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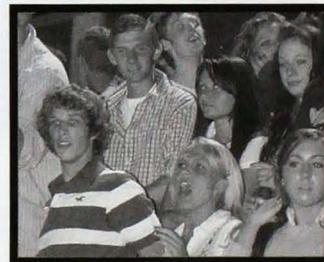
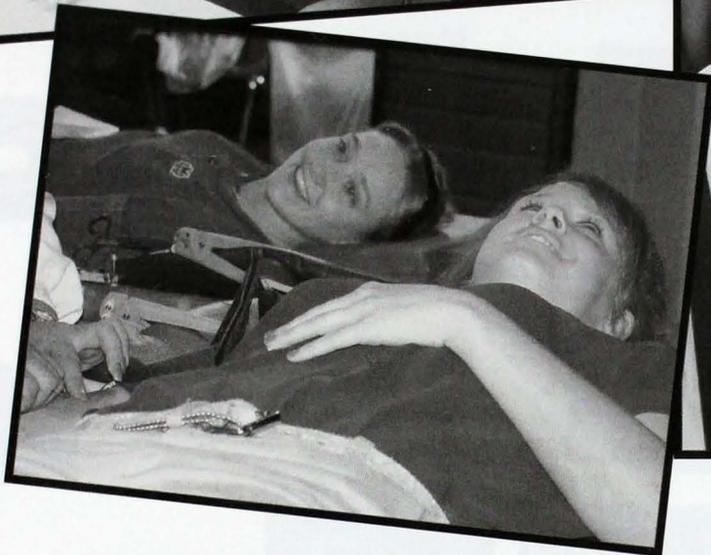
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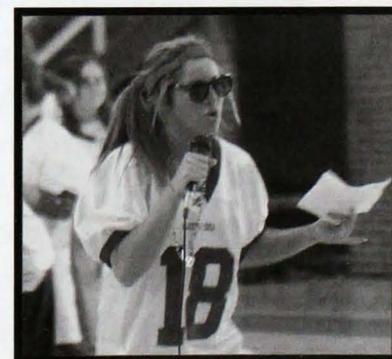
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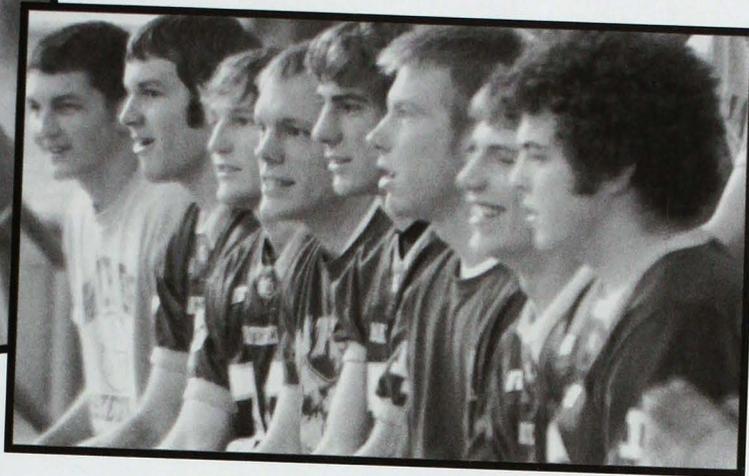


Go Mater Dei
 Show your spirits bold
 Keep your colors flying
 Loyal red and royal gold
 RAH! RAH! RAH!
 Sons brave and dauntless
 Daughters ever true
 Victory and glory
 That's our story
 Mater Dei we're proud of you!
 W-I W-I W-I-L-D
 C-A C-A C-A-T-S
 W-I-L-D-C-A-T-S W-I-L-D-C-A-T-S
 CATS! CATS! WHOO!



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When entering Mater Dei as freshmen,
three things come to mind.

All students feel the overwhelming pressure to succeed and
become the people our families dreamed of.

We also have endless worries about what our peers think.

We wonder whether we have too much gel
in our hair or if our makeup is perfect.

We have all been involved in high school activities
where we are the underdogs and do not know
where we belong.

As we continue through our high school years,
we change and grow into completely
different people with friends who will last a lifetime.

Three different things now come to mind.
Instead of the overwhelming pressure to please our
parents with our grades,
overwhelming pressure is now placed by ourselves,
on our own shoulders, to succeed in the real world.

Instead of being worried about what others think,
we have finally become our own people
with our own ideas and dreams.

Instead of feeling like lost freshmen,
we now are the leaders, making our ideas come to life.

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P E O P L E



The seniors who act as freshman mentors gather at the beginning of the year to contemplate how to make the incoming freshmen feel like they belong in a world that they have never before been a part of. These underclassmen have been thrown into a school where many students already feel they belong. Now, as we look back over this year, we see that all of the classes played an important part in making this year the best possible. From being a freshman in Student Council to being a junior attending Prom with the seniors, everyone was involved.



Staff

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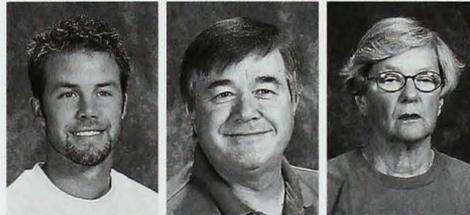
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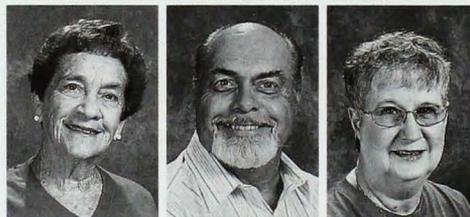
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Joe Dippel
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Justin Elpers
Thomas Ennis
Sara Flener



Rosemary Freeman
Tom Galbreath
Bobbie Gibbs



Shall We Dance?

The Rumba, the West Coast Swing, the Peabody, and the Waltz. Have you ever heard of these dances? Every Monday night for two months, Mrs. Tornatta, Mrs. Benko, and Ms. Ulrich allowed their partners to "take the lead" in a ballroom dancing class they joined.

Led by Mrs. Weber and her husband, along with several other instructors, sixty couples gathered in St. Joe's gym to learn how to ballroom dance.

"I decided to take ball-

room dancing classes with my fiancé so that we could learn how to dance before our wedding," said Ulrich.

Benko had to convince her husband to take the classes. However, once he discovered that Ms. Ulrich and her fiancé, Mr. West, would be there too, he was willing to try the class.

When ballroom dancing, it is important to hold a strong frame, keep the rhythm of the music, and let the man lead.

Both Benko and Ulrich

agreed that letting their partners lead was the most difficult part of the experience. "It was just hard to sit back and let someone else be completely in charge," said Benko.

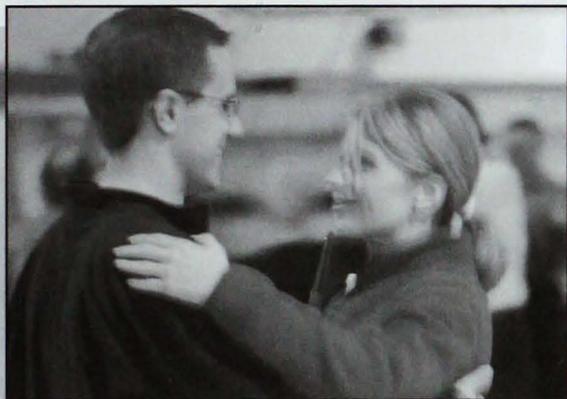
Both teachers recommend the classes to anyone interested in learning the basics of ballroom dancing. "It's a fun way to bond with your partner and try something new," said Ulrich.

Christie Kelley '08



John Goebel
Mike Goebel
Sue Greulich
Debbie Haton
Monique Head
Ethel Helfrich
Sr. Donna Marie Herr

Joe Herrmann
Ron Hickman
Jeff Jewell
Rick Keith
Mary Jo Kirchoff
Darin Knight
Michelle Krack



Above, Mr. and Mrs. Benko complete a turn during their ballroom dancing class. The couple enrolled in the class to learn dance techniques and to spend time together. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Leslie Krodel
Becky Larson
Donna Lefler

Jennifer Lintzenich
Mary Jane Little
John McMullen

To the left, Mr. and Mrs. Tornatta look at their feet to check their steps. Keeping in step is one of the hardest skills to master. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Ms. Ulrich and her fiancé laugh together while completing a dance during the class. The couple enrolled in the class to prepare for their wedding reception at the end of December. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



To the left, English teacher Mrs. Benko and her husband have fun dancing. The class ended with a dance finale in which everyone showed off their skills. Photo by: Maria Nelson



Don Metzler
Wynn Mitchell
Beth Ann Murray
Laura Niemeier
Bill Nosko
Carol Nurrenbern



Ruby Nurrenbern
Julie Payne
Darlene Quinlin
Kevin Quinlin
Shea Reneer



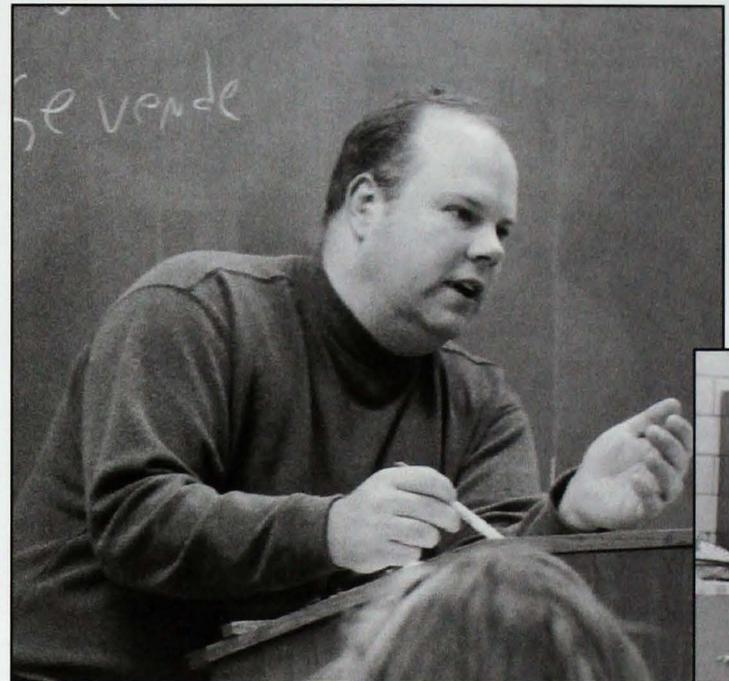
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Cora Ritchie



Steve Rode
Rose Rogge

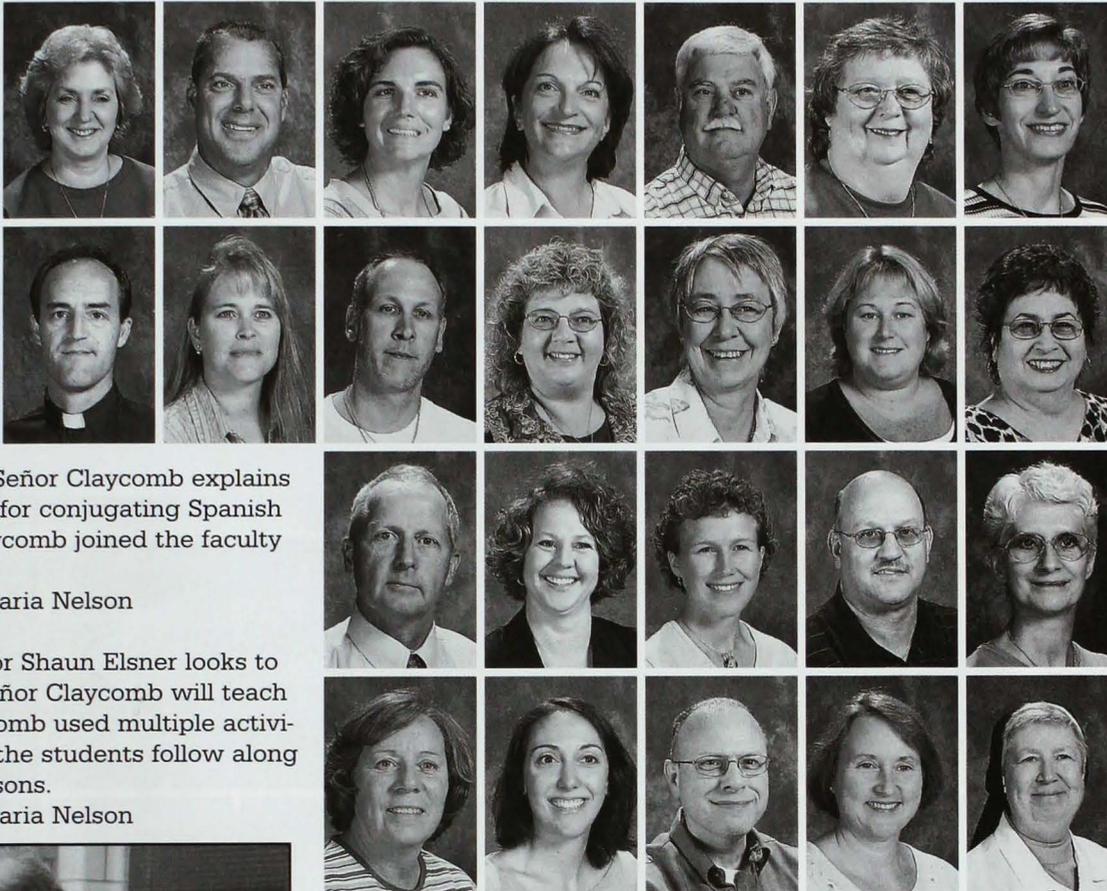


*"It is the supreme
art of the teacher
to awaken joy in
creative expression
and knowledge."
~Albert Einstein*



Mr. Claycomb uses the overhead projector to show his students how to complete the next assignment. Spanish students were expected to speak in Spanish whenever they were in Mr. Claycomb's room.
Photo by: Maria Nelson





Tonya Schenk
Robert Schleiter
Debra Schorr
Kathy Scott
Roger Sills
Linda Skelton
Sheila Spaulding

Fr. Ken Steckler
Angela Strehl
Dennis Thomas
Jeanne Thomas
Jeanne Tornatta
Kelly Ubelhor
Joan Vickery

Carl Voegel
Sarah Wagner
Toni Wallace
Dave Wathen
Kathy Weber

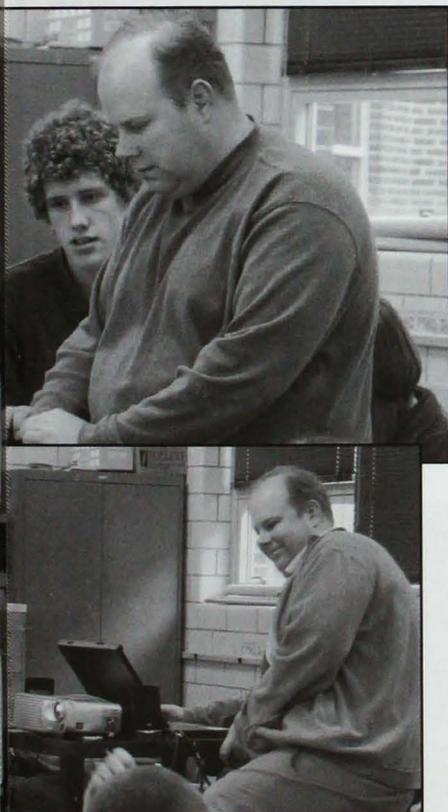
Molly Weber
Lee Ann West
Scott Whitehouse
Marie Williams
Sr. Mary Francis Williams

To the left, Señor Claycomb explains the reasons for conjugating Spanish words. Claycomb joined the faculty this year.

Photo by: Maria Nelson

Below, senior Shaun Elsner looks to see what Señor Claycomb will teach next. Claycomb used multiple activities to help the students follow along with his lessons.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



Mr. Claycomb sits at his laptop to lecture. Claycomb used many worksheets and overhead exercises to teach his classes.

Photo by: Maria Nelson

¡Hola Señor Claycomb!

This year, students were introduced to a new Spanish teacher, Señor Claycomb.

Mr. Claycomb came to Mater Dei for many reasons. According to Claycomb, "the opportunity to work with some great young adults," was the main one.

Claycomb studied at various universities and institutes before he became a teacher. He attended USI and studied at Universitat Salzburg in Austria, El tec de Monterrey in Querétaro, México, and the IMAC Language Institute in Guadalajara, México.

After he became a Spanish teacher, Claycomb said that the most surprising thing he learned was "how often one can use their knowledge of Spanish in Evansville."

"After mentioning to a few people that I was studying the language, my phone started to ring. Almost overnight, I had

doctors' offices, the probation office, and churches calling me to translate. Due to this, I was able to work part-time while studying," said Claycomb.

One of Claycomb's goals is to teach students to speak Spanish fluently.

The change in teachers and lesson plans has presented students with an opportunity to improve their foreign language skills before they head off to face the world.

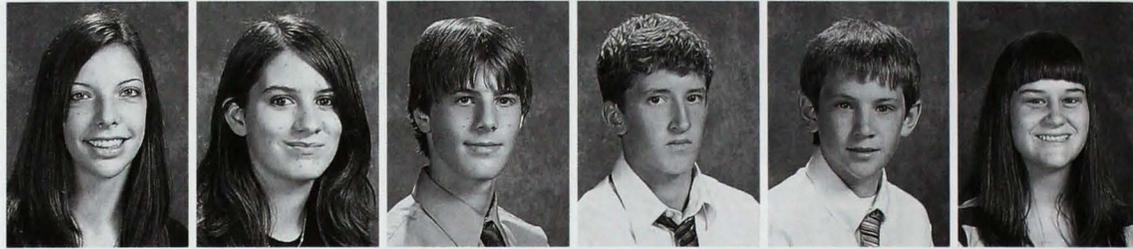
Emily Huff '07



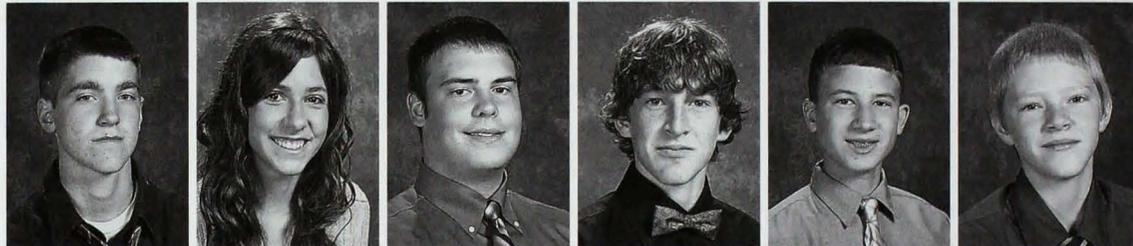
Freshman

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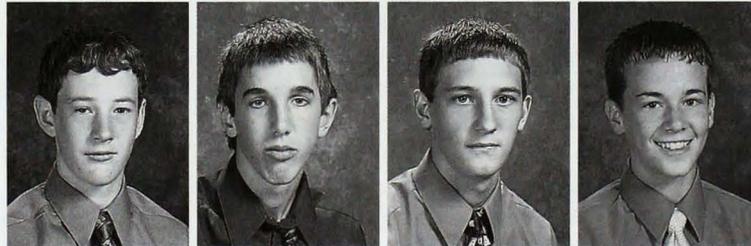
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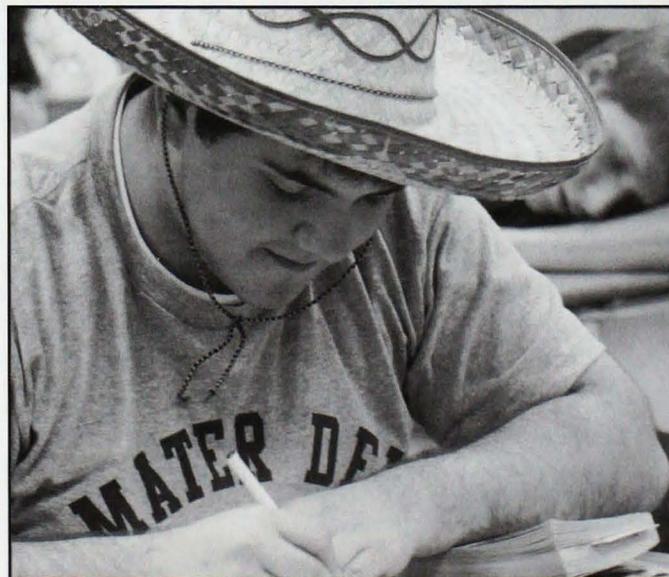


Tyler Collins
 Matthew Coudret
 Zachary Crawford
 Matthew Culley



German exchange student Domenico Schiro works on a Spanish assignment. Schiro enjoyed speaking several different languages.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



Zhuoying Li, known by most of the students as Emily, reads a book before school begins. Li came to Mater Dei and adapted to a completely different lifestyle from China.
 Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

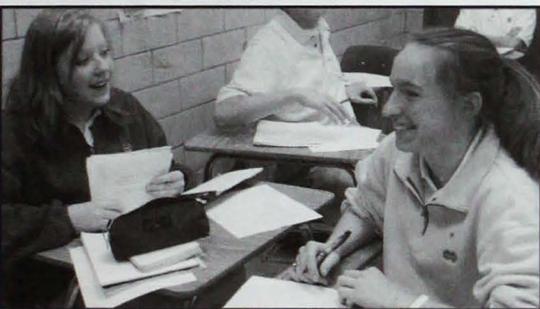
Class of 2010



Bryce Dolletzki
Danielle Downing
Roger Dunkelbarger
Brayden Elpers
Cameron Elpers
Katie Elpers



Miranda Elpers
Gabriel Eltzroth
Seth Englert
Matthew Fischer
Ashleigh Fluty
Dante Fratturo



Logan Frazer
Brooklyn Fulton
Stephanie Gentry

Dorothea "Doro" Eigenbrod laughs while working on an assignment with junior Sarah Luigs. Eigenbrod enjoyed making new friends while at Mater Dei. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Foreign Experiences

Traveling to different parts of the world and experiencing new cultures and ways of life is an aspiration of many Mater Dei students. While few students are able to afford a journey across the world at this point in their lives, they are able to explore different cultures by interacting with the foreign exchange students who come to Mater Dei every year.

This year, Mater Dei hosted three exchange students: Dorothea (Doro) Eigenbrod and Domenico (Dom) Schiro from Germany,

and Zhuoying (Emily) Li from China.

"I like the United States, but it's hard to understand the people," commented Eigenbrod on her experiences in America.

Li enjoyed the fact that in America school is only five days a week because in China it is six days a week. "We go to school from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., and sometimes to 9:45 p.m. every day," explained Li about her school days back home.

These students encountered many surprises as

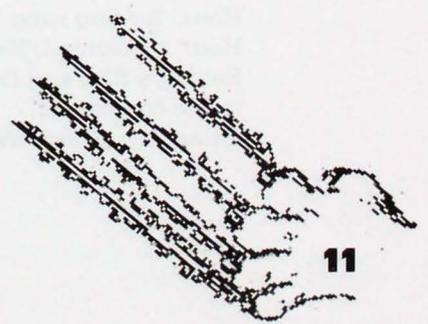
they entered Mater Dei.

"I was surprised that it was so easy to get around in such a big school because it is just a big circle," commented Schiro on his first impression of our school.

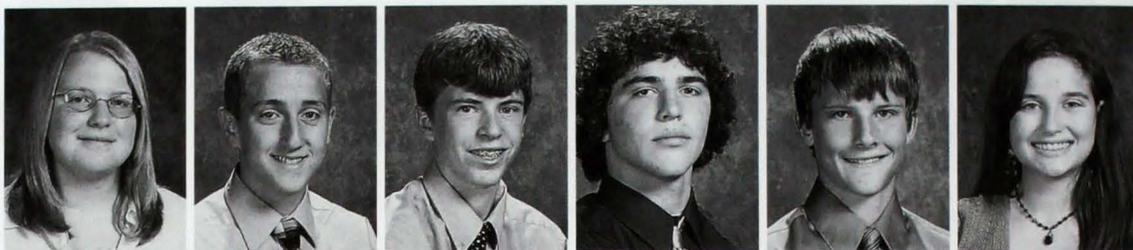
"I like the students at Mater Dei," Li said of her encounters with American students.

This experience will be remembered as one of the most self-changing times in these young students' lives, and in the lives of those they touched while at Mater Dei.

Pamela Weinzapfel '08



Kimberly Glinis
 Dante Grasso
 Corbin Green
 Joseph Haas
 Nickolas Halbig
 Chynna Hall



Neil Hammelman
 Amber Hayden
 Andrew Heichelbech



Katherine Helfrich
 Jenna Hunt
 Brandon Johnson

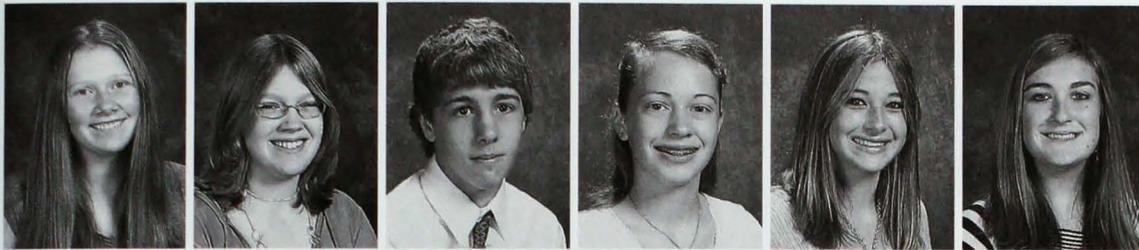


Emily Jolly
 Chelsea Jones
 Murphy Jones



Senior Jewel Reising performs at the annual Fall Festival Amateur Hour. Reising sang "Somebody's Hero" by Jamie O'Neal. This was Reising's fifth and final performance in the contest.
 Photos by: Valerie Wire





Kimberly Kayser
Erin Kelley
Andrew Kempf
Jessica Kempf
Lauren Kempf
Veronica Ketzner



Claire Knapp
Brian Krieg
Lindsey Krietemeyer
Cara Kuester
Michelle Lambert



Ryan Lane
Hadley Lannert
Hank LaRue
Lori Lauderdale

Sophomore Lindsay Mann performs "No One Else on Earth" by Wynonna Judd. Mann sings in the concert choir at Mater Dei. Photos by: Valerie Wire



Jason Learned
Amanda Lehman
John Lewis

"To do easily what is difficult for others is the mark of talent. To do what is impossible for talent is the maker of genius."
-Henri Frederic Amiel,
Philosopher



Kayla Lydon
Alexandra Martin
Anthony Martin

Talent Shows Through Students

In the fall, leaves change colors, there is a chill in the air, and Evansville gears up for the Fall Festival. Not only did Mater Dei students prepare their stomachs for food consumption, but six gifted students prepared themselves for the talent contest as well. At the Fall Festival, these six students competed in the annual Amateur Hour contest.

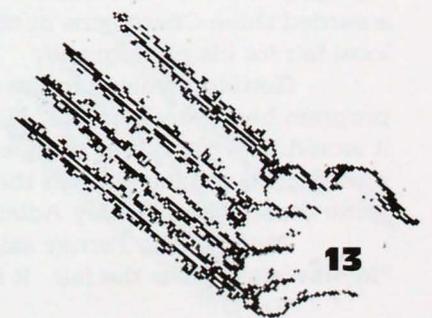
This year, the Mater Dei Amateur Hour contenders were senior Jewel Reising, sophomores Heather Wargel, Natalie Martin, and Lindsay Mann, and freshmen Sara Blankenberger and Brooke Schmitt.

While none made it to the finals on Friday, all the girls worked hard to be ready for their performances and did the best they could in the extremely competitive show.

"Before performing, I feel nervous but afterwards, I feel accomplished because of the support of the audience," commented Reising. Reising received runner-up on Thursday night.

The Amateur Hour contest is a great indication of what Mater Dei has to offer in musical and dance talent.

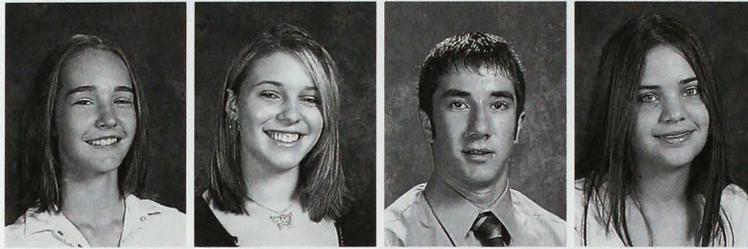
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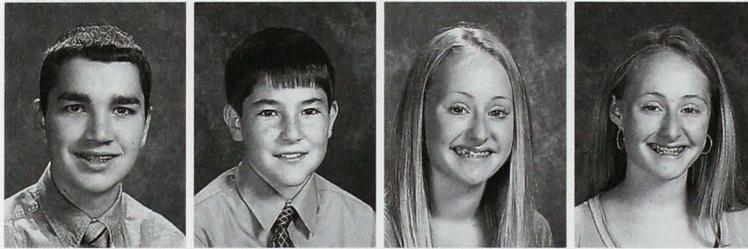
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Elizabeth Mayer



Stephany McNeely
Caitlyn Mitchell
Michael Montgomery
Mary Morrow



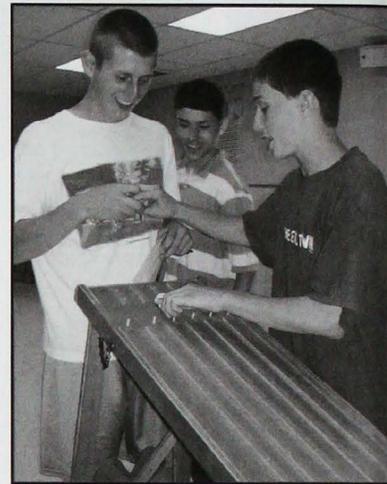
William Muensterman
Craig Niemeier
Kayla Niemeier
Kendyl Niemeier



Michael Norman
Brooke Nurrenbern
Alison Olsen



While conducting an experiment, senior Neil Goebel laughs with fellow 4-H members. Goebel has been involved in agriculture his entire life. Photo provided by: Matt Market



Head, Heart, Hands, and Health

Showing pigs, taking photos, woodworking, cooking, and sewing all have one thing in common: Mater Dei students enter 4-H competitions in these categories each year.

Their involvement ranges from showing pigs to entering photography. Junior Matt Market was awarded three Champions at the local fair for his photography.

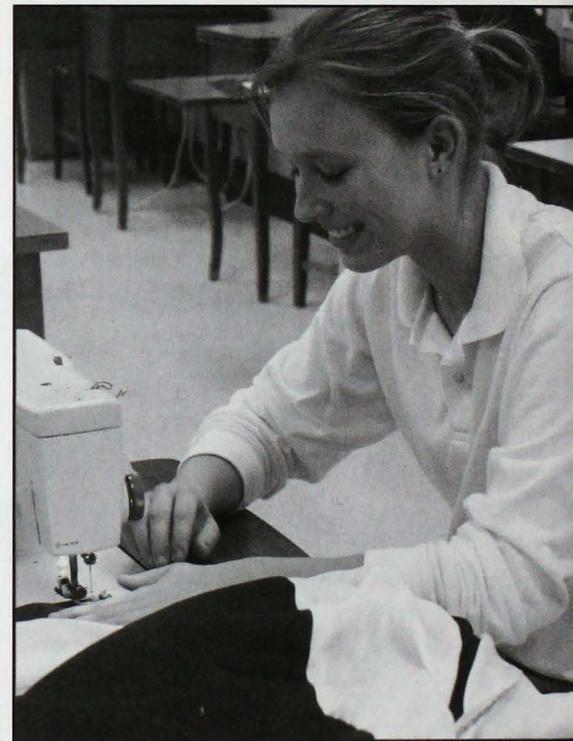
Getting involved in the 4-H program has many benefits. "I knew it would be a great way to meet new people and have fun at the same time," junior Ashley Adler said.

Junior Alicia Farney said, "My favorite part is the fair. It is a

chance to hang out with everyone else in 4-H and meet new people."

Senior Neil Goebel is very involved in the 4-H program. In addition to competing in woodworking and tractor pulling, he is also in many clubs that the 4-H sponsors, such as Junior Leaders and Youth Council. This year, he placed fourth in tractor pulling with 4500 pounds.

These 4-H members also get involved in the community. "The club does many service projects and donates money to various organizations," junior Lindsey Blankenberger, who is vice-president of the St. Wendel All-Star Clovers, said. Blanken-



berger competes in the Home Environment category and received a Champion for her project.

Whether it's making a craft or pulling a tractor, Mater Dei students find a way to enjoy their hobbies through 4-H.

Maria Nelson '08



Allison Pfister
Kasey Polk
Kelsey Powers
Alex Raben
Lauren Raber
Adam Reckelhoff



Elizabeth Reis
Rachel Rexing
Benjamin Richardson
Samuel Risley
Audrey Rister
Emily Rodenberg



Danielle Russler
Ryan Schapker
Clare Scheller
Alissa Schenk
Brennen Schenk
Jacob Scheu

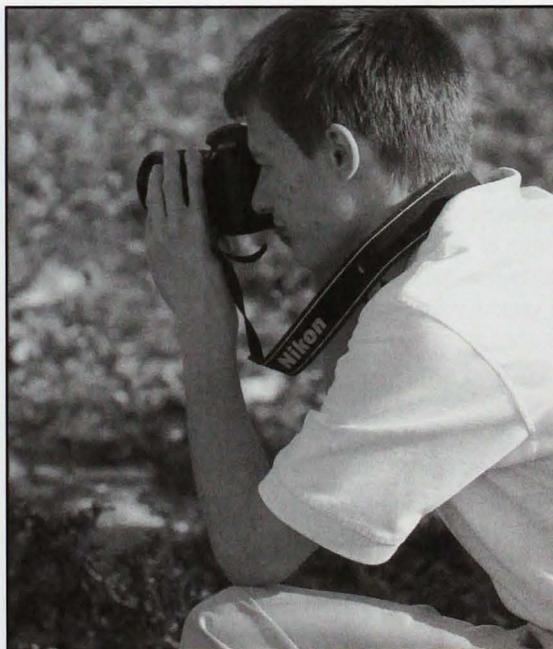
To the left, junior Lindsey Blankenberger sews a project of her own design together. Blankenberger sewed the dress that she wore to the Christmas Dance this year.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



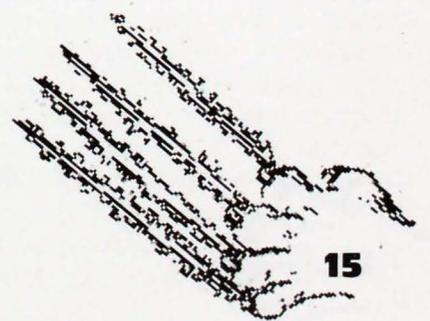
Brooke Schmitt
Cody Schmitt
Matthew Schneider
Megan Schneider



Above, senior Andy Walker shaves his sheep for the Vanderburgh County 4-H Fair. Showing sheep is a family affair for Walker and his younger sister Amy, who also shows sheep.
Photo provided by: Matt Market



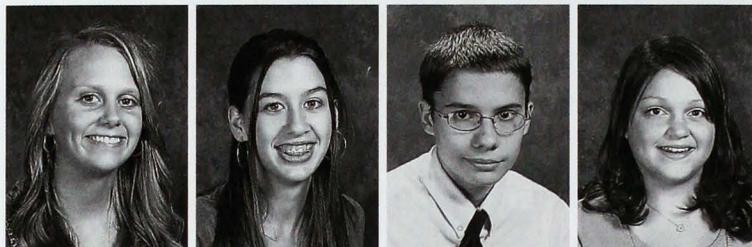
Junior Matt Market takes photos for his 4-H project. Market received a Grand Champion on one of his photographs.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



Michael Schneider
 Jordan Schnur
 Jaclyn Schoolfield
 Nicholas Schweizer
 Hope Seibert
 Lauren Seitz



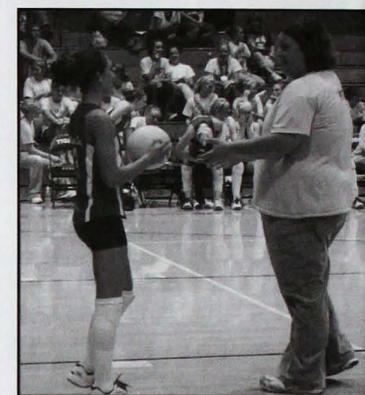
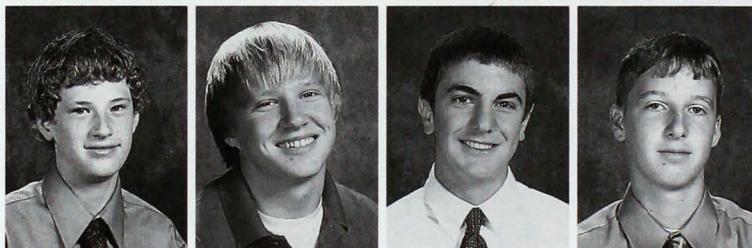
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 Matthew Stagg
 Kathryn Steinkamp



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 Eric Tepool



Zachary Tromley
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 Bradley Wannemuehler
 Alex Wannemueller

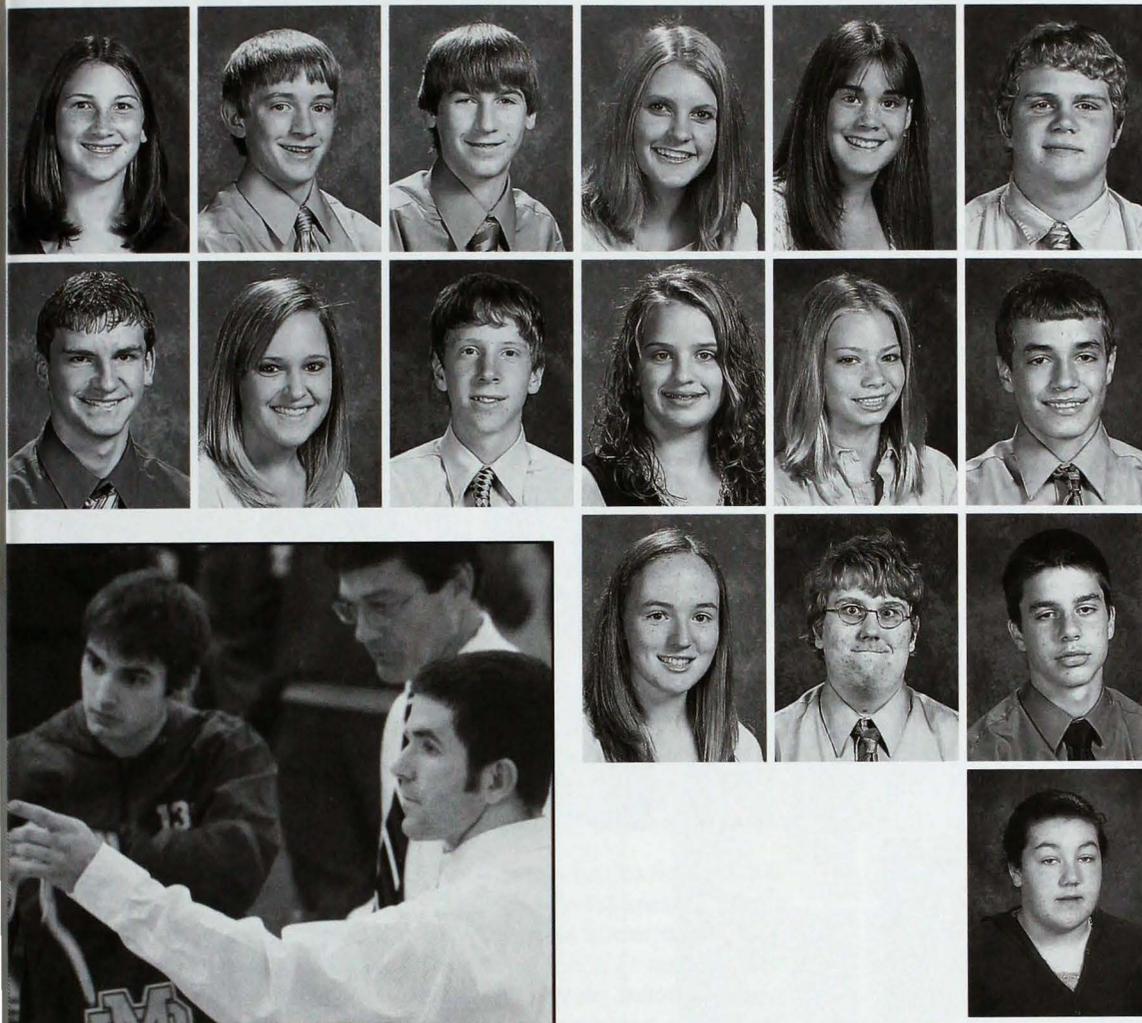


Above, senior Emilee Petitjean hands a volleyball to senior Jenna Adler. Petitjean was the volleyball team manager. Photo by: Liz Wargel

To the right, senior Chris Emmert shows junior Zach Haleman and Coach Goebel where to sit. Emmert has been the wrestling team manager since his freshman year. Photo by: Maria Nelson

As football student manager, senior Ryan Musgrave makes sure the football players have water during time-outs. Musgrave worked hard all season to ensure the team had everything they needed. Photo by: Maria Nelson





Katelyn Wargel
 Mark Wargel
 Tyler Wargel
 Jillian Weinzapfel
 Olivia Weinzapfel
 Kyle Weis

William Weis
 Stephanie Wheeler
 Aaron Wildeman
 Corinne Wildeman
 Annelise Will
 Scott Will

Jessica Wilson
 Joshua Woodward
 Zachary Zeller

Emily Zirkelbach

The Heroes Behind Us

A team is only as good as those who assist them. This holds true for all Mater Dei athletic teams. The student managers work hard to help the sports teams they oversee run smoothly and consistently. Managers are a vital part of the team they work with.

The football managers help prepare for games and practices. Junior Jared Stratman became a manager because he had surgery and was unable to play football.

"I like managing because I like being a part of the team even though I can't play. I like the atmosphere of the games,"

said Stratman.

Senior Chris Emmert is a manager for the wrestling team. His duties consist of making sure all equipment is ready to use and the laundry is done after each meet.

"I am a manager for many reasons," said Emmert. "It gives me satisfaction to help the wrestlers. I enjoy being considered a part of the team."

No matter what sport these students are managing, they are important to how the team runs and performs. Their dedication to the sport helps the players and coaches perform their best.

Lauren Grabert '08



Sophomore

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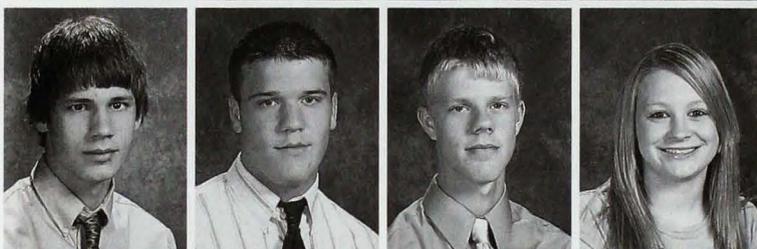
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Christopher Alexander
Greg Alles
Justin Baker



Austin Bigge
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Megan Blankenberger
Mason Blankenship



Weston Brandenstein
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Cortney Carr
Krista Carter



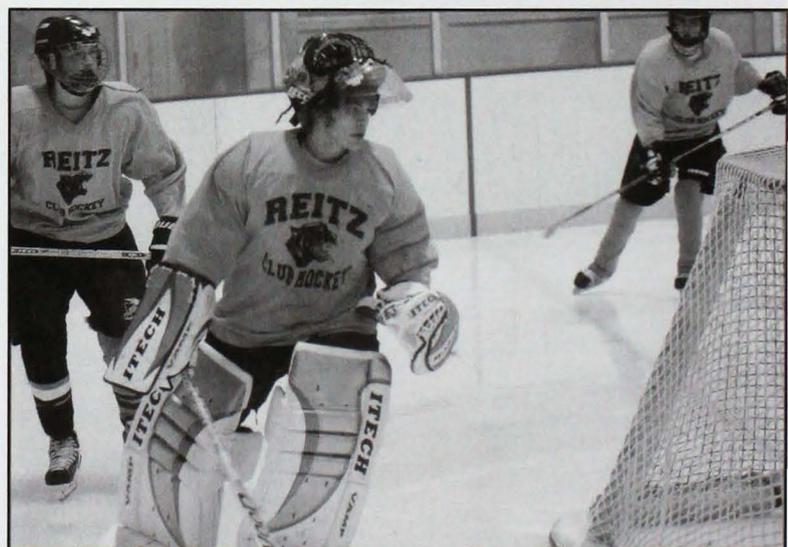
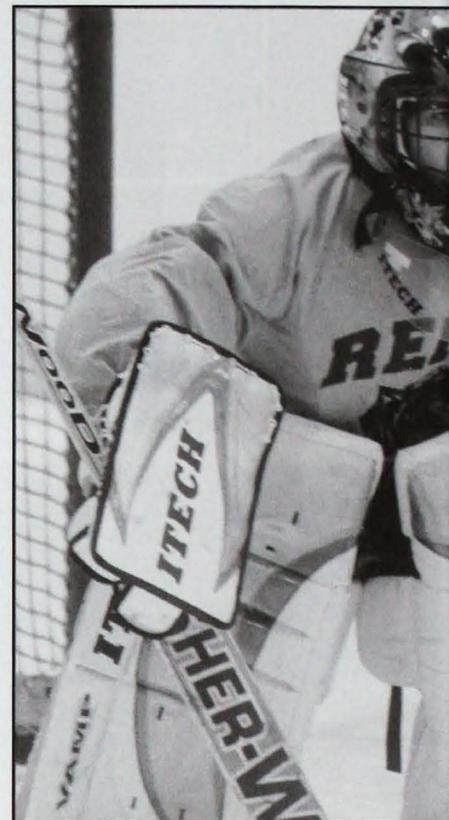
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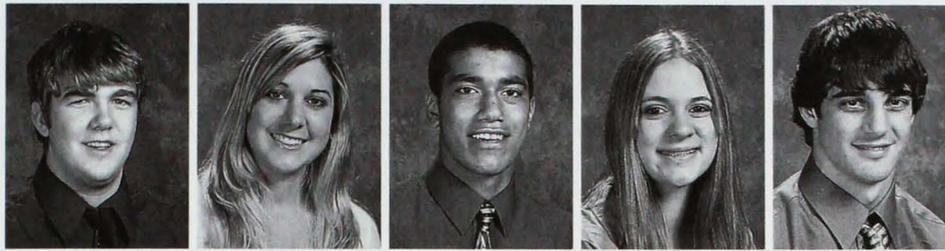
Junior Dustin Scheller heads to the front of the goal he is defending. Scheller has been playing hockey for eight years.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Above and to the right, junior Dustin Scheller watches intently as his team fights to score a goal. Scheller played for Reitz's hockey team because there was no team at Mater Dei.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

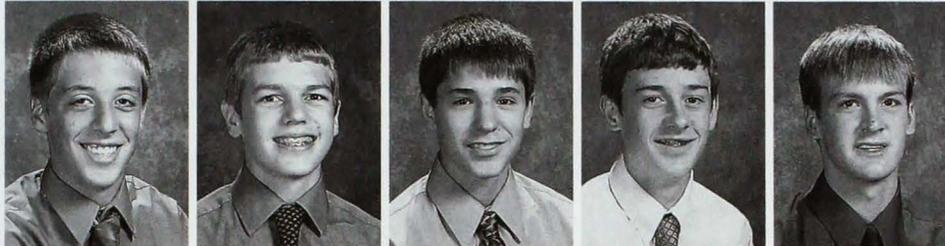
To the right, junior Dustin Scheller reaches for the puck as an opponent tries to slip past and score a goal. Scheller, sophomore Austin Bigge, and junior Kevin McGarrah all played at Swonder's Ice Arena.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



Class of 2009



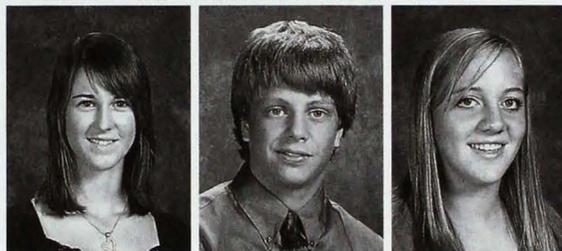
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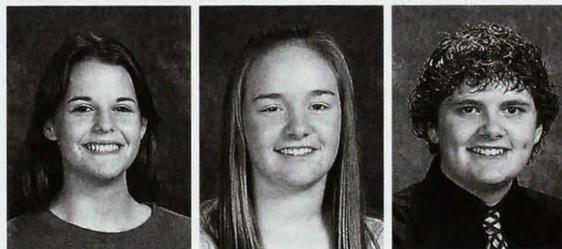
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Aaron Feldhaus



Stephanie Fields
Samuel Fleming
Audrey Folz



Sarah C. Folz
Sarah J. Folz
Kasey Fuller



Hitting the Ice

It is hard to skate. It is even harder to skate while attempting to prevent a small puck from slipping into a goal. However, three students enjoy checking their opponents into the walls and diving to save a goal.

Sophomore Austin Bigge plays hockey for Castle High School. Bigge has been playing hockey since he was in the fourth grade. This year, he played the wing position for Castle. Hockey is a fast-paced, exciting game. Bigge said his favorite part of the game is being able to hit people."

On the other side of the

ice, junior Kevin McGarrah played defense. This year, he played for North. McGarrah has been involved in hockey for eleven years and loves the rush he gets when he is playing. "My favorite part is the amount of skill required to play. I also like checking people," McGarrah said.

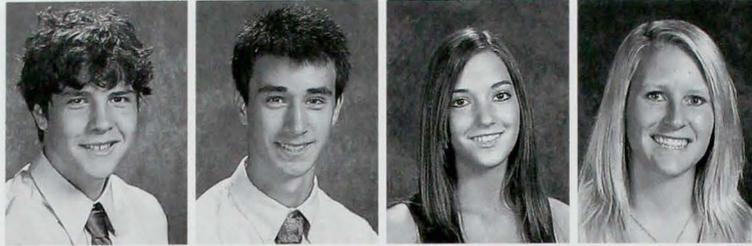
Also playing on the defensive side was junior Dustin Scheller. Scheller was Reitz's goalie this year. Before each game, Scheller worked in the ice around the goal to make sure he had good traction. Throughout the games, he sacrificed his body to make sure that no one scored on him.

Hockey may not be a well-known sport, but it is a very exciting one with a lot of action. Though it is a tough sport to master, these three boys have done it.

Maria Nelson '08



Nicholas Fulling
 Timothy Gaisser
 Stephanie Gallo
 Carrie Goebel



Junior Kayleen Glaser spreads mulch at Kid's Kingdom. As part of the service committee, Glaser helped out on many TAC projects, including the work done at Kid's Kingdom.

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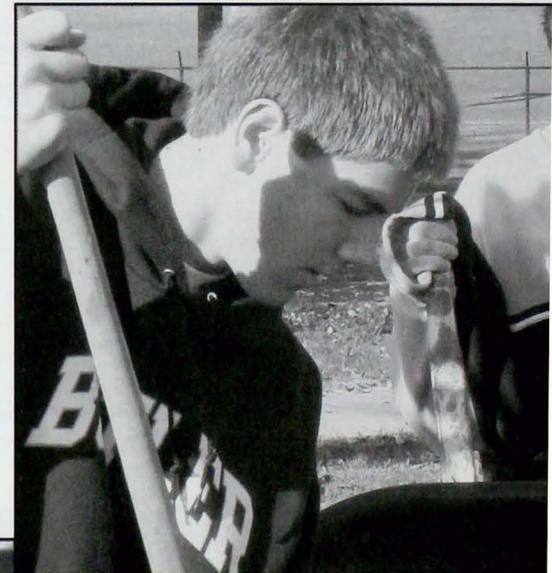
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Shawn Hess
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 Aaron Holm
 Jesse Horstman



Abby Harty
 Bryce Huff
 Maggie Hurm



Nicholas Jay
 Jared Jochem
 Jennifer Kelley



Sophomore Heather Wargel and junior Rachel Sweeney discuss the agenda for the special events committee during a TAC meeting.
 Photo by: Maria Nelson

"TAC offers students a chance to see a world that they would not normally see. It also offers them a chance to help fix problems they see."
 ~Kayleen Glaser

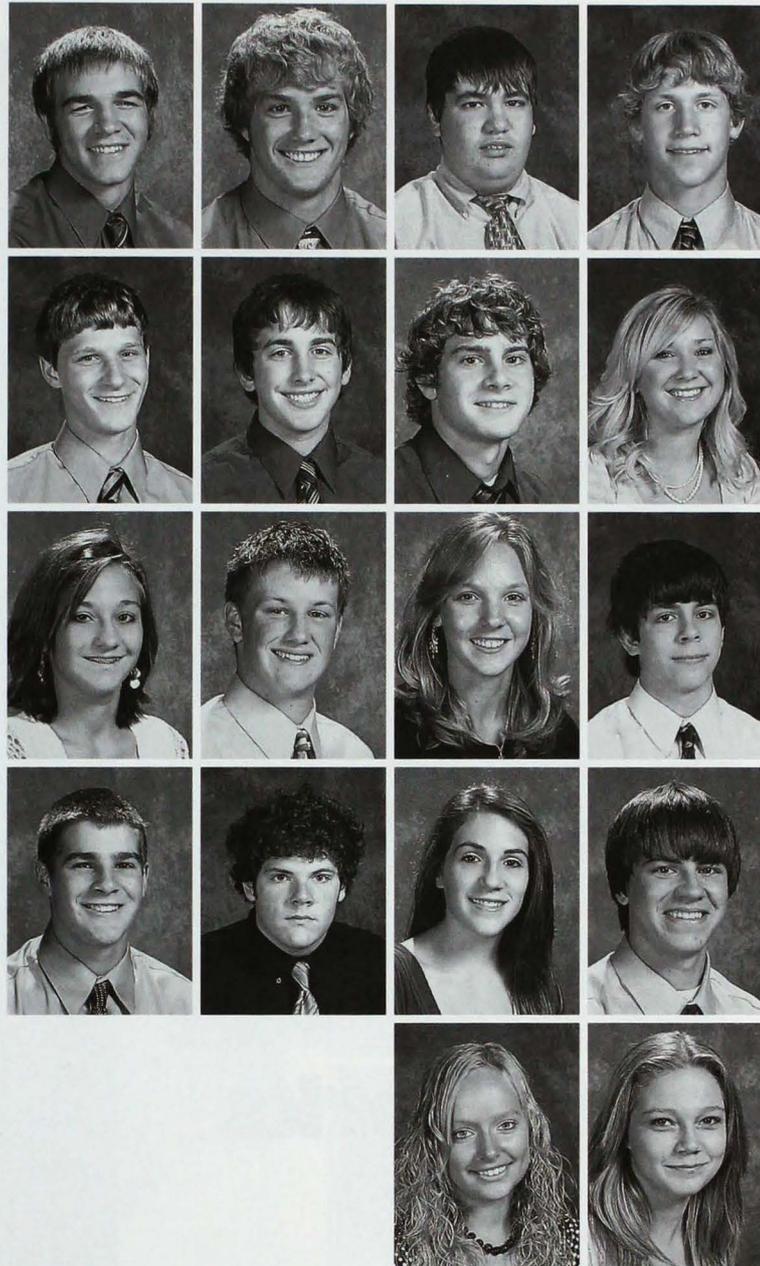




Sophomore Heather Wargel rakes a pile of leaves together in an effort to clean up Kid's Kingdom, a playground located downtown by the river walkway. Photo by: Maria Nelson



First-year member sophomore Andrew Ritter and a fellow TAC member shovel mulch out of a wheelbarrow during a work day at Kid's Kingdom. Photo by: Maria Nelson



John Kercher
Nolan King
Daniel Klueg
Layne Koester

Lance Kollker
Jacob Koressel
Sam Kuban
Stephanie Lambert

Taylor Lannert
Corey Lipking
Emily Loehrlein
Christopher Lovelace

Joseph Major
Jacob Manchette
Lindsay Mann
Tyler Marshall

Kayla Martin
Natalie Martin

Setting Sights On the City

Mater Dei Students help Evansville Through the TAC Youth Organization

Every Friday morning at 5:55 a.m., teens from high schools all over Evansville gather together for the Teen Advisory Council (TAC). The main focus of TAC is to better the community by youth involvement through service projects.

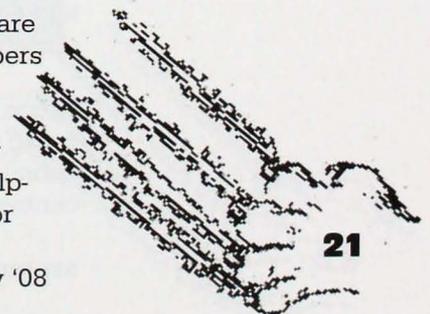
"I decided to join TAC because I was interested in helping the youth of Evansville," said first-year member sophomore Andrew Ritter.

Mater Dei is represented in TAC by ten students. Junior Maria Nelson was elected into the office as historian for the 2006-2007 school year.

Many city-wide projects are funded by TAC. The Kid's Kingdom playground was painted and landscaped by TAC. Other projects, such as Lights Out After School, Family Fun Day, and shadowing school board and county commission meetings are also a part of the TAC experience. Members of TAC completed a total of about 1,500 service hours last year.

"TAC is a great way to meet new people who have the same interest in helping the community as you do," said senior McKenzie Williams.

Christie Kelley '08



Nicholas Mathew
Ethan Mayer
Zachary McDermott
Russel McKinney
Nina Meredith



Jared Mesker
Alyssa Miller
Zachary Mischler
Nicholas Mochau
Stephanie Moll



Junior Elizabeth Wagner gets help from Ms. Rogge during Creative Writing class. Many students take this elective course to improve their overall writing ability.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

John Muensterman
M. Caitlin Muensterman
Christina Murray



Craig Nelson
Caroline Niemeier
Katelyn Niemeier



published works BY OUR OWN

In the past, Mater Dei students have achieved success in the writing contests sponsored by Creative Communication and Vincennes University. According to Ms. Rogge, the writing contest sponsor, Mater Dei has had multiple award winners, and many published poets and writers.

Mater Dei has had several winners published in Creative Communication's regional contest. In one year, two of Mater Dei's students were published in the same anthology. No other school in Evansville has had the distinction of having two winners published in the same anthology.

During her freshman year, sophomore Jamie Wildeman won a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond for being named among the Top Ten writers for her submission to Creative Communication's writing contest.

In addition to the winners, many other aspiring poets and writers have had their works



published by this company. Having so many published authors has earned Mater Dei a writing achievement certificate on three separate occasions.

As juniors, seniors Laura Lutz and Mackenzie Riggs were the winners of the poetry and short story divisions of the Vincennes University contest, called Autumn Voices. Both received cash prizes of \$75.

"While the cash awards have not been large, the writing achievements of our young authors demonstrate that Mater Dei students excel in the arts as well as on the athletic field," said Rogge. Regardless of the prize, Mater Dei students have demonstrated their writing ability time and again.

Emily Huff '07



Chelsea Norman
Landon Oliver
Lincoln Oliver
Sarah Kate Osborne
Mackenzie Parkinson



Devan Partain
Blair Price
Megan Prickett
Joseph Pugh
Ellen Raben

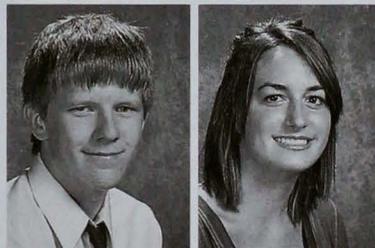


Haley Raben
Martha Reising
Ross Rexing
Andrew Ritter
Cassidy Rodenberg

Senior Mackenzie Riggs fills out a form to send a poem to the Vincennes Autumn Voices writing contest. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



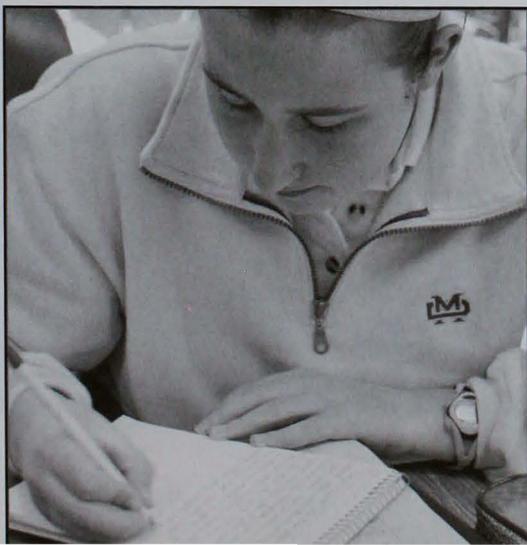
Kelsey Rolley
Breanna Sartore



Daniel Scheller
Kristen Scheller



Senior Alex Bigge receives advice on revising a paper from Ms. Rogge. Ms. Rogge used instructional time to help students individually. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



To the left, junior Pam Weinzapfel writes a journal entry during class. Ms. Rogge required her Creative Writing students to write journal entries every day to expand their writing skills. Photo by: Mackenzie Riggs



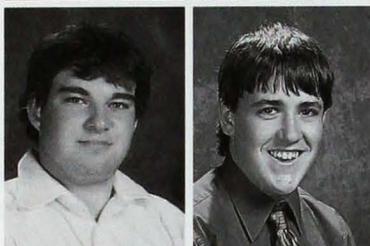
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Kristyn Seibert
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Dana Tungate



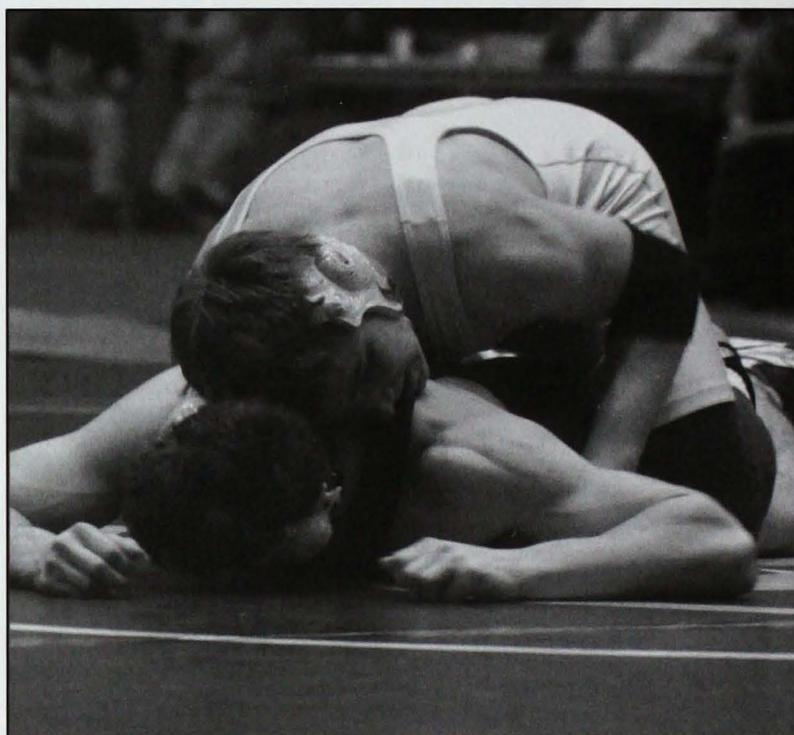
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Jesse Vanhooser



Kurt VanWinkle
Lacey Voegel



As his opponent tries to free himself, junior Jacob Schneider holds him down. Schneider has been wrestling since the beginning of grade school.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



For the Love of the Match

Many student athletes prefer to take time off at the end of their sports seasons, while others continue with another sport. Not many students choose to participate and practice a sport on their own time even after the official IHSAA season has ended.

It takes dedication and a true connection to the sport to freely give up so much personal time. Juniors Jake Schneider and Drew Will both compete in wres-

ting tournaments after the Mater Dei season has ended.

"I love the sport. It helps me stay in shape and it allows me to gain new experiences," commented Schneider.

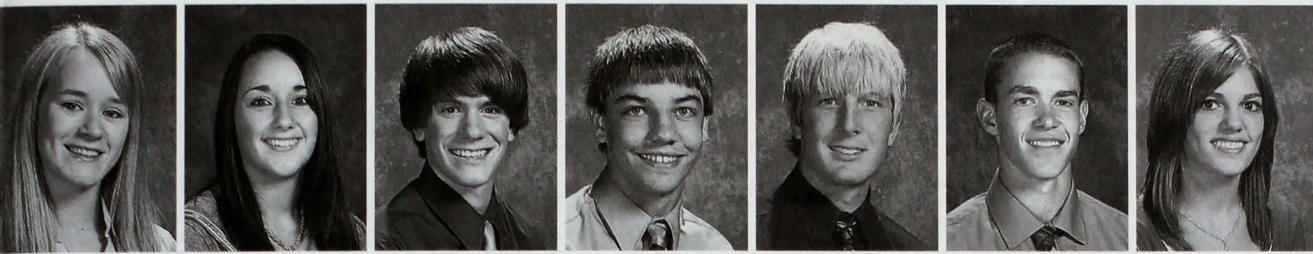
"I believe the extra wrestling season helps me because I can practice new moves and improve them. I meet and wrestle people that I may compete against in the high school season and then, hopefully, I will be able to

beat them when it matters," said Will.

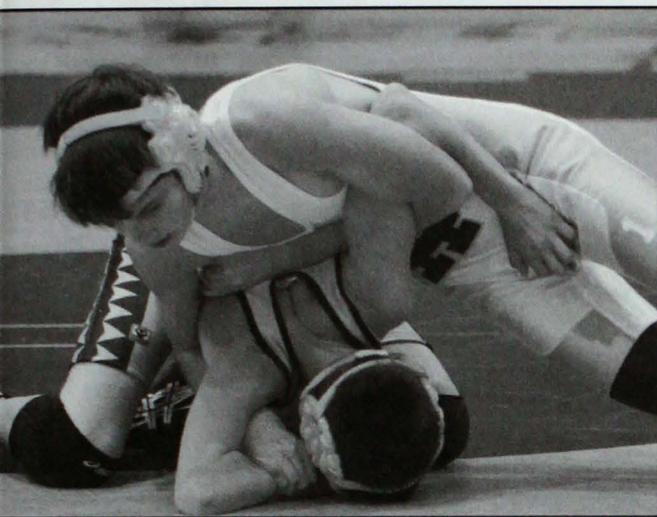
"These tournaments usually last until about the first weekend in May, or three months after wrestling season," explained Will about the length of the season.

After hours of hard work month after month, the boys are finally able to look back upon their two seasons and see all of the improvements they have made.

Pamela Weinzapfel '08



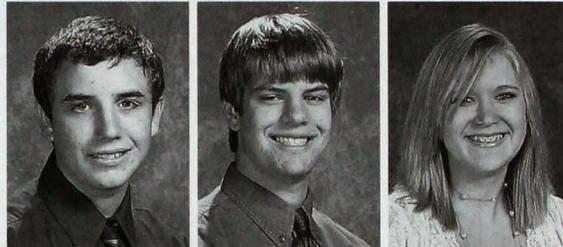
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 Jacob Weinzapfel
 Kate Weinzapfel



Above, junior Drew Will grips his opponent's elbow, trying to pull it down and force his opponent onto his back. Will wrestled in the individual off-season tournaments to stay in shape.
 Photo by: Liz Wargel



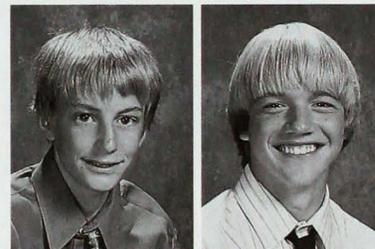
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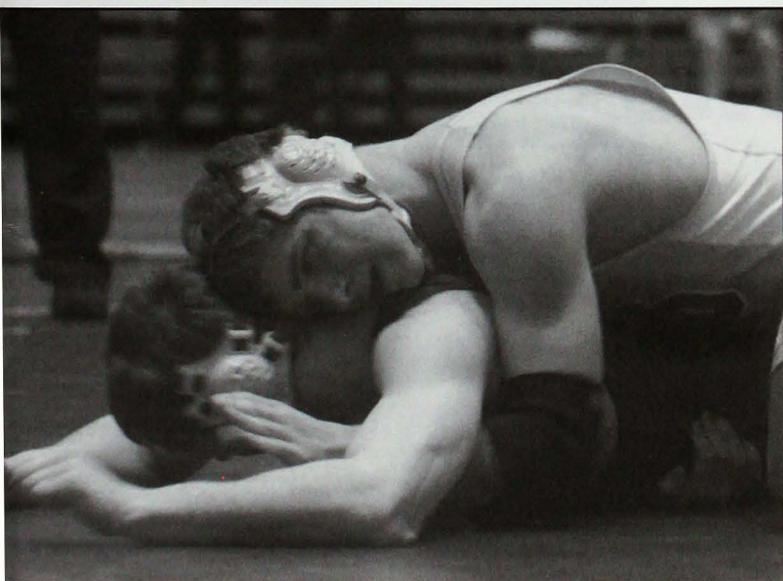


Valerie Wire
 Mary Wolf
 Rachel Yingling



Matthew Zeller
 Zeke Zenthoef

*"As far as wrestling goes, as long as my body is able to withstand the physical beating, I will keep wrestling."
 -Trish Stratus, Professional Wrestler*



Junior Jacob Schneider holds onto his opponent during the last seconds of his match. Schneider enjoyed the individual tournaments because they gave him an opportunity to practice and become better at certain moves.
 Photo by: Liz Wargel



Junior

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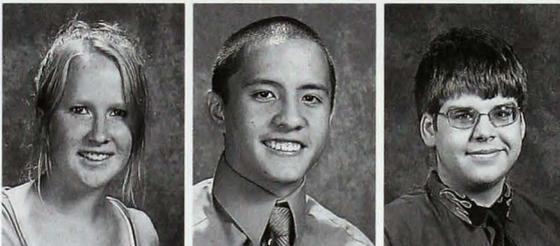
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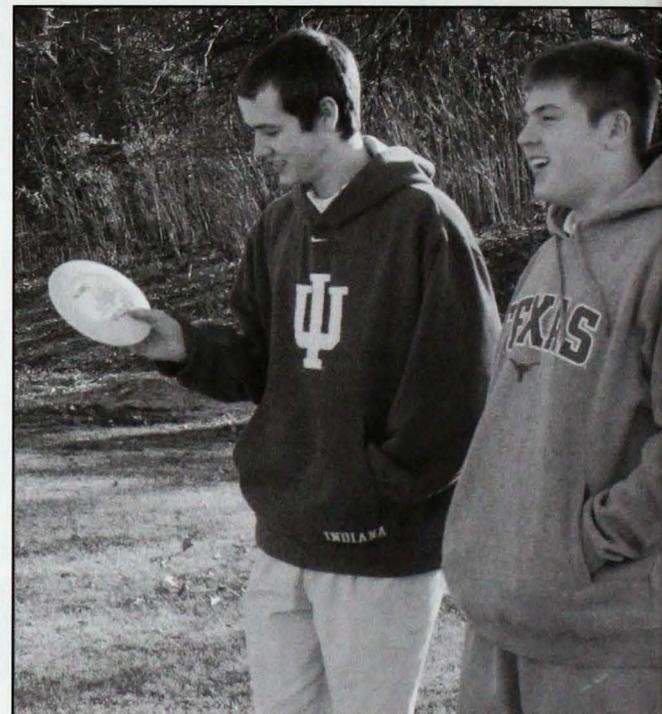
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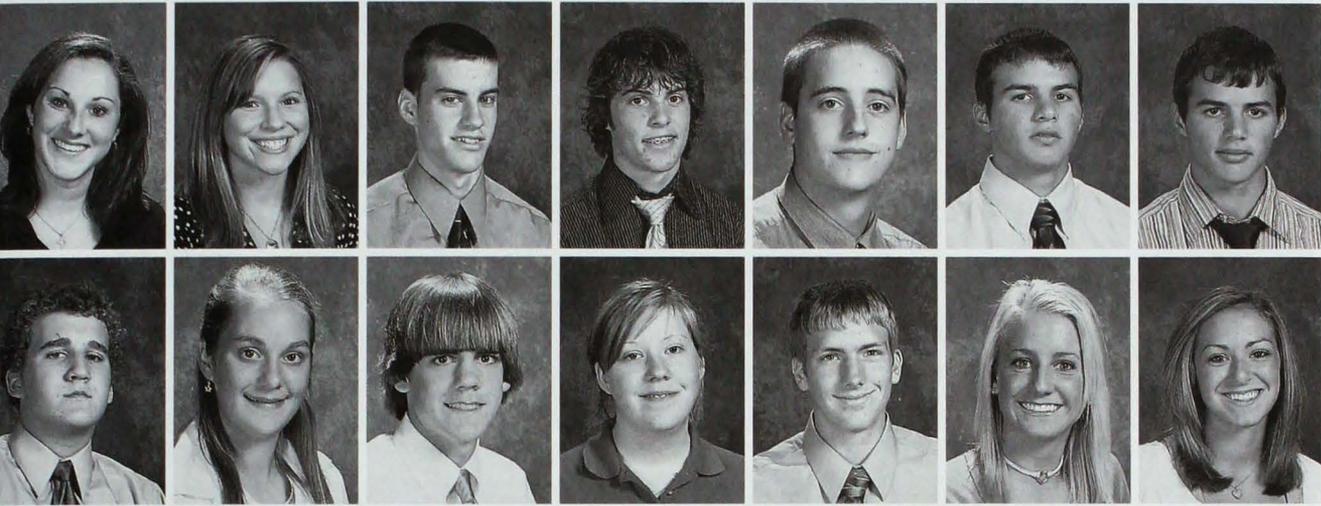
Watching along with juniors Matt Fleck and Adam Barchet, junior Andrew Elpers leans over to see where the frisbee will land.
Photo by: Alicia Farney



Junior Matt Fleck tosses the frisbee while playing frisbee golf with classmates and friends.
Photo by: Alicia Farney



Class of 2008



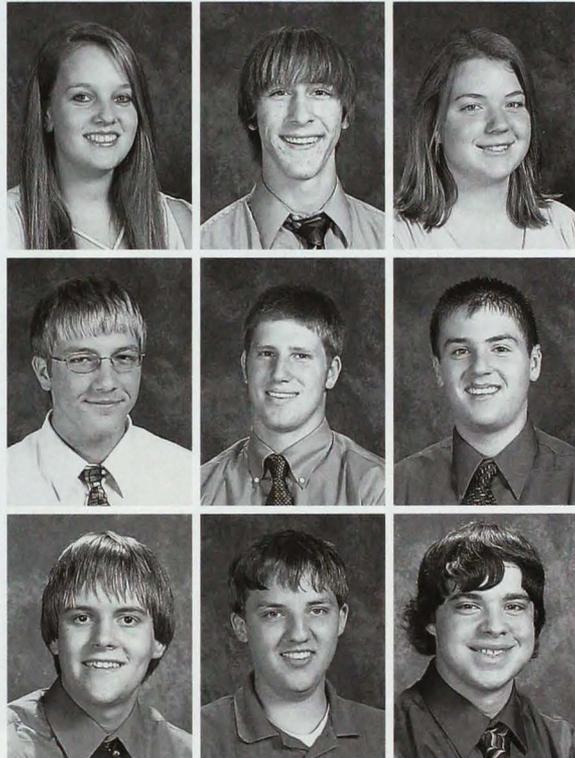
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 Andrew Elpers
 Kendal Elpers
 Cara Emmert



Above, junior Adam Barchet completes a throw while practicing. The boys enjoy playing frisbee golf as a hobby.
 Photo by: Alicia Farney

While joking around, juniors Adam Barchet and Matt Fleck contemplate their next move.
 Photo by: Alicia Farney



Cassandra Englert
 Josh Erkman
 Alicia Farney

Paul Fischer
 Logan Fisher
 Matthew Fleck

Kerry Fuller
 M. Alex Funke
 Brian Gentry

Puttin' Without Clubs

For some, golf includes clubs, caddies, and funny-looking clothes. However, six water Dei students play a different version of golf.

Juniors Andrew Elpers and Matt Fleck go with some of their friends to the University of Southern Indiana course about twice a month to "strike up" a game of frisbee golf. Elpers, who learned to play from his uncle, said, "It's relaxing and very easy to play. It's also not very competitive, so it can be enjoyed."

Fleck, who learned to play in Mr. Appel's physical education class, likes to play

because it is "fun and easy to catch onto."

The rules are the same as regular golf, except discs are used instead of clubs. Elpers is looking forward to the new course at Mesker Park. "Right now, I play at the University of Southern Indiana and places I go to on vacation. Once the new course at Mesker opens, it'll make it easier to play more often because it's so close to school."

For these six students, frisbee golf is not about competition, or being number one; it's an opportunity to spend time together doing an activity they enjoy.

Alicia Farney '08



Ashley Gilles
 Kayleen Glaser
 Kurtis Goebel
 Lauren Grabert
 Douglas Gries



"To put it simply,
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 for shaping who
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 ~Sam Moore

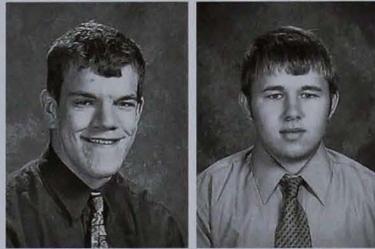
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Kelsey Hammett
 Kelsey Harpenau



Jacob Hassler
 Jared Hatcher



The Cat's MEOW

What's up pussy cat? Whoa, whoa, whoa! These cats do more than just purr. Over the summer, senior Sarah Schneider and junior Sam Moore starred in the Warrick County musical *Cats*. Both cast members sacrificed a large portion of their summer vacation to do what they love.

Practices were held Monday through Thursday starting at 4:00 in the afternoon and sometimes not ending until 11:00 or 12:00.

"To put it simply, theatre is my life, love and joy. It's responsible for shaping who I am and how I think," said Moore.

Not only was the acting a great experience for Schneider and Moore, but this particular musical

also happened to be the first off-Broadway showing of *Cats*.

Moore had a principal acting role, playing the part of Deuteronomy, and Schneider was cast in the dance ensemble. Moore advises aspiring young thespians to "love your art, and never let anyone tell you what you do is stupid or a waste of time." Both agreed that being in *Cats* helped them grow in their acting careers, and that theatre is a big part of their lives.

"It gives me a chance to be a different person and show everyone what I can do while having fun doing it," said Schneider.

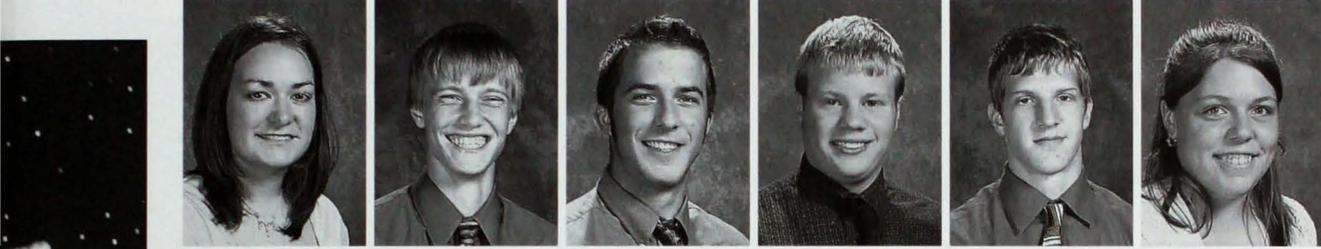
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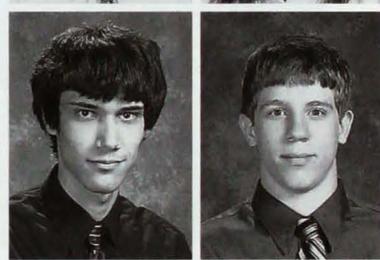
Junior Sam Moore, right, wears a fluffy, layered costume for his role of Deuteronomy.
 Photo provided by: Sarah Schneider



To the left, the cast of *Cats* gathers into a pack. The three performances were very successful.
 Photo provided by: Sarah Schneider



Robert Lehman
 Emily Li



Robert Loegering
 Stephen Lovelace



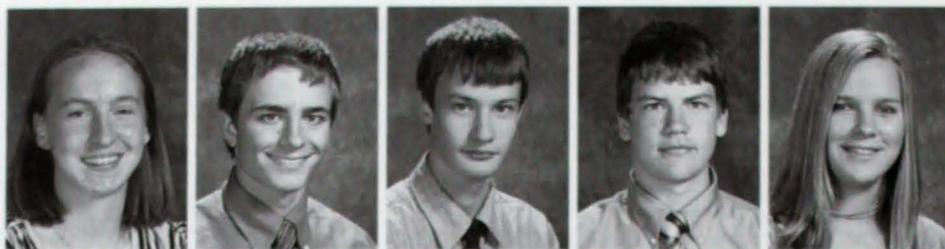
To the left, junior Sam Moore shares the stage with another cast member during a performance.
 Photo provided by: Sarah Schneider



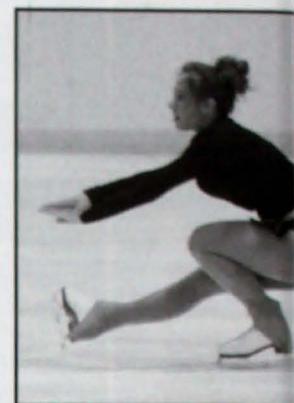
Above, senior Sarah Schneider and the rest of the dance ensemble perform a choreographed dance. Schneider has been involved in theatre since before high school.
 Photo provided by: Sarah Schneider



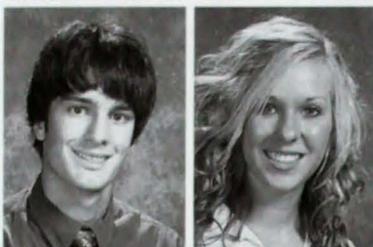
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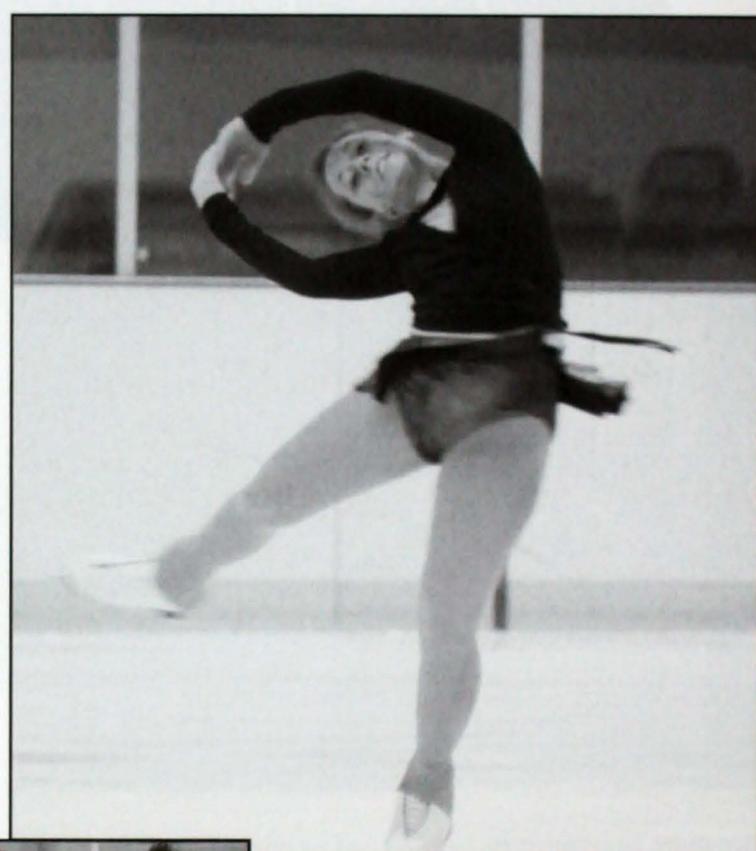
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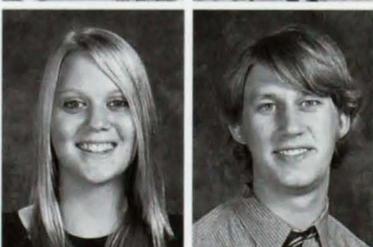
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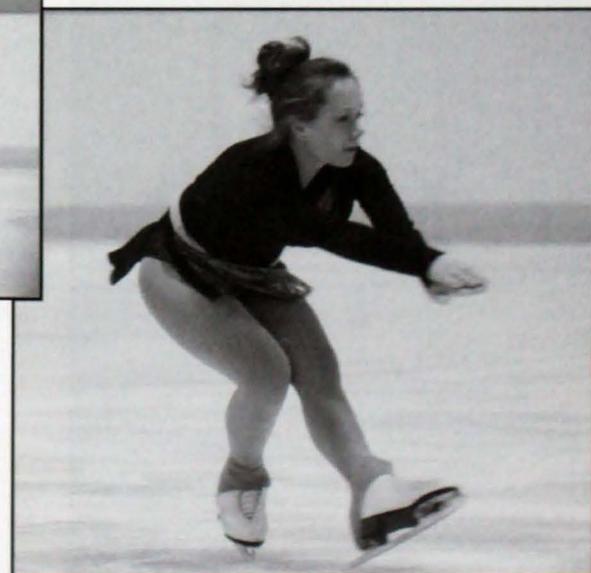
Lisa McIntosh
 Cody Moll



Samantha Montgomery
 Sam Moore



Senior Mackenzie Riggs completes many turns while skating through her routine. As the years have gone by, Riggs has continued to learn more difficult turns to demonstrate her skill while competing. Photos by: Liz Wargel





Benjamin Muensterman
 Jeremy Muensterman
 Maria Nelson
 Bradley Niemeier
 Jeffrey Pfister



Kathryn Reddington
 Cole Render
 Andrew Robinson
 Adam Ruggles
 Dustin Scheller



Karen Scheller
 Mallory Scheller
 Allison Schenk
 Kelsey Schenk
 Samuel Schentrup

"When I go out on the ice, I just think about my skating. I forget it is a competition."

Katarina Witt,
 Olympic Ice Skater



Zachary Schiff
 Domenico Schiro
 Krystal Schmitt



Laura Schmitt
 Jacob Schneider

Gliding Through Life

"The hardest part of ice skating is landing hard jumps consistently and falling on the same bruises over and over," said senior Mackenzie Riggs.

Riggs began ice skating at the age of four, when her mother enrolled her in figure skating lessons at Swonder's Ice Arena.

"I really enjoyed it, so I kept doing it," said Riggs.

According to Riggs, the best part of ice skating is learning to complete the harder, more challenging jumps and spins. Riggs also likes how close she has become

to her "team." After spending so many hours with her coaches, other skaters, and their parents, she feels as if they are family.

Throughout the past few years, Riggs has competed in five competitions and hopes to compete once more before graduation. She practices weekly to maintain her skills and improve on the more difficult maneuvers.

The bumps and bruises haven't stopped Riggs from doing what she loves, and she plans to continue her skating career.

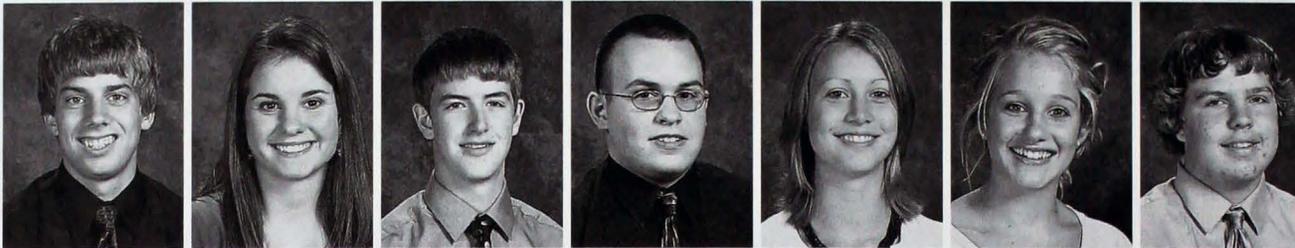
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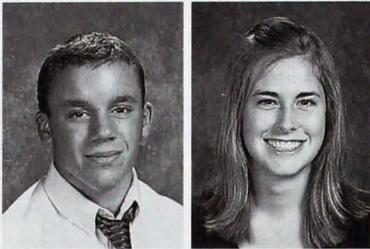
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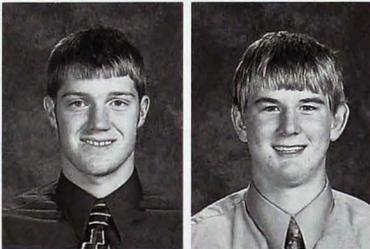
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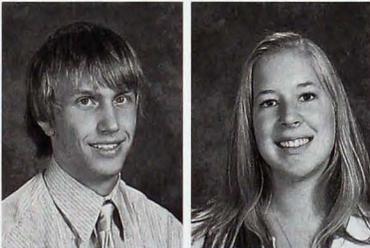
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Seniors Sam Lewis and Matt Folz lay bricks for a walkway.
 Photo by: McKenzie Williams

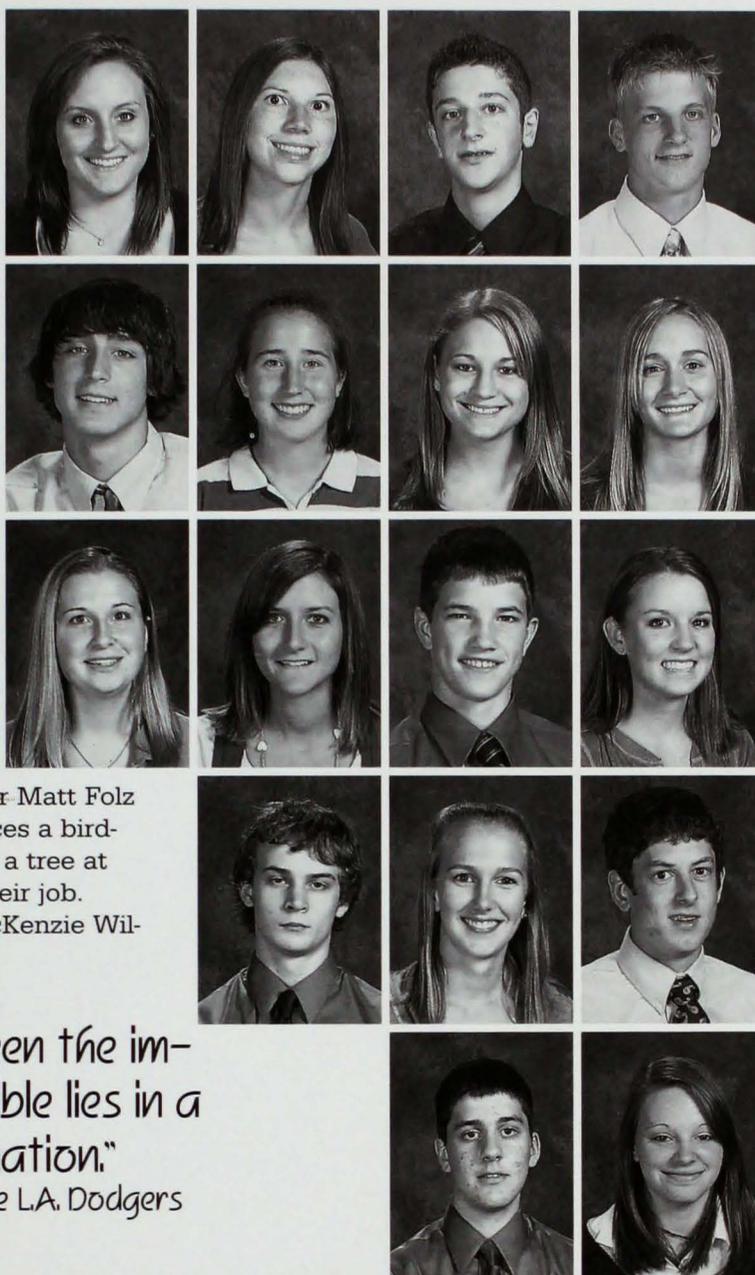
Senior Sam Lewis uses a water hose to clean a brick walkway built around the side of a house.
 Photo by: McKenzie Williams





On the left, seniors Matt Folz and Sam Lewis place a bench in position at a house they landscaped. Photo by: McKenzie Williams

Above, senior Matt Folz carefully places a bird-feeder under a tree at the end of their job. Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Celia Wannemuehler
Kyla Wargel
Logan Weaver
Alex Weinzapfel

MacKenzie Weinzapfel
Pamela Weinzapfel
Sara Weinzapfel
Sherilyn Weinzapfel

Deidre Weis
Kayla Wildeman
Drew Will
Lindsey Will

Jordan Willis
Amy Wolf
Anthony Wolf

Joshua Zeller
Samantha Zenthoefer

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination."
Tommy LaSorda, Coach of the L.A. Dodgers

Not So Lazy Summer Days

Seniors Sam Lewis and Matt Folz founded S & M Handymen, which was named by combining their first initials, in May 2006. Lewis and Folz enjoy working as handymen because the hours are flexible and work well with their schedules. Even when they have sports, school events, homework, or family occasions, they can fit their work hours around their other priorities.

"I get to call my hours, and our employees and customers understand school comes first," com-

mented Lewis.

Both Lewis and Folz worked nearly every day in the summer, but when school started, Folz was only able to work when he did not have football practice.

"The best part of the business is spending time with my friends. Listening to jazz on warm summer days, making fun of the neighbors, and getting to see the chupacabra monster on a daily basis makes the hard work worth it," said Folz and Lewis.

McKenzie Williams '07



Seniors

Class of 2007



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is the school spirit and dressing in crazy red and gold during sporting events. May Day junior year is also a favorite memory because we beat the seniors.

Jenna Rose Adler

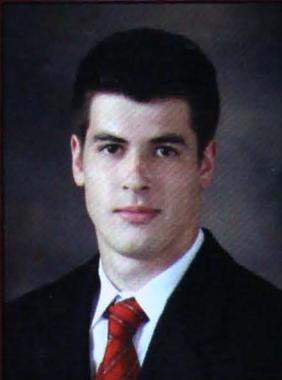
Choir, Eucharistic Minister, Peers Project, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Softball, Student Government, Volleyball



My favorite memories while attending Mater Dei are of the dances, dressing up for football games, and playing soccer. I will never forget the friends I spent time with and the unforgettable times I had with the soccer team.

Jordan Caroline Bartek

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Mat Cat, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Soccer



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is the athletic program. No matter which sport, every athlete strives to be the best. In the end, all of the hard work pays off. The soccer team won sectionals and the football team went to semi-state.

Nicholas John Baumgart

Soccer



My favorite memory is every morning this year all of my friends and I would come to school early and hang out in room 267. We all just spent time together, made weekend plans, and comforted one another.

Alexandria Christine Bigge

Choir, Liturgical Ensemble, Theatre



My favorite thing about Mater Dei High School is the experience of belonging to a good high school. My favorite memory is winning the bowling sectionals as a team.

Zachary Robert Bittner

Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Service Club



My favorite memories of Mater Dei are all of the times that I have spent with my friends. I will never forget the dances, dressing up for games, and meeting all of the people who are now my good friends.

Hannah Elizabeth Boots

Cheerleading, Class Officer, Dance Cats, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Mat Cat, Peers Project, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Softball, Speech



My favorite part of Mater Dei is tradition, which is made up of academics and athletics. I love looking up during sporting events and seeing our huge fan section. It reminds me of how special our tradition makes our school.

Jennifer Lauren Born

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Mat Cat, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Ambassador, Student Government



My favorite memory is winning soccer sectionals three years in a row and winning baseball SIAC. In baseball, we went to Class 3A and won city, so it was pretty exciting

Cody Michael Brandenstein

Baseball, Soccer



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei High School is attending all of the athletic events and all of the friendships I made while I was there

Jesse Walker Bush

Police Officer, Student Government



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is its small size that enables all members of the community to truly interact and connect with each other. I also love Mr. McMullen's randomness and Mr. Knight's conversations about St. Philip.

Rachel Ann Buskavitz

Band, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, National Honor Society, Newspaper, Speech, Student Government, TAC, Teens For Life, Track



My favorite thing about attending Mater Dei High School is the athletics because it gives us a time to be with friends while showing our community that we have school spirit and support Mater Dei.

Adam Jeffrey Butts

Baseball, Bowling, Football



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei High School is going to semi-state for football this year and basketball during my junior year.

Gregory Ray Cardin

Baseball, Basketball, Football



My favorite memories are coming back to the Mater Dei parking lot after the football games.

Cory Joseph Carr

Football



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is being with all my classmates.

Michael Gardner Cervone

Diversity Club, Football, Peers Project, Police Officer, Student Government



My favorite thing about Mater Dei High School is the safe learning environment and the one-on-one help I get from teachers. I also enjoy having fun with my friends.

Ian Edward Collignon

Soccer, Track



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei High School is winning state wrestling and eating and playing cards in homeroom.

Nicholas John Dewig

Class Officer, Football, Freshman Mentor, Student Government, Wrestling





My favorite memory from attending Mater Dei High School is participating in wrestling. The teams I was on and friends I made will stay with me forever.

Christopher Will DeWitt

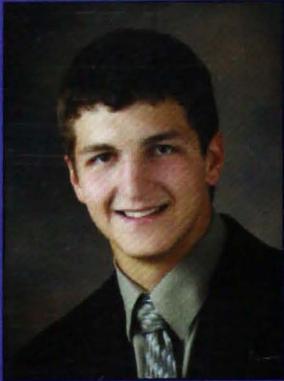
Football, Police Officer, Wrestling



My favorite thing about Mater Dei High School is the yearly retreats. The retreats are a great way to get to know people better. They also offer a day off from school for some fun.

Alexander Jerome Echele

Basketball, Cross Country



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is pizza day. I also liked playing basketball, running cross country, and golf.

Mitchell Anthony Eickhoff

Basketball, Class Officer, Cross Country, Freshman Mentor, Golf, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Student Government, Without



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is senior out-to-lunch and football games.

Jonathan Jared Elpers

Football



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei High School is attending all of the sporting events. I love the way that Mater Dei's students and faculty interact with each other.

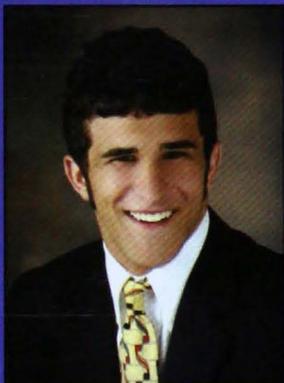
Shaun Andrew Elsner



The best memories I have are from wrestling team state. I can't describe the energy from the crowd at the end of the last match. Being surrounded by such supportive teammates, coaches, parents and fans makes me feel proud and I will never forget it.

Christopher Michael Emmert

Football, Peer Mediation, Wrestling Manager



My most memorable moment while attending Mater Dei is without a doubt winning team state wrestling. I also enjoyed drinking coffee every homeroom with Señora Weber.

Frank Joseph Fabiano Jr.

Football, Freshman Mentor, Service Club, Smart Moves, Student Government, Without, Wrestling



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei High School is playing Halo at Mike's house. It was lots of fun. I liked it a lot. It was great.

Jacob Clemens Farny

Band



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is that the amount of determination and spirit our school has is amazing. I have met some of my best friends here, friends I know I'll have throughout my life, and have made memories that are unforgettable.

Alyssa Marie Feldhaus

Choir, Diversity Club, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Theatre



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is winning state in wrestling and going to semi-state in football senior year. I also enjoyed having Señora Weber as my homeroom teacher all four years!

Benjamin Edward Fleming

Baseball, Football, Peer Mediation, Peers Project, Service Club, Without, Wrestling



My favorite memory is the Batesville game that we won in very cold weather. I also liked drinking hot chocolate in Señora Weber's homeroom.

Matthew Ryan Folz

Football, Peer Mediation, Peers Project, Smart Moves, Without



My favorite memory from Mater Dei is winning sectionals four years in a row. Central never stood a chance against us!

Mitchell Joseph Funke

Freshman Mentor, Service Club, Soccer



My favorite memory is dressing up crazy with all of my friends for every football game. We would all spend hours picking out the perfect and craziest red and gold outfits to cheer on our football team.

Mary Ann Gaffney

Dance Cats, Pep Club



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei High School is playing on the basketball team and watching the team win state my freshman year.

Derek Gregory Gallo

Baseball, Basketball, Football



My favorite things about Mater Dei are all of the sporting events. This year, our football team went to regional finals and semi-state, and the wrestlers won state.

Mallory May Goebel

Basketball, Mat Cat, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Student Government, Volleyball



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is making an interception in sectionals against Gibson Southern. It was in 30 degree weather with rain blowing right at me. I did a lot of celebrating afterwards.

Neil Thomas Goebel

Academic Superbowl, Class Officer, Eucharistic Minister, Football, Freshman Mentor, Track



My favorite memories from Mater Dei are from the wrestling and football campaigns of 2006-2007. The memories and relationships that I have made will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Zachary Michael Goebel

Football, Peer Mediation, Service Club, Wrestling



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei High School was when I got to see Jacob Farny play drums in the RCA Dome. It was the first time band went to state. They ended up beating North Posey and placed in the top ten!

Jeremy Ray Goldman

Baseball





My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei High School is Mater Dei baseball. During baseball season, we were SIAC champs my junior year and it was great.

Ryan Earl Gries

Academic Superbowl, Baseball, Basketball, Soccer



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is the pride and belonging I feel as a part of a spirited community.

Emily Ann Gwaltney

Peer Mediation, Smart Moves, Without



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is just spending time with all of my friends. Jenna Whorl rapping in front of the school is also something I'll never forget.

Laura Marie Hall

Class Officer, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, NHS, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Service Club, Tennis, Volleyball



Girls' nights, cheerleading and competitions, bus rides, wrestling road trips, sand volleyball, Jenna's rapping, dances and spending as much time with my friends as I can.

Sarah Ann Hall

Cheerleading, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, NHS, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Government, Track



My favorite memory of Mater Dei High School is when we won team state wrestling in 2006 and 2007.

Sean Cody Herron

Cross Country, Freshman Mentor, Peer Mediation, Student Government, Track, Without, Wrestling



My favorite memory is winning sectionals and regionals for football this year. We accomplished more than any other 3A football team at Mater Dei. No one thought we could go that far, but we did.

Kyle Joseph Hertel

Football, Wrestling



My favorite things about Mater Dei are out-to-lunch and being in Mrs. Weber's homeroom.

Jeremy Wayne Hill

Bowling



My favorite memory is playing paintball with other people from Mater Dei.

Kyle Andrew Hinton



My favorite memories while attending Mater Dei High School are girls' nights, cheer competitions, road trips to wrestling meets, Halloween parties, Jenna's rap, dances, and out-to-lunch.

Lauren Kathryn Hoefling

Cheerleading, Class Officer, Freshman Mentor, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Service Club, Student Ambassador



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is when Neil Goebel intercepted a pass from a quarterback from Gibson Southern when it was thirty degrees and sleeting.

Daniel James Horstman

Football, Smart Moves, Without



My favorite memory is the Christmas Dance junior year. It had snowed prior to the dance, which made the dance even more magical with my boyfriend Paul.

Emily Jane Huff

Academic Superbowl, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, Newspaper, Police Officer, Speech, Student Government, Yearbook



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei includes making new friends. Hanging out with these people is one of the highlights of my four years at Mater Dei.

Tyler Wayne Hunt

Bowling, Freshman Mentor, Peer Mediation, Peers Project, Police Officer, Service Club, Soccer, Student Government



My favorite memory is cheerleading at Mater Dei with all of the gals. We have many memories of cheer camp, clinics, competitions, games, and practices. Everyone always made it a point to have fun at each practice and game.

Samantha Brianne Hurm-Walker

Cheerleading



My favorite memory is going to Prom. Dancing and having fun with everyone was a great time. I enjoy seeing how everyone looks when they are all dressed up and seeing another side of my classmates I have never seen before.

Melissa Lynn Jarvis



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei was going to semi-state in football my senior year. It was a lot of fun and I learned a lot from that season.

Matthew Alan Johnson

Baseball, Football



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is Mr. Whitehouse's morality class and the issues we discussed. I also enjoyed all the memories my friends and I shared throughout the past four years.

Ryan William Julian



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei High School is playing the "medicine ball game" in weightlifting class, and winning almost every time.

Michelle Donna Kelley

Cheerleading, Freshman Mentor, NHS, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Government, Swimming, Track



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei High School is meeting so many great people and making good friends. I really hope we stay close, even after high school.

Amber Michelle Kemper

Tennis





My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is winning the sectionals in soccer three straight years, because the high of winning something like sectionals is immeasurable.

Aric Mathew Kennedy

Freshman Mentor, Police Officer, Soccer



My favorite memory of Mater Dei is being in "Bye Bye Birdie." All of the hard work and practice really paid off on opening night. It was awesome to see a packed house.

Emily Elizabeth Kissinger

Choir, Theatre, T&I - Health Sciences



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is watching my friends play their favorite sports. I met my life-long friends while at Mater Dei High School.

Anthony Lee Klueg

Baseball, Football



My favorite memory is senior out-to-lunch and dressing in "crazy red and gold" for athletic events. Besides the fact that my homeroom has changed teachers five times, we also had a scissors confrontation and a piece incident.

Audrie Elise Koester

Basketball, Choir, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, Mat Cat, Pep Club, Police Officer, Service Club, Theatre



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is the basketball season my junior year when we went to semi-state. It was a lot of fun because being with the team was great and all of us were very close. It was a great experience and a fun ride.

Jared Todd Krieg

Basketball, Cross Country, Freshman Mentor, Golf



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is the weekends spent with friends that became family.

Myranda Mae Kurzendoerfer

Basketball, Mat Cat



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is the dances. The Christmas Dance and Prom are so much fun. Getting all dressed up and going out with friends or a boyfriend makes the night very enjoyable.

Alyssa Beth Lambert

Freshman Mentor, Pep Club, Police Officer, Service Club, Swimming, Tennis, Without



My favorite memory would be my senior Christmas Dance because it was amazing and lots of fun with my date.

Jared Michael Lefler

Liturgical Ensemble, Speech



The barn, all the crazy videos, running at night, Friday the 13th, Doobie the garden gnome, 7 foot tall birds, the brown bomb, food poisoning, having my ear pierced for 14 hours, DJ Drew, having my brother go to MD, and burning the tree are all my favorite memories.

Samuel Martin Lewis

Band, Football, Freshman Mentor, Peer Mediation, Service Club, Smart Moves, Student Government, Theatre, Without



My favorite memory while being at Mater Dei is having fun with all of my friends on the weekends. I like how everyone knows each other and we are like a little community.

Donald Henry Lutz

Football



My favorite thing about Mater Dei High School is the opportunity I've had to have met life-long friends.

Laura Elizabeth Lutz

Appointed Official, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Feers Project, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Softball, Speech, Student Ambassador



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is Friday night basketball home games. Basketball games are the reason we practice and I love playing our games on Friday nights.

Shad Derek Macke

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei High School is traveling to away games. Going on trips with my friends is something I'll always remember.

Emily Katherine Mandel

Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei High School is watching all the state championship teams and playing football.

Jonathan David Marshall

Basketball, Football



My favorite memory is beating Heritage Hills in football sectionals. Sports will always be a big part of my life, and Mater Dei has helped form that.

Andrew Michael Matt

Football, Peer Mediation, Student Government, Track, Wrestling



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei High School is coming to school the first day of sophomore year and not being a freshman anymore. I also liked the opportunity to take T&I classes.

Adam Eugene McDaniel

T & I - Building Trades



My favorite memories while attending Mater Dei High School are Prom, and our fans and school spirit at athletic events.

Katelyn Marie Miller

Student Ambassador



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is when I almost lost my finger by sticking it in the paper cutter in room 106. It was not my brightest moment, but it was pretty funny.

Ryan Michael Musgrave

Bowling, Service Club, Team Manager





My favorite thing is the school spirit we show at games, like dressing up in crazy red and gold. Everyone gets pumped up and ready to cheer.

Lauren Elizabeth Niemeier

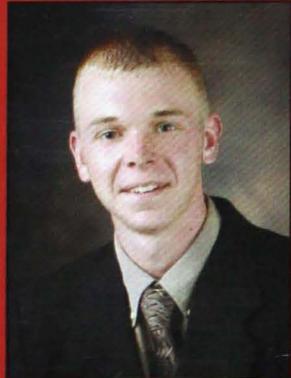
Basketball, Class Officer, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Peers Project, Pep Club, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Service Club, Softball, Student Ambassador, Student Government, Volleyball



My favorite memory is when the Mater Dei football team scored a touchdown and Jon Elpers, Jerry Parkinson, Ryan Wink, and myself threw Mike Wolf up after doing push-ups and he did a twist, nearly landing on his head on the asphalt.

Ryan Michael Niemeier

Basketball



My favorite memory of Mater Dei is being a part of the tradition.

Chad William Nix

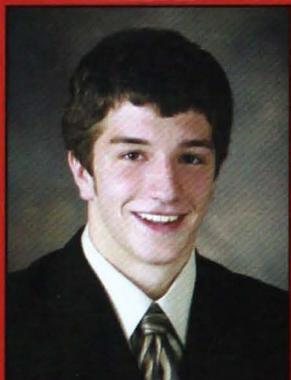
T & I - Automotive Technology and Diesel Technology



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is dressing up for football games and body painting in 30 degree weather. I also loved the last past four years with the swim team.

Melissa Frances Padavic

Soccer, Student Ambassador, Swimming



My favorite thing while attending Mater Dei High School is all the sporting events and school spirit.

Gerald Norman Parkinson III

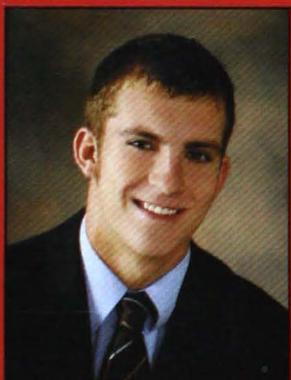
Cross Country, Service Club, Student Government, Wrestling



My favorite memories from Mater Dei are coming to the parking lot after football games because that privilege is a tradition that no other school is allowed to do.

Emilee Alizabeth Petitjean

Appointed Official, Basketball, Diversity Club, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Softball, Student Government, Team Manager, Volleyball



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is Mr. Hickman's Block 5 IPC class my freshman year and homeroom 107 with Mrs. Mitchell.

Jordan Daniel Phelps

Basketball, Fire Warden, Football, Freshman Mentor, Peer Mediation, Track



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is all of my friends. I came into this school new, from a public school, so I didn't know about the tradition at Mater Dei. But, I had friends to help me and they accepted me for who I am.

Shannon Jo Phillips

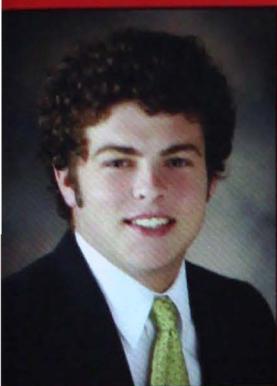
Liturgical Ensemble, Speech, Yearbook



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei is when Mr. Schleter made an explosive reaction at his desk, and when it reacted, he fell behind his desk. When he came up, he was wearing a distorted Halloween mask.

Brian Martin Pigman

Police Chief, Police Officer, Soccer, Student Government, Track



My favorite thing about Mater Dei High School is Coach Goebel's weightlifting class.

Matthew Lee Price

Basketball, Football, Soccer



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei High School is during home-room when everyone relaxes and hangs out.

Samuel Alan Raben

Bowling



My favorite things about Mater Dei are the spirit days and annoying Mr. Jewell in the morning and during class.

Courtney Lee Ann Rausch

Liturgical Ensemble, Pep Club, Speech, Winterguard



My favorite memories are going to dances and dressing up for the football games. I also love spirit days, pep assemblies, and out-to-lunch.

Jewel Mildred Richelle Reising

Choir, Dance Cats, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, Peers Project, Pep Club, Police Officer, Service Club, Speech, Student Ambassador, Theatre



My favorite memory is when Ryan Musgrave sprayed fart spray in Mr. McMullen's class freshman year. Mr. McMullen thought Ryan let one go on an epic scale and made us go into the chapel for the rest of the class.

Michael Eller Rhodes

Football, Student Government, Track, Wrestling



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei is the bus ride back from winning regionals at Batesville. All the cheerleaders had a mini-dance party in the aisle.

Mackenzie Lee Riggs

Academic Superbowl, Cheerleading, Class Officer, Eucharistic Minister, NHS, Peers Project, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Ambassador, Student Government, Teens for Life



My favorite memory is when we won state wrestling my junior year. It was awesome seeing everyone in Consecro Fieldhouse go crazy with excitement.

Danielle Marie Ritter

Cheerleading, Efficiency Car, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Mat Cat, NHS, Peers Project, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Speech, Student Government, Student Ambassador, TAC, Teens for Life



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei is the dressing up for sporting events and the road trips up to semi-state and state for different sports.

Danielle Nicole Rolley

Eucharistic Minister, Golf, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club

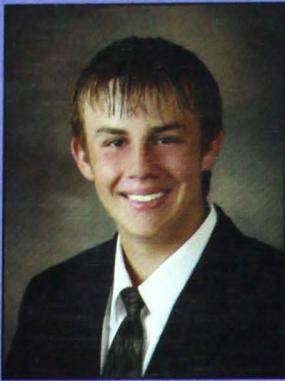


My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei High School is winning sectionals in soccer. My favorite thing about Mater Dei is all of our athletic accomplishments.

Tyler Matthew Rust

Soccer





My favorite thing about Mater Dei is Mr. Dippel's weightlifting class senior year.

Theodore Joseph Rutherford

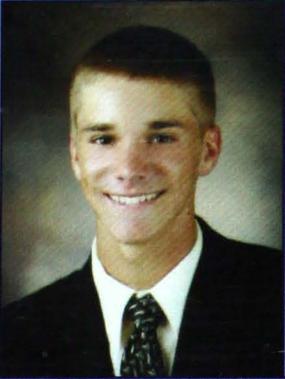
Tennis



My favorite memory about Mater Dei is Prom because it was spent having fun with my friends.

Samantha Emily Sammet

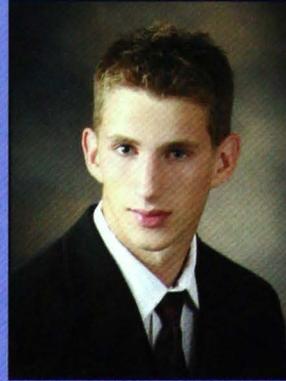
Freshman Mentor, Pep Club, Service Club, Tennis



My favorite memory from Mater Dei is the regional football game against Batesville. We were tied in the last quarter and Alex Weinzapfel threw me an 84 yard touchdown pass. We ended up winning the game.

Adam Christopher Schenk

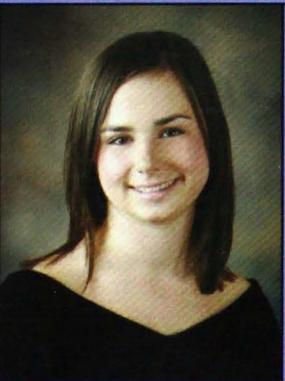
Mayor of Student Government, Baseball, Basketball, Class Officer, Football, Freshman Mentor, Peer Mediation, Service Club



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei was going to track state my junior year in the 4x800 relay. I had the opportunity to run at IU and have fun with friends in Bloomington.

Nicholas Allen Schenk

Freshman Mentor, Peers Project, Service Club, Soccer, Track



My favorite memory is going to band state and marching in the RCA Dome. Knowing that all the hard work paid off was the best feeling in the world.

Sarah Marie Schneider

Band, Cheerleading, Color Guard, Eucharistic Minister, Liturgical Ensemble, NHS, Peers Project, Pep Club, Service Club, Speech, Student Ambassador, Theatre, Track



My favorite memory from Mater Dei is attending T & I every day.

Brandon Keith Schoettlin

Bowling, T & I



My favorite memory is definitely winning wrestling team state. I am never going to forget the moment when they put that medal around my neck and handed me the team trophy.

Andrew Grant Seibert

Football, Wrestling



My favorite memories while at Mater Dei are dressing up for football games with my friends and going out with my friends during out-to-lunch.

Ashley Nicole Seibert

Freshman Mentor, Mat Cat, Pep Club, Service Club, Soccer, Softball



My favorite memory of Mater Dei is winning sectionals in soccer all four years I was here.

Andrew Thomas Shetler

Basketball, Freshman Mentor, Soccer



My most memorable memories occurred during various sporting events to promote school spirit, during homecoming week, and after school in the parking lot.

Emma Marie Stephens

Academic Superbowl, Bowling, Efficiency Car, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, Pep Club, Service Club, Spellbowl



I think it's cool that we have days where we can dress outrageously ridiculous and not be judged. I love how comfortable I feel here. It's like a home away from home.

Margaret Rose Stoltz

Band, Basketball, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, NHS, PEERS, Police Officer, Softball, Student Ambassador, Track, Volleyball



My favorite memories are from soccer season and winning wrestling state. During soccer, we just all hung out or goofed around with all of the girls. We were always a close knit group.

Keri Lynne Swickard

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Mat Cat, Peer Mediation, PEERS, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Soccer, Student Government, Teens For Life



My favorite part about attending Mater Dei is swimming and attending all the sporting events.

Tyler Jay Swihart

Swimming



My favorite thing about Mater Dei High School is my Creative Writing class, mostly because it was the best class. There were only six of us and we had so much fun! Such odd discussions...

Megan Elizabeth Tenbarger

Choir, Liturgical Ensemble



My favorite part about attending Mater Dei is playing paintball with my classmates at Jesse Bush's house. We always did crazy stuff and usually did not get hurt. I also enjoyed going out to lunch and art classes.

Gary Wayne Tepool

Service Club, Soccer



My favorite part about attending Mater Dei is going to semi-state in football this year. I loved the whole football season. Another memorable moment was when my friends and I body painted at the Reitz game.

Lauren Elizabeth VanCleve

Choir, Freshman Mentor, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Ambassador



My favorite memories while attending Mater Dei High School are going to the track meets and just goofing around. I also liked all of the sporting events.

Alexander Keith Vanhooser

Football, Freshman Mentor, Track



My favorite memories are all of the track meets that I competed in. I really liked hanging out with my friends and competing in individual and team state.

Jacob Alan Vanhooser

Academic Superbowl, Football, Freshman Mentor, Peer Mediation, Smart Moves, Track, Without, T & I - Building Trades





My favorite memories of Mater Dei are all of the road trips my friends and I took to Batesville for semi-state football and Indy for wrestling.

Jackie Denise Wade

Basketball, Mat Cat



Dressing up for football games is one of my favorite memories because it was an excuse to dress like idiots and have fun! The seniors were also a lot louder and fun when we dressed up to cheer on the football or basketball teams.

Hannah Marie Wagner

Mat Cat, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Tennis, Volleyball



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei is dressing up like Batman, along with RC, who was my sidekick Robin, and going to the football game and later feeling like a complete moron.

Andrew Richard Waldroup

T & I - Residential Wiring and Robotic Programming



My favorite memory while attending Mater Dei High School is the camaraderie of the cross country team.

Andrew Lee Walker

Academic Superbowl, Cross Country, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, NHS, Peer Mediation, Peers Project, Student Government, Track



My favorite memories of Mater Dei come from wrestling and football season. Road trips, dressing up, and cheering on the teams was a lot of fun with my friends.

Elizabeth Ann Wargel

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Mat Cat, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Teens for Life, Yearbook Editor, Liturgical Ensemble



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei is team wrestling state my junior and senior year. Taking the road trip was fun and winning was amazing.

Brooke Ellen Wayne

Mat Cat, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Soccer, Student Government



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei is winning wrestling state my junior and senior year. The matches were close, down to the last few wrestlers. I love knowing that Mater Dei's crowd is the loudest.

Ann Katherine Weber

Eucharistic Minister, Mat Cat, National Honor Society, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Service Club, Swimming, Without



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei is the speech team. Practicing after school has always been a lot of fun and the meets are even better. We always have a fun time.

Emily Ann Weber

Cross Country, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, Peers Project, Pep Club, Service Club, Speech, Teens For Life, Theatre, Track, Winter-guard



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is seeing Mr. Hickman and being in home-room 204 with Mrs. Haton.

Kari Lynn Weinzapfel

Cheerleading, Prom Committee



My favorite memories of Mater Dei High School are the bonds that were made and all of the fun that went on.

Bruce Edward Werner

Football, Without



My favorite things about Mater Dei are out-to-lunch and talking to Mrs. Schenk when going through the lunch line.

Paul Robert Wheeler

Eucharistic Minister, Football, Service Club, Without



My favorite memory of attending Mater Dei High School is rapping in front of the whole school...without laughing. I also enjoyed playing the "medicine ball game" in weightlifting class, and being the first one out every time.

Jenna Marie Whorl

Basketball, Bowling, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Golf, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Softball, Student Ambassador



My favorite memory is on May Day when I was a freshman. I had the biggest crush on Shane Provost and my friends got him to sing "Happy Birthday" to me in front of the entire student body. I even got a hug from him afterwards.

Krista Charlene Wildeman

Band, Cross Country, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, Peer Mediation, Peers Project, Pep Club, Speech, Track, Winter-guard



The most memorable moments while attending Mater Dei were made during football and wrestling seasons. Everyone gets so involved and every second is an adrenaline rush with our audience always being the loudest.

McKenzie Catharine Williams

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, PEERS, Pep Club, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Service Club, TAC, Teens For Life, Yearbook Editor



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is the fans' support. No matter what sport it is, or where the game is, Mater Dei always has the biggest crowd. It's amazing to see how many people follow and support us.

Rachel Alyson Williams

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Mat Cat, Peer Mediation, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Service Club, Soccer, Student Ambassador, Without



I liked going to football games with my friends, long road trips to games, and Jenna Whorl "trying" to rap at a pep assembly. I also liked all the new people I met while attending Mater Dei.

Ryan Michael Wink

Baseball, Football, Freshman Mentor, Student Ambassador, Without



My favorite memory of Mater Dei is winning wrestling state. As a Mat Cat, being able to share that victory with the guys, who worked so hard for the title, is something I will never forget.

Marie Elizabeth Wolf

Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Mat Cat, NHS, Pep Club, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Service Club, Softball, St. Ambassador, St. Government, Volleyball



I liked the road trips to all the games and homerooms 204 and 215.

Michael Joseph Wolf

T & I - Diesel Service Technology





I liked football and basketball games, especially when we took road trips to get there. I liked getting dressed up and cheering on the boys with my friends.

Sarah Katherine Yingling

Mat Cat, Peer Mediation



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is the people and success. I enjoy going to a school where I always feel welcome, and I like that Mater Dei is successful at many different things.

Anna-Lisa LaWayne Zeller

Eucharistic Minister, Peer Mediation, Service Club



My favorite memory is finally winning state again. It was the first time we'd won while we were in high school, and it was my first year as a Mat Cat. I've always loved wrestling, and I've been coming to meets my entire life.

Carly Ann Zenthoef

Diversity Group, Freshman Mentor, Mat Cat, NHS, Peers Project, Pep Club, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Ambassador, Swimming, Without



My favorite thing about Mater Dei is our school spirit. I love going to wrestling state, knowing that our crowd is the loudest out of everyone.

Megan Elizabeth Ziliak

Pep Club, Service Club, Student Ambassador, Student Government, Without



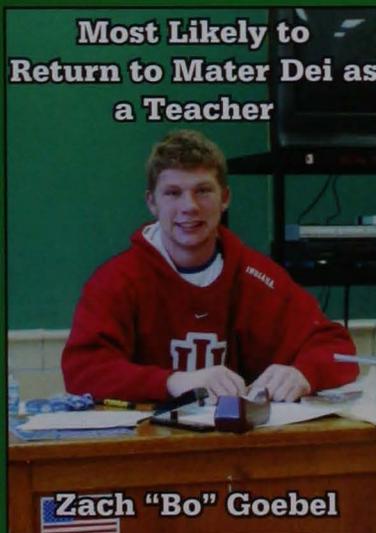
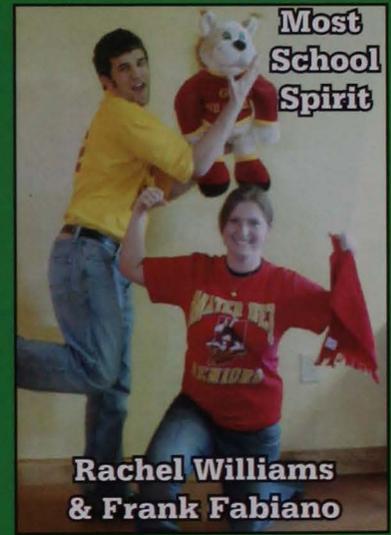
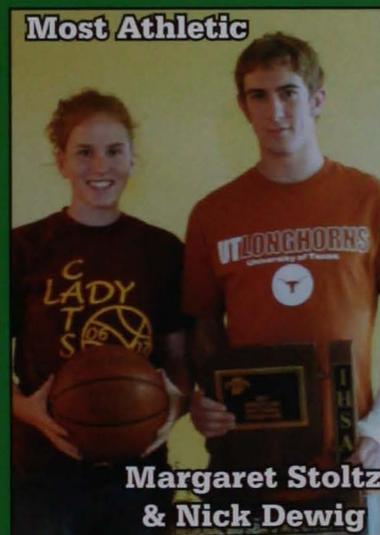
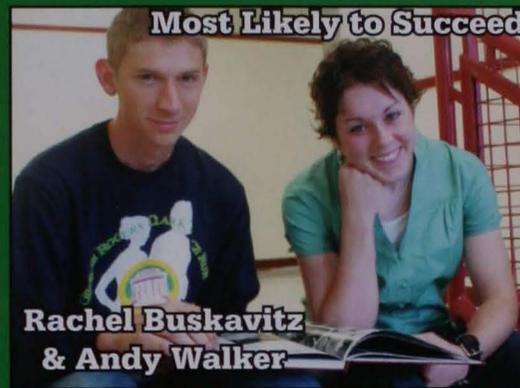
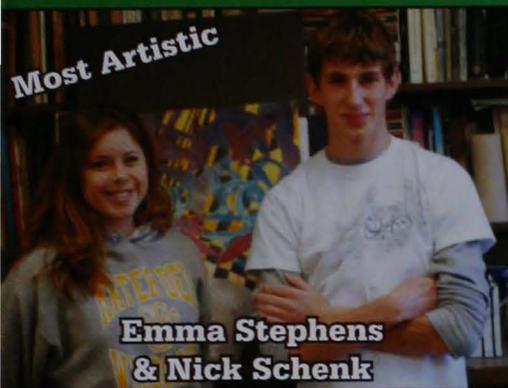
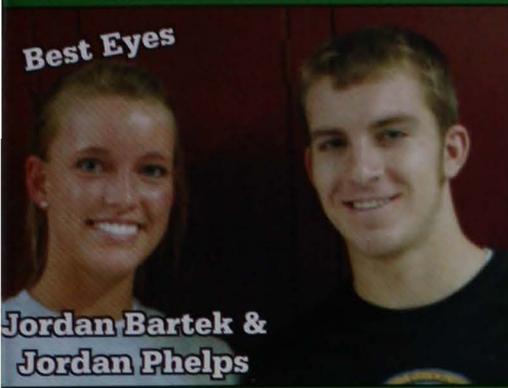
My favorite memory is just being with my friends, no matter what we are doing, like dances, games, parties, or just hanging out.

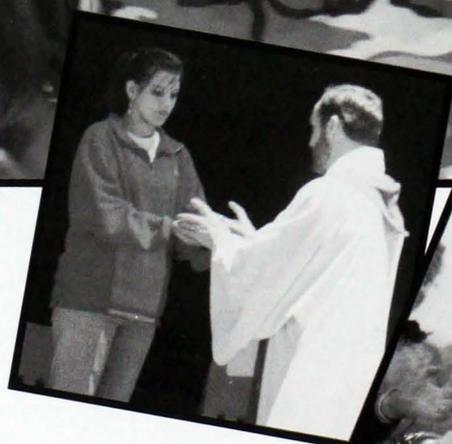
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Prom Committee, Volleyball

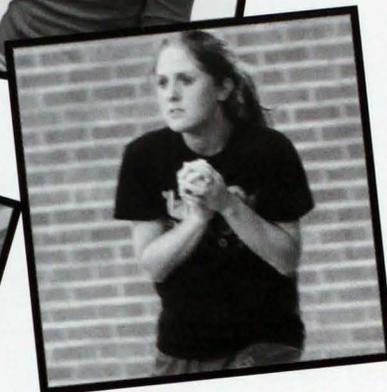


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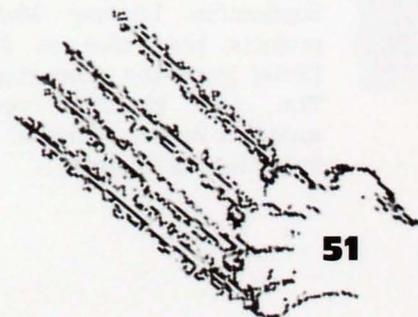




A C A D E M I C S



As the school year passed by,
so did our classes.
Many worked hard freshman
and sophomore year
to keep their grades at the top.
Others worked hard this year and last,
to raise their grades to show their
fullest potential.
Now, as we embark on a new journey,
let's remember those classroom
moments that will shape
the future.



[singing up scale]

Many people enjoy listening to the Mater Dei choir sing at mass and other events. The choir puts a lot of time and effort into their singing.

In choir, students are taught new music. They practice their pitch and sight-reading. "My favorite part of choir is the discipline you receive from learning new music," said junior Brett Bueltel. "I love music and learning about different styles of music."

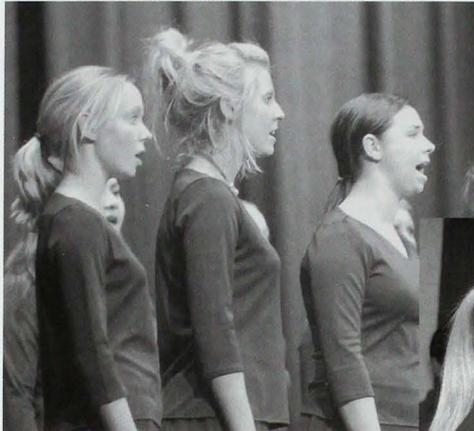
Choir does not always come easily. Junior Jessie Buskavitz said, "Being able to sing with the whole group and match the same pitches with everyone else is challenging." Learning unfamiliar music can be difficult.

Despite the difficulty of choir, the students still have fun. Bueltel enjoys

improving his singing, while Buskavitz enjoys being with her classmates. "I enjoy singing fun songs. My favorite part would be performing the songs we have learned," said Buskavitz.

Bueltel sums up his view of choir in four short words: "choir is the bomb!"

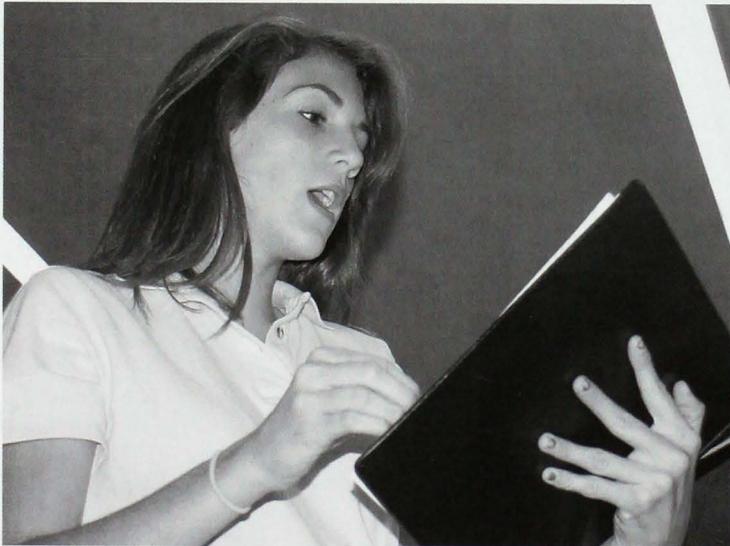
Lauren Grabert '08



Above left, the choir performs seasonal music at their annual Christmas concert.

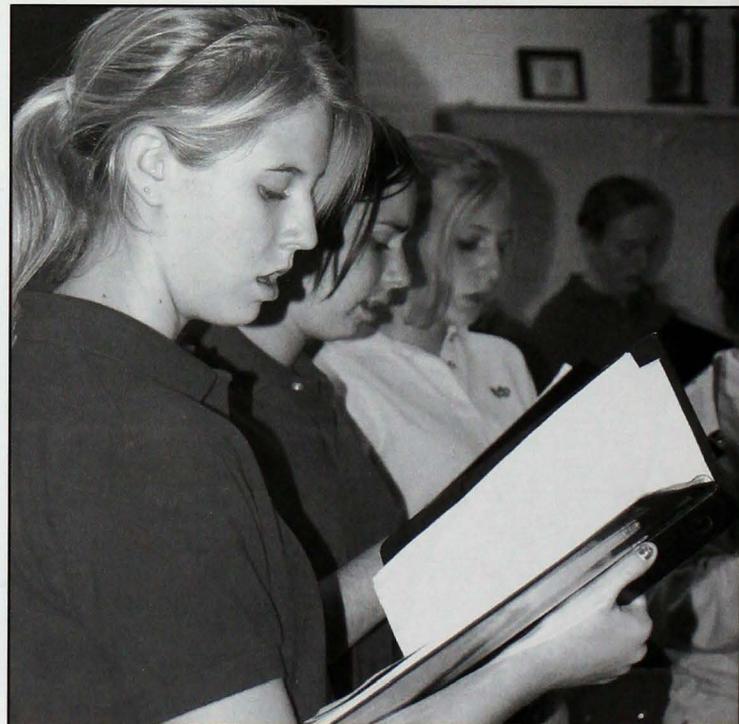
Above, sophomore Chelsea Norman, senior Sarah Schneider, and freshman Elizabeth Mayer warm up before class.

Photos by: Liz Wargel



Sophomore Lindsay Mann projects her voice as Mr. Dickel leads the choir class. The class practiced year-round for its two concerts. Photo by: Liz Wargel

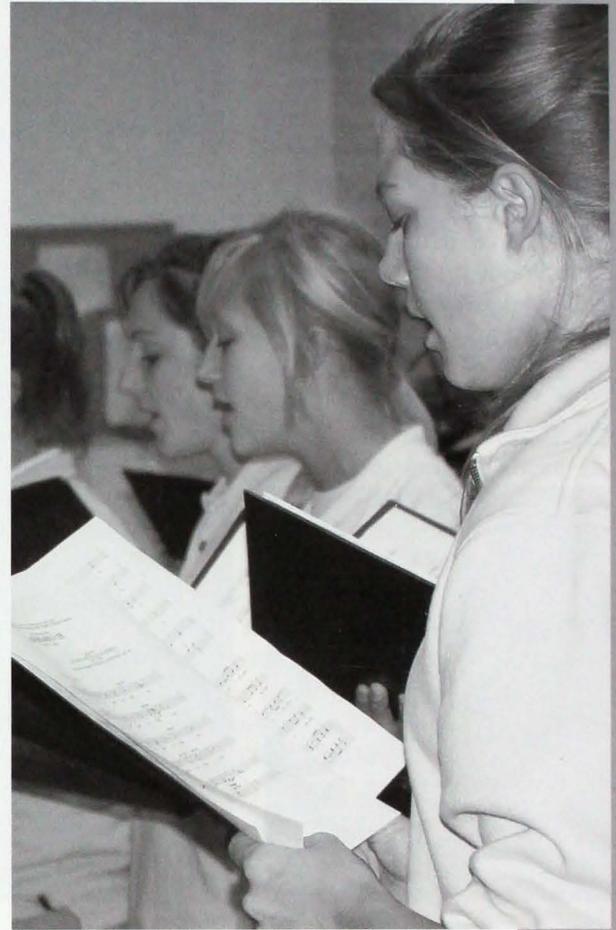
Sophomore Chelsea Norman, senior Sarah Schneider, and freshman Elizabeth Mayer sing during class. Schneider has been a member of choir since her freshman year. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Sophomores Jacob Koessel and Bobby Wilson, and juniors Josh Erkman, Luke Costlow, and Brett Buettel perform during a school mass. The group practiced diligently for this performance during choir class. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Practice makes perfect. Junior Jessie Buskavitz, senior Audrie Koester, and junior Mallory Scheller practice before a concert. Photo by: Liz Wargel

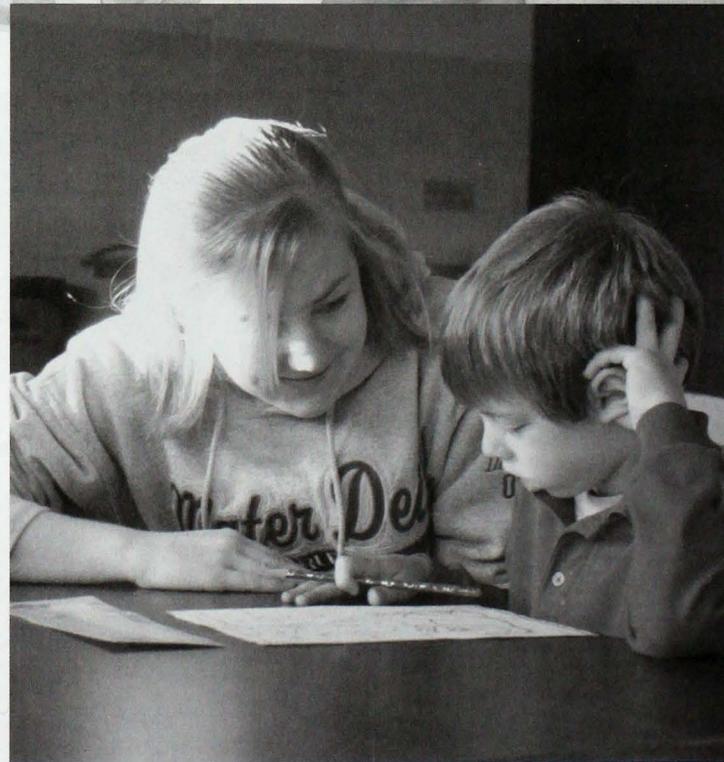


Sophomore Alyssa Miller, freshman Alex Martin, and sophomore Natalie Martin perform during the Christmas concert. Throughout the year, the students sang at many concerts. Photo by: Liz Wargel



To the right, senior Jennifer Born helps a kindergartner follow along in his book. Born was a student ambassador for Corpus Christi grade school. Photo by: Liz Wargel

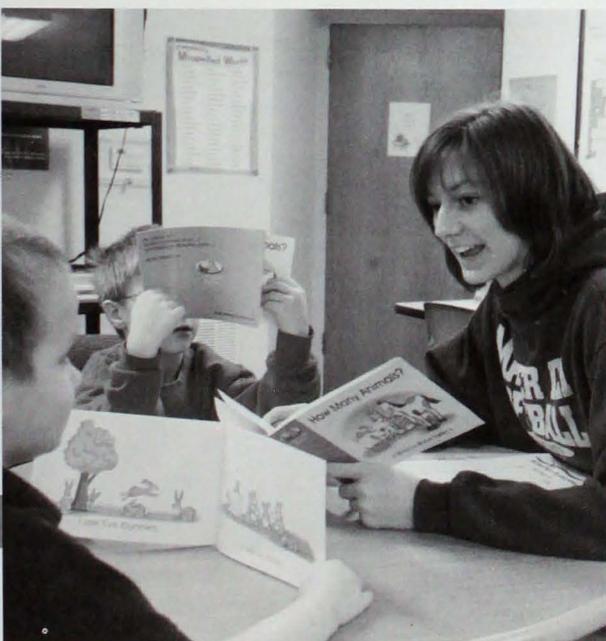
Below, senior Lauren VanCleve sounds out a word to help a boy read his book. Student Ambassador class is perfect for seniors who want to give back to their grade schools. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Above, senior Laura Lutz reads a picture book as she helps to tutor students at Corpus Christi. Student ambassadors completed small tasks at feeder schools. Photo by: Liz Wargel

While drawing a dot-to-dot picture, a St. Agnes grade schooler receives help from senior Danielle Ritter. Ritter enjoyed giving her free time to help the younger students. Photo by: McKenzie Williams

ambassadors to the WORLD



picking a place and time to study.

7. Prioritizing your study time and completing homework is important.

8. Participating in class discussions and asking questions will never help you study.

Above, senior Lauren VanCleve uses flashcards to help a grade-schooler sound out words. VanCleve worked with the kindergartners every other day in class. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior Laura Lutz helps grade school students read a story. Lutz found that it helped for the students to follow along as she read. Photo by: McKenzie Williams

For an elective at Mater Dei, seniors can choose a two-semester class that allows them to be a student ambassador to their previous grade school.

Seniors Lauren VanCleve, Jennifer Born, and Laura Lutz are all student ambassadors for Corpus Christi grade school. "We help out the teachers, mainly kindergarten and first grade. We also work on the Mater Dei bulletin board, copy papers, help with PE class, and pass out papers," VanCleve said.

"My favorite part during Student Ambassador is that I enjoy visiting my old grade school because it gives me the chance to see old teachers who have touched my life," Born said.

Another senior at Mater Dei, Megan Ziliak, is assigned to her previous grade school, St. James. While Ziliak is at St. James, she helps in the kindergarten room, helping students with their numbers and letters using flashcards. Ziliak's favorite memory of Student Ambassador class is "when a student was trying to say his letters and when he would get a letter correct, his whole face lit up from excitement."

Seniors Lauren Niemeier and Sarah Schneider were assigned to St. Joe. Niemeier said, "My favorite memory is being able to see my eight cousins and my brother, who go to St. Joe. It is fun being able to work in their classrooms and help them. I just love seeing the people at St. Joe because everyone is like a family." McKenzie Williams '07



[STAYING LATE]

The sun starts to rise in the early morning and you awake to the sounds of trumpets. Then you start to hear trombones, drums, and a voice. Rarely does a high school band have a singer, but fortunately for Mater Dei, we had sophomore Lindsay Mann. Mann was the only singer in a high school band in Evansville. This was the first time Mater Dei had a singer. "I thought joining the band would be another great opportunity to sing and compete," said Mann.

Mater Dei's band is not known for its size. However, this does not affect their pride. With only nine instruments, five percussion players, five color guard members, and eight Dance Cats, their talent is abundant.

Junior Melissa Lauderdale, who plays the saxophone, enjoys being a part of a smaller band. Lauderdale started the band back in 2004. "I joined because I thought that it would be a fun experience."

Lauderdale's sister, Lori, is a freshman trumpet player in the band. She joined the band because her dad was in it and said it was fun. "Then my sister joined and I wanted to too. It was a great decision," said Lauderdale.

However, sophomore percussion player Craig Nelson says that even though other larger bands may seem intimidating, "I try to have a positive attitude because I just want to do the best I can."

The band worked hard at practices and at pep assemblies. Their hard work enabled them to make it to state for the first time in school history.

Junior drum major Katie Dockery said that the most exciting moment of making it to state was "being swarmed by drum majors after awards at regionals." However, Dockery said that "tears fell when we found out we were going to state."

Many memories were made this year. Mater Dei's band made it to state and had the whole school in excitement.

"The greatest memory I have from the band is the moment when I found out that we were going to the RCA Dome. With our 28 member band, the thought of going to state is a dream. I have grown a lot and met many new people through band. This band season has truly been amazing," said Mann.

Shannon Phillips '07



Sophomores Aaron Holmes and Lindsay Mann perform at the regional competition in Jasper. This year, the band added a vocal performance and dance team into the routine.

Photo by: Liz Wargel

Junior Rachel Sweeney and sophomore Brynne Guzman perform in "After Hours." The band started practicing in July to prepare for the fall competitions.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Sarah Schneider shows her dance skills with great facial expressions. Schneider has been involved in the color guard since her sophomore year.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Junior Christie Kelley, co-captain of the Dance Cats, dances during a competition. The Dance Cats joined the band for its fall competitions.
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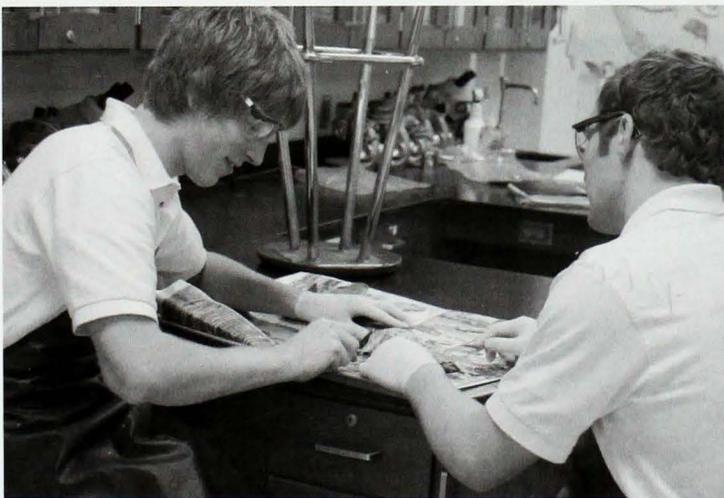
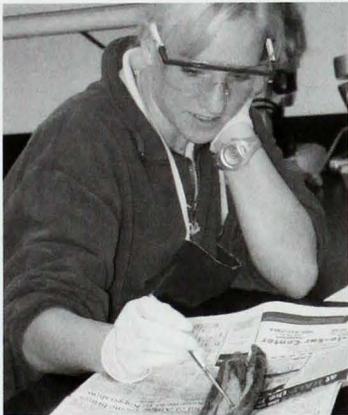


Freshman Lori Lauderdale, sophomore Aaron Holmes, and junior Sam Moore perform together in a young but talented band. Performing in the RCA Dome was a great way to end the season.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Seniors Hannah Boots and Jordan Bartek concentrate on their Anatomy dissection. The class was a good way to prepare for college courses. Photo by: Christie Kelley

Senior Krista Wildeman points to a blood vessel with forceps. Wildeman and her lab partner enjoyed studying the animals in Anatomy, even if the tests were difficult. Photo by: Maria Nelson



Senior lab partners Mitch Funke and Chris DeWitt dissect a lamprey in Mr. Voegel's class. The class could be challenging at times, but the students all left with a better understanding of human anatomy. Photo by: Alicia Farney

Senior Alex Bigge helps to construct senior Rachel Buskavitz's Prom dress. The two entered a national contest for the best duct tape Prom dress design. Photo by: McKenzie Williams





hands on experiments

Senior Hannah Boots dissects a pig in Mr. Voegel's Anatomy class. The students spent a few weeks dissecting their pigs before taking a lab practical.

Photo by: Maria Nelson

Most Mater Dei classes consist of more than just the average lecture. A little hands-on experiment or activity is just the trick to get students interested in learning.

"My favorite part (of chemistry) is being able to use creativity and the fact that experiments and projects give a break from traditional teaching methods," said junior Sarah Luigs. In Luigs' chemistry class, she has the opportunity to use different types of lab equipment.

In Anatomy class, senior Krista Wildeman has the chance to apply what she is learning in class in hands-on activities. "I like the skeleton section the best so far because we get to see exactly how we are put together and function," said Wildeman.

Junior Sherilyn Weinzapfel said that participating in experiments forces the students to pay attention to what is going on in class. Weinzapfel also believes that labs make the class fun.

Senior Andy Walker said, "hands-on experience lets you really see how science is used in everyday life." Walker also likes the way lab experiments encourage him to think independently.

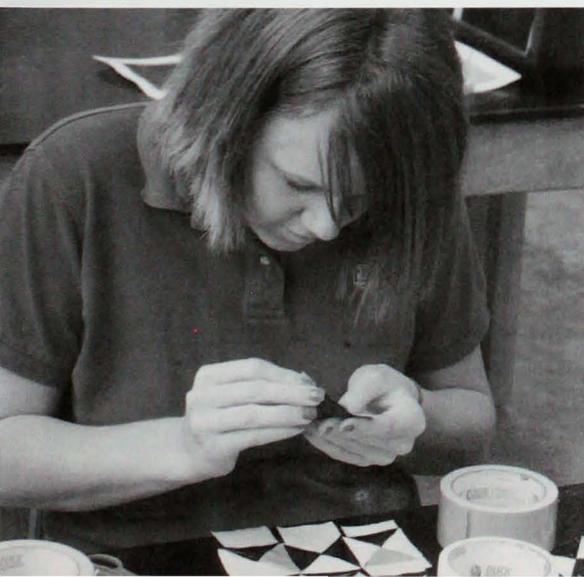
Christie Kelley '08



Seniors Mary Ann Gaffney and Myranda Kurzendoerfer dissect pigs in Mr. Voegel's senior Anatomy class. Photo by: Christie Kelley

Senior Lauren VanCleve works on an art project. Art class takes time and patience, but the hard work pays off when you can see a finished product.

Photo by: McKenzie Williams



[taking time out]

Ministry class is an elective at Mater Dei, but it is not for those who are faint of heart. Students in this class conquer issues in their lives and deal with young, rowdy children every other day. However, most students involved in the class say that Ministry is a great opportunity to become involved in the community.

"Class time is great because we sit in a group and discuss numerous topics that affect us daily," senior Krista Wildeman said. "We also discuss how doing ministry impacts us outside of the classroom."

Senior McKenzie Williams said, "The classroom discussions help us to find our spiritual side and become closer to God."

The class also volunteers at St. Vincent's Day Care. This gives them a chance to interact with members of the community and with young children.

"We play games and color with the kids, and sometimes just give them someone to look up to," said senior Neil Goebel.

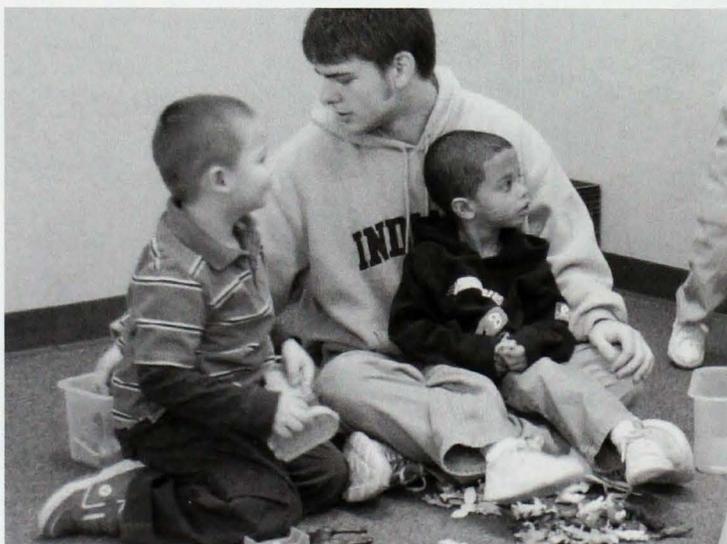
Wildeman said, "Helping the children is fun. They give me drawings, always wanting me to bring them back to school to show my friends."

Ministry gives students a chance to talk about personal things, to bond with classmates, and to help the community, all while becoming closer to God.

Liz Wargel '07



Above, senior Emily Weber laughs with a child at St. Vincent's Day Care. Weber volunteered to work with the children as part of her Ministry class. Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Senior Mike Cervone gets more toys out for the young boys he is working with to play with. Cervone enjoyed helping the older students at the day care. Photo by: McKenzie Williams

To the right, senior Rachel Buskavitz helps a young girl blow dry the hair of a doll and apply makeup to it. Buskavitz took Ministry class to give back to her community. Photo by: Liz Wargel



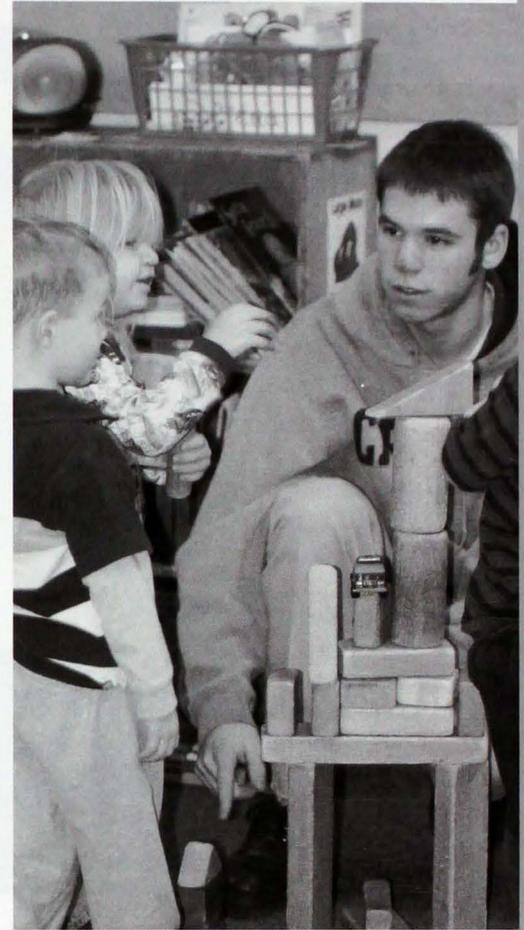
Below, senior Ben Fleming talks to a child at St. Vincent's Day Care. Fleming's favorite part of volunteering at St. Vincent's was interacting with the children.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



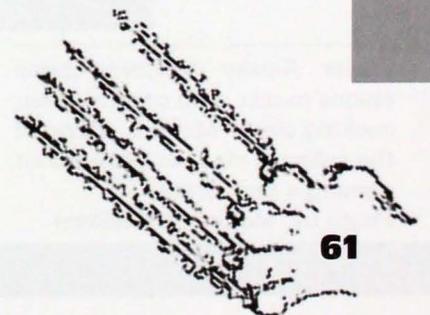
Below, senior Paul Wheeler helps children build a skyscraper. The children enjoyed spending time with Wheeler because of his sense of humor.

Photo by: McKenzie Williams



To the left, senior Aly Feldhaus colors with little girls while volunteering. The children look up to the seniors in Ministry class, following their example.

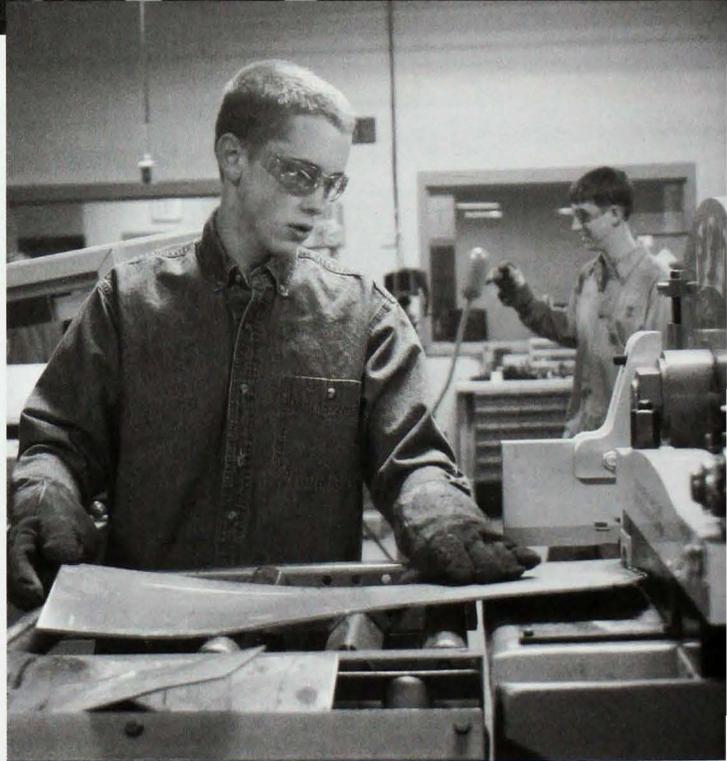
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Senior Alyssa Lambert and junior Kelsey McCord experiment with oil and water in their cooking class. This is the first year that both Lambert and McCord have attended the Career and Technical Institute. Photo by: McKenzie Williams

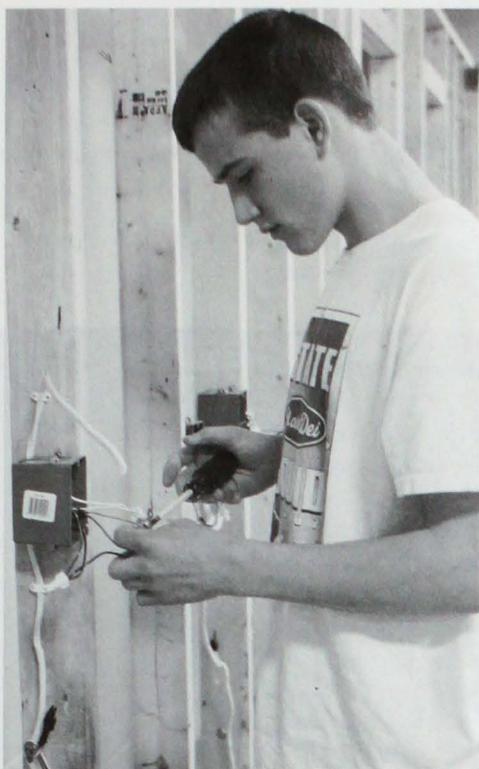


Junior Kelsey McCord chops onions to mix with carrots in her cooking class. McCord attended the culinary class to learn about owning a restaurant. Photo by: McKenzie Williams



To the right, senior Ian Collignon places a piece of metal on a machine in his welding class. Collignon enjoyed learning about his intended career. Photo by: Liz Wargel

training for the Real World



To the left, junior Daniel Schweizer uses a screwdriver to assemble an electrical socket in his electrical class. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Alex Vanhooser saws a piece of wood for his T&I class. The Vanhooser twins worked together in their construction class to build a house. Photo by: Liz Wargel



To the left, senior Alyssa Lambert shows her cooking skills in a T&I class. T&I allows students to explore subjects not offered at Mater Dei. Photo by: Liz Wargel

The Career and Technical Institute offers high school students a hands-on approach to learning. C&T offers culinary arts, car and diesel, construction, nursing, fashion design, drafting, and many other hands-on courses.

Senior Mike Wolf decided to take Diesel Service Technology classes at C&T. He chose to pursue his interest in Diesel Service Technology to further advance his knowledge of his future career. Wolf and his brother own a motorcycle business, and he competes in many motocross races.

Senior Drew Waldroup took classes in residential wiring and robotic programming, and then worked at an electronic repair store. Senior Chad Nix participated in the Diesel Service Technology class. Nix believed that "this class would be beneficial in my plan to be a diesel mechanic or an equipment operator."

While the boys were constructing and engineering, senior Samantha Hurm-Walker participated in Health Sciences.

"I took this class because I want to pursue a career in health care. We get four college credits for completing the courses. Right now, I am on clinicals for occupational therapy. Before I am done with clinicals, I will have had two hundred hours of experience," said Hurm-Walker.

Although C&T offers a more relaxed and hands-on approach, it is really just a different way of learning. C&T has more detailed courses to accompany the goals and careers students will be pursuing in the future. In the end, it does not matter how students gain knowledge; it's just important that they have it.

McKenzie Williams '07



[expressive colors]

Hands typing furiously on a keyboard. Eyes quickly scanning the computer screen. The rush to meet a deadline. Creative minds imagining the perfect colors for their painting. These things don't happen in the common classroom; they only occur in the basement of Mater Dei.

Art, journalism, and yearbook are not regular classes. Students involved in these classes are able to use their talents to produce many types of work.

Art students enter contests and show their work a number of different times. Art classes also allow students to be creative.

Sophomore Lance Kollker is in art class for more than that. "It gives me a chance to express myself through my artwork."

Students who are interested in writing and photography join the journalism class. These students produce the newspaper four times a year.

"My favorite part of journalism class is editing my articles and helping place them in the

paper," stated junior Celia Wannemuehler.

There are different reasons to take these classes.

Pam Weinzapfel, a junior in yearbook, believes, "It has helped me become a better writer and learn how to change how I write. This class gives me an opportunity to learn new skills."

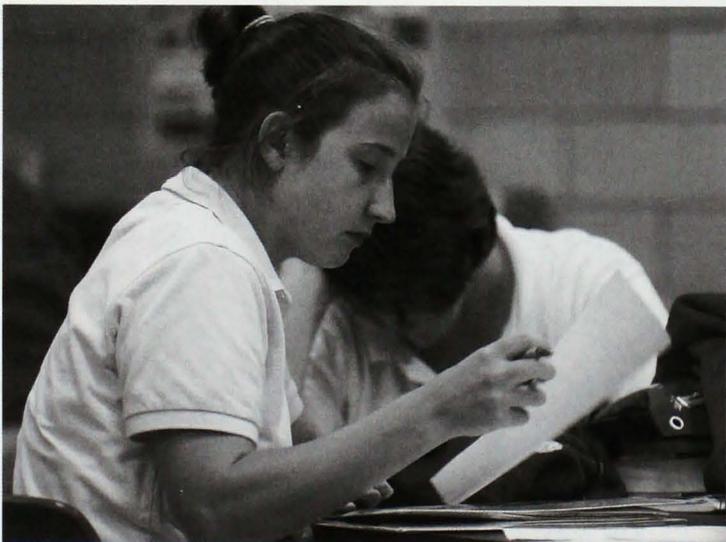
The students who produce the newspaper, yearbook, and artwork put a great deal of time into their work. Sophomore Heather Wargel, who is editor-in-chief of the newspaper, said her favorite part of the class is the final product. "I like to see what I have created."

Maria Nelson '08



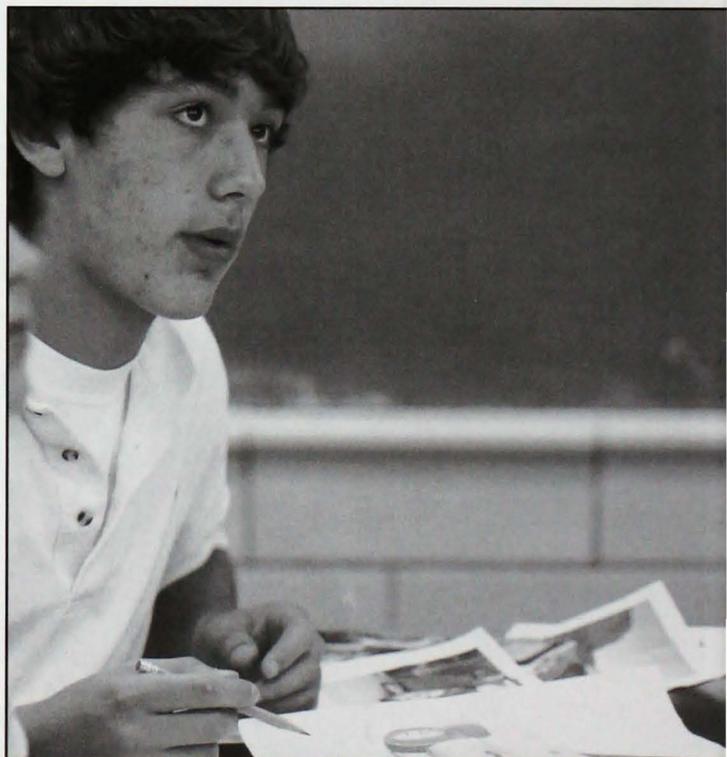
Above, Alicia Farney, a junior, edits stories for an upcoming deadline. To the right, senior co-editor McKenzie Williams edits stories on the computer.

Photos by: Maria Nelson



Juniors Pam Weinzapfel and Maria Nelson contact several local businesses about placing ads in the yearbook. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Sophomore Jesse Horstman begins work on his assignment of a shaded pencil drawing in his art class. Photo by: Maria Nelson



Sophomore Caleb Eickhoff completes a drawing during art class. Art students are required to sketch many observation drawings each semester.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



Senior Liz Wargel edits layouts for the yearbook. Co-editors Wargel and senior McKenzie Williams worked hard to meet deadlines for layouts and articles.

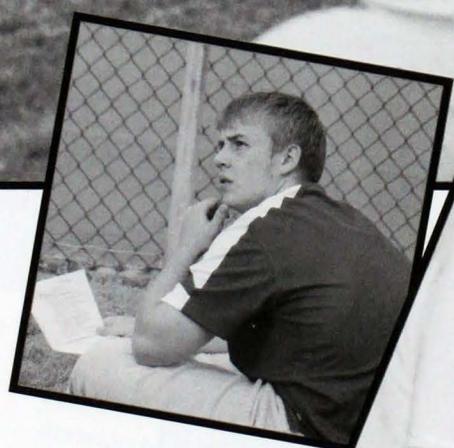
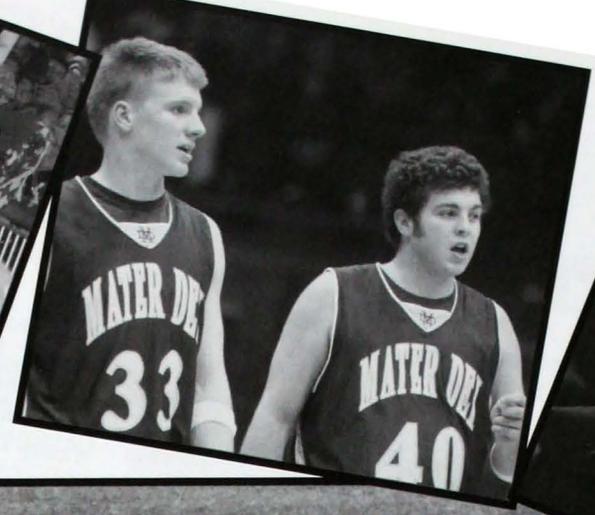
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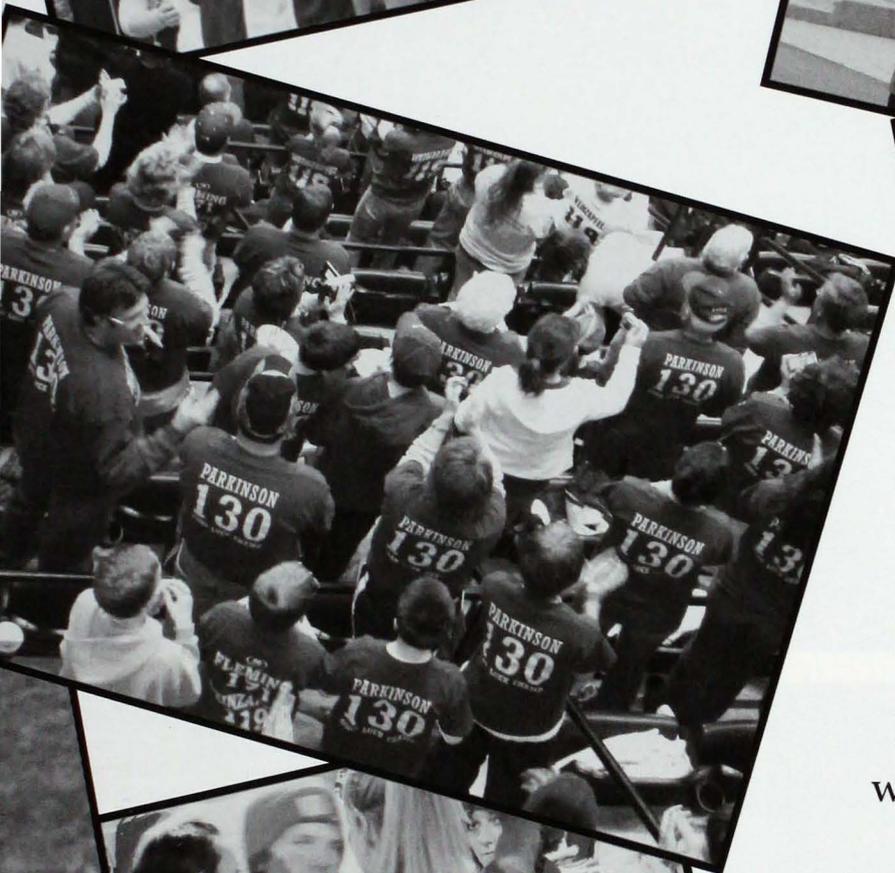
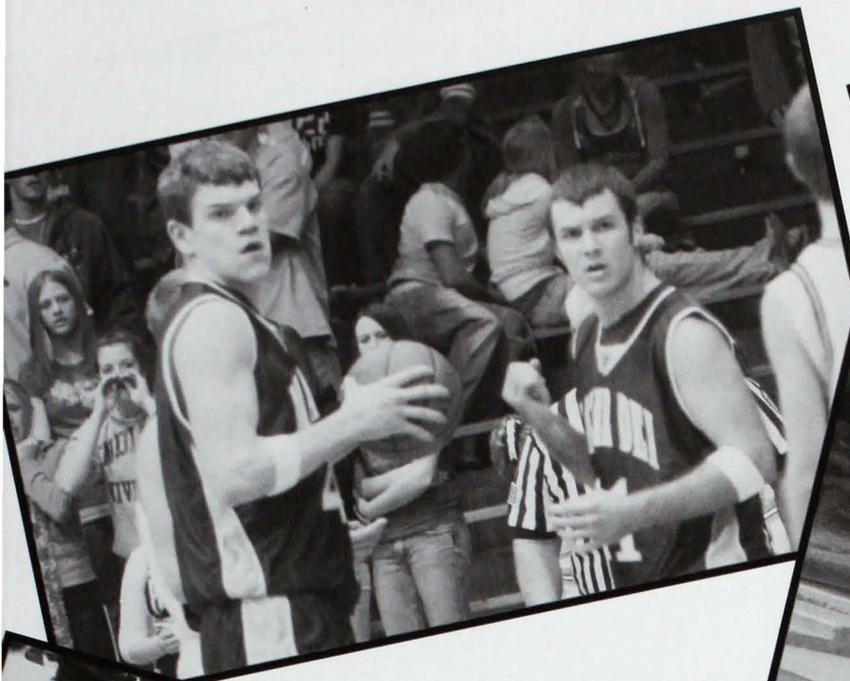
Juniors Pam Weinzapfel and Lauren Grabert work on business ads together during yearbook. Yearbook class requires students to be consistent in meeting deadlines in order to complete the yearbook on time.

Photo by: Maria Nelson





S P O R T S



This year has been an exceptional example of the athletic excellence

Mater Dei has to offer.

From the goofy pep assemblies where Mrs. Adler played a kazoo and Jenna Adler rapped for the football team, to the crazy red and gold sea of students at wrestling state, we now celebrate our accomplishments.



Seniors Danielle Ritter, Mackenzie Riggs, and Lauren Hoefling demonstrate their leadership skills and school spirit by leading the other cheerleaders at the football games.

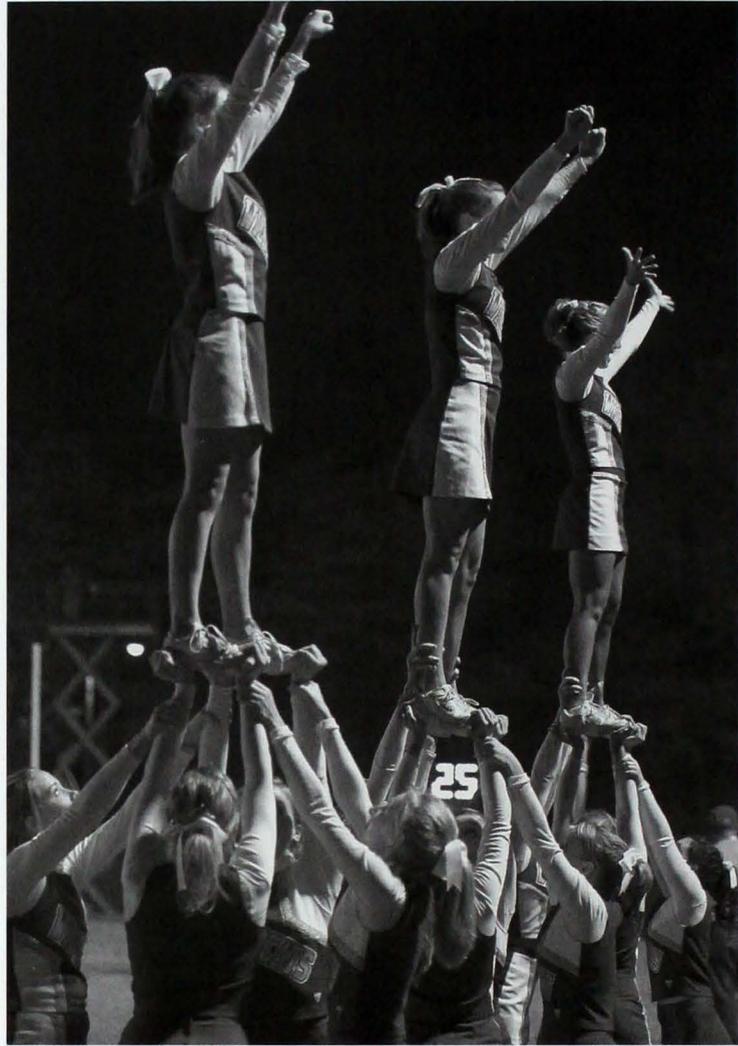
Photo by: Liz Wargel

The cheerleaders come together to hold the flyers in the air. The flyers complete stunts and cheers in the air, performing for the crowd.

Photo by: Liz Wargel

The varsity cheerleaders lead students in a cheer at the Harrison football game. The five senior cheerleaders have been on the team since their freshman year.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Singing the school song, the varsity cheerleaders lead the student section after the football team scores.

Photo by: McKenzie Williams

The cheerleaders hold a school banner as the football team begins to break through it.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



The cheerleaders were very crucial to our team's spirit this year. Whenever the team was down and needed a boost, they looked to the cheer team to rally the fans into spirit. The cheerleaders' favorite cheers were "Jump Shake Your Booty," the "Banana Salute," and "MDHS." The "Banana Salute" seemed to be a fan favorite, with the newly-added verse, "Rock the Mullet."

"These cheers are the best because they get everyone into the game," said senior Mackenzie Riggs.

This year was a growing year for the cheer team, with only five returning senior cheerleaders. Seniors Riggs and Sarah Hall agreed the best part of being involved with the cheerleading team was hanging out with the other members of the squad. "Becoming friends with new girls every year is the best part of the season," commented Hall.

Many people believe that cheerleading is not a "real" sport, but these girls strongly disagree. "We have a very important job; it's just that others don't always believe it," said senior Danielle Ritter.

Emily Huff '07

Rock the Mullet

A good cheerleader is not measured by the height of her jumps but by the span of her spirit.
~Author Unknown

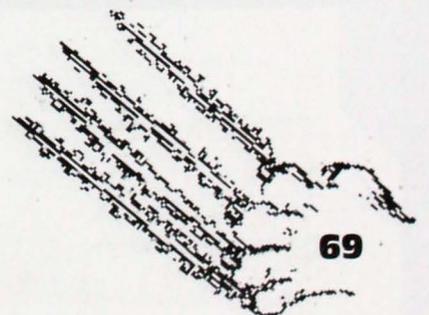


Senior Sarah Hall yells a cheer as the cheerleaders and the fans battle the cold weather at the Reitz game. Photo by: Emily Huff



Juniors Cara Emmert, Lauren Grabert, Katie Reddington, and senior Sarah Hall get the students pumped up at a pep assembly.

Photo by: Alicia Farney



FIGHTING FOR MEMORIES

KEEPING THE TRADITION ALIVE

Rushing for a touchdown, senior quarterback Zach Goebel dodges a tackle. Goebel was also a defensive lineman.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



Memorable. This is the one word, chosen by many, to describe this football season. "Not only was it our senior year, but if you add in all of the tradition and being coached by Coach Goebel and Coach Knight, this was definitely the best season," reminisced senior Greg Cardin.

Even though the team suffered a hard loss at the beginning of the season, they truly came together to form a hard-working team. The team ended the regular season with a loss to west side rival Reitz, but came back to continue further than Reitz in the playoffs. The boys brought home the sectional title after defeating Heritage Hills, Gibson Southern, and then Memorial. The boys surprised many by beating Batesville 21-14 for the regional title. They then faced Indianapolis Bishop Chatard at the semi-state level. "We knew it would be a hard game going in. We just planned to play the best we could," said Cardin. The boys ended a great season and were the only local team to win a regional title.

When asked what the best part of being a member of the Mater Dei team was, senior Chris Emmert remarked, "the fact that everyone wants to beat us."

Liz Wargel '07

"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

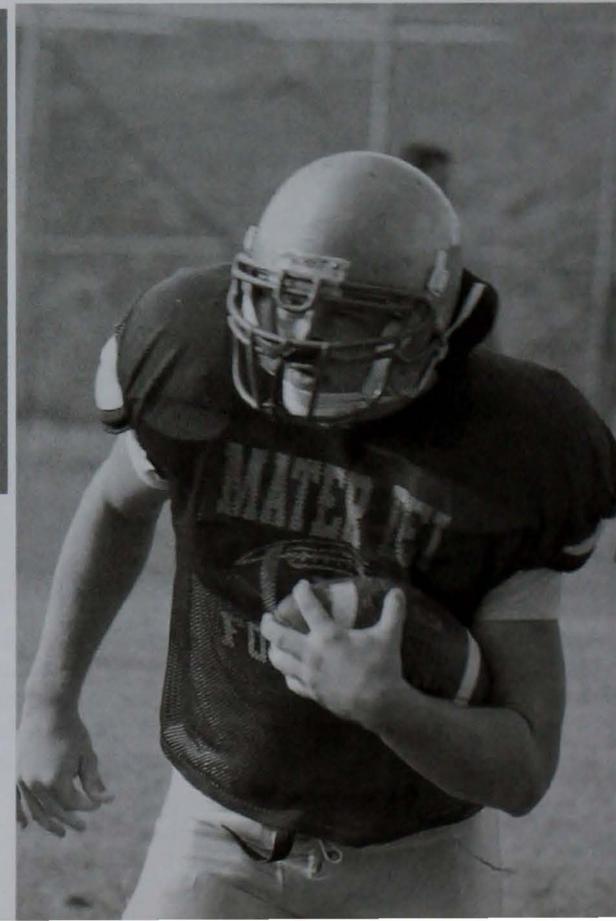
-Mattie Stepanek

Poet and Peacemaker

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Senior Andy Matt runs drills during football practice. The drills helped Matt achieve perfect play execution.

Photo by: Liz Wargel

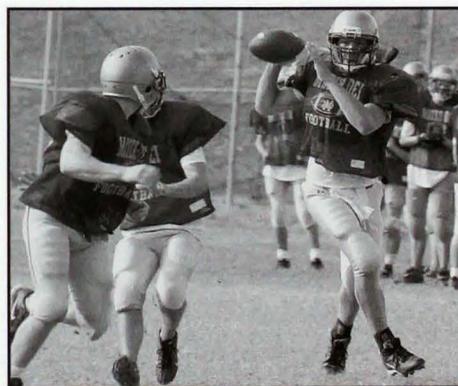




The Mater Dei defense prepares for the snap during the Reitz game. The enthusiasm from the student body gave Mater Dei the extra boost to carry on.
Photo by: Emily Huff



During the game against Castle, senior Andy Matt lodges oncoming opponents in the hopes of scoring a touchdown.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



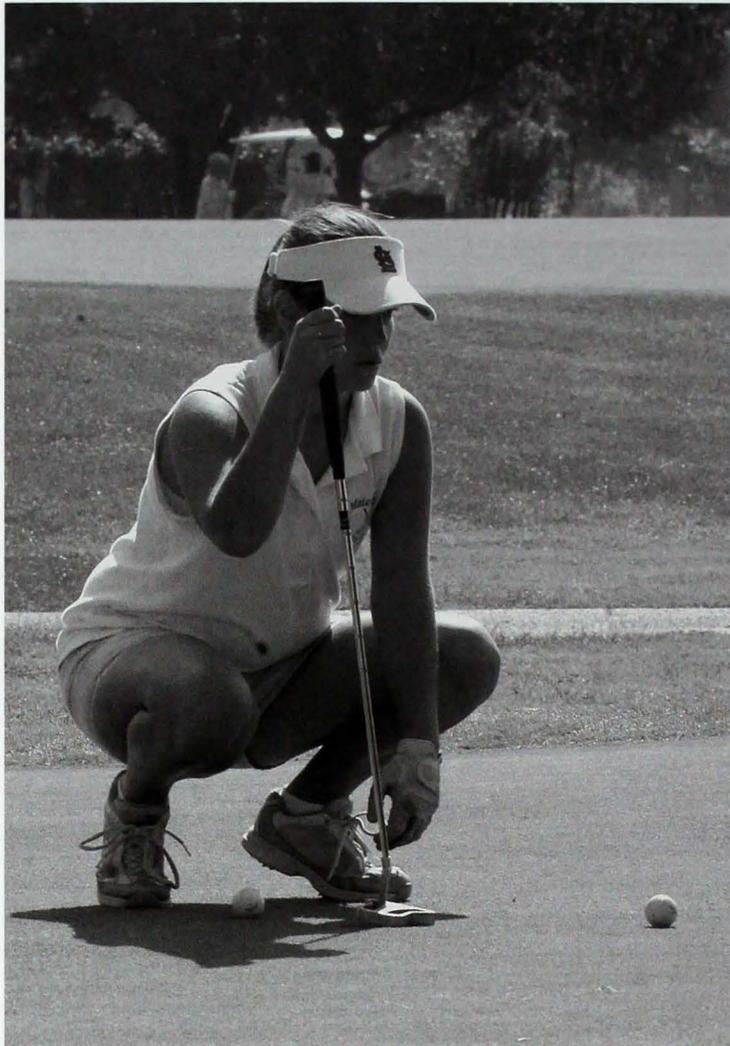
Members of the football team practice in preparation for an upcoming game. Mater Dei football practices were a grueling three hours after school each day.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Jenna Whorl putts the golf ball safely onto the green. Whorl was a four-year member and the only senior to lead the team this year.
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Sophomore Jamie Wildeman watches as her golf ball rolls toward the hole. Wildeman was a first-year member of the team and quickly became accustomed to the game.
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Below, freshman Kelsey Powers places the golf ball on the putting area. Powers enjoyed the closeness of the small team.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Above, freshman Kelsey Powers picks up a golf ball from the hole on the golf course. To the right, Powers putts the golf ball toward the hole. Thanks to the small size of the team, Powers was able to learn from her fellow teammates.
Photo by: McKenzie Williams

Senior Jenna Whorl inspects her score card. Even though the team was not very large, they still took every meeting seriously.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Many players would consider having a small team a disadvantage, but not the girls' golf team. With only five girls this season, they decided to look at their team as a family and used those emotions to help each other improve. It worked; the team had one of their best seasons yet.

"I think we are fine the way we are because we get enough time to have one-on-one practices with the coach," said sophomore Jamie Wildeman.

"The most exciting thing about golf is that you can always do better," explained sophomore Emily Loehrlein.

While many obstacles were pushed in front of the girls' golf team, that didn't stop Loehrlein from advancing to regionals individually. The girls knew that the size of the team didn't matter as long as those participating were willing to bond and work together.

Pamela Weinzapfel '08

Driving Through Obstacles

*"If you watch a game, it's fun.
If you play it, it's recreation.
If you work at it, it's golf."
-Bob Hope*



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RACING THE CLOCK

Seniors Mitchell Eickhoff and Jerry Parkinson come up the final hill of the cross country course at USI. Parkinson has been a member of the cross country team since his freshman year. Eickhoff has been on the team since his sophomore year.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



The gun sounds and the runners take off. But are they racing the other competitors or are they racing themselves?

Most cross country members would agree that their sport is not just about beating the other teams in the race, but it is also about beating their own personal goals and records.

"Every race is a challenge. Your goal every time is to place higher and get better times than the previous race," said junior Kurt Goebel.

Most of the time, no one is as hard on them as they are on themselves. The team tests themselves every day at practice, trying to improve their skill and time. However, that is what gives the athletes their drive and will to win.

"You've got to set goals for yourself and work hard in practice to meet your goals," Goebel said.

When they cross the finish line, the racers are not as concerned about what place they were in, as long as they beat the time they had set for themselves.

Alicia Farney '08

"The winners in life treat their body as if it were a magnificent spacecraft that gives them the finest transportation and endurance for their lives."

-Denis Waitley, Author



Senior Jerry Parkinson races for the finish line. The leadership on the boys' cross country team was outstanding, with many of the senior boys encouraging the younger members of the team.

Photo by: Liz Wargel





Senior Sean Herron comes around the first bend of the cross country course. Herron has run for the team since freshman year and came in 79th at semi-state.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Seniors Sean Herron and Mitchell Eickhoff talk and stretch before their race begins. The two usually took the leadership roles of the team.

Photo by: Liz Wargel

The boys' cross country team starts their race strong, leading the pack. Their hard work paid off when they made it to regionals.

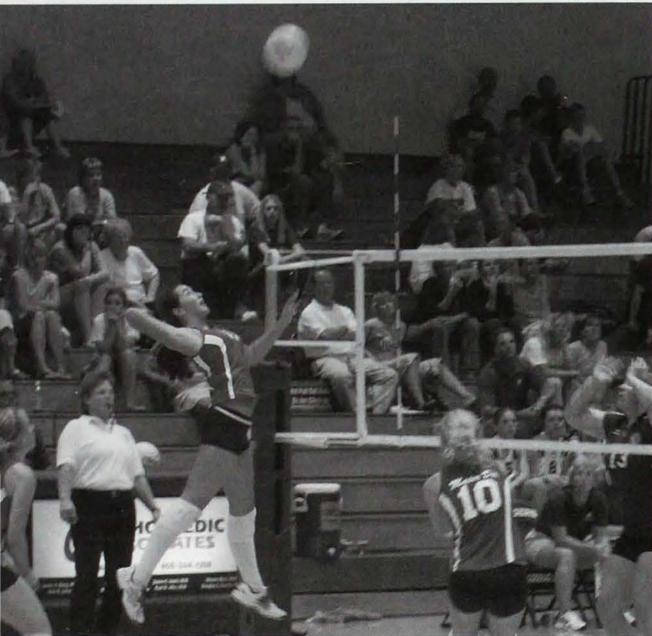
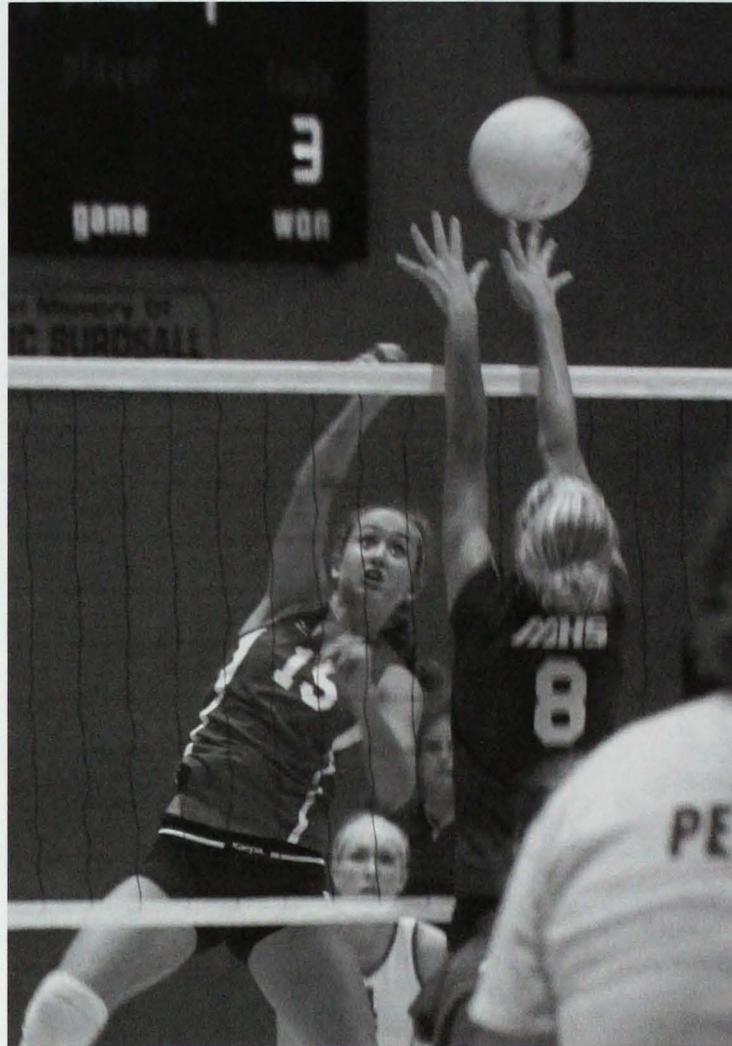
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Lauren Niemeier spikes the ball over the net. The volleyball team defeated the Forest Park Rangers in the first three games.
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Kelsey Blankenberger, a junior, hits the ball over the net. Blankenberger worked hard to improve as an individual and to contribute to her team.
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Below, sophomore Kylie Weaver spikes the ball during a game. Weaver was the only sophomore to play on varsity.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



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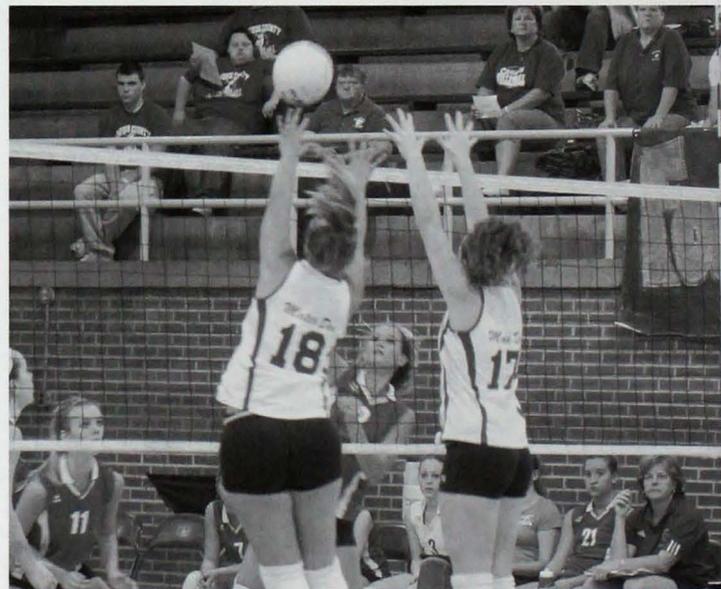
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Above, teammates junior Celia Wannemuehler and senior Margaret Stoltz block a spike during a game. Wannemuehler and Stoltz often played the front line because of their height.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Senior Mallory Goebel focuses on the ball as she prepares to dig for it. Goebel has been on the team since her freshman year.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



It has been said that all glory comes from daring to begin. This year's volleyball team dared to start again and it worked.

Through many months of practices and new techniques, the volleyball team worked on improving its speed and on the teammates' ability to work together. Their new coach, Mary Jo Malicoat, helped them to improve their skills.

"The team has really focused on improving in speed and being in shape," junior Krystal Schmitt said.

The team has also worked on the mental aspect of their game. "Mrs. Malicoat has influenced our success by never giving up on us. She always has a positive outlook," senior Marie Wolf said.

setting **FOR SUCCESS**

The team worked hard, but there was time for the girls to have fun. The night before each game, the team got together for a pre-game dinner.

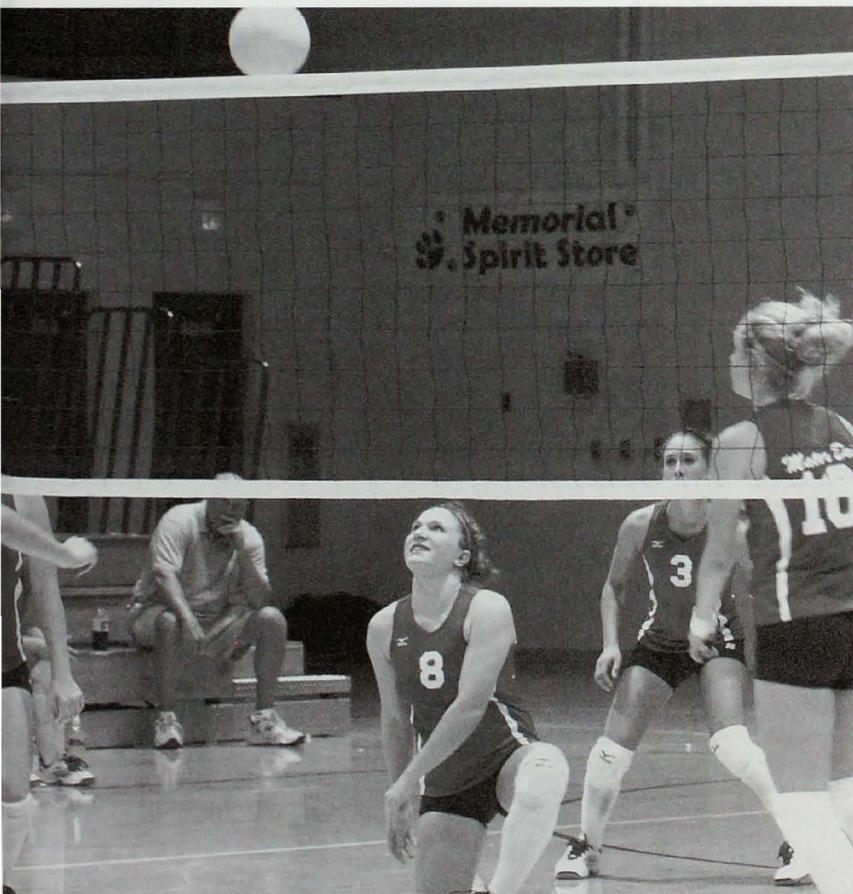
Senior Lauren Niemeier said, "We sit around and joke and laugh about stupid things."

Junior Ashley Adler said, "The team gets pumped up by doing 'Ride the Pony' or 'The Banana Salute.'"

Leadership is also an important part of success and there has been no shortage of that this year. Junior Kendal Elpers said, "Our seniors this year are great leaders. I'm also very proud of the team as a whole."

The girls on the team were able to share more than just a successful season this year. They also shared a special bond. Schmitt summed it up by saying, "Being a part of the volleyball team is like having a second family."

Maria Nelson '08



FIGHTING TO KEEP THEIR DREAM ALIVE

During a game against Mt. Vernon, senior Brian Pigman attempts to make a move on his opponent. Pigman was the captain for the 2006 season.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



There can be many feelings going through a person while watching a Mater Dei boys' soccer game. The anticipation before the whistle. The satisfaction of watching the team play their hardest for ninety minutes. The exhilaration when they score a goal.

The Mater Dei boys' soccer team had one main goal at the beginning of their season. "We want to get past regionals," said senior Cody Brandenstein. "We have won sectionals for the past three years and would like to get past regionals."

The team worked hard to try to achieve this goal. They practiced every day to help improve their skills. "Every day of practice is challenging," said junior Andrew Elpers. "Continuous practice without a break can be very difficult at times."

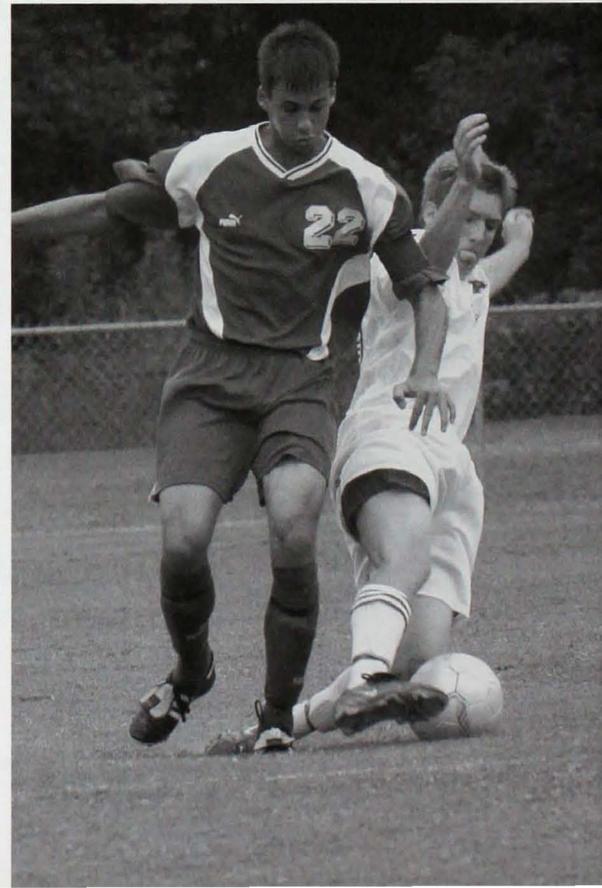
All the practicing helped the team and led to a successful season for them. "We tied Memorial, number-five-ranked in the state," said junior Sam Schentrup.

The team members were satisfied with their season. Brandenstein said, "Even though Mater Dei soccer doesn't get as much recognition as football or wrestling or baseball, I enjoy playing every minute of it."

Lauren Grabert '08

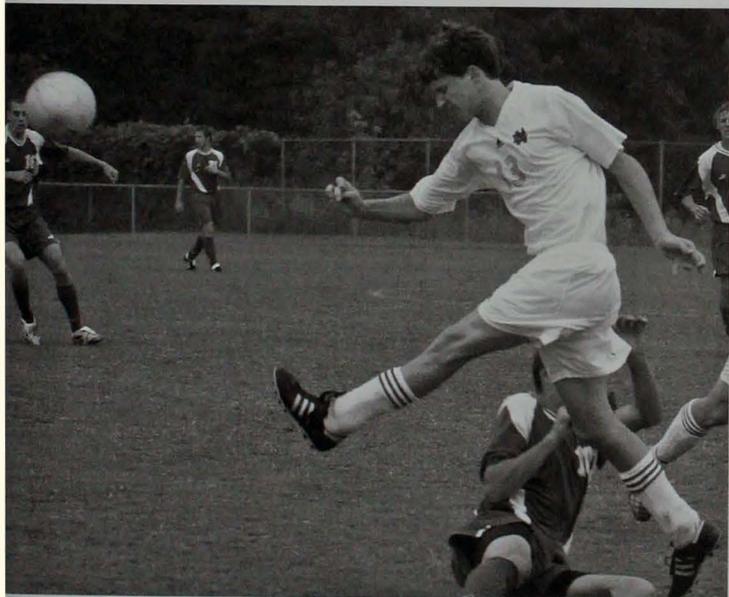
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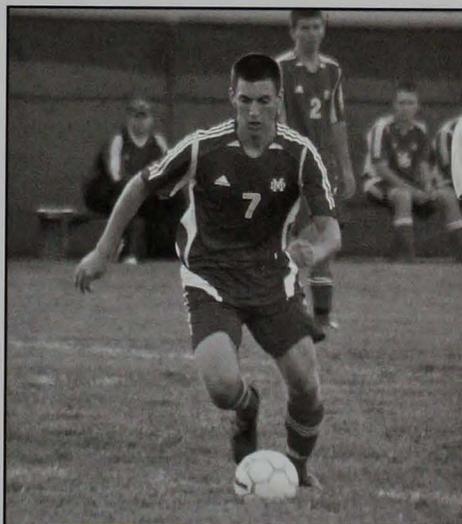




Trying to steal the ball, senior Ryan Gries collides with a Mt. Vernon player. Gries has been on the varsity team for three years.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Junior Andrew Elpers slide tackles his opponent during a game. Elpers has been a member of the varsity team for three years.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



Senior Brian Pigman dribbles the soccer ball down the field to try to score a goal against Mount Vernon. Pigman was one of seven seniors who helped the team to win sectionals.
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Sophomore Lance Kollker jumps over a player to defend the goal. Kollker played sweeper for the varsity team.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Senior Krista Wildeman makes her way around the bend in the Mater Dei Cross Country Invitational. Wildeman was one of the two seniors leading the team this year.

Photo by: Maria Nelson

Through concentration, junior Kyla Wargel moves along in the Mater Dei Invitational. The girls' team came in 9th.

Photo by: Liz Wargel

Junior Pamela Weinzapfel, with sophomore Megan Blankenberger not too far behind, makes her way up the final hill on USI's cross country course.

Photo by: Shannon Phillips



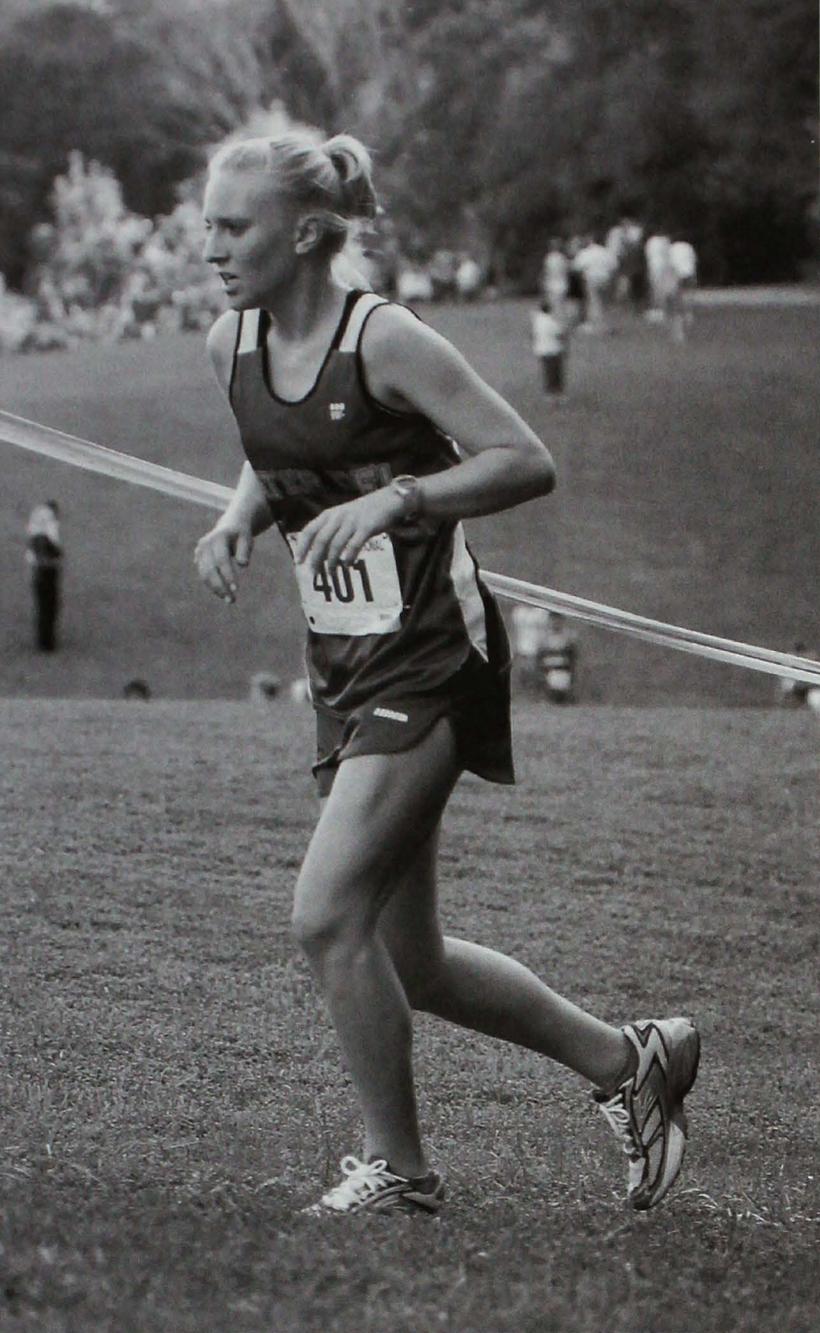
Junior Pam Weinzapfel draws near to the finish line at USI. Weinzapfel improved on her time at the Mater Dei Invitational.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



The girls' cross country team sets their watches as the race prepares to begin. Many of the team's members tracked their improvements race by race.

Photo by: Shannon Phillips



5—Giving your team high-fives. 4—Walking up to the starting line. 3—Looking at your opponents. 2—Staring at the journey ahead of you. 1—Setting your watch. 0—The crack of the gun and an adrenaline rush as you realize it is only the beginning.

After warm-ups, the girls' cross country team always prayed for success in the upcoming race. They found their strength not within their legs, but within their hearts and each other.

running for more THAN THE RIBBON

They took off on the adventure that was ahead of them and through trees, down valleys, and up hilltops, they made their way to their goals.

One goal that was met this year was by junior Pamela Weinzapfel. "My most rewarding moment was when I broke 20 minutes on USI's course. I had been working toward that since my freshman year, and I finally made it this year," said Weinzapfel.

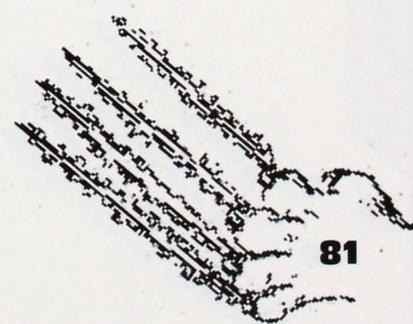
All of the girls on Mater Dei's cross country team put their hearts in their races and knew, through thick and thin, that they had already won.

Shannon Phillips '07



*"Endurance is not just the ability to bear a hard thing, but to turn it into glory."
~William Barclay,
Author*

Junior Karen Scheller passes an opponent as she makes her way up the last hill of the course. Scheller is a three-year member of the team.
Photo by: Shannon Phillips



SERVING IT UP

Junior Jeremy Kissel returns the ball to his opponent. Kissel was the number one singles player. Photo by: Shannon Phillips



This year, the boys' tennis team had many goals they wanted to reach. As a team, their goal was to never give up in a match. Many of the team members also had their own personal goals.

Junior Jake Edwards said he enjoyed playing tennis because "I like how we get to go out and challenge students from other high schools. However, my favorite part of playing is being part of a doubles team with Adam Ruggles."

Junior Nathan Baehl said he loves "winning matches and just being a lot better than my opponents." Baehl has been playing on the team for three years.

"My favorite part of playing tennis is the competition. I enjoy challenging my opponent by playing smart tennis," said sophomore Andrew Ritter. Ritter joined the team as a freshman to become involved in Mater Dei athletics.

The tennis team worked hard this year to reach their goals and had a very successful season.

Emily Huff '07

"If you doubt you can accomplish something, then you can't accomplish it. You have to have confidence in your ability, and then be tough enough to follow through."

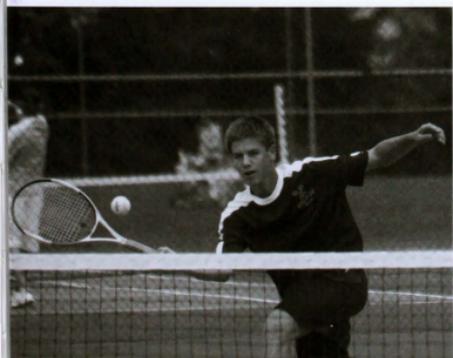
-Rosalyn Carter
Former First Lady

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Doubles team members, juniors Adam Ruggles and Jake Edwards, switch sides after one part of their match. Ruggles and Edwards got along on and off the court.
Photo by: Alicia Farney



Team leader and junior, Jeremy Kissel, scores a point on his opponent during a match. Kissel's leadership brought the team together on and off the court.
Photo by: Lauren Grabert

Sophomore Aaron Feldhaus and junior Alex Funke rock out on their tennis rackets before a match. The boys were always ready to impress onlookers.
Photo by: Alicia Farney

Sophomore Andrew Ritter races to return a serve during his match. Ritter played number two singles.
Photo by: Lauren Grabert



Junior Kelsey Hoffmann kicks the ball toward the goal. Hoffmann was a third-year member and always strove to improve her skills.

Photo by: Liz Wargel

Freshman Clare Scheller quickly kicks the ball away from a Boonville player's feet. Scheller improved as a midfielder throughout the season.

Photo by: Maria Nelson

Below, freshmen Clare Scheller and Kasey Polk team up against a Boonville opponent. The girls' dedication to the sport made it possible for them to succeed.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



Freshman Kasey Polk breaks the ball away from two opponents from Boonville. As a younger member of the team, Polk was aggressive on the field.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



Above, senior Jordan Bartek and junior Kelsey Hoffmann work together to capture the ball from the opposing Bloomington South. The girls realized that teamwork was the key element in becoming successful.

Photo by: Liz Wargel

Freshman Jennifer Atherton keeps the opposing team from scoring a goal. Atherton learned how to be a better player from experienced upperclassmen.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



Taking on new responsibilities and learning to lead a young team is an important task. The girls' soccer team was young this year, but they didn't let that discourage them. They took it as a challenge to create a new team, find talent in the younger girls, and help them improve throughout the season.

While the team faced challenges because of the lack of seniors, they were also confronted with playing their team rival, Reitz. "We beat Reitz three times last year and they wanted to end our winning streak," said senior Jordan Bartek.

The key to creating a team in which everyone was able to contribute their time and talent was a compromise.

learning TO LEAD

"The team has players from all grades and we work very hard to combine our individual strengths to play as a team," said Bartek.

The girls' soccer team accomplished many goals this year, and not all of them were connected to the soccer field. They learned how to step up to the plate and take charge, even with the loss of so many upperclassmen. The girls surprised even themselves and proved that anything is possible when a team works together.

Pamela Weinzapfel '08



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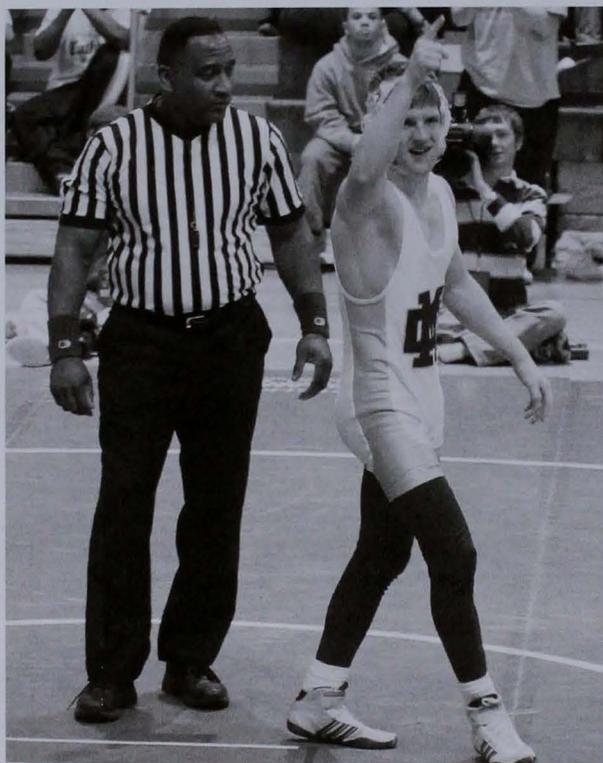
Senior Zach "Bo" Goebel wrestles against Avon in the quarterfinals at the team state competition. Goebel worked hard all four years to accomplish his goal of competing at state.

Photo by: Alicia Farney



Junior Drew Lappe celebrates a victory at the team state finals. Lappe came back from an injury to wrestle his best.

Photo by: Alicia Farney



To the right, at the pep assembly to celebrate the state title, the wrestlers' moms perform a chant similar to the one in "Remember the Titans." The families of the wrestlers were their biggest fans and trusted in them to win.

Photo by: Liz Wargel

The 2005-2006 wrestling season ended with "We're Back!" This year's team had large shoes to fill after last year's team became state champs. Nine seniors stepped up to the mat to lead the team to victory after victory. The wrestlers soared through the regular season with an undefeated record of 19 - 0.

The team worked hard heading into regionals. "We really made sure to step up and lead the younger ones," said senior Jerry Parkinson. "This was our last chance at a team state championship, and we wanted to come out on top."

The team soared through regionals by defeating Gibson Southern and Reitz, then Floyd Central at semi-state.

The wrestlers were determined on the day of the state competition. They defeated Avon, then Indianapolis Cathedral, to make it to the finals. The last meet of the day was against Mishawaka, ranked second in the state. Senior Chris DeWitt wrestled and won, claiming the 31 - 18 victory over the Cavemen.

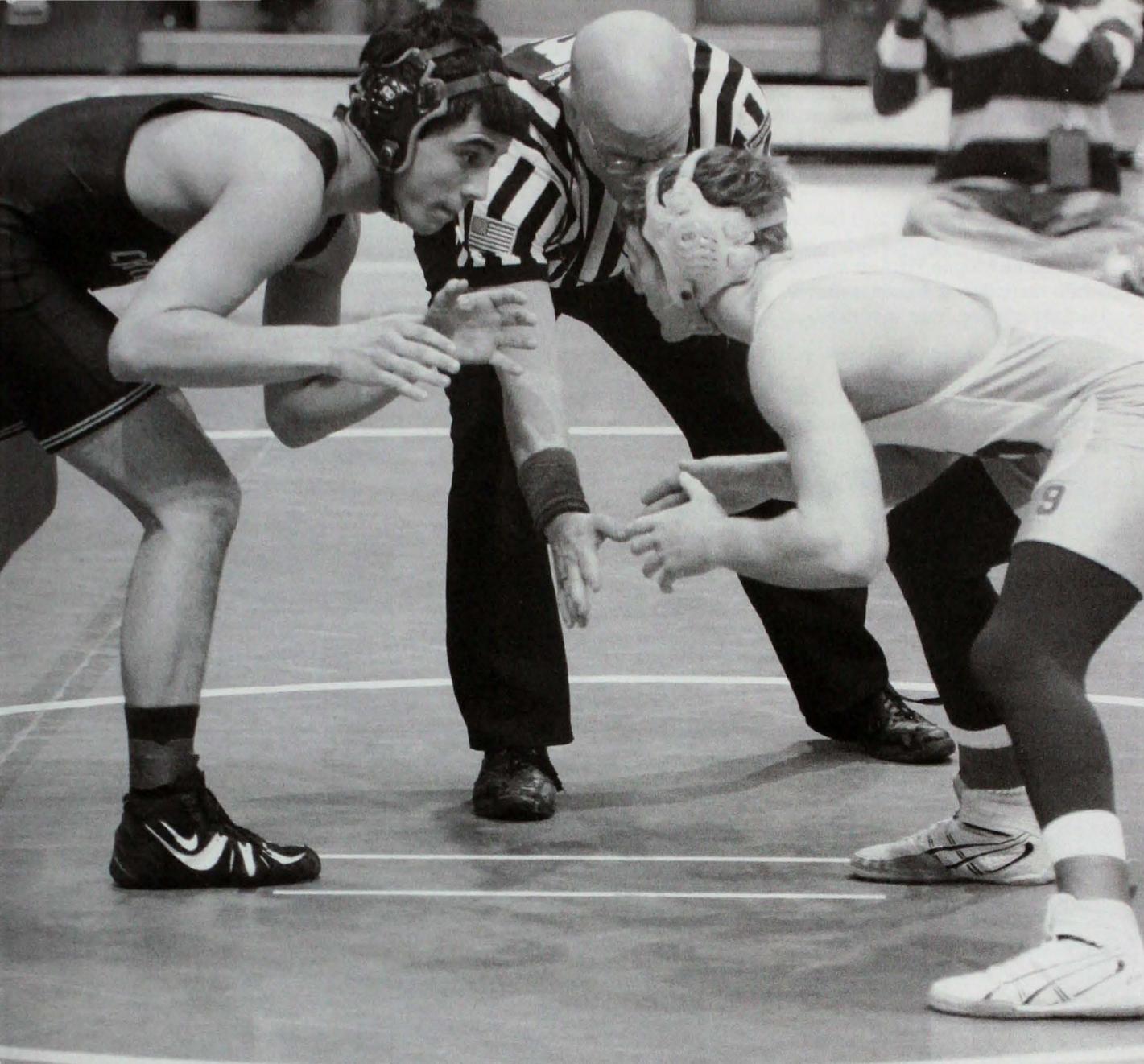
Senior Ben Fleming said, "We went all out and did our best and now we're state champs!"

Liz Wargel '06

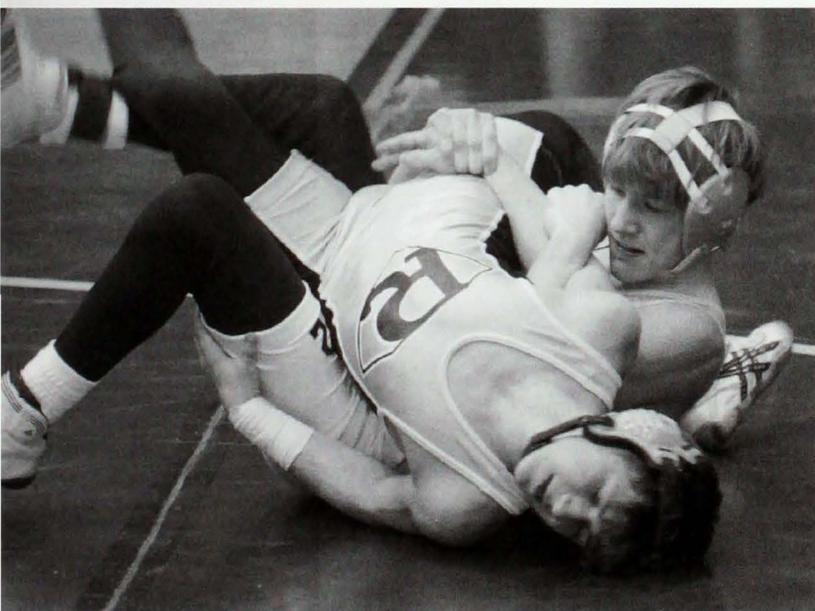


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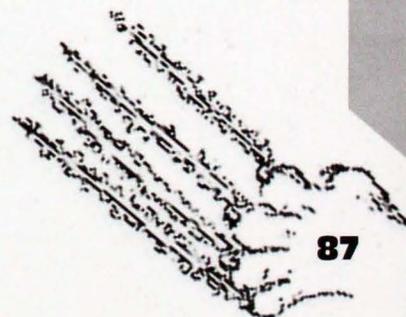
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Senior Chris DeWitt stands ready to begin his 152 pound match. DeWitt showed leadership this season by being a co-captain.
Photo by: Alicia Farney



Senior Sean Herron defeats a Reitz wrestler at individual regionals. Herron placed 6th in the state.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



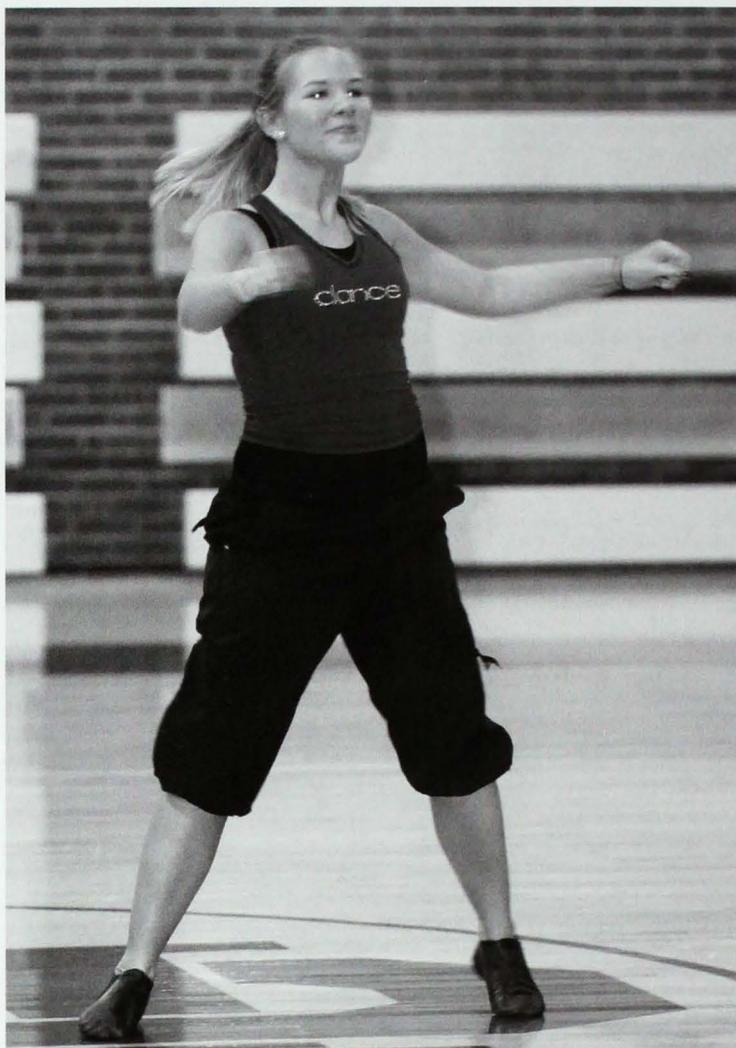
Juniors Christie Kelley and Kayleen Glaser nail their footwork. As co-captain and captain, the girls led the dance team through a great season.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Sophomore Megan Prickett smiles while completing a dance move. Prickett worked hard to make her dances perfect.

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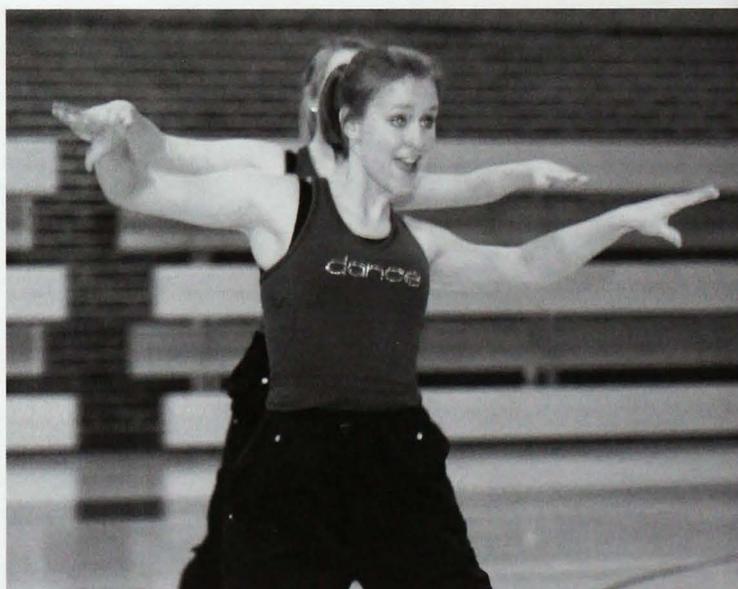
Dance Cat captain Kayleen Glaser and sophomore Stephanie Fields hit the final pose for "Gossip Folk." As a junior, Glaser stepped up by becoming captain.

Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Synchronizing each move is what the dance team does best. Juniors Christie Kelley and Kayleen Glaser, with sophomore Stephanie Fields, made this task look effortless.

Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Junior Lindsey Blankenberger entertains the crowd with facial expressions. This was Blankenberger's first year on the team.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



As a new addition to the band, the Dance Cats shared the glory of placing eighth at state.

Junior Kayleen Glaser said, "I liked being combined with the band this year. It has really helped our team grow together and has helped us to be more competitive."

In past years, the Dance Cats have not been in as many competitions, but now that they are part of the band, they attend all the competitions the band is in; this includes state. "I think that our goal for this year was to be more competitive. The team has never competed very

Dance Cats SHAKE THEIR WAY TO STATE

much and this year we were able to compete more," said Glaser.

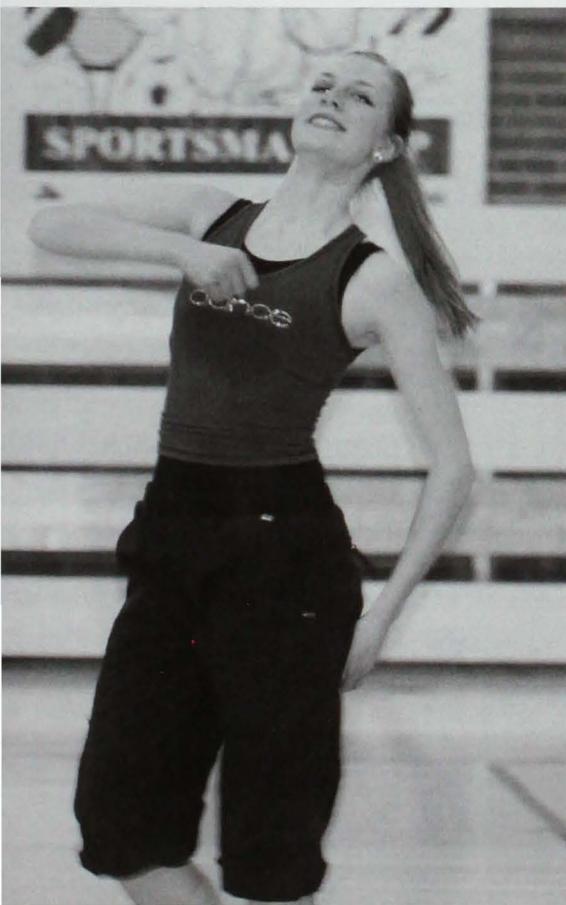
These competitions resulted in the team having to work harder and practice more. They had to practice every day with the band. "This means increasing our technique and flexibility, a lot," stated Glaser.

"I think it is better to have a smaller team with a certain skill level because it allows us to increase the difficulty of our dances," commented junior Christie Kelley. This year, the dance team only had eight members and no seniors returned.

"This year, we wanted the team to step up as a whole so that everyone had a part in the team's success. Because we bond like sisters, it's easier to get things done and have fun doing it," Kelley added.

The team's hard work and creativity paid off in chants and smiles from excited fans. Throughout this season, the Dance Cats were able to show off their talents even more for the student body. They brought the fans to their feet all the way to the dome.

Alicia Farney '08



While hitting a pose, junior Christie Kelley smiles at the students' enthusiasm. The dance team worked very hard to make each move look easy, but sharp.

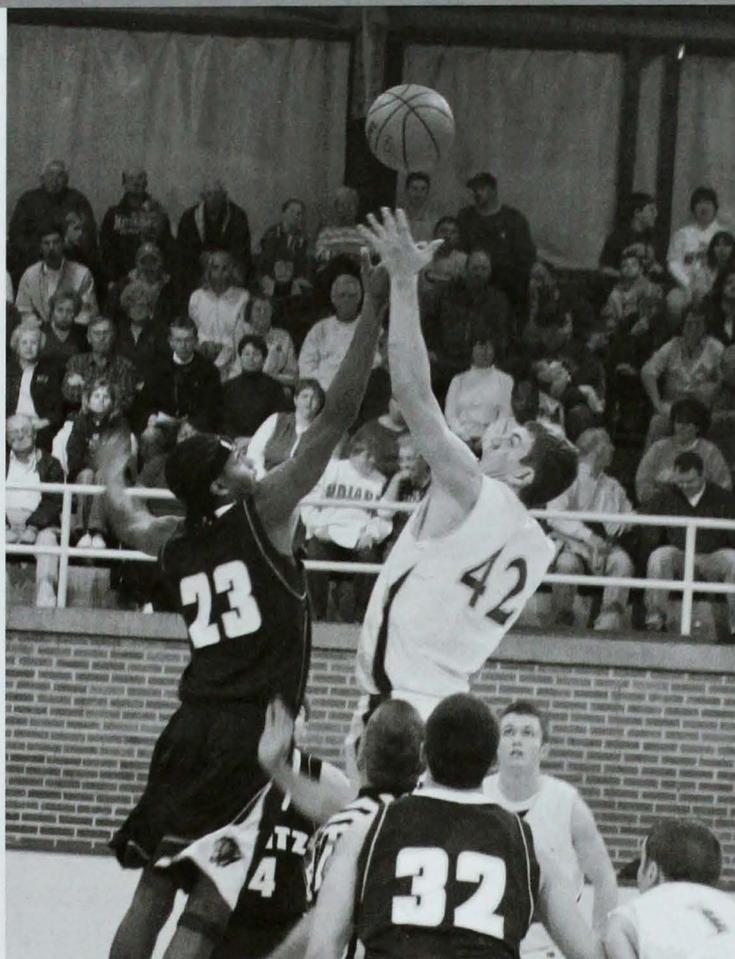
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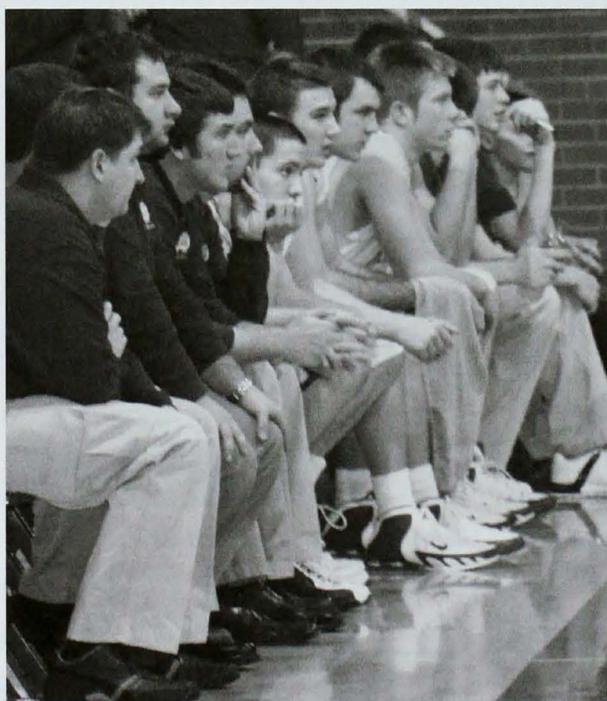
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OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO REACH THE BALL

Junior Jake Hassler jumps to win control of the ball. Hassler's performance continued to improve as the season progressed. Photo by: Maria Nelson



The basketball team, along with their coaches, watches the game in anticipation. All of the boys were very supportive of one another. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Senior Greg Cardin follows his shot to the basket. The team worked hard all season to make every shot count. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Teamwork can be difficult to accomplish. It takes hard work, patience, and time to achieve. This year, the boys' basketball team found a way to accomplish it.

This year, the team worked hard to improve every game. "Our goal was to get better game by game so we could play our best at the end of the season," said senior Matt Price, who played center. Junior Brett Bueltel added, "We wanted to develop team chemistry and win sectionals." Throughout the year, the team concentrated on the fundamental skills it takes to win basketball games.

The boys' season didn't come without obstacles. Bueltel said, "We struggled some this year. We had sick players, but these things made us a better team." Throughout these challenges, the boys found a way to be successful.

Both Price and Bueltel wanted to improve individually this year. "I wanted to contribute as much as I could when I was on the court," said Bueltel. This attitude helped the team develop their game.

There were times when the team laughed and had fun. Bueltel's favorite memory from this year was "when Jake Hassler tried to throw a pass off the backboard and completely missed it." Price added that his favorite memories are from pre-game meals.

Though they faced obstacles, the team was able to overcome them and get better. In the end, their teamwork paid off.

Maria Nelson '08



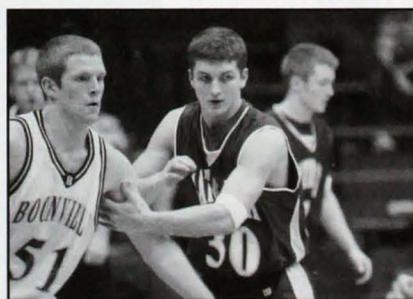
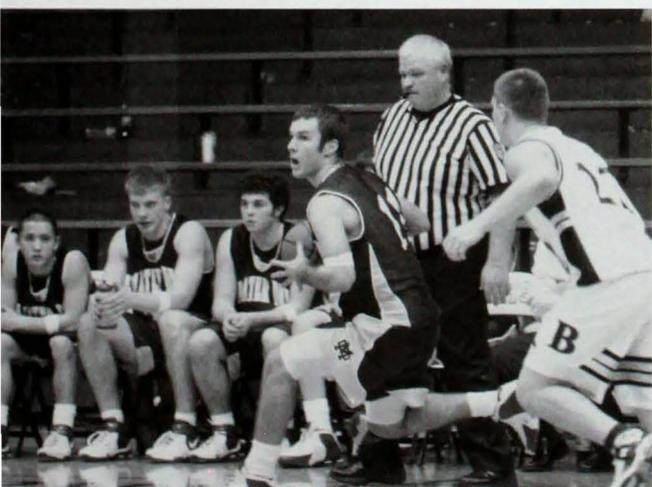


Senior Derek Gallo waits to get into the game while receiving advice from Coach Goebel. Gallo has been a member of the team since his freshman year.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Us
Them

SCOREBOARD

Jefferson	59	82	59	49	60	60	57	57	69	73	53	54	44	36	51	84	57	63	53	80	69	54
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Senior Greg Cardin looks to make a pass against Boonville. The team won the game 69-59 and advanced in sectionals.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Keeping tabs on your player is key for man-to-man defense. As a senior, Mitchell Eickhoff knew just what to do.

Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Junior Amy Wolf backstrokes down the lane. Wolf was a third-year member of the swim team.

Photo by: Maria Nelson

To the right, freshman Lauren Seitz holds the lap number under the water. Seitz was a first-year member of the team.

Photo by: Maria Nelson

Below, junior Kyla Wargel competes in a freestyle race. Wargel proved to be a strong leader for the team.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



Seniors Melissa Padavic and Carly Zenthoefer, along with junior Luke Costlow, cheer on a team member. The swim team was supportive of one another.

Photo by: Maria Nelson





The swimmers step up to the platform, the horn sounds, and they're off.

In any sport at Mater Dei, you have to be dedicated. Plenty of your time and commitment goes to your sport. The Mater Dei girls' swim team is no exception. They practice ten hours a week to improve their time and skills and they work hard to reach their goals.

It can be difficult to keep going with all of the hardships you have to face, such as beating previous times you set. "I find it difficult to stay motivated when I'm not

Stroking TO THE FINISH

improving my times," said junior Kyla Wargel.

Wargel has been swimming since she was six years old. "I enjoy swimming because I like doing stuff for the team and being with my teammates," Wargel said.

The Mater Dei girls' swim team had many obstacles to overcome this year. From getting a new coach to getting a new practice space, the girls had to stay determined in order to reach their goals.

Lauren Grabert '08



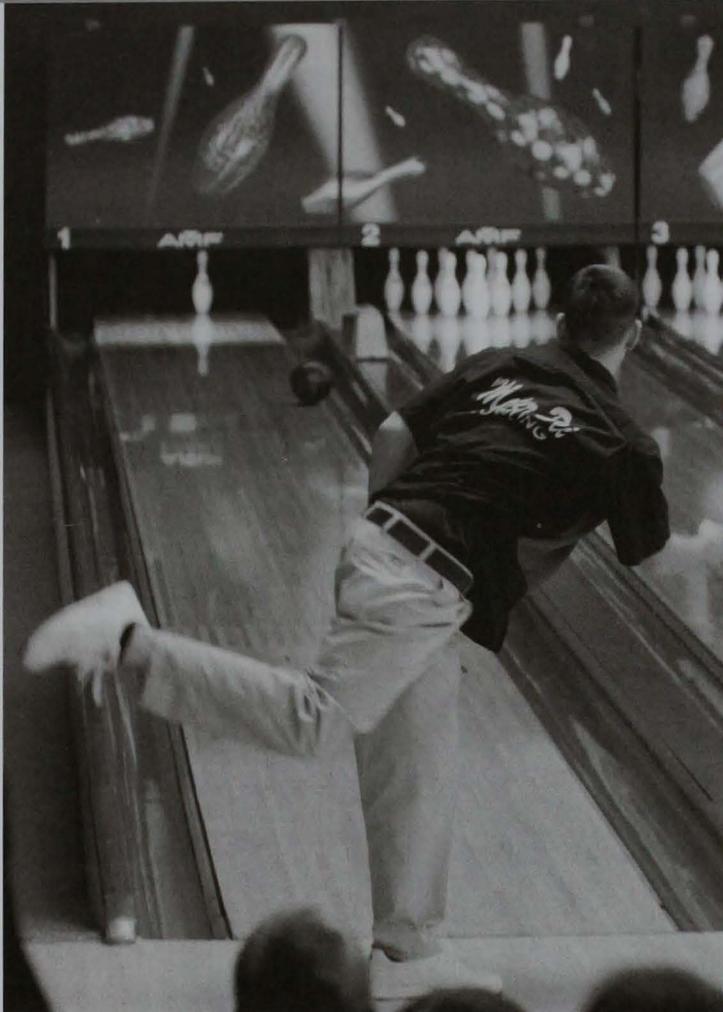
Left, senior Melissa Padavic swims the breaststroke at sectionals. As the only seniors, Padavic and Zenthoefer led the team. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



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STRIKING THEM DOWN

Sophomore Justin Baker's bowling ball rides the gutter to hit the last pin. Baker stepped up by improving his game this year. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Gutter balls are a thing of the past when it comes to this year's boys' bowling team. The main goal the team set for this year was to make it farther than last year. For seniors Adam Butts and Zach Bittner, this was their last year to prove how well they could play the game.

"We want to go to state, or if not state, at least make it past regionals," said Butts. Butts has been on the team for three years, but wasn't always into bowling.

"I started bowling three years ago because I did not make the basketball team. I'm glad I did because bowling is fun and enjoyable," said Butts.

Junior Jon Grosheart believes that his parents had a big influence in getting him interested in bowling. "I started bowling because both of my parents bowl and they got me interested in it," said Grosheart.

Like any other sport, bowling gives back to its participants. Junior Dustin Scheller learned how to "keep his cool" when bowling.

"It's impossible to bowl well if you're mad at a mistake you just made," said Scheller.

Butts' experience with bowling was similar to Scheller's. Being on the team allowed him to compete year-round and meet many new people. "Bowling has helped me calm nervousness in all kinds of other activities," said Butts.

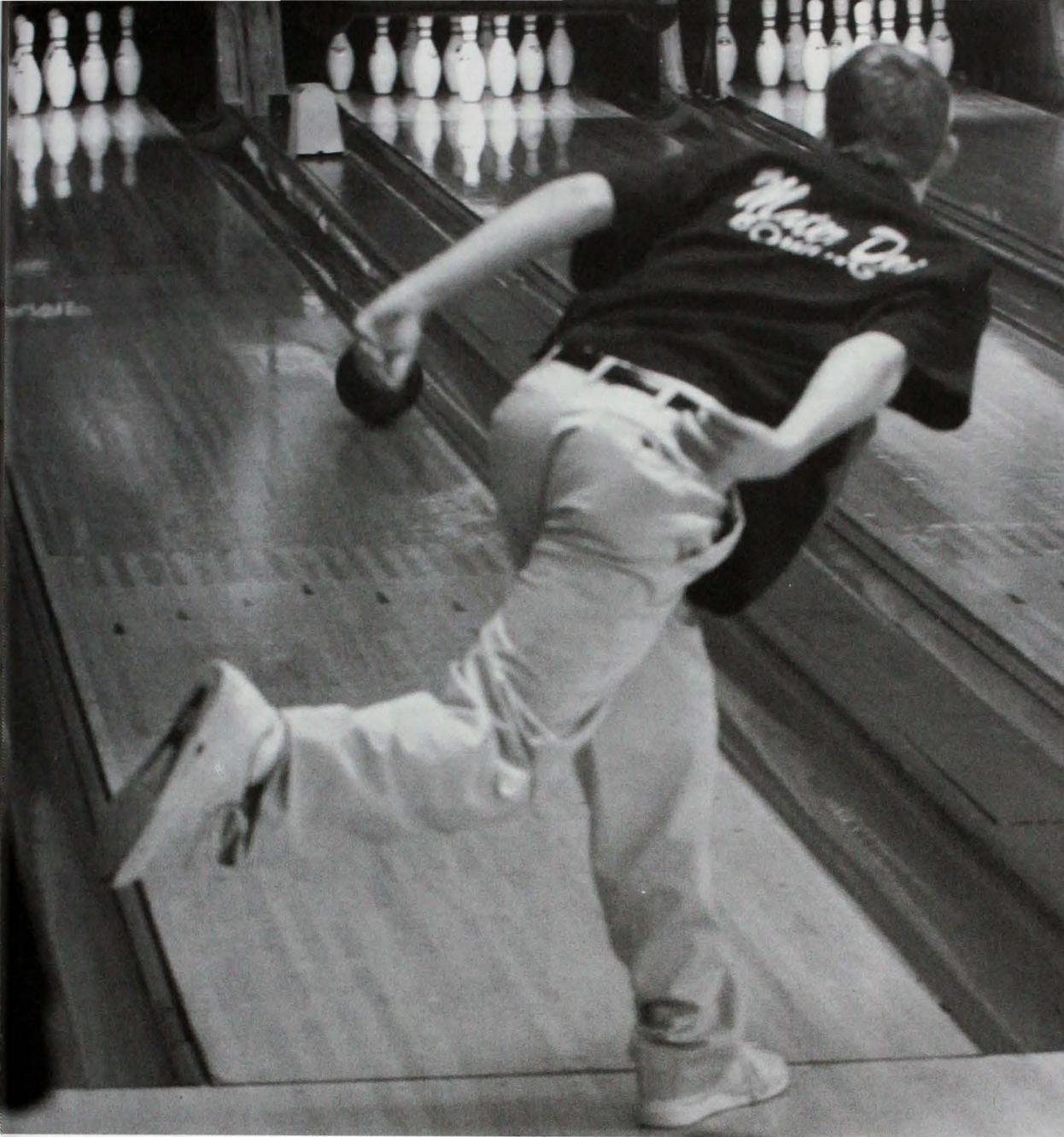
With a winning season record of 10-1, the boys went on to win sectionals and achieve many of their goals.

Christie Kelley '08



Seniors Zach Bittner and Adam Butts, along with junior Dustin Scheller, relax before a meet. Bittner and Butts led the team as the only seniors. Photo by: Alicia Farney



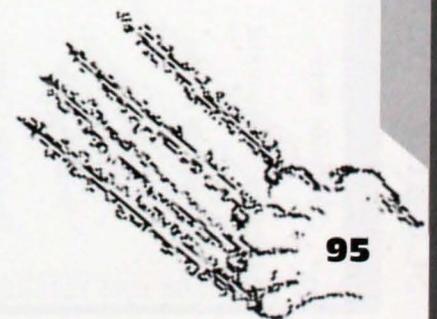


Senior Zach Bittner finishes his follow through. Bittner worked hard all season to improve his bowling skills.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



To the left, senior Adam Butts prepares for his turn to bowl. Butts took bowling seriously and worked hard to advance as an individual.
Photo by: Liz Wargel

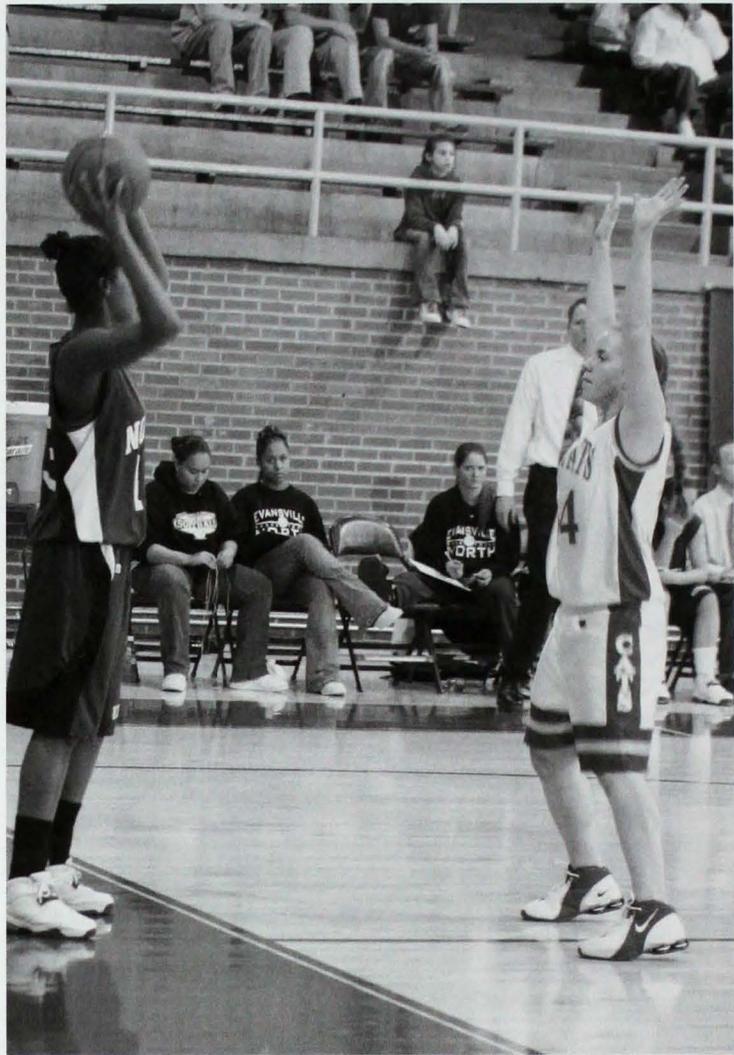
Above, bowling team members try to catch a glimpse of their recent scores. The team worked together to motivate each other.
Photo by: Alicia Farney



Senior Margaret Stoltz defends the ball against a North opponent. Stoltz had to step up and be the team leader for the season.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

To the right, junior Lindsey Will steps in to guard the ball. Will was a vital member of the team.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Coaches Weinzapfel, Wilson, and Goans concentrate on the game. They tried their hardest to motivate the girls and inspired them to do their best.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



Us
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SCOREBOARD

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Us
Them

SCOREBOARD

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Senior Margaret Stoltz passes the ball while being defended by a North player. Stoltz was the only senior on the team this year.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

To the right, junior Sara Weinzapfel covers a player at the game against North. Weinzapfel enjoyed playing basketball this season.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



Shooting baskets and running drills. Team high fives and sideline motivation. The girls' basketball team worked together to achieve future goals. This season, the girls received a new coach and a new way of practicing.

Even though they faced new challenges, the girls decided to make the most of it. "Practices are more serious and we actually learn basketball," said sophomore Mackenzie Parkinson. Because of the new skills they learned, the girls felt that they were more prepared when the games started.

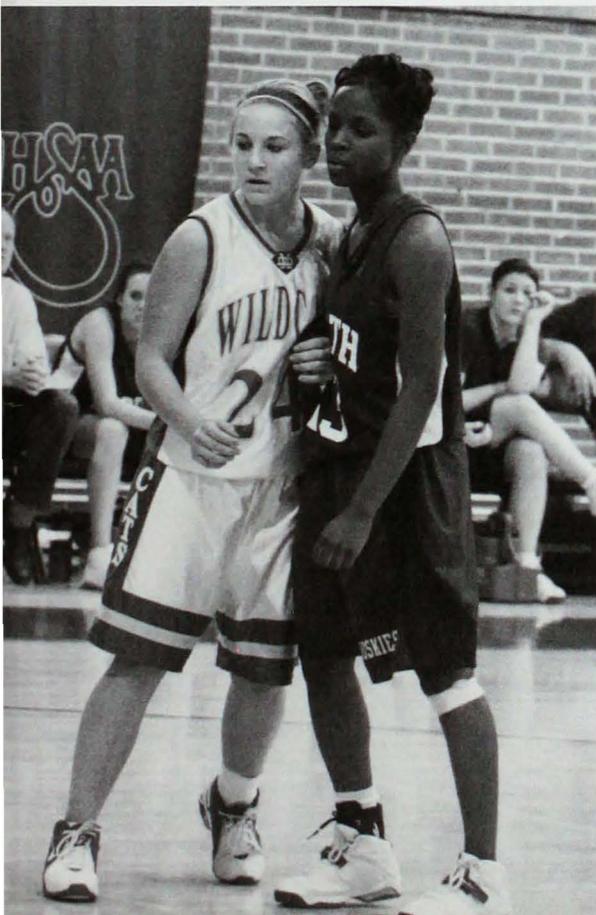
Fighting FOR THE WIN

The team prepared for their new season with open gyms and practices. This was not completely different from last year, but the way they were conducted was. Senior Margaret Stoltz said, "We had to change our attitudes and hustle all the time." The girls learned that even though change can be hard, it eventually pays off.

"We always pray before our games," commented junior Lindsey Will. The girls are able to come together and rely on one another's prayers to get them through a tough game. "We depend on each other to pick us up when we're struggling," said sophomore Carrie Goebel.

Something that helped motivate the team this year was the passion that shined from their bench. "Every player or coach out on the floor loves the game," said Stoltz. This passion ignited the driving force that helped the girls achieve their goals.

Pam Weinzapfel '08



EAT OUR BUBBLES

Sophomore Matt Schenk competes in his breast stroke event. Schenk used all of his strength to perform to his best ability.

Photo by: Alicia Farney



Whoever said that cats can't swim was obviously wrong. The Wildcat boys' swim team has proven that this year.

Not only have they shown their competitors that they know what they are doing, but they have proven it to themselves as well. However, they had a rocky start. "We have a lot of new swimmers this year, so it has really just been a rebuilding year," stated junior Alex Funke.

Some good came out of having to start from scratch, though. This new beginning brought the team closer together.

"I really like the people on the team. We're really more like a family," said junior diver Adam Barnes.

Funke agreed. "I like getting to hang out with all of my friends on the team," he said.

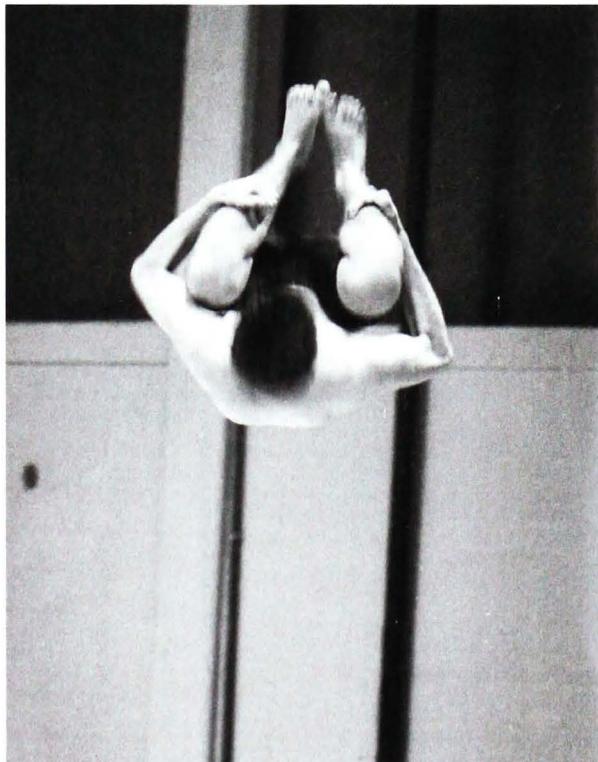
"Even though it is a team effort, you are still dependent on yourself. We all cheer each other on, but to get team points, each individual person has to do well," stated junior Luke Costlow.

Although they had to spend the first half of the season building up their team, they overcame this challenge in the end.

Alicia Farney '08

Defying gravity is the job of junior Adam Barnes. As the only diver on the team, Barnes gained experience in competition.

Photo by: Maria Nelson





With determination, senior Tyler Swihart works his way through the water. Swihart led the team as the only senior.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



First-year member, junior Luke Costlow, concentrates on finishing his event. Costlow worked hard this season to improve his stroke.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

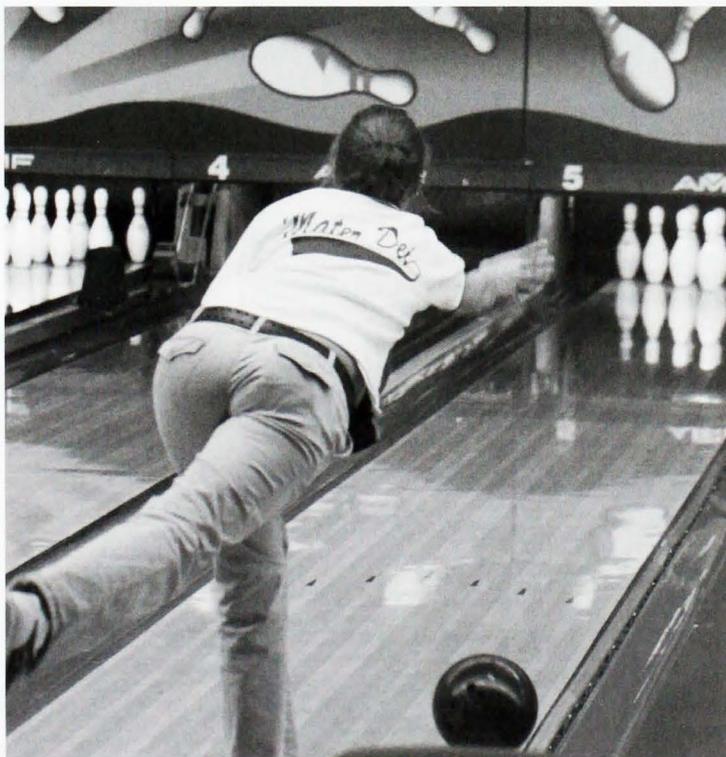
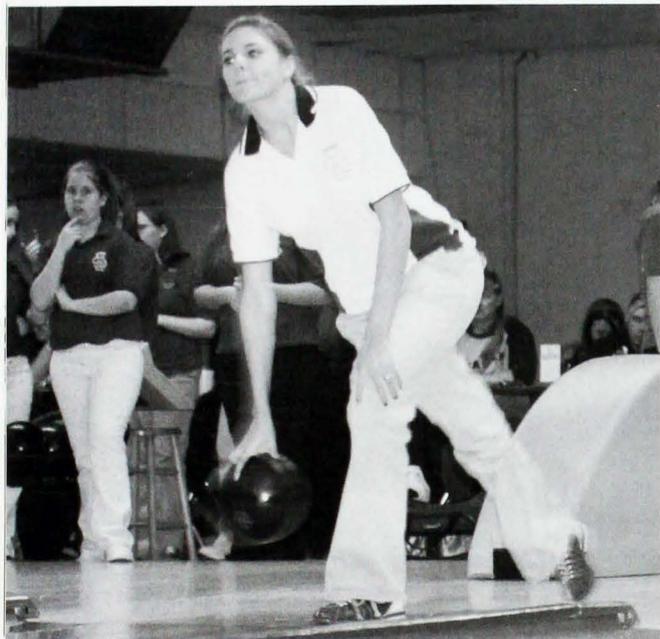
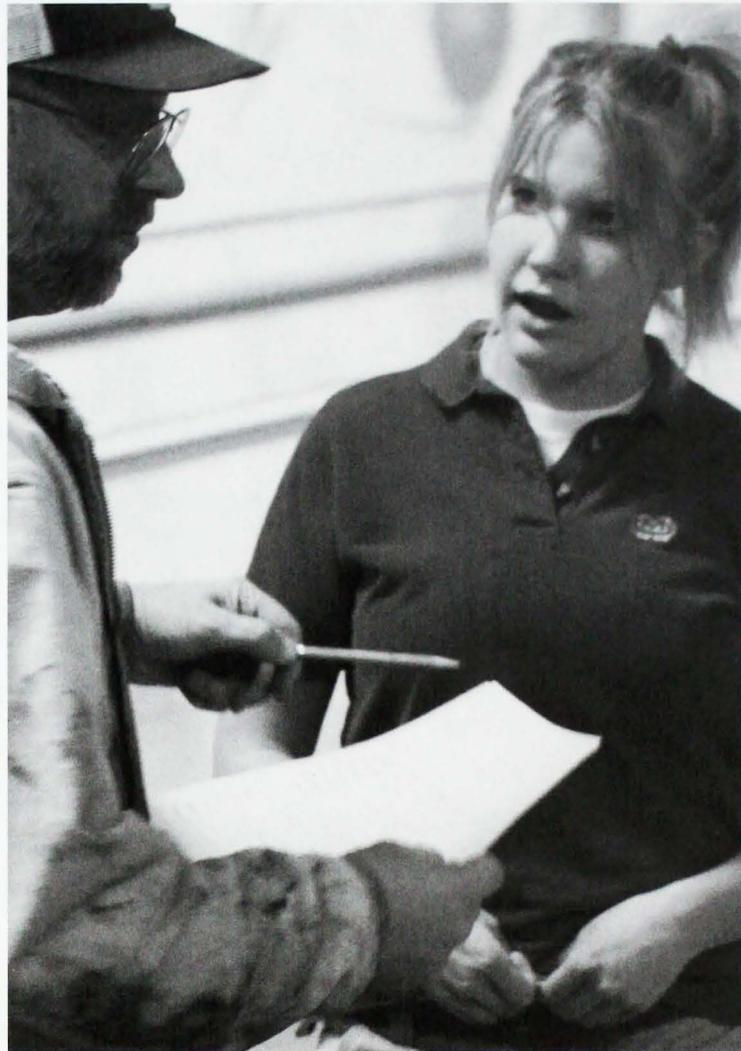
Junior Luke Costlow flies through the water with his butterfly stroke. Costlow competed individually and in relays.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



Senior Emma Stephens releases the ball down the lane, aiming for the last pin. Stephens was the only senior on the team this year and assumed a lot of leadership responsibilities.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Sophomore Haley Raben talks to her coach about ways to improve her bowling. The team knew that practice was the key to success.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Sophomore Kate Weinzapfel gets ready to let the ball go down the lane. The girls worked many hours to perfect their form.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Sophomore Kate Weinzapfel finishes her follow through. Weinzapfel worked hard this year to bowl her best.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Junior Hannah Jay prepares to release her bowling ball. Jay bowls year-round and enjoys the bowling atmosphere.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



One word can describe the girls' bowling team: fun. Though the girls worked hard and concentrated on their game, they also found time to enjoy it. All of the girls found a way to have fun together both in and out of the bowling alley. Emma Stephens was the only senior on the team. Stephens said her favorite part about bowling is "having fun. Everyone gets along."

During a meet, it was evident that the team worked well together. Bowling is often thought of as more of an individual sport. However, the girls have shown that every win is a team effort. Every time a player knocks

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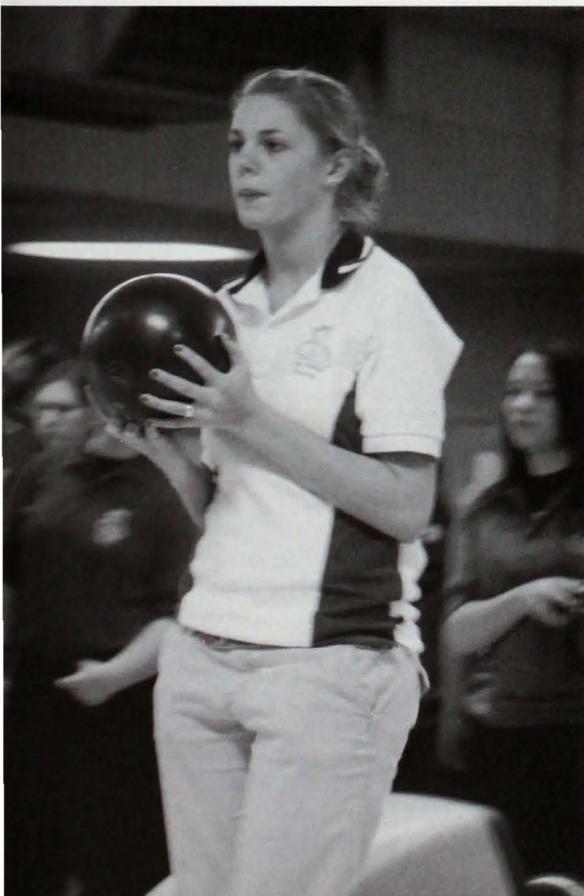
pins down, the rest of the team congratulates her.

This year's team worked hard to improve their game. By practicing and perfecting their skills, they met their goals. "One of our goals was for all the girls to get scores over our averages each game," commented junior Hannah Jay. Stephens added, "We worked a lot on picking up spares this year."

Though the team set goals, everyone had individual goals as well. "I want to make it to regionals and hopefully state this year," commented Stephens. Jay added, "I really want to work on my concentration during the meets."

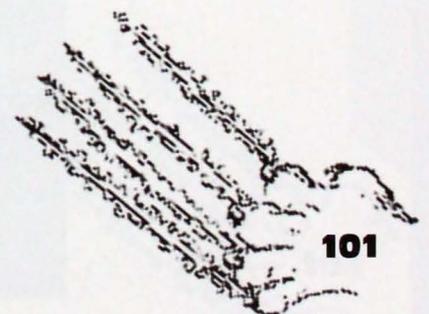
The attitude the girls had helped them succeed this season. They were able to have a perfect game.

Maria Nelson '08



Sophomore Kate Weinzapfel psyches herself up for her turn to bowl. Although the team was small, the girls worked hard and took their season seriously.

Photo by: Maria Nelson

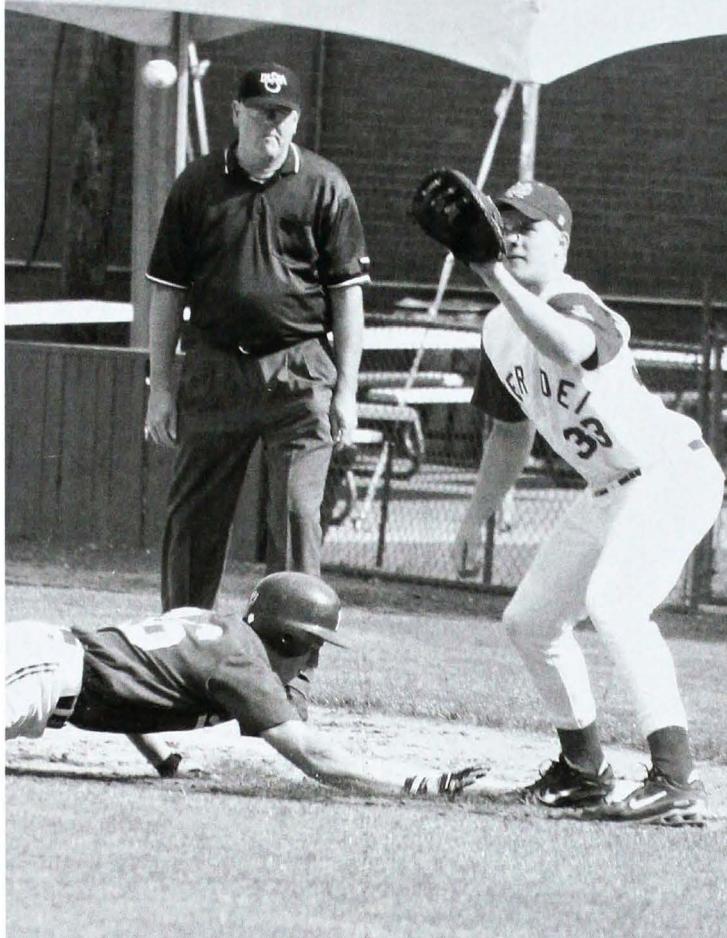


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FIELDING DREAMS

Senior Shad Macke attempts to pick off a runner. Macke led the team by always working hard.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



Hard work and determination are just two qualities that the Mater Dei boys' baseball players put into their team. The boys devoted much of their time and talent to work at their goals this season.

Senior first baseman Shad Macke said, "This year, we wanted to win city and our conference. We were constantly working toward these goals at practices and during games."

Along with the hard work, the team was able to have fun at the same time. Throughout the season, the team became very close.

"We always have a good time. I like hanging out and laughing with all of my friends," said Macke.

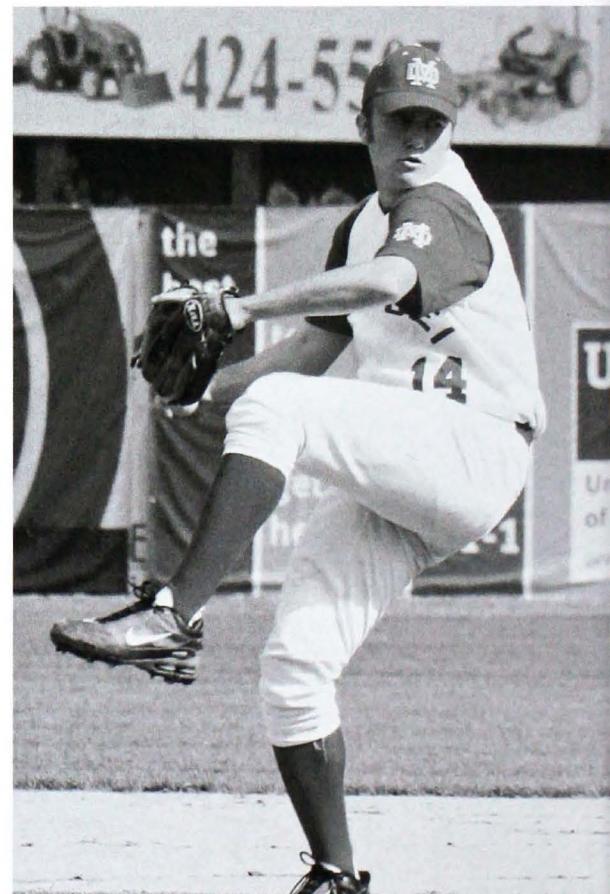
The team also loved the support they received from their family and fans. "Just having girls and other friends come out and watch the games was awesome," said Macke. Having fans at the games helped the team play to their highest potential.

The determination of the players made the season an excellent one. They put in hard work, but were still able to have fun, and ended the season with an impressive showing at the 3A State championship.

Lauren Grabert '08

Senior shortstop Adam Schenk fields a ground ball. Defense was a major part of the team's success this year.

Photo by: Maria Nelson





During a game, members of the team cheer on their teammates. The support of fans, parents, and teammates helped the boys make it to State this year.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



To the left, starting pitcher senior Ryan Gries fires a pitch in for a strike. All of the boys supported each other on and off the field.

Photo by: Maria Nelson

Junior Matt Fleck fields a grounder during pre-game warm-ups. The boys took turns fielding and batting before each game.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



To the right, senior Laura Hall prepares to return the ball to her opponent. Hall and fellow senior Hannah Wagner demonstrated excellent leadership throughout the season.

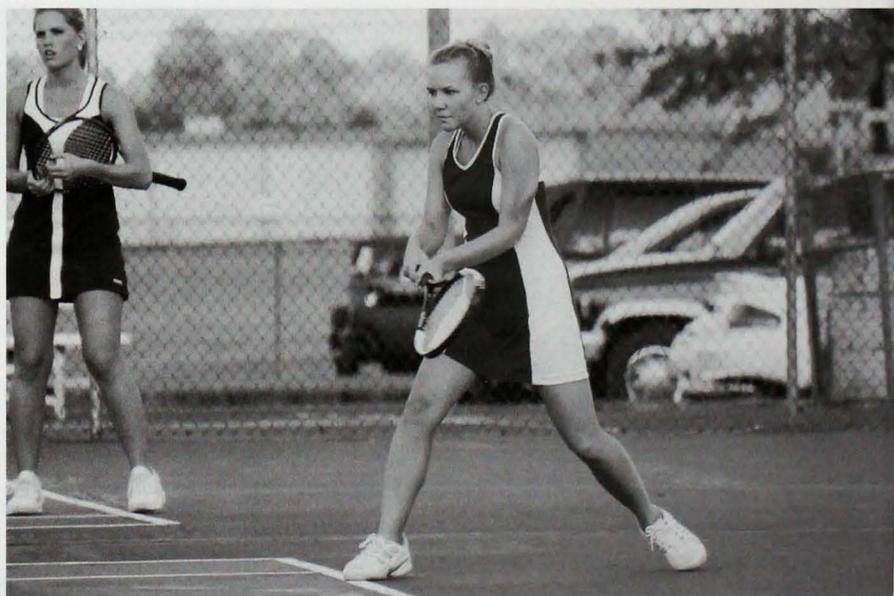
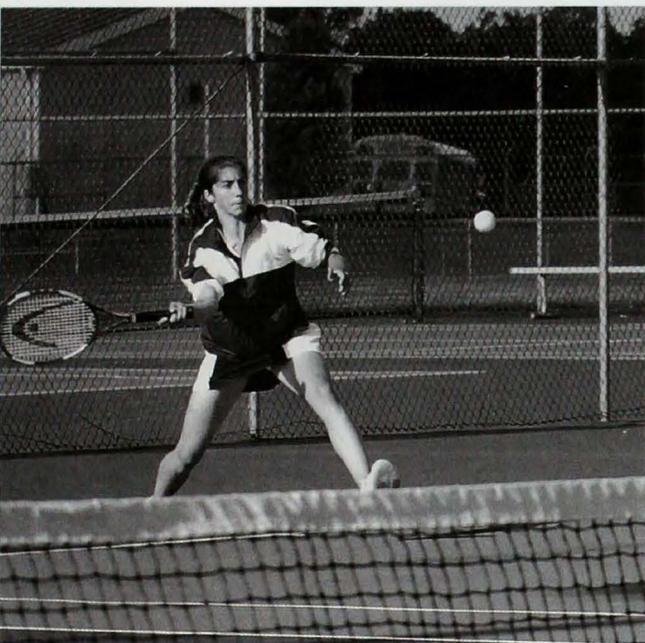
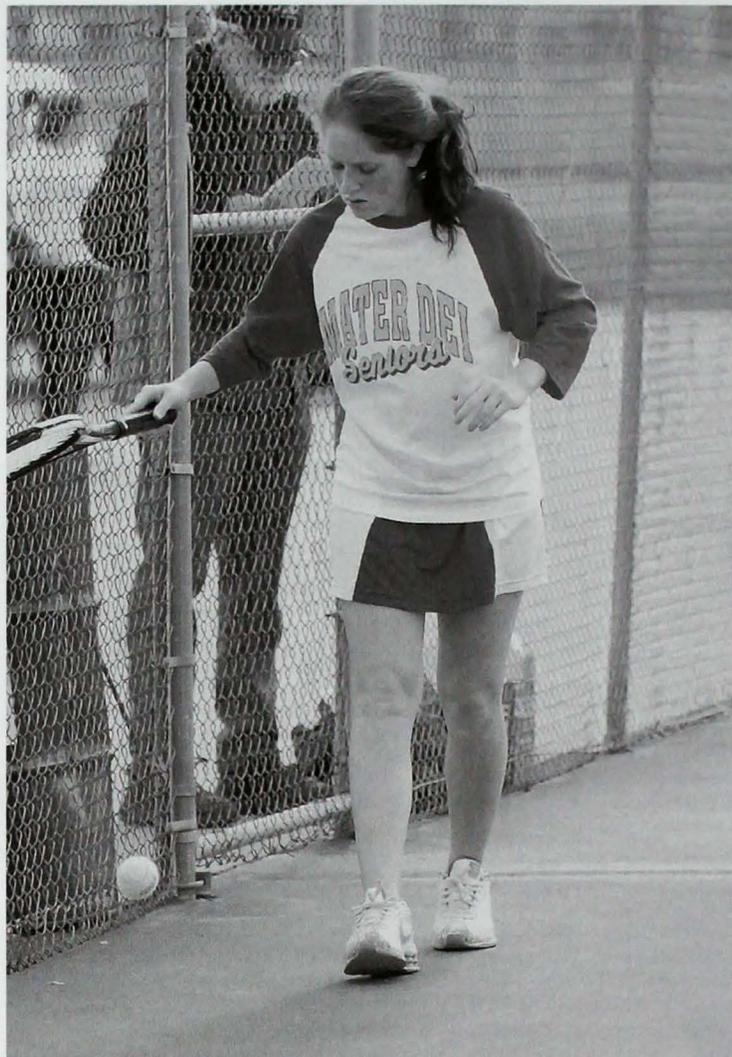
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To the right, senior singles player Hannah Wagner gathers tennis balls before preparing to serve. Wagner has been a tennis player since she was eight years old.

Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Below, freshman Alissa Schenk fights for control of her match against Mt. Vernon. Schenk used her first year on the team to learn and perfect her game.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



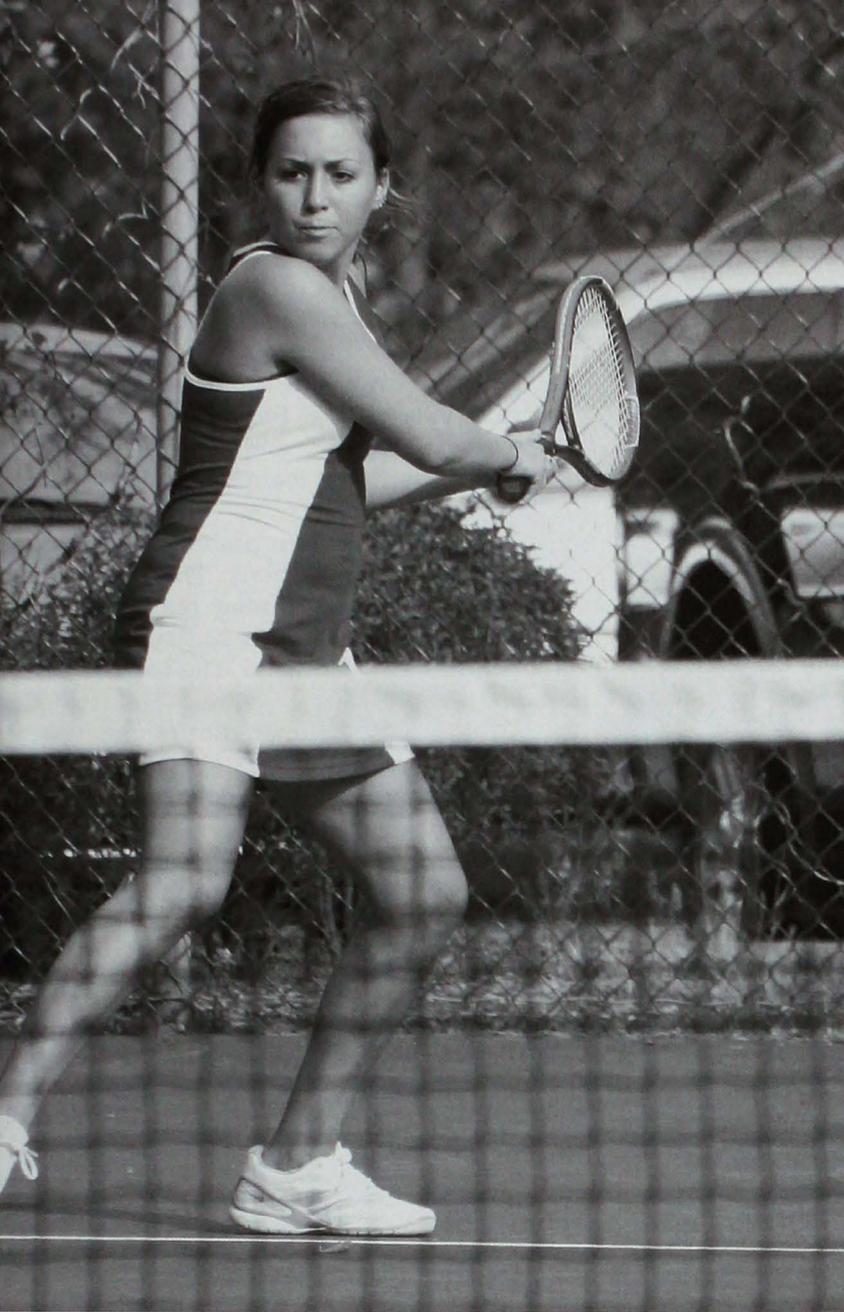
Above, sophomore Megan Prickett returns the ball to her opponent at sectionals. The team fought hard and cheered each other on.

Photo by: Liz Wargel

To the right, number one doubles players senior Laura Hall and sophomore Jamie Tekoppel fight to gain control of their match.

The team went on to win a sectional title.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Tennis is a sport that requires both individual and team dedication, along with patience to achieve the greatest results. While their record may not have always been what the girls desired, they knew that they had the support of their teammates.

“The best part about the tennis team is the fact that we all work and play hard,” commented senior Amber Kemper. The girls knew that the hard work would eventually pay off and their goals would be accomplished.

Their self-confidence and encouragement from teammates kept the team from being upset by losses. Junior German exchange student, Doro Eigenbrod, said,

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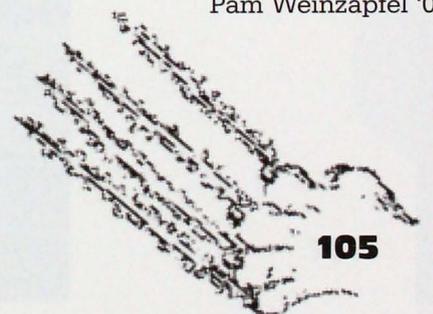
“Each match, you can see confidence in every player, even if the other team tries to get you down.” According to Eigenbrod, the best part about the team was that everyone cheered for each other.

It is a widely-known fact that one must have positive thoughts before any goal can be achieved. Junior Elizabeth Wagner stated that, “Everyone has a positive attitude, is able to have fun at practice, and cheers each other on at matches.” This positive attitude kept the team moving forward, toward their next meets.

While they did not dwell on their losses, the girls tried to learn from every mistake and use that to their advantage. “My goals for this season are to play to my full potential and not be disappointed by how I played, win or lose,” commented senior Hannah Wagner. These students worked together to achieve a common goal, to improve in any and every way.

Hannah Wagner was a veteran of the tennis game, having played since she was eight years old. While not many of the other girls had been playing as long, they did all have one thing in common and that is their “common interest,” according to Elizabeth Wagner. Once they began to play tennis, the girls found that they loved it too much to stop. “There are so many different, crazy personalities, so practices are always fun and entertaining,” said Hannah Wagner, who agreed that these differences make the team and tennis a perfect match.

Pam Weinzapfel '08



SPRINTING TO THE FINISH

Junior Nathan Dewig completes his turn in the 4x800 relay. The relay team advanced to regionals.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Running is usually considered a punishment in many sports, but for members of the boys track team, it's a major part of how they train. This year, the boys had senior leaders to show them the way to the finish line. Seniors Ner Goebel, Sean Herron, and Nick Schenk were members of the track team and have been on it for four years.

"I started track in grade school and just stayed with it," said Schenk. This year, Schenk was a part of the 4x800 relay team, along with senior Brian Pigman, junior Nathan Dewig, and sophomore Zeke Zenthoefler. The team advanced to regionals.

Herron also competed at regionals in the two-mile event. Herron said, "We've been better in past years, but we've worked really hard this year."

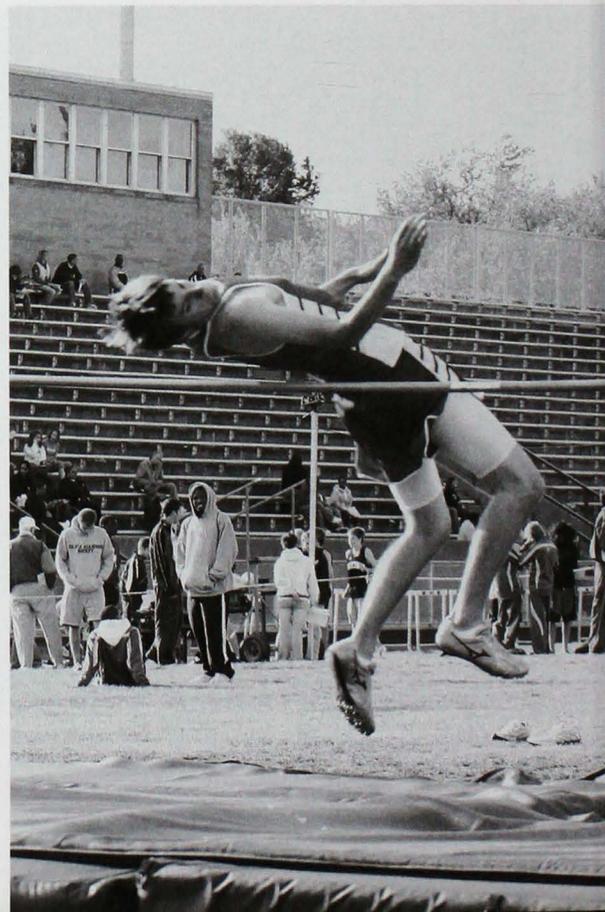
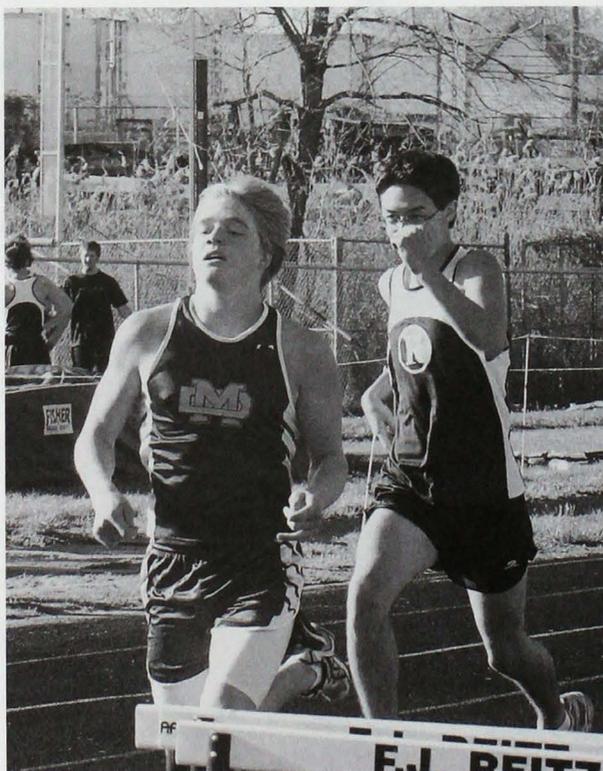
The boys worked hard at practice to not only improve overall times, but individual times as well.

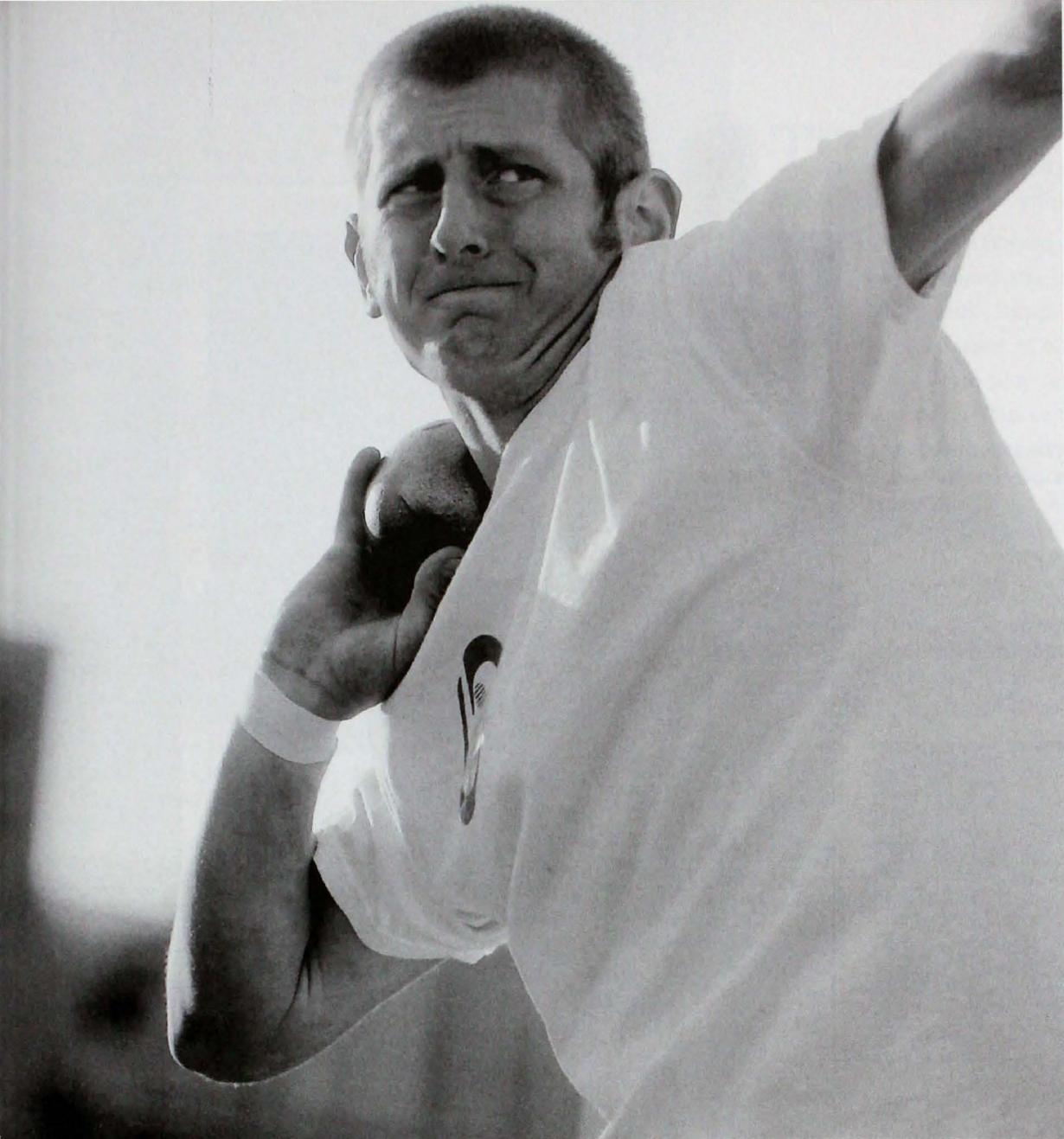
"It's been a really rough year," commented Goebel. Goebel joined the track team during his freshman year because he wanted something to do during the spring season. He competed in shot-put and discus. "We all have a good time at practice and the meets. We just joke around a lot," said Goebel.

When asked why he joined track, Herron simply replied, "I love to run." It's because of this attitude that the boys' track team had such a successful season.

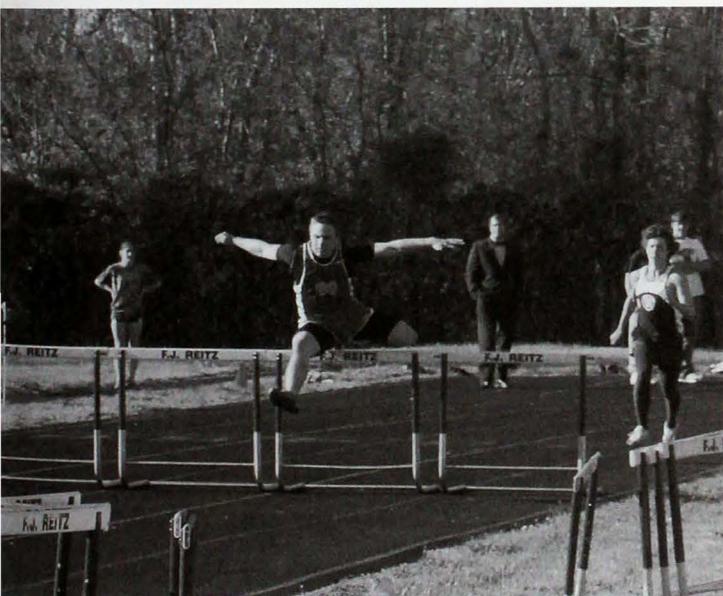
Christie Kelley '08

To the right, sophomore Zeke Zenthoefler uses his endurance to make his way through the event. The team found their teammates to be their strongest supporters throughout the season.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



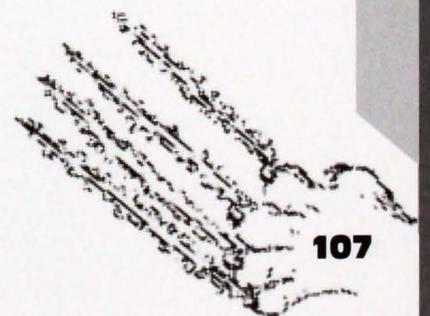


Senior Neil Goebel throws a shot-put at a track meet. Goebel has been on the team for four years.
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Pam Weinzapfel



To the left, junior Jonathan Coomes competes in the high jump during sectionals. Coomes was the only high jumper on the team.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

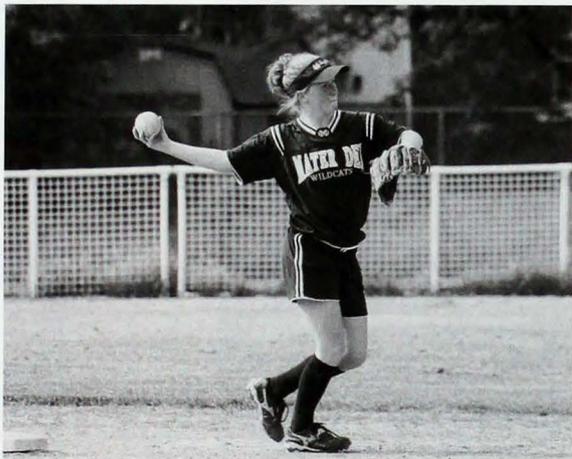
Above, junior Jacob Schneider jumps over a hurdle during a race. Schneider has been a part of the team since his freshman year.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



To the right, the girls' softball team shows each other support while their team roster is being read. The seniors led the team throughout a fantastic season.
Photo by: Christie Kelley

Senior Lauren Niemeier pitches a strike during a game. Niemeier has been a member of the team since her freshman year.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Junior Kaitlyn Bohleber warms up with her teammates before a game. The team formed a tight bond over the season.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



Above, junior catcher Krystal Schmitt catches a pitch behind home plate. The younger teammates looked up to the seniors for support and instruction.
Photo by: Lauren Grabert

To the right, junior Karen Scheller hits the ball. Scheller was an important asset to the team.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



There is nothing "soft" about the girls' softball team's game. This year, each player on the team contributed to the team's success by fighting to win each game.

The seniors played a big role in the success of the team. They showed the underclassmen leadership and how to work hard. Senior pitcher and outfielder Lauren Niemeier remembered, "There was one time this year when all the seniors were playing the outfield and our numbers were all in order." The seniors were an example of team chemistry and team bonding throughout the year.

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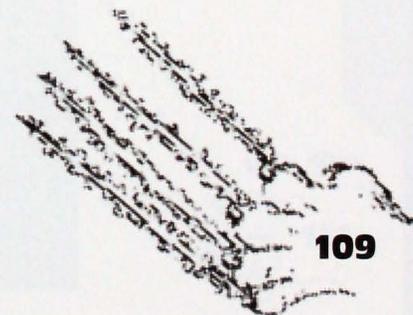
Though the team may have struggled this year, they always gave their best effort during each game. "We made sure we supported each other when something good happened, but also when something bad happened," commented junior designated hitter Karen Scheller.

A little effort went a long way this year. The girls tried their best to go after foul balls or fight off pitches so they could get another swing in.

Team bonding was also a big part of the team's success this year. The girls on the team could always find time to joke around and have fun with each other. This helped them remember that softball is a fun sport.

Whether it was diving for a foul ball or running hard to first base, the girls never gave up. They did everything they could to accomplish a goal. This is what helped the girls' softball team have a successful season.

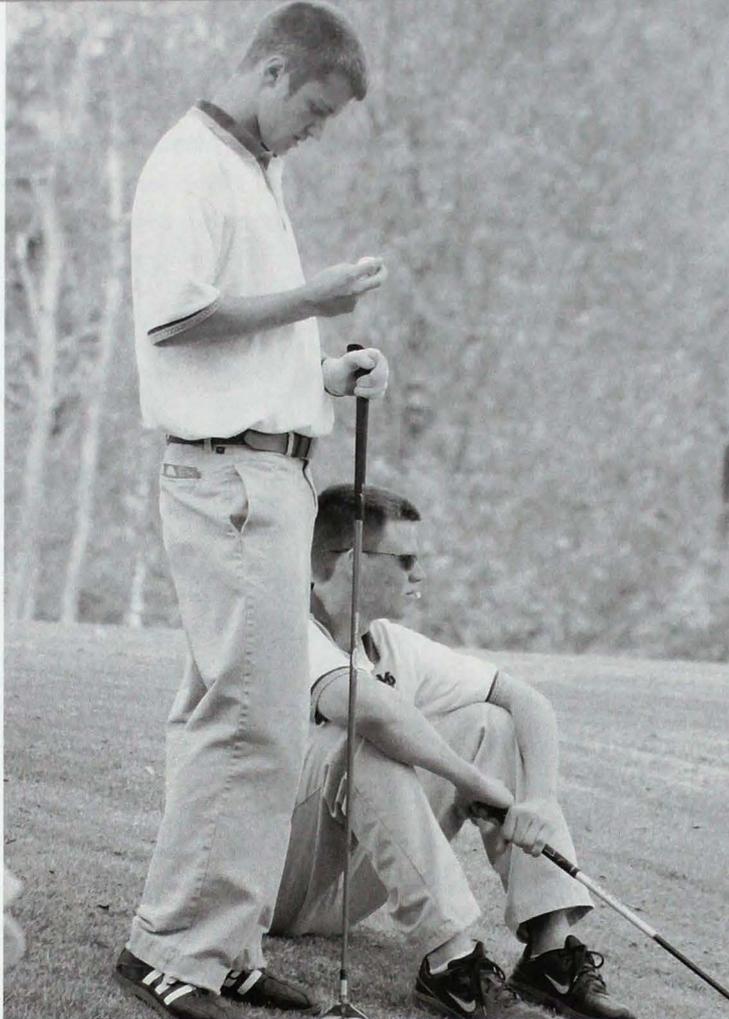
Maria Nelson '08



GOLF IS A PAR - TEE

Senior Jared Krieg and junior Logan Slaton check out the competition while awaiting their turn. As one of the few seniors on the team, Krieg played an important role throughout the season.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



The boys' golf team is not just a team. They're like a family, sticking together and supporting each other through tough times.

"One thing I will never forget is when Logan Slaton cut his hand open, and I had to nurse him back to health at the Boonville Country Club," recalled senior Jared Krieg.

Not only are the team members close to each other, but they are very close to their coach, Mr. Jewell, as well.

The boys did not like disappointing Coach Jewell when they had a bad round. "I don't like having to talk to Mr. Jewell after a bad round," said junior Logan Slaton.

"I really like Mr. Jewell as a coach. He is a good guy and is always helpful," stated Krieg.

Though the team worked hard this year, they also knew how to have fun. Senior Mitchell Eickhoff liked the "fun practices" the best.

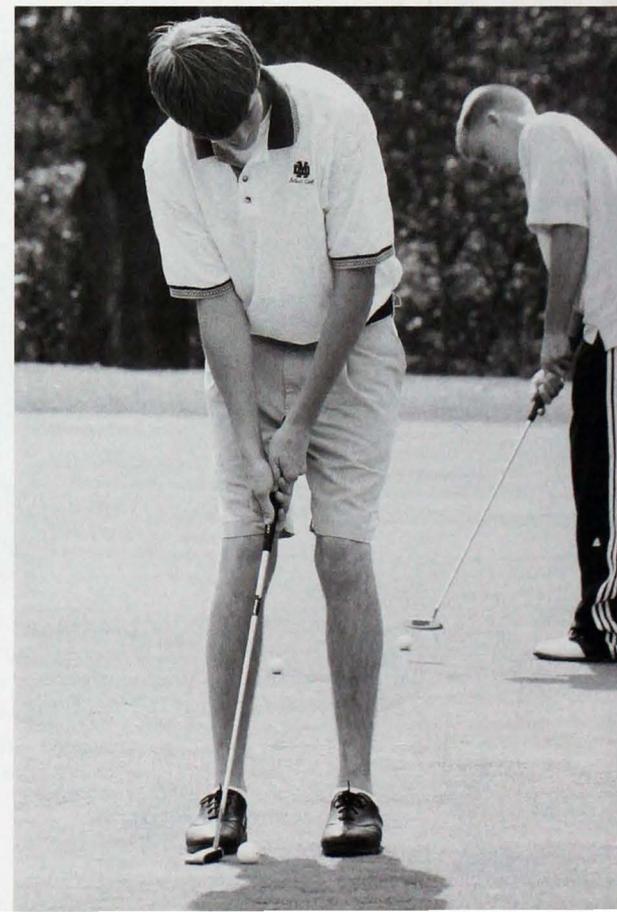
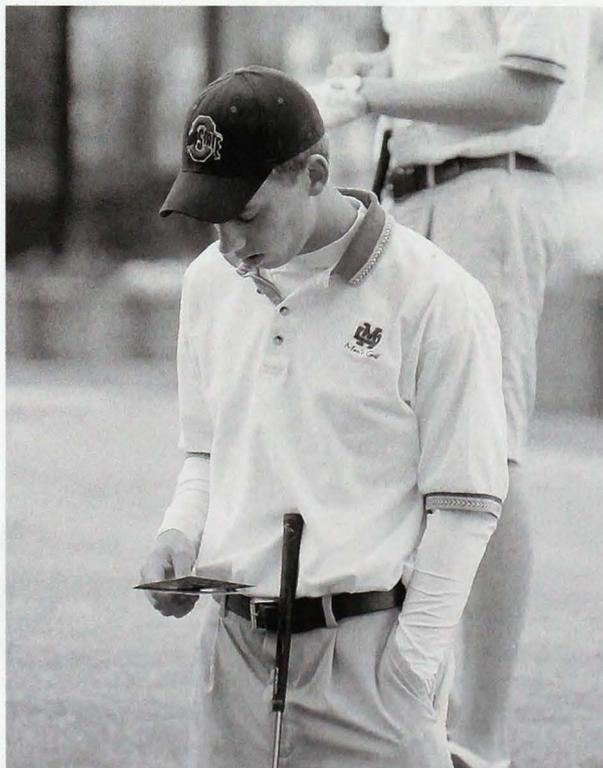
"I like being part of a team and being with friends," added Krieg.

Unlike other sports, golf is a calm sport with time to relax. Slaton enjoys the break golf provides from everyday worries and concerns. "I like being able to forget about everything and just golf."

Alicia Farney '08

Junior Will Stephan takes a look at his scorecard as he awaits his turn. The team became a close knit group as the season progressed.

Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel





Senior Mitch Eickhoff lines up his shot. As the only seniors on the team, Eickhoff and Jared Krieg led their younger teammates.
Photo by:
Pam Weinzapfel



To the left, junior Jared Stratman prepares to putt. Stratman used his past experiences to sink the ball.
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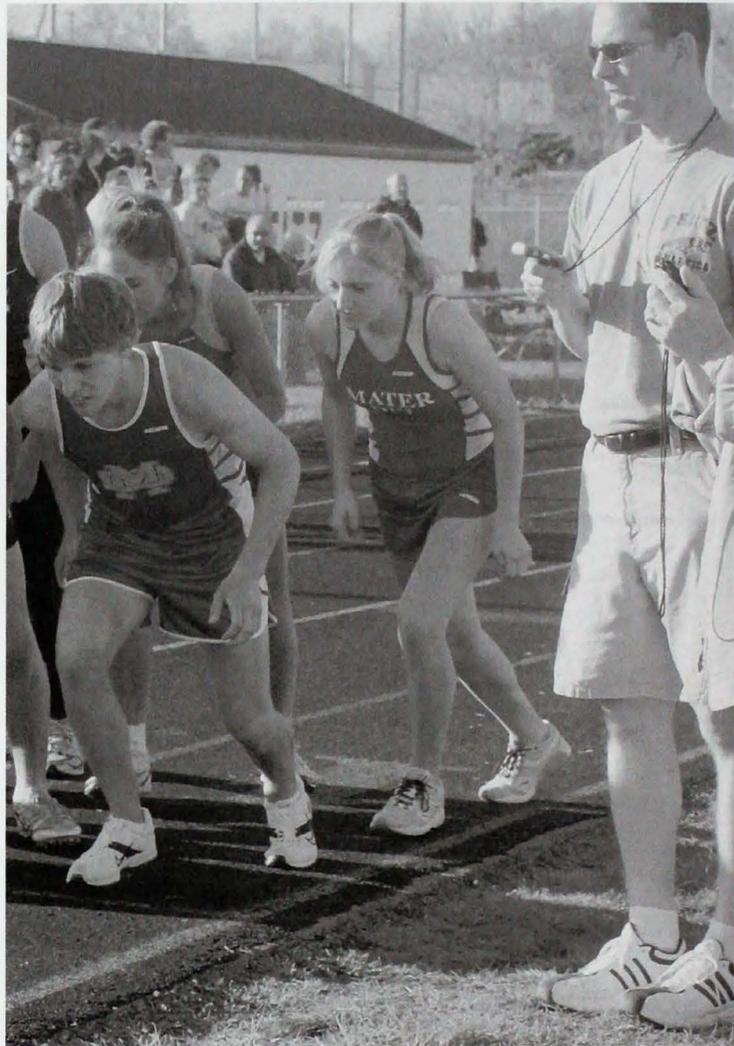
Above, freshman Matt Zeller covers his club as he walks to the next hole. Zeller looked up to the upperclassmen for instruction and support.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



To the right, senior Rachel Buskavitz clears a hurdle at a meet. Buskavitz has been a member of the team since her freshman year.
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior Krista Wildeman prepares to start the mile event behind fellow senior Sean Herron. Because there were few seniors on the team, both Wildeman and Herron were important leaders.
Photo by: Liz Wargel

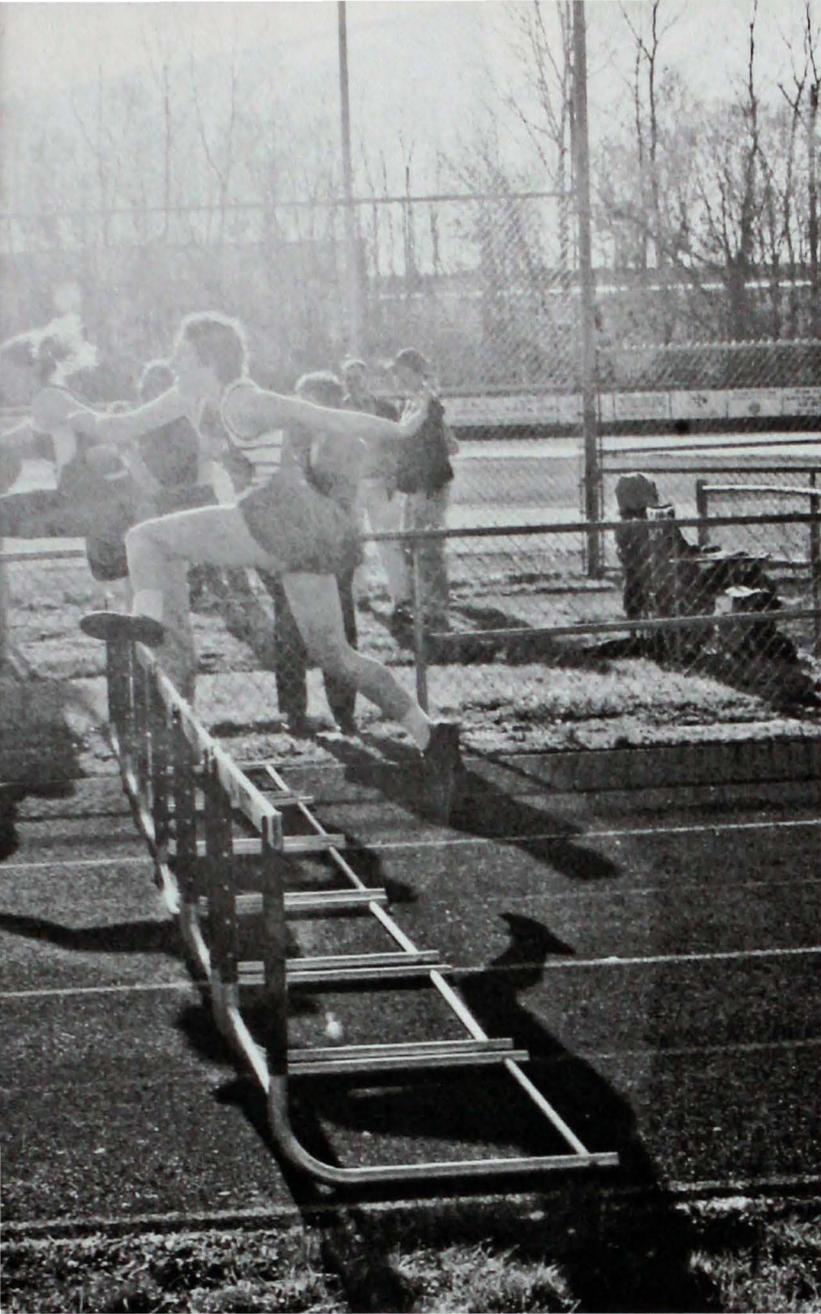
Below, junior Cara Emmert prepares for her race. Emmert led the team as one of the top runners.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



To the right, junior Pam Weinzapfel and senior Margaret Stoltz stretch before their meet. The girls made great friends in each other throughout the season.
Photo by: Alicia Farney



To the right, freshman Rachel Rexing takes her turn in the track and field competition. These competitions were learning experiences for Rexing, who was a first-year member of the team.
Photo by: Alicia Farney



Only one word can describe the girls' track team. That word is "close-knit."

If you asked any girl on track about their team, they would tell you about how much the team supports one another. They push each other to work their hardest, and each girl supports the others to run faster, jump higher, or throw farther. No matter what, these girls are always there for one another.

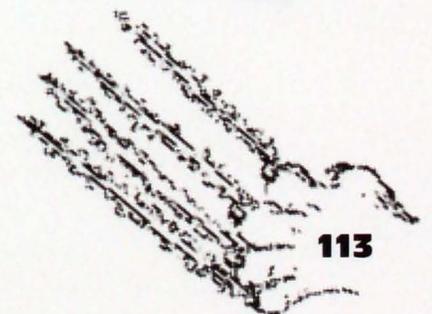
Senior Rachel Buskavitz said, "The support we have for each other is really amazing."

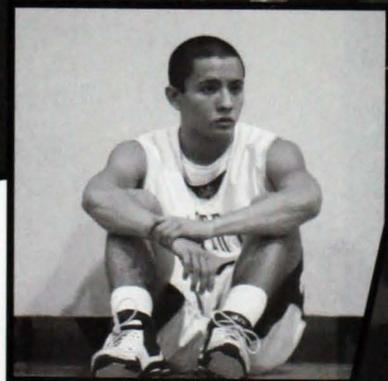
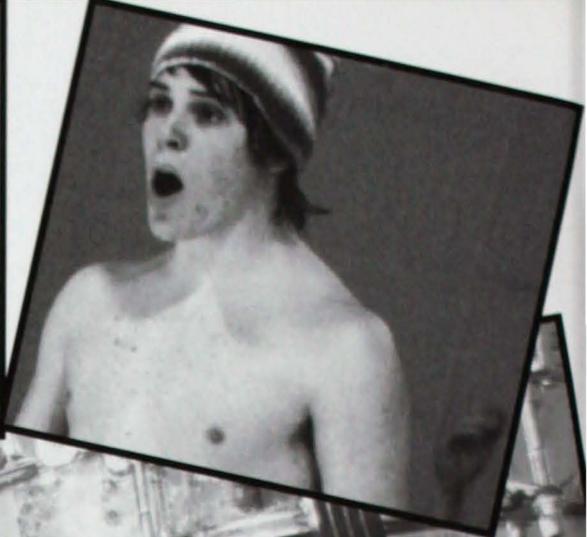
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The team was able to have fun during the season, and even when they were not winning, they were still enjoying themselves. They found joy in little things, like someone bringing in food for a meet.

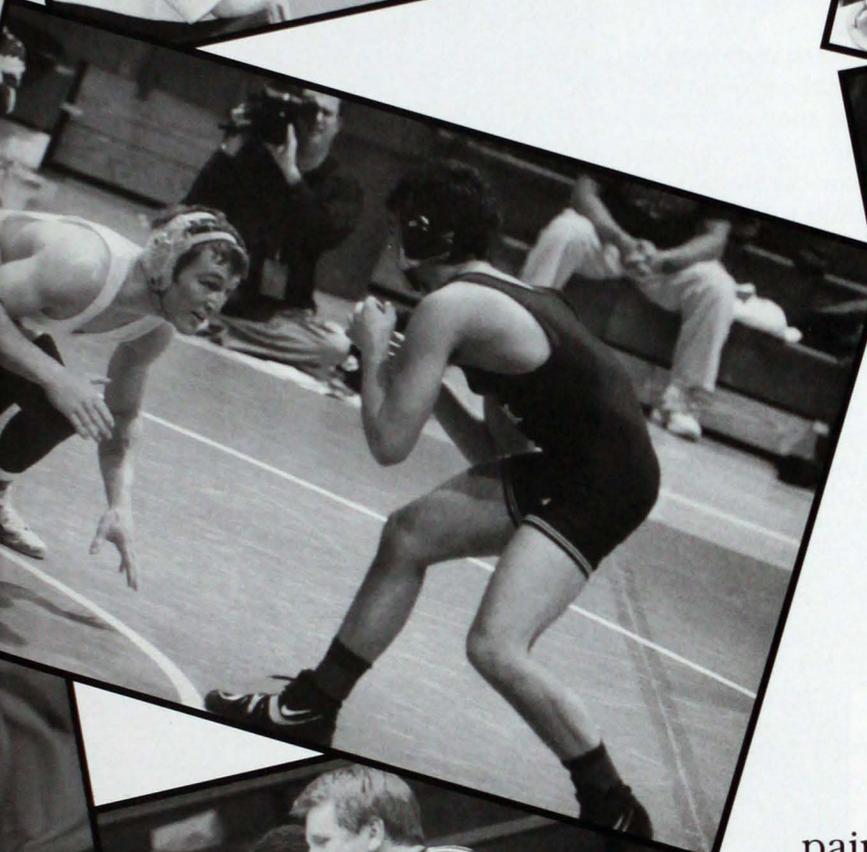
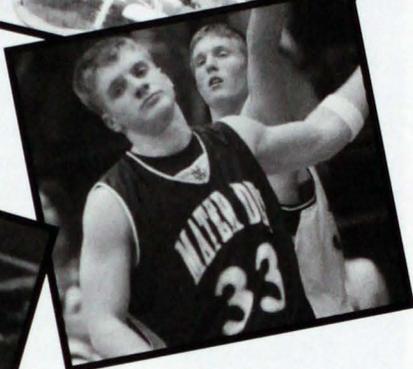
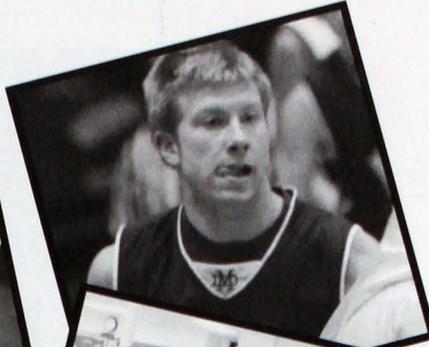
Buskavitz said, "The best part about track is when you're running a race and you come around the curve and the entire team is on the fence cheering for you. They're cheering so loudly that you can pick out their individual voices. It's such a good feeling knowing that your team is behind you."

Lauren Grabert '08





C L U B S



To pass away free time, students joined various teams, activities, and clubs. Those involved spent a lot of time at school; whether it was practicing for the Academic Superbowl or painting posters for the wrestling room, the time was well-spent. Not only did these after-school activities teach, but they also gave students a chance to belong.



SHOWIN' OUR PEP - N - PRIDE

Senior Pep Club President Rachel Williams speaks at a pep assembly. Williams spent many hours preparing for assemblies.

Photo by: Christie Kelley

Mater Dei students do more than put "the pep in your step."

President of the Pep Club, senior Rachel Williams, said, "The main goal this year is to get people excited about our school and show their spirit everywhere."

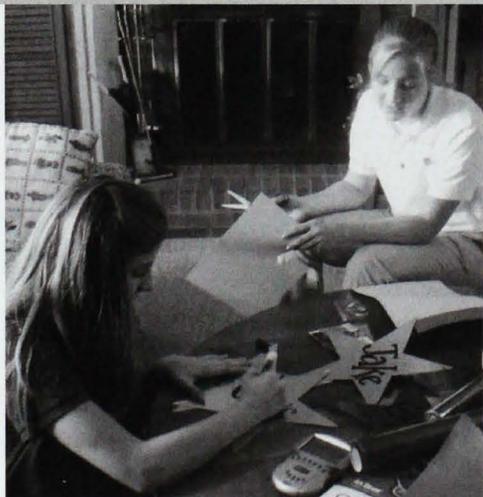
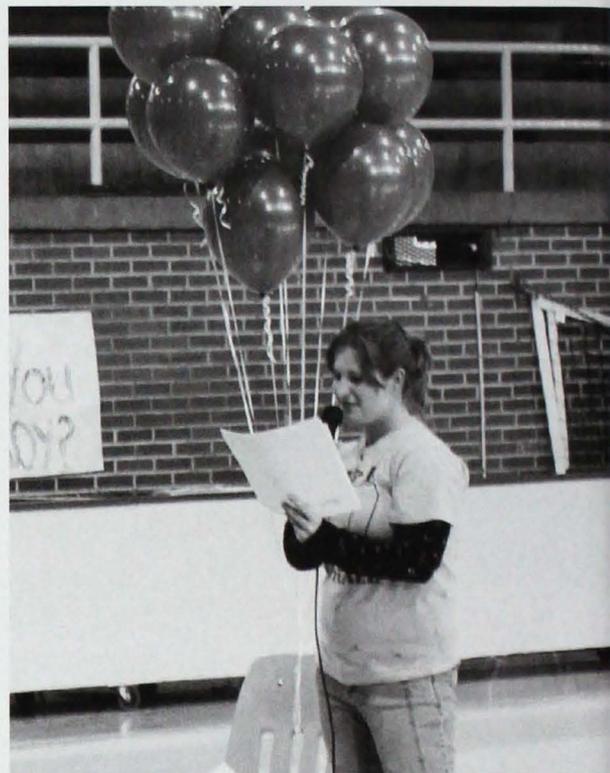
Pep Club members did just that by making posters and planning pep assemblies to support the Mater Dei teams. This year, they decorated the doors of the senior football players for the homecoming football game. When the Reitz game rolled around, the Pep Club made brownies and cookies to be placed in the boys' locker room.

"I joined Pep Club because I think it is important to honor the teams and make them feel special," said junior Katie Kiesel.

This year, members from all classes got together to make signs for lockers and to brainstorm ideas to help encourage school spirit.

Being involved in the Pep Club takes time and creativity, but for Williams, it was worth it. "We do whatever we can think of to help get people to show their spirit."

Christie Kelley '08



Senior Pep Club members Danielle Ritter and Emily Mandel make signs for athletes. The group enjoyed making the teams feel special and appreciated.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior Jenna Whorl raps for the football team at an assembly. The school always has an outpouring of support for all of the teams.

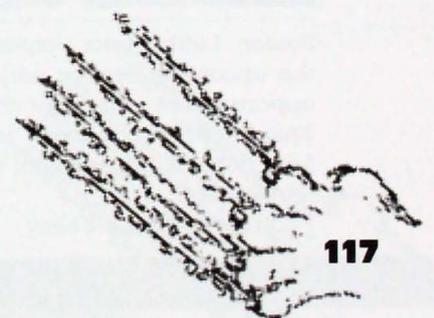
Photo by: Maria Nelson



Seniors Mitchell Eickhoff and Brian Pigman participate in a pep assembly. The seniors had fun goofing off and taking advantage of their final year in high school.
Photo by: Alicia Farney



Senior Emily Mandel decorates Jake and Alex Vanhooser's door as a way to show appreciation for all of the senior football players. This year, the Pep Club found new ways to excite the teams before important games.
Photo by: Liz Wargel



Sophomore Andrew Ritter places candy on tables at the Big Bingo set-up. Ritter has been a member of the Service Club since his freshman year. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Senior Laura Lutz explains the upcoming service project opportunities to the club. This is one of the many jobs Lutz does as president of the Service Club. Photo by: Christie Kelley

Junior Jared Stratman lays green necklaces at each table for those who attended Big Bingo. Members of the Service Club volunteered to help prepare for the event. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel





clubbin' for the needy



Students at Mater Dei are often plagued by the dilemma of where to volunteer. Locating places that allow teenagers to contribute can be a difficult task. This, along with the fact that most weekends are too busy for students to spend finding volunteer locations, sometimes results in students not helping at all.

The Service Club, headed by Ms. Vickery, finds group volunteer activities that are, oftentimes, scheduled after school. This is an easy way to accumulate the particular number of service hours that each class needs. By volunteering as a group, the activities become something that students look forward to, rather than events that are dreaded and feel like an obligation.

"The Service Club finds people that truly need help and finds a way to help them," commented junior Kendal Elpers.

It is an important duty to help those that are less fortunate, and the Service Club is a great way to give back to the school and surrounding area.

The Service Club sponsors many events throughout the year that benefit the needy.

Senior Jennifer Born proudly displays her commitment to the club by commenting, "I enjoy being involved in Service Club because it makes me feel good to know that I am helping my community."

Pam Weinzapfel '08



Junior Kyla Wargel and sophomore Andrew Ritter pull apart newspapers to use as centerpieces at Big Bingo. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Ms. Vickery and senior Laura Lutz watch over everyone as they lead each Service Club meeting. Photo by: Christie Kelley



BEHIND THE MATS



The Mat Cats spent approximately eight hours a week helping the wrestling team meet their goals this year. Whether they were taking stats, videotaping, taking pictures of the team, or making scrapbooks, not a week went by without wrestling crossing their minds.

The Mat Cats not only attended meets after school, but they also attended the out-of-town tournaments, including a tournament in Cincinnati and one in St. Louis.

"The most fun I had this year was definitely at the out-of-town tournaments in Cincinnati and St. Louis," said senior Annie Weber. "The state individual competition and team state at Center Grove were also a lot of fun."

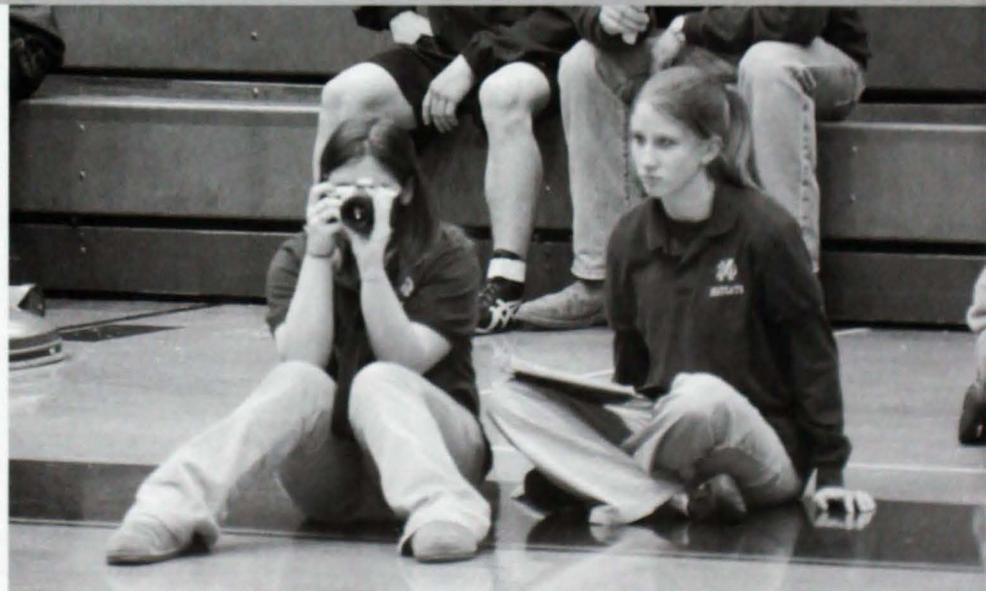
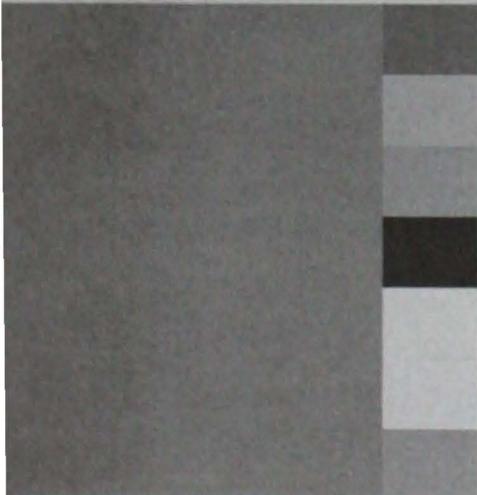
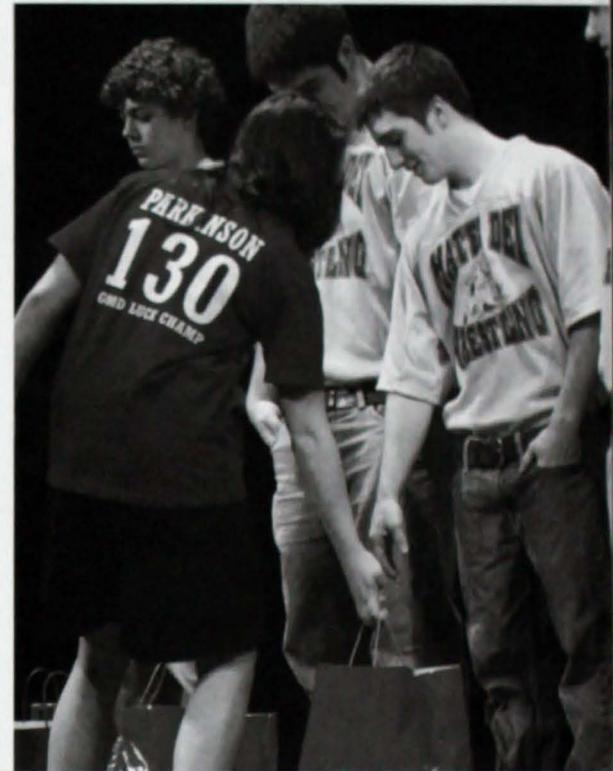
Senior Rachel Williams said, "Seeing the wrestlers realize that they were state champs was the best thing about this year's season. Being a senior this year, it meant a lot to see the guys I grew up with win. They worked so hard all year, and it finally paid off."

The Mat Cats' season extends way past wrestling season. The girls complete scrapbooks of each meet for each wrestler and for the coaches of the varsity team. This takes long hours and lots of work, usually extending into the final hours before the banquet where the books are distributed.

"Mat Cats has definitely been my favorite activity I've been involved in at Mater Dei. I have many friends and memories that will last a lifetime," said Williams.

Liz Wargel '07

Senior Jerry Parkinson receives a bag of treats from his Mat Cat. The food was a welcome sight at the end of a difficult season.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



Seniors Rachel Williams and Annie Weber take photos at a wrestling meet. The Mat Cats were at every competition videotaping and taking stats for the team.
Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior Mat Cat Mallory Goebel and junior Mat Cat Sherilyn Weinzapfel perform a skit about the wrestlers before team state. A slide show was also made about the memories that the wrestlers share.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Senior Liz Wargel adds the finishing touches to Coach Goebel's scrapbook. The Mat Cats spent hours making the memories last for the wrestlers.

Photo by: McKenzie Williams

Junior Alex Weinzapfel eyes his gift from his Mat Cat before going to individual state. After months of eating very little, the boys could finally eat what they wanted.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



Senior Andy Walker and juniors Chris Baumgart and Deidre Weis concentrate on the task at hand while preparing with the science team. The team members put a lot of time and hard work into preparing for competitions. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Senior Andy Walker and juniors Chris Baumgart and Deidre Weis voice their opinions and receive feedback. They enjoyed participating in the science team this year. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Sophomores Andrew Ritter and Patrick Elpers enjoy the time they spend with the math team. The team liked to share laughs to let off steam. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Yearnin' for Some Learnin'

Junior Brandt Lydon and freshman Bill Muensterman discuss how to respond to a question asked during their competition. The two worked well together and with their other teammates.

Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Students study from August to May, five days a week, but many just do enough to get by. There are two select groups of students who choose to do extra homework outside of their everyday classes. The Spellbowl and Academic Superbowl teams allow students to improve their intelligence while having fun.

The Spellbowl team competes in the fall and the Academic Superbowl teams have competitions throughout second semester. The meets are always exciting for everyone involved. Junior Kyla Wargel said, "I like going to the meets because there's lots of free food!" The food draws the competitors in, but the fun atmosphere keeps them there.

All of the competing students study hard for their particular event, but they know at the end of the day that the most important thing is that they learned something new. "The meets are not that stressful; it doesn't matter where you place," said junior Deidre Weis. While everyone wants to do well, it is a successful season as long as the students walk away knowing more than they did before.

Not all students join the teams because they love learning; others become part of the teams because they have free time. Senior Emma Stephens joined the Spellbowl team because she happened to be free on Tuesdays after school. "I got to work with Mr. Rode and Mr. Wathen. I'm glad I did it!" said Stephens. She was the only senior on the team and enjoyed the time she spent with the other students and teachers.

The teams are not ashamed of their love of learning. "The math team is pretty much the biggest group of nerds you will ever meet," said junior Karen Scheller. Sophomore Juliette Faraone likes competing in these competitions because "it gives me a chance to learn more about something specific that I am interested in."

The close companionship that occurs during practices and meets allows the students to learn from one another while having fun. Junior Ben Muensterman has fun on both teams because he "gets to learn and be with friends."

Pam Weinzapfel '08

Juniors Chris Baumgart and Deidre Weis listen intently to a question during the science competition. Baumgart was a member of multiple teams.

Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



SPEAKING OUT

Their alarms go off at 5:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning. Slowly, they roll out of bed and dress in suits and ties. Then, they head off to a school for the rest of the day. Some might think of these people as crazy. At times, they might not be far off, but for members of the speech team, this is an ordinary Saturday.

"I love speech because of the people. I meet people from other schools, but I also get to know the people from my school," commented senior president Sarah Schneider. Schneider was a four-year member of the team and competed this year in Radio.

Around thirty-five students were on the Speech team this year. From November to March, they competed against students across Indiana. Each student selected one to two speeches and presented them to a group of competitors and a judge. The tone of the speeches ranged from sad to hysterically funny.

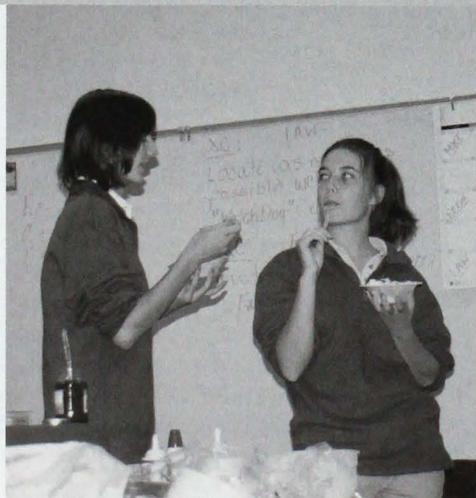
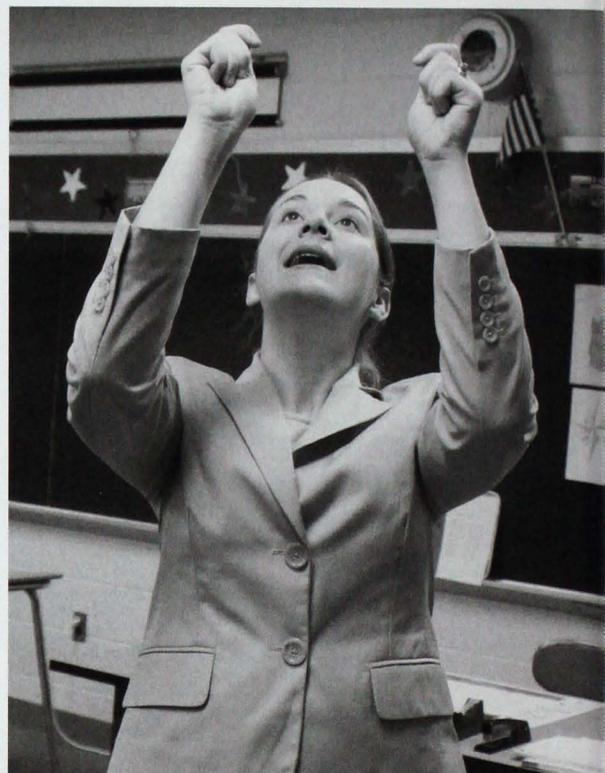
There is an adrenaline rush each time a student gets up to perform. Rachel Sweeney, a junior, said, "I love the feeling I get while I'm doing my speech. I also like to see how people react." Sweeney and fellow junior Sam Moore were duo partners.

Having fun is a major part of Speech. It makes the early mornings and long days worth it. Because they spent so much time together, the Speech team bonded throughout the year. Junior Chris Baumgart said, "We spend a lot of time together. Sometimes it's scary, but it's always fun."

Maria Nelson '08

Junior Katie Dockery gestures while performing her speech. The Speech team used hand motions to emphasize their characters emotions.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



Seniors Laura Lutz and Hannah Boots eat at the ice cream social. The social was a way for new members of the Speech team to become familiar with the other team members.

Photo by: Alicia Farney



Freshmen Roger Dunkelbarger and Veronica Ketzner listen to music to calm their nerves between rounds. Dunkelbarger and Ketzner were very dedicated to the team.

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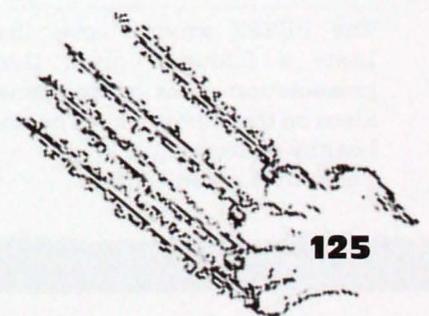


Juniors Chris Baumgart and Ben Muensterman have a light saber fight to release their nervous energy. The Speech team is known for its eccentricity.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

At the Speech ice cream social, freshman Katie Helfrich receives whipped cream on her ice cream from sophomore Cassidy Rodenberg. The ice cream brought people in, but the team support ensured their stay.
Photo by: Alicia Farney



Junior Maria Nelson delivers her speech with heartfelt facial expressions. This year, Nelson wrote a speech about the importance of passion.
Photo provided by: Maria Nelson



Juniors Chris Baumgart and Allison Schenk present to a sophomore religion class. Baumgart and Schenk participated in the group "Love that Lasts a Lifetime."

Photo by: Lauren Grabert

Junior Christie Kelley quizzes sophomores about their relationships. Kelley enjoyed sharing her views and morals with others.

Photo by: Lauren Grabert



The PEERS group "Love that Lasts a Lifetime" gives their presentation. This group shared ideas on the importance of having healthy relationships.

Photo by: Lauren Grabert

Senior Mike Cervone passes out candy to students who participated in the discussion. The grade school students enjoyed interacting with the high school presenters.

Photo by: Liz Wargel





While visiting a grade school, senior Hannah Boots acts out a skit. The "Teen Pregnancy" group was one of the many to present to the feeder schools. Photo by: Liz Wargel

PEER TALK



Mater Dei is full of groups of people who stand by their beliefs and morals to try to help others. One of these groups is PEERS Project.

The PEERS Project group travels to feeder schools to prepare students for problems they might face in the future. They teach students how to deal with friendships, dating relationships, and other teen dilemmas.

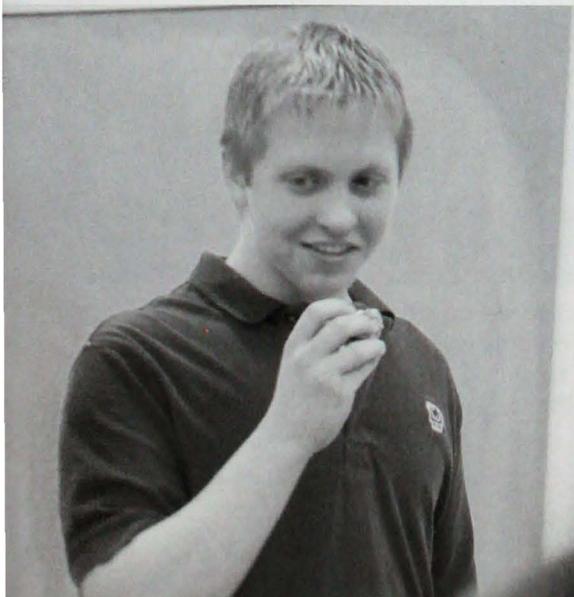
Junior Sherilyn Weinzapfel said, "I became involved in PEERS Project because I want the younger students to think about the choices they are making. PEERS Project is a way to make them think."

The various groups present about subjects such as friendships, peer pressure, and healthy relationships.

Weinzapfel is in the "Friendship and Peer Pressure" group. "We try to show the students how to be good friends and also how to choose good friends," said Weinzapfel. "I like the feeling that I could be changing some of the students' lives with my group's presentation."

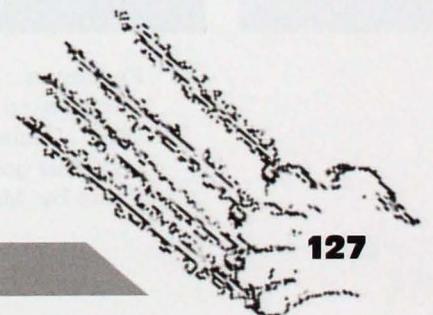
The students who are involved in PEERS Project find satisfaction in what they do. Junior Sarah Luigs said, "I like the fact that what I'm doing will someday help the kids I'm presenting to."

Lauren Grabert '08



Seniors Carly Zenthoefer and Hannah Boots perform a skit in their PEERS group. The younger students enjoyed the presentations because they could look up to the high school students as mentors. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior Tyler Hunt sniffs a peppermint patty and passes it around for the rest of the class to smell. Hunt was demonstrating the importance of abstaining from sex before marriage. Photo by: Liz Wargel



MAKING A CHOICE FOR LIFE

Sophomore Sam Kuban belts out a song during the Smart Moves luau. Kuban enjoyed singing for his fellow classmates.
Photo by: Martha Stoltz

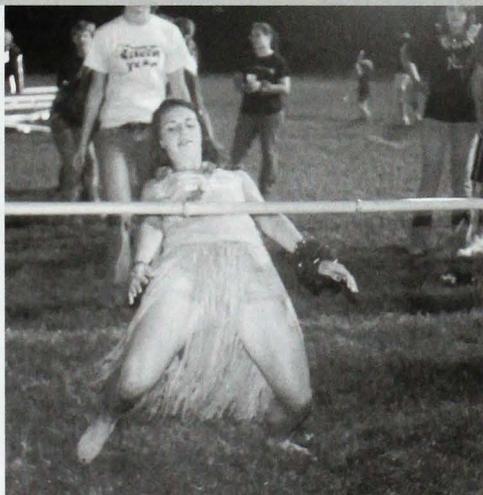
Students make choices every day not to drink or do drugs. At Mater Dei, students involved in CHOICE help teens and grade schoolers make the right decisions about avoiding harmful substances like drugs and alcohol.

CHOICE, formerly known as Without, sponsors events like luaus and Red Ribbon Week to remind teens that they don't need alcohol or drugs to have a good time. These events provide a fun atmosphere without peer pressure to become involved in the use of controlled substances.

The group meets during Wildcat Block, and they openly discuss avoiding drugs and how to tell other teenagers how they feel. Those who participate in CHOICE also have the opportunity to join Smart Moves in the spring.

Smart Moves is a group that visits grade schools to inform younger students about how to make smart decisions, or how to make "smart moves" in their lives.

Christie Kelley '08



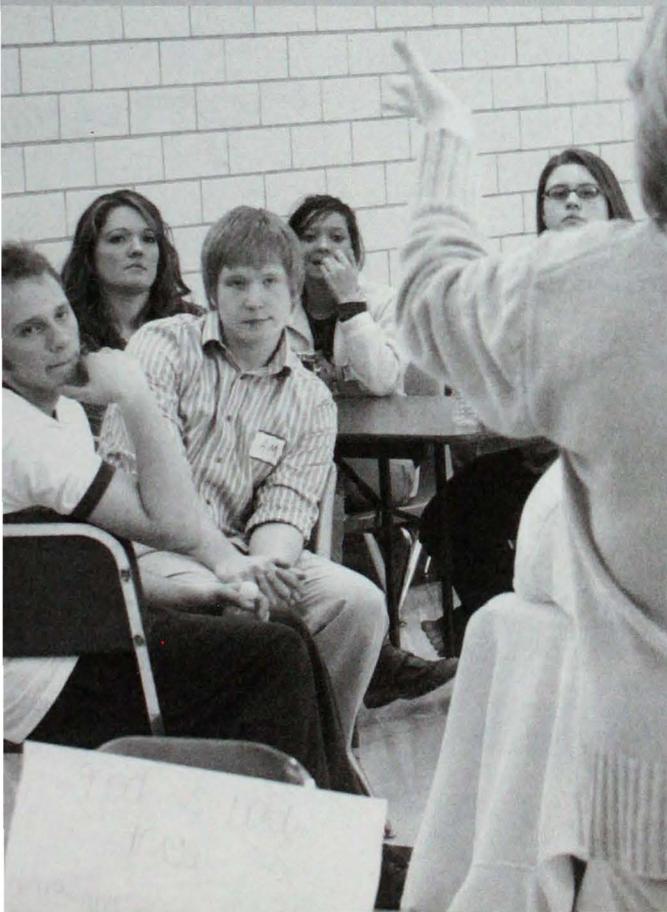
Freshman Megan Schneider attempts to duck under the limbo stick. Limbo was one of the many activities going on at the luau.
Photo by: Martha Stoltz



Freshman Nick Ambrose hula-hoops at the luau. Hula-hooping was a fun way to party the night away.
Photo by: Martha Stoltz



Sophomore Alyssa Miller discusses her Smart Moves script with her fellow group members. Miller joined Without because she believes teens should avoid drugs and alcohol.
Photo by: Christie Kelley



Sophomore Craig Nelson plays the drums at the first annual luau to promote fun without drugs and alcohol. Nelson's band played music as part of the entertainment.
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Seniors Drew Waldroup and Sam Lewis listen intently to a speaker during Smart Moves training. Mrs. Dassel was in charge of Smart Moves and kept students informed about issues involving alcohol and drug use.
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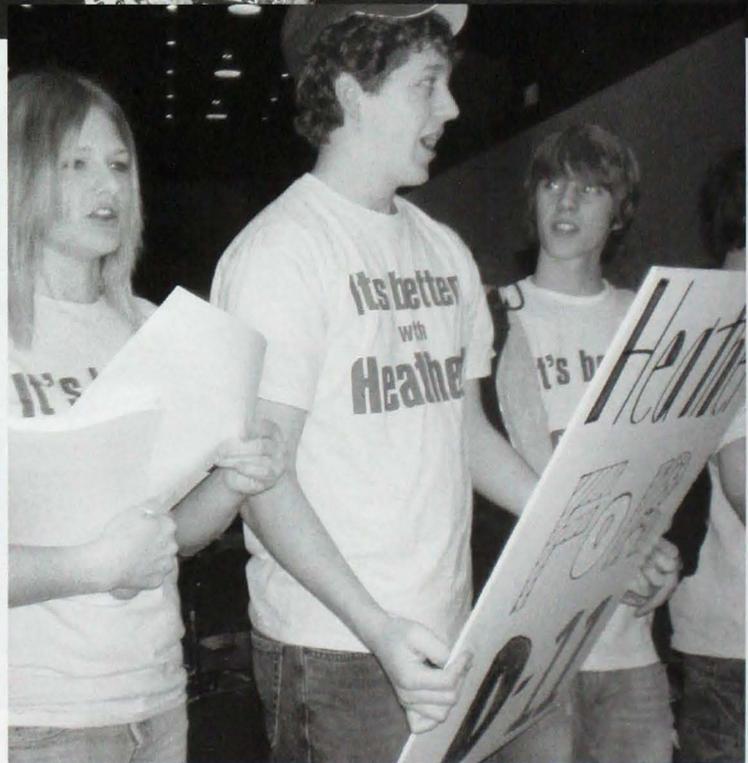




Juniors Lauren Grabert and Chelsea Jenkins, along with sophomore Kristyn Seibert, stack non-perishable food into a design. The food was given to three local food banks. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Senior Danielle Ritter addresses the student body on inauguration day. Ritter was elected to serve as Clerk of Mater Dei-ville for the 2006-2007 school year. Photo by: Maria Nelson



To the right, sophomores Kristyn Seibert, Jordan Chapman, and Landon Oliver campaign for Heather Wargel at the Student Council assembly. Wargel ran for District 11 Representative. Photo by: Maria Nelson



governing the wildcat way

Junior Lindsey Blankenberger boxes up candygrams after spending the afternoon making them. Mater Dei-ville sold the candygrams to fund their activities for the year. Photo by: Maria Nelson

At times, controlling a high school can become overwhelming, which is why teachers call upon students to act as role models. The Mater Dei-ville Student Government and the Mater Dei Student Council take on the difficult task of leading the school towards correct actions and decisions.

"I wanted to become involved in the Mater Dei Student Government because I like to be involved and want to help make decisions for our class," commented junior Class Secretary Karen Scheller.

A big job of students involved in the Mater Dei-ville Student Government is to help the student body express its needs and concerns to the school.

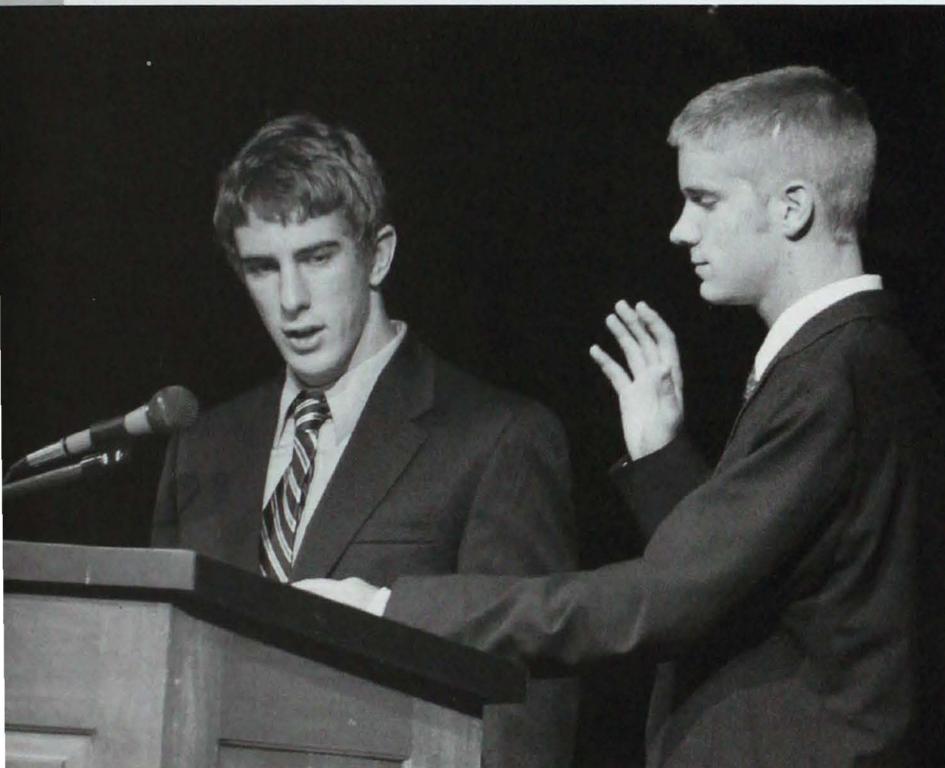
"I believe we make the voices of our peers heard," said Junior Council Person-at-Large Brett Bueltel.

"I wanted to get involved in the school more this year because I knew it would be my last year at Mater Dei," commented Mayor of Mater Dei-ville, senior Adam Schenk.

The creation of a group of students who are willing to put aside differences to work together is a great way to prepare for the world outside of Mater Dei's walls.

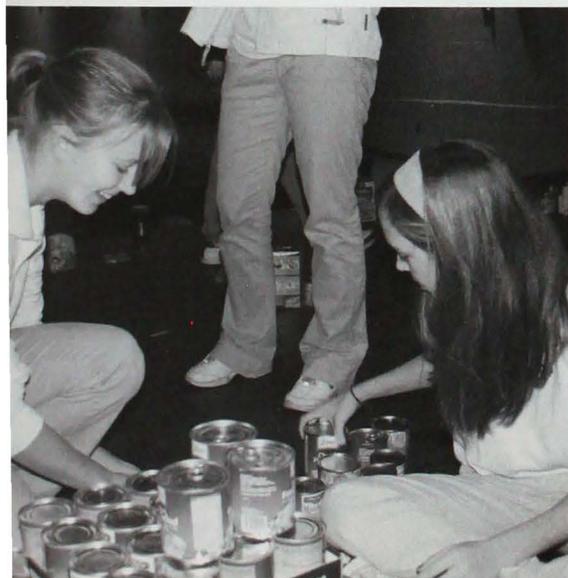
"Although the results are not always apparent, just having an organization of students who care makes a difference in and of itself," commented Senior Council Person-at-Large Rachel Buskavitz.

Pam Weinzapfel '08



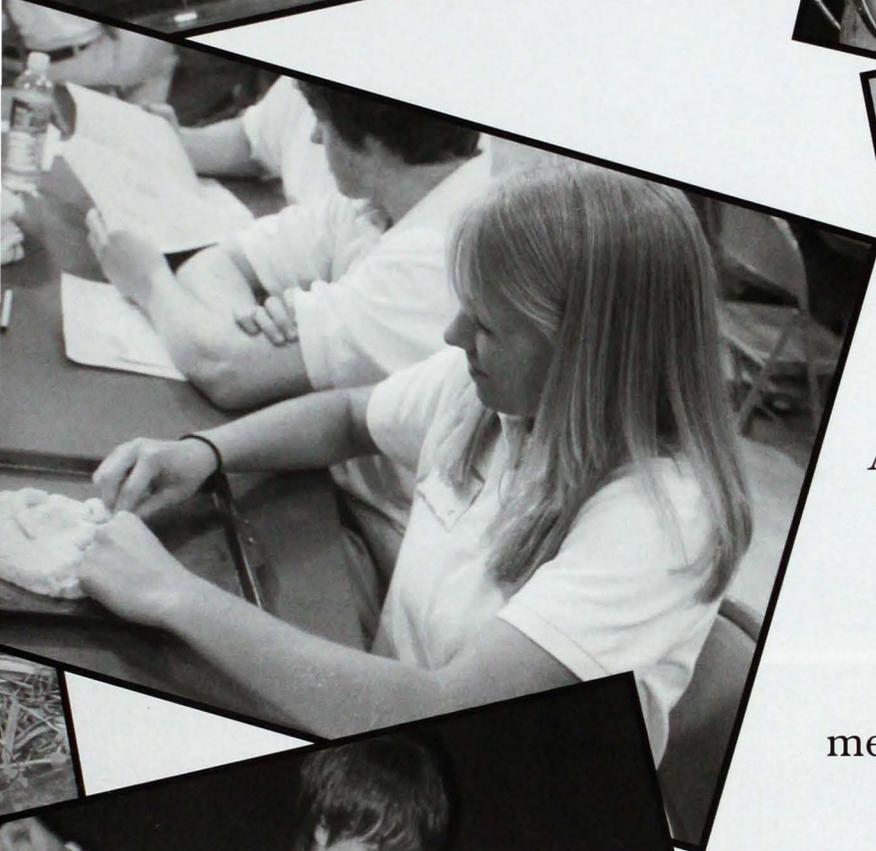
Above, senior Judge Nick Dewig swears senior Mayor Adam Schenk into office. The two led Mater Dei-ville this year, along with Clerk Danielle Ritter. Photo by: Maria Nelson

Junior Lindsey Blankenberger and freshman Sara Blankenberger place canned food in a design for the annual Thanksgiving food drive. Students competed for a free dress day by bringing in food. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel





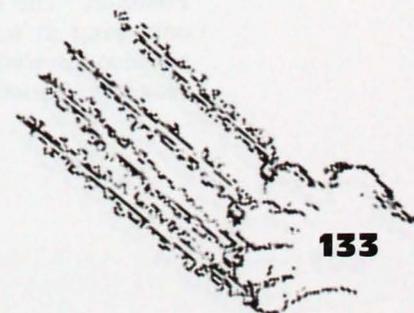
S T U D E N T L I F E



As students, the majority of our time is spent at school, on homework, and at school-related activities.

However, many of the lasting memories come from outside of the school building.

Whether it's from hanging out and playing Halo, or going shopping with the girls, these times will be forever filled with fun and excitement.



LIGHT THE FIRE

They dance, sing, and praise God all at the same time. They enhance our school masses with their enthusiasm. They are the Liturgical Ensemble.

Through songs, these students celebrate God and encourage the student body to sing along. "Singing is a way to use the talents God gave me to expand His kingdom," commented junior Luke Costlow.

This year, the Liturgical Ensemble not only performed for Mater Dei, but they also went out to grade schools. This gave the younger students a chance to experience an enhanced form of praise. The Liturgical Ensemble was also given the chance to perform at Good Shepherd when the school re-opened after being closed for many months due to a fire. Senior Sarah Schneider said, "We were able to help celebrate and make the day special by singing for them."

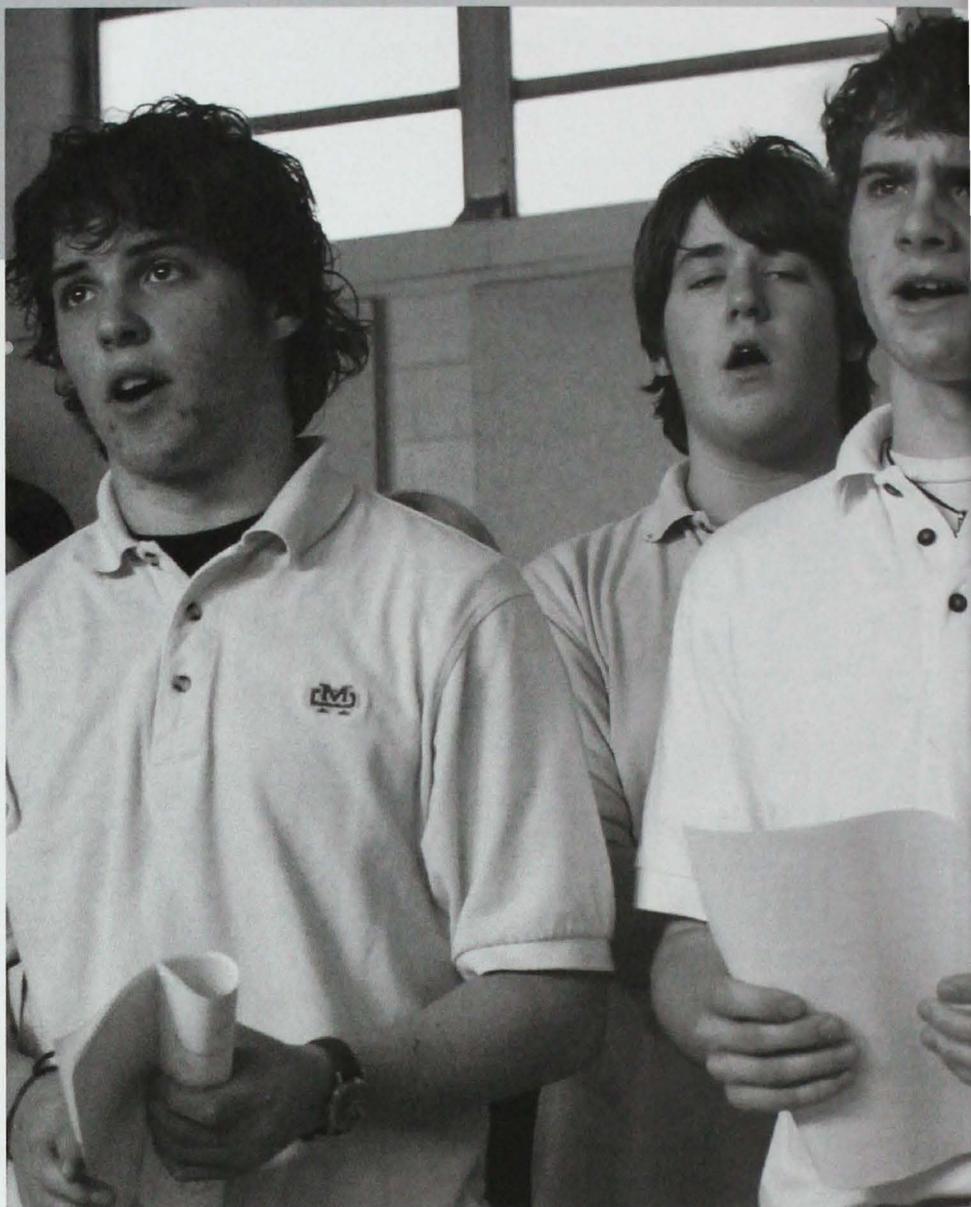
The students who participate in the group also attend concerts throughout the year. These concerts help those involved grow in their faith. When they go to the concerts, they listen to the same songs that they sing at mass.

The Liturgical Ensemble inspires those singing just as much as those listening. "I like to worship in my own way," junior Rachel Sweeney said.

There are many reasons why students join the Liturgical Ensemble. However, they all come together for one reason. It encourages all students to grow in their faith. Junior Kayleen Glaser said, "I think my favorite part is knowing that there are other people who I can share my faith with."

Maria Nelson '08

The Liturgical Ensemble sings along with their leader, Mark Freeman. The ensemble not only sang at school masses, but also traveled to schools. Photo by: Christie Kelley

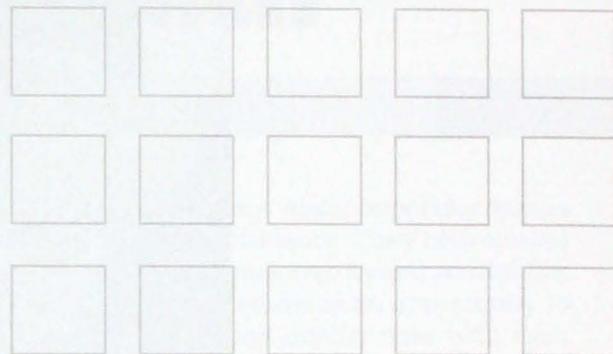
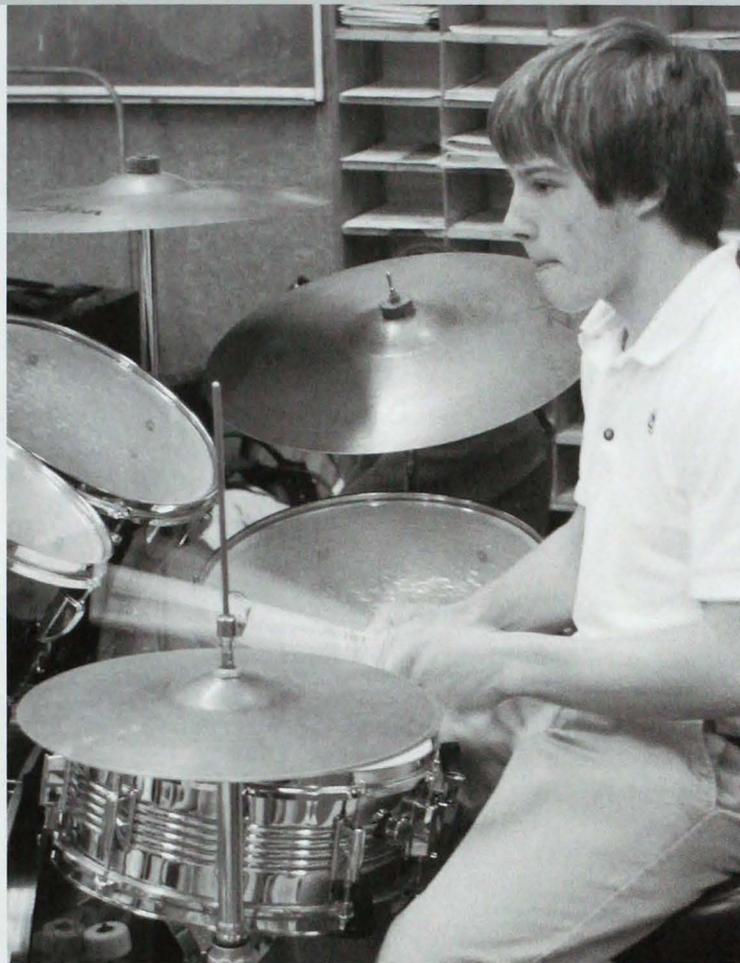


Junior Luke Costlow and sophomores Sam Kuban and Jesse Vanhooser belt out a song at one of the feeder schools. The ensemble traveled to feeder schools to entertain the students with music.

Photo by: Christie Kelley

Sophomore Craig Nelson plays the drums at a Liturgical Ensemble practice. Nelson joined the group last year as a freshman.

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Sophomore Lindsay Mann and senior Jewel Reising sing along with Mark Freeman. Freeman directed the group with Mr. Dickel.

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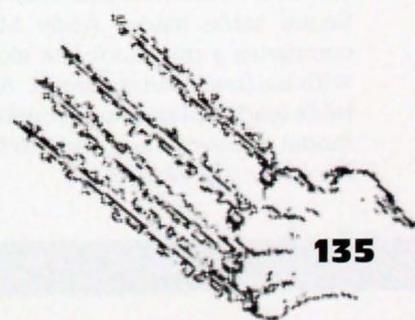


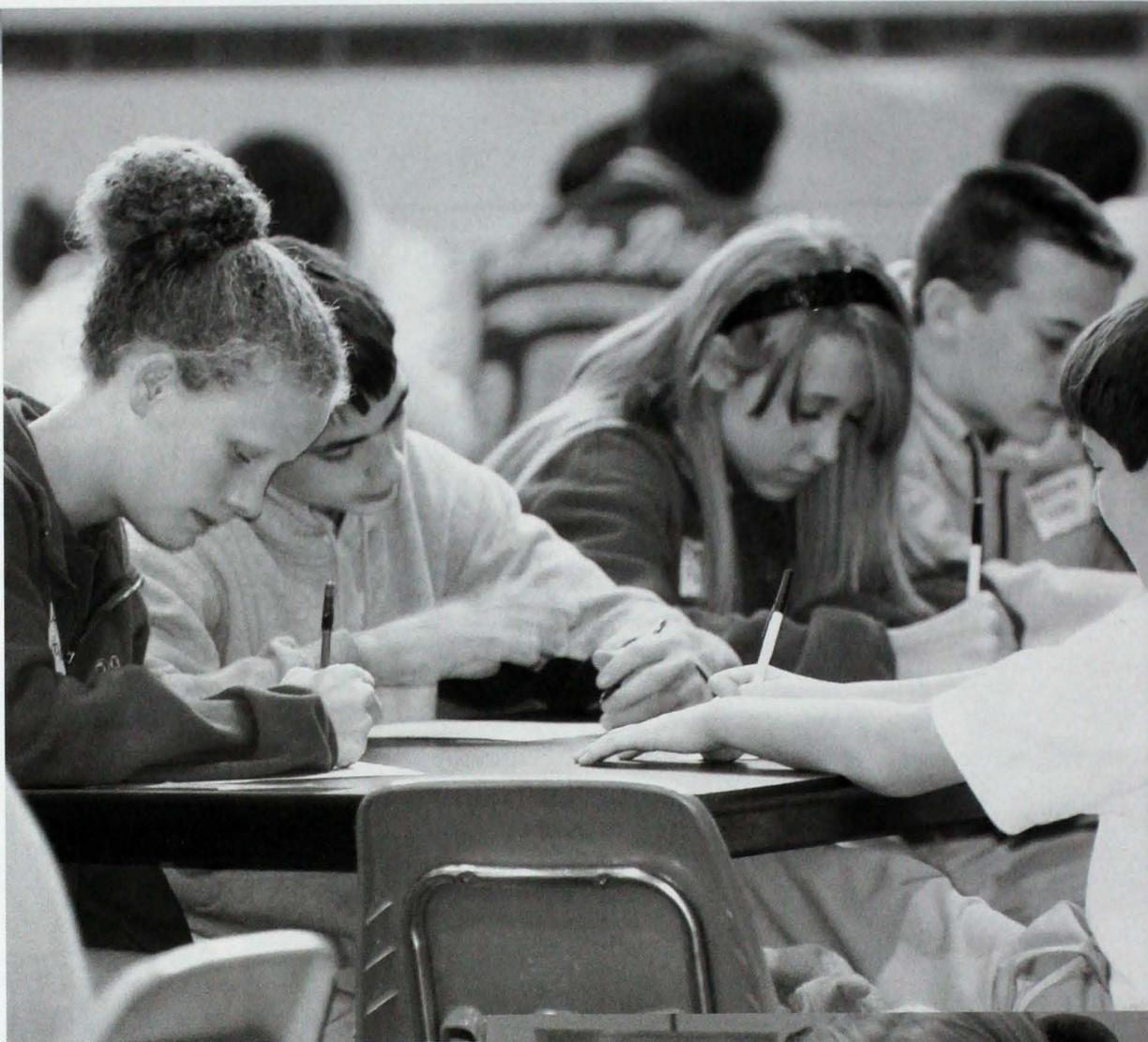
Above, sophomore Lindsay Mann and senior Sarah Schneider lead the group during a song. The two soloists shared their talents with the group.

Photo by: Christie Kelley

Junior Sam Moore plays guitar while senior Jewel Reising sings. Wanting to share her talent with others, Reising joined the group as a freshman.

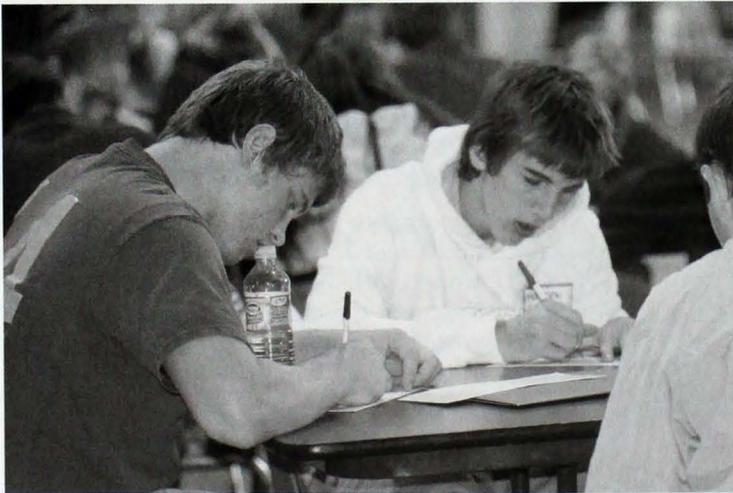
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Freshmen take advantage of the quiet time to reflect and write a letter to God, which will be returned to them at their junior retreat. The freshmen found their first retreat to be enlightening and fun.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



Senior table leader Andy Matt completes a questionnaire along with his freshmen students. As a table leader, Matt was a constant model of how to be respectful.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



At the junior retreat, Ashley Adler completes her road map worksheet. The map helped Adler reflect on her spiritual life.

Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Senior table leader Danielle Ritter waits to place her table's letters in a basket. As a retreat leader, Ritter found sharing her faith helpful to the freshmen. Photo by: Liz Wargel

excelling in faith

Retreats represent many important things for Mater Dei students. They help classes bond, while boosting integrity and spirituality. Retreats also give students an opportunity to step back and spend quality time with their classmates.

Mater Dei retreats are one of the many traditions that all students look forward to. Each year, the retreats rise to a different level and become more meaningful and spiritual than the year before.

Without the countless hours of preparation and planning that Mrs. Weber and Sr. Donna Marie put into the retreats, they would not be able to continue. Because of their dedication, organization, and planning, the retreats run smoothly and are always a great success.

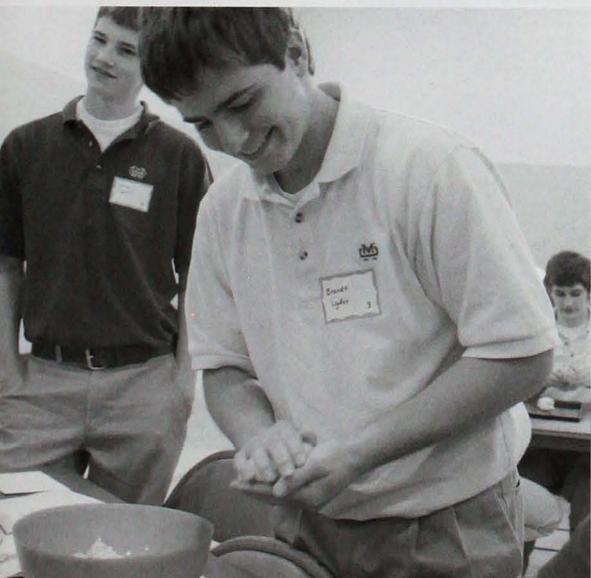
For the freshman, sophomore and junior retreats, seniors volunteer to be table leaders and help guide underclassmen throughout the day. The seniors enjoy acting as mentors to the younger students and often get as much out of the retreat as the underclassmen.

Seniors are also asked to share their individual stories by presenting at the retreats. It takes courage to speak, but their stories give the underclassmen hope for their own journeys.

McKenzie Williams '07



Senior table leader Jenna Adler stirs the ingredients for bread at the junior retreat. The juniors bake bread to realize Jesus' presence. Photo by: Maria Nelson



Junior Brandt Lydon shapes his dough before baking it. Lydon found this retreat to be the best so far. Photo by: Christie Kelley



mentoring THE

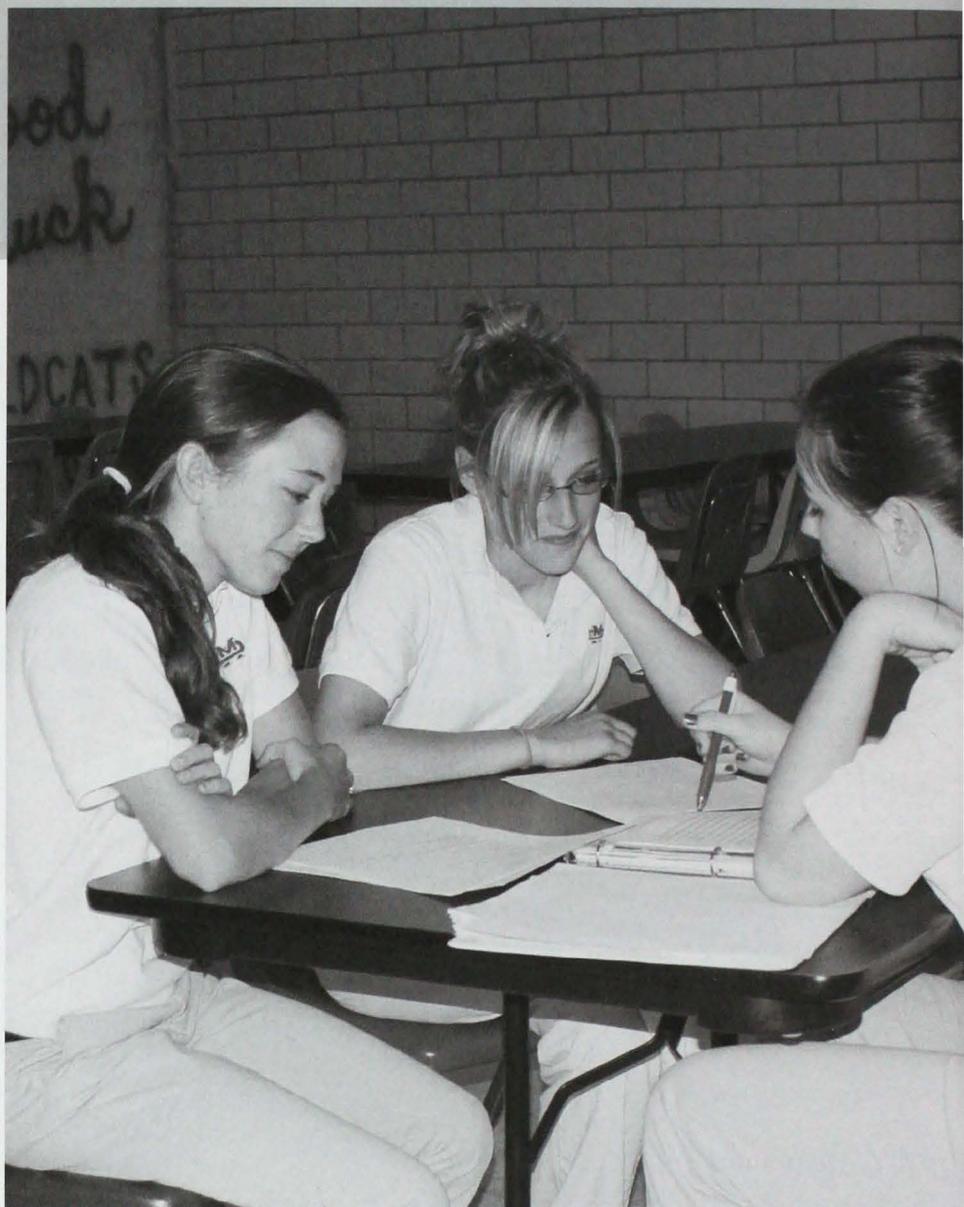
GREEN

Freshman mentors are seniors who are appointed to help guide freshmen through their transition from grade school to high school. It is a privilege to be chosen as a freshman mentor because mentors help incoming students feel welcome at Mater Dei. Seniors enjoy being role models and helping younger students begin their high school journeys.

Senior Margaret Stoltz said, "I enjoyed being a freshman mentor. I would recommend it to anyone and I think everyone should have the chance to mentor at least one freshman." Stoltz mentored two freshmen, Claire Knapp and Murphy Jones.

Senior Sarah Schneider said, "I enjoyed it and enjoyed mentoring the three freshmen that I was assigned to." Schneider mentored Danielle Downing, Sara Blankenberger, and Marie Barnes. As a mentor, Schneider had the opportunity to introduce the freshmen to Mater Dei. Although she graduated this year, Schneider hopes that the freshmen she mentored will have a successful and memorable high school career.

McKenzie Williams '07



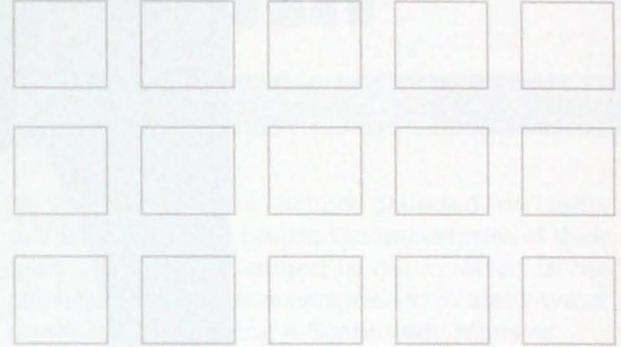
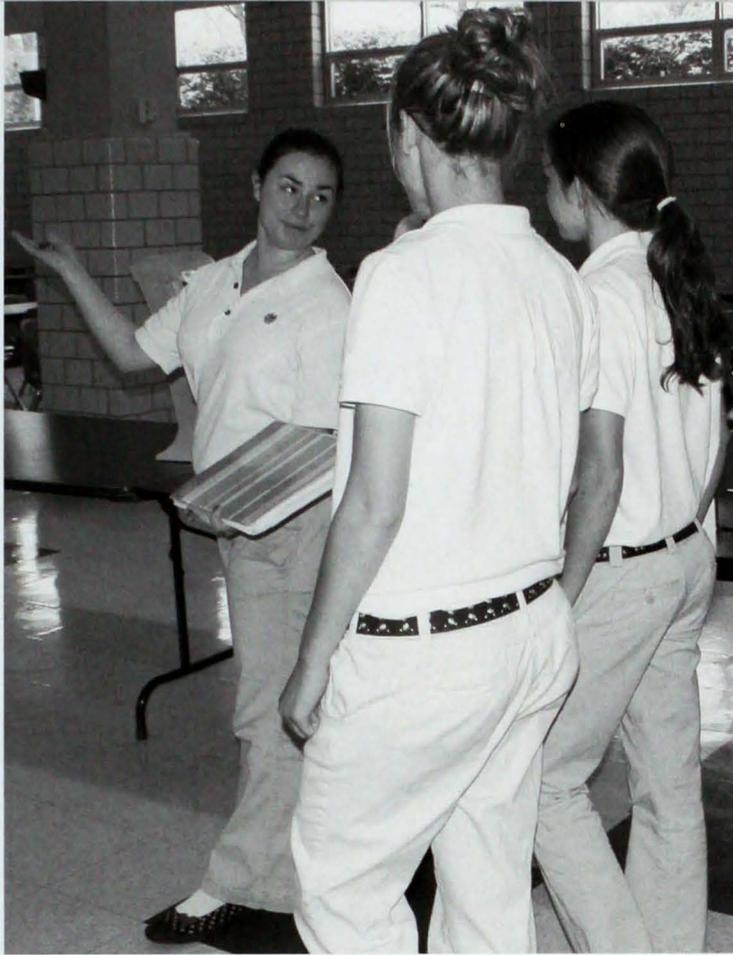
Senior Danielle Ritter explains freshman Michelle Lambert's schedule to her. Ritter enjoyed having the opportunity to help the incoming students at Mater Dei.

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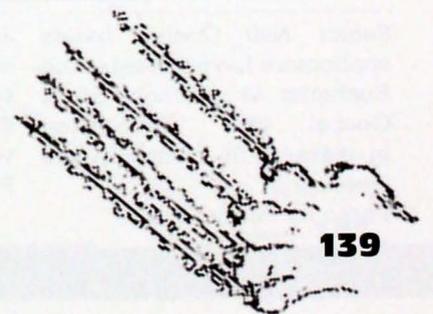


Senior Sarah Schneider explains different projects that the freshmen will complete in high school.
Photo by: McKenzie Williams

On a tour of the cafeteria, senior Sarah Schneider explains the lunch menu to her assigned freshmen.
Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Freshman Michelle Lambert and her senior mentor, Danielle Ritter, take a tour of the school. Lambert was excited to finally be attending Mater Dei.
Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Senior Marie Wolf administers communion at the freshman retreat. Wolf was a good role model for the freshmen as a table leader and Eucharistic Minister.

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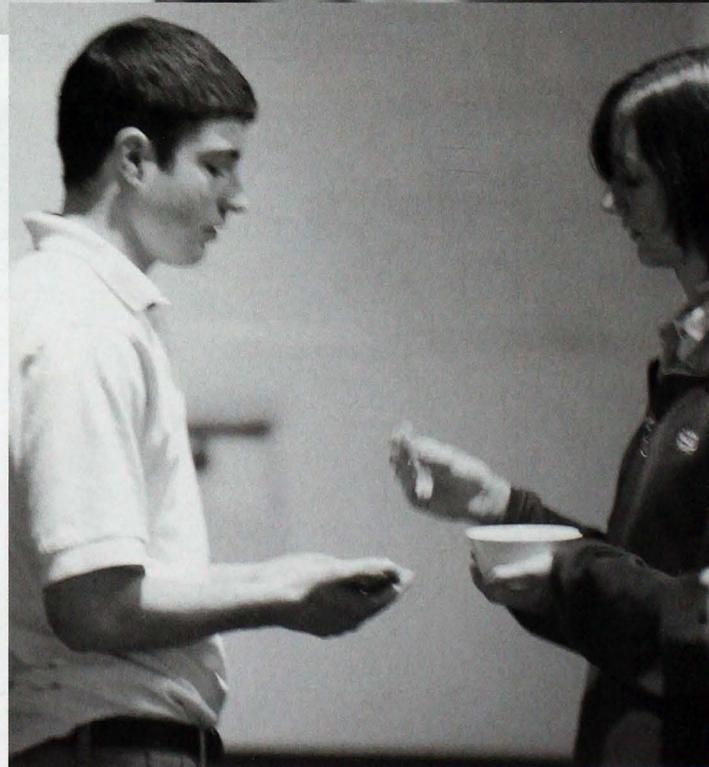


Senior Neil Goebel hands sophomore Layne Koester the Eucharist at a school mass. Goebel also participated in mass at St. Philip on the weekends.

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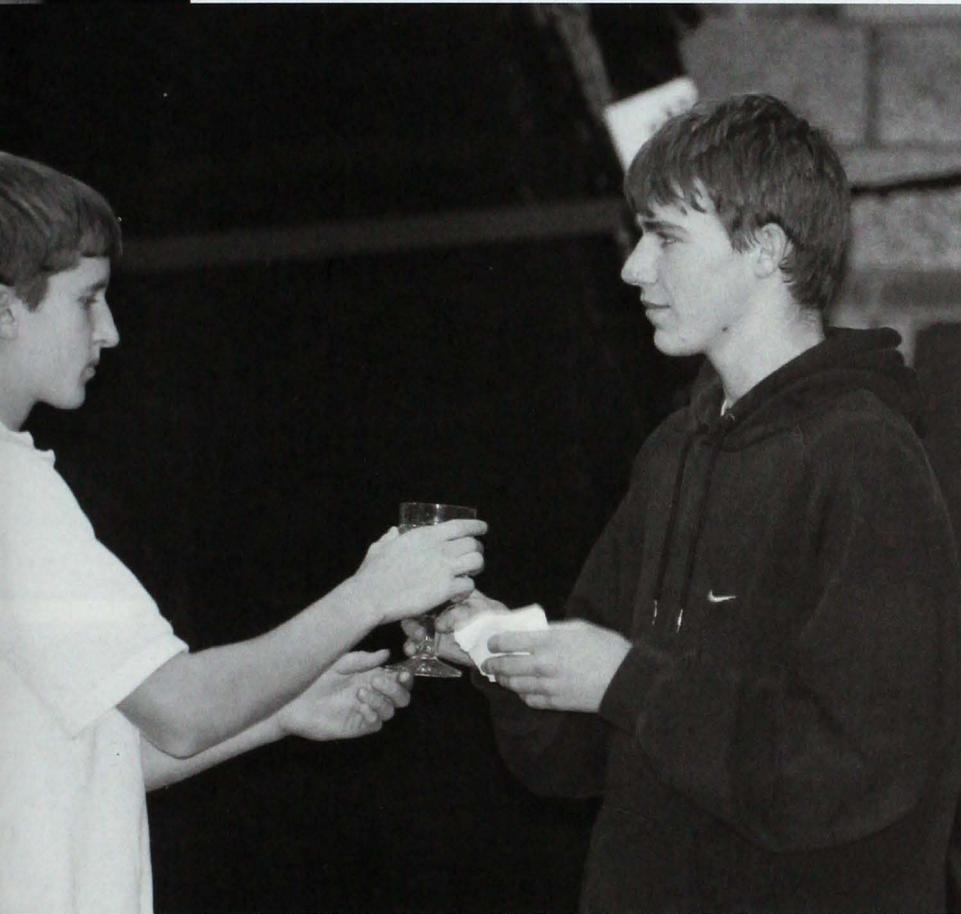
Junior RC Lehman holds his hands out to receive communion from senior Laura Lutz. Lutz became a Eucharistic Minister in the fall, along with about thirty other seniors.

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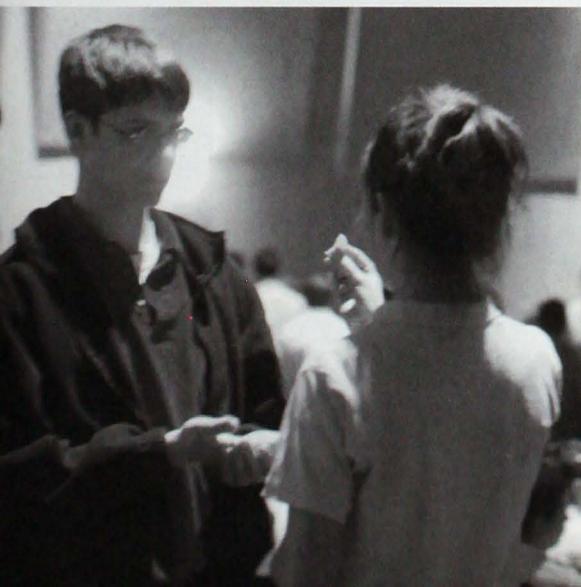


sharing Our Faith

Senior Zach Bittner administers the Blood of Christ at the freshman retreat. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Freshman Ryan Schapker waits to receive the Eucharist from senior Hannah Boots. Boots became a Eucharistic Minister to increase her involvement in her church. Photo by: Maria Nelson



Mater Dei is a school founded on faith. Students are taught the importance of their faith and are encouraged to get involved in the church. This can be accomplished in many ways, one of which is being a Eucharistic Minister.

Each school year, a group of seniors decides to play an active role in the most sacred part of mass.

Alyssa Feldhaus became a Eucharistic Minister so she could contribute to mass. "I wanted to be more involved with mass at school and with my parish." Feldhaus served at St. Agnes Parish.

Becoming a minister of the Eucharist allows many students to grow in their faith in a simple way. "I feel closer to Jesus," stated senior Sarah Schneider, who ministered at St. Joseph in the county.

Eucharistic Ministers are entrusted with many responsibilities when they choose to administer the host. They are an example to their peers and show them the importance of their religion.

Senior Neil Goebel said that he became a minister because "I wanted to try my best at telling people that the host is really Jesus' body as the Eucharist."

Whether students get involved by singing, reading, or being a Eucharistic Minister, it has an effect on their personal faith. They become a part of the mass and share their religious beliefs with others.

Maria Nelson '08



becoming one to perform at their best

The Mater Dei Theatre Department is known for giving exceptional performances year after year. Students give much of their time and talent to produce excellent shows.

Junior Kayleen Glaser was an assistant stage manager for the fall play, *Remember My Name*, and was cast in the spring musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*.

"The coolest thing about theatre is that you really get to know everybody involved. They become like family," said Glaser.

The musical is different from the play because there are a variety of people involved. "The way the cast interacts in the musical is different than in the play," Glaser said.

Junior Brett Buetel was cast in the musical. "I love acting in the theatre productions because I like interacting with the people involved and being on stage," Buetel said.

Those involved in the play and the musical put a lot of time and energy into it. They spend hours each day rehearsing so that everything is just right on the day of the performance. The cast and crew feel satisfaction performing for an audience after all of the hard work they put into it. "The hardest thing is giving so much of my time," Glaser said.

Whether it is the actors, the stage crew, or the stage managers, everyone has a hand in the final product.

Glaser said, "The best feeling is on opening night. It's a feeling that everything has finally paid off."

Lauren Grabert '08



Senior Sarah Schneider comforts fellow senior Audrie Koester in the fall play, *Remember My Name*. The play centered around a group of people struggling to survive during the Holocaust.

Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Seniors Sam Lewis and Sarah Schneider lead the ensemble in a song during a performance of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Schneider has been involved with the Theatre Department for four years.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Sophomore Lindsay Mann and junior Luke Costlow perform a scene from *Fiddler on the Roof*. This was Costlow's second role in a spring musical.
Photo by: Christie Kelley



Juniors Luke Costlow and Rachel Sweeney perform in *Remember My Name*. Both Costlow and Sweeney have found being a part of the Theatre Department fun and exciting.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Junior Kayleen Glaser and sophomore Lindsay Mann sing in the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. The production was carried out for three performances.
Photo by: Christie Kelley



Above, junior Maria Nelson and senior Aly Feldhaus talk with Mrs. Benko about the stage crew agenda. The stage managers and crew were an essential part of the production.
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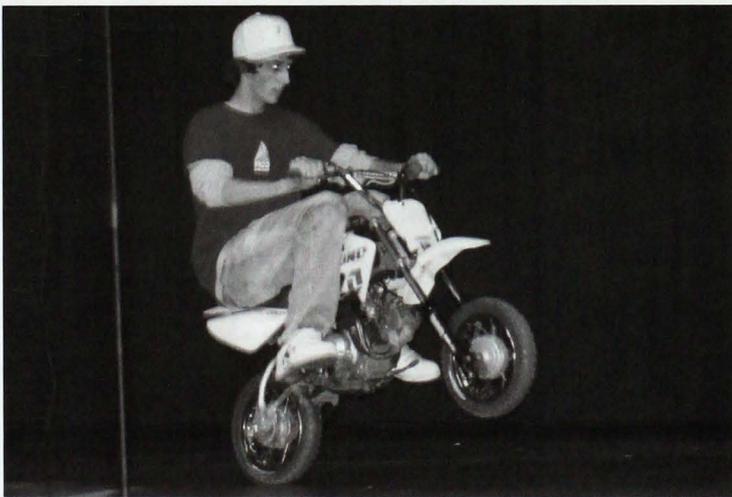


Junior Luke Costlow and sophomores Jordan Chapman, Sam Kuban, Jared Mesker, and Landon Oliver play their unique instruments at the Talent Show. The percussion group came away with first place.

Photo by: Christie Kelley

Senior Sam Lewis prepares to tell a joke to the audience. Lewis was the Master of Ceremonies for the night.

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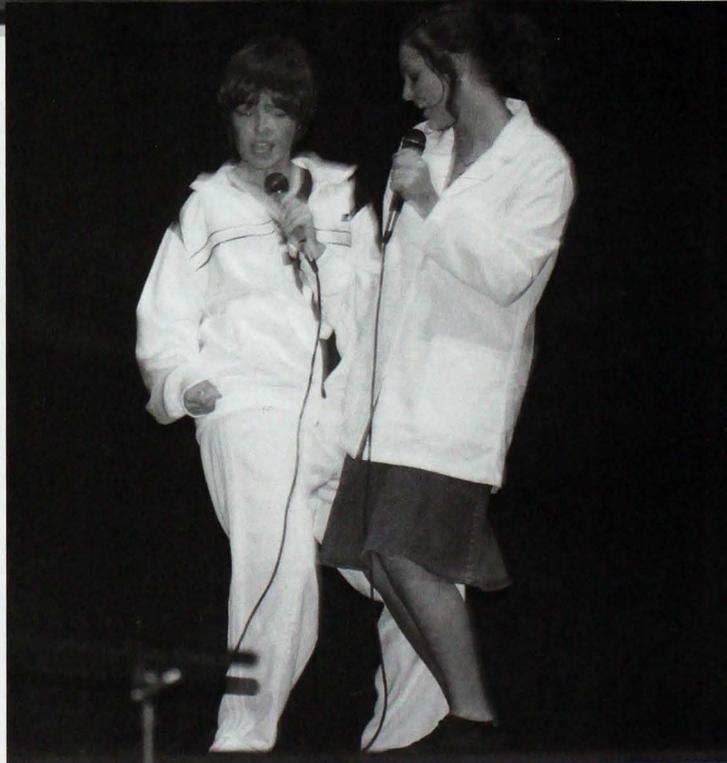


Senior Mike Wolf pops a wheelie between acts. Wolf and senior Ryan Wink made the audience laugh by performing cool tricks.

Photo by: Christie Kelley

Seniors Hannah Boots and Jewel Reising perform "Break Free" from the Disney movie "High School Musical." The duo's singing and dance moves won them second place.

Photo by: Christie Kelley



taking over The Stage



Senior Jewel Reising belts out "Before He Cheats" by Carrie Underwood. Reising has competed in the Talent Show since her freshman year. Photo by: Christie Kelley



Senior Jacob Farny, junior Doug Gries and sophomore Craig Nelson perform Ozzy Osbourne's "Crazy Train." Senior Tyler Hunt played bass for the band.

Photo by: Christie Kelley

Sophomore Craig Nelson performs at the Talent Show as the lead singer in his band.

Photo by: Christie Kelley



Mater Dei Wildcats rocked the auditorium with music and laughter during this year's Talent Show, which included solos and duets, tap shoes, tricycles, and a dirt bike.

"It's cool to see the rest of the school's talent," said sophomore Lindsay Mann. Mann and freshman Alex Martin performed a duet together, and placed third.

Martin said that she enjoyed participating in the show because "it's exciting and entertaining."

Senior Sam Lewis, the show's emcee, had the crowd rolling with his jokes. The students really enjoyed when Lewis asked Mrs. Thomas to Prom through a song he wrote.

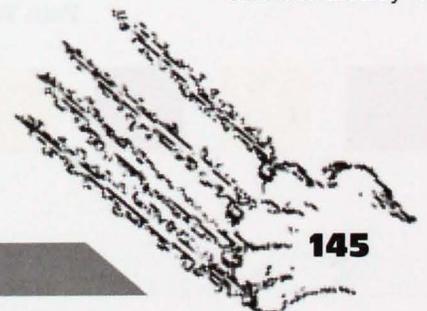
"To be quite honest, I was a little hesitant about being the only emcee, but overall, I feel the Talent Show was a big success," said Lewis.

Junior Luke Costlow, along with sophomores Landon Oliver, Jordan Chapman, Sam Kuban, and Jared Mesker, put together pots, pans, and everything they could find to make noise during their performance. The group used the "instruments" to make their own music and took first place. In second place were veterans of the show, seniors Jewel Reising and Hannah Boots. The girls have done an act together for three of their four years at Mater Dei.

"I really like singing songs with Hannah. We have fun doing it because we put our own twist in each performance," commented Reising.

Appearances were made during the show by seniors Ryan Wink, Mike Wolf, and Neil Goebel. Wink and Wolf entertained the crowd with tricks on bikes. "Every year, the show gets better and better," said Costlow.

Christie Kelley '08



DANCE 'TIL YOU DROP



Buying dresses, fixing hair, eating out with friends, and dancing the night away. All of these things can be experienced at one of the many Mater Dei dances. Although all four grades are at the dances together, their experiences differ greatly. The freshmen enjoy some of their first dances as high school students and see the preparations for the dance as almost more fun than the actual dance itself. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are used to the necessary preparations before the dances and actually just enjoy hanging out with friends.

Freshman Kate Wargel liked dressing up and seeing all of her friends dressed up at the dance. "I loved getting really dressed up and then going to a restaurant before the Christmas dance with my friends." It is a new experience for many freshmen to see their classmates in formal attire and away from school.

Wargel enjoyed learning that sometimes people act completely different at dances than at school. "I think it is important for students to go to dances because you can really get to know people better there," Wargel said.

Freshmen tend to be shy while at school, but at the dances, they are able to let loose and have fun.

"Being with friends is probably the best part about dances," commented junior Katie Dockery.

Once the rush of freshman year is over, dressing up is still fun, but most students look forward to hanging out with friends in a different atmosphere. Dockery said, "It is a great way to get together with not only your friends, but also people from school that you wouldn't normally hang out with."

Whether a student enjoys dressing up and showing off his or her outfit or just dancing the night away with fellow classmates, it is agreed by all that the dances are filled with great moments and memories.

Pam Weinzapfel '08





Seniors gather around while classmates show off their smooth moves. Many joined in the fun, dancing the night away.

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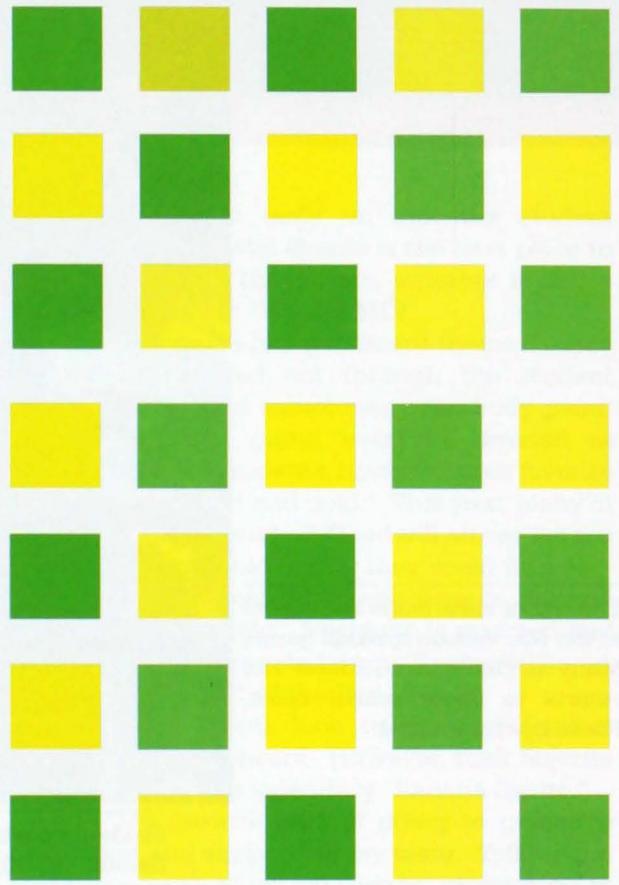
Juniors Luke Costlow and Josh Erkman dance and sing along to the music. Many students stayed in the middle of the dance floor the whole night.

Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Seniors Andy Matt, Laura Hall, and Jordan Phelps dance to the music. For seniors, this dance was special because it was their last Christmas dance at Mater Dei.

Photo by: Liz Wargel





The senior class leads the cheers at the Mt. Vernon football game. Many students wore Mater Dei t-shirts to show school spirit. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Students participate in the "Banana Salute" at the Memorial football game. The cheerleaders led many of the cheers for the students. Photo by: Liz Wargel





always there TO THE FINAL WHISTLE

Senior boys toss Mike Wolf in the air for each point the football team scored. The boys received cheers from the students, who were ready to support their team. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Freshmen learn early on that the student section at athletic events is the best place to be. Seniors lead the cheers, whether it is the "Banana Salute" or "We are MD!"

Each game has a different theme. These themes are carried out through the student body's clothes, and sometimes even body paint. At the Memorial game, everyone dressed as preps. For many students, however, their favorite theme is "crazy red and gold." This year, many of the senior girls searched Goodwill stores for the craziest red and gold outfits they could find.

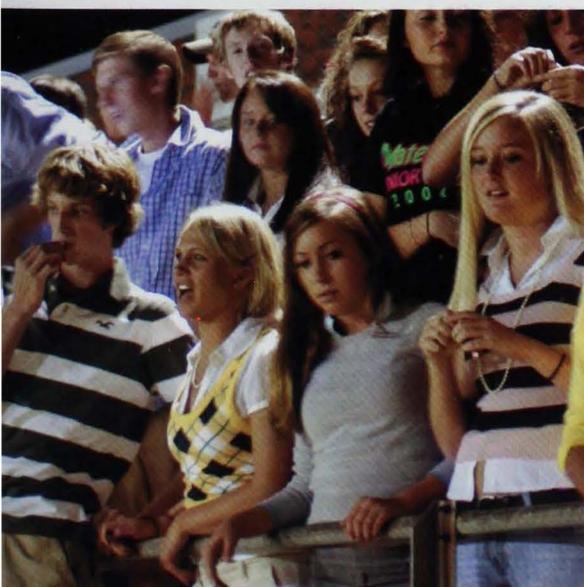
"It's the best when everyone is dressed in crazy red and gold. Everyone is pumped and ready to yell," commented senior Rachel Williams, who was president of the Pep Club.

The students look to the cheerleaders for many of their cheers. However, their favorite cheer is clearly the legendary "Banana Salute."

"My favorite part of going to games is being loud and supporting my team. Yelling and screaming with all of my friends, attempting to lose my voice, makes it that much more fun," said senior Laura Lutz.

When looking back over the year, many students remark that the best times they had were at the games.

Liz Wargel '07



Seniors laugh and enjoy the football game. The student section was led by the seniors, who were always the loudest part of the group. Photo by: McKenzie Williams

Seniors Mike Wolf, Danielle Rolley, Laura Hall, and Kari Weinzapfel watch intently as the football team attempts to score. The team found the crowd's enthusiasm helpful when in a tough situation. Photo by: Liz Wargel



swept by

the sea

Music, friends, food and fun. Students who attended Prom 2007 were “Sea Swept.” A boardwalk welcomed students into a room of stars, ships, and lighthouses.

“One of my favorite parts about prom was when Alex Bigge and I sailed the stormy seas in the half boat, literally,” said senior Rachel Buskavitz. Buskavitz and Bigge both made their prom dresses out of duct tape. The two seniors made matching red dresses with intricate detail on the sides. The girls worked long hours to create their dresses, which they entered into the “Stuck at Prom” National Duct Tape Dress Contest.

Junior Hannah Jay liked getting ready for her first prom. “It was fun picking out my dress and jewelry, but it was even better putting it all together.”

Though the finished product is fun to look at, setting up for prom takes a lot of work. Jay was the head of the luggage section on the Prom Committee. “It took work to make sure I had everything for my section and then putting it all together was challenging at times,” commented Jay.

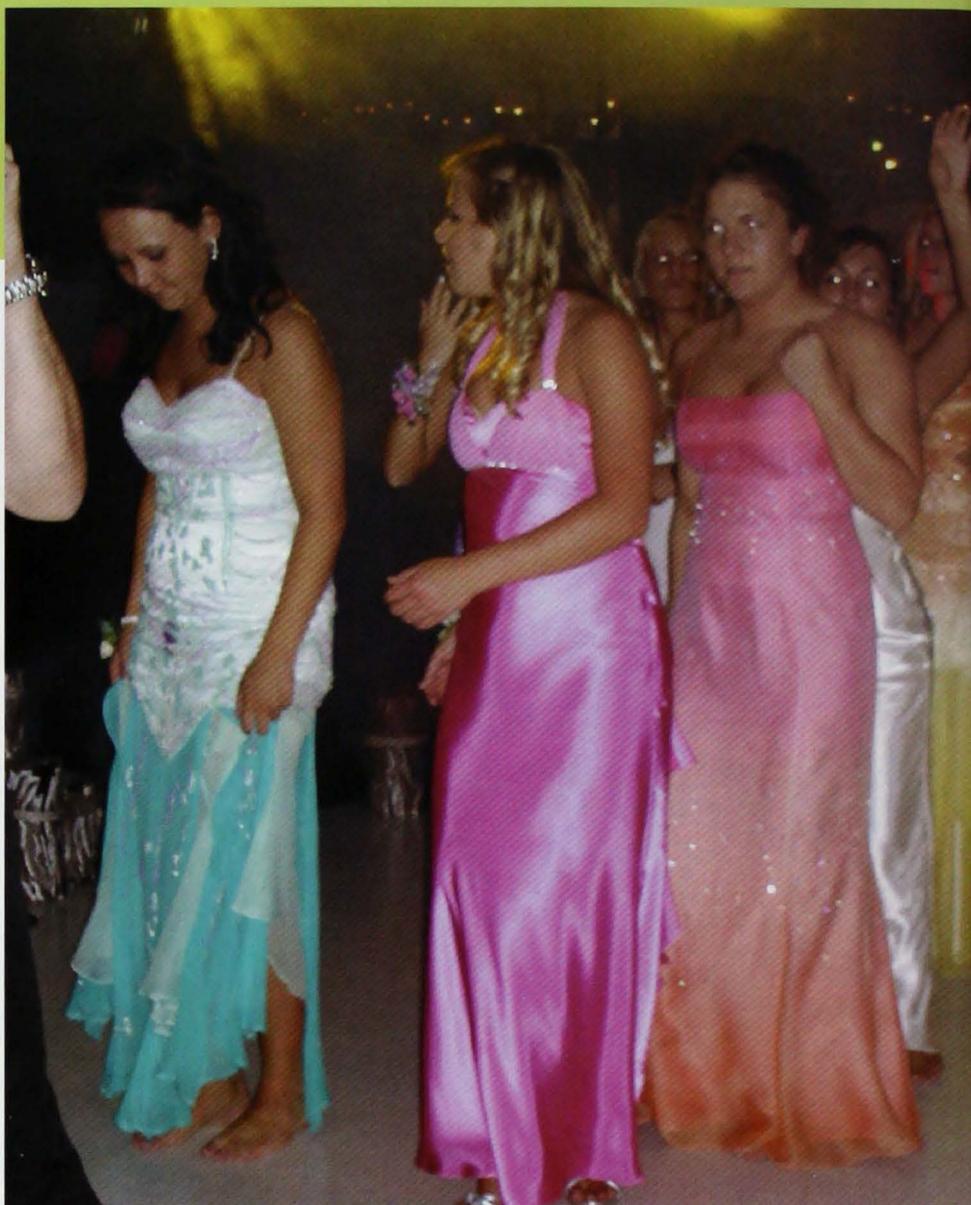
Junior class president Jamie McGinness and other officers helped pick the prom theme and worked with Mrs. Strehl to make it all happen. “It was all worth it in the end because I wanted the seniors to have one last dance for their high school career,” said McGinness.

Seniors Lauren Niemeier and Brian Pigman were voted prom king and queen by the seniors and juniors. They danced to “My Heart Will Go On” by Celine Dion, from the movie “Titanic.”

Christie Kelley '08

Senior Brian Pigman looks on as junior Jamie McGinness pins the Prom Queen sash on senior Lauren Niemeier. Pigman and Niemeier were voted prom king and queen by their class.

Photo by: Liz Wargel



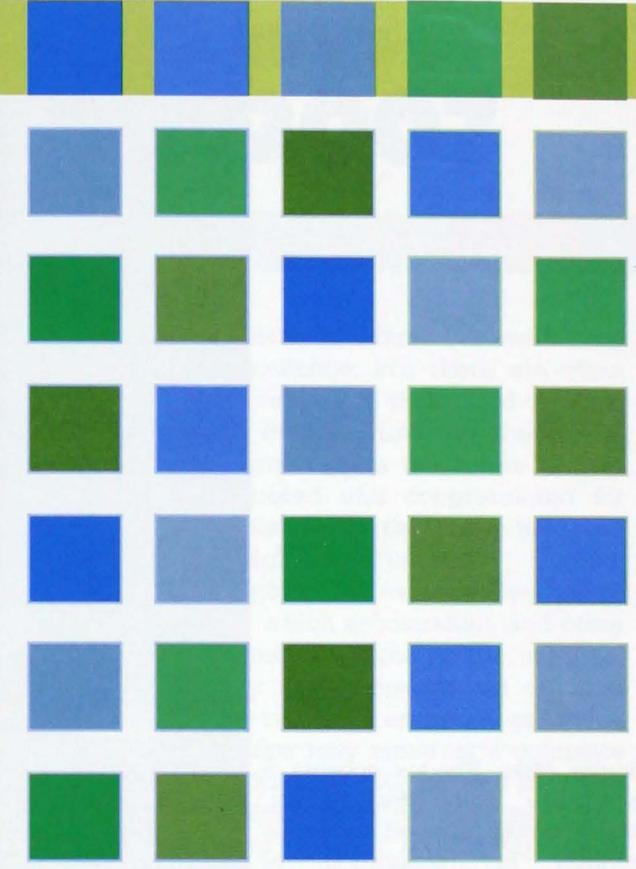


To the left, senior girls dance the "Cha Cha Slide" at prom. The seniors and juniors grew together as they shared the dance floor.

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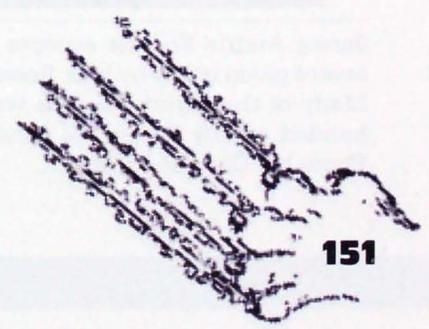
Below, students limbo in a contest at After Prom, which was held at Arc Lanes. Senior Mackenzie Riggs prepared to take her turn as others completed theirs.

Photo by: Maria Nelson



Seniors Lauren Niemeier and Lauren VanCleve dance with their classmates. Many students took multiple pictures to preserve their memories of the night.

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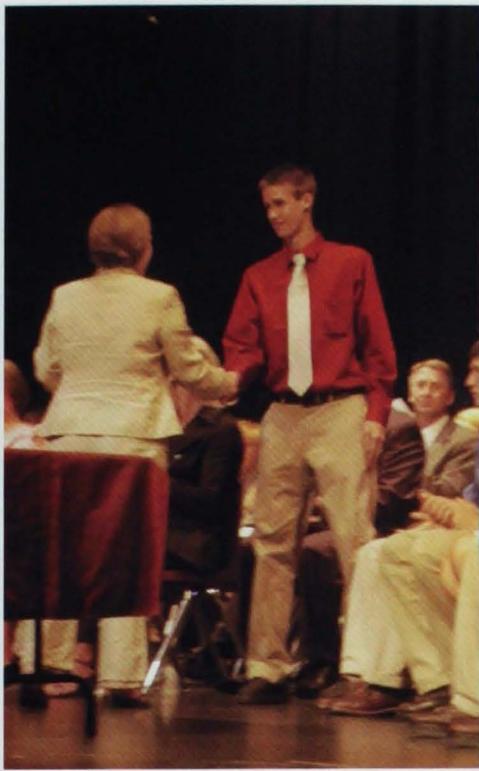
Senior Mike Rhodes accepts a certificate from Mrs. Reneer. Many seniors received numerous awards in recognition of their great accomplishments. Photo by: McKenzie Williams



Senior Audrie Koester accepts an award given to her by Mrs. Reneer. Many of the night's awards were handed out by Mater Dei faculty. Photo by: Christie Kelley



Mrs. Quinlin hands senior Chris DeWitt an award during the Honors Night festivities. Many seniors were invited to attend this event. Photo by: Christie Kelley



honoring the Class of 2007

Senior Andrew Shetler accepts an award at Honors Night. Representatives from many local universities came out to award their scholarships in person.
Photo by: McKenzie Williams

Each year, students at Mater Dei work hard to achieve excellence, but there are often times when they feel as if their hard work is not recognized by others. However, the annual Honors Night program gives the senior class a chance to be honored and congratulated for the many accomplishments they have achieved throughout their high school careers.

Honors Night is an evening devoted to the senior class in which scholarships and other awards are announced. Some of the students do not know why they were invited or what award they will be receiving until they get there, so some scholarships may come as a complete surprise to the recipients. "My favorite part was when I won the McDonald's Scholarship. I had no idea I was going to win it, so that was pretty cool," mentioned senior Rachel Buskavitz.

Audrie Koester was one of the many seniors who got a moment in the spotlight. "I enjoyed Honors Night because it was a good opportunity for everyone to recognize the accomplishments of the senior class and for others to know how you did," said Koester.

Buskavitz enjoyed witnessing the many successes of her classmates. "I liked seeing how everyone was winning so many scholarships. You don't really realize how hard everyone works until that point."

The Honors Night program helps seniors realize that their hard work over the past four years has paid off, but it is also meant to encourage them to continue working hard to achieve future success.

Alicia Farney '08



A group of seniors gathers together on the auditorium stage to accept their awards from teachers and administrators from both Mater Dei and local universities.
Photo by: McKenzie Williams

Mrs. Reneer gives an award to senior Tyler Hunt on Honors Night. The seniors congratulated each other for their accomplishments.
Photo by: McKenzie Williams



honoring our school

through tradition

Each year, we set aside one day to honor Mary, the patron of our school, and to rededicate our school in her honor. Every year, this day is filled with prayer and holiness, but also with excitement and laughter. This year's May Day was nothing short of that.

The senior class selected a court of young women who they believe represent Mary. The queen, Hannah Boots, placed a flowered crown on Mary to show our respect for her. From the readings, to Fr. Jason Gries' homily about answering God's call, to the choir's beautiful music, the Mass gave each student the opportunity to honor our Mother. "I'm so humbled to have been chosen to be on the court. I couldn't think of a better way to honor Mary," commented Boots.

After the Mass concluded, it was a race to the gym for the start of the May Day games. Whether they were stuffing donuts in their faces or scrambling to reach home plate after a slide into shaving cream, each student participant worked hard for their class while the rest of their classmates were cheering from the stands.

Mrs. Thomas was very happy with the outcome of this year's games. "I'm so impressed by the hard work the Student Council puts in, but also the appreciation that the students have for those who put it together."

As usual, the games were filled with rivalry between the classes. Each grade fought hard, but the seniors ran away with almost every game and won by a landslide. Though they gave a great effort, the juniors were defeated by the sophomores and the freshmen came in last.

May Day is always a day to look forward to. It is a special day we use to honor our patron, but also a day where the classes get a chance to bond through competition.

Maria Nelson '08



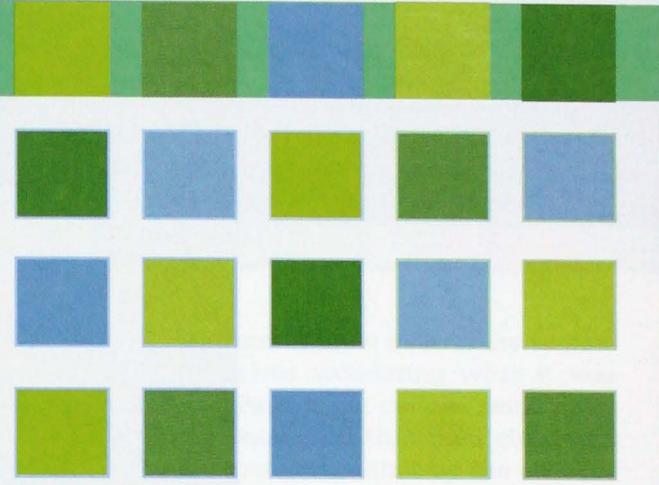
Senior Jenna Whorl competes to grab a jello egg in the Scuba Walk. The juniors came away with a win over the seniors during this event.

Photo by: Christie Kelley



Junior Ashley Adler flies through shaving cream during the obstacle course. The students took part in games after the May Day crowning. Photo by: Liz Wargel

Senior May Queen Hannah Boots crowns Mary during mass. Boots was chosen by her classmates to represent Mary. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



Junior Alex Weinzapfel jumps over a pole as he takes his turn through the obstacle course. May Day is always a fun day for students and teachers.

Photo by: Maria Nelson

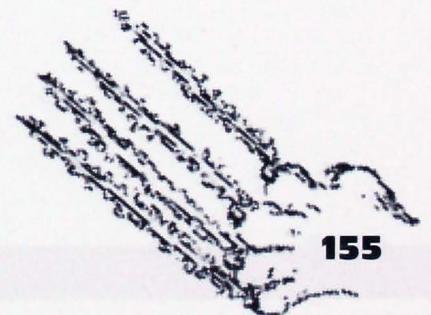


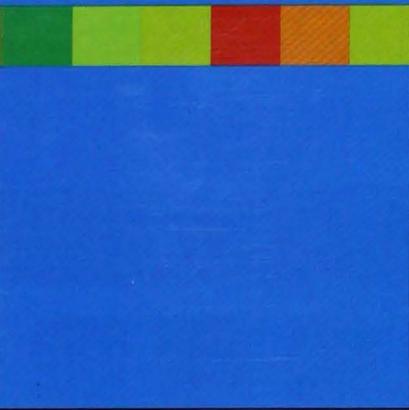
Sophomore Taylor Lannert slides through shaving cream to hit the base. For many students, the obstacle course is their favorite event.

Photo by: Liz Wargel

The senior class fights to overcome their opponents in the finals of the tug of war competition. The seniors came away with an overwhelming win.

Photo by: Liz Wargel





Sister Donna Marie scoops ice cream for senior Mallory Goebel at the retreat. The students enjoyed lunch and dessert as they took a break from their spiritual journey. Photo by: Liz Wargel

To the right, senior Melissa Jarvis composes a letter to her parents. The seniors took time to thank the people in their lives who mean the most to them. Staff Photo





To the left, seniors Shaun Elsner, Kyle Hinton, and Tony Klueg discuss what to include in their letters. The classmates found the retreat to be a nice bonding experience.
Staff Photo

remembering the past

living the present

planning for the future



Above, seniors Margaret Stoltz and Alex Bigge make their way through the lunch line with their classmates. The students ate, then took a journey outside to play football and "Red Rover."
Photo by: Liz Wargel



To the left, senior Melissa Padavic writes a letter at the senior retreat. Padavic and friends enjoyed the nice weather while finishing their letters.
Staff Photo

As the senior retreat drew near, many seniors found themselves wondering what it was going to be like. Past senior classes came away from the retreat convinced that their class was closer than ever, but would that be the case for the Class of 2007?

Many of the seniors gathered at school on the morning of the retreat to drive together. While at the retreat, the seniors worked with their groups to complete activities that encouraged them to bond together to complete a task.

"The retreat made me feel closer to my classmates. I had a fun time with them," said senior Melissa Jarvis.

Possibly the most memorable part of the retreat was the open-mic session before lunch. Various students climbed on stage and thanked their friends and teachers for some of the best times in their lives.

"The funniest part was when Mike Wolf and Ryan Wink were up on stage thanking Mrs. Haton for being the best homeroom teacher," commented senior Emily Weber. "Sharing a homeroom with them always meant a good laugh."

The retreat came to a close with a mass dedicated to the Class of 2007. "I felt close to everyone during mass," said senior Jeremy Goldman. "It was especially nice when everyone was singing along and taking a part in the mass."

Liz Wargel '07



A FINAL DAY of fun

While the underclassmen were still in school finishing their finals, the seniors were out having fun on their class trip. The class trip was a way for the seniors to spend time with their classmates before graduating.

The seniors went to Six Flags St. Louis for their class trip. Senior Danielle Ritter said, "I really liked the trip because I got to be with all of my friends before we went our separate ways."

"I liked Six Flags because being at an amusement park with my friends was awesome. Everyone just enjoyed themselves all day and had a really awesome time," said senior Shaun Elsner.

The seniors took advantage of the time they had together on their class trip. Senior Audrie Koester said, "On the bus ride home, I was so tired, but I didn't want to go to sleep. I knew it was the last time I would be with my whole class again. I'm really glad I stayed awake because it was so much fun."

Whether it was by riding rides or playing games, the seniors found a way to have fun together. Ritter said, "I think the trip was a good way for our class to have our time together before graduating."

Lauren Grabert '08

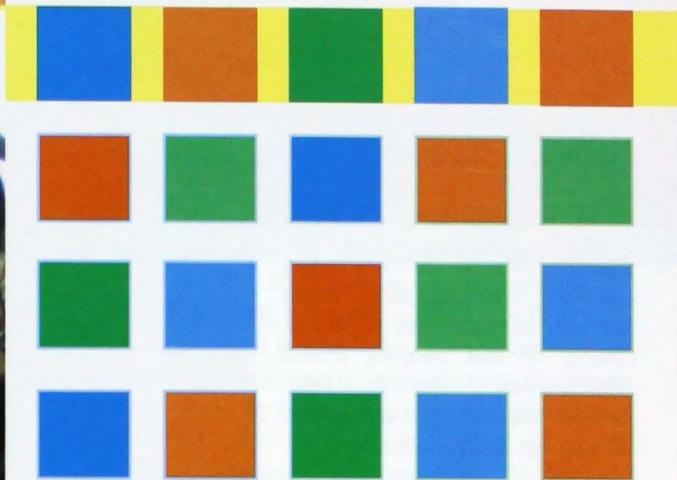


Seniors Sarah Schneider and Danielle Ritter look at a photo taken while they were riding a rollercoaster. The seniors went on rides and shopped on their day off from school. Photo by: Liz Wargel



To the right, seniors Rachel Williams and Hannah Boots discuss what card to try next in a game of Go Fish. The seniors made the long bus ride fun by playing games and watching movies. Photo by: McKenzie Williams

To the left, senior boys Neil Goebel, Jeremy Goldman, Frank Fabiano, and Cory Carr breathe a sigh of relief as they pull into the station. The boys made it a point to ride all of the rollercoasters in the park. Seniors Megan Ziliak and Ashley Seibert color pictures on the ride home. The girls handed their artwork to friends as they climbed off the bus. Photo by: Liz Wargel



Above, seniors Ryan Wink, Ryan Niemeier, and Bud Lutz enjoy a ride on *The Boss*. The senior class found it fun to spend a final day together. Photo by: Liz Wargel





Senior Melissa Jarvis shakes Bishop Gettelfinger's hand as she accepts her diploma. Many of the seniors found themselves wishing high school wasn't over quite yet. Photo by: Lauren Grabert



To the right, seniors sit and listen to the speakers at graduation. Mr. Mike Goebel gave advice to the seniors in his keynote speech. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel



making their way into the real world

Senior Hannah Boots receives help with her cap at Baccalaureate. After the ceremony, the seniors gathered for a chance to have fun, play games, and dance at Project Graduation.

Photo by: Maria Nelson

As the Class of 2007 prepared to leave Mater Dei, they thought back to all of the fun times they enjoyed while here. The senior class gathered at Baccalaureate, a final mass for them as a class, ready to begin their new lives outside of Mater Dei.

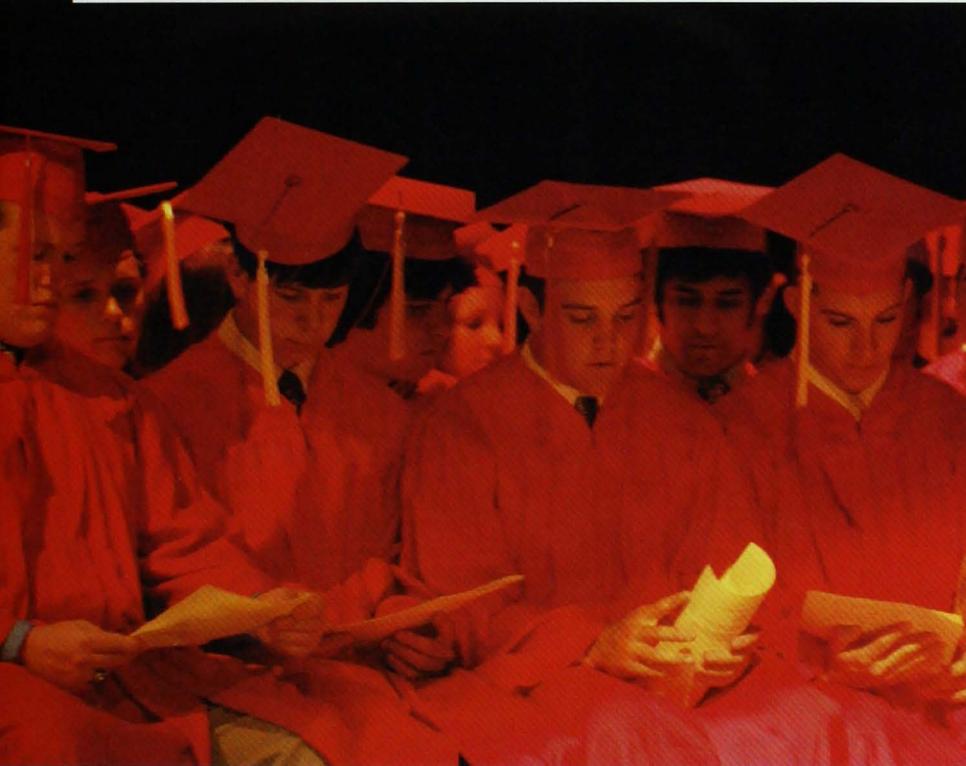
"Baccalaureate was important to our class because it was the last time all of us were going to be together for a mass at Mater Dei," said senior Emily Weber.

Not wanting the night to end just yet, the seniors then returned to the school building once more for Project Graduation, which was organized by their parents. The theme was "Wildcats of the Caribbean," and pirate apparel, including fake moustaches, gold earrings, eye patches, and pirate tattoos, was provided for the students to wear.

"Project Graduation was a lot of fun because all of us seniors were together dancing and playing games. It finally hit home that we were graduating," said senior Margaret Stoltz.

The seniors left Project Graduation looking forward to graduation. Dressed in red caps and gowns, the seniors filed out in front of family, friends, and classmates who came to celebrate their accomplishments. Coach Goebel was the keynote speaker at graduation, and his jokes made the ceremony memorable. As their friends and classmates filed across the stage accepting their diplomas, the seniors finally realized that they had made it.

Liz Wargel '07



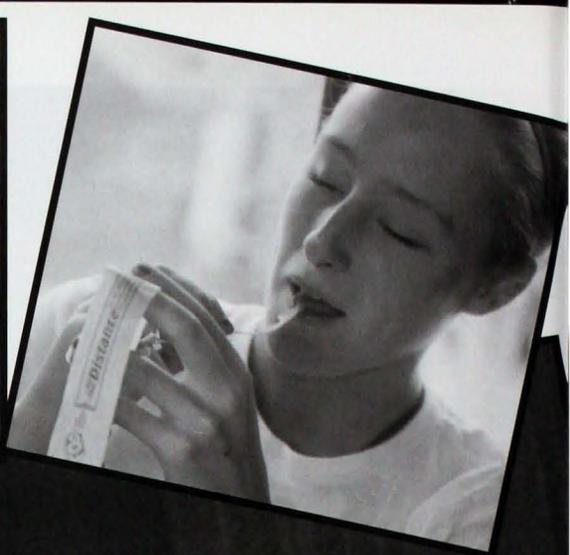
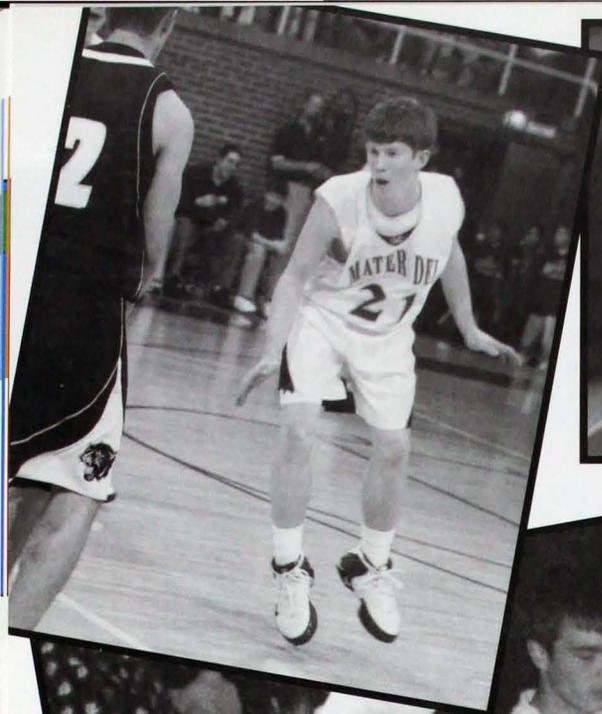
Above, seniors Gary Tepool, Brandon Schoettlin, Ben Fleming, and Jordan Phelps glance at their programs as the choir sings a song. The senior class joined together for one last mass as a class at Baccalaureate.

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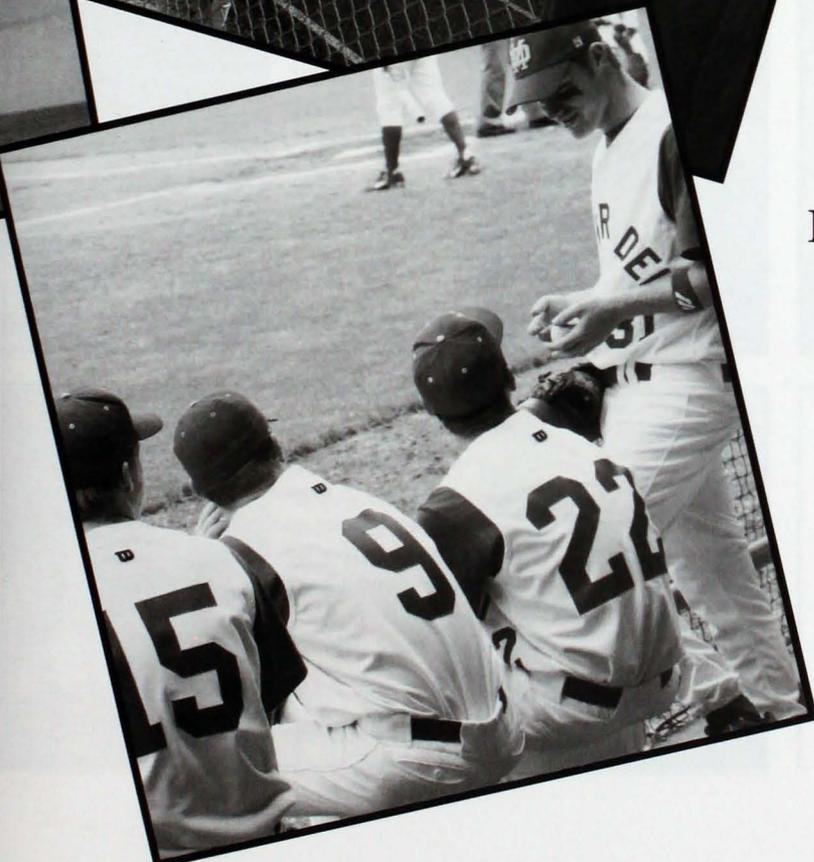
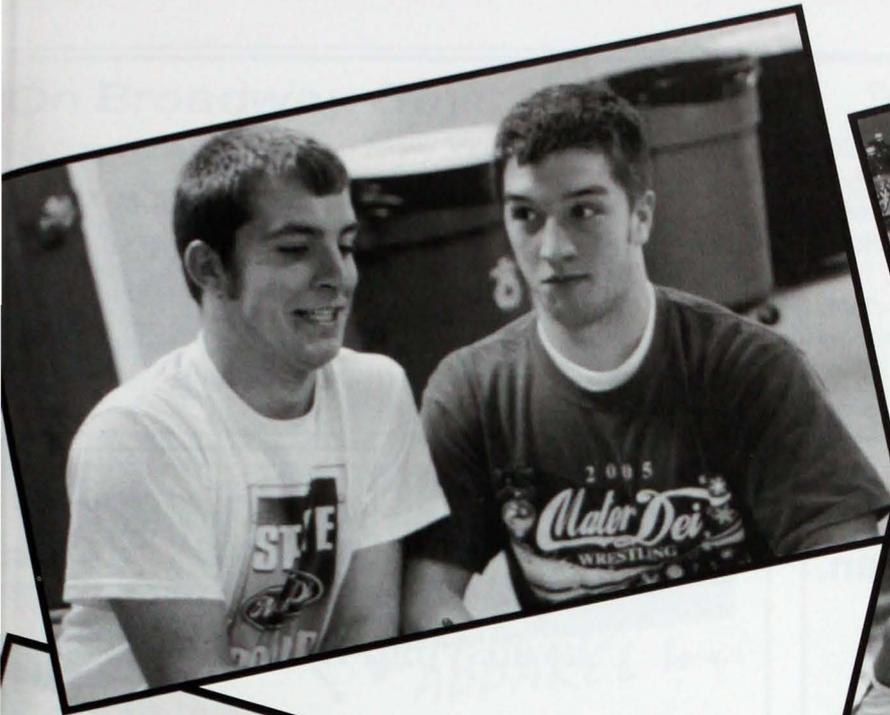
To the left, senior Margaret Stoltz gives a speech after being awarded her Valedictorian medal from Dr. Williams. Senior Annie Weber was given the honor of Salutatorian.

Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

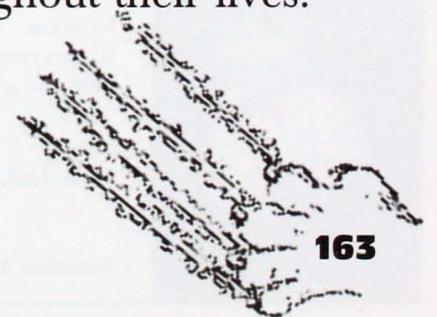




GOODBYE



As the year comes to an end, we look back at all of the fun times we had along the way. Whether it was sitting in Mr. Knight's class and listening to him make jokes about St. Philip School, or cheering at the basketball games, memories were made for a lifetime. As the seniors leave Mater Dei behind, let them show their true colors throughout their lives.



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Love,
Mom, Emily, Gabrielle and Dad

Frank Fabiano



Jeremy,
Congratulations Jeremy! I'm so proud of you!

Love,
Mom

Jeremy Hill



Jonathan,
We are very proud of you. We love you and wish you well at college.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Greg, Tyler, Raymond and Tim

Jonathan Marshall



Mona,
Little Moey is not a kid anymore. We've sure had a ton of fun and laughter together (i.e., cottage, Texas and Puerto Rico). Your compassion and hilarious sense of humor are what I love and admire most about you.

Love ya girl!
Jenny

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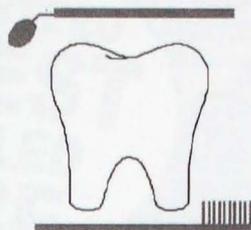
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Love,
 Mom, Dad, Doug and Beth

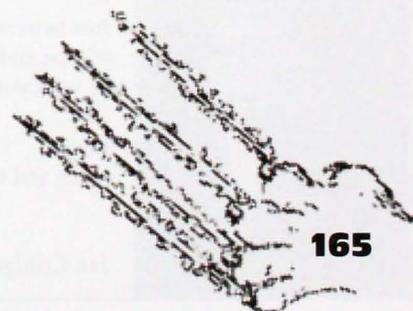
Greg Cardin



To our Audrie,
 With your bubbly personality, you bring love and laughter to our lives. Never lose your passion and energy for life. Always remember that we love you.

Love,
 Mom & Dad, Rhen, Layne, & Lance

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 guide you. Remember your family and
 friends. Be a true friend.

I will love you always,
 Mom

Elizabeth Wargel



Megan,
 May the future bring you as much joy as you
 have brought to us.

Love,
 Mom and Dad

Megan Ziliak



Zach,
 You couldn't wait to go to school and now it's
 over. We're proud of you. Good luck in col-
 lege.

Love,
 Dad, Mom, Tyler, Stephanie and Chase

Zachary Bittner



Pre-school Spring Break 1990.
 You will always be a special person in my life.

Love,
 Dad

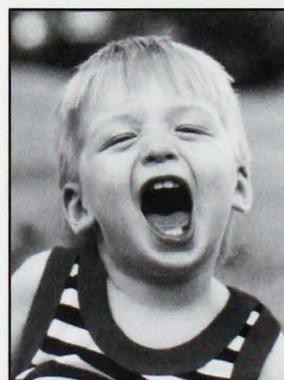
Kyle Hertel



Ian,
 Just believe in yourself and the possibilities
 will be endless. Our thoughts and prayers will
 be with you always. Good luck in college.

Love,
 Mom and Dad

Ian Collignon



Jacob,
 You have so much spirit, humor and character
 all your own. We're so proud of you. You
 will always have our love and support.

Love,
 Mom, Dad, Nick and Megan

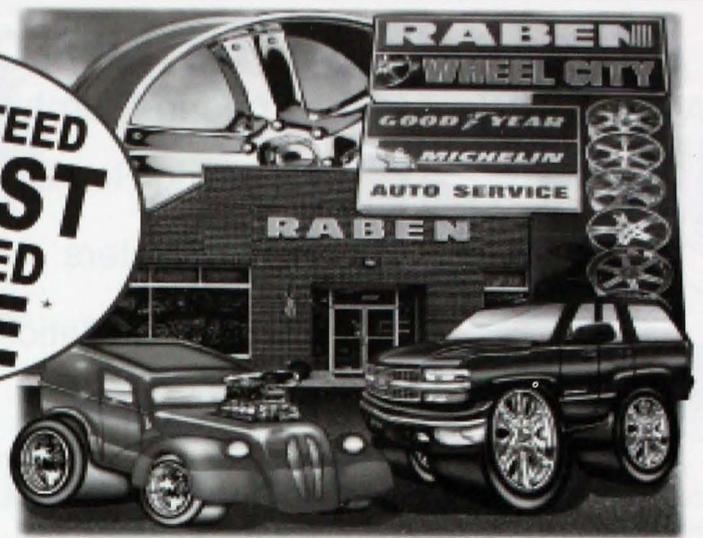
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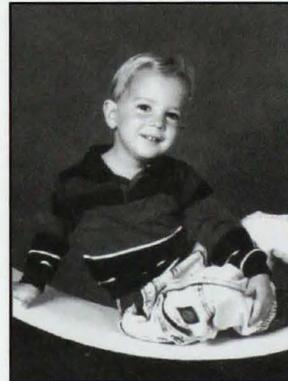
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Andrew,
We hope you have as much fun the rest of your life as you have had the first eighteen years! Thanks for all the good times! We feel very blessed to have you for a son and brother.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Elissa and Emily

Andrew Shetler



Nick,
We are proud of the person you've become. Continue to set your goals high and work hard at everything you do. Good luck in college and remember to keep God and family close in your heart.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Samantha and Shelby

Nicholas Dewig



Jenna,
Keep your beautiful smile and always remember we love you and are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Abby and Erica

Jenna Whorl



Nick,
Congratulations on reaching this important milestone. We hope you've enjoyed the journey as much as we have! We think you have developed a great foundation to make good choices, achieve your goals, and have fun in the process. We're proud of you and we'll always be rooting for you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Nicholas Baumgart



Sarah,
You have really grown into a smart, beautiful young woman. We will miss you next year. Good luck in college.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Sarah Yingling



Neil,
We have loved you very much since the beginning and our love has never stopped growing for you. Set your goals "high" and pursue them with passion.

We deeply love you,
Mom and Dad

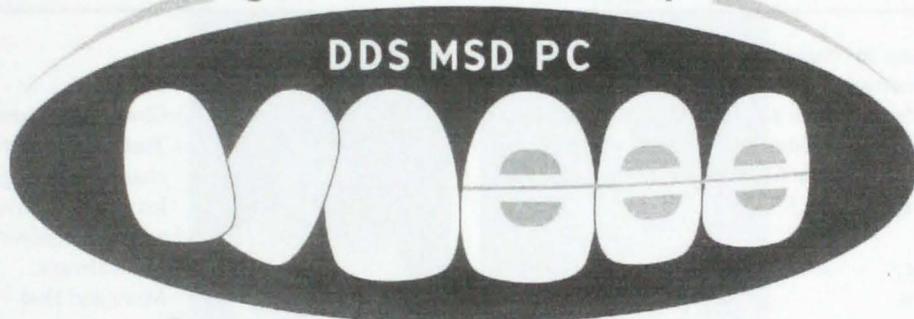
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Mom

Elizabeth Wargel



McKenzie,
Congratulations! You have made us very proud. You have gone from an adorable little girl to a charming young lady in such a short time. We love you.

Love always,
Mom and Dad

McKenzie Williams



Carly,
As a little girl you kept us laughing and over the years you have made us so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Keep climbing! You rock!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Katie and Zeke

Carly Zenthoefer



Amber,
Enjoy life to its fullest. You are a precious gift from God.

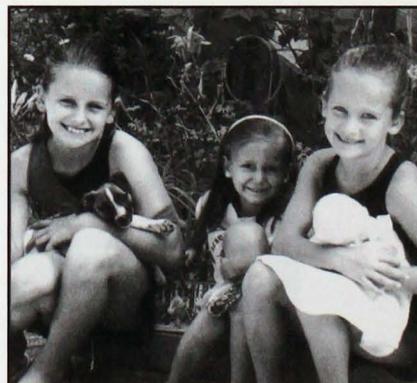
Love,
Mom and Dad

Amber Kemper



Katelyn,
The beach bunny. I am so proud of you. I love you,
Mom

Katelyn Miller



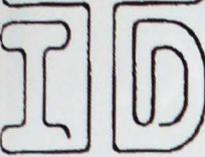
Mona,
Even though you are the youngest sister, you have always been such an inspiration to me. Thanks for always being there and know that I will always be there for you forever.

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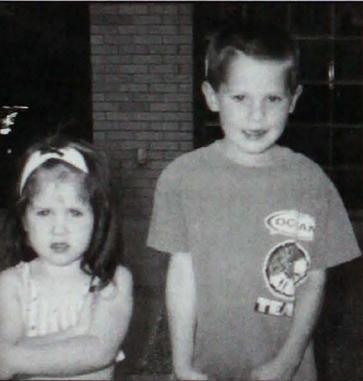
Gerald Parkinson III



Congratulations, Ted and the class of 2007!

Love,
Mom

Theodore Rutherford



I'm so proud of you for all that you've done and the person you have become. I will always be here for you and I'm only a phone call away, no matter where I am. I love you!

Love,
Lindsey

Hannah Wagner



Paul,
Good luck! You'll do great.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Stephanie

Paul Wheeler



Rachel,
You're no longer a little girl with bows in her hair. You're now a young woman with stars in her eyes. Reach for them sweetheart, reach for them.

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Love,
Mom and Dad

Hannah Boots



Sarah,
We are so proud of you. You are a beautiful, caring young lady. Stay as you are and you will be successful for life. We love you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Kevin

Sarah Hall



Little Bit,
What a beautiful young woman you've become, both inside and out. What joy you bring us! Our love goes with you as you step forward into the future. May all your dreams come true!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Alyssa Feldhaus



Laura,
Our precious little girl has grown up to a beautiful young lady. You have been an inspiration to the both of us. We are so proud and blessed to have such a wonderful daughter. The best of wishes and congratulations!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Laura Lutz



Mallory,
We can't believe how fast the years have gone. May all of your dreams come true. We will always be here for you.

We love you lots,
Mom, Dad, Aubrey and Nolan

Mallory Goebel



Samantha,
I ask myself why I have been blessed with someone so understanding and so caring... perhaps it's because God knew I needed you so much. We have been through so much this year together. You have been my rock and I love you for that. Keep your dreams. You can do anything you set your mind to.

Deepest love,
Mom

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Love,
 Donald (Bubby)

Jewel Reising



Tyler,
 Another part of your journey through life is complete, and we are so proud of you. We've been blessed with a sincere, caring and talented son. We know you will be the best at whatever you do. As you move onto the challenges that lie ahead, we'll be backing you all the way. Congratulations!

We love you,
 Mom, Dad, Kelly, Jason, Aaliah, and Jaxton

Tyler Rust



Mackenzie,
 We are so proud of you and know that you will do well in your next step in life! Good luck at Stephens College. We will miss you.

Love,
 Mom, Logan and Sam

Mackenzie Riggs



Lauren,
 ...and when you finally fly away, I'll be hoping that I serve you well. For all the wisdom of a lifetime no one can ever tell.

But whatever road you choose...
 I'm right behind you, win or lose.

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Love,
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Love,
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Annie Weber



Matt,
We are proud of you for your achievements
through school. We know you will do well as
the future brings new challenges and oppor-
tunities. Remember to work hard, do your
best and always find time to do the things you
enjoy. We wish you the best of luck.

Love,
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Love,
Mom, Dad, Aaron, Andrea and Alissa
Adam Schenk



Matt,
We love you and are so proud of you. We wish you the best in whatever you do in life.

We love you,
Mom, Jim and Blair

Matthew Price



Brooke,
Congratulations! I'm so proud of you!

Love,
Mom

Brooke Wayne



Mike,
Watching you grow and become the person you are today has been a pleasure. We are so proud of you. Congratulations and good luck.

Love you,
Kevin, Mom and Chris

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Ben,
We're so proud of the person you are and your many accomplishments. As you have learned, with hard work and dedication success will be yours in whatever you do as you continue your journey through life. God bless you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sam and Jacob

Benjamin Fleming



Jonathan,
The years have flown by. I remember when you used to ride this tractor all of the time. It seems like yesterday. A lot has happened since then. Life is going to test you at times, but I think you will do well. Thank you for the wonderful person you have become. Live life to the fullest and have fun.

Love you lots,
Mom, Dad, Brittani and Brayden

Jonathan Elpers



McKenzie,
From cute blossoms, beautiful flowers grow. You will always be our beautiful flower. Your entire family is so proud of the mature, responsible and caring young lady you have become. We are blessed to have you in our family.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Evan and Patrick

McKenzie Williams



Matt,
We are proud of the young man you have become; you are serious yet fun to be with. Keep your chin up and good luck with college. May your future be full of great, wonderful, happy and fun times.

Love, Mom and Dad

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Sean,
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Shad Macke



Tyler,
Congratulations on all you have achieved.
We are so proud of the young man you have
become, your hard work and all that you have
accomplished. You are a wonderful son and a
blessing from God. We wish you happiness
and success and hope all your dreams come
true.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Tyler Hunt



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"the Hands" Waldroup knocked one out of the ballpark
for a Grand Slam. In much of the same way, you are
leaving behind an impressive performance at Mater Dei to
move on to an even brighter future in college, career and
beyond. You are already reaping the rewards of a well-
planned and tended garden; someday it will become like
a world-renowned botanical garden! We are so proud of
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day. Your smile guides our way. Your voice
has always been a blessing from God. Keep
up the good work.

We love you so much,
Dad and Mom

Jewel Reising



Andy,
To our #1 buddy, You're the best son, brother
and friend! May your future be filled with
continued success. Good luck and keep smil-
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Kari,
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Love,
Mom, Dad, Brent, Alyssa and Jessica

Kari Weinzapfel



Derek,
From a "little guy" to a fine young adult. We are proud of you! Thanks for all the years of pleasure that you have given us through sports and just being you. Best of luck in everything that you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Stephanie

Derek Gallo



Rachel,
"We become what we give ourselves the power to be." We are so proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom and Jessie

Rachel Buskavitz



Bud,
We wish you all the best as you go in life. We're sure you will succeed at whatever you do. May all your dreams come true. Keep smiling!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Donald Lutz



Sarah,
We are so proud of you. You are a beautiful, caring young lady. Stay as you are and you will be successful for life. We love you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Kevin

Sarah Hall



Lauren,
You're some bunny special. You've come a long way since the days of sucking your fingers and twirling your "raggie." We're very proud of you. Good luck in college and whatever you do in your life. We love you very much.

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Krista,
You have grown into a beautiful woman. When
you were small you were full of love, happiness
and determination to get things done. Remember
your faith and the morals you have learned along
the way and always respect others and you will
go far on life's journey. Don't settle for second
best and always give life's challenges your best.
You can count on us at all times. We love you
more than you can imagine and wish you the
best as you continue to grow!

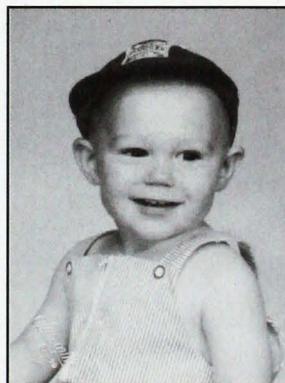
Love, Mom and Dad
Krista Wildeman



Megan,
It seems like only yesterday that you began
pre-school. Now look at you as you gradu-
ate from Mater Dei. You continue to make us
proud. Continue to set your sights high as you
prepare to begin college.

We love you so much,
Mom and Dad

Megan Tenbarger



Chris,
You make us smile, you make us happy, you
make us proud. Your future is bright. Work
hard and enjoy the ride. We're here for you.
Always keep God and us in your heart.

We love you!
Mom and Dad

Christopher DeWitt



Hannah,
I am proud of you and love the person you
have become. We have had some fun along
the way.

Love ya,
Mom

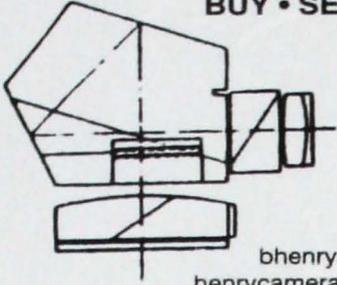
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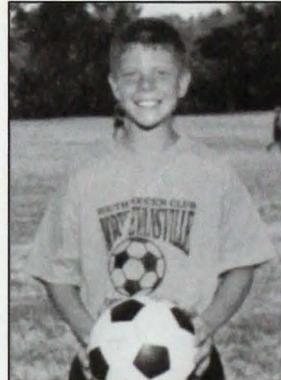
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Jennifer,
We are so very proud of you. May the Lord,
who gave you into our care and made you a
joy to our home, bless and keep you, now and
at college next year.

Love,
Mom and Dad

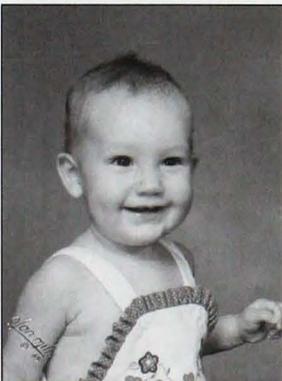
Jennifer Born



Aric,
We are so proud of all you have accomplished
at Mater Dei. You were awesome on the soc-
cer field and in the classroom. Good luck in
all you do.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Aric Kennedy



Lynnsey,
We are very proud to have you as our daughter
and sister. Good luck with the future. Reach
for the stars. We will love and support you
with all your dreams.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Zach, Emily, Bentley and Bruiser

Lynnsey Zirkelbach



Jordan,
From day one, your personality has brought
us many memories and much happiness and
your work ethic has brought you success. We
know that you will make the most of the chal-
lenges that are ahead of you. Keep working
and playing hard and enjoy life. Good luck in
your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jaci and Allie

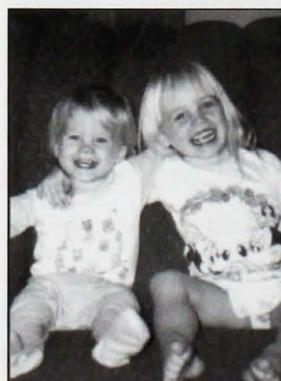
Jordan Phelps



Laura,
Congratulations on your graduation sis!

Love,
Noah

Laura Lutz



Danielle,
I love you very much, and I'm really proud
of you. You're the best sister in the world.
Thank you for always being there for me.

Love,
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Love,
Dad and T. J.

Theodore Rutherford



Emily,
How quickly these twelve years have gone. We are so very proud of you and all the effort you have made in school. I am sure you will greet college with the same enthusiasm that you did your first day of kindergarten, even without your Lion King backpack!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Bryce and Abbie

Emily Huff



Hannah,
You were always there for me, even when we went swimming. I have BIG Boots to fill at Mater Dei!

Love,
Joshua

Hannah Boots



Andy,
You have always been able to keep us laughing. What a joy it has been watching you grow into such a wonderful young man. You make us proud and know you can do anything you set your mind to.

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Sammie,
You are still our pin-up doll. You have grown to be such a wonderful person. We love you very much!

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Andy,
You have always made us proud!

Love,
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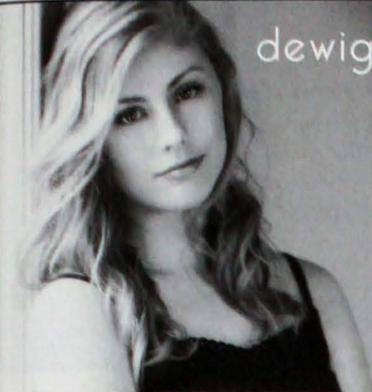
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Katelyn,
Best of luck in the future Katiebird.

Love ya,
Grandma and Grandpa Miller

Katelyn Miller



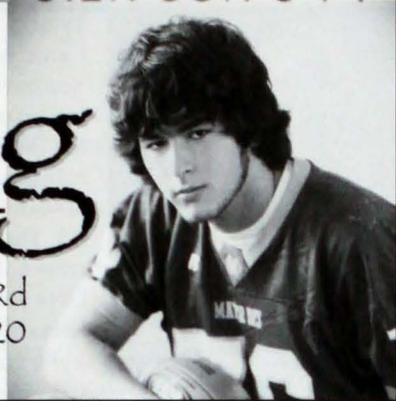
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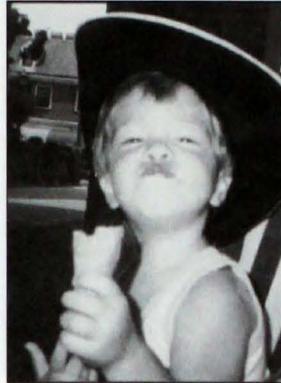
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Cody,
You've been a good kid, one that we've been proud of. We wish you success in whatever path your life takes you. Make good choices and be happy.

We love you lots!
Mom, Emily, Gabrielle and Dad

Cody Brandenstein



Jerry,
Always enjoy your life. Remember to not sweat the small stuff! Thanks for making us proud.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Megan, Becky and Ashley

Gerald Parkinson III



Jordan,
Through the years you have made good choices, surrounded yourself with great friends, and worked hard to reach your goals. Don't ever forget to enjoy life. We believe in you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jordan Bartek



Buddy,
You were blessed with a big heart and we were blessed with you. Whatever you do, we believe in you. May your future have many rewards and may your dreams come true!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Andrea

Ryan Niemeier



Jennifer,
Maybe at college next year you won't have to share with your brothers!

Love always,
Jason and Joshua

Jennifer Born



Ryan,
We are very proud of you! Good luck in all you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jeremy and Tyler

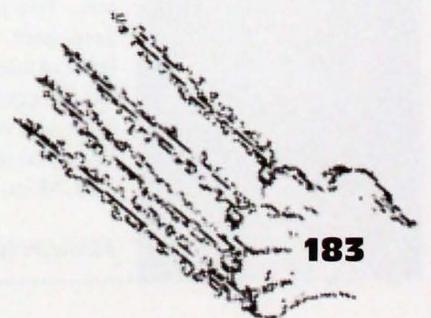
Ryan Musgrave



Zach,
Keep studying hard! Best wishes as you move on to study and play football in college. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mackenzie, Mom and Pops!

Zachary Goebel





Katelyn,
A supermodel in the making. Good luck in the future. We made it.
I Love You,
Dad

Katelyn Miller



Zach,
You will always be a "Wildcat!" Best wishes with football and your continuing education in college! We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mackenzie, Mom, Pops

Zachary Goebel



Melissa,
We can't believe our baby is getting ready to graduate. It doesn't seem possible. We are so proud of you and love you very much. Stay sweet and remember to always be nice.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Melissa Padavic



Tyler,
I want you to know how proud I am of you. You have achieved so much and I have always looked up to you. You are always there for me. I will miss you next year. Have fun in college and do your best. I will be thinking of you.
P.S. Thanks for picking on me this year at school. I will miss it.
Love your sister,
Jenna
Tyler Hunt



Ryan,
Keep smiling and enjoy life. We are very proud of the young man you have become.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Dawn

Ryan Wink



Congratulations! You did it. We are so proud of you. Keep smiling and working hard and you will be successful at whatever you do. Good luck and be careful in life and in racing.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Brandon Schoettlin



Congratulations! You have worked so hard and we are so proud of you. Thanks for all the special memories. May all your dreams come true. We love you!
Love,
Mom & Dad, Rhen, Jessica & Kara

Jenna Adler



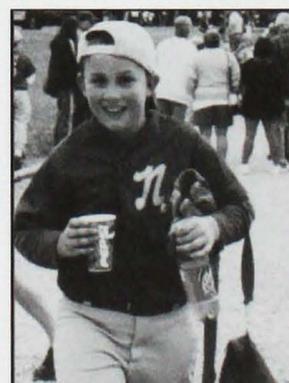
Jewel,
I think about you every day, of the days gone past, how we laughed and had so much fun together, and then I smile knowing that we have many more happy days ahead. The thought of having you for a sister has always brought sunshine upon my day. Never change. I love who you are and depend on it too!
I am so proud of you. I love you.
Rachel

Jewel Reising



Michelle,
Congratulations! We are so very proud of you. This past year has been a true test of your spirit. You have risen to a whole new level of strength and courage. May all your dreams come true. Remember, the sky is the limit, and we hope you reach the stars.
Love you always,
Dad, Mom, Joe, Jenny, Christie, and Julie

Michelle Kelley



Congratulations Ted. Believe in yourself and always be honest and responsible.
Love,
Grandma Noffsinger

Ted Rutherford



As you keep pursuing those "Big Dreams," may you always know the road to home. We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Cortney

Cory Carr



Ashley,
We are very proud of you! You've really been a blessing. Good luck with every goal you set for yourself.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kristyn, & Stephanie

Ashley Seibert



Good Luck Shaun!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Sarah, Jason, Shane, & Danielle

Shaun Elsner



We are very proud of you and wish you the very best in the future. Do not ever change your personality and humor; it is what keeps people guessing and makes you so special. We love you,
Mom & Dad

Danielle Rolley



We love you and wish you happiness in the future.
Love,
Mother & Dad

Mitch Funke



Congratulations to our senior! We've enjoyed watching you grow into a wonderful young lady. We're proud of all your accomplishments.
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Mom & Dad, Jennifer & Daniel

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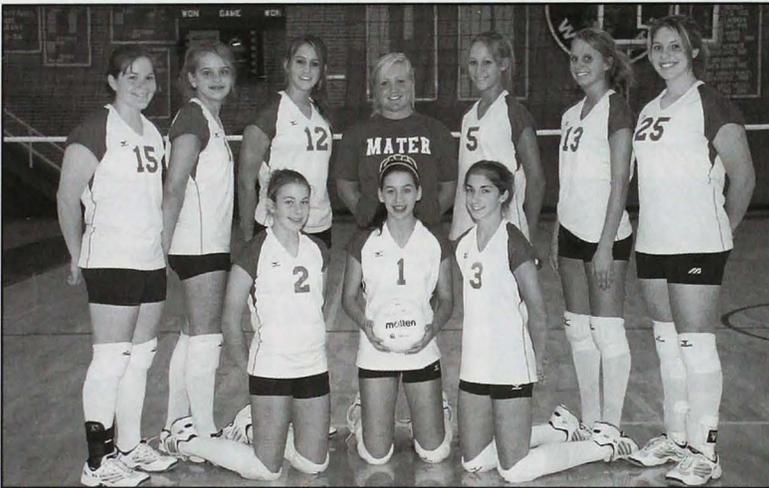
Boys' Cross Country

Cory Backes, Russel McKinney, Matt Zeller, Aaron Wildeman, Sean Herron, Tim Gaisser, Jerry Parkinson, Andy Walker, Mitchell Eickhoff, Ross Rexing, Kurt Goebel, Coach Moll



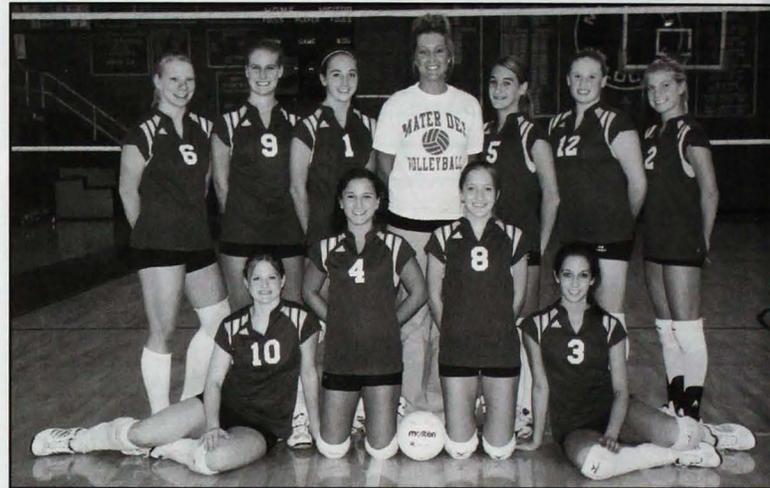
Girls' Cross Country

Kelsey Harpenau, Kyla Wargel, Pam Weinzapfel, Megan Blankenberger, Emily Weber, Krista Wildeman, Karen Scheller, Coach Moll



Freshman Volleyball

Row 1: Allison Pfister, Kacie Spaetti, Alissa Schenk Row 2: Rachel Rexing, Cori Wildeman, Katelyn Matt, Coach Zenthoefler, Brooklyn Fulton, Faith Slaton, Caitlyn Mitchell



Reserve Volleyball

Row 1: Kristyn Seibert, Alyssa Miller, Emily Adler, Lacey Voegel Row 2: Lauren Martin, Krista Carter, Jamie Tekoppel, Coach Goebel, Cortney Carr, Katie Hartz, Stephanie Moll

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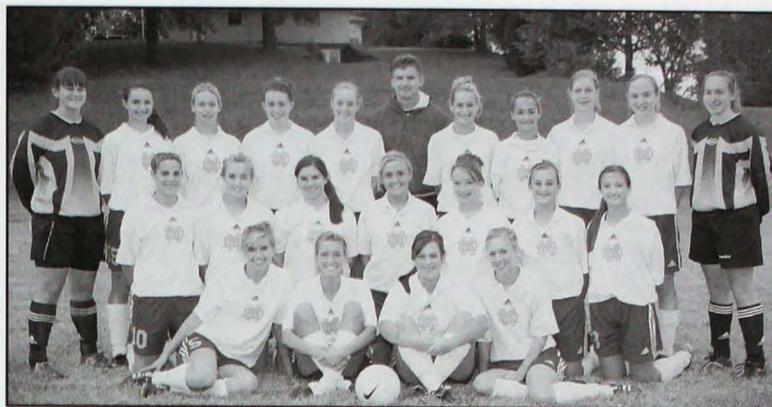
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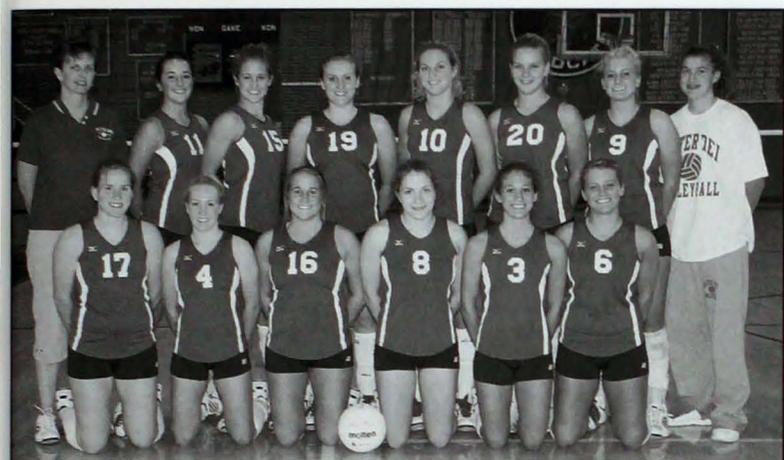
Girls' Reserve Soccer

Row 1: Elizabeth Mayer, Lauren Kempf, Emily Jolly, Brooke Nurrenbern, Amber Hayden, Olivia Weinzapfel, Lauren Seitz
 Row 2: Sarah Hoehn, Mary Morrow, Audrey Folz, Emily Rodenberg, Annelise Will, Lauren Austin, Katie Osborne
 Row 3: Kelsey Hammett, Hannah Thorbeck, Carrie Goebel, Jennifer Cox, Jackie Schoolfield, Coach Wannemuehler, Kayla Lydon



Girls' Varsity Soccer

Row 1: Kelsey Hoffmann, Jordan Bartek, Keri Swickard, Jamie McGinness
 Row 2: Stephanie Bittner, Sarah Sweeney, Jamie Hoffmann, Mackenzie Parkinson, Clare Scheller, Taylor Lannert, Kasey Polk
 Row 3: Jennifer Atherton, Megan Schneider, Cara Kuester, Abby Horthy, Kelley Short, Coach Schoenstein, Danielle Downing, Hadley Lannert, Christie Kelley, Jessica Wilson, Sarah Luigs



Varsity Volleyball

Row 1: Margaret Stoltz, Ashley Adler, Marie Wolf, Mallory Goebel, Jenna Adler, Krystal Schmitt
 Row 2: Coach Malicoat, Kylie Weaver, Kelsey Blankenberger, Celia Wannemuehler, Lauren Niemeier, Alyssa Martin, Kendal Elpers, Laura Schmitt



Boys' Tennis

Row 1: Andrew Ritter, Greg Alles, Nathan Baehl, Mick Kemmerlin, Zach Tromley, Joel Alvey, Ted Rutherford
 Row 2: Coach Coudret, Mason Blankenship, Aaron Feldhaus, Alex Wannemueller, Jake Edwards, Jeremy Kissel, Adam Ruggles, Alex Funke, Coach Clements

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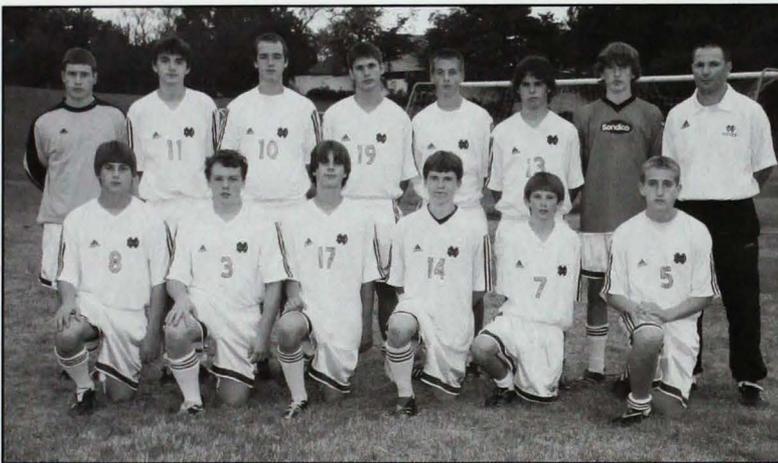
Girls' Golf

Row 1: Emily Loehrlein, Jenna Whorl, Kelsey Powers
Row 2: Alex Martin, Jamie Wildeman, Coach Wolfe



Freshman Football

Row 1: Wes Tenbarge, Kyle Weis, Ryan Lane, Matt Fischer, Mike Montgomery, Zach Crawford, Nick Halbig Row 2: John Lewis, Brandon Johnson, Tyler Collins, Larry Boots, Neil Hammelman, Zachary Zeller, Matthew Culley Row 3: Alexander VanCleve, Adam Reckelhoff, Anthony Martin, Lucas Barnett, Matthew Coudret, Joe Haas, Jacob Scheu



Boys' Reserve Soccer

Row 1: Chris Alexander, Patrick Elpers, Justin Allison, Corbin Green, Nick Ambrose, DJ Grasso Row 2: Craig Jochem, John Muensterman, Adam Barchet, Weston Brandenstein, Connor Bartek, Luke Costlow, Derek Sollman, Coach Costeur



Boys' Varsity Soccer

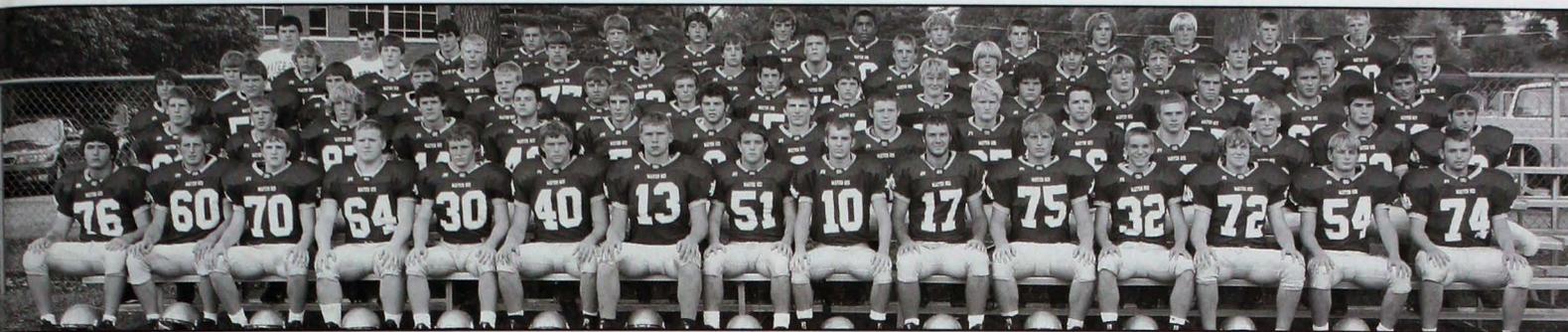
Row 1: Nick Baumgart, Luke Costlow, Bradley Wannemuehler, Jon Adcock, Andrew Elpers, Tyler Rust, Aric Kennedy Row 2: Matt Price, Adam Barchet, Ryan Gries, Nick Schenk, Mitch Funke, Jake Weinzapfel, Brian Pigman, Sam Schentrup, Andrew Shetler, Lance Kollker, Craig Jochem, Coach Settles

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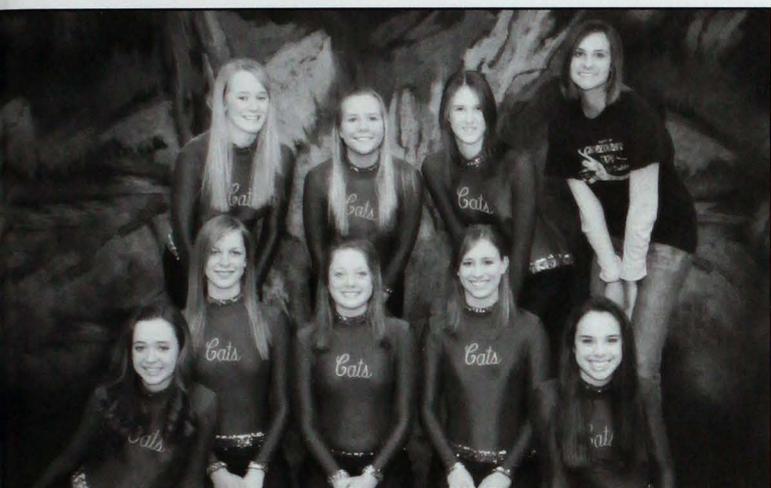
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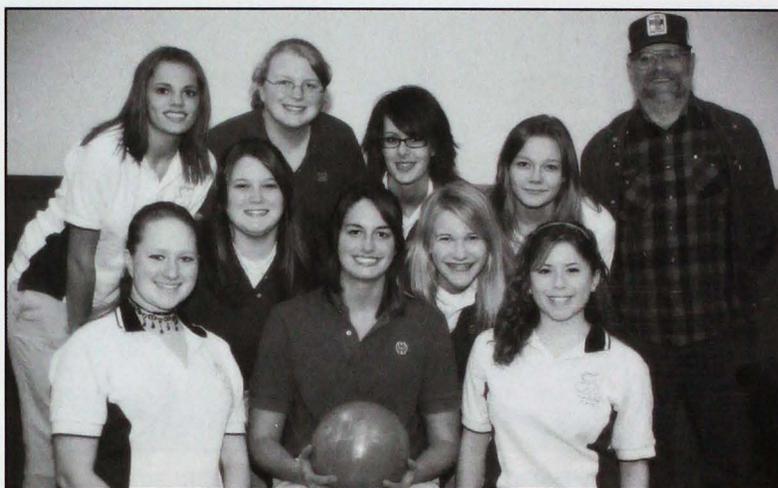
Varsity & Reserve Football

Row 1: DJ Horstman, Neil Goebel, Alex Vanhooser, Mike Rhodes, Chris DeWitt, Andy Matt, Zach Goebel, Ben Fleming, Jordan Phelps, Greg Cardin, Matt Johnson, Adam Schenk, Jake Vanhooser, Bud Lutz, Kyle Hertel Row 2: Logan Fisher, Drew Lappe, Andrew Robinson, Reid Grossman, Bruce Werner, Nick Dewig, Matt Price, John Marshall, Adam Butts, Matt Folz, Chris Emmert, Jake Schneider, Alex Weinzapfel, Brad Niemeier, Jeff Pfister Row 3: Mac Weinzapfel, Greg Marshall, Zach Schiff, Jacob Tison, Matt Lannert, Jared Hatcher, Brandt Lydon, Tony Wolf, Drew Will, Cody Voyles, Jacob Manchette, Lincoln Oliver, John Kercher, Austin Knapp, Nathan Dewig Row 4: Samuel Risley, Bradley Schoettlin, Nicholas Mathew, Zachary Mischler, Bobby Wilson, Tyler Marshall, Andrew Harsh, Ryan Burns, Kenny Elpers, Zeke Lenthoefer, Adam Weinzapfel, Jordan Chapman, Dalton Elpers, Kurt VanWinkle, Matt Sims Row 5: Jack Unfried, Ryan Musgrave, Zach East-
 erling, Shawn Hess, Sam Fleming, Jesse Horstman, Jared Mesker, Matt Dickerson, Layne Koester, Joe Major, Nolan King, Brent Weinzapfel, Corey Lipking, Austin Campbell



Dance Cats

Row 1: Sara Blankenberger, Brooke Schmitt Row 2: Christie Kelley, Kayleen Glaser, Lindsey Blankenberger Row 3: Heather Wargel, Megan Prickett, Stephanie Fields, Coach Gries



Girls' Bowling

Row 1: Stephanie Gentry, Kristen Scheller, Emma Stephens Row 2: Kate Weinzapfel, Chelsea Martin, Kimberly Glinis, Hannah Jay, Haley Raben, Natalie Martin, Coach Stephens

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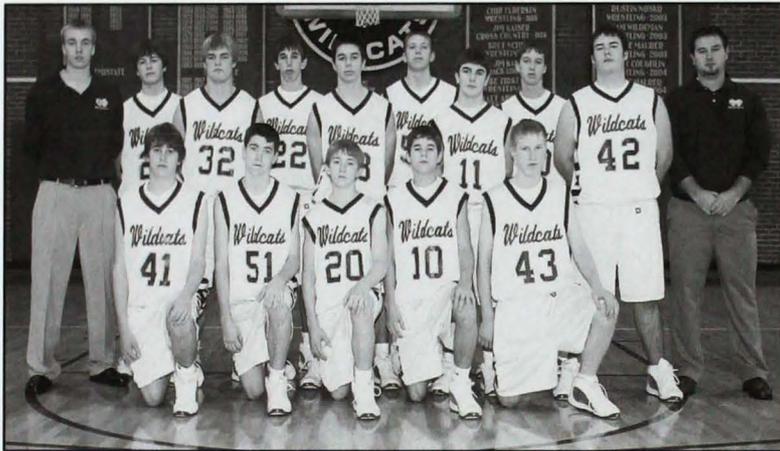
Girls' Swimming

Row 1: Coach Ramsbey, Audrey Rister, Annelise Will, Lauren Seitz, Katelyn Wargel, Jaclyn Schoolfield, Clare Scheller, Coach Zenthoefel
Row 2: Chelsea Norman, Amy Wolf, Carly Zenthoefel, Melissa Padvic, Kyla Wargel, Stephanie Lambert



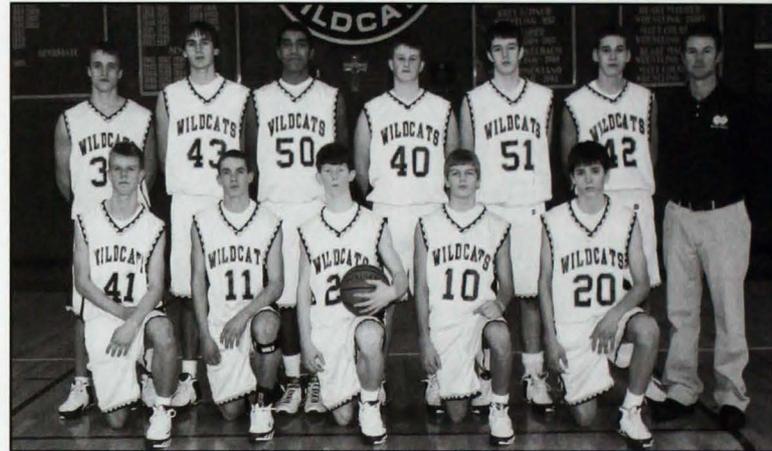
Boys' Swimming

Coach Gilbert, Jared Jochem, Weston Tenbarge, Matt Schenk, Dante Grasso, Andrew Kempf, Justin Allison, Coach Marx, Coach Ramsbey
Row 2: Jon Adcock, Craig Jochem, Andrew Ritter, Alex Funke, Tyler Swihart, Chris Baumgart, Luke Costlow, Adam Barnes



Boys' Freshman Basketball

Row 1: Bryce Dolletzki, Cory Backes, Mark Wargel, Alex Raben, Ben Richardson
Row 2: Coach Meyer, Cameron Elpers, Neil Hammelman, Matthew Coudret, Zachary Zeller, Brian Krieg, Bradley Wannemuehler, Alex Wannemuehler, Lucas Barnett, Coach Strauss



Boys' Reserve Basketball

Row 1: Austin Campbell, Jake Weinzapfel, Hank LaRue, Caleb Eickhoff, Jerad Eickhoff
Row 2: Kenny Elpers, Brandon Head, Matt Dickerson, Corey Lipking, Nick Jay, Bryce Huff, Coach Elpers

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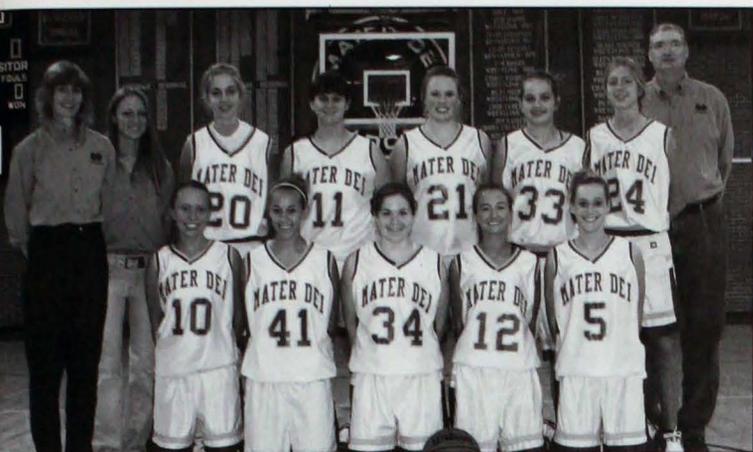
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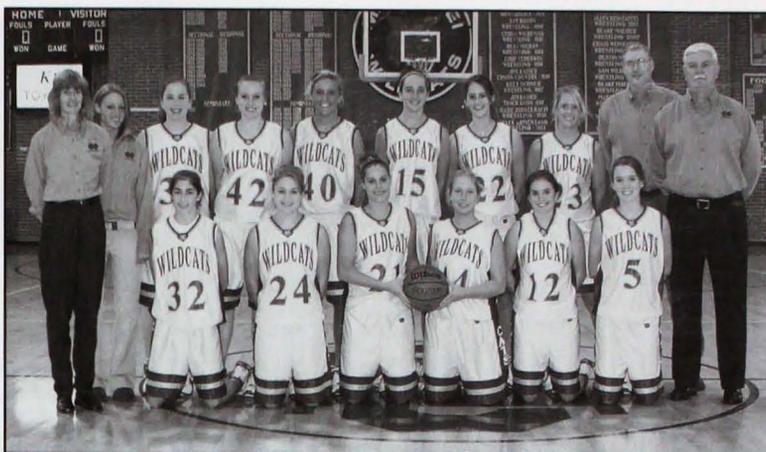
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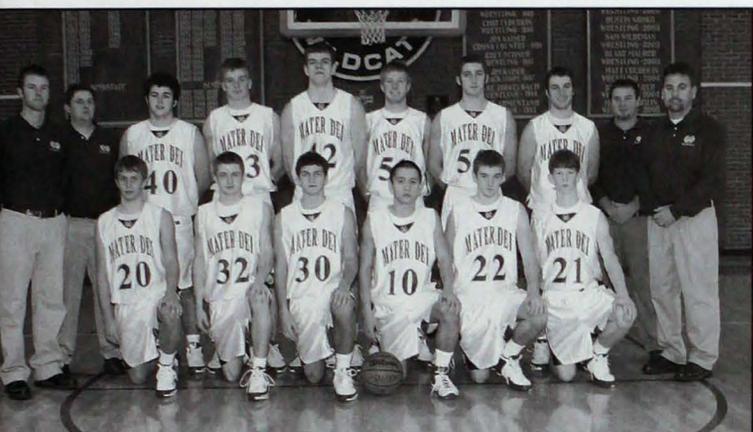
Girls' Reserve Basketball

Row 1: Kelsey Powers, Alex Martin, Rachel Rexing, Kasey Polk, Danielle Downing
 Row 2: Coach Wilson, Coach Weinzapfel, Katelyn Niemeier, Jennifer Atherton, Katelyn Hartz, Cori Wildeman, Caroline Niemeier, Coach Goans



Girls' Varsity Basketball

Row 1: Alissa Schenk, Sara Weinzapfel, Stephanie Bittner, Kelsey Schenk, Martha Stoltz, Lindsey Will
 Row 2: Coach Wilson, Coach Weinzapfel, Margaret Stoltz, Celia Wannemuehler, Mackenzie Parkinson, Jamie Tekoppel, Katelyn Matt, Carrie Goebel, Coach Goans, Coach Sills



Boys' Varsity Basketball

Row 1: Colin Wagner, Jared Krieg, Mitchell Eickhoff, Brett Buettel, Derek Gallo, Hank LaRue
 Row 2: Coach Elpers, Coach Moore, Matt Price, Shad Macke, Jacob Hassler, Ryan Niemeier, Alexander Echele, Greg Cardin, Coach Krauss, Coach Goebel



Boys' Golf

Row 1: Layne Koester, Matthew Zeller, Craig Niemeier, Jacob Koresel, Bryce Dolletzki, Jared Krieg
 Row 2: Jared Stratman, William Stephan, Mitchell Eickhoff, Logan Slaton, Brandon Head, Coach Jewell

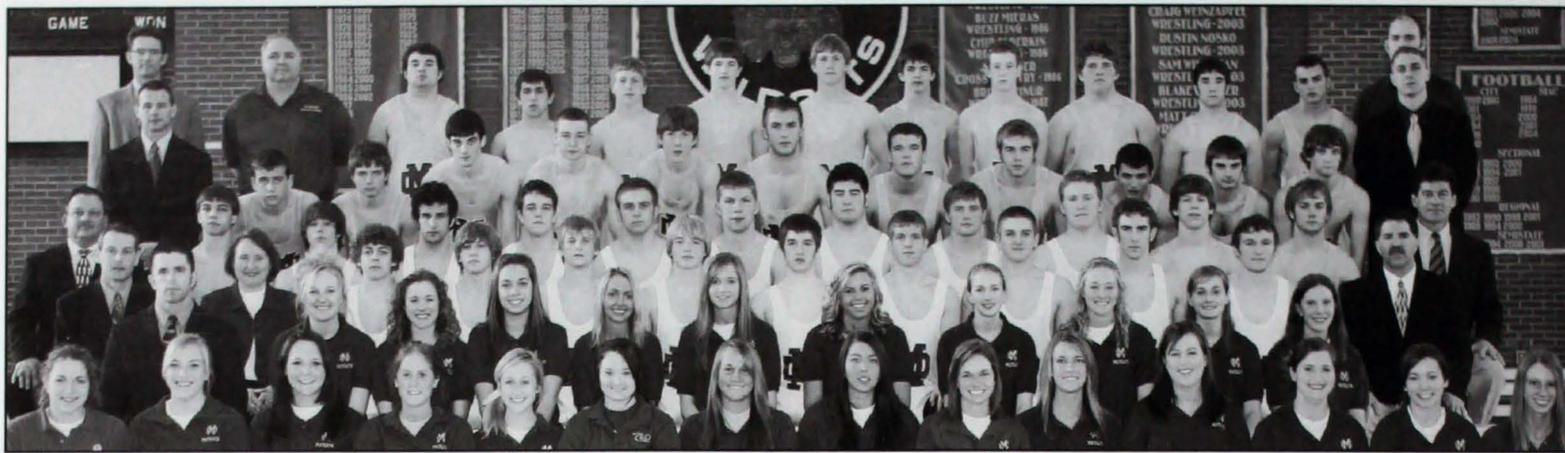
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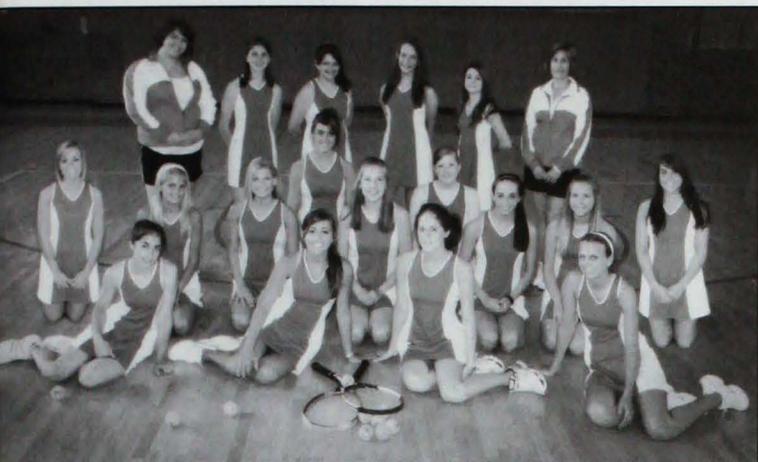
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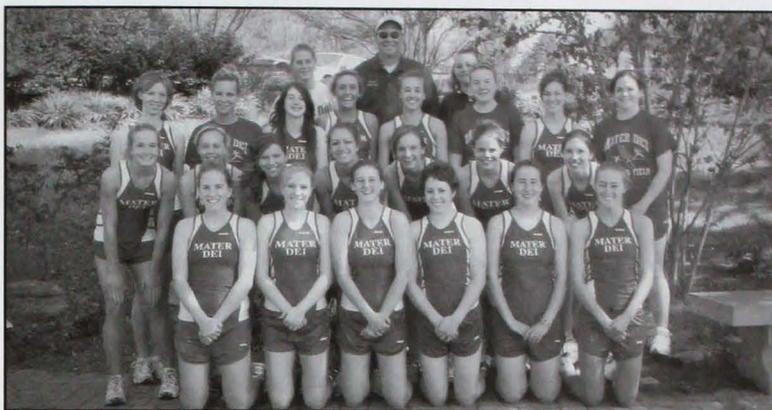
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Row 1: Alissa Schenk, Laura Hall, Hannah Wagner, Faith Slaton Row 2: Samantha Sammet, Dana Tungate, Stephanie Moll, Elizabeth Wagner, Jamie Tekoppel, Megan Prickett, Amber Kemper Row 3: Emily Rodenberg, Doro Eigenbrod Row 4: Coach Couture, Katelyn Wargel, Cathryn Steinkamp, Clare Scheller, Alison Olsen, Coach Clements



Girls' Track

Row 1: Margaret Stoltz, Krista Wildeman, Emily Weber, Rachel Buskavitz, Pam Weinzapfel, Kelley Short Row 2: Kayla Lydon, Cara Kuester, Jessika Carter, Cara Emmert, Kelsey Harpenau, Brooke Nurrenbern, Kyla Wargel Row 3: Jennifer Cox, Alissa Martin, Caitlin Muensterman, Mackenzie Parkinson, Sarah Sweeney, Alicia Farney, Emily Jolly, Rachel Rexing Row 4: Coach Mesker, Coach Eickhoff, Coach H. Eickhoff



Boys' Track

Row 1: Luke Dewig, Nick Schenk, Brian Pigman, Nolan King, Zeke Enthoefer, Jacob Vanhooser, Jared Mesker Row 2: Coach Weddle, Nathan Dewig, Will Weis, Neil Goebel, Sean Herron, Aric Kennedy, Ross Rexing, Nick Mochau Row 3: Andrew Ritter, Russel McKinney, Daniel Scheller, Aaron Wildeman, Alex Vanhooser, Jacob Scheu, Cory Mackes, Jeremy White, Coach Morrison



Band

Row 1: Valerie Wire, Rachel Sweeney, Sara Blankenberger, Megan Prickett, Lindsey Blankenberger Row 2: Jessie Kelley, Sarah Schneider, Michelle Schmitt, Stephanie Fields, Brooke Schmitt Row 3: Caleb Cox, Lori Lauderdale, Jared Beamer, Heather Wargel, Christie Kelley, Kayleen Glaser Row 4: Ryan Meeks, Sam Moore, Zach Wildeman, Melissa Lauderdale, Melissa Russell Row 5: Craig Nelson, Aaron Holm, Jacob Farny, Kevin McGarra, Katie Dockery, Brynne Guzman

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Freshman Cheer

Katie Elpers, Miranda Elpers, Stephanie Wheeler, Alison Olsen, Kendyl Niemeier



Reserve and Varsity Cheer

Row 1: Michelle Kelley, Sarah Hall, Mackenzie Riggs, Lauren Hoefling, Samantha Hurm-Walker, Danielle Ritter Row 2: Lauren Grabert, Allison Schenk, Samantha Dewig, Katie Reddington, Jenny Kelley, Sherilyn Weinzapfel, Jessika Carter



Reserve Baseball

Row 1: Ben Richardson, Corbin Green, Michael Schneider, Brad Wannemuehler, Matt Fischer, Mark Wargel Row 2: Sam Kuban, Caleb Eickhoff, Michael Montgomery, Joel Alvey, Sam Fleming, Lucas Barnett, Coach Schapker Row 3: Neil Hammelman, Justin Baker, Andrew Harsh, Cody Voyles, Jerad Eickhoff, Alex Wannemueller



Varsity Baseball

Row 1: Matt Fleck, Jacob Weinzapfel, Hank LaRue, Alex Weinzapfel, Ben Fleming, Joe Major, Jacob Tison, Andrew Robinson, Andrew Harsh Row 2: Adam Schenk, Ryan Gries, Reid Grossman, Shad Macke, Corey Lipking, Brent Weinzapfel, Ryan Wink, Cody Brandenstein, Adam Butts, Logan Fisher

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Row 1: Craig Niemeier, Ryan Musgrave
 Row 2: Nathan Baehl, Mason Blankenship, Kevin Bittner



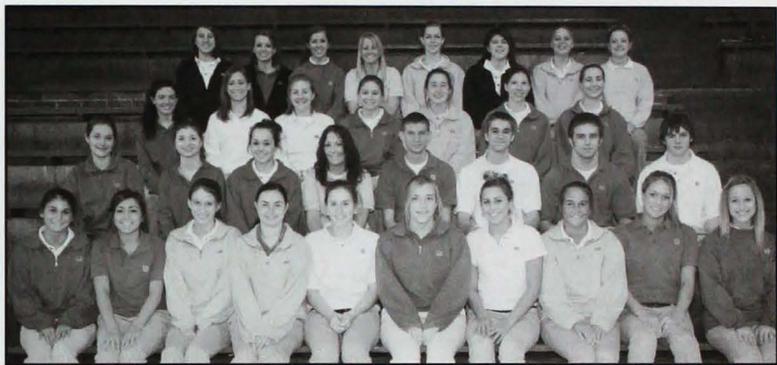
Boys' Varsity Bowling

Row 1: Brian Gentry, Coach Benedict, Dustin Scheller
 Row 2: Jon Grosheart, Zach Bittner, Adam Butts, Justin Baker



Class Officers

Row 1: Lauren Niemeier, Laura Hall, Mackenzie Riggs, Marie Wolf
 Row 2: Jamie McGinness, Karen Scheller, Ben Muensterman
 Row 3: Lindsay Mann, Samantha Dewig, Patrick Elpers
 Row 4: Zachary Crawford, Michael Montgomery, Alissa Schenk, Chelsea Martin



National Honor Society

Row 1: Lauren Hoefling, Laura Hall, Annie Weber, Sarah Schneider, Margaret Stoltz, Carly Zenthoefer, Sarah Hall, Marie Wolf, Michelle Kelley, Audrie Koester
 Row 2: Katie Dockery, Emily Huff, Mackenzie Riggs, Aly Feldhaus, Andy Walker, Adam Schenk, Jacob Schneider, Chris Baumgart
 Row 3: Lauren Grabert, Lindsey Blankenberger, Danielle Ritter, Sara Weinzapfel, Pam Weinzapfel, Kyla Wargel, Karen Scheller
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Row 1: Mrs. Weber, Laura Hall, Keri Swickard, Annie Weber, Rachel Williams, Liz Wargel, Mrs. Mitchell
 Row 2: Sara Weinzapfel, Kyla Wargel, Karen Scheller, Lindsey Will, Amy Wolf, Andrew Ritter, Sam Lewis



Student Ambassadors

Row 1: Carly Zenthoefler, Rachel Williams, Mackenzie Riggs, Lauren Hoefling, Ryan Wink, Jenna Whorl, Marie Wolf, Lauren Niemeier
 Row 2: Danielle Ritter, Margaret Stoltz, Megan Ziliak, Katelyn Miller, Melissa Padavic, Laura Lutz, Jennifer Born, Lauren VanCleve



Prom Committee

Row 1: Jamie McGinness, Karen Scheller
 Row 2: Kelsey Hoffmann, Sherilyn Weinzapfel, Kelley Short, Lauren Austin, Mallory Scheller, Kelsey Hammett, Amy Wolf, Emily TenBarge, Katie Reddington, Allison Schenk
 Row 3: Jessika Carter, Cara Emmert, Ashley Gilles, Chelsea Jenkins, Lauren Grabert, Samantha Montgomery, Kendal Elpers, Celia Wannemuehler, Martha Stoltz, Lindsey Blankenberger
 Row 4: Diana McConnell, Melissa Lauderdale, Hannah Jay, Sara Hoehn, Krystal Schmitt, Alissa Martin, Kaitlyn Bohleber, Lindsay Martin
 Row 5: Sarah Luigs, Jessie Buskavitz, Lindsay Martin, Christie Kelley, Cassi Englert, Katie Kiesel, Kelsey Schenk



Pep Club

Row 1: Clare Scheller, Mary Morrow, Jessica Wilson, Jenna Whorl, McKenzie Williams, Aly Feldhaus, Lauren Niemeier, Carly Zenthoefler, Audrie Koester, Rachel Williams, Lauren VanCleve, Marie Wolf, Annie Weber, Jennifer Born, Jordan Bartek, Mackenzie Riggs, Laura Lutz
 Row 2: Megan Schneider, Alissa Schenk, Cara Kuester, Mallory Goebel, Mary Ann Gaffney, Sarah Hall, Lauren Hoefling, Laura Hall, Liz Wargel, Emma Stephens, Keri Swickard, Danielle Ritter, Megan Ziliak, Danielle Rolley, Michelle Kelley, Jenna Adler
 Row 3: Kayla Niemeier, Alison Olsen, Jaclyn Schoolfield, Kayla Lydon, Kelsey Hammett, Mallory Scheller, Kendal Elpers, Jamie McGinness, Kelsey Hoffmann, Kelley Short, Lauren Austin, Sherilyn Weinzapfel, Allison Schenk, Emily TenBarge, Katie Reddington, Amy Wolf
 Row 4: Kayla Martin, Sarah Sweeney, Krista Carter, Carrie Goebel, Sara Hoehn, Sarah Luigs, Jessie Buskavitz, Melissa Lauderdale, Chelsea Jenkins, Hannah Jay, Katie Kiesel, Martha Stoltz, Kelsey Schenk, Sarah Schneider
 Row 5: Dana Tungate, Jamie Tekoppel, Cortney Carr, Sarah J. Folz, Kassie Embry, Maggie Hurm, Lacey Voegel, Kylie Weaver, Lindsay Martin, Cassi Englert, Kaitlyn Bohleber, Lindsay Martin, Karen Scheller
 Row 6: Juliette Faraone, Katelyn Niemeier, Caitlin Muensterman, Megan Blankenberger, Audrey Folz, Abby Horty, Caroline Niemeier, Katelyn Hartz, Kristen Scheller, Lindsay Mann, Stephanie Lambert
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Row 1: Sherilyn Weinzapfel, Chelsea Jenkins, Kyla Wargel, Karen Scheller, Ryan Gries, Andy Walker, Mackenzie Riggs, Neil Goebel
 Row 2: Rachel Yingling, Juliette Faraone, Bill Muensterman, Patrick Elpers, Andrew Ritter, Chris Baumgart, Mason Blankenship, Bobby Wilson
 Row 3: Pam Weinzapfel, Tori Shane, Jesse Vanhooser, Diana McConnell, Ben Muensterman, Ross Rexing, Ryan Jochim, Brandt Lydon



Freshman Mentors

Row 1: Carly Zenthofer, Rachel Williams, Margaret Stoltz, Danielle Ritter, Laura Hall, Jenna Whorl, Marie Wolf, Keri Swickard, Lauren VanCleve, Jordan Bartek, Jennifer Born
 Row 2: McKenzie Williams, Liz Wargel, Emily Mandel, Emily Huff, Ryan Wink, Lauren Hoefling, Sarah Hall, Michelle Kelley, Audrie Koester, Aly Feldhaus, Lauren Niemeier
 Row 3: Tyler Hunt, Aric Kennedy, Mitch Funke, Nick Schenk, Sam Lewis, Matt Johnson, Andy Walker, Hannah Boots, Laura Lutz, Emily Weber
 Row 4: Krista Wildeman, Jake Vanhooser, Neil Goebel, Alex Vanhooser, Ashley Seibert, Samantha Sammet



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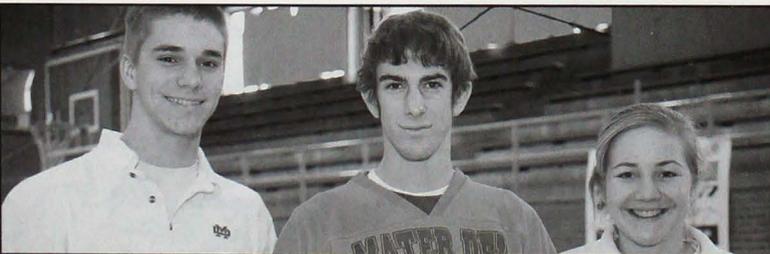
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