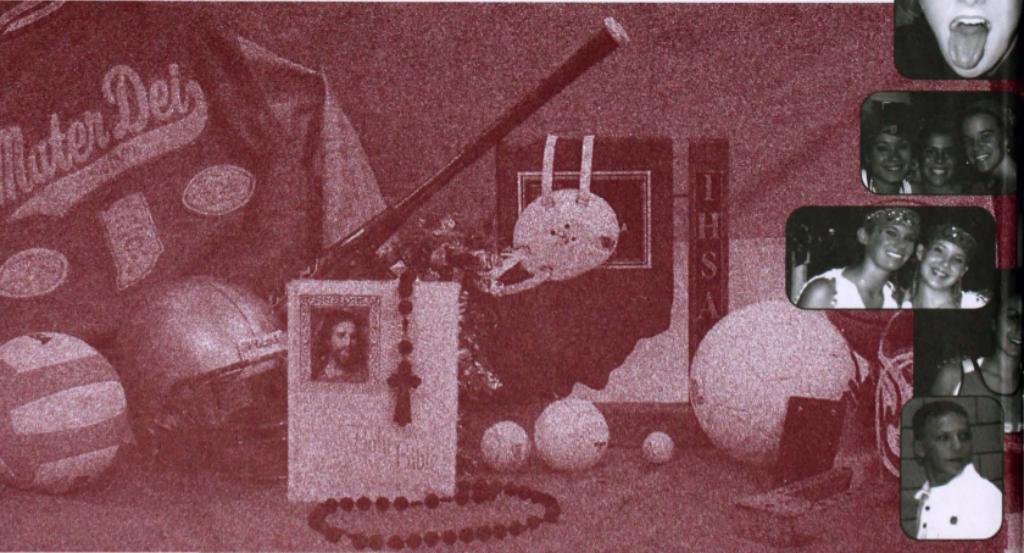


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# Putting It All Together

**E**VERY GREAT STORY HAS A BEGINNING. IT ALL HAS TO START SOMEWHERE, AND THIS IS WHERE THE STORY OF THE 2002 SCHOOL YEAR STARTS OUT. IT WAS SUCH A BUSY YEAR, SUCH A SUCCESSFUL YEAR, SUCH A WONDERFUL YEAR THAT IT WAS HARD TO KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.

Of course the school is made up of people: students, teachers and those that work to keep the school running. They are our friends, our classmates and the people that we are spending the majority of our time with. Teachers offer us their guidance and advice as well as the valuable knowledge we will need to be successful. It is the faces that we see each and every day that makes going to school memorable.

Sports give us a chance to compete and put our skills up against those from other schools. It was a great year with state trophies, first-time winners and individual achievements. There was no shortage of excitement and spirit as our teams showed the state what it means to be a Wildcat.

But as entertaining as sports are, academics are the real goal of a school. We are here to learn, to better ourselves and to absorb all the knowledge that we can before going off into the real world. From the daily homework assignments to big projects, we are constantly exercising our brains.

The payoff of our hard work is our Senior year. That final year is full of emotions, both good and bad. We are the leaders. We get the benefits. We are at the top of our game. But it is also a sign that everything is about to end. The year seems to fly by and when it is over, it shocks us that there is no more and it is time for us to leave the comfortable confines of our humble school.

All of that is what makes this year unique. And so we start off seeing how we are Putting It All Together.



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Raising their hands in praise, the Liturgical Ensemble finishes up the closing song at Mass. The Ensemble invites whoever would like to sing along to join them on the floor.



Photo by Rachel Scheu

# ANXIOUS

**B**EFORE ANYONE STEPPED INTO THE BUILDING, BEFORE ANYONE PICKED UP A BOOK, BEFORE MOST HAD FINISHED THEIR SUMMER READING LIST FOR MISS ROGGE'S AP ENGLISH CLASS, EVERYONE WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE YEAR WAS GOING TO BE LIKE. NO ONE KNEW FOR SURE, BUT EVERYONE WAS ANXIOUS TO FIND OUT.

No one likes uncertainty. As the students watched their last principal leave without anyone named to replace him, they began their summer vacation with mixed feelings. They were sad to see Mr. Weaver go, but they were at the same time nervous and excited about what the new year might bring.

Jay VanHoosier was named the new principal, and the student body started the process of breaking in the new guy again. It didn't take them long to forget about that and get down to the real business of the year.

Right off the bat, the football and volleyball teams gave them a string of good games and exciting Friday nights. The lady soccers then came out of nowhere to take their second sectional title in three years by beating Reitz in a muddy, rainy battle. There were multiple trips to State and the students became very familiar with the route to Indy.

There were the usual lit. projects and term papers and tests and endless homework assignments, but that was just an excuse for the Mater Dei community to gather each morning at 7:20 for prayer, friendship and budding romances. Our days were filled with the aroma of Foods classes, the stench of Chemistry fumes and the occasional potato bar.

But in the end it was our Faith that tied it all together and helped us when it came to Putting It All Together.

By Rachel and Jessica Scheu '02



Photo by Karty Kempf

Pumped up and ready to play, the varsity football players break through a sign made for them by the cheerleaders. The guys were ready for the big Semi-State game against the Speedway Sparkplugs.



Photo by Rachel Scheu

During the annual Walk-A-Thon, Senior Nicole Zirkelbach entertains Deanna Wade with a great story. The Walk-A-Thon is a time where you can catch up on all the gossip.

Taking time out of their intense dissection, Seniors Kari Lottes and Amanda Nurrenbern have a little fun in front of the camera. The girls spent many class periods doing hands on learning of the anatomy of many different animals.



Photo by Blake Kolker

Galloping away on his horse, Senior Jacob Koressel makes his way to his car for out-to-lunch. You can always find Koressel horsin' around during and after school.



Photo by Amber Giles

# Excitement Quickly Replaced Our Fears



Staff Photo

Performing another peaceful prayer service, Father Ken Steckler consecrates the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Prayer services are performed every Tuesday morning in memory of loved ones that our Mater Dei family has lost.

Unable to control their emotions, Seniors Liz Werner, Allie Moll and Brooke Steinkamp scream their hearts out at football state. The Senior girls always showed up decked out in school colors to show their pride.

Photo by Melissa Schrur

Paying tribute to our nation's colors, Junior Nick Wildeman pledges his allegiance to the country that defends our rights. The U.S. flag isn't only an inspiration for us, but a source of strength for the armed forces fighting overseas.



Photo by Mary Nelson

# GIVING

**T**HEY EXPECTED US TO BE COWARDLY AND RUN AWAY AND HIDE. BUT INSTEAD WE STOOD TALL AND DECIDED TO DEFEND WHAT BELONGS TO US. THEY EXPECTED US TO FALL APART, BUT WE STOOD TOGETHER, UNITED AS ONE. AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES, OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN UNITING UNDER THE POWER OF GOD TO TRY AND FIGHT THE EVILS OF OUR WORLD. LIFE HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY FOR US ALL, BUT WE WILL STAND STRONG.

The events of the morning of September 11th will forever be etched into the psyche of the American people. The horrific images, names of the dead and the magnitude of the disaster have ensured that we as Americans will never forget when our innocence was shattered.

But all that carnage, all the pain, all that suffering was tempered by the stories of those that stepped outside themselves to help, to comfort, to lay down their lives so that others could live. So many put themselves in harm's way to save others and so many more flooded the area to pitch in with the rescue efforts.

Still more who couldn't get to New York or Washington, D.C. offered money, blood and prayers. It was the volunteers that are the heroes of that fatal day.

We are required to donate a number of service hours to our local community. Until now, though, we have not seen what kind of impact we could make on the lives of others.

So to that spirit of cooperation, of giving and of volunteering spurred on by the events of September 11th, we dedicate this book.

By Rachel & Jessica Scheu '02



Photo by Michael Rieger/FEMA News Photo

Rescue workers worked day and night trying to find anyone that could have survived the horrible terrorist attack of September 11. The mass destruction that the airplanes caused couldn't alter the pride Americans have for their country.



Photo by Andrea Boche/FEMA News Photo



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To show how thankful we are, the student body brings in can foods to give to Little Sisters of the Poor. Sophomores Becky Parkinson and Shanna Bush load all the cans into boxes after the wonderful Thanksgiving Mass.



Photo by Brian Kressel

Giving a Christmas to a small three year old girl and her family, Freshman Meagan Koester and Kelly Johnson show what Christmas is all about. The Student Council always gets into the holiday cheer, and each homeroom adopts a family to buy gifts for.

Patriotism at Mater Dei is everywhere in our halls. Senior Andrea Julian takes a quick glance at the red, white, and blue as she heads to her locker after Religion class.



Photo by Mary Nelson

# Attack Brings Out Best in Human Spirit



Photo by Andrea Booher/FEMA News Photo

Firefighters and volunteers from all over the United States went to New York to help in the rescue efforts. Not only did they give their time and sweat, but some gave their lives.

The World's two tallest buildings and the government's headquarters were struck by planes in the early morning hours of September 11, 2001 causing, instead of a national fall out, national pride.

Photo by Andrea Booher/FEMA News Photo



# A Time to Share:

## From Passing Periods to Parties

THEY ARE THE TIMES WE GET TO TALK TO OUR FRIENDS. THEY ARE THE TIMES TO BOND. THEY ARE THE TIMES WE GROW WITH NOT JUST THE PEOPLE IN OUR CLASSES BUT THE WHOLE SCHOOL. WE GET TIME TO FILL EACH OTHER IN ON THE MOST RECENT HAPPENINGS IN OUR LIVES. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS DURING PASSING PERIODS HERE AT MATER DEI. WITH OVER 1200 PASSING PERIODS IN ONE YEAR, WE GET TIME TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE WE DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE CLASS WITH. WITHOUT PASSING PERIODS MANY PEOPLE WOULDN'T KNOW HALF AS MANY THINGS AS THEY KNOW WITH THEM.

Obviously, Monday and Friday passing periods are always the loudest in the halls. They are the ones with the most excitement and stories.

Monday's are filled with the post-weekend scoop. From Freshmen to Seniors, many have weekends packed with fun, friends and parties.

"On Mondays I talk to my friends and see what all they did over the weekend. We usually have lots of exciting stories to tell each other about our busy weekends," recalls Sophomore Andrea Neimeier.

Friday is the time to make plans for the next two days. First you have to figure out where you are going, whose going with you and whose

driving. When there's not a sporting event or activity to go to, the Mater Dei community is still out and about enjoying their time off with their buds, and usually takes every passing period to relay the plans from friend to friend.

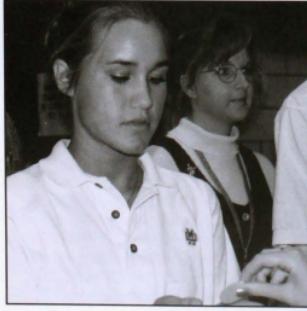
"Fridays are always crazy. We make plans to see where we are going and who is going to drive. It is easier to make plans at school rather than call everybody," replies Junior Dawn Wink.

Why not just wait until after school to talk on the phone and make plans? Many students work or are in sports after school. By the time they work and make plans it is only a few hours before their curfew. If plans are made at school, that gives friends more time to hang out and party.

"My friends and I always make plans early, because we all have separate lives. We have to plan around each other to find time to meet up with each other," said Junior Emily Stratman.

The plans that we make during school are the plans that make our highschool careers fun, enjoyable and exciting. These are the reasons we come to school. They are the memories and moments that will live with us for the rest of our lives.

By Lynn Eickhoff '02



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**PEOPLE**

Adcock, Lauren  
Alcorn, Andrew  
Ambrose, Gregory  
Austin, Haley  
Barchet, Mary



Barnes, Kathryn  
Bartek, John  
Beach, Nathan  
Beavin, Daniel  
Bouillet, Tara



Bradford, Ashley  
Byrley, Jessica  
Cardin, Beth  
Coomes, Jeremy  
Copeland, Emily



Coughlin, Matthew  
Coughlin, Michael  
Couture, Molly  
Dennis, Carrie  
Denstorff, Jenna



DeVillez, Jason  
Dewig, Chad  
Dick, Jessica  
Drost, Jared  
Echele, Alise



Elpers, Melissa  
Elpers, Tara  
Elsner, Shane  
Erkman, Brittany  
Farmer, Patrick



Farney, Michelle  
Fehrenbacher, Jeremy





Senior Lindsey Nosko and her brother, junior, Dustin Nosko show their love at prom. True, Lindsey is a lot shorter, but Dustin is her baby brother. They have been at Mater Dei together for three years.

Swimming is a team sport, but having your big sis there can be a real big encouragement. Freshman Jennifer Padavic looks up to her Senior sister, Jessica, in the pool and in the halls.



## Siblings

### Family is just part of the tradition.

**“I'M WEARING THAT SHIRT TODAY!” “IT'S MY TURN TO DRIVE THE CAR!”  
“ARE YOU OFF THE PHONE YET?” “IT'S YOUR TURN TO DO THE DISHES.”**

Mater Dei has a lot of tradition: family is just one. Most of the students probably know either a set of twins, step brother and sister, or a brother and sister. Most siblings usually get along but there are always those few who have petty little arguments all the time.

“I really hate when Steven doesn't get off the phone when I tell him to, my phone calls are way more important than any of his could ever be,” complained Senior Ashley Lamble of twin brother Steven. They are just one of the many sets of twins at Mater Dei. “We have a lot of arguments but we usually get along.”

Stepbrothers and brothers also have arguments, but most of them come out to be nothing major at all, only over little things.

“She never shares her Starburst suckers with me. One time I took one from her and she almost hit me. She's a major spaz about that,” exclaimed Senior Malissa Wildeman about her sometimes selfish Junior step-sister Brittany Robbins.

Other times siblings get along well, which some might think is weird. “Nick and I hang around the same people sometimes, which is cool, I don't mind hanging out with him and his friends,” says Senior Amber Gilles about Senior step-brother Nick Unfried.

Amber also feels it's a convenience when Nick drives to school, it's less of a hassle for both of them to have to drive.

There are also times where brothers and sisters don't like to be seen with each other either at school or even on the weekends. Usually this occurs with Senior and Freshman brothers and sisters, or maybe if they are in the same class.

“Nikki thinks she is too cool to hang out with me, she barely talks to me at school when I say 'hey' to her in the hallway,” says Senior Shane Rendler of Freshman sister Nikki. “She just acts 'too cool' for me.”

There are always advantages when having a brother or sister. There will always be someone there to talk to and be on your side when you need them. Even if there are negatives, it always ends up coming out as a plus.

By Lindsey Nosko '02



Seniors Amber Gilles and Nick Unfried strike a pose in the hotel room after football state. Amber and Nick have been step-siblings since the seventh grade and now have many of the same friends.

Fehrenbacher, Sarah  
Feller, Matthew  
Ferrari, Amber  
Fischer, Aimee  
Fischer, Phillip



Fox, Nicholas  
Fuchs, Michael



Gibson, Joseph  
Goebel, Audrey



## Tutoring

### Giving knowledge one student at a time.

**W**HETHER IT IS FOR SERVICE HOURS OR MONEY, IT SEEMS THAT THE MOST COMMON REASON THAT STUDENTS HAVE CHOSEN TO TUTOR IS BECAUSE THEY ENJOY HELPING OTHERS.

Seniors Allie Moll, Matt Neisen, Meredith Jansen and Ashley Paulson have spent some of their free time this year helping students in science and math. Eighth graders through Seniors have taken advantage of the knowledge these generous students have chosen to share.

Some tutors make extra spending money by charging anywhere from \$5 to \$15 per hour. Others have decided to tutor for service hours and the good feeling they get when helping others.

Matt Neisen feels like he benefits from tutoring.

"Going over material I've already learned keeps it fresh in my mind, and therefore makes me a better student as well," says Neisen.

Neisen does charge a little fee, but he would do it for free because he enjoys helping others.

"Sometimes students can learn and relate better to other students than teachers," says Moll. She loves the feeling of seeing the kids that she tutors succeed, and that is what



makes her continue to tutor.

Ashley Paulson also admits that she really enjoys helping others. She is more than happy to share her love of math with others.

"I really enjoy helping others, and I love math. In grade school I always wanted to be a teacher, I've changed since then, but I get to be one in a small way," says Paulson.

She is currently tutoring one student for service hours and is willing to tutor more. Meredith Jansen, like Paulson and so many other student tutors got her start after being asked by a teacher.

"A teacher asked if I would be interested in tutoring a grade school science student. I said yes and began tutoring," said Meredith.

So if you are a student who needs a little extra help in a particular subject, or if you are a student who has some knowledge to share, don't be afraid to get involved, help others and tutor.

By Jennifer Mesker '02

Goebel, Cory  
Goebel, Katherine  
Goedde, Shane  
Goelz, Michael  
Grattenthaler, Matthew

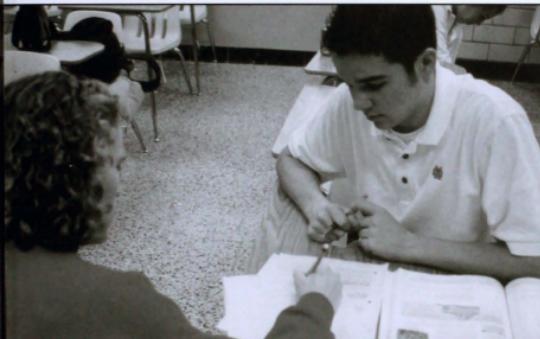




Groves, Beth  
Hage, Lauren  
Hall, Wesley  
Henderson, Joshua  
Herrmann, Jacob



Herron, Brittni  
Hertel, David  
Holzappel, Patricia  
Jaccard, Frank  
Jenkins, Drew

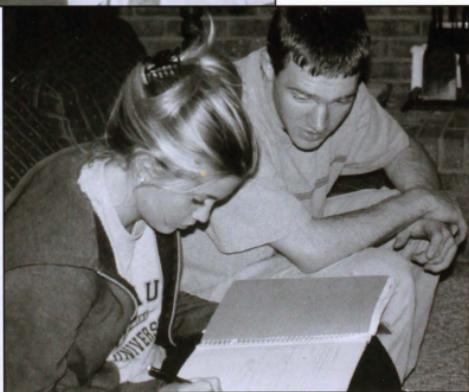


Sophomore Drew  
Nurrenbern gets a little extra  
help in geometry from Mrs.  
Strehl. Strehl is one of many  
teachers who helps their  
students out in the after  
school hours.

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Showing Juniors Sarah Bishop and  
Laura Muensterman how to do  
Spanish, Junior Jenn Sotolongo helps  
out her classmates. Helping each  
other study is a frequent practice you  
can find in classrooms around the  
school.

Senior Matt Niesen guides classmate  
Natalie Dressel through a difficult  
physics problem. During his after  
school hours, Niesen can be found  
tutoring fellow students and class-  
mates.



Johnson, Hannah  
Johnson, Kelly  
Kaiser, Leslie  
Keller, Adria  
Kerchief, Brittney

Ketzner, Rachel  
Knight, Natalie  
Koester, Meagan  
Koester, Rhen  
Kollker, Kasey



Kopec, David  
Koressel, Scott



Krack, Andrew  
Leffler, Ashley



## Spirit

Not all who dance and  
cheer do it here.

**I**T'S MORE THAN STANDING IN FRONT OF A CROWD, TRYING TO GET PEOPLE PUMPED. IT'S LONG, COUNTLESS HOURS OF PRACTICE; PERFECTING THEIR TIMING, MOVES AND CHANTS. IT IS CHEERLEADING.

Over a dozen students at Mater Dei are involved in cheerleading and dance teams that aren't school related, which includes spending many long hours in the gym.

"It is a lot harder than people think. It's not as easy as standing on a sideline jumping up and down. Practices are long and hard, but worth it," said Junior Jennifer Jost on her years of cheer. "I have won 11 national titles and that feeling is indescribable."

Jost says that cheering in competitions helps you get college offers.

"At some schools you can get a full ride scholarship for cheering. I hope to go to college on a full ride to cheer."

Guys, as well as girls, work to make major achievements in cheerleading. Like Jost, Senior Josh Richter works all year long to help his team out and work their way to major national competitions.

"My team travels to Dallas and Florida," said Richter. "Practices are very hard and long. Things are very com-



petitive, and practices contain a lot of conditioning and hard work."

Richter, like many other cheerleaders, hopes to cheer in college.

"The main reason I continue to cheer is to get scholarship money and a possible chance to cheer in college," said Richter.

Dance is also a popular pastime of Mater Dei students. Senior Lindsey Montgomery has danced since she was three years old.

"I dance five days a week and compete all year round in Cincinnati, Nashville and Chicago," said Montgomery who wants to dance after high school. Montgomery hopes to dance professionally for a company, and is also hoping to get scholarships for college.

In the end, their long hours of practice and unending dedication all pay off as they hold their national title or receive that scholarship that they have all longed for.

By Lynn Eickhoff '02

Lehman, Joseph  
Lehman, Scott  
Locke, Elvis  
Logel, Nicholas  
Luigs, Rachel





Lutterbach, Tyler  
Macke, Benjamin  
Maier, Craig  
Martin, Chelsea  
Martin, Daniel



Martin, Jason  
Matt, Ryan  
Meier, Joseph  
Mesker, Allison  
Morrow, Christina



Being in her second year of coaching at WCCS, Karen Scheller works with fifth and eighth graders to help improve their cheering techniques. Junior, Mary Beth Jankowski, also works with the girls. They both enjoy working with them and hope to continue doing it.

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Senior Josh Richter concentrates as he prepares to catch one of his teammates after they have been tossed up into the air during one of his practices. Even though it takes up the majority of his time, Richter still wants to continue to cheer once he graduates.

Practice makes perfect. Juniors Lori Jackson and Stephanie Schapker spend many long hours practicing their dancing at Kathy's School of Dance. The girls have been dancing together for four years.



Morrow, Mallory  
Morrow, Samantha  
Mueller, Dana  
Muensterman, Ashley  
Muensterman, Jaclyn

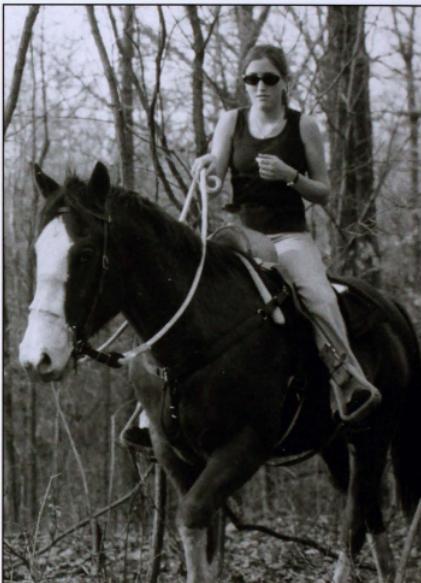
Muensterman, Jerad  
Muensterman, Lauren  
Muensterman, Susan  
Murray, Getty  
Neisen, Kyle



Nolan, Jennifer  
Oliver, Whitney



Padavic, Jennifer  
Pantages, Jami



## 4-H

# One group teaches life-long lessons.

**“I’m a country girl,” Senior Katie Schmitt proudly admits. “Some people may think that showing cows during the 4-H fair is stupid, but for me it’s the most fun thing.”**

Members of the 4-H organization work tirelessly all year in preparing for an event that only lasts one week during the summer. 4-H is a yearlong process that requires many long hours in preparation. Heart, Hands, Health, and Head is what 4-H stands for. Each H has its place in the fair.

Heart not only means caring about what you are involved in, but using all of your talents in competition. You care about 4-H and show what it means to you by preparing for a year for the fair week.

“The reason that I joined 4-H is because my mom thought it would be a good way to teach me responsibility by completing projects,” Senior Courtney Seib recalls. “I continue to be in it because it is fun and I like meeting new people.”

The use of hands is vital to 4-H. Whether you are cross-stitching or showing cows, like Senior Katie Schmitt, your hands are very important.

“It takes two whole months to train the cows and at least six to finish a cross-stitch project,” says Schmitt.

“For my projects,” Seib remembers, “I start in March and finish just before fair week.” Seib shows pigs as well as food projects.

Preparation is definitely a key in showing any animal in 4-H. “Preparation is the key to success in 4-H. If you wait till the last minute, it will show,” says Schmitt.

Training is also very crucial. “You train the cows by leading them with a halter and walk them around a ring three times a day for two hours each time.”

Health, another H, is critical, especially when it comes to the animals that you are showing.

“Without keeping the animal in good health you cannot win competitions,” claims Schmitt. “You also need to feed, water, clip and do any other general care for them,” Schmitt said.

The 4-H fair is usually the last, full week of July. Not only is it a “country folk” affair, but “city folk” come out as well to enjoy the rides, food, and entertainment.

By Abby Weis ‘02

Perkins, Ryan  
Pfister, Lauren  
Provost, Emily  
Raben, Jordan  
Reckelhoff, Anna





Reddington, Andrew  
Render, Nikolette  
Rietman, Michelle  
Robinson, Jessica  
Rosek, Corey



Rousey, Arthur  
Sammet, Eric  
Schapker, Kristin  
Schelller, April  
Schenstrup, Cassandra



Not all of the 4-H competitions involve talent and dedication to a craft. Sheer beauty is the name of the game as Melissa Langton lines up in the evening gown competition for the 4-H Queen Pageant.

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Galloping through the woods, Sophomore Molly Blankenberger and her horse, Rocky, take their daily trot. Molly has raised Rocky for three years and has presented him in many horse shows.

Showing off her favorite prize winning pig, Daisy, Senior Deanna Wade is in her third year of showing pigs at the 4-H fair.



Schiff, Marie  
Schillinger, Cody  
Schmitt, Natalie  
Schnautz, Robert  
Schuler, Craig

Schutz, Craig  
Scott, Kourtney  
Seibert, Alissa  
Sheridan, Mary  
Shetler, Emily



Shetler, John  
Slaton, Dustin  
Spaetti, Luke  
Staup, Whitney  
Stoltz, Christopher



Stute, Emily  
Swickard, Kyle  
Tenbarge, Jonathan  
Toelle, Amber  
Unfried, Bradley



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



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



Williamson, Mary  
Woehler, Leslie  
Wolf, Christopher  
Wolf, Natalie  
Yellig, Heather



Zenthofer, Abe  
Zenthofer, Katie



2005



With a smile on her face, Senior Mandy Steinback takes a break from playing at the All Saint's Day Mass. Steinback leads the congregation in song with her beautiful guitar music.

Sharing her talent with St. Philip parishioners, Junior Courtney Woehler plays the piano at 10:30 mass. Woehler has been playing the piano for nine years. She also shares her talent during Mater Dei masses.



Junior Cara Batema concentrates hard during a choir practice. Batema uses her musical talent along with Senior Mandy Steinback by playing the guitar at every mass.

## Talent

### Their singing is more than praying twice.

**A** TALENT NOT SHARED WITH OTHERS IS NOT A TALENT AT ALL. WHERE SOME STUDENTS SHOW THEIR TALENTS IN ATHLETICS, OTHERS IN ACADEMICS; SENIOR MANDY STEINBACK, AND JUNIORS COURTNEY WOELHER AND CARA BATEMA USE THEIR'S IN A MORE SPIRITUAL WAY, LEADING PEERS IN PRAYER.

Senior Mandy Steinback had her beginnings in church Junior year. "I basically taught myself how to play the guitar on my own and I continue to learn as I practice everyday," states Steinback. "If I play, it keeps me out of trouble during church."

Accompanying Steinback, Junior Courtney Woehler offers her praises through the piano.

"I started out taking private lessons in first grade, which lasted until 8th grade graduation," claims Woehler. She no longer participates in private lessons but up keeps her talkent by participating on her own.

"I have seen the effects and it is evident that the new style of music with the guitars makes mass more enjoyable for everyone," remarks Junior Cara Batema on the updated style of music now seen in our masses. "I love playing during mass because it is my way to serve God."

Batema's family and friends influenced her to pick up the guitar, but those who motivated her the most were the female musicians she saw at the Lilith Fair in 1998.

"Seeing other women performing inspired me to want more and to expand on my talents," says Batema. "My relatives said they loved to hear me play the piano and flute, which in turn gave me the confidence to conquer the guitar."

Besides adding entertainment, musicians worship God through their instruments by praying twice.

By Crystal Folz '02

Adler, Ashley  
Adler, Aubrey  
Alles, Ashley  
Anderson, Christopher  
Anslinger, Joshua



Arnold, Christopher  
Attebury, James  
Baer, Jordan  
Barchet, Andrew  
Bigge, Aaron



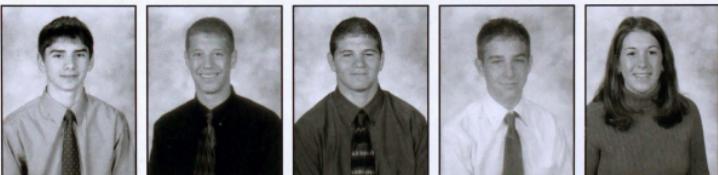
Bitter, Rayne  
Bittner, Brian  
Blankenberger, Molly  
Blazier, Alex  
Bohleber, Erica



Born, Jason  
Bracket, Nicole  
Bush, Shanna  
Butler, Jeanna  
Carter, Jennifer



Cervone, Tommy  
Cheaney, Andrew  
Coughlin, Jason  
Cowan, Daniel  
Culver, Lindsey



Denstorff, Hallie  
Devault, Adrienne  
Devault, Christina  
Doshier, Nathan  
Droste, Natalie



Drury, Amber



2004



Nicknamed the Pongos, Katie Schmitt, Amber Gilles, Jennifer Wolf, Dawn Wink and Sarah Tornatta take a moment out of their game to pose for a picture. Playing softball for St. Phillip was one way these girls got to hang out together during the summer.

Senior Matt Kiefer is one of many athletes who shares his talent on teams other than Mater Dei's. Kiefer played summer basketball for Warrick County, who traveled to Orlando, Florida, and placed 8th in the national tournament.



Preparing for the Eva Claire, Wisconsin tournament, Seniors Meghan Schenk and Courtney Seib and Junior Missy Glaser pose with Quad County stars teammates before their first game. The Stars took 8th in the state competition this summer.

## Summer Leagues Training beyond for the love of the game.

**W**HEN THE SEASON ENDS, MANY MAY CONSIDER IT OVER; BUT FOR SOME IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING. SEVERAL OF OUR STUDENT ATHLETES LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR BETTER COMPETITION, MORE EXPERIENCE, LOOKS FROM COLLEGE RECRUITERS, AND JUST PLAIN FUN.

Senior Matt Kiefer spends his entire year playing basketball, participating in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and the Elite Players Invitational League (EPI). He competes against the best of the best from cities such as Dallas, Orlando, and Denver.

"You see top of the line athletes and play and practice with real 'Grade A' stars," says Kiefer, the 6'10" Purdue-bound power forward.

Junior Jenna Babcock agrees. She sees some of the best soccer players in the state while competing in the Evansville Elite soccer league.

"The competition I play against during the select season is much harder than the regular season. It helps me see how I compare to all of the best players in other states that I don't see during the season," says Babcock.

Junior Missy Glaser, who has participated in AAU basketball for three years, feels it helps her because she never loses the feel of the ball.

"It helps because you've been playing longer and preparing for the season. It's really competitive and in turn makes you better," said Glaser.

Kiefer agrees, "It helps by improving my game. It makes me more mentally and physically ready for the season. I never have to lose the 'touch'."

As many know, playing a sport takes time and dedication, but who says you can't have fun too? Senior Lynn Eickhoff enjoys the relaxation of her summer All-Star team compared to the intensity of the regular season.

"It's more fun and relaxed then MD volleyball. We don't worry about conditioning during practice; we do it on our own time," says Eickhoff.

Not everyone plays to improve their game. Senior Amber Gilles is a member of the recreational softball team at St. Phillip.

"We just play to have fun. It gives me something to do with my friends. We don't really care if we win or not; we just have fun," says Gilles.

All of those that continue their season do it for different reasons. They work hard to better themselves and carry their sport into the off-season. They do it by choice and enjoyment. They do it because they love it!

By Ashley Paulson '02

Dunkelbarger, Aaron  
Eickhoff, Brittney  
Eickhoff, Jenny  
Elpers, Kimberly  
Elpers, Philip



Euler, Daniel  
Fehrenbacher, Jonathon



Flake, Anna  
Ford, Kelsey



## Hunting

These hunters are  
right on target.

**T**HEIR DAY BEGINS AT 3 A.M. ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. THEY SIT OUT IN THE VAST, SILENT WOODS, WAITING FOR THE PERFECT SHOT.

Many people think hunting is a waste of time and energy. Not these guys. They think of hunting as an adventurous, exhilarating sport. All of the hours spent in the cold weather are difficult, but it all turns out to be worthwhile when they make the kill.

These guys feel that hunting is a great time to escape from the pressures of everyday life.

"It is a great time to talk to God," says Senior Craig Mueh.

Many people also enjoy hunting because they can enjoy the outdoors.

"I use hunting as a time to connect with nature," said Senior Jason Bittner. "Since I was young, I have always loved the outdoors. Now that I hunt, it gives me an excuse to be outside."

Senior Todd Zimmer uses hunting as a time to get closer to his father.

"I love going hunting with my dad," says Zimmer. "We always have a lot to talk about, and we really enjoy each

other's company."

Seniors Nick Sammet, Jon Stolz, Jason Bittner and Craig Mueh often hunt together on weekends. They usually meet at someone's house in the early hours of the morning. They pack their gear, load up the trucks and head off for yet another one of their adventures. They normally stay out for most of the day, and afterwards they go back and eat a large Sunday meal to finish their day off.

"We have a lot of fun hunting together. Although we see each other at school, we don't have very much time to just be ourselves. We can't do certain things at school that we can do when we hunt," says Sammet.

The guys go hunting for various reason but come together for the simple pleasure of the sport. Many think that hunting is pointless, but talk to any of the these guys and they will convince you otherwise.

Zimmer claims, "Hunting is fun and everyone should take a chance and experience it."

By Brian Koressell '02

Frank, Katie  
Frazer, Nicholas  
Goebel, Mackenzie  
Goebel, Raymond  
Gover, Daniel





Gries, Jeremy  
Gries, Benjamin  
Hagan, Brent  
Halbig, Matthew  
Hall, Kevin



Hamilton, Eric  
Hanna, Maria  
Harpenau, Erin  
Heim, Lyndsey  
Herrmann, Derek



Seniors Zach Spaetti and Todd Zimmer, along with fellow Mater Dei hunters, line up and take shots at clay targets. They "shoot trap" at least once a month, getting shots in whenever they can. They believe that practice makes a perfect shot.

Senior Todd Zimmer drops his shot gun to take a look at the scenery. Zimmer paused right before he made a perfect shot at an innocent clay target. Part of hunting is enjoying the wilderness around you.



Junior Kyle Hartz triggers the shooting trap that projects the harmless target for Senior Zach Spaetti as Senior Todd Zimmer looks on. The target didn't last long as Spaetti shot it down within seconds.



Herron, Jonathan  
Hillenbrand, Joseph  
Hoefling, Brittany  
Hoehn, Jacob  
Johnson, Heather

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Julian, Matthew  
Kayser, Kristina  
Kelley, Rebecca  
Kemmerlin, Katherine  
Kennedy, Andrew



Kiesel, Andrea  
Kiesel, Holly



## **Obsessions** Obsessions beyond the norm.

**W**E ARE ALL FANS OF SOMETHING, WHETHER IT BE THE POPULAR BOY BAND OR YOUR '89 CAMARO RS. YET, SOME PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHEN TO DRAW THE LINE. WHEN THEY GO BEYOND BEING A SUPPORTIVE FAN OR ENJOYING A FAVORITE HOBBY, IT BECOMES AN OBSESSION.

Senior Nick Sammet doesn't see the love he has for his car as an obsession, like all his friends do, but as something he **really** enjoys to work on.

"Others probably consider me to be obsessed with my car because I always talk about it," Sammet claims. "I spent a lot of time painting the front end of the car last summer. This spring I plan on painting the rest of it."

Though a guy's love for his car can be strong, it's never as bad as a girl's infatuation with a boy band. Sophomores Jill Merkel and Katie Scheller can't get enough of \*NSYNC. They have posters, t-shirts, and CDs of \*NSYNC.

"I have hung over 200 posters," said Merkel, "and I record every TV show they are on. So far I have eight 8-hour tapes."

These girls actually believe they will work for these glamorous guys.

"Katie and I plan to go to college in Orlando

(\*NSYNC's home town) and major in photography and entertainment! Then we'll follow \*NSYNC around and be their professional photographers," exclaims Merkel.

Not everybody lets their obsession set their goals, but controls what they buy or wear. Senior Lindsey Nosko makes every shopping decision by the color purple.

"The majority of shirts I own are purple," laughs Nosko. "Anytime I'm stuck with a dilemma of what to buy, I just turn to the color and buy the purple one."

If what she wears isn't enough, she "used to" drive a purple car with a purple, fuzzy steering wheel cover. Most people wonder what it is about this mysterious color that makes it so wonderful.

"I started liking it a lot freshman year and it just stuck with me," said Nosko. "It's my color!"

While some obsessions might just be a phase we go through, they are the things that we are remembered for after our crazy days in high school are long over.

**By Karen Scheller '02**

Kissel, Kristin  
Knight, Jessica  
Kothe, Jason  
Kraft, Kyle  
Kuester, Brian





Lannert, Katherine  
Lannert, Nicholas  
Lawson, Harrison  
Lewis, Michele  
Martin, Ashley



Martin, Megan  
Maurer, Blake  
McKinney, Katherine  
Memmer, Kevin  
Merkel, Jill



Adding to her \*NSYNC collection, Sophomore Katie Scheller puts another poster on her wall of famous bass singer Joey Fatone. Scheller began her fascination years ago when she taped \*NSYNC's first out door concert in Disney World.

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Extending her purple obsession, Senior Lindsey Nosko adds purple, leopard print seat covers from Hot Topic to her new car. Nosko's seat covers complete her purple ensemble in her car along with a purple steering wheel cover, dice and beads.

Senior Danny Ko demonstrates a move made by the "Rock" on his Dad. Ko has made his obsession clear for the "Rock" with his mask, posters and all the t-shirts he has obtained from the many matches he's been to.



Messersmith, Kyle  
Meyer, Aaron  
Meyer, Lindsey  
Miller, Logan  
Miller, Logan  
Miller, Timothy

Mochau, Lauren  
Modesitt, Scott  
Moore, Courtney  
Murphy, Meghan  
Musgrave, Tyler



Niemeier, Andrea  
Niemeier, Christopher



Nurrenbern, Andrew  
Oliver, Jacob



## Exchange Students

### Going from foreigners to friends.

**G**OING ON VACATION TO A FARAWAY LAND FOR TWO WEEKS OR EVEN A MONTH IS ONE THING, BUT LIVING THERE AND GOING TO SCHOOL THERE FOR A WHOLE YEAR IS A DIFFERENT STORY. MATER DEI HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH HAVING MANY FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS COME THROUGH OUR DOORS AND GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE A MATER DEI EDUCATION.

Pedro Rallo, from Spain, and Fredrick Korb, from Germany, have come to Mater Dei to live, work, and socialize with Americans. Korb has not yet determined how long he will stay in America.

"I will stay here maybe till June, hopefully a little longer," said Korb.

Rallo also doesn't really know when he will be leaving to go home to Madrid, Spain either.

"I don't miss my life at home!" exclaimed Rallo with Korb agreeing in the background.

Korb says there are very few similarities between Mater Dei and his other school, and many differences..

"Mater Dei is totally different from my old school," said Korb. "For example, this is a Catholic school where we

have prayer services."

Rallo also agrees with Korb when comparing his school back home in Spain to Mater Dei.

"The length of class periods and the length of school is much different. Another thing that is different is that here we have uniforms and I didn't have to wear a uniform back in Spain," said Rallo.

They have both come to Mater Dei to learn and to see how Americans live their day to day lives. Korb said he has enjoyed Mater Dei very much and everyone has been extremely kind to him. They both have made many memories here and hope to come back again.

"The most memorable moments have to be the football games, especially the state game," Korb said excitedly.

Mater Dei has been a wonderful experience for both of them, and they both hope that they will get to come back and visit us in the future.

By Mary Beth Jankowski '03

Owen, David  
Paciorkowski, Benjamin  
Parkinson, Rebecca  
Petitjean, Philip  
Phelps, Jacilyn





Pigman, Michael  
Provost, Shane  
Raben, Anthony  
Raben, Michael  
Raben, Rachel



Reckelhoff, Tony  
Reffett, Eric  
Reine, Danyelle  
Reising, Katie  
Rinks, Elle



Foreign exchange students have the opportunity to learn more than just English and American History. Merly Voss took up an offer by Seniors Lynn Eickhoff, Sarah Tornatta, Jacqueline Butler, and Abby Miller to learn the fine American custom of "shredding".

Adding the finishing touches to his snowman, Fredrick Korb enjoys his time in the snow. Korb has been visiting America and the Mater Dei community since the beginning of the school year and will be returning to Germany in June.

Senior Pedro Rallo takes the last five minutes of class to play around on the computer. Rallo has traveled a long way from Spain to find out how Americans live their day to day lives and how different our cultures are.



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Roberts, Katherine  
Scheller, Katie  
Schenk, Andrew  
Schenk, Joseph  
Schenk, Lindsey

Schenk, Stephanie  
Schmitt, Abby  
Schmitt, Jenna  
Schoenbacher, Casey  
Schoolfield, Lee



Schroeder, Laura  
Schwartz, Charles  
Scott, Hanna  
Spain, Stephani  
Sparks, Brandy



Splitteriff, Kirby  
Stoltz, Eric  
Sutton, Samuel  
Taranto, Bianca  
Taylor, Mark



Tepool, Kevin  
Timmons, Matthew  
Vaughn, Phillip  
Wannemuehler, Todd  
Ward, Christina



Waterman, Jared  
Wathen, Andrew  
Wayne, William  
Weber, Samuel  
Wedding, Tristin



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



2004



Sophomore Drew Nurrenburn takes the tractor out for a nice drive. Nurrenburn has helped on the family farm for as long as he can remember. He helps with the planting and raising the cows.

Stirring her giant cauldron, Senior Leah Martin stirs the head and organs of a slaughtered pig in order to make liver sausage. Martin does this annually with her family.



Eric Hamilton takes his turn feeding the chickens. Chickens are not the only animal that Hamilton raises. He also raises rabbits, breeds dogs, and grows tomatoes, peppers, watermelon and corn.

## Down Home

### Farm livin' is the life for me.

**H**ERE, ON THE WEST SIDE, SEVERAL STUDENTS AT MATER DEI BALE HAY AND STRAW, FARM CORN, WHEAT OR SOYBEANS OR FEED THE CHICKENS AND COWS. IT'S ROUGH WORK, BUT WORK THEY GLADLY DO AS PART OF THEIR FAMILY TRADITION.

Working on a farm in the summer requires hard work and dedication. Even in the hottest weather, farmers and planters are out in the fields everyday from sunrise to sunset doing their chores and helping out the family. Some jobs are easier than others. Feeding the animals, baling the hay and milking the cows seem much easier than what some of our Mater Dei students did this summer. Planting tobacco was definitely not the easiest summer job that some of our Mater Dei students did.

Seniors Dustin Paul, Zach Spaetti, and Nathaniel Stratman planted tobacco on their summer vacation.

"Tobacco farming is a lot of hard work. Everything is done by hand, so it takes a lot of time, sweat and energy," said Paul.

Sophomore Eric Hamilton's job seems a little easier.

"We have a small garden, but we raise chickens and sell their eggs." Hamilton farms everyday before school and when he gets home from practice. It only takes him 20 to 30 minutes each day, but it's hard to remember to take care of the chickens and find the time.

Despite the hot weather, long hours, and hard labor, farming is not limited to guys. There are a few females from Mater Dei that farm.

Junior Stephanie Elpers describes her summer days on the farm.

"It's hard work, but very relaxing to be out in the fields and satisfying to know I've helped to raise and bring in the crops."

Elpers drives the tractor for the straw bales to be loaded on.

"During straw and harvest seasons we're usually out from 6 AM to 9 or 10 PM," said Elpers.

Mater Dei has lots of tradition within the community. To some families, farming has been a tradition and a lifestyle. Some have passed these farms on for generations, and now their sons and daughters work them. A tradition such as farming is a great example of how our Mater Dei community works together for the betterment of the community.

By Mary Nelson '03

Adler, Kara  
Altstadt, David  
Babcock, Jenna  
Barnhart, Kali  
Batema, Cara



Bauer, Kimberly  
Beal, Dustin  
Bell, Blythe  
Bishop, Sarah  
Blankenberger, Abby



Blaszczyk, Stan  
Booth, Daryl  
Burkeen, Vanessa  
Cardin, Douglas  
Chandler, Katherine



Cowan, Joshua  
Crowe, Michelle  
Dick, Brad  
Dippel, Danielle  
Dunn, Krista



Eickhoff, Malisa  
Elpers, Stephanie  
Eltzroth, Noah  
Faraone, Tessa  
Fehrenbacher, Patrick



Frazer, Kristen  
Fuchs, John  
Gears, Amanda  
Gibson, Christopher  
Gidcumb, Jonathon



Glaser, Melissa  
Goebel, Natalie



2003



Breaking a smile for the camera, Junior Katie Taylor still manages to look natural. Taylor has been modeling since age 10, and has had lots of practice in front of the camera.

Katie Taylor poses for the last shot of the day, while showing off her own, new clothes. Taylor models under MJK Agency in Louisville, Kentucky.



With a serious look, Katie Taylor mesmerizes the camera. Taylor competed on the white beaches of Cancun her Sophomore year.

## Modeling

# Modeling isn't just a smile, it's work.

**M**OST PEOPLE THINK MODELING IS THE BEST JOB AVAILABLE. LYING ON THE BEACH, SURROUNDED BY TONS OF PEOPLE WHOSE ONLY PURPOSE IS TO SERVE YOU. BUT JUNIOR KATIE TAYLOR HAS DISCOVERED THAT ISN'T ALWAYS THE CASE.

"A lady at Sears bought a car from my dad," says Taylor. "She saw my picture and handed him her business card."

Taylor models for MJK Modeling and Talent Agency in Louisville, Kentucky. But her job doesn't always include lying on the beach.

"My first paid modeling job was a promotional for teeth whitening," recalls Taylor. "I had to stand in Wal-Mart for six hours wearing the biggest smile that I could."

The modeling business can be pretty demanding and controlling.

"They're constantly telling me to lose weight," complains Taylor. "I have to ask their permission to cut my hair, to get any piercings, pretty much anything that has to do with my body they have a say so in."

Sometimes she gets pulled into doing some uncomfortable shoots.

"There was one time where I had to model fur coats for a winter catalog," replies Taylor, "except it was ninety degrees outside already without being wrapped in fur."

Modeling shoots have taken her to places like Panama City and Cancun. She will be enjoying the warmth and beauty of Costa Rica in October 2002.

"In Cancun I felt like an object and wanted to leave," explains Taylor. "The photographers were very discriminating. One photograpger told me to leave and not to come back until I lost five pounds."

She did and was featured several times in a *Swimsuit Illustrated* magazine in the spring of 2001.

"The last day in Cancun I got to model with my sister," recalls Taylor. "Our photographer was really nice. He let us play in the water, instead of posing, so it felt more like a day of fun and relaxation, not work."

Being a model can be nice, but it isn't all fun and games. Contrary to popular belief, models put in a lot of work. Most models don't have the freedom to change their appearance like we do. They give up their freedom so that the rest of society can see the styles of the new season.

By Allison Bush '02

Goedde, Kyle  
Goldman, Mark  
Covert, Elizabeth  
Gries, Rachael  
Gunn, Shanna



Hahn, Molly  
Hardesty, Joseph



Hartz, Kyle  
Head, Brian



## Artwork

# This teacher makes artwork out of wood.

**I**T STARTS WITH A PLAIN BLOCK OF WOOD. BUT THAT NON-DESCRIPT CHUNK OF ORDINARY WOOD, IN THE RIGHT HANDS, CAN BECOME A WORK OF ART, A TREASURED GIFT OR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT NOT SOON FORGOTTEN. MR. CARL VOESEL HAS THE HANDS TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

"I began carving about five years ago," Voegel said. "I was really surprised I was even decent at first."

Bob Koressel was the first to help Voegel discover his talent. In 1995, Koressel sat down with Voegel and showed him the basic techniques and procedures of wood carving. Dick Bitter passed on what he knew about knives and others were more than willing to share their talents, tips and tricks with Voegel.

"It's a fun hobby and a good way to use my extra time. I can take them anywhere," Voegel said.

In the end, it was all Voegel as he poured hours into working on the wood. Over time, he learned on his own and developed his own style.

Depending on the type of object he wishes to create, from drawing the object to carving it and finally painting it, it can take around four to five hours. Over the past five years, he has completed 170 different figurines.



Over the years, Voegel has come to enjoy carving Santa Clauses. Each Christmas season he has a wide variety of Santas. From the two foot tall traditional looking Santas to specialty Santas honoring a specific profession, such as teachers or doctors, each one is original and unique.

"I usually get my ideas from looking at different people, Christmas cards, catalogs, the outdoors, sports and other things I like," he said. For inspiration, each year his family saves their Christmas cards so he may have more ideas for the next year's Christmas Santas.

The relaxing hobby not only fills those hours when you have nothing to do, but it is a great way to express your creativity and it is a hobby that Voegel has no problem recommending to others.

"I rarely cut myself anymore," Voegel jokes. "I've become used to the procedure and have grown into the training and technique. Practice is all it takes; you don't need any special talent to begin."

By Melissa Schnur '03

Hertel, Christopher  
Hudson, Jessica  
Jackson, Lori  
Jankowski, Mary Beth  
Johnson, Matthew





Jost, Jennifer  
Jureczki, Nicholas  
Kaiser, Samuel  
Keller, Clint  
Kempf, Karly



Ketzner, Jocelyn  
Kiesler, Joseph  
King, Aimee  
Knapp, Melanie  
Koester, Anna



Voegel works on his Christmas woodcarving in the basement of his home. Christmas season is when he keeps the busiest, as if grading finals doesn't take up enough time.

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Mr. Voegel, a Mater Dei biology teacher, takes time out of his busy schedule to do some wood carving. Voegel has been doing wood carvings for the past 5 years.

Starting to carve a new Kris Kringle, Voegel follows the outlines he has previously drawn. Voegel always makes marks before he begins carving his new works of art in order to have something to follow.



Lappe, David  
Lasher, Jennifer  
Loegering, Michael  
Macke, Craig  
Manalang, Justin

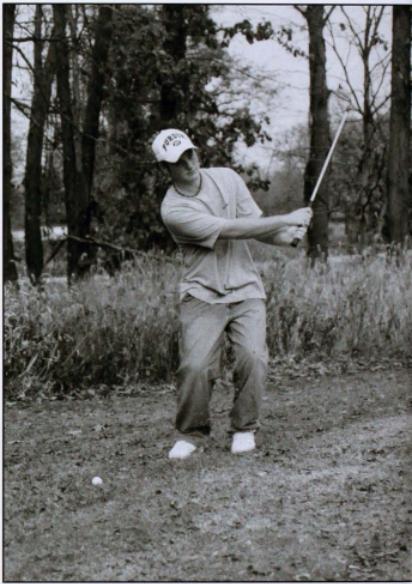
Marx, Christopher  
May, Jason  
McReynolds, Kelly  
Miller, Cody  
Miller, Kenneth



Miller, Travis  
Moers, Rachel



Moll, Nicholas  
Morrell, Ashley



## Golfing

Friendship is the driving force on the green.

**W**HILE MOST STUDENTS ARE SPENDING SATURDAY NIGHT CRUISING GREEN, GOING TO PARTIES OR AT A WILDCAT GAME, JUNIORS MATT SEIBERT AND SAM KAISER ARE HITTING THE LINKS.

Golfing for Seibert and Kaiser gives them a chance to talk about what's going on and relax. Both agree spending time on the golf course is lots of fun, especially when they travel to play on a nicer course for an all day event.

"We usually play on city courses since they are cheaper and closer to us, but this summer we went to Sultan's Run and Christmas Lake to gain some new experience and have fun on a road trip," said Kaiser.

Both agreed their trips accounted for the best courses they had played on. In November the two planned another trip to Sultan's Run for an all day experience.

"There's an all-you-can-play deal that's pretty cheap. So we plan to go there and spend most of the day getting what practice we can out of it," said Kaiser.

Striving to play at least once a week, weather and money sometimes limits their playing time.

"The best part about golfing, unlike other sports, is that it's a year round sport, you can go at anytime of the day,

and you don't need a certain number of people to play," said Seibert.

As they enjoy their times practicing and having fun, sometimes their fun turns into something a little extravagant.

"I remember when we were at Clearcrest and I was on hole four. I made a terrible second shot that only went five yards. I was so mad and wanted to throw my club on the course, but I held on to it too long and ended up throwing it thirty yards into the woods. It was an important club so I had to run into the woods to find it while Matt watched for poison ivy and tree branches. I felt like the biggest idiot!" said Kaiser.

"Once we were at Helfrich and I was standing on the side of the golf cart. Sam decided to jerk the wheel and I flew off of it and did a couple of barrel rolls. I ended up spraining my ankle," said Seibert.

With their extensive experience around the city, they both agree that Hamiltons is the worst place to golf.

By Melissa Schnur '03

Muensterman, Katie  
Muensterman, Kevin  
Muensterman, Laura  
Musick, Andrew  
Muth, Brian





Nally, Alex  
Nellis, Jill  
Nelson, Mary  
Niemeier, Megan  
Nosko, Dustin



Owen, Leslie  
Parkinson, Megan  
Pritchett, Laura  
Raben, Laura  
Raben, Zachary



Friends and teammates Sam Kaiser and Matt Seibert congratulate each other on a good match. They enjoy playing golf together in their spare time.

Concentrating on his position, Junior Matt Seibert prepares for his swing. Seibert has been on the Mater Dei golf team for 3 years.



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Junior Sam Kaiser takes a second to measure how far and how strong he needs to hit the ball to get it in the first hole. Kaiser doesn't play golf for the Mater Dei team, but he loves to play. He has a jolly good time every time he steps on to the green.



Rainey, Sara  
Ramsbey, Carl  
Reddington, Cody  
Reed, Jennifer  
Reising, Andrea

Richardt, Brandon  
Richey, Lora  
Robbins, Brittany  
Robinson, Christopher  
Rust, Kelly



Schaefer, Jill  
Schapker, Stephanie



Scheller, Paul  
Schenk, Andrea



## Early Mornings Making a long journey for education.

**M**OST MATER DEI STUDENTS CAN ROLL OUT OF BED AT 6:45 OR 7:00 AND MAKE IT TO SCHOOL IN PLENTY OF TIME. THESE STUDENTS DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD THEY HAVE IT. THEY HAVE NOTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT COMPARED TO A FEW MATER DEI STUDENTS WHO HAVE TO START THEIR DAY A LOT EARLIER.

Students like Senior Courtney Braun have to get up at 5:30 in order to be at school on time. Braun isn't the only one getting up at the crack of dawn, though. Senior Joe Hayden is on the ball at 5:40, racing to go at 6:40.

But why make such a long pilgrimage just for school?

"I come here for a better education. Henderson County High School was getting too big. I heard good things about Mater Dei," says Junior Seth Wilson.

Wanting to attend a smaller school isn't the only reason long distance students come to Mater Dei.

"I don't like Mt. Vernon, I had bad experiences with the people. Also a 3.8 GPA at Mater Dei looks better than a 4.0 GPA at Mt. Vernon. I just wanted a challenge," explains Hayden.

Not only do these students have to travel a long way,

but they also have to fight traffic. On her way from Newburgh, Braun has to battle a jammed Lloyd Expressway and Hayden has to deal with outrageous GE traffic on his way from Mt. Vernon.

Long drives can lull these students to sleep. They listen to the radio and focus on the road to stay alert.

"I listen to the radio and CD's and check myself out in the mirror," Braun said.

While Braun is making herself look good in the mirror, Hayden is using other tactics to keep himself awake.

"I listen to Bob and Tom and then change to 89.1 during the commercials," said Hayden.

It takes true dedication to put up with traffic, early mornings and endlessly long drives just to go to Mater Dei. It really shows what Mater Dei is all about when we have students who choose to take the long drive instead of going to a closer school.

By Jessica Meier '02

Schnur, Melissa  
Schuler, Bradley  
Scott, Aaron  
Scott, Kristopher  
Seibert, Matthew





Shea, Tara  
Sitzman, Megan  
Sotolongo, Jennifer  
Sparks, Holly  
Spivey, Leah



Stephans, Jacob  
Stoltz, Molly  
Stoltz, Paul  
Stratman, Emily  
Stratman, Matthew



While keeping his eyes one the road, Junior Seth Wilson refreshes himself during the long journey to school. Drinking H2O is one of the many ways Wilson keeps himself awake during his 25 minute drive to his destination-Mater Dei.

2005

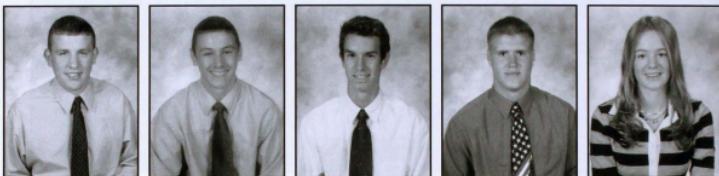
With a few extra minutes left before the start of school, Senior Abby Weis puts on a little mascara. Putting make-up on in the car, and not at home, is one thing Weis says she has to do to make sure she is on time for school.

Senior Courtney Braun gets those last few minutes of studying in on her way to school. Braun drives to school all the way from the far East Side and studying in her car is one way to make the time fly.



Stute, Brian  
Sutton, Kristen  
Taylor, Katie  
Thompson, Megan  
Tillie, Laura

Tooke, Kevin  
Turi, Dominic  
Uhde, Taylor  
Unfried, Thomas  
Veeck, Kelsey



Wagner, Lindsey  
Wampler, Zachary  
Wannemuehler, Kelsey  
Weber, Anna  
Weber, Kendra



Wehde, Courtney  
Weil, Michael  
Weinzapfel, Craig  
Weinzapfel, Kendra  
Weinzapfel, Nathan



Weinzapfel, Nicholas  
Werner, Andrew  
Werner, Jillian  
Westerfield, Nicholas  
Wildeman, Amanda



Wildeman, Erica  
Wildeman, Joshua  
Wildeman, Nicholas  
Wildeman, Samuel  
Wilson, Seth



Wink, Dawn  
Woehler, Courtney  
Wolf, Marcus  
Yoder, Jason  
Zimmer, James



2003



Caleb Wathen is the son of Mater Dei teacher Mr. David Wathen. He is a proud fire fighter for the City of Evansville, and he is also a Mater Dei graduate.

Cory Sills is the son of Mr. Roger Sills. He is the Construction Battalion or "CB" for the Navy. He operates bulldozers to clear beaches for docking area for ships.



Joe Dippel is the son of our Athletic Director, Mr. Joe Dippel. He is boot camp certified and is the U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Squad Leader. It would be his job to prepare the soldiers to fight in the war in Afghanistan.

## Front Lines

### Our family fights the war on terror.

**F**INDING UNITY IN THE FACE OF TRAGEDY. A FACT THAT IS TOO OFTEN FOUND IN OUR WORLD, ONCE AGAIN, PROVED TO BE TRUE ON SEPTEMBER 11TH. ON THIS DAY THE WORST ATTACK ON AMERICAN LIVES SINCE PEARL HARBOR OCCURRED. AROUND 3,000 LIVES WERE LOST. NOT ONLY WERE AMERICAN LIVES LOST, BUT PEOPLE FROM COUNTRIES SPANNING THE GLOBE. DURING MID-MORNING HOURS ON THE 11TH, SEVERAL COMMERCIAL AIRLINERS WERE HIJACKED. THEY WERE COMANDED BY MEMBERS OF OSAMA BIN LADEN'S NETWORK OF AL QUEDA. THE FOUR PLANES TARGETTED OUR NATIONAL TREASURES: THE WORLD TRADE CENTER BUILDINGS IN NEW YORK CITY, AND THE UNITED STATES PENTAGON BUILDING IN WASHINGTON DC, AND THE FINAL ONE CRASHED INTO A FIELD IN PENNSYLVANIA.

These attacks on the United States have prompted the "Operation Enduring Freedom" campaign. This was designed to not only protect the lives of Americans from terrorist attacks, but for all mankind.

These events came too close to home for some students and their families here at Mater Dei.

Jacob Miller, the son of teacher Mrs. Donna Lefler and the brother of Ashley Lefler, will soon be helping the US forces. He has decided to help his country in any way. He will graduate from boot camp on April 12, 2002. Jacob will serve the US in the first battalion as a communications expert.

"I am very proud of his decision," says Freshman Ashley Lefler.

"The family is a little anxious, but we know he will do a good job in whatever he does," says Mrs. Donna Lefler.

Lindsey Montgomery's cousin, Adam Smith, also aided the US. Smith has traveled the globe by going to Australia, Japan, Guam, and the Philippines. He is not at liberty to say whether or not he was stationed in Afghanistan. His duty in the war is to fix the F-18's when they break down. "Adam was very excited when he was assigned, but after about a month he was ready to come home," says Lindsey.

The events of September 11th and those that have followed have been both traumatic and inspiring for all Americans. People now more than ever have banded together, and showed their courage and patriotism. Those at Mater Dei whose lives have been affected will never forget this day.

By Brian Koressel '02

Adler, Carolyn  
Becker, Daniel  
Berberich, Judy  
Dauby, Sr. Agnes Marie  
Dick, Randal



Dippel, Joseph  
Donofrio, Brenda



Goebel, John  
Goebel, Michael



## Rock Star

A dream come true is  
not beyond reach.

**A**SK MOST ADULTS THAT GREW UP WITH THE POUNDING SOUNDS OF ROCK BANDS AND THEY WILL TELL YOU THAT THEY HAD DREAMS OF BEING IN A BAND. ONE OF THE MD FACULTY HAS LATCHED ONTO THAT DREAM.

Daryl Nurrenbern, one of Mater Dei's band instructors, plays electric bass and trombone along with four other members of Autumn Jones, a local cover band.

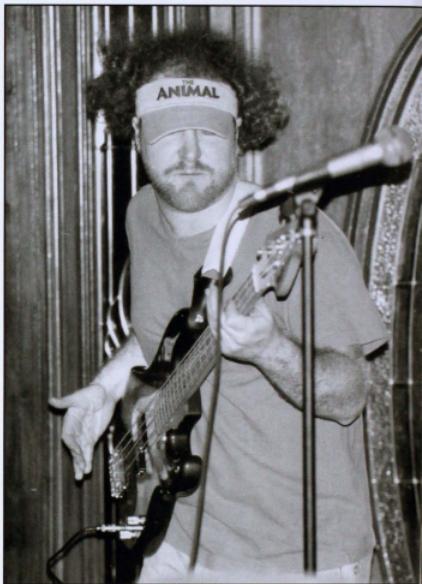
"Ever since I was 15, all I've ever dreamed of was being a rock star," said Nurrenbern.

Autumn Jones was started in April 2000, five months before Nurrenbern joined the band. He is the second MD alumni to join the band. His '91 classmate Randy Mills was one of the founding members.

"It is really impressive to have two of us from the same class in the same band. It is great to have them there with me," said Nurrenbern.

The nights are long and the mornings are early, but the rewards of a packed house and ringing of cover songs in his ears keeps him going.

"It is the atmosphere that keeps us going," Nurrenbern said with a broad smile. "It is the atmosphere of performance, audience, audience participation and the en-



ergy created by that atmosphere."

When Nurrenbern sees the dance floor full of people grooving to his music, he knows all that he is sacrificing is worthwhile.

"The real reward is hearing people singing our songs back to us," said Nurrenbern.

Autumn Jones has written and recorded their own songs, but none have yet to receive playtime on radio, the true key to success. Until they hit it big, they will continue to play local gigs.

Working with the band is a great way for Nurrenbern to keep up his skills and talents.

"Being a band director takes up a lot of my time, more than most people could imagine, with concerts and competitions and sporting events," Nurrenbern said. "Being in the band gives me valuable practice time."

And if nothing else, he is showing his students that they too can live out their dreams.

By Rachel Scheu '02

Haton, Debra  
Hemmer, Rebecca  
Herr, Sr. Donna  
Herrmann, Allen Joseph  
Hickman, Ron





Houchens, Gary  
Hudgions, Carol  
Jewell, Jeff  
Keith, Richard  
Kent, Simon



Knight, Darin  
Kunkler, Julia  
Larson, Becky  
Lefler, Donna  
McMullen, John



Listed as "playing electric bass, trombone and surprises," Daryl Nurrenbern's role in the band is to add extra sound to the music. Few local bands have added such unusual instruments as trombones, and percussion instruments and noise makers.

Getting into his favorite song, Daryl Nurrenbern belts out another riff on his favorite blue electric bass. Nurrenbern has played with the band since September 2000.

"The rythym comes alive and takes over your soul," said Daryl Nurrenbern. He thrives off the atmosphere created by the show, audience and sounds.



**Faculty**

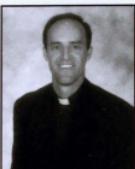


Mitchell, Wynn  
Nurrenbern, Daryl  
Quinlin, Darlene  
Reneer, Mary Shealynn  
Rice, Becky

Rode, Stephan  
Rogge, Rose  
Rosenberg, Robin  
Schleter, Robert  
Sills, Roger



Steckler, Fr. Kenneth  
Stowers, Melvin



Strehl, Angela  
Thomas, Jeanne



## After Hours

### The love of cheese and drivers' ed?

**O**FTEN PEOPLE MAKE JOKES ABOUT HOW LITTLE TEACHERS MAKE. IT IS TRUE THAT TEACHERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN A PRIVATE INSTITUTION DON'T COMMAND HUGE SALARIES; BUT FOR A FEW OF MATER DEI'S FACULTY MEMBERS, THEY HAVE FOUND INTERESTING WAYS TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR INCOME.

Coach Roger Sills has taken his love for cheese to the next level, developing his own recipe for three different cheeses and cheese dips.

"It was something that the family tinkered with over the years," said Sills. "Eventually we honed it down to something we liked."

Although he has not created a strong market for his cheese treats, the "Cheese Whiz" is committed to expanding his line of flavors.

"There are a lot of laws we would have to comply with in order for us to be able to become a vendor," said Sills. "Right now, it is more of a hobby."

Simon Kent took his job at Mater Dei one step further, joining forces with former MD teacher Tom Bealmeir and two others to open their own drivers' education facility.

After buying their cars, leasing their office space and finishing all their state paperwork, the group is ready to open up shop and begin teaching the finer points of driving.

"It is a great way for us to provide a quality service to the students of the area," Kent said.

Kent's group wants to improve the training given to their students, making them better and safer drivers.

"Our students get more personal instruction than some schools and other drivers' training businesses," Kent said. "They also get more driving time."

After the state allowed schools to drop drivers' training from their curriculum, several of the drivers' ed teachers across the state have branched out on their own. Luckily for Kent, he is the first in Evansville to do so.

"It is good to be first. We hope to grow our business and let it get as big as it gets," said Kent.

There is no doubt that our faculty is full of talented and creative people. Now we have the proof.

By Jessica Scheu '02

Tornatta, Jeanne  
Tucker, Gina





Van Hoosier, Jay  
Vickery, Joan  
Voegel, Carl  
Volz, Joann  
Wathen, David



Weber, Kathleen  
Weber, Molly  
Wehde, Robert  
Wells, John  
Whitehouse, Scott



Putting the finishing touches on his newest masterpiece, Mr. Roger Sills adds shadow to his painting. Sills not only teaches art and commercial art classes, but he also coaches the Boy's Basketball team here at Mater Dei.

Waxing his "wheels", Mr. Simon Kent makes sure his Driver's Ed car is spotless. Kent along with former Mater Dei teacher Mr. Tom Bealnear is starting a Driver's Ed training school on the East side behind Chuckie Cheese.

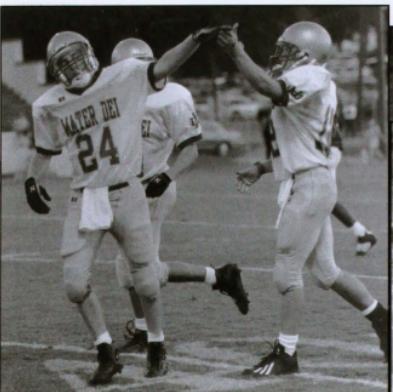
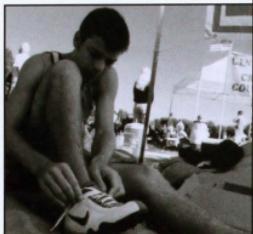


# Faculty

Five year Mater Dei faculty member Mr. John Wells, unloads phone books from his trunk. Wells not only teaches Journalism, Yearbook and Newspaper, but he also delivers phone books in order to make some extra money on the side.



Wildeman, Carla  
Williams, Sr. Mary Francis



# Pride in a Paw

## A simple sticker is a symbol of our spirit and pride in MD sports

“WEARING ‘MATER DEI’ ACROSS MY CHEST GIVES ME A SENSE OF PRIDE,” CLAIMS SENIOR RYAN HOEFLING, A FOUR-YEAR MEMBER OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM. FROM FOOTBALL TO WRESTLING, BASKETBALL TO SOFTBALL, GOLF TO SWIMMING, ATHLETES OF EVERY SPORT COME TOGETHER UNDER ONE NAME - MATER DEI.

Sports here at Mater Dei mean a great deal to the school as well as to the surrounding West Side community. It is good, wholesome fun and entertainment.

“It sends chills down my spine every time I set foot on the field,” said Hoefling about the amazing crowds that herd to watch them play.

“Support of a crowd is key to having a great game,” reminds Senior Blake Koller, a four-year member of the football and basketball teams.

Pride for the school and its athletics is shown throughout the school and community. Parents, grandparents and students alike are willing to show-off their pride by going to games, dressing like fools, and no matter how cold it is, yelling and screaming their lungs out like there is no tomorrow. Senior Rachel Scheu, a three-year member of the cheerleading squad, four-

year member of the softball team and one-year member of the swimming and cross country teams, will always remember how her parents, grandparents and friends have supported her through it all.

“My parents have been there no matter what. They have seen how sports have made my high school career unforgettable and are proud to be known as my parents,” replies Scheu.

“Love for the school is obvious even to those who are from out of town or on the opposite side of Pigeon Creek,” said Senior Deanna Wade, a two-year member of girls golf.

It is the pride in the school, the athletes and the students here that have created an atmosphere that fosters spirit. That support has then led to a strong commitment to the sports program here.

The athletes have responded with title after title, win after win and accomplishment after accomplishment. When a Mater Dei player walks out onto the field, court, or mat, you can always tell who they are. They are the ones with class, hope, faith, dedication, heart, sportsman-like behavior and the tradition of never letting the pride leave our Mater Dei community.

By Abby Weis '02



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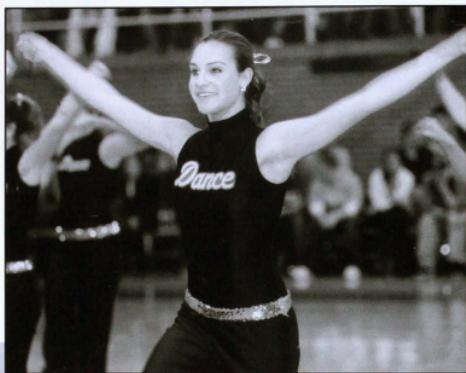


# SPORTS

# DANCE

# CATS

**SMALL SQUAD, BUT  
BIG PERFORMANCE**



Staff Photo



Photo by Jill Merkell

With a smile on her face and hands hitting the next move, Junior Rachael Gries enjoys her three minutes to shine during halftime at a basketball game. Gries has been a member of the Dance Cats for three years and counting.



Staff Photo

Enjoying herself during a performance, Junior Jocelyn Ketzner dances her heart out at the boys basketball game vs. the Memorial Tigers. Ketzner helped choreograph many dances for the team this year.

Senior Lindsey Montgomery concentrates hard on learning a new dance. Montgomery was captain of the dance cats this year. Being a four year member made her the Senior leader of the team.

To secure a great performance, Senior Kendra Paul and Sophomore Stephanie Schenk work hard at synchronizing their moves. This was one of the dances performed at pep assemblies and basketball games.



**T**HIS YEAR, THE DANCE CATS MADE A CHANGE IN THEIR ROUTINE. THEY HAVE A SMALLER SQUAD THIS YEAR WITH ONLY 2 SENIORS LEADING THE WAY. IN FRONT OF THE ENTIRE MATER DEI CROWD AT SEMI-STATE AND STATE FOOTBALL GAMES AND AT BASKETBALL GAMES, THAT CHANGE WAS SEEN BY ALL. AND THEIR COUNTLESS HOURS OF WORK AND PERFECTION PAID OFF AS THE STUDENT BODY AND PARENTS STOOD IN APPLAUSE FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

The girls agree that a smaller squad has made a difference.

"The whole point of the smaller squad," replies Senior Captain Lindsey Montgomery, "was to give us more time to work on things and focus more."

With a smaller squad, practices seemed to be better. With 2 1/2 to 3 hours, twice a week to learn new dances, it didn't take the girls long to get a routine down. They had more time to work on little things and make the dances better. Plus, with a smaller squad, each girl was more determined to make it to practices and games, because they didn't want to let down any of their fellow dancers.

"A smaller squad made it easier to get everyone together. It also made us better, because we could agree on more things since there

weren't as many people," recalls Junior Co-Captain Sara Rainey.

The girls had a lot of rebuilding since last year. They had a smaller squad and younger girls joining their squad. Many girls had left from the previous year, so they had a lot to work on. They got right on it, but first, the girls set a goal for themselves as a squad.

"Our goal was to not use a dance more than twice during basketball games," said Montgomery.

Bringing all their new ideas together at practices, these girls performed many new routines to achieve their goal. Wowing the Mater Dei crowd, they performed their dances confidently and proudly completing their season with a new attitude in hopes of continuing their success again next year.

Having a small squad, building friendships and the determination to prove to everyone that they have improved since the previous year, made each of the girls proud to be a Dance Cat. The girls finished their season with every goal met.

By Mary Nelson '03

Focusing on pleasing the crowd, Junior Sara Rainey shares her smile and talent. Rainey has been a dance cat for three years and was co-captain this year.



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Photo by Karly Kempf



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Pumped for their upcoming performance, Seniors Kendra Paul and Lindsey Montgomery take turns putting each other bows in. Paul and Montgomery had to step up and take on large leadership roles, as the only Seniors, especially with having such a young squad this year.

Putting in their share of school spirit, the dance cats had the opportunity to perform during halftime at the RCA dome. This was their second year the Dance Cats had the chance to dance in the dome.

Going over their notes, Freshman Brittany Erkman and Jessica Byrley prepare to teach the squad a dance. The Freshmen brought new talents and new ideas to the dance squad this year.



Photo by Fredrick Kort

Photo by Jill Merkel

Practice makes perfect for Freshman Emily Stute. During three hour practices the dance cats worked hard to perfect each and every move.

Photo by Jill Merkel

# CHEERLEADING

THE VOICE BEHIND  
WILDCAT SPIRIT



Photo by Melissa Schmitz

With an effort to console Junior Jennifer Josh, Sophomore Jaci Phelps gives her fellow cheerleader a hug. The cheerleaders put their hearts and souls into the State football game but came away with a heartbreakin loss.



Staff Photo

Going crazy after another touchdown pass to Mallory in the Semi-State game vs. the Speedway Sparkplugs, Senior Courtney Braun shows the crowd what it looks like to be spirited.



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Surrounded by her fellow cheerleaders ready to catch her, Sophomore Jaci Phelps falls into a cradle. Phelps is one of the best fliers the cheerleaders have and is used in many of their stunts during the starting five and half times

With total concentration, Sophomore Jaci Phelps and Jeanna Butler, execute perfect scale. Almost all of the cheerleading stunts involve perfect balance and coordination.



Putting It All  
Together

**S**OME SAY CHEERLEADING IS NOT A SPORT. BUT SAY THIS TO ANY OF OUR MATER DEI CHEERLEADERS, AND LOOK OUT! CHEERLEADERS CONSIDER THE MYTH, THAT CHEERLEADING IS NOT A SPORT, A LARGE MISCONCEPTION.

It takes just as much work, practice and time to do all that they do. From stunting, to coming up with cheers or routines, they spend countless hours striving for perfection to get the respect they deserve.

Senior captain, Jessica Scheu, keeps herself busy with some of the coach's responsibilities. She has learned to come up with cheers without any notice.

"I help organize the squad. I also help make up the starting five, and come up with the cheers we do at the end of each quarter and at timeouts. Coming up with the cheers and stunts we do during assemblies is another thing I've taken on," says Scheu.

Long hours of dedication and outstanding spirit are just some of the things it takes to lead the teams to victory. They have to keep smiles on their faces and are constantly in front of the action.

"We travel with the team to each out of town game. We also have one of the longest seasons. Right as we get done with cheering for

football, we start with basketball. Then about two or three weeks after basketball season is over, we start try-outs for next year and then start practice again about a month after try-outs," recalls Scheu.

The girls do love to yell and scream at the tops of their lungs, but the prime reason all of the cheerleaders enjoy cheering so much, is stunting.

"I love to be thrown up and tossed, turned, and flipped around, as long as they catch me," says Junior Jennifer Jost. "There are many risks we take, and we can get injured just as easily as any other athlete."

Although not everyone agrees that cheerleading is a sport, they give their all in what they do, just as much as any other athlete, and want the respect other sports get.

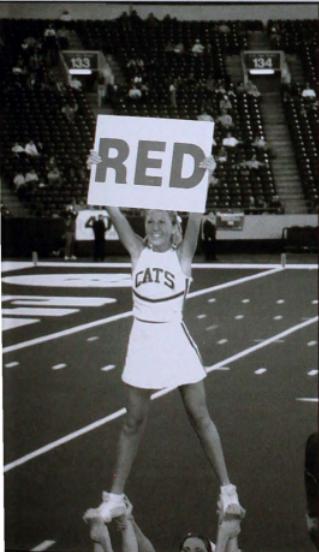
This year the cheerleaders have had to take on vast responsibilities, not normally taken on. Often times when things went wrong they would get frustrated and look to each other for support and motivation. But ask any girl on the cheerleading squad, and they would say that they had the best and most talented girls for Mater Dei cheerleading this year.

By Ashley Paulson '02

In the midst of the State atmosphere, Sophomore Tristin Wedding leads the Red and Gold fans in a cheer. The cheerleaders feel such a rush cheering at a game as big as the football State finals.



Photo By Melissa Schru



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Pumping up the fans in the RCA Dome, Sophomore Brittany Hoefling raises the sign signaling the crowd to yell "Red". The cheerleaders strove to keep the fans on their feet and yelling for the team of Red and Gold.



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Photo By Karly Kempf

Perfecting her right herkie, Junior Jennifer Jost practices hard to prepare herself and the team for the big weekend games. The mighty Wildcats really gave the squad something to cheer about with winning seasons in both football and basketball.

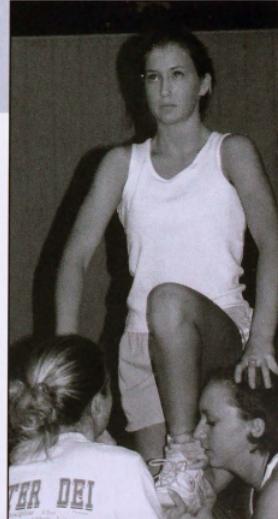


Photo by Elizabeth Gover

With a joyful look in her eyes, Senior Melissa Langton cheers the football team on to a win against the Castle Knights at Reitz Bowl. Langton has been a four year member of the cheerleading squad and has enjoyed every bit of it.

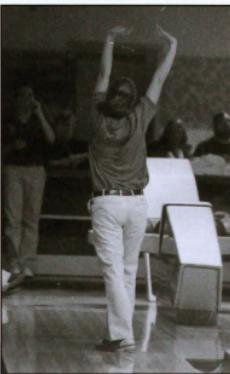
Juniors basing Juniors, Stephanie Schaper and Mary Nelson prepare to base Abby Blankenberger in a heel stretch during practice. Blankenberger has the ability and talent to perfect anything she does.

# JUNIOR VARSITY

THESE ATHLETES ARE WAITING THEIR TURN



Photo by Rachel Scheu



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Watching with anticipation on her face, Sophomore Rachel Raben, releases the ball down the lane in hopes of making her next strike. Even though Raben was one of the youngest on her team, she liked to show the upper classmen her skills in bowling.



Photo by Jessica Scheu

Senior bowler Justin Grubel gives a high five after rolling a strike. This was bowling's first year here at Mater Dei, and it gave many students a chance to get involved. Like many of the JV sports, bowling didn't receive much attention this year.

Sophomore Rachel Raben does a victory dance after she bowled her third strike of the meet. This helped her team in their match against the North Huskies. Small victories like these were especially great in a season that had so few things to celebrate.

The girls JV basketball team enjoys a team meal the night before a big game. They take turns every week having team dinners. Not only does this help bring their team closer together, but it also helps them work better on the court.



**I**F ASKED, MOST PEOPLE WOULD SAY THE JUNIOR VARSITY OR FRESHMEN TEAMS AREN'T AS WELL KNOWN AS THE VARSITY. HIGHLIGHTS FROM A GREAT SPORTS SEASON USUALLY DON'T INCLUDE MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THEM, BUT BOTH GROUPS WORK HARD TO HAVE SUCCESSFUL SEASONS AND TO SUPPORT THE VARSITY TEAMS. EVERYBODY WANTS THEIR CHANCE IN THE SPOTLIGHT; FOR SOME THE PATH IS A STRUGGLE AND FOR OTHERS IT'S A SMOOTH STRAIGHTAWAY TO STARDOM.

"It's part of the price they pay, one day they'll be on varsity and getting that attention," said JV basketball coach John Goebel.

Right now they are not in the spotlight. It's difficult for the junior varsity and freshmen players, because they are always there for the varsity team and never get time to practice for themselves and learn the plays that they need for their own games.

As with many teams, when someone gets hurt, the next to step in are the greatly appreciated and appreciative players from the freshman or reserve teams. Now it's their time to shine, even if it's for only a little bit. They now have the chance to prove to the coaches that they will someday be varsity material.

"JV are the building blocks," said head volleyball coach Carolyn Adler. "They are the

next generation of players."

But being ready to be those building blocks on a moment's notice can add pressure to an already difficult job.

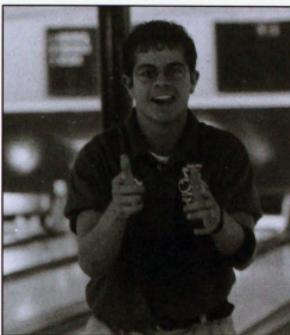
"It's more difficult because you feel you have to meet expectations of varsity and sometimes you feel discouraged," says Freshman Tara Bouillet.

The JV and freshmen teams are what will someday make up the varsity teams. So they are the ones that get pushed and shoved around at practice. They are the ones that the varsity gets to practice on and they have to take it if they want to play. It is a tough job, but one that will pay off if they stick with it and learn the lessons that the varsity players teach them.

"It helps you to get better playing with the more experienced players," said Bouillet. Non-varsity teams don't always get the recognition or praise they deserve. They get picked on and pushed and shoved around, but someday they will be the leaders of our school, and they will be the ones to lead us to that next state championship.

By Megan Parkinson '03

Smiling for the camera, Senior J.P. Morrow shows his enthusiasm for his team. Even though their first year was not as successful as they hoped, Morrow enjoyed being part of the team.



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With a look of concentration, Freshman Tara Bouillet prepares to bowl. She will be here next year, building on what she has learned this year in a tough season.



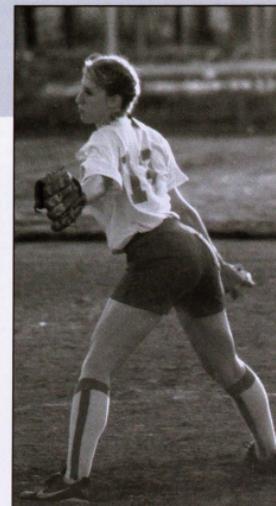
Photo by Jessica Scheu



Photo by Dawn Wink

Bowing their heads in prayer, the boys JV soccer team hopes for God's presence to be with them during their game. Every team here at Mater Dei takes its time to pray to God, thanking him and asking for protection from injury.

Sophomore Kirby Splittorff winds up for a pitch in a close reserve game. Reserves have a shorter season, but have to stick around after their season is over so the varsity squad has someone to practice against.



Staff Photo

# FOOTBALL

## BREAKIN' RECORDS AND TAKIN' NAMES

**A**DRENALINE PUMPING, HEARTS RACING, ROARING RED AND GOLD FANS ON THEIR FEET AS THE MATER DEI WILDCATS TAKE TO THE TURF. THE RUSH IS UNBELIEVABLE. HERE WE ARE: WELCOME TO THE DOME.

It took the Wildcats fourteen games to get them where Jake Schiff and the other standout Seniors wanted to be.

The season started off with a shallow bench of returning starters. Many had doubts.

"There were a lot of question marks at the beginning of the season. We had a lot of positions to fill," said Senior quarterback Jake Schiff.

"Offensively and defensively we had to really put on our game. It was putting it together was key, when the offense sputtered, the defense picked it up. Then the offense picked it up to win the game," says Schiff.

It was this kind of "putting it together" that gave the Wildcats the winning edge. Many eyes were on Schiff as he had his most remarkable year, passing for 4,468 yards and becoming the first in Indiana history to break the 3,500 mark three years in a row. He wasn't alone in his excellence.

Several offensive and defensive stand outs such as Seniors Patrick Mallory, Dan Alcorn, Justin Greubel, Bobby Schmitt, and Scott Lewis contributed to every broken record.

It was a different year, with a different mind-set. Fort Wayne sought revenge; Mater Dei wanted to repeat. Even though the Wildcats dominated every facet of the game, they returned home as state runner-ups.

"To go out with a loss is not the way that you want to go, but Fort Wayne had a lot to do with that. It was a tough one to swallow, but we had a lot of other big wins. I don't think any of my teammates or coaches will dwell on

that loss," said Schiff.

This year truly marked another great year for Mater Dei football. Jake Schiff finished his career by breaking almost every state record as he passed for 12,195 yards. The success carried over to many of the Seniors who hold an outstanding career record: 56-3, from Cub to Varsity.

By Ashley Paulson '02



Photo by Karly Kempf



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Photo by Karly Kempf

Breaking away from three Ft. Wayne defenders, Junior Sam Wildeman carries the ball up the field. Wildeman earned his starting position carrying for 10 touchdowns to help the Wildcats to a 14-1 season.

Senior Patrick Mallory dances in celebration after another touchdown is scored at the State game. The Wildcats played their hearts out the entire season and finished with the state runner up trophy, yet in our hearts they are true champions.



Photo by Karly Kempf



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Sophomore Logan Miller was a busy man this season kicking PATs for the high-octane Wildcat offense. He knocked through 63, missing only one through the season. He was a perfect 3 of 3 on field goals and put up a total of 72 points.

Receiver Dan Alcorn is finally tackled by a Speedway defender. Alcorn's much deserved starting position led him to average 66.9 yards per game, on his way to scoring 90 points for the season.



Photo by Karly Kempf

1. Senior defender Blake Kollker puts all his 180 lbs. of weight on the Sparkplug receiver in order to tackle him to the ground. Kollker earned his spot on the varsity football team with all of his hard work and dedication.
2. Quarterback Jake Schiff falls back after one of the few sacks he received during the Castle game. Schiff may have fallen during his sack, but he made the Knights pay by knocking them out of the race for the undefeated.
3. Senior Blake Kollker tries to knock the ball out of the hands of a Fort Wayne Bishop Leurs' defender. Kollker played one of the best games of his life, catching 14 Schiff passes for a total of 130 yards and a 21-yard TD. Also playing on defense, Kollker had two solo tackles.
4. The football team raises their helmets in triumph after their victory over unbeaten Castle. This was the Wildcats second year to face Castle unbeaten, and the second year Castle left our grasps beaten.
5. Coach Mike Goebel runs on the field in disagreement with the ref's call. This was Goebel's second straight appearance at the State football game.

Photo by Karly Kempf

# GIRLS SOCCER

**GOAL! A LEGACY TO REMEMBER**



Photo by Jessica Schue



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Senior captain Alisann Shetler fights for the ball against a Memorial defender. Shetler was the first girls soccer player to get 100 pts. in her high school career to enter the Century Club. She finished with 17 goals and 14 assists.



Photo by Melissa Schue

Trying to dribble around her opponent Freshman defender Christina Morrow shields the ball from a Jennings County attacker. Morrow was one of three Freshmen varsity starters who made large contributions on defense for the Wildcats.

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With the ball up for grabs, Senior Abby Miller fights for possession against a North midfielder. Mater Dei pulled away with a 3-1 victory over their first SIAC opponent, the North Huskies.

The girls varsity soccer team piles together in a muddy celebration of their underdog sectional victory over Reitz. The girls had lost the week before to the Panthers 4-1 but came out with heart to advance, facing Central for the sectional championship.

**I**T WAS A COLD AND RAINY NIGHT AS THE GAME FOR THE SECTIONAL TITLE WENT INTO DOUBLE OVERTIME. AN INJURED, BUT STUBBORN ALISANN SHETLER WENT BACK IN TO THE GAME WITH THE SCORE TIED AT 3-3. SHETLER FEEDS THE BALL UP THE FIELD TO BABCOCK. BABCOCK ONE ON ONE AROUND THE DEFENDER TAKES THE BALL TO THE BACK OF THE NET FOR HER THIRD GOAL OF THE GAME. THIS CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO STAND-OUT FORWARDS IS WHAT HAUNTED THE OPPONING TEAM. NOT ONLY WERE THEY KEY TO WINNING THE SCHOOL'S SECOND GIRLS SOCCER SECTIONAL, BUT THEY WERE ALSO CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE 1999 TEAM WHICH WON THE SCHOOL'S FIRST.

Their connection would not be as deadly as it was without the help of their outstanding teammates.

"The team is what makes us stand out. It is all of their hard work that helps us score," said Shetler, the Senior captain and second leading scorer for the Wildcats.

Passes from the Senior defensive backs Lori Hagan, Brooke Steinkamp, Haley Grasso and Junior Kendra Weber were what fed the ball up the field to the scoring machines. They were responsible for putting the ball into scoring posi-

tion for the Wildcat attackers.

Even though the fans, media and opponents seemed to focus on Shetler and Babcock, the Lady Cats had a whole arsenal of other scoring threats.

Babcock crosses the ball from the corner as Senior Abby Miller follows through with a goal. Senior Brooke Steinkamp scores her first goal of the season by getting to the ball first in the middle of a mud pool, helping the team advance to the sectional finals. Junior Melissa Schnur scored two goals coming off surgery right after the opening of the season. These are only some of the examples of the way the team comes together to make each other stand out.

"Overall it was a great year to end with. I am really going to miss putting on a Mater Dei jersey and going out on the field to play for my school," says Shetler.

A part of her will live on within the team. The three years that Shetler and Babcock have worked together have shaped Babcock to return next year to continue in some small way of "Shetler's Legacy".

By Ashley Paulson '02

Senior Brooke Steinkamp strikes the ball from the midfield to place it in the corner for the forwards to run on to. Steinkamp scored the game winning goal in the sectional game against the Reitz Panthers, and she recorded two assists throughout the season.



Photo by Rachel Scheu



Photo by Jessica Scheu

Defending a corner kick, Senior Lori Hagan heads the ball out of the box to save the goal. Hagan pumped all the girls up before games with her traditional pep talk and "We wear red because we have heart" speech.

Junior captain Jenna Babcock tries to gain control of the ball while blocking off a Central defender while in the air. Babcock led the team to its 2nd sectional championship in three years and finished her season with 21 goals and 13 assists.



Photo by Rachel Scheu

Juniors Melanie Knapp, Jenna Babcock and Danielle Dippel dive into a puddle of mud after their sectional win against West Side rival Reitz. The team celebrated their victory by taking a mud bath and joyfully embracing. Not one player had a white uniform.



Photo Provided By Tom Williams

Soaked in mud, Junior Melissa Schnur concentrates on turning the ball up the field to give the lady Wildcats a chance to break the 1-1 tie against Reitz in the second sectional game. Schnur completed her season with two goals after coming off surgery at the beginning of the season.

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# BOYS SOCCER

## STEPPIN' UP, FILLIN' POSITIONS



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Flipping for a throw-in, Junior Nick Moll uses his gymnastics skills to get the crowd back into the game. His unique style of throw-ins utilized a forward somersault to get extra distance and put the ball into play within the "18"; the goal box.

After a hard fought game during sectionals, the boys walked away with a tough 2-0 loss to the Central Bears. The second-round game marked the end of their 8-7-3 season.



Photo by Jessica Scheu

With his wonderful English accent, fourth-year Coach Simon Kent yells, "Communicate," exaggerating how they should listen to each other. Kent has a career record of 35-28-9 as the head coach of the varsity soccer Cats.



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**T**HE ODDS WERE STACKED AGAINST THE BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM THIS YEAR. AARON BARCHET, SWEEPER AND CENTER MIDFIELDER; ROBERT VAUGHN, CENTER MIDFIELDER AND FORWARD; AND FIRST YEAR PLAYER MATT JOST, FORWARD; WERE FORCED TO FILL SEVEN SPOTS VACATED AFTER LAST SEASON.

Everyone agreed there seemed to be some big holes that needed to be filled in. Experience and skill seemed to be lost. Luckily, there were many underclassmen ready for the challenge to step up and prove themselves. Seth Wilson, a Junior who joined the team after transferring from Kentucky, didn't take long to assure the other players that he was capable of filling some of the gaps. He scored the team's only goal against Memorial in just the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the season.

"Even though it was his first year here at Mater Dei, he was a major player," said Barchet.

Another Junior that caught many people's eye was Nick Moll. Not only was he an asset to the team with his incredible speed, but he had a unique flip throw where he would do a front handspring and throw the ball into play.

"Several Sophomores filled the empty varsity spots. Everyone was confident and worked together to help us get better," said Barchet.

Two Sophomores took the challenge to

fill some of those empty positions and made an immediate impact on the team. Kyle Messersmith, center midfielder, was very aggressive and among the leading scorers of the team with 4 goals. Joe Schenk used his small size to his advantage and helped set up some of the goals scored this season, chalking up two key assists.

The Seniors worked together and took the leadership roles on and off the field. On days off they would get the team together to form team unity. All the Seniors were looked up to.

"The Seniors led by example. When we were down they picked up the team and would inspire us to win," said Sophomore Eric Reffet.

According to the stats, the Seniors were the best to take examples from. Vaughn led the team with 18 goals and 2 assists.

After many long practices the team had some high expectations. Starting the season off with a 5-1 run, the team briefly stumbled, but a blanking of the ranked and undefeated North Huskies was just what they needed to get back on track. Sophomore goalie Shane Provost saved both penalty kicks to help Mater Dei upset the Huskies on their way to a season record of 8-7-3.

By Amber Gilles '02

Blowing past the Central defender, Senior Robert Vaughn turns the ball upfield to drive on the Bears' goal. As Senior captain, "Bert's" dominant play and 18 goals earned him a berth on the All-SIAC team.



Photo by Jessica Schae



Photo by Rachel Schae



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Lunging towards the ball, Sophomore goalie Shane Provost blocks a shot during the Forest Park game. The two-year varsity starter ended the year with five shut outs and 121 saves, including the two penalty shots he stopped to save the shut out against the North Huskies.

Routine plays are important especially in tight situations. Senior sweeper Aaron Barchet never let his guard down in the close 1-0 loss to the Harrison Warriors; a valuable lesson for the younger team members to learn.

Senior Robert Vaughn tries to out-jump a Central midfielder for a head ball in the center of the field. The Wildcats and the Bears ended the game in a tie.



Photo by Rachel Schae

Using perfected foot skills, Sophomore Joe Schenk works his way down the field in an attempt to score. As an underclassman starter, Schenk had a lot to prove. His three goals and two assists were just the first in what promises to be a shining career at Mater Dei.

Photo by Rachel Schae

# VOLLEYBALL

## SETTING UP FOR A KILLING SEASON

**T**HE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM PULLED THROUGH A ROCKY START IN THE SEASON, BUT PULLED IT TOGETHER TO FINISH FIRST IN THE CITY AND SECOND IN SIAC, LOSING ONLY TO THE EVENTUAL SIAC CHAMPS, CASTLE. THE SECTIONAL CHAMPS PROVED THAT THEY HAD THE DRIVE AND HEART TO WIN.

Through the course of the season the girls had many great victories. One of the largest accomplishment of the season came with the games against Forest Park and Jasper. Since Freshman year when these girls started playing together, they had not beaten long time rival Forest Park until this season.

"This win created an overwhelming sense of accomplishment, because we had worked so hard to beat them," said Senior Meghann Schenk. The volleycats lifted the albatross off their neck by defeating Forest Park 15-10 and 15-4 in their second meeting of the season.

Jasper was another team that has had the volleycats' number over the last few years. Of the three games Mater Dei played against second ranked Jasper, the volleycats finally beat the black and gold Wildcats in front of our home crowd.

"We wanted to win so badly!"

exclaimed Senior Lynn Eickhoff, talking about the 15-13, 12-15, 15-4 three-match win. "We worked so hard all season and this win lifted everyone's spirits."

"We were a united team," replied Schenk about the whole season. "Everyone had so much talent and used that to play their role in getting us a win."

"We could perform under any conditions," remembers Senior Audrey Kempf, "which is what we had to learn to do because the line up was always changing. I guess that's how we learned to play together so well."

During any given game the players could and would be asked to play positions in which they were unaccustomed to playing. Seniors Kim Goebel and Lacy Haller were the only players playing a set position every game.

"By giving the players experience in other positions they become better players," says Eickhoff. These substitutions made the players a little nervous, but it made the team stronger as they ran off a 30-6 final record.

By Brian Koessel '02

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The starting volleycats get together before the match to discuss the game plan and get fired up. These players helped the team to excel to an excellent record of 30-6.



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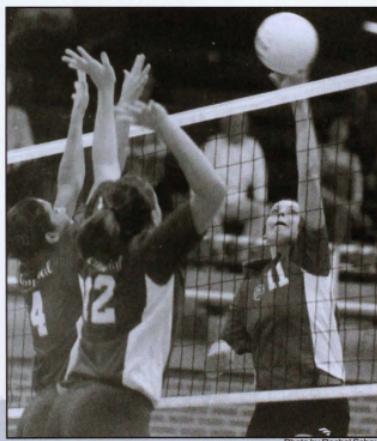
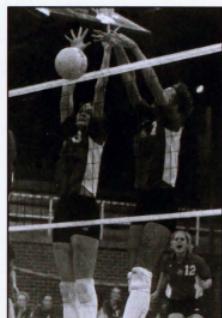
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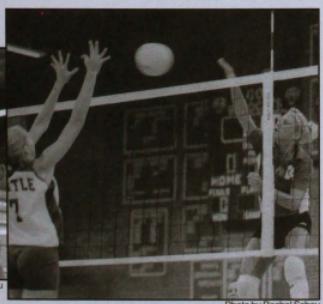


The Purple Ace bound Senior Lacy Haller spikes the ball down on her Castle opponents. Haller finished her season with 341 kills on her way to play volleyball on a full ride scholarship to the University of Evansville.

With a touch of good luck, Senior Meghan Schenk substitutes out with Junior Kara Adler, so she may go and catch her breath from the excitement of her last kill. Schenk was one of the many seniors who led the team to semi-state.



Spiking the ball down on her Tiger opponents, Senior Lynn Eickhoff uses her 5'10" height to help defeat Memorial. The Cats put out a 15-5, and 15-4 victory on Senior night.



1. Examining her gift, Senior Audrey Kemp tries hard to concentrate on her last home game against Memorial. Kemp played with heart and determination on her last and final game at Mater Dei and helped pull out a victory over the Tigers.
2. Senior Kim Goebel concentrates on perfecting her serve at the start of the game. A 3 year varsity member, Goebel contributed her volleyball skills to lead the Wildcats to a winning season.
3. Senior Lynn Eickhoff gives Junior Steph Elpers a pat on the back for a job well done during a hard fought match against Reitz. Their combined effort led the team to a 15-4, 15-2 win over the Panthers.
4. Making her third kill of the game, Senior starter Courtney Seib doesn't let the Tigers block her powerful drives. Seib was voted most improved player and had a total of 75 kills to end her spectacular season.
5. In pregame warmups, Senior Meghan Schenk is forced to sprawl to the ground in order to return the practice spike back to Coach Morrison. Schenk was responsible for playing all the way around in situations where the team may have run out of substitutions.

# GIRLS XC

## 'ROUND THE TREES & OVER THE HILLS

**A**THLETICS ARE SAID TO IMPROVE A PLAYER'S ACADEMIC SKILL, SHARPEN THE ATHLETE'S CONCENTRATION AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO WORK HARD AND BOND TOGETHER.

The 2001 girls' cross-country team is a perfect example of this, placing third in the SIAC and 8th in sectionals as well as growing closer as a team.

The team has seen success in the past, but this group of girls has out done the past. They have succeeded on and off the course. Working hard to get better each year led to improvements in their school work, friendship and social lives.

"We feel like this is a big improvement," said Sophomore, Semi-State qualifier Katie McKinney.

They learned valuable life-long lessons, such as working together and forming a support system for each other.

"I think we learned to encourage each other and we all grew really close," said Junior Courtney Woehler.

"[Freshman] Cathy Goebel

would always fall down at the meets because she was so dizzy and all of us girls helped her up," said McKinney.

They were there for their teammates and they always knew that they could count on each other. When a teammate would be having a bad day, the rest of the team would help lift her spirits and improve her day.

"You always had some one to go to if you had a problem. No one put anyone down," said Woehler.

The team also had prayer partners that prayed for one another and sometimes got each other a little something before the meet.

The Senior-less team had a lot of obstacles to overcome.

"SIAC was our biggest improvement. We were really impressed with a third-place finish," McKinney said.

McKinney finished third in the SIAC and several of the girls improved their times. The team cut their time drastically, some cutting up to a minute off.

"The conference meet was definitely a highlight because the girls and guys both stepped up. We knew what we had to do and we did it," said Woehler.

By Jessica Meier '02



Photo by Karly Kempf



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Struggling to finish the race, Freshman Emily Provost and Sophomore Lauren Mochau increase their speed during the Mater Dei Invitational at USI. Keeping together during the races helped the girls thrive through the season.

With their hearts pounding, the girls cross country team waited for the gun shot to sound to mark the start of the race. The girls took 2nd at the Bosse/Memorial meet, beating the Bulldogs.



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On another hot summer day, Freshman Kathy Goebel sweeps past her opponents. Goebel survived all the early morning summer two-a-days that helped her shave of much of her time per mile.

Focused on a great finish, Junior Courtney Woehler looks to advance in the SIAC tournament. Woehler has had great speed all season and will be turning many heads next year with her determination and talent.



Photo by Rachel Scheu

1. The cross country ladies get together one last time before they hit the course. The team may not have finished first in the city, but they all worked hard and did their best.
2. Looking ahead to that ever awaiting finish line, Junior Kristen Frazer picks up speed in the SIAC cross country meet. Frazer improved her times from the beginning of the year to 19:04 for 2.5 miles.
3. Fighting to keep her position in the race, Sophomore Katie McKinney forces herself up the third and last hill. McKinney, doing a job well done, placed 3rd in the SIAC meet.
4. Concentrating on what's ahead of her, Junior Courtney Woehler picks up the pace as she makes her first turn of the race. Woehler completed the meet successfully placing 8th, leaving the rest of her competitors in the dust.
5. Fighting fatigue, Freshman Tara Bouillet continues to push herself to the limit. Her determination pulled her through to the end, helping contribute to Mater Dei's successful and hard fought season.

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# BOYS XC

## A STROLL THROUGH THE WOODS

"OUR SPORT IS YOUR SPORTS' PUNISHMENT," SAYS JUNIOR CRAIG MACKE. RUNNING MAY LOOK EASY BUT THERE'S A LOT MORE TO IT THAN YOU THINK. BEING ABLE TO ENDURE THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STRESSES OF THIS SPORT IS A DIFFICULT TASK.

Training for cross country never ends. These boys run year-round no matter what the weather conditions may be.

"Summer conditioning can make or break your season," says Junior Sam Kaiser. Enduring the heat and sun is part of what makes a strong runner on the Mater Dei team.

"I ran two-a-days during the summer to prepare," remembers Senior Brad Beudel. "The heat seemed never-ending, but I didn't mind. I knew it was all worth it in the end."

Even though they weren't number one in the city, their season was still productive. It was rough on the morale of the team, but it was dealt with by each individual runner setting personal goals that they could achieve and obtain individually.

"Overall, despite our record, we had a good season because everyone set or met his goal through hard work and dedication to the team," Kaiser says. Every guy had his own personal goals to meet as well as the teams'.

"In the city meet, I shot for the top fifteen and I got fourteenth," says Kaiser proudly. It was just another example of the boys setting and reaching obtainable goals for themselves.

The boys accomplished many personal goals, but unfortunately, did not conquer much as a team.

"We never had a 'best meet', we just kept improving," claims Kaiser.

This is one more way the boys set and met their goals as a team. They were constantly improving themselves and never being defeated by defeat!

This was a David versus Goliath season. The team was 'David' and the hardships they faced were the 'Goliaths'. 'Goliaths' were things such as the small number that went out for the team, and the high set personal goals set by each. Despite the odds they were against, 'David' championed because as small and mighty as they were, they never gave up and accomplished much on the personal level of their goals.

By Abby Weis '02

Determined to reach the finish line, Freshman Ben Macke tries to push himself one step further. As a Freshman, Macke stepped up to the varsity level and will continue to improve his time as he becomes more experienced.

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A deep breath is needed as Senior Brad Beudel makes a dash for the finish line during SIAC at USI. Beudel was a four-year runner for the cross country team.

Pulling around the third turn at the USI course, Senior Ben Kemper leaves a North and Bosse opponent in the dust. Mater Dei may not have placed 1st in sectionals, but as a team they came out with a win.



Disappointed in his status during the race, Junior Sam Kaiser concentrates on improving his standings against the Castle Knights. Kaiser was a great team motivator and improved his own time to 18:14 for 2.5 miles.



Leading the pack through the woods at the Mater Dei Invitational, Junior Craig Macke pumps his arms in preparation for the upcoming hill.

Photo by Rachel Scheu



1. After the shot to begin the race was fired, the boys cross country team got off to a quick start. The boys placed well overall at the meet against Memorial, North Posey and Central.
2. With determination, strength and focus Junior Sam Kaiser pressed on to finish the race. Kaiser was an awesome leader for the team and always came in up top.
3. In an effort to get ahead of the pack, Sam Kaiser runs his heart out to achieve a victory for MD. Kaiser won the Kiwanis award for his outstanding contributions to the team.
4. Sophomore Brian Kuester continues to run a powerful race on the bright summer day of August. Kuester had set many goals for himself during the season and was happy when he achieved most of those goals.
5. While making his way up the hill, Freshman Ben Macke has only one thing on his mind. He keeps his concentration on pulling out a victory against rival Memorial. Although only a Freshman, Macke proved to be a powerful force on the cross country team.

# GiRLS GOLF

## TEeing OFF WITH A CLUB OF UNITY

WITH ONE SENIOR, TWO JUNIORS, TWO SOPHOMORES AND THREE FRESHMAN, THE GIRLS' GOLF TEAM WAS DIVIDED IN AGE. THEY WERE, HOWEVER, NOT DIVIDED IN THE SUPPORT NEEDED AND HELP GIVEN TO ONE ANOTHER THAT OCCURRED AT EACH MEET.

Goals for the team this year consisted of improving each member's personal strength and accuracy in her game. As a young, inexperienced team, the girls knew from the beginning of the season that they must work on their individual skills in order to do well for the team and for the future. With only three of the eight players beginning the season with previous practice on a city golf course, focus and experience were invaluable.

The team came together at each and every meet, even though they posted a 14-63 record. Their greatest win came in beating their West Side rival, the Reitz Panthers, 234-242, resulting in a celebration among the teammates. They also posted victories over a few out-of-town teams, keeping the team together in heart and enthusiasm.

"We all helped one another. No matter if we were a Freshman or a Senior, we always gave advice to help out a teammate," said Senior Deanna Wade.

Freshman Natalie Wolf posted the best score in 18 holes among the team with 92 at the Central Invitational. Along with Wolf, Freshman Alissa Seibert and Sophomore Laura Schroeder posted low scores and the three traded the number one spot, on the team, throughout the season. The girls posted their best team score of 217 against Harrison in the regular season.

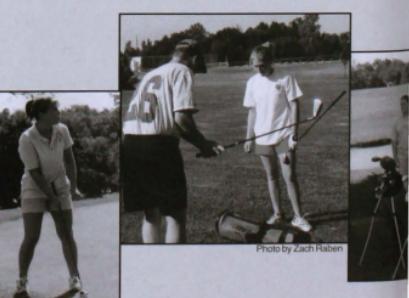
"I would have to say the highest point of the season was the SLAC tournament. We scored well as a team, but more importantly we came together as a team that meet. Most of us did better than we thought we would and we had lots of fun," said Seibert.

Each girl contributed her part to the team all season long. Experience among the new players and the younger classmen gives hope to the team for a better scoring season next year, along with their eagerness to have fun and play.

By Melissa Schnur '03



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Junior Erica Wildeman concentrates on accurately lining up the ball with the hole for her next putt. Wildeman was one of the many girls who helped the Wildcats defeat their arch rival, the Reitz Panthers, during the season.

Coach Jewell goes over Senior Deanna Wade's score card, in order to show her what she needs to get on her next drive to improve her score. With Wade being the only Senior on the team, she had to step up and be there for the younger girls as their leader and role model.



With steady hands on her club, Sophomore Abby Schmitt tests her new approach given to her by Coach Jewell. Though her score didn't reflect her effort throughout the season, she gave her heart in every putt and drive she made.

Sophomore Laura Schroeder keeps her eye on the ball as she tee's off on the 4th hole. Schroeder spent countless hours perfecting her swing in order to help the team's record.



1. Moments before the sectional tee-off, Coach Jewell reviews opponents as well as the layout of Fendrick Golf Course with Freshman Alissa Seibert and Sophomore Laura Schroeder. This was the first year for both girls to be on an organized golf team.
2. Putting the ball on a difficult uphill green, Junior Erica Wildeman watches as the ball lands within a foot of the cup. During their practices at Helfrich Hills, the girls were forced to perfect their uphill putts.
3. Critiquing her technique, Coach Jeff Jewell demonstrates a different approach for Sophomore Abby Schmitt. Coach Jewell's new ideas and great coaching ability helped Schmitt learn many of the skills that are needed in golf.
4. Junior Erica Wildeman keeps an eye on her opponent as fellow teammate Laura Raben reads off the scores of the last round. This was the first year for Wildeman, who stepped up and became a leader even with her limited experience.
5. Senior Deanna Wade Evaluates the distance between the ball and the hole in order to know exactly how hard to tap the ball. Wade was a two year member of the girls' golf team whose wisdom and experience was very much needed for the young team.

# BOYS TENNIS

SERVIN' UP A  
GAME, SET, MATCH



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With the aid of Coach Tim Sallengs, Sophomore Kyle Kraft adjusts the net prior to the Harrison match at Burdette Park. Kraft had to fix the net many times during the match due to poor net quality.



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Determined to get the ball back over to the other side, Sophomore Tony Reckelhoff used his overhand for more power. Reckelhoff not only was a star in singles but also excelled in doubles.

In order to return the serve, Sophomore Phillip Elpers concentrated so he could send the ball soaring back to his Central opponent. Elpers finally found out where his niche was, on the tennis court.



Staff Photo

Using his forearm to get the serve returned, Junior Lindsey Wagner prepares to send the ball flying back over the net. With Wagner's remarkable talent, he played a major part in the team's defeat over North.



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ITH FEW VICTORIES AND NO TROPHIES  
TO PROVE THE SUCCESS OF THEIR  
SEASON, THE BOYS TENNIS TEAM  
RECORD DOESN'T SHOW THE SIZE OF HEART AND THE  
BALANCE OF SKILL THEY HAVE.

The boys worked hard all year round to improve their skills, especially Sophomore Todd Wannamuehler who took it upon himself to take lessons over the summer. It is the efforts of each individual in this sport that counts. The scores of every single player helped lead to the improvement of the team as a whole.

"Todd took lessons and was one of the most improved players," said Junior Lindsey Wagner. "Taylor Uhde and I hit together in the off season to get better."

The boys started their season in the dog days of August before school started. Through the blinding sun and oppressive heat, these boys took to the courts in hopes of getting just a little bit better. Practicing for two hours every day, whenever they didn't have a match, helped them to improve their skills greatly.

Practice is always a key to success, but there is also something to say about who is leading the team. A new coach this year was a huge asset as the team started the long process of building a successful program.



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Eyes focused on the ball, Sophomore Kyle Kraft awaits to make the right move against his Reitz opponent. Kraft spent countless hours practicing his foot work and strokes to become the great player he is today.

"Coach helped us all year. He hit with us and helped each of us," said Wagner about the first year head coach Tim Sallengs.

There is no doubt that the boys would have liked to have seen more success this season. It was their attitude and approach to the game that kept the lack of victories from getting them down on themselves.

"The main reason I play tennis is to keep in shape and have something to do after school. It doesn't upset me that we don't get much recognition," said Wagner who was the lone Wildcat to play in the sectional finals this year.

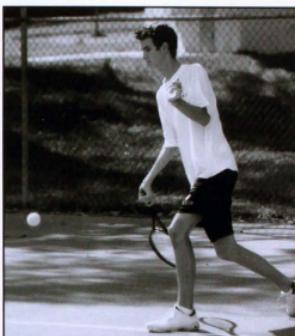
The boys agree that it isn't always about the wins and losses, but going out there, playing hard, and having fun while doing it.

"Even though the season didn't go as well as I had expected it to, I still had fun playing the sport I love. Besides, we have a lot of talent coming back next year and much room to improve," said Wagner.

As the team improved this year and built on the talent they already had, expectations are starting to grow. Future boys tennis teams promise to show the true abilities of these Wildcats.

By Lynn Eickhoff '02

Junior Taylor Uhde hustles to get to the ball on his way to a victory against the Bosse Bulldogs. The Cats went on to beat the Bulldogs 5-0.



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Acquainting themselves with the opponents and wishing them good luck, Sophomore Tony Reckelhoff and Senior Pedro Rallo prepare for another match. Making the trip from Spain, Rallo played his first year of American tennis at Mater Dei.

Lindsey Wagner, only a Junior, not only passed sectionals and went to Regionals, but he was one positon away from making the State trip. Wagner would have been the first person from Mater Dei in over a decade to make a State appearance.

On the home court at Burdette, Junior Taylor Uhde lines up for a serve. Junior teammates Uhde and Wagner led the Wildcats to a victory over the Knights.



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# GIRLS BASKETBALL

## STEPPING UP AND MOVING FORWARD

**A**TTITUDE. TEAMWORK. CONFIDENCE. UNITY. LEADERSHIP. TOGETHER THESE WORDS DESCRIBE A GREAT TEAM WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS. RANKED SECOND IN THE INDIANA 2A PRESEASON POLLS, THE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM WAS GIVEN ITS YEAR TO SHINE. THE GIRLS SET THEIR GOALS HIGH WITH EXPECTATIONS OF AVENGING PREVIOUS LOSSES AND FINISHING CLOSE TO THE TOP IN THE POST SEASON. SENIORS KIM GOEBEL, MEGHANN SCHENK AND COURTNEY SEIB WERE HANDED THE TASK OF LEADING THE LADY WILDCATS TO A VICTORIOUS SEASON, KNOWING THEY WOULD ENCOUNTER MANY HARDSHIPS ALONG THE WAY.

Directly at the start of the season the pressure was on. Not only was a high preseason ranking given to them, but Junior Missy Glaser injured her elbow in the second game of the season.

"I was a little nervous after she got hurt, but I knew this could help our team and show everyone that each player was good," said Senior Meghan Schenk.

New plays had to be constructed. Freshman Audrey Goebel was put in place of the injured Junior and stepped up with awesome physical and mental abilities.

This season seemed to be different from others; the team was a team and the TEAM was winning.

"We had great teamwork, and we worked hard to achieve our goals," replied Senior Kim Goebel.

Winning sectionals for the first time since 1995 while labeled as the underdogs was one of the greatest achievements of the season.

"We were the underdogs and everyone overlooked us. We came out with a passion and showed we were a great team," said Schenk of the win over Eastern Greene in the sectional championship game.

Eyeing her target, Junior Missy Glaser gets ready to lay the ball in the hoop. Glaser was an outstanding point guard and was named to the All-City and 1st All Metro teams this year.

The girls were just three steps away from their goal they set at the beginning of the season - state champions - when their post season ended with a disappointing loss in the regionals. That didn't take away from their season and the Lady Wildcats have lots to be proud of.

By Melissa Schnur '03

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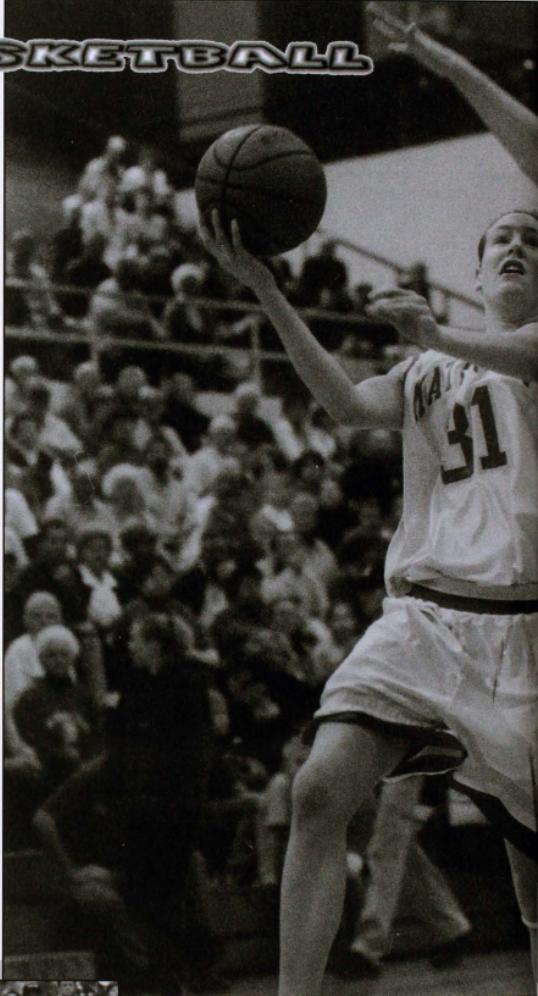


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Trying hard to get around her defender, Sophomore Katie Roberts takes the ball to the hoop. Roberts' two points were just two more as they posted a 68-56 victory to set them up to play Eastern Greene in the sectional championship.

With a look of disapproval, Senior Meghann Schenk yells her opinion to the referee. Schenk played an important role as a leader, always giving her teammates some helpful advice and inspiration. She was also named to the 2nd All Metro Team.



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Junior Missy Glaser lays it up in the Sectional game to lead the Lady Wildcats to a win versus Linton. Even with missing a major portion of the season, Glaser led the team with an average of 22.2 points per game.



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Not about to give up, Senior Kim Goebel fights for the possession of a loose ball. Goebel was a four-year varsity member and ended the season with a great game.



Photo by Rachel Scheu

1. Sophomore Katie Roberts looks for an open teammate in the second game of sectional play against the North Knox Warriors. Roberts was successful on offense, and led the team in defensive rebounds with almost nine per game.
2. Showing her approval, Junior Courtney Woehler stands to cheer for Senior Meghann Schenk after scoring yet another three. Being a first year varsity member, Woehler worked hard to help the girls advance to the regional tournament versus South Ridge.
3. Driving past her defender, Forward Sophomore Katie Roberts goes in for a lay up. Roberts averaged 6.9 points a game and was one of the many players who had to step it up throughout the season to fill the score void left when Missy Glaser was injured.
4. Defending her opponent, Sophomore Katie McKinney gets in the face of Castle's Hattie Schnacke in one of the most anticipated game of the season between two of the area's best teams. McKinney will be returning next year as a junior to help defend their sectional and city titles.
5. Jubilant from the sweet taste of victory, the girls basketball team celebrates with a group hug after winning their first sectional title since '95. The mighty Wildcat power led them to defeat

# BASKETBALL

EVERYONE HAD TO  
BE VERY FLEXIBLE

**P**RESSURE IS A FACT OF LIFE FOR ANY ATHLETE AND IS ONE OF THE ASPECTS OF EVERY SPORT. THE BASKETBALL TEAM THIS YEAR WAS FACED WITH AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF PRESSURE FROM THE MEDIA AS WELL AS THE MATER DEI COMMUNITY. AFTER GRADUALLY GAINING ANOTHER TITLE EACH YEAR, IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THIS SEASON WOULD BE *The Season*. AFTER WINNING A REGIONAL TITLE AND GOING TO THE SCHOOL'S FIRST SEMI-STATE IN 2000 AND FOLLOWING THAT UP WITH BEING THE STATE RUNNER-UP IN 2001, EVERYONE JUST ASSUMED THAT THIS WAS THE YEAR TO BE STATE CHAMPIONS. STARTING AT THE END OF THE 2001 SEASON, EXPECTATIONS WERE GROWING, HOPES WERE HIGH AND THE PRESSURE WAS ON.

With only two returning regular players, the team was forced to fill big shoes.



Showing his best defensive side, Junior Chris Marx sacrifices himself for the team in order to get the ball away from his Castle defender. Marx improved his personal record to 16.8 shots averaged per game.

"We had the talent to succeed, so if we stuck together and worked hard, we would succeed," said Senior Daniel Alcorn, a first-year varsity starter.

Opportunity was a dream come true for the fledgling players of the this year's team. With the loss of six key seniors from the previous year, the young men gladly filled their positions.

"Being flexible and learning numerous positions," says third year varsity player Senior Matt Kiefer, "is what got the team on the ball."

That flexibility was important if these athletes wanted to succeed.

"This year was challenging," claims Alcorn. "We were constantly losing and gaining players, which kept our line-up in a continuous change."

"Everyone had their own job to do," remembers Kiefer. "They contributed to the team by completing their job which helped us cope with the changing environment and situations."

The team this year may not have met the media's expectations, but they definitely made it a memorable year. The Wildcats took a controversial win over Reitz, won the SIAC tournament and survived a sectional that was stacked with three of the top ten teams in the state, including the top ranked Eastern Green that beat the Kiefer-less team early in the season. It was a great year for the Wildcats.

By Abby Weis '02

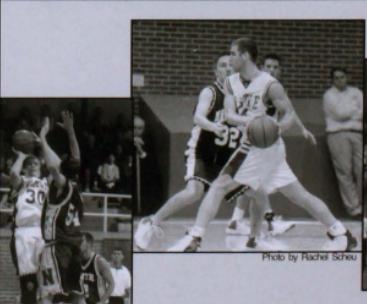
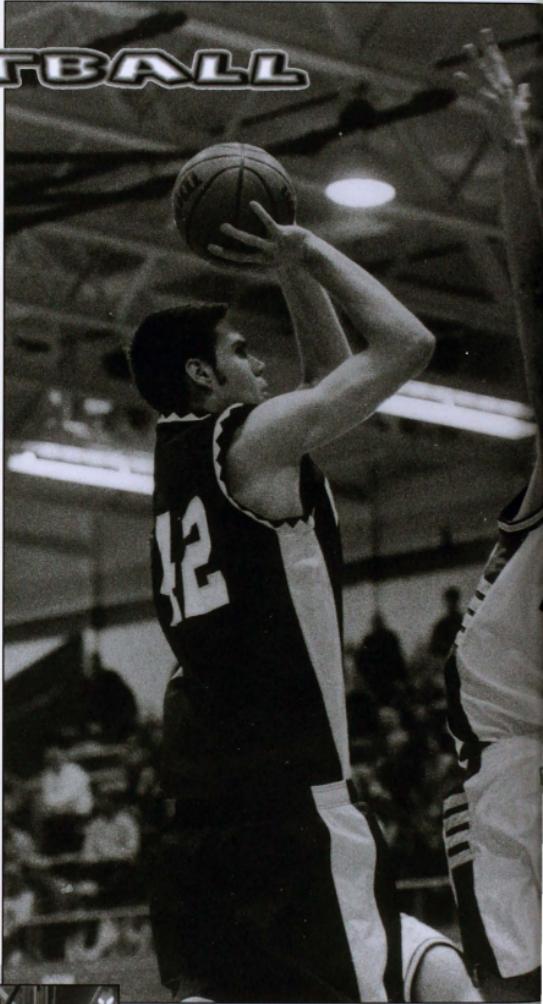


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Wearing jersey number 42, Senior Matt Kiefer takes a jump shot against the Castle Knights in the boys SIAC tournament. It was Kiefer's explosiveness that helped lead the Wildcats to their 3rd consecutive SIAC title, even though they entered the tournament under .500 and were discounted by most teams.

The boy's varsity basketball team comes together to congratulate each other after their win over the Castle Knights. This overtime win allowed the Cats to move on and challenge the Reitz Panthers for the SIAC championship in what will always be remembered as a wild game with a surprising twist at the end..



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During Mater Dei's home game against Castle, Senior Matt Kiefer hangs from the rim after a huge slam dunk. The Purdue-bound Kiefer fired up the crowd with this dunk and sparked a source of energy that the entire team drew from.



Photo by Karly Kempf

Making his way past his North defender, Senior point guard Blake Kollker drives toward the basket to score yet another lay-up for the Wildcats. Stepping up as a Senior, Kollker became a leader, averaging close to 9 points a game.



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1. Sophomore Zach Zirkelbach goes up for a lay-up against the Memorial Tigers. As an underclassman, Zirkelbach really stepped up to fill some big shoes, especially when giving Kiefer a breather.
2. After receiving a bounce pass from Sophomore Dom Turi, Senior Mike Elsner shoots for two more points. Elsner was a quiet threat that many teams would forget about, but at the end of the game, he would have given the Cats close to 10 points and a handful of rebounds.
3. Senior Dan Alcorn concentrates on his defensive position against a highly ranked Castle offense. Alcorn and his four steals in that game helped the team defeat the Knights 79-75 in overtime in the SIAC semi-final game.
4. As Senior Patrick Mallory passes the ball high in the air to teammate Senior Matt Kiefer, the North Huskies guard him very closely. Mallory and Kiefer had a special chemistry, developed after years of playing together on AAU teams.
5. Coach Roger Sills rallys the troops in the last regular season game at Memorial. The close 49-47 win set the tone as the Wildcats then went into post-season play against three sectional teams that everyone was betting would beat the Wildcats.

Photo by Karly Kempf

# SWIMMING

HELP FROM ABOVE,  
LEADS TO SUCCESS



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Shooting through the water, Senior Liz Werner knocks more time off her freestyle stroke. Werner's leadership role and team motivation helped coast the girls swim team to a record of 13-3.



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Swimming the 100 meter back stroke, Sophomore Brandy Sparks steps it up a just one more notch. Even though Sparks was only a Sophomore, her contributions to the team were countless.

Pushing herself off the block, Sophomore Brandy Sparks heads off after the whistle blows. Spark's past experience made her a vital member of the Mater Dei swim team this year.

Being cheered on by her teammates, Senior Mandy Nurrenbern prepares to make her turn to start a new lap. Nurrenbern swam her way to the State meet at the end of the year.



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Together

**S**OME PEOPLE SAY THIS YEAR'S SWIM TEAM HAS BEEN THE BEST SWIM TEAM EVER AT MATER DEI. THE TEAMS SUCCESS MIRRORED ONE SWIMMER'S DESIRE TO HONOR HER FATHER, BY GOING TO STATE.

"So many girls had been [to state] so many times," said Senior Amanda Nurrenbern. "They weren't excited about competing at state. I couldn't believe it, because I was so fired up."

Nurrenbern went to State this year in the 50 and 100 free. All of her determination and success was do in part to the memory of her father, who passed away at the beginning of her Senior year.

"My whole family came to watch me at State," says Nurrenbern. "I know that he knew I had made it, and I know that my Dad was there watching me swim, too." Nurrenbern placed 15th in the 50 free and 24th in the 100 at State. At times, though, State just seemed like a dream.

"Last year I missed going to state by two-tenths of a second in the 50 free," recalls Nurrenbern. "It was very upsetting, because I wanted my Dad to see me go to State. I didn't think I would ever get there. It always seemed to barely pass me by."

Nurrenbern's success at State was backed up by the success of her teammates.

"This year we definitely had the best swimmers ever," recalls Senior Haley Grasso.

The girls had a record this year of 13-3, one of the best in schools history.

"Rob [our coach] was a slave driver," exaggerates Grasso. "Plus, we had some really good Freshman step up."

Freshman Jennifer Padavic and Katie Zenthoefer surprised the team this year with their impressive swimming and team spirit.

"They both swam in all of the varsity relays," says Grasso.

Zenthoefer thinks the Seniors really helped her to do her best this year.

"Whenever I was nervous, the Seniors told me that they had been nervous their first year too," says Zenthoefer. "Their advice really helped calm my nerves."

Shorter practices also helped the girls stay focused.

"We were doing the same workouts but with less rest time," explains Grasso. "Doing that really made us faster."

"This was the most fun year ever," says Grasso. "We were all friends."

By Allison Bush '02

To secure her lead, Senior Jessica Padavic steps up her performance. Championing the back stroke, her strongest event, Padavic adds another win to the season and another win to the girls record.



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Pushing off the wall, Senior Jessica Padavic gets a great start to her race. Padavic raced in several events which included the backstroke and two relays.



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Executing her dive, Freshman Carrie Dennis flips to perfection. As a new comer, Dennis stepped up and became the lone diver on the team, except for the few times when Mandy Nurrenbern would also dive.



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Freshman Jenna Denstorff comes up for oxygen while swimming the 100 meter butterfly against the Knights. Denstorff was one of the six outstanding Freshmen on the swim team.

Senior Mandy Nurrenbern takes a gulp of air before she turns her head under again, while swimming the 100 meter freestyle. As a Senior, Nurrenbern's four years of experience on the swim team helped her walk away with a 15th finish in the 50 free at the State tournament.



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# WRESTLING

YOUNGSTERS ARE  
KEY TO DYNASTY

**H**OW DO YOU CREATE A DYNASTY LIKE OUR MATER DEI WRESTLERS HAVE? JUST ASK ASSISTANT COACH RANDY HELFRICH. "START YOUNG IN THE FEEDER PROGRAMS, GO TO SUMMER WRESTLING CAMPS, AND WRESTLE IN HIGH SCHOOL," IS WHAT HE REPLIED.

Coach Helfrich has been part of the Mater Dei wrestling program for 24 years, coaching next to head coach Mike Goebel. Coach Helfrich has been the head coach of the reserve wrestling team, which has brought him a total of 400 victories with zero losses.

"The wrestlers deserve this honor more than I do. They put out the time, sweat and tears, so they deserve it," said Helfrich about the phenomenal record. The Wildcats have brought home 9 state titles, with an amazing 8 in a row, and Helfrich has been there coaching and teaching the wrestlers until they reach the state dual.

"Mr. Helfrich is the best technician in the state of Indiana, I think. He's a great coach," says Senior Logan Riggs about Coach Helfrich. Riggs has wrestled for Mater Dei for four years and has done a lot for the team. In his last year, he has been a great Senior leader.

"We are a lot better now than we have ever been, which is outstanding," states Helfrich excitedly. "Six placing in state in one season is more than anyone could ask for." He feels this recognition to Mater Dei has brought notoriety to the school and even to the nation.

"We have been written about in Sports Illustrated and even mentioned on some national radio stations," Helfrich says proudly about the varsity wrestling team.

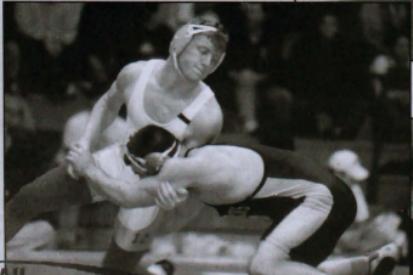
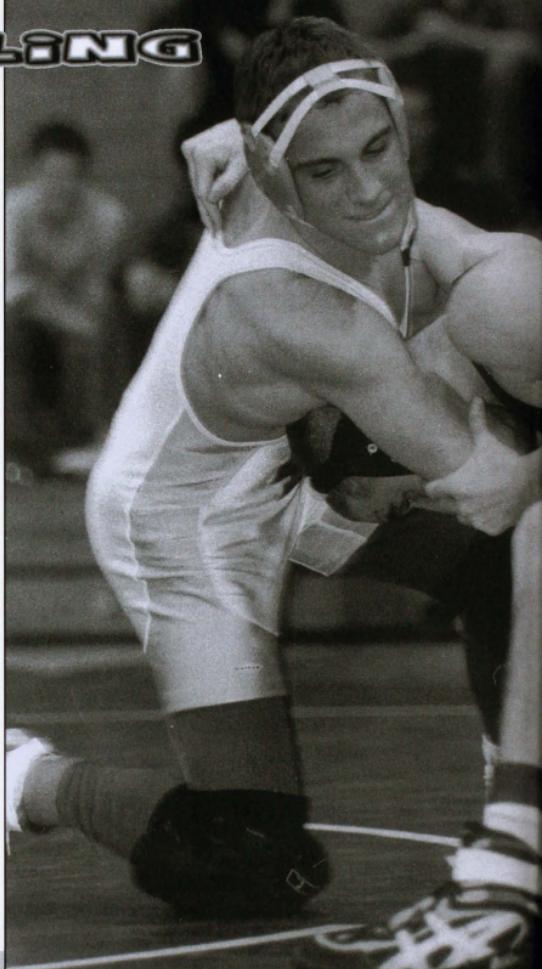
The Wildcats have a tradition of the same family trees coming through to wrestle. You see multi-generation names popping up, like Wilderman, Parkinson, Boots, and Weinzapfel, which we have all seen before if you are with the program.

"It's all about the tradition and hard work we put into it," says Junior Aaron Scott about the Mater Dei wrestling program.

By Lindsey Nosko '02



Ready for a quick escape, Junior Dustin Beal waits for the whistle. Beal's ability of working his opponents to their backs was used often during the season. Beal's final record for the season was 34-7.



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Using his upper body strength, Sam Wilderman works his opponent to his back. Though Wilderman was only a Junior, he added much to the team and finished his season with a record of 40-3.

Junior Dustin Nosko forces his Memorial Tiger opponent to his back. Even though Nosko was out for part of the season due to his broken hand, he came off of the injury stronger and ready to challenge for a state title.



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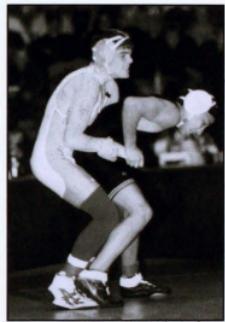


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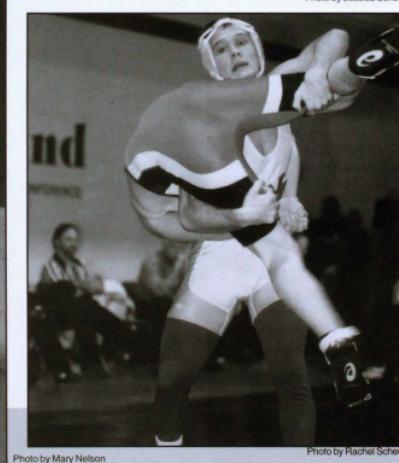


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Getting a good grip on his opponent, Junior Craig Macke takes control of the mat against his Griffith opponent. Macke made his second appearance in the Individual Championship and placed 2nd in the 112 pound weight class.

Pulling his opponent over his shoulder, Senior Logan Riggs prepares for another takedown. Riggs was one out of the ten wrestlers from Mater Dei who made it to the Individual State finals.



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1. Showing the two-time state champion from Perry Meridian what it's like to wrestle a Wildcat, Senior Scott Lewis takes control of the match. Lewis was one of the great Senior leaders this year and finished the season with a record of 36-6.
2. Receiving a victory hug from coach Mike Goebel, Senior Matt Conkling steps off the mat at Individual Semi-State. Conkling went on to place 2nd at Individual State.
3. Working for a win, Sophomore Blake Maurer stays on top of the Belmont 145 pounder in the semi-final round at the State Championships. Maurer is now a two-time Individual State Champion.
4. After getting a take down, Junior Thomas Unfried doesn't stop going until he has his pin against his defender from Belmont. Unfried went on to beat his opponent and ended 2-1 on the day at Team State.
5. Showing off his strength, Senior 152 pounder Logan Riggs throws his opponent over his back. Riggs, a 4 year member of the wrestling team, ended his season with a 37-8 record.

Photo by Rachel Scheu

# GIRLS

TEAM BUILDS ON  
THEIR PAST SUCCESSES

# TRACK

**W**ITH ONLY TWO SENIORS LEADING THE WAY, THE GIRLS TRACK TEAM PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL THROUGH A REBUILDING YEAR. THE TEAM CONSISTED OF MANY NEW FRESHMEN, A NEW COACH AND VERY FEW RETURNING MEMBERS.

THIS YEAR PROVED TO BE VERY INTERESTING AND EVENTFUL.

Cindy Govert, head coach, brought in ten new coaches that specialized in certain event.

Sophomore Jessica Knight liked to be able to look around and see lots of people there, helping and giving specific advise for their event.

"There was always someone there to help you," said Knight.

These new coaches, though, were not necessarily new to the Mater Dei track program.

"We had the coaches as assistants last year so they pretty much knew what they were doing because they worked with us last year," Senior long jumper and sprinter Heather Eickhoff added.

Junior Liz Govert had to rethink her relationship with her coach, forgetting that while they were out on the track, she was not her mother.

"I tried to act like she's not my mom during track and think of her as just my coach," Govert said. "But that was hard at times."

Eickhoff, along with Allison Bush, were the only two Seniors left on the team that were available to lead the Wildcats. That forced them to be the leaders for the younger runners as well as focus on their own events.

"It was kind of hard being one of the only two Seniors because at first, I didn't know anyone," Bush said.

The Seniors had their hands full. They had to provide leadership and guidance for a team that was very young.

"With five or six Freshman, it was definitely a rebuilding year because we lost some of our key runners from last year," added Eickhoff.

The girls agreed that this year was successful despite losing key runners. There were many obstacles, but they pulled together to help each through a productive year.

By Mary Nelson '03



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Sophomore Katie McKinney glides over the high jump bar at the Princeton Invitational. McKinney, a 2 year varsity member, was a big asset to the team; contributing in the 800M, mile, 2 mile and high jump.

Sophomore Kristen Kissel gets a start on the 200M race. Along with the 200M, Kissel also ran in the 100M, 400M relay and competed in the long jump.



Photo by Jessica Scheu

In one of the more intensive track events that combines speed, coordination and rhythm, Freshman Emily Stute approaches another hurdle at full speed. Stute ran two different hurdle events, the 100 and 300 hurdles, as well as the 400 meter dash.



Photo by Jessica Scheu



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Passing her competition, Senior Alison Bush concentrates on finishing the 1600M run, with most of her competitors left in the dust. Bush was one of only two Seniors on the team this year and really stepped up to the leadership position.

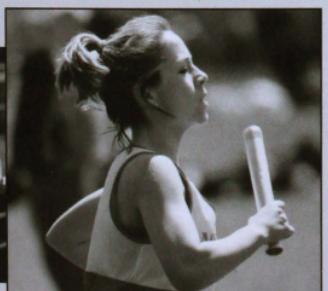


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6. When the gun goes off, a sprinter has to be ready to go full force. Freshman Jeremy Coomes ensures that Senior Heather Eickhoff is ready by holding her starting blocks in place for the start of the 100 meter dash.
7. Putting all her energy into her throw, Freshman Aimee Fisher concentrates on her throw at the Wood Memorial Invitational. Fisher, even though only a Freshman, led the team in all field events.
8. Giving it her all, Junior Molly Stoltz is about 2 seconds away from soaring the shot put. Stoltz was one of the top shot putters this year, finishing fourth in the city.
9. Concentrating on the win, Freshman Marie Schiff readies herself to pass the baton in the 3200M relay. Schiff was a key component in completing the relays due to her speed, since of control and team effort.
10. With exhaustion setting in, Freshman Kathy Goebel pushes through her tiredness in the 3200M relay. Goebel was one of the Freshman who stepped up this year to run the relays in positions were she became the experienced runner that they needed to compete up to the highest level.



Jessica Scheu

# BOYS EYING IMPROVEMENT WITH EACH RACE

WITH A SINGLE INJURED SENIOR ON THE TEAM, LEADERSHIP WAS PUSHED ONTO JUNIOR MICHAEL WEIL. WEIL HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE TRACK TEAM FOR THREE YEARS, MAKING HIM THE MOST EXPERIENCED MEMBER ON THE TEAM.

"There was no pressure to step up," says Weil. "Even with no pressure, I didn't feel like a leader."

Just because Weil didn't see himself as a leader doesn't mean the rest of the team felt the same way.

"Michael Weil was the team leader this year," says Freshmen Ryan Wildeman. "I see him really stepping up more next year."

More than half of the boy's track team consisted of Freshmen this year giving them tons of potential.

"In a few years," replies Weil, "we (the track team) are going to blow everyone out of the water."

People have never really thought much of track at Mater Dei. In a few years though everyone will be in for a big surprise.

"Having such a growing team gave us young runners a chance to prove ourselves and gain experience at the same time," says Wildeman. "We [the team] have lots of potential. I think we will be at an advantage over other teams in a few years."

Sometimes being so young isn't so fun.

"At first," says Wildeman, "I didn't like track as much because I was competing against older people who had more experience."

Like many of his teammates, Wildeman feels that the huge coaching staff this year helped make track more fun.

Having so many coaches helped to give special attention to special area's. For instance, the mid-distance runners had their own coach this year.

"A lot of people helped with the coaching," says Weil, "which provided more one on one attention and helped me improve my time in the 800m run from 2:30 to 2:20."

Small but mighty, the boy's track team is on their way to big improvements in the future.



As concentration sets in Sophomore Brent Hagan prepares himself for the start of the race. Concentration and motivation are the two factors that helped propel Hagan through the 100m dash this year.

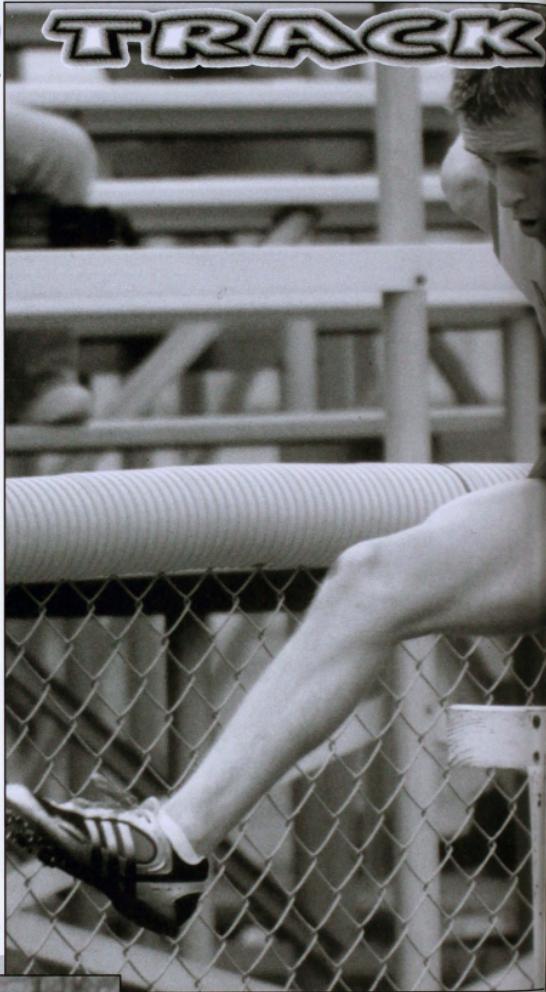


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Keeping his form in tact, Sophomore Jacob Oliver flies over the hurdles in the 110 high hurdle race. Despite his size, Oliver was able to place fourth at the Wood Memorial Invitational.

Taking a tip from field Coach Don, Junior Tom Unfried psyches up for the discus throw. This was Unfried's first year on the track team. He was one of the top throwers on the team.



Photo by Jessica Scheu

Leaping with all his might, Freshman Scott Koressel makes an excellent jump. Koressel was a great part of the track team and helped improve the team's morale.



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Using all of his strength Junior Nick Moll launches himself over the 9ft bar. Moll improved greatly since last year by practicing harder each week and making himself more flexible.

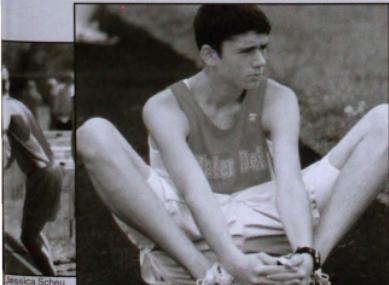


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6. Eyes focusing on the bar, Freshman Andy Krack checks to make sure he won't knock the bar. Krack's long legs helped him achieve a 5'5 jump in the high jump this year.
7. Heading towards the finish line, Sophomore Scott Modesitt strives hard to finish first. Even though the team this year was young they still came out ahead.
8. After being handed the baton, Sophomore Jake Oliver sprinted towards the finish line. Oliver always did an excellent job increasing the lead that the Wildcats already had by the last leg of the relay.
9. Pushing through the finish line, Freshman Ryan Wildeman passes the baton off to Sophomore Brian Kuester in the 3200m relay. Wildeman was one of the key mid-distance runners on the team this year, running the 800, 400 and 3200m relay.
10. Psyching up for the 1600m run, Freshman Andy Krack stretches in preparation for his race. Krack was an up and coming distance runner this year also running the 2 mile.

# SOFTBALL

**CLOSE TEAMMATES,  
CLOSE SCOREBOARD**

**C**LOSENESS WAS THE WORD OF THE SEASON, NOT ONLY WAS THE TEAM CLOSE, BUT THEY LOST A LOT OF CLOSE GAMES. "WE ALL GOT ALONG GREAT, ON AND OFF THE FIELD," RECALLS SENIOR AUDREY KEMPF. THIS YEAR'S TEAM WAS VERY YOUNG, BUT THEY DIDN'T STOP THEM. THEY JUST WORKED THAT MUCH HARDER. THE SENIORS STEPPED UP AND TOOK CHARGE AND MADE SURE EVERYONE DID THEIR PART AND GAVE IT THERE ALL.

"Our sectional game was our seventh game that we had lost by only one point," Junior Stephanie Elpers replied, knowing that they could have done better.

The girls put their hearts and soul into this years softball season, and when they lost by one run in the sectional game, their hearts fell. They all wondered what they could have done, or how they could have done something better, to make the ending turn out different. It was all over, especially for the Seniors, they could do nothing about it, and this was just another one of the many examples of how the girls' season was always heartbreakingly close.

The girls closeness in friendship and teamwork was not the only thing close they had this season, about 7 out of 16 games were lost by only one run, including the sectional game.

"It was really hard. We all wondered if we could have done something else to make it turn out different," replied Senior, catcher Leah Martin.

Coach Amy Gruber was one of the additions to the girls team this year. She had been a pitcher for the USI Screaming Eagles, and came to help out with the girls' pitching here at Mater Dei.

"She helped me in so many ways," replied Kempf. "She showed me different ways to hold the ball when I pitch. Coach Gruber would yell pitches out to me during games, because she could see things about the batter that I couldn't see. She was really good."

Getting in front of her base, in order to tag the girl stealing from second out, Sophomore Erica Bohleber tags out the Central runner. Bohleber had to step up in the middle of the season, and really proved herself worthy to the rest of the team.

The girls played one of the best games of the season they made Heritage Hills go to the bottom of the seventh inning, and that's when the Patriots scored the final winning run. The girls never gave up though. They worked together, heart and soul, until the last hit, the last run and the last out. They were teammates and companions, they were friends.

By Kelly Paul '02



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Senior, pitcher Audrey Kempf attempts to throw the girl out at second base. Kempf kept her teammates going throughout the whole season. She expected a lot from them, and in return received everything.

Senior Nicole Zirkelbach steadies her bat and her hands so as to attempt not to pop up her bunt. The girls got really good at putting their bunts down this year.



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Freshman Hannah Johnson has to do the famous "crow hop" in order to try and throw the girl out at home. The outfield threw out five people trying to tag up from third base on a pop fly.



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Freshman Michelle Rietman gets her glove dirty as she scoops up the ball and throws to first base. Rietman may have only been a Freshman, but she definitely proved herself worthy to be a part of the varsity team with her hitting ability and her attitude towards her



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6. Congratulating Senior Audrey Kempf for yet another strike out, all around high-fives were in order. When Kempf was on the mound, not one of the girls did not have confidence in her. They all knew that she could strike out any person in the box.
7. Freshman Hannah Johnson prepares her mitt in order to catch the ball right away and throw it in so the runner on third base doesn't tag up for home. Johnson really stepped up this year as a Freshman and showed the rest of the team that she was varsity material.
8. Freshman Michelle Rietman tags one of the girls that stole from first out at the Heritage Hills sectional game. Catcher Leah Martin was on fire and was able to throw out two girls trying to steal.
9. Senior Audrey Kempf puts the bat to the ball with yet another base hit on her stats. Kempf was one of the leading hitters this year, and really stepped up to show the underclassmen how things really worked.
10. Senior first baseman, Rachel Scheu lunges towards the throw, to tag out the runner. Scheu had to lunge a few times in order to make sure that the runner was definitely out, and to make sure that the ball did not get passed her.

# BASEBALL

STEADILY THE TEAM IMPROVES ITSELF

**T**HE UPS AND DOWNS AND SHARP TURNS THAT A SEASON TAKES CAN SOMETIMES LEAVE A TEAM IN A CONSTANT RUT. BUT THE BOY'S BASEBALL TEAM HAS COME A LONG WAY TO IMPROVE EVERY GAME.

One major contribution has been the impact of the Senior leadership. At times it is hard to stand up and lead when you are unhappy with the season, but the team displayed leadership very well.

Senior Jon Schmitt compliments his Senior teammates for making the season unforgettable. "We have all pulled together and tried to make this the best season ever."

Although some feel like it has been a rough season, one of the team's greatest strengths was pitching. Senior Casey Schenk was the team's leading pitcher. Schenk's earned runs allowed (ERA) average was a mere 1.11 after pitching around 32 innings this season.

Schmitt stepped up with an impressive batting average of .302 after playing 13 games—with 9 singles, 1 double, 1 triple and 2 homeruns with more of the season to go.

For Seniors it is the most important season in their high school career, because they never know when it will be their last.

"We are determined to be a good team. The Seniors want to win even more, because one loss in post-season will end our season, and for some, our career," says Senior our-fielder, Michael Elsner.

Entering post-season is when the team has to thrive. This year the team took a dive from 3A to 2A, but they are not going to have it any easier than before.

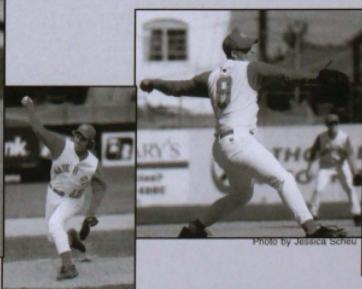
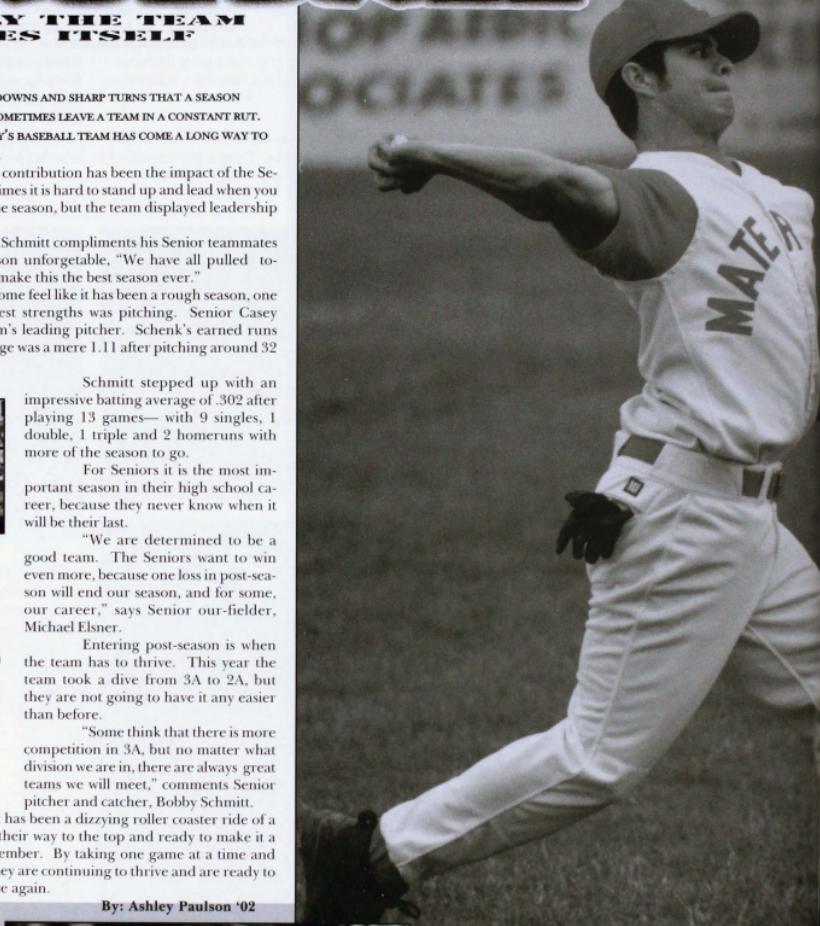
"Some think that there is more competition in 3A, but no matter what division we are in, there are always great teams we will meet," comments Senior pitcher and catcher, Bobby Schmitt.

Although it has been a dizzying roller coaster ride of a season, they are on their way to the top and ready to ride it a great season to remember. By taking one game at a time and one play at a time, they are continuing to thrive and are ready to be State champs once again.

By: Ashley Paulson '02



Senior Jon Schmitt stretches to catch the ball in time to get the out at first. Schmitt plays one of the most important positions in the infield, being at the base where the most outs are made.



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Senior, J. P. Morrow uses all of his muscle power to throw the ball home after making a catch from deep left at Victory Field. Morrow was one of the Seniors that really stepped up this year and kept his teammates up whenever they were

Senior Jon Schmitt gives the varsity team a pep talk before they have to take the field. This team had a lot of extraordinary talent and leadership coming from the Seniors.



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Using his hand to cover his glove, Senior J.P. Morrow catches the ball and saves yet another run from being scored. This is Morrow's fourth year playing baseball for the Mater Dei Wildcats and his second year on varsity.



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Junior Chris Marx squares early as he prepares to get his bunt down at the Semi-State game. Marx plays shortstop for the Wildcats and has contributed his skill at bat to help the team obtain a winning season.

6. Getting his glove to the dirt, Junior Chris Marx prepares to scoop up the ball and get the out at first. Even though he's only a Junior, this is Marx's second year playing varsity, and his talents have been used throughout the whole season.

7. Junior, Pitcher Chris Robinson works on pitching a perfect game during his double header at Bosse field. There have been many times this season where the baseball team had to have double headers due to the cancellation of games because of rain.

8. Leading pitcher, Senior Casey Schenk attempts to strike out yet another Bosse opponent. Schenk, along with Junior Jim Zimmer, are both left handed pitchers; having two left handed pitchers on a team is both unusual and beneficial.

9. Playing center field, Senior Michael Elsner attempts to get the out at second base. Elsner is 1 of 7 seniors that stepped up and led the Wildcats to a successful season.

10. As Junior Dom Turi slides back into first base, a Bosse player attempts to tag him out. Turi's smart base running skills helped the Wildcats to post a 6-5 victory over the Bulldogs at Bosse Field.

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# BOYS GOLF

## GETTING BETTER ONE STROKE AT A TIME

FOR A SPORT THAT DOESN'T GET AS MUCH RECOGNITION AS IT DESERVES, THE MATER DEI GOLF TEAM HAD AN EXCELLENT SEASON WITH A TEAM FIRST, CONTRIBUTED BY JUNIOR CHIP ALSTADT, AND BY FINISHING 4<sup>TH</sup> IN THE CITY.

This year the golf team was smaller than in years past, but they proved to make up for this in their game. As always, the Senior leaders, Jon Altstadt, Adam Effinger, and Matt Pfister, proved key in guiding the younger players to success.

"The Seniors lead our team by example," says Junior Craig Macke. "When the team was stuck in a rut, the Seniors were there to help us get back into the game."

The Seniors' experience totaled up to 11 years and proved to be a helpful asset in guiding the younger players through their first year.

That experience got the team off to a strong start, taking second in their first meet of the year, the Vincennes Invitational.



Looking for pointers from his coach, Senior Jon Altstadt gets ready for his second shot on the second hole at Helfrich Hills. Altstadt was the number two player on the team, depending on a long opening drive to keep his average course score at 78.

All of the members of the golf team said that it wasn't just about winning, but it was also about having fun. Fun they had when the season ended with a winning record.

Their attitude was important in keeping them motivated all season long a being in a place to grow from here.

By Brian Koressel '02



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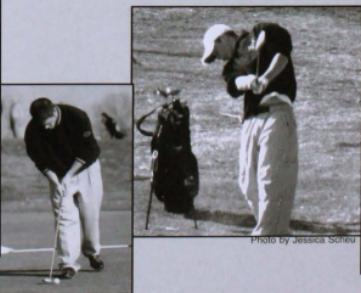


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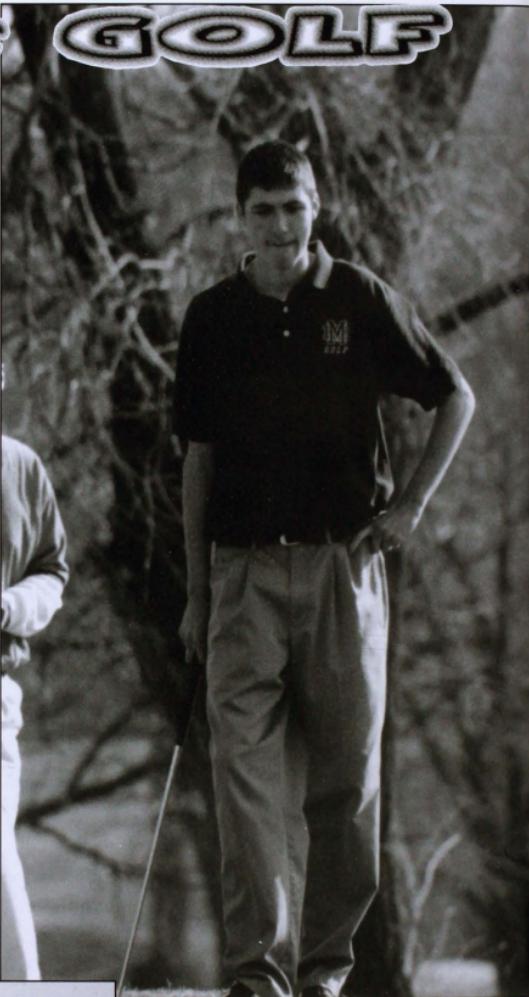




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Lining up his last putt, Junior Chip Aldstadt tries to end the meet on a good score. While cousin Jon Aldstadt anticipates that the shot will be good, the sun goes down and the Wildcats come out with a win.

Putting on the second hole, Junior Chip Aldstadt tries to hit the ball just right to help the team win their second victory of the year. Aldstadt was an asset to the team this season, with his humor and great ability to encourage others.



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Senior Jon Altstadt replaces his golf ball on the green before taking his first putt on the third hole at Helfrich Hills. It was Altstadt's consistent play and Senior leadership that earned him the Boys Golf Kiwanis Award.



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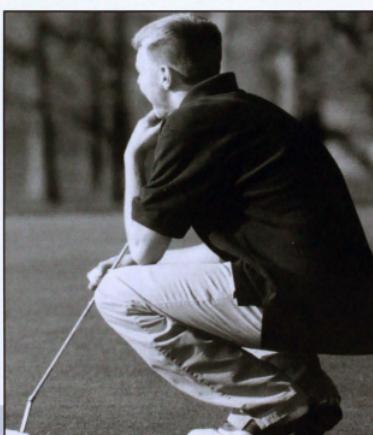


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Lining up the ball before you putt is important. Senior Matt Pfister takes a minute to gather his thoughts and line up his putt.

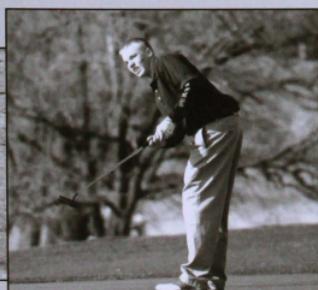


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6. Golf is an individual event where the scores are combined to make up the team's score. Juniors Matt Seibert and Sam Kaiser have worked together for several years, playing and practicing as a pair.

7. A junior and three members of the golf team, Matt Seibert concentrates as he puts the ball into the hole to make par. Seibert has been one of the leaders his team has needed to come out with as much discipline as they have respect for each other.

8. Chipping the ball onto the green, Junior Sam Kaiser tries to make par on the second hole for the day. Kaiser has been on the MD boys golf team for all three years he has been here.

9. Teeing off on the seventh hole, Junior Chip Aldstadt prepares to place the ball on the green. This is Aldstadt's third year, and he has helped lead the team to its many victories and very few defeats.

10. With a disgruntled look on his face, Freshman Craig Mayer attempts to make the putt. Mayer has proved to be a useful asset to the team, and has proved himself worthy to be playing with the varsity.

Jessica Scheu

# GIRLS TENNIS

YOUNG TEAM TAKES  
TO THE COURTS



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Receiving a few extra pointers, Freshman Audrey Goebel listens closely to Coach Mrs. Carolyn Adler. This is Adlers 3rd year as one of the coaches for the girls tennis team.

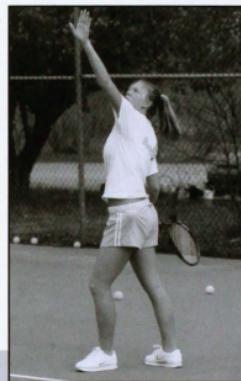


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Freshman Tara Elpers practices her serving form. The new members of the team spent a lot of tuning and learning the correct rules. They not only learned the form and rules, but also received some advice on how to keep their own scores during the match.

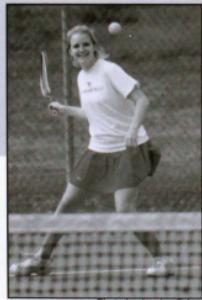


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Freshman Natalie Schmitt prepares to hit a forehand back to her opponent, while keeping a smile on her face. Schmitt began the year inexperienced, but improved her skills and her attitude to keep up her confidence.



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**N**O SENIOR LEADERSHIP DIDN'T STOP THE GIRLS TENNIS TEAM FROM HAVING AN AWESOME YEAR. THE THREE JUNIORS STEPPED UP TO GUIDE THE SEVEN FRESHMAN TO AN EXTRAORDINARY YEAR. NOT ONLY DID THE JUNIORS STEP UP, BUT SO DID THE UNDERCLASSMEN.

"The Freshman have done a great job stepping up," said Junior Kelsey Wannemuehler. "It's good to have a young team, because we get to see what we have to work with next year."

Having a young team allows you to develop a long-lasting program, but it also has its drawbacks.

"We had to start completely from scratch this year, because some of the girls have never touched a racket before," said Wannemuehler.

Most of the year was spent focusing on skills since so many of the Freshman had never played before.

The main experience on the team came from Junior all stars Kelsey Wannemuehler and Courtney Wehde. The Freshman always had someone to look up to and ask if they had questions.

Having leadership on the team made things easier on the coaches, Mrs. Carolyn Adler and Mrs. Becky Larson.

"This is totally a rebuilding year," said

Junior Courtney Wehde.

With such a small team people got moved around throughout the year. No one could get comfortable with their one position because they would be switched from singles to doubles then back again.

With only three people on reserve all the girls had to play extra hard.

"Everybody is outstanding in their own position. It has been hard because everybody has moved positions in the middle of the year. Which is tough because doubles and singles are totally different."

The two year age difference didn't bother anyone. The girls all still joke around and had a good time.

"It has been a lot of fun, all the girls get along really well. We have a lots of team jokes. Freshman Molly Couture's our team comedian. She tells all the funny jokes in her crazy accents," says Wannemuehler.

It was a good season for everyone. The team is excited about next year, because they have already started practicing for it.

By Mary Beth Jankowski '03



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Junior Melissa Schnur jumps for an out of reach ball. Schnur just started playing tennis this year and showed more improvement than any other person on the team.



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Junior Kelsey Wannemuehler lunges for the ball in an intense match against the Reitz Panthers. Wannemuehler is one of three upper classmen that has taken a role as leader of the team and mentor to the younger players.

Concentrating on returning her opponents serve, Freshman Tara Bouillet focuses on the ball and her form to perfect her shot. Bouillet played reserve singles this year and focused on improving her ground strokes for next year.

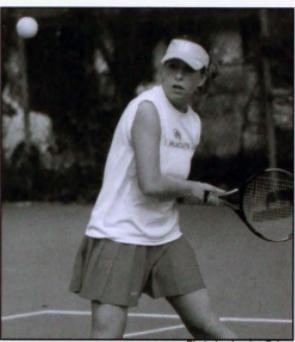


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Paying close attention to Coach Becky Larson, Freshman Amber Toelle makes sure she gets everything Larson says into her head. The coaches had to go over basic skills this year, since the team was so young.

Watching the ball very closely, Freshman Molly Couture prepares to send it back over the net. Couture's extra experience from lessons have helped her take a spot on the varsity team.

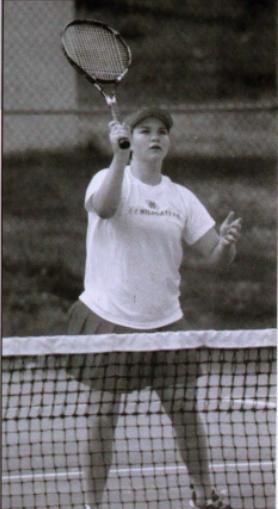


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# POST SEASON

WILDCATS ARE THE  
BEST IN THE STATE

**P**UTTING IN 18 HOURS A WEEK, TEN WEEKS A YEAR, FOR ONE SEASON, THE PRACTICE FINALLY PAYS OFF WHEN ENTERING POST-SEASON. THE SLATES ARE WIPE CLEAN; EVERYONE ENTERS WITH A 0-0 RECORD.

For seniors post-season can mean much more. It could be their last time to put on a Mater Dei jersey.

Senior Dan Alcorn, receiver of the State runner-up football team, and guard for the Sectional Championship Basketball team puts a great deal of emphasis on the post-season. He, along with others feels that it is what they work for all year long.

"Everyone has the chance to maintain his success and further his winning streak. The slate is wiped clean, and the title is up for grabs," says Alcorn. "There is a lot more pressure added going into post-season. The stakes are raised, and no one wants that game to be their last."

With titles on the line, nothing is held back. Everyone shares a common goal. Although, not everyone makes it to the top, they give it their best.

"We all give 100 percent and can't hold anything back. At the end of the season we pull together as a team and try and win the championship," quotes Alcorn.

Many hours are spent each year to establish a tradition of excellence. Wrestling, for example, has been a legacy that we have carried on for many years. In the most recent years, a new tradition and legacy has been established.

The connection between Junior Jenna Babcock, and Senior Alisann Shetler is one of the factors that established a new legacy in girls soccer. They were not the only key to winning the school's second girls soccer sectional, but they were also contributing members of the 1999 team that won the school's first.

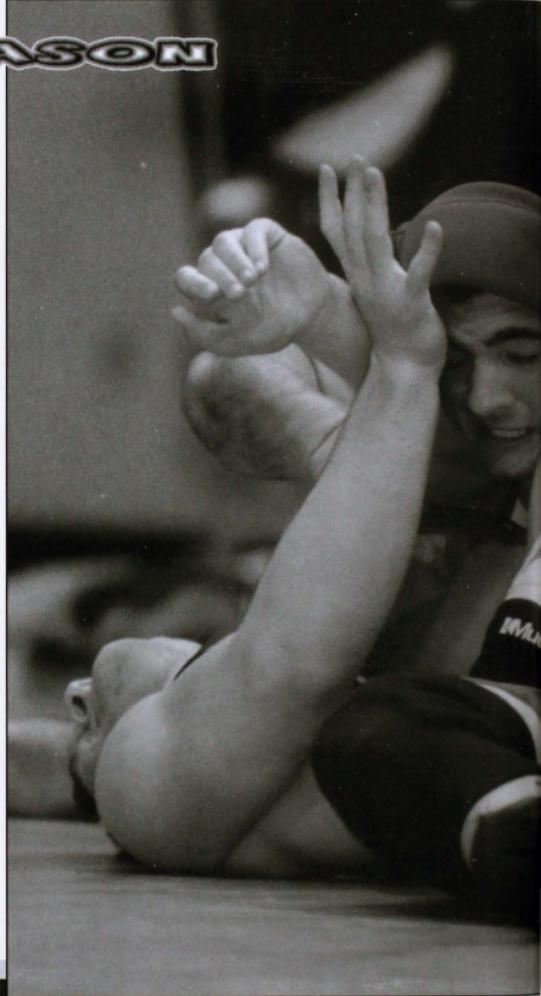
Senior Alisann Shetler reflects, "Overall it was a great year to end with. I am really going to miss putting on a Mater Dei jersey and going out on the field to play for my school."

Although the season may come to end, the tradition still carries on as we continue to succeed in our sports.

By Ashley Paulson '02



Junior Missy Glaser goes up for a shot in sections against North Knox. Glaser battled back from a tragic elbow injury to have one of her best seasons.



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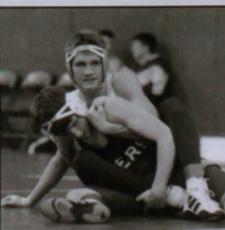


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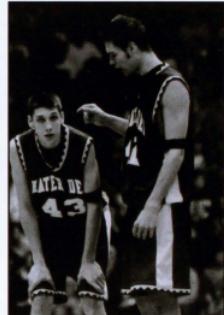
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With a swift, overpowering move, the 215 lb. Senior Bobby Schmitt gets the jump on his Belmont opponent at Team State. Schmitt earned his fourth State Wrestling ring as the team takes their eighth straight title.

Showing much excitement, the varsity football team raises their helmets after a big Semi-State win. This was the football team's second year in a row to win this title.



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Senior Matt Kiefer gives a little extra coaching to Freshman Wacey Hall. Hall stepped up to varsity during post-season play.



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After checking the time board, Senior Mandy Nurenbern congratulates her Castle opponent at the sectional finals. Nurenbern dedicated her season to her father on the way to becoming Mater Dei's first swimmer to compete at State.

1. Determined to beat Westside rival Reitz, Senior Jake Schiff releases the ball down field confidently, to one of his receivers. Defeating the Panthers gave the Wildcats the boost they needed to go into post-season with high hopes of returning to the State Finals.

2. When it comes to post-season, everyone has to step up above and beyond their abilities. Junior Nick Moll heads the ball into the midfield in the Wildcat's opening round of sectional games.

3. Pausing to look at the coaches for some extra help, Junior Aaron Scott keeps a hold of his opponent. Scott qualified for Individual State and finished with a 4th place.

4. Sophomore Blake Maurer wrestles another great match to take him one step closer to his second state title. As an underclassmen Maurer stepped up and showed promising leadership abilities for the future.

5. Preparing to work the ball up the field for the score, Junior Melissa Schnur takes off. Schnur played both offense and defense for the team; always working hard to move the ball.

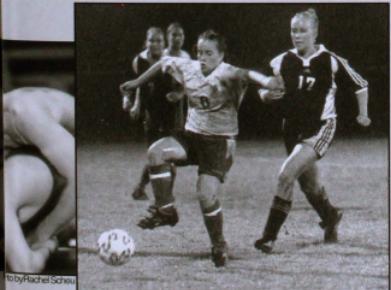


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# Keeping it Together

## FRIENDSHIP: THE KEY TO SANITY

**M**ANY PEOPLE CLAIM, 'HIGH SCHOOL IS THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE!' THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT IT IS ALSO THE BUSIEST. BETWEEN SPENDING SEVEN HOURS AT SCHOOL, FIVE HOURS AT THE AFTER-SCHOOL JOB, THREE AND A HALF HOURS ON HOMEWORK, SLEEP FOR SIX HOURS, THEN START ALL OVER AGAIN, ONE TENDS TO KEEP QUITE OCCUPIED. BALANCING TIME AND MAINTAINING SANITY IS A STRESSFUL TASK FOR ANY STUDENT.

P-A-R-T-Y! This tends to be the motto for the majority of the student body. Hanging out with friends and having fun is the ultimate stress-reliever for all. As soon as the bell rings at 2:30 on Friday afternoon, a stampede of students head for the parking lot.

"Jail break," is how Senior Matt Beck describes the 2:30 bell.

Ridding the shackles of khakis and polos is one thing that Junior Leah Spivey anticipates at the end of the day. Being comfortable during school in jeans is what many public school students take for granted.

"Yeah, Hooray," is what Senior Kari Lambert secretly yells to herself simultaneously with the bell. The bell to her is a sign of escape, because she knows in about five minutes she will be on the road, able to decide the

next move she makes.

Going to the mall, seeing a movie at the theater, or cruising G where one can find the largest population of teens, when school is session. Considering there really isn't a lot to do in Evansville, Senior Freeman recalls,

"Its Evansville," reminds Freeman, "what else is there to do from?" If Freeman is not at one of her two after-school jobs, she is co-gating with peers in one of the usual hangouts.

On the flip side of the norm, Junior Stan Blaszczyk can be special working on the efficiency car with classmates in his spare time. Building a special vehicle is a state-wide competition among high school students; it's a great way to occupy yourself.

Whether one is a dedicated, an ambitious student like Blaszczyk who goes the extra mile for his work or are the average Joe that lives for weekends, we all wear the same monogram on our polo and attend the classes. One thing that is more important to each and every one though, is the time that we get to share having fun with our friends.

By Abby Wei





# Student life



# Managers

## they work quietly behind the scenes

**T**HE CASES ARE FULL OF TROPHIES. THE WALLS ARE COVERED WITH GIANT PICTURES OF STATE CHAMPIONS. THE NUT CLUB TROPHY IS PROUDLY DISPLAYED IN THE CAFETERIA, BUT THERE IS A GROUP OF ATHLETES THAT STAND BEHIND THE TEAM, ENSURING THAT THE TEAM IS READY TO COMPETE AND READY TO WIN.

These are the student managers. Senior Danny Ko has been a student manager for football and boys basketball since his Freshman year.

"I wanted to be part of a team. I work just as much as the team. I come in early or stay late to make sure everything is ready to go," Ko stated.

"The worst part about being a manager is when people call me the water boy, from the movie 'The Water Boy,'" Ko said as he remembers the way people would yell and mock him.

Ko is not the only student manager; Terry Evans is also a Senior manager. He has been the manager of football and wrestling since his Freshman year. Evans goes above and beyond the call of duty.

"I remember seeing Terry, during softball season, getting the softball uniforms, pads and cleats ready for the upcoming season," recalls Senior Rachel Scheu.

"I remember last year at Individual State. I forgot Neil Reddington and Allen Weinzapfel's tights. I didn't get in too much trouble because Coach Goebel had extra pairs," Evans recalled with a laugh.

"Terry is the best manager we've ever had, he always has everything ready," said Coach Mike Goebel.

Very determined manager is Sophomore Jennifer Carter. "I love sports, and all my friends play on the team, so I thought I would give it a try," Carter said.

Carter does more than just take stats. "I learn the plays so that if a player needs help, they can come to me," Carter said, smiling proudly.

Most managers don't get the recognition they deserve. Coaches and players respect and appreciate the managers very much, but sometimes don't always acknowledge their work.

By Kelly Paul '02



Senior Terry Evans arranges the wrestling warm-ups in the cage to get ready for their next meet against Memorial. Evans has been the manager of the football and wrestling teams for the past 2 years.

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Senior Terry Evans helps repair Sam Weber's head gear before his next match against the Reitz Panthers. Evans has been manager of the wrestling team for 2 years now and helps with many of the tasks the coaches need done.



After getting water and towels ready for the boys basketball team to finish practice, Senior Danny Ko then puts clothes in the dryer for them. Ko has been manager of the basketball team for 4 years and has been a big help for every of the coaches.



Senior Danny Ko boxes up the football pads for another year. Not only was it an honor for Ko to be the manager of the state-runner up football team, but Ko has now received the honor of being the manager of the USI screaming Eagles basketball team.

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Fixing a helmet, Junior Dave Lappe works on getting the football team ready for another game. Other responsibilities for Lappe during the season included getting uniforms together, getting water and all the medical supplies ready to go.

Keeping a close eye on the game, Jennifer Carter takes stats for the girls varsity basketball game. With love for basketball, Carter likes to stay involved anyway she can.

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it is not just the teachers  
that make the school run



# Staff

**A**S STUDENTS RUN IN THEIR HOMEROOMS AT 7:25 IN THE MORNING, SECRETARIES, JANITORS AND CAFETERIA WORKERS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN THEIR JOBS. WHAT STUDENTS DON'T REALIZE IS THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO TAKE CARE OF THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AND STUDENTS WITHOUT ANYONE REALIZING IT. BEHIND THE SCENES OF EVERYDAY CLASSES, FACULTY MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS PERFORMING NUMEROUS TASKS TO KEEP STUDENTS AND THE BUILDING WORKING WITHOUT ERROR.

Secretaries arrive in the office no later than 6:45 each day and never leave before 3:30. Their day is a full agenda, with plans for the principal, vice principal and student body. They take care of every student who walks in the office (including the sick ones), no matter if they are busy or taking care of another person.

"Mondays are the worst and Friday seems to be more laid back. You never know how the day will be until you get here in the morning," said Mrs. Carla Wildeman.

At 7:00 in the morning the cafeteria workers are already preparing our lunch. The menu is already decided at the beginning of the week, but the real problem is how much to fix.

"Each day we have to determine the amount of food to fix according to students absent and out for the day," said Mrs. Kirckhoff.

Each of the 13 workers has her own job providing an established, smoothly-run routine every day.

Janitors come in after school each day to clean the building and make sure everything is well kept and organized for everyone in the school. They work hard after everyone leaves and stay late into the night.

No one knows how much each of these groups does for the school and student body. They are the "school moms" and give up their extra time for the betterment of the school; they are the janitors who are always here, even when the students aren't, and they are the cafeteria workers who prepare lunch before we begin classes; and they are the secretaries that keep the school running. All of these people put forth extra time and effort to keep the school running on its natural schedule without taking a lot of credit that they truly deserve.

By Melissa Schnur '03

Mr. Knight lends his expert advice about the stock market to Juniors Rachel Gries and Laura Pritchett. Knight has his classes learn about the stock market through a tricky game where it crashes in the end without anyone knowing.



Photo by Melissa Schnur





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Mr. Sills shows Junior Rachel Moers how to silk screen folders during 8th grade visitation. Moers helped the 8th graders print the Mater Dei logo on red and gold folders that they got to take home as a keepsake.



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Before turning in a college application, Senior Brent Schmitt asks Ms. Rogge to proofread his essay. The Seniors keep the English teachers busy revising papers for scholarships and applications.



Principal Jay Van Hoosier and Administrative Assistant Gary Houchins discuss upcoming events at Mater Dei. Even though this was their first year at Mater Dei, Houchins and Van Hoosier caught on to the Mater Dei tradition quickly.

Photo by Melissa Schnur



# Spirit

## pep club keeps the spirit alive

**A**S TEAMS ADVANCE THROUGH POST-SEASON PLAY, THE EXCITEMENT IN THE STUDENT BODY GROWS. BUT WHO KEEPS THE EXCITEMENT ALIVE THROUGH THE REGULAR SEASON? WHO SHOWS THE ATHLETES THAT THE STUDENTS

### APPRECIATE THEM?

With a combination of posters, pep assemblies and small gifts to the players, the Pep Club tries to keep the spirit alive.

"It's fun making signs and planning assemblies," said Pep Club Chairman Senior Allie Moll. "We love seeing the players' faces when we're done."

The Pep Club takes lots of their own time to plan and prepare the major projects, such as the large posters in the gym and all the signs they hang on the players' lockers. But the groups does not limit themselves to just things around school when it comes to generating spirit and excitement.

"The biggest project we did was for football state," said Co-Chairman Senior Brooke Steinkamp. A bunch of senior girls got together with players' mothers to decorate the players' yards. This took many long nights, but it was worth it."

The people involved in the Pep Club like the enjoyment of helping others and promoting school spirit at Mater Dei. It gives them a chance to give back for all that the athletes do for them and to show their appreciation for all the hard work and dedication our athletes give to make MD sports so fun to watch.

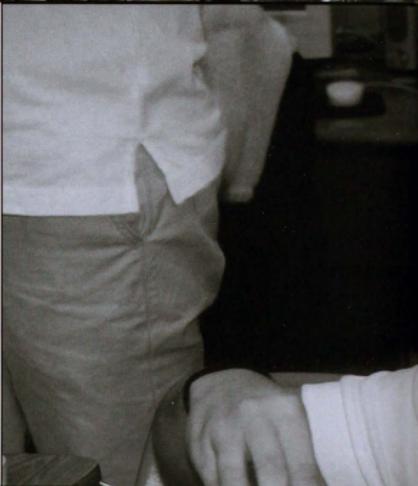
But being in the Pep Club also gives the members a chance to let loose and have some fun.

"One of the funnest things we prepared was the assemble for the varsity basketball team," said Steinkamp. "The senior guys dressed up like cheerleaders and escorted the team out. It was hilarious."

Mater Dei has tons of school spirit, but it is the role of the Pep Club to keep it in front of us.

And they've done a great job of that this year.

By Lyndsey Nosko '02



Imitating Drew Carey, Mr. John Wells shows off his dancing skills and gets jiggie with it. Wells is known as a "Drew Carey" look-alike and is always ready to make a fool of himself in front of the student body.

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Junior Jill Schaefer concentrates very hard on cutting out a perfect circle for a button. Making and selling buttons was a huge fundraiser for the Pep Club as well as let everyone know who the Wildcats were rooting for.



Senior Brad Buedal plays a band chant on his guitar during a time-out to get the crowd into the game. The Pep Band played at every boys varsity home game as well as several football, girls basketball and volleyball games.



Senior Pep Club member Kim Goebel decorates a button during football season. Many Pep Club members spent multiple hours to make this fundraiser a success. Pep Club used the profits to supply other teams with good luck goodies.

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Photo by Kendra Weber



Future MatCat Sophomore Kristina Kayser puts cokes into the refrigerator before one of the grade school wrestling meets. Sophomores and Juniors, trying out to become MatCats work the grade school wrestling meets every year as part of the prerequisite.

Zooming in very close, Junior Kim Bauer takes a picture of a wrestling match. During the wrestling season Mat Cats were in charge of running the concession stands, taking pictures, and keeping stats. They also made scrapbooks for the varsity members.

Photo by Rachel Scheu



Photo by Megan Martin



# Our Town

## Students take charge of their school

**H**OW MANY TIMES DO THE MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF AND ATTORNEYS COME TO A SCHOOL? HERE AT MATER DEI, THE ANSWER WOULD BE EVERYDAY, FOR WE ARE OUR OWN CITY. MAYOR VANCE HARTKE FIRST RECOGNIZED MATER DEI VILLE AS A CITY IN 1956 AND EVER SINCE THEN HAS GIVEN MD STUDENTS A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT GOVERNMENT FIRST HAND.

"Each homeroom is numbered by a ward/ precinct and represented by a homeroom representative," explains Mayor Natalie Dressel.

A homeroom representative's responsibility is to attend every meeting and to be ready to discuss the ideas given to them from the students.

"As a homeroom representative, I have attended the meetings, prepared gifts for adopt-a-family family at Christmas, and worked to make the May Day events a success," says Senior Liz Werner.

The homeroom reps make up part of the Legislative branch. The executive branch is lead by the Mayor, and the judge, Senior Ryan Dewig, who controls the judicial branch.

"After you get a ticket, you get summoned to court. There you are arraigned. If you plead guilty, I pass sentencing right away. If you plead innocent, we have a trial," explains Dewig. "We have prosecuting and defense lawyers and the case can be decided by the judge or the jury of peers."

Along with the council and the court, there are also many appointed positions for people to get involved in the student government.

"I think our government is unique because there are so many opportunities for everyone to get involved," says Dressel.

Overall, it's the student government that pulls our school together and sets the tone for the year. New ideas, such as the Christmas Court and the many new events at May Day, have enhanced the uniqueness and spirit of our Mater Dei community.

By Karen Scheller '02



Administrative Assistant Gary Houchins swears in Senior Logan Riggs at a special breakfast for all the Student Council members. As Clerk, Riggs was responsible for all official school ceremonies.

Staff Photo



Senior Brent Schmitt gives the newly elected Mayor of Mater Dei, Senior Natalie Dressel, a congratulations hug. Schmitt also serves as the Police Chief of Mater Dei-ville and helps instruct the police officers in how to fulfill their duty for the city of Mater Dei-ville.



Photo by Rachel Scheuer

As Christmas draws near, Junior Mary Nelson and Senior Natalie Dressel begin to put up the tree in order to show our appreciation of and the meaning of Christmas. Decorations were just one facet of preparations for the annual dance.

Mayor Natalie Dressel spends time in her office making phone calls during the school day. Dressel was responsible for many of the events that took place during the year as well as several fundraising and charitable events.



Photo by Kelly Paul



Photo by Melissa Schnur

Police officer Brian Koressel writes a ticket for a rebellious Sophomore that parked in the parking lot first registering. The police officers are busy all year long enforcing the laws of Mater Dei-ville and keeping the Sophomores out of the parking lot.

At the inauguration assembly, all members of the Student Council stand to be recognized. Not only were they recognized by our student body, but also by the Mayor of Evansville, Mr. Russell Lloyd Jr.



Photo by Rachel Scheuer



Photo by Karen Scheller



# Volunteers

These people give back to the school they love

**M**ANY PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THE ASSISTANT COACHES, MANAGERS AND TRAINERS, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PARENTS AND ALUMNI WHO TAKE TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO SUPPORT MATER DEI?

"It really says a lot about our school," said Director of Development Sr. Jane Michele McClure. "When so many people come back to give of their own time to help improve the school or build it up, it shows that these people believe in us."

Volunteers choose to give of their time through various activities to help the school run smoothly, and there is a lot to do in a school of this size.

"Most help with different booster organizations," said Principal Jay Van Hoosier. "But there are so many more that step in to judge at speech meets or chaperone dances."

These people love Mater Dei and want to give back to the school that has done so much for them, but everyone that volunteers finds those areas that best fit their talents and their passions.

Becky Jankowski, mother of Tom '97, Dan '99 and MaryBeth '03, decided to take part in her sons' extracurricular activities by becoming the MatCat sponsor. Although she was familiar with the Wildcat wrestling program, she was surprised by the amount of work that her volunteering would require of her.

"It's more work than you realize when you first start, but lots of people want to chip in and help," Becky Jankowski said.

Janice Schuble has had three children graduate from Mater Dei and has chosen to remain involved through the Friends and Alumni, concessions, and football and wrestling clubs.

"I love Mater Dei. It is a good school. When you get older you start realizing what a great school it is," Janice Schuble says of Mater Dei.

No matter what they do or why they do it, the entire school community owes all of our volunteers a big "thank you" for all that they do for us.

By Jennifer Jost '03



To honor the men who fought for America, two veterans came to speak at Veterans Day assembly. They salute the flag in respect during the National Anthem.

Photo by Mary Nelson



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Reserve wrestling coach Mr. Randy Helfrich explains the meaning of his tie to Dr. Jay Rohleder. Helfrich and Rohleder both dedicate many hours to the wrestling sucessful wrestling program.



Photo by Rachel Scheu

Dedicated moms Janiet Schapker and Sue Alcorn help chaperone our annual Walk-A-Thon. They enjoyed the exercise and beautiful weather while they helped in this important fundraiser.



Mary Ann Schmitt helps out by making lemonade for the football team pre-game dinner. Since this will be Brent's last year to play, Schmitt helps out in any way she can.

Photo by Mary Nelson



Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski

Mater Dei volunteer, Don Metzer, takes time out of his day to make the MD campus look more inviting to the visitors that come throughout the day. Metzer is always ready to help and spends many hours lending a helping hand.



Photo by Mary Nelson



Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski



# Rewards

## hard work in school pays off big

**W**HEN YOU HEAR MATER DEI, WHAT IS IT THAT YOU THINK OF? MAYBE IT'S OUR EIGHT STRAIGHT WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND NINE TOTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. IT COULD BE MEMORIES OF OUR FIRST STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME PLAYED IN 2000 OR OUR SECOND PLACE FINISH THIS PAST YEAR. YOU MAY ALSO THINK OF OUR STATE RUNNER UP BASKETBALL GAME LAST YEAR. ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, MATER DEI IS VERY COMPETITIVE IN ALL THEIR SPORTS. HOWEVER, MANY PEOPLE OVERLOOK THE ACADEMIC PART OF MATER DEI. THE ACADEMIC TEAMS AND SPELLBOWL TEAMS SEEM TO GET OVERLOOKED FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HARDWORK.

"We have really worked well together this year. I was impressed with the support and help we received from the underclassmen," said Sophomore Todd Wannemuehler.

The team had only a few competitions to sharpen their skills, but they proved that was not a problem by taking second in State competition.

"We got first place on our history squad and we were runners up in math," said Wannemuehler.

The speech team also had a great year, sending several members to State.

"We ended up at State despite all the odds against us," Sophomore Derek Herrmann replied. "We will lose a lot of Seniors this year, but we had a lot of underclassmen come out this year. We hope we can do even better next year."

One team that is rarely recognized is the math squad, a team few know even exists.

"We have two Seniors who have made a major impact on the team this year," said Sophomore Kristen Kissel. "Matt Kiefer and Logan Riggs are very smart and are good at solving the calculus problems."

You can tell that the Mater Dei community is not only competitive in sports but also in academics. It is the diversity of activities that allows all students to compete and demonstrate their strengths and talents.

By Andrea Neimeier '04



To get ready for the High School Art Show, Senior Bill Wargel tapes the back of a painting to enter. Many students had artwork entered in the annual contest displayed at the Evansville Museum.

Photo by Melissa Schreur



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Senior Jessica Meier fills out the registration form for the SATs that she will be taking in November. Most seniors retake the test in the fall for a second time to achieve higher scores.



Senior Alisann Shetler signs the contract that finalizes her intentions to play soccer for USI. Her coaches Tom Williams and Rob Schoenstein accompanied her along with her parents and grandparents in the background.



In his spare time, Senior Matt Neisen tutors physics to Senior Natalie Dressel and other students who need his help. Neisen has even quit his job at Stadium 16 to devote more time to tutoring students.



While looking for a scholarship application, Senior Angie Elpers appreciates the help from Ms. Rosenberg. Seniors spend many hours filling out these forms in order to get into the college of their dreams with hopes of saving a little money.



Photo by Rachel Scheu

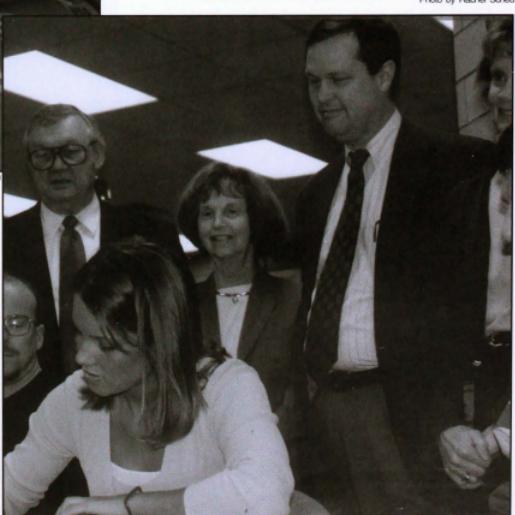


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# Celebrate

## religion is an important part of mater dei

“**UNITY AND COMMUNITY ARE AT THE BASIS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,**” CLAIMS FATHER KENNETH STECKLER. PRAISING THE LORD ABOVE IS THE FOCUS OF OUR RELIGION, BUT THERE ARE MANY WAYS IN WHICH WE ARE ABLE TO DO THAT BESIDES DIRECT PRAYER. SERVICE AND SACRIFICE FOR THY NEIGHBOR IS THE MAIN WAY IN WHICH EACH PRACTICING CATHOLIC CONTRIBUTES TO THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE.

This year, the owners of Fehrenbacher Cabinets contributed greatly to the Mater Dei community. They donated two beautiful pieces of woodwork to be used during masses held at school. First, was a stand on which the Easter candle presides. Then they sculpted a shadow box that displays one of two stained glass windows. The windows portray the crucifix and our patroness with child. To illuminate the windows, Mr. Jerry Goedde volunteered his time and energy to the electrical work of the project.

“Generous donations like these set the Mater Dei community apart from all others,” says Fr. Steckler.

Beyond the physical objects used in Mass, many feel it is important to personally participate in the Mass.

“It was a very enjoyable experience to serve Christ and my classmates,” remembers Senior Jacob Koressel about being a Eucharistic minister.

Koressel along with a number fellow Seniors gave their time during a week of training and reflection at the beginning of the school year to prepare.

Speaking of fellow peers, Koressel detests when students complain about having to attend mass.

“Jesus hung, dying for hours for the sins of mankind, and they can’t give one hour to celebrate the gift of Christ,” Koressel says.

To reinforce Koressel’s statement, Fr. Steckler adds, “For those who feel as if they are being forced to participate, remember Christ on the Cross.”

Christ being the focus of our religion and life is evident, particularly throughout the Mater Dei community by their service and sacrifice.

By Abby Weis '02



Looking for that exact note, Senior Roxie Frank impresses the students, once again, at mass with her breath taking voice. Frank leads the congregation of students in song at every mass.

Photo by Rachel Scheu





The football team spends a few moments in prayer before they head out to the field for the second appearance at the State championship game. Father Ken Steckler led the team in prayer before each and every football game, praying for their safety, sportsmanship and teamwork.



Playing the violin, Freshman Robert Schnautz adds music to Mass. Schnautz is just one of the many students here at Mater Dei who uses his talents to contribute to our masses.

Principal Jay Van Hoosier distributes communion to Mrs. Phyllis Bussing at the first Mass of the year. Bussing, the Director of Catholic Education for the diocese, regularly attends mass at the various schools under her control.

Photo by Rachel Scheu



Photo by Jessica Scheu



Receiving a handshake from Father Ken Steckler, Senior JP Morrow is congratulated on becoming a Eucharistic Minister. Twenty-three Seniors were chosen to be Eucharistic Ministers this year.

Blessing the students at the first Mass of the year, teacher Mr. Ron Hickman raises his hand to the Mater Dei student body. Hickman, an ordained minister in his religion, delivered the homily at one of our masses, explaining to us how important religion is.

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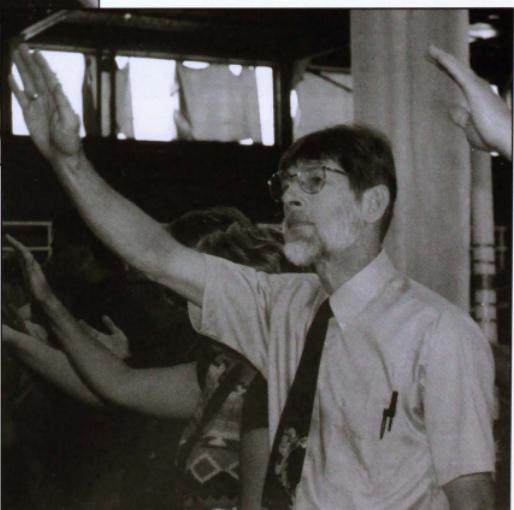


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fundraising is just part of  
the game



# Money

**W**E ALL KNOW THAT NOTHING IS FREE. ALL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES NEED MONEY TO BUY THE NECESSITIES FOR THEIR PARTICULAR SPORT. THE BEST WAY TO GET THIS MONEY IS BY DOING FUNDRAISERS.

We've all been given out the Hacienda give-back coupons in hopes of bringing in mobs of students. Candy and suckers always seem to be on sale in the halls. However, some teams need to bring in more cash and the only way is by selling bigger and better things for higher prices. The softball teams sold the McDonalds and choice peeler and the baseball team sold a sheet of restaurant coupons with their schedule on the back.

"We made \$7,000 this year. It was fabulous," said Junior Chris Marx. "We use the money to buy needed equipment, such as bats, helmets and baseballs."

The track team took a new approach this year and sold Domino's pizza books along with MD seat cushions to help pay for new uniforms.

"We did get T-shirts for selling them," said Junior Elizabeth Govert.

But sports are not the only things that raise money here at Mater Dei. There is always a person standing at the end of the lunch line collecting money for organizations such as St. Vincent, Relay for Life or even a person that we all know who needs help with medical bills and other expenses.

"I think that it is great that our school can contribute so much money to the less fortunate," states Senior Karen Scheller. "It shows how generous our Mater Dei community really is."

Not only does our Mater Dei community contribute to others, but we also have our own way of raising money for our school. Our annual Walk-A-Thon is a way for each of our students to raise a little bit of money to help contribute to each of our class treasury.

Of course, wrestling will always sell their Turoni's pizzas and the football team will hassle us to buy MD gold cards and their delicious BBQ. But without the money they get from fundraisers, they wouldn't have the extra cash to buy their equipment and be sent off to camp to improve their play. So, next time you are asked to help out, make sure you support our Mater Dei teams.

By Amber Gilles '02



**S**enior Heather Eickhoff counts all of the money made by the marketing class that sold chocolate smooches. Some people bought these to eat for themselves, but most bought them to share with their sweethearts on Valentine's Day.



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Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski



Sophomore Brittany Hoepling has to make a hard decision on whether to buy a caramel or almond candy bar. Senior Rachel Scheu, along with her sister Jessica, sold these in order to raise money for the Relay for Life, a cancer research program.

Staff Photo

Seniors Bill Wargel, Natalie Dressel, Liz Werner and Dave Herron pose for a picture as they walk along Ray-Becker Parkway towards Howell Park during the Walk-A-Thon. Seniors made the most of their last Walk-a-thon by having fun with friends.



After a very long walk, even though only half of it was over, a group of Seniors took advantage of their break time at Howell Park. Students walked over seven miles in order to raise money for Mater Dei and their own class treasures.

Photo by Jessica Scheu

# three different classes cover the news



# The Word

**M**ANY PEOPLE AT MATER DEI DON'T REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK IT TAKES TO PUT OUT SUCH GREAT THINGS AS THE YEARBOOK, WILDCAT WATCH AND THE NEWSPAPER. ALL THESE THINGS TAKE A LOT OF TIME THAT SEEMS TO GO UNNOTICED.

"It takes a whole period, sometimes I'll stay during choice to finish something, if I'm almost done with it. Of course, taking pictures outside of school takes time," explains Junior, yearbook staff member Mary Nelson.

There are many other jobs besides taking pictures, though.

"I crop pictures, write stories, write captions and pick out pictures that go on pages," explains Amber Gilles, a Senior member of yearbook.

Yearbook is a group project that involves the entire class.

"Everyone pretty much does the same thing and helps out to get everything done for the deadline," explains Rachel Scheu, Senior Editor of the yearbook. "I really think this yearbook is going to turn out to be good."

The yearbook isn't the only way Mater Dei spreads the word about its past and new events. Mater Dei also puts out a newspaper every month.

"When it is time for a paper to come out we have to edit the stories, lay them out on the computer and often times we have to come in early because it takes too long to get it all done in class," explains Gilles, who along with being on yearbook is assistant Editor of the newspaper.

"We are happy if there aren't a lot of mistakes because if there are mistakes it doesn't show how much work we put into it," explains Gilles. "So if it is good, all the teachers come up and tell us we did a good job."

Mass Media really shows howto spread the word. The minute Wildcat Watch comes on, classrooms go silent to hear what it has to report.

"I have to go out on assignments, tape sporting events, edit them and write stories," said Danielle Dipple, a Junior member of mass media.

Once a week, the producer has their hands full.

"The producer has to figure out what will be on the show, who does cameras and lights and who reads," says Dipple.

Yearbook, newspaper and mass media all take a lot more work than most people give them credit for. So maybe now in the future the students will realize the hard work that the staffs of these classes go through for the student body to be informed.

By Katie Scheller '04

After looking over the announcements, Junior Jennifer Sotolongo prepares to go on camera. The mass media class has a live news report that goes to classrooms every Friday during choice.



Photo by Rachel Moore





Photo by Rachel Schue

Getting ready to film Seniors Alisann Shetler and Jake Shiff signing with colleges, Senior Danny Ko focuses the camera. Ko captured many memorable events on tape for the mass media class and broadcasted them on Wildcat Watch.

Photo by Mary Nelson

Juniors Mary Beth Jankowski and Melissa Schmier work very fast to get all 18 pictures captioned in one block. Captioning is one of the many time consuming things that has to be done to have an awesome yearbook.



Preparing for the weekly Wildcat Watch broadcast, Junior Danielle Dippell twists the controls for the cameras and music to come on. Dippell is in charge of the controls for the sounds and visuals and makes sure all the equipment needed is ready before the show.

Photo by Rachel Moers



# Field Trips

it is more than just a day out of school

**G**ETTING OUT OF SCHOOL IS WHAT EVERY STUDENT WANTS. ANY CHANCE POSSIBLE TO GET AWAY FROM HOMEWORK AND LECTURES IS A DREAM COME TRUE. FIELD TRIPS GIVE STUDENTS TIME TO GET AWAY FROM THEIR WORK AND ALSO HAVE A GOOD TIME, WHILE PROVIDING AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

"It's easier to remember and visualize once we've gone over the idea in class. The students pick up more from seeing an actual sewage plant and can apply what they learned in class to what they see," said Mr. Carl Voegel about his sewer tour field trip, his advanced biology students take every year.

Most of the departments take their students on field trips each year. Sometimes it is a trip to a daycare, like in Mrs. Becky Larson's childcare class, and other times, it is to watch a play, spend time behind the scenes at a television station or the revived morgue trip.

"It's an integral part of the curriculum," said Mr. Dan Becker about the English field trip. "Shakespeare is made to be seen and be appreciated. That's the only way anyone can understand the richness of the drama. It was a great experience for the students and benefited them tremendously."

Mater Dei Judge Ryan Dewig and Assistant Clerk Affiliate Brooke Steinkamp were two Seniors who participated in Law Day and had the chance to compare the real courts to Mater Dei's court system.

"The trial was a lot longer and had more evidence than we ever do here. I felt that I related to the judge, but I realized that the job is more complex than how it is here," said Dewig.

Getting out of school is the main part every student thinks about when you hear the words 'field trip'. Teachers know that there is more to it than just getting out of school. They provide a great chance to learn while having fun away from lecturing or taking tests. Field trips provide a chance to apply what students learn in class to experiences outside school, while still allowing time for fun and games.

By Melissa Schnur '03



Seniors Elissa Fehrenbacher and Leah Martin laugh at the idea of who the 'dad' of Fehrenbacher's baby is. Mrs. Becky Larson's child care class had the opportunity to carry around 'babies' to get the idea of what it will be like in real life.

Photo by Rachel Schu



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Freshman Jennifer Padavic gets to hear the sound new mothers are always anticipating to hear, the sound of their new babies heart beat. The Mater Dei community was blessed to have St. Mary's employees come and teach them about the medical workforce in today's era.



Photo by Rachel Scheu



Senior Jennifer Mesker gets into a car during out-to-lunch, while holding her baby as not to hurt it. Mesker is just one out of many of the students in Mrs. Becky Larson's class who had to take her baby everywhere with her, including out-to-lunch.

Sophomore Erick Riffet stuffs his mouth full with chips and salsa during one of the fiesta days. The Spanish class has the opportunity to not only learn Spanish and their customs, but they also get the chance to eat the spicy foods and the icy beverages.

Photo by Rachel Scheu



Photo by Mary Nelson

Seniors Natalie Dressel, Amanda Feldhaus and Brooke Steinkamp pass around a prosthetic breast with a cancerous lump in it. The Senior and Junior girls were educated on how to find and protect themselves from cancer in the early stages of development.

The yearbook and newspaper staff take their annual trip to Carbondale, Illinois to learn and show others how we do our yearbook and newspaper. Both staffs received multiple awards, and Mr. John Well's received advisor of the year award.



Photo by Anna Koester

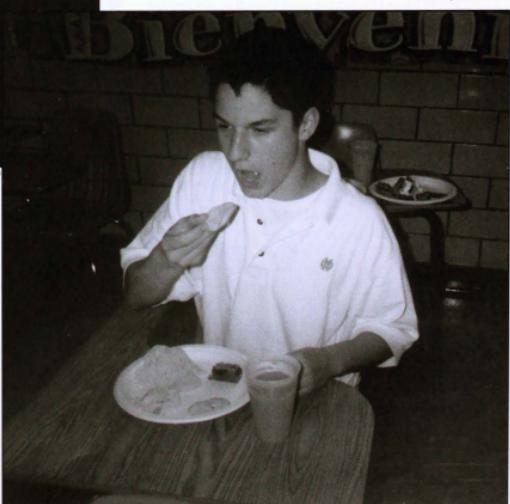


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# Fun Times

**parties are a great chance to get together**

**L**ISTENING TO MUSIC, MEETING NEW PEOPLE, DANCING, AND JUST HAVING A GOOD TIME. WHATEVER IT MAY INCLUDE, WHEREVER IT MIGHT BE, EVERYONE LOVES A GOOD PARTY.

When the weekend comes around, a strange force takes over. Even though everyone has spent the last five days with everyone else at school, they feel drawn to spend several hours together partying and having fun.

Of course it is for fun, not the strict environment of school where everyone dresses the same and moves from class to class at the ring of a bell. Parties provide a chance to let your hair down and to cut loose.

"Our parties are care free. We don't get all dressed up or worry about what we look like. Having fun is our main concern," said Junior Megan Parkinson.

Many party goers have to head to the country to have their fun, dropping tailgates in front of a camp fire and blaring country music from the truck stereo.

Others, though, just invite a few friends over to their house for an evening of fun. There is plenty of food, music and friends.

"I like to keep my parties small so my parents don't get mad. It's just me and some friends sitting around in my barn, cookin' some good food and listening to some country music," said Senior Zach Spaetti. "Usually some girls get up and dance, and once in a while you get some guys that try to ride my cows."

Of course there are some of us at Mater Dei that don't like the whole country atmosphere and seek out a different kind of party.

"At the parties I go to we just sit around and chill. We listen to rap music. I don't like listening to country," said Senior Michelle Markin.

No matter what kind you prefer, a party is a party and the best memories of high school are sometimes formed when a group of good friends get together to just be themselves.

By Amber Gilles '02



Senior Courtney Seib proves that she has what it takes to be at the top. While on Spring Break, many students tried their hand at new activities. Seib did complete the climb and reached the top.

Photo Provided by Courtney Seib





Unable to hear who Junior Megan Parkinson is talking to, Junior Brittany Robbins begs for the nightly scoop. Parkinson and Robbins love to talk on the phone and hear all of the gossip before heading to sleep.



Photo by Kim Bauer

Sporting their Christmas Dance hair do's Juniors Amanda Wildeman and Erica Wildeman give each other a high five at their basketball pre-game dinner. The day after the dance, the time and money put into hair do's doesn't really show.



After a long night of partying, Kara Adler and Kristen Frazier try to get some sleep. Weekends are not only for partying and hanging out with friends, but for catching up on all the sleep that you missed during the week days.

Photo by Dawn Wink



Massaging each other's backs, Sophomores Michelle Lewis, Kristin Kissel, Anna Flake and Jessica Knight enjoy a fun night out with the girls. Slumber parties are ways of getting to know one another, catching up on all the gossip and watching movies all night long.

Discussing their upcoming game, the JV girls basketball team devours all of their pizza, which they will eat all by themselves. Teams use the pre-game not only to discuss strategy and food, but also to grow closer as a team.

Photo by Katie McKinney



Photo by Dawn Wink



Photo by Steph Elpers



# Friends

**s**chool is for learning and for making friends

**A**LTHOUGH SOME MAY DISAGREE, HIGH SCHOOL IS THE BEST FOUR YEARS OF YOUR LIFE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES HIGH SCHOOL SO MUCH FUN IS THE FRIENDS WE MAKE WHILE WE'RE HERE. MATER DEI IS AN INVITING COMMUNITY THAT HOLDS A PLACE FOR TRADITION TO CARRY ON.

The biggest transition is from grade school, where you know every person in your small class of 20, to high school, where your class multiplies to five times as many. Making this transition can be easy for some that are involved in sports or other activities, but what about someone that comes from another school outside of our feeder schools? Freshman Ashley Lefler didn't mind the change.

"I left all of the friends I had since Kindergarten and came to Mater Dei. It wasn't easy, but I am a forward person and find it easy to meet new people," said Lefler. "Mater Dei was just so inviting that it made it easy to meet people."

For others, going to Mater Dei's Catholic feeder schools kept their friendships intact. For Seniors, they can reflect on all of the friendships they have made over the years, and those they may not have.

Senior Scott Lewis attributes his lasting friendship with Logan Riggs to sports.

"Logan and I have been friends since Kindergarten; plus we have played sports together too," says Lewis. "We have a lot of mutual friends and all play sports together."

Senior Natalie Dressel agrees, "My friends and I all share some common interest. Whether it is what we like doing on the weekends or the clothes we like. I look for a friend that will give me advice, listen to my problems and just always be there for me."

As the saying goes, "If life were like a cookie, friends would be the chocolate chips." Although everyone may not be worried about how many friends they have, everyone needs at least one chocolate chip in their cookie.

By Ashley Paulson '02



Stopping between classes Juniors Megan Parkinson, Megan Neimeier, and Erica Wildeman laugh at pictures from the weekend. The pictures help them remember there great memories.

Photo by Kim Bauer



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Sophomores Aubrey Adler, Brittany Hoefling, Nicole Bracket, Michelle Lewis and Becky Parkinson take time out of stretching for the Annual Walk-A-Thon. As most students know, this group was usually unseparable.



Photo by Rachel Scheu



Photo by Ashely Ailes

Sophomores Katie Frank, Amber Drury, Stephanie Spain, Jenna Schmitt, Katie Reising, Megan Wright and Christina Ward get comfy on each other. These girls are the best of friends and you can always find them finishing each others' sentences and doing things together.

"I'm so alone, there's no one here beside me." But for sophomores Jessica Knight, Kristen Kissel and Kristina Kayer that is not so, while they laugh at the famous movie, "Shrek" on the Friday of girls night out.



Photo by Rachel Scheu



Seniors Katie Schmitt, Sarah Tornatta, Rachel Nelson and Lindsey Nosko pose for a picture in some funky coats at the mall. These girls aren't conservative and love trying all of the new fashions, even if they look a little funny doing it.

Sophomores Jeanna Butler and Jill Merkel get a laugh out of Michelle Lewis' joke in the wee hours of the morning. When you ever need a laugh, you can always turn to your friends and they are always willing to pick you up and make you a happy

Photo by Katie McKinney

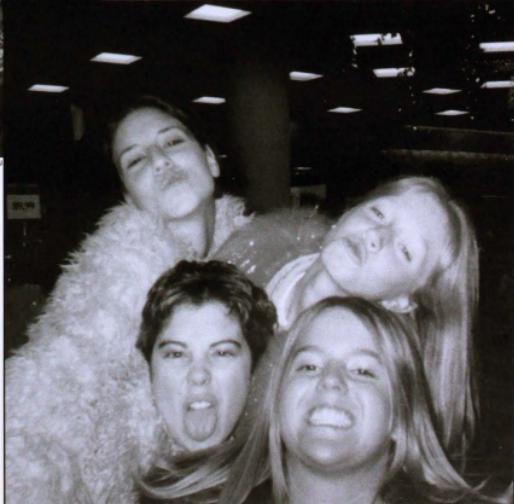


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# Service

**This club has only one goal: to serve others**

**M**ATER DEI HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY BY HELPING THOSE IN NEED AND SERVING OTHERS. THE SERVICE CLUB PROVIDES THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY STUDENT OR MEMBER OF MATER DEI. ANY STUDENT INTERESTED IN JOINING SERVICE CLUB CAN JOIN BY SIMPLY ATTENDING ONE OF THE TWO MEETINGS HELD MONTHLY.

Tessa Farone is a first-year member and was named treasurer.

"The Service Club is a great way to meet new and exciting people. There are so many people looking to become members," said Junior Tessa Farone.

The Service Club has taken care of the food bank drives and have worked for the PBS Channel 9 auction. They have also taken trips to St. Vincent's Daycare and the nursing home where they dressed up during Halloween and passed out candy.

"I really liked visiting the daycares and nursing homes. Being a member of service club provides me the opportunity to provide service to my community and school," explains Farone.

Angie Elpers, a three-year member of service club stated, "Service club is offered to those as a way to help out our community. Members and students are driven by the want to do service for others."

"Last year, we put on a prom show for a nursing home. It was so interesting to see the looks on the elderly's faces. It made me so happy. We also wrapped presents for the Christian Life Center at Christmas. I love just going to hang out and listen to their stories. It's awesome to be a part of that," said Elpers.

During the 1998-99 school year, service club was not a very solid, strong club. It began to die out. Over the past few years, students and members have been trying to make Service Club a strong tradition once again. The Service Club is becoming a bigger part of the Mater Dei tradition and is becoming an outlet for the good deeds and actions of the student body.

By Ashley Morrell '03



Junior Amanda Wildeman uses her time and energy to place boxes of cans in the gym. The cans were collected by all the classes during the Thanksgiving season and were then given to the Little Sisters of Poor to distribute.

Photo by Mary Nelson





Senior Jennifer Mesker volunteered her time to read stories to the little children at St. John's Daycare. Service Club members seek out places to donate time and services, such as St. John's Day Care, food pantries, nursing homes and inner-city agencies.



Photo provided by Service Club



Dressed as a bunny, Senior Sarah Tornatta talks to a child at St. John's Day Care while he colors a picture. Tornatta was one of many Service Club members who went to the daycare facility for a Halloween party.

Junior Rachel Moers helps at the eighth grade visitation. Moers showed all of the eighth graders how to screenpaint a Mater Dei folder.

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Photo by Brian Koressel

Freshman Megan Kuester spends her time after school wrapping presents for the student council's adopt-a-family. The students' generosity provided holiday cheer for those less fortunate.



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These are special times  
to bond with classmates



# Retreats

ONCE A YEAR, EACH CLASS TAKES THE DAY OFF BY THEMSELVES TO DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THEIR CLASS, THEIR SELF AND GOD. THESE RETREATS ARE ENJOYABLE TIMES THAT SERVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE.

Class retreats are important events in the lives of a class and are tailored to that class's particular need to help them see how they have grown. "The purpose of the freshman retreat is for the students to get to know their classmates and themselves. During the sophomore retreat, they recognize the different groups they have formed over the past year. The junior retreat prepares the students for their senior year and the senior retreat looks back on what has happened and looks forward to what is coming," said Mater Dei pastor Fr. Ken Steckler.

The retreats consist of several activities dealing with the theme and geared toward a specific class.

"Each retreat has different effects. It depends on the class because each class has their own problems. The administration does a good job organizing the activities," said Senior Joe Hayden.

Many upper-classmen, like Hayden, have the opportunity to serve as table leaders at retreats, which helps the class open up.

Senior Angie Elpers said, "I make sure the students listen, discuss, and participate. I help them open up and get more from the experience."

All retreats are important times, but the freshman retreat is a pivotal moment for the class because of what it can offer.

"There was a lot of getting to know people and it was emotional," said Freshman Ashley Lefler.

Some students have hilarious stories from their retreats.

"The seniors last year had to go outside and a group tried to go through a shortcut to get on the other side of a fence with barbed wire. They decided to try to go over it and although they were warned, they insisted on the shorter route. The first student to attempt it caught their pants on the fence. They learn and grow from that," said Steckler.

The retreats, as evidence through times like these, are times to learn and grow together as a class.

"I have learned that a sense of community comes through sharing and honesty," observed Hayden.

By Cara Batema '03

Photo by Mary Ne

Working together, Juniors Emily Stratman, Carl Ramsbey and Jill Werner look at their recipe trying to figure out what to add next. Bread making was one of the activities throughout the day that made each person depend on one another.



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Photo by Rachel Scheu

Juniors Kendra Weber and Aimee King wash up after sticking their bread in the oven. When the Juniors made their bread they had to form it into something they thought their class stood for.

Explaining the symbol they felt represented their class, Freshmen Molly Cuture and Emily Provost stand in front of the class. All Freshmen groups had to think up and draw something that symbolized their class.



Photo by Melissa Schnur



With flour on their faces, the juniors roll out their bread into their new creation. Class retreats are not only to become more intuned with God, but also to grow deeper as a class and make new friends you might not talk to on a regular day.

Photo by Mary Nelson

so many ways to study,  
so little time



# Homework

**E**VERY STUDENT HAS THEIR OWN WAY OF STUDYING. THERE ARE THOSE STUDENTS WHO PLAN OUT EVERYTHING AND HAVE SPECIFIC WAYS OF DOING THEIR HOMEWORK, THERE ARE THOSE WHO PROCRASTINATE AND CRAM FOR A TEST IN FIVE MINUTES AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO SACRIFICE THEIR TIME WITH FRIENDS FOR THEIR SCHOOL WORK.

"I do it all the time. It stinks!" said Sophomore Katie Reising

Many people have rituals that they do before or during their study time like listen to music or watch television in the process of studying.

"I listen to music like Metallica and Dave Matthews Band while I study. It helps me concentrate," said Sophomore Kelsey Lottes.

Some students get bored with their homework, so they keep the television on; that way, if they get tired of studying the same thing, they can take a break and watch a show.

"If the homework that I am doing is boring I will stop working on it and watch a television show," said Lottes.

There are those of us who can't study very long without wanting some type of nourishment. Brain food is crucial to some people because it rejuvenates their concentration.

"I eat fruit when I study, mostly grapes! I don't really have a reason. I just like them," said Freshman Hannah Johnson.

Sometimes, in order to memorize material, students will talk to themselves. When they talk to themselves it is easier for them to remember and process the information. Although they may look and feel stupid at the time, it actually helps, and it is just their way of learning the material.

"I talk to myself all the time. I also repeat things that I have memorized so I keep it fresh in my mind," stated Reising.

Procrastination and cramming seems to be the way a lot of Mater Dei students get their work done, it makes studying simple for them.

"I definitely cram! I do this because most times I am just too lazy to open up a book," exclaimed Lottes.

Every student has their own way of studying. Whether they listen to music or watch TV, whether they eat or talk to themselves, or whether they procrastinate or cram, the job gets done.

By Jennifer Carter '04



Photo by Jessica Schi

In preparation for a big test, Chip Alstadt concentrates on his homework. Studying for tests, doing homework and working on big projects here at school is what helps students here at Mater Dei keep their academics balanced with their athletics.



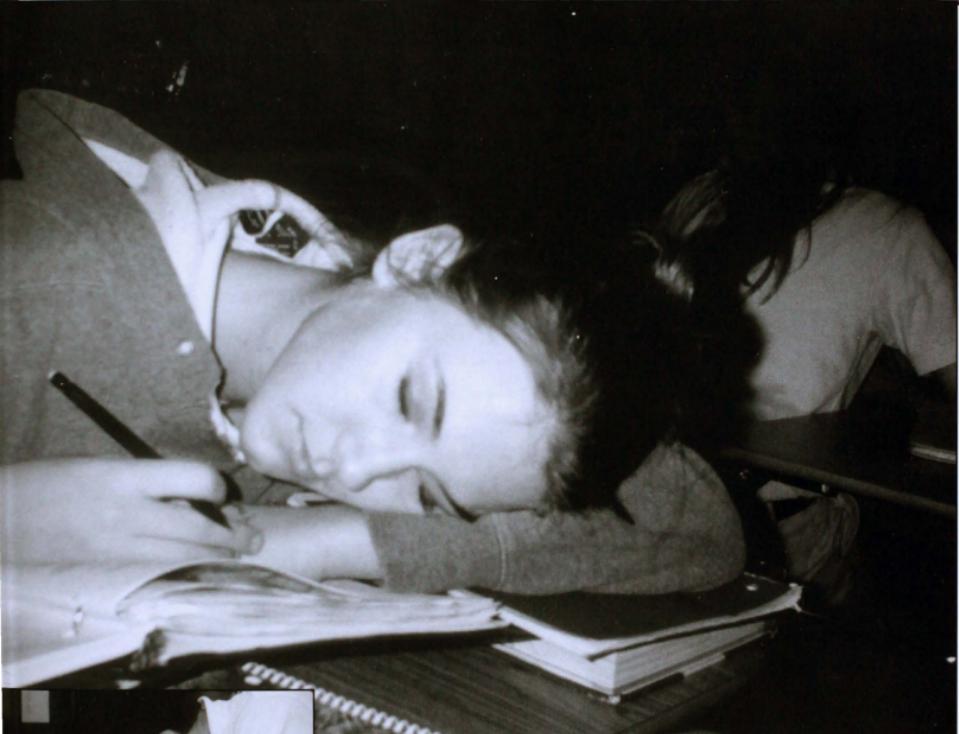


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Determined to get a good grade on the next foods test, Seniors Greg Fischer and Robert Vaughn study together. Studying in a group sometimes helps students understand concepts better than studying by themselves.

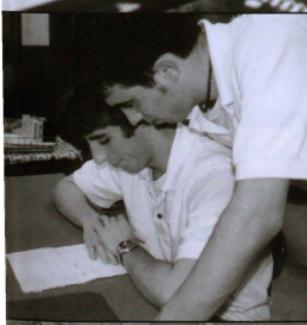


Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski

Unable to keep her eyes open, Junior Stephanie Elpers falls asleep while studying during a choice period. Many students use their choice periods to catch up with their friends or take a quick nap before their next class.



Concentrating on their homework, Senior Lindsey Meyer and Sophomore Rachel Raben answer questions for Mrs. Wynn Mitchell's history class. Mitchell's classes are a favorite of many students because of the different group projects and activities.

Photo by Jeanna Butler



# Clocking In

fun or not, we will all  
have one someday

**W**ORKING IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF LIFE. WE'LL ALL HAVE A JOB AT SOME POINT IN OUR LIFE WHETHER IT BE FOR MONEY OR JUST BECAUSE WE LIKE TO DO IT.

"I enjoy anything with dance," says Senior Lindsey Montgomery. Montgomery teaches dance to 3-6 year olds at Jane's School of Dance. "Sometimes it is hard to keep their attention," explains Montgomery. "But it is so rewarding for me to watch the girls perform a finished dance."

After taking dance for 15 years, Montgomery feels it is necessary for her to share her expertise.

"I don't even care if I get paid," says Montgomery. "I go over to the girls' houses on the weekends just because I like to do it."

While finding a job that is as much fun as it is rewarding is not always possible. For Junior Jason May, working at the Pet Food Center isn't always a want, but it is a must and sometimes an annoyance.

"They're [Pet Food Center] constantly calling me into work," complains May. "I'm tired of working all the time. But what am I supposed to do? Quit? It would be too much trouble trying to find another job."

For Senior Nicole Zirkelbach, working is also a must, but for an entirely different reason. Her dad owns three Dairy Queen franchises; one on Franklin Street, one on Division Street and one in Pittsburgh.

"I figured I'd probably get stuck working at some fast-food restaurant," she says, "so why not work in the family business?"

Working for your father or mother might seem like an easy job, but there will always be pit falls.

"I hate being called the bosses daughter", says Zirkelbach. "I have to put up with a lot because of that."

Even though most of us don't like to work because of the long hours and having to miss being with our friends, it is one way to make money and to get experience for better jobs in the future.

By Allison Bush '02



Giving her full attention to the task at hand, Senior Rachel Scheu changes the front window display at Paul's Menswear. Scheu has been working part-time at Paul's for almost three years now.

Photo by Jessica Scheu





When students know that they are going to be in a sport for a certain season, most of them try and get a job on the off time. While Andrea Schenk is not in softball season, she is at Arby's working the fries and visiting her friends that come in and get food.



Junior Erica Wildeman gives a smile and a nod to one of her many customers at 8:30 on Saturday morning. Wildeman not only serves customers but changes the sign out front and helps make those yummy donuts that we all love so much.



Junior Kevin Tooke makes sure he doesn't smash the bread or knock any bread over as he stocks the shelves at Marx Barbecue. Tooke is one of the many students here at Mater Dei that works at Marx's on his spare time.



Photo by Megan Parkinson

Working at Buehler's Buy-Low, you not only get to work with people, but you are around the main thing that high schoolers love the most: food. Sophomore Lauren Mochau finishes stocking the last shelf before she gets off of work.

One of the most common jobs that teen girls end up with is working with kids. Senior Jenn Muensterman, while working at Sacred Heart's after-school daycare center, lends a hand to one child that stopped riding his tricycle just long enough to blow bubbles.



Photo by Kristi Witsman



Photo by Megan Parkinson

annual show brings out  
god-given talents



# Talented

**T**HE LIGHTS WENT DOWN. THE CROWD WAS IN THEIR SEATS. SENIORS BRYAN BENKE AND JOSH RICHTER STEPPED OUT, MICROPHONE IN HAND, TO WARM UP THE CROWD.

The highly anticipated annual Talent Show was underway.

There was singing, there was magic and there was lots of laughter. And all of it came after hours of practice by the participants.

"We practiced for a long time preparing for the big night," said Split Six guitarist Sophomore Jon Herron.

Their practice paid off for them, as they were definite crowd favorites. The band's renditions of Metallica, Twisted Sister and The Beastie Boys brought down the house and got everyone out of their seats.

"I think the crowd enjoyed our performance and that made us do better throughout our performance," said Split Six's lead singer, Senior Craig Moore. "It made us feel much more comfortable."

The band tried to get used to the large crowds expected for the Talent Show by inviting their friends to come over to watch them practice at Senior Bill Wargel's, their guitarist's, house.

"We would invite friends over to play for them so we could get ready for playing in front of a big crowd, but no one would come," said Senior drummer Robert Vaughn.

Nervousness is always an issue when it comes to performing. But for Junior Rachel Gries, she's finally got the hang of it.

"I was nervous, but once I got out there and warmed up to the crowd, I became less nervous," said Gries.

Warm up to the crowd, she did. Her act included the upbeat *I Will* by SheDaisy, and her crazy dance moves kept the crowd going and on their feet for the rest of the Show.

As energetic as Split Six's performance was, it was the moving, original song written and sung by Sophomore Katie Frank that took first place. Joe Hayden and his wacky magic show took second.

This years Talent Show was the best show this school has yet seen here at Mater Dei. Many talented students came and left, but their gifts will remain forever in our hearts.

By Mary Beth Jankowski '03

Photo by Jessica Schu

Senior Elissa Shelter takes one last look at the lock Senior Joe Hayden placed around his chains. Hayden performed many magic tricks at the Talent Show, earning him second place.



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Photo by Mary Nelson

Focusing on the crowd, Senior David Herron tries to concentrate on his guitar rythm at the Talent Show. Herron's band, Split Six, performed various songs by the alternative music group 'Blink 182'.



Photo by Mary Nelson

Dressed up for the talent show Senior Scott Lewis tries to play the guitar. Lewis imitated country singer George Strait along with Senior Justin Cruebel at the talent show.



Singing the song in their hearts, sisters Senior Roxanne Frank and Sophomore Katie Frank performed a singing duet at the Talent Show. Over the years, the Frank sisters have repeatedly demonstrated their incredible singing talents.

Photo by Mary Nelson

# play based on cartoon characters is a big hit



# Showtime

**T**HIS YEAR MATER DEI'S DRAMA DEPARTMENT PUT ON A VERSION OF A WELL-KNOWN CARTOON, "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN." THE PLAY WAS A DEPARTURE FROM THE GRAND SETS AND COSTUME DESIGNS OF LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL "WIZARD OF OZ." THIS YEAR THE PLAY WAS TONED DOWN AND FOCUSED MORE ON JUST A FEW MAIN CHARACTERS. THE PLAY FEATURED THREE RETURNING SENIORS PLAYING THE LEAD ROLES. DANE BATEMA AS CHARLIE BROWN, JOE HAYDEN AS LINUS AND ROXANNE FRANK AS LUCY, BUT IT DID FEATURE MANY UP AND COMING STAR UNDER-CLASSMEN IN IMPORTANT LEAD ROLES.

The audience at every show saw the actors bring their parts to life, but there is much more than just actors. It is the behind the scenes work that makes the actors look their best and feel comfortable in their surroundings.

The members of the crew are vital to the production of the play. The crew consists of the backstage staff, which handles make-up and costumes, and the stage managers. The other components of the crew are those who run the lights and the soundboard operator.

"It all seemed to come together in the last week of practice," said Senior Elissa Shetler. Shetler served the play by doing make-up and also worked on the set construction.

"The play is a great way to get underclassmen involved in extracurricular activities," said Shetler.

Senior Kerri Lottes, who served as head stage manager, recalls one of the fondest memories of drama.

"My favorite memory of this year's play was our last show on Sunday. All of the cast members just had fun with it and improved some of their lines. My favorite was when Katie Frank (who played Snoopy) was dancing around the back of the stage while Roxanne Frank (who played Lucy) was reciting her monologue on the front of the stage."

The Senior members of the play had to overcome many obstacles to put on the show. The hiring of a new director, adjusting to new cast and crew members, and the biggest of all — putting on a show based on a cartoon. Given all of these obstacles, the members of Mater Dei Drama Club managed to amaze us all with their heart and talent.

By Brian Koressel '02

Photo by Ashley Al

Junior Megan Thompson turns the pages for Junior Cara Batema as she plays the accompanying music for the actors as they sing their parts. This year's production got back to the basics, focusing on the actors and the music.



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Photo by Ashley Alles

Taking to the sky, Snoopy, played by Sophomore Katie Frank, engages the notorious Red Baron. Katie shared the spotlight with her big sister Roxie, making this play a family affair.



Photo by Ashley Alles

Linus, played by Sophomore Philip Elpers, taps out a melody for Lucy to sing to. Senior Roxie Frank capitalized on her strengths as she took a leading role in the musical.



Whining to the only person that will listen (after paying five cents), Senior Dane Batema's Charlie Brown spills his heart out to Lucy, played by Senior Roxie Frank. This play explored, through Charlie Brown's insecurities, how life is for school children.

Photo by Ashley Alles



# Musical

## what would it be like with out music?

**A**S THE EXTRA POINT IS SCORED IN THE FOOTBALL GAME AND THE TEAM RUSHES OFF THE FIELD, THE CROWD GOES WILD AS THE MATER DEI SCHOOL SONG BEGINS TO PLAY OVER THE SCREAMING FANS.

"It's really exciting when we see the crowd clapping with the music and getting excited," says Sophomore, drum major Derek Hermann.

For many of us at Mater Dei, we support our football, wrestling, basketball and all other teams year round. But what about those groups that support us? What about those groups who entertain us with music and even skits about Superman and Darth Vader? You all know who I'm talking about- the Band.

With a new band director this year, improvements were made in and out of the band unit.

"Daryl Nurrenbern, the band director, was able to help out a lot. We also had Blake Goedde, a MD graduate, helping out. He knew what percussion was all about," replied Junior Cara Batema.

This year, the band made two trips up to State. The first was with the football team and the second was for Solo Ensemble.

"Our ultimate goal is to march at the RCA Dome for state band finals, but it was still really awesome to march for the football team at the State game," said Hermann, who plays the trombone.

Behind the scenes, being a member of the marching and concert band takes extra effort and the extra step that many do not know about.

"We are always practicing and working together to make everything perfect," said Batema. "This is my contribution to the school. I don't play any sports, so this is what I'm giving to the school. Plus, I love playing instruments."

As the school year comes to an end, the band is anticipating the upcoming season. Already getting ready for next year, Batema adds, "I just want to have fun and be a leader. I'm going to make sure I do my best and help others do better too."

By Kristi Wilsman '04



Sophomore Hannah Johnson stands at attention as the marching band prepares to start their routine. In the hours of practice and sweat, the band works on getting into position and ready to start at the count of one.

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Coordination and synchronicity are the keys to a high score when it comes to the drum line at marching band competitions. The entire drum line has to keep the beat for the band as well as put on a show that meshes with the rest of the band's routine.



Junior Jill Werner practices her colorguard routine on the hot August sun after school. The colorguard competed with the marching band, acting out scenes from famous science fiction movies.

Freshman Drew Jenkins plays the school song on the tuba at the start of the semi-state football game. Jenkins is just one of the talented musician in our band that can play two instruments, he plays both the tuba and the electric guitar.

Photo by Karly Kemp



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Provided by: Jeanie Wildeman

Graduate Sheila Wildeman helps one of the 8th graders, that are in the band, fix her helmet so it doesn't fall off during competition. Having 8th graders in the band has helped prepare them coming into Mater Dei, working hard and doing studies at the same time.

Sophomore Christina Ward follows the careful instructions and directions of the drum major. Ward has been playing the clarinet since the 5th grade and has helped lead the band to all of their awards and accomplishments at the State competitions.

Provided by: Jeanie Wildeman



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# Families

## the mater dei family shares time at home

PARENTS ALWAYS WORRY ABOUT THEIR CHILD'S SAFETY. WE ALL SPEND OUR DAYS AT MATER DEI, BUT PARENTS STILL WORRY IF WE ARE SAFE. PARENTS ALSO WORRY ABOUT WHO WE CHOSE AS CLOSE FRIENDS AND WHOM WE HANG OUT WITH ON THE WEEKEND. FOR MRS. LEFLER THIS REALLY ISN'T A PROBLEM.

"I know where she is and I know the people she is talking to and that makes me feel better," says Leffler.

Her daughter Ashley Leffler doesn't mind being at school all day with her mom at all.

"It's awesome! I know if I need anything she is here for me whenever I need her," says Ashley Leffler.

Secretary Mrs. Jeanne Tornatta likes being here with her daughter Sarah too.

"I feel close to her friends because they always come in and out of the office to visit me. I know who she is with on the weekends and I trust them completely," says Mrs. Tornatta.

Going to work where their daughters go to school doesn't bother them at all.

Mrs. Tornatta says, "I love having Sarah at work. If she needs me I'm here and when I need her, she is here."

Ashley and Mrs. Leffler's relationship has improved since the year started.

"We talk on the way to school and on the way home from school and this makes us so much closer," states Mrs. Leffler.

Ashley agrees about how strong their relationship has gotten.

"She does things to embarrass me, but it is funny because this is a way people can see how close we are," says Ashley Leffler.

Going to school at the same place where your mother works has its perks. They can help each other out. Even though it may not be always for the best.

By Mary Beth Jancowski '03



Family times are not always the best, but can be times when arguments and frustrations are released. Lindsey Meyer and her brother Aaron joke around instead of actually taking it out on each other.



Photo by Jessica Scheu



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Two Lambles are twice as nice, at least Seniors Ashley and Steven think so. After walking across the stage at graduation, Ashley stopped and waited for Steven to walk across so they could share a quick hug and kodak moment.



Every sport takes the last game of the season to celebrate Senior night. Senior Leah Martin stands with her parents on the third baseline as the coaches recognize Leah and the commitment her parents have made.

Hugs are best shared with those you love, as Sophomore Jeanna Butler lays a big one on her mother. Close families are a trademark of the Mater Dei community and they show within our school.

Photo by Rachel Scheu



Photo by Rachel Scheu

Family time is important, but it can be embarrassing. Junior Paul Scheller, as part of the A Promise to Keep program, visits his little sister's school. Hopefully, she will get over the red face and the teasing from her classmates.

Family times are good times, as Senior Meghan Schenk laughs and hugs her aunt after graduation. These are the best times with our families when we can just be ourselves and have great memories together.



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Photo by Jessica Scheu



# Dances

## Time to get down and have a great time

**A**S THE LIGHTS GO DOWN, THE MUSIC IS TURNED UP. THE DANCE FLOOR FILLS WITH STUDENTS AND THE GOOD TIMES BEGIN. AS WE DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY, THE MEMORIES ARE MADE THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

Going to dances gives us an opportunity to have fun in a different way. Sponsored by the Cheerleaders, the Back to School dance is a time for freshmen to meet new people and see just how much fun everyone at Mater Dei can have.

"It seems like more freshmen and sophomores go to dances, but it's still fun for upperclassman to go with groups of people," said Junior Laura Pritchett.

Most people agree that dances without your friends wouldn't be any fun. A big part of dances, for girls, is planning what they are wearing, and who they are going with. Sometimes this is an all day event. Just for one night of entertainment, Prom and Christmas dances require much preparation. The perfect dress, shoes and purse are necessities. The day of the dance, girls must leave time to get make-up and hair done.

Freshman Chelsea Martin describes her experience at dances: "Sometimes they are boring, but sometimes it can be fun because all of my friends are there. It's better than going to the movies or sitting at home all night."

"Dances are fun for the students, and also beneficial for the organizations that sponsor them," Mr. Roger Sills said.

The Student Council takes time out of their weekly meetings to prepare for most of the dances. Staying after school to set up and selling tickets during homeroom are the few extra steps, but those are simple things compared to scheduling a time and place for the dance and arranging for enough chaperones to keep a watchful eye over the evening's activities.

All the hard work and preparation pays off once the dancing begins. Dancing the night away with friends creates memories that will last forever.

By Mary Nelson '03



Preparing for the Christmas Dance, Junior Kara Alder does classmate Stephanie Elpers' hair. Many students had their friends do their hair, since it is easier and free of charge.

Photo by Kristen Frazer



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Surrounded by the crowd, Sophomore Kristen Kissel gets down with her bad self. The Christmas Dance is just another way that our whole school can come together and enjoy each others company.



Photo by Aimee King

While bustin' a move, the Junior girls sing along to N'SYNC's "Bye, Bye, Bye" at the Christmas Dance. After spending many hours preparing for the dance, the girls finally get to enjoy the big night with singing, dancing and bustin' some moves.

Taking time out from the dance, Senior boys Scott Lewis, Justin Greubel and Todd Zimmer hang out along the wall. You can usually find these two guys in the same spot throughout the hole dance, unless they have to go to the bathroom.



Photo by Amber Giles



Photo by Megan Parkinson

With prom night just around the corner, Senior Michelle Markin gets her dressed pinned and altered by teacher Mrs. Becky Larson. Many girls come to her for advice about alterations on their dresses.

Seniors Brent Schmitt and Rachel Scheu take time out from dancing to pose a smile for the camera. The Christmas Dance is one of the biggest dances of the year where friends and couples can come together and share wonderful memories.

Photo by Kendra Weber

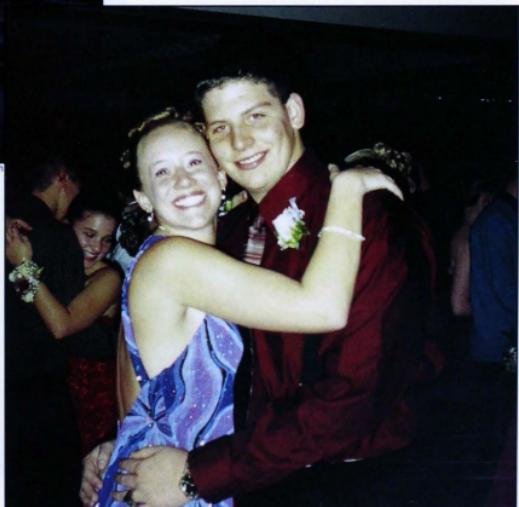


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# Prom

this magical evening  
was heaven on earth

**Y**OUR HAIR IS DONE, THE MAKE-UP'S ON, THE BOUTONNIERE AND CORSAGES ARE PUT ON AND YOU ARE WAITING TO ENTER THE BUILDING. BEFORE PASSING THROUGH A SET OF WHITE GATES, THE DOOR OPENS AND YOU HEAR A VOICE THAT SAYS "WELCOME TO HEAVEN ON EARTH".

There was no doubt what the theme of the evening was once you took in the sights. The entire Ivy Room at SWIRCA, already painted white, was decorated with heavenly staircases, lovely backdrops and white lights hanging everywhere the eye could see.

"We looked at a whole bunch of books that had scenes in them and took our ideas from there," said Junior Kelsey Wannemuehler, one of the many Juniors involved in planning the decorations for the evening and putting them all up.

One of the most notable features was the enclosed hallway with a double-door gate at the end that kept the room out of view until you walked through it. "We did the gate to keep with the heaven theme," said Wannemuehler. "The gates hid all the decorations from you and made it more exciting when you walked in."

Many who attended Prom were very impressed with all the work that went into the evening.

"It was like being somewhere I had never been before," said Junior Brittany Robbins.

The evening was full of tradition, such as the crowning of Frederick Korb and Alisann Shetler as King and Queen, all the pictures that are taken, and favorite songs, including *Rocky Top* and *YMCA*.

But there were also new traditions with the surprise appearance of Sophomore Shane Provost's band *Euphoria*.

Prom is a time of elegance, celebration and friendship. Everyone will agree that this night was no different and that it was truly like being in "Heaven on Earth."

By Amber Gilles '02



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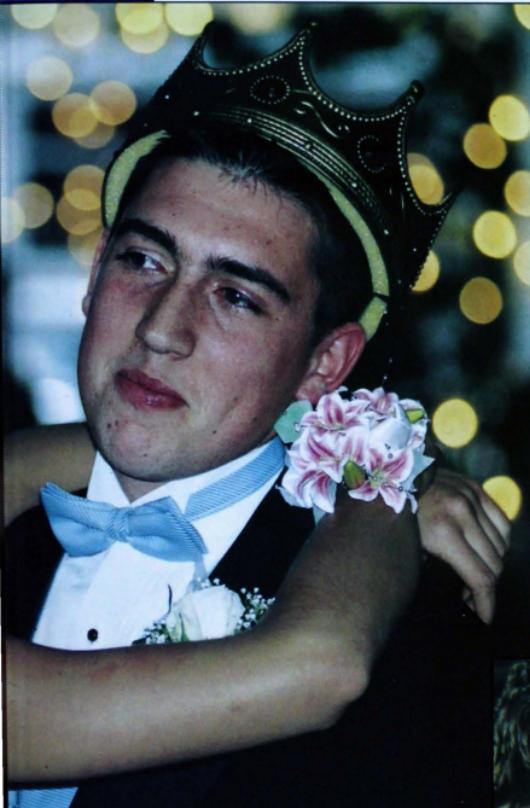
Showing Senior Chris Folz how to really dance, Senior Lindsey Faulconer busts a move on the dance floor. Prom is one of the greatest events for upperclassmen and is a chance to get together and be classy and crazy all at once.

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After being crowned King and Queen, Seniors Alisann Shetler and Frederick Korb dance together for the traditional coronation dance. Korb will definitely have this great memory to take back with him to Germany.



Senior Jessica Scheu, all dolled up and dressed to the nines, danced the night away with her lovely date. This was an evening of romance and elegance and was one of the last events that these dancers would share with their class.

Juniors Courtney Woehler and Jenna Babcock had a great time at Prom, dancing and laughing the whole time. They finally had the chance to enjoy the dance after spending several hours decorating and preparing SWIRCA for the big event.

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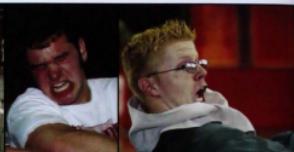
Senior Blake Kollker adds one last touch as he places a flower on Senior Allie Moll's wrist. The flower was meant to complement her outfit as well as show her how much he cares for her.

Living the night to its fullest, Senior Sarah Tornatta throws her hands up as she dances out the letters to YMCA. This song brought everyone out and got everyone into the act.

Provided by Allie Moll



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# May Day

a day for fun that honors our patroness

**B**EING A WOMAN IN A MAN'S SOCIETY IS AN ISSUE THAT MANY FEMALES FACE IN OUR MODERN AGE. STRIVING TO SURVIVE AND MAKING A MARK IN THIS EARTHLY WORLD IS WHAT WE ARE ALL PROGRAMMED TO DO, BECAUSE WE LIVE IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY. SOCIETY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY, EVEN HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO WHEN MARY, THE MOTHER OF OUR LORD, LIVED. SHE WAS FACED WITH MANY HARDSHIPS, INCLUDING THE ONE THAT MADE HER OUR PATRONESS - REMAINING A VIRGIN WHILE CONCEIVING A CHILD, JESUS CHRIST. THE MAJORITY OF US ARE NOT AS PURE AS OUR MOTHER, BUT EVERY YEAR THE SENIOR CLASS SELECTS CANDIDATES THEY FEEL BEST EMBODIES THOSE TRAITS THAT MARY EXHIBITED. THE SENIORS SINGLED OUT ANGEL ELPERS AS THEIR CHOICE FOR THIS ANNUAL HONOR AND WHO THEY WANTED CROWNING THE STATUE OF OUR MOTHER MARY.

"The girls chosen this year were truly deserving of the positions to be on May court," remarks Senior Lindsey Montgomery.

"They really are the best that our class has to offer," adds Senior Benjamin Kemper. Kemper had the honor of escorting Elpers, the May Queen, during the mass celebration. "It was a real honor to escort her," says Kemper of Elpers.

The whole ordeal, preparing for the celebration and then participating in it, was nerve-wrecking for the May Queen.

"I was so afraid of tripping in front of everyone," remembers Elpers. "I was nervous when Ben placed the crown on me. I thought he might poke me with the pins or that the crown would fall off."

Elpers was nervous for many reasons, which is understandable. She did not want to disgrace the name of Mary because she was symbolic of Her.

May Day is a time to remember and thank Mary for all she sacrificed. Elpers and the rest of the May court did nothing but honor and respect Mary for who she is and what she gave us, Jesus Christ.

By Abby Weis '02



Hopping towards the finish line, Senior Ashley Lamble shows her speed and great talent of jumping in a potato sack. Sack full of Cats was just one of the events the Seniors took first place in to help win them first place overall.

Photo by Mary Nelson





Diving toward the finish line, Senior Blake Kollker sacrifices himself to get dirty for the Seniors, so they can slide into first place. Sliding in the shaving cream was a new and exciting addition to the obstacle course this year.



Photo by Mary Beth Jankowski

Showing kindness, compassion and care towards others, Senior Angie Elpers was an obvious delegate to crown our Mother for May Day. Elpers was chosen by the Senior class as May Queen and received the honor of carrying on the tradition of placing the crown on Mary.

Unable to stay on her feet, Senior Mandy Steinback falls onto the ground after the bat spin event. Steinback's fall may have put the Seniors behind just a little bit, but in the end, the Seniors still came out on top overall.



Photo by Rachel Scheu

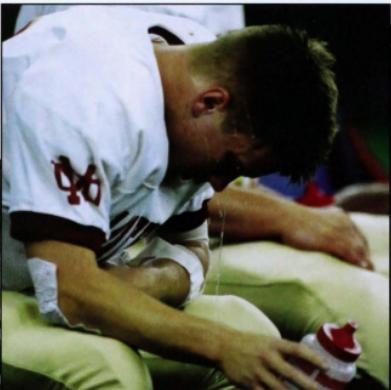


A little dizzy after making 10 quick spins around a baseball bat, Junior Cody Reddington loses her balance and falls into Mrs. Adler. The Juniors ended up with a third place finish at the end of all the May Day events.

Giving it their all, Juniors Dustin Beal and Matt Johnson attempt to win at least one game at May Day. Though they were unable to beat the Freshman and Sophomores in tug-a-war, their endless efforts gave them memories that will last forever.



Photo by Jessica Scheu



# Journey's End

**It was four years of work, tears, friends and excitement.**

**A**S WE WALKED INTO THE HALLS OF MATER DEI FOR THE FIRST TIME AS FRESHMEN, THERE WAS SO MUCH AWE AND WONDER IN OUR EYES. WE WERE AMAZED AT WHAT WE WERE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON. NOW THAT WE HAVE REACHED THE END OF OUR JOURNEY HERE, WE ARE AGAIN AMAZED AT WHAT ALL WE HAVE DONE.

Let's just forget about all the state trophies and rings that we as a Senior class have collected. That is great and awesome, but it was just a symbol of what we as a class have become. Through hard work and dedication, teamwork and cooperation, we have become one class capable of anything. From the first football state trophy to more wrestling accolades, from the storybook run in basketball to the best girls soccer season in years, we have shown what it takes to be a Wildcat athlete.

Let's also forget about all the bad times and the times when we fought. Those there times when we might have cried and said mean things to each other, but, like any family, there are times when tensions get the better of us and we forget what we mean to each other. Thankfully, we also had the strength to forgive each other and put our differences behind us and to grow

from those troubles. We have developed friendships that will last a lifetime and that will never be forgotten.

Let's look past all the tests and homework assignments. They were part of our classroom experience, part of why we were here, part of what expected of all students. These were just small ways to test our knowledge and skills. They taught us valuable lessons on how to manage our time an to do our best in whatever we do. Through academic excellence and rigorous pursuits of scholastic achievement, we have demonstrated the quality of our school and our teachers.

Instead, let's look at what we have become.

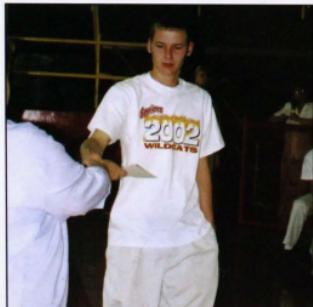
Focus on the where the journey has taken us.

Believe in what we have accomplished and know that it was the best we could do, on the field, in the classroom, for our community, in front of God, with our families and because we cared.

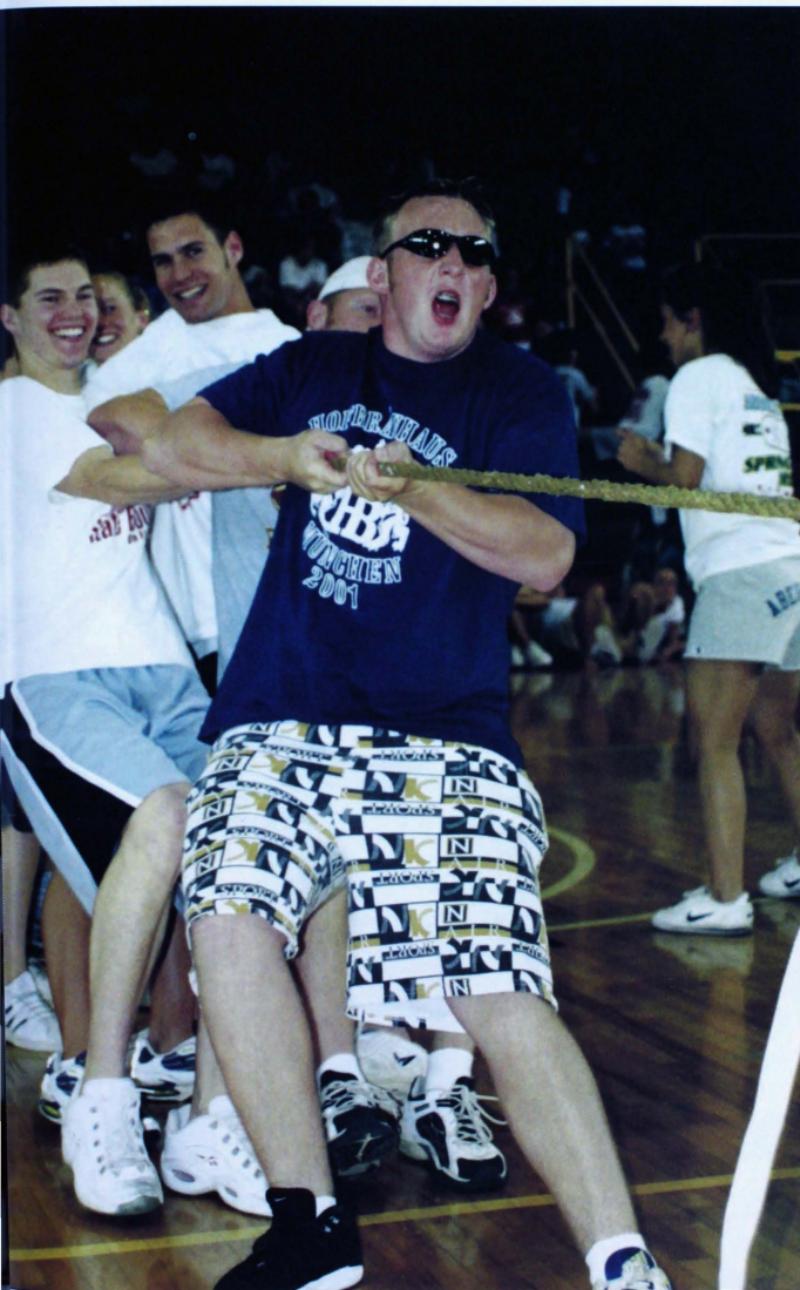
We are the Class of 2002.

And that says it all right there.

**By Rachel Scheu '02**



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**SENIORS**



DARIN LEE ACTON



DANIEL CHRISTOPHER  
ALCORN



JONATHAN MICHAEL  
ALTSTADT



JACOB ANDREW  
APPLER



AARON MICHAEL  
BARCHET



DANE LLEWELLYN  
BATEMA



MATTHEW DAVID  
BECK

**R**USHING AROUND AT THE LAST MINUTE; CHANGING AND TRADING OUTFITS; DOING MAKEUP AND PAINTING FACES; THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE PRE-GAME RITUALS.

Pep Club does there best to come up with themes to get the students into every game. Pep Club has many stressful jobs each and every time there is any sort of activity, and clothing attire is just one of them. From camouflage to Hawaiian themed attire, we are always on the lookout for a new outfit for the game.

But not everyone wants to follow the crowd. They are the special fans that want to stand out in their "gamewear."

Many students make their own outfit by decorating their own shirts or pants with paints and glitter. Some even get shirts professionally

of course, make sure that it has lots of red and gold and the name of your favorite Wildcat.

Getting ready for the big game, though, does not just include dressing up. There is also important pre-game meal.

Usually, the players have a special dinner, prepared by parents or served in the cafeteria before the team leaves for their next victory. There is everything for the last pre-game dinner from the football team featuring chicken and potatoes, to the swim team's cold cut platter.

Football players and basketball players aren't the only ones that have pre-game dinners. As they head out for the big game, there are several cars deepening the McDonald's drive thru.

But getting there is just half the fun. When you get a large group of people in a small

## Show off your spirit and your personality.

made, showing their abiding school spirit. Others go crazy searching the attic or their parent's closets for the perfect vintage Mater Dei outfit or the clothes their parents were trying to forget they once wore.

But getting ready for the games costs money too. Many people hit the mall or other stores such as Goodwill, or Salvation Army to find the perfect outfit.

And what makes the perfect outfit?

That totally depends on the person and the game. Take Joe Hayden, for instance. His love of black was key in his simple, yet personal, volleyball ensemble.

Making the perfect outfit starts off simple, with something that will stand out. Then you just have to add to it to show your spirit. And,

car for an hour-long drive to Jasper, anything can happen. And when the Wildcats win, like they often do, the trip home is a great time to relive the game and the evening of excitement.

Road-trips are some of the greatest times we share. Students always travel in packs; arriving together and leaving together. But the fun doesn't end there. After every game, whether we win or lose, we always end up back at Mater Dei's parking lot to welcome home the team after another great game!

Although the time and stress put in to getting ready for games, is at times, exhausting, students still enjoy showing their school spirit. It has been said more than once, by coaches and the media, Mater Dei has one of the best crowds ever.

By Ashley Paulson '00

Putting the power of prayer behind the team, Senior Chelsea Bitter turns to a higher power to ask for a victory. Even though it may not have seemed like it, the awesome Wildcat teams realized that their accomplishments were a reflection of their faith and gave credit where credit was due.



It is all about the look when you get to the game. Dressing in red and gold is not enough for Seniors Natalie Dressel and Ashley Paulson as they get ready to cheer on their Wildcats.



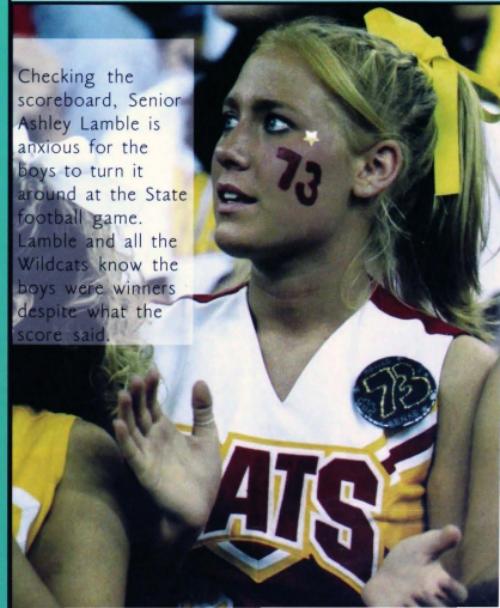
Dressed up in the old cheerleader uniforms, Seniors Audrey Kempf and Lori Hagan add their voices to the crowds at State football. To get into the mood, these two had to get into the garb, dressing like this for each football game.



BRYAN AUSTIN BENKE



It isn't just the girls that get into the spirit when it comes to rooting on the Wildcats. At the Speedway semi-state football game, Senior Jacob Koressel passes out the popular noisemakers made out of old milk jugs and loose change.



Checking the scoreboard, Senior Ashley Lamble is anxious for the boys to turn it around at the State football game. Lamble and all the Wildcats know the boys were winners despite what the score said.



CHELSEA ANNE BITTER



JASON MICHAEL  
BITTNER



HOMER THOMAS  
BRADFORD



COURTNEY LYNN  
BRAUN



BRADLEY NEALE  
BUEDEL



ALLISON MARIE BUSH



JACQUELINE ELAINE  
BUTLER



CHRISTOPHER JAMES  
COLLINS



MATTHEW THOMAS  
CONKLING



KERRI AMBER  
CROWDUS



BRETT DAVID  
DEVault



JAMIE LYNN DEVILLEZ



RYAN ADAM DEWIG

Stuffing her face, Senior Meghan Schenk tries to not get food all over herself, since she can't use both hands due to injury. Subway was the place to eat, and it was one of the Seniors' favorite restaurants for out-to-lunch.



Senior Kelly Paul scarfs down her fries at Long John Silvers whose fish and crunchies were the most popular choice during Wednesdays in Lent.



Senior Jennifer Mesker takes a bite out of her Subway Club. Out-to-lunch days were a highlight for the Seniors, because they knew that they could talk freely and not get yelled at by teachers and faculty members.



Senior Crystal Folsom wipes food off Senior Allison Bush's face. Things tend to get a little messy on faces on Senior out-to-lunch days, but friends are always there to wipe them off.

# Let the race to fun and Out-to-lunch food begin.

ONE OF THE FAVORITE, MOST ANTICIPATED SENIOR PRIVILEGES IS OUT-TO-LUNCH. THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT OF OUT-TO-LUNCH ARE MEMORABLE, BUT FOR SOME SENIOR GUYS, IT STARTS WITH THE RACE TO GET OUT OF SCHOOL. FORMED INTO TWO TEAMS, THESE GUYS MAKE THE RACE TO THE TOP OF THE HILL FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS AND PRIDE.

Although the Seniors have an hour for out-to-lunch, these guys found it necessary to be the first to the top of the hill. Once at the top of the hill, they often go their separate ways.

"We go to different fast food restaurants, but Wendy's is my favorite," said Senior Team Plymouth member Jordan Rexing. His teammates, however, enjoy other luxurious restaurants.

"I usually like to go to McDonald's," said

Senior Team Plymouth member Dan Schenk, as if they need to hurry to get there extra early for time to eat their meals.

So, which team usually wins?

"Team Plymouth usually wins because of Scott Lewis, their early driver," said Ryan Dewig, Team Fatguy member. Lewis doesn't have to go to homeroom before he leaves due to T&L.

"We usually win, and if we don't then Team Fatguy cheated," said Rexing.

Rivalry between the teams is fierce; but in a fun, playful way. Of course, with such intense machismo often comes times when it gets out of hand; so much as that it once brought the races to a brief halt.

"Team Fatguy had Todd Zimmer start the car. Team Plymouth cut us off at the bottom of the hill, so I jumped out of the car and tackled

Rexing. Rexing, Musgrave and Schenk had to run up the hill. Team Fatguy got to the top of the hill and claimed a close, well-served victory," said Dewig.

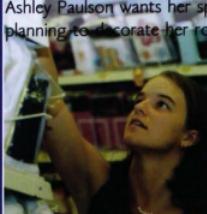
Consequences were taken for this. Jeremy Musgrave and Logan Riggs lost their out-to-lunch privileges for one month. When that month ended, the boys returned to the thrill of the race and were better than ever.

These guys never gave up. They have the heart of fighters and survivors which kept their minds in the game during the race and their friendships intact between Wednesdays.

It is amazing how one hour of chaos a week for out-to-lunch, an hour with our friends and a chance to have a tasty snack instead of school grub will leave them with many memories that will stay with them forever.

By Lynn Eickhoff '02

Now it is going to be her own place, Senior Ashley Paulson wants her space to be hers, planning to decorate her room in tie-dye.

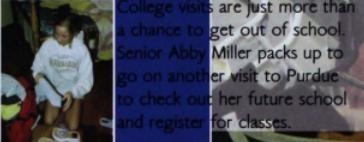


Buying for school is not limited to just notebooks and pens. Senior Kelly Paul is stocking up for her big move.

Getting to school is half the battle. Senior Robert Vaughn, like so many other Wildcats, used his sports skills.



Testing and more testing is the name of the game as Seniors Lynn Eickhoff and Jessica and Rachel Scheu found out at Western Kentucky.



College visits are just more than a chance to get out of school. Senior Abby Miller packs up to go on another visit to Purdue to check out her future school and register for classes.



# College Decisions

This is just the next step in our education.

**W**ITH THE END OF SENIOR YEAR, COMES A LOT OF FUN EXPERIENCES, BUT IT ALSO IS A STRESSFUL TIME FOR MANY. NOT ALL STUDENTS SPEND THEIR TIME FILLING OUT SCHOLARSHIPS, BUT ALL SPEND THEIR TIME CHOOSING A COLLEGE THAT FITS THEIR OWN, UNIQUE PERSONALITY. BUT CHOOSING THE SCHOOL IS JUST THE FIRST DECISION THAT THEY WILL MAKE, ALONG WITH DECIDING ON A MAJOR, FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE AND FOR SOME IT MEANS FINDING A PART TIME JOB.

But the first thing that comes with leaving for college is freedom and being on your own.

"Parents have to call before they visit, they can't just show up unannounced!" exclaims Senior Kari Lambert.

Being on your own is an important first lesson that college students will learn; especially the farther you go from Evansville.

"I want to experience the world that is outside of Evansville," says Senior Diane Batema.

There are many students who leave

Evansville, because USI or U of E doesn't offer what they are planning on majoring in. In the case of Batema he plans to major in Aeronautical Engineering and will enroll in ROTC.

"Getting away from home will give me the freedom I have been looking for," says Batema.

Of course, there are just as many Seniors looking at schools out of the area for just that reason - that they are out of the area. Their biggest goal is to be out of Evansville.

On the other hand there are many Seniors who are planning to stay here in Evansville for a variety of reasons.

"USI is the best choice for me, because I am not ready to leave home yet," replies Senior Kerri Crowdus.

By going to USI many Seniors can not only save money, but they can also continue through college with many of their same friends from high school.

One of the biggest problems that come with choosing a college is deciding on your major.

"I am very, very undecided," says Senior Homer Bradford. Being undecided on a major is common among many Seniors.

Many feel that they need a little college experience before they choose their major. Many, however, have decided on a major, but admit that once they start college it might change.

Whether students stay in Evansville, or leave the state, they all will take a small part of Mater Dei with them wherever they go.

"A Mater Dei education is so valuable," states Senior Tina Purcell. "We might not like everything here, but in the end it is for our benefit."

It is true that one of Mater Dei's missions is to prepare students for college, including teaching them everything from writing term papers to how to do research to budgeting your time.

As these graduates move on to the next stage of their education, there is no doubt that they will remember Mater Dei and all that they have learned here.

By Brian Koressel '02



Ready to show her true colors, Senior Karen Eickhoff pours through the racks of USI shirts. Once you have looked your school, you have to make sure everyone in your own tells people where you are going.



NATALIE LYN DRESSEL



ADAM WILLIAM  
EFFINGER



HEATHER MARIE  
EICKHOFF



LYNN MARIE  
EICKHOFF



ANGELA ROSE ELPERS



MICHAEL JAMES  
ELSNER



TERRY MICHAEL  
EVANS



LINDSEY MARIE  
FAULCONER



ELISSA ANN  
FEHRENBACHER



AMANDA GAYLE  
FELDHAUS



MICHAEL EDWARD  
FELLER



GREGORY RICHARD  
FISCHER



CHRISTOPHER OWEN  
FOLZ



CRYSTAL RENAE FOLZ

# This retreat puts some closure to the year

**M**ATER DEI IS BUILT ON FAITH AND THE WORD OF GOD. WHAT BETTER WAY TO PUT AN END TO THE LAST OF FOUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS THAN AT A CLASS RETREAT.

Each class gets their own retreat each year, but the Senior retreat is something special, something different. It means more because it aims to put the last four years into a spiritual context and gives closure to the last year.

"I felt like I talked to people during that retreat that I'd never go to talk to, because of the small groups they put us in," replied Senior Kari Lambert. "I think the faculty really strived to make us closer, and it really worked!"

This retreat is also special because it is entirely for the Seniors. Every retreat is geared for its class, but this one turns the class from their own concerns and gives them a glance at what to expect after graduation.

It is important that this retreat comes

late in the year. As students graduate from Mater Dei, they are expected to be leaders in the church. This day is a chance for the Seniors to learn their leadership role and to have one last preparation for it.

"At the beginning, some of the Seniors got up and told us their stories. That was really moving and touching," replied Senior Angie Elpers. "I really liked that, because I really didn't know those events went on in those certain people's lives."

After some ice-breaking activities, each Senior was asked to write a letter to those that they felt needed to be thanked for what they had contributed to their personal educational experience. Many wrote to their parents, brother or sisters, teachers or role models. But the act of putting their thoughts on paper gave more meaning and everyone the chance to vocalize their deep sense of appreciation.

"Sometimes I don't say things to

Senior Craig Moore takes a moment to observe Matt Jost's lizard, Gary, at the Senior retreat. Gary was found the night before the retreat and was quickly adopted as the mascot for the day.



Trying to keep her new pants dry, Senior Lacy Haller inspects the Mary statue during the Senior retreat scavenger hunt. The hunt was a good time to get outdoors and have a little extra fun with friends.



Unable to control his laughter, Senior Shane Render neglects to wipe the ice cream off his face. Everyone had the share of ice cream for dessert after the sub sandwiches during the Senior retreat.



Glancing over at Jarrod Luigs, Jon Schmitt takes a bite out of his cookie. Lunch and recess was a much awaited time for the Seniors at their senior retreat.



Trying to find the right words, Doug Martin writes a letter to his parents. This was a time for the Seniors to write letters to someone they wanted to thank.



peoples' faces that I want them to know," Lambert. "But writing them down helps explain what I'd always wanted to tell them."

The day ended with an emotional time where all Seniors were invited to participate in a variety of roles. Everyone was given the chance to add their thoughts to the list of petitions, though no one outside the Senior class knew exactly what was said, it is safe to say that we had lots to ask and lots to be thankful for.

"During mass, I just looked around at my classmates, and a since of excitement and sadness swept over me," stated Senior Zirkelbach. "I couldn't believe it was almost

As the class moves on, entering into ministry around them, they can feel confident that they have deep roots in their faith and they have a spiritual base to return to. And that will be the most important thing that the Class of 2002 has learned in their four years at Mater Dei.

By Jessica Schmitt



ROXANNE ELIZABETH  
FRANK



EMILY JEAN FREEMAN



AMBER DAWN GILLES



JESSICA LYNN GOEBEL



KIMBERLY MARIE  
GOEBEL



HALEY GENE GRASSO



JUSTIN MATTHEW  
GREUBEL



LEVIN KYLE HAAG



LORI BETH HAGAN



LACY NICOLE HALLER



JOSEPH STEPHEN  
HAYDEN



DAVID MICHAEL  
HERRON



RYAN SCOTT  
HOEFLING



MEREDITH ELAINE  
JANSEN



MATTHEW WILLIAM  
JOST



ANDREA NICOLE  
JULIAN



BENJAMIN JOSEPH  
KEMPER



AUDREY ELIZABETH  
KEMPF



ASHLEY BROOKE  
KOCHE



BLAKE DANIEL  
KOLLKER



Soaking up the sun and forgetting all their troubles at schools, Seniors Courtney Seib, Lindsey Montgomery and Allison Bush work on their tans in Florida. The beaches in Florida are always a popular Spring Break destination.



NIKOLAS RICHARD  
KORESEL



ASHLEY ELIZABETH

LAMBLE

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## Spring break is more than time out of school.

MATER DEI SENIORS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SPRING BREAK IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. SOME PEOPLE TOOK CRUISES WHILE SOME JUST SAT AT HOME NOT WORRYING ABOUT THE NEXT CALCULUS TEST OR WHEN THE NEXT RESEARCH PAPER WAS DUE. ONE THING IS FOR SURE, EVERYONE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SPRING BREAK.

Road trips were taken by many, but for Natalie Dressel this one was special because she was with a group of friends.

"I went to Atlanta with a group of friends. We had a free place to stay and really wanted to get out of Evansville for a while so we just left for a few days," said Dressel. "I'm always busy with Mater Dei things and it was nice to have a break from all that and not having to be at any certain place at any certain time."

Others spent their

spring breaks going shopping somewhere, other than Eastland Mall. Since prom was only a few weeks away some girls were still looking for the "perfect dress".

"I went to Louisville with Tina, Kendra and Elissa to go shopping. It wasn't very far, but it was better than staying in Evansville," said Kari Lambert.

Many students headed south for the beaches and ocean. For some this was the time for one last family vacation before leaving.

"I went with my family and a friend from a different school on a cruise to Jamaica and the Grand Cayman Islands," replied A.J. Smock. "It was nice to get away from papers and projects. We saw some neat things like Mayan ruins of Tulum and we climbed Dunn's Riverfalls."

But for others it was one last shindig with friends.

"Lindsey Montgomery,

Kelly Paul, Allison Bush and I all went to Panama City and Clearwater Beach," said Courtney Seib. "We could just be ourselves, doing whatever we wanted and didn't have to impress anyone."

"I went to Florida with all my friends during spring break, because I won't have time over the summer. I will be practicing basketball," said Matt Kiefer who needs the extra time in the summer to prepare for college basketball.

Other Seniors took the extra time to earn some cash.

"I worked over spring break to earn extra spending money. I also went shopping," said Kim Goebel.

No matter what they did or where they went, Seniors were happy because they weren't sitting in class listening to a teacher or writing any papers.

By Lynn Eickhoff '02



MATTHEW MARTIN  
KIEFER



JOANNA ANNETTE  
KIRSCH



JONATHON GREGORY  
KISSEL



DAVID JAMES KNAPP



Ready to roll, these three have the car packed for an evening of fun. Seniors Lindsey Schenk, Emily Freeman and Jenni Muensberman use their wheels to find fun, no matter where it is.



BRIAN MICHAEL  
KORESSEL



JACOB ADAM  
KORESSEL



Making light of a bad trip, Seniors Jessica Scheu and Audrey Kempf force a smile after traveling to Tennessee for a four-day softball tournament, but only played 7 innings.



iding each other's hair is just one of many things that we do to fill the time long trips, as Seniors Jennifer Ensterman and Amanda Feldhaus end out.



How many Senior girls can you fit into a van? Just ask these girls as they pile out before a football game at Central Stadium.



KARI LEIGH LAMBERT



STEVEN MICHAEL  
LAMBLE



MELISSA MARIE  
LANGTON



Seniors are called to serve in many different ways, including serving as Eucharistic ministers. Seniors Jake Koressel and Ashley Lamble step out of the fun of a free dress day and get serious for this important job.



Giving of herself - literally - takes on a personal touch as Senior Jacqueline Butler gives blood at one of the two annual blood drives held in the wrestling gym.



DOUGLAS WAYNE  
MARTIN



LUKE RICHARD  
MASTERSON



DANIEL JAMES  
MCATEE



ASHLEY MICHELLE  
MCCORMICK

Reading to the children to stimulate their minds, Senior Lynn Eickhoff uses her service hours to help the children at St. Vincent de Paul's daycare center. Eickhoff likes to go at least once a week, even though she has completed her hours.



The glory of God is seen through the eyes of the children. Working with children is a great way to fulfill service hours and have fun doing so for Seniors Deanna Wade and Angie Elpers.



JESSICA MARIE MEIER



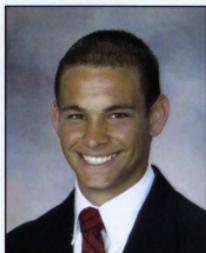
ADAM JEROME MERKEL



SCOTT EDWIN LEWIS



KARI CORBIN LOTTES



JARROD LEE LUIGS



MICHELLE MAE  
MARKIN

**S**ERVICE HAS BEEN A LONG TIME TRADITION AT MATER DEI. FROM OUR FIRST DAYS AS A FRESHMAN, WE ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE OF OURSELVES IN SHOW OF OUR FAITH AND TO DEMONSTRATE OUR DESIRE TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, FROM WHICH WE HAVE COME.

But just because we are required to donate our time, many have found that they enjoy it and get something out of it.

"Volunteering makes me feel better about myself because I see people in need and then I get to help them," said Senior Deanna Wade.

Wade is on the Teen Advisory Council, a division of Youth Resources. The group is made up of students dedicated to helping the community.

"On Valentine's Day, we made valentines for the kids at the Children's Psychiatric Hospital," said Wade. "The kids were so cute! I had a lot of fun playing games with them."

There are lots of ways that Seniors serve their community, but many find things that they like or fit their future plans.

Volunteering time to younger kids in the community is a favorite service of Mater Dei Seniors. Senior Lindsey Faulconer teaches swimming lessons at Lloyd Pool to 3 and 4 year olds.

"It delights me to know that I am making an impact on someone's life," said Faulconer.

With volunteering, work, homework and other extra-curricular activities, a student's life can get hectic and service hours have to come first. Many Seniors have a hard time juggling everything, especially as graduation nears.

"I don't stay up late," said Faulconer. "I don't go to bed until everything is done."

Some people may wonder why a teenager would want to take time away from partying and being with friends or doing schoolwork to help out someone they don't even know.

"I want to be an elementary school teacher," said Faulconer. "Teaching swim lessons to small children is good experience for me."

No matter what the Seniors have done to complete their commitment, they have found that volunteering is its own reward.

By Allison Bush '02



ABBY LEIGH MILLER



ALLIE MARIE MOLL



LINDSEY MARIE  
MONTGOMERY



JENNIFER KATHERINE  
MESKER



Taking a few minutes out of May Day, Senior Jake Korressel relaxes on the high jump pit used in the obstacle course. Korressel's antics always made everyone laugh and kept them smiling.

Joining together for a good time, these Seniors filled a sack for May Day fun. For three years these Seniors were on the short end of the May Day score, but not this year.



CRAIG MICHAEL  
MOORE



JOHN PAUL MORROW



Senior Brett DeVault takes time out to get a little cat nap in before hitting the books for his finals. Getting a little sleep before finals was just another way of preparing themselves to study really hard and concentrate on what they were going to do.



Senior guitarist Brad Buedel goofs off at a basketball game. Buedel played guitar in the pep band at all of our home basketball games.



JENNIFER RENEE  
MUENSTERMAN



CRAIG MATTHEW  
MUETH



Senior Lindsey Nosko goofs off to the music in the van on the way down to Carbondale, Illinois. Nosko always knew how to put a smile on your face and how to break it down.



MATTHEW CHARLES  
NEISEN



RACHAEL VICTORIA  
NELSON



LINDSEY KATHLEEN  
NOSKO



MANDY KIMBERLY  
NURRENBERN



## Kodak Moment

# Take a picture now, keep the memory forever.

**WE CAN ALL LOOK BACK AND REMEMBER SOME OF THE CRAZIEST TIMES OF OUR LIVES, BUT MANY OF US AREN'T SATISFIED WITH JUST THE MEMORY. WE WANT PROOF, AND THE BEST WAY IS WITH A PICTURE. YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND SOMEONE CARRYING AROUND A CAMERA JUST WAITING FOR THAT KODAK MOMENT.**

"I always have a camera with me so I can take pictures of everything. I take so many pictures. I have to get film developed every two weeks," said Senior Katie Schmitt. "They love me at Wal-Mart!"

Pictures are something you can keep forever. Some people like to get a little more creative than just putting their pictures in a photo album or tucking them away in a box. Some girls cover their walls with memories.

There are so many things that we will always remember, so many stories that we will tell over and over, so many times that we will relive in our minds; but a picture just makes it that much easier.

"I have pictures of me and my friends all over my wall to remind me of all of our awesome times together," replied Senior Amanda Feldhaus.

One of the main goals of a yearbook is to become a rich collection of pictures to remind people of their time in school. But many like to add to it by taking their own pictures and displaying them for all to see, such as in a scrapbook.

"I'm making a scrapbook to remember my Senior year. I have pictures of all events and special moments that I don't want to forget. It also helps me keep track of my pictures so I don't lose them," said Se-

nior Jenn Meunsterman.

These are not just albums with pages of pictures. These scrapbooks are full of stickers, cutouts and printed pages.

"I have spent hours putting together scrapbook pages for myself or making some for my friends," said Senior Karen Scheller.

Of course there are times when maybe we don't want that picture to remind us of something or to serve as evidence, but who will turn down a chance to ham it up for the camera.

And it isn't just the girls that are into pictures. Guys too like to carry a camera with them as they are out and about.

Pictures are not just for remembering the moments now, but for remembering them for always. So, smile and say cheese!

By Amber Gilles '02



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DUSTIN LEE PAUL



KELLY ROSE PAUL



KIMBERLY ELIZABETH  
MORROW



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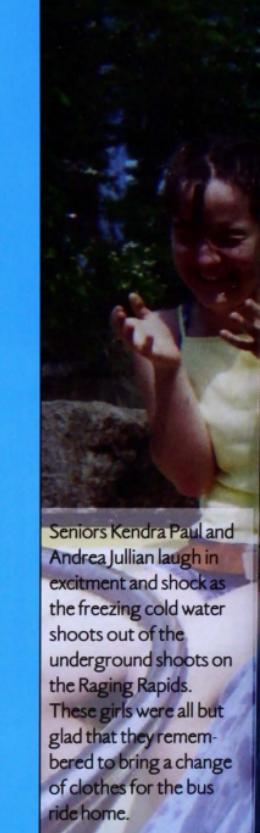
ANNA RENDE RUMINER



NICHOLAS PAUL  
SAMMET



KAREN NICOLE  
SCHELLER



Seniors Kendra Paul and Andrea Julian laugh in excitement and shock as the freezing cold water shoots out of the underground shoots on the Raging Rapids. These girls were all but glad that they remembered to bring a change of clothes for the bus ride home.



CASEY ALLEN SCHENK



## The last hoorah was a class trip day of fun.

NOW THAT WE ARE DONE WITH OUR SENIOR YEAR, IT IS TIME FOR OUR WELL-EARNED REWARD. NO, IT IS NOT THE DIPLOMA OR OWING THAT THERE IS NO MORE HOMEWORK. IT IS THE CLASS TRIP.

The early morning started with several buses lined up around the school, ready to take the glazed-eyed Seniors off to their last fling as a class.

"I knew that we would have to get up early, and I was really excited, but I didn't know it was going to be that early," stated Senior Deanna ade.

The long trip to Six Flags got everyone going. Of course the unending supply of cokes, chips and candy provided a source of energy second only to the excitement.

All the way there, the laughs were loud and the jokes were, at times, fierce jabs taken at

favorite targets, and the anticipation built.

Then the magic bus doors opened up to release the Class of 2002 upon Six Flags and all it had to offer.

"I was stoked," replied Senior Meghan Schenk. "I had waited all year long for this, and it was finally here."

And the Class of 2002 took full advantage of everything, from the roller coasters to the fake tatoos to all the ices the park could pour.

"The Batman was definitely my favorite ride," exclaimed Wade. "Because we made Jessica (Scheu) ride it. I was so scared for her. Plus, I was sitting next to her so if she got sick it would be all over me too!"

The day, of course, had to come to an end. The buses came back, and the Senior class piled back on and everyone said good bye to the park. They took one last glance, and knew that it was all about to come to an end.



Senior Micheal Feller is carried by the hands of his classmates on the bus ride home from their Senior class trip. This did get a little carried away on project graduation night and in result Feller had to walk across the stage on Graduation day with crutches and four broken bones.



Seniors Chris Folz, Ashley McCormick, Matt Pfister and Malissa Wildeman take a break before heading to the bus. The class trip was just one more way that the Seniors got to be together before having to leave the Mater Dei community as Seniors no more.



Senior Jessica Scheu tries to show Senior Nicole Zirkelbach how to rock climb. The class trip was an awesome experience for the Seniors to spend one last time together before things got serious.

Getting soaked by the down pour on the Raging Rapids, Seniors Michael Elsner, Liz Werner, Matt Kiefer and Jarrod Luigs are shocked by the cold water. Raging Rapids was a popular ride for the Seniors.



As the caravan headed back to Evansville, the energy of the day wore off and one by one people started to drop off. Scattered across each bus were seats filled with sleeping Wildcats.

There were a few that defied the odds and kept going all the way home and they made the trip incredibly interesting. It is not everyday that someone crowd-surfs the length of a bus.

"I can't believe we didn't get in trouble when we put Feller in the air," exclaimed Senior Brian Koressel. "It was awesome!"

The day was supposed to be a treat for a class that had done so much and given untold hours to homework. Actually, the day was one where everyone had the chance to be together one last time for fun. It was a time that can not easily be forgotten.

By Rachel Scheu '02

The Senior class hangs on every word as News 25 Sports Anchor Lance Wilkerson shares with them his high school memories. Wilkerson was familiar with the class as he has covered all of their athletic accomplishments.



Serving for the last time as a Eucharistic Minister, Senior Leah Martin holds out a blessing. Martin learned more than just academics; she was trained so that she could serve her church.

Father Ken Steckler delivered a cute story in his homily that told of the untold potential of the class. It was one of the more lighthearted moments of the evening.



Showing that he is a true leader of the class, Senior Matt Kiefer helps Ryan Dewig with his National Honor Society medal. The evening was a celebration of the classes achievement and accomplishments.



As the ceremony began, many Seniors brought with them symbols of their four years at Mater Dei. Jeremy Musgrave carried the bible, showing our commitment to faith.



## Baccalaureate An evening of prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

**S**OME MIGHT THINK OF IT A DRY RUN FOR GRADUATION. SOME MIGHT CONSIDER IT JUST ONE EVENT THAT THEY SUFFER THROUGH. SOME MIGHT EVEN THINK IT IS JUST WHAT COMES BEFORE PROJECT GRADUATION. IT IS REALLY BACCALAUREATE, THE EMOTIONAL EVENING WITH A HARD TO SPELL AND PRONOUNCE NAME.

Baccalaureate combines the religious with the celebratory mood that comes with graduation. The Mass gives us one last chance to come together to celebrate our faith.

This year's ceremony was full of symbolism, starting with the icons that were brought up in the processional. These icons were laid at the foot of the alter and represented as the important aspects of our four years at Mater Dei.

It was very telling of our last four years when the first item brought up by Jeremy Musgrave was the Bible. It was faith that we studied and it was faith that, at times, is what got us through it all.

Sporting items and academic reminders

of our time at Mater Dei filled the space in front of the alter, but it was the caps and gowns that set the tone for the evening as we gathered for one final chance for prayer and praise together.

"I'll I could think about as I stood on that stage was 'Man, this is our last mass together', " exclaimed Senior Deanna Wade. "Half these people I may never see again. I was scared and happy all at the same time. I knew that know I would actually have to grow up and become an adult, I was terrified."

Because Baccalaureate celebrates our impending graduation, it was the perfect time to thank those that were instrumental in our soon-to-be completed journey. That was also the last time that most eyes were dry.

Tradition has it, that before sharing the Eucharist, all the parents are thanked for all the sacrifices they have made for their Seniors. The Senior class each give their mothers roses, and there are always lots of hugs and kisses, smiles and tears shed from everyone in the room.

"When I gave my mom her rose, all the memories of our past flood through my mind," replied Wade, sadly. "All the fights and gentle words, and the hugs and kisses and the supportiveness that I could never find anywhere else. How loving she is."

Other than Project Graduation that follows the Baccalaureate ceremony, the most anticipate event of the night was the slide show. This year's 34-minute show featured baby pictures and shots of everyone over the past few years. Each different slide brought new cheers, laughs or tears.

"It was awesome to see how it all came together in the end," stated Senior Ashely Paulson. "It was so funny to see what everyone looked like back in the day!"

Though the evening had a serious message, one of praise and thanks, the evening was also one of the last, best memories that the Class of 2002 will take and carry with them for the years to come.

By Rachel Scheu '02



After giving her mother a rose, Senior Courtney Braun poses for a picture with her mother. Each Senior girl gave her mother a rose symbolizing their love and appreciation.



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# Project

# This was the class's last send-off.

**W**HEN BACCALAUREATE ENDED, THE SLIDE SHOW WAS OVER WITH AND EVERYONE HAD MOVED TO THE WRESTLING GYM, ONLY ONE THING WAS ON THE MINDS OF THE CLASS OF 2002: WHAT WAS PROJECT GRADUATION GOING TO LOOK LIKE THIS YEAR?

"The parents did a great job. It looked awesome," exclaimed Senior Leah Martin.

When the doors finally opened and the 150-person line moved in, the sights and sounds of a night that promised fun, food and prizes flooded out and surrounded everyone.

The theme of "Celebrate America" was evident. The gym was covered with American flags, war memorabilia and patriotic posters.

The Class of 2002 will never forget their Senior year, a year marred by the events of September 11; so the planners of Project Graduation built on that, focusing on the spirit of the country. No one can ever forget, but the night did not

dwell on that evil moment. Everyone was spirited and upbeat, ready to celebrate.

"All I wanted to do was dance," exclaimed Brian Koressel. "And the DJ was so awesome. It was a blast and a night not forgotten!"

And that celebration was incredible. There was a ton of food, including a whole hog, and lots of goodies.

"I had never really seen the dead thing that I was about to eat. It would usually be cut up and I wouldn't think about it being whole, but there it was, in front of me," replied Senior Jen Mesker in disgust. "But it was so good!"

And there was fun to be had. When everyone had stuffed their faces, the action moved to the large gym where teams were pitted against each other, competing for money and prizes.

"The games were very...interesting," stated Mesker.

As the games began to wind down, the

realization of what the night really meant became evident. Then the tears started to form and the hugs were plentiful.

"The last song was awesome. We all got together in a circle and sang it together," replied Senior Tina Purcell, sadly. "It was unforgettable."

Not all the tears were from sadness. As he was surfing the crowd, a repeat of what was done in the bus on the way back from Six Flags, Senior Michael Feller was dropped, breaking his ankle and forcing him to use crutches as he walked across the stage at graduation.

"I felt so bad for him!" exclaimed Koressel.

There were scores of parents that spent countless hours making this night one to remember. From decorating to putting together the gift bags each Senior received, this was one event that marked the class's last send-off.

By Jessica Scheu '02

Senior Chris Folz makes sure he doesn't miss one strand of hair as he drenches Senior Jessica Scheu with water. Water

was the drink of the evening as the gym heated up, and many left drenched.



Seniors Lindsey Faulconer and Ryan Hoefling break it down on the dance floor. The Senior class showed all the parents and faculty members how to dance and how to get down with their bad selves.



The Senior girls raise their hands in triumph after beating the boys in the shoe game. The evening was a night full of games and fun for the senior class of 2002.



"Hugs all around." Seniors Robert Vaughn and Jacob Koressel give each other one last hug before it was time to leave. Baccalaureate was an emotional night for the Seniors because they knew it was their last fun time together as a class.

Seniors Jamie DeVillez and Aaron Barchett show the rest of the Seniors how to play for lifesaver game. That was just one of many games of the night that pitted a dozen teams against each other for money and prizes.





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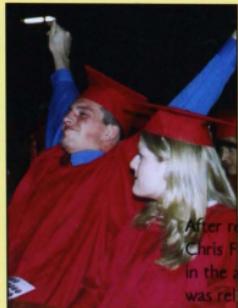
ABBY JO WEIS



Excitement and celebration were the rule of the day as each Senior received their diploma. Senior Liz Wimer could barely contain her joy on stage.



All through their education, these Senior have had to rely on others. It was no different on their last day together as Senior Jamie DeVillez helps Allison Bush get ready for their graduation ceremony.



After receiving his diploma, Senior Chris Polz celebrates with his arms in the air. Like so many others, he was relieved that it was all over.

Seniors Matt Kiefer and Justin Grebel offer one another one last hug before lining up for graduation. It was an emotional day for many as their Senior year came to an end.



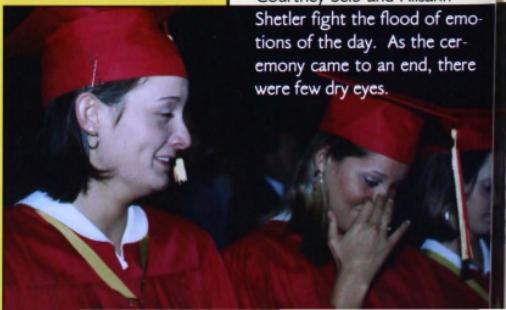
Senior Meghan Schenk turns to Senior Jessica Scheu during one of the lighter moments to share a laugh. Schenk lightened up the ceremony herself with a humorous valedictorian speech.



And the moment was finally here. It was finally time to turn their tassel and show they were done and that they were Mater Dei graduates.



Mixing laughs and tears, Seniors Courtney Seib and Alisann Shetler fight the flood of emotions of the day. As the ceremony came to an end, there were few dry eyes.





ELIZABETH ANNE  
WERNER



MALISSA ROSE  
WILDEMAN



SALLY ELAINE WILL



JENNIFER MARIE WOLF

**B**EHIND ALL THE EXCITEMENT, ALL THE POMP, ALL THE HIGH-FIVES AND HUGS, THERE IS A SADNESS THAT EVERYONE FEELS, BUT FEW ARE WILLING TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT. IT IS A REALIZATION THAT 12 YEARS OF HOMEWORK, TESTS, SCHOOL PIZZAS, HALLWAY LOCKERS AND ENTERTAINMENTS HAVE COME TO AN END.

For the past four years, Seniors could be heard wishing aloud for the end to get here so they could get out of school. They were tired of all the rigors of school and all the trials of daily life at a Catholic high school.

But are we, the Class of 2002, really ready to walk out of these halls and into the real world?

"I was so excited to leave and get out into the real world," exclaimed Senior Angie Elpers. "But then, in the end, I realized it was all almost over. I was curious about everything, but

Wildcats have seen firsthand how to deal with success and failures and how to handle situations gracefully and tactfully.

Through all the homework assignments, all the tests and all the games, one valuable lesson has emerged that will become critical once we hit the real world.

"I have learned many valuable lessons here at Mater Dei," states Elpers. "But one thing I have learned for myself, is to get out of my shell and not be so shy. I know that that will help me in the future and in the real world."

We all, at one time or another, have complained that we were snowed under, unable to get everything done. We complained that this teacher gave us some useless assignment that was little more than busy work while another teacher doesn't care if we have another assignment to work on and gives us their own major assignment. Updates are due, whether we are ready for them



TODD MARTIN  
ZIMMER



NICOLE LEIGH  
ZIRKELBACH

## The end finally comes for the Class of 2002.

was really nervous."

It is true that Mater Dei is an excellent school. Just a look at the numbers will prove that. Over 98 percent of all graduates go on to some form of post-secondary education. ISTEP+ scores place our students among the top five schools in the state and ACT and SAT scores come in well over the state and national average.

"It's amazing what Mater Dei students achieve," replied Senior Brian Koressel. "We learn many good things here that prepare us for the real world, it's amazing."

Along with the academics, Mater Dei has prepared us for a life of service to our church and community. Through service hours, volunteer work and ministry, this class has learned the value of giving of ourselves to others.

Many people are fond of saying that athletics enhance and strengthen the lessons learned in the classroom. It is true that those that compete learn teamwork, dedication and focus, but I of us have learned so much over the last four years. From the highs to the lows, from the state to the seasons that were less than stellar, all

or not.

Through all the ugly schoolwork, we have seen how to work in the real world. We have learned time management and the value of getting a job done and doing it right the first time.

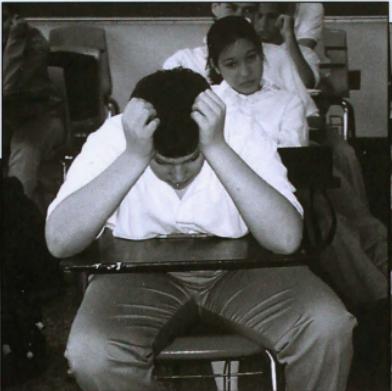
For all of this, we have to thank all our teachers and all those that have dedicated their lives to teaching us all of this for the past 12 years.

"I would definitely have to thank Mr. Sills," replied Elpers. "If it wasn't for him I wouldn't be here I am today. He has taught me so much. He criticizes my art to where he has helped me become the artist I am today."

Now it is time for us to go out and show everyone what we have learned.

"The one thing that I will miss the most, is how everyone is so supportive here. They are always there if you need anything, help on a paper, someone to teach you about verbs or even a shoulder to cry on. I will miss the community of loving people that you can't find anywhere else, except at Mater Dei," replied Senior Kari Lambert, sadly.

By Rachel Scheu '02



# So Long Ago . . .

**Who would have thought that we would have turned out so well**

**C**AN YOU IMAGINE WHAT WE MUST HAVE LOOKED LIKE FOUR YEARS AGO? WE WERE, AS MUCH AS WE MIGHT HATE TO ADMIT TO IT, WERE FRESHMEN ONCE. YEAH, IT IS TRUE, BUT WHO REMEMBERS THAT?

Who remembers who fell down the stairs on the way to the Freshman hallway and were seen by every Senior as they left the cafeteria? They looked, laughed and claimed that it was because we were a Freshman that we were incapable of walking down stairs and talking at the same time.

Then there were our backpacks. The first day as Seniors, we sat back and watched the parade of Freshmen to see who had the biggest backpack on and if they had every book they owned in it. Well, it was just four short years ago that we were those dorky Freshmen and we had the same backpacks filled until the zippers were about to bust. It was difficult to walk, it took two people to get it on our backs and we felt like an idiot when we realized that we really didn't have to carry everything, everyday, everywhere.

Pool passes? Yeah, we bought them and this year we sold them. At least we were able to get our money back out of it.

Stop signs with white edges are optional? Yeah, we fell for that one

too. And we even asked about it to see if it were true.

What about our "We Commit" shirts? Does anyone still have them? Anyone brave enough to admit that they do?

Who can forget about being at the end of the lunch line? How bad we wanted out-to-lunch? When were we going to get to win May Day?

Remember when we first saluted the Greenies? It seemed just like yesterday that we were up there, wondering what they were saying and what they were doing it.

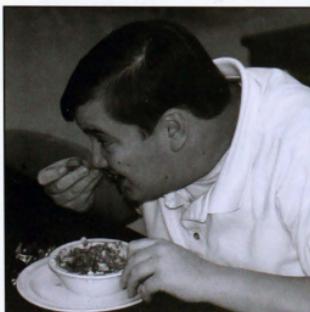
We survived the horrors of our Freshmen year, three different principals, a major building project and, at the end of our Senior year, the Church crisis hitting home. There were great sports seasons and some that ended just short of what we were hoping and praying for.

And we were there for all of it.

But we are stronger for it and we will be able to tackle any problem that comes our way. We can succeed in the face of hardships and adversity.

And that was the best lesson that we could have ever hoped to learn.

**By Jessica Scheu '04**



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**SENIORS**



Jessica,  
Congratulations, we knew you'd  
make it with those "cats". You're the  
best! May all your dreams come true.  
Love,  
Grandma T., Uncle Harold, Aunt  
Judy, & Aunt Mary Kay

Jessica Meier

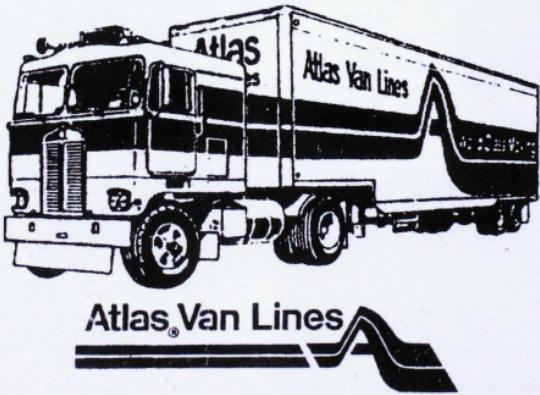


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What a cutie, Justin.  
Love Mom & Dad

Justin Greubel



You're still the sweetest thing. All the luck to you in what ever you do. Love you,  
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We love you,  
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We can't believe this little girl is  
graduating. You've always been  
sweet and very lovable. We are  
proud of you. Congratulations!  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

Haley Grasso



Believe in yourself, the truth, your goals, and your dreams will come true. Hold on to your memories, for these are the best days of your life. We are very proud of the beautiful person you have become. We love you and wish you the very best in everything you do.  
Love & God's Blessings,  
Mom, Dad, Leslie, & Brennen

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Good luck in all you do in the  
future. Never give up on your  
dreams. We are very proud of  
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Jessica & Rachel,  
In many ways you are  
two, but in many ways  
you are one. Few  
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God. Our Princess Abby.  
We Love You,  
Dad & Mom

Abby Blankenberger





You have made your family very proud. Good Luck in college. Enjoy yourself and have some fun. The best is yet to come.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Adam

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Meghann,  
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Love,  
Mom

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Mandy,  
Caution! Possible bumps ahead.  
Good luck in college  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

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Levin,  
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you in my life. You're a good  
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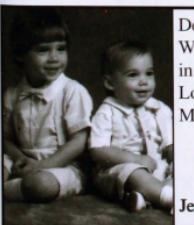
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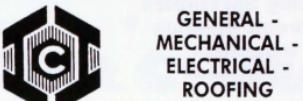
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Darin Acton



Dan,

You're always at the top in our eyes! Best wishes for a fantastic future. You have been a wonderful son and brother and we wish you the very best in your college years and beyond. Keep reaching for the stars!

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Patrick,

Now you really are "so big"! We're very proud of all your high school accomplishments. Your plays on the football field and basketball court have given us many exciting memories. Good luck as you take that next step...work hard and be happy.

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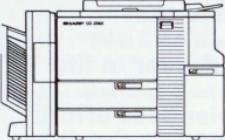


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Lynn Eickhoff



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to smile! We're very proud of your accom-  
plishments. Keep striving to be the best  
you can be!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Brian and Rachel

Jarrod Luigs



Always keep this smile.  
You have a great future,  
let no obstacle deter you  
from your goals.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

Brent Schmitt



Dear Adam,  
No matter which path you choose in  
life, we will be supportive of your  
decisions. Know that we love you  
always!

Mom, Dad, Kevin, Gary, and Eric

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Matthew,  
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Love,  
Mom

Matt Pfister



David "Fritzi-poo-poo,"  
Our baby boy graduating! Wow!  
Seems like yesterday we brought you home to your adoring brothers and sisters! What an exciting four years!  
You have brought us great joy through your friends and their families! We'll love you forever.  
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David Knapp



You were always a handsome young boy. Now you have grown into a fine young man. We are proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

J.P. Morrow



Is this the way you'll look after a hard day at Purdue? Good luck, Justin.  
Mom, Dad, and Julianna

Justin Greubel



I would like to introduce you to my angel in all respects. Love, Grandpa

Jessica Meier



You are a wonderful young man and we are very proud of you. Stay true to your heart. We love you very much.

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To my favorite little sister, Lacy. Hope  
this is really embarrassing!  
Love,  
Andi

Lacy Haller



Lindsey,  
I am so proud of you! You  
have worked so hard. I  
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Jeremy, Alecia and Madeline  
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Congratulations Jon! We're so  
proud of you! Good luck in  
college and all you do in the  
future!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Eric and Jordan

Jon Stoltz



Courtney,  
May you never loose the sparkle in your eye  
and your dimples when you smile. You have  
grown into such a beautiful and special  
young woman. We are very proud of you.  
May God bless you where ever your life takes  
you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Brandon and Jeremy  
Courtney Seib



Ryan,  
It has been great watching you grow  
up. We're very proud of you!  
Good luck in the future!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Brittany

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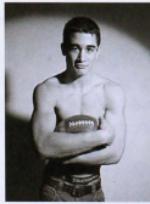


Dear Adam,  
We have watched you grow into a  
fine young man. We wish you much  
happiness in the future.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Kelly, and Jill

Adam Merkel



We are very proud of the  
beautiful young lady you have  
become. Hold on to your dreams  
and you will succeed in whatever  
you do. We wish you much love,  
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Jessica Padavic



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Heather Eickhoff



Shane,

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Amanda Feldhaus



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Jessica,  
You've always had a natural smile to go along with those natural curls!! We're proud of you and love you very much! We know you'll have much success.  
Love,  
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Jessica Meier



You light up our lives!  
Best of luck in the future!  
All our Love,  
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Meredith Jansen



Congratulation Jennifer!  
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swimming with you  
again.  
Love,  
Jenny  
Jessica Padavic



Keep Smiling Rox. We  
love you so much.  
Mom, Dad & Katie

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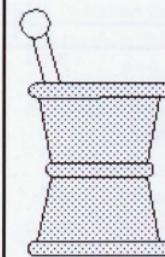


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Ashley Koch



Michael,  
You have been such a joy for us these past 18 years. You have kept your sense of humor and spirit even in times of adversity. Do your best in College. We love you.  
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like just yesterday you were our little  
girl in pigtails. Thank you for all the  
wonderful memories. Congratulations  
on all you accomplishments, and good  
luck and best wishes for all that is in  
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Love,  
Mom & Dad  
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Dear Alisann,  
You reached your goal! Not only in  
soccer but in the person you have  
become. We are very proud of you!  
We will always love you!  
Mom & Dad

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"Look who's ready for college!"  
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Mom, Dad, Jessica, Jenna, & Joseph

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Mom, Dad, Spot, Tubby, & Fidget

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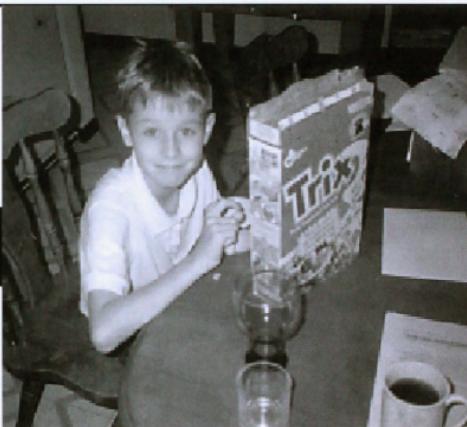
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Lacy Haller



Jennifer,  
You have sweetened our lives! You have brought so much joy and happiness to our family. We are proud of your many accomplishments, and even more proud of the wonderful young lady you've become. Keep your strong faith in God, and know that we love you always. You are a very special daughter!

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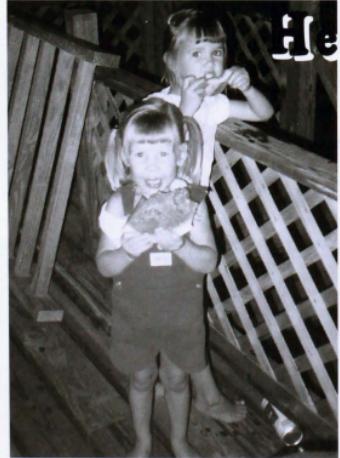
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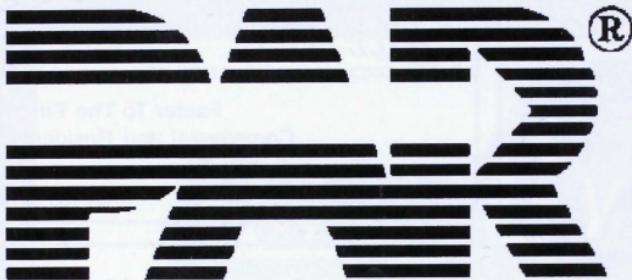
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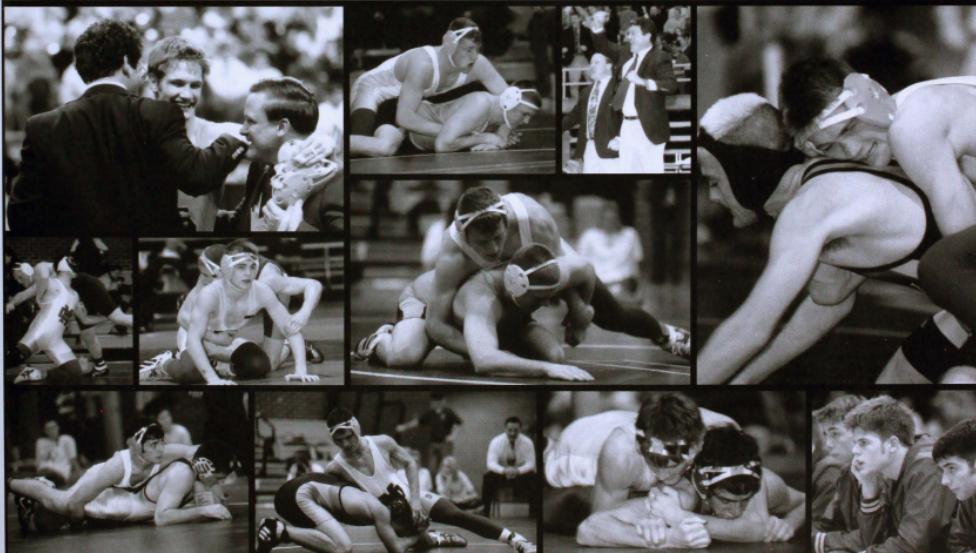
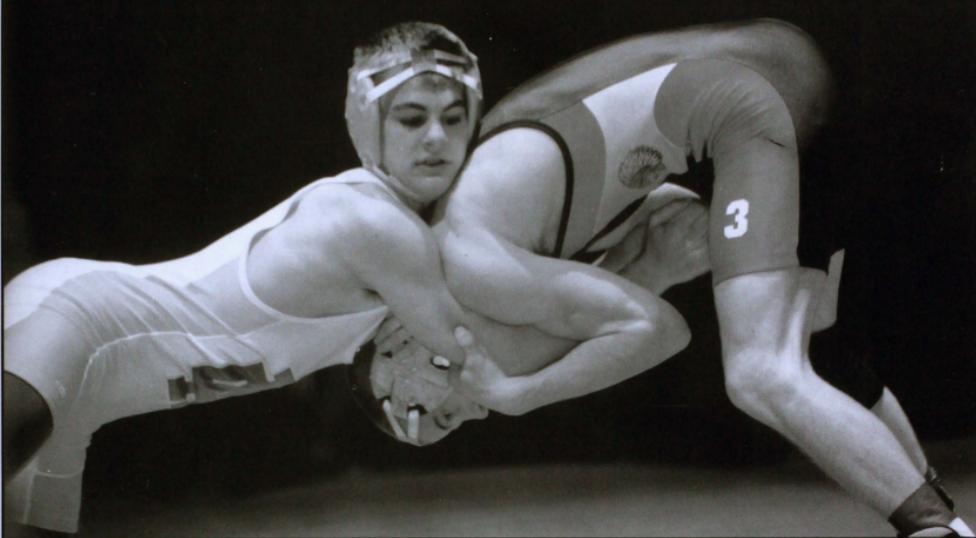
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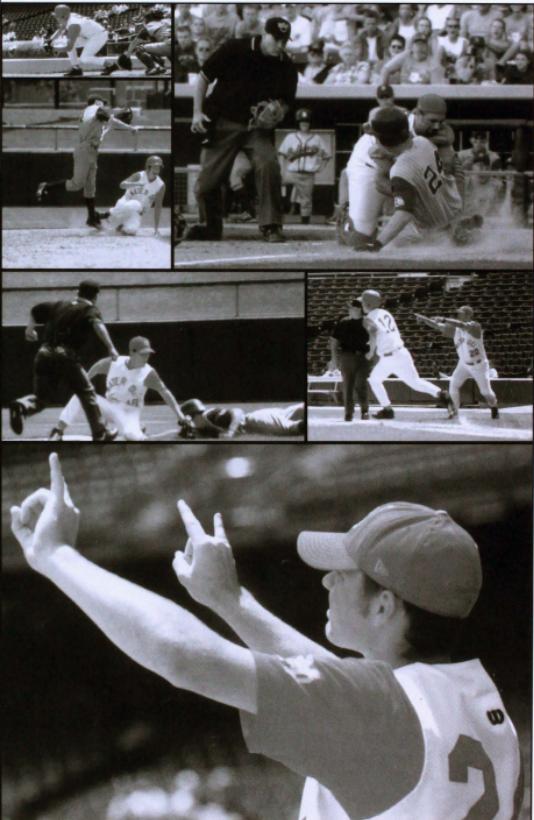
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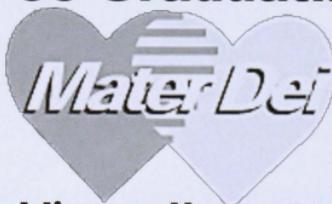
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Taylor Uhde, Lindsey Wagner.  
Row 2 - Pedro Rallo, Phillip Elpers, Kyle Kraft.

**Bittner, Jason**  
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28, 116, 204, 210

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18, 202, 204, 210

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Row 2 — Abby Schmitt, Ashley Alles, Amanda Wildeman, Erica Wildeman, Megan Wright.

### Byrley, Jessica

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### Chandler, Katherine

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### Collins, Christopher

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### Cowan, Daniel

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### Cowan, Joshua

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8, 70, 206

### Denstorff, Hallie

18, 70, 110, 130, 206, 210, 214, 220

### Denstorff, Jenna

8, 70, 88, 96, 204, 206, 220

### Devault, Adrienne

18, 70, 206

### Devault, Brett

50, 90, 140, 150, 162, 204

### Devault, Christina

18

### Devillez, Jamie

6, 104, 108, 128, 140, 158, 172, 214



### Devillez, Jason

8, 116, 128, 202, 204, 206

### Dewig, Chad

8, 204, 210, 212, 220

### Dewig, Ryan

FE, 90, 96, 116, 140, 154, 194, 204, 212, 214, 220

### Dick, Brad

28, 100

### Dick, Jessica

FE, 8, 48, 202, 204

### Dippel, Danielle

28, 52, 106, 208, 214, 216



### Girls Varsity Basketball

Row 1 — Manager Jennifer Carter, Katie Roberts, Courtney Seib, Kim Goebel, Meghan Schenk.  
Row 2 — Audrey Goebel, Courtney Woehler, Jenna Babcock, Missy Glaser, Katie McKinney.

**Dosher, Nathan**  
18, 210

**Dressel, Natalie**  
10, 94, 96, 100, 104, 108,  
110, 112, 116, 138, 142,  
146, 174, 210, 212, 220

**Droste, Jared**  
8, 204, 206, 210

**Droste, Natalie**  
18

**Drury, Amber**  
2, 6, 18, 110, 112, 214,  
216, 218

**Dunkelbarger, Aaron**  
20

**Dunn, Krista**  
28, 120

**Echelle, Alise**  
8, 200, 208, 214, 216

**Effinger, Adam**  
142, 168, 204

**Eickhoff, Brittney**  
20, 108, 214, 218



### Boys Freshman Basketball

Row 1 — Ryan Wilderman, Shane Goedde, Ryan Matt, Andy Reddington, Wacy Hall, Andy Krack, David Hertel, Danny Martin.  
Row 2 — Andrew Alcorn, Tyler Lutterbach, A.J. Rousey, Michael Goeltz, Craig Maier, Jason DeVille, Scott Koresel, Cory Goebel.

**Eickhoff, Heather**  
74, 104, 142, 178, 208,  
210, 214

**Eickhoff, Jennifer**  
20, 104, 214, 216

**Eickhoff, Lynn**  
24, 56, 100, 106, 108,  
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172, 204, 216, 220

**Eickhoff, Malisa**  
28, 214

**Elpers, Kimberly**  
8, 20, 208

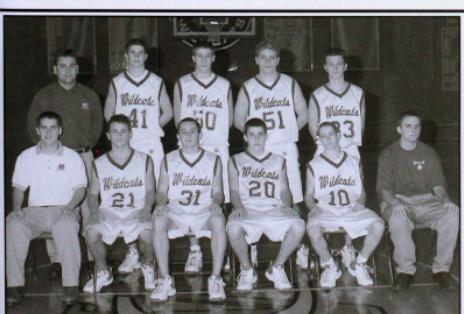
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**Elpers, Melissa**  
8, 96, 118, 206, 214

**Elpers, Philip**  
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216, 218

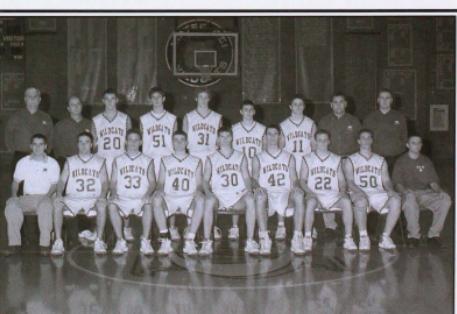
**Elpers, Stephanie**  
28, 118, 130, 204, 206,  
214, 220

**Elpers, Tara**  
8, 84, 200, 204, 212



### Boys Reserve Basketball

Row 1 — Coach John Goebel, John Fehrenbacher, Matt Halbig, Jason Born, Dustin Slaton.  
Row 2 — Manager Danny Ko, Logan Miller, Chris Hertel, Alex Blazier, Nick Lannert, Manager Alex Nally.



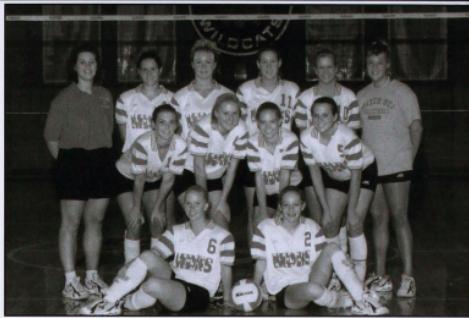
### Boys Varsity Basketball

Row 1 — Coach Roger Sills, Coach Butch Bartley, Zach Zirkelbach, John Fuchs, Chris Robinson, Dominic Turi, Chris Marx, Coach John Goebel, Coach Jason Craig.  
Row 2 — Manager Danny Ko, Dan Alcorn, Patrick Mallory, Jordan Rexing, Mike Elsner, Matt Kiefer, Blake Kollker, Casey Schenk, Manager Alex Nally



### Girls Freshman Volleyball

Row 1 - Coach Mary Jo Wolf, Molly Couture, Cassie Schentrup, Aimee Fischer, Leslie Kaiser, Manager Natalie Schmitt.  
Row 2 - Jami Pantages, Katie Zenthofer, Jenna Denstorff, Audrey Goebel, Tara Elpers.



### Girls Reserve Volleyball

Row 1 - Coach Angie Anderson, Anna Weber, Andrea Niemeier, Katie Roberts, Megan Sitzman, Lindsey Meyer.  
Row 2 - Stephanie Elpers, Jessica Dick, Kristin Kissel, Jessica Knight.  
Row 3: Erica Bohleber, Ashley Adler.

**Elsner, Michael**  
2, 68, 80, 136, 142, 152,  
180, 202, 206, 212, 216

**Elsner, Shane**  
8

**Elzroth, Noah**  
28

**Erkman, Brittany**  
8, 44, 102, 122, 216, 218

**Euler, Daniel**  
20, 130, 204

**Evans, Terry**  
90, 142, 204, 210, 220

**Faraone, Tessa**  
28, 100, 114, 116, 120,  
128

**Farmer, Patrick**  
8, 200

**Farney, Michelle**  
8, 202

**Faulconer, Lindsey**  
118, 120, 142, 156, 166

**Fehrenbacher,  
Elissa**  
FE, 108, 142

**Fehrenbacher, Jer-  
emy**  
8, 218

**Fehrenbacher,  
Jonathon**  
20, 202, 206, 220

**Fehrenbacher,  
Patrick**  
28, 210

**Fehrenbacher, Sa-  
rah**  
10, 116, 208

**Feldhaus, Amanda**  
94, 106, 110, 120, 142,  
146, 162, 178, 198, 208,  
214

**Feller, Michael**  
10, 142, 152, 166, 200

**Feller, Matthew**  
200, 210

**Ferrari, Amber**  
10, 208, 218

**Fischer, Aimee**  
10, 74, 204, 210

**Fischer, Gregory**  
104, 118, 128, 142, 182

**Fischer, Phillip**  
10, 220

**Flake, Anna**  
20, 110, 210

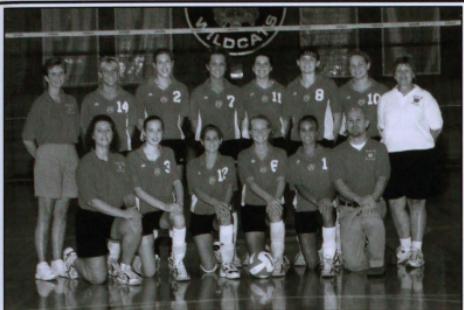
**Folz, Christopher**  
142, 152, 156, 158, 204,  
224

**Folz, Crystal**  
FE, 108, 112, 140, 142,  
158, 180, 216

**Fox, Nicholas**  
10, 204

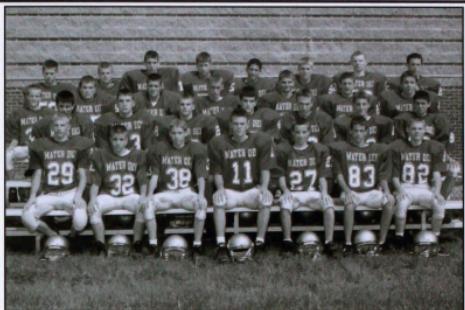
**Frank, Katie**  
2, 6, 20, 102, 112, 120,  
122, 124, 214, 216, 218





### Girls Varsity Volleyball

Row 1 - Coach Mary Jo Wolff, Lacy Haller, Andrea Reising, Kim Geobel, Lynn Eickhoff, Courtney Seib, Meghan Schenk, Coach Carolyn Adler.  
Row 2 - Coach Angie Anderson, Andrea Kissel, Audrey Kempf, Allie Moll, Kara Adler, Coach Bryan Morrison.



### Frosh Football

Row 1 - David Hertel, John Shetler, Wacey Hall, Danny Martin, Joe Weinzapfel, Cory Goebel, Greg Ambrose, Ryan Matt.  
Row 2 - James Weinzapfel, Casey Wildeman, Chad Dewig, Tim Weber, Michael Coughlin, Scott Koressel, Ryan Wildeman.  
Row 3 - Josh Hersherson, Andy Reddington, Matt Coughlin, Jared Drost, Drew Alcorn, Jason DeVillez, Andy Krack.  
Row 4 - Joe Lehman, Scott Lehman, Alex Will, Dustin Slaton, Jacob Herrmann, Tyler Lutterbach, Nick Fox.

### Frank, Roxanne

102, 122, 124, 136, 144,  
180, 216, 218

### Frazer, Kristen

28, 58, 110, 130, 200,  
206, 208, 214, 220

### Frazer, Nicholas

20, 82, 118, 200, 220

### Freeman, Emily

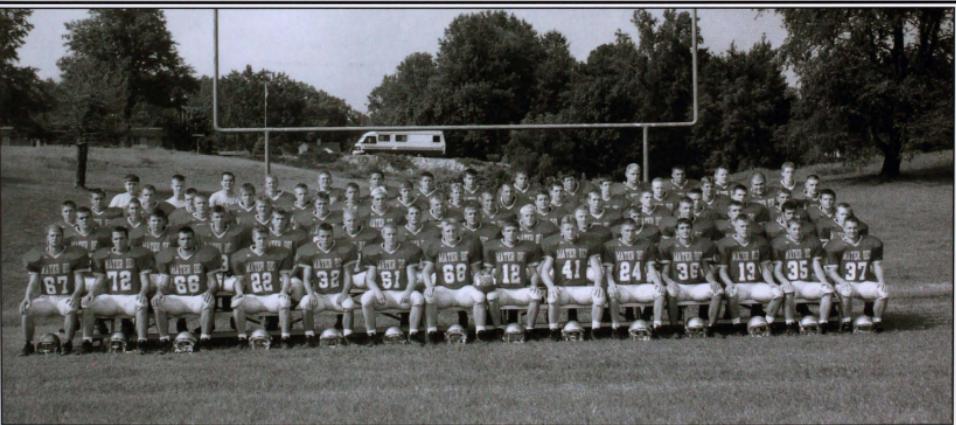
130, 144, 146, 212, 214,  
216

### Fuchs, John

28, 68, 202, 212

### Fuchs, Michael

10



### Reserve and Varsity Football

Row 1 - Manager Terry Evans, Manager Dave Lappe, Manager Danny Ko, Jared Waterman, Jason Coughlin, Drew Nurrenbern, Joe Hillenbrand, Scott Modesitt, Brent Hagan, Dan Euler, Jason Born, Jacob Hoehn, Chris Niemeier, Ben Weber.  
Row 2 - Tyler Musgrave, Zack Zirkelbach, Raymond Goebel, Blake Maurer, Joe Halbig, Logan Miller, Daryl Booth, Kevin Muensterman, Jacob Stephens, Andrew Musick, Jonathan Gidcumb, Nick Weinzapfel, Chaz Schwartz, Jordan Baer.  
Row 3 - Eric Hamilton, Doug Cardin, Tom Unfried, Aaron Scott, Joey Kiesler, Dustin Beal, Nathan Weinzapfel, Sam Wildeman, Kenny Miller, Josh Wildeman, Kyle Hartz, Nick Jureczki, Carl Ramsby, Matt Johnson, Philip Pettiejan.  
Row 4 - Adam Effinger, Brent Schmitt, Jim Zimmer, Craig Moore, Dave Knapp, Chris Folz, Steve Lamble, Bryan Benke, Ryan Hoefling, J.P. Morrow, Casey Schenk, Jordan Rexing, Jeremy Musgrave, Aaron Recklehoff.  
Row 5 - Christian Oliver, Brett DeVault, Bobby Schmitt, Blake Kollker, Logan Riggs, Todd Zimmer, Justin Greubel, Patrick Mallory, Scott Lewis, Dan Alcorn, Ryan Dewig, Jake Schiff, Doug Martin, Dan Schenk.



## Reserve Softball

Row 1 - Coach Gene Woehler, Leslie Woehler, Kirby Splittorff, Jenna Schmitt, Mary Williamson, Nikki Render, Stephani Spain, Blythe Bell, Dana Mueller, Coach Larry Lutz, Coach Amy Gruber.  
 Row 2 - Megan Wright, Erica Bohleber, Andrea Schenk, Melissa Elpers, Natalie Goebel, Brittnay Kerchief.



## Varsity Softball

Row 1 - Coach Gene Woehler, Courtney Woehler, Kara Adler, Stephanie Elpers, Rachel Scheu, Leah Martin, Jessica Scheu, Hannah Johnson, Natalie Goebel, Coach Larry Lutz, Coach Amy Gruber.  
 Row 2 - Michelle Rietman, Audrey Kempf, Erica Bohleber, Nicole Zirkelbach, Melissa Elpers, Andrea Schenk, Amanda Wildeman, Manager Jennifer Carter.

**Gears, Amanda**  
FE, 116, 28, 126, 208, 214

**Gibson, Christopher**  
28, 108, 110, 214, 218

**Gibson, Joseph**  
10, 218

**Gidcumb, Jonathan**  
28, 204

**Gilles, Amber**  
FE, 6, 8, 18, 94, 100, 104,  
106, 108, 110, 112, 130,  
144, 146, 178, 210, 212,  
216

**Glaser, Melissa**  
18, 28, 66, 86, 200, 202,  
214, 220

**Goebel, Audrey**  
10, 84, 88, 200, 202, 204

**Goebel, Cory**  
10, 116, 118, 202, 204

**Goebel, Jessica**  
94, 104, 120, 144

**Goebel, Katherine**  
10, 58, 74, 200, 210

**Goebel, Kimberly**  
56, 66, 90, 94, 112, 144,  
150, 184, 202, 204, 210,  
212, 214, 216, 220

**Goebel, Mackenzie**  
20, 208

**Goebel, Natalie**  
28, 206

**Goebel, Raymond**  
20, 204, 210

**Goedde, Kyle**  
30

**Goedde, Shane**  
10, 202

**Goelz, Michael**  
10, 202, 206

**Goldman, Mark**  
30, 206

**Govert, Daniel**  
20, 210

**Govert, Elizabeth**  
30, 74, 208, 210

**Grasso, Haley**  
42, 144, 146, 160, 164,  
206, 208, 210, 214, 216

**Grattenthaler, Matthew**  
10





### Freshman Baseball

Row 1 – Andy Reddington, Michael Goelz, Andrew Alcorn, Ryan Matt, Jared Drost, Dustin Slaton.  
Row 2 – Jason Devillez, Cody Schillinger, Luke Spaetti, Jake Herrmann, Ryan Perkins.

### Greubel, Justin

6, 48, 50, 122, 131, 136, 144, 158, 162, 168, 174, 204, 220

### Gries, Jeremy

20, 206

### Gries, Rachael

30, 42, 44, 92, 102, 114, 122, 214, 216, 220

### Griese, Benjamin

20, 122, 210

### Groves, Beth

10, 202, 214

### Gunn, Shanna

30, 116

### Haag, Levin

144, 168, 186

### Hagan, Brent

20, 76, 204, 210

### Hagan, Lori

52, 112, 138, 144, 164, 208

### Hage, Lauren

10

### Reserve Baseball

Row 1 – Coach Justin Elpers, Jeremy Gries, Ryan Matt, Matt Halibig, John Fehrenbacher, Jared Drost, Alex Blazier, Coach Duane Maurer.  
Row 2 – Michael Goelz, Andy Reddington, Drew Nurrenbern, Zach Zirkelbach, Mark Goldman, Jason Kothe, Andrew Alcorn.  
Row 3 – Jason DeVillez, Cody Schillinger, Jake Herrmann, Luke Spaetti, Ryan Perkins, Dustin Slaton.



### Varsity Baseball

Row 1 – Coach Darin Knight, Bobby Schmitt, Casey Schenk, Jim Zimmer, Michael Elsner, Chris Robinson, Josh Wildeman, Jason Yoder, Jon Schmitt.  
Row 2 – J.P. Morrow, Matt Johnson, Sam Kaiser, Daniel Alcorn, Chris Marx, Kevin Tooke, Kyle Hartz, Dom Turi.



### Reserve Baseball

Row 1 – Coach Justin Elpers, Jeremy Gries, Ryan Matt, Matt Halibig, John Fehrenbacher, Jared Drost, Alex Blazier, Coach Duane Maurer.  
Row 2 – Michael Goelz, Andy Reddington, Drew Nurrenbern, Zach Zirkelbach, Mark Goldman, Jason Kothe, Andrew Alcorn.  
Row 3 – Jason DeVillez, Cody Schillinger, Jake Herrmann, Luke Spaetti, Ryan Perkins, Dustin Slaton.

### Hahn, Molly

30

### Hamilton, Eric

20, 26, 204, 210

### Halbig, Matthew

20, 204, 206

### Hanna, Maria

20

### Hall, Kevin

20, 96, 220

### Hardesty, Joseph

30

### Hall, Wesley

10, 86, 114, 202, 204

### Harpenau, Erin

20, 48, 110, 202

### Haller, Lacy

56, 144, 160, 176, 186, 190, 204, 224

### Hartz, Kyle

FE, 6, 20, 30, 50, 204, 206, 210, 220



### Swimming

Row 1 – Coach Kristen Baehl, Amanda Nurrenbern, Haley Grasso, Liz Werner, Jessica Padavic, Elissa Shetler, Coach Jamie Cutter.  
Row 2 – Carrie Dennis, Brandy Sparks, Adrienne DeVault, Megan Neimeier, Holly Sparks, Hallie Densdorff, Emily Shetler.  
Row 3 – Jennifer Padavic, Katie Zenthoefen, Christina Morrow, Jenna Densdorff.



### Girls Reserve Soccer

Row 1 - Coach Tom Williams, Marie Schiff, Allison Mesker, Mallory Morrow, Jennifer Padavic, Alison Vick.  
Row 2 - Katie Barnes, Kim Elpers, Mackenzie Goebel, Kasey Kollker, Adria Keller, Haley Austin, Sarah Fehrenbacher.  
Row 3 - Emily Shetler, Alise Echelle, Becky Parkinson, Megan Parkinson, Mary Beth Barchet, Lauren Pfister.  
Row 4 - Jennifer Nolan, Kristi Wilsman.



### Girls Varsity Soccer

Row 1 - Coach Tom Williams, Michelle Rietman, Danielle Dippel, Melissa Schnur, Melanie Knapp, Coach Rob Schoenstein.  
Row 2 - Kristin Schapker, Jennifer Lasher, Christine Morrow, Sarah Bishop, Jenna Babcock, Kendra Weber, Elizabeth Govert.  
Row 3 - Abby Miller, Sarah Tornatta, Anna Ruminer, Chelsea Bitter, Heather Eickhoff, Lori Hagan, Alisann Shetler, Brooke Steinkamp, Haley Grasso.

### Hayden, Joseph

100, 102, 106, 114, 122, 124, 144, 160, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220

### Head, Brian

30

### Heim, Lyndsey

20

### Henderson, Joshua

10, 204, 210

### Herrmann, Derek

2, 20, 96, 100, 126, 214, 216, 218, 220

### Herrmann, Jacob

6, 10, 100, 204, 206, 210, 216

### Herron, Brittni

10, 214, 216

### Herron, David

104, 122, 144, 194

### Herron, Jonathan

20, 122

### Hertel, Christopher

31, 166, 202

### Hertel, David

10, 202, 204, 210

### Hillenbrand, Joseph

20, 122, 204, 210

### Hoefling, Brittany

20, 104, 112, 208

### Hoefling, Ryan

90, 144, 156, 178, 204

### Hoehn, Jacob

20, 204

### Holzappel, Patricia

10

### Hudson, Jessica

30, 130, 208, 214, 220

### Jaccard, Frank

10

### Jackson, Lori

12, 30, 200, 210, 216

### Jankowski, Mary

1, 12, 30, 46, 94, 106, 116, 208, 210, 216

### Jansen, Meredith

96, 144, 180, 210, 214, 220

### Jenkins, Drew

10, 126, 210, 214

### Johnson, Hannah

10, 78, 126, 206, 214

### Johnson, Heather

FE, 20

### Johnson, Kelly

4, 10, 214, 220

### Johnson, Matthew

30, 220, 204, 206, 220

### Jost, Jennifer

6, 31, 46, 208, 210, 214, 216





### Boys Varsity Soccer

Row 1 - Coach Jake Tucker, Manager Phillip Vaughn, Seth Wilson, Andy Barchett, Michael Pigman, Stan Blaszczyk, Aaron Barchett, Matt Jost, Robert Vaughn, Shane Provost, Kyle Messersmith, Kevin Memmer, Nick Logel, Coach Simon Kent.  
Row 2 - Nick Moll, Joe Schenck, Nick Lannert, Jon Tembarge, Corey Rosek, Kyle Swickard, Nick Wildeman, Kris Scott, Eric Reffett, Jake Oliver, Simon Anderson.

**Jost, Matthew**  
104, 146, 208

**Julian, Andrea**  
4, 136, 146, 152

**Julian, Matthew**  
22

**Jureczki, Nicholas**  
FE, 31, 204, 212, 214

**Kaiser, Leslie**  
10, 204, 214

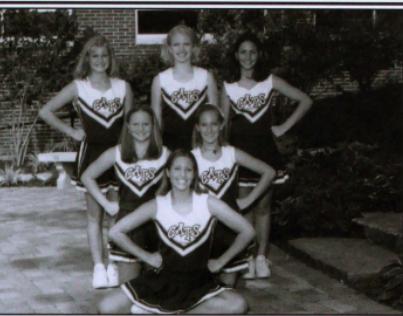
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32, 42, 60, 200, 206, 216

**Kayser, Kristina**  
22, 94, 100, 130, 210

**Keller, Adria**  
10, 208

**Keller, Clint**  
30

**Kelley, Rebecca**  
22, 216



### Freshman Cheerleaders

Row 1 - Samantha Morrow, Amber Ferrari, Rachel Luigs  
Row 2 - Jessica Robinson, Courtney Scott  
Row 3 - Nikki Sheridan

**Kemmerlin, Katherine**  
22

**Kemper, Benjamin**  
60, 136, 146, 176, 200,  
214

**Kempf, Audrey**  
56, 78, 138, 146, 160,  
172, 204, 206

**Kempf, Karly**  
30

**Kennedy, Andrew**  
22

**Kerchief, Brittney**  
10, 206

**Ketzner, Jocelyn**  
30, 44, 114, 168, 218,  
200, 214, 216, 220

**Ketzner, Rachel**  
12, 114, 214, 216, 218

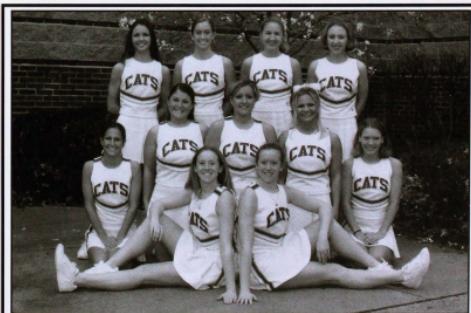
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146, 152, 154, 158, 178,  
200, 202, 210

**Kiesel, Andrea**  
22, 204



### J.V. Cheerleaders

Row 1 - Brittany Hoefling, Tristin Wedding, Michelle Lewis.  
Row 2 - Jaci Phelps, Jeanna Butler.



### Varsity Cheerleaders

Row 1 - Karen Scheller, Abby Blankenburger, Stephanie Schapker, Mary Nelson.  
Row 2 - Jennifer Jost, Jacqueline Butler, Melissa Langton, Courtney Braun, Mary Beth Jankowski  
Row 3 - Rachel Scheu, Jessica Scheu



### Girls Track

Row 1 – Coach Dan DeVillez, Coach Keith Eickhoff.  
Row 2 – Jeanna Butler, Marie Schiff, Jessica Knight, Coach Michelle Krack, Coach Cindy Govert.  
Row 3 – Kathy Goebel, Kristin Schapker, Aimee Fisher, Allison Mesker, Katie McKinney, Laura Schroeder.  
Row 4 – Emily Stute, Elizabeth Govert, Heather Eickhoff, Kristin Kissel, Christina Morrow.



### Boys Track

Row 1 – Coach Dan DeVillez, Coach Keith Eickhoff, Coach Michelle Krack.  
Row 2 – Chad Dewig, Andy Krack, Jason Born, David Hertel, Matthew Feller.  
Row 3 – Brian Kuester, Ryan Wildeman, Michael Weil, P.D. Stolz, Ben Weber, Scott Koressel, Coach Cindy Govert.  
Row 4 – Daniel Govert, Michael Coughlin, Scott Modesitt, Nick Moll, Jacob Oliver, Jeremy Coomes, Brent Hagen.

**Kiesel, Holly**  
22

**Kiesler, Joseph**  
30, 116, 204, 214

**King, Aimee**  
30, 112, 116, 130, 210,  
220

**Kirsch, Elizabeth**  
2, 22, 98, 110, 114, 214,  
216

**Kirsch, Joanna**  
100, 114, 146, 214, 216,  
218

**Kirsch, Lucas**  
22, 100, 118, 126, 210,  
214, 216, 218

**Kissel, Jonathan**  
**146, 176, 220**

**Kissel, Kristin**  
22, 74, 100, 102, 110,  
112, 130, 202, 204, 210,  
214, 216

**Kollker, Kasey**  
12, 208, 220

**Kopec, David**  
12

**Korb, Fredrick**  
24, 94, 214

**Koressel, Brian**  
96, 140, 146, 160, 164,  
206, 216, 220





## **Wrestling**

Row 1 – Coach Carl Schmitt, Dr. Jay Rolleter, Coach John Helfrich, Joe Dippel, Coach Mike Goebel, Coach Steve Anslinger, Coach Mike Bishop, Coach Curtis Vanness, Coach Phil Zenthoefer, Principal Jay Van Hoosier, ECHS President Robert Wehde, Physical Therapist Dan Boehman.

Row 2 – Coach Randy Helfrich, Alex Will, Logan Bartek, Jordan Raben, Eric Hamilton, Jarred Drost, Jordan Locke, Chris Wolf, Josh Henderson, Jacob Herrmann, Eric Sammet, Abe Zenthoefer, Jay Martin.

Row 3 – James Weinzapfel, Tim Weber, Getty Murray, John Shettler, Chris Neimeier, Chaz Schwartz, Sam Weber, Jason Coughlin, Joe Weinzapfel, Chad Dewig, Greg Ambrose, John Tenbarger, Manager Terry Evans.

Row 4 – Ben Macke, Patrick Fehrenbacher, Joe Hillenbrand, Daryl Booth, Doug Cardin, Nathan Weinzapfel, Joe Lehman, Andy Barchet, Jacob Stephens, Nathan Dosher, Mike Coughlin, Kyle Hartz, Raymond Goebel, B.J. Grieze.

Row 5 – Brian Bittner, Craig Macke, Matt Coughlin, Aaron Scott, Craig Weinzapfel, Dustin Nosko, Matt Conkling, Blake Maurer, Logan Riggs, Sam Wilderman, Dustin Beal, Scott Lewis, Bobby Schmitt, Thomas Unfried.

Row 6 – Laura Pritchett, Sarah Bishop, Jill Schaefer, Mary Nelson, Melissa Schnur, Mary Beth Jankowski, Ashley Lamble, Jessica Scheu, Jennifer Mesker, Kelly Paul, Jessica Meier, Kim Bauer, Laura Raben.



## **Mat Cats**

Row 1 – Meredith Jansen, Courtney Wehde, Leah Spivey, Jenny Reed, Jessica Meier.

Row 2 – Kelly Paul, Laura Raben, Megan Parkinson, Kim Bauer, Sarah Bishop, Jill Schaefer.

Row 3 – Laura Pritchett, Mary Nelson, Mary Beth Jankowski, Natalie Dressel, Ashley Koch, Melissa Schnur

Row 4 – Ashley Lamble, Jessica Scheu, Jennifer Mesker.



## **Pep Club**

Row 1 – Laura Schroeder, Abby Schmitt, Hallie Denstorff, Kristi Wilsman, Anna Flake, Jill Merkel, Kristina Kayser, Karen Scheller, Haley Grasso.

Row 2 – Courtney Wehde, Leah Spivey, Jenny Reed, Jessica Meier, Lori Jackson, Chelsea Martin, Emily Copeland, Kim Goebel.

Row 3 – Kendra Weber, Aimee King, Kim Bauer, Sara Bishop, Jill Schaeffer, Lora Richey, Holly Sparks, Jennifer Jost, Jennifer Lasher.

Row 4 – Emily Stratman, Laura Pritchett, Mary Nelson, Ashley Lamble, Meredith Jansen, Natalie Dressel, Ashley Paulson, Brooke Steinkamp, Amber Giles, Sarah Tornatta.



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### Football Homecoming Court

Row 1 - John Fuchs, Megan Sitzman, Robert Vaughn, Jessica Scheu, Jon Schmitt, Sarah Tornatta, Michael Elsner, Natalie Dressel, Erica Wildeman, Nick Moll.  
Row 2 - Austin Knapp, Kiersten Singer, Chad Dewig, Shana Provost, Lee Schoolfield, Dustin Slaton, Tyler Marx, Samatha Marx.  
Row 3 - Tara Elpers, Jessica Knight, Jeanna Butler, Nikki Render.



### Christmas Dance Court

Row 1 - Jarrod Luigs, Kim Goebel, J.P. Morrow, Ashley McCormick, Jacob Koressel, Liz Werner, Jennifer Muensterman, Joe Hayden, Emily Freeman, Shane Render, Amber Gilles, Bryan Benke.  
Row 2 - Bill Wargel, Anna Rummier, Katie Schmitt, Ryan Dewig.

### Koressel, Jacob

2, 138, 146, 148, 150, 156, 172, 176, 212, 214

### Koressel, Nikolas

146, 214

### Koressel, Scott

12, 76, 108, 202, 204, 210

### Kothe, Jason

22, 206

### Krack, Andrew

12, 76, 202, 204, 210

### Kraft, Kyle

22, 64, 200

### Kuester, Brian

22, 60, 76, 100, 200, 210, 214, 220

### Lambert, Kari

114, 146, 176, 216

### Lamble, Ashley

FE, 94, 110, 128, 138, 146, 148, 210, 214, 220

### Lamble, Steven

6, 86, 102, 128, 146, 204, 214

### Langton, Melissa

14, 46, 148, 174, 208, 214

### Lannert, Katherine

FE, 24

### Lannert, Nicholas

23, 202, 208, 220

### Lappe, David

30, 90, 204

### Lasher, Jennifer

30, 114, 208, 210, 214, 220

### Lawson, Harrison

24

### Lefler, Ashley

12, 110, 122, 218, 220

### Lehman, Joseph

12, 204, 210

### Lehman, Scott

12, 204

### Lewis, Michele

6, 24, 46, 110, 112, 208

### Lewis, Scott

72, 112, 122, 131, 148, 182, 196, 204, 210, 214

### Locke, Elvis

12, 104, 210

### Loegering, Michael

30, 108

### Logel, Nicholas

12, 208

### Lottes, Kari

2, 114, 144, 148, 214, 216, 220

### Lottes, Kelsey

20, 214, 216, 218

### Luigs, Jarrod

144, 148, 1522, 172, 212, 216

### Luigs, Rachel

12, 208





### Basketball Homecoming Court

Row 1 — Chaz Schwartz, Meghan Murphy, Joey Kiesler, Holly Sparks, Courtney Braun, Nick Sammet, Brooke Steinkamp, Bill Wargel, Amanda Feldhaus, J.P. Morrow, Megan Niemeier, Nick Jureczki, Hannah Scott, Todd Wannemuehler.  
 Row 2 — Justin Goebel, Leslie Kaiser, Drew Alcorn, Jared Strehl, McKayla Kunkler, Emily Stute, Jacob Herrmann, Andrew McMullen.



### Prom Court

Scott Lewis, Jessica Padavic, Jeremy Musgrave, Elizabeth Werner, Frederick Korb, Alisann Shetler, Karen Scheller, Bryan Benke, Sarah Tornatta, Logan Riggs.

### Lutterbach, Tyler

12, 202, 204

### Martin, Ashley

24

### Macke, Benjamin

12, 60, 200, 210

### Martin, Chelsea

12, 116, 210

### Macke, Craig

30, 60, 72, 96, 200, 210

### Martin, Daniel

12, 202, 204

### Maier, Craig

12, 82, 200, 202

### Martin, Douglas

110, 144, 148, 180, 204,  
 214

### Martin, Jason

12, 210

### Manalang, Justin

30

### Markin, Michelle

94, 104, 112, 148, 214



### May Court

Jon Altstadt, Nicole Zirkelbach, Jeremy Musgrave, Rachel Scheu, Ryan Dewig, Meghan Schenk, Robert Vaughn, Emily Freeman, Angie Elpers, Ben Kemper, Jennifer Muensterman, Jacob Koressel, Jessica Scheu, Blake Kollker, Deanna Wade, Jacob Appler, Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger.

### Masterson, Luke

148, 220

### Matt, Ryan

12, 202, 204, 206

### Maurer, Blake

24, 42, 72, 86, 194, 210,  
 204

### Marx, Christopher

32, 68, 80, 202, 206



### Service Club

Row 1 — Stephanie Schenk, Katie Scheller, Marie Schiff, Brittni Herron, Abby Blankenberger, Jenna Babcock, Nick Moll, Matt Seibert, Mike Weil, Matt Stratman, Megan Thompson.

Row 2 — Katie Reising, Megan Wright, Jenna Schmitt, Amber Drury, David Wolf, Sam Weber, Laura Schroeder, Abby Schmitt, Lindsey Schenk, Molly Couture, Melissa Elpers, Lindsey Wagner.

Row 3 — Beth Groves, Katie Barnes, Jessica Byler, Hannah Scott, Rachel Raben, Halley Denstorff, Chris Gibson, Nick Wildlemen, Kelly McRenolds, Jenny Eickhoff, Malisa Eickhoff, Rachel Moers, Zach Wampler, Christina Ward.

Row 4 — Courtney Woehler, Kara Adler, Steph Elpers, Jessica Hudson, Lora Richey, Rachel Ketzner, Missy Glaser, Erica Wildlemen, Amanda Wildlemen, Anna Weber, Mary Nelson, Courtney Wehde, Laura Pritchett, Jocelyn Ketzner, Jason May.

Row 5 — Jennifer Jost, Kristen Frazer, Melanie Knapp, Holly Sparks, Kendra Weber, Megan Parkinson, Laura Raben, Jennifer Lasher, Jill Schaeffer, Abby Miller, Emily Stratman, Rachel Gries, Sara Rainey, Jenny Reed.

Row 6 — Mrs. Joan Vickery, Anna Koester, Sarah Tornatta, Ashley Koch, Jennifer Mesker, Haley Grasso, Angie Elpers, Mrs. Judy Berberich.



### **Marching Band**

Row 1 - Megan Thompson, Matt Neisen, Zach Wampler, Aaron Bigge, Whitney Staup, Craig Schutz, Drew Jenkins, Andrew Cheaney.  
 Row 2 - Derek Herman, Shanna Bush, Cara Batema, Mark Taylor, Hannah Johnson, Ben Paciokowski, Lucas Kirsch, Michael Niemeier, Jen Sotolongo.  
 Row 3 - Kourtney Scott, Tara Shea, Ashley Alles, Christina Ward, Krista Wildeman, David Learned, Katie Reising, Ashley Bradford.  
 Row 4 - Joanna Kirsch, Amanda Gears, Kelly McReynolds, Kelly Rust, Jill Werner, Lizzy Kirsch



### **Choir**

Row 1 - Kelly Johnson, Natalie Wolf, Emily Copeland, Alise Eicholes, Stephanie Schenk, Nikki Sheridan, Amber Toelle, Joanna Kirsch.  
 Row 2 - Jamie DeVillez, Michelle Markin, Lindsey Schenk, Courtney Wehde, Laura Muensterman, Meghan Schenk, Meagan Koester, Emily Shetter, Heather Eickhoff.  
 Row 3 - Jill Schaefer, Danielle Dippel, Rachael Gries, Michelle Rietman, Nicole Zirkelbach, Nikki Render, Amanda Wildeman, Anna Weber, Kelly McReynolds.

**May, Jason**  
1, 32, 214, 216

**Merkel, Adam**  
94, 148, 178

**Mayer, Holly**  
148, 218

**Merkel, Jill**  
24, 88, 110, 112, 210

**Mcatee, Daniel**  
148, 188

**Mesker, Allison**  
12, 52, 106, 116, 208, 210

**McCormick, Ashley**  
108, 130, 136, 148, 152,  
184, 188, 212

**Mesker, Jennifer**  
88, 94, 96, 100, 106, 108,  
114, 140, 148, 186, 210,  
214, 216, 220

**McKinney,  
Katherine**  
FE, 24, 42, 58, 66, 74, 96,  
110, 200, 202, 210, 220

**Messersmith, Kyle**  
24, 54, 208

**McReynolds, Kelly**  
**32, 206, 214, 218**

**Meier, Jessica**  
100, 148, 158, 162, 174,  
178, 210, 216

**Meier, Joseph**  
12, 88

**Memmer, Kevin**  
FE, 24, 208

**Miller, Kenneth**  
32, 116, 204

**Miller, Timothy**  
22

**Miller, Logan**  
24, 50, 202, 204

**Miller, Travis**  
32, 194





### Concert Band

Row 1 — Jennifer Sotolongo, Zach Wampler, Nick Wildeman, Brian Kuester, Kourtney Scott, Kyle Neisen, Ashley Alles, Michelle Crowe, Jill Werner.  
 Row 2 — Erica Bohleber, Katie Reising, Hannah Johnson, Ashley Bradford, Mark Taylor, Derek Herrmann, Andrew Cheaney, Tara Shea, Megan Thompson.  
 Row 3 — Meghan Murphy, Matt Neisen, Whitney Staup, Melissa Elpers, Christina Ward, Cara Batema, Shanna Bush, Kelly Rust, Joanna Kirsch.



### Liturgical Ensemble

Row 1- Jenna Schmitt, Lucas Kirsch, Chris Gibson, Derek Herrmann, Craig Schutz, Chris Scott, Robbie Schnauz, Chris Collins.  
 Row 2- Meghan Wright, Anna Koester, Cara Batema, Lizzie Kirsch, Stephaine Spain, Blake Kollker, Chris Collins.  
 Row 3- Shana Provost, Katie Reising, Katie Frank, Kelsey Ford, Shanna Bush, J.P. Morrow, Steven Lamble, Danny Ko  
 Row 4- Christiana Ward, Amber Drury, Brittney Eickhoff, Mandy Steinback, Jacob Koressel, Bryan Benke

### Mochau, Lauren

6, 24, 58, 108, 120, 200

### Modesitt, Scott

24, 76, 104, 204, 210

### Moers, Rachel

32, 92, 114

### Moll, Allison

2, 102, 128, 148, 196, 204, 224

### Moll, Nicholas

32, 54, 76, 86, 88, 106, 208, 210, 212, 214, 218

### Montgomery, Lindsey

44, 110, 112, 146, 148, 184, 214, 216, 224

### Moore, Courtney

24

### Moore, Craig

FE, 122, 144, 150, 204

### Morrell, Ashley

FE, 32, 218

### Morrow, Christina

12, 52, 206, 208, 210

### Morrow, John

6, 48, 80, 102, 110, 130, 150, 174, 204, 206, 212, 214, 216, 220

### Morrow, Kimberly

104, 128, 150, 172, 218

### Morrow, Mallory

12, 202, 208

### Morrow, Samantha

12, 208

### Mueller, Dana

12, 206



### Eucharistic Ministers

Row 1- Heather Eichoff, Jen Mesker, Angela Elpers, Leah Martin, Ashley Koch, Ashley Lambley, Haley Grasso, Meredith Jansen, Kelly Paul, Jacob Koressel, Ashley Paulson, Kari Ford, Joe Hayden.

Row 2- Nick Koressel, Sarah Tronatta, J.P. Marrow, Katie Schmitt.

Row 3- Allison Bush, Rachel Scheu, Amanda Feldhaus, Jessica Scheu, Karen Scheller.



### Student Ambassadors

Row 1 - Amanda Nurrenburn, Sally Will, Courtney Seib, Leah Martin, Nicole Zirkelbach, Jessica Scheu, Karen Scheller.

Row 2 - Kim Goebel, Ryan Dewig, Kerri Crowdus, Ashley Lamble, Alisann Shetler, Melissa Langton, Jessica Padavic, Doug Martin, Brooke Stienkamp.



### Newspaper Staff

Row 1 - Mike Elsner, Jarrod Luigs, J.P. Morrow, Blake Kollker, Patrick Mallory.  
 Row 2 - Kim Goebel, Lynn Eickhoff, Amber Gilles, Sarah Tornatta, Haley Grasso, Anna Koester.  
 Row 3 - Emily Stratman, Mandy Steinback



### Yearbook Staff

Row 1 - Abby Weis, Lynn Eickhoff, Amber Gilles, Rachel Scheu, Jessica Scheu, Karen Scheller, Crystal Folz, Jennifer Mesker.  
 Row 2 - Jessica Meier, Lindsey Nosko, Ashley Paulson, Mary Beth Jankowski, Mary Nelson, Melissa Schnur, Kelly Paul, Jenna Jost, Lindsey Montgomery, Allison Bush.  
 Row 3 - Brian Koressel

**Muensterman,  
Ashley**  
14

**Muensterman,  
Jaclyn**  
14, 216

**Muensterman, Jen-  
nifer**  
112, 114, 120, 136, 146,  
150, 180, 212, 214

**Muensterman,  
Jerad**  
14

**Muensterman,  
Katie**  
32, 130

**Muensterman,  
Kevin**  
32, 204

**Muensterman,  
Laura**  
10, 32, 214

**Muensterman,  
Lauren**  
14, 216

**Muensterman, Su-  
san**  
14, 122, 124, 216

**Mueth, Craig**  
150, 166

**Murphy, Meghan**  
24, 96, 208, 214

**Murray, Getty**  
14, 116, 210

**Musgrave, Jeremy**  
120, 150, 154, 168, 204,  
220, 214

**Musgrave, Tyler**  
24, 204

**Musick, Andrew**  
32, 204

**Muth, Brian**  
32

**Nally, Alex**  
32, 202

**Neisen, Kyle**  
14, 100, 200, 214

**Neisen, Matthew**  
10, 100, 126, 150, 184,  
214, 216, 220

**Nellis, Jill**  
32

**Nelson, Mary**  
1, 32, 46, 96, 208, 210,  
214, 216, 220





### Wildcat Watch Staff

Row 1 - Danielle Dippel, Rachael Gries, Abby Blankenberger, Laura Prichett, Lindsey Nosko, Jenny Reed, Jen Sotolongo, Dane Batema  
 Row 2 - Sarah Bishop, Joe Hayden, Allison Shettler  
 Row 3 - Nick Moll, Brian Benke.

### Nelson, Rachael

102, 112, 136, 150, 188

### Niemeier, Andrea

24, 110, 204

### Niemeier, Christopher

24, 204, 210, 214

### Niemeier, Megan

32, 112, 116, 206, 214

### Nolan, Jennifer

14, 116, 208

### Nosko, Dustin

8, 32, 72, 196, 210

### Nosko, Lindsey

8, 22, 104, 106, 112, 130, 144, 150, 176, 216, 220

### Nurrenbern, Amanda

2, 70, 86, 150, 206, 214, 216

### Nurrenbern, Andrew

10, 24, 26, 204, 206



### Spell Bowl Team

Row 1 - Jocelyn Ketzner, Lindsey Wagner, Zach Wampler, Jill Werner, Andrew Cheaney  
 Row 2 - Emily Stratman, Anna Koester, Jaclyn Muesterman, Nathan Beach, Elissa Shettler  
 Row 3 - Susan Muesterman, Katie Reising, Megan Wright, Christina Ward, Laura Pritchett.



### Drama Club

Kelsey Lottes, A.J. Smock, Derek Herrmann, Jocelyn Ketzner, Amber Drury, Michelle Crowe, Heather Yellig, Jennifer Sotolongo, Emily Stratman, Zach Wampler, Brittni Heron, Molly Stolz, Ashley Alles, Anna Koester, Kari Lottes, Becky Kelly, Kaitie Farmk, Kristi Wilsman, Tina Purcell, Katie Reising, Joe Hayden, Kendra Paul, Jenna Schmitt, Lucas Kirsch, Kari Lambert, Roxanne Frank, Natalie Wolf, Elizabeth Kirsch, Courtney Scott, Jessica Byrley, Matt Niesen, Todd, Wannemuehler, Brittany Erkman, Mandy Steinbeck, Natalie Schmitt, Ben Paciorkowski, Rachel Ketzner, Christina Ward, Brian Koressel, Emily Copeland, Mary Williamson, Phillip Elpers, Dana Batema, Beth Cardin, Lauren Muesterman, Tara Shea, Alise Echele, Cara Batema, Megan Thompson, Mark Taylor.

### Oliver, Christian

150, 194, 204

### Oliver, Jacob

24, 76, 206, 208, 210

### Oliver, Whitney

14

### Owen, David

24

### Owen, Leslie

32

### Paciorkowski, Benjamin

24, 214, 216

### Padavic, Jennifer

8, 14, 108, 200, 206, 208



### Teens For Life

Row 1 - Kari Lottes, Amanda Nurrenbern, Joanna Kirsch, Tina Purcell, Roxie Frank, Kendra Paul, Kari Lambert.  
 Row 2 - Dane Batema, Joe Hayden, Allison Bush, Nicole Zirkelbach, Mandy Steinbeck, Angie Elpers, Elissa Shettler.  
 Row 3 - Christina Ward, Zach Wampler, Nathan Beach, Matt Seibert, Sam Kaiser, Jason May, P.D. Stolz, Anna Koester, Jenny Eickhoff.  
 Row 4 - Tara Shea, Cara Batema, Jenna Schmitt, Meghan Wright, Phil Elpers, Kelsey Wannemuehler, Melanie Knapp, Kevin Tooke, Lori Jackson.  
 Row 5 - Katie Frank, Ashley Alles, Katie Reising, Lucas Kirsch, Lizzie Kirsch, Blythe Bell, Jocelyn Ketzner, Holly Sparks, Stephanie Schapker.



### Secretaries

Carla Wildeman, Jeanne Tornatta, Molly Weber, Becky Rice, Sister Agnes Pobey.



### Cafeteria Staff

Row 1 — Carleta Richy, Linda Skelton, Rosana Ames, Sue Grolick, Rosemary Freeman.

Row 2 — Mary Jo Kirchoff, Tonya Schenk, Georgianne Ames, Julie Payne, Mary Jane Little, Gloria Bumb, Maryland Richey.

**Padavic, Jessica**  
8, 70, 128, 150, 178, 180,  
199, 206, 214

**Pantages, Jami**  
14, 204

**Parkinson, Megan**  
32, 110, 112, 114, 130,  
208, 210, 214

**Parkinson, Rebecca**  
4, 6, 24, 96, 108, 112,  
208, 212, 220

**Paul, Dustin**  
136, 150

**Paul, Kelly**  
6, 112, 114, 142, 150,  
180, 210, 214, 216, 224

**Paul, Kendra**  
44, 114, 124, 136,  
140, 152, 216

**Paulson, Ashley**  
FE, 94, 106, 112, 138,  
142, 146, 150, 152, 176,  
220, 210, 214, 216

**Perkins, Ryan**  
14, 206

**Petitjean, Philip**  
24, 204

**Pfister, Lauren**  
14, 208

**Pfister, Matthew**  
82, 104, 152, 174, 200

**Phelps, Jacilyn**  
FE, 24, 46, 208

**Pigman, Michael**  
24, 54, 200, 208

**Pritchett, Laura**  
32, 92, 94, 106, 116, 220,  
210, 214, 216, 218

**Provost, Emily**  
14, 58, 116, 200

**Provost, Shane**  
FE, 24, 48, 55, 208, 212,  
214

**Purcell, Tina**  
104, 114, 136, 152, 164,  
216

**Raben, Anthony**  
FE, 24, 88

**Raben, Jordan**  
14, 210

**Raben, Laura**  
32, 62, 94, 148, 200, 210,  
214





### Library Assistants

Row 1 - Mrs. Hemmer, Holly Mayer, Sally Will, Joanna Kirsch, Matt Beck, Michelle Crowe  
 Row 2 - Kerri Crowdus, Ashley Morell, Molly Stoltz, Kim Morrow, Brad Buedel, Amber Drury.

**Raben, Michael**  
24

**Raben, Rachel**  
24, 48, 118, 122, 199, 214

**Raben, Zachary**  
32, 116, 150

**Rainey, Sara**  
32, 42, 44, 214

**Rallo, Pedro**  
24, 64, 200

**Ramsbey, Carl**  
32, 116, 204

**Reckelhoff, Aaron**  
102, 120, 152, 204

**Reckelhoff, Anna**  
14

**Reckelhoff, Tony**  
24, 64, 200

**Reddington, Andrew**  
14, 202, 204, 206

**Reddington, Cody**  
FE, 32, 116, 131, 214, 220

**Reed, Jennifer**  
6, 32, 208, 210, 214, 217

**Reffett, Eric**  
6, 24, 48, 108, 122, 208

**Reine, Danyelle**  
24

**Reising, Andrea**  
32

**Reising, Katie**  
6, 24, 100, 110, 112, 118, 204, 214, 216, 218

**Render, Nikolette**  
FE, 14, 206, 212, 214

**Render, Shane**  
52, 144, 178, 212

**Rexing, Jordan**  
68, 112, 152, 176, 202, 204, 206

**Richardt, Brandon**  
34

**Richey, Lora**  
34, 210

**Richter, Joshua**  
FE, 12, 104, 122, 156, 220

**Rietman, Michelle**  
14, 78, 116, 122, 206, 208, 214



### Academic Team

Row 1 - Derek Herrmann, Matt Beck  
 Row 2 - Anna Koester, Ms. Rose Rogge, Molly Couture.

### Richards, Logan

1, 72, 96, 108, 112, 152, 196, 204, 210, 214, 216, 220

**Rinks, Elli**  
24, 118

**Robbins, Brittany**  
FE, 34, 110

**Roberts, Katherine**  
24, 66, 202, 204

### Robinson, Christopher

34, 68, 80, 90, 202, 206

**Robinson, Jessica**  
14, 208

**Rosek, Corey**  
108, 208

**Rousey, Arthur**  
6, 14, 202



### Speech Team

Row 1 - Kelly McReynolds, Nick Wilderman, Cara Batema, Zach Wampler, Lucas Kirsch, Derek Herrmann, Todd Wannemeuhler, Andrew Cheaney, Laura Prichett, Emily Stratman, Ben Weber, Jeremy Fehrenbacher.

Row 2 - Mrs. Donna Lefler, Jill Werner, Chris Gibson, Nicci Sheridan, Amber Ferrari, Megan Thompson, Ashley Lefler, Mary Williamson, Heather Yellig, Emily Copeland, Molly Couture, Dane Batema.

Row 3 - Christina Ward, Katie Reising, Meagan Koester, Molly Stoltz, Phil Elpers, April Scheller, Lauren Adcock, Natalie Wolf, Rachel Ketzner, Brittany Erkman.

Row 4 - Kelsey Ford, Katie Frank, Joe Hayden, Anna Koester, Roxanne Frank, Brittany Eickhoff, Jocelyn Ketzner.



## Student Government

Row 1 — Becky Parkinson, Hallie Denstorff, Laura Schroeder, Katie McKinney, Derek Herrmann, Liz Werner, Drew Alcorn, Kourtney Scott, Casey Wildeman.  
 Row 2 — Andrew Cheaney, Matt Stratman, P.D. Stolz, Angie Elpers, Philip Fischer, Kerri Crowdus, Mary Nelson, Abby Blankenberger.  
 Row 3 — Brian Koressel, Lindsey Nosko, Kim Goebel, Brooke Steinkamp, Ashley Koch, Kevin Hall, Dawn Wink, Jessica Hudson, Kelly Johnson.  
 Row 4 — Ashley Paulson, Meredith Jansen, Jennifer Mesker, Meghann Schenck, Jessica Scheu, Joe Hayden, Jon Kissel, Brent Schmitt.  
 Row 5 — Jeremy Musgrave, Logan Riggs, Ryan Dewig, Natalie Dressel, Ashley Lamble, Matt Neisen, Bryan Benke, Justin Greubel.



## Class Officers

Row 1 — Jenna Denstorff, Kasey Kollker, Todd Wannemuehler, Brian Kuester, Nick Lannert, Abby Schmitt, Erica Wildeman, Courtney Woebler.  
 Row 2 — Chad Dewig, Rachel Scheu, Lynn Eickhoff, Lindsey Nosko, Karen Scheller, Laura Pritchett.

### Ruminer, Anna

94, 110, 131, 152, 164,  
 208, 212, 214

### Rust, Kelly

FE, 34, 112, 214

### Sammet, Eric

14, 200, 210

### Sammet, Nicholas

152, 184, 214

### Schaefer, Jill

6, 34, 94, 210, 214

### Schapker, Kristin

FE, 14, 52, 108, 202, 208,  
 210

### Schapker, Stephanie

12, 34, 46, 202, 208, 216

### Scheller, April

14, 218

### Scheller, Karen

12, 100, 106, 116, 128,  
 143, 152, 182, 208, 210,  
 214, 216, 220

### Scheller, Katie

6, 22, 24, 88, 114, 118,  
 128, 214, 220

### Scheller, Paul

34, 88, 128, 220

### Schenk, Andrea

34, 88, 120, 206, 220

### Schenk, Andrew

24, 202

### Schenk, Casey

2, 50, 68, 80, 102, 152,  
 170, 202, 204, 206

### Schenk, Daniel

154, 170, 204

### Schenk, Joseph

24, 54, 208

### Schenk, Lindsey

24, 118, 146, 154, 158,  
 180, 214

### Schenk, Meghann

18, 56, 66, 88, 90, 96,  
 108, 116, 118, 128, 140,  
 154, 158, 168, 199, 202,  
 204, 210, 214, 220

### Schenk, Stephanie

26, 42, 44, 214



### Schentrup, Cassandra

14, 204

### Scheu, Jessica

100, 106, 108, 112, 128,  
 130, 142, 146, 152, 154,  
 156, 166, 186, 206, 208,  
 210, 212, 214, 216, 220



### Peer Mediation

Row 1 — Sam Weber, Paul Scheller, Jonathon Fehrenbacher, Derek Herrmann, Ben Weber, Ashley Loeffler, Ashley Bradford, Mrs. Kathy Weber, Mrs. Wynn Mitchell.  
Row 2 — Stephanie Elpers, Anna Koester, Jennifer Lasher, Laura Schroeder, Katie Scheller, Kristi Wilsman, Jenna Schmitt, Meghan Wright.  
Row 3 — Jennifer Mesker, Wilson Bush, Angie Elpers, Karen Scheller, Luke Masterson, J.P. Morrow.



### A Promise To Keep

Row 1 — Melanie Knapp, Holly Sparks, Jocelyn Ketzner, Missy Glaser, Andrea Schenk, Amiee King, Cody Reddington.  
Row 2 — Paul Scheller, Kevin Tooke, Josh Wildeman, Jason Yoder, Lindsey Wagner, Melissa Schnur, Courtney Wehde, Anna Koester, Kim Bauer, Matt Johnson.  
Row 3 — Kyle Hartz, Michael Weil, P.D. Stoltz, Laura Pritchett, Rachel Gries, Dawn Wink, Kristen Frazier, Abby Blankenberger, Courtney Woehler, Stephanie Elpers.  
Row 4 — Meredith Jansen, Matt Niesen, Sally Will, Jennifer Mesker, Meghan Schenk, Nicole Zirkelbach, Rachel Scheu, Jessica Scheu, Justin Greubel.  
Row 5 — Kari Lottes, Angie Elpers, Dane Batema, Jeremy Musgrave, Karen Scheller, Ashley Paulson, Natalie Dressel, Blake Koller, Matt Beck.

**Scheu, Rachel**  
78, 90, 104, 106, 108,  
118, 120, 128, 142, 154,  
160, 166, 186, 206, 208,  
212, 214, 216, 220

**Schiff, Jacob**  
2, 42, 50, 86, 96, 100,  
112, 136, 154, 168, 194,  
204

**Schiff, Marie**  
14, 74, 208, 210, 214

**Schillinger, Cody**  
14, 120, 202, 206

**Schmitt, Abby**  
6, 26, 62, 66, 110, 118,  
200, 202, 210, 214, 220

**Schmitt, Brent**  
88, 90, 92, 96, 102, 154,  
160, 174, 194, 204, 220

**Schmitt, Jenna**  
6, 26, 96, 98, 110, 112,  
206, 214, 216, 220

**Schmitt, Jonathan**  
80, 144, 154, 206, 212

**Schmitt, Joseph**  
102, 154, 178

**Schmitt, Kathryn**  
18, 94, 110, 112, 131,  
154, 164, 212, 214

**Schmitt, Natalie**  
14, 84, 200, 202, 204, 216

**Schmitt, Robert**  
86, 90, 96, 184, 194, 196,  
204, 206, 210

**Schnautz, Robert**  
14, 102, 116, 118, 154,  
200, 214

**Schnur, Melissa**  
34, 52, 84, 86, 106, 108,  
110, 120, 130, 200, 208,  
210, 216, 220

**Schoenbacher,  
Casey**  
26

**Schoolfield, Lee**  
26, 212

**Schroeder, Laura**  
6, 26, 62, 110, 200, 202,  
210, 214, 220

**Schuler, Bradley**  
34

**Schuler, Craig**  
14

**Schutz, Craig**  
16, 102, 124, 214

**Schwartz, Charles**  
26, 204, 210, 214

**Scott, Aaron**  
34, 86, 90, 196, 204, 210

**Scott, Hanna**  
26, 94, 214

**Scott, Kourtney**  
16, 122, 124, 208, 214,  
216, 220

**Seib, Courtney**  
18, 56, 88, 90, 110, 112,  
146, 154, 158, 178, 202,  
204, 216

**Seibert, Alissa**  
16, 62, 200

**Seibert, Matthew**  
32, 34, 82, 214, 216

**Shea, Tara**  
34, 214, 216

**Sheridan, Mary**  
16, 208, 214, 218

**Shetler, Alisann**  
FE, 52, 100, 112, 154,  
158, 182, 208, 214, 216

**Shetler, Elissa**  
118, 122, 140, 154, 206,  
216

**Shetler, Emily**  
16, 70, 206, 208, 214

**Shetler, John**  
16, 88, 204, 210

**Sitzman, Megan**  
34, 204, 212

**Slaton, Dustin**  
1, 16, 48, 202, 204, 206,  
212

**Smock, Andrew**  
124, 156, 216

<b>Sotolongo, Jennifer</b> 10, 34, 96, 106, 126, 214, 216	<b>Stoltz, Molly</b> 34, 74, 120, 198, 216, 218	<b>Tepool, Kevin</b> 26	<b>Wade, Deanna</b> 2, 14, 62, 100, 148, 156, 168, 200, 214
<b>Spaetti, Luke</b> 16, 20, 202, 206	<b>Stolz, Paul</b> 1, 34, 100, 210, 216, 220	<b>Thompson, Megan</b> 34, 114, 124, 214, 216, 218	<b>Wagner, Lindsey</b> 36, 64, 100, 200, 214, 216, 220
<b>Spaetti, Zachary</b> 21, 156, 174	<b>Stratman, Britni</b> 6, 156	<b>Timmons, Matthew</b> 26	<b>Wampler, Zachary</b> 36, 88, 110, 212, 214, 216, 218
<b>Spain, Stephani</b> 26, 110, 112, 206, 214	<b>Stratman, Emily</b> 34, 116, 198, 208, 210, 214, 216, 218	<b>Toelle, Amber</b> 16, 84, 200, 214	<b>Wannemuehler, Kelsey</b> <b>36, 84, 94, 200, 216</b>
<b>Sparks, Brandy</b> FE, 26, 70, 206	<b>Stratman, Matthew</b> 34, 214, 220	<b>Tooke, Kevin</b> 36, 108, 120, 194, 206, 216, 220	<b>Wannemuehler, Todd</b> FE, 26, 200, 214, 216, 218, 220
<b>Sparks, Holly</b> 34, 70, 206, 210, 214, 216, 220	<b>Stratman, Nathaniel</b> 156	<b>Tornatta, Sarah</b> 18, 24, 96, 108, 110, 112, 114, 156, 146, 182, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216	<b>Ward, Christina</b> FE, 26, 110, 112, 126, 212, 214, 216, 218
<b>Spivey, Leah</b> 34, 130, 210,	<b>Stute, Brian</b> 34	<b>Turi, Dominic</b> 6, 36, 68, 80, 202, 206	<b>Wargel, William</b> 6, 100, 104, 114, 122, 156, 212, 214
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