club. After school, you could usually find her working at Wesselman's, or playing video games. If not working or being lazy she enjoyed playing softball and riding four-wheelers. She was also known as a huge "neat freak." She was thought of in this way because her entire closet is color coordinated.

*Karly M. Kempf*

As a freshman Joey played basketball, football, and baseball, and then continued with football through senior year. After school he typically would go home and play video games, if not playing football or with friends. He has been to Panama City, Florida and Gulf Shores, Alabama on vacation and considers himself special because he drives an Explorer.

*Joey E. Kiesler*



Melanie played soccer and was on the election board all four years. She was a three-year member of the English academic superbowl team and she held the position of clerk of Mater Dei-Ville. After school, she enjoyed going to Taekwondo classes. Melanie is obsessed with the color green and liked Belgian waffles. She was also obsessed, along with Kelsey, over the Lord of the Rings.

*Melanie Knapp*

Nick participated on the football team all four years at Mater Dei. His senior year he was a major asset to the football team as a wide receiver and a defensive back. While not playing sports, he liked to spend his free time hanging out at Buffalo Wild Wings. He also spent a lot of his free time hanging out with his wonderful friend Matt Johnson.

*Nick Jurecki*



Since he was little, Clint has wanted to become a professional wrestler one day. To prepare himself, he woke up at three in the morning, everyday, to go to the gym and work out, before school. After school you could find him working at Lowe's, but he didn't sleep because he had plenty of that during his classes. He also participated on the football team his freshman year.

*Clint W. Keller*

Jocelyn was a four-year member of the dance cats, along with being voted captain senior year. She was an active member of the service club, and participated in the ministry experience her senior year. When she was younger, she use to check behind her bathroom shower curtain when she got home to make sure no "bad guys" were hiding there.

*Jocelyn R. Ketzner*



Aimee was a four-year member of the pep club and senior year she was a matcat. She also gave her time serving as an eucharistic minister and student ambassador. Aimee wanted to go to New York and someday live in Nashville, Tennessee with Kim Bauer. If someone made her laugh, she usually cried, however, when she was sad, Aimee never cried.

*Aimee King*



**Dave Lopez**

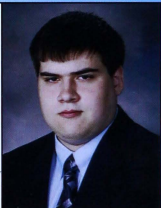
Dave played football and wrestled his freshman and sophomore years, and also served as the football manager his junior year. Typically after school you could find him sleeping at home or working at Schnucks. He enjoyed playing football and wrestling in his spare time and also liked to ride dirt bikes or chase the peacocks he had in his front yard.

*Dave Lopez*

**Michael V. Longo**

Mick enjoyed putting models together, and he loved going for long walks and bird watching. After school, Mick usually walked home and played video games or watched television. He has traveled to Miami and the Yellowstone National Park. Mick was a big fan of middle earth, which is the awesome setting of the Lord of the Rings.

*Michael V Longo*



**Justin Johnson**

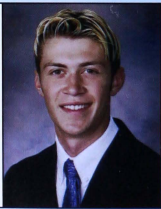
Justin enjoyed playing basketball and video games with his friends. He also loved Taekwondo. After school, he usually worked on homework and studied or went to Taekwondo classes. He enjoyed reading in his spare time. Justin moved to the United States from the Philippines his freshman year and was thought to be somewhat, if not overly, organized!

*Justin Johnson*

**Jason May**

Jason ran on the cross-country team and the track team his freshman and sophomore years. During his junior and senior years, he participated on the bowling team. When he was not at work at Gatzooks, he enjoyed skateboarding. He has been to Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. Jason was known for always having crazy hair and lots of shoes!

*Jason May*



**Anna Marie Koert**

Anna was a four-year member of the academic superbowl and the speech team. She was also a three-year member of the spell bowl team, liturgical ensemble, and was a peer mediator. She has been very active in the 4-H since she was in the third grade. She was born in West Virginia before moving to Evansville and has since traveled to Mexico once and Washington D.C. three times.

*Anna M. Koert*



**Jennifer Sasher**

Jennifer played soccer for four years and was a member of the pep club and service club. She also served as a peer mediator throughout her high school career. As a senior she was a homeroom rep and served as an appointed official on the parks and recreation committee. She would like to go to Hawaii and every Sunday night she made time to watch "American Dreams."

*Jennifer Sasher*

**Craig Macke**

Craig was a four-year member of the golf team and the wrestling team, earning a varsity letter all four years. He also ran on the cross-country team his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. He also served the senior class as a council-person-at-large his senior year. Craig enjoyed go-carting and spending time with his friends and traveling to Panama City Beach, FL.

*Craig Macke*



**Christopher May**

Chris was a four-year member of the basketball and baseball teams. He also played football his sophomore year until he was forced to quit because he broke his leg while jumping over bags during practice. When he was not at a practice after school, he enjoyed playing x-box with friends. His interesting travel destinations included Hawaii, Florida, and Las Vegas.

*Chris May*

**Kelly Reynolds**

Kelly was a four-year member of the service club, and during her junior year she sang in the choir. Kelly was a homeroom representative her freshman year. She usually worked at Great American Bagel and enjoyed shopping with her friends in her free time. Kelly said that a random fact about her was that no one knew what her natural hair color was.

*Kelly Reynolds*







**Cody Alan**  
After school, if Cody wasn't at work, he enjoyed hanging out with his friends. During Cody's senior year, he decided to participate on North's hockey team. He also enjoyed four-wheeling and going mudding when he wasn't practicing. One day he wants to travel to Europe. Something we will always remember Cody for were his extremely small ears.

*Cody Miller*

**Travis Shawn**  
Travis participated on the bowling team his junior and senior years. He also played the saxophone in the band his freshman and sophomore years. During his senior year, he helped out with wildcat watch. Travis was known for having an obsession with keeping his car nice and clean. Most people didn't know that he had a pet snake for over a year.



*Travis Shawn*



**Nicholas J.**  
Nick was a four-year member of the track and soccer teams, and on wildcat watch his junior and senior years. Senior year, Nick participated on the swim team as a diver. Nick was unique in that he didn't care what other people thought of him, because he wasn't going to change himself for others. His dream vacation would be to visit New Orleans during Mardi Gras.

*Nicholas J. Small*

**Katie**  
Katie was in the pep club as a freshman and in choir her sophomore year. She was also in service club and pep club her senior year. After school, she usually did homework or worked at Schnucks on the West Side. During her free time she enjoyed working on her high school scrapbook or sleeping. The one individual feature about her is that she was born cross-eyed.

*Katie Franziska Muensterman*



**Laura Marie**  
Laura was a member of the pep club and service club for one year, and also sang in the choir her junior and senior years. She also served as a police officer her senior year. Each day after school she went to work at Sacred Heart Daycare and then relaxed the rest of the night. When not working, she loved to go shopping or look for a new car because she had three different cars in two years.

*Laura Marie Muensterman*

**Kenny**  
Kenny played football for four years, and baseball his sophomore year. He participated in student government his sophomore and junior years as a homeroom representative. His senior year he became the judge of Mater Deiville. Kenny enjoyed weightlifting and playing halo with his friends when he wasn't at practice. Despite what people thought, Kenny was a huge animal lover!

*Kenneth L. Miller*



**Rachel**  
Rachel was involved in the service club her junior year and was also an office assistant during her senior year. She liked to talk on the phone and hang out with friends after school if she didn't have homework. Rachel also enjoyed fixing random things. Over the summer she was one of many senior girls who spent her time as a stewardess at the wonderful Burdette Park Aquatic Center.

*Rachel Nichole Moers*

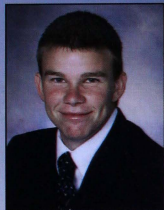
**Ashley**  
Ashley cheered at Central her freshman year. After transferring to MD her sophomore year, she became a member of the pep club. After school, she either worked at Buy-Low, or volunteered at the Vanderburgh Humane Society. She would like to travel to the Bahamas and the Caribbean. Ashley's standout random feature is that she can touch her tongue to her nose.

*Ashley Christine Morell*



**Kevin**  
Kevin played football for four years and also wrestled his freshman, sophomore and junior years. After school, his day became no more complicated considering he usually just went home and took his daily nap, unless working at Drone's gas station. When not practicing, working or napping, he enjoyed hunting and fishing with his friends.

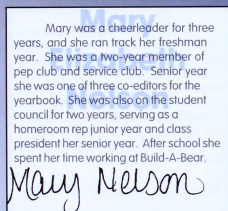
*Kevin A. Muensterman*



Brian James

Brian was a peer mediator for three years. After school he either relaxed at home or got his homework done. He enjoyed playing basketball, which he considered his main hobby, as well as football with friends. His favorite travel spots included Chicago, Illinois and Clearwater, Florida. You would never find him in a hurry because he always ate his food one thing at a time.

Brian Muth



Mary was a cheerleader for three years, and she ran track her freshman year. She was a two-year member of pep club and service club. Senior year she was one of three co-editors for the yearbook. She was also on the student council for two years, serving as a homeroom rep junior year and class president her senior year. After school she spent her time working at Build-A-Bear.

Mary Nelson



Megan

Dustin was a member of the varsity wrestling team for four years. During his wrestling career he wrestled his way to many state and national honors. He was also a member of the football team for two years. After school when he was not spending his time practicing he was watching his daughter, Adison. In his free time, he enjoying playing hop scotch with friends.

Dustin Nosko



Megan

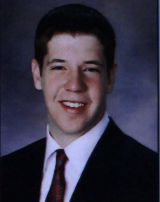
Megan was a four-year member of pep club and service club. She also played soccer her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. She was a mascot her junior and senior years and was a member of the swim team her junior year. She also served as a peer mediator her senior year. After school she spent her time working at the Pet Food Center or Pearl Cleaners.

Megan Parkinson



Andrew participated in football his sophomore, junior and senior years. After school, if he was not at football practice, he would most likely finish his homework, or get random tasks done. One of his many hobbies included watching football, professional, college or high school games. On the weekends, if not watching football, he enjoyed hanging out with his friends.

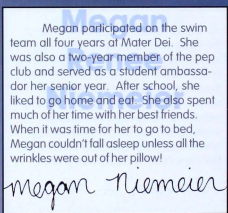
Andrew Musick



Alex Paul

Alex played basketball his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. His senior year he participated in football and was a major asset to the bowling team. After school, he usually went home and slept or worked on his homework. Sometimes you could even find him practicing his musical talent on the bagpipes. He would like to visit California.

Alex Sally



Megan Niemeyer

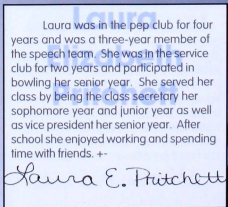
Megan participated on the swim team all four years at Mater Dei. She was also a two-year member of the pep club and served as a student ambassador her senior year. After school, she liked to go home and eat. She also spent much of her time with her best friends. When it was time for her to go to bed, Megan couldn't fall asleep unless all the wrinkles were out of her pillow!



Leslie Owen

Leslie was a member of the choir her freshman and junior years. After school she would go home and spend most of her time watching after her little brother. She enjoyed spending time reading books in her free time. She also liked to hang out with her friends and go to the movies and would like to visit the Cayman Islands, Las Vegas, and San Francisco.

Leslie Owen



Laura E. Fritchett

Laura was in the pep club for four years and was a three-year member of the speech team. She was in the service club for two years and participated in bowling her senior year. She served her class by being the class secretary her sophomore year and junior year as well as vice president her senior year. After school she enjoyed working and spending time with friends. +-





Laura was a three-year member of the golf team and service club. She also participated in matcats for two years and became a eucharistic minister her senior year. After school she would either go home and do her homework or hang out with friends. Her main hobby was collecting postcards from her vacation spots. Laura was known for always having a smile on her face.

Laura A. Ralson

Sara participated on the dance team all four years, and was involved in pep club and service club her junior and senior years. Sara was also a police officer her junior and senior years. She was also involved with the prom committee her junior year. In her free time away from her job at Subway at Deaconess, she enjoyed hanging out with her friends.



Sara Rainey



Jenny was on the swim team her freshman and sophomore years, and the bowling team her senior year. She was a matcat and was involved in pep club and service club. Jenny was also a eucharistic minister, and she helped out with wildcat watch her junior and senior years. After school she usually worked at Lloyd Pool as a lifeguard or during the summer she worked at Howling.

Jenny Reed

Brandon played basketball and was a peer mediator his freshman year. After school, he worked until about seven and then finished his homework. He liked to go out with his friends on the weekends. Brandon has traveled to Washington D.C., Colorado, and Florida. A random fact about Brandon is that he always twirls his hair and his nicknames was Smooches!



Brandon Richardt



Brittany was a member of the cheer squad her freshman year. She usually hung out with her friends after school and on the weekends. She would also go home to catch up on sleep after school. She has traveled to Panama City Beach, Florida, and considers one of her hobbies to be having fun. Brittany will always be remembered for how lazy she could be at times.

Brittany Robbins

Zach was a member of the wrestling team his freshman year, and he was on the bowling team his junior and senior years. After school he spent most of his time working at Roben Tire for his dad. When he was not at work, he enjoyed hunting and fishing with his friends. Zach was known for always having a new and unusual haircut, such as his perm, sophomore year.

Zach



Cody was a member of the soccer team her sophomore year, and she was a eucharistic minister her senior year. She also served as a student ambassador for WCS grade school her senior year. Cody usually went to work at Image Designs and Kasson House Bridal after school or she went home and ate. When not working, she liked to hang out and have fun with her friends.

Cody Reddington

Andi was a four-year member of the volleyball team. During her senior year, she was a student ambassador for Corpus Christi. She usually liked to go home and eat after school. Her main hobby was playing and watching volleyball. The most interesting place that she has traveled to is the Bahamas. Something weird about Andi is that she is taller than most girls.

Andrea Faye Reising



Lora was on the swim team her sophomore year. She was in the pep club and service club her junior and senior years. She was the advertising manager of the yearbook staff her senior year. Lora also served as a homeroom rep and a police officer. A random fact about Lora is that she was a clown for a day in the circus when she was in the fifth grade.

Lora J. Pichey



**Jill Marie Schaefer**

Jill was a member of the soccer team her sophomore year, and was in the service club and matches her junior and senior years. She was involved with the pep club her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She was also in the choir and she helped with wildcat watch. Jill enjoyed horseback riding, and has been to Australia. Most people didn't know that she has buffalo.

*Jill Schaefer*

**Paul Scheller**

While not at school, Paul enjoyed bowling, canoeing or playing chess. He was actively involved in peer mediation and boy scouts. He was on the bowling team and involved in service club his senior year. He was in band, teens for life and a promise to keep during his junior year. A fact that most people don't know is that is that he has only been beaten once in chess.

*Paul Scheller*



**Melissa Marie Schaur**

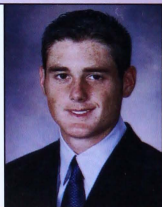
Melissa played varsity soccer for the wildcats all four years and was a member of the tennis team for two years. She ran track during her freshman and sophomore years. She helped with yearbook her junior year and was a co-editor her senior year. While she was not on the soccer field, she worked at Schnucks and Walgreens, and could always be found talking on the phone.

*Melissa M Sch*

**Matthew Scott**

Matt played tennis during his freshman and sophomore years and golfed for the wildcats all four years. He was in service club his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He was a police officer junior year, and was the police chief his senior year. After school, he would do his homework and hang out with friends, or clean his room, since it must be clean at all times.

*Matthew Scott*



**Christopher**

Chris was a four year member of the baseball and basketball team. He enjoys fishing, playing pool, and lounging. If he doesn't have practice to go to after school, he usually went home and watched cartoons, ate, or watched T.V. He has traveled to San Francisco. A random fact about Chris is that freshman, Nate Hassler, is his personal bodyguard.

*Chris Robison*



**Stephanie**

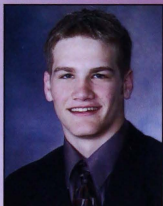
Stephanie was a cheerleader for four years. She was involved with concert band her freshman year and teens for life her junior year. If she didn't have cheer practice after school, Stephanie liked to go home and watch TV. Stephanie loved to spend time with her friends on the weekends. She enjoyed dancing and shopping and she was known to always be smiling.

*Stephanie A. Schapker*

**Andrea Lynn**

Andrea played volleyball her freshman year and was a member of the softball team all four years. She was in a promise to keep her junior year and in service club and newspaper during her senior year. She was also a member of the election board all four years. Andrea liked working at Arby's, shopping, going out with friends and playing sports.

*Andrea Schenk*



**Aaron Jeffrey**

Aaron was a member of the football and wrestling teams all four years, participating in state competitions in both. While not at practice he enjoyed relaxing and watching TV shows. His hobbies included hunting and fishing. His interesting travel destinations are Florida, Texas and Oklahoma. Everyone will remember Aaron for his famous movie lines.

*Aaron J. Scott*

**Tara Lynn**

Tara was a member of the service club and teens for life all four years, band sophomore and junior year, and drama club junior year. After school, she went to work at Methodist Hospital where she is a pharmacy technician. Her hobbies included most water sports. When shopping, she had a really hard time finding cute shoes since she wore a size 2 1/2.

*Tara Shea*







## Megan Marie Strymann

Megan played volleyball her freshman, sophomore, and junior years at Mater Dei while also playing at St. Paul's. Her hobbies included playing volleyball and working out. She enjoyed going to work at Aeropedics and hanging out with friends after school. Her interesting travel destinations included Colorado, South Carolina and Pennsylvania.

*Megan Strymann*

Holly was a four-year member of the varsity swim team, earning the co-captain position her senior year. She was in a promise to keep her junior year and was in the pep club and service club her junior and senior years. She was a homeroom representative her sophomore, junior and senior years. Her hobbies included swimming and coaching the Helfrich swim team over the summer.

*Holly A. Sparks*

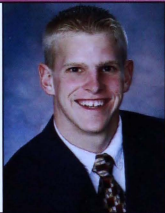


Jacob was a member of the football team all four years. He was also a member of the speech team his freshman year and wrestling his sophomore and junior years. After school he liked to take a nap. His hobbies included lifting weights and yo-yoing. Jacob has traveled to Colorado to go skiing. A weird thing about him is his middle name is McQuaid.

*Jacob Stephens*

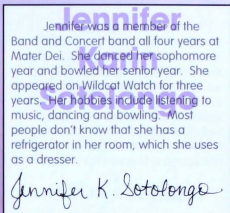
P.D. was a member of teens for life and the track team for two years, and was on the cross country team his senior year. He was in a promise to keep his junior year, and he served Mater Dei as police officer his junior and senior years. He spent a good deal of time caring for his bees which he loved to tell stories about. People also knew him as "party boy."

*P.D. Strain*



Matt Stratman has been a boy scout for seven years and is an eagle scout. He has been a member of the service club for three years and became a eucharistic minister his senior year. Matt represented Mater Deiville as a police officer his junior and senior years. He enjoyed playing paintball, collecting coins, and jet-skiing. He has traveled to New York City and Niagra falls.

*Matt Stratman*



## Jennifer K. Sotolongo

Jennifer was a member of the Band and Concert band all four years at Mater Dei. She danced her sophomore year and bowled her senior year. She appeared on Wildcat Watch for three years. Her hobbies include listening to music, dancing and bowling. Most people don't know that she has a refrigerator in her room, which she uses as a dresser.

*Jennifer K. Sotolongo*



## Leah Nicole Spivey

Leah was in teens for life and was a peer mediator his sophomore year. She was a mediator her junior year and was in the service club her senior year. She helped with pep club junior and senior years. After school, she catches up on her sleep, or goes to work at Gadzooks. Her hobbies include partying, shopping, and meeting new people.

*Leah N. Spivey*



## Molly Strain

Molly's freshman and sophomore year she was a member of band and concert band playing trumpet, melophone, and french horn. She also was a member of speech. Her sophomore, junior, and senior year she participated on the track team. Her senior year she was on the newspaper staff. Molly has never owned a car longer then six months.

*Molly Strain*



## Emily Jo Stratman

Emily is a four-year member of dance cats and pep club, a three-year member of service club, a two-year member of speech, drama, and newspaper, which she became editor her senior year and participated in spell bowl her junior year and wildcat watch and bowling her senior year. She became a eucharistic minister her senior year.

*Emily J. Stratman*

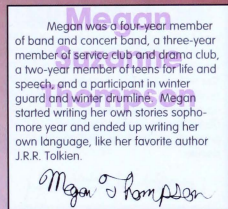




### Megan Thompson

Megan was a four-year member of band and concert band, a three-year member of service club and drama club, a two-year member of teens for life and speech, and a participant in winter guard and winter drumline. Megan started writing her own stories sophomore year and ended up writing her own language, like her favorite author J.R.R. Tolkien.

Megan Thompson



### Kristin Leigh Sutton

Kristin was a participant in service club her senior year. After school, she went home to catch up on her missed sleep. If not sleeping, she went to her after school job at Arby's on the northside, where she worked as a cashier to earn spending money and money for college. When not working, her hobbies included talking on the phone and spending time with her friends.

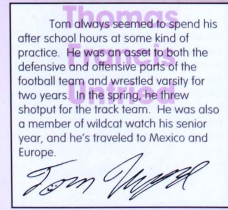
Kristin Sutton



### Kevin Austin Tooke

Kevin was a four-year member of the baseball team. He was also a two-year member of the basketball team, promise to keep, and the national honor society president. He also joined the without club his senior year. When he wasn't practicing baseball, he worked at Marx's Barbecue. A random fact about Kevin is that when he was three, he was kidnapped and taken to Canada.

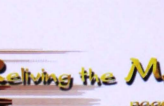
Kevin Tooke



### Taylor Uhle

Taylor was a member of the cheer squad her freshman and junior year. Her freshman and sophomore year, she participated on the softball team. She joined wildcat watch her senior year. Katie liked to spend her free time working out and modeling. She made her spending money at Hooters and she really doesn't know how to snap regularly.

Taylor Uhle



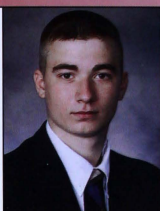
### Kelsey Veack

Kelsey was a participant in concert band her freshman year. She has taken numerous vacations, including one to the cold mountains of Colorado and to the sunny beaches of California in her four years of high school. After school, you could find her at the tanning salon or working at her job at Arby's. Her hobbies included swimming and spending time with friends.

Kelsey Veack

Brian was a member of the soccer team during his freshman and sophomore years and participated on a traveling select soccer team. After school, Brian usually practiced racing his dirt bike. His hobbies were racing and serving as a volunteer firefighter at German Township. A random self-reported fact about him is that he has brain damage.

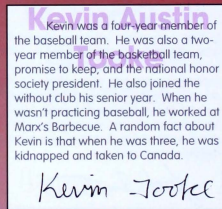
Brian M. Stuts



### Katie Rango

Katie was a member of the cheer squad her freshman and junior year. Her freshman and sophomore year, she participated on the softball team. She joined wildcat watch her senior year. Katie liked to spend her free time working out and modeling. She made her spending money at Hooters and she really doesn't know how to snap regularly.

Katie Rango



### Dominic Lee

Dom was a member of the basketball team for four years, playing the position of guard. He was also a four-year member of the baseball team. His freshman year he was a participant on the football team. After school and in his free time, he could be found playing sports, video games, or golfing. Dom is Italian, and he would like to visit Italy someday.

Dominic Lee



### Thomas Waddell

Tom always seemed to spend his after school hours at some kind of practice. He was an asset to both the defensive and offensive parts of the football team and wrestled varsity for two years. In the spring, he threw shotput for the track team. He was also a member of wildcat watch his senior year, and he's traveled to Mexico and Europe.

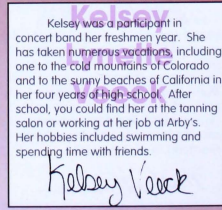
Thomas Waddell



### Taylor Uhle

Taylor was a member of the tennis team for four years. His freshman year, he participated on the basketball team. His hobbies included sleeping and rollerblading at Lamasco Skate Park. After school, he worked at Marx's Barbecue. When not working, sleeping, or trying new tricks while rollerblading, he enjoyed going cat hunting with his friends.

Taylor Uhle



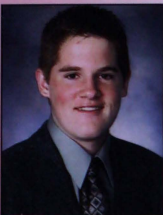
### Kelsey Veack

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Kelsey Veack







## Lindsey Scott

Lindsey was a four-year member of the tennis team, serving as co-captain his senior year. He was also a member of service club all four years. He was a two-year member of the spell bowl team and participated in academic superbowl and a promise to keep. He served his class as freshmen class secretary and a comptroller and police officer his senior year.

*Lindsey Wagner*

Kelsey participated in tennis, winning the Kiwanis Award her junior year. She also was a member of pep club, service club, yearbook, efficiency car team, and served as a defense attorney. During the summer, she worked as a lifeguard at Lorraine Pool and after school she worked at Build-A-Bear. She loved hard rock and was obsessed with The Lord of the Rings.



*Kelsey Wagner*



Kendra participated on the varsity soccer team for four years. She was also a four year member of service club and pep club, becoming president her senior year. After school she spent her time eating, sleeping, kickboxing, or going to soccer practice. She has an obsession with brushing her teeth and doesn't like feet. And instead of turning right or left, she likes to drive straight into ditches.

*Kendra R. Weber*

Mike participated on the cross-country team and ran track for four years. Senior year, he also trained to become a eucharistic minister and a promise to keep peer mentor. He also decided to participate on the efficiency car team. His after school hobbies included hunting, fishing, and dog training. He also enjoyed playing play station with his friends.



*Michael Weil*



Kendra sang in the school choir for four years. She also participated in pep club her freshman year, and service club for three years at Mater Dei. After school, you'll find her working at the Northside Pet Food Center or playing soccer. One random thing we will remember about Kendra is how she would make random noises just out of nowhere.

*Kendra Weinzapfel*

Zach spent his time after school at play practice or scouting. He was a member of service club for three years, drama club, academic super bowl, spell bowl, and band for two years, and newspaper, and peer mediation his senior year. He went to a Star Trek convention in Pasadena and in his free time collected stones, monopoly sets, and lighthouses.



*Zachary Doyle*



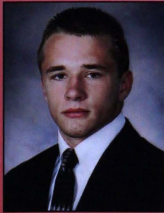
Anna participated on the volleyball team for four years and she was a member of the service club for three years at Mater Dei. She also sang in the choir her junior year. After school, she enjoyed baby-sitting for her little cousins. She also enjoyed playing volleyball or softball in her free time and vacationing in Colorado with her family during summer break.

*Anna M. Weller*

Courtney participated on the varsity tennis team for four years. She was also a four year member of the service club. She trained to become a eucharistic minister her senior year. She was also involved in matcats, pep club, peer mediation, and a promise to keep throughout her high school career. After school you would find her at practice or working out.



*Courtney Wehde*



Craig participated on the varsity wrestling team for four years at Mater Dei. He wrestled his way to two individual state champion medals along with many other state and national honors. When he was not in the middle of wrestling season he enjoyed eating and relaxing. A random fact about Craig is he liked to make french toast before the sun came up.

*Craig Weinzapfel*



**Nathan**  
Nathan, also known as "Sherman," was on the football and wrestling teams all four years and the baseball team his freshman and sophomore years. He was also a defense attorney for the student government his senior year. When Nathan was not at practice, he loved to eat, sleep and watch TV. He enjoyed fishing and playing washers in spare time.

*Nathan Wiffel*

**Andrew**  
Andrew participated on the basketball team his freshman and sophomore years. After school Andrew spent most of his time either finishing his homework or working at Rural King. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and going to many nascar races to watch his favorite driver, Dale Earnhart, Jr. A couple of favorite vacation spots have been to Marco Island and Florida.

*Andrew Werners*

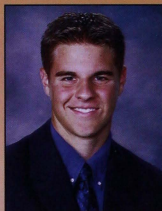


**Amanda**  
Amanda played basketball her freshman, sophomore, and junior years along with softball all four years, at Mater Dei. She was a member of service club and was in the choir. If she was not working at Steak N' Shake, she was doing homework or talking on the phone. Something interesting about Amanda is that she can hoot like an owl and that's where she got her nickname, Hootie.

*Amanda Wildeman*

**Joshua**  
Josh played football and baseball all four years and basketball his freshman year. He also enjoyed playing wiffleball in his spare time. Josh has served his class as a homeroom rep junior year, a police officer and a council-person-at-large his senior year. If Josh didn't have practice after school, he liked to play playstation 2, eat, and watch TV with his friends.

*Joshua Wildeman*



**Nicholas Nick**  
Nick played football freshman through senior year and was a member of the service club his junior and senior years. Nick's favorite things to do in his spare time were hunting and working on cars. Normally after school he either went home or picked up his little sister from school. With any extra time, he worked at Buy Low as a bagger to earn money to pay for college.

*Nick Weingoffel*

**Julian Lynn**  
During Jill's freshman year, she was a member of the tennis and speech teams. Her sophomore year she joined winter guard and then the spell bowl team her junior year. Playing in the band kept her busy her last two years. In her free time, she liked to go shopping. After school while not working on homework she enjoyed writing, drawing and collecting Japanese things.

*Julian Lynn Wopney*



**Erica Lynn**  
Erica was a member of the service club all four years and played basketball her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. She served as class president for three years and was a homeroom representative her senior year. If she wasn't staying after school for some activity, she could always be found at the Y either working out or in a Taekwondo class.

*Erica L. Wildeman*



**Samuel**  
 Sam was a four-year member of the football team, playing his way to many state honors. He also was on the wrestling team all four years, winning an individual state championship his senior year. He played baseball his freshman year, and after school, you could find him working hard at Eagley Construction. His hobbies included sports, hunting and fishing, and hanging out with his friends.

*Sam Wildeman*



**Nicholas**  
 Nick participated on the cross-country, soccer, track, and wrestling teams. He was a member of service club, band, speech, and was a peer mediator while at Mater Dei. A typical day after school for Nick was working at Buy-Low or practicing guitar and playing with his band. Nick enjoyed skateboarding in his free time and vacationing in Colorado.

*Nick Hodges*



**Dawn Marie**  
 Dawn participated in tennis, basketball, swimming, service club, choir, student ambassador and eucharistic minister while at MD. She was treasurer and a parks and recreations commissioner her senior year. Dawn liked to drink lemonade after brushing her teeth to get the toothpaste taste out of her mouth and loved for anyone to massage her ear lobes!

*Dawn Wink*



**Seth Michael**  
 Seth played soccer all four years of his high school career, playing for two years at Mater Dei. When he was not playing soccer after school, Seth liked being lazy, watching TV, and hanging out with his friends if he was not on the soccer field. It was in soccer that his face got slammed into the back of an opposing players head, causing him to have to get a fake nose.

*Seth Wiber*

**Courtney**  
 Courtney played basketball and softball all four years. She was a member of the cross-country team for three years and was in pep club, a promise to keep, and was a eucharistic minister. Courtney was also mayor of Mater Dei-ville our senior year. Courtney used her musical talent by playing the piano at school liturgies and she also enjoyed coloring in her free time.

*Courtney Rose Wachler*



**Marcus**  
 Marc participated on the football team his freshmen year and served as a police officer and fire marshal his senior year. After school he spent most of his time working at Target. His hobbies included playing basketball and football. He would like to go to the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands. He also was known for turning bright red when he got nervous.

*Marcus*



**Jason**  
 Jason was a member of the baseball team for four years at Mater Dei, playing as a third and first baseman and pitcher. After school, he usually went to practice or worked out. He also liked to relax and get caught up on sleep. He enjoyed watching Sports Center on TV in his spare time. His hobbies included playing baseball and wiffleball with friends.

*Jason*



# Our Namesake

9:30 a.m. - May 2, 2003

MATER DEI GYM

Senior Jake Stephens ties a string on his ankle as he gets ready to compete in the balloon on ankle game. The goal of this game is to pop everyone else's balloon while trying to guard your own, tied to your right ankle. Students involved in this event gather on the gray tarp ready to pop their rivals' balloons.

"I learned all my skills from Justin Manalang because he takes taekwondo classes," said Stephens. Despite the much appreciated help from Manalang, Stephens' balloon was popped.

Balloon on ankle was the opening event of the traditional May Day activities. After a formal Mass, honoring our patron saint, Mary the mother of God, everyone was ready for a few class competitions. Along with the scuba walk, egg toss, late for school and the most anticipated, (and the most highly contested) tug of war, balloon on ankle was just one of 11 events students had the option of competing in.

Student Council sponsor, Mrs. Jeanne Thomas,

describes the amount of time spent behind the scenes getting the activities organized.

"We have to get together all the equipment, blow up the balloons and buy all the shaving cream and any supplies we don't already have."

The fun and games are not the only ways to celebrate. Before all the games begin, our attention is focused on the celebration of mass. The May Day Mass is the last time the entire school gets to celebrate the Eucharist together. Seniors select girls that represent Mary the mother of God for May Court, then elect a may queen to crown our Mary statue.

Senior Tessa Faraone was chosen to represent our class on this day of reverence towards Mary.

"There are a lot of deserving girls that could have been chosen in the senior class. It was a great honor to be chosen by my classmates to crown Mary," Faraone stated.

Most students look forward to a little class competition, donut holes and, of course, early dismissal. Whether the freshmen came in last or the seniors came in their traditional "first", everyone got to leave early. In such a brief amount of time, the entire school came together to honor Mary, celebrate our faith, and have some friendly competition.

Mary Nelson '03

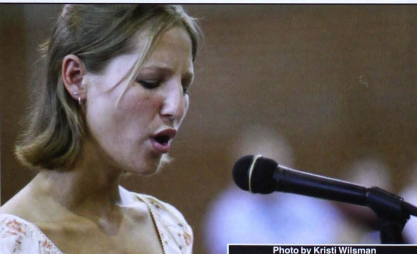


Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Senior Melanie Knapp chose to sing "Refine Me" at the May Day celebration this year. Knapp was chosen by her senior classmates as the May Queen attendant. She surprised the student body with her angelic voice as she and choir director, Ms. Elizabeth Elliott, filled the gym with their voices.



Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Hoping to earn some much needed points for his class, a student tries to keep on his helmet and balance on a bat while spinning. This may have been the funniest event, producing many dizzy and falling students as they raced down the gym floor.

Sophomore Sarah Fehrenbacher waits intently as her partner throws an egg high across the gym. This event lasted longer than most others because of the skill and degree of the participants. This event is always a favorite of the student body.



Photo by Kristi Wilsman





With great attention and detail, senior May Queen Tessa Faraone places a flowered crown on the statue of Mary in the May Day Mass. Faraone was chosen by her senior classmates as the person who best exemplifies modesty, kindness, and service in their class. This part of the mass was very special as teacher Ms. Elizabeth Elliott sang "Ave Maria."



Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Senior Kyle Hartz shares the sign of peace with Fr. Kenny Steckler during Mass on May Day. This Mass at Mater Dei is one of the most original because it honors our school patron



Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Freshmen Ali Raben and Cherie Williamson pull hard in the Tug-of-War competition as the smell of defeat hung high in the air. The freshmen finished last in this year's May Day events while the juniors finished victorious by a large margin.



Photo by Kristi Wilsman

Senior Sam Wildeman is attacked by a group of senior girls during the obstacle course event. This event caused much controversy this year because of the seniors bending the rules and not getting away with it. Although they lost, the seniors agreed they had a good time.

# Formal Times

8:00 p.m. - May 3, 2003

## SWIRCA

As they make their way through the gate, the juniors and seniors pose for an unending amount of pictures that are being taken by their proud parents and other students. Prom is a night that all students anticipate and spend countless hours preparing for. The girls look forward to wearing that perfect dress and the guys cannot wait to see their beautiful dates. This is a night that everyone can enjoy together.

There are many things that take place leading up to the big night. Most students call days in advance for reservations to the fanciest restaurants, while others choose to dine at a less expensive place.

"We didn't want to spend a lot of money, so the 12 of us decided to eat at CiCi's Pizza instead of a fancy restaurant," comments senior Mary Beth Jankowski.

Many people opt to get a group together to eat at someone's house. This eases the stress of having to rush around before the dance, and the parents usually enjoy cooking for the kids and being able to get a few

pictures early.

Although Prom is a night of fun and excitement, many things can also go terribly wrong. Expensive dresses get torn, dinner reservations are lost, and couples get into arguments.

"I had been stressed out about my dress for an entire week because it kept breaking," senior Kristen Frazer remembers. "Then, when I got to the dance, the clasp broke again and I had to hold up the back of my dress all night. It just made me even more stressed all night."

"As I was walking through the gate, I tripped over the step and fell down in front of tons of people," senior Karly Kempf remembers with embarrassment.

Some students tried their best to act as goofy as they could by wearing strange outfits from various movies and television shows. Juniors Rayne Bitter and Kyle Messersmith entertained the student body with their blue and orange velour tuxedos from the movie "Dumb and Dumber."

Teachers, parents, and students would agree that this year's Prom was one of the best yet. Everyone seemed to forget about the formality of the event and allowed themselves to let loose and enjoy the night.

Holly Sparks '03



Photo provided by Katie Muensterman

Taking a break from ice skating, seniors Mary Beth Jankowski and Jason May play a grueling game of Twister with a friend from Reitz at after prom. After prom, held at Swonders, gave the juniors and seniors a chance to hang out and have fun until 3 o'clock in the morning.

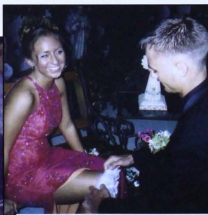


Photo provided by Mary Nelson

Senior Mary Nelson looks at her date, senior Andy Werner, as he takes her garter off. Traditionally, the girl wears the garter until they get to prom, where her date takes it off and gets to keep it as a reminder of the special night.

Waiting for the announcement of king and queen, seniors Abby Blankenberger and Jason May stand before the crowd of juniors and seniors. Blankenberger and May represented the senior class on prom court.

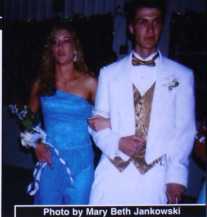


Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski



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Trying to stay on beat, senior Nick Moll leads senior Melanie Knapp in a dance. As king, Moll had the pleasure of dancing with any girl that he wanted to.



Photo provided by Jennifer Jost



Photo provided by Jen Sotolongo

Senior Jen Sotolongo attempts to hold still as her mom, a professional make-up artist, puts the finishing touches on her make-up. One crucial part of the preparation for prom is getting the make-up to look just right and match the dress.

Seniors Holly Sparks, Jennifer Jost and Dawn Wink dance to the music. After months of preparing for this special night, everyone finally gets to have fun and dance with their friends at the last dance of the year.

# Mending Fences

9:08 a.m. - April 25, 2003

MATER DEI PROVINCIAL HOUSE

The room is silent as the seniors concentrate on the letter they are writing. At the senior retreat everyone was given paper, pen, and an opportunity to mend friendships that have been strained or shattered for any reason.

"Everyone takes for granted that we are all friends," said senior Mary Nelson. "We are not always best friends and this retreat both showed us that as well as gave us a chance to mend things up."

Through a simple letter, the seniors gathered at their retreat on that rainy day and were given the chance to make things right again.

"The retreat gave me a chance to realize that friendships are going to change once we get in college so we should make the best of them now," said senior Molly Hahn. "The letter writing was one of the best activities because it gave us all a chance to become friends with people before it was too late."

There were other activities planned to help the class

come together. Everybody went outside in their groups to participate in a scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt led us all around the campus of the Provincial House looking for odds and ends, from the helicopters that fell from surrounding maple trees to what was different about Mary's cross at a certain statue. The seemingly simple objects were all symbolic as well as starting points for conversations.

"The scavenger hunt gave me a chance to talk to members of my class that I have never really talked to in the past four years," said senior Emily Stratman.

The last activity of the retreat was Mass. This gave us one last time to come together and celebrate spiritually as a class in one of the most beautiful settings in the entire diocese.

"The chapel where we had Mass was absolutely beautiful," said senior Jenna Babcock. "Having Mass at the end of the day was very beneficial. It gave us a chance to reflect on all the activities of the day."

Going through high school, students are told that these four years will fly by. This fact never truly hits home until the senior retreat. This time is the best time to try to become friends with that one person you wanted to strengthen friendships that have died away, and be alone with our whole class for one last time.

Mary Beth Jankowski '03



Photo by Mary Nelson

Lining up out the doors, the senior class anxiously waits for their turn to grab some grub that the teachers and parents laid out for them to eat. As seniors approached the end of the line, plates were overflowing with pizza, chips, and cookies.



Photo by Melissa Schnur

Copying down the Corporal Works of Mercy from the walls of the little chapel on the Mater Dei Provincial House grounds, senior Stan Blaszczyk hurries to help his group out. The seniors had to participate in a huge scavenger hunt before lunch.

Eating their special dessert of ice cream, seniors Molly Stoltz and Lori Jackson participate in an in depth conversation. The seniors were given an extra treat this year because it was their final retreat and they are all just so very special.



Photo by Mary Nelson





Vigorously racing around her group with a roll of toilet paper, senior table leader Stephanie Elpers tried her hardest to win a bunch of tootsie roll pops for her group. This year's senior retreat was filled with lots of different crazy activities, games, and prizes. This was the last time that the senior class as a whole could mend all their broken friendships with letters, get to know the person they never did during the scavenger hunt, and participate spiritually in their last Mass together.



Photo by Mary Nelson

Sitting around and eating pizza, chips, and ice cream, a group of seniors sit together and reminisce about the fond memories they had throughout their four years. Oh the memories!



Photo by Mary Nelson

Chowing down on yummy pizza and sippin' on chilled colas, seniors Noah Eltzroth and Megan Thompson take a much needed break during lunch. Every year they brought in Papa John's pizza for lunch, but this year they decided to try Bucks Pizza instead.

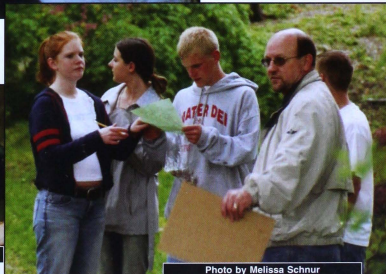


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Leading the way during the scavenger hunt, seniors P.D. Stolz, Lori Jackson, and Jill Werner get advice from teacher Mr. Dave Wathen. Mr. Wathen was out on the course with Mr. Darin Knight to help lead the seniors in the right direction.

# Road Trip

8:00 a.m. May 22, 2003

I-64

Stopped on the shoulder of the road, every one peered out the windows to try and figure out what was wrong with the last bus. Periodically, the bus driver would get tools from his tool kit and head back outside to continue his tedious work on the other bus. Movies such as "Legally Blonde" and "The Goonies" couldn't even keep the busses entertained while they were pulled over on I-64 for 45 minutes.

After four long hours on a bus, watching movies, chatting with friends, and taking short uncomfortable naps we were ready to ride all the roller coasters and even the kiddie rides. The Batman, Mr. Freeze and The Boss seemed to be favorites among the crowded park. Hour long waits didn't stop students from enjoying the thrill of a ride.

"I'm not sure if waiting an hour and a half for one ride was worth it, but it was still fun," recalls senior Laura Muensterman on her wait for The Batman. "The ride was so short it seems like that wait wouldn't really be that long."

If you didn't enjoy the upside-down and twisty rides, there were always other ways to keep busy. Thunder River, Schazam, Scooby Doo Haunted House and a virtual reality ride were a few attractions visited by students.

"Since not all of us like the thrill of roller coasters, we walked around, rode some rides, and played a few games," said senior Mary Beth Jankowski. "The Scooby Doo Haunted House was my favorite thrill of the day because it was the first time I got to shoot a gun on a ride."

After spending a total of around \$10 on lunch and drinks, waiting in line for at least two hours, and riding a few rides, everyone was ready to leave. A few came back to the bus with stuffed animals they won, extra food, or even sun burnt arms.

"Someone offered me a whopping \$10 for the stuffed animal I worked so hard to win, but I really wanted to keep my new fuzzy friend Patrick," senior Marc Wolf said about his Sponge Bob Square Pants stuffed animal he spent only \$3 on to win.

Overall, the class trip was an exciting way to have fun for a day without the stress and monotony of schoolwork and lectures. Despite spending over eight hours on a hot, crowded bus, and only five short hours in the theme park, as a whole, the class agreed it was a pleasurable experience.



Staff Photo

Being splashed by the freezing cold water, senior Andrea Schenk leans in on senior Missy Glaser trying her hardest to stay dry as senior Erica Wildeman howls in laughter. Thunder River was a good way to cool off during a warm day in the sun after riding rides and playing games.



Photo by Mary Nelson

Being strapped in to ride the Batman, seniors Paul Scheller and Zach Wampler wait in anticipation to begin the ride. The lines for the roller coasters were very long; in some cases people had to wait in line up to 2 hours just to ride a 30 second ride.

Rubbing lotion on her aching shoulders, senior Katie Muensterman knows she will be in pain later. Being out in the hot sun all day was really tiring, resulting with most people waiting to take a nap on the way home.



Photo by Mary Nelson





Cuddling up on the bus seniors Kyle Hartz and Nick Jurecki enjoy the closeness of each others company as they nap. After spending eight hours on the bus, it became the place where the class spent the majority of the day. Time was passed by watching movies, telling stories, taking pictures, and catching up on the much needed sleep lost during the long grueling finals week.

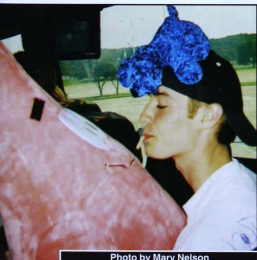


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Gazing deep into Patrick's eyes senior Brandon Richardt wishes that he had won Marc Wolf's stuffed animal. Richardt and Wolf are both huge fans of Sponge Bob.



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Waiting patiently in yet another line seniors Missy Glaser and Erica Wildeman discuss their plans for the evening. Waiting was a popular activity since the lines and bus ride were so incredibly long, but that didn't stop all the fun.



Staff Photo

Getting ready to take off, seniors Kyle Hartz, Patrick Fehrenbacher, Brian Head, and Sam Wildeman hold on tightly to the safety harnesses. Riding dangerous, head spinning roller coasters was the most popular activity of the day.

# Final Prayers

6:45 p.m., May 23, 2003

KEMPF AUDITORIUM

Seniors hurriedly crowded the hallway not realizing what exactly was about to happen. Mayor of Mater Dei-ville, Courtney Woehler, said a few words to the crowd, letting everyone know that things were about to begin. At the same time, teachers helped check everyone's caps and gowns one last time before the music started and the class nervously processed into the auditorium and filed up onto stage to take their seats.

Baccalaureate is a time of prayer and remembrance. This year the senior class kicked off the ceremony as seniors Kristen Frazer and Melissa Schnur narrated the bringing of symbols, which represented memories of our senior class. Some of these various items included a textbook, letter jacket, tools, calculator, scrap book, picture frame, trophy, instrument and a flashing red police light.

"I thought the items we brought up this year were really appropriate," said senior Mary Nelson. "Everyone on the planning committee wanted to make sure no group got left out and that it wasn't over done by bringing up too many items. I think we accomplished that nicely."

As the giggles and smirks that some of the symbols caused died down, the mood was quickly changed. It became a peaceful time to reflect, with God, over the last four years, as the class celebrated their last mass at Mater Dei with their friends and families watching from below.

"It was kind of hard to pay attention since I was so excited and yet so nervous at the same time," said senior Dawn Wink, "but somehow I managed to calm myself down and ended up really enjoying the mass that was well prepared for us."

During the homily Father Ken read the senior class a story about three small trees that all had big dreams. When the trees least expected it all their dreams came true, even though they didn't happen like they had expected.

"The homily was totally the big encouragement most of us needed to remind us that we can work hard and succeed," said senior Holly Sparks. "We were all pretty nervous about next year and it helped remind us that everything will work out."

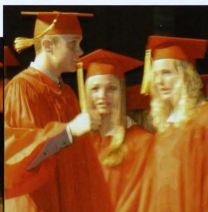
The mass quickly ended and was followed by the senior slide show. The last slide faded from the screen and Baccalaureate had come to an end just as promptly as it had begun. Everyone was ready to party, for the only thing left for them now was the one thing they had all been waiting for: graduation.

Kelsey Wannemuehler '03



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Senior Blythe Bell tells her mom she better not cry as she presents her with a red rose during the sign of peace during Baccalaureate. This was just one of the several ways the seniors showed appreciation for their parents throughout the entire year.



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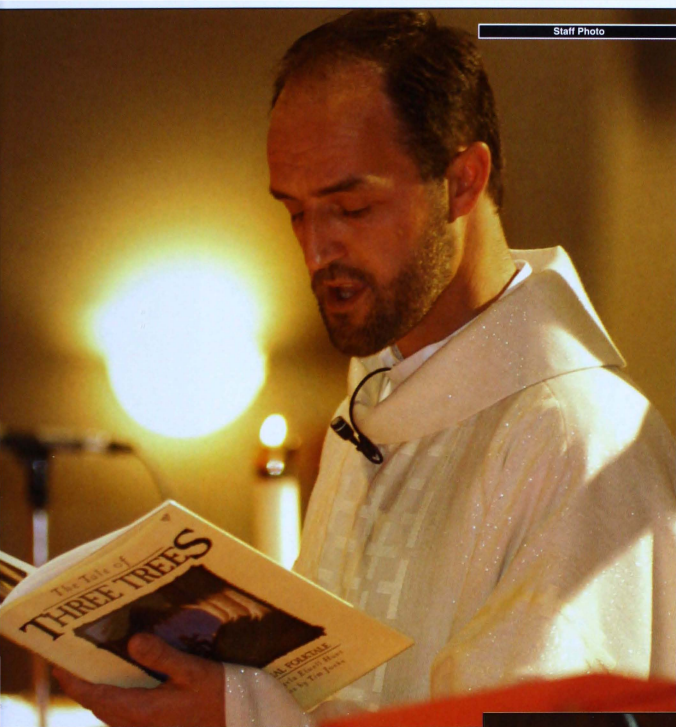
Seniors Chris Marx, Krista Dunn, and Natalie Goebel stand and talk while awaiting the start of the Baccalaureate ceremony. Many seniors stood around remembering the good old times to help calm their nerves about what was about to come.

Showing her appreciation for Sister Mary Francis, senior Steph Elpers signs a thank you card before the ceremony. The class officers presented Sister with a gift for all the hard work and time she put in to make our senior year a great one.

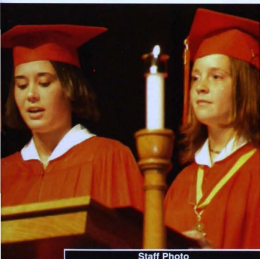


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Giving his practiced homily best to give the seniors a bit of advice before the big day when they graduate. Baccalaureate is a very solemn occasion for the senior class. This is when they get to view the slideshow and see what things were thought to represent the senior class as a whole.



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As senior Kristen Frazer reads the thoughts behind the gifts being brought up in the opening procession senior Melissa Schnur watches as everyone files in.



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Smiling proudly as he walked up the aisle before the start of Mass, senior Daryl Booth donated his red flashing police light to symbolize friendship among the senior class. Booth's light went to good use playing innocent tricks on guilty friends.



Staff Photo

A close friend of Michelle Crowe records her every step at Baccalaureate. Many families and friends brought along their cameras and camcorders to capture these important memories on film to relive again and again.

# Life of the party

11:30 p.m. May 23, 2003

## WRESTLING ROOM

**H**ow low can you go? The senior class found their answer during the limbo contest that turned out to be the highlight of the evening. The whole class gathered around to watch the few boys left struggle under the lowering bar.

"I had no idea I could go so low," said senior Jason May the limbo winner. "I figured I would be out right away because of my height, but I guess it helps being as flexible as I am."

The limbo was just one of the many exciting things that the senior class could participate in late into the evening on Friday night. The dance floor was filled the majority of the night with high-energy seniors and parents getting their groove on.

"I had a blast!" said senior Katie Muensterman. "Randy Weber did an excellent job of keeping us all enthusiastic and entertained until the end. He even got a few of the parents involved which was really awesome."

Even though everyone had such a good time dancing we all had to take a short break to play some games and win some free prizes.

"The games were a nice break from dancing," said senior Andy Werner. "It was fun because no one really cared. We all could just sit back and be ourselves. No one was judging anyone else."

The entire evening parents lined the walls. Some just sat in awe while others just shook their heads at some of the crazy dance moves being performed out on the dance floor. As the evening wore on some of the parents tried to show their kids up and boogie away with them.

"My favorite dance of the night was watching Katie Muensterman and Mary Beth Jankowski perform a ballet number to Mariah Carey's popular song *Hero*," said senior Kelsey Wannemuehler. "Everyone was dancing with everyone else. It seemed like our class really got along for once."

Throughout the entire evening door prizes were given away until almost the whole class had won something. Then at the very end the ping-pong table, DVD players, and microwaves were given away. Everyone in the class left with a laundry basket filled to the rim with donated goodies.

Mary Beth Jankowski '03



Staff Photo

Walking into the decorated wrestling room for their first time seniors Karly Kempf, Kristen Frazer, and Jenni Jost look in awe at the wonderful decorations. The parents began decorating early and filled the whole room with photos of our childhood.



Staff Photo

Getting into team uniform senior Courtney Woehler ties a bandana onto senior Jenna Babcocks arm. The class was broken into 12 teams that competed against each other in various relay races. These outfits stayed on throughout the night.

Signing the huge class banner senior Matt Stratman leaves his mark for the class. This huge banner was signed by every graduating member of the 2003 senior class. This banner will be hung at every class reunion until the end of our time.



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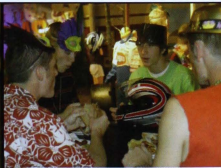


Getting their groove on seniors Dawn Wink and Kelsey Wannemuehler move along with the music. The whole class gathered out on the dance floor the majority of the night to spend one last fun filled evening together. The class played games, ate food, and won incredible prizes.



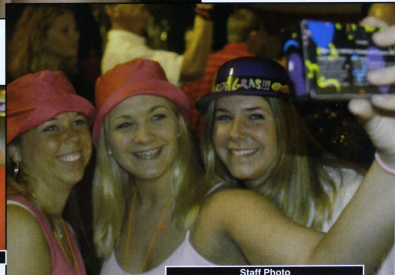
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Getting a fake tattoo senior Rachel Moers excitedly views the finished product. Seniors were given many different free items throughout the night.



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Trying out the roasted pig seniors Jason May, Doug Cardin, Matt Seibert, and Sam Kaiser chow down before they hit the dance floor. The entire night tables were lined with goodies for anyone to eat a roasted pig, root beer floats, and diced fruits and veggies.



Staff Photo

Getting together for a picture seniors Amanda Gears, Karly Kempf, and Andrea Schenk capture the memories together. Everyone in the class was given a free disposable camera so they could remember their last night together.

# End of the line

4:30 p.m.- Mon, 25, 2003

THE CENTRE

**M**obs of seniors huddled on the sidewalk, snapping all the pictures they could of their friends. This was it, their big day. In just over an hour they would no longer be mere students of Mater Dei High School they would be graduates.

"As we were lining up in the back it still hadn't hit me," said senior Zach Wampler. "I just stood there and looked around saying to myself, 'What are we doing?.... How can this all be over so soon?'"

The feelings of shock, nervousness, and excitement were by far the most popular emotions running through the senior class. Their four years at Mater Dei had come and gone in a blink of an eye. It seemed like just yesterday they had entered the halls for the very first time.

"It all went by way too fast," commented senior Andrea Schenk, "but I was ready for it all to be over with for good."

After all the seniors had processed into the auditorium and taken their seats, Father Steve Lintzenich addressed them. He gave the class much needed advice on life, faith, and how to achieve their dreams.

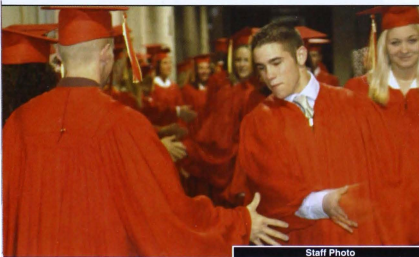
"I really enjoyed Father Steve's talk," said senior Stan Blaszczyk. "He didn't hold back, he just told it to us just like it was."

Soon after it was time to receive their diplomas. As each senior was called, one by one, to walk across stage, the room was filled with random cheers and clapping. The seniors would quickly take a peek, just to make sure there was something inside their envelope before being handed a class photo. However, the ceremony couldn't go on without a little humor.

"It was hilarious when Thomas Unfried's cell phone rang as he walked across stage," said senior Matt Seibert. "Not only did it ring, he actually answered it."

The mood quickly calmed again, though, as senior Valedictorian Jennifer Lasher and Acting Principle Mr. Gary Houchens spoke to the senior class, giving one more look back on the past and little more advice for the future. The class was then instructed to move the tassel on their caps to the left side and it was complete, they made it, they were graduates.

Kelsey Wannemuehler '03



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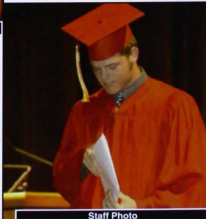
Smacking hands as they pass each other, seniors PD Stolz and Clint Keller pump each other up before entering the auditorium at The Centre. The class was in good spirits before graduation, but in even better spirits when it was all finally over.



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Showing her appreciation for the screams heard after the announcement of her name senior Katie Taylor celebrates receiving her diploma. Many of the students' friends and family yelled their congratulations during the graduation ceremony.

Checking to see if he has a diploma senior Dustin Nosko pulls the diploma out of the envelope. As the class filed back to their seats the first thing they all did was make sure it was all real and their time at Mater Dei was over.

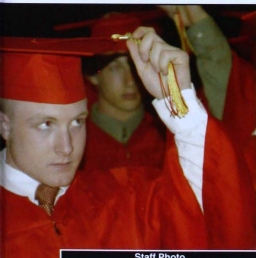


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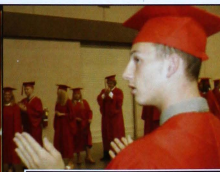


Accepting his much deserved congratulations from Mr. Houchens senior Mick Loegering moves off stage after receiving his diploma. After participating in 12 years of schooling the entire senior class finally has something to show for all their hard work and countless hours spent studying for the needed grades.



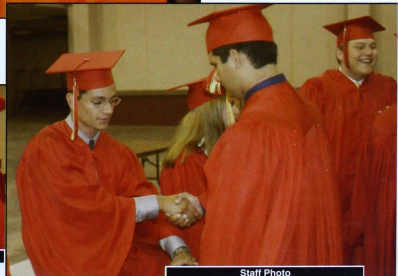
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Senior Jon Gidcumb moves his tassel from the right to the left side of his cap to show that he has finally graduated. Many seniors felt that this day hadn't come a moment too soon.



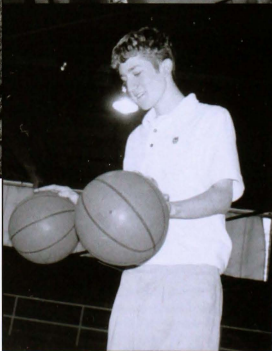
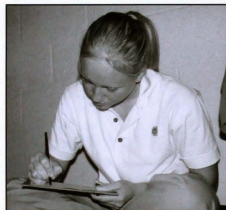
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Standing in the back room at The Centre senior Kevin Muensterman claps his hands to try and get his fellow classmates pumped up for the much anticipated ceremony. Many students were nervous and feared they might trip while walking across the stage.



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Before the start of the graduation ceremony, seniors Nick Moll and Chris Gibson shake hands and congratulate each other. Many students realized that graduation would be the last time the class was together as a whole.





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The good times and the bad, the long nights and early mornings, the memorable moments and tragic ends, the ups and the downs, have all combined to form a collage of experiences and memories that have left us better off.

And as the last chimes ring, signaling the final moments we will share together this school year, we know that it is really just a beginning. The seniors have left their mark on the school and the underclassmen look forward to stepping into their new roles next year.

# IT'S ALL OVER

*The last chimes rang, signalling another year completed and the start of summer.*





Josh Cowan

Josh.  
Our kiss from God, yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Youth, graduation, and hope! Love always,  
Dad, Mom, Jeff, Brad, & Dan



Laura Pritchett

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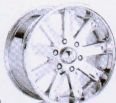
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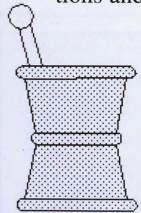
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Mom, Dad, Aaron, Adam, and Lissa

Andrea Schenk



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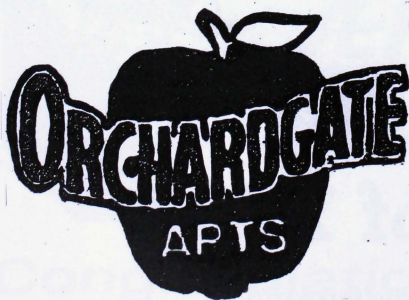
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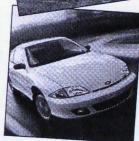
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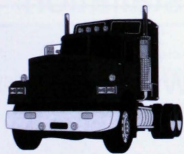
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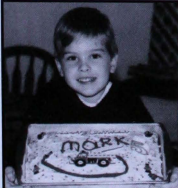
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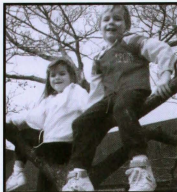
Mark,  
Good luck in college and in the years  
to come. We are proud of you.

Mark Goldman



Holly,  
Have fun at college! Thanks for taking care of me  
all these years. Can't wait to have fun together  
up at Purdue!  
Love,  
Bub

Holly Sparks



Who's looking at IU?  
Who's looking at Purdue?  
Courtney and Josh,  
keep on climbing and good luck. May  
all your dreams come true!  
Love,  
Connie, Sam, Jeanie, and Rusty

Courtney Woehler and Josh  
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Kendra,  
How you've changed through the years—from playing in  
the dirt, to putting on makeup, and now going off to  
college. I am so proud of the person that you have  
become. Thank you for all the beautiful memories.  
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Congratulations and good luck in the future.  
We are so proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom & Dad, Jess & Jenna

Kara Adler



Nathan,  
Thanks for all of the good memories! we are  
so proud of you and all of your accomplish-  
ments.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Alex and Megan

Nathan Weinzapfel



Sarah,  
Best of luck at IU!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Matt & Mike

Sarah Bishop



Amanda,  
You have worked hard for all of your accomplishments. We are very proud of you, keep smiling and following your dreams. Remember you will always be our little girl.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jonathon

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Good luck in all you do. We're proud of you.  
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Domlnic Turt

Doug,  
We are so proud of who you are. Make the most of  
everyday and may your future be everything you  
want it to be. Stay true to yourself and your faith.  
You're a great son and big brother.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Beth and Greg

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Congratulations and lots of luck!  
Love,  
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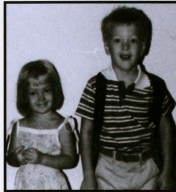
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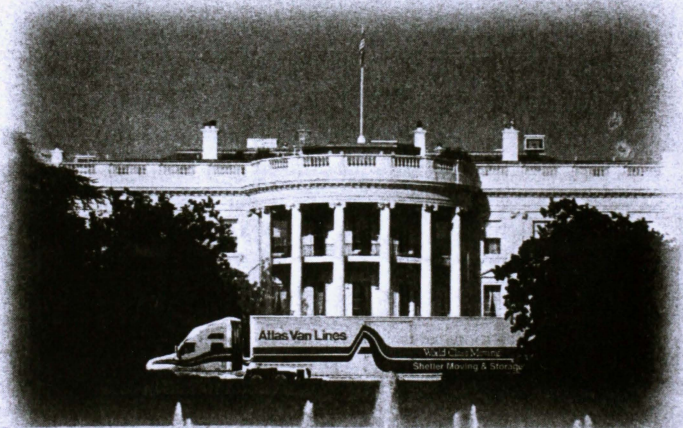


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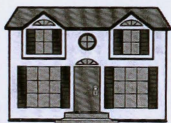


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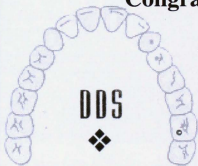
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Missy Glaser



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Love,  
Mom and Dad

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Kyle.  
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We love and support you,  
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Kyle Hartz



Mary Beth.  
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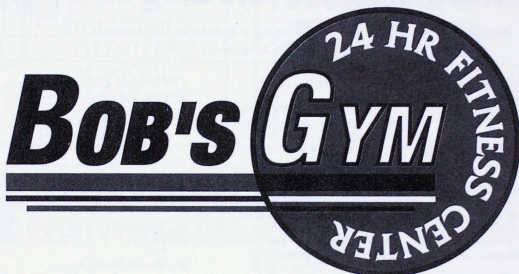


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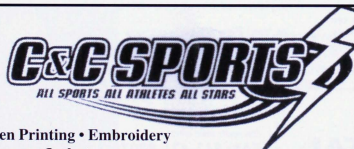
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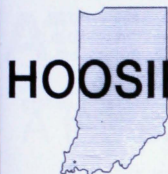
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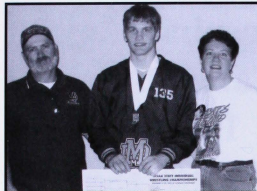
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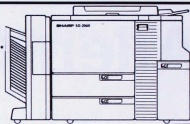
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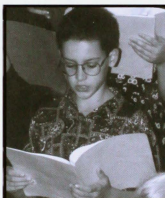
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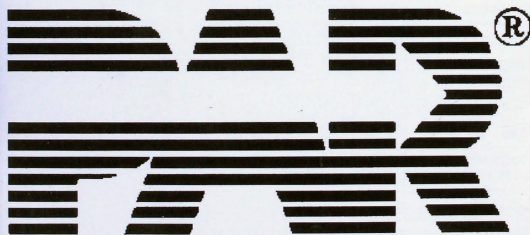
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Andy,  
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## 1. Trust Your Instincts.

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## 2. Remember your manners.

It doesn't cost you anything,  
but it speaks volumes about who you are.  
Having class starts with this.

## 3. Never let possessions "Own" you.

It's just stuff!  
The most valuable things in life—  
friends, respect, love, knowledge—don't cost money...  
Hokey, but true.

## 4. Nurture Your Friendships.

The investments you make in true friends  
will pay huge dividends all your life—  
remember, you can't make an old friend.

## 5. Keep your hands clean.

This is meant both literally and figuratively...  
it will save you a lot of regrets later...



## 6. Believe in yourself.

Yeah, this is another hokey one,  
but you do happen to be the only person  
in existence, and you're also the only person in the world  
who can truly hold you back in life...  
Think about it.

## 7. Be grateful.

Don't waste all your today's  
in anticipation of some grand tomorrow.  
Now is all we've got.  
Live in it!

## 8. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

(Okay, so I didn't make this one up.)  
The point is, just because you're smarter or richer or prettier  
than someone else doesn't mean you're better.  
It just means you've been more blessed.

## 9. Always keep playing.

Who says adults have to give up toys?  
Keep the little kid inside you alive...  
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## 10. No matter what, you will always be loved.

You don't have to test this one...  
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grown from a small child into such an awesome  
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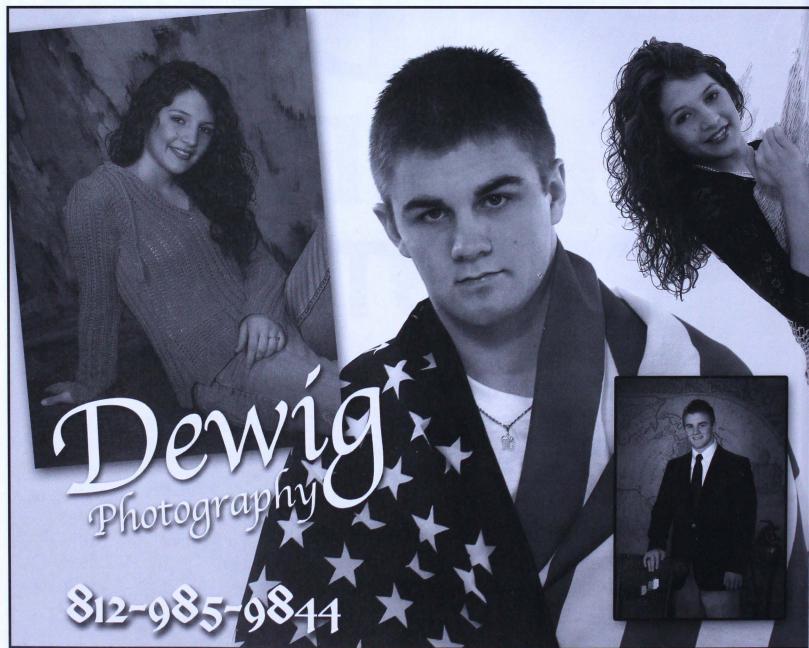
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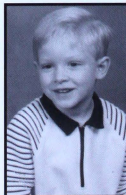
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 All our love,  
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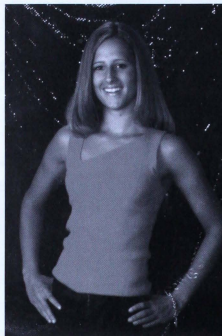


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Little Boo,  
We love you,  
Mom

**Krista Dunn**



Laura,  
Dad and I are very proud of you. We knew you could do it. Remember, reach for the stars; they're there for the taking.  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Jennifer, Ashley and Jeremy

**Laura Muensterman**



My Darling Daughter,  
You have made me so proud. Your beauty shines inside and out. Keep reaching for your dreams.  
I love you, babe.  
Mom

**Leah Spivey**



Look out world! She's got something to say!!!  
We're proud to be the parents of such a wonderful daughter!  
Love always,  
Mom & Dad

**Lora Richey**



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Congratulations. We are very proud of you. You have big plans that are going to take a lot of hard work, but we know you can do it. Your life is all in front of you and it looks great.  
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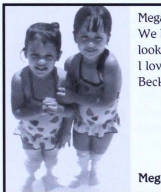
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We're very proud of you and your accomplishments.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Sara, Chris, Jerry, and Travis

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Congratulations! Don't be afraid of the challenges ahead. You can do anything you set your mind to. We are proud of you!  
Love always,  
Mom, Dad & Alissa

**Matt Seibert**



**Megan,**  
We have always been a pair. I have always looked up to you. Good luck.  
I love you,  
Becky

**Megan Parkinson**



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We're proud of you! Congratulations and good luck next year!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

**Megan Niemeier**



"Once we were young with no idea of the incredible joys or the incredible sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other. Get yourself some girlfriends - you are going to need them."  
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I love you guys :) Mel

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Love,  
Mom & Dad, Andrea & Jordan

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Always keep a smile on your face and Jesus in your heart. We are so proud of the young man you have become.  
Love,  
Dad & Mom

Mike Well



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Thanks for all the memories. Don't be a stranger. You know where to come to watch "the game" and where the pork chops will always call "your name". Good luck with college. You'll succeed in whatever you do.  
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#1 Colts/Cardinals fan, Your 2nd Mom & Champ  
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We love you.  
Mom & Dad

Rachel Moers





As my good friend Sherm would say - Give me the ball, it's time for me to run!!!

Kenny Miller



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You are a wonderful son who has brought us great joy. Thank you for all the memories! We wish you happiness and success at Purdue and throughout life.  
Love always,  
Dad & Mom

Travis Miller



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Don't just sit there; life's happening! We've always been proud of you. Don't be afraid to reach for the stars. You can do anything you set your mind to.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

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What a ride it has been! For all those times we hung out together and for all your future endeavors, Good luck "Turtle Turtle!"  
Love,  
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Never lose sight of your goals.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

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Our thoughts and prayers will be with you always as you face the challenges that God places throughout your path of life.  
We love you,  
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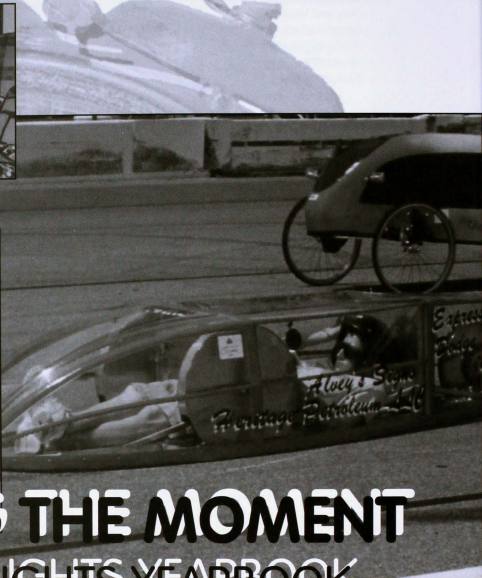
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