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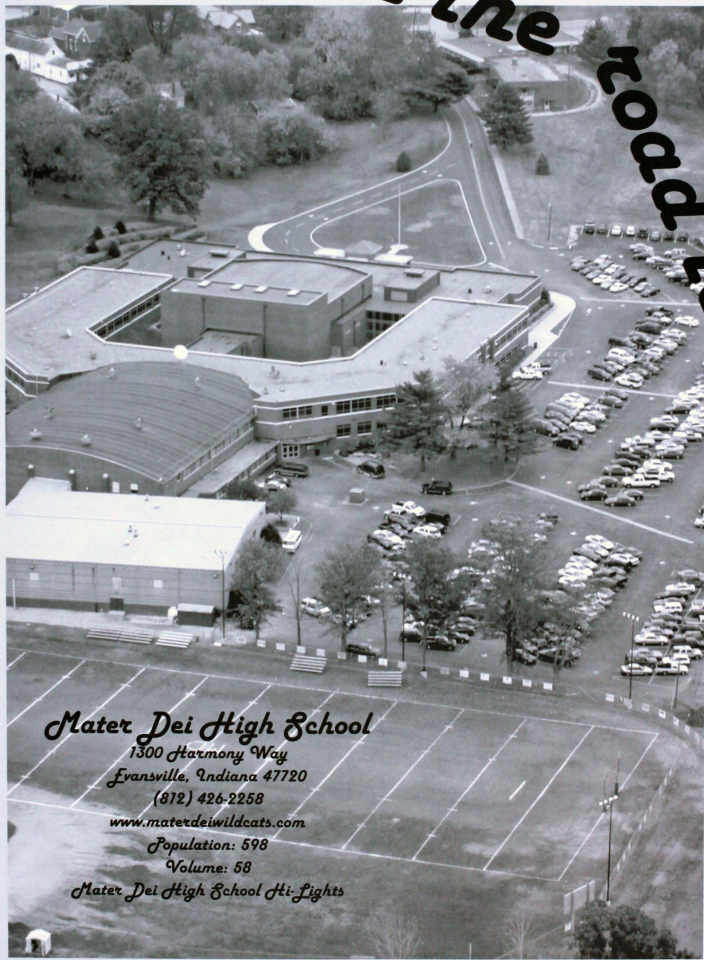
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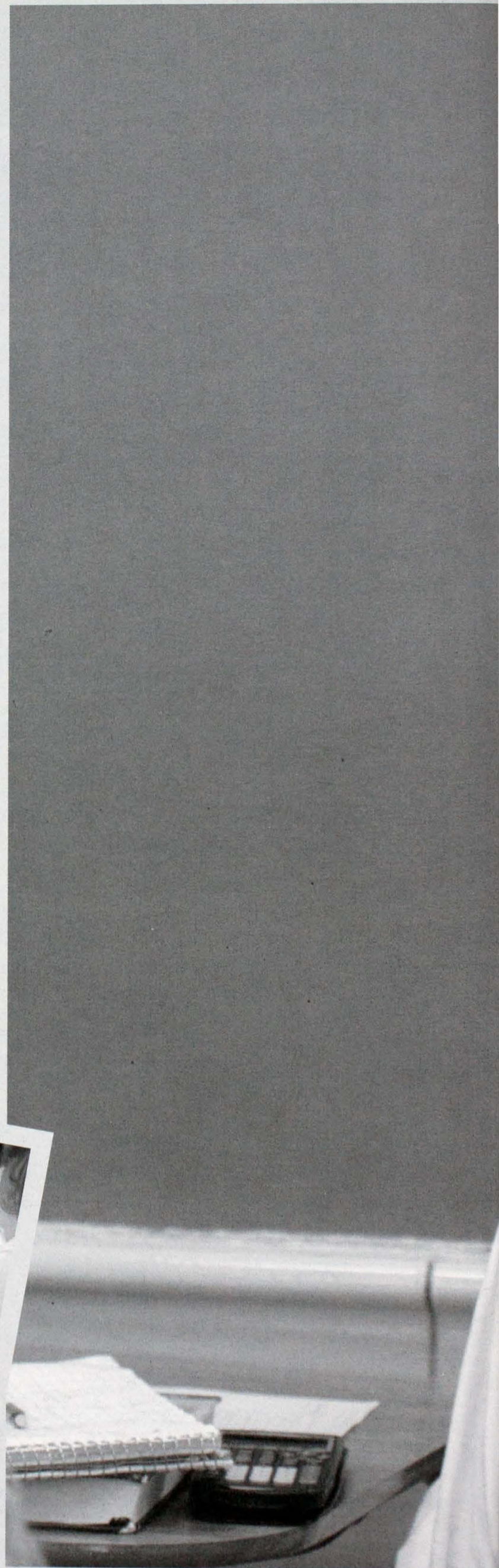
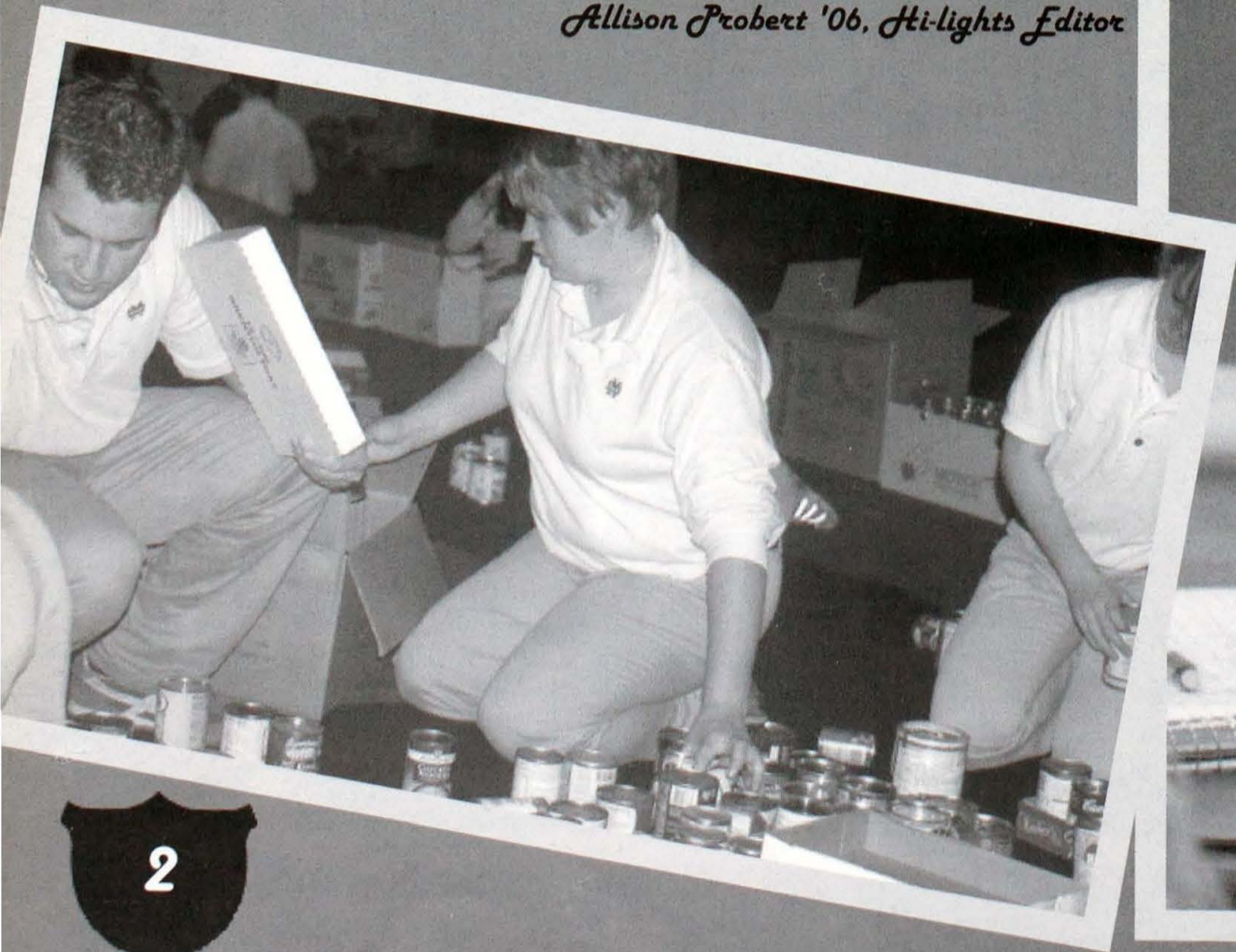
# Welcome

*As some of us began this four year journey, others were ending it, and still others were stuck somewhere in between the senioritis and greenie phases. However, each of us remains connected because what we accomplish today will impact all of our tomorrows. We can't buy a one-way ticket to the future and rely on autopilot to get us through these four years in high school. Watching the time pass as though a window is placed between us and the rest of the Mater Dei community is almost impossible.*

*Students and staff members are all on a similar journey with various destinations. Whether the road will lead someone to college, a job, or to a higher understanding of his or her purpose, each member of the community will lend a helping hand to ensure that the destination and expedition are both worthwhile. This is why "On The Road Jo..." fits our school perfectly. No matter how we look at this year, it's been a journey in which many times the target was unknown. Various teams traveled across the state for competitions and championships, academics became rougher in spots and were the driving force behind our purpose, and clubs made sure that everyone had a chance to have the fun that many trips are based on and known for.*

*Looking back on this year, we will remember how we made it our own. We were determined to discover everything about our chosen path in one short school year. Each of us is on the road to somewhere, and these four years help to impact those tomorrows for the better. We are ready to embrace it and cherish this winding road. Bon Voyage!*

*Allison Probert '06, Hi-lights Editor*





# Treasure

Staff members don't teach for the money. They don't teach for the prestige. They don't wake up before six each morning expecting to receive prizes or awards for their efforts. Instead, teachers teach for respect. They teach because they love waking up and knowing the day holds possibilities. They edify morals, opinions, and theories. They live vicariously through the students they enlighten.

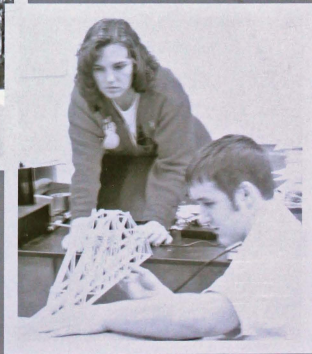
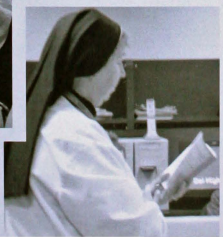
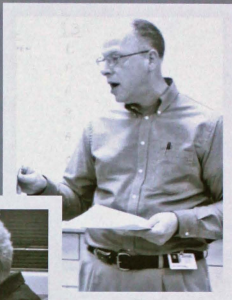
The yearbook staff would like to thank the teachers who mold minds within Mater Dei High School. We, on behalf of the student body, believe that it is the teachers who give of their time in order to enable us, the students, to succeed. So, thank you for sacrificing your time. Thank you all for sharing your thoughts and opinions. However, we would like to thank you most for driving us to higher levels of learning that better prepare us for the future.

Without staff members who have taught for years, there would be no tradition within the walls of Mater Dei. Without recent staff members, there would be no new ideas or vitality within our school. It takes both recent and experienced staff members to keep a diverse curriculum. The teachers at Mater Dei High School easily manage this, even if they don't always manage to make it to class on time. Thank you for teaching when the other options offer more gratitude. Thank you for teaching us when no one is ecstatic about learning. Thank you for treasuring our success rather than your own. We offer our achievements to you, the teachers who opened the doors.

Jessica Grabert, '06, and Allison Probert, '06







# Belong

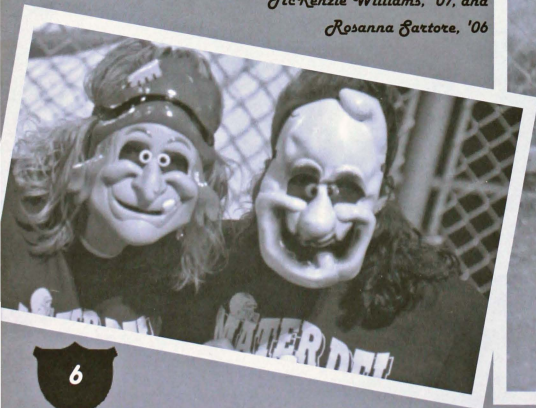
*From the Mater Dei vs. Keitz football game to the Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 to the halls of Mater Dei High School, every student is involved in one way or another. Every student has his or her own unique personality and beliefs, but when we are all joined in our Mater Dei community, we show our true pride.*

*Not only is Mater Dei known for our tradition of excellence, but also for our school unity. With seniors tutoring freshmen, juniors joining sophomores in team huddles, and the student audiences cheering loudly at all of the varsity games, no one is left out. Each and every student has a place and a group of friends that they belong to.*

*Even the faculty members belong. They can be seen eating in the cafeteria with the rest of the school, collaborating with other teachers before class, or cheering on students at academic competitions and sporting events.*

*The strength of our community is measured by the fact that everyone belongs. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, but working together strengthens each person as an individual link, which in turn strengthens the chain.*

*McKenzie Williams, '07, and  
Rosanna Sartore, '06*





# Freshmen

Emily K. Adler  
Christopher A. Alexander  
Greg J. Alles  
Justin N. Baker  
Austin H. Bigge



Stephanie D. Bittner  
Megan M. Blankenberger  
Mason T. Blankenship  
Weston N. Brandenstein  
Ryan S. Burns



Austin M. Campbell  
Hayley H. Capshaw  
Cortney A. Carr  
Krista R. Carter  
Jordan D. Chapman



Jennifer M. Cox  
Cody A. Dehart  
Samantha J. Dewig  
Matt S. Dickerson  
Katherine L. Douglas



Zachary R. Easterling  
Brandon N. Eickhoff  
Caleb E. Eickhoff  
Jerad J. Eickhoff  
Adam J. Elpers



# Class of 2009



# In the Spotlight



To the left, senior Tiffany Floyd sang 'Beautiful Disaster' by Kelly Clarkson. Floyd showed off her singing talents the Thursday night of the Fall Festival. Photo by: Allison Probert

Below, junior Jewel Reising showcased her voice by singing 'God's Will' by Martina McBride at the Fall Festival Talent Show. Both Reising and Floyd also sing in the Mater Dei Choir and Liturgical Ensemble. Photo by: Allison Probert

Below right, freshman Heather Wargel danced to 'Happy Feet' as a member of a group from Lory's School of Dance. Wargel has been dancing since she was three years old. Photo by: Allison Probert



**M**OST TEENAGERS ASSOCIATE THE WEST SIDE NUT CLUB FALL FESTIVAL WITH THE RING OF FIRE AND FRIED FOOD. HOWEVER, FOR FIVE GIFTED MATER DEI STUDENTS, THE FESTIVAL WAS A SPECIAL CHANCE TO SHOWCASE THEIR UNIQUE TALENTS IN THE AMATEUR HOUR CONTEST. FRESHMAN HEATHER WARGEL AND SOPHOMORE LINDSEY BLANKENBERGER PERFORMED DANCE ROUTINES, AND FRESHMAN NATALIE MARTIN, JUNIOR JEWEL REISING, AND SENIOR TIFFANY FLOYD EXHIBITED THEIR SINGING VOICES.

SOME OF THE GIRLS HAVE COMPETED AT THE AMATEUR HOUR IN THE PAST. THIS WAS AN ADVANTAGE FOR REISING, WHO SANG HER VERSION OF MARTINA MCBRIDE'S "GOD'S WILL."

"THIS YEAR, I WASN'T NERVOUS AT ALL," SAID REISING. "I WAS JUST EXTREMELY EXCITED AND HAD AN ADRENALINE RUSH!"

ALTHOUGH THIS WAS WARGEL'S THIRD FALL FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE, SHE WAS STILL NERVOUS.

"I HAVE BEEN DANCING SINCE I WAS THREE, AND I'M VERY USED TO PUBLIC PERFORMANCES. HOWEVER, I ALWAYS GET NERVOUS BEFORE I PERFORM," SAID WARGEL.

"MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE WERE PEOPLE I KNEW. I DON'T GET AS NERVOUS IF I PERFORM FOR PEOPLE I DON'T KNOW."

FLOYD, WHO GAVE HER RENDITION OF KELLY CLARKSON'S "BEAUTIFUL DISASTER," ENJOYED SEEING FAMILIAR FACES IN THE AUDIENCE.

"WHILE I SANG, I TRIED TO FOCUS MOSTLY ON MY FRIENDS AND MY MOM BECAUSE IT MADE ME FORGET ABOUT ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE WATCHING," SHARED FLOYD.

REISING ALSO ENJOYS PERFORMING FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

"ALL THE PEOPLE I LOVE SUPPORTING ME GIVES ME A REASON TO SING," SAID REISING.

REGARDLESS OF NERVES, THE GIRLS ALL ENJOYED PERFORMING AT THE FALL FESTIVAL.

"I HAD SO MUCH FUN AND WOULD DO IT A MILLION MORE TIMES IF I COULD," SAID FLOYD.

THESE TALENTED GIRLS TOOK TIME OUT OF RIDING THE RING OF FIRE AND EATING GREASY FOOD TO ENJOY THEMSELVES IN ANOTHER WAY, WHILE ALSO ENTERTAINING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ON FRANKLIN STREET.

BRITTNEY MILLER, '06



Dalton B. Elpers  
Kenneth J. Elpers  
Patrick J. Elpers



Kassie J. Embry  
 Juliette D. Faraone  
 Aaron M. Feldhaus  
 Stephanie A. Fields  
 Samuel J. Fleming



WITH EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, JOBS, AND HOMEWORK, IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND TIME FOR FRIENDS IN HIGH SCHOOL. AS SENIOR YEAR APPROACHES, WE REALIZE THAT WE HAVE ONE MORE YEAR TOGETHER, SO WE TRY TO MAKE IT MEMORABLE. WE WANT TO LAUGH WITH OUR FRIENDS, ATTEND EVERY SPORTING EVENT, AND HAVE NIGHTS THAT WE HOPE WILL NEVER END. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE FINAL CHRISTMAS DANCE AND PROM. SENIORS KENDRA SCHELLER, JESSIE SEIB, BEN DAUSMAN, AND JOE BUTLER ARE ESPECIALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DANCES AND HOPE TO IMPRESS EVERYONE WITH THEIR NEW BALLROOM DANCE MOVES. THEY DECIDED TO TAKE TIME OUT OF THEIR HECTIC SCHEDULES TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW AND WORTHWHILE.

BALLROOM DANCING WAS SOMETHING SCHELLER AND SEIB ALWAYS WANTED TO DO, SO THEY CALLED TWO OF THEIR FRIENDS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO LEARN.

"IT'S NOT SOMETHING I EVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT DOING, BUT I'M DOWN TO TRY ANYTHING, SO WHEN KENDRA CALLED ME, I WAS LIKE 'HECK YEAH!'" DAUSMAN SAID.

WHILE ATTENDING SIX WEEKS OF LESSONS, THEY

LEARNED THE BASIC MOVES OF SWING DANCE. THE MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE WASN'T EVEN THE DANCING ITSELF, BUT THE DRIVES TO THE LESSONS.

"ONE OF THE WEEKS IT WAS MY TURN TO DRIVE TO THE LESSON. I WAS TURNING ONTO DIAMOND AVENUE WHERE ALL OF THE CONSTRUCTION WAS GOING ON, AND I MADE AN IDIOT OF MYSELF WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY TURNED INTO THE CLOSED-OFF PART. IT WAS SCARY, BUT IT WAS SOMETHING WE COULDN'T STOP LAUGHING ABOUT," SHARED SEIB.

THE TWO COUPLES WILL BE ABLE TO USE WHAT THEY LEARNED IN LESSONS AT ALL DANCE IN THE FUTURE.

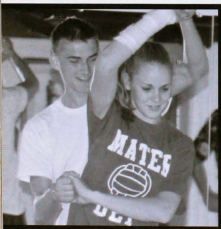
"I PLAN ON USING BALLROOM DANCING IN THE FUTURE. PEOPLE WILL BE IMPRESSED AT EVERYTHING THAT BEN AND I KNOW AT THE CHRISTMAS DANCE AND PROM THIS YEAR," SAID SCHELLER.

IN THE END, ALL FOUR FRIENDS HAD A GREAT TIME TOGETHER, AND ENJOYED SHARING THE EXPERIENCE.

BUTLER SAID, "I HOPED FOR TWO THINGS GOING INTO THIS: TO LEARN SOME SWEET DANCE MOVES, AND HAVE SOME GOOD MEMORIES. I DEFINITELY GOT BOTH."

KIM SPAHN, '06

# Those Happy Feet



Above left, seniors Kendra Scheller and Ben Dausman practice an exciting new skill taught to them by their dance instructor Daryl Scheller and Dausman always look learning new moves very seriously.

Photo by: Kim Spahn

Above right, seniors Jessie Seib and Joe Butler concentrate on getting their dance moves correct. There was never a dull moment when Seib and Butler were dancing together because both were always seen laughing and joking around. Photo by: Kim Spahn

To the right, senior Kendra Scheller receives instructions from her teacher Daryl on a new spin. Every class, Daryl taught a new move to add to their dancing collection. Photo by: Kim Spahn





Audrey M. Folz  
 Sarah C. Folz  
 Sarah J. Folz  
 Nicholas C. Fulling  
 Timothy A. Gaisser



Stephanie K. Gallo  
 Carrie L. Goebel  
 Brynne E. Guzman  
 Andrew D. Harsh  
 Katelyn R. Hartz



Tyler M. Hempfling  
 Shawn M. Hess  
 Jamie L. Hoffmann  
 Aaron C. Holm  
 Jesse A. Horstman



Abby M. Horthy  
 Bryce A. Huff  
 Damian M. Humston  
 Maggie A. Hurm  
 Nicholas H. Jay



Jared D. Jochem  
 Jennifer N. Kelley  
 John A. Kercher  
 Jonathan D. Kerchief  
 Nolan P. King



Daniel J. Klueg  
 Layne A. Koester  
 Lance M. Kollker  
 Jacob A. Koressel  
 Sam A. Kuban



Stephanie J. Lambert  
 Taylor J. Lannert  
 Corey J. Lipking  
 Emily R. Loehrlein  
 Christopher A. Lovelace

Joseph A. Major  
Jacob S. Manchette  
Shelby L. Mangold  
Lindsay Mann  
Tyler J. Marshall



Kayla M. Martin  
Natalie E. Martin  
Nick D. Mathew  
Ethan D. Mayer  
Zachary A. McDermott



Russel R. McKinney  
Nina A. Meredith  
Jared M. Mesker  
Alyssa R. Miller  
Zachary W. Mischler



Nicholas A. Mochau  
Stephanie J. Moll  
John C. Muensterman  
M. Caitlin Muensterman  
Christina G. Murray



Craig D. Nelson  
Caroline R. Niemeier  
Katelyn M. Niemeier  
Chelsea M. Norman  
Landon R. Oliver



Lincoln R. Oliver  
Sarah Kate Osborne  
MacKenzie F. Parkinson  
Devan C. Partain  
Briana N. Pfetscher



Erin N. Porter  
Blair M. Price  
Megan M. Prickett  
Joseph C. Pugh  
Ellen C. Raben





# Feel the Rhythm



To the left, freshman Aaron Holm performs with the marching band before a football game. Marching band helps him prepare and practice for performances in the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

Below left, senior David Learned practices with his fellow drum corps members. One of the most important skills drum corps teaches is learning to work well with others. Photo provided by: David Learned

Below right, senior David Learned practices on his own. While teamwork is important, each member needs to practice to improve individual skills, which in turn improves the sound of the whole corps. Photo provided by: David Learned



STUDENTS INVOLVED IN ANY ASPECT OF MUSIC WILL ADMIT THAT THE MUSIC BECOMES PART OF THEIR LIVES. SENIOR DAVID LEARNED AND SOPHOMORE AARON HOLM FOSTER THESE TALENTS IN MUSIC ENSEMBLES THAT AREN'T AFFILIATED WITH ANY SCHOOL.

LEARNED STAYS EXTREMELY BUSY NURTURING HIS DRUM CORPS PASSION. DRUM CORPS MEMBERS ARE THE ELITE OF ALL MARCHING MUSICIANS. "WE PERFORM A NINE TO ELEVEN MINUTE EXTRAVAGANZA OF MUSICAL EXCELLENCE, MARCHING PRECISION, COLOR, DRAMA, DANCE, HUMOR AND EMOTION ON A FOOTBALL FIELD," DESCRIBED LEARNED.

LEARNED NOW HAS FRIENDS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND PLANS TO BE IN DRUM CORPS FOR AS LONG AS HE CAN. HE TRAINS WITH OTHER DRUM CORPS MEMBERS FOR MONTHS, AIMING FOR A COMMON GOAL, PERFECTION.

"DRUM CORPS IS NOT ONLY ABOUT MARCHING MUSIC, TRAVELING, AND PERFORMING TO BECOME A WORLD CHAMPION. IT'S ALSO ABOUT LIFE, FRIENDSHIP, AND GAINING THE SKILLS REQUIRED TO BECOME A BETTER HUMAN BEING AND SUCCEED IN THE REAL WORLD," SAID LEARNED.

AARON HOLM LOVES TO PURSUE HIS PASSION FOR MUSIC. HOLM IS THE THIRD CHAIR TRUMPET IN THE EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA. HOLM HAS ALSO BEEN IN THE MARCHING BAND SINCE HE WAS IN THE SEVENTH GRADE, AS WELL AS PARTICIPATING IN THE CONCERT BAND AND TAKING PRIVATE LESSONS. HOLM LIKES TO PRACTICE AS MUCH AS HE CAN, EVERY DAY. HOLM THANKS PIANO LESSONS FOR OPENING THE DOOR TO HIS MUSIC PASSION. HE TOOK PIANO LESSONS WHEN HE WAS SIX YEARS OLD AND HE NOW PLAYS THE TRUMPET.

HOLM HAS RECEIVED MANY AWARDS AND MEDALS INCLUDING TWO FIRST PLACE MEDALS, AND ONE SECOND PLACE MEDAL FROM ISSMA (INDIANA STATE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION). HOLM SAID, "MATER DEI HAS ONE OF THE SMALLEST BANDS IN THE STATE, BUT WE HAVE A GREAT STAFF AND GREAT MENTORS THAT GIVE US CONFIDENCE. I WOULD LIKE TO FOSTER MY MUSIC BY BECOMING A MENTOR FOR YOUNGER KIDS."

BOTH OF THESE STUDENTS REMAIN COMMITTED TO THEIR INSTRUMENTS AND STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE WHEN PERFORMING AND LEARNING THEIR CRAFT.

MCKENZIE WILLIAMS, '07



Haley G. Raben  
Ross R. Rexing  
Andrew J. Ritter  
Cassidy E. Rodenberg  
Kelsey M. Rolley

Breanna C. Sartore  
Daniel J. Scheller  
Kristen R. Scheller



WHILE MATER DEI PRIDES ITSELF ON BEING FAITH-BASED, MANY STUDENTS SEEK OUTSIDE RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE AND RENEW THEIR SPIRITUAL GROWTH. THESE GROUPS, WHICH INCLUDE CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS OR CHRISTIAN TEEN MEETINGS, ALLOW TEENAGERS TO SHARE AND DISCUSS THEIR BELIEFS AND LEARN FROM THEIR PEERS AND CHURCH LEADERS.

"I ATTEND CTM TO DEEPEN MY RELIGIOUS FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY AND TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS ABOUT MY FAITH WITH OTHERS MY AGE," SAID SENIOR TEGAN RUSH.

CTM WAS FOUNDED ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO BY ELAINE ELPERS AND CURRENTLY MEETS ONCE EVERY MONTH. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE ATTEND.

"WE ALWAYS HAVE A DISCUSSION THAT PROMPTS US TO THINK ABOUT WHERE WE STAND ON VARIOUS CURRENT ISSUES RANGING FROM STRESSES FACED IN HIGH SCHOOL TO MORE CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS SUCH AS DRINKING AND PREMARITAL SEX," SAID SENIOR AMANDA COX.

CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS ALSO EXIST AT MANY WEST DEANERY CHURCHES. THESE CAN MEET ABOUT ONCE EVERY WEEK, OR MORE SPREAD OUT LIKE CTM TO

DRAW MORE PEOPLE THAN THE USUAL PARISH CROWD.

"I'M ABLE TO TAKE MY FAITH SERIOUSLY AND SHARE IT WITH OTHER PEOPLE. IT HAS HELPED ME WORK OUT PROBLEMS IN MY LIFE AND BROUGHT ME CLOSER TO GOD," SAID SENIOR MEGHAN BERNEKING, A REGULAR YOUTH GROUP ATTENDEE OF HOLY REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP.

BOTH TYPES OF GROUPS ALLOW FOR A GENTLE RENEWING MIXED WITH A FAMILIAR SETTING TO EXPRESS PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL ISSUES THAT WOULD USUALLY NOT BE SHARED IN NORMAL CONVERSATION.

"HOLY REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP ACTUALLY GAVE ME FAITH. I CAN ALWAYS TALK TO SOMEONE THAT WILL UNDERSTAND," SAID SOPHOMORE SAMANTHA MONTGOMERY, WHO BEGAN COMING HER FRESHMAN YEAR.

THIS ENRICHMENT AND RENEWAL ALLOWS STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS WHERE THEY ONCE FELT DAUNTED. BY SEEING OTHERS PROGRESS, WE ALL CAN BE INSPIRED TO RENEW AND ENRICH OUR OWN FAITH LIVES.

ALLISON PROBERT, '06

# Prayerful Peers



To the left, senior Meghan Berneking, along with other Holy Redeemer Youth Group members, took a pilgrimage to Monte Cassino. Along the way, the group stopped by the Marian shrine at St. Meinrad for a quick moment of reflection together. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

Above, sophomores Samantha Montgomery and Christie Kelley and senior Allison Probert complete a scavenger hunt while tied together. Similar team building activities are an integral aspect of Holy Redeemer Youth Group. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

To the right, several members of CTM have a discussion at the annual Halloween bonfire hosted by St. Philip's. CTM discussions cover a myriad of topics, from teen drinking to peer pressure to stresses faced during high school. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore





Matthew R. Schenk  
Amanda M. Schoenbacher  
Bradley S. Schoettlin  
Kristyn R. Seibert  
Victoria A. Shane



Derek O. Sollman  
Jordan S. Stoltz  
Sarah A. Sweeney  
Jamalyn E. Tekoppel  
Hali A. Thorbeck



Casey A. Tiekens  
Nick J. Tromley  
Dana R. Tungate  
T. Jack Unfried  
Jesse R. Vanhooser



Kurt W. Vanwinkle  
Lacey Voegel  
Heather M. Wargel  
Kylie J. Weaver  
Tyler M. Webber



Adam W. Weinzapfel  
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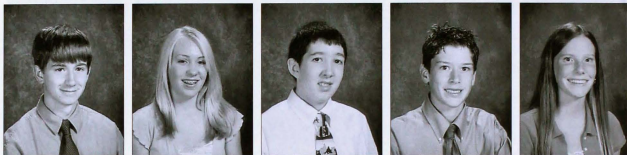
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Joshua K. Will  
Robert L. Wilson  
Rachel E. Winternheimer



Valerie A. Wire  
Rachel T. Yingling  
Matthew S. Zeller  
Zeke R. Zenthoefner

# Sophomores

Jon M. Adcock  
Ashley N. Adler  
Jeremy K. Armstrong  
David C. Arnold  
Lauren E. Austin



Nathan S. Baehl  
Adam J. Barchet  
Adam R. Barnes  
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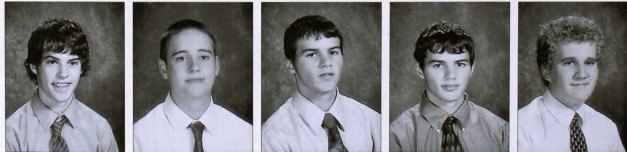
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Lindsey J. Blankenberger  
Kaitlyn R. Bohleber



Brett L. Bueltel  
John W. Busan IV  
Jessie M. Buskavitz  
Jessika M. Carter  
Jonathan M. Coomes



Luke D. Costlow  
Eric A. Deig  
Luke J. Dewig  
Nathan P. Dewig  
Shawn A. Dick





Katrina M. Dockery  
Jacob E. Edwards  
Andrew N. Elpers  
Kendal R. Elpers  
Cara M. Emmert

FOR ANYONE SHARING A BOND WITH SIBLINGS, IT IS KNOWN TO BE A CURSE, AS WELL AS A CURE. NOT EVERYONE CAN EXPERIENCE THE BOND FIRST HAND, BUT IT IS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT MATER DEI. MANY STUDENTS CAN BE SEEN GIVING THEIR LITTLE BROTHER A RIDE TO SCHOOL OR BORROWING LUNCH MONEY FROM AN OLDER SISTER. HOWEVER, FOR SOME, THE EXPERIENCE IS MAGNIFIED WHEN MORE THAN ONE SIBLING SHARES THE SCHOOL.

FOR JUNIOR ALYSSA LAMBERT, IT IS BOTH GOOD AND BAD. "SOMETIMES, I FEEL UPSTAGED BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS GOING TO BE KNOWN AS 'LAMBERT'S LITTLE SISTER.' WHILE THAT'S GOOD BECAUSE I LOVE MY BROTHER, I STILL FEEL THAT I'M NOT AS MUCH OF AN INDIVIDUAL AS I'D LIKE TO BE."

HOWEVER, SHE WOULD NEVER DECIDE

TO ATTEND A DIFFERENT SCHOOL. "I LIKE HAVING MY OLDER BROTHER AND YOUNGER SISTER CLOSE TO ME. THAT IS WHAT MAKES US A FAMILY THAT CARES ABOUT ONE ANOTHER."

HER YOUNGER SISTER, FRESHMAN STEPHANIE LAMBERT, AGREED. "OLDER SIBLINGS ARE GREAT TO HAVE BECAUSE THEY CAN HELP YOU GET USED TO THE SCHOOL WHEN YOU COME INTO IT. EVEN THOUGH SOMETIMES I WISH I DIDN'T, IT'S ACTUALLY GREAT TO HAVE SIBLINGS AT THE SAME SCHOOL."

FRESHMAN JAMIE HOFFMANN ALSO FEELS BOTH THE JOYS AND PAINS OF SISTERHOOD. "WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT BEING THE YOUNGEST IS KNOWING ALL THE UPPERCLASSMEN, WHO ARE ABLE TO HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK, BUT I GET PICKED ON A LOT!"

SHARING A SCHOOL WITH YOUR

SIBLINGS EXTENDS BEYOND THE CLASSROOMS AND HALLWAYS. SOPHOMORE PAM WEINZAPFEL RUNS CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK WITH HER SISTER, SENIOR ELLEN WEINZAPFEL. "SHE MOTIVATES ME TO BE BETTER IN BOTH OF THESE SPORTS AND TEACHES ME TO HAVE FUN INSTEAD OF BEING UPTIGHT AND SERIOUS ALL THE TIME."

SENIOR LEAH WEINZAPFEL ALSO TAKES PART IN THIS BOND. "IT MAKES ME SAD TO KNOW THAT NEXT YEAR AT THIS TIME, MY SISTERS WON'T BE THERE WITH ME AT COLLEGE."

ALTHOUGH SHARING A HOUSE AND A SCHOOL WITH SEVERAL SIBLINGS CAN GET CROWDED AT TIMES, IT STRENGTHENS A PERSON. SIBLINGS HELP EACH OTHER FIND THEIR TRUE IDENTITIES AND SHARE THE MANY BITTERSWEET ASPECTS OF BEING A CLOSE FAMILY.

ROSANNA SARTORE, '06

# Both a Curse and Cure



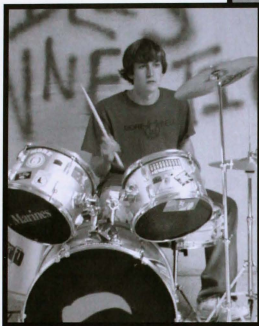
To the left, sisters Alyssa and Stephanie Lambert interact at lunch. The two benefit by going to school together because they can spend plenty of time together and even borrow lunch money if necessary.

Photo by: Allison Probert

Below, senior Ashley Hoffmann helps her sister Kelsey, a sophomore, with some homework shortly after the Mater Dei open house. One of the benefits of having older siblings is the experienced help with homework and social activities. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

Senior Leah Weinzapfel and sophomore Pam Weinzapfel talk outside Pam's locker. The sisters often talk to each other in the hallways to coordinate rides home, to cheer each other up when the other needs it, or to borrow a book when someone forgets her own copy. Photo by: Allison Probert





Concentrating on the beat, senior Corey Lannert waits for his cue to begin. Lannert is the founder of the Sills Connection, named after the art teacher Mr. Roger Sills. Photo by: Brittney Miller



Above, freshmen Andrew Harsh, Sam Kuban, and Jesse Horstman perform for the crowd at the Red Ribbon Week fun block. Playing for the block was a good way to get exposure for the band. Photo by: Allison Probert  
To the right, sophomores Josh Erkman and Dustin Scheller jam to their favorite Metallica song during practice. Scheller and Erkman have been jamming together since seventh grade. Photo by: Kendra Scheller



# All Band Together

A FAMOUS QUOTE SAYS, "ROCK AND ROLL WILL SAVE YOUR SOUL." MANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE FORMED THEIR OWN BANDS, NOT JUST TO SAVE THEIR SOULS, BUT TO EXPLORE THEIR MUSICAL INTERESTS AND HAVE A GOOD TIME DOING IT.

"LOTS OF MY FRIENDS LIKE PLAYING MUSIC, AND I DO TOO," SAID COREY LANNERT, A FOUNDED MEMBER OF THE SILLS CONNECTION AND CREATOR OF THE FAMED T-SHIRTS. "WE KNEW IT WAS A GOOD WAY TO DO WHAT WE LOVE AND HAVE FUN. THE GIRLS ARE ALSO A MAJOR BONUS."

THE SILLS CONNECTION WAS FORMED BY LANNERT (DRUMS) AND BRYAN BAUMGART (GUITAR) FROM REITZ. OTHER MEMBERS ARE SENIOR ALEX TOPPER (VOCALS), JUNIOR SAM LEWIS (BASS) AND BRANDON MILLER (GUITAR)

OF SIGNATURE SCHOOL.

"WE ALL TAUGHT OURSELVES HOW TO PLAY," SAID LANNERT. "WE PRACTICE EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT AT MY HOUSE. WE PLAY A LOT OF DIFFERENT ROCK AND SOME COUNTRY. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE WORKING ON WRITING SOME SONGS."

THE BAND ENJOYS ENTERTAINING MATTER DEI CROWDS AND PLAYED AT THE TALENT SHOW AND LUUAU LAST YEAR.

"WE DO IT FOR FUN, BUT WE WANT TO KEEP DOING IT FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES," SAID LANNERT.

ANOTHER GROUP OF GUYS WITH A COMMON HOBBY IS THE BAND ACIDONA, CONSISTING OF SOPHOMORES JOSH ERKMAN (LEAD GUITAR), DUSTIN SCHELLER (RHYTHM GUITAR AND VOCALS), SAM SCHENTRUP (BASS), AND REITZ STU-

DENT COREY FAITH (DRUMS).

"DUSTIN AND I STARTED THE BAND IN SEVENTH GRADE," SHARED ERKMAN. "WE HAVE BOTH BEEN PLAYING GUITAR FOR FIVE YEARS. WE PLAY A VARIETY OF MUSIC, FROM LIGHT ROCK SIMILAR TO CREED, TO HARD ROCK AND HEAVY METAL LIKE METALLICA AND PANTERA."

ACIDONA PRACTICES ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK IN ERKMAN'S POLE BARN.

"WE MOSTLY TAUGHT OURSELVES TO PLAY, BUT COREY FAITH'S DAD IS THE BASS PLAYER FOR A LOCAL BAND," SAID SCHELLER. "HE GIVES US A FEW POINTERS ON OUR PLAYING."

WITH LITTLE FORMAL INSTRUCTION, THESE TALENTED MUSICIANS HAVE FORMED TWO ENTERTAINING BANDS BY USING THEIR TALENTS AND DEDICATION.

BRITTNEY MILLER, '06

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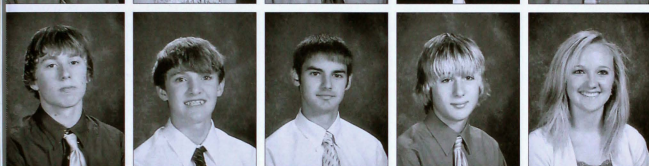




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Kayleen A. Glaser



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Douglas A. Gries  
Jonathan J. Grosheart  
Reid M. Grossman



Gus A. Haas  
Joshua T. Haas  
Zachary A. Haleman  
Jonathon M. Hamilton  
Kelsey K. Hammett



Kelsey M. Harpenau  
Jacob H. Hassler  
William J. Hatcher  
Brandon A. Head  
Alex T. Heichelbech



Sara N. Hoehn  
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Mallory A. Hornbrook  
Tyler L. Hurm  
Hannah L. Jay



Chelsea M. Jenkins  
Craig L. Jochem  
Ryan S. Jochim  
Christen M. Kelley  
Mick Kemmerlin



Natalie R. Kempf  
Katie L. Kiesel  
Jeremy M. Kissel  
Austin R. Knapp  
Matthew J. Lannert

Drew T. Lappe  
 Melissa J. Lauderdale  
 Robert C. Lehman  
 Robert J. Loegering  
 Stephen A. Lovelace III



Sarah A. Luigs  
 Brandt T. Lydon  
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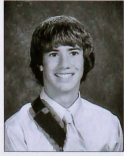
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 Samantha J. Montgomery  
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 Bradley A. Niemeier  
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 Andrew D. Robinson  
 Adam J. Ruggles  
 Alex N. Rush



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Krystal J. Schmitt  
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OVER THE YEARS, EXTREME SPORTS HAVE EVOLVED FROM POPULAR TRENDS TO WORLDWIDE COMPETITIONS. IT IS NOT MERELY "COOL" TO SKATEBOARD OR MOUNTAIN BIKE-IT IS A WAY OF LIFE. FOR JUNIOR JARED LEFLER, SKATEBOARDING IS NO DIFFERENT.

IN THE 1970S, SKATEBOARDING BECAME POPULAR WITH RODNEY MULLEN'S INVENTION OF THE OLLIE. BECAUSE HE WAS A PIONEER IN HIS FIELD, MULLEN IS NOW LEFLER'S BIGGEST INFLUENCE.

"THERE WOULD BE NO SKATEBOARDING WITHOUT MULLEN. HE INVENTED MANY TRICKS THAT I ENJOY PERFORMING. WITHOUT THESE, NO ONE COULD GET AIR WITH A SKATEBOARD."

LEFLER, WHO ALSO PLAYS LEAD GUITAR IN THE BAND SENSIMILLA, SAYS THAT MUSIC IS AN ATTRACTION TO SKATEBOARDING.

"IT'S NOT DIFFERENT EVENTS THAT CONNECT YOU WITH OTHER SKATEBOARDERS. MUSIC ALSO BONDS PEOPLE TO INSPIRE AND DEFINE YOU AS A SKATER. EACH TYPE OF MUSIC CAN RELATE TO SOMEONE SKATING."

MASTERING SPORTS REQUIRES PATIENCE, WILLINGNESS, AND AN UPBEAT ATTITUDE.

"THERE ARE SOME CONCEPTS IN SKATEBOARDING THAT ARE EASIER THAN OTHERS. HOWEVER, IT TOOK A WHILE TO LEARN HOW TO SKATE WELL. CURRENTLY, MY FAVORITE TRICK IS THE 'VARIABLE HEEL FLIP BODY VARIAL,' AND THAT'S NOT EVEN TO THE LEVEL OF PROFESSIONAL SKATERS."

EVEN TALENTED SKATERS MESS UP NOW AND THEN. FOR LEFLER, WHO HAS BEEN SKATING FOR ALMOST SIX YEARS, ACCIDENTS

ARE COMMONPLACE, AND EVEN HUMOROUS.

"WHEN I FIRST ATTEMPTED TO LAUNCH A QUARTER PIPE, I AIRED A FIVE FOOT RAMP BUT FORGOT TO KEEP THE BOARD UNDER MY FEET. I WAS FOUR FEET HIGHER THAN THE RAMP WHEN I FELL. IF THAT WASN'T BAD ENOUGH, THE SKATEBOARD LANDED, HITTING ME IN THE FACE. I LAUGHED IT OFF, THOUGH."

BECAUSE SCHOOL AND HIS BAND ARE IMPORTANT INFLUENCES IN LEFLER'S LIFE, HE FINDS IT HARD TO FIT SKATEBOARDING INTO HIS SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, LEFLER WON'T GIVE UP.

"ONCE YOU DEVELOP A PASSION FOR SOMETHING, DON'T LOSE IT. SKATING IS BOTH FUN AND WORTHWHILE; BUT, IF YOU DON'T HAVE PASSION, THERE IS NO WAY THAT YOU WILL EVER BE ABLE TO SUCCEED."

JESSICA GRABERT, '06

# A Lifelong Passion

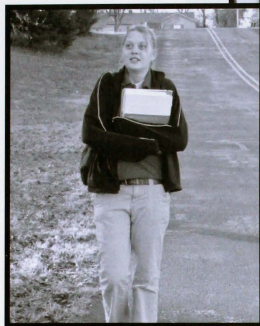


To the left, junior Jared Lefler prepares to turn before completing a ramp run. Lefler typically practices at Lamasco Skate Park. Photo provided by: Jared Lefler

Lefler raises his arms, attempting to keep balance as he grinds on the rail. Grinding is one of many tricks that Lefler has dedicated his practice time to. Photo provided by: Jared Lefler

Below, Lefler prepares to practice by warming up on the smaller ramps located within Lamasco Skate Park. Lefler often warms up to prepare for the day. Photo provided by: Jared Lefler





Sophomore Samantha Montgomery trudges down the hill one morning before school. Because parking passes are scarce, many sophomores are forced to park at the top of the hill.

Photo by: Allison Probert



Above, sophomore Maria Nelson buys a parking pass from Mrs. Kathy Scott. One of the nicest things about getting a license is the freedom of not having to be picked up and dropped off by parents. Photo by: Allison Probert.

To the right, sophomores Katie Reddington and Samantha Montgomery admire Christie Kelley's new license. Even though it is just a piece of plastic, many hours of practice and worry are spent to receive it.

Photo by: Allison Probert



# Road Rules

WHEN SOPHOMORES ARE ASKED WHAT THEY ARE MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO DURING THE YEAR, THEY WILL PROBABLY SAY LEARNING HOW TO DRIVE. THE INDEPENDENCE THAT GOES ALONG WITH GETTING THEIR LICENSE IS DAUNTING YET EXHILARATING.

"I DON'T HAVE TO RELY ON MY PARENTS TO TAKE ME WHERE I NEED AND WANT TO GO," SAID SARAH LUIGS, WHO WILL BE RECEIVING HER LICENSE IN APRIL OF 2006 AFTER A LONG AND BRUTAL WAIT.

MOST SOPHOMORES WOULD AGREE THAT RECEIVING THEIR LICENSE GIVES THEM A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND HELPS THE NEW DRIVERS FEEL MORE MATURE.

"IT MAKES ME FEEL MORE LIKE AN ADULT BECAUSE MY PARENTS ARE GIVING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK OUT FOR MYSELF," COM-

MENTED JEREMY KISSEL.

HOWEVER, WITH RESPONSIBILITY COMES ACCOUNTABILITY. MANY STUDENTS FEAR THE REPERCUSSIONS OF GETTING A SPEEDING TICKET OR WRECKING BECAUSE OF POOR DRIVING AND CARELESSNESS.

"I AM SCARED TO GET MY LICENSE," SAID KISSEL. "IF I GET IN A WRECK, MY PARENTS WILL KILL ME."

BEGINNING TO DATE AND BEING ABLE TO ACTUALLY "GO OUT" IS ANOTHER WAY SOPHOMORES FEEL AS IF THEY ARE FINALLY REACHING THE ADULT WORLD.

A VERY LARGE OBSTACLE WITH RECEIVING A LICENSE AND CAR OF THEIR OWN IS THE EXTREMELY HIGH GAS PRICES. BOTH KISSEL AND LUIGS SAID THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO GET A JOB TO HELP PAY TO KEEP THEIR CARS FILLED UP AND

RUNNING PROPERLY. LUIGS WILL BE DRIVING A 1999 BUICK. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT HER DREAM CAR, A LOADED MINI COOPER, SHE IS VERY EXCITED TO GET HER LICENSE BECAUSE OF, "THE FREEDOM IN GENERAL WITH HAVING A LICENSE...I WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO LISTEN TO ANY MUSIC I WANT."

JEREMY KISSEL WILL NOT BE GETTING A '95 DODGE VIPER LIKE HE WANTS. INSTEAD, HE WILL GET A '93 PLYMOUTH ACCLAIM. HE AGREES WITH LUIGS THAT HE IS EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO GO WHERE HE WANTS WHENEVER HE WANTS TO.

ALL SOPHOMORES SLOWLY CONTINUE TO BECOME MORE LIKE ADULTS BY GETTING LICENSES TO DRIVE. THIS HELPS THEM REACH ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING PINNACLES THAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPERIENCE.

KENDRA SCHELLER, '06

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Short  
Logan C.  
Slaton





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Olivia A. Steinback  
William M. Stephan  
Martha A. Stoltz  
Jared D. Stratman



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Emily R. Tenbarg  
Joseph D. Tenbarg  
Michael J. Tepool



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Jacob S. Tison  
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Colin B. Wagner  
Elizabeth K. Wagner



Celia J. Wannemuehler  
Kyla E. Wargel  
Logan J. Weaver  
Alex E. Weinzapfel  
Mackenzie N. Weinzapfel



Pamela J. Weinzapfel  
Sara C. Weinzapfel  
Sherilyn M. Weinzapfel  
Deidre L. Weis  
Brittany L. Wicks



Kayla S. Wildeman  
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Lindsey C. Will  
Jordan M. Willis  
Amy E. Wolf



Anthony W. Wolf  
Joshua C. Zeller  
Kelsey R. Zenthoefer  
Samantha J. Zenthoefer

# Juniors

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John C. Alldredge  
Jordan C. Bartek  
Nicholas Baumgart  
Alexandria C. Bigge



Zachary R. Bittner  
Hannah E. Boots  
Jennifer L. Born  
Cody M. Brandenstein  
Jesse W. Bush



Rachel A. Buskavitz  
Adam J. Butts  
Gregory R. Cardin  
Cory J. Carr  
Michael G. Cervone



Ian E. Collignon  
Nicholas J. Dewig  
Christopher W. Dewitt  
Kyle T. Douglas  
Alexander J. Echele



Mitchell A. Eickhoff  
Jonathan J. Elpers  
Shaun A. Elsner  
Christopher M. Emmert  
Frank J. Fabiano



IMAGINE SPENDING TWO WEEKS OF SUMMER VACATION AT A CAMP SHADOWING DOCTORS, LISTENING TO LECTURES, TOURING MEDICAL SCHOOLS, AND WITNESSING SURGERIES. FOR SOME, THESE ACTIVITIES SOUND LIKE A WASTE OF TIME, BUT FOR THREE MATER DEI STUDENTS, THIS "CAMP" WAS THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME. SENIORS KATIE FUNKE AND KATIE SCHELLER AND JUNIOR ANDY WALKER ATTENDED THE HEALTH SCIENCE INSTITUTE (HSI), A TWO-WEEK PROGRAM HELD AT DEACONESS HOSPITAL THAT GIVES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE FIELD OF MEDICINE.

"UNLIKE MOST JOBS, IT'S HARD TO JOB SHADOW SOMEONE IN THE MEDICAL FIELD BECAUSE OF ALL THE RESTRICTIONS HEALTH PROFESSIONALS HAVE TO FOLLOW," SAID WALKER. "HOWEVER, HSI ALLOWED ME TO DO THAT."

BEFORE ATTENDING HSI, FUNKE, SCHELLER, AND WALKER ALL HAD A RELATIVELY SPECIFIC CAREER IN MIND. AFTER TWO WEEKS, ONLY ONE IN THREE HAD A CHANGE OF HEART.

"BEFORE I WENT TO HSI, I WANTED TO BE A PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER," SCHELLER SAID. "BUT AFTER VISITING THE PEDIATRIC UNIT, I DECIDED THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO BE IN A PROFESSION THAT DEALT SOLELY WITH SICK KIDS. I CHANGED MY CAREER PATH TO BECOME AN EMERGENCY ROOM NURSE."

JOB IN THE MEDICAL FIELD ARE NOT FOR THOSE WITH WEAK STOMACHS. DURING THE TWO-WEEK ROTATIONS, FUNKE, SCHELLER, AND WALKER SAW THINGS SUCH AS LIVE BIRTHS, HEART SURGERIES, COLONOSCOPIES, SPINAL SURGERIES, AND CADAVERS.

"I SAW IT ALL, CADAVERS, BLOOD, SU-

CIDAL PEOPLE, AND STROKE VICTIMS. THE BEST PART OF HSI, THOUGH, WAS DEFINITELY THE SIX-HOUR OPEN HEART SURGERY," WALKER SAID.

AFTER TWO WEEKS, THE STUDENTS DISCOVERED MANY THINGS ABOUT MEDICINE AND EVEN THEMSELVES THAT THEY WOULDN'T OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO.

"I DISCOVERED THAT I REALLY LIKED TALKING ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE PATIENTS ABOUT THEIR LIVES AND INTERESTS," SAID FUNKE. "IT MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WAS MAKING THEIR HOSPITAL STAY MORE ENJOYABLE AND TOLERABLE."

ALTHOUGH THE HEALTH SCIENCE INSTITUTE STOLE TWO WEEKS OF FUNKE, SCHELLER, AND WALKER'S SUMMER VACATIONS, ALL THREE DISCOVERED VALUABLE LESSONS THAT WILL BENEFIT THEM IN THE FUTURE.

KAYLEY WILL, '06

# Pursuing Paths



Junior Andy Walker inserts a catheter into a prosthetic arm at the IUPUI medical facility. In his first week at HSI, Walker also toured the veterinary buildings at the Purdue University campus and the cadaver lab at Indiana University. Photo provided by: Katie Funke



Senior Katie Funke gets a hands-on surgical experience while practicing with laparoscopic instruments at the IUPUI medical facility. Funke's experience at HSI confirmed her dream of becoming a cardiovascular or neurosurgeon. Photo provided by: Katie Funke

Junior Andy Walker saws through a cast on a prosthetic arm during a demonstration at Deaconess Hospital. During his two-week stay at the hospital, Walker listened to many lectures from medical field professionals and witnessed a six-hour open heart surgery. Photo provided by: Katie Funke

Senior Christy McMillan trots her horse, Cici, during the 4H competition. For competitions, McMillan gives Cici a bath, paints her hooves, and packs supplies, like feed and brushes.

Photo provided by: Jeannie Wildeman

Junior Krista Wildeman jumps her horse, Selene, in the equine competition, where she received first place.

Wildeman attends riding lessons at Santiago Stables, where she works on posture and jumping.

Photo provided by: Jeannie Wildeman

Christy McMillan trots around the arena during a competition, where she received many first place awards. McMillan and Cici were judged on McMillan's posture, leading, and on Cici's performance.

Photo provided by: Jeannie Wildeman



## Blazin' the Trail

**S**ENIOR CHRISTY McMILLAN AND JUNIOR KRISTA WILDEMAN HAVE BLAZED NEW TRAILS ON HORSEBACK FOR MANY YEARS.

McMILLAN HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH HORSES SINCE SHE WAS SIX MONTHS OLD. HER PARENTS WERE BOTH INVOLVED WITH HORSES FOR AS LONG AS SHE CAN REMEMBER. "MY MOTHER GOT ME INVOLVED; SHE WAS A TRAINER IN THE EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM AT MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY."

OVER THE PAST SEVENTEEN YEARS, McMILLAN HAS WON HUNDREDS OF RIBBONS AND TROPHIES. "I WON MY FIRST BLUE RIBBON WHEN I WAS SIX MONTHS OLD IN THE STICKHORSE CLASS. I COULD NOT WALK THEN, SO MY MOM STUCK A STICK HORSE INTO MY STROLLER AND PUSHED ME AROUND THE ARENA. IT WILL ALWAYS BE MY MOST

MEANINGFUL RIBBON."

WILDEMAN HAS BEEN RIDING HORSES FOR ALMOST SEVEN YEARS, BUT STARTED LESSONS THREE YEARS AGO. "WE'VE HAD HORSES FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, AND I ALWAYS WANTED TO RIDE BECAUSE MY SISTER DID. A FRIEND OF MINE BEGAN TAKING LESSONS, SO I DID TOO. I NOW PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIONS TO IMPROVE MYSELF AND MY HORSE."

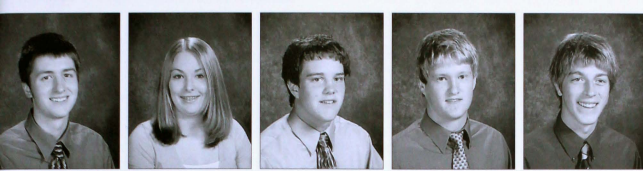
WILDEMAN HAS WON MANY AWARDS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AT THE 4H FAIR. "AT OTHER COMPETITIONS OUTSIDE OF 4H, THE CHALLENGES ARE BIGGER, SO I'VE GOTTEN MORE THIRD PLACES THAN FIRSTS."

BOTH McMILLAN AND WILDEMAN BOARD THEIR HORSES AT SANTIAGO STABLES, OWNED BY McMILLAN'S MOM. McMILLAN'S HORSE IS A SADDLEBRED NAMED CICI. "I TRAIN

AND RIDE HER EVERY DAY." BEFORE HORSE SHOWS, SHE CLIPS HER EARS, NOSE AND JAW, BATHES HER, BRAIDS HER MANE, AND PAINTS HER HOOVES. WILDEMAN HAS A THOROUGHBRED NAMED SELENE. IN ORDER TO BOARD SELENE AT SANTIAGO, KRISTA CLEANS STALLS TWICE A WEEK. "DURING MY LESSONS WITH SELENE, WE WORK ON EQUITATION AND JUMPING."

McMILLAN INTENDS TO BLAZE HER TRAIL TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW FINALS. "I PLAN TO CONTINUE RAISING AND SHOWING SADDLEBREDS, ATTEND AN EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM DURING COLLEGE, AND SHOW AT THE INTERCOLLEGIATE LEVEL." WILDEMAN HOPES TO STUDY EQUINE IN COLLEGE, AND OWN HORSES AFTERWARDS.

LIZ WARGEL, '07



Jacob C. Farny  
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Benjamin E. Fleming  
Matthew R. Folz  
Mitchell J. Funke



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TRAVELING ACROSS THE GLOBE IS A DREAM MANY MATER DEI STUDENTS HOPE TO EXPERIENCE. WITH LIMITED FUNDS, STUDENTS MUST WAIT A FEW YEARS TO FINANCE THESE LOFTY PLANS. HOWEVER, STUDENTS CAN SOAK UP VARIOUS CULTURES IN THE HALLWAYS THEY HAVE WALKED CONSISTENTLY. MATER DEI HOSTS MANY EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE. THIS YEAR, TWO STAYED FOR THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, IZUMI (IZZY) HARUYAMA AND CHISATO FUJITA, BOTH FROM JAPAN.

"I DECIDED TO BECOME AN EXCHANGE STUDENT BECAUSE I WANT TO GROW UP, KNOW AND EXPERIENCE NEW THINGS, AND I WANT TO STEP UP MY ENGLISH," SAID FUJITA.

BOTH HARUYAMA AND FUJITA HAVE HAD TO ADAPT TO MANY DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF LIFE, RANGING FROM A SIZE LARGE IN JAPAN BEING A

SIZE SMALL HERE TO A COMPLETE CHANGE OF DIET AND NUTRITION TO HOW THE TEACHERS TREAT THE STUDENTS. THESE CHANGES CAN BE A LITTLE INTIMIDATING, BUT FOR THE MOST PART, THEY JUST TAKE PATIENCE OF THE EXCHANGE STUDENT AS WELL AS THE ENGLISH STUDENT.

"I CAN'T SPEAK ENGLISH VERY WELL. I WANT TO TALK MORE AND MORE," SAID HARUYAMA.

MANY MATER DEI STUDENTS HAVE EAGERLY WELCOMED THE GIRLS TO SPEND TIME WITH THEM ON WEEKENDS, AND BOTH HARUYAMA AND FUJITA HAVE ENJOYED THE EXPERIENCES AND NEW FRIENDS THEY HAVE MADE.

"MY FAVORITE PART IS MAKING FRIENDS, EATING, FOOTBALL, BONFIRES, BARBEQUE, AND PARTIES," SAID HARUYAMA.

STILL, WITH ALL THESE WONDERFUL

EXPERIENCES COMES A SLIGHT LONGING FOR THE COMFORTS AND COMPANIONSHIP OF THEIR HOMES AND THE EASE WITHOUT LANGUAGE BARRIERS TO DICTATE HOW THEY COMMUNICATE.

"I MISS TO PLAY AFTER SCHOOL WITH MY FRIENDS," SAID FUJITA.

THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF ADAPTING TO SHOCKING CHANGES IS TO SLOWLY TAKE IT IN WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

"JUST DO IT," FUJITA SAID WHEN ASKED HOW SHE BEGAN TO ADAPT TO AMERICAN LIFESTYLES AND CUSTOMS.

BECAUSE OF THESE NEW FACES AND EXPOSURE TO DIFFERENT CULTURES THAT REPRESENT A VARIETY OF CULTURES, STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL.

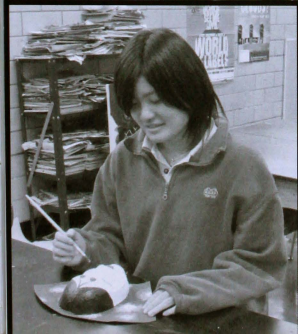
ALLISON PROBERT, '06

# Exchanging Perspectives



Junior Emily Huff assists Chisato Fujita with math homework before finals. Fujita relied on many students to explain the work a little slower so she could understand.

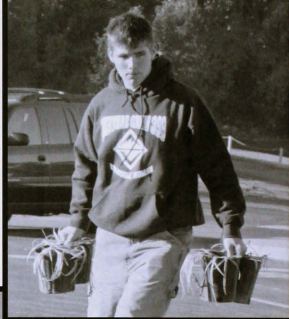
Photo by: Allison Probert.



Above, exchange students Izzy Haruyama and Chisato Fujita share their pictures with senior Ben Dausman during the Halloween Dance. Haruyama and Fujita both wore traditional Japanese kimonos as their costumes. Photo by: Allison Probert

Izzy Haruyama finishes her art project during class. Haruyama has always enjoyed art and was excited that she could take the class while at Mater Dei. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

Senior Alex Topper contemplates where to plant some greenery for his Eagle Scout project. Topper, a 12 year Boy Scout member, is working on landscaping the tear-drop for his award.  
Photo by: Kayley Will



Senior Rosanna Sartore, one of Brownie Troop 120's leaders, helps the troop complete a Colors and Shapes Try-It. A leader's job is to assist the girls in completing Try-Its that allow them to experience different aspects of scouting, from outdoor activities to crafts to leadership skills. Photo by: Breanna Sartore

At the 50th annual National Girl Congress, seniors Katie Funke and Hannah Wannemuehler complete a Teen Jam activity. Different activities were completed to help the girls meet other scouts from across the country. Photo provided by: Hannah Wannemuehler



# Scouting for Success

IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO HEAR OF SOMEONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN A SPORT FOR MORE THAN FIVE OR SIX YEARS. HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE SURPRISING TO HEAR OF THEIR CLASSMATES WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN BOY OR GIRL SCOUTS FOR JUST AS LONG.

SENIOR DAN BAUMGART HAS PARTICIPATED IN BOY SCOUTS FOR SIX YEARS. AS A MEMBER OF TROOP 399, HE ATTENDS MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY AT SACRED HEART.

"I JOINED SCOUTS BECAUSE I ENJOY CAMPING AND SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS," BAUMGART SAID. "TROOP 399 IS KNOWN AS THE 'RIVER RATS' BECAUSE WE SPEND A LARGE AMOUNT OF OUR TIME PRACTICING CANOEING SKILLS, SKIING, AND WHITEWATER RAFTING. WE ALSO REPEL FROM CLIFFS, EXPLORE CAVES, AND PRACTICE LAND

NAVIGATION."

JUNIORS MARGARET STOLTZ AND EMMA STEPHENS HAVE BOTH BEEN PARTICIPATING IN GIRL SCOUTS AT SAINT PHILIP SINCE FIRST GRADE. IN GIRL SCOUTS, STOLTZ AND STEPHENS LEARN AND DISCUSS MANY DIFFERENT ISSUES.

"THERE ARE SO MANY PROGRAMS, CONVENTIONS, AND ACTIVITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN," STEPHENS EXPLAINED. "WE DISCUSS WOMEN IN SOCIETY, COLLEGE, JOBS, POLITICS, DISORDERS, TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN."

SENIOR ROSANNA SARTORE PARTICIPATED IN GIRL SCOUTS FROM FIRST TO SIXTH GRADE AND RECENTLY REJOINED TO BECOME A SENIOR SCOUT LEADER AT HOLY REDEEMER. SARTORE CHOSE TO BECOME A LEADER TO GAIN EXPERIENCE FOR HER FUTURE.

"NOW THAT I'VE REJOINED, I HAVE

REALLY SHARPENED MY LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS," SAID SARTORE. "SINCE I WANT TO TEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BEING A LEADER IS A HUGE OPPORTUNITY THAT WILL HOPEFULLY GIVE ME AN ADVANTAGE WHEN I AM A NEW, INEXPERIENCED TEACHER."

THERE ARE MANY REASONS THESE STUDENTS HAVE REMAINED IN SCOUTS FOR SO LONG.

"BEING IN SCOUTS LOOKS GREAT ON A COLLEGE RESUME AND JOB APPLICATIONS. YOU ALSO GET TO EXPERIENCE SO MANY THINGS THAT YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WITH ANYTHING ELSE," STOLTZ CONCLUDED.

SCOUTING, LIKE SPORTS, OFFERS NUMEROUS LIFE LESSONS AND MEMORIES, NO MATTER HOW LONG ONE PARTICIPATES.

KAYLEY WILL, '06





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# Wind Through Her Hair

**S**LEEK, SUAVE, DANGEROUS, EXCITING. THESE WORDS ARE NOT USUALLY RELATED TO PROFESSIONALS WHO TEACH; HOWEVER, SOMETIMES IT'S WEEKEND HOBBIES THAT SURPRISE PEOPLE. DEBBIE HATON, WHO TEACHES UPPER LEVEL MATH CLASSES AT MATER DEI, SPENDS MANY ENJOYABLE WEEKENDS MOTORCYCLING WITH HER HUSBAND.

HATON, WHO BEGAN MOTORCYCLING AFTER COLLEGE, GIVES HER HUSBAND CREDIT FOR HER PASSION.

"MY HUSBAND AND I STARTED MOTORCYCLING IN THE EARLY YEARS OF OUR MARRIAGE. WE STOPPED FOR AWHILE, BUT PICKED THE HABIT UP AGAIN ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE BOUGHT A MOTORCYCLE. BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL IN CONTROL, I DON'T LIKE RIDING ON THE BACK. I TOLD HIM THAT IF HE WANTED ME TO RIDE WITH HIM, HE'D HAVE TO BUY ME ONE, TOO," SAID HATON.

THE SPORT IS NOT WITHOUT MISHAPS; HATON HAS WRECKED HER BIKE ONCE (IT WASN'T A SERIOUS INCIDENT) AND CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE TO HER BIKE NUMEROUS TIMES. THE BIG DANGER, HOWEVER, IS CARS.

"I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT IT IS ABOUT CARS," SAID HATON. "THEY MUST NOT SEE MOTORCYCLISTS OR THINK THAT WE ARE STUNT PEOPLE CAPABLE OF ALL KINDS OF ODD TRICKS. AT ONE POINT, I WAS ALMOST HIT BY A CAR. NOW, I KEEP MY EYES PEELED AT ALL TIMES."

BECAUSE MOTORCYCLE WRECKS OFTEN END IN CALAMITY, HATON ADVISES NEW RIDERS TO TAKE A SAFETY COURSE BEFORE HITTING THE ROAD.

"INDIANA OFFERS SAFETY COURSES FOR

PEOPLE INTERESTED IN MOTORCYCLING. THE CLASSES RUN FOR A WEEKEND, BEGINNING ON A FRIDAY EVENING AND RUNNING THROUGH SUNDAY. THE CLASSES ARE RUN AT WHIRLPOOL AND TEACH COURSE SAFETY. THEY ALSO GIVE GREAT RIDING TIPS. I WOULD UNQUESTIONABLY RECOMMEND IT," SAID HATON.

IF YOU EVER SEE A GOLD 2001 HARLEY SPORTSTER ON THE ROAD, CHANCES ARE IT'S DEBBIE HATON. FOR HER, MOTORCYCLING IS ABOUT FUN AND RELAXATION.

"CRUISING DOWN A ROAD IS A REALLY NEAT EXPERIENCE. I LOVE FEELING THE WIND BLOWING THROUGH MY HAIR," SAID HATON. "BUT PART OF ME IS ALWAYS ON EDGE, SCARED, EXCITED BY THE CHANCES I'M TAKING AND THE POSSIBILITIES THAT COULD OCCUR."

JESSICA GRABERT, '06



Above, Haton prepares for her ride by checking the bike's many gauges. To the left, Haton dons protective gear. Remaining safe is an important aspect of motorcycling. Below left, Haton shines her Harley Sportster before taking it out for a joy ride. Since she loves motorcycling, she takes the time to take excellent care of her bike. Photos provided by: Mrs. Debbie Haton



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# Daring Diversions



Mr. Dan Becker completes an Eskimo roll on the St. Francis River in Mississippi. He considers an Eskimo roll to be one of the most difficult but necessary skills to master while paddling a kayak on whitewater rivers. Photo provided by: Dan Becker

**M**ANY STUDENTS HAVE SEEN MR. BECKER'S TRUCK IN THE PARKING LOT, PATIENTLY HAULING KAYAKING EQUIPMENT ALL WEEK IN ANTICIPATION OF AN EVENTFUL TRIP THE NEXT WEEKEND. HOWEVER, FEW STUDENTS KNOW THE MANY DETAILS OF HIS DARING EXPEDITIONS.

BECKER BEGAN KAYAKING ALMOST THIRTY YEARS AGO BECAUSE OF A BOOK ENTITLED "DELIVERANCE" WHICH DESCRIBES WHITEWATER ADVENTURES THAT INSPIRED HIM TO HAVE ADVENTURES OF HIS OWN. BECKER BOLDLY ACCEPTED THE DARE AND HASN'T LOOKED BACK SINCE.

"KAYAKING IS THE MOST EXCITING ADVENTURE OF MY LIFE. WHEN I NEED TO ESCAPE FROM LIFE'S TENSIONS, I NEED ONLY TO THROW MY KAYAK IN THE TRUCK AND HEAD FOR THE RIVER; THE THRILL OF SKILLFULLY NAVIGATING THROUGH CRASHING WHITEWATER IS ADDICTIVE," BECKER SAID.



With his paddle raised in celebration, Mr. Dan Becker reaches the end of the Ocoee River in Tennessee. Parts of the Ocoee River are class III, while other parts are class IV. These classes are considered to be intermediate and advanced levels, which are not suitable for the faint of heart. Photo provided by: Dan Becker

Mr. Dan Becker concentrates on paddling down the Little River in East Tennessee. When sharing stories of his kayaking adventures with his classes, he always makes sure to note that kayaking can be a dangerous sport, so full concentration is necessary for safety. Photo provided by: Dan Becker

BECKER'S MANY DARING ADVENTURES INCLUDE PADDLING THE GRAND CANYON AND EVEN PARTICIPATING IN HALLOWEEN CONTESTS, WHERE CONTESTANTS DRESS IN COSTUME WHILE KAYAKING. HOWEVER, HIS FAVORITE DESTINATION IS THE GAULEY RIVER IN THE MOUNTAINS OF WEST VIRGINIA. "THE GAULEY CANYON IS AN AMAZING SIGHT TO SEE, AND THE RIVER THAT FLOWS THROUGH IT CONTAINS EXCITING AND CHALLENGING WORLD CLASS WHITEWATER." THERE IS EVEN AN ANNUAL GAULEY WHITEWATER FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION, WHERE "BOATERS COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO PADDLE THE RIVER AND CELEBRATE THE SPORT OF WHITEWATER RAFTING TOGETHER." BECKER HAS MADE MANY FRIENDS AT THIS FESTIVAL, AS WELL AS OTHER PLACES ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. "HE EVEN STILL PADDLES THE LOCAL OHIO VALLEY WHITEWATER CLUB THAT HE BEGAN BOATING WITH WHEN HE TOOK UP THE SPORT OF KAYAKING MANY YEARS AGO.

HOWEVER, KAYAKING OFFERS MORE THAN LONG-LASTING FRIENDSHIPS. TAKING ON CHALLENGES AND PUSHING HIMSELF TO THE LIMIT IS REALLY WHAT THE SPORT IS ALL ABOUT. "PADDLING THE COLORADO RIVER'S WORLD CLASS RAPIDS THROUGH THE ENTIRE GRAND CANYON IS PROBABLY MY GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT. I DID IT IN 1987, AND I PLAN TO RETURN NEXT YEAR FOR ANOTHER GO."

SO NEXT TIME YOU SPOT MR. BECKER'S TRUCK PACKED FULL OF KAYAKING EQUIPMENT IN THE PARKING LOT, REMEMBER ALL THE DETAILS OF HIS DARING SPORT. AS BECKER HIMSELF SAYS, "I LEAD AN EXCITING LIFE, AND A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT."

ROSANNA SARTORE, '06



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 Cora Ritchie  
 Stephen Rode



Rose Rogge  
 Tonya Schenk  
 Robert Schleiter  
 Debra Schorr  
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 Angela Strehl  
 Dennis Thomas  
 Jeanne Thomas  
 Dominic Thompson



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 Lee Ann Ulrich  
 Joan Vickery  
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Sarah Wagner  
 Toni Wallace  
 Dave Wathen  
 Kathy Weber  
 Molly Weber



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 Sr. Mary Francis Williams  
 Rick Wilson

# Involve

**W**e all know the students, the ones who are always leaving to participate in an activity they are involved in, the ones who can squeeze anything important into their schedules if it is needed, the involved ones. Many students don't quite understand the involved ones; they don't know why others waste their time with so many activities with no expectation of recognition.

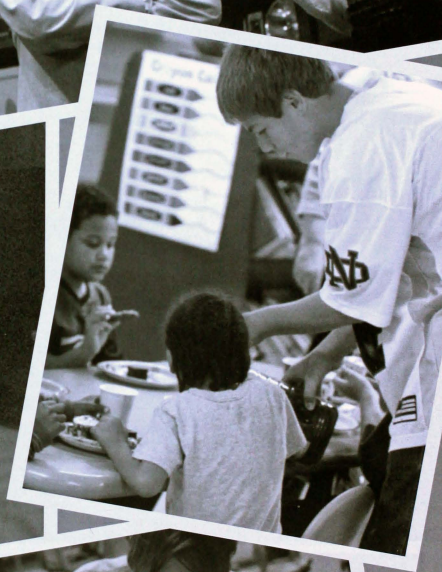
*Their involvement goes beyond the façade of appearing well-rounded for colleges or scholarships. These students desire to work and participate in anything that interests them. They are determined to impact their world and school by hanging posters, presenting at thought-provoking events, or simply standing out in the crowd.*

*These students actually choose to involve themselves. No solicitation roped them in, no gimmick persuaded them; if anything, they convinced themselves. To them, time is not spent properly unless it is used working towards something or for something. Their time belongs to them; they freely choose to give it away. And for that we are all grateful.*

*Allison Probert '06*







Senior Adam Lambert jokes around with a child during a Halloween party at St. John's Daycare. The Service Club members enjoyed this party because it allowed them to have fun while bringing smiles to the children's faces.

Photo by: Brittney Miller

Senior Ben Lasher laughs as he handles the food he is carrying into the food bank. Lasher always enjoys volunteering at the food bank because he has a good time while helping others.

Photo by: Lauren Austin



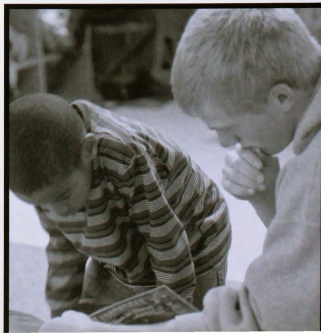
Senior Laura Mesker leads a game at the St. John's Halloween Party. Mesker was the Service Club president.

Photo by: Brittney Miller



Senior Logan Schiff volunteers at a daycare for service club. Schiff and other members of the club gladly give of their time and talents.

Photo by: Brittney Miller



# Kindness Counts

AS FRESHMEN COME INTO MATER DEI, SENIORS ALWAYS GIVE THEM ADVICE TO GET INVOLVED, GET INVOLVED, GET INVOLVED! MANY MATER DEI STUDENTS HAVE TAKEN THAT ADVICE AND JOINED MANY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES THAT HELP ENRICH THEIR HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE. FROM PEER MENTORS AND STUDENT MENTORS TO MEMBERS OF SERVICE CLUB, THESE ACTIVE STUDENTS HAVE LEARNED TO GIVE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED AT MATER DEI AS WELL AS THOSE OUTSIDE THE CONFINES OF OUR BUILDING.

"I'M ALWAYS THE ONE MY FRIENDS CALL WHEN THEY JUST NEED TO TALK OR NEED SOLUTIONS TO THEIR PROBLEMS," SAID JUNIOR LIZ WARGEL, A MEMBER OF PEER MEDIATION AND SERVICE CLUB FOR THREE YEARS.

MANY MEMBERS HAVE USED PERSONAL EXPERIENCES TO HELP OTHERS.

"WE HELP STUDENTS WHEN THEY

HAVE PROBLEMS WITH OTHERS. SOMETIMES SOLUTIONS ARE EASY TO FIND, BUT SOMETIMES I THINK ABOUT MY PAST ARGUMENTS AND ASK FOR OTHERS' OPINIONS," SAID WARGEL.

ANOTHER GROUP IS THE FRESHMAN MENTORS, WHO CONTACT ASSIGNED FRESHMEN OVER THE SUMMER. THE SENIORS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND GET TO KNOW THE INCOMING FRESHMEN. THE MENTORS ALSO GIVE THE FRESHMEN A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL SO THAT THEY KNOW WHERE THEIR CLASSROOMS ARE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

"AS A STUDENT MENTOR, MY RESPONSIBILITIES ARE HELPING STUDENTS TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE," SAID SENIOR BRANDEN CLEMENTS. THE FRESHMEN GREATLY BENEFIT FROM THE HELP OF THE UPPERCLASSMEN.

"I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GREAT

WAY TO GET TO MEET FRESHMEN AND TO HELP THEM WITH THINGS I WAS CONFUSED ABOUT AT THEIR AGE," SAID SENIOR KAYLEY WILL.

WILL GAVE THE FRESHMEN VALUABLE ADVICE. "BE YOURSELF AND GET INVOLVED EARLY. YOU MIGHT THINK YOUR SENIOR YEAR IS A LONG WAY OFF, BUT IT WILL FLY, SO ENJOY EVERYTHING."

THE SERVICE CLUB GIVES THEIR TIME TO HELP THOSE OUTSIDE OF MATER DEI BY VOLUNTEERING AT SOUP KITCHENS AND DONATING FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED.

THE SERVICE CLUB HAS MANY MEMBERS FROM ALL GRADES AND IS LED BY MS. VICKERY AND MRS. BERBERICH.

"I GET GREAT SATISFACTION FROM HELPING OTHER PEOPLE, AND SEEING IT IN THE FACES OF OUR STUDENTS ALSO MAKES ME HAPPY," SAID VICKERY.

MCKENZIE WILLIAMS '07



Junior Liz Wargel checks to see if she will mediate a conflict in Mrs. Mitchell's room. Wargel and other peer mediators checked weekly to see if their service was needed.  
Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Juniors Tyler Rust and Brian Pigman haul boxes of food to the food bank. Many students get a great workout while lifting all the heavy boxes.  
Photo by: Lauren Austin



Service Club sponsor Ms. Joan Vickery folds up a box while supervising at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. Each year, students volunteer at the food bank, helping to unload trucks and stock shelves.  
Photo by: Lauren Austin

WHILE EVERY STUDENT EXPERIENCES THE TYPICAL CLASS FILLED WITH NOTES AND LECTURES, SOME GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM. THESE CLASSES GIVE STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO GROW, LEARN, AND NURTURE THEIR TALENTS. THEY RANGE FROM T&I TO STUDENT AMBASSADORS TO MINISTRY CLASS.

T&I IS OFFERED TO JUNIORS AND SENIORS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MECHANICS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. T&I IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WANTING HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE TO NURTURE THEIR SKILLS.

"SO FAR, I HAVE LEARNED HOW TO CHANGE BRAKES, PARTS OF THE ENGINE, AND TIRES," SAID JUNIOR MIKE WOLF.

MOST T&I STUDENTS WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER AND BE ABLE TO USE THE SKILLS THEY ACQUIRE WHILE TAKING THIS CLASS.

"THIS CLASS REINFORCES WHAT I KNEW AND TEACHES ME WHAT I STILL NEED TO KNOW," SAID WOLF.

ANOTHER "OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM" EXPERIENCE INCLUDES THE SENIOR STUDENT AMBASSADORS. MOST LOVE THIS CLASS SIMPLY BECAUSE IT GIVES SENIORS A CONNECTION WITH THEIR CHURCHES AND GRADE SCHOOLS.

"I LOVE GIVING BACK TO MY SCHOOL," SAID SENIOR BEN DAUSMAN. "IT'S SO EASY TO BECOME INVOLVED, AND PEOPLE LOVE YOUR HELP."

EVERYONE WHO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A STUDENT AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT THEY RECEIVE A GREAT DEAL OF SATISFACTION FROM THEIR

WORK SITE.

"THEY REALLY LOOK UP TO US, AND IT GIVES YOU A GREAT SENSE OF IMPORTANCE," SAID SENIOR KENDRA SCHELLER. "BEING A STUDENT AMBASSADOR IS VERY BENEFICIAL."

BEING A PART OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL HAS MANY BENEFITS, ESPECIALLY THE CHANCE TO NURTURE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. TO DO THIS, SENIORS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE MINISTRY CLASS. THEY LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF HELPING OTHERS IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY. MANY OF THE STUDENTS VISIT ST. VINCENT'S DAY CARE AND INTERACT WITH THE CHILDREN.

"THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF MY JOB IS LEAVING THE CHILDREN. EVERY CHILD IN THE DAY CARE HELPS PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE," SAID SENIOR DEREK LAPPE.

EVERYONE GREATLY APPRECIATES THE POWER OF PRAYER AND BENEFITS GREATLY FROM THE PEOPLE THEY MINISTER TO.

"LUCKILY IT HAS IMPACTED MY FAITH LIFE AS WELL AS MY OUTLOOK. EXPERIENCING FAITH IN ACTION IS ONE OF THE BEST ASPECTS OF MINISTRY CLASS," SAID SENIOR ALLISON PROBERT.

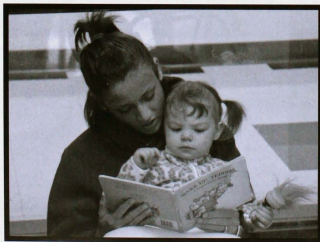
CLASSES SUCH AS THESE ARE A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE. STUDENTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO REMEMBER THE LESSONS THEY LEARNED. IN THE END, THEY ENJOY THEMSELVES, NURTURE THEIR TALENTS, AND HAVE EXPERIENCES THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER.

KIM SPAHN '06



# Nurture Your Talents

Senior Kellyn Murphy reads while she visits her site at St. Vincent's Day Care. Each ministry student is assigned a room and goes there once a week. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Junior Chad Nix works on a car engine while at his T&I class at Central. T&I allows students to train in a field where they work with their hands. Photo by: McKenzie Williams

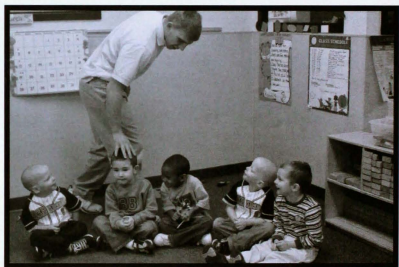




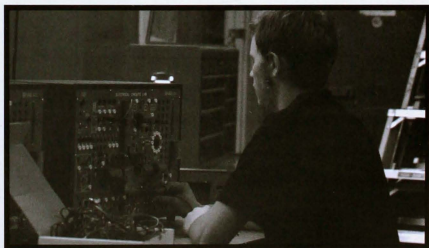
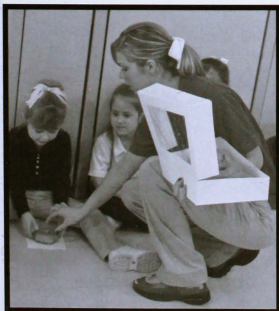
Senior Derek Lappe dares a child to play with him at St. Vincent's Day Care. Lappe is involved in ministry class because he wanted to help his faith life. Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Senior Ben Dausman helps during PE class at Corpus Christi. Dausman is a student ambassador and usually goes to Corpus Christi once a week. Photo by: Kendra Scheller



Senior Jeremy Goebel plays duck, duck, goose with the kids at St. Vincent's Day Care. Goebel enjoys Ministry because he gets to play with the children. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Junior Drew Waldrop works on a project during T&E class. The students can choose from a large variety of areas to have an apprenticeship in. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior Danielle Ellsner hands a donut to a student while on her student ambassador site at Corpus Christi. Each student visits their feeder school and helps out with projects. Photo by: Kendra Scheller

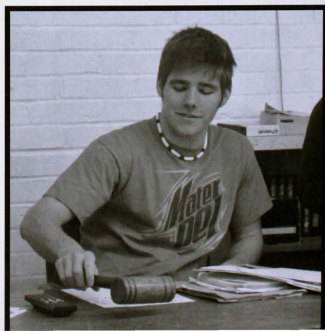
Senior homeroom representative Kim Spain boxes up food to send to the food bank after the Thanksgiving prayer service. The student council made the canned food drive a "War on Hunger." The senior class won the competition. Photo by: Allison Probert

Sophomore Emily Tenberge sells a candygram during lunch a week before Valentine's Day. The student council devised this clever way to send messages to friends as a fundraiser. Photo by: Brittney Miller



Senior Brittney Miller, Mater Dei-ville clerk, is sworn in by Dr. Williams at a special prayer service. Later in the day, Miller swore in the rest of the student council at the inauguration ceremony. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior Alex Topper, judge of Mater Dei-ville, calls a session of court to order. Students who pled innocent received a trial and attorney. The defense attorneys were seniors Andy Niemeier and Ben Yingling, and the prosecuting attorneys were seniors Kelly Muensterman and Jason Wire. Photo by: Brittney Miller



# Serve with Fun

DANCES, SPIRIT DAYS, THE TALENT SHOW, AND MAY DAY ARE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PLANNED AND SPONSORED BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL.

THESE EVENTS PROBABLY CAME TO MIND MOST OFTEN WHEN THINKING OF THE GROUP. HOWEVER, IN ADDITION TO PROMOTING SCHOOL SPIRIT AND FUN, A LARGE PART OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT IS SERVING OTHERS IN THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

"MY FAVORITE PART OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT IS BEING ABLE TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO CHANGE AND BETTER THINGS IN OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY," SAID SOPHOMORE COUNCIL-PERSON-AT-LARGE, KAYLEEN GLASER.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL SERVES THE SCHOOL IN MANY WAYS, BY PROMOTING LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, AND PARTICIPATING IN COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WITH THE FACULTY.

"BY PROVIDING ALL STUDENTS WITH A VOICE IN THE HAPPENINGS OF MATER DEI AND BY PROVIDING PROGRAMMING TO GAUGE INTEREST IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS, THE STUDENT COUNCIL SERVES

THE SCHOOL," SAID SENIOR CO-CLASS PRESIDENT MARK MODESTI.

THE SERVICE SIDE OF THE COUNCIL IS VERY APPARENT IN THE COMMUNITY. WITH ANNUAL PROJECTS SUCH AS THE SOUPER SUPPER FOR RILEY HOSPITAL, ADOPT-A-FAMILY, CANNED FOOD DRIVE, AND RICE BOWL COLLECTIONS, HELP IS PROVIDED TO THOSE IN NEED.

"IN ADDITION TO OUR ANNUAL SERVICE PROJECTS, THE COUNCIL LOOKS FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OTHERS IN NEED," SAID GLASER. "THIS YEAR, WE ASSISTED THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA, THE TORNADO VICTIMS, AND THE STREHL FAMILY."

SERVING OTHERS BY COLLECTING MONEY AND VOLUNTEERING TIME AND TALENTS GIVES COUNCIL MEMBERS A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.

"IT FEELS GREAT TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING MY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY," SAID SENIOR VARIOUS BRANDEN CLEMENTS. "THROUGH OUR MANY PROJECTS, WE POSITIVELY IMPACT OTHERS."

IN ADDITION TO THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE APPOINTED OFFICIALS, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS, FIRE CHIEF, POLICE CHIEF, COMPTROLLER, PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSIONERS, PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICERS, AND SERVICE BOARD HEAD, ALSO HELP SERVE THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY. POLICE OFFICERS PROVIDE A SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL. THESE OFFICIALS HELP WITH COURT SESSIONS, FIRE DRILLS, PARKING TICKETS, FINANCING, BULLETIN BOARDS, AND RECYCLING.

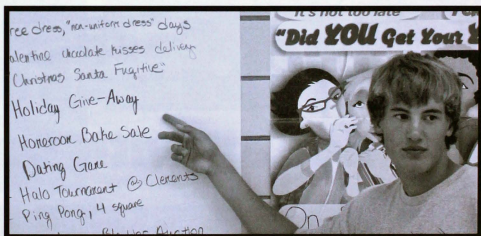
"I'M SERVING THE SCHOOL BY HELPING TO ENFORCE SOME OF THE RULES," SAID SENIOR POLICE CHIEF LUCAS NELSON. "I'M HELPING TO MAKE IT FAIR FOR THOSE WHO OBEY THE RULES AND BRING JUSTICE TO THOSE WHO BREAK THEM."

WHEN THINKING ABOUT STUDENT GOVERNMENT, MOST STUDENTS OVERLOOK THE POSITIVE IMPACT MADE ON THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE. HOWEVER, THIS GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HELPING HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN NEED EACH YEAR.

BRITNEY MILLER, '06

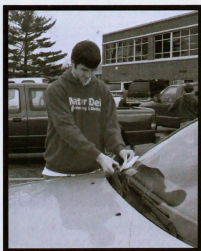


Senior homeroom representative Kayley Will delivers Christmas gifts to the family adopted by her homeroom. The student council made Christmas special for 25 families.  
Photo by: Britney Miller



Senior Branden Clements, Mayor of Mater Dei-ville, leads a discussion at the student council retreat. The retreat was a good opportunity for the council to plan the activities for the year and grow closer together.

Photo by: Britney Miller



Senior Police Chief Lucas Nelson places a parking ticket on an illegally parked car. Police officers and fire wardens, headed by the fire chief, Patrick McKinney, helped make the school safer.

Photo by: Britney Miller

IT HAS BEEN SAID MANY TIMES THAT MATER DEI HAS A DIVERSE ARRAY OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR TEAMS. SCIENCE, HISTORY, INTERDISCIPLINARY, SPELL BOWL, AND MATH ARE SOME OF THE NUMEROUS ACADEMIC TEAMS AVAILABLE.

"WE HAVE A LOT OF STUDYING, ON TOP OF HOMEWORK WE HAVE FROM CLASSES," SAID SENIOR ELLEN WEINZAPFEL. SHE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THESE TEAMS FOR FOUR YEARS AND IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE SCIENCE, HISTORY, AND INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS. THIS YEAR, THE SCIENCE TEAM PLACED FIRST AT THE MATER DEI PRACTICE BOWL.

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOVE STUDYING TO BE ON AN ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM; THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE," SAID WEINZAPFEL.

SENIORS ANDY NIEMEIER AND BEN YINGLING ARE BOTH PART OF THE MATH TEAM. NIEMEIER HAS BEEN ON THE TEAM FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS AND ENJOYS IT BECAUSE HE BELIEVES, "IT'S ANOTHER WAY TO COMPETE AND LEARN NEW INFORMATION, AND IT'S LAID BACK."

MANY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THESE TEAMS BECAUSE THEY ENJOY THE SUBJECT MATTER.

"THE PURPOSE OF SOLVING MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS IS THE ACTIVITY I TAKE PLEASURE IN OVER ANYTHING ELSE," SAID YINGLING. "IT IS ALSO A CHANCE TO LORD MY INTELLIGENCE OVER OTHERS." WHILE HE LIKES BEING A PART OF THE TEAM, YINGLING ADMITTED, "THE PRESSURE TO CONSTANTLY ASSERT MY SUPERIOR MATHEMATICAL APTITUDE OVER ANDREW NIEMEIER IS THE HARDEST PART ABOUT BEING ON THE TEAM."

THE PRESSURE MIGHT BE ON YINGLING, BUT

NIEMEIER SAID THE HARDEST PART FOR HIM IS "KEEPING HIS PENCIL SHARP."

THE SPELL BOWL TEAM IS YET ANOTHER COMPETITIVE TEAM. SENIOR JESSICA GRABERT IS A TWO-YEAR MEMBER OF THE TEAM. "SPELL BOWL IS NOT LIKE A SPELLING BEE WHERE YOU SPELL OUT LOUD," EXPLAINED GRABERT. "INSTEAD, YOU RECEIVE TEN WORDS TO SPELL AND A PROCTOR GRADES YOUR SPELLING." THE SPELL BOWL TEAM ONLY COMPETES ONCE A YEAR.

THE EFFICIENCY CAR TEAM IS ANOTHER ACADEMIC TEAM AT MATER DEI. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TEAM IS TO CREATE A GAS-POWERED CAR THAT PRODUCES THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF MILES PER GALLON BY APPLYING KNOWLEDGE OF AERODYNAMICS AND SCIENCE. SENIOR COREY LANNERT AND FRESHMAN ANDREW RITTER AGREED THAT THE HARDEST ACTIVITY IS THE DRAWING REQUIRED FOR THE COMPETITION.

"DRAWINGS REQUIRE LOTS OF TIME AND DETAIL," SAID RITTER.

THE EFFICIENCY CAR TEAM EVEN COMPETES NATIONALLY AGAINST COLLEGES EVERY YEAR.

"WE HAVE WON THE NATIONAL AND STATE COMPETITION TWICE," SAID LANNERT. "BUT MY FAVORITE PART IS GETTING TO MISS A DAY OF SCHOOL FOR OUR COMPETITIONS."

THERE ARE MANY ACTIVITIES STUDENTS CAN BE A PART OF AT MATER DEI. THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY. AS NIEMEIER SAID, "THE ACADEMIC TEAMS AREN'T ONLY RESERVED FOR NERDS AND GEEKS. IF YOU LIKE THE SUBJECT AREA, JOIN UP."

KENDRA SCHELLER '06



# Studying

## It's not all with books

Seniors Julia Dick, left, and Ellen Weinzapfel, right, as well as sophomore Pam Weinzapfel, concentrate on the next question during the social studies competition. Pam joined the team because her sister Ellen encouraged her to. Photo by: Allison Probert



Junior Andy Walker prepares for the science bowl competition. Walker enjoys science so this was a good way for him to hone his skills.

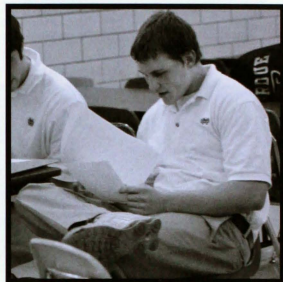
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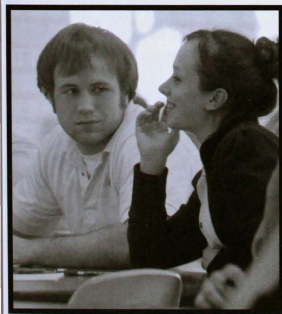
Seniors Andy Niemcier and Ben Yingling try to find the answer to their problem during the math section of the academic super bowl competition at Mater Dei. Photo by: Allison Probert



Junior Alex Vanhooser prepares for his academic competition at the Mater Dei invitational. Vanhooser participates on the academic team because he likes to learn. Photo by: Allison Probert



Sophomore Ben Muensterman crams for the fine arts section of the academic competition with Mrs. Wallace. Muensterman enjoys art and looked forward to learning more about it. Photo by: Allison Probert



Seniors Katie Funke, Ellen Weinzapfel, and Emily Elpers debate over the answer for the science bowl. The science team is led by Mr. Hickman. Photo by: Allison Probert

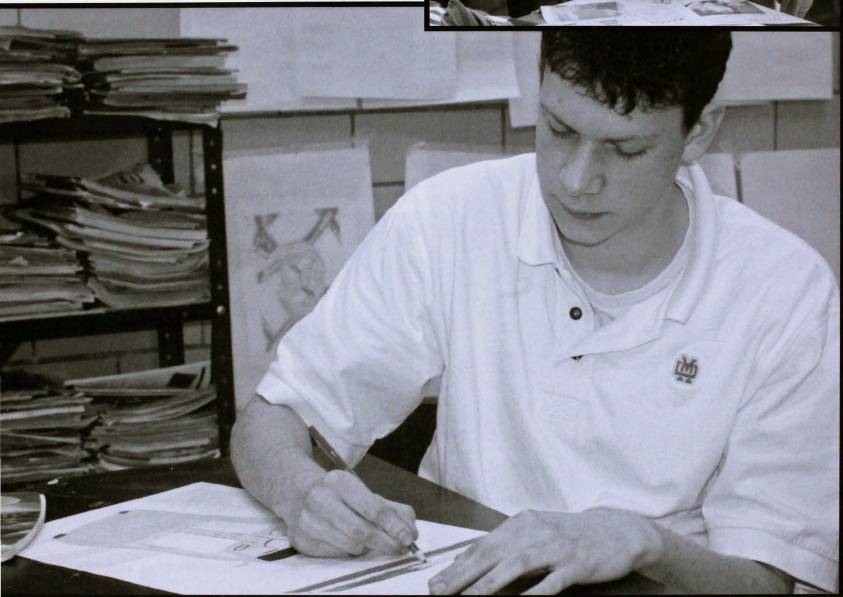
Junior Mackenzie Riggs laughs with senior Jason Wire while they decide the answer to an English question. Both Wire and Riggs enjoy English, so the team was a great way to work on their skills. Photo by: Allison Probert

Below, sophomore Jeremy Muensterman finishes his project for art class. In art, a student must have self-discipline to complete an assigned project.

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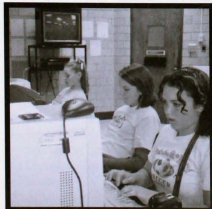
sophomores Alicia Farney, Lauren Grabert, and Samantha Montgomery pour over an old issue of the paper, discussing possibilities for the next issue. The newspaper staff has a goal to improve upon each and every issue.

Staff Photo



sophomores Kendra Scheller, Kayley Will, and Jessica Grabert all work on separate yearbook elements during a class period. Yearbook is a unique class because many different creative and technical elements need to be pulled together to create the finished product. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

Newspaper editor sophomore Maria Nelson takes pictures at a boys' swimming meet. The newspaper and yearbook staffs have to share resources, such as cameras, computers, and even a teacher, to complete both issues to the best of their abilities. Photo by: Allison Probert



# Down 'n' Dirty

IN MOST CLASSES, STUDENTS LEARN FROM AFAR. THEY HAVE BEEN DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET "DOWN AND DIRTY" WITH A PARTICULAR SUBJECT MATTER. HOWEVER, THROUGH NEWSPAPER, YEARBOOK, AND ART CLASSES, STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TRULY HANDS-ON IN EVERY CREATION.

CREATING THE YEARBOOK AND THE QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER TAKES COUNTLESS HOURS OF DEDICATION, PATIENCE, AND HARD WORK. THERE ARE MANY DIVERSE ASPECTS INVOLVED WHEN PRODUCING EACH, BUT WRITING AND PHOTOGRAPHY TEND TO BE THE FAVORITES.

"MY FAVORITE PART OF YEARBOOK IS TAKING PICTURES, BECAUSE I LIKE THE CHALLENGE OF GETTING THE PERFECT SHOT," SAID JUNIOR LIZ WARGEL.

WITH EVERY PICTURE COMES A CAPTION AND A STORY, AND THAT IS WHERE THE WRITERS EMERGE.

"I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED WRITING, SO AUTOMATICALLY I LOVE FINDING NEW FACETS TO

WRITE ON," SAID SENIOR YEARBOOK EDITOR ALLISON PROBERT.

YEARBOOK AND NEWSPAPER CLASSES ARE STRUCTURED DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHER CLASSES; THE MAJORITY OF THE WORK IS SET AROUND A FEW MAJOR DEADLINES, WHICH CAN BE DETRIMENTAL AT TIMES.

"TAKING PICTURES, WRITING COPY, AND DESIGNING LAYOUTS CAN GET VERY STRESSFUL FOR ALL INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS," SAID PROBERT.

HOWEVER, MANY THRIVE UNDER THE STRESS.

"I WORK A LOT WITH THE DESIGN, MAKING LAST-MINUTE CHOICES ON PICTURES AND STORIES," SAID SOPHOMORE NEWSPAPER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF MARIA NELSON. "BUT I LIKE THE PRESSURE OF GETTING THINGS DONE TO MEET THE DEADLINE."

ANOTHER CREATIVE CLASS THAT IS HANDS-ON IS ART. THERE ARE MANY VARIETIES OF ART, BUT NO MATTER THE STYLE, CREATIVITY IS THE KEY.

"COMING UP WITH AN IDEA IS ONE OF THE

HARDEST THINGS," SAID SENIOR LAURA MESKER, WHO HAS BEEN TAKING ART CLASSES SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR. "YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE A SUBJECT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN; A BAD OR BORING IDEA CAN RUIN ANY DRIVE, AND I HATE STARTING OVER."

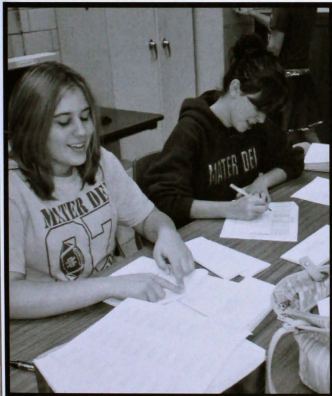
OTHERS SEE DEVELOPING A PROJECT AS AN ENJOYABLE TASK.

"COMING UP WITH AN IDEA IS SIMPLE BECAUSE THERE IS SUCH A VARIETY OF IDEAS TO COMBINE WITH YOUR IMAGINATION," SAID SENIOR KENNY TENBARGE.

YEARBOOK, NEWSPAPER, AND ART CLASSES OFFER STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO FLEX THEIR CREATIVE MUSCLES. HOWEVER, THE FINISHED PRODUCTS ARE NOT ALWAYS COMPLETED FOR PERSONAL GAIN.

"BEING IN YEARBOOK IS REWARDING," SAID SENIOR ROSANNA SARTORE. "EVEN THOUGH THE WORK ISN'T ALWAYS EASY, MY WORK WILL HELP OTHERS REMEMBER THIS YEAR AFTER WE ARE ALL GONE."

KAYLEY WILL '06



Yearbook staff members, juniors McKenzie Williams and Liz Wargel, work on the tedious job of mailing fliers and bills to advertisers. This is one of the least favorite, but most necessary jobs to be done to complete the yearbook.  
Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Sophomore John Busan IV uses colored pencils for a project in Mr. Gills' class. Art class is a nice break in the day because it allows a student to have a creative outlet.  
Photo by: Luke Costlow



Senior yearbook editor Allison Probert discusses creative ideas with juniors McKenzie Williams and Liz Wargel during a beginning of the year workshop. Learning how to work with new staff members and compromise on ideas can be a challenging but rewarding process. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

THE SKILLS THAT STUDENTS ACQUIRE WHEN PARTICIPATING IN EXPERIMENTS OR CONSUMER SCIENCES WILL BENEFIT THEM AS ADULTS. EACH OF THE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES BENEFITS THE STUDENTS BECAUSE THEY ARE NO LONGER STUCK IN DESKS.

IN CONSUMER SCIENCE COURSES STUDENTS ENHANCE THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THE AREAS OF COOKING, CARING FOR CHILDREN, AND EVEN FASHION. MRS. LARSON ENJOYS LETTING STUDENTS EXPERIENCE THE MATERIAL THEY ARE LEARNING IN A HANDS-ON MANNER. IN NUTRITION AND FOODS CLASS STUDENTS COOK DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF MEALS AND DESSERTS IN THEIR LAB GROUPS. MRS. LARSON ALSO TEACHES HEALTHY SUBSTITUTES FOR GUILTY FOOD PLEASURES. THE CHILDCARE COURSE IS ALSO A HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE. STUDENTS IN THE CHILDCARE CLASS WORK WITH DAYCARE CHILDREN AND PARTICIPATE IN THE "BABY THINK IT OVER" PROJECT, WHICH LEAVES THE BIGGEST IMPRESSION ON THE STUDENTS.

"BABY THINK IT OVER WAS MORE DIFFICULT THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE. I HAD TO BALANCE MY JOB AT RITZY'S, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND BABY THINK IT OVER. IT WAS CERTAINLY CHALLENGING," SAID SENIOR ROSIE MAYER.

CONSUMER SCIENCE COURSES ARE NOT THE ONLY CLASSES THAT OFFER INTERACTIVE LEARNING. MANY OTHER CLASSES REQUIRE STUDENTS TO WORK IN A LAB SETTING AND WORK WITH BOTH THEIR HANDS AND BRAINS. PHYSICS II STUDENTS ENJOY THE RUBE GOLDBERG PROJECT. DURING THIS PROJECT, STUDENTS USE SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF MACHINERY TO DO SIMPLE

TASKS, SUCH AS OPENING A BAG OF CHIPS OR POURING A SODA CAN.

"YOU JUST USE A SEQUENCE OF MACHINERY TO COMPLETE A SIMPLE TASK. YOU CAN USE, LIKE, SEVEN MACHINES TO OPEN A CAN OF COKE," SAID SENIOR BEN LASHER.

DUE TO THE PHYSICS PROJECTS, MRS. SCHORR IS A BUSY TEACHER. MOST STUDENTS NEED A LITTLE EXTRA HELP WITH THE PROJECTS. THESE STUDENTS TEND TO RECEIVE THE HELP THEY NEED DURING WILDCAT BLOCK. MRS. SCHORR'S HOMEROOM STUDENTS TAKE NOTICE OF THEIR HOMEROOM SLOWLY FILLING WITH PHYSICS STUDENTS NEEDING HELP OR EXTRA TIME TO COMPLETE THEIR PROJECTS.

"AS SOON AS THE READING PERIOD ENDS, STUDENTS FILE IN LONG LINES INTO MY HOMEROOM TO WORK WITH MRS. SCHORR ON PROJECTS. NOT ONE WILDCAT BLOCK GOES BY WITHOUT SEVERAL STUDENTS COMING INTO OUR HOMEROOM TO WORK ON INTERESTING PROJECTS THAT OFTEN KEEP US ENTERTAINED THROUGHOUT THE BLOCK," SAID SENIOR EMILY ELPERS.

ART STUDENTS ALSO ENJOY MANY PROJECTS THAT RANGE FROM SCULPTING AND PAINTING TO COVERING EACH OTHER IN PACKING TAPE. "ONE PROJECT WE DID THIS YEAR WAS WRAPPING PEOPLE IN CLEAR PACKING TAPE AND THEN CUTTING THE TAPE OFF, RESULTING IN A HUMAN FORM MODEL," SAID SENIOR KYLE CLEMENTS.

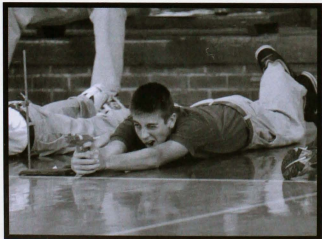
THROUGH THESE PROJECTS AND CLASSES, STUDENTS GET TO EXPERIENCE HOW THEIR LEARNING WILL IMPACT THEIR FUTURE.

TORI FISHER '06



# Projects More than a Class

Senior Andy Tekoppel concentrates and takes aim before firing his suction-cup dart gun during a physics project. This project was designed to test a student's knowledge of projectile motion. Photo by: Kendra Scheller



Seniors Katie Funke, Jason Wire, and Andy Niemcier discuss their airplane with teacher Mrs. Schorr. The advanced physics class designed an airplane for a project through Purdue University. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore





Juniors Kari Øwickard, Carly Zenthoefer, and Marie Wolf use a pipet during advanced biology class. The students ran a gel electrophoresis, similar to the ones used in crime labs. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Kyle Adler adjusts his Rube Goldberg project in physics class. For this extra-credit project, students were asked to raise a flag using many steps for Open House Night. Photo by: Rosanna Øartore



Øophomore geometry students Chelsea Jenkins and Samantha Montgomery study sine, cosine, tangent, and angles of elevation. Hands-on activities offer students a closer look at the subjects they are studying. Photo by: Brittney Miller



Øophomores Jamie McGinness and Allison Schenk focus on their sewing projects during Mrs. Larson's Fashion Design class. Students get the chance to make purses, pillows, and pajama pants during this class. Photo by: McKenzie Williams

Seniors Alyssa Edwards and Stephanie Øeibert look for a muscle while dissecting their cat in Comparative Anatomy. The dissection allows the students to survey the muscles and organs of a mammal. Photo by: Allison Probert

Senior Paul Mindrup tries to get his data to fit into a formula during a physics class. Although physics is a science class, it requires a lot of math.

Photo by: Kim Spahn

Sophomores Samantha Montgomery and Brandon Head study for geometry. Many sophomores choose to take two math classes, so study time is always appreciated. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

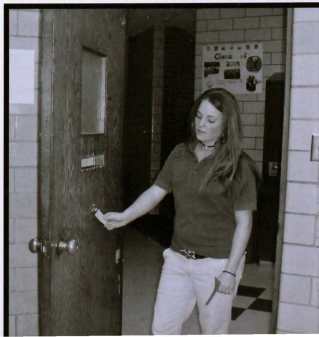


Junior Megan Tenberge studies shapes and how they are incorporated into geometry. Many students enjoy geometry because it involves interactive learning.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

Senior office aide Caitlyn Nemer gets the attendance sheet from a door. Office aides are responsible for handling attendance sheets and passes.

Photo by: Brittney Miller



# Walk the Line

TIGHTROPE WALKERS RELY ON BALANCE, A CALM Demeanor, AND FLUID MOVEMENTS TO KEEP FROM BREAKING CONCENTRATION DURING PERFORMANCES. THE ABILITIES OF STUDENTS ARE TANTAMOUNT TO THIS EXPERIENCE. EACH YEAR, MANY STUDENTS THRIVE IN AREAS OF ACADEMIC EXPERTISE AND INVOLVEMENT, BOTH IN AND OUT OF CLASS. STUDENTS TAKE WHAT MEANS ARE NECESSARY TO BALANCE BETWEEN ACTIVITIES BUT OFTEN RELISH IN THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AFTER THEIR WORK IS COMPLETED.

TAKING A STEP ABOVE AND BEYOND MANY OF THEIR PEERS, SOME STUDENTS APPLY TO JOIN PRESTIGIOUS GROUPS LIKE THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. OTHER STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN THROUGH CLASSES AS LIBRARY AIDES OR SCIENCE DEPARTMENT TEACHERS' ASSISTANTS.

STUDENTS WHO BELONG TO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OFTEN FIND IT TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.

"I BELIEVE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY GIVES STUDENTS THAT ARE STRIVING FOR SUCCESS

A CHANCE TO SHINE AND HIGHLIGHT THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS," SAID SENIOR ALLISON PROBERT.

WHILE THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY HIGHLIGHTS GROWTH, WORKING AS A TEACHER'S ASSISTANT ENABLES STUDENTS TO ADD TO THEIR PERSONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES IN A CLASSROOM SETTING.

"I WORK FOR MR. SCHLETER, AND I THINK HELPING HIM AS A TA IS A FAIR DEAL. WORKING AS AN ASSISTANT ALLOWS ME TO HAVE A 'BEHIND THE SCENES' LOOK AT TEACHING AND GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF CHEMISTRY," SAID SENIOR DAVID LEARNED.

A PLUS SIDE TO SERVICE WITHIN THE NHS AND IN-CLASS WORK IS THAT STUDENTS SPEND MORE TIME WITH ONE ANOTHER. THIS CONTRIBUTES TO THE SPREAD OF POSITIVE INFLUENCE AMONG PEERS.

"I ENJOY SEEING AND WORKING WITH STUDENTS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, ACADEMICS, AND STRONG CHARACTER," SAID PROBERT.

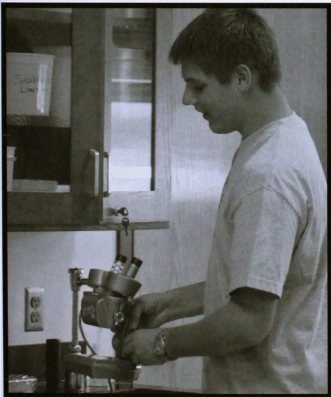
MEETING NEW PEOPLE ALLOWS STUDENTS TO WORK TOGETHER OUTSIDE OF THE CLUBS THEY BELONG TO.

"STUDENTS I'M INVOLVED WITH ARE INTELLIGENT AND CAN HELP ME WITH ASSIGNMENTS I DON'T UNDERSTAND. IT IS GREAT TO BE SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO CAN ALWAYS COME UP WITH THE ANSWERS," SAID SENIOR BEN LASHER.

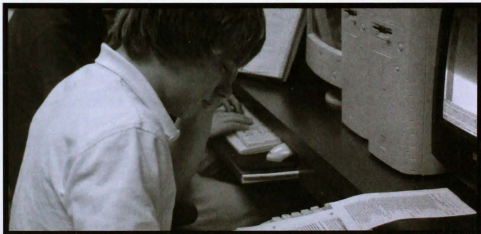
BECAUSE STUDENTS ARE KEPT BUSY TUTORING, HELPING WITH DISASTER RELIEF, AND RAISING MONEY, AS WELL AS CLEANING LAB GLASS, WORKING WITH THE VERTICAL FILE, AND ASSISTING THE OFFICE, THEY ARE OFTEN EXTRAORDINARILY BUSY. HOWEVER, THEY STILL FIND TIME TO KID AROUND AND HAVE FUN. SENIOR ALEX TOPPER IS UNABASHED IN HIS OPINION ABOUT NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY.

"YES, I BELONG TO AN ELITE GROUP OF WHAT IS PROBABLY SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE. WE RIDE OUR HIGH HORSES INTO THE SUNSET OFTEN. IT'S FUN," SAID TOPPER.

JESSICA GRABERT '06

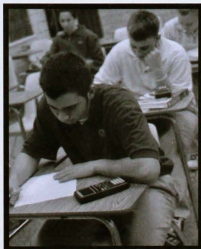


Senior Matt Lochlein puts away a stereoscope during his teacher's assistant block. Lochlein assists Mr. Jewell.  
Photo by: Allison Probert



Freshman Craig Nelson determines what the assignment entails during his document formatting class. Document formatting hones students' computer skills.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Junior Cody Brandenstein works on a quiz during class. Some teachers have quizzes every class period to ensure that students are doing their homework.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES THAT MATER DEI STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN. MANY INVOLVE JUST OUR SCHOOL, WHILE OTHERS ARE COMPLETELY SEPARATE. HOWEVER, ACTIVITIES SUCH AS LITURGICAL ENSEMBLE AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY ALLOW STUDENTS TO BE INVOLVED BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY STRENGTHENING THEIR FAITH LIVES.

"I BECAME A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TO SHARE MY FAITH WITH MY CLASSMATES AND HOPEFULLY SET AN EXAMPLE FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS TO BECOME ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS WITHIN THEIR CHURCHES," SAID SENIOR MEGHAN BERNEKING, WHO ATTENDS HOLY REDEEMER PARISH.

THE STUDENTS WHO ARE CALLED TO THE SERVICE OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY FEEL THE CHALLENGE THAT COMES WITH BEING A ROLE MODEL.

"BEING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER MEANS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE JESUS TO OTHER PEOPLE. I WANT TO BE A BIGGER PART OF THIS ASPECT OF THE CHURCH. I WANT TO SHOW OTHERS HOW TO BE REVERENT TOWARD THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS," SAID SENIOR BEN LASHER, A ST. JOSEPH PARISHIONER.

HOWEVER, BEING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER EXTENDS BEYOND BEING A ROLE MODEL OR SHARING FAITH WITH OTHERS. THIS MINISTRY IS AN IMPORTANT WAY FOR STUDENTS TO MATURE IN THEIR FAITH LIFE DURING AND BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL.

"I WANTED TO SERVE MY CHURCH AND FAITH COMMUNITY IN A DEEPER WAY. BEING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER MEANS BECOMING FULLY DEVOTED TO MY

PURPOSE IN LIFE AND TO SERVE OTHERS AS CHRIST WOULD," SAID ROBIN FEHRENBACHER, A SENIOR WHO ATTENDS HOLY REDEEMER PARISH.

SENIOR TEGAN RUSH, A MEMBER OF ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH, PARTICIPATES IN BOTH MINISTRY AND LITURGICAL ENSEMBLE.

"BEING A MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST ALLOWS ME TO GROW IN MY CHURCH AND SPIRITUALITY, AND THE MEMBERS OF LITURGICAL ENSEMBLE AFFECTED MY LIFE BY SHOWING ME THAT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO CARE ABOUT ME AND WOULD HELP IF I ASK. I HAVE ALSO BECOME MORE CHRISTIAN IN EVERYTHING I DO."

HOWEVER, THE FULL EFFECTS OF LITURGICAL ENSEMBLE AREN'T EXPERIENCED UNTIL THE GROUP TRAVELS TO AREA PARISHES AND GRADE SCHOOLS TO SING AT MASSES.

"MY FAVORITE PART IS WHEN THE YOUNG PEOPLE SING ALONG. ALSO, I LOVE WHEN OLDER PEOPLE COME UP TO US WHEN WE ARE DONE TO THANK US AND TELL US HOW MUCH THEY ENJOY WHAT WE DO," SAID SENIOR SARAH PACIORKOWSKI. "BEFORE JOINING, I WAS EMBARRASSED TO SING. NOW, I SING LOUDLY AND PROUDLY."

SO IF ANY MATER DEI STUDENT FEELS CALLED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR FAITH LIFE, CONSIDER THE EXPERIENCES OF THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED THESE ACTIVITIES. BEING INVOLVED IN EITHER ONE IS A WELCOMING AND REWARDING WAY TO BE A PART OF MANY DIFFERENT SPIRITUAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH ONE ACTIVITY.

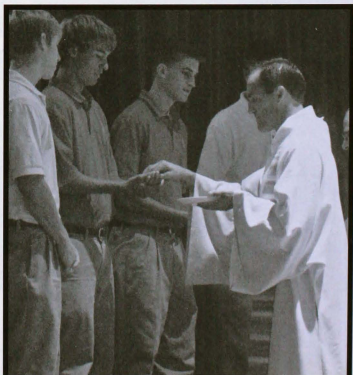
ROSANNA SARTORE, '06

# Strength to Walk by Faith

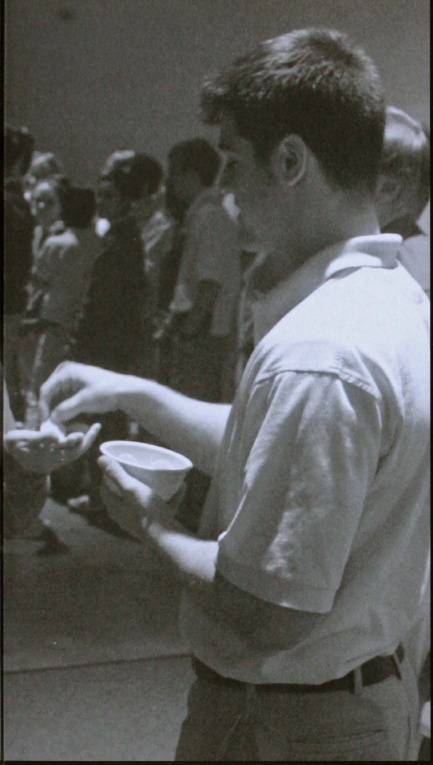
Senior Wes Dingman, freshman Craig Nelson, sophomore Josh Erkman, and freshman Nick Tromley play during a Liturgical Ensemble field trip to St. Boniface. The ensemble traveled to area grade schools to perform at their school Masses. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Fr. Ken presents communion to senior Branden Clements during the installation of Eucharistic Ministers. Once installed, students can be ministers at their parishes, as well as at school Masses. Photo by: Liz Wargel







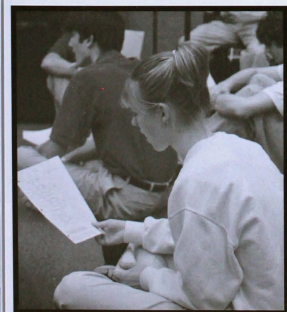
Senior Eucharistic Minister Nathan J. Miller reverently places the host into fellow senior Sondra Wildeman's hand. It is difficult at times for ministers to remain serious around friends. Photo by: Kayley Will



Senior Andy Niemeier reaches for a communion bowl during the Catholic Schools Week Mass. There were so many Eucharistic Ministers this year that many only received the opportunity to serve communion at one mass. Photo by: Kayley Will



Liturgical Ensemble leader Mark Freeman plays the guitar with sophomore Chris Baumgart. Freeman takes time out of his busy schedule to practice with the group during Wildcat Blocks and to travel to all the feeder schools. Photo by: Kayley Will



Freshman Nina Meredith and sophomores Rachel Sweeney, Kayleen Glaser, and Katie Dockery perform during mass at St. Boniface. Many songs include hand motions, which the grade school students enjoy. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Freshman Jennifer Cox rehearses new music for an upcoming Mass during a Wildcat Block practice session. Liturgical Ensemble learns contemporary music to encourage students to become more involved in school Masses. Photo by: Allison Probert

Below, junior Sarah Schneider performs a flag turn while senior Ashley Bullenger supplies the music. Schneider joined the colorguard after being a cheerleader for two years.

Photo by: Allison Probert

Senior Amanda Cox performs part of the choreographed dance for the band's show. Cox has played the trombone in both the marching and pep bands all four years.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Left, senior Robin Fehrenbacher and junior Rachel Buskavitz perform their handshake ritual before taking their spots. The drum majors always come up with a small routine to signify the beginning of a performance.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

Right, freshman Jennifer Cox plays her flute while staying in step with the rest of the band. Cox looked forward to being in band with her older sister, senior Amanda Cox.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



# Imagine Afar

EVERYONE HAS HEARD THE BAND JOKES. MOST OF US WOULD ADMIT TO LAUGHING HYSTERICALLY OR EVEN MAKING ONE OF OUR OWN UP. HOWEVER, THOSE OUTSIDE THE BAND REALM NEVER QUITE REALIZE HOW TOUGH AND COMPLICATED MARCHING AROUND A FOOTBALL FIELD WHILE PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT CAN BE. FROM THE OUTSIDE, WE ONLY SEE A PIECE OF WHAT GOES ON. WE ONLY HEAR THE MUSIC; FEELING THE MUSIC HASN'T HIT US YET.

THE MARCHING WILDCATS PERFORMED A CONGLOMERATION OF ETHNIC MUSIC ENTITLED "AFRICAN CELEBRATION." THESE FOUR SONGS INCORPORATED THE MUSIC THAT MEMBERS LOVE, PLUS A DANCING SEQUENCE.

"THIS SHOW WAS THE BEST ONE I HAVE BEEN IN. THIS SHOW WAS EASY TO GET INTO AND HAVE FUN WITH THE MUSIC," SAID SOPHOMORE MELISSA LAUDERDALE, A SAXOPHONE PLAYER.

THE LARGEST PART OF THE BAND'S PREPARATION WAS DONE IN THE SUMMER WHILE MANY ARE STILL LOUNGING BY POOLS.

"WE PRACTICED ON TUESDAYS AND

THURSDAYS FOR THREE HOURS IN THE EVENING. THERE WAS ALSO A TWO-HOUR WEDNESDAY PRACTICE EVERY OTHER WEEK FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SECTION OF THE BAND. THEN WE HAD ONE WEEK OF PRE-BAND CAMP, ONE WEEK OF ACTUAL BAND CAMP, AND ONE WEEK OF POST-BAND CAMP, WHERE WE PERFECTED OUR SHOW," SAID SENIOR TROMBONE PLAYER AMANDA COX.

THE MARCHING SEASON DOESN'T START UNTIL FOOTBALL BEGINS, BUT THE BAND USES THIS TIME TO ENSURE THAT THEIR SHOW IS EXCITING FOR THOSE SITTING IN THE STANDS. THIS DISCIPLINE IS INSTILLED IN ANY MEMBER, IN ANY SECTION.

"I'VE LEARNED HOW TO WORK VERY HARD AND STILL HAVE FUN, LIVE FOR THE MOMENT, AND NEVER GIVE UP- DESPITE THE ODDS AGAINST YOU," SAID JUNIOR RACHEL BUSKAVITZ, A SAXOPHONE PLAYER AND DRUM MAJOR.

DURING THE DIFFICULT AND HOT PRACTICES, THE BAND BONDS THROUGH SWEAT, MUSIC, AND LAUGHS.

"I REALLY LOVE THE CLOSENESS OF THE

BAND AND THE TRUST. WE SORT OF BECOME LIKE A FAMILY, FULL OF FLAWS, BUT STILL FULL OF LOVE," SAID SENIOR RACHEL SCHENK, A MEMBER OF THE COLORGUARD.

BECAUSE OF THE FAMILY UNIT, WHEN THE MUSIC COMES TOGETHER IT CAN BE AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE FOR THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS.

"I FIND THAT I 'FEEL' THE MUSIC BEST WHEN THE ENTIRE BAND PLAYS THE MUSIC WITHOUT STOPPING. THIS WAY I CAN LISTEN TO SEE HOW MY PART FITS INTO THE WHOLE PIECE AND WHAT THE MUSIC SOUNDS LIKE WHEN I HAVE A REST IN THE MUSIC," SAID SENIOR MATTHEW TAYLOR, AN AUXILIARY PERCUSSION MEMBER.

THE BAND JOKES WILL NEVER CEASE, AND THE SERIOUSNESS WILL BE DISPUTED. HOWEVER, THE MEMBERS OF BAND DON'T ASK FOR MUCH MORE THAN A FEW MOMENTS TO TAKE SOMEONE FROM THE STANDS OF A FOOTBALL FIELD TO AN AFRICAN SAFARI OR EVEN FURTHER DEPENDING ON THE OBSERVER'S IMAGINATION AND ASPIRATION.

ALLISON PROBERT '06



Senior Sarah Daciorkowski keeps her eyes focused on the drum major. Daciorkowski has been involved in the percussion pit all four years.

Photo by: Allison Probert.



Senior Matt Taylor complements the brass with the clashing of the cymbals. Percussion requires precision and undivided attention.

Photo by: Kayley Will



Freshman Aaron Holm plays the trumpet while also following the choreography for the show. Holm thought the best part of band was the friendships he made.

Photo by: Allison Probert.

IMAGINE HAVING TO KEEP YOUR LEGS SHOULDER-WIDTH APART, KNEES SLIGHTLY BENT, HANDS LOOSE AT YOUR SIDE, EYEBROWS RAISED, SOFT PALATE LIFTED, JAW RELAXED, AND RIBS EXPANDED, WHILE REMEMBERING THE LYRICS AND NOTES THAT COME NEXT IN THE SONG. THE CHOIR CLASS AND CAST OF THE MUSICAL WORK HARD FOR MONTHS TO MAKE THEIR VOICES CONNECT THE NOTES OF THE SONGS THEY SING TO THE MESSAGE IT MUST PORTRAY.

THIS YEAR, THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT PERFORMED *BYE, BYE, BIRDIE*, AND PRACTICES BEGAN AFTER THE AUDITIONS AT THE END OF JANUARY. THE THREE FOLLOWING MONTHS WERE SPENT PERFECTING THE PLAY FOR OPENING NIGHT DURING THE FIRST WEEKEND OF MAY. "I HAVE NO LIFE DURING THE MUSICAL SEASON," SAID JUNIOR SARAH SCHNEIDER.

"AUDITIONS ARE NOT VERY NERVE-RACKING, UNTIL YOU ARE FINISHED," SCHNEIDER SAID. "YOU THINK YOU DID WELL, BUT YOU'RE AFRAID THAT IN THE JUDGES' EYES, YOU DIDN'T DO AS WELL AS YOU EXPECTED. BUT THE WORST PART IS THE WAIT TO FIND OUT IF YOU GET A PART, AND WHAT PART YOU GET."

ONCE PRACTICES BEGIN, THE CAST AND CREW SPEND TWO TO THREE HOURS A DAY PREPARING. SENIOR TEGAN RUSH SAID THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT SKILL TO PERFECT IS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN AND ENJOY THE MUSIC AND STORYLINE, SO THAT "THE AUDIENCE GETS INVOLVED MORE."

CHOIR CLASS ALLOWS STUDENTS TO PERFECT THEIR VOICES AND ENRICHES THEIR MUSICAL ABILITY BEYOND THE NORMAL SINGING ALONG WITH THE RADIO OR

IN THE SHOWER.

"MY PARENTS HAVE ALWAYS TOLD ME I COULD SING BEFORE I COULD TALK," SAID SENIOR TIFFANY FLOYD. FLOYD'S STRONG VOICE IS OFTEN HEARD AT SCHOOL MASSES DURING SOLOS. SHE TOOK CHOIR CLASS TO PRACTICE HER VOCAL ABILITY AND TRY TO IMPROVE HER VOICE.

MR. DICKEL'S CLASS TEACHES NEW TECHNIQUES FOR VOICE CONTROL AND NEW SONGS THAT CAN BE SUNG DURING SCHOOL MASSES AND WHEN THE CLASS GOES TO NURSING HOMES TO SERENADE THE RESIDENTS.

"MR. DICKEL DOES A LOT OF ACTIVITIES THAT HELP US LEARN TO READ MUSIC. WITH HIS HELP, IT'S EASIER," SAID FLOYD.

CHOIR REQUIRES A TEAM EFFORT. IF ONE PERSON IS OFF KEY, THEN THE WHOLE CHOIR COULD SOUND OFF KEY.

"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER IS THAT THERE IS NO 'I' IN CHOIR," SAID SCHNEIDER. "THE CHOIR SPENDS CLASS TIME FORMING THEIR VOICES INTO THREE DIFFERENT VOICES, MAKING EACH OTHERS' VOICES COME TOGETHER."

THE CLASS ALSO ALLOWS THESE REMARKABLE VOICES TO SHARE THEIR GIFTS WITH THE COMMUNITY. BESIDES SINGING AT SCHOOL MASSES, LIKE ASH WEDNESDAY, THE CLASS ALSO TRAVELED TO PINE HAVEN NURSING HOME BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THIS ALLOWED THE STUDENTS TO SHARE THEIR GIFTS WITH OTHERS.

AS FLOYD SAID, "I SING EVERYWHERE I GO. I WILL ALWAYS HAVE SINGING IN MY LIFE."

LIZ WARGEL '07



# Music More than Notes

Freshman Natalie Martin, sophomore Jessica Buskavitz, and senior Haley Morgan practice for the Holocaust Memorial Day performance. The choir spent weeks preparing for the performance.  
Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Senior Alex Topper, who played Conrad Birdie in *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, sings to junior Audrie Koester, who played Kim McAlfee, during Act I. The scene, which is set as the Ed Sullivan show, features Topper in a gold suit.  
Photo by: Allison Probert



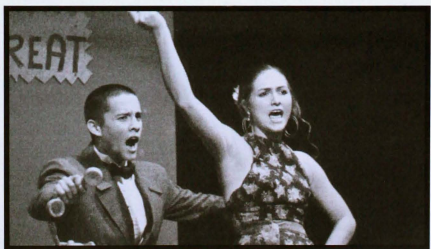
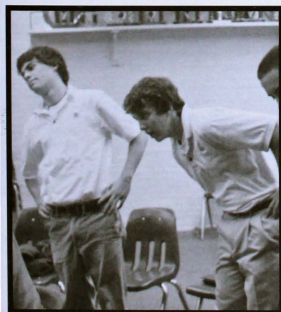
Senior Robin Fehrenbacher and sophomore Kayleen Glaser, members of the Conrad Birdie Fan Club, fawn over senior Alex Topper during the musical *Bye, Bye Birdie*. Photo by: Allison Probert



Senior Emily Elpers, sophomore Diana McConnell, and freshman Bobby Wilson interrogate Conrad Birdie and his spokespeople during the first interview in *Sweet Apple, Ohio*. Oftentimes, characters played multiple parts for the show to run smoothly. Photo by: Allison Probert



Freshman Sarah Folz, junior Emily Kissinger, and senior Kellyn Murphy warm up their vocal chords during choir class. Choir enables the musically inclined to learn and succeed. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Senior Rachel Schenk, in an angry rage, irritably proclaims herself to be "Spanish Rose" at Maude's Roadside Retreat. Sophomore Brett Baetzel, playing Charles F. Maude, yells at Schenk to answer the phone. Photo by: Allison Probert

Sophomore Luke Costlow and freshman Jacob Koresell stretch before choir class begins. Stretching is a fantastic way to relax, loosen muscles, and prepare to sing. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

Below, senior Mark Modesitt pulls junior Audrie Koester to the side of the stage in the full play 'Musical Comedy Murders of 1940.' Koester portrayed the maid with a hidden identity.

Photo by: Allison Probert

To warm up for the speech meet, sophomore Rachel Öwency and junior Laura Lutz play the 'Dony Game.' This game is loud and is an easy way to warm up voices and stiff joints.

Photo by: Allison Probert



Left, senior Dusty Stolz dodges a swipe from junior Audrie Koester. Stolz and Koester both thought that this comical scene was one of their favorites.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

Recovering after a round, freshman Nina Meredith and junior Emily Huff go over the fine points of their piece. The girls used this season to learn and grow stronger with their piece.

Photo by: Allison Probert



# It's All A Rush

"IT GIVES ME SUCH A RUSH!" MANY ATHLETES SAY THIS ABOUT THE SPORTS THEY PLAY. LIKEWISE, MANY ACTORS, ACTRESSES, AND SPEECH TEAM MEMBERS ALSO SAY THIS ABOUT PERFORMING. THE LIGHTS, THE AUDIENCE, AND THE EXCITEMENT OF TEMPORARILY BECOMING SOMEONE ELSE GIVE THESE STUDENTS A RUSH OF EXHILARATION.

"MY FAVORITE PART OF ACTING IS THAT FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, I AM ABLE TO ESCAPE BEING MYSELF AND AM ABLE TO TRANSFORM INTO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CHARACTER," SAID SENIOR MARK MODESITT.

MODESITT, WHO PLAYED THE ROLE OF ROGER HOPEWELL IN THE FALL PLAY, "THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940," HAS PERFORMED IN FOUR THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS IN HIS YEARS AT MATER DEI. FOR HIM, BEING ON STAGE FEELS NATURAL.

"I USUALLY HAVE BUTTERFLIES IN MY STOMACH BEFORE I GO ON STAGE, BUT ONCE I AM ON STAGE, THE NERVOUSNESS FADES AWAY AND I TOTALLY PUT MYSELF INTO THE PERFORMANCE."

SAID MODESITT.

SENIOR RACHEL SCHENK, WHO HAS PERFORMED IN EIGHT MATER DEI PRODUCTIONS, PLAYED THE ROLE OF NIKKI CRANDALL IN THE FALL PLAY. SCHENK ALSO FEELS AT EASE ON STAGE.

"I'M REALLY AT HOME ON THE STAGE. WITH THE LIGHTS COMING UP AND THE RUSH OF JOY, YOU KNOW IT'S 'GO TIME.' BEING ON THAT STAGE, TO ME, IS JUST ONE STEP CLOSER TO HEAVEN," SAID SCHENK.

SIMILAR TO THE ACTORS AND ACTRESSES, SPEECH TEAM MEMBERS ALSO FEEL COMFORTABLE SPEAKING AND PERFORMING THEIR PIECES FOR OTHERS AND ENJOY THE RUSH THEY EXPERIENCE WHILE IN FRONT OF OTHERS.

"I LOVE WHEN I MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH," SAID SOPHOMORE KATIE DOCKERY. "I KNOW I HAVE DONE WELL IF I MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH."

DOCKERY PARTICIPATES IN THE HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION CATEGORY, WHICH IS LIKE PERFORMING A PLAY AND ACTING OUT ALL OF THE CHARACTERS' PARTS.

OTHERS TAKE A MORE CREATIVE APPROACH. SOPHOMORE MARIA NELSON COMPETES IN THE ORATORICAL INTERPRETATION CATEGORY AND THE ORIGINAL ORATORY CATEGORY, IN WHICH SHE WRITES HER OWN SPEECHES.

"I LOVE ORIGINAL ORATORY BECAUSE I LOVE TO WRITE, AND THIS CATEGORY ALLOWS ME TO EXPRESS MYSELF," SAID NELSON. "THE RUSH WHEN I PERFORM AT A MEET IS MY FAVORITE PART OF BEING ON THE SPEECH TEAM."

THE TEAM EXPERIENCED A SPECIAL RUSH AT SECTIONALS, WITH 32 COMPETITORS AND MANY STRONG FINISHES. SOPHOMORE SAM MOORE FINISHED FIRST IN THE POETRY CATEGORY, AND NELSON FINISHED FIRST IN ORATORICAL INTERPRETATION. NELSON ALSO FINISHED FOURTH IN ORIGINAL ORATORY.

THE THRILL OF THE LIGHTS, AUDIENCES, AND EXPRESSIVENESS ALL GIVE A RUSH TO THOSE PERFORMING IN PLAYS AND COMPETING IN SPEECH. FOR THEM, PERFORMING IS A WAY OF LIFE.

BRITNEY MILLER '06



Sophomore Christie Kelley prepares junior Sarah Schneider for her role in the fall play. Schneider, who has been in other productions, is accustomed to heavy makeup and ornate costumes and easily holds still.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Senior Rachel Schenk, watched closely by sophomores Jacob Edwards and Sam Moore, discusses clues for the code used in the journal during the fall play. All members of the cast enjoyed the play because it incorporated suspense and humor. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Sophomore Maria Nelson prepares herself for the first round at the sectional speech meet. Nelson, who performs in original oratory and oratorical interpretation, memorizes her piece beforehand and uses vivid eye contact and gestures to get her point across. Photo by: Allison Probert

DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO SPIRIT ARE FOUNDATIONS BEHIND A UNITED SCHOOL. IN ORDER TO KEEP UP AN AURA OF SPIRIT, STUDENTS EXPRESS A "GO TEAM!" ATTITUDE BY JOINING CLUBS THAT INCLUDE PEP CLUB AND MAT CATS. TO THESE STUDENTS, SCHOOL SPIRIT IS AN IMPORTANT WAY TO BECOME INVOLVED AND TO MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS THAT WILL LAST IN THE YEARS THAT COME.

PEP CLUB IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT STUDENTS MAY JOIN BETWEEN THEIR FRESHMAN AND SENIOR YEARS. ACTIVITIES THAT THE CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUDE LOCKER SIGNS, PEP ASSEMBLIES, AND SPIRIT DRESS FOR VARIOUS ATHLETIC EVENTS.

"I JOINED PEP CLUB BECAUSE I WANTED TO MAKE SIGNS FOR LOCKERS. I ENDED UP DECORATING THE HALLWAYS FOR HOMEcoming, COMING UP WITH THEMES FOR GAMES, AND DECORATING SIGNS FOR THE GYM. THOUGH IT TAKES WORK, I ENJOY BEING IN CHARGE OF MAKING SURE EVERY TEAM RECEIVES A SIGN," SAID JUNIOR RACHEL WILLIAMS, WHO ALSO IS INVOLVED IN MAT CATS.

ANOTHER WAY PEP CLUB GETS THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY INVOLVED IS THROUGH ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO DRESS OUTRAGEOUSLY FOR GAMES. WHILE SOME STUDENTS DRESS IN SIMPLE CRAZY RED AND GOLD SKIRTS, TOPS, AND SHOES, OTHERS WORK HARDER TO GET NOTICED.

"I LOVE TO GET DRESSED UP FOR DIFFERENT GAMES. THE MOST I EVER DRESSED UP WAS FOR A FOOTBALL GAME WHEN I WORE A LONG RED SKIRT WITH A BRIGHT YELLOW BLAZER, RED AND GOLD SOCKS, AND A

RED-TINTED SIDE PONYTAIL," SAID SOPHOMORE LAUREN AUSTIN.

BECAUSE WRESTLING IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF LIFE AT MATER DEI, THE MAT CATS WORK TO KEEP UP TEAM MORALE.

"I HAVE SEEN THE MAT CATS WORKING SINCE I WAS LITTLE, BUT DIDN'T REALIZE THE AMOUNT OF WORK THEY DO. NOW, AS A MAT CAT, I SCRAPBOOK, TAKE PICTURES, TAPE EACH MATCH, AND TAKE STATS FOR THE TEAM. I HAVE TO BE DEDICATED," SAID WILLIAMS.

THOUGH SPIRIT IS EXPRESSED THROUGH MANY CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND BEYOND, THE GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG STUDENTS IS THAT SPIRIT DAYS ARE A GREAT WAY TO HELP INCREASE SCHOOL SPIRIT BECAUSE THEY HELP EVERYONE GET IN THE MOOD TO BE PEPPY. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD LIKE MORE OF THEM, WE REALIZE THAT SOMETIMES WE CANNOT HAVE THEM EVERY DAY.

"IT'S HARD TO DRESS UP WITHOUT INCENTIVE. I'M IN PEP CLUB AND ENJOY SUPPORTING MY PEERS IN THEIR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES. WE NEED TO FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN SCHOOL WORK AND SPIRIT," SAID SENIOR JENNIFER RATHGEBER.

REGARDLESS OF SENTIMENT, WITHOUT THE DEDICATED WORK OF MEMBERS IN PEP CLUB AND MAT CATS, THERE WOULD BE NO SPIRIT OR UNITY AMONG THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS AT ALL. THE INVOLVEMENT OF THESE STUDENTS ALLOWS OTHERS TO BOTH BECOME INVOLVED AND TO KEEP THE SCHOOL EXCITED ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS.

JESSICA GRABERT, '06

# Spirit Backing Every Team

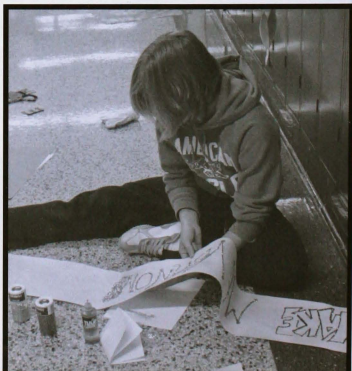
Juniors Jordan Bartek and Rachel Williams take pictures at the Central wrestling meet. The Mat Cats take pictures to put in the wrestlers' scrapbooks.

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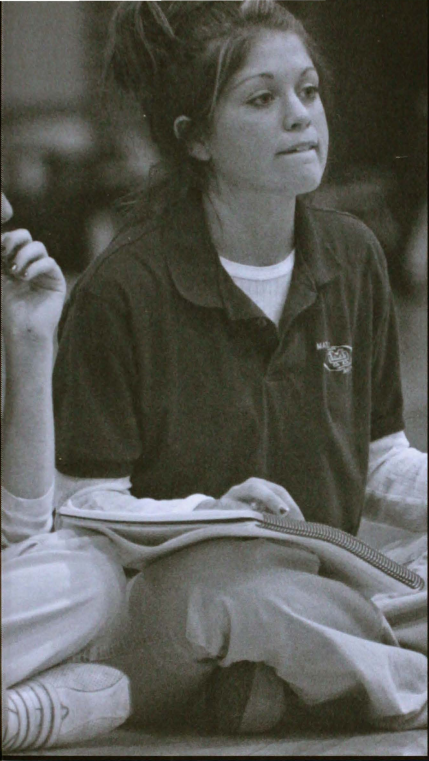


Senior Jessie Seib prepares a sign to hang in the school hallway during homecoming week. Seib was vice-president of the Pep Club this year.

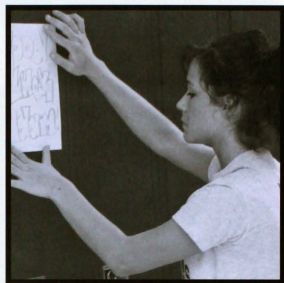
Photo by: Kendra Scheller







Senior Tiffany Floyd and junior Hannah Wagner keep stats during a match. Mat Cats keep stats, take pictures, and videotape the team during each meet. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Kim Spain spreads school spirit by hanging a locker sign on an athlete's locker during wrestling season. Photo by: Kendra Scheller



Freshman Jamie Tekoppel signs up to make signs for the spring sports teams at a Pep Club meeting. Photo by: Allison Probert



Seniors Sarah Scott and Elyse Kraft debate over what they should use in the hallway while decorating to increase school spirit. Photo by: Kendra Scheller

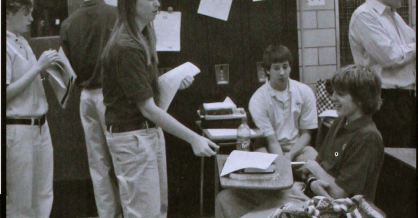
Seniors Elyse Kraft, Jessie Seib, and Sarah Scott work to decorate the hallways during homecoming for the Pep Club. The girls spent time after school devising a way to bring spirit to the senior hallway. Photo by: Brittney Miller

Seniors Katie Funke and Toni Solis laugh together as they look at a funny picture taken while in Washington, D.C. Teens for Life spent three days there marching against abortion.

Photo by: Allison Probert

Seniors Meghan Berneking and Sarah Daciorkowski pass out papers to Mr. McMullen's freshman religion class. Although many groups talked to younger children, the Smart Love P.E.E.R.'s Project group talked to freshmen students.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Seniors Toni Solis, Katie Funke, Amanda Cox, and freshman Jennifer Cox try to stay dry during their march against abortion in Washington, D.C. The march took a couple of hours to complete.

Photo by: Allison Probert

Senior Corey Lannert talks to freshmen during a P.E.E.R.'s Project presentation. The two freshman boys conversed with Lannert about a sheet they received and how they should respond to it.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



# Clubs of Cause

**M**OST EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DO NOT CALL FOR STUDENTS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ON PRESSING SOCIAL ISSUES. SOME STUDENTS SEARCH FOR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ALLOW THEM TO STAND UP FOR CERTAIN BELIEFS, INCLUDING PEERS PROJECT, TEENS FOR LIFE, AND CHOICE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS WITHOUT).

IN PEERS PROJECT, JUNIORS AND SENIORS ARE SELECTED AND PLACED INTO GROUPS, THEN PREPARE A PRESENTATION DEALING WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND PREMARITAL SEX. THE GROUPS TRAVEL TO VARIOUS SCHOOLS OR CHURCHES TO EDUCATE JUNIOR HIGH AND FRESHMAN STUDENTS.

"I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR KIDS TO HAVE POSITIVE ROLE MODELS TO LOOK UP TO," SAID SENIOR NICOLE HINDERLITER. "MY TOPIC IS 'WHAT LOVE REALLY IS.' I BELIEVE IT RELATES TO ME BECAUSE THERE IS MORE TO LOVE THAN JUST HIGH SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS."

A NEW GROUP INVOLVED WITH THE PEERS PROJECT IS THE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB,

WHICH SPEAKS MORE INFORMALLY WITH THE STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

"I LIKE TO INTERACT WITH THE GRADE SCHOOL KIDS," SAID SENIOR LAURA MESKER. "IT'S IMPORTANT TO PUT THE KIDS ON THE RIGHT TRACK WHILE THEY'RE YOUNG. I WANT TO SET AN EXAMPLE ON WAYS TO HAVE FUN WITHOUT DRUGS AND HOW TO CHOOSE THEIR FRIENDS WISELY."

ANOTHER GROUP THAT FOCUSES ON EDUCATING PEOPLE IS CHOICE. CHOICE'S MEMBERS COORDINATE RED RIBBON WEEK AND AN END OF YEAR LUAU, IN AN EFFORT TO SHOW PEOPLE THAT THEY CAN HAVE FUN WITHOUT DRUGS OR ALCOHOL.

"I DECIDED TO JOIN CHOICE BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN THE EFFECTS OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL FIRSTHAND," SAID SENIOR MARK MODESITT. "I WANT TO HELP OTHERS MAKE GOOD DECISIONS SO THEY STAY ON THE RIGHT PATH."

BELONGING TO CLUBS WITH A CAUSE GIVES STUDENTS WITH STRONG BELIEFS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHERS WITH SIMILAR VALUES. TEENS FOR LIFE, A GROUP THAT ACTIVELY PRO-

TESTS ABORTION, PARTICIPATES IN MANY ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

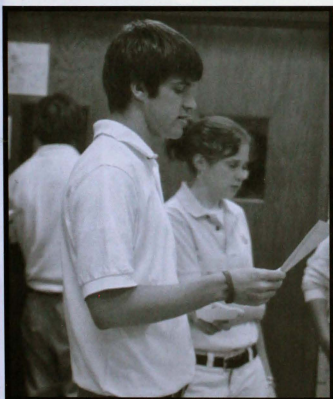
"THE CLUB ORGANIZES FUNDRAISERS, PARTICIPATES IN THE MARCH FOR LIFE, VOLUNTEERS AT LIFE CHOICE, AND IS INVOLVED IN OTHER PRO-LIFE EVENTS, SUCH AS THE LIFE CHAIN IN OCTOBER AND THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY RIGHT-TO-LIFE BANQUET IN THE SPRING," SAID SENIOR LEAH WEINZAPFEL.

THE BIGGEST EVENT THAT TEENS FOR LIFE PARTICIPATES IN IS THE MARCH FOR LIFE, HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

"THIS YEAR WAS MY FOURTH YEAR TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON, D.C.," SAID WEINZAPFEL. "EVERY YEAR I KNOW I'M MAKING A DIFFERENCE BY STANDING UP FOR THE UNBORN CHILD."

EDUCATING OTHERS ON MAKING GOOD DECISIONS LINKS PEERS PROJECT, TEENS FOR LIFE, AND CHOICE. USING EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AS A TOOL FOR VOICING ONE'S BELIEFS IS WHAT MAKES MATER DEI STUDENTS STAND ABOVE THE REST.

KAYLEY WILL '06



Seniors Lucas Nelson and Meghan Berneking read important information about love for their PEERS Project presentation. Peer Mentors give many presentations throughout the year to freshmen and middle school students.  
Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Senior Meghan Berneking discusses information with freshmen Landon Oliver, Mackenzie Parkinson, and Christa Carter. The seniors answered many questions asked by the underclassmen during their Peers Project presentation about smart love.  
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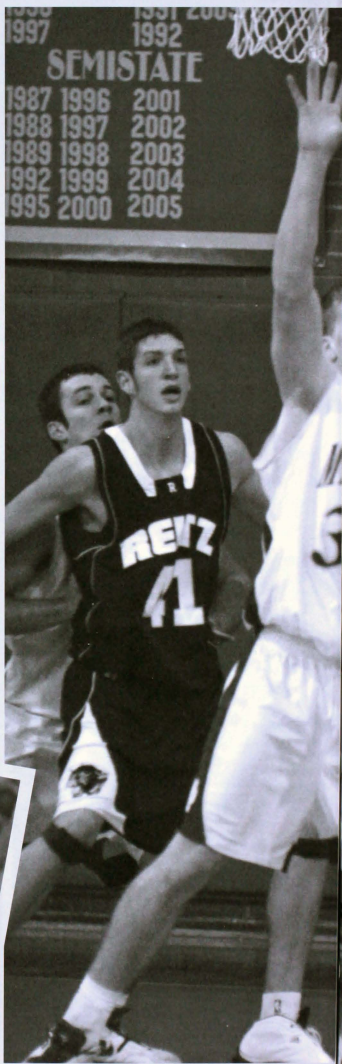
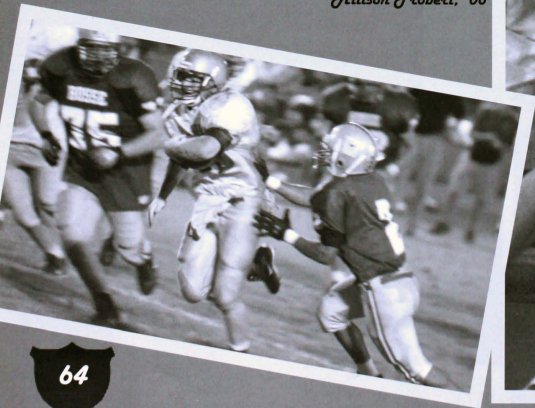
Seniors Toni Solis and Amanda Cox, and freshman Jennifer Cox talk amongst themselves as they enjoy the march against abortion. About 20 people from Teens for Life were present at the march.  
Photo by: Allison Probert

# Play

*Winning is the ultimate focus of any type of competition. The practices, warm-ups, conditioning, and scrimmages lead up to a sole moment where the team or individual is tested to see how far one is willing to go for a victory. Often, the result is worth all the time that each person has dedicated, but sometimes the end does not seem to be what the beginning anticipated. However, the time that was dedicated to the sport and other teammates is not lost. The game, win or lose, leads the team to focus on all its weaknesses and work on them until the team or individual has diminished its weaknesses' domination over their success in competition.*

*Sports at Mater Dei thrive on the determination to succeed. The athletes commit as much time as necessary to feel the rush of victory more than the pressure of defeat. Through their sportmanship and devotion to both their individual and team goals, the athlete always discovers how victory encourages the development of strength and how loss stems the growth of perseverance. At the end of any game or practice, this is what each individual remembers and cherishes.*

*Allison Probert, '06*



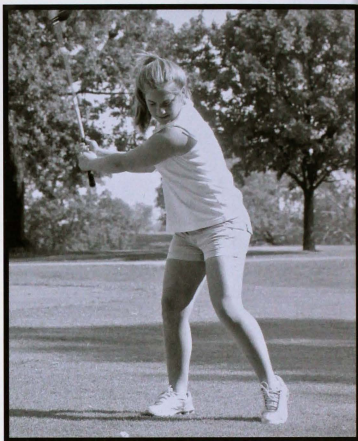


Below, freshman Emily Loehrlein concentrates on her next shot at Helfrich Hills Golf Course. Loehrlein shot a 52 at the Mt. Vernon match. Right, junior Jenna Whorl pauses on her follow through on a practice swing before the Mt. Vernon match. Whorl has been a member of the golf team for two years.

Photos by: Rosanna Sartore

Freshman Abby Whorl takes a practice swing with her driver before teeing off at Helfrich Hills Golf Course against Mt. Vernon. Whorl shot a 59 during this match.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



# ALL FOR ONE

FOR FEMALE GOLFERS, THE DREAM OF ACHIEVING WORLDWIDE SUCCESS IS NOT FAR OFF. AFTER ALL, 16-YEAR-OLD MICHELLE WIE HAS ALREADY ATTAINED SUCCESS, NOT ONLY IN THE WORLD OF WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL GOLF, BUT IN PGA TOURNAMENTS AS WELL. IN A WORLD DOMINATED BY MASCULINE SPORTS, WOMEN'S GOLF HAS FINALLY BEGUN TO MAKE ITS MARK. WITH SUPPORT FROM TEAMMATES, THE MATER DEI GIRLS' GOLF TEAM IS CONTINUALLY RESHAPING AND REVITALIZING IN ORDER TO FIT TO THE NEW STANDARD AND MASTER THE SPORT.

"GOLF IS A FUN SPORT TO GET INVOLVED IN. IT CAN BE RELAXING, BUT IT ALSO REQUIRES A LOT OF PATIENCE. I COULDN'T EXPECT TO BE A PRO THE FIRST COUPLE OF TIMES I PLAYED," SAID FRESHMAN ABBY WHORL.

AS A FOUR-YEAR MEMBER OF THE GOLF TEAM, SENIOR KASEY RENDER HAS WATCHED THE TEAM CHANGE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

"THIS YEAR HAS BEEN MUCH TOUGHER THAN PAST YEARS. WITH THE LOSS OF SO MANY TEAM MEMBERS, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN OUR GOAL OF A SECTIONAL WIN," SAID RENDER.

THE GIRLS' GOLF TEAM ALSO EXPERIENCED TROUBLE BECAUSE THEY HAD ONLY FOUR PLAYERS ABLE TO COMPETE IN A SPORT WHERE THE TEAM MINIMUM IS FOUR COMPETITORS.

"AN OBSTACLE THAT WE WERE FACED WITH THIS SEASON HAPPENED WHEN KASEY WAS HURT AND COULDN'T PLAY IN A COUPLE OF MATCHES. WITHOUT KASEY, WE ONLY HAD THREE PLAYERS. THIS MEANT THAT WE AUTOMATICALLY LOST ANY MATCH WE PLAYED WITHOUT HER," SAID JUNIOR JENNA WHORL.

THE ADVANTAGE OF THE TEAM BEING SO SMALL WAS THAT THEY BECAME CLOSE-KNIT. IT ALSO HELPED THAT HALF OF THE TEAM INCLUDED SISTERS ABBY AND JENNA WHORL. THE REMAINING TEAM MEMBERS, RENDER AND FRESHMAN EMILY LOEHRLEIN, WERE CREDITED WITH LEADING AND SUPPORTING THEIR TEAMMATES.

"KASEY RENDER LED THE TEAM THIS YEAR. SHE WAS OUR BEST PLAYER AND ALWAYS CAME THROUGH FOR US WHEN WE NEEDED HER. EMILY LOEHRLEIN ALSO HELPED LEAD THE TEAM. AS A FRESHMAN, SHE BEAT ME MOST OF THE TIME AND PLAYED HER BEST EVER AT SECTIONALS," SAID JENNA WHORL.

THROUGH THE SEASON, THE GIRLS LEARNED THAT PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE WOULD HELP A TEAM TO SUCCEED. WITH PUTTING AND CHIPPING PRACTICES BEFORE MATCHES, THE GIRLS IMPROVED THEIR SCORES. THEIR HOPES IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS ARE TO MAKE IT PAST SECTIONALS AND TO GET MORE GIRLS INVOLVED IN THE SPORT.

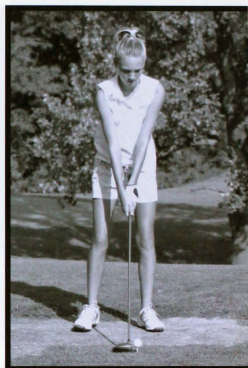


Freshman Abby Whorl practices her short game on the practice putting greens at Helfrich Hills Golf Course. The team plays nine holes every day during practice. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

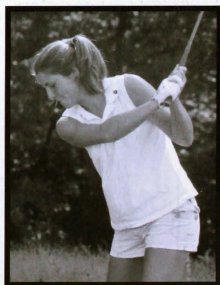
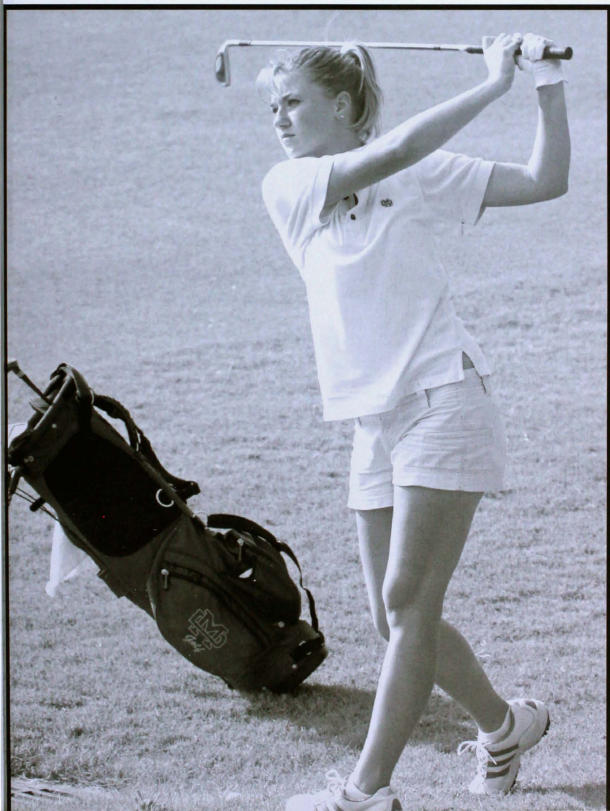


Junior Jenna Whorl aims for the green as her Reitz opponents watch from the side of the fairway. Whorl shot a 55 against the Panthers. Photo by: Allison Drobert.

Freshman Abby Whorl and senior Kasey Render receive last minute instructions from assistant coach Travis Wolf before the Mt. Vernon match. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



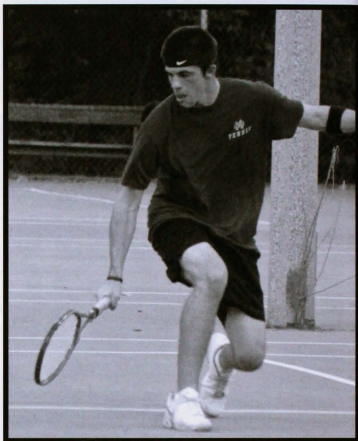
Freshman Emily Lochrein focuses on the ball before she tees off on the first hole at Hellfrich Hills Golf Course. Although she was just a freshman, Lochrein was considered a great asset to the team. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Above, junior Jenna Whorl concentrates on a practice chip shot before the Mt. Vernon match. Whorl shot a 60 at the match. Left, senior Kasey Render takes a practice shot on the fairway before shooting for the green. Render, a four-year member of the golf team, was the only senior on the team. Photos by: Rosanna Sartore

Below, sophomore Jeremy Kissel prepares to hit a backhand to his Harrison opponent. Kissel, the number three singles player, won 3-6, 7-6, 6-0. Right, senior Branden Clements shakes hands with his Gibson Southern opponent after his 6-0, 6-0 win. Clements advanced to the sectional finals at the end of the season. Photos by: Kayley Will

Right, senior Lucas Nelson prepares to hit a backhand volley before the Gibson Southern match. Nelson, a four-year member of the team, won the match 6-3, 6-4. Photo by: Kayley Will



# NEW & IMPROVED

EVERY TEAM ASPIRES FOR SUCCESS. THIS YEAR, THE BOYS' TENNIS TEAM WAS NO DIFFERENT. THEY SET HIGH GOALS FOR THEMSELVES, WHICH LED TO ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASONS IN YEARS, AND THEY STILL HAD TIME FOR FUN.

"AS A TEAM, WE ASPIRED TO IMPROVE OUR RECORD FROM LAST YEAR, AND WE ACHIEVED THAT," SAID SOPHOMORE ADAM RUGGLES, WHO PLAYED NUMBER ONE DOUBLES WITH SENIOR COREY LANNERT.

EACH MEMBER OF THE TEAM AGREES THAT THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SEASON WAS WINNING THE MOUNT VERNON INVITATIONAL. THIS WAS THE FIRST TOURNAMENT WIN FOR THE MATER DEI BOYS' TENNIS TEAM SINCE 1961.

"THE HIGHLIGHT WAS WINNING THE MOUNT VERNON INVITATIONAL AND BRINGING HOME OUR FIRST TROPHY," SAID SENIOR LUCAS NELSON, THE NUMBER TWO SINGLES PLAYER. "MY FINAL MATCH DECIDED WHO WOULD WIN THE TOURNAMENT. IT WAS MY THIRD OF THE DAY, AND I WAS SUNBURNT AND TIRED. I PULLED IT OUT IN A TIEBREAKER TO WIN. IT WAS ALSO AN AWESOME TEAM VICTORY BECAUSE WE ALL DID OUR PART."

EACH PLAYER ALSO HAD HIS OWN PERSONAL HIGHLIGHT DURING THE SEASON.

"ADVANCING TO THE SECTIONAL FINAL WAS MY GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT," SAID THE NUMBER ONE SINGLES

PLAYER, BRANDEN CLEMENTS.

WHILE NOT EVERY TEAM MEMBER HAD SUCH A SUCCESSFUL SEASON, THEY UNDERSTAND THAT WINNING IS NOT EVERYTHING.

"PLAYING AS COREY'S DOUBLES PARTNER ALL YEAR WAS MY HIGHLIGHT," SAID RUGGLES. "WE ALWAYS HAD FUN NO MATTER IF WE LOST OR WON."

WHEN RUGGLES AND LANNERT DID EMERGE VICTORIOUS, THEY FELT EXHILARATED.

"HERITAGE HILLS AND NORTH POSEY GAVE ADAM AND ME OUR ONLY TWO WINS," SAID LANNERT. "THESE WERE MY HIGHLIGHTS."

BETWEEN ALL OF THE VICTORIES, LOSSES, AND HARD WORK, THERE WAS STILL TIME FOR FUN.

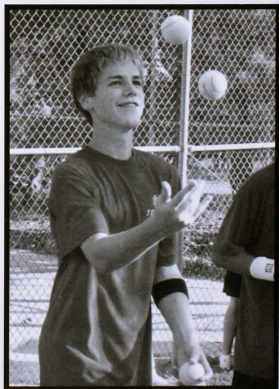
"TWO OF THE FUNNIEST THINGS THAT HAPPENED ALL SEASON WERE SOPHOMORE JEREMY KISSEL HITTING NELSON IN THE HEAD WITH A BALL AND COACH DUKE COUDRETT DANCING FOR CENTRAL'S GIRLS' GOLF TEAM," SAID CLEMENTS.

MANY OF THE FUNNY MOMENTS WERE CAPTURED ON FILM.

"WE WOULD OFTEN BE SEEN WITH MY VIDEO CAMERA DOING WEIRD THINGS OR JUST BEING STUPID," SAID LANNERT.

DESPITE THE FUN AND GAMES, THE BOYS KNEW WHEN TO BE SERIOUS. THIS LED THEM TO A WINNING SEASON, UNSURPASSED BY ANY BOYS' TENNIS TEAM AT MATER DEI IN RECENT YEARS.

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Freshman Andrew Ditter juggles tennis balls before the Gibson Southern match. The team had to wait 45 minutes for their opponents to arrive, allowing time for the boys to have a little fun before they won the match 3-2. Photo by: Liz Wargel





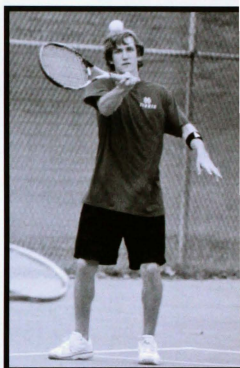
Left, sophomore Jake Edwards hits a warm-up forehand before the Gibson Southern match. Edwards played number two doubles with sophomore Nathan Dachl.

Photo by: Kayley Will

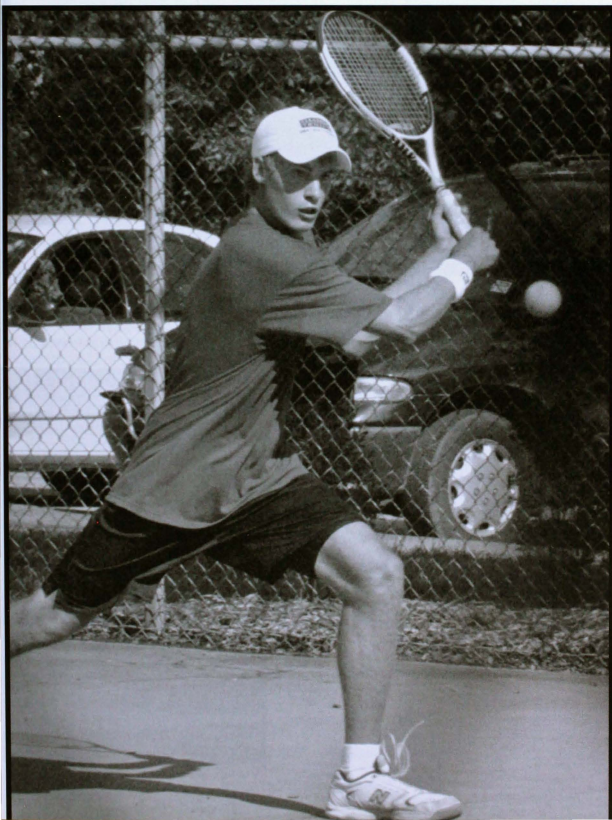


Below, sophomore Jeremy Kissel concentrates on his forehand during the Reitz match. Kissel, notorious for his marathon matches, won in two sets, 6-4, 6-4.

Photo by: Kayley Will



Above, senior Corey Lannert focuses on the ball while warming up before the Gibson Southern match. Lannert, who played number one doubles, was often the comedic relief of the team. Photo by: Kayley Will



Above, senior Lucas Nelson receives advice from Coach Chris Clements during the Reitz match. Clements, along with Coach Duke Coudret, played a crucial role in the boys' successful season.

Left, senior Branden Clements prepares to hit a backhand against his Harrison opponent. Clements, a four-year varsity member, was the driving force for the boys' tennis team.

Photos by: Kayley Will



# KICKING IT...

Attempting to move around her opponent, senior Alex Jost traps the ball. Jost was a master at bringing the ball from the back of the field to the offensive end of the field.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Freshman Taylor Lannert races up the sidelines in the season game against Reitz. Lannert was a new major asset to the team. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior captain Natalie Fleming keeps her composure as Central defenders swarm her. In her high school career, Fleming led the team in goals and assists. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

During the River City Classic, freshman Mackenzie Parkinson calculates where to place the ball before scoring during warm-ups before competing against North. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



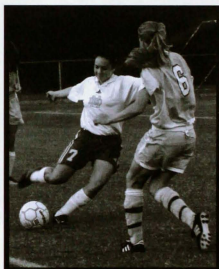
Junior Keri Swickard pressures a Central opponent during the regular season game. Swickard was known for her tough competitive edge. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Junior Jordan Bartek throws in the ball toward her teammates to keep possession. As a fullback Bartek was required to be tough and defend the goal. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Senior Jaci Babcock proves she has determination while sticking to a Central player. Known for speed, Babcock was able to win possession in many circumstances. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Sophomore goalie Sarah Luigs retrieves the goal shot and holds it tightly as an oncoming Central forward charges toward her. Photo by: Allison Probert

Senior defender Jessica Crabert clears the ball during the Senior Night game against Central. Because of Senior Night, the girls played with full intensity. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

PLAYING ON A TEAM WITH SIXTEEN GIRLS COULD SOMETIMES LEAD TO SOME DISCONTENTMENT, BUT WHEN THE GIRLS ON THE SOCCER TEAM WORKED TOGETHER AND PLAYED TOGETHER, THE RESULTS WERE PHENOMENAL. BEFORE GAMES, EACH PLAYER WAS EVEN COMFORTABLE ENOUGH AMONG HER OTHER TEAMMATES TO HEAR HOW SHE NEEDED TO IMPROVE AND HOW OVERCOMING HER WEAKNESSES COULD HELP PROPEL THE TEAM TO VICTORY.

"THIS SEASON HAS PROBABLY BEEN THE CLOSEST TEAM IN ALL MY FOUR YEARS AT MATER DEI. IF WE WEREN'T ALL PLAYING ON THE FIELD TOGETHER WE WERE PROBABLY HAVING A SLEEPOVER SOMEWHERE," SAID SENIOR FORWARD NATALIE FLEMING.

HOWEVER, THE SEASON WASN'T ALL SMILES. INJURIES PLAGUED THE TEAM, BUT DUE TO THE VERSATILITY AND DETERMINATION OF EACH PLAYER, THESE SETBACKS WERE ONLY TEMPORARY.

"WE HAD A LOT OF INJURIES THIS YEAR. WE HAD TO PUT PEOPLE IN PLACES THEY HAD NEVER BEEN BEFORE, BUT WE ALL PULLED TOGETHER TO MAKE IT WORK," SAID SENIOR MIDFIELDER ALEX JOST.

THE TEAM HAD AN ARRAY OF

UPPERCLASSMEN AND LOWERCLASSMEN, BUT NO TEAM MEMBER STOOD OUT AMONG HER FELLOW TEAMMATES. EACH MEMBER MESHED WITH THE OTHERS TO FORM ONE TEAM UNIT. THIS PROVED TO BE A WORTHWHILE TRANSITION AND CHALLENGE.

"IT WAS A HUGE STEP BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER AND GRADE SCHOOL SOCCER BECAUSE YOU DON'T JUST SOLELY WORK BY YOURSELF BUT AS A TEAM," SAID FRESHMAN TAYLOR LANNERT.

THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR LEADERSHIP PROVIDED A GREAT SUPPORT BASE FOR THOSE NEW TO THE TEAM. THE SENIORS HELPED THE LOWERCLASSMEN DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS FOR THE YEARS TO COME SO THE YOUNGER TEAMMATES COULD EVENTUALLY LEAD THE TEAM.

"THE SENIORS THIS YEAR WERE THE BEST. THEY WERE ALL SO NICE AND WELCOMING TO THE FRESHMEN. THEY TOLD US HOW TO IMPROVE IF WE WERE STRUGGLING AND WERE JUST GREAT TO BE AROUND," SAID FRESHMAN SARAH SWEENEY.

THE SENIORS ALSO HELD THE ROLE OF LEADERSHIP VERY HIGH ON THEIR LIST OF TEAM PRIORITIES. THEY MADE SURE THAT THEY WERE GOOD EXAMPLES OF

SPORTSMANSHIP AND POSITIVITY.

"THE BEST PART OF BEING A SENIOR WAS HAVING THE UNDERCLASSMEN LOOKING UP TO ME. AND, I HAD TO BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL AND SHOW LEADERSHIP," SAID SENIOR JACI BABCOCK.

THE HIGHEST POINT OF THE TEAM'S SEASON WAS BEATING THEIR ARCHRIVAL REITZ, NOT JUST BEFORE THE SEASON STARTED, OR DURING THE REGULAR SEASON, BUT ALSO IN THE SECOND SECTIONAL GAME.

"MY FAVORITE MOMENT WAS BEATING REITZ IN SECTIONALS. UP TO THIS YEAR, MY CLASS HAD NEVER BEATEN THEM, BUT THIS YEAR WE BEAT THEM FOUR TIMES DURING THE SEASON. IT WAS A DEFINITE BITTERSWEET MOMENT FOR THE TEAM," SAID FLEMING.

THE GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM HAS REACHED MANY HIGH AND SOMETIMES UNEXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS ON AND OFF THE FIELD THAT NOT ONLY DEFINED THEIR SUCCESS BUT ALSO THEIR FRIENDSHIPS. THE DYNAMICS OF THEIR TIGHT-KNIT TEAM MESHED WITH THEIR HARD-EARNED SKILLS TO FORM A TEAM THAT COULD FACE HARDSHIPS UNITED AND SMILE ONCE THEY HAD BEEN SURMOUNTED.

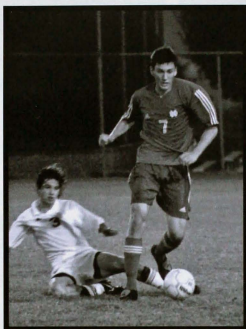
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ASA TEAM

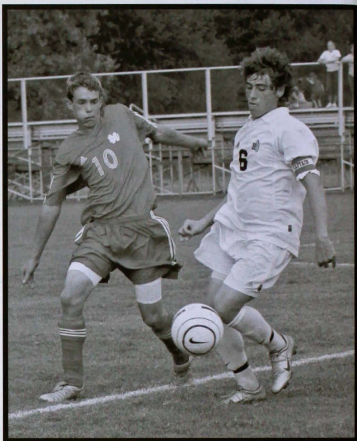
Below, senior Dan Armstrong carefully moves around his Central opponent. Armstrong was known for his sharp foot skills throughout his four years on the team.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore  
To the right, junior Brian Pigman narrowly escapes a slide tackle from his Central opponent.

Photo by: Allison Probert



freshman Jake Weinzapfel goes for the ball against his Central opponent. As a new member of the varsity team, Weinzapfel worked extra hard to earn his position.  
Photo by: Allison Probert



# TEAM OF HEROES

**D**URING THE 2005 BOYS' SOCCER SEASON, THERE WASN'T ONE HERO, NOR WAS THERE A TEAM MEMBER WHOSE NAME WAS PASTERED ON NEWSPAPER HEADLINES. THERE WERE NO EXPECTATIONS FOR A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, NOR WERE ANY LEGENDARY SPEECHES MADE. INSTEAD, THE MATER DEI BOYS' SOCCER TEAM SET ACHIEVABLE GOALS. IN DOING SO, THEY ACCOMPLISHED EACH GOAL AND, ONCE AGAIN, BECAME SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS. THOUGH THEY DID NOT WIN REGIONALS, IT DIDN'T SEEM TO MATTER TO A TEAM WHO HAD ACCOMPLISHED WHAT WAS NEEDED AND SO MUCH MORE.

THE TEAM STARTED OFF WELL, BEGINNING THEIR SEASON BY WINNING THE RIVER CITY CLASSIC. THIS ENCOURAGED THE BOYS GREATLY.

"AFTER WINNING THE RIVER CITY CLASSIC, WE REALIZED OUR POTENTIAL AND SET GOALS FOR THE SEASON. EVEN AFTER A DISAPPOINTING LOSS TO MEMORIAL, WE STILL HAD HIGH HOPES AND WANTED TO WIN SECTIONALS," SAID SENIOR CALVIN CLEMENTS.

LATER IN THE SEASON, GAMES AGAINST EVANSVILLE DAY SCHOOL FURTHER PUMPED THE BOYS UP.

"DAY SCHOOL HAS BEEN A BIG RIVAL FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS," SAID JUNIOR ARIC KENNEDY. "LAST YEAR WE TIED AND LOST TO THEM. THIS YEAR, WE BEAT

THEM TWICE, AND DID NOT ALLOW THEM TO SCORE AGAINST US AT ALL."

AS THE SEASON WORE ON, THE BOYS BEGAN TO PLAY AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK, SOMETIMES PLAYING FIVE GAMES IN SEVEN DAYS. THEY FOUGHT TO BE BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY PREPARED FOR GAMES.

"THE HARDEST PART OF SOCCER IS THAT IT IS DEMANDING, BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY. BY THE MIDDLE OF THE SEASON, I HAD TO FIGHT TO BE PREPARED," SAID CLEMENTS.

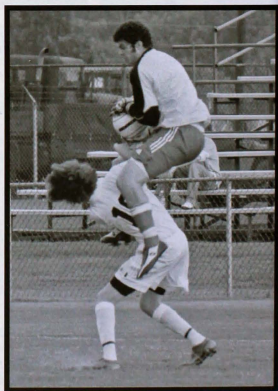
THE BOYS WON SECTIONALS AGAINST CENTRAL WITH A FINAL SCORE OF 2-0. THE WIN WAS ALL ABOUT COMMITMENT.

"I THINK THIS YEAR WE HAD OUR UPS AND DOWNS LIKE ALL TEAMS, AND THROUGH THOSE WE WERE ABLE TO STAY COMMITTED. THIS SHOWED WHEN WE DEFENDED THE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AGAINST CENTRAL," SAID KENNEDY.

THROUGH THE SEASON, THE BOYS LEARNED A LOT. HOPEFULLY, NEXT YEAR, THEY CAN STRENGTHEN THEIR GOALS TO INCLUDE A REGIONAL WIN. THE BOYS HAVE SOME ADVICE FOR FUTURE SOCCER PLAYERS.

"ALWAYS WEAR SHIN GUARDS WHEN PLAYING THIS SPORT. WHETHER AT PRACTICE OR IN A GAME, YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS GOING TO KICK YOU," SAID KENNEDY.

JESSICA GRABERT '06

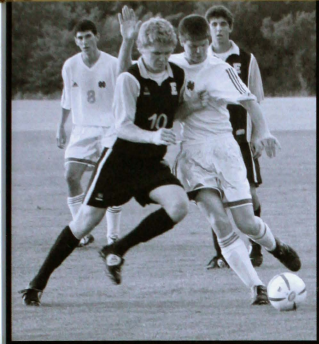


Junior Matt Price leap frogs over a member of Central's team. Price made many daring and sometimes entertaining saves.

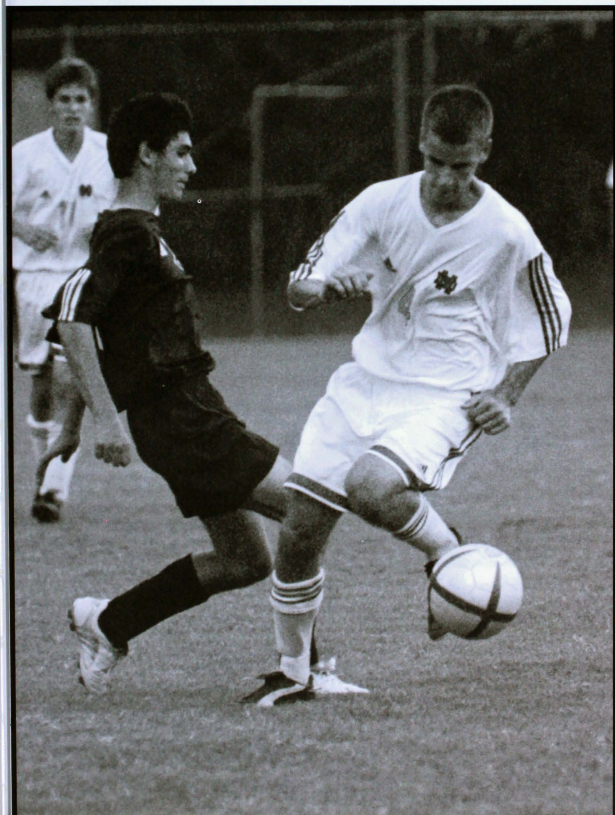
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To the left, junior Aric Kennedy struggles to remain in possession of the ball during the Evansville Day School game. This was one of the several games in the River City Classic tournament, which Mater Dei won. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

Below, junior Mitch Funke moves away from two Central defenders. Funke was able to step up his leadership as an upperclassman. Photo by: Allison Probert



Above, junior Aric Kennedy comes in from behind to get the ball away from his Central opponent. Kennedy had to deal with injuries throughout the season but still played to his full potential. Photo by: Allison Probert



Above, junior Nick Schenk attempts to trap the ball with his chest during the River City Classic. Schenk was usually a ruthless opponent on the soccer field. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

To the left, senior Kyle Clements uses his body to block and turn away from the Heritage Hills defender. Clements could always find a maneuver to use on his opponents. Photo by: Liz Wargel

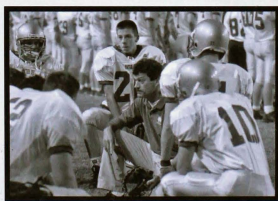


Senior Ryan Schnarre runs the ball for a first down against Castle. Schnarre rushed for 163 yards during the season. Photo by: Kayley Will

# TACKLING



Senior Ryan Schnarre blocks for senior Nathan Miller, who rushes the ball through Castle defenders. Miller ran for 158 yards in rushing against Castle. Photo by: Kayley Will



Seniors Andy Tekoppel, Paul Mindrup, and junior Jordan Phelps listen closely to Coach Goebel on the sidelines. Goebel is notorious for his fiery talks. Photo by: Kayley Will



Junior Zach Goebel struggles for a couple more yards before a Bosse defender brings him down. Goebel was a very tough player for the Wildcats, and led in total tackles. Photo by: Kayley Will

Senior Nathan Miller dodges a Castle player to gain yards for the Wildcats. Miller scored 126 points during the season.  
Photo by: Kayley Will



Senior Andy Niemcier takes a quick water break after playing hard on offense at the North game. Niemcier was not only the co-captain, but also won the Mental Attitude Award.  
Photo by: Kayley Will

Senior Scott Schapker attempts to block a Bosse player. Schapker had 13 total tackles during the season.  
Photo by: Kayley Will



The offensive line prepares for the snap while Memorial defends. The Wildcats beat the Tigers 34-0.  
Photo by: Kayley Will

Senior quarterback Brandon Deig hands the ball to senior Scott Schapker during the Bosse game. Deig threw for 1,731 yards throughout the entire season.  
Photo by: Kayley Will



**B**EFORE EVERY FOOTBALL SEASON, RUMORS FLY ABOUT HOW THE PRESENT YEAR'S TEAM WILL COMPETE COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S TEAM. FOR THE 2005-2006 FOOTBALL TEAM, THERE WAS A LOT TO LIVE UP TO. WITH THE LOSS OF MANY SENIORS, THE WILDCATS KNEW THEY HAD TO PROVE THEMSELVES.

"GOING INTO THE SEASON, WE WERE AN INEXPERIENCED TEAM," SAID SENIOR QUARTERBACK BRANDON DEIG. "BUT WE REALLY CAME TOGETHER DURING TWO-A-DAYS AND STARTED WORKING AS A TEAM."

TO THE SENIOR PLAYERS, CERTAIN GAMES STUCK OUT AS HIGH AND LOW POINTS OF THE SEASON. THE FIRST WAS THE SEASON OPENER AGAINST OWENSBORO. THE WILDCATS FELL 12-18, BUT THE LOSS ONLY MOTIVATED THE TEAM TO WORK HARDER.

"AFTER OUR FIRST LOSS, EVERYONE WORKED REALLY HARD TO BEAT CENTRAL IN OUR NEXT GAME," SAID SENIOR RECEIVER ANDY TEKOPPEL. "WE ALL WANTED A GOOD SEASON, SO WE PULLED IT TOGETHER."

MANY AGREE THAT THE CENTRAL GAME WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SEASON, WITH THE WILDCATS WINNING 20-6.

"THE CENTRAL GAME WAS AN ALL-AROUND GOOD MORAL VICTORY," SAID SENIOR LINEMAN JASON WIRE, WHO WAS VOTED THE MOST IMPROVED OFFENSIVE PLAYER. "PEOPLE HAD THEIR DOUBTS ABOUT US, BUT WE CAME TOGETHER TO PROVE OURSELVES."

AS THE SEASON PROGRESSED, IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE WILDCATS WERE GOING TO BE A FORCE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BALL. THE OFFENSE, LED BY DEIG AND SENIOR RUNNINGBACK NATHAN MILLER, WAS WELL KNOWN FOR ITS SUCCESSFUL PASSING, HAVING COMPLETED 1,847 YARDS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. HOWEVER, THE OFFENSE WAS ALSO NOTORIOUS FOR ITS RUNNING GAME, HAVING RUSHED 2,042 YARDS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

MORE IMPORTANTLY WAS THE DEFENSE, WHICH WAS OFTEN OVERLOOKED.

"THE DEFENSE WAS THE BACKBONE OF THE TEAM," SAID TEKOPPEL.

MANY PLAYERS AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEFENSIVE PLAYERS.

"THE DEFENSE WAS REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT JUMPSTARTED THE OFFENSE," SAID MILLER, WHO PLAYED ON BOTH OFFENSE AND DEFENSE AND RUSHED FOR 1,189 YARDS AND HAD 29 TACKLES.

WHEN THINGS GOT SHAKY ON OFFENSE, THE DEFENSE WAS THERE TO KEEP THING STEADY. THE DEFENSE WAS LED BY JUNIOR ZACH GOEBEL, WHO HAD 168 TOTAL TACKLES AND FOUR SACKS.

"THE DEFENSE WAS WHAT REALLY HELD THE TEAM TOGETHER," SAID SENIOR TYLER BITTNER, WHO RECEIVED THE MATER DEI BEST OFFENSIVE LINEMAN AWARD. "THEY WERE AWESOME."

DESPITE THE HARD WORK PUT FORTH BY THE OFFENSE AND DEFENSE, THE WILDCATS FELL TO THE HERITAGE HILLS PATRIOTS AT THE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

"THE LOW POINT OF THE SEASON, FOR ME, WAS LOSING TO HERITAGE HILLS AT SECTIONALS," SAID MILLER. "WE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO MOVE ON, BUT WE STILL HAD A GREAT YEAR."

THOSE WHO THOUGHT THAT THE 2005-2006 FOOTBALL SEASON WOULD BE A REBUILDING YEAR WERE PROVEN WRONG AS THE SEASON PROGRESSED. THE TEAM TACKLED THEIR OBSTACLES AND PULLED TOGETHER TO WALK AWAY WITH A VERY SUCCESSFUL SEASON, AND A WINNING RECORD OF 9-3.

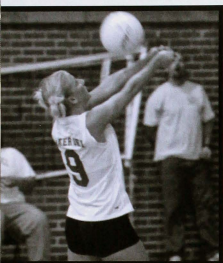
KAYLEY WILL, '06

# OUR OPPONENTS

Below, junior Kendal Elpers bumps the ball to keep the play in motion. Elpers was a defensive specialist for the Wildcats.

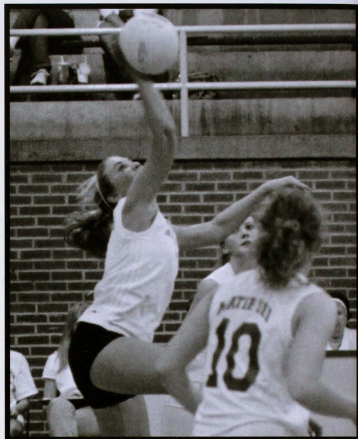
Photo by: Liz Wargel  
Right, sophomore Krystal Schmitt sets the ball to one of the hitters to make a play. Schmitt assisted in many plays for the team.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Ashley Hoffmann drives the ball across the net during the Central game. Hoffmann played the middle hitter position and was also an offensive player.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



# SET THE MATCH

TEAMWORK IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF ANY GROUP OR TEAM. WHEN A TEAM IS NOT WORKING WELL TOGETHER, THEY MUST RALLY, OR UNITE, IN ORDER TO BE A SUCCESS. THIS WAS THE CASE FOR THE 2005 VOLLEYBALL TEAM.

"I THINK OUR BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT THIS SEASON WOULD BE PULLING TOGETHER THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES AND BECOMING A TEAM," SAID SENIOR ALYSSA EDWARDS. "I THINK WE ALL REALIZED THAT WE COULDN'T WIN UNLESS WE PULLED TOGETHER. WE PLAYED SO MUCH BETTER WHEN WE PLAYED TOGETHER."

WHEN THE GIRLS RALLIED TOGETHER, THEY PULLED OFF SOME TOUGH VICTORIES.

"ONE OF THE GREATEST PARTS OF THE SEASON WAS WHEN WE BEAT REITZ," SAID JUNIOR LAUREN NIEMEIER. "THIS GAME WAS SO EXCITING AND CRAZY. THERE WERE TONS OF FANS, AND THE GYM WAS SO LOUD I COULD BARELY THINK. THE GAMES WERE MOSTLY CLOSE AND NERVE-RACKING, BUT WE WON IN THREE GAMES."

DEFEATING REITZ LED THE GIRLS INTO A SUCCESSFUL RUN.

"THE REITZ GAME WAS THE BEGINNING OF A SIX-GAME WINNING STREAK," SAID EDWARDS.

THE GIRLS ENDED THE SEASON WITH A WINNING RECORD AND SOME CLOSE GAMES.

"OUR REGULAR SEASON RECORD, WITHOUT

TOURNAMENTS, WAS 12-5," SAID JUNIOR LAUREN NIEMEIER. "WE ACTUALLY CAME CLOSER TO MORE WINS THAN OUR RECORD SHOWS. SEVERAL OF OUR MATCHES WENT INTO FIVE GAMES. WE ONLY LOST TO TWO CITY TEAMS, MEMORIAL AND CENTRAL, WHICH WERE BOTH VERY CLOSE GAMES."

THE TEAM ALSO HAD TO COME TOGETHER WHEN FACED WITH INJURY.

"SOPHOMORE KENDAL ELPERS WAS ONE OF OUR BETTER DEFENSIVE PLAYERS, AND SHE SPRAINED HER ANKLE," SAID SENIOR TIFFANY PAYTON. "WE HAD TO FILL HER SPOT WITH OTHER PLAYERS, BUT THEY DID A VERY GOOD JOB FILLING IN."

FINALLY, THE GIRLS HAD TO COME TOGETHER TO GET THEMSELVES OUT OF A HOLE, LITERALLY.

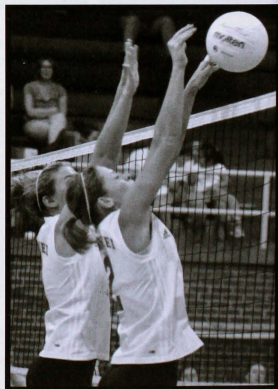
"ON THE WAY HOME FROM A TOURNAMENT IN MARTINSVILLE, THE MATER DEI BUS GOT STUCK IN A HOLE," SAID EDWARDS. "WE HAD TO PUSH IT OUT."

ALL OF THE GIRLS ON THE TEAM AGREE THAT THIS WAS THE FUNNIEST EVENT OF THE SEASON.

"IT WAS SCARY AT THE TIME, BUT IT WAS PRETTY FUNNY AFTERWARDS," SAID NIEMEIER.

THROUGH VICTORY AND DEFEAT, INJURY AND ADVERSITY, THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM RALLIED TOGETHER FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

BRITNEY MILLER, '06



Seniors Ashley Hoffmann and Hailey Kempf work together to block a spike during the sectional game against Mount Vernon. Both Hoffmann and Kempf were four-year members of the team. Photo by: Meghan Bernick





To the left, senior Alyssa Edwards jumps to spike the ball during the sectional game against Mount Vernon. Edwards had seven kills during the three matches.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



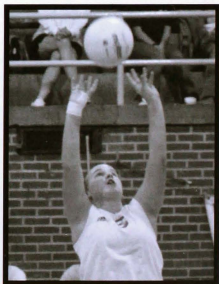
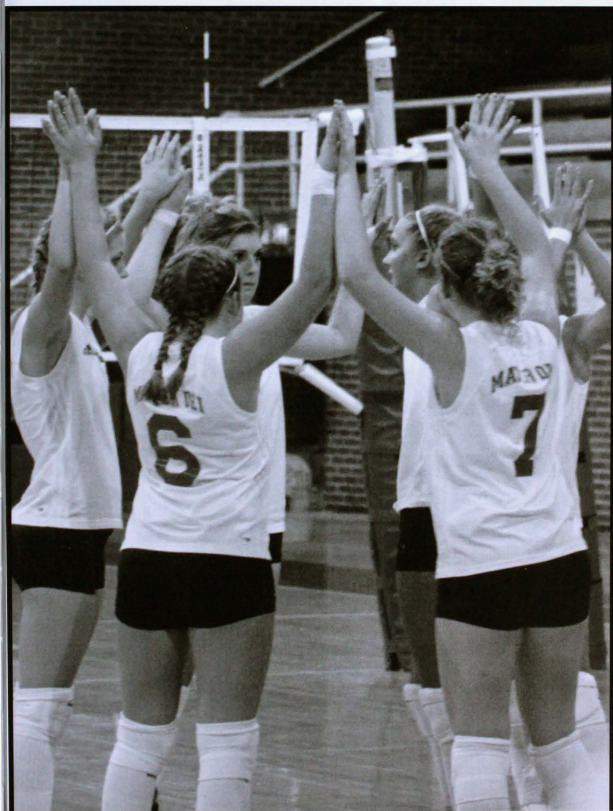
Senior Tiffany Dayton saves the ball by sliding on the ground to bump it to the setter. Dayton was one of the leaders on the team and received the Kiwanis Award.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Junior Mallory Goebel bumps the ball during the sectional game against Mount Vernon. Goebel stepped up as a member of the team as an upperclassman.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Above, junior Marie Wolf concentrates on getting the perfect set. Wolf was one of the main setters on the team.

Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

Left, the volleyball team comes together to give one another encouragement before the Reitz game. They defeated Reitz 25-13, 25-10, 25-21.

Photo by: Kayley Will

Below, senior Dustin Stoltz paces himself during a race. Stoltz improved his performance during the past four years of running both cross country and track. Photo by: Brittney Miller

Senior Patrick McKinney and junior Sean Herron cool down after a heated race. McKinney and Herron had a successful season, both advancing to semi-state on an individual basis. Photo by: Brittney Miller



# RUN ON LAUGHS

AT PRACTICE, MOST PEOPLE COULD SEE THE BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM JOKING AND LAUGHING TOGETHER. THEIR CONVERSATIONS WHILE STRETCHING BEFORE A RUN USUALLY INCLUDED JOKING WITH SENIOR WES DINGMAN, A CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM, OR TALKING ABOUT NINJAS. THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM WASN'T ALL ABOUT THE FUN AND LAUGHTER, THOUGH. THEY STRIVED TO PERFORM TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES TO MAKE UP FOR LOSING LAST YEAR'S INFLUENTIAL SENIORS.

"OUR TEAM STRUGGLED TO PERSEVERE WITHOUT SCOTT KORESSSEL, ANDY KRACK, AND MATT FELLER," SAID DINGMAN. "ALTHOUGH WE MISSED THEM DEARLY, WE STILL FINISHED OFF THE SEASON WITH ELEVENTH PLACE AT THE SEMI-STATE COMPETITION."

TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOST SENIORS, THEY SET GOALS BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A TEAM BEFORE THE SEASON STARTED AND PRACTICES WERE UNDERWAY.

"MOST OF THE TOP GUYS ON THE TEAM RAN OVER 300 MILES DURING THE SUMMER IN ORDER TO CONDITION OURSELVES," SAID SENIOR PATRICK MCKINNEY.

THE MILES THE TEAM TALLIED DURING THE SUMMER HELPED THEM ENDURE THE GRUELING RACES LATER ON IN THE SEASON.

NOT ONLY DID THE MILEAGE HELP THE BOYS

ENDURE, BUT THE RITUALS BEFORE THE RACE DID, TOO. THE ENTIRE TEAM WOULD WARM-UP TOGETHER AND WOULD ALWAYS MAKE SURE THEY SAID A TEAM PRAYER.

"PRAYING TOGETHER REALLY FOCUSED ME BEFORE THE RACE AND HELPED ME ENDURE THROUGH IT WHEN THINGS BECAME HARD," SAID JUNIOR SEAN HERRON.

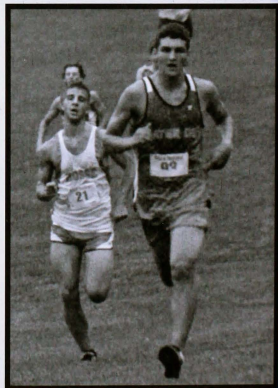
OVERALL, THE BOYS HAD AN EXCELLENT SEASON. AT THE END OF THEIR SEASON, THEY ADVANCED TO SEMI-STATE AS A TEAM, ALONG WITH MCKINNEY AND HERRON ADVANCING INDIVIDUALLY TO THE COMPETITION.

"IT WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT WHEN WE DIDN'T ADVANCE TO STATE THIS YEAR," SAID JUNIOR JERRY PARKINSON. "BUT WE ALL PUSHED OURSELVES TO THE LIMIT AND TRIED OUR BEST, AND THAT'S ALL THAT COUNTS."

ALTHOUGH THE TEAM WASN'T AS STRONG AS IT HAS BEEN IN PAST YEARS, THE BOYS STILL HAD A GREAT SEASON WHILE THEY WERE REBUILDING BOTH TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL STANDARDS. THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE DISAPPOINTMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, LAUGHTER, NERVOUSNESS, AND EXCITEMENT.

"I WOULDN'T TRADE THE MEMORIES FROM THIS YEAR, OR ANY OTHER ONE. FOR ANYTHING ELSE," SAID MCKINNEY. "CROSS COUNTRY HAS BEEN AN AWESOME EXPERIENCE FOR ME."

KIM SPAHN, '06



Junior Mitchell Eckhoff finishes the sectional race with a strong performance by staying in front of the competition. Eckhoff helped his team advance to semi-state by running in the top seven. Photo by: Allison Probert



Senior Kevin Elliott stumbles across the finish line at the city meet. Elliott over the summer, improved to exceed his original goals.  
Photo by: Brittney Miller

Senior Wes Dingman runs with the pack at sectionals. Dingman ran in the top seven and served as co-captain with McKinney.  
Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



Junior Sean Herron focuses on finishing in the last seconds of the sectionals race. Herron, along with McKinney, qualified for individual semi-state.  
Photo by: Allison Probert



Above, senior Michael Fischer, a three-year member of the team, heads toward the finish line. Fischer overcame a serious injury to run his final year of high school cross country.  
Photo by: Brittney Miller

Left, senior Patrick McKinney pushes up a hill at the sectional meet which led to a second-place finish. The highlights of his season were winning 8AC and Regionals.  
Photo by: Rosanna Sartore



# OVER HILLS

The girls cross country team pumps themselves up for the race by giving each other high-fives and wishing each other good luck. It was a ritual for the team to warm up and pray together before each and every race.

Photo by: Brittney Miller

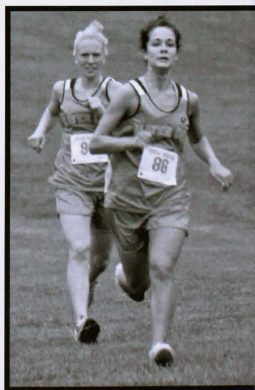


Senior Katie Scheller and junior Krista Wildeman race to pass one of Central's top girls at the sectional meet.

Photo by: Allison Probert.



Sisters senior Ellen Weinzapfel and junior Pam Weinzapfel lean on each other after the sectional race. The two sisters supported each other mentally throughout the season. Photo by: Allison Probert.



Senior Kim Spain and junior Krista Wildeman run toward the finish line during the sectional meet. Spain placed 25th, while Wildeman placed 27th. Photo by: Allison Probert.

Senior Ellen Weinzapfel wipes the sweat from her brow while running at the City Meet. Weinzapfel, a three-year member of the team, consistently improved to increase the team's performance. Photo by: Brittany Miller



Sophomore Kelsey Harpenau pushes herself to pass an opponent at the end of the race. Harpenau, a new member of the team, always strives to perform at her best. Photo by: Brittany Miller



Freshman Megan Blankenberger works her way downhill to pass the competition. Blankenberger improved her performance tremendously by the end of the season and could always be counted on to help. Photo by: Rosanna Bartore



# THRU WOODS

Seniors Kim Spahn and Ellen Weinzapfel prepare for the race by putting on their spikes and applying icy hot. All the girls had both individual and team rituals before each and every race. Photo by: Allison Probert



Sophomore Karen Scheller streaks for the finish line during the sectional meet. Scheller worked to improve her past records as a goal for the end of the season. Photo by: Allison Probert



THE COMPONENTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TEAM ARE OFTEN THE SAME ON ANY PLAYING SURFACE: TEAMWORK, DEDICATION, AND HARD WORK. HOWEVER, NONE OF THESE THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITHOUT MOTIVATION AND INTENSITY. THE GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR, THANKS TO SENIOR LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, INTENSITY.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, THE SENIORS WERE REQUIRED TO STEP UP AND FULFILL THEIR ROLES AS THE LEADERS OF THE TEAM.

"AS A SENIOR, I FELT, AS THE OTHER SENIORS DID, THAT IT WAS OUR JOB TO LEAD THE TEAM," SAID SENIOR ELLEN WEINZAPFEL. "MOST OF THE GIRLS WERE NEW TO THE SPORT, AND WE TRIED TO BE AS SUPPORTIVE AS POSSIBLE."

THE GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM WAS A TIGHT-KNIT GROUP, WHICH LEAD TO THEIR SUCCESS. THE GIRLS DEPENDED ON ONE ANOTHER FOR MOTIVATION BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER RACES.

"THE NIGHT BEFORE A RACE, THE TEAM EITHER WENT TO FAZOLI'S OR TO A SENIOR'S HOUSE," SAID JUNIOR KRISTA

WILDEMAN. "RIGHT BEFORE THE RACE WE WOULD CIRCLE UP AND SAY A HAIL MARY AND 'PRIDE' ON THREE. SEEING MY TEAMMATES DURING THE RACE IS REALLY WHAT KEPT ME GOING."

KNOWING EACH PERSON'S RESPECTIVE POSITION ON THE TEAM ALSO MOTIVATED MANY OF THE GIRLS.

"I KNEW THAT IF I GAVE UP DURING A RACE, I WOULD LET MY TEAM DOWN," SAID SOPHOMORE KELSEY HARPENAU.

WHEN THE COMPETITION GOT TOUGH DURING THE SEASON, THE TEAM WAS FURTHER MOTIVATED TO PULL TOGETHER AS A TEAM.

"WHEN WE RAN AGAINST TEAMS LIKE CENTRAL, WE KNEW THE SCORE WAS GOING TO BE REALLY CLOSE. SO I THINK THE TEAM DEFINITELY PUSHED THEMSELVES HARDER TO BEAT THEM," SAID SENIOR KIM SPAHN. "THE RACE WAS INTENSIFIED BECAUSE EVERY SPOT COUNTED."

THE TEAM AGREED THAT BEATING CENTRAL WAS A DEFINITE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SEASON.

"FINALLY BEATING CENTRAL AND GETTING FIRST PLACE AS A TEAM WAS AWE-

SOME," SAID HARPENAU.

ALTHOUGH THE TEAM DIDN'T ACHIEVE ALL OF THEIR PRESEASON GOALS, SUCH AS ADVANCING TO SEMI-STATE, THE GIRLS WERE SATISFIED WITH THEIR SEASON, AND WALKED AWAY WITH MANY HAPPY MEMORIES.

"THIS WAS PROBABLY THE BEST SEASON EVER. EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T ADVANCE TO SEMI-STATE, WE SHARED SOME OF THE BEST TIMES TEN CRAZY FEMALE RUNNERS COULD EVER HAVE," SAID WILDEMAN. "WE REALLY WILL MISS THE SENIORS. I THINK EVERY PERSON RACED TO THEIR POTENTIAL AND BEYOND."

MANY AGREE THAT THE 2005 SEASON WAS A SATISFYING ONE.

"THIS SEASON WAS A BUILDING YEAR, BUT ALL THE GIRLS HAD A GREAT TIME," SAID SPAHN. "I'M REALLY GLAD I CAME OUT MY SENIOR YEAR."

THROUGH TEAMWORK, LEADERSHIP, AND INTENSITY, AND WITH THE HELP OF THEIR MASCOT GIRAFFE, JEFFERY, THE GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM PROVED THAT THEY WERE TRULY A SUCCESSFUL TEAM.

KAYLEY WILL, '06

Below, senior Danielle Elsner cheers on a basketball player during a free throw. Elsner was always known for her peppy spirit and attitude. Photo by: Allison Probert



Sophomore Cara Emmert drops from her extension during the Reitz football game. During time outs, the cheerleaders often perform the stunts they practice. Photo by: Jessica Grabert



# RAZZIN' IT UP

“RAZZ MA TAZZ, AND ALL THAT JAZZ! WE'RE ROCKIN' TO THE BEAT! HEY WILDCATS! WHOO! POUR ON THE HEAT!”

ALL OF US KNOW THIS CHEER. WHEN IT WAS DOWN TO DEIG THROWING A PERFECT PASS TO THE RUNNING BACK OR MUENSTERMAN HITTING THE THREE POINTER, WE WERE ALL GUILTY OF THINKING THAT THE LOUDER WE CHEERED THE MORE CHANCE THAT THE BALL WOULD GO WHERE WE WANTED IT TO. WE BELIEVED OUR SCREAMS COULD CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF ANY GAME. WE ALL REMEMBER THOSE MOMENTS WHEN WE SAT ON THE EDGE OF OUR SEATS, BUT DO WE REALIZE WHO STARTED THE CHEERS AND GOT US IN THE SPIRIT?

“IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME THAT OUR FANS BECOME INVOLVED AT FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL GAMES. THAT IS OUR JOB AS CHEERLEADERS, TO GET THE CROWD MOTIVATED. WHEN NO ONE CHEERS WITH US, WE FEEL AS IF WE HAVE FAILED,” SAID JUNIOR SAMANTHA HURM, A TWO-YEAR MEMBER OF THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD.

TO BE PREPARED FOR THE WEEKEND GAME, THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD PRACTICES TWO HOURS AS A TEAM. SOME MEMBERS ALSO ATTEND A TUMBLING CLASS TO IMPROVE THEIR COMPLICATED TUMBLING PASSES. COMBINING THE PRACTICE TIME WITH GAME TIME, THE CHEERLEADERS SPEND SIX OR SEVEN HOURS A WEEK LEADING US IN CHEERS FOR OUR TEAM.

“WE TUMBLE AN HOUR A WEEK AT CHEERZONE. WE ALSO CONDITION AT THE END OF PRACTICE,” SAID HURM. “WHEN WE FIRST START IN THE SUMMER, WE SPEND TIME STUNTING THEN COUNTING OUT OUR ROUTINE FOR COMPETITIONS AND HALFTIME.”

THIS YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY INJURIES THAT HAVE CAUSED TURMOIL WHEN TRYING TO PIECE TOGETHER STUNTS AND ROUTINES FOR THE GAMES. STUNTING IS A MAJOR PART OF THE TEAM; IF ONE IS HURT, THE ENTIRE TEAM SUFFERS.

“TUMBLING STILL OFFERS MORE OF A CHALLENGE, WHICH IS WHAT IS EXCITING,” SAID SENIOR EMILY ELPERS.

“THE WORST AND TOUGHEST PART IS FIGURING OUT WHAT TO DO WHEN SOMEONE IS SICK OR INJURED. EVERYONE HAS TO STEP UP AND FILL THE VOID THAT IS OPEN,” SAID JUNIOR DANIELLE RITTER.

MANY TIMES WHEN THE FANS GET DOWN, THE CHEERLEADERS OFTEN FEEL THE NEED TO PEP UP THE CROWD AGAIN AND ENSURE THAT THE FANS DON'T LOSE THEIR CHEERING VIGOR.

“THE HARDEST PART OF CHEERING IS TRYING TO KEEP GOOD SPIRITS WHEN NO ONE ELSE HAS THEM, AND OUR TEAM IS LOSING BY A LOT,” SAID SENIOR DANIELLE ELSNER. “THE FANS GIVE US MOST OF OUR SPIRIT WE HAVE DURING THE GAMES. AS LONG AS THE FANS ARE UPBEAT, WE ARE TOO.”

LIZ WARGEL, '07



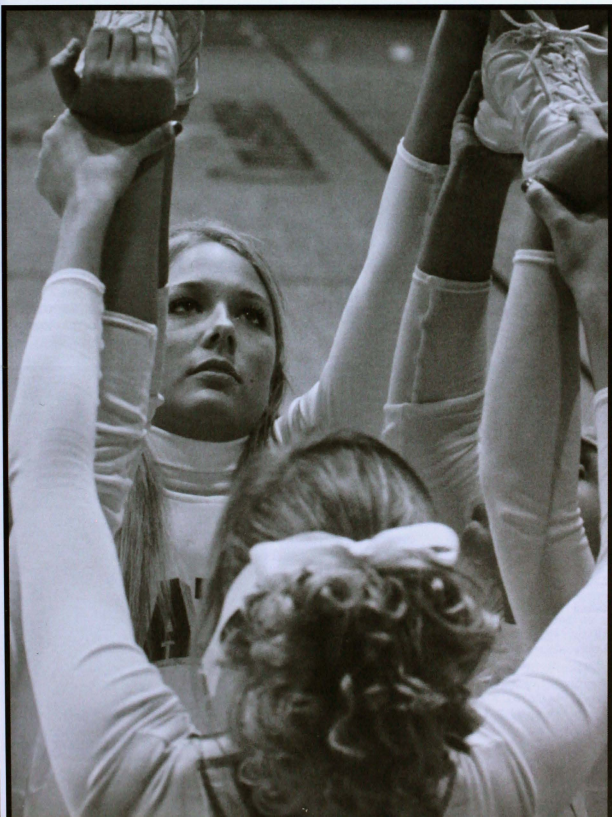
Junior Danielle Ritter peps up the football fans during the Harrison game. Cheerleading requires endurance to remain peppy, even if the crowd is not. Photo by: Jessica Grabert

Junior Mackenzie Riggs supports the football team with her cheers. Riggs is a first-year varsity member.

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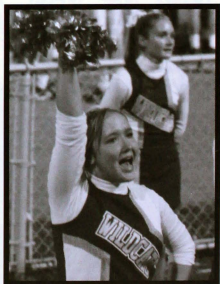
Junior Lauren Hoefling chants along with her team to the crowd favorite "Jump & Shake Your Booty." Many of the cheers instantly become favorites of the fans.

Photo by: Kayley Will



Senior Emily Elpers prepares to begin a cheer. Elpers has been a cheerleader for four years.

Photo by: Jessica Grabert



Above, senior Lauren Oliver yells for both the team and fans to work hard. Cheerleaders understand that their job on the sidelines is as important as being in the stands.

Photo by: Jessica Grabert

To the left, junior Michelle Kelley spots a stunt. Although a spotter doesn't stand out as much during a stunt, the job is vital to the lift.

Photo by: Kayley Will



# BEDAZZLING

Senior Allison Drobert, center, along with sophomores Kayleen Glaser, left, and Christie Kelley, right, stun the crowd while performing their last routine as a team. The girls dedicated themselves to perfecting this routine for two intense practices. Photo by: Kayley Will



Sophomore Christie Kelley prepares to apply rhinestones to senior captain Robin Fehrenbacher while getting ready for their Janifest contest. The team received a gold rating at the competition. Photo by: Allison Probert



Senior Robin Fehrenbacher enchants the crowd while performing an Aerosmith medley routine. Fehrenbacher has been dancing for sixteen years and still enjoys each minute on the floor. Photo by: Tori Fisher



Junior co-captain Jewel Reising performs a hand routine during a time out. Even though the team didn't always enjoy these routines, the crowd responded to the short pep-up session. Photo by: Tori Fisher

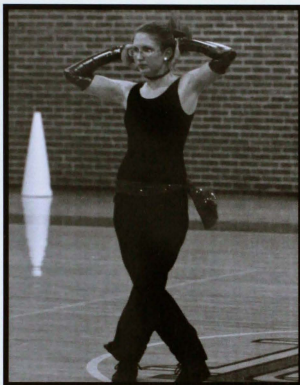


Sophomore Kayleen Glaser excites the crowd with her unique facial expressions. Glaser, a two-year member of the team, always performs to her maximum potential. Photo by: Kayley Will



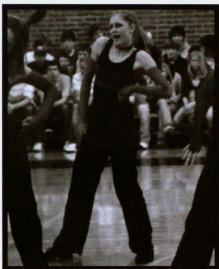
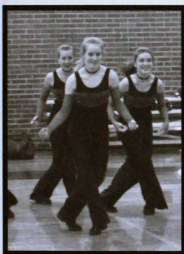
Senior Allison Probert and freshman Stephanie Fields, right, enjoy every minute of their routine. Because they love dancing, they don't let nerves get the best of them. Photo by: Kayley Will

Freshman Heather Wargel pumps up the dance and herself for her final performance of the year. Wargel used her studio dance training to help her fight nervousness and increase confidence. Photo by: Kayley Will



Senior Jennifer Rathgeber performs her last routine in front of the Mater Dei crowd. The seniors used the last home game to amaze the crowd by performing by themselves. Photo by: Kayley Will

Sophomore Christie Kelley dances with full enthusiasm during the 'Shake' routine. Kelley was always cheerful, which benefited the entire team immensely. Photo by: Kayley Will



MANY PEOPLE CLAIM THAT THE DANCE CATS ARE NOT A SPORTS TEAM. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT MEMBERS DON'T HAVE TO WORK AS HARD, CONCENTRATE AS MUCH, OR BE AS DEDICATED AS OTHER, MORE TRADITIONAL TEAMS AND SPORTS. HOWEVER, THE DANCE CATS WOULD DISAGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT. OFTENTIMES, IT IS DIFFICULT TO PERFORM WELL WHEN THERE AREN'T ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PEP ASSEMBLIES TO CHEER YOU ON AND HELP MEMBERS COMPETE AT OPTIMAL LEVELS.

ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT CHALLENGES FACED IS BATTLING NERVOUSNESS. FRESHMAN HEATHER WARGEL HAS BEEN DANCING SINCE SHE WAS THREE YEARS OLD BUT STILL FEELS THE PRESSURE. "I AM ALWAYS NERVOUS BEFORE I PERFORM. I TRY TO MANAGE MY NERVOUSNESS BY TAKING DEEP BREATHS AND GOING OVER THE DANCE WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS. WE, AS A TEAM, USUALLY PRAY BEFORE WE PERFORM," WARGEL SAID.

THIS YEAR, THE TEAM ALSO HAD TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO NEW TEAM MEMBERS AND A NEW COACHING STAFF. SENIOR ROBIN FEHRENBACHER HAD THE DIFFICULT JOB OF BRINGING EVERYONE TOGETHER SINCE

SHE WAS CAPTAIN, ALONG WITH CO-CAPTAIN JEWEL REISING. "I THINK THE MOST CHALLENGING PART WAS WORKING WITH THE NEW MEMBERS AND COACHES BY HELPING THEM ADAPT TO THE RULES AND WORK WITH THE PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED MEMBERS," FEHRENBACHER SAID.

ANOTHER DIFFICULTY FACED WAS THE ERRATIC SCHEDULE. "THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF THE SEASON WAS CRAMMING. WHEN WE HAD TO LEARN AND KNOW THE REST OF THE DANCE AND ONLY HAD TWO PRACTICES TO DO THAT, IT GOT REALLY TOUGH," SAID FRESHMAN STEPHANIE FIELDS.

HOWEVER, THE SEASON WASN'T SIMPLY FACING CHALLENGES. THE GIRLS GREW IMMENSURABLY, BOTH ON A PERSONAL LEVEL AND AS A TEAM. SOPHOMORE KAYLEEN GLASER AGREED. "I BELIEVE THAT I BECAME A BETTER DANCER AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, I GREW MUCH CLOSER TO EVERYONE ON THE TEAM."

MEMBERS ENJOYED GROWING ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS WHILE BONDING WITH THE REST OF THE TEAM. NEITHER ONE WAS CONSIDERED MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OTHERS BECAUSE OF THE CLOSENESS OF

THE TEAM. "THIS SEASON, I DEVELOPED MORE CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF AND IN MY LEADERSHIP SKILLS. BEING THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM, I FELT I HELPED EACH MEMBER GROW INTO A BETTER DANCER AND I ALSO HELPED US BE MORE ORGANIZED AND DEDICATED," SAID FEHRENBACHER.

AT THE END OF THE SEASON, FACING ALL THESE CHALLENGES PAID OFF. SENIOR ALLISON PROBERT, WHO HAS BEEN A DANCE CAT FOR THREE YEARS, NOTICED THIS DURING THE FINAL DANCE OF THE SEASON. "THE DANCE WAS MUCH HARDER THAN ANY WE HAD ATTEMPTED THIS YEAR. I THINK IT HELPED EACH MEMBER OF THE TEAM DANCE TO THE BEST OF HER ABILITY," PROBERT SAID.

SO EVEN THOUGH THE DANCE CATS MAY NOT BE RECOGNIZED AS AN OFFICIAL TEAM BY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, THEY STILL FIND THE STRENGTH TO LEARN NEW THINGS, CHALLENGE THEMSELVES, AND WORK TOGETHER. EVEN THOUGH THE GIRLS DON'T NEED OTHER PEOPLE'S SUPPORT, PROBERT, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE TEAM, STILL CLAIMS THAT "DANCING SHOULD BE A SPORT!"

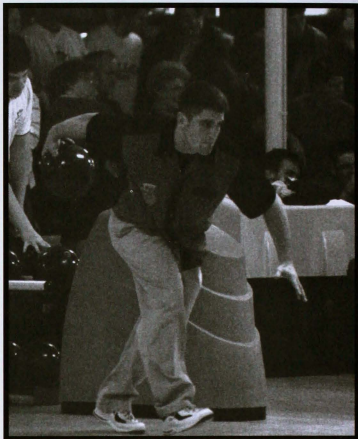
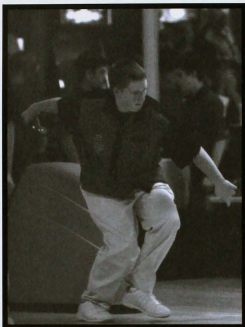
ROSANNA SARTORE, '06

SHAKE IT UP

Below, senior Jake Weinzapfel follows through after his bowl against Mt. Vernon.

Photo by: Liz Wargel  
Right, sophomore Jon Grosheart winds up to send his bowling ball down the lane. Grosheart knocked down a total of 3,223 pins this season.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior Nathan J. Miller prepares to release the ball. Miller ended the season with a 155 average, bowling in 15 meets. He knocked down a total of 2,328 pins during the season.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel



# KNOCK 'EM OUT

THE BALL HAS BEEN RELEASED. IT IS ROLLING DOWN THE LANE. HOW MANY PINS WILL IT COLLIDE WITH? FOR A BOWLER, THIS IS AS IMPORTANT AS A BASKETBALL SINKING IN THE BASKET OR A VOLLEYBALL CROSSING OVER THE NET. DESPITE THIS EXCITEMENT, BOWLING DOES NOT DRAW LARGE CROWDS OF CHEERING FANS LIKE THE OTHER SPORTS AT MATER DEI. HOWEVER, THE BOYS' BOWLING TEAM HAS JUST AS MUCH FUN AS THE OTHER ATHLETIC TEAMS.

ANOTHER DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BOWLING AND OTHER SPORTS IS THE AMOUNT OF PRACTICE REQUIRED. BECAUSE COACH JOE DIPPEL WAS BUSY AS LEAGUE COORDINATOR, THE BOYS BASICALLY COACHED THEMSELVES AND PRACTICED MINIMALLY.

"WE ONLY PRACTICED ONCE A WEEK AND SOMETIMES TWICE A WEEK DURING TOURNEY TIME," SAID SENIOR NATHAN J. MILLER.

DESPITE THE SHORT PRACTICE SCHEDULE, THE BOWLING TEAM ENJOYED THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON TO DATE. THEY ENDED THE SEASON WITH AN 8-2 RECORD, FINISHED THIRD IN THEIR CONFERENCE, AND ADVANCED TO REGIONALS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

"THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON WERE PLACING THIRD IN SECTIONALS AND QUALIFYING FOR REGIONALS," SAID MILLER.

ONE INDIVIDUAL'S AC-

COMPLISHMENTS ALSO STOOD OUT. JUNIOR ADAM BUTTS FINISHED THE SEASON WITH A 196 AVERAGE AND WAS NAMED AN ALL-CONFERENCE BOWLER.

DIPPEL ATTRIBUTES THE TEAM'S SUCCESS TO A NEW ATTITUDE. "TEAMS IN THE PAST WOULD SHOW UP AND GET BEAT. THESE GUYS HAD A DIFFERENT ATTITUDE, THOUGH. THEY HAD CONFIDENCE AND KNEW THEY COULD WIN. ALSO, THEY REALLY WORKED AT IT."

IN ADDITION, BECAUSE BOWLING IS A RELAXED SPORT, THE GUYS DIDN'T CRACK UNDER PRESSURE, LIKE OTHER ATHLETES ARE SOMETIMES KNOWN TO DO.

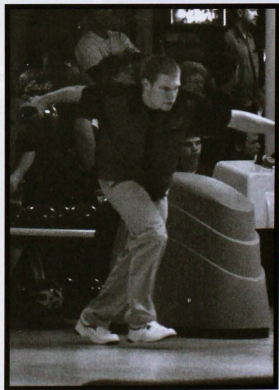
"I HEARD A QUOTE ONCE THAT SAID, 'PRESSURE IS SELF-INDUCED FROM LACK OF CONFIDENCE.' I THINK THIS APPLIES TO THE BOWLING TEAM. THERE WAS NO PRESSURE BECAUSE THEY HAD GREAT CONFIDENCE," SAID DIPPEL.

BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PRESSURE, THE GUYS WERE ABLE TO RELAX, JOKE AROUND, AND HAVE FUN.

"THEY WERE A FUN BUNCH TO WORK WITH," SAID DIPPEL. "THERE WAS A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE WITH GOOD-NATURED KIDDING AROUND, AND THE GUYS HAD A FUNNY CHEMISTRY."

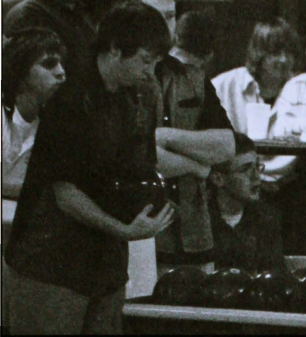
WITH MINIMAL PRACTICE, GREAT CONFIDENCE, AND GOOD FUN, THE BOYS' BOWLING TEAM MANAGED TO PULL OFF AN UNPRECEDENTED SEASON FULL OF SUCCESS.

BRITNEY MILLER, '06

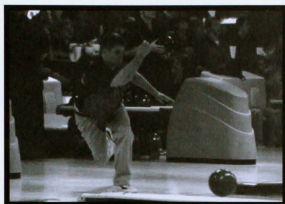


Senior Will Moll bowls in one of his 10 meets of the season. Moll finished with an average of 163. He served as one of the team's leaders, along with fellow seniors Nathan J. Miller, Jake Weinzapfel, and Tegan Rush. Photo by: McKenzie Williams

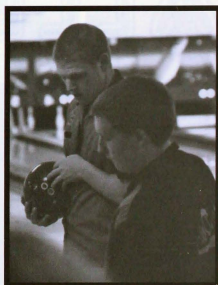
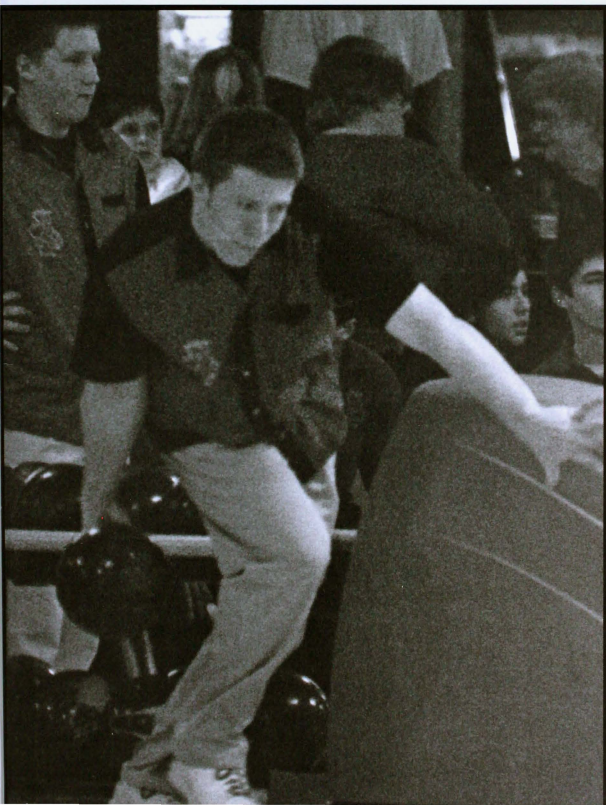
Left, senior Jake Weinzapfel focuses on the bowling ball before a meet. Weinzapfel, a three-year member of the team, bowled in 20 meets. He ended the season with a 173 average, knocking down 3,466 pins.  
Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Senior Nathan J. Miller watches the ball as it rolls down the lane. Miller is a three-year member of the bowling team.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Tegan Rush bowls in one of his 16 meets of the season. Rush, a four-year member of the team, had a 170 average. He knocked down a total of 2,728 pins during the season.  
Photo by: McKenzie Williams

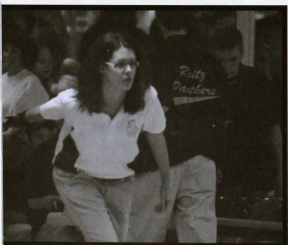


Above, senior Will Moll and sophomore Jon Crosheart prepare for the match against Mt. Vernon. This year's team attempted to have fun and relax during every practice and meet.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel  
Left, junior Adam Butts concentrates on his bowling game. Butts finished first team all-conference at the end of the season.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Junior Emma Stephens bowls during a practice. Stephens was the leader of the team and finished third in sectionals. Photo by: Liz Wargel

# ALLEY CATS



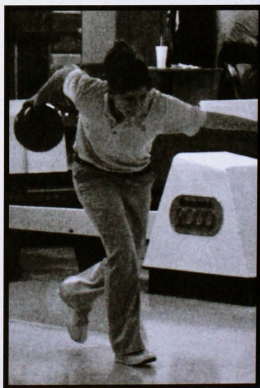
Sophomore Hannah Jay, a two-year member of the team, moves toward the line. Jay was named to the 2nd Team All-Conference.

Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Freshman Katie Weinzapfel checks her score during a match. Weinzapfel bowled an average of 102.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



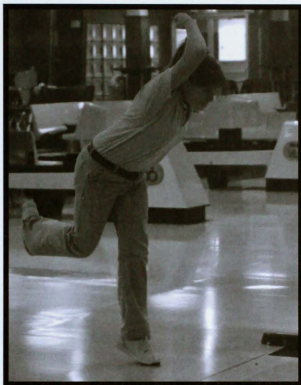
Junior Emma Stephens bowls at practice. Stephens bowled an average of 161 and knocked down a total of 2,577 pins. Photo by: Liz Wargel

The girls' bowling shirt is the team's favorite part of their apparel. They like it because the white stands out among the dark bowling alley, making their bowlers appear more confident.  
Photo by: McKenzie Williams



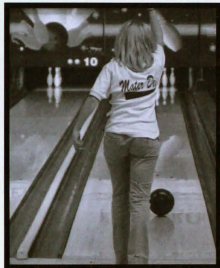
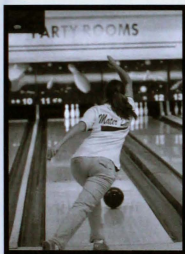
Freshman Katie Weinzapfel lines up her ball with the center pin as she prepares to start her bowl. Weinzapfel knocked down a total of 1,640 pins.  
Photo by: McKenzie Williams

Junior Jenna Whorl bowls during the sectional meet. Whorl is a three-year member of the team.  
Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Junior Emma Stephens raises her arm up in gratitude for her strike. Stephens' father was the coach of the team.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Freshman Haley Raben follows through on her bowl. Raben enjoyed her first year on the bowling team and plans to do it next year.  
Photo by: McKenzie Williams



IF BIG THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES, THE GIRLS' BOWLING TEAM IS A GOOD EXAMPLE. WITH ONLY FIVE MEMBERS, THE GOAL OF THE GIRLS' BOWLING TEAM WAS TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND TO GAIN RECOGNITION AMONG SPORTS WITH HIGHER LEVELS OF PROWESS. AND, ABOVE ALL, THEY JUST WANTED TO HAVE FUN.

EMMA STEPHENS, A JUNIOR WHO HOLDS THIS YEAR'S HIGHEST BOWLING RECORD OF 257, BELIEVES THE SPORT IS A FUN AND EASY WAY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, BOWLING IS ALSO A SPORT WHERE A PERSON MAY EASILY BECOME ANGRY OR FRUSTRATED.

"BOWLING IS NOT DIFFICULT, BUT IT TAKES TIME AND IS MORE OF A MIND GAME. A BOWLER MUST FOCUS ON EVERYTHING AND MUST BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE WITHOUT BECOMING ANGRY OR FRUSTRATED. I'VE SEEN FRUSTRATED BOWLERS SLIP AND FALL AND EVEN DROP BALLS BEHIND THEIR BACKS," SAID STEPHENS.

THESE CONCEPTS WERE NOT A PROBLEM FOR THE TEAM, WHOSE MEMBERS WERE YOUNG AND READY FOR FUN AND IMPROVEMENT.

"KATIE WEINZAPFEL ENCOUR-

AGED ME TO JOIN. WHILE I'M NOT THE BEST BOWLER, I ALWAYS HAVE A LOT OF FUN. AS A YOUNG TEAM CONSISTING OF MOSTLY FRESHMEN, WE REALLY IMPROVED. HOPEFULLY, NEXT YEAR, THE INCOMING FRESHMEN WILL BRING MORE TALENT," SAID FRESHMAN HALEY RABEN.

THIS YEAR THE GIRLS FACED SOME TOUGH COMPETITION AND WORKED HARD TO IMPROVE OVERALL SCORES.

"THE TOUGHEST COMPETITION THIS YEAR CAME FROM MEMORIAL AND CENTRAL. THOSE TEAMS ACTUALLY QUALIFIED FOR REGIONALS, AND CENTRAL EVEN WENT TO STATE! OUR GOAL NEXT YEAR IS TO BE ONE OF THE TWO GIRLS' TEAMS TO ADVANCE TO REGIONALS AND HOPEFULLY HAVE INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS FOR REGIONALS, AS WELL," SAID STEPHENS.

IN ORDER TO FACE TOUGH COMPETITION, THE GIRLS RECEIVED HELPFUL TIPS AND BOWLING STRATEGIES FROM SEASONED COACH SCOTT STEPHENS.

"OUR COACH, SCOTT STEPHENS, REALLY HELPED ME WORK ON MY BOWLING AND LOOSEN UP BEFORE GAMES. HE ALWAYS TOOK TIME OUT TO HELP US," SAID RABEN.

THE GIRLS WERE ABLE TO BEAT REITZ, BOSSE, CASTLE, AND NORTH, AMONG

OTHERS THIS SEASON. HOWEVER, A WINNING OR LOSING RECORD DOES NOT INSPIRE THE GIRLS TO BOWL.

"WE BOWL WITHOUT PAYING ATTENTION TO OUR SCORE TO IMPROVE OUR GAME. WE PRACTICE BEFORE SEASON TO IMPROVE. WE HAVE FUN AND DO GOOFY THINGS TO LOOSEN UP AND TO IMPROVE," SAID RABEN. "IT WORKS. THIS SEASON I'VE HAD FUN AND HAVE BECOME A BETTER BOWLER. I PLAN TO CONTINUE BOWLING NEXT YEAR."

FOR BOWLERS WHO WANT TO JOIN THE TEAM NEXT YEAR, THERE IS A NEW REQUIREMENT THAT ENTAILS JOINING THE SUMMER YOUTH LEAGUE AT FRANKLIN LANES. STEPHENS, WHO JOINED A TEAM AT FRANKLIN LANES IN THE FOURTH GRADE, HOPES THE OPPORTUNITY WILL BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF SO THAT THE TEAM CAN IMPROVE THEIR SEASON.

"SUMMER PRACTICES HELPED ME TO PREPARE FOR THE CITY MEETS, WHERE I PLACED FOURTH. I HOPE TO SEE NEW STUDENTS JOIN THE LEAGUE SO THAT WE HAVE A CONCRETE TEAM NEXT YEAR AND CAN REACH OUR GOAL OF ADVANCING TO REGIONALS," SAID STEPHENS. A LOFTY ASPIRATION, INDEED.

JESSICA GRABERT, 06

# BOWL 'EM OVER

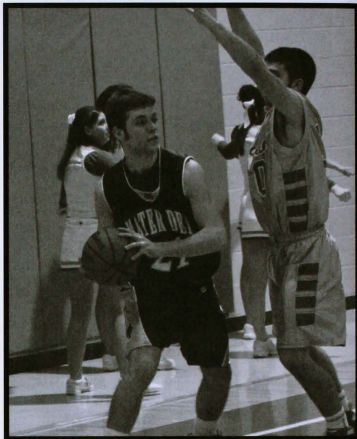
Senior Adam Wolf passes around an Apollo defender. Although Wolf didn't play all the time, he always encouraged the other teammates.

Photo by Kayley Will

Senior Kelly Muensterman struggles to balance during the regular season Bosse game. Mater Dei lost the game but beat Bosse to win the sectional title. Photo by Alison Probert.

Senior Paul Kempf looks for an open teammate while a Bosse defender obstructs his view. Kempf was known as "Tinch."

Photo by Alison Probert



# GLORY ROAD

**D**ETERMINATION WAS THE DRIVING FORCE OF THE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM. THE TEAM KNEW THEY NEEDED TO INTENSIFY THEIR GAME IN ORDER TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

SENIOR GUARD ADAM WOLF SAID, "ONE OF THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR WAS COMING TOGETHER AS A TEAM."

THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP, HARD WORK, AND DEDICATION LED THE BASKETBALL TEAM TO A SECTIONAL AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND ADVANCEMENT TO SEMI-STATE.

"NOBODY BELIEVED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON THAT WE WOULD MAKE IT THAT FAR. I'M GLAD THAT WE SURPRISED EVERYONE AND THAT OUR HARD WORK PAID OFF," SAID SENIOR KELLY MUENSTERMAN.

WHAT REALLY HELPED IN A TOUGH SITUATION WAS THE UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THE FANS.

SENIOR BRANDON DEIG SAID, "THE SUPPORT THIS SEASON WAS UNBELIEVABLE. THERE WERE MANY TIMES WHEN THE LOUD CHANTS AND CHEERS FROM THE CROWD KEPT US GOING."

THE GRUELING PRACTICES AND EXHAUSTING CONDITIONING PAID OFF. "WHEN WE WON EIGHT STRAIGHT GAMES I KNEW THAT

EVERYTHING WE HAD WORKED FOR WAS WORTH IT," SAID JUNIOR FORWARD GREG CARDIN.

THE TEAM BONDED BECAUSE OF THE RITUALS BEFOREHAND. SENIOR PAUL KEMPF SAID, "WE WOULD HAVE PRE-GAME MEALS THE NIGHT BEFORE GAMES AT SOMEONE'S HOUSE OR FAZOLI'S. WE ALSO PRAYED TOGETHER BEFORE EVERY GAME."

THEY KNEW IT WAS NECESSARY TO STEP UP THEIR GAME TO WIN THE EIGHTH CONSECUTIVE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MATER DEI. THE WILDCATS PULLED OFF A 66 TO 64 VICTORY AGAINST THE UNDEFEATED BULLDOGS.

"ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS OF THE SEASON FOR ME WAS HITTING THE GAME-WINNING SHOT AGAINST NUMBER ONE BOSSE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP," SAID MUENSTERMAN.

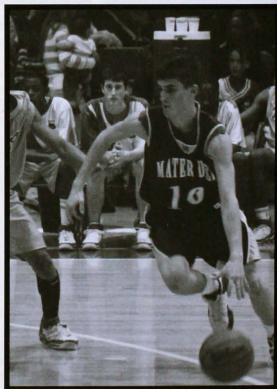
THE TEAM ADVANCED TO THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AND BEAT MADISON.

SENIOR ANDY TEKOPPEL SAID, "EVERYONE KNEW THEY HAD TO PLAY THEIR BEST BECAUSE MADISON WAS A TOUGH TEAM. IT WAS A GREAT FEELING TO WIN."

ALTHOUGH THE WILDCATS' SEASON ENDED IN SEMI-STATE, THE SEASON WAS A POSITIVE ONE WITH MANY UNEXPECTED WINS AND MEMORIES THAT WON'T BE FORGOTTEN.

THE TEAM KNEW WHAT IT TOOK TO BE VICTORIOUS, AND THEIR DETERMINATION LED THEM TO AN UNPREDICTABLY SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

KIM SPAHN '06



Senior guard Ben Dausman races toward the lane during overtime while playing Bosse. Dausman was known for his quick feet and thinking. Photo by Alison Probert

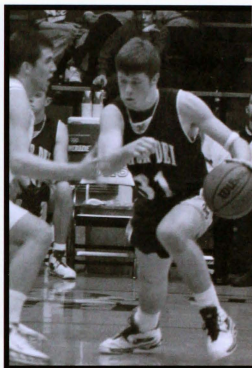


Members of the team celebrate their unanticipated sectional victory over Bosse. The team also went on to win the regional title. Photo by: Kayley Will



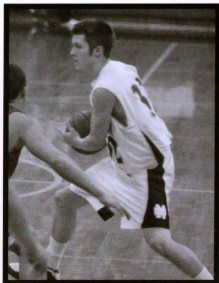
Junior Greg Cardin dribbles around a Memorial defender. Mater Dei beat Memorial once during the regular season and in the sectional semi-final.

Photo by: Tori Fisher



Senior Kelly Muensterman runs for a layup while fighting a Bosse defender. Muensterman scored an average of 26.3 points each game and was Mater Dei's all-time leading scorer.

Photo by: Allison Probert



Above, junior Jared Krieg moves around an Apollo player. Krieg stepped up his playing and leadership skills to become a member of the varsity team. Photo by: Kayley Will

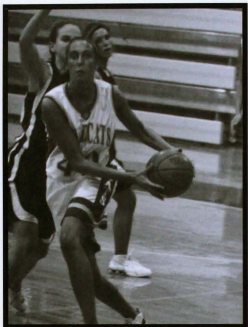
Left, senior Andy Tekoppel prepares for a quick pass around a Bosse defender. Tekoppel was always a dependable guard.

Photo by: Allison Probert

Below, sophomore Lindsey Will maintains control while playing Boonville. Will was a two-year varsity member. Photo by: Kayley Will



Freshman Stephanie Bittner moves around a Central player while going toward the basket. Bittner was a standout freshman player, and she worked hard all the time. Photo by: Kayley Will



# PLAY TOGETHER

“COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING, KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS, BUT PLAYING TOGETHER IS A SUCCESS.” THIS QUOTE, EMBLAZONED ON THE BACK OF THE 2005-2006 GIRLS’ BASKETBALL TEAM’S T-SHIRTS, PERFECTLY DESCRIBES THEIR SEASON. WHILE FRUSTRATING AT TIMES, THE YEAR WAS MADE MEMORABLE BY THE CLOSE BONDING OF THE TEAM MEMBERS.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON, THE TEAM TRAVELED TO BARKLEY LAKE FOR A RETREAT, WHERE THE MAIN FOCUS WAS SETTING GOALS AND MAKING PLANS FOR THE OUTCOME OF THE SEASON.

“AT THE RETREAT, WE ALL WORKED TOGETHER AND FOCUSED ON WHAT WE WANTED TO ACCOMPLISH DURING THE SEASON,” SAID SOPHOMORE CELIA WANNEMUEHLER.

MANY FELT THAT THE RETREAT WAS CRUCIAL FOR THE TEAM TO COME TOGETHER.

“THE RETREAT AT BARKLEY LAKE WAS A LOT OF FUN, AND WE REALLY CAME TOGETHER WHILE WE WERE THERE,” SAID SENIOR EMLY WEINZAPFEL.

AS THE SEASON PROGRESSED, THE SENIORS WERE CALLED UPON TO BE

THE LEADERS AND TO KEEP THE TEAM MOTIVATED. WEINZAPFEL, MADISON PARKINSON, AND TIFFANY PAYTON ALWAYS FOUND WAYS TO INSPIRE THE YOUNGER PLAYERS.

“MADISON WOULD ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO PUMP UP THE TEAM BEFORE THE GAMES,” SAID SOPHOMORE LINDSEY WILL.

MANY AGREED THAT THE SENIORS WERE THE COMEDIC RELIEF OF THE TEAM.

“AT PRACTICES, MADISON AND TIFFANY WERE ALWAYS THERE HAVING FUN, BUT WORKING HARD,” SAID WANNEMUEHLER.

FOR THE FEW SENIORS, THE LAST HOME GAME OF THE SEASON STOOD OUT AS THE MOST IMPORTANT.

“I FELT THAT PLAYING CENTRAL ON SENIOR NIGHT WAS THE BEST GAME EVER,” SAID WEINZAPFEL. “THEY WERE A REALLY GOOD TEAM AND NO ONE THOUGHT WE COULD GIVE THEM A GOOD GAME. WE CAME OUT PLAYING HARD AND ALMOST WON.”

COMING TOGETHER BEFORE THE SEASON WAS CRUCIAL FOR THE GIRLS’ BASKETBALL TEAM, AND THEY REMAINED A TIGHT-KNIT GROUP AS THE YEAR WORE ON, CULMINATING IN A SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

KAYLEY WILL '06



Senior Tiffany Dayton looks for an open teammate as she rushes toward the lane. Dayton was a natural leader on the team because there were few seniors. Photo by: Kayley Will





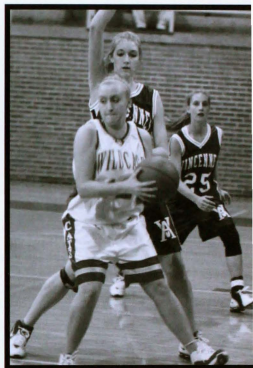
Left, junior Margaret Stoltz tries to gain possession of the ball during a close game against Princeton. The Lady Wildcats dedicated themselves to having as few turnovers as possible.

Photo by: Kayley Will



Sophomore Martha Stoltz prepares to pass the ball to an open teammate closer to the basket. Stoltz enjoyed playing on the same team with her older sister, Margaret Stoltz, a junior.

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Sophomore Celia Wannemuehler blocks a Princeton player while searching for a teammate. Wannemuehler is a two-year member of the varsity team.

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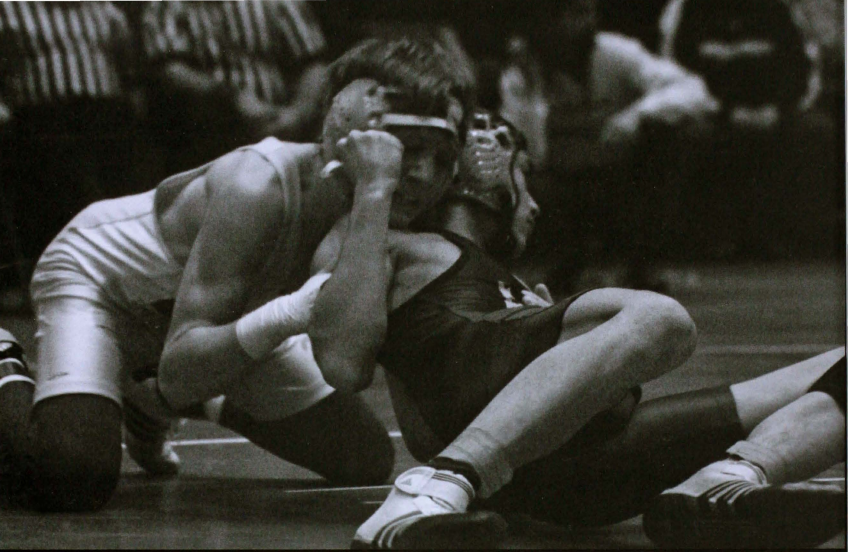


Above, sophomore Lindsey Will struggles to get closer to the basket while being defended by North Doscy. Although the girls didn't have a winning season, they still tried to improve themselves and the team.

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Left, senior Emily Weinzapfel races into the lane for a layup. Weinzapfel dedicated herself to becoming the best player she could during her last year playing for Mater Dei.

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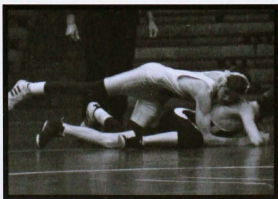


# WE'RE BACK!

Junior Sean Herron wrestles a 112 match during the Individual Semi State meet at Roberts stadium. Herron finished in second place at Semi State and third at the Individual State wrestling meet at Conesco Fieldhouse.  
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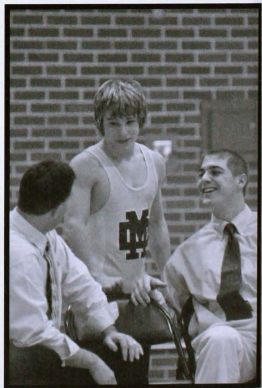


Junior Jerry Parkinson holds tight during his 125 pound match during team regionals versus Princeton. Parkinson was a team role model for the freshmen.  
Photo by: Tori Fisher



Sophomore Drew Will maintains position behind the 103 pound Jasper wrestler at Team Semi State. Will fought hard during the season to keep his weight below 103.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Freshman Craig Nelson shares a laugh with Coach John Dewig and Coach Mayer at the Central meet. Dewig and Mayer are both new to the coaching bench this year.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Bart Schaefer stepped up to the mat even with a broken bone in his foot. Schaefer was a great role model for the younger wrestlers when he continued on in pain.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Jeremy Goebel had a strong season, making it to the semi-finals in the state tournament. Goebel was a great captain and leader, but was also loved for keeping the team in good spirits with his impressions.  
Photo by: Tori Fisher



Junior Nick Dewig maintains the upper hand against his Reitz opponent. Dewig overcame a broken hand and was a strong leader for the team. He was undefeated in the regular season.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Sophomore Jacob Schneider and junior Frank Fabiano proudly show off the team state trophy after arriving at Mater Dei for the pep rally. The team rode atop two fire trucks in a noisy caravan after winning the state title in Center Grove.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Junior Chris Dewitt wrestles a tough Reitz opponent. The Mater Dei-Reitz match had the entire fan section on their feet, cheering on the victorious Wildcats.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel



THE MATER DEI WRESTLING TEAM RANKED NO. 1 FOR THE '05-'06 SEASON AND LIVED UP TO THE RANKING WITH A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TO PROVE IT. AFTER A TRYING SEASON OF INJURIES AND LET DOWNS, A DIFFICULT DRAW FOR THE STATE FINALS WAS THE LAST THING THE WILDCATS NEEDED, BUT IT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY GOT. THE WILDCATS FOUGHT FOR VICTORY, DEFEATING PERRY MERIDIAN AND MISHAWAKA ALONG THE WAY. DURING THE STATE FINALS, THE WILDCATS EARNED THEIR CHAMPION STATUS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE BELMONT WRESTLING TEAM.

"AS A TEAM, I THINK THE MOST EXCITING TIME WAS OUR RUN IN THE STATE TOURNEY. WE CAME TOGETHER, HAD FUN, AND BROUGHT BACK A CHAMPIONSHIP," SAID SENIOR MATT EICKHOFF.

MATER DEI'S VICTORIOUS WRESTLING REPUTATION WAS REINSTATED AMIDST THE CHEERS OF THE MATER DEI WRESTLERS AND INFAMOUS FANS.

"THE FAN SUPPORT IS UNBELIEVABLE; WITHOUT THE FANS, THE TEAM WOULD BE INCOMPLETE," SAID SENIOR JASON WIRE.

MATER DEI WINNING STATE WAS A THRILLING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

THOSE PRESENT. "STEPPING UP FOR ONE ANOTHER WHEN WE FELL, GIVING CONSTANT SUPPORT TO ALL OUR FELLOW WRESTLERS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SEASON, AND ENDING WITH THE BEST FEELING EVER WITH A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL AROUND MY NECK WAS VERY REWARDING FOR NOT ONLY ME, BUT THE WHOLE TEAM," SAID SOPHOMORE DREW LAPPE.

THE WILDCATS SENT A YOUNG CROWD OF WRESTLERS TO INDIVIDUAL STATE THIS SEASON. SOPHOMORES DREW LAPPE, ALEX WEINZAPFEL, AND JAKE SCHNEIDER, ALONG WITH JUNIOR SEAN HERRON, REPRESENTED MATER DEI. HERRON AND LAPPE BROUGHT BACK THIRD PLACE TITLES.

"I PARTICIPATED IN WRESTLING THIS SEASON FOR THE THRILL AND EXHILARATION OF VICTORY, TO STAY IN SHAPE, AND TO CARRY ON THE TRADITION," SAID SOPHOMORE JAKE SCHNEIDER.

COACH MIKE GOEBEL WAS ALSO HONORED NOT ONLY FOR COACHING THE TOP TEAM, BUT HE WAS ALSO NAMED THE WINNINGEST WRESTLING COACH IN THE HISTORY OF INDIANA. HE HAS LED THE MATER DEI TEAM TO ELEVEN STATE VICTORIES, TEN IN THE PAST TWELVE YEARS.

THE MATER DEI WRESTLING

PROGRAM ALSO HOLDS THE RECORD FOR THE MOST CONSECUTIVE STATE TITLES IN INDIANA, WITH NINE TITLES.

"I, AS A WRESTLER, WANTED TO HELP THE TEAM AND BECOME PART OF A GREAT HISTORIC PROGRAM," SAID WIRE.

THE WILDCATS' HARD WORK, DETERMINATION, AND DEDICATION PAID OFF IN THE END.

"IT WAS CHALLENGING TO GET THROUGH THE NEVER-ENDING, SWEAT-POURING PRACTICES EVERY DAY," SAID LAPPE.

THE STATE FINALS, ALONG WITH ALL THE MEETS AND MATCHES ALONG THE WAY, WERE ALL THEY SHOULD BE: EXCITING, NERVE-WRACKING AND VICTORIOUS.

"WE ARE STATE CHAMPS! WE DID IT AGAINST ALL ODDS AND WITH INJURIES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON," SAID SOPHOMORE ALEX WEINZAPFEL.

THE "MATER DEI DYNASTY" CAN LIVE ON FOR AT LEAST ONE MORE YEAR.

SENIOR ZACH MILLER SUMMED UP WHAT SEEMED TO BE THE MOTTO FOR THE WRESTLING WILDCATS THIS PAST SEASON: "KEEP TRYING AND DON'T GIVE UP AND IT WILL PAY OFF."

TORI FISHER '06

CAN YOU HANDLE IT?

Below, sophomore Amy Wolf swims butterfly in the sectional meet. Wolf improved her time by practicing hard. Photo by: Tori Fisher

Right, senior Genna Ramsbey holds the lap countdown for a teammate. As co-captain, Ramsbey had to help out the team any way she could. Photo by: Tori Fisher

Senior Katie Funke swims freestyle during the sectional meet. Funke was a great leader on the team because of her teamwork and helpfulness. Photo by: Tori Fisher



# ROCK THE POOL

**H**ARD WORK AND DEDICATION WAS WHAT THE GIRLS' SWIM TEAM TRIED TO EMPHASIZE THIS YEAR. THE SEASON STARTED OUT WITH TWO-A-DAYS, WHICH EXTENDED THROUGH CHRISTMAS BREAK.

"MY LEAST FAVORITE PART ABOUT SWIM WAS TWO-A-DAYS OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK, BUT THOSE PRACTICES HELPED ME CUT A LOT OF TIME," SAID SENIOR KATIE FUNKE. FUNKE CUT HER 500 YARD FREESTYLE BY 20 SECONDS AND THE 200 YARD FREESTYLE BY 18 SECONDS.

SENIOR TORI FISHER HAD ONLY ONE COMPLAINT DURING THE WHOLE SWIM SEASON.

"I HATED WALKING THROUGH THE WINTER WEATHER TO MY CAR WITH WET HAIR AND SEMI-WET CLOTHES EVERY NIGHT," SAID FISHER. FISHER WAS INJURED MID-SEASON WITH A BROKEN BACK AND WAS OUT FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON.

DURING THE SEASON, THE TEAM SWAM AN AVERAGE OF 10 HOURS A WEEK. ALONG WITH SWIMMING THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, THE GIRLS ALSO LIFTED WEIGHTS.

"IT'S NOT IMPORTANT HOW MANY HOURS A WEEK WE PRACTICED, BUT HOW HARD THE PRACTICES WERE," SAID SENIOR GENNA RAMSBEY. RAMSBEY'S GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE YEAR WAS RECEIVING FIRST IN THE 50 YARD FREESTYLE AGAINST MEMORIAL.

SOPHOMORE KYLA

WARGEL DEDICATED HERSELF TO PRACTICE SEVENTEEN HOURS A WEEK. SHE WON THE 200 YARD AND 500 YARD FREESTYLE AT THE CITY MEET AND BROKE THE CITY RECORD IN THE 500 YARD FREESTYLE.

"THE BEST PART ABOUT SWIM IS SEEING ALL YOUR HARD WORK PAY OFF AT THE MEETS," SAID WARGEL.

THE GIRLS SPENT MANY HOURS PREPARING FOR THEIR MEETS. THEIR WINNING RECORD OF 17-6 PROVED THAT THEIR HARD WORK PAID OFF. BEATING REITZ, PLACING FOURTH IN SECTIONALS, AND ENDING THE SEASON WITH A WINNING RECORD WERE THE TEAM'S GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BUT THE GIRLS ALSO MADE TIME FOR FUN.

"THE FUNNIEST STORY WAS WHEN WE FLOODED THE SHOWER AT PIKE CENTRAL AND AMY WOLF SWAM IN IT," SAID FRESHMAN ALYSSA MILLER.

THE GIRLS ALWAYS CAME TOGETHER BEFORE MEETS TO DO THEIR TEAM RITUAL: HOOKING THUMBS, PRAYING THE HAIL MARY, AND CHEERING. THROUGH THE NUMEROUS HOURS OF PRACTICE, INSIDE JOKES, AND GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS, IT WAS A GREAT SEASON FOR THE GIRLS' SWIM TEAM.

"WE SWAM AS A TEAM," SAID FUNKE. "WE DID BETTER THAN I EXPECTED THIS YEAR WITHOUT MANY STAND-OUT SWIMMERS."

KENDRA SCHELLER '06



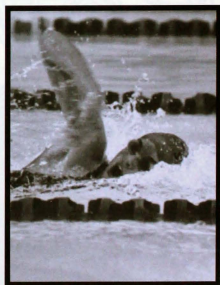
Sophomore Kyla Wargel races through her last lap of free style. Wargel dedicated herself to practicing twice a day to improve her time. Photo by: Kayley Will

Senior Genna Ramsbey dives during the North meet at Lloyd Pool. Ramsbey both swam and dove for the team.  
Photo by: Kayley Will

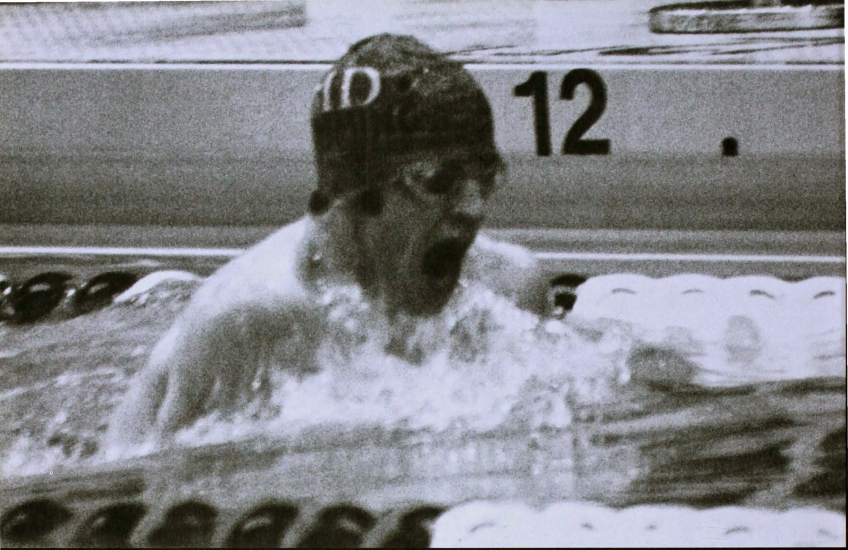
Junior Carly Zenthoefer swims backstroke during the sectional meet. Zenthoefer dedicated herself to improving her time from the past year.  
Photo by: Tori Fisher



Freshman Chelsea Norman prepares for her freestyle laps. Norman improved her time and endurance as a first-year member of the team.  
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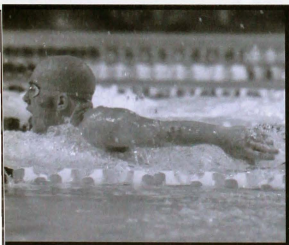


Above, senior Nicole Elpers swims freestyle during the sectional meet. Elpers was the co-captain of the team along with senior Genna Ramsbey.  
Photo by: Tori Fisher  
Left, junior Meliassa Dadavic swims butterfly during the sectional meet. Dadavic swam the individual medley where breaststroke, freestyle, butterfly, and backstroke all were required in one swim.  
Photo by: Tori Fisher



Senior Lucas Nelson swims breaststroke in the 200 yard individual medley. The medley consisted of breaststroke, butterfly, freestyle, and backstroke.  
Photo by: Allison Probert

# COMPETING



Senior Aaron Crowe swims butterfly in the sectional meet. Crowe usually wore a swim cap. However, after he shaved his head, it was no longer necessary.

Photo by: Kayley Will



Seniors Brian Werner and Dyan Marx play tug-of-war with a towel while waiting for their next event to swim in. Marx was always known for crazy stunts and ways to make the other guys laugh. Photo by: Allison Probert

Senior Wes Dingman races toward the finish during his freestyle event. Dingman was one of the team's leading distance swimmers.

Photo by: Kayley Will



Sophomore Alex Funke swims the butterfly during the sectional meet. Funke was known for being an easygoing swimmer and teammate.

Photo by: Allison Probert



Senior Branden Clements swims butterfly during the meet against Central. Clements was a great help to the new members of the team.  
Photo by: Kayley Will

Junior Tyler Swihart swims freestyle during the North meet at Lloyd Pool. Swihart also swam backstroke.

Photo by: Kayley Will



Sophomore Sam Schentrup swims the backstroke leg of the 200 yard individual medley. Schentrup showed leadership potential as a second-year member of the team.

Photo by: Kayley Will



Senior Calvin Clements swims the breaststroke during the meet against Central. Clements was one of the senior captains of the team.  
Photo by: Kayley Will



THE POOL GLISTENS UNTIL THE SWIMMERS DIVE IN. ONCE THE WATER DEBOYS' SWIM TEAM TOUCHES THE WATER, ITS APPEARANCE IS NO LONGER GENTLE AND RELAXING; THE WATER BECOMES TURBULENT, YEARNING FOR THE COMPETITIVE SPIRIT AND DETERMINATION THE TEAM EXEMPLIFIES. THE BOYS' SWIM TEAM FULFILLS THIS WISH AND OFTENTIMES EXCEEDS OTHERS' AND THEIR OWN EXPECTATIONS.

"I CHOSE TO SWIM BECAUSE IT WAS A WELL-BALANCED ATHLETIC EVENT THAT DIDN'T REQUIRE RUNNING. THIS CHOICE HAS PUT ME IN BETTER SHAPE AND HELPED ME AMOUNT A PLETHORA OF DEVOTED FRIENDS," SAID SENIOR AARON CROWE, WHO SWIMS BREASTSTROKE AND BUTTERFLY.

THE SWIMMERS ENDURE PRE-SEASON CONDITIONING JUST LIKE ALL OTHER SPORTS; THE EXCEPTION IS THAT MOST OF IT TAKES PLACE IN THE WATER RATHER THAN ON A TRACK OR FIELD. TO GET THROUGH THESE TOUGH PRACTICES, THE BOYS JUST ENVISION THE FINISH LINE.

"I PROPEL MYSELF TO CONTINUE PRACTICING AND CONDITIONING BY THINKING WHAT THE RESULTS AT THE END OF THE SEASON WILL BE. PLUS, I LOVE SWIMMING," SAID SOPHOMORE SAM SCHENTRUP, A SWIM-

MER OF BOTH THE 200 AND 400 METER FREESTYLE RELAYS.

THE PRESSURE TO BE SUCCESSFUL INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A TEAM PUSHES ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM TO PERFORM TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY. WHILE SWIMMING IS CONSIDERED A TEAM SPORT, MANY EVENTS ONLY HAVE ONE MEMBER COMPETING IN IT. NERVES CAN BEGIN TO SETTLE IN WHEN DEMANDS ARE SET HIGH BY COMPETITION FROM OTHER SCHOOLS.

"I DO NOT GET NERVOUS BEFORE MEETS. I SWIM MY HARDEST DURING THE RACE AND IF I MESS UP I GET MAD AT MYSELF. HOWEVER, I AM NEVER DISSATISFIED IF I GIVE THE RACE MY ALL," SAID SENIOR CO-CAPTAIN CALVIN CLEMENTS, WHOSE FAVORITE RACE IS THE 100 METER FREESTYLE.

HOWEVER, FOR THOSE WHO DO STRUGGLE WITH A FEELING OF NERVOUSNESS, THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO OVERCOME THESE FEELINGS.

"I DON'T REALLY GET THAT NERVOUS, BUT IF I DO, IT GOES AWAY RIGHT WHEN I HIT THE WATER. IF IT'S BAD THOUGH, I LOOK TO MY TEAMMATES FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND CONFIDENCE," SAID SENIOR LUCAS NELSON, CO-CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM.

OTHERS LEAN ON SUPPORT THAT

CANNOT BE SEEN, BUT FELT.

"TO OVERCOME MY NERVOUSNESS, I STRETCH BEFORE EACH EVENT AND WHILE ON THE BLOCK PREPARING TO DIVE, I SAY A SHORT PRAYER," SAID CROWE.

THE TEAM ALSO TRIES TO PUMP EACH OTHER UP AND PREPARE EVERYONE FOR A RACE WITH A MYRIAD OF ENCOURAGING WORDS AND ONE SPECIAL CHANT.

"THE BEST PART OF PREPARING FOR MEETS IS OUR CHANT. INSTEAD OF SINGING RIDICULOUS CHANTS, WE SIMPLY SCREAM, 'NO PRISONERS.' IT GETS THE JOB DONE," SAID NELSON.

AS THIS NEW ATHLETIC PROGRAM CONTINUES TO EVOLVE, THERE IS ALWAYS A POSITIVE OUTLOOK ON WHAT THE FUTURE TEAM CAN ACCOMPLISH AND HOW THIS YEAR IS ONE BUILDING BLOCK TO FUTURE SUCCESS.

"MY HOPE IS THAT OUR PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE TO GROW EACH YEAR. WE DID A GREAT JOB THIS YEAR, BUT WE STILL HAVE SOME GROWING TO DO IN ORDER TO BECOME A TOP COMPETITOR IN THE POOL," SAID CLEMENTS.

ONE THING IS CERTAIN: THE WATER WILL BE WAITING AND READY.

ALLISON PROBERT '06

WITH A SPLASH

Below, sophomore Will Stephan sinks his putt into the third hole during the city tournament.

Photo by: Allison Probert

Right, senior Matt Loehrlein putts on the green during the city tournament at Helfrich golf course. Loehrlein's teammates selected him to receive the Kiwanis Award.

Photo by: Allison Probert

Sophomore Logan Slaton chips the golf ball to get it closer to the hole. Slaton has been on the golf team for two years.

Photo by: Allison Probert



# ABOVE THE PAR

**A**BOVE PAR—THIS IS HOW THE BOYS' GOLF TEAM CAN BE DESCRIBED. THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM UNDERSTOOD ALL ASPECTS OF THE SPORT AND PUT FORTH THEIR BEST EFFORTS, WHILE STILL HAVING FUN.

"THE IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER ABOUT GOLF IS THAT IT IS NOT JUST A PHYSICAL SPORT," SAID SENIOR MATT LOEHRLEIN. "IT IS ALSO A MENTAL GAME. YOU REALLY HAVE TO TAKE YOUR TIME TO THINK AND VISUALIZE EACH SHOT."

LIKE MOST ATHLETES, GOLFERS KNOW THAT THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

"YOU CAN ALWAYS DO BETTER IN GOLF," SAID LOEHRLEIN. "NO MATTER HOW WELL YOU PERFORM, THERE IS ALWAYS THAT ONE PUTT, ONE SHOT, THAT COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IN ORDER TO IMPROVE YOUR SCORE."

IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR GAMES, THE GOLFERS PRACTICED EVERY NON-MATCH DAY. THE TEAM USED THE PRACTICE GREEN AND GOLFED EITHER NINE OR EIGHTEEN HOLES.

"PRACTICES ARE NOT A FREE-FOR-ALL," SAID LOEHRLEIN. "WE ALL WORK ON IMPROVING, AND COACH JEWELL SOMETIMES PLAYS WITH US AND HELPS US INDIVIDUALLY. AT THE SAME TIME, THOUGH, PRACTICES ARE ALSO FUN."

IN ADDITION TO THE TEAM PRACTICES, MANY OF THE GOLFERS TRY TO PLAY FREQUENTLY ON THEIR OWN.

"I PLAY ALL SUMMER WITH MY DAD, UNCLAS, AND COUSINS," SAID LOEHRLEIN. "I TRY TO PLAY TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK IN THE SUMMER."

FOR OTHERS, GOLFING WITH A TEAMMATE IS BENEFICIAL.

"MITCH EICKHOFF AND I TRY TO GOLF TOGETHER A LOT," SAID JUNIOR JARED KRIEG.

JUST AS IN ANY OTHER SPORT, ALL OF THE PRACTICE PAID OFF. THE TOP FOUR GOLFERS WERE USUALLY EICKHOFF, KRIEG, LOEHRLEIN, AND SOPHOMORE LOGAN SLATON.

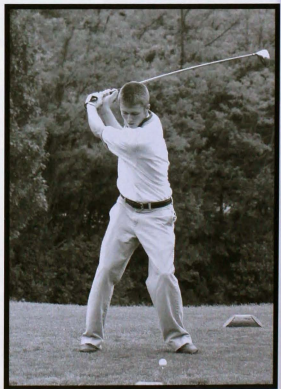
"WE REALLY DON'T HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STANDS OUT," SAID LOEHRLEIN. "OUR TEAM HAS A LOT OF TALENT, AND EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES. WE JUST CAN'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO ALL HAVE A GOOD GAME ON THE SAME DAY."

ONE NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT FROM THE SEASON WAS SOPHOMORE WILL STEPHAN'S HOLE-IN-ONE. ANOTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT THE TEAM WANTED TO ACHIEVE IS MAKING IT OUT OF SECTIONALS TO ADVANCE TO REGIONALS.

"I WOULD LOVE FOR THE TEAM TO MAKE IT TO REGIONALS," SAID LOEHRLEIN. "I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADVANCE INDIVIDUALLY. THIS COULD BE POSSIBLE IF I PLAY MY BEST GOLF AT SECTIONALS."

WITH THEIR WORK ETHIC, INSIGHT INTO THE GAME, AND FUN SIDE, THE BOYS' GOLF TEAM FINISHED THE SEASON ABOVE PAR.

BRITNEY MILLER '06



Junior Jared Krieg tees off during the city tournament. Because there are only three seniors on the golf team, Krieg has become a leader on the team.

Photo by: Allison Probert





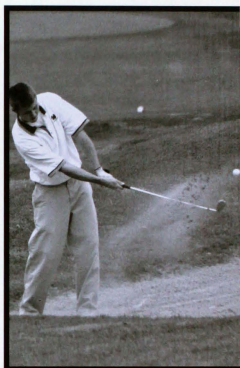
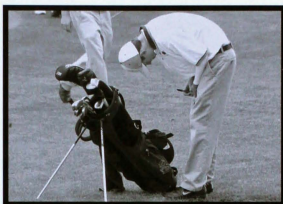


Senior Matt Lochrein lines up his ball with the marker and watches to see how he should make his putt. Golf requires precision and strategy.

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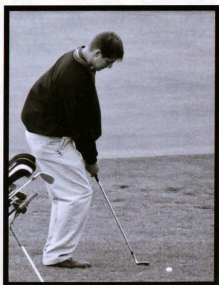
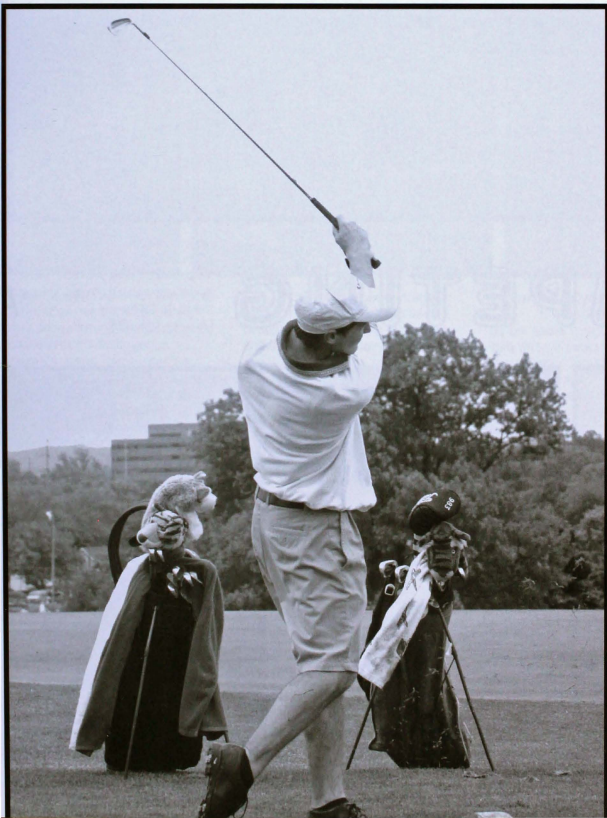
Sophomore Logan Blaton writes down the score of his assigned competitor. Each golfer must record the score of another person.

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Junior Jared Krieg tries to get his ball out of the sand trap. One of the hardest tasks for a golfer is to save a putt from a sand trap.

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Above, senior Matt Lochrein practices his chipping before the city tournament. The golfers always came early to warm up.

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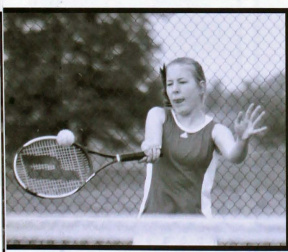
Left, junior Mitchell Eichhoff drives the ball down the fairway. Eichhoff is one of the team leaders in scoring.

Photo by: Allison Probert



# COMPETING

Senior Hannah Wannemuehler runs to return the ball to her Central opponent. Wannemuehler, along with senior Laura Mesker, played number one doubles and ranked third in the city.  
Photo by: Kayley Will



Sophomore Elizabeth Wagner concentrates on her forehand during the North Posey match. Wagner was well-known for her positive attitude; she was always smiling. Photo by: Natalie Kempf



Senior Kayley Will warms up her forehand before the SIAC match. This was Will's second year at number one singles.  
Photo by: Allison Probert



Senior Laura Mesker watches the ball before hitting a backhand to her Central opponents. Mesker was voted the Kiwanis winner by her teammates.  
Photo by: Kayley Will

Sophomore Lindsey Will and senior Laura Mesker joke around before the SLAC match. Food was a constant at every match this year.

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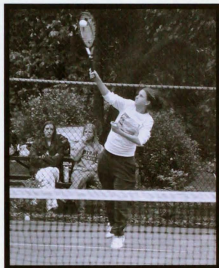
Freshman Megan Prickett concentrates on her forehand during the Day School match. Prickett usually walked away with a win for the team. Photo by: Ashley Gilles

Freshman Megan Prickett hits a forehand against her Central opponent. Prickett defeated her opponent, helping the team beat Central 3-2. Photo by: Kayley Will



Doubles partners junior Laura Hall and senior Lauren Oliver talk to assistant coach Molly Couture during a change over at the Central match. Couture was known for pumping up the team with her crazy antics. Photo by: Kayley Will

Sophomore Lindsey Will serves the ball to her Central opponent. Will, who played number two singles on varsity, was well-acquainted to having the pressure of the team on her shoulders. Photo by: Kayley Will



**A** MENTAL GAME CAN EASILY DETERMINE THE RESULT OF THE ACTUAL GAME. WITH A POOR ATTITUDE, THE GAME CAN BE LOST INSTANTLY. A POSITIVE OUTLOOK, EVEN WHEN LOSING, CAN CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF THE GAME. THE GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM HAD TO REALIZE THIS EARLY ON IN THE SEASON. THEIR COACH DECIDED THAT THEIR MENTAL GAME NEEDED THE MOST WORK. THEREFORE, THE GIRLS SET FORTH TO CONDITION NOT JUST THEIR BODIES, BUT THEIR MINDS AS WELL.

"THE HARDEST PART OF PLAYING TENNIS IS STAYING POSITIVE DURING A MATCH WHEN YOU'RE DOWN OR WHEN YOU'RE HAVING AN OFF DAY. SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO GET IN THE RIGHT FRAME OF MIND TO PLAY A MATCH, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE TEAM HAS A POOR RECORD AND YOU UNDERESTIMATE THEM OR IF THEY'RE REALLY GOOD AND YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET KILLED," SAID SENIOR KAYLEY WILL, WHO PLAYED NUMBER ONE SINGLES.

BECAUSE THE GIRLS ALL HAD THE COMMON GOAL OF KEEPING UP THEIR MENTAL GAMES, EVEN IN MOMENTS OF DESPERATION, THE TEAM BONDED TOGETHER TO BECOME A GROUP OF GIRLS THAT COULD ALWAYS CONSULT ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

"MY FAVORITE PART OF BEING ON THE TENNIS TEAM IS BELONGING TO A GROUP OF GIRLS WHO SHARES THE SAME INTEREST. I HAVE MET MANY NEW PEOPLE AND MADE NEW FRIENDS THROUGH BEING ON THE TEAM," SAID SOPHOMORE ELIZABETH WAGNER, WHO PLAYED NUMBER TWO DOUBLES ON THE JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM WITH SENIOR CHISATO FUJITA.

A NEW PRACTICE SCHEDULE WAS IMPLEMENTED THIS YEAR. FOR THE FIRST HOUR, THE JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM WOULD PRACTICE WHILE BEING COACHED BY THE VARSITY MEMBERS, AND THEN THE VARSITY WOULD PRACTICE ON THEIR OWN. THIS NEW MENTORING PROGRAM HELPED THE TEAM BOND AND ENSURED THAT EVERYONE COULD GET INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION AND OPEN UP TO ONE ANOTHER.

"I THINK EVERYONE REALLY ENJOYED THE NEW PRACTICES THIS YEAR. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON, WE HAD A FEW PRE-GAME DINNERS WHICH WERE REALLY FUN BECAUSE EVERYONE ALWAYS HAD A GOOD TIME AND COULD ACT REALLY STUPID WITH ONE ANOTHER," SAID WILL.

THROUGH THE TIME SPENT ON AND OFF THE TENNIS COURT, THE GIRLS BECAME FRIENDS AND TEAMMATES, BUT NEVER

FORGOT WHICH CAME FIRST.

"I MADE SO MANY GOOD FRIENDS ON THE TENNIS TEAM AND I KNOW THAT THEY WILL LAST MUCH LONGER THAN THE SEASON WILL," SAID SENIOR HANNAH WANNEMUEHLER.

PROBABLY THE MOST TELLING FACT OF THE FRIENDSHIP THAT EACH GIRL EXPERIENCED ON THE TEAM WAS THE NICKNAME FRENZY. EACH UPPERCLASSMAN HAD A NICKNAME FROM THE MOVIE THE SANDLOT.

"MY FAVORITE MEMORY WAS WHEN WE CAME UP WITH EVERYONE'S NICKNAME. I'M PORTER, WILL'S YEAH-YEAH, SENIOR LAURA MESKER IS SQUINTS, SENIOR LAUREN OLIVER IS SMALLS, AND JUNIOR LAURA HALL IS TIM TOM. WE EVEN MADE SIGNS WITH THE PICTURES ON THEM FOR EACH LOCKER," SAID WANNEMUEHLER.

THE GIRLS' ATTITUDES AND FRIENDSHIPS PAID OFF. THEY FINISHED THE SEASON WITH A RECORD OF 8-5 AND WON SECOND PLACE IN SECTIONALS. THE TEAM PROVED TO ANY DOUBTERS THAT SUCCESS ON THE COURT IS INFLUENCED BY HOW MUCH DETERMINATION ONE IS WILLING TO COMMIT HIS OR HER MIND TO.

ALLISON PROBERT '06

WITH THE MIND

Below, senior Patrick McKinney runs his leg of the 3200 meter relay. McKinney helped to lead the relay team to state for the second year in a row.

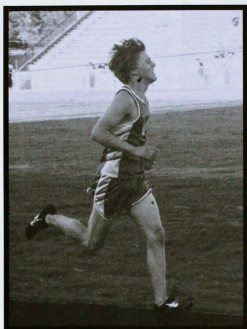
Photo by: Kayley Will

Right, junior Sean Herron finishes the 800 meter at the sectional meet. Herron received a varsity letter for his performance throughout the year.

Photo by: Brittney Miller

Senior Scott Schapker competes in the 200 meter run. Schapker's other events included the 100 meter run, 400 meter relay, and long jump.

Photo by: Brittney Miller



# REBUILDING

THE BOYS' TRACK TEAM HAS MADE QUITE A NAME FOR ITSELF IN RECENT YEARS. FOR THE 2006 BOYS' TRACK TEAM, THE ROAD TO SUCCESS WASN'T GOING TO BE AS EASY AS IN THE PAST.

"THIS YEAR WAS DEFINITELY A REBUILDING YEAR FOR US," SAID SENIOR SCOTT SCHAPKER, WHO RAN IN THE 100 AND 200 METER EVENTS AND IN THE 400 METER RELAY. "WE ONLY HAD FOUR SENIORS, A COUPLE OF JUNIORS, AND THE REST WERE SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN."

WITH AN INEXPERIENCED TEAM, MANY HAD TO STEP UP AND PARTICIPATE IN DIFFERENT EVENTS TO WIN POINTS. SCHAPKER PARTICIPATED IN THE LONG JUMP THIS YEAR, SOMETHING HE HADN'T DONE SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR.

"COACH KRACK WANTED PEOPLE TO TRY NEW THINGS, SO HE HAD ME TRY LONG JUMP AGAIN. I SET MY PERSONAL BEST THE FIRST TIME I JUMPED (19 FEET, 4 INCHES)," SAID SCHAPKER, WHO PLACED FIFTH IN THE SIAC.

THE YOUNG TEAM STARTED THE SEASON BY WINNING THE NORTH POSEY-PIKE CENTRAL MEET AND THE MOUNT VERNON DUAL MEET.

"THE MOUNT VERNON MEET WAS EXCITING," SAID SCHAPKER. "IT CAME DOWN TO THE 4 BY 4 METER RELAY, AND WE WON."

ONE OF THE

EXPERIENCED MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WAS SENIOR PATRICK MCKINNEY. MCKINNEY

WAS RANKED NUMBER ONE IN THE STATE AFTER SECTIONALS IN THE 800 METER DISTANCE RUN AND SET A MEET RECORD IN THE 800 AT SIAC.

"ONE OF MY GOALS THIS YEAR WAS TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE FOR A TOP PLACE AT STATE IN THE 800," SAID MCKINNEY. "WE ALSO WANTED THE 4 BY 8 METER RELAY TEAM TO GO TO STATE."

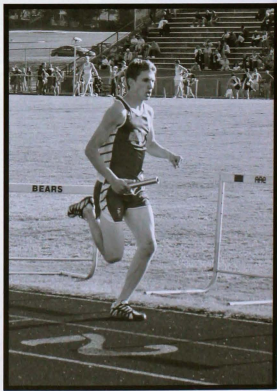
THE 4 BY 8 METER RELAY TEAM CONSISTED OF MCKINNEY, SOPHOMORE NATHAN DEWIG, AND JUNIORS SEAN HERRON AND NICK SCHENK. THE TEAM PLACED THIRD AT SECTIONALS AND ADVANCED TO REGIONALS AND STATE.

THE TRACK TEAM PRACTICED EVERY DAY, FOLLOWING SET WORKOUTS DESIGNED BY COACH MATT KRACK. AS HARD AS THE TEAM WORKED, THEY PLAYED HARD TOO. A COUPLE OF THE TEAM MEMBERS MADE A HABIT OF COLLECTING MAGNETS AND DISPLAYING THEM IN THEIR LOCKERS, WHILE OTHERS PLAYED JOKES ON COACHES.

"THE DAY BEFORE A MEET, SEAN HERRON FAKED A BROKEN FOOT, AND COACH FREAKED OUT," SAID SOPHOMORE KURT GOEBEL, A FIRST-YEAR RUNNER IN THE 800 AND 1600 METER EVENTS.

ALTHOUGH THIS YEAR WAS CONSIDERED A REBUILDING YEAR BY MOST, IT WAS ALSO A SUCCESS. THE 2006 BOYS' TRACK TEAM CAN LOOK BACK ON THE SEASON WITH A SENSE OF PRIDE, KNOWING THEY ACCOMPLISHED ALL THEY COULD WITH SUCH A YOUNG TEAM.

KAYLEY WILL '06



JUNIOR NICK SCHENK runs his leg of the 3200 meter relay. Schenk and sophomore Nathan Dewig were new additions to the relay team this year.

Photo provided by: Krista Wildeman



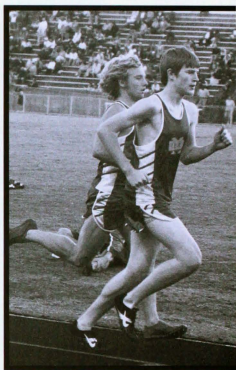
Senior Wes Dingman finishes the 2 mile strongly at the sectional meet. Dingman was a hard runner and was known for keeping things interesting.

Photo provided by: Krista Wildeman



Senior Patrick McKinney competes in the 800 meter run at sectionals. McKinney, who was ranked 1st in the state, quickly pulled away from the competition to finish first. He also finished first at regionals and third at state.

Photo by: Brittney Miller



Senior Wes Dingman and freshman Russel McKinney run in the one mile event at the sectional meet. The two pushed each other to perform their best.

Photo by: Brittney Miller



Above, senior Scott Schapker prepares to land in the long jump event. Schapker, who was new to the event, set a personal record of nineteen feet and four inches.

Photo by: Brittney Miller

To the left, senior Branden Clements leaps over a hurdle in the sectional meet at Central. This was Clements' first year doing hurdles.

Photo by: Kim Spahn



Freshman Caitlyn Muensterman clears the high jump bar. Muensterman was a major asset to a team with only two seniors.  
Photo by: Christie Kelley

# SMALL BUT



Junior Sarah Hall hurtles through her event at sectionals. Since senior Kendra Scheller was the only senior on the short distance team, Hall was a major leader to the underclassmen.  
Photo by: Kendra Scheller



Sophomore Pam Weinzapfel discusses her event with her older sister, senior Ellen Weinzapfel. The sisters used each other as inspiration and practice buddies.  
Photo by: Kim Spain



Junior Michelle Kelley prepares to clear the high jump bar at the sectional meet. Kelley, along with other juniors, stepped up this year to help the young team.  
Photo by: Kendra Scheller

Junior Krista Wildeman gets ready to set her watch before the start of the two mile at the sectional meet. Wildeman was a distance runner for the team, competing in the one and two mile events. Photo by: Kim Spahn



Senior Kendra Scheller flies through the air during the long jump competition. Scheller also ran sprints. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Senior Kendra Scheller tries to gain momentum before she takes off during the long jump competition. Despite a knee injury, Scheller was a major asset to the team. Photo by: Christie Kelley

Freshman Stephanie Moll breathes hard during her event at the Mt. Vernon sectional. The freshmen had a lot to learn this year from the upperclassmen. Photo by: Kim Spahn



Freshman Mackenzie Parkinson gets in the ready position at the sectional meet, with help from her teammate, freshman Courtney Carr. Photo by: Kendra Scheller



# STRONG

THE GIRLS' TRACK TEAM MAY HAVE BEEN SMALL IN SIZE THIS YEAR, BUT THEY MADE UP FOR IT BY REMAINING STRONG IN SPIRIT AND SUPPORT.

THE TEAM WAS LED BY TWO SENIORS, KENDRA SCHELLER AND ELLEN WEINZAPFEL. SCHELLER RAN SHORT DISTANCE EVENTS AND COMPETED IN THE LONG JUMP. WEINZAPFEL RAN LONG DISTANCES, INCLUDING THE FOUR BY EIGHT HUNDRED METER RELAY.

"WE ONLY HAD TWO SENIORS TO LEAD US," SAID JUNIOR MARGARET STOLTZ. "KENDRA LED THE TEAM CONSISTENTLY. ELLEN PACED THE DISTANCE TEAM ON LONGER RUNS."

THE SENIORS FELT THE PRESSURE TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES AND HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE FOR THE REST OF THE GIRLS TO FOLLOW.

"SCHELLER WAS PROBABLY OUR BEST GIRL. DESPITE KNEE PROBLEMS, SHE MANAGED TO RUN SPRINTS AND COMPETE IN THE LONG JUMP," SAID JUNIOR KRISTA WILDEMAN.

MANY TEAM MEMBERS COMMENTED THAT THE MOST FUN PARTS OF RUNNING TRACK THIS YEAR WERE THE PRACTICES. THE DISTANCE TEAM RAN SPEED WORKOUTS,

ALONG WITH ONE-HOUR RUNS. THESE PRACTICES WERE FUN BECAUSE THE GIRLS' HUMOR WAS ABLE TO SHINE THROUGH THEIR DEDICATION.

"WE WOULD ASK PEOPLE IF THEY WERE THE HOT 96 FUGITIVE AND JUST GO OFF," SAID STOLTZ.

STOLTZ JOINED THE TRACK TEAM HER SOPHOMORE YEAR. THIS YEAR, SHE RAN THE ONE MILE, HALF MILE, AND THE FOUR BY EIGHT HUNDRED RELAY. THE RELAY TEAM WAS MADE UP OF STOLTZ, WEINZAPFEL, WILDEMAN, AND SOPHOMORE KELSEY HARPENAU. STOLTZ RECEIVED A SIXTH PLACE AT SECTIONALS IN THE ONE MILE EVENT.

"THE BEST PART OF THE SEASON WAS SETTING MY PERSONAL BEST RECORD AND SEEING MY TIMES DROP EACH MEET," SAID STOLTZ.

WILDEMAN HAS BEEN COMPETING ON THE TRACK TEAM SINCE HER FRESHMAN YEAR, AND HAS BEEN ON THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM SINCE HER SOPHOMORE YEAR. WILDEMAN RAN THE FOURTH LEG OF THE FOUR BY EIGHT HUNDRED METER RELAY, THE TWO MILE RACE, AND THE ONE MILE EVENT.

"FOR ME, IT WAS HARD TO TRAIN

AS MUCH AS I SHOULD WITHOUT HURTING MYSELF BECAUSE OF MY BACK PROBLEMS," SAID WILDEMAN. "IT WAS HARD AS A TEAM EACH MEET BECAUSE WE KNEW WE WERE NOT THE BEST TEAM COMPETING. BUT THE TEAM SHOWED GREAT SUPPORT THROUGH BOTH DISAPPOINTMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS."

WILDEMAN'S MAJOR GOAL FOR THIS YEAR WAS TO BREAK THIRTEEN MINUTES IN THE TWO MILE EVENT. "WITH EVERYONE CHEERING AND THE SUPPORT OF GOOD COACHES, I WAS ABLE TO BREAK THIRTEEN MINUTES AT THE CITY MEET," WILDEMAN SAID.

SHE RECEIVED A FEW FIRST PLACES AND WAS ABLE TO FINISH FIFTH IN THE CITY WITH HER TWO MILE PERSONAL BEST.

OVERALL, THE TRACK TEAM MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE BEST IN THE CITY OR HAVE GONE AS FAR IN THE POST SEASON AS THEY MIGHT HAVE LIKED. HOWEVER, INDIVIDUALLY, THEY REACHED THEIR OWN GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHED MANY GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS. THEY ALSO HAD GOOD TIMES AND FRIENDSHIPS TO SUSTAIN THEM THROUGH THE SEASON.

LIZ WARGEL '07

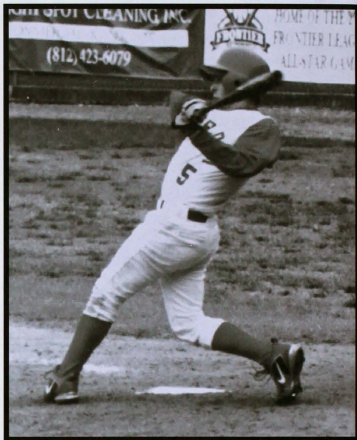
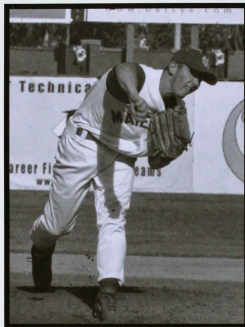
Below, senior Nathan Miller swings hard at the plate against Boonville. Miller was a consistent batter, helping the team carry a seven game winning streak into sectionals.

Right, junior Cody Brandenstein releases his pitch to a Boonville batter. Brandenstein was one of the many pitchers on the team.

Photos by: Kayley Will

Right, junior Jeremy Goldman connects for a base hit at Bosse Field. The Mater Dei Wildcats ended the season with a 17-11 record.

Photo provided by: Tammy Dittner



# DETERMINATION

FOR YEARS, THE SENIORS ON THE MATER DEI BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM HAVE AWAITED THEIR FINAL SEASON. TEAMWORK, DISCIPLINE, AND DETERMINATION MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE FINAL SEASON TO BE THE BEST ONE OF ALL. THE LAST SEASON OF THEIR HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS HAS PROVEN TO THE REST OF THE STUDENT BODY WHAT TEAMWORK TRULY IS.

"MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT BASEBALL WOULD HAVE TO BE THE FRIENDS AND MEMORIES THAT I WILL ALWAYS HAVE. I'M REALLY CLOSE TO A LOT OF THE GUYS ON THE TEAM AND HAVE HAD A TON OF FUN THROUGHOUT THE YEARS," SAID SENIOR JOE KELLEY. KELLEY IS A FOUR-YEAR MEMBER OF THE TEAM WHO HAS PLAYED VARSITY FOR THREE OF THOSE YEARS.

SENIOR WILL MOLL AGREES THAT HE HAS MADE MANY FRIENDS THROUGHOUT HIS BASEBALL CAREER.

"FRIENDS ARE ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS IN BASEBALL. I HAVE BECOME REALLY CLOSE TO A LOT OF MY TEAMMATES," SAID MOLL.

HOWEVER, THERE IS MORE TO BASEBALL THAN FRIENDSHIPS. MANY TEAM MEMBERS LEARNED TO LOVE THE GAME BECAUSE OF FAMILY MEMBERS. THE BITTNER BROTHERS, JUNIOR ZACH AND SENIOR TYLER, BOTH PLAY ON THE TEAM AND LOOK TO EACH OTHER FOR SUPPORT.

"I STARTED PLAYING

BASEBALL IN T-BALL WHEN I WAS FOUR YEARS OLD. MY DAD IS THE ONE WHO INTRODUCED ME TO BASEBALL, AND EVER SINCE, I HAVE BEEN HOOKED," MOLL SAID.

ONE OF THE TRADITIONS THAT THE BASEBALL TEAM HAS BEFORE EVERY GAME CONSISTS OF SENIORS JOE KELLEY AND PHIL LOEHR TEACHING A "WORD OF THE DAY" TO THEIR FELLOW TEAMMATES. ALSO, BEFORE EVERY GAME, JUNIOR SHAD MACKIE PERFORMS HIS UNIQUE JUMPING JACKS. THESE EVENTS START THE GAMES ON A GOOD NOTE AND GET THEIR ADRENALINE PUMPING.

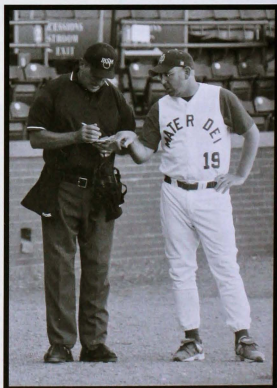
AS WITH MOST TEAMS, THE SENIORS WERE THE LEADERS OF THEIR TEAM, AND UNDERCLASSMEN HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW.

"THE FUNNIEST THING THAT HAPPENED THIS SEASON WAS JEREMY GOLDMAN COLLECTING ALL OF THE FOUL BALLS AT MY POLITE REQUEST," SAID SENIOR KYLE GROSSMAN.

ALTHOUGH THIS SEASON WAS FULL OF FUN AND GAMES, THERE WERE ALSO MANY SERIOUS MOMENTS AND LOTS OF HARD WORK.

"AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, THERE REALLY WASN'T A POSITION GUARANTEED FOR YOU TO BE ON THE TEAM. YOU HAVE TO EARN A SPOT," SAID JUNIOR ADAM BUTTS. "MY FAVORITE THING IN BASEBALL IS THE FACT THAT ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN. ANYBODY CAN WIN IT; IT JUST DEPENDS ON WHO WANTS IT THE MOST."

McKENZIE WILLIAMS '07

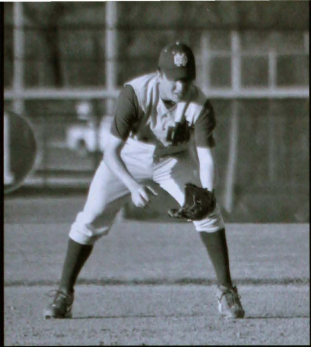


Coach Darin Knight consults with the home plate umpire about changes in the lineup during the Boonville game. Knight's dedication to the team led Mater Dei to a city title.

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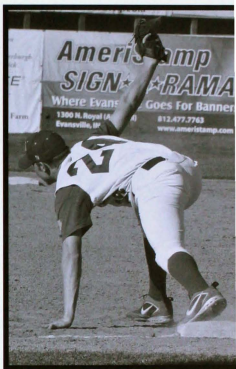




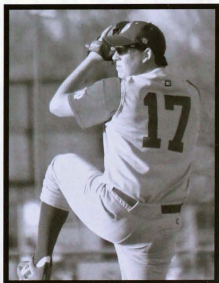
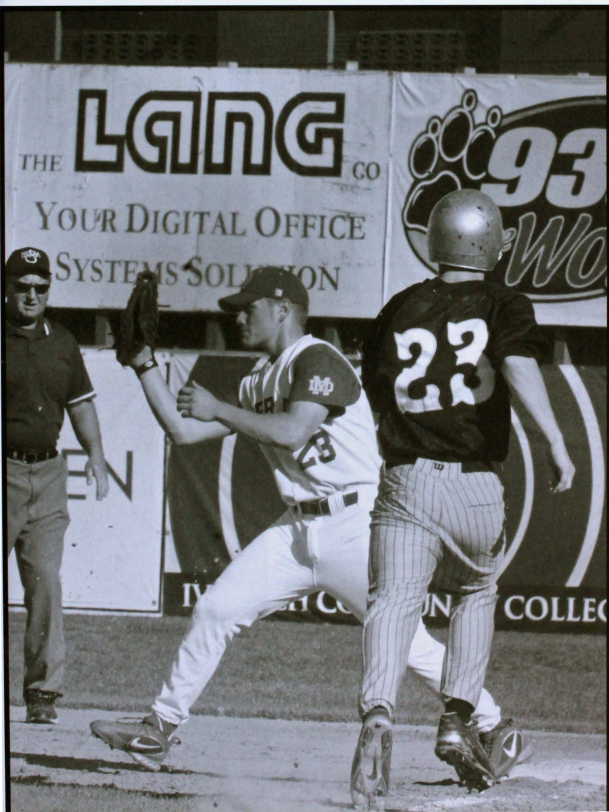


Left, junior Ryan Gries is in perfect fielding position as shortstop. Gries also pitched for the team, ending the season with a 4-3 record. Photo by: Krystal Schmitt

Below, the Mater Dei baseball team comes together in the dugout at Bosse Field at the end of an inning against Boonville. Photo by: Kayley Will



Above, senior Joe Kelley stretches to make an out at first base against Mt. Vernon. Mater Dei defeated Mt. Vernon 9-1. Photo by: Kayley Will



Above, senior Tyler Bittner winds up to pitch. After overcoming an eye injury at the beginning of the season, Bittner helped the team with his great pitching and dependable hitting. Photo by: Krystal Schmitt  
 Left, senior first baseman Will Moll catches a throw to get the out against Boonville. The Wildcats defeated the Dioncers 5-4. Photo by: Kayley Will



Senior Tiffany Dayton bends to stop the ball from heading into the outfield. Dayton was a major asset to the team as one of the few senior leaders.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel

# PREPARE



Sophomore Ashley Adler prepares to hit the softball into the outfield. This was Adler's first year on the varsity team.  
Photo by: Allison Drobert



Senior Hailey Kempf concentrates on the control of her pitching. Kempf depended on her teammates for support during games to keep her head in the game.  
Photo by: Allison Drobert



Foreign exchange student Izzy Haruyama fields a ball as first baseman. Haruyama became very involved in Mater Dei by also playing on the girls' basketball team.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior Stephanie Seibert, who played softball for four years at Mater Dei, was an outfielder. The younger teammates looked up to the seniors for advice and guidance. Photo by: Allison Probert



Senior Mallory Schenk receives advice from Coach Gene Whorl. Softball is a family affair for the Whorls, with junior Jenna as an outfielder and freshman Abby as a team manager. Photo by: Allison Probert

Sophomore Krystal Schmitt pays attention to the opponent at bat, waiting for a play. Schmitt and other underclassmen filled the team roster, mixing with the upperclassmen to form a competitive team. Photo by: Sam Montgomery



Senior Mallory Schenk prepares to catch the ball flying towards third base. Schenk was always ready to cheer other teammates on and lend support. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Freshman Stephanie Bittner pitches the ball into the infield, towards first base. Bittner was one of the freshmen who stepped up to play with the upperclassmen as a varsity member. Photo by: Allison Probert



BEFORE EVERY SEASON, EACH TEAM AT MATER DEI HAS TO PREPARE, EVEN THOUGH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREPARE FOR EVERYTHING THAT CAN POSSIBLY HAPPEN. THE MATER DEI GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM IS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE. MANY DIFFERENT THINGS WERE THROWN AT THE TEAM THIS YEAR, WHICH HELPED THEM TO GROW INTO A MUCH STRONGER TEAM, EVEN IF THE FINAL RECORDS MAY SHOW MORE LOSSES THAN WINS.

SENIOR STEPHANIE SEIBERT, WHO HAS PLAYED SOFTBALL FOR FOUR YEARS, AGREED WITH THIS SENTIMENT.

"THIS SEASON HAS HELPED ME TO SEE THAT EVEN WHEN WE FAIL, WE CAN GROW. I THINK THAT OUR LOSSES THIS SEASON HELPED US GET BETTER AS A TEAM AND AS PEOPLE. WE ALL LEARNED THAT IN ORDER TO WIN, WE JUST HAD TO KEEP WORKING HARD AND EVENTUALLY THINGS WOULD FALL OUR WAY."

THINGS DIDN'T FALL THE RIGHT WAY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY GAME, BUT THE TEAM WORKED HARD TO DEFEAT SOME DIFFICULT TEAMS THIS SEASON.

"WE BEAT SOME TEAMS THAT ARE VERY STRONG AND THAT WE WEREN'T EXPECTING TO BEAT. FOR EXAMPLE, WE BEAT

PRINCETON, WHO WAS RANKED #6 IN THE STATE AT THE TIME. WE ALSO BEAT NORTH 4-0 TWICE THIS SEASON. THEY ARE AN AWESOME TEAM THAT BEAT MEMORIAL, WHO WAS RANKED THE #9 TEAM," SAID JUNIOR LAUREN NIEMEIER, WHO HAS PLAYED SOFTBALL FOR THREE YEARS AT MATER DEI.

HOWEVER, NOT ALL PREPARATION WAS DURING THE PRESEASON. MANY IMPORTANT RITUALS WERE PERFORMED TO GET PLAYERS READY FOR THE GAME. SOME WERE PERSONAL, LIKE WHEN SENIOR MALLORY SCHENK PLAYED TETRIS BEFORE EVERY GAME. OTHERS INCLUDED THE WHOLE TEAM INSTEAD OF INVOLVING JUST ONE PERSON.

"BEFORE EACH GAME, WE CROSSED OUR RIGHT FOOT OVER OUR LEFT FOOT AND OUR RIGHT ARM OVER OUR LEFT ARM AND HELD HANDS WHILE PRAYING THE HAIL MARY," NIEMEIER SAID. "IT REALLY HELPED US PREPARE."

HOWEVER, THIS TEAM UNITY EXTENDS BEYOND PREGAME PRAYER OR EVEN JUST THE GAMES.

"THIS SEASON TAUGHT ME THE IMPORTANCE OF PICKING UP MY TEAMMATES WHEN THEY BECOME FRUSTRATED. AS A TEAM, WE STAYED PREPARED AND FOCUSED BY KEEPING EACH OTHER'S SPIRITS UP," SAID

SOOPHOMORE KAREN SCHELLER.

NO MATTER WHAT PREPARATION GOES INTO THE SEASON OR WHAT STATS REMAIN AFTER THE SEASON ENDS, THE TEAM STILL HAD FUN.

SEIBERT WILL MISS THIS FUN AND COMPANIONSHIP AFTER GRADUATION. "WHAT I WILL MISS MOST ABOUT SOFTBALL IS THE WAY THE GAME MAKES ME FEEL. IT'S LIKE ONCE YOU STEP ON THE FIELD, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS."

HOWEVER, NOT ALL THE GOOD MEMORIES ARE FROM THE ACTUAL GAMES.

"MY FAVORITE MEMORY OF THE YEAR WAS SHOPPING AT OPREY MILLS IN NASHVILLE WHILE AT OUR TOURNAMENT. OUR WHOLE TEAM WENT TO THE MOVIES ONE NIGHT BECAUSE THE GAMES WERE RAINED OUT," SAID NIEMEIER.

IZZY HARAYUMA, A SENIOR WHO ONLY GOT THE CHANCE TO PLAY FOR THIS ONE YEAR BECAUSE SHE IS A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT, SUMS THE ENTIRE SEASON UP BEST BY SAYING, "I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED ME TO PLAY SOFTBALL. I HAD A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE MEMORIES I HAD FROM THE MATER DEI SOFTBALL TEAM."

ROSANNA SARTORE '06

AND SUCCEED

# Live

*Twenty years from now, when we open old yearbooks for old time's sake, we may not remember particular spirit days, scores from different athletic events, or the person who sat next to us in our freshman history class. We may not recall grades on the papers we spent hours working on or who we parked beside each day.*

*However, we will remember that we won state for wrestling, drove many miles to attend games while dressed in crazy red and gold, and chowed down Spanish food during the much anticipated fiestas. We will remember who we took to prom and the best friends that we worked and played with on the weekends.*

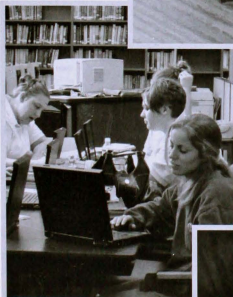
*Life is a series of random, sometimes chaotic events that define us, and, if we're lucky, take us places we have never dreamed. High school is the beginning of this. We work hard and we play harder so that, on that particular day when we open old yearbooks and take a trip down memory lane, we will smile and remember. Because there are some moments in life we can never forget.*

*Jessica Grabert '06*



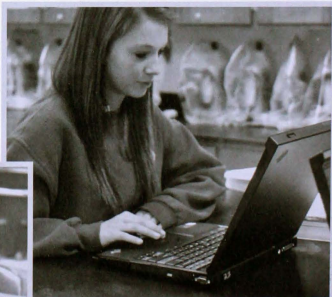


Junior Rachel Williams checks messages on her cell phone. Williams uses her phone quite often to keep in touch with her friends.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel




Senior Hilary Masterson checks out a scene from Mexico during Spanish IV class.  
Photo by: Allison Probert

Senior Jessica Grabert text messages a friend on her phone. Although cell phones are not allowed during school hours, many girls use their purses as shields so their teachers will not see their phones.  
Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Junior Sarah Yingling works on a laptop during Advanced Biology. Yingling was studying for the advanced placement test in biology.  
Photo by: McKenzie Williams





EACH YEAR, AS WE GROW OLDER AND BECOME CLOSER TO THE REAL WORLD, OUR TECHNOLOGY GROWS MORE ADVANCED. THIS TECHNOLOGY ALLOWS US TO LEARN MORE, FASTER.

WE ARE NOW ABLE TO HAVE COMPUTERS IN EVERY CLASSROOM AND CAN ALSO SHARE THE LAPTOP CART DURING DIFFERENT BLOCKS. THESE FORMS OF TECHNOLOGY ALLOW US TO DO RESEARCH FOR PROJECTS AND COMPLETE HOMEWORK ON THE COMPUTERS DURING CLASS.

CELL PHONES HAVE BEEN A PART OF OUR LIVES FOR AT LEAST A COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT THIS YEAR THEY HAVE REALLY ADVANCED. WE CAN NOW RECEIVE NEWS AND WEATHER UPDATES, TAKE AND SEND PICTURES, CHECK EMAIL MESSAGES, AND INSTANT MESSAGE.

AS SOON AS THE LAST SCHOOL BELL RINGS, ALMOST EVERY STUDENT HAS HIS OR HER CELL PHONE OUT. WHETHER WE ARE CHECKING TEXT MESSAGES AND VOICEMAILS OR CALLING SOMEONE TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON, TEACHERS ALWAYS COMMENT ON HOW WE CANNOT GET OUT OF THE DOOR WITHOUT PULLING OUT OUR PHONES.

"MY CELL PHONE HAS EVERYTHING. IF I LOSE IT, I CAN'T CALL ANYBODY BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THEIR NUMBERS. THEY ARE ALL STORED IN MY PHONE," SAID JUNIOR MCKENZIE WILLIAMS.

IT ALSO SEEMS THAT MORE OF US HAVE DIGITAL CAMERAS TO CAPTURE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES. USING DIGITAL CAMERAS ENSURES THAT OUR PICTURES WILL BE PERFECT.

"DIGITAL CAMERAS HAVE DRASTICALLY IMPROVED THE

TECHNOLOGY OF TODAY. NOT ONLY CAN PHOTOS BE VIEWED WITH MORE CLARITY, BUT MORE RAPIDLY. BUSINESSES CAN NOW TAKE PHOTOS AND IN THE SAME HOUR SHOW THE CUSTOMERS WHAT THEY CAN PURCHASE. ALSO, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY ALLOWS PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN TODAY, OR IN PREVIOUS YEARS, TO BE EASILY RETOUCHED AND RESTORED," SAID JUNIOR KRISTA WILDEMAN, WHOSE MOTHER RUNS A PHOTOGRAPHY BUSINESS THAT USES DIGITAL CAMERAS.

THESE CAMERAS ALLOW US TO TAKE PICTURES, MAKE SURE THEY ARE THE SHOTS WE WANT, AND PRINT THEM WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE THEM TO BE DEVELOPED.

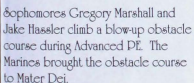
THE NEWEST GADGET IS THE IPOD. THE IPOD ALLOWS US TO DOWNLOAD NEW SONGS, ARRANGE THEM IN THE ORDER WE WANT, AND LISTEN TO THEM WITHOUT HAVING TO CARRY AROUND A PERSONAL CD PLAYER.

"I LIKE MY IPOD BECAUSE IT IS AN EASY WAY TO LISTEN TO MUSIC. I DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FINDING THE CD I WANT, I JUST GO TO MY IPOD AND CAN EASILY FIND ANY SONG I WANT TO LISTEN TO. MY IPOD IS VERY SMALL, AND I CAN TAKE IT EVERYWHERE WITH ME," SAID JUNIOR DANIELLE RITTER.

WE HAVE BECOME USED TO THE IMMEDIATE GRATIFICATION OF TECHNOLOGY. WE CAN TALK TO ANYONE AT ANY TIME; WE CAN ACCESS ANY TYPE OF INFORMATION, AND WE CAN LISTEN TO OUR FAVORITE MUSIC FOR HOURS ON END. JUST THINK, WHAT WOULD OUR CLASSROOMS AND HOMES BE LIKE IF WE DID NOT HAVE TELEVISIONS, RADIOS, AND COMPUTERS WITH THE INTERNET?

LIZ WARGEL '07

# Technology Fix



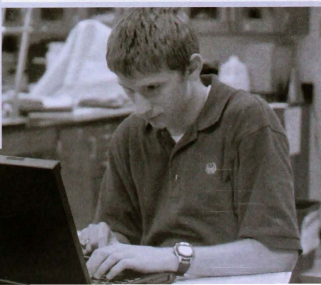
Sophomores Gregory Marshall and Jake Hassler climb a blow-up obstacle course during Advanced PE. The Marines brought the obstacle course to Mater Dei.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Sophomore Melissa Martin works on her apron during Orientation to Life and Careers. Sewing is a great skill to learn because it always comes in handy.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Junior Andy Walker works on a laptop during Wildcat Block. Students can reserve a laptop to work on in the library if they use it for homework purposes.

Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior Alvia Scott places senior Mason Kempf's graduation cap on his head. Kempf wanted to be sure he got the right size. Photo by: Kendra Scheller



Junior class officers Laura Hall and Hannah Boots sell seniors Courtney Adler and Mason Kempf their prom tickets during a passing period. Boots and Hall were both active members of the prom committee. Photo by: Kendra Scheller



Freshmen Kayla Martin and Adam Elpers chat after school in the freshman hallway. The hallway is a great place to talk before going home. Photo by: Allison Probert

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Sophomores Lindsey Martin, Lisa McIntosh, and Mallory Hombrook walk down the hill from their cars. Sophomores get to school very early to make sure they can get a good parking spot on Maryland Street. Photo by: Allison Probert



**W**ALKING INTO MATER DEI AS A FRESHMAN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL CAN BE VERY OVERWHELMING. A SENSE OF EXCITEMENT AND FEAR MAY GO THROUGH YOUR BODY AS YOU ENTER WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE BIGGEST SCHOOL EVER. THOUGH THE THOUGHT OF GETTING LOST OR GOING TO THE WRONG CLASS IS NERVE-RACKING ENOUGH, NEW STUDENTS MUST ALSO DEAL WITH FEELINGS OF LONELINESS AND UNCERTAINTY. AS A FRESHMAN, YOU BEGIN TO LOVE THE NEW FEELING OF FREEDOM. YOU ARE LOOKED AT AS AN ADULT AND ARE GIVEN MORE RESPONSIBILITIES.

CLASSES ARE DIFFERENT AND MORE VARIED THAN THOSE IN GRADE SCHOOLS. NOT ONLY IS THE SCHOOL ATMOSPHERE DIFFERENT, BUT SO ARE THE DANCES, CLUBS, AND ATHLETICS. DANCES ARE BIGGER AND MORE FORMAL. THE CLUBS ARE ACTIVE, AND THERE ARE CHOICES FOR EVERYONE. FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU ARE A PART OF THE WELL-KNOWN FANS OF MATER DEI. YOU ARE FINALLY ALLOWED TO SIT IN THE STUDENT SECTION AND CHEER ON THOSE WHO CARRY ON THE EXCELLENT TRADITION OF MATER DEI.

"I ENJOY BEING A FRESHMAN BECAUSE I GET TO SEE NEW PEOPLE EACH DAY, BUT SOMETIMES THE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES ARE HARD," SAID FRESHMAN BREANNA SARTORE.

BEFORE LONG, THE DIRECTION OF YOUR LIFE BEGINS TO TAKE PLACE. CLASSES START TO DRAG ON, AND YOU BEGIN TO WISH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS WERE OVER. HOWEVER, AFTER YOU'VE WISHED THE DAYS AWAY, YOU REALIZE HOW FAST THEY HAVE GONE.

"THE BEST PART OF BEING A JUNIOR IS NOT LEAVING. I

STILL HAVE ANOTHER YEAR OF GREAT FUN TO EXPERIENCE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING A SENIOR," SAID JUNIOR MITCHELL EICKHOFF.

BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, SENIOR YEAR BEGINS AND YOU AGAIN EXPERIENCE FEELINGS OF UNCERTAINTY. WALKING INTO MATER DEI AS A SENIOR ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL CAN BE OVERWHELMING. THE SENSES OF EXCITEMENT AND FEAR ARISE AS YOU ENTER WHAT YOU NOW KNOW IS NOT THE BIGGEST SCHOOL EVER.


THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOING TO THE WRONG CLASS OR GETTING LOST, BUT FEAR IS STILL PRESENT. IT'S FOUND IN KNOWING THIS IS YOUR LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL AND WANTING TO MAKE EVERY MEMORY LAST. DEALING WITH THE PRESSURES OF FINDING THE COLLEGE YOU WANT, CHOOSING A CAREER TO PURSUE, AND APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS CAN BE EXHAUSTING. ALTHOUGH THIS IS FRIGHTENING, THE ANTICIPATION FOR THE COMING YEAR IS STILL THERE. BEING ABLE TO SPEND THOSE LAST SPORTING EVENTS AND DANCES WITH FRIENDS IS CRUCIAL.

"MY FAVORITE PART OF BEING A SENIOR IS HAVING AUTHORITY OVER ALL THE LITTLE ONES," SAID SENIOR PHIL LOEHR.

AS A SENIOR, YOU ARE NOT ONLY A LEADER IN THE CLASSROOM, BUT ALSO ON THE FIELD, COURT, AND IN THE STANDS. ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU'RE DRESSED IN YOUR CAP AND GOWN, RECEIVING YOUR DIPLOMA. DURING THE FOUR YEARS AT MATER DEI, MEMORIES WERE MADE THAT MAY BE REGARDED FONDLY AND THEN TUCKED AWAY, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.

KENDRA SCHELLER, '06

# Moving On Up




Senior Tiffany Dayton signs her letter of intent to play basketball for Kaskaskia College. Senior athletes who will play in college must sign a letter of intent to play their sport.  
Photo by: Kendra Scheller



A group of freshman girls crowd around a table at lunch. Freshmen usually squeeze as many people as possible around a table at lunch.

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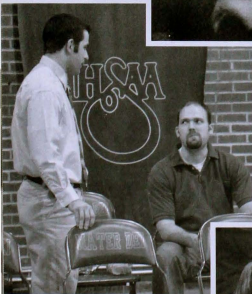
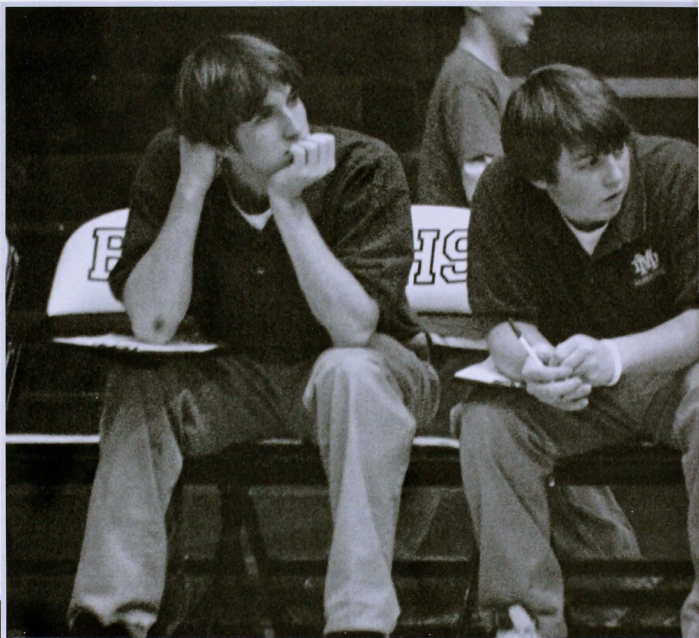


Senior Emily Raben receives her cap and gown from Sister Mary Francis. Sister Mary Francis, the senior class sponsor, coordinated the distribution of graduation items.

Photo by: Kendra Scheller



Seniors Corey Lannert and Jake Weinzapfel watch in anticipation during the final sectional basketball game against Boss. Lannert and Weinzapfel have been managers of the team for four years. Photo by: Alison Probert



Sophomore Lauren Austin hands sophomore Kelsey Schenk a water cup during a timeout. Freshman Katelyn Hartz also became a girls' basketball manager due to an injury. Photo by: Kayley Will

Junior Chris Emmert talks to Dan Baumann, an athletic trainer for Mater Dei. Emmert has been helping out with the wrestling program for three years. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Junior Dyan Musgrave cleans a table after the boys' basketball players' time out and drink break. Musgrave became a manager because he enjoys basketball and wanted to help any way he could.

Photo by: Tori Fisher



**M**ATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL RUNS ITS SPORTS PROGRAMS BY USING ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET. MANY TEAMS USE MANAGERS TO HELP GET THE TEAM SET UP AND RUNNING SMOOTHLY THROUGHOUT THE SEASON AND DURING GAMES. THE MANAGERS DO A LOT FOR THE TEAMS THAT MANY PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE. THEY MAKE SURE THE WATER BOTTLES ARE FILLED, FILM THE ATHLETIC EVENTS, FOLD AND WASH TOWELS AND UNIFORMS, AND MAKE SURE NOTHING IS LEFT BEHIND WHEN A TEAM LEAVES FOR A COMPETITION.

"WE HAVE TO FOLD ALL WARM-UPS, GET WATER READY, MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS EVERYTHING THEY NEED, AND LOAD THINGS FOR TRIPS," SAID FRESHMAN KATELYN HARTZ, A GIRLS' BASKETBALL MANAGER.

THERE IS ALSO A LARGE TIME COMMITMENT INVOLVED IN BEING A MANAGER. "I MUST BE AT ALL THE GAMES AND PRACTICES," SAID SENIOR JAKE WEINZAPFEL, A BOYS' FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL MANAGER.

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT REASONS STUDENTS DECIDE TO BECOME MANAGERS.

"I QUIT BASKETBALL AFTER GRADE SCHOOL BECAUSE I DIDN'T ENJOY IT AS MUCH AS I USED TO. I REALLY LOVE THE SPORT STILL, SO IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO QUIT ALTOGETHER LAST YEAR. SO, THIS YEAR A FRIEND TOLD ME THAT I SHOULD BE A MANAGER BECAUSE THEN I'M STILL A PART OF IT, SO I DID THAT," SAID SOPHOMORE LAUREN AUSTIN.

IT IS HARD FOR A PLAYER TO GIVE UP A SPORT TOTALLY DUE TO AN INJURY. MANY STILL LOVE TO BE INVOLVED IN A SPORT THEY ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT. "I WANTED TO STAY AROUND A

SPORT. I WANTED TO PLAY BASKETBALL, BUT I HAD SURGERY AND WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT FOR MOST OF THE SEASON," SAID HARTZ.

SOME MANAGERS FEEL THAT THEY WOULD BETTER CONTRIBUTE TO THE TEAM BY PARTICIPATING AS A MANAGER RATHER THAN A COMPETITOR. "I KNEW I WAS UNABLE TO WRESTLE, BUT THAT DIDN'T KEEP ME FROM WANTING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE TEAM," SAID JUNIOR CHRIS EMMERT, THE WRESTLING MANAGER.

SOME STUDENTS DECIDE TO BECOME MANAGERS BECAUSE OF THE ADVANTAGES THEY HAVE DURING THE SPORT'S SEASON AND BECAUSE OF THE DISCIPLINE IT TEACHES THEM. "IT HELPS ME BALANCE MY TIME AND STUDIES. I ACQUIRED GOOD TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS," SAID WEINZAPFEL.

MANY MANAGERS ENJOY JUST BEING A PART OF THE TEAM. "I GET TO ATTEND ALL OF THE WRESTLING MEETS AND BE PART OF THE TEAM," SAID EMMERT.

BEING A MANAGER IS AN ENJOYABLE POSITION FOR THE MOST PART. "I ENJOY MY POSITION AS A MANAGER BECAUSE IT KEEPS ME INVOLVED AND GIVES ME A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE OF THE SPORT," SAID EMMERT.

BEING A MANAGER ALLOWS MORE TIME TO SPEND WITH FRIENDS. "I ENJOY BEING A MANAGER BECAUSE I LIKE GOING TO ALL THE GAMES. I ALSO ENJOY IT BECAUSE I'M FRIENDS WITH A LOT OF THE GIRLS THAT PLAY, SO IT'S FUN," SAID AUSTIN. BEING A MANAGER IS A FUN, REWARDING, AND IMPORTANT POSITION WITHIN THE SPORTS SYSTEM.

TORI FISHER '06

# Support Team

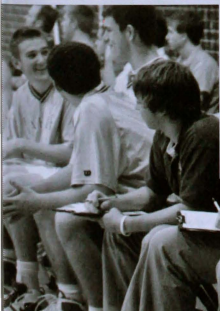
Senior Jake Weinzapfel records stats for the boys' basketball team. The managers are required to help with the stats so the team knows their information.

Photo by: Tori Fisher



Senior Brittney Schenk waves to her friends during the volleyball senior night. Schenk was a manager for the volleyball team and was recognized at senior night for all of her hard work.

Photo by: Kayley Will



Juniors Chris Emmert and Dyan Musgrave set up the net for the football team's kicker. Emmert is also a wrestling manager, and Musgrave is also a boys' basketball manager.

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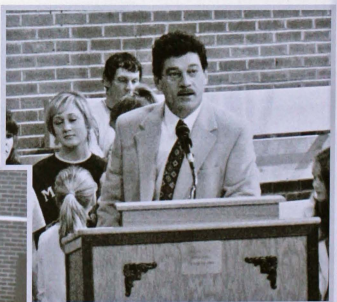


Junior Sean Herron receives gifts from his class representatives, Hannah Boots and Mitchell Eickhoff. This assembly was held in recognition of the wrestlers who traveled to individual state. Photo by: Allison Probert



Atop a firetruck the wrestlers take a tour of the west side after returning with a team state title. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Seniors Joe Butler, Michael Fischer, Kevin Ehort, Ben Dausman, and Adam Wolf put on a skit before the Reitz football game. The boys dressed up as the Ninja Turtles and Wolf was Shredder. Of course, the turtles won. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Mr. Mike Goebel discusses each of the wrestlers before they leave for team state. The pep assemblies always got everyone pumped up for the big event. Photo by: Allison Probert



PEP ASSEMBLIES ARE TRADITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE MANY GENERATIONS OF MATER DEI FANS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS. WHETHER THE ASSEMBLIES ARE FOR ATHLETES, HOMECOMING COURT, OR ACADEMICS, EVERYONE ENJOYS THE BREAK FROM THEIR ROUTINE SCHEDULE.

SENIOR PEP CLUB PRESIDENT KENDRA SCHELLER SAID, "TWO OF MY FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT PEP ASSEMBLIES ARE THAT WE GET OUT OF CLASS EARLY AND IT'S A GREAT SUPPORT FOR THE COMPETING TEAMS."

ALTHOUGH MANY STUDENTS APPRECIATE RECEIVING RECOGNITION FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, VERY FEW REALIZE THE HARD WORK THAT IS PUT FORTH TO PLAN THE PEP ASSEMBLIES TO ENSURE THAT THE STUDENT BODY IS ENTERTAINED.

SHELLER SAID, "AS THE PRESIDENT, I PUT TOGETHER AN AGENDA FOR THE YEAR. I ALWAYS HAD TO BE PREPARED AND PLAN AHEAD OF TIME, ESPECIALLY FOR BIG ASSEMBLIES SUCH AS HOMECOMING."

THE PEP CLUB MEETS AND TOSSES AROUND IDEAS FOR THE PEP ASSEMBLIES. MEMBERS OF THE CLUB ARE ABLE TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS AND TAKE PART IN THE PLANNING.

JESSIE SEIB, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PEP CLUB, SAID, "WHEN WE WERE INFORMED THAT AN ASSEMBLY WAS GOING TO TAKE PLACE, ALL THE OFFICERS PLANNED WHAT THEIR ROLES WERE GOING TO BE DURING IT."

PEP CLUB MEMBERS ARE NOT THE ONLY STUDENTS WHO MAKE THE ASSEMBLIES UNIQUE. EVERYONE AGREES THAT

THE ASSEMBLIES SIMPLY WOULD NOT BE THE SAME WITHOUT THE BAND PLAYING THE SCHOOL SONG TO OPEN AND CLOSE THE ASSEMBLY.

SENIOR TEGAN RUSH PLAYED THE DRUMS AND REALLY ENJOYED BEING AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT OF EVERY ASSEMBLY.

"I LOVE BEING A PART OF THE BAND AND HAVING A ROLE IN EVERY PEP ASSEMBLY. THE BAND ALWAYS WARMS UP ABOUT FIVE MINUTES BEFOREHAND; THIS IS A TRADITION THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD," SAID RUSH.

ALTHOUGH MANY OF THE PEP ASSEMBLIES ARE SHORT AND TO-THE-POINT, THEY STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE COMPETITORS.

"IT IS A GREAT FEELING TO GO INTO A BIG MEET AND KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE BACKING YOU. PEP ASSEMBLIES REALLY DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BECAUSE WHEN THINGS BECOME HARD, YOU REMEMBER ALL THE GREAT THINGS SAID ABOUT YOU DURING THE ASSEMBLY," SAID JUNIOR WRESTLER AND CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER, JERRY PARKINSON.

LOOKING BACK ON THE SCHOOL YEAR, THERE ARE NUMEROUS HILARIOUS MEMORIES FROM THE PEP ASSEMBLIES THAT ALL STUDENTS WILL REMEMBER AND LOOK BACK ON FOR YEARS TO COME. THE NINJA TURTLE SKIT, FACULTY VS. STUDENT GAMES, AND THE HOMECOMING COURT EATING ICE CREAM BLINDFOLDED ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE MANY FUNNY ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY THE PEP CLUB. THESE ACTIVITIES AND THE MANY OTHER TRADITIONS ARE SOMETHING THAT WILL ALWAYS SEPARATE MATER DEI PEP ASSEMBLIES FROM THE REST.

KIM SPAHN '06

# PEP and Pizzazz

Senior Wes Dingman talks about the boys' cross country team during a fall pep assembly. During every assembly, students wish all the teams competing good luck.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Seniors Jeremy Goebel, Jason Wire, and Bart Schaefer address the student body at the assembly after the victory at team state. The seniors were great leaders for the team. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior Kendra Scheller, president of the Pep Club, goes over the agenda for the homecoming pep assembly with Mrs. Kathy Scott and seniors Jessie Seib and Sarah Scott.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Bishop Cettelfinger and Father Ken Steckler bless the new Eucharistic ministers. There were 64 senior ministers trained this year.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Freshman Stephanie Bittner hands the wine to Fr. Steckler during the offertory procession. Many students choose to participate in Mass by taking up the gifts.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Samantha Vanhooser thanks her class during the senior retreat. Seniors could thank their classmates during the open mic session.

Photo by:  
Allison Probert



Senior Danielle Elsner laughs with freshman Jennifer Cox during the freshman retreat. Seniors are chosen to be table leaders at the underclassmen retreats.  
Photo by: Brittney Miller



SUNDAYS USED TO BE AN HONORED DAY OF THE WEEK. OVER THE PAST DECADES, SUNDAYS BEGAN TO BLEND INTO THE CALENDAR. WE NO LONGER DEDICATE A DAY TO BOND WITH THOSE AROUND US AND DEEPEN OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE. WALKING INTO A CATHOLIC SCHOOL LIKE MATER DEI SEEMS LIKE A STEP BACK IN TIME FOR MANY PEOPLE WHO DISREGARD SUNDAY AS SACRED. THE RELIGION DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF STUDENTS BY OFFERING MASSES EVERY TUESDAY MORNING BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS AND OTHERS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR WHEN THE WHOLE MATER DEI FAMILY JOINS TOGETHER TO PRAISE.

WHILE MASS IS INTENDED TO HELP THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE AND ATTEND SERVICES, SOME WISH THEY COULD WALK AWAY FROM IT WITH A SENSE OF RENEWAL.

"MY ONLY PROBLEM WITH SCHOOL MASSES IS THAT SOME PEOPLE DON'T PARTICIPATE. I COULD PARTICIPATE MORE IF I COULD BE SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO ACTIVELY PARTAKE IN THE MASS," SAID SOPHOMORE KAREN SCHELLER.

MANY STUDENTS DECIDE TO FIND WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND TAKE PART IN THE MASS.

"I'M INVOLVED IN LITURGICAL ENSEMBLE BECAUSE I FIND THAT IT GETS ME MORE INVOLVED IN AND ATTENTIVE TO THE MASS," SAID JUNIOR JEWEL REISING.

STUDENTS ARE ALSO VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE UPBEAT MUSIC AND THE WAYS THEY CAN INVOLVE THEMSELVES.

"I REALLY LIKE IT WHEN THE LITURGICAL ENSEMBLE SINGS DURING THE MASSES. IT'S MODERN MUSIC SO THE STUDENTS CAN EASILY RELATE TO IT," SAID SOPHOMORE

SAMANTHA MONTGOMERY.

THE RETREATS ARE ALSO A GREAT WAY FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CLASS TO SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM THE REST OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THE STUDENTS CAN BOND WITH MEMBERS OF THEIR CLASS WHO ARE SITTING AT THEIR TABLES AND WITH THEIR ENTIRE CLASS AS A WHOLE.

"THE STUDENTS CAN ALWAYS RELATE TO THEIR RETREAT MESSAGE BECAUSE THE THEMES ARE CHOSEN FOR EACH CLASS. THEY ARE DESIGNED TO TOUCH AN ASPECT OF THE STUDENTS' LIVES. ANOTHER PART THAT IS VERY SPECIAL IS THAT THE CLASS HAS MASS TOGETHER. THIS IS A VERY UNIQUE WAY TO BOND AND GET TO KNOW OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CLASS," SAID MRS. KATHY WEBER, WHO HELPS COORDINATE THE RETREATS.

MANY SENIORS ARE CHOSEN TO LEAD THE TABLES OF THE OTHER CLASSES' RETREATS. MANY TIMES THE SENIORS COME AWAY LEARNING JUST AS MUCH AS THOSE WHO WERE AT THE LEADER'S TABLE.

"BY WORKING THE RETREATS, I GAINED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNDERCLASSMEN AND LEADING PEOPLE. I ALSO ENJOYED DOING A SERVICE FOR THE MATER DEI COMMUNITY," SAID SENIOR KYLE CLEMENTS.

THE RETREATS AND MASSES ALLOW THE STUDENTS TO FEEL THAT THEY BELONG TO A PARISH FAMILY BEYOND THE ONE THEY MAY ATTEND ON SUNDAY. THROUGH THIS FAMILY FEELING, THE STUDENTS BEGIN TO APPRECIATE THE RELIGIOUS FACETS OF OUR SCHOOL AND TAKE THAT ENTHUSIASM BEYOND THE SCHOOL WALLS AND EVEN TO THEIR OWN CHURCH ON SUNDAYS.

ALLISON PROBERT '06

# Beyond Sunday

Freshman Nina Meredith receives her ashes from Mr. Ennis during the Ash Wednesday Mass. Various teachers placed ashes on the students' foreheads.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Sophomore Brian Gentry reads what his classmates wrote during a break at the sophomore retreat. Each sophomore has his or her picture and a quote hanging on the wall.

Photo by: Allison Probert

Senior Joe Arnold writes a thank you letter to one of his classmates at the senior retreat. The seniors could write thank you letters and regret letters to their classmates.

Photo by: Allison Probert



Senior Meghan Berneking, right, steals food off of senior Rosanna Sartore's plate. Although the girls were not in the Spanish class, their teacher let them visit and take some food. Photo by: Allison Probert



Sophomore Michael Tepool glances over the food selection at the sophomore retreat. After lunch and a morning snack, the students find out how much food they consumed, it is always a large amount. Photo by: Kendra Scheller




Seniors Nicole Hinderliter and Kayla Weinzapfel devour their food during a Spanish IV fiesta. This class was lucky because they had fiestas often. Photo by: Allison Probert



Senior Andy Niemeier digs in before an academic super-bowl competition. Eating was a way to give the teams an extra boost of energy before the competition began. Photo by: Allison Probert





**T**HE LONGEST BLOCK OF THE DAY TO GET THROUGH IS THIRD BLOCK. EVERYONE STARES AT THE CLOCK WHILE THEIR STOMACHS GROWL AT THE THOUGHT OF LUNCH. MANY STUDENTS ARE GUILTY OF SNACKING WHILE ANTICIPATING FAVORITES SUCH AS THE POTATO BAR OR CHICKEN NUGGETS.

SOME PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF SNACKING. THE WRESTLERS SPEND FOUR MONTHS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR CUTTING WEIGHT FOR WRESTLING.

JUNIOR WRESTLER, FRANK FABIANO, HAD TO LOSE THIRTY-FIVE POUNDS TO MAKE HIS WRESTLING WEIGHT OF 152 POUNDS. THE HARDEST THING TO CUT FOR FABIANO WAS DEFINITELY McDONALDS. FABIANO ALSO WANTED TO "MAKE WEDNESDAY STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM DAY."

SENIOR WRESTLER ZACH MILLER SAID, "DURING WRESTLING I REALLY, REALLY WATCH WHAT I EAT. SOMETIMES I HARDLY EAT AT ALL. AFTER WRESTLING SEASON, I GO TO DONUT BANK."

JUNIOR WRESTLER BEN FLEMING SAID HE HAD TO "STOP EATING TWO GRADE A'S AND START EATING A PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY SANDWICH, A TURKEY SANDWICH, AND A BAG OF CHIPS" TO BE ABLE TO LOSE HIS EIGHTEEN POUNDS AND MAKE HIS WRESTLING WEIGHT OF 152.

OTHERS WHO DON'T PLAY SPORTS HAVE MORE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE WHAT THEY EAT.

MELISSA JARVIS, A JUNIOR, SAID THAT THE THING SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE MOST NEXT YEAR IS "THE FREEDOM OF OUT-TO-LUNCH AND NOT WORRYING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE CUTTING IN LINE."

SENIOR BRITTANY MARTIN SAID THAT HER FAVORITE FOOD SERVED AT SCHOOL IS CHICKEN NUGGETS AND THAT SHE WOULD LIKE CHEESE STICKS AND RICE WITH ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES ADDED TO THE MENU DURING LUNCH. MARTIN SAID THAT SHE "LIKES THE VARIETY OF CHOICES OF FOOD, TAKING A BREAK FROM SCHOOL FOR A LITTLE WHILE, AND SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS."

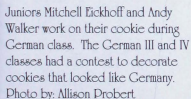
DURING FOOTBALL SEASON, SENIOR ANDY NIEMEIER SAID HE "ATE MORE FOOD ALONG WITH LESS GREASE. I NEVER WENT OUT TO LUNCH BECAUSE I WOULD GET SICK AT PRACTICE IF I ATE GREASY FAST FOOD." NIEMEIER ALSO SAID THAT HE "ENJOYS HAVING THE OPTION, BUT RARELY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE OF TIME RESTRAINTS AND THE GOOD FOOD SERVED IN THE CAFETERIA."

SENIOR DANIELLE ELSNER SAID THAT HER FAVORITE THING ABOUT OUT-TO-LUNCH WAS ARBY'S. ELSNER SAID, "THE DAY GOES BY FASTER WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SOMETHING. I DO NOT EAT HEALTHIER WHEN I AM IN A SPORT BECAUSE, WELL, I LIKE FOOD!"

FOR MANY LUCKY STUDENTS, FOOD WILL NEVER BE SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT. MOST STUDENTS WON'T HAVE TO CUT THEIR WEIGHT OR WORRY ABOUT THE INGESTION OF TOO MUCH GREASE BOTHERING THEM AT PRACTICE. ALL THEY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IS GETTING OUT THE DOOR IN TIME. HOWEVER, FOR THE OTHERS, THIRD BLOCK IS A TIME OF LONGING. THIRD BLOCK IS ALWAYS THE LONGEST, ESPECIALLY IN THE TEACHERS' EYES.

McKENZIE WILLIAMS 07'

# The Inside Dish



Juniors Mitchell Eckhoff and Andy Walker work on their cookie during German class. The German III and IV classes had a contest to decorate cookies that looked like Germany. Photo by: Allison Probert



Junior Matt Polz pours a full glass of Mello Yellow into a water bottle before chowing down. All the Spanish classes look forward to their fiestas the whole year.

Photo by: Tori Fisher



Junior Audrie Koester stuffs her face while fellow junior Hannah Boots contemplates what she will eat next. The Spanish fiestas are part food, part camaraderie.

Photo by: Brittney Miller

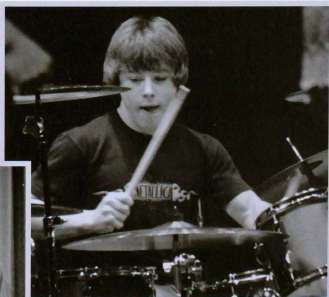


Seniors Michael Fischer and Jeremy Goebel entertain the audience with their rendition of "Mr. Roboto." Fischer and Goebel won second place. Photo by: Allison Probert.



Sophomore Lindsey Blankenberger dances to "In a Brass Band." Blankenberger tied for third place with junior Rachel Buskavitz. Photo by: Allison Probert.

Seniors Corey Lannert, Alex Topper, and Lucas Nelson entertain the crowd in between acts. The hosts cracked jokes and transformed into many characters to keep the crowd riveted. Photo by: Allison Probert.



Freshman Craig Nelson drums to "My Immortal." The band dedicated their performance to their late friend, Clint Weintraut. Photo by: Allison Probert.





EACH SPRING, THE STUDENT COUNCIL PUTS ON A TALENT SHOW. THIS YEAR, MATER DEI'S FINEST CAME OUT TO STRUT THEIR STUFF. THE LINE-UP CONSISTED MOSTLY OF MUSICAL PERFORMANCES, INCLUDING VOCAL SOLOS, BANDS, A PIANO PERFORMANCE, AND EVEN SOME LIP-SYNCHING. SENIORS ALEX TOPPER, LUCAS NELSON, AND COREY LANNERT ACTED AS THE MASTERS OF CEREMONY AND KEPT THE CROWD ENTERTAINED BETWEEN ACTS WITH FREE T-SHIRTS AND FUNNY OUTFITS.

THE MOST MEMORABLE ACT OF THE NIGHT CAME FROM SENIORS JEREMY GOEBEL AND MIKE FISCHER, WHO SANG AND DANCED TO THE SONG "MR. ROBOTO." THEY BEGAN THEIR PERFORMANCE IN ROBES AND ROLLED AROUND ON THE STAGE, BEFORE REVEALING THEIR CRAZY OUTFITS, COMPLETE WITH A HEAD-SET MICROPHONE, AND MAD DANCE MOVES.

BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE, GOEBEL WARNED A FEW OF THE STUDENTS, "PRETTY SOON YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THAT I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO MUSICAL TALENT."

DESPITE HIS APPREHENSIONS, THE PERFORMANCE HAD THE CROWD ON THEIR FEET, CHEERING AND LAUGHING.

"MIKE TOLD ME THAT DAY HE WAS GOING TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE SHOW, BUT HE DIDN'T START PREPARING UNTIL FIVE O'CLOCK THAT NIGHT SO I KNEW IT'D BE HILARIOUS," SAID SENIOR LAUREN OLIVER. "I HAD NO IDEA IT WOULD BE THAT FUNNY; I COULDN'T EVEN BREATHE I WAS LAUGHING SO HARD!"

ANOTHER HUMOROUS ACT CAME FROM SOPHOMORE LUKE COSTLOW AND HIS BAND, WHO PERFORMED THE SONG, "I BELIEVE IN A THING CALLED LOVE," ORIGINALLY SUNG BY DARKNESS. IN THE MUSIC VIDEO, THE LEAD SINGER IS WEARING

EXTREMELY TIGHT CLOTHING, AND COSTLOW REMAINED TRUE TO THE IMAGE, WEARING SKIN-TIGHT JEANS AND AN UNDERARMOR T-SHIRT. SOME STUDENTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN NERVOUS ABOUT PERFORMING IN FRONT OF THE CROWD IN SUCH AN OUTFIT, BUT COSTLOW WAS CONFIDENT.

"WE WEREN'T NERVOUS; WE KNEW WE SOUNDED GOOD. I LIKE PERFORMING IN FRONT OF A CROWD, AND I DON'T GET TO GET PIONEER ASIDE OF MORE AND CHOIR PERFORMANCES."

ONE OF THE MORE SERIOUS ACTS OF THE NIGHT CAME FROM LANNERT AND JUNIOR JEWEL REISING, WHO PERFORMED THE SONG, "PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE THIS WAY." LANNERT PLAYED THE GUITAR AND REISING SANG.

"WE DECIDED TO ENTER BECAUSE I WAS A SENIOR, AND WE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE I GRADUATED," SAID LANNERT. "WE BOTH LOVE BEING IN FRONT OF A CROWD, AND IT WAS EVEN BETTER THAT WE WERE UP THERE TOGETHER."

REISING ALSO SANG A DUET WITH SENIOR TIFFANY FLOYD, AND THE TWO WON FIRST PLACE WITH THEIR RENDITION OF "DOES HE LOVE YOU?" SECOND PLACE WENT TO GOEBEL AND FISCHER, AND SOPHOMORE LINDSEY BLANKENBERGER AND JUNIOR RACHEL BUSKAVITZ TIED FOR THIRD PLACE. BLANKENBERGER DANCED, AND BUSKAVITZ PLAYED THE PIANO.

WHILE THE JUDGES DELIBERATED, THE SILLS CONNECTION PERFORMED, INCLUDING A SONG TO MR. VOEGEL. AT THE END OF THE NIGHT, THE AUDIENCE SAW A GREAT DISPLAY OF THE MUSICAL AND COMEDIC TALENT OF THE MATER DEI STUDENTS.

KAYLEY WILL '06

# Shine Bright

Freshman Natalie Martin raises her voice while singing "My Immortal." Martin sang while freshman Craig Nelson played the drums and sophomore Josh Erkman rocked out on the guitar. Photo by: Allison Probert



Junior Jewel Reising sings while senior Corey Lannert plays guitar to "Probably Wouldn't Be this Way." Reising also performed "Does He Love You?" with senior Tiffany Floyd, and they took first place. Photo by: Allison Probert



Sophomore Luke Costlow jams to "I Believe in a Thing Called Love." Sophomores Jake Edwards, Kevin McCarrath, and Sam Moore and senior Tegan Rush played instruments to back up his vocals. Photo by: Allison Probert

Senior Britney Miller smiles for the camera after being surprised with the 14 WTE Leadership Scholarship. Dan Katz from 14 WTE and a representative from 5/3 Bank surprised Miller at the senior retreat. Photo provided by: Britney Miller



Sophomore Rachelweeney surprises teacher and speech coach Mrs. Donna Leffer with a Coach of the Year Award. The speech team decided to make their own trophy to give to Mrs. Leffer. Photo by: Allison Probert



Senior Kelly Muensterman receives a scholarship to the University of Alabama from guidance counselor Mrs. Shea Reneer. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Julia Dick receives a framed certificate stating that she is a National Merit Finalist from Mrs. Darlene Quinlin at Honors Night. Dick went through an extensive process that included interviews to be named a finalist. Photo by: Liz Wargel

THE CLASS OF 2006 IS WELL-KNOWN FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS, LEADERS, AND ATHLETES. THEREFORE, IT WAS NO SURPRISE WHEN THESE STUDENTS WERE AWARDED OVER 2.8 MILLION DOLLARS IN SCHOLARSHIPS. THE SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS TOOK PLACE AT HONORS NIGHT FOR THE SENIORS.

ONE STUDENT WHO RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS WAS SENIOR KATIE FUNKE. HER MOST NOTEWORTHY SCHOLARSHIP IS THE B/MD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA. THIS WILL PAY FUNKE'S FULL TUITION AT USI AND GIVES HER AN AUTOMATIC SEAT IN THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL AFTER SHE HAS COMPLETED HER FOUR YEARS AT USI. FUNKE WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE ABUNDANCE OF HONORS AND RECOGNITION SHE RECEIVED.

"IT WAS NICE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR ALL OF THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION I HAVE PUT FORTH FOR SO MANY YEARS," SAID FUNKE. "I PLAN TO USE THE MONEY AND OPPORTUNITIES TO THEIR FULLEST EXTENT BY STUDYING PRE-MED AND ENGINEERING AT USI BEFORE MOVING ON TO MEDICAL SCHOOL AT IU. I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY, AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL."

PERHAPS THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS AND SOUGHT-AFTER SCHOLARSHIP, THE LILY ENDOWMENT, WAS AWARDED TO SENIOR ANDY NIEMEIER. THIS GIVES HIM A FULL-RIDE TO PURDUE UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE PLANS TO STUDY AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING. SENIOR BRANDEN CLEMENTS WAS NAMED AN

ALTERNATE FOR THE LILY AND RECEIVED A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP, WHICH HE WILL USE TO STUDY ARCHITECTURE AT BALL STATE UNIVERSITY. BOTH NIEMEIER AND CLEMENTS ALSO RECEIVED MANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS.

ALONG WITH ACADEMIC RECOGNITION, SOME STUDENTS ALSO RECEIVED ATHLETIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. SENIOR MATT MAJOR HAS SIGNED ON WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE BASEBALL TEAM. IN ADDITION TO BASEBALL, MAJOR PLANS TO FOCUS ON STUDYING PRE-MED.

"WHEN I RECEIVED THE CALL FROM UE ASKING ME TO PLAY FOR THEM, I WAS REALLY EXCITED. I LOVE BASEBALL, AND UE IS A GREAT SCHOOL," SAID MAJOR. "I HAD RECEIVED OFFERS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS, BUT UE SEEMED LIKE THE BEST FIT FOR ME."

OTHER SENIORS WHO SIGNED ON FOR COLLEGE ATHLETICS ARE NATALIE FLEMING, WHO WILL PLAY SOCCER AT SAMFORD UNIVERSITY IN ALABAMA, TIFFANY PAYTON, WHO PLANS TO PLAY BASKETBALL AT KASKASKIA JUNIOR COLLEGE, AND JEREMY GOEBEL, WHO WILL WRESTLE AT REND LAKE COLLEGE.

THE AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2006 WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN ANYTIME SOON. ACCORDING TO GUIDANCE COUNSELORS MRS. DARLENE QUINLIN AND MRS. SHEA RENEER, THE CLASS RECEIVED ONE MILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN THE CLASS OF 2005. IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS LIKE THESE ARE SURE TO BE A SIGN FOR FUTURE SUCCESS.

BRITNEY MILLER '06

# Commendation

Senior Robin Fehrenbacher waits for her Ray Kroc Youth Achievement medal. Fehrenbacher was surprised with this award at Honors Night. Photo by: Liz Wargel

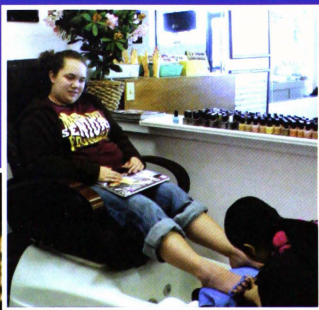


Senior Natalie Fleming signs her letter of intent to play Division I soccer for Samford University next fall. The senior class had four students who signed to play a sport in college. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Shawn Will receives his award for participating in the Duck Stamp Art Contest. Will entered one of his drawings and was recognized as an honorable mention finalist. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior Ben Dausman, the football homecoming king, jokes with the girls who crowned him. The student body elects the homecoming court, and then the centers vote on the king and queen. Photo by Liz Wargal



Senior Rosanna Gardner searches for the perfect jewelry to match her prom dress. While many girls focus on the perfect dress, some like to have fun with the jewelry to match. Photo by Allison Probert



Senior Trent Gels watches as the mall has limo eyes for a podium before the Christmas Dance. Many girls pamper themselves before the dance so they will feel beautiful during the dance. Photo by Allison Probert



# Dance Fever

FROM THE CRAZY DANCE CIRCLES TO THE LOUD MUSIC TO THE PICTURE TAKING AND HOURS OF PLANNING, ALMOST EVERY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LOOKS FORWARD TO DANCES. BECAUSE THEY ARE SOME OF THE MAIN EVENTS OF THE YEAR, THEY GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO BE WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND HAVE A NIGHT FULL OF MEMORIES THEY WILL NEVER FORGET.

MANY STUDENTS' FAVORITE EVENT OF THE YEAR IS THE CHRISTMAS DANCE, WHILE OTHERS ENJOY THE SMALLER DANCES LIKE HOMECOMING AND THE HALLOWEEN DANCE. WHATEVER THE CASE, THERE ARE ALWAYS FUNNY AND MEMORABLE MOMENTS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER SCHOOL DANCES.

FOR THE CHRISTMAS DANCE, MANY GIRLS ENJOY SHOPPING WITH THEIR FRIENDS FOR THEIR DRESSES SO THEY CAN GET THEIR OPINIONS.

"USUALLY, THE DAY OF THE DANCE, ALL OF MY FRIENDS GET TOGETHER AT SOMEONE'S HOUSE. IT'S GREAT FUN TO HELP EACH OTHER GET READY," SAID SOPHOMORE LAUREN AUSTIN.

FOR MOST OF THE GUYS, THEIR FAVORITE PART IS THE MEAL BEFOREHAND.

"THE MEAL IS DEFINITELY MY FAVORITE PART, IF THE FOOD IS GOOD," SAID SENIOR JOE BUTLER.

ALTHOUGH SOME ENJOY THE PICTURE TAKING AND MEALS BEFORE, THE DANCE ITSELF BRINGS A SENSE OF EXCITEMENT TO MANY.

"WHEN I LOOK BACK ON HIGH SCHOOL DANCES, I'M GOING TO REMEMBER THE MAD, CRAZY DANCE OFF CIRCLES," SAID SENIOR ALEX TOPPER.

TOPPER, ALONG WITH OTHERS LIKE JOE BUTLER, WERE KNOWN FOR THEIR CRAZY DANCE MOVES.

SENIOR ASHLEY HOFFMANN RECALLS THE NIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS DANCE. "IT WAS A CRAZY NIGHT," HOFFMANN SAID. "I WAS EMBARRASSED BECAUSE I GOT SO CRAZY THAT I ACCIDENTALLY FELL DOWN WHEN I WAS DANCING."

SENIOR KENDRA SHELLER AGREES. "THE CHRISTMAS DANCE WAS MY FAVORITE DANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR BECAUSE IT WAS AN AWESOME NIGHT WITH FRIENDS BEFORE AND AFTER."

HOMECOMING DANCES WERE A GREAT TIME IN A DIFFERENT WAY. FOR FOOTBALL HOMECOMING, A NEW IDEA THAT WAS PRESENTED THIS YEAR WAS TO HAVE A DANCE WITH A HOEDOWN THEME.

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE THEMES IN THE FUTURE, ESPECIALLY A SUMO WRESTLING THEME," JUNIOR MATT FOLZ JOKED.

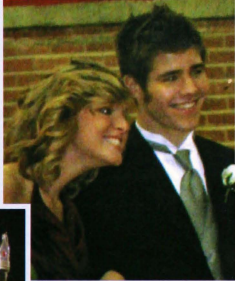
EACH DANCE THIS YEAR HAS BEEN MEMORABLE IN ITS OWN WAY. MANY LOVE THEM SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE A BREAK FROM THE REGULAR WEEKEND ROUTINE.

"IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT FEELING BEAUTIFUL AND HAVING THE PERFECT DATE, BUT IT'S ABOUT SHARING THE NIGHT WITH FRIENDS AND HAVING MEMORIES THAT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN," SAID SCHELLER.

KIM SPAHN '06



Senior Laura Mosker smiles while she is crowned  
 best Fall homecoming queen. Mosker was also a  
 member of the May Court in the spring.  
 Photos by Liz Waring



Seniors Jessie Seib and  
 Alex Topper joke while  
 waiting to see who will be  
 crowned basketball home-  
 coming king and queen. Seib  
 was crowned queen along  
 with the king, senior Tyler  
 Dittner.  
 Photos by Brittney Miller



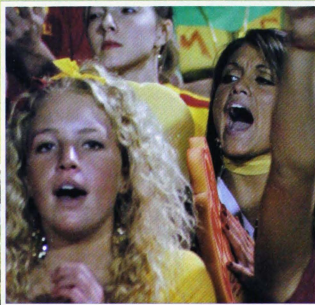
Seniors-in-Law Lucy Will fix a fellow sophomore Brandt  
 Lyden's costume during the Halloween Dance. The Hallow-  
 een Dance was a new addition to the school calendar and  
 even featured a haunted house by the band.  
 Photos by Kasey Will



Senior Sarah  
 Patchkowski  
 prepares  
 senior Kelsin  
 Feltenbacher's  
 hair for a wig  
 to be placed  
 on her head.  
 During the  
 Halloween  
 Dance, there  
 was a costume  
 contest, so  
 many attendees  
 went all out  
 with their cos-  
 tumes. Photos  
 by Rosanna  
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Senior Ben Dausman, in the Scooby Doo outfit, does push-ups during a football game. The push-ups signified how many points the football team earned.

Photo by: Kayley Will



Seniors Courtney Adler and Tiffany Floyd cheer loudly during the Reitz football game. The Reitz football game is always a time when dedicated fans show their colors and intense devotion. Photo by: Allison Probert.

Sophomore Kevin McGarrath waits to see if the referees call a penalty during the Reitz football game. Being a fan requires one to pay constant attention to the game.

Photo by: Kayley Will



# Wild 'n Crazy

THE MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL FAN BASE IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT INDIANA FOR ITS LOYALTY AND ENORMOUS SIZE. EVERY ATHLETIC EVENT IS A REASON FOR THE MATER DEI ALUMNI, PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND NEWCOMERS TO COME OUT AND FORM A WALL OF RED AND GOLD. THE CROWD ARRIVES EARLY AND LEAVES LATE, SUPPORTING THE ATHLETES IN EVERY SITUATION.

MANY TEAMS ACKNOWLEDGE THE FAN BASE AS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR OF THEIR SUCCESS. THE MORE ENTHUSIASM, LOUD CHANTS, AND SUPPORT CREATED BY THE FANS, THE MORE INSPIRATION AND DETERMINATION THE ATHLETES FEEL.

"I LIKE SUPPORTING THE TEAMS, BECAUSE I HAVE A LOT OF PRIDE IN MATER DEI, AND I LIKE TO SHOW THAT," SAID SENIOR PAUL MINDRUP. SCHOOLS AROUND THE AREA TRY TO COMPETE WITH THE MATER DEI CROWD, BUT ALWAYS SEEM TO FALL SHORT.

THE STUDENTS CONTINUOUSLY INVENT UNIQUE WAYS OF KEEPING THE EVENTS INTERESTING AND ENTERTAINING FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE. THERE ARE NEW THEMES AND CHANTS AT EVERY EVENT. FROM BODY PAINTING TO COSTUMES, THE FANS WILL DO ANYTHING TO SUPPORT THE ATHLETES. WHILE SUPPORT CAN NEVER GO TOO FAR, THE ANTICS OF THE STUDENT FANS CAN. WITH INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND CHANTS, THE STUDENTS ARE SOMETIMES REPRIMANDED, BUT NOT DETERRED. IF THEY CAN'T GET AWAY WITH ONE FORM OF SUPPORT, THEY THINK OF NEW WAYS TO BOOST THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE CROWD AND TEAM THEY ARE SUPPORTING. THE CROWD NEVER FALTERS, SO THE EN-

THUSIASM CONTINUES TO GROW.

WHERE THERE ARE MATER DEI TEAMS COMPETING, OPPOSING TEAMS CAN COUNT ON FANS OF ROYAL RED AND LOYAL GOLD CHEERING THEM ON. WHETHER IT'S CHANTING "WE ARE MD," SINGING THE SCHOOL SONG, OR SHOUTING WITH THE CHEERLEADERS, THE WILDCAT CROWD IS ALWAYS HEARD.

"SUPPORTING THE TEAMS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, BUT THERE'S NOTHING LIKE GETTING LOUD ON A FRIDAY NIGHT WITH FRIENDS," SAID MINDRUP.

THE MATER DEI FAN COMMUNITY HAS AND ALWAYS WILL BE A MAJOR PART OF THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM.

"THE TEAMS PUT IN A LOT OF HARD WORK AND THEY DESERVE THE SUPPORT OF THE FANS," SAID MINDRUP.

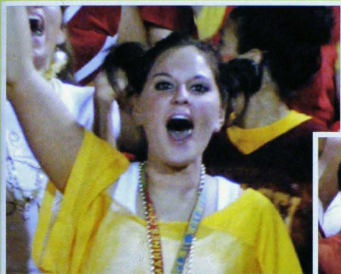
WHILE TEAMS FROM MATER DEI ARE KNOWN AROUND INDIANA FOR THEIR ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE AND SPORTSMANSHIP, THE FANS ARE NOT LEFT OUT. MANY TEAMS AROUND INDIANA EXPRESS THEIR AMAZEMENT AT HOW HUGE THE MATER DEI CROWD IS. THE CROWD CAN EASILY FILL UP LARGE STADIUMS TO SUPPORT ANY EVENT SANCTIONED UNDER THE MATER DEI ATHLETIC PROGRAM. NO MATTER THE DISTANCE OF TRAVEL, THE MATER DEI FANS MAKE THEMSELVES KNOWN.

WHILE THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM IS BASED ON TRADITIONS FROM YEARS AGO, THE FANS ARE ALSO BECOMING A TRADITION THEMSELVES. THIS TRADITION IS ONE THAT WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS THERE IS ANY ATHLETIC EVENT TO WATCH.

TORI FISHER AND KENDRA SCHELLER, '06







Senior Denny Appler yells in support of the football players as they score a touchdown against Reitz. Appler, along with her friends, got together before the game to dress in red and gold. Photo by: Kayley Will

Seniors Jon Eickhoff, Nathan J. Miller, and Tyler Bittner try to encourage the basketball team during the final regional game. The basketball team relied on fan support to increase their endurance on the court. Photo by: Kayley Will



Senior Sondra Wildeman paints fellow senior Lauren Oliver's arm before the regional basketball game. The crowd at the game was one of the largest of the entire season.

Photo by: Kayley Will



Seniors Michael Fischer, Joe Butler, Alex Topper, and Riley Moore encourage their team during the sectional final basketball game against Bosse. Seniors were known for the wild and crazy outfits they wore to all of the sporting events. Photo by: Kayley Will



Seniors Danny Weinzapfel, Tyler Bittner, Joe Butler, and Kyle Acker dance to "A Country Boy Can Survive." Some senior boys considered this their theme song.  
Photo by Kayley Will



Junior Chris DeWitt struggles to get under the limbo bar at after-prom. Many juniors and seniors competed for the \$50 prize.  
Photo by Rosanna Sartore

Junior Danielle Bitter puts the finishing touches on the scenery for the prom. The theme was "Hollywood Stars" complete with the sign and skyline.  
Photo by Izz Wangel



# Starry Night

A RED CARPET, VELVET ROPES, CAMERAS FLASHING... NO, IT WASN'T A MOVIE PREMIERE OR AN AWARDS SHOW. IT WAS THE ENTRANCE TO THE "HOLLYWOOD STARS" PROM AND THE BEGINNING OF AN ELEGANT EVENING FULL OF GOOD TIMES AND FINE MEMORIES FOR THE SENIORS.

"I LOVED THIS YEAR'S THEME AND WALKING IN ON THE RED CARPET," SAID SENIOR KENDRA SCHELLER. "AS I WALKED THROUGH THE DOORS AND MADE MY WAY DOWN THE RED CARPET WITH THE 'WALK OF FAME,' I FELT LIKE A GLAMOROUS MOVIE STAR."

SENIORS JAKE WEINZAPFEL AND ADAM GILLES FIT IN PERFECTLY WITH THE HOLLYWOOD THEME. THEY DRESSED IN THE BRIGHT ORANGE AND BABY BLUE TUXEDOS FROM THE MOVIE "DUMB AND DUMBER" AND SEEMED TO BE THE HIT OF THE NIGHT. TO COMPLETE THE LOOK, THEIR DATES, SENIORS KAYLEY WILL AND LAURA MESKER, WORE MATCHING ORANGE AND BLUE DRESSES.

"THE DJ PLAYED A SONG FROM THE MOVIE, AND JAKE AND ADAM DID THE SWORD-FIGHTING SCENE WITH THEIR CANES," SAID MESKER. "EVERYONE GATHERED AROUND TO WATCH, AND IT WAS REALLY FUNNY. IT WAS ALSO FUNNY WHEN A BUNCH OF GUYS HAD A DANCE-OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF A CIRCLE. THEY WERE DOING HANDSTANDS, FLIPS, THE WORM, AND 'THE ROBOT.'"

WHILE THE "DUMB AND DUMBER CAST" AND OTHER SENIOR PROM-GOERS WERE ENJOYING THE

EVENING, THEY WERE TRYING TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR LAST FORMAL HIGH SCHOOL DANCE.

"BEFORE PROM, I WAS THINKING ABOUT NEVER HAVING THE EXPERIENCE AGAIN," SAID GILLES. "THAT'S WHY I HAD SO MUCH FUN BECAUSE I DECIDED TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT. I AM VERY GLAD THAT I DID, BUT I'M STILL A LITTLE SAD THAT IT'S ALL OVER."

THIS BITTERSWEET FEELING CAME OVER MANY OF THE SENIORS AS THEY BONDED FOR ONE OF THE LAST TIMES. THE FEELING OF CLASS UNITY NEVER FELT STRONGER THAN AT SENIOR PROM.

"WHEN THE SENIORS MADE A CIRCLE DURING GREEN DAY'S 'GOOD RIDDANCE (TIME OF YOUR LIFE),' I REMEMBER MEETING EYES WITH ALMOST EVERYONE. IT'S TOO BAD THAT THE CONNECTIONS CAME SO LATE IN THE YEAR," SAID SENIOR JESSICA GRABERT.

DURING THIS SONG, NEAR THE END OF THE DANCE, THE FOCUS WAS ON THE SENIORS, AS THE JUNIORS STEPPED BACK AND LET THEM SHINE.

"IT WAS A GREAT FINALE FOR THE SENIORS," SAID MESKER.

THE 2006 "HOLLYWOOD STARS" PROM SUCCESSFULLY SHOWCASED MANY SHINING STARS AND MOMENTS. IT WAS A RED CARPET EVENT THAT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

BRITNEY MILLER '06



Seniors Luke Weitzapfel and Adam Galt's sword fight like Harry and Lloyd from the movie *Dumb and Dumber*. Their orange and blue suits were a major hit with prom goers. Photo by Allison Probert.



Seniors Haley Morgan and Kassidy Cull dance during their favorite song at the end of the prom night. Cull and Morgan both vowed to dance the night away. Photo provided by Haley Morgan.



Junior Mike Wolf is lifted into the air during a rock song. Many were delighted that there was a variety in music selection beyond the obvious dance tunes. Photo by Kayley Will.



Senior Jeremy Geebel receives his prom king sash from junior class president Hannah Boesla. Senior Andrea Schmur was elected the prom queen. Photo by Allison Probert.

Juniors Alex Echele chests during the basketball intramural finals, which were held on May Day. Team Econ & Young Jeezy, consisting of seniors Carey Lanier and Lucas Nelson and Mr. Justin Elpers, won the tournament. Photo by McKenzie Williams



Senior Jason Wire skateboards back to the finish line in the late for school event. The seniors were victorious in this event. Photo by Britney Miller



Senior May Queen Danielle Elsner crowns the statue of Mary during the May Day Mass. Elsner was chosen as queen by her classmates and was escorted by senior Nick Farny. Photo by Liz Wargel

# Pray and Play

A CROWN OF FLOWERS, THE SCENT OF SHAVING CREAM, AND GRUNTS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE TUG-OF-WAR. THESE ARE SIGNS THAT OUR TRADITION OF MAY DAY HAS ARRIVED. MAY DAY BEGAN WITH MASS CELEBRATED BY FATHER ALEX ZENTHOEFER AND THE CROWNING OF THE MAY QUEEN, SENIOR DANIELLE ELSNER.

ELSNER, ESCORTED BY SENIOR NICK FARNY, WAS CHOSEN BY HER CLASSMATES TO LEAD THE MAY COURT AND CROWN THE STATUE OF MARY DURING MASS. THE MAY QUEEN IS SOMEONE WHO IS CONSIDERED TO POSSESS MARY-LIKE QUALITIES, INCLUDING MODESTY AND FRIENDLINESS.

"I WAS HONORED MY CLASS CHOSE ME," SAID ELSNER. "IN PAST YEARS, I LOOKED AT THE MAY QUEEN AS SOMEONE WHO WAS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL AS A GOOD PERSON. IT'S NICE THAT MY CLASSMATES VIEW ME LIKE THAT."

AFTER MASS, THE CHAIRS WERE CEREMONIOUSLY PUT AWAY BY THE FRESHMEN. BEFORE THE TRADITIONAL GAMES BEGAN, A NEW ADDITION TO THE MAY DAY LINEUP, THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF THE INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, FEATURING THE TEAMS ECON AND YOUNG JEEZY (MR. JUSTIN ELPERS AND SENIORS COREY LANNERT AND LUCAS NELSON) AND SHOWTIME (JUNIORS ANDREW SHETLER, ALEX ECHELE, AND BRIAN PIGMAN), BEGAN. ECON AND YOUNG JEEZY WON FIRST PLACE AND A BIG TROPHY.

"WE WANTED TO HAVE THE FINALS AT MAY DAY SO WE COULD SHOWCASE OUR IMMENSE TALENT," SAID NELSON.

EACH CLASS THEN WENT HEAD TO HEAD IN THE GAMES, INCLUDING BALLOON ON ANKLE AND THE PIE EATING CONTEST.

"BEING IN AN EVENT WAS REALLY FUN," SAID SOPHOMORE LINDSEY WILL, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MD 500. "IT DEFINITELY BEAT SITTING IN THE BLEACHERS WATCHING EVERYBODY ELSE DO SOMETHING."

FOR THE FRESHMEN, IT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE AND CAN BE SLIGHTLY INTIMIDATING.

"IT WAS MORE THAN I EXPECTED," SAID FRESHMAN NATALIE MARTIN. "I HAD MORE FUN THAN I THOUGHT I WOULD."

WITH THE CHAOS OF THE GAMES, THE TRUE MEANING CAN SOMETIMES BE FORGOTTEN.

"MAY DAY HAS BEEN CELEBRATED EVERY YEAR SINCE THE SCHOOL OPENED," SAID SISTER MARY FRANCIS WILLIAMS. "IT IS AN IMPORTANT TRADITION AND ONE MOST PLACES HAVE ABANDONED. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SET ASIDE A DAY TO REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO MARY, OUR PATRON SAINT."

THE SENIORS FELT THE SENTIMENTALITY OF THEIR FINAL MAY DAY AND CHEERED ON THEIR CLASSMATES IN THE EVENTS. DESPITE THEIR EFFORTS, THE JUNIORS PULLED OFF AN UPSET WITH A VICTORY IN THE TUG-OF-WAR.

DESPITE ROPE BURNS FROM THE TUG-OF-WAR, OR BEING COVERED WITH SHAVING CREAM FROM THE OBSTACLE COURSE, MAY DAY WAS A FUN DAY FOR HONORING MARY AND MAKING MEMORIES WITH CLASSMATES.

KAYLEY WILL '06



Junior Andrew Sheller attempts to find a ping pong ball in the Samba Walk. Participants had to remove the balls from a pool of chocolate pudding with their mouths.  
Photo by Rosanna Cartere



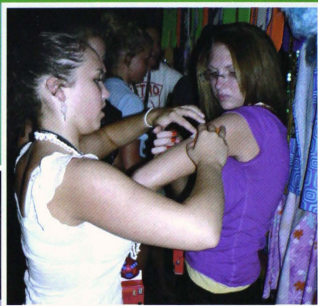
Sophomores Zach Schiff, Brandon Head, and Logan Fisher lead the tug-of-war. The juniors defeated the centers in the finals.  
Photo by Rosanna Cartere

Senior Penny Appler takes a short break from the pie eating contest during the May Day festivities. The participants in this competition had to finish their whole pie before their teammates could begin on the next pie.  
Photo by Kandria Scheller



Freshman Andrew Bitter slides through shaving cream to finish the obstacle course. As always, an intense shaving cream fight ensued after the event.  
Photo by Rosanna Cartere

Senior Hilary Masterson lives up the final moments of Project Graduation by hula-hooping with friends. Many seniors were able to let loose and enjoy the time with classmates.  
Staff Photo



Senior Jessica Grabert gives fellow classmate Jennifer Rathgeber a temporary tattoo at Project Graduation. There were many party favors given away during the course of the night, such as necklaces and food.  
Staff Photo

Senior Ryan Marx gets his groove on during the Project Graduation celebration. The senior parents constructed a plexiglass dance floor with lights underneath.  
Staff Photo



# One Last Party

WHEN FINALS ARE FINISHED, LOCKERS ARE CLOSED FOR THE LAST TIME, AND ALL OUT-TO-LUNCH DAYS ARE OVER, THERE IS ONLY ONE THING FOR A SENIOR TO DO...PARTY! DURING THE WEEK LEADING TO GRADUATION, SENIORS HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THIS. THESE OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING THE CLASS TRIP AND PROJECT GRADUATION, PROVIDE THE CHANCE TO SHARE GREAT MEMORIES AND PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE.

THIS YEAR'S SENIOR CLASS TRIP WAS TO SIX FLAGS ST. LOUIS. WHILE THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIP FELT LIKE JUST ANOTHER SCHOOL DAY (SENIORS HAD TO ARRIVE AROUND 7 A.M.), THE DAY SOON TOOK A DIFFERENT TONE.

"I WAS BOUNCING AROUND WITH ENERGY AT THE PARK ALL DAY. I ESPECIALLY ENJOYED HOW IT SEEMED WE WERE TAKING OVER THE PARK. EVERYWHERE I LOOKED, I COULD SEE RED AND GOLD T-SHIRTS AND COULD STOP TO TALK TO CLASSMATES. I FELT LIKE I WAS REALLY IN TOUCH WITH EVERYONE THAT DAY," SAID SENIOR RACHEL SCHENK.

WHILE MANY ENJOYED THE WITNESS OF WATER RIDES AND THE CALM OF SMALLER RIDES, OTHERS SOUGHT THRILLS.

"I MET UP WITH PEOPLE AND RODE DIFFERENT RIDES ALL DAY, BUT THE GREATEST THRILLS CAME FROM THE ROLLER COASTERS. MR. FREEZE IS MY FAVORITE; HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THE DAY, SOME FRIENDS AND I WENT BACK TO THE BATMAN ROLLER COASTER AND RODE IT FOUR TIMES WITHOUT HAVING TO WAIT! THAT WAS THE HIGH POINT OF THE DAY," SAID SENIOR JENNIFER RATHGEBER.

ONE DAY AND MANY HOURS OF SLEEP LATER, THE SENIORS CAME TOGETHER FOR PROJECT GRADUATION. THE THEME THIS YEAR WAS DISCO AND PARENTS WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO GET STUDENTS "IN THE GROOVE."

"THE THEME FOR PROJECT GRADUATION WAS GREAT. I LIKED THE RECORDS WITH OUR PICTURES, THE LIT UP DANCE FLOOR, THE PICTURE AREAS, AND HOW EVERYONE RECEIVED A CAMERA TO TAKE PICTURES ALL NIGHT," SAID RATHGEBER.

OTHER SENIORS WERE MORE OVERWHELMED BY THE AMOUNT OF FREE FOOD LYING AROUND.

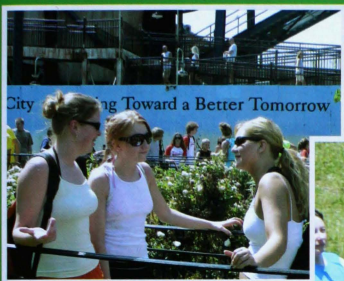
"THERE WAS A LOT OF FOOD. AND I'M NOT GOING TO SAY I HATED IT," SAID SENIOR ANDREA SCHNUR.

AFTER EATING, DANCING, AND PLAYING A PLETHORA OF GAMES, SENIORS WERE ABLE TO WATCH THE SILLS CONNECTION PERFORM. THE SILLS CONNECTION, WHOSE MEMBERS INCLUDE SENIORS ALEX TOPPER AND COREY LANNERT, WERE MET WITH GREAT FERVOR WHEN THEY PLAYED IN THE WRESTLING GYM.

"I WAS GLAD TO SEE THE SILLS CONNECTION ONE LAST TIME. I LIKE THEIR MUSIC SELECTION, THEIR STYLE, AND THEIR LEAD SINGER...A LOT," SAID SCHENK.

THE SENIOR CLASS TRIP AND PROJECT GRADUATION WERE FUN WAYS FOR SENIORS TO SHARE THEIR LAST DAYS TOGETHER BECAUSE, WHEN THEY LOOKED AHEAD, ALL THAT WAS LEFT WERE FOUR YEARS OF MEMORIES, YEARS WHICH MANY STUDENTS WERE NOT FULLY PREPARED TO END.

JESSICA GRABERT '06



Seniors Sarah Daciorkowski, Cassidy Catt, and Haley Morgan chat while waiting in line at Six Flags. Many seniors used the time waiting in lines to talk or even take pictures of one of their final moments together as a class.  
Photo by: Allison Probert.

Seniors Amanda Cox, Hannah Wannemuehler, and Ben Lasher ride the Tidal Wave. The day of the class trip was warm and the water park was closed, so it was a welcome relief to cool off on water rides. Photo by: Rosanna Sartore

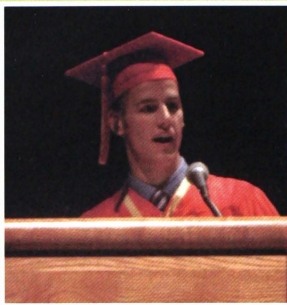


Seniors Caitlyn Nemer and Danielle Elner strap into the Batman roller coaster. While some seniors just looked forward to spending time together, others were determined to ride as many rides as possible.  
Photo by: Allison Probert.



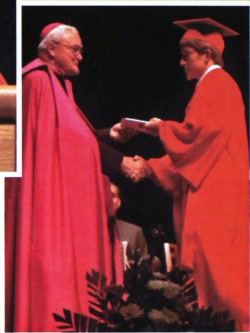
Seniors Andrea Coebel and Jake Weinzapfel prepare to pass an orange without using their hands during Project Graduation. The seniors were divided into teams and competed to win prizes.  
Staff Photo

The choir sings "Bridge Over Troubled Water" as a prelude to Baccalaureate. The choir used Mass as an opportunity to sing together one last time in front of their families and classmates.  
Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Senior Kyle Adler receives his Academic Honors diploma from Bishop Gerald Gettelinger. Gettelinger was one of many distinguished speakers at commencement.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Co-class president senior Kyle Clements addresses his classmates along with their families about what Mater Dei has meant to him. Many of his anecdotes had the audience laughing, while others were more poignant.  
Photo by: Liz Wargel



# Moving On

BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATION WERE A LONG TIME COMING. FOUR YEARS AGO, AS THE CLASS OF 2006 ENTERED AS STUDENTS FOR THE FIRST TIME, GRADUATION AND BACCALAUREATE SEEMED FAR OFF IN THE DISTANCE. AS FRESHMEN, WE WEREN'T READY FOR IT, AND COULDN'T FATHOM LEAVING THE SCHOOL, OUR COMFORT ZONE. FOUR YEARS ZIPPED BY US. LOOKING BACK, MANY MEMORIES STAND OUT.

"MATER DEI WAS ABOUT SCORING A GOAL DURING A SOCCER GAME, STUDYING REALLY HARD, OR NOT STUDYING AT ALL, AND EVEN THE MORTAL TERROR OF ASKING SOMEONE TO PROM," REFLECTED CO-CLASS PRESIDENT KYLE CLEMENTS WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE CLASS DURING GRADUATION.

BACCALAUREATE WAS THE FIRST EVENT THAT ALLOWED US TO REFLECT UPON HOW FAR THE CLASS HAS COME AND HOW SIGNIFICANT EVERY MOMENT WAS. DURING THE MASS, MANY STUDENTS PARTICIPATED, REALIZING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST TIME TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER.

"EVERYBODY HAD A PART IN MAKING THE MASS SPECIAL FOR THE ENTIRE CLASS," SAID SENIOR KAYLEY WILL, WHO WAS A MEMORY BEARER.

BECAUSE THE CLASS OF 2006 WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST AT MATER DEI, THE CELEBRATION WAS HELD IN THE GYM.

"EVEN THOUGH THE GYM WAS VERY HOT, IT WAS REALLY NEAT TO HAVE A FINAL MASS WITH JUST OUR CLASS SINCE WE PROBABLY WON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AGAIN," SAID SENIOR ROSANNA SARTORE, WHO WAS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

DURING THE MASS.

THE FINAL TIME THE WHOLE CLASS WAS TOGETHER WAS ON SUNDAY, MAY 28. COMMENCEMENT WAS HELD AT THE CENTRE, AND MANY GRADUATES ARRIVED EARLY TO GET PICTURES WITH ALL OF THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.

"WHEN I GOT TO THE CENTRE TO TAKE PICTURES WITH EVERYONE, I WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THERE. IT MADE ME REALIZE THAT THE END OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE WAS HERE," SAID SENIOR HANNAH WANNEMUEHLER.

AS THE SENIORS MARCHED INTO THE FULL AUDITORIUM, FEELINGS OF ANXIETY OVER THE NEXT STEP IN LIFE AND HAPPINESS WHILE SEEING EACH CLASSMATE RECEIVE HIS OR HER DIPLOMA OVERCAME THE GRADUATES.

"WHEN I WATCHED EVERYONE GET THEIR DIPLOMAS, I COULDN'T BELIEVE HOW FAST THESE FOUR YEARS HAD GONE BY. I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT WAS ALL OVER," SAID SENIOR KENDRA SCHELLER.

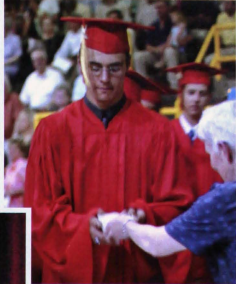
BOTH BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATION ENCOMPASSED THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND FRIENDSHIPS OF THE CLASS OF 2006. THE EVENTS LED THE CLASS TO LOOK FONDLY ON THE MEMORIES OF HIGH SCHOOL. THOSE PAST FOUR YEARS, IN THE MINDS OF THE CLASSMATES, WERE MOMENTS THAT WILL SUPPLY ENDLESS STORIES AND LAUGHS. THE MEMORIES WILL NEVER ESCAPE US, NOR WOULD WE WANT THEM TO.

ALLISON PROBERT '06





Dr. Williams awards senior Ben Lasher his valedictorian's medal. Lasher proceeded to give his speech, complete with a memorable Mick Jagger quote. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Matt Eickhoff participates in Baccalaureate as a gift bearer. Many seniors embraced the opportunity to be a part of one last Mass. Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Senior Nathan Hassler sings "Lead Me Lord" with full force. Many seniors decided to participate because they wanted to make their last Mass memorable and special. Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Senior Allison Probert snaps a picture of friends Toni Bolis and Amanda Cox before the graduation ceremony. The lobby of The Centre was jam-packed with seniors trying to take last-minute pictures with friends. Photo by: Liz Wargel



"Down the road I see myself living in Hawaii, married with five kids, and having a stable job."

**Courtney Ann Adler**

Mat Cats



"Down the road I see myself working at a high-paying job, married, living in southern Indiana, and owning a couple hundred acres of woods."

**Joshua Wayne Adler**

St. Wendel 4-H



"Down the road I see myself being married to a good, wealthy woman and having a high-paying job myself. I will have a large home in the country."

**Kyle Timothy Adler**

Football, Wrestling, Hunting



"Down the road I see myself married with three kids, living in the country, and working with animals."

**Kathleen Marie Alexander**

Cheerleading, Eucharistic Minister, Peer Mediation, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Service Club, Student Council, Swimming

# Class of 2006



"Down the road I see myself as a nurse, marrying a wonderful man, having children, and living in a big, white house."

**Penny Michelle Appler**

National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Police Officer, Service Club, Soccer, Student Government, Swimming

"Down the road I see myself married with children and coaching children's soccer teams. I want to live in Evansville and work as an accountant."

**Daniel Bryan Armstrong**

Eucharistic Minister, Golf, Police Officer, Service Club, Soccer



"Down the road I see myself possibly married with a high-paying job or possibly owning my own business."

**Joseph Edward Arnold**

4-Wheeling, Hunting



"Down the road I see myself finishing college for speech therapy, marrying a wealthy man, and having two children. I plan on living in Aspen, Colorado."

**Jaci Ann Babcock**

Basketball, Choir, PEERS Project, Soccer, Student Ambassador, Track



"Down the road I see myself graduating from Purdue and living life fully."

**Daniel Lee Baumgart**

Peer Mediation, Service Club, Student Government, Track, Wrestling, Rugby, Scouts, SCUBA Club, BAAN Rachwadee, Special Olympics, Paintball Club



"Down the road I see myself married with three kids in Nashville, Tennessee. I want to have a really good job that has something to do with law."

**Ariel Nichole Bell**

Play/Musical, Prom Committee, Teens for Life



"Down the road I see myself married with children and a rewarding job."

**Meghan Mary Berneking**

Academic Super Bowl, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Play, Prom Committee, Service Club, Soccer, Speech



"Down the road I see myself with a high-paying job and coaching kids in Evansville."

**Tyler Louis Bittner**

Baseball, Basketball, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Football, PEERS Project, Service Club, Without



"Down the road I see myself married, living in the great city of Evansville, with a degree in Health/Medicine."

**Brittney Nicole Bohleber-Schenk**

Class Officer, Freshman Mentor, Mat Cats, Pep Club, Smart Moves, Without, Volleyball Manager, TAC, Teen Power



"Down the road I see myself as an occupational therapy assistant and married with two kids. Also, of course, I will be living in Evansville."

**Alicia Brooke Burkeen**

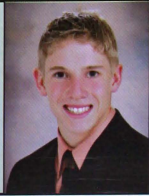
Volleyball, Worked in the Highland Elementary School Daycare



"Down the road I see myself busting crooks and living a sweet life."

**Joseph Michael Butler**

Cross Country, Eucharistic Minister, Football, Service Club, Smart Moves, Without, Wrestling

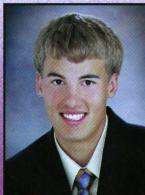




"Down the road I see myself married with kids and having a successful cattle business."

**Kassidy Cheyanne Catt**

Prom Committee, 4-H, Junior Leader



"Down the road I see myself as an architect impacting communities. I envision myself becoming involved in politics."

**Branden Keith Clements**

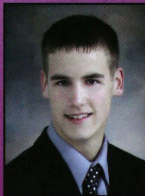
Academic Teams, Eucharistic Minister, National Honor Society, Student Government, Swimming, Tennis, Without



"Down the road I see myself as a Purdue graduate and the owner of a large company."

**Calvin Terry Clements**

Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, Service Club, Soccer, Swimming



"Down the road I see myself graduating from Purdue with a computer science degree. I will enjoy tennis and soccer."

**Kyle Alexander Clements**

Academic Superbowl, Class Officer, Freshman Mentor, Service Club, Soccer, Student Government, Track, Wrestling



"Down the road I see myself teaching and making the most of every day."

**Amanda Beth Cox**

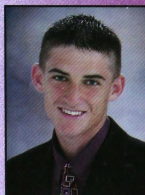
Band, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Lit. Ens., National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Service Club, Speech, Student Government, Teens For Life



"Down the road I see myself as a well-paid software developer/designer."

**Aaron Michael Crowe**

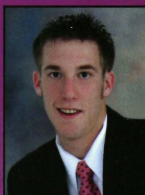
Choir, Freshman Mentor, Swimming, Boy Scouts



"Down the road I see myself with a lot of land, a good job, and a family. I want to leave time to have fun on vacations."

**Benjamin Jeffrey Dausman**

Baseball, Basketball, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Service Club, Student Ambassador, Umpire



"Down the road I see myself as a police officer. I hope to have a beautiful wife and four or five kids. I'll be living in St. Louis or St. Philips with the rest of my family."

**Brandon Robert Deig**

Basketball, Football, Police Officer



"Down the road I see myself with a job that allows me to travel and live in a big city."

**Cassandra Michelle Deig**

Service Club, Teens for Life, Theater

**Class of  
2006**

"Down the road I see myself going to a local college and becoming a graphic designer or draftsman with my own business."

**Brian Michael Devaut**

Speech, Boy Scouts



"Down the road I see myself as an archaeologist teaching at a university and married with children."

**Julia Elizabeth Dick**

Academic Superbowl, Cross Country, Play/Musical Crew, Speech, Girl Scouts, Reitz Home Volunteer



"Down the road I see myself doing a lot of running and trying to be the best father, husband, and person possible."

**Wesley Loren Dingman**

Cross Country, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, Police Officer, Student Council, Swimming, Track, Without



"Down the road I see myself married with children, and living in Indianapolis with a doctorate in physical therapy."

**Alyssa Christine Edwards**

Freshman Mentor, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Police Officer, Service Club, Smart Moves, Without, Volleyball



"Down the road I see myself married with three kids. I want to be successful and have an awesome job."

**Jamie Lynn Egli**

Choir, MatCats, Volleyball



"Down the road I see myself married with three kids, living in Evansville, and having a job in engineering."

**Jonathan Kent Eickhoff**

Baseball, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Police Officer, Service Club, Student Ambassador



"Down the road I see myself working for a construction company with a family of four. I also hope to live in St. Philips where I lived in my childhood."

**Matthew Thomas Eickhoff**

Football, Golf, Wrestling



"Down the road I see myself with a family and living in the mountains. I plan to continue running and hope to heal people with my deluxe doctory skills."

**Kevin Sean Elliott**

Choir, Cross Country, Police Officer, Track, CTM, Haiti Mission Trips



"Down the road I see myself going to college at IU to study food science and athletic training. After college I want to live where I can make a good living, get married, and then have three kids."

**Brittani Elizabeth Elpers**

Basketball, MatCats



"Down the road I see myself designing a shuttle for NASA and earning a degree from Purdue and my pilot's license."

**Emily Jayne Elpers**

Academic Super Bowl, Cheerleading, PEERS Project, Play/Musical, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Without





"Down the road I see myself married to a great guy with five kids, with a well paying job as a neonatologist, and a dog named Rufus."

**Jaci Abigail Elpers**

Cheerleading, MatCats, Pep Club, Service Club



"Down the road I see myself as a beautician, living in Evansville, and married with seven kids."

**Nicole Marie Elpers**

Choir, Eucharistic Minister, Swimming, Volleyball



"Down the road I see myself married, living a happy life, and inspiring others."

**Danielle Marie Elser**

Cheerleading, Eucharistic Minister, Liturgical Ensemble, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Service Club, Stu-



"Down the road I see myself going to college and getting a degree in biology."

**Nicholas Jerome Farny**

Football, PEERS Project, Swimming



"Down the road I see myself with a beautiful wife, in a nice house, with lots of cars."

**Aaron Joseph Fehrenbacher**

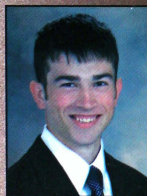
Baseball, Football, Service Club



"Down the road I see myself married with children with a job as a therapist."

**Robin Lynn Fehrenbacher**

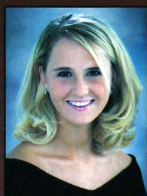
Band, Choir, Dance Cats, Musical, Eucharistic Minister, Lit. Ensemble, National Honor Society, Peer Mediation, PEERS Project, Police Officer, Service Club



"Down the road I see myself running my own business here in Evansville."

**Michael David Fischer**

Cross Country, Eucharistic Minister, Track



"Down the road I see myself teaching elementary students. I want to be married and will be the best mother I can. I would like to write a novel someday."

**Toria Rae Fisher**

Cheerleading, Choir, MatCats, Pep Club, Service Club, Smart Moves, Swimming



"Down the road I see myself married and taking care of three kids. I see myself with a well-paying job living in Evansville."

**Kristen Leigh Fleck**

Choir, Eucharistic Minister, Prom Committee, Service Club, Without

# Class of 2006

"Down the road I see myself playing soccer for Samford University. After school, I plan on establishing a lucrative career and starting a family."

**Natalie Kathleen Fleming**

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, PEERS Project, Soccer



"Down the road I see myself married, living in Evansville with a huge, loving family and a job that helps people."

**Tiffany Lynn Floyd**

Choir, Eucharistic Minister, MatCats, Musical, Prom Committee, Smart Moves, Diving, Without



"Down the road I see myself as a cardiac surgeon living in Colorado or Virginia."

**Katherine Ann Funke**

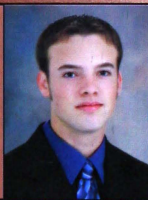
Class Officer, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Service Club, Soccer, Swimming, Girl Scouts, TAC



"Down the road I see myself living in a nice house in the country by a lake. I will be married with a couple of kids. I will have a truck, a couple of cars, and a nice job."

**Adam Michael Gilles**

Police Officer



"Down the road I see myself married and living on the West Side. I'd like to cut hair for a living. I'd also like to travel all over the world and experience many different types of food."

**Leslie Marie Goans**

Soccer, Select Soccer



"Down the road I see myself married, maybe with children, and working in a hospital. I want to live in an extravagant house."

**Andrea Leigh Goebel**

Basketball, Smart Moves, Softball, Without



"Down the road I see myself living in Evansville with a loving wife and lots of kids. I will deal with people in my job every day and coach a wrestling team."

**Jeremy Thomas Goebel**

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Football, Smart Moves, Wrestling



"Down the road I see myself working in a body shop."

**Tim Matthew Goebel**

Football



"Down the road I see myself married with a couple of kids and continuing to box all through my life."

**Michael Scott Goldman**

Boxing, Paintball



"Down the road I see myself as an author or publicist living in a big city."

**Jessica Lee Grabert**

Academic Teams, Choir, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, Pep Club, Musical, Service Club, Soccer, Speech, Student Government, Yearbook





"Down the road I see myself financially stable, living in Evansville, married, fishing every day, and watching the sun set from my enormous front porch every night."

**Kyle Joseph Grossman**

Baseball, Basketball, PEERS Project



"Down the road I see myself living in Evansville, working a well-paying job, and for the most part relaxing. I will try to stay on the West Side and keep it standard."

**Justin Robert Haag**

Football



"Down the road I see myself still hanging out with my friends on the weekends."

**Nathan Lynn Hassler**

Basketball, Football



"Down the road I see myself married with three children and working as a physical therapist."

**Nicole Janice Hinderliter**

PEERS Project, Smart Moves, Soccer, Team Manager, Without



"Down the road I see myself as a mechanic with my own shop and with a couple of Mustangs and a nice Excursion. I want to live in the country, in Kentucky, with a small family."

**Ryan Scott Hinton**

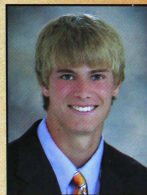
Wrestling, Paintball



"Down the road I see myself with a designing job and a family in Chicago."

**Ashley Nicole Hoffmann**

Class Officer, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Smart Moves, Track, Without, Volleyball



"Down the road I see myself married and living in Indiana. I will be hunting and fishing every day of my life, with a well-paying job."

**David Matthew Hudson**

Football



"Down the road I see myself living in Evansville, married, with a well-paying job as a business owner."

**Jeffrey Scott Johnson**

Baseball, Football

# Class of 2006



"Down the road I see myself married and living in a big house with kids. I hope to have a good job teaching at an elementary school."

**Alexa Rae Jost**

PEERS Project, Soccer, Without



"Down the road I see myself graduating from college and moving to Washington. From there, I see myself working for some computer company. I also see myself married."

**Joshua Edward Jourdan**

Bowling, Police Officer



"Down the road I see myself becoming very successful in life, living off wealth, and living in Iceland."

**Matthew Thomas Karges**

Baseball



"Down the road I see myself playing the lottery to hit the big time and training seals in Antarctica."

**Joseph Matthew Kelley**

Baseball, Police Officer, Service Club



"Down the road I see myself with a below average job living in a small house in the country, but nevertheless, happy."

**Cory Matthew Kempf**

Swimming, Boy Scouts



"Down the road I see myself working in a hospital somewhere as a nurse, living in a decent-sized house in the country and married."

**Hailey Allison Kempf**

Prom Committee, Softball, Student Government, Volleyball



"Down the road I see myself living in Evansville, Indiana, getting married, and raising three kids. I'm going to get a good education in college and have a steady job to support my family."

**Mason Gregory Kempf**

Football, Wrestling



"Down the road I see myself married with a job that I enjoy, making good money, living in Evansville, playing basketball, and watching football."

**Paul Lescault Kempf**

Basketball, Freshman Mentor, Football, Student Ambassador



"Down the road I see myself in the army."

**Andrew Joseph Kercher**

Football, Service Club, Team Manager, Track, Wrestling, 4H



"Down the road I see myself as a teacher with three kids. I'm not sure where I'll live, but I'll be happy and healthy."

**Elyse Michelle Kraft**

Choir, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, MatCats, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Softball, Without



"Down the road I see myself married with kids with a well-paying job living right here in Evansville. I have ambitions of being a robotic engineer."

**Adam James Lambert**

Peer Mediation, Service Club, Soccer, Swimming





"Down the road I see myself married, fishing in professional bass tournaments for a living, and calling my home Indiana."

**Daniel Richard Langton**

Football, Student Ambassador, Fishing Tournaments, Hunting, 4-Wheeling



"Down the road I see myself married with an occupational therapy job."

**Corey Michael Lannert**

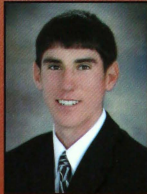
Efficiency Car, Eucharistic Minister, Liturgical Ensemble, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Police Officer, Student Council, Team Manager, Tennis



"Down the road I see myself in the United States Air Force."

**Derek Edward Lappe**

Football, Golf, Wrestling, Boy Scouts (Troop 399)



"Down the road I see myself with a family and a job in a small town. I see a happy life full of fun and good times."

**Benjamin Lee Lasher**

Academic Super Bowl, Eucharistic Minister, National Honor Society, Service Club, Soccer



"Down the road I see myself in the military."

**Reece Caleb Lawson**

Wrestling



"Down the road I see myself as a music therapist and drumline instructor for a world-class organization."

**David Benjamin Learned**

Band, Cross Country, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Eagle Scout, Winter Drumline, Karate, Drumcorps



"Down the road I see myself managing a world corporation and having a butler named Jeffery."

**John Phillip Loehr**

Baseball



"Down the road I see myself married, living in Evansville, with a well-paying job as a civil engineer."

**Matthew Robert Loehrlein**

Freshman Mentor, Golf, Police Officer, Service Club



"Down the road I see myself married with a good job in sports medicine."

**Matthew Tyler Major**

Baseball, Basketball, Football, PEERS Project

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"Down the road I see myself graduating from college, married with kids, having a job related to dentistry, and living somewhere outside of Evansville."

**Brittany Lei Martin**

Freshman Mentor, Pep Club, Play/Musical, Police Officer, Service Club



"Down the road I see myself living with the monkeys in the jungle to promote good chimp-human relations and to better understand our equals. I want to aspire to the ways of my forefathers."

**Ryan Matthew Marx**

Freshman Mentor, Swimming



"Down the road I see myself married with many kids, some of them adopted, living out in the country while my husband works full-time and I work part-time."

**Hilary Anna Masterson**

Pep Club, Service Club, Softball



"Down the road I see myself living comfortably, married, possibly with children, but definitely with a secure career."

**Rosanne Marie Mayer**

Band, Colorguard, Drama Club, Pep Club, Play/Musical, Service Club, Speech, Student Ambassador



"Down the road I see myself married with a job as a mechanical engineer."

**Patrick Thomas McKinney**

Academic Super Bowl, Basketball, Cross Country, Eucharistic Minister, Football, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Service Club, Track



"Down the road I see myself winning world championship horse shows, becoming a vet, and being happily married with two children."

**Christin Gay McMillan**

Cheerleading, Choir, Police Officer, Without, 4H, Horse Show Competitions



"Down the road I see myself involved in physics or chemistry research."

**Nathan Alan Meredith**

Academic Teams, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, Peer Mediation, Police Officer, Speech, Student Government



"Down the road I see myself with a job that enables me to travel the world."

**Laura Marie Mesker**

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Government, Tennis, Without, Volleyball



"Down the road I see myself with a family and an interior design business."

**Brittney Martine Miller**

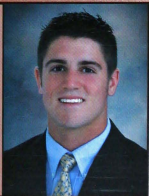
Clerk, Eucharistic Minister, National Honor Society, Peer Mediation, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Yearbook, Dance



"Down the road I see myself married in Evansville as a physical therapist."

**Nathan John Miller**

Baseball, Basketball, Class Officer, Eucharistic Minister, Service Club, Freshman Mentor, Bowling, Football, National Honor Society, PEERS Project





"Down the road I see myself having moved out of Evansville and the head chef of my own restaurants."

**Nathan Scott Miller**



"Down the road I see myself married to my girlfriend, as an aspiring dentist, with a big family and involved with Boy Scouts, all on the West Side."

**Zachary Joseph Miller**

Wrestling, Boy Scout Troop 399



"Down the road I see myself announcing for the St. Louis Cardinals, having a wife and kids, and still cheering on Notre Dame."

**Paul Louis Mindrup**

Football, Peer Mediation, Service Club



"Down the road I see myself married with two or three kids and being an elementary school teacher."

**Kelsey Elizabeth Mitsdarffer**

Peer Mediation, Prom Committee, Service Club, Smart Moves, Soccer, Without



"Down the road I see myself graduating from college with a degree in engineering, getting married, and living on the West Side."

**Jonathan Alfred Mochau**

Freshman Mentor, Football, Police Officer



"Down the road I see myself with a family, working as a corporate lawyer, and campaigning for the Senate."

**Mark Vincent Modesitt**

Class Officer, Play/Musical, National Honor Society, Student Government, Swimming, Eagle Scout, TAC, IASC



"Down the road I see myself working as a lawyer in a big city. I hope to have a family. My aspirations are to be successful, wealthy, and well-liked."

**William Gardner Moll**

Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Football, Peer Mediation, Service Club, Without



"Down the road I see myself married with a great job and a nice house, living in Evansville, while coaching a boys' football team."

**Riley Edward Moore**

Football, Club Hockey



"Down the road I see myself married with a successful business and a job on Wall Street."

**Zachary J. Moore**

Efficiency Car, Eucharistic Minister, Football, Swimming

# Class of 2006

"Down the road I see myself married with kids, living in the country, and being a Registered Nurse."

**Haley Marie Morgan**

Choir, Drama Club, Soccer



"Down the road I see myself with a college degree, a job that I enjoy, and plenty of tickets to see Notre Dame football games with my wife and kids."

**Kelly Joseph Muensterman**

Basketball, Choir, Freshman Mentor, Football, Student Government



"Down the road I see myself married to Matt Coughlin with at least four kids and living in Evansville. I can see myself being a speech therapist."

**Kellyn Marie Murphy**

Choir, DanceCats, Eucharistic Minister, MatCats



"Down the road I see myself holding a great job with the St. Louis Cardinals."

**Lucas Barton Nelson**

Academic Teams, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, Police Officer, Service Club, Student Council, Swimming, Tennis, Without



"Down the road I see myself still volunteering for the Humane Society and helping out with animal cruelty cases."

**Caitlyn Elise Nemer**

Colorguard, Drama Club, Liturgical Ensemble, Play/Musical, Speech, Student Government, Winterguard



"Down the road I see myself working at a job that I love and retiring early."

**Andrew Thomas Niemeier**

Academic Teams, Class Officer, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Football, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Prom Committee, Student Government



"Down the road I see myself married with a nice house, a well-paying job in business management, and living in Northern California."

**Michael David Niemeier**

Band, Boy Scouts, UE Jazz Band, UE Guitar



"Down the road I see myself married, living here in town with a nice job, and sometimes going shopping in Paris."

**Katelyn Jill Norman**

Choir, Prom Committee, Student Ambassador, Track, Volleyball



"Down the road I see myself married with children, living close to my family, and having a successful career."

**Lauren Jo Oliver**

Cheerleading, Freshman Mentor, Pep Club, Service Club, Student Government, Tennis, Without, Scuba Diving



"Down the road I see myself living in New England with a successful job."

**Sarah Marie Paciorowski**

Academic Teams, Band, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Lit. Ens., National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Police Officer, Theater





"Down the road I see myself being an occupational therapist and married with two or three kids. I want to hop with kangaroos in the outback before I die."

**Madison Jene Parkinson**

Basketball, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Soccer, Softball, Without



"Down the road I see myself happily married and owning a business to support my family."

**Tiffany Michelle Payton**

Basketball, Choir, Prom Committee, Service Club, Softball, Volleyball



"Down the road I see myself married with a job that allows me to travel and still learn something new every day."

**Allison Marie Probert**

DanceCats, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Service Club, Speech, Yearbook, HRYG



"Down the road I see myself as a fashion buyer living on the East Coast."

**Allison Marie Raben**

Cheerleading, Class Officer, Golf, Peer Mediation, PEERS Project, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Ambassador, Student Government, Without



"Down the road I see myself as a professional photographer living in California with my husband and kids."

**Emily Stone Raben**

Golf, Peer Mediation, PEERS Project, Service Club, Student Ambassador, Without



"Down the road I see myself going cliff diving in Australia, which is one thing I want to do before I die."

**Genna Marie Ramsbey**

Pep Club, Prom Committee, Swimming and Diving, Volleyball, Sunday School Teacher, Server



"Down the road I see myself owning a nightclub and maybe married."

**Jennifer Nichole Rathgeber**

Choir, DanceCats, Freshman Mentor, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Speech, Teen Court, McCutchanville Soccer, Dance



"Down the road I see myself married with a family and a good job. I want to go bungee-jumping."

**Kasey Anne Render**

Choir, DanceCats, Golf

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"Down the road I see myself living here in town with my wife and kids. I want to travel around the country observing all the different cultures of this nation."

**Joshua Theodore Rice**

Football

"Down the road I see myself married with kids. I will have my own business doing what I love and living in either California or Hilton Head."

**Erin Cassidy Ross**

Choir, Prom Committee, Swimming



"Down the road I see myself as a teacher. I will be married and have kids."

**Tegan Lawrence Rush**

Band, Bowling, Cross Country, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Golf, Liturgical Ensemble, PEERS Project, Play/Musical, Police Officer, Speech, Track



"Down the road I see myself teaching elementary kids or working at missions."

**Rosanna Marie Sartore**

Choir, Eucharistic Minister, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Service Club, Speech, Yearbook, Brownie Leader, Sunday School Teacher, HRYG



"Down the road I see myself working and just living in Evansville doing dry-wall, and maybe helping coach wrestling somewhere."

**Bart Nicholas Schaefer**

Football, Wrestling



"Down the road I see myself married with a good job that I enjoy."

**Scott Michael Schapker**

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Football, National Honor Society, Peer Mediation, PEERS Project, Police Officer, Service Club



"Down the road I see myself married with four kids and working as an ER nurse in either Scotland or India."

**Katherine Marie Scheller**

Cross Country, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Police Officer, Service Club, Track



"Down the road I see myself with a large family, working as a neonatal nurse."

**Kendra Elizabeth Scheller**

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Pep Club, Police Officer, Service Club, Student Ambassador, Student Government, Track, Volleyball, Yearbook



"Down the road I see myself being happy, loving life, and visiting Italy."

**Mallory Brianna Schenk**

Basketball, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Service Club, Softball, Student Ambassador, Student Government, Without



"Down the road I see myself living in New York working on a production and making a steady living in my art."

**Rachel Nicole Schenk**

Band, Choir, Colorguard, Drama Club, Eucharistic Minister, Liturgical Ensemble, Play/Musical, Speech, Winterguard



"Down the road I see myself enjoying life, living with my wife and kids, and having a good job."

**Logan Edward Schiff**

Freshman Mentor, Football, Police Officer, Service Club, Without, Wrestling

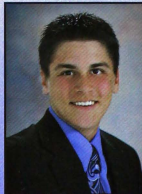




"Down the road I see myself with a family. I would also like to travel to a poor area and help those in need."

**Laura Rose Schili**

Eucharistic Minister, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Ambassador, Volleyball



"Down the road I see myself with a good job, married with a couple of kids, and living in Evansville. I want to travel!"

**Scott Michael Schmitt**

Freshman Mentor, Peer Mediation, Service Club, Smart Moves, Without, Wrestling



"Down the road I see myself married with children, with a good job, and going skydiving at least once a week."

**Ryan J Schnarre**

Baseball, Basketball, Football



"Down the road I see myself with five kids, and I hope to be a neonatal nurse. I want to live way out in the country, where it is really peaceful."

**Andrea Lynn Schnur**

Liturgical Ensemble, MatCats, Musical, Soccer, Club Soccer, Coaching Soccer



"Down the road I see myself completing college, getting married, and teaching. I want to travel as much as possible."

**Tiffany Rose Schoenbacher**

Academic Teams, National Honor Society, Police Officer, Smart Moves, Speech, Teens for Life, Without



"Down the road I see myself waking up each day to a beautiful family. I hope to have a stable job that I like going to each day. I will live life to the fullest."

**Alivia Michelle Scott**

Choir, Eucharistic Minister, MatCats, Soccer, 4H



"Down the road I see myself with a good job, great kids, and a wonderful husband, living in a big city."

**Sarah Kathryn Scott**

Eucharistic Minister, Pep Club, Without, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, Service Club, Softball



"Down the road I see myself married, maybe with some kids. I also hope that dance is still a part of my life."

**Jessie Danielle Seib**

Pep Club, Service Club, Without, Volleyball, Competitive Dance



"Down the road I see myself as a nurse, with a family, and a country home."

**Stephanie Leigh Seibert**

Peer Mediation, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Service Club, Smart Moves, Softball, Swimming, Without, Volleyball, 4-H

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"Down the road I see myself as the principal of Mater Dei High School."

**Kevin McDermott Short**

Football, Golf, Basketball Coach, Umpire



"Down the road I see myself with a well-paying job as an electrician and living in Evansville."

**Matthew Joseph Soellner**

Basketball, Bowling



"Down the road I see myself traveling around Europe for a year before I settle down with a family and career."

**Toni Jenelle Solis**

Choir, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, PEERS Project, Prom Committee, Service Club, Speech, GS



"Down the road I see myself with a family, as an athletic trainer and coach."

**Kim Marie Spahn**

Cross Country, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Service Club, Speech, Student Government, Track, Without, Yearbook



"Down the road I see myself riverdancing my way into the hearts of millions with the ability to kill a yak from 200 yards away with mind bullets."

**Geoffrey Ryne Stephens**

Bowling, Service Club, Soccer, Swimming, U of E Engineering Post



"Down the road I see myself with a science career and seeing the world."

**Dustin Joseph Stolz**

Cross Country, Efficiency Car, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, National Honor Society, Speech, Student Government, Theater



"Down the road I see myself working as an animator and married to the 'perfect guy.'"

**Ashley Ann Sullenger**

Band, Choir, Liturgical Ensemble, Play/Musical, Speech, Without



"Down the road I see myself graduating from college with a degree in geology or physics and living in the house I've been living in my whole life, with a wife and job that allows me to travel."

**Matthew Joseph Taylor**

Band, Bowling



"Down the road I see myself going to Indiana University and having a good, fun job."

**Andrew Joseph Tekoppel**

Basketball, Football



"Down the road I see myself as a college graduate with a high-paying job and a family. I also plan to start my own architecture firm."

**Kenny Jo Tenbarga**

Football, Police Officer, Wrestling





"Down the road I see myself in medical school and taking part in many sports."

**Alex Carl Topper**

Academic Teams, Drama Club, Efficiency Car, Freshman Mentor, Football, National Honor Society, Musical, Student Government, Wrestling, Scouts, TAC



"Down the road I see myself happily married with kids and a job that makes me happy."

**Samantha Lauren Vanhooser**

Play/Musical, Girl Scouts



"Down the road I see myself going to college and, hopefully, moving to California."

**Haley Elizabeth Wandtke**

Pep Club, Service Club



"Down the road I see myself living in a big city, married and working at a job I enjoy. I would also like to travel."

**Hannah Jane Wannemuehler**

Peer Mediation, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Service Club, Student Government, Tennis, Without, Girl Scouts



"Down the road I see myself married, owning my own business, and eating pie."

**Daniel Joseph Weinzapfel**

Cross Country, Football, Service Club, Wrestling



"Down the road I see myself with some science-related job. I also plan on running a marathon and living in Maine."

**Ellen Nichole Weinzapfel**

Academic Teams, Cross Country, Track, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Police Officer, Service Club, Speech



"Down the road I see myself becoming a basketball coach and living in Chicago."

**Emily Elizabeth Weinzapfel**

Basketball, Choir, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, PEERS Project, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Student Ambassador, Without, Volleyball



"Down the road I see myself working with the St. Louis Cardinals for a good amount of money and married."

**Jake Edward Weinzapfel**

Bowling, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Police Officer, Service Club, Team Manager

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"Down the road I see myself with a good nursing job and a happy family to come home to. I'd like to stay in Evansville to be close to family and friends."

**Kayla Rae Weinzapfel**

Cheerleading, Choir, MatCats, Pep Club, Service Club

"Down the road I see myself teaching English and opening a bookstore."

**Leah Marie Weinzapfel**

Academic Teams, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, Peer Mediation, PEERS Project, Smart Moves, Speech, Teens for Life, Theater, Without, 4-H



"Down the road I see myself working at Berry Plastics while going to college to become a computer engineer. I also want to get married."

**Paul David Weinzapfel**

Basketball, Service Club, St. Philip Assistant Basketball Coach



"Down the road I see myself married with two children while living in Los Angeles with my own cooking show."

**Brian Matthew Werner**

Tae kwon do, Break Dancing



"Down the road I see myself going to college at USI. I am unsure of what my major will be, but I plan to get a job that allows me to stay in Evansville."

**Sondra Dee Wildeman**

Cheerleading, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club



"Down the road I see myself having graduated from pharmacy school and living somewhere warm."

**Kayley Jo Will**

Eucharistic Minister, NHS, PEERS Project, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Council, Tennis, Yearbook



"Down the road I see myself living in Posey County with a degree from Purdue. I also plan on hunting and fishing and competing in some international shooting competitions."

**Shawn Adam Will**

Wrestling, Trapshooting



"Down the road I see myself as a happy, successful individual living in Vermont."

**Emily Michelle Winternheimer**



"Down the road I see myself pursuing a career in writing while raising children."

**Jason Robert Wire**

Academic Superbowl, Baseball, Class Officer, Football, National Honor Society, Peer Mediation, PEERS Project, Service Club, Student Government, Wrestling



"Down the road I see myself married with a nice job living around Evansville while coaching my kid's basketball team. I would also travel to areas in the U.S."

**Adam Jeffery Wolf**

Basketball, Football, PEERS Project, Police Officer, Service Club



"Down the road I see myself living in an isolated part of the world, completely separated from society and all its absurdities."

**Benjamin Jordan Yingling**

Academic Superbowl, Bowling, Football, Student Government, Wrestling



# Reach

*“Reach for the stars.” We continually hear this line through life, and it has now become redundant. Looking back over the years, we remember the small freshman lockers and seniors cutting in front at lunch. We reached to be older, to belong, and to make ourselves known. Now, as we reach into the real world of college and life, let us look back and realize how far we’ve come. We aren’t lowly underclassmen or children reprimanded by our parents. We are adults who have been shaped and molded by our parents, teachers, coaches, and friends. So, as we **REACH** into tomorrow, let us achieve our goals and thank those who helped us this far. Thanks to our families who helped us grow into responsible adults who are prepared for the real world. Thanks to our teachers who made us believe in ourselves, even when we did not believe we could pass Mr. Voegel’s advanced placement biology or Mrs. Haton’s calculus. Thanks to our friends who listened to us cry about our latest breakup at four in the morning and told us how great we were when we did not believe in ourselves. And thanks to anyone else who helped us through what is supposed to be the hardest, but best part of our lives.*

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Will and Phil,  
 Remember all the fun times and always stay close - good friends are hard to find.

Love, Allie and Rachel

**Phil Loehr and Will Moll**



Rosanna,  
 You've come a long way. We are so proud of the young lady you have become. Congratulations and Good Luck!

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**Rosanna Sartore**



Elyse,  
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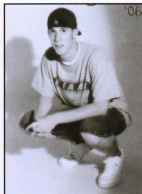
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Kellyn,  
Words cannot describe how very proud we  
are of you and what you will become. You  
were truly an eternal gift from God and  
may He always hold you in the palm of His  
hand. You have given us so many wonder-  
ful memories! Remember, "Believe in your  
dreams and they may come true; believe in  
yourself and they will come true."

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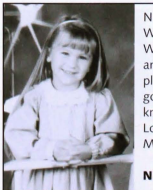
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Love, Mom

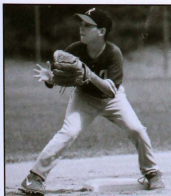
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**Tyler Bittner**



Katelyn,  
Hairdos started early for you and have  
changed as much as you have. You're  
a good-hearted, fun-loving, and beauti-  
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Nicole,  
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Nicole Elpers

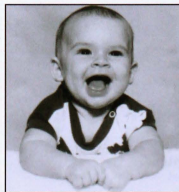


Ben,

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Love,  
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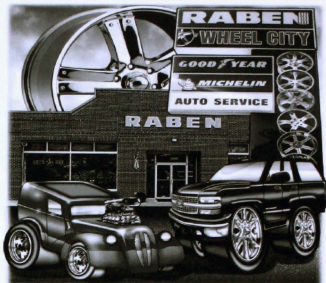


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**Mark Modesitt**



Courtney,

You have a wonderful personality and a kind heart. Don't ever change that part of you.

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Mom & Tim

**Courtney Adler**



Kristen,

Keep your smile and happy personality so others can enjoy what we have experienced for eighteen years.

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Mom, Dad, Matthew, & Trevor

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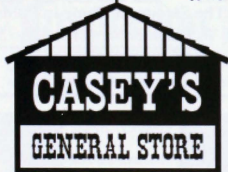
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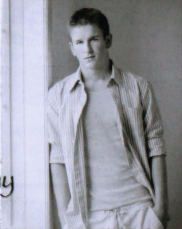


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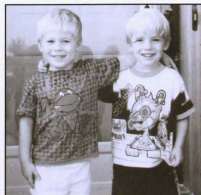
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Scott Schapker



Mason,

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We love you,  
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Emily,

Good luck at Purdue!

We will miss you.  
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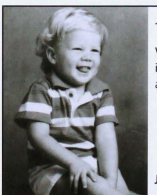


Sondra,

We are so proud of you. Good luck in everything you do.

Love,  
Dad and Jacki

Sondra Wildeman



Joe,

We wish you the best in whatever you do in life. May you have a life full of many adventures and much happiness.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Michelle, Jenny,  
Christie, and Julie

Joe Kelley

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Our little funny face has grown into a beautiful young lady. Be proud of your accomplishments (as we are) and be true to the friends you've made. Set your goals high and pursue them with your passion. Good luck, and have fun at IU.

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Mom, Dad, Kelsey, and Jamie

Ashley Hoffmann



Wake up buddy- the world is waiting for you! Hold on to your adventurous spirit and continue to keep God close to heart. Your family is always here for you!

Love you,  
Mom, Dad, Meghan,  
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Alex Topper



Daniel,

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Mom, Dad, Michelle, Matt,  
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Wes Dingman



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Brian DeVault



Congratulations, Jessie!

We are so proud of all you have accomplished. Keep up the good work! We want you to know how much we love you...and how proud we are to have you for our daughter. Good luck next year at college! We will miss you!

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Daniel Armstrong



We are proud of you beyond measure. We are thankful for the blessings you have received and the joy you have given us.

Your future is bright with promise. Go boldly and Godspeed.

We love you always,  
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Allison Probert



Nick,  
I hope we have always shown how proud we are to be your parents. We wish you only good things for the future. We love you, Son.

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Love,  
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Adam Wolf



Amanda,

May God bless you in all you will do. Congratulations on your accomplishments. We are very proud of you.

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I couldn't ask for a better brother.  
You're a perfect example of how  
living a life for God can be a blast.  
Your sense of humor will get you  
far, even though Mom is funnier  
than all three of us.

Much love Baby Bro, Nick

**Corey Lannert**



Laura,

We are so proud of you. You have  
brought us so much joy over the years.  
Good luck in college. We love you.

Mom, Dad, & Jared

**Laura Mesker**



Will,

Thanks for being there for me. I'll miss you  
next year.

Love,  
Steph

**Will Moll**



Jeff,  
Congratulations! We are very proud of you.  
We wish you the best of luck in the future.  
Remember, working hard and doing your  
best is always rewarding. Never give up on  
life's challenges.

Love you.  
Mom, Dad, Matt, & Tom

**Jeff Johnson**



Britt,  
Congratulations! Life is filled with special mo-  
ments. Embrace them. As you move on to big-  
ger and better things, stay true to yourself, and  
open the door to all of the opportunities that  
await you. You are an amazing person. May all  
of your tomorrows bring happiness and success.

Tom love!  
Mom & Dad

**Brittney Miller**



Hailey,

Your beauty has always come from within.  
We hope that all of your traits have made  
you a stronger person. Your future is very  
bright. You'll be a wonderful nurse.

Love you,  
Mom, Dad, Brad, & Audrey

**Hailey Kempf**



Congratulations, Josh! We are so proud  
of you. Keep working hard, and you will  
achieve your goals. Good luck with your  
future.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Ashley, & Christopher

**Josh Adler**

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Emily,  
Congratulations! You have worked so hard, and we are so very proud of you. Good luck in college, and never give up on your dreams. Remember that we are always here for you and will love you forever.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Sara, & Samantha

**Emily Weinzapfel**



"Way Wrong Answer"

Bill & Shannon Bell

**Ariel Bell**



Brittney,  
You are so awesome! You have had some amazing experiences, and we know there is so much more waiting for you. Keep smiling, dreaming, and reaching for those stars that are still out there for you. We are so proud of you. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Alli, & Jake

**Brittney Schen**



You're a high school graduate-where has the time gone? We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments! Your simple personality leaves a lasting impression-don't ever change. Keep God in the center of your life; through Him, anything is possible. Continue working hard, have fun, and enjoy the life you have been blessed with!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jerad, & Jordan

**Jonathan Eickhoff**



Dear Andy,  
Congratulations on your many accomplishments these last four years. We're proud of all your hard work and dedication. We pray that God continues to bless you as you pursue your dreams. Good luck, and have fun at Purdue.

Love, Mom, Dad, Brad,  
& Craig

**Andy Niemeier**



Haley,

We wish you success along the way. Set your goals high and pursue your dreams...remember that we are proud of you and we love you.

Mom & Dad

**Haley Morgan**

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Spread your wings and fly, DJ!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Nick, & Sara

**Daniel Weinzapfel**



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Kyle,  
We're proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Reid

**Kyle Grossman**



Jessica,  
You have been a good older sister through the years. We hope you have fun in college, and we will miss you.

Love,  
Lauren & Alex

**Jessica Grabert**



Leslie,  
Congratulations! May the future bring you as much joy as you've brought to us.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Matt

**Leslie Goans**



"Oh, what'll you do now, my blue-eyed son?  
I'm -a goin' back out 'fore the rain starts a-fallin'". But I'll know my song well before I start singin'." -Bob Dylan

**Kelly Muensterman**



Jonathan,  
Congratulations! We are so very proud of you. Thank you for all of the "precious moments" you have given to us. We wish you every happiness and success at U of E and throughout life.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, & Lauren

**Jonathan Mochau**



Hannah,  
This is your time to fly! Congratulations!  
We love you!

Dad & Mom  
Emily, Celia, & Seth

"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself. They come through you, but not from you, and, Though they are with you, they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts;

For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls; For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, Which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday. You are the bows from which your children, as living arrows, are sent forth. The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far. Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness; For even as He loves the arrow that flies, So He loves also, the bow that is stable." -Kahlil Gibran

**Hannah Wannemuehler**



Ashley,  
The past eighteen years have gone by so quickly. Seems like yesterday when I held you in my arms. I love you so much. You can do anything you set your mind to. May God watch over you throughout your life.

Love, Mom

**Ashley Sullenger**

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Logan,  
May your future at Purdue  
be as bright as the North  
star shining in the night.  
Dream big and make all your  
dreams come true.

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Marie, & Zachary

**Logan Schiff**



Congratulations, Laura! We are so  
proud of you!

We love you,  
Jennifer & Anne

**Laura Schili**



Tori,

We thank God for His gift of you to  
us. You are a true joy and delight.  
Congratulations on this milestone  
and we wish you continued success.

We love you very much,  
Mom, Dad, & Logan

**Tori Fisher**



Whether you know it or not,  
you are the beauty,  
the power,  
the wisdom,  
the passion,  
the heart and soul,  
You are the star of our being.  
All you have to do is let yourself shine.  
Love, Mom, David, Casey, & Remi

**Christy McMillan**



Jen,

You are still my little "sweetie."  
I know you will always make  
me proud.

Love, Mom

**Jennifer Rathgeber**



Derek,

Take your future on in style! We are proud  
of you Derek.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Dave, & Drew

**Derek Lappe**

# Good Luck Class of 2006



Robin,

Looks like high school was a success. Good luck  
in college!

Love,  
Mom & Dad

**Robin Fehrenbacher**





Kay,  
We are so proud of you and of all your accomplishments. Have fun and enjoy your next challenge.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Lindsey, & Cooper

**Kayley Will**



Nathan,

We are so proud of you and all you've accomplished. Keep smiling and working hard.

We love you,  
Mom & Dad

**Nathan J. Miller**



Kyle,

Congratulations and good luck in the future. We're very proud of you and love you very much!

Mom, Dad, Ashley, Emily, & Troy

**Kyle Adler**



Toni,

You've come a long way since your trash can day. You're still our grouch. Congratulations. We all love you.

**Toni Solis**

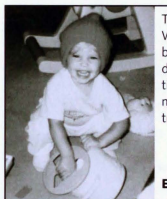


Katie,

From your first day of kindergarten to your last day of high school, how fun it was to watch you grow into the wonderful young lady that you are! We are so proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Chris

**Katie Alexander**



To Emily,

We are so very proud of you. You have been a joy and a precious child since the day you came into our lives. Now it is time for us to sit back and watch you make all your dreams and wishes come true.

With all our love,  
Dad, Mom, & Rachel

**Emily Raben**



Meghan,

Fly butterfly catcher! We are proud of you.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

**Meghan Berneking**



Kenny,

Yes...you did it! You have made us very proud. We wish you a life of happiness and success. Remember, we are always here for you.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, & Heidi

**Kenny Tenbarge**



William,

We are very proud of your hard work and accomplishments. Keep focused on your goals, but remember to take time to smell the flowers along the way.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

**William Moll**



Genna,

Seems like yesterday when you graced us with this smile. You have grown into a beautiful, intelligent and talented young lady. We are all so proud of you. We wish you love, luck, and happiness in SC and all you do.

Love, Mom, Dad, Joe, Tracey, Carl, & Hayden

**Genna Ramsbey**



Katie,  
You finally did it! Now onto better things.

Love you always,  
Mom, Dad, and Daniel

**Katie Scheller**



Benjamin,  
Good luck Ben! We are proud of you! Follow your dreams!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Jennifer

**Benjamin Lasher**



Daniel,  
Thanks for everything the past few years and everything you've helped me with.

Good luck in college,  
Christian

**Daniel Armstrong**



Laura,  
These years have passed so fast. We are so proud of you. Make your dreams come true.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

**Laura Schili**



Andrea,  
We are so proud of you! We know you will do well at college and in the future.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Melissa, and Jordan

**Andrea Schnur**



Michael,  
We are so blessed to have you as our son, and we are so proud of the person you have become. Thank you for all the wonderful memories. May God bless you and keep you safe always! We love you very much!

Dad, Mom, and Mitch

**Michael Fischer**



Kevin,  
You're the best big brother ever! We will really miss you while you're gone to college. We hope you have fun, and good luck!

Love,  
Emily and Kelley  
P.S. Try not to be such a sissy!

**Kevin Short**



Little Miss Britt,  
Thank you for the wonderful person you have become. Life has a lot in store for you. Live it to the fullest and have fun. Nothing is out of your reach.

We Love You Lots,  
Mom, Dad, Jonathan, and Brayden

**Brittani Elpers**

# Good Luck Class of 2006



Lauren,  
Take the power to choose what you want to do, and do it well. Take the power to create your own life... healthy, exciting, and happy.  
I love being your dad.  
"Big Daddy"

**Lauren Oliver**



Danielle,

God bless you, our smiley-faced little girl. May you always keep your free spirit and loving soul. We are proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Sarah, Jason,  
Shane, and Shaun

**Danielle Elsner**

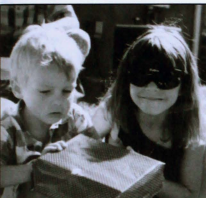


Matt,

We wish you much happiness in your career and personal life. Work hard and keep your beautiful smile.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jeff

**Matt Soellner**



Mason,

I'll always be right beside you through all your journeys and successes. I'm so proud of you!

Love, Jade

**Mason Kempf**



Alyssa,

We have been so proud of you from the day you were born. Your smile, your kind heart, and your drive to achieve have shown us you have what it takes to succeed in every part of your life. Congratulations and know that you always have us behind you!

Mom, Dad, and Jake

**Alyssa Edwards**



Erin,  
Congratulations! The last 18 years have flown by, and now it's time to look to the future. Good luck in college; we know you will be successful and happy in South Carolina. We're proud of you.

Love, Mom and Dad

**Erin Ross**



Matt,

You have brought such joy to our lives, and we are very proud of you. Thanks for always being willing to help out and know that we will always be there for you. Best of luck and much happiness in college.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Erin, and Emily

**Matt Loehrlein**



Corey,

You're "on the right track!" Keep it up. May you be blessed in all you do.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

**Corey Lannert**



Lauren,

I look at you today and see the same beautiful eyes that I loved when you were a baby. You are no longer a baby, but a beautiful person full of ideas, emotions, and goals. As I continue to watch you, I want you to know I will love you always...every minute of every day. The greatest gift of all is a daughter like you. Mom

**Lauren Oliver**



Emily,

Don't forget to dance!!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Maddi, and Grant

**Emily Elpers**

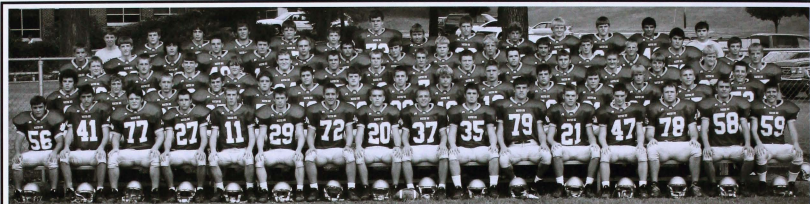


Mark,

You have made us all so proud these last few years. You have grown into an amazing young man and a great younger brother. I know that through hard work you can accomplish a lot at Columbia, just like you did at Mater Dei. Good luck, even though you won't need it!

Love,  
Scott

**Mark Modesitt**



### Varsity and Reserve Football

Row 1-Bart Schaefer, Zach Moore, Nick Farny, Daniel Langton, Brandon Deig, Tim Goebel, Andy Niemeier, Justin Haag, Ryan Schnarre, Nathan J. Miller, Nathan Hassler, Paul Kempf, Riley Moore, Jason Wire, Matt Eickhoff, Alex Topper Row 2-Matt Price, Chris Dewitt, Scott Schapker, Andy Kercher, Ben Fleming, Josh Rice, Kelly Muensterman, Andy Tekoppel, Andy Matt, Zach Coebel, Tyler Bittner, Ben Vingling, David Hudson, Jeremy Goebel, Paul Mindrup Row 3-Alex Vanhooser, Mike Rhodes, Greg Cardin, Jordan Phelps, Nick Dewig, Adam Butts, Chris Emmert, Kyle Hertel, Andy Seibert, Bud Lutz, Matt Folz, Matt Johnson Row 4-Adam Schenk, Jared Stratman, DJ Hortsman, Bruce Werner, Reid Grossman, Jacob Schneider, Nathan Dewig, Jeff Pfister, Matt Lannert, Andrew Robinson, Zach Haleman, Drew Lappe, Alex Weinzapfel, Brad Niemeier, Brandt Lydon Row 5-Jake Weinzapfel, Zach Schif, Mac Weinzapfel, Austin Knapp, Greg Marshall, Drew Will, Jake Hassler, William Hatcher, Logan Fisher, Tony Wolf, Cody Voyles, Jacob Tison, Luke Dewig, Ryan Musgrave



### Varsity Cheerleading

Row 1-Emily Elpers, Danielle Ritter, Mackenzie Riggs, Lauren Hoefling, Samantha Hurm  
Row 2-Danielle Eisner, Jaci Elpers, Lauren Oliver, Michelle Kelley, Kari Weinzapfel



### Reserve Cheerleading

Row 1-Lauren Grabert, Natalie Kempf, Kelsey Zenthoefer, Cara Emmert  
Row 2-Sherilyn Weinzapfel, Jessika Carter, Allison Schenk, Katie Reddington

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### Freshman Football

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Row 3-Lincoln Oliver, Jesse Horstman, Zach Mischler, Sam Fleming, Nick Matthew, Brent Weinzapfel, Bradley Schoettlin Row 4-Corey Lipking, Ryan Burns, Kenny Elpers, Austin Campbell, Kurt VanWinkle, Andrew Harsh

Row 5-Nolan King, Joe Major, Jerad Eickhoff, Matt Dickinson, Shawn Hess, Robert Wilson, Jack Unfried



### Dance Cats

Row 1-Allison Probert, Robin Fehrenbacher, Jennifer Rathgeber

Row 2-Jewel Reising, Hannah Boots

Row 3-Coach Sara Rainey, Megan Prickett, Heather Wargel, Stephanie Fields, Christie Kelley, Kayleen Glaser, Rachel Sweeney, Christine Schweizer, Coach Rachel Gries



### Freshman Cheerleading

Row 1-Haley Capshaw, Shelby Mangold, Jennifer Kelley

Row 2- Samantha Dewig, Kylie Weaver, Brynne Guzman



### National Honor Society

Row 1-Meghan Berneking, Kayley Will Row 2-Kyle Clements, Rosanna Sartore, Sarah Paciorowski, Allison Probert, Robin Fehrenbacher, Jennifer Rathgeber, Dustin Stolz, Nathan Meredith, Kevin Elliot, David Learned Row 3-Mark Modestitt, Amanda Cox, Katie Funke, Scott Schapker, Ben Lasher, Laura Mesker, Calvin Clements, Daniel Baumgart, Patrick McKinney, Brittney Miller Row 4-Laura Hall, Michelle Kelley, Sarah Hall, Alex Topper, Sarah Scott, Ali Raben, Ashley Hoffmann, Matt Major, Tyler Bittner, Nathan J. Miller Row 5-Jason Wire, Andy Niemeier, Rachel Buskavitz, Margaret Stolf, Mackenzie Riggs, Danielle Ritter, Annie Weber, Marie Wolf, Adam Gilles, Logan Schaff, Ben Dausman Not Pictured-Lucas Nelson, Leah Weinzapfel

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### Girls Cross Country

Row 1-Kim Spahn, Katie Scheller

Row 2-Emily Weber, Krista Wildeman, Karen Scheller, Megan Blankenberger

Row 3-Kelsey Harpenau, Martha Stolz, Pam Weinzapfel, Coach George Moll



### Boys Cross Country

Row 1-Michael Fischer, Kevin Elliott, Mitchell Eickhoff, Sean Herron, Patrick McKinney, Wes Dingman, Jerry Parkinson

Row 2-Coach George Moll, Dusty Stoltz, Andy Walker, Ross Rexing, Russel McKinney, Tegan Rush



### Yearbook Staff

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### Newspaper Staff

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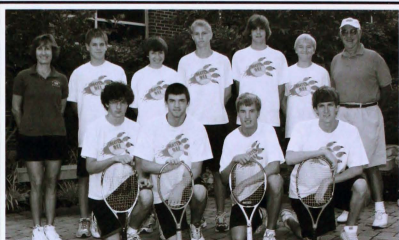
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**Girls Golf**

Row 1-Jenna Whori, Emily Loehlein  
Row 2-Kasey Render, Abby Whori



**Boys Tennis**

Row 1-Adam Ruggles, Lucas Nelson, Branden Clements, Corey Lannert  
Row 2-Coach Chris Clements, Andrew Ritter, Greg Alles, Jeremy Kissel, Jake Edwards,  
Nathan Bale, Coach Duke Coudret



**Service Club**

Row 1-Kelsey Hoffmann, Tiffany Payton, Mallory Schenk, Kim Spahn, Laura Mesker,  
Logan Schiff, Madison Parkinson, Karen Scheller, Emily Weinzapfel, Jennifer Born  
Row 2-Robin Fehrenbacher, Amanda Cox, Ben Lasher, Allison Probert, Lauren Nie-  
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Jewel Reising, Adam Gilles Row 4-Carly Zenthoefner, Jason Wire, Mackenzie Riggs, Andy  
Walker, Nick Schenk, Krista Wildeman, Eilen Weinzapfel, Emily Elpers, Jenna Adler  
Row 5-Ashley Hoffmann, Scott Schapker, Tyler Bittner, Jake Weinzapfel, Sondra Wilde-  
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### Girls Varsity and Reserve Soccer

Row 1-Taylor Lannert, Sarah Sweeney, Jamie Hoffmann, Jessica Grabert, Natalie Fleming, Andrea Schnur, Kelsey Hoffmann, Jamie McGinness, Kelly Short, Stephanie Bittner, Hannah Thorbeck  
 Row 2-Cassie Rodenburg, Katie Osborne, Audrey Folz, Mackenzie Parkinson, Kelsey Rolley, Abby Horty, Penny Appler, Meghan Berneking, Katie Funke, Ashley Seibert, Christie Kelley, Lauren Austin, Sarah Hoehn  
 Row 3- Coach Rob Schoenstein, Sarah Luigs, Sarah Folz, Carrie Goebel, Leslie Goans, Jaci Babcock, Alex Jost, Keri Swickard, Jordan Bartek, Rachel Williams, Kelsey Hammet, Coach Austin



### Boys Varsity and Reserve Soccer

Row 1-Jon Adcock, Weston Brandenstein, Lance Koliker, Jake Weinzapfel, Brandon Eickhoff, Chris Alexander, John Muensterman, Patrick Elpers, Sam Schenstrup, Adam Barchet, Luke Costlow, Andrew Elpers  
 Row 2-Tyler Rust, Nick Baumgart, Cody Brandenstein, Ryan Gries, Andrew Shetler, Mitchell Funke, Kyle Clements, Brian Pigman, Matt Price, Craig Jochem, Ben Lasher, Eric Kennedy, Dan Armstrong, Calvin Clements, Adam Lambert, Nick Schenk, Ryne Stephens



### Freshman Mentors

Row 1-Wes Dingman, Logan Schiff, Ben Dausman, Kendra Scheller, Kim Spahn, Ashley Hoffmann, Brittney Miller  
 Row 2-Amanda Cox, Allison Probert, Toni Solis, Matt Loehlein, Laura Mesker, Jennifer Rathgeber, Sarah Paciorowski, Kyle Clements  
 Row 3-Natalie Fleming, Emily Weinzapfel, Sarah Scott, Nathan J. Miller, Adam Gilles, Tyler Bittner, Jon Eickhoff  
 Row 4-Elyse Krafft, Britany Martin, Meghan Berneking, Katie Funke, Andy Niemeier, Kelly Muensterman, Scott Schmitt, Kayley Will



### Peer Mediation

Row 1-Kathy Weber, Andy Matt, Andrew Ritter, Emily Raben, Sarah Scott, Kim Spahn, Ellen Weinzapfel, Mark Modesitt, Wynn Mitchell  
 Row 2-Lauren Hoefling, Sarah Hall, Keri Swickard, Brandon Clements, Karen Scheller, Lindsey Will, Scott Schapker, Kayley Will, Rachel Yingling  
 Row 3-Jordan Phelps, Laura Hall, Liz Wargel, Robin Fehrenbacher, Sean Herron, Andy Walker, Tyler Hunt, Kelsey McCord

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**Girls Varsity Volleyball**

Row 1-Marie Wolf, Hailey Kempf, Ashley Hoffmann, Tiffany Payton, Alyssa Edwards, Jenna Adler Row 2-Kylie Weaver, Lacey Voegel, Mallory Goebel, Celia Wannemuehler, Margaret Stoltz, Kendal Eipers, Krystal Schmitt, Ashley Adler Row 3-Coach Kim Goebel, Lauren Niemeier, Jamie Tekoppel, Alissa Martin, Kelsey Blankenberger, Coach Adler, Laura Schmitt



**Girls Freshman Volleyball**

Row 1-Jenny Kelley, Emily Adler, Devan Partain, Alyssa Miller, Stephanie Moll, Blair Price Row 2-Kristyn Seibert, Hall Thorbeck, Krista Carter, Courtney Carr, Katie Hartz, Erin Porter, Coach Carrie Goebel



**Class Officers**

Row 1-Nathan J. Miller, Kyle Clements, Andy Niemeier, Kayley Will, Mark Modesitt Row 2-Hannah Boots, Laura Hall, Brooke Wayne, Mitchell Eichhoff, Karen Scheller, Alex Weinzapfel, Matt Dickerson, Lindsey Mann, Jordan Chapman



**Student Government**

Row 1-Ben Yingling, Tegan Rush, Dusty Stoltz, Robin Fehrenbacher, Sarah Paciorowski, Alex Topper, Kendra Scheller, Branden Clements, Kayley Will, Scott Schapker, Corey Lannert, Lucas Nelson, Jason Wire  
Row 2-Mallory Schenk, Ben Dausman, Amanda Cox, Emily Eipers, Hannah Wannemuehler, Allison Probert, Kim Spahn, Kyle Clements, Mark Modesitt, Laura Mesker, Patrick McKinney, Kenny Tenbarge  
Row 3-Logan Schiff, Adam Wolf, Ben Muensterman, Lindsey Blankenberger, Lauren Grabert, Maria Nelson, Neil Goebel, Kelly Muensterman, Andrew Niemeier, Emily Tenbarge, Kayleen Glaser, Rachel Sweeney  
Row 4-Natalie Martin, Heather Wargel, Jacob Koresell, Rachel Buskavitz, Samantha Dewig, Mackenzie Riggs, Hannah Boots, Jennifer Born, Marie Wolf, Andy Walker, Matt Dickerson, Jamie Hoffmann

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Row 1-Adam Barnes, Chris Baumgart, Sam Schentrup, Alex Funke, Andrew Ritter, Craig Jochem, Tyler Swihart  
 Row 2-Brian Werner, Ryan Marx, Aaron Crowe, Wesley Dingman, Ryne Stephens  
 Row 3-Coach Brad Gilbert, Mark Modesitt, Zach Moore, Adam Lambert, Branden Clements, Lucas Nelson, Calvin Clements, Nick Farny



### Girls Swimming

Row 1-Kristen Scheller, Krista Carter, Chelsea Norman, Alyssa Miller, Stephanie Lambert, Stephanie Moll, Lindsey Blankenberger  
 Row 2-Carly Zenthoefler, Annie Weber, Melissa Padavic, Mallory Scheller, Amy Wolf, Kyla Wargel  
 Row 3- Tori Fisher, Katie Alexander, Nicole Elpers, Katie Funke, Genna Ramsbey, Coach Katie Zenthoefler, Coach Elyssa Shetler



### Football Homecoming

Row 1-Brent Weinzapfel, Chelsea Norman, Ben Ubelhor, Megan Weinzapfel, Gabriel Cuzman, Lindsey Mann, Layne Koester  
 Row 2-Abby Ubelhor, Laura Mesker, Andrea Schnur, Ali Raben, Wyatt Raben  
 Row 3-Kurt Goebel, Lauren Austin, Sam Lewis, Hannah Wagner, Adam Wolf, Ben Dausman, Kyle Crossman, Melissa Padavic, Cody Brandenstein, Ashley Gilles, Doug Gries



### Basketball Homecoming

Row 1-Alyssa Miller, Nolan King, Dalton Elpers, Kristen Scheller, Rachel Goedde, Jules Weinzapfel, Kendyl Weinzapfel  
 Row 2-Adam Ruggles, Amy Wolf, Adam Schenk, Lauren Niemeier, Jake Weinzapfel, Kayley Will, Jessie Seib, Tyler Bittner, Mallory Schenk, Alex Topper, Hannah Boots, Neil Goebel, Lindsey Will, Sam Schentrup

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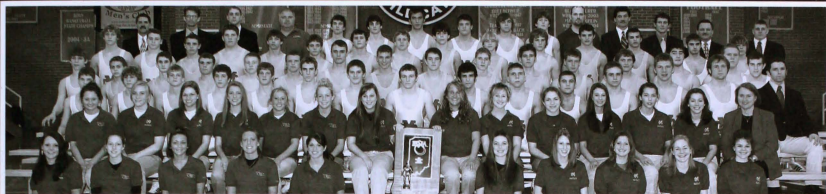
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 Row 2-Jackie Wade, Carly Zenthoef, Jennifer Born, Jordan Bartek, Alivia Scott, Courtney Adler, Keri Wickard, Marie Wolf, Audrie Koester, Mallory Goebel, Sarah Yingling, Myranda Kurzendoerfer, Liz Wargel,  
 Principal Williams  
 Row 3-Drew Will, Sean Herron, Alex Weinzapfel, Jerry Parkinson, Drew Lappe, Nick Dewig, Andy Seibert, Chris Dewitt, Frank Fabiano, Jeremy Goebel, Bart Schaefer, Jake  
 Schneider, Zach Goebel, Jason Wire, Manager Chris Emmert  
 Row 4-Stephen Lovelace, Cody Moll, Tanner Sheridan, Dan Weinzapfel, Kenny Tenbarge, Shawn Will, Matt Eickhoff, Mason  
 Kempf, Ben Fleming, Joe Butler, Alex Topper, Zach Miller, Andy Matt, Brad Niemeier, Mike Rhodes, Andy Kercher  
 Row 5-Layne Koester, Matt Sims, John Muensterman, Kurt VanWinkle,  
 Adam Weinzapfel, Brandt Lydon, Zach Schiff, Kurt Goebel, Chris Lovelace, Zeke Zenthoef, Nolan King, Nathan Dewig, Luke Dewig, Zach Haleman, Craig Nelson  
 Row 6-Coach Dewig, Dr.  
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 Helfrich, Coach John Helfrich



### Prom Court

Row 1-Joe Butler, Danielle Elsner, Paul Mindrup, Nicole Elpers, Jeremy Goebel, Andrea Schnur, Izzy Haruyama, Ben Dausman, Kayley Will, Alex Topper



### May Day Court

Row 1-Kyle Adler, Katie Alexander, Lucas Nelson, Amanda Cox, Mark Modesitt, Allison Probert, Ben Dausman, Mallory Schenk, Ben Lasher, Laura Mesker, Danielle Elsner, Nick Fanny, Hannah Wammemuehler, Corey Lannert, Katie Scheller, Matt Loehrlein, Kristen Fleck, Kevin Elliott, Meghan Berneking, Branden Clements

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### Marching Wildcat Band

Row 1-Rachel Buskavitz, Jessica Phillips, Rachel Schenk, Sarah Schneider, Rachel Sweetney, Robin Fehrenbacher  
 Row 2-Jennifer Cox, Hunter Schuler, Caleb Cox, Sarah Paciorowski, Matt Taylor, Tegan Rush  
 Row 3- Ashley Sullenger, Jessie Buskavitz, Melissa Lauderdale, Jared Beamer, Lori Lauderdale  
 Row 4-Kevin McCarrah, Katie Dockery, Brynne Guzman, Amanda Cox, Michael Niemeier



### Girls Bowling

Row 1-Hannah Jay, Jenna Whorl, Kate Weinzapfel, Haley Raben, Emma Stephens



### Teacher's Assistants

Row 1-Toni Solis, Ben Lasher, Katie Funke, Allison Probert  
 Row 2-Emily Weinzapfel, Laura Schili, Sondra Wilderman, Matt Loehrein, Rosie Mayer  
 Row 3-Ali Raben, Logan Schiff, Adam Gilles, Corey Lannert



### Student Ambassadors

Row 1-Emily Raben, Ali Raben, Corey Lannert, Kendra Scheller  
 Row 2-Paul Kempf, Laura Schili, Sarah Scott, Ben Dausman, Laura Mesker, Rosie Mayer  
 Row 3-Kevin Elliott, Nathan J. Miller, Jon Eickhoff, Emily Weinzapfel  
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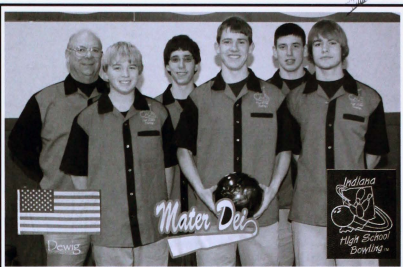
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**Boys Varsity Bowling**

Row 1-Jon Crosheart, Nathan J. Miller, Adam Butts, Jake Weinzapfel, Tegan Rush,  
Coach Joe Dippel



**Boys Reserve Bowling**

Row 1-Nathan Baehl, Zach Bittner, Dustin Scheller  
Row 2-Coach Joe Dippel, Todd Bergwitz, Justin Baker



**Academic Super Bowl and Spell Bowl**

Row 1-Pam Weinzapfel, Julia Dick, Emily Elpers, Sarah Paciorowski, Ellen Weinzapfel,  
Karen Scheller, Mackenzie Riggs  
Row 2-Andrew Ritter, Kyle Clements, Branden Clements, Ben Lasher, Chris Baumgart,  
Mark Modesitt, Ben Muensterman  
Row 3-Andy Walker, Kevin Elliott, Ashley Hoffmann, Andy Niemeier, Neil Goebel, Jason  
Wire, Ben Yingling



**Prom Committee**

Row 1- Brooke Wayne, Laura Hall Row 2-Jenna Adler, Danielle Ritter, Lauren Hoeffling,  
Michelle Kelley, Sarah Hall, Jenna Whorl Row 3-Mallory Goebel, Hannah Wagner, Rachel  
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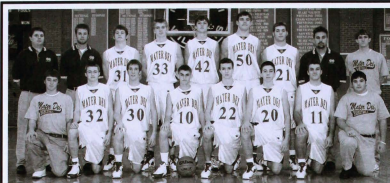
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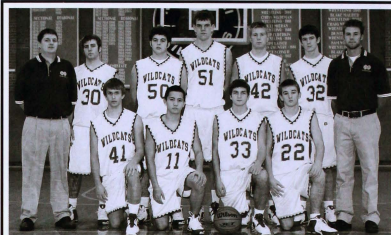
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### Boys Varsity Basketball

Row 1-Manager Jake Weinzapfel, Jared Krieg, Brandon Delig, Ben Dausman, Adam Wolf, Andy Tekoppel, Creg Cardin, Manager Ryan Musgrave  
 Row 2-Coach Kevin Moore, Coach Justin Elpers, Kelly Muensterman, Shad Macke, Paul Weinzapfel, Nathan Hassler, Paul Kempf, Coach John Goebel, Manager Corey Lannert



### Boys Reserve Basketball

Row 1-Jordan Willis, Brett Bueitel, Mitch Eickhoff, Derek Gallo  
 Row 2-Coach Kevin Moore, Jeff Pfister, Matt Price, Jake Hassler, Ryan Niemeier, Reid Grossman, Coach Justin Elpers



### Eucharistic Ministers

Row 1-Ashley Hoffmann, Nicole Elpers, Kayley Will, Allison Probert, Laura Mesker, Sarah Scott, Laura Schill, Emily Weinzapfel, Robin Fehrenbacher, Emily Elpers  
 Row 2-Michael Fischer, Natalie Fleming, Andrea Schnur, Alivia Scott, Elyse Kraft, Rachel Schenk, Sarah Paciorkowski, Rosanna Sartore, Amanda Cox, Meghan Berneking, Kristen Fleck  
 Row 3-Zach Moore, Branden Clements, Scott Schapker, Patrick McKinney, Kendra Scheller, Tegan Rush, Kim Spahn, Nathan Meredith, Tyler Bittner, Dustin Stolz, Ben Dausman, Katie Scheller, Jon Eickhoff, Andy Niemeier, Ben Lasher



### Teens for Life

Row 1-Julia Dick, Jessie Buskavitz, McKenzie Williams, Liz Wargel, Danielle Ritter, Kelsey McCord  
 Row 2-Hannah Wannenmuehler, Amanda Cox, Paul Fischer, Allison Probert, Sarah Paciorkowski, Jennifer Cox

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**Boys Freshman Basketball**

Row 1-Jerad Eickhoff, Caleb Eickhoff, Joe Major, Austin Campbell  
 Row 2- Coach Scott Slaton, Jared Mesker, Kemy Elpers, Jesse Hortsman, Corey Lipp-  
 ing, Jake Weinzapfel, Matt Dickerson, Ross Rexing, Nick Jay, Lance Koliker, Coach Craig  
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**Boys Golf**

Row 1-Matt Zeller, Jake Weinzapfel, Aaron Holm, Logan Slaton, Jacob Koresell, Will  
 Stephan, Coach Jeff Jewell  
 Row 2-Matt Loehlein, Matt Eickhoff, Jared Stratman, Jared Krieg, Mitchell Eickhoff



**Choice**

Row 1-Lauren Oliver, Brittney Schenk, Kelsey Mitsdarffer Row 2- Andrea Goebel, Tif-  
 fany Schoenbacher, Leah Weinzapfel, Caitlyn Muensterman, Chelsea Norman, Alyssa  
 Miller, Kristyn Seibert, Ellen Raben Row 3- Michael Fischer, Adam Gilles, Joe Butler, Alex  
 Vanhooser, Jesse Vanhooser, Lauren Austin, Allison Schenk Row 4-DJ Hortsman, Frank  
 Fabiano



**Pep Club**

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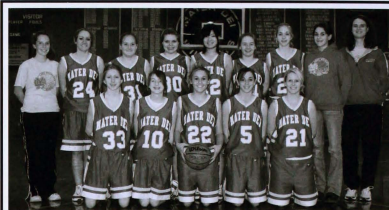
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### Girls Reserve Basketball

Row 1-Caroline Niemeier, Caitlyn Muensterman, Mackenzie Parkinson, Jamie Tekoppel, Keri Coebel  
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 Row 3- Sam Moore, Chris Baumgart, Ben Muensterman, Amanda Cox  
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### Boys Track

Row 1-Aaron Feldhaus, Andrew Ritter, Luke Dewig, Zeke Zenthoefler, Josh Beach, Brandt Lydon, Kurt Goebel, Jordan Chapman, Drew Will, Russel McKinney  
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### Boys Reserve Baseball

Row 1-Andrew Harsh, Andrew Robinson, Sam Fleming, Logan Fisher, Reid Grossman, Jacob Tison, Cody Voyles  
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