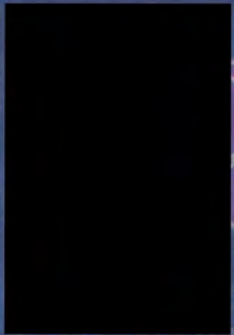


As we embark on a new millennium...



growing wiser as we grow older...



we are faced with thousands of choices...

2000 Choices



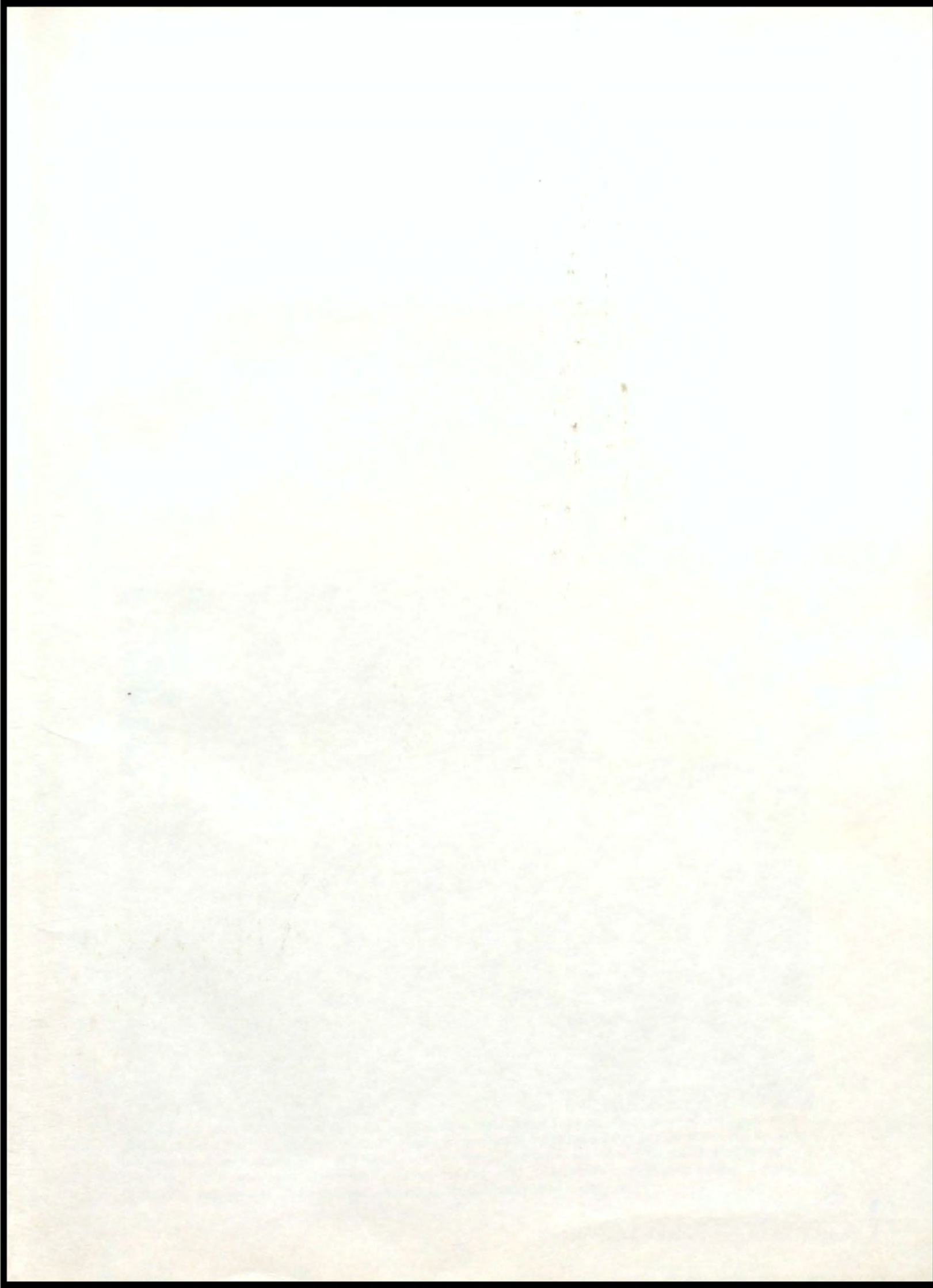
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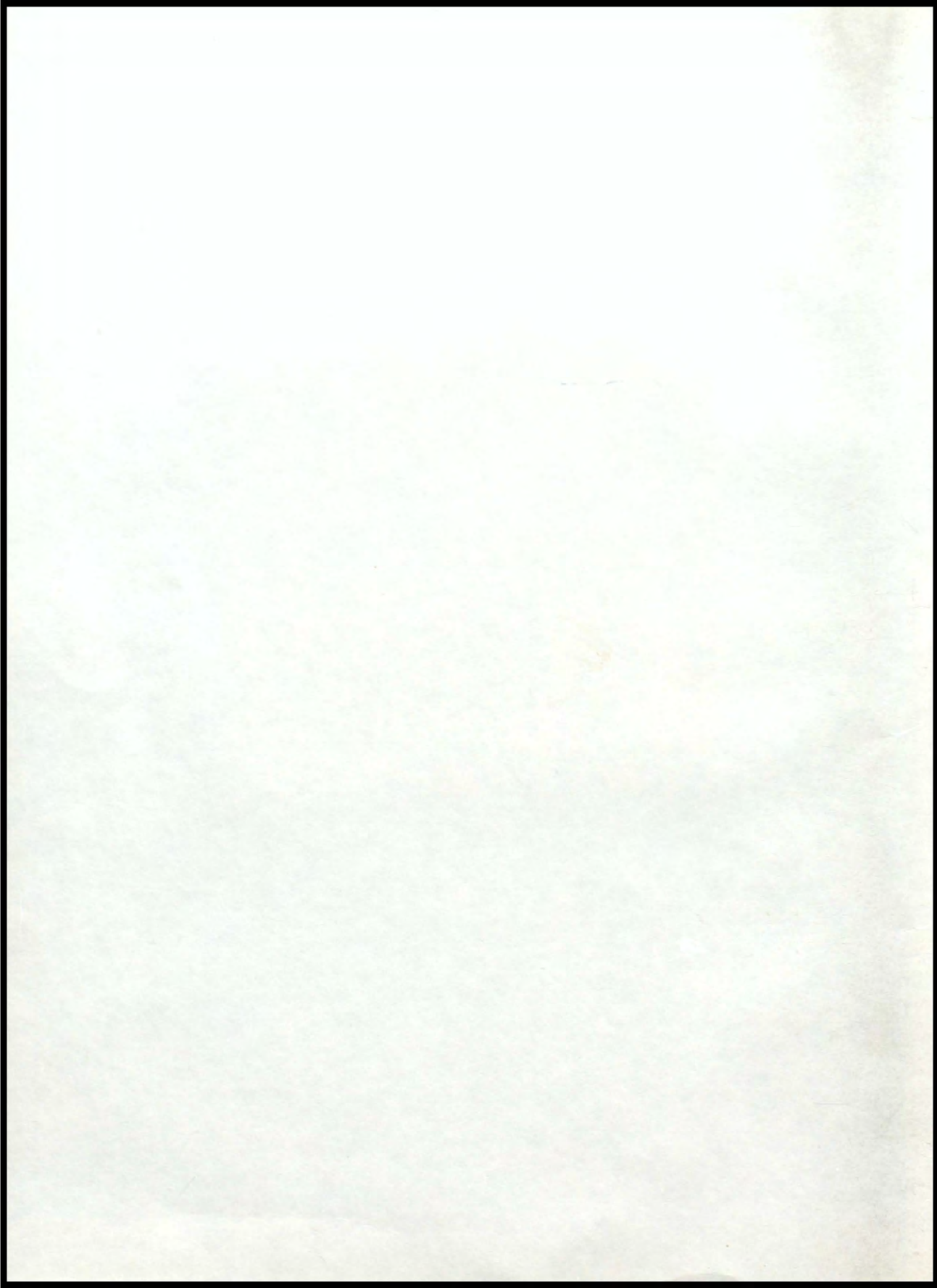
how to manage our time...



and how to embrace the world...







2000 Choices

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The world is filled with hate and violence. Schools have metal detectors because kids *choose* to carry guns and knives to class. Students are faced with thousands of life-altering choices every day of their lives. The students pictured above are choosing a peaceful approach to life amid all of the world's chaos; the students are eating pizza at a fifth quarter party, sponsored by the booster club, after the evening's football game instead of going out and making trouble. Their choices have begun. Photo by Kristin McCauley.

people:
it's all about their
choices

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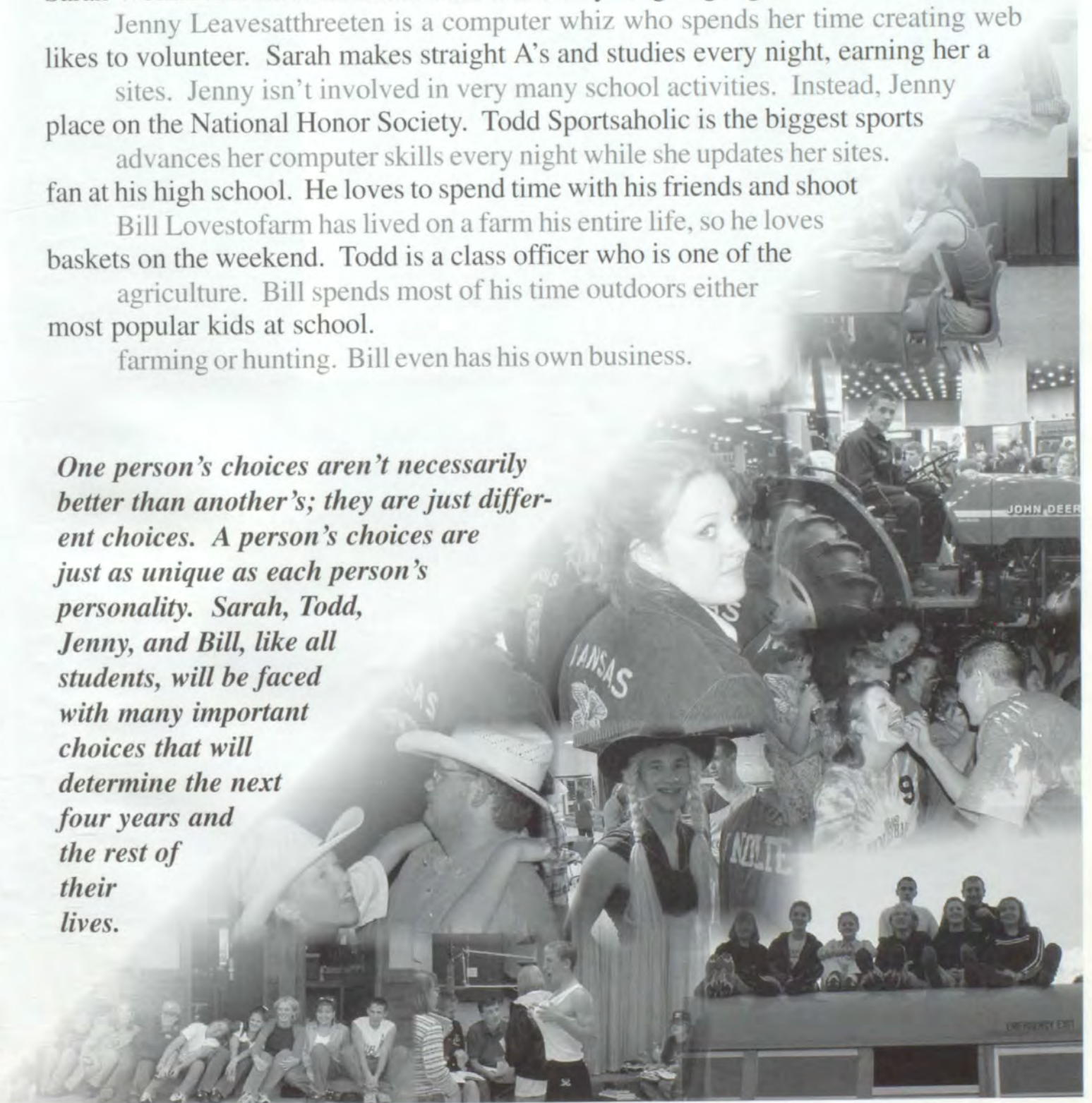
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Life is full of important choices. Throughout students' high school years, they are bombarded with a kaleidoscope of decisions to make.

Sarah Worksrealhard is an intellectual and a very outgoing high school student who likes to volunteer. Sarah makes straight A's and studies every night, earning her a place on the National Honor Society. Jenny Leavesatthreeten is a computer whiz who spends her time creating web sites. Jenny isn't involved in very many school activities. Instead, Jenny advances her computer skills every night while she updates her sites. Todd Sportsaholic is the biggest sports fan at his high school. He loves to spend time with his friends and shoot baskets on the weekend. He loves to spend time with his friends and shoot Bill Lovestofarm has lived on a farm his entire life, so he loves agriculture. Bill spends most of his time outdoors either farming or hunting. Bill even has his own business.

One person's choices aren't necessarily better than another's; they are just different choices. A person's choices are just as unique as each person's personality. Sarah, Todd, Jenny, and Bill, like all students, will be faced with many important choices that will determine the next four years and the rest of their lives.





The administration works all year long to organize and prioritize what the school does. From final schedules to sports schedules, from field trips to finances, Cheryl Rasmussen and Jan Collins do it all.

The school is busy handling the political and controversial issues that arise during the school year. The board must approve many of the administrations actions making them the true top dogs at this school.

Jan Collins ends his 12 year career as superintendent in June. Photo by Lifetouch.



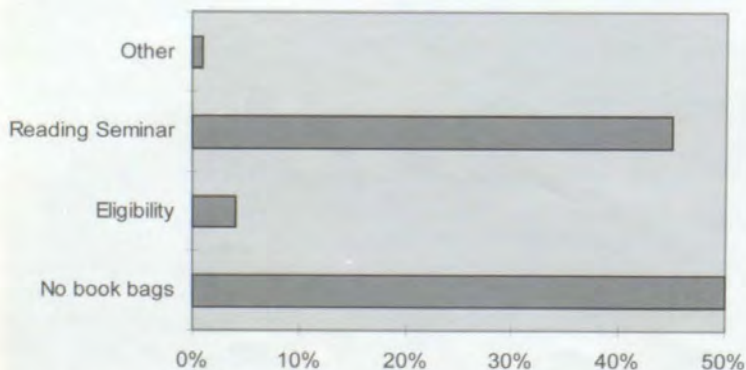
Principal Cheryl Rasmussen uses her famous daily planner to organize upcoming events. Photo by Lifetouch.

Jan Collins gives Janet Jeffers her 25 year teaching award during the graduation ceremony. Jeffers taught second grade for many years and is now the K-4 music teacher. Photo by Lifetouch.



Shirley and Bill Hargis dance during the Jr./Sr. Prom. The board members try to attend as many school functions as they can fit into their busy schedules. Photo by Lifetouch.

The Worst Changes at HHS



The Board and Administration

The policies for the students are chosen by the board

The decisions stop here



Organizing a track meet is tough enough, but having to run one is even worse. Cheryl Rasmussen is busy in the press box during the DVL track meet at Highland. Photo by Lynn Windmeyer.

With his "Education is Power" T-shirt on, Jan Collins participates in an activity with other faculty members. Photo by Esther Gormley.



The USD 425 School Board members are seen here after one of their meetings. Front Row: Angie Cluck, Mike Blevins, president; Sally Waggoner. Second Row: Paul Tyler, Brad Gilmore, Dick Tracy, Bill Hargis. Photo by Dustin Geiger.



Cheryl Rasmussen enjoys her lighter side at the United School Administrators' meeting.



Amy Allen:
Inter-Related



Brad Bingesser:
PE, Girls' Basketball



Allison Blanton:
Teacher's Aide



Gary Blanton:
Maintenance



Sue Cluck:
Cook



Mary Lou Colley:
Librarian



Linda Collins:
Freshmen Computers



Frances Collins:
Cook



Sharon Collins:
Cook, Bus Driver



Yvette Cook:
Vocal Music/Band



Jill Evans:
Computers, Business



Joan Gaither:
Bus Driver



Esther Gormley:
English/QPA



Dennis Hanlon:
Maintenance



Robin Jones:
Bus Driver



Linda Joseph:
Art



Kertis Keehn:
Science



Toni Larson:
Spanish



Jamie Liberty:
Inter-Related



Sallye Marsh:
Cook



Gerre Martin:
Counselor



Joy Meyer:
Freshmen English



Angie Neibling:
Teacher's Aide



Marla Olson:
Teacher's Aide,
Basketball, Volleyball



Raymond Neibling:
Maintenance
How many cooks are there?



Donna Parish:
English, History



Elmer Schmitz:
Agriculture



Laura Schmitz:
Home Economics



Ron Shelton:
Basketball, Geography

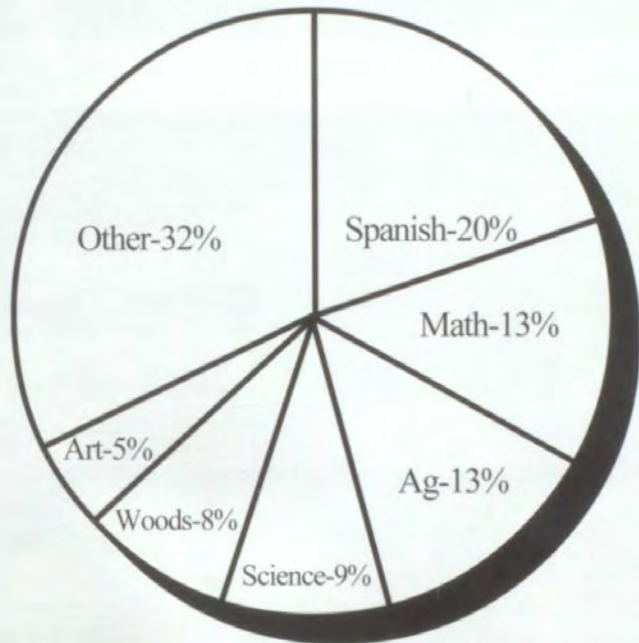


Justin Smith:
Math, Football, Track

Staff

The ruling class

Aiding in our decisions



Joan Karn, the school's bookkeeper, is responsible for making sure that the faculty receives their paychecks. Photo by Lifetouch.



Ginger Scott, school secretary, cannot believe the phone isn't ringing. Along with directing phone calls, Scott also acts as a 411 operator for the community. Photo by Lifetouch.

What is your favorite class?

Marla Olson falls down on the slopes, after several hours of skiing at Snow Creek. Besides being the sponsor for the sophomore class, Olson is a teacher's aide, assistant basketball coach, and Jr. High volleyball coach. Photo by Wayne Olson.



Janice Stonebarger:
Cook



Alan Terry:
Woods



Debbie Terry:
Inter-Related,
Teacher's Aid

Not pictured **Angie Eberly**, Girls Track; **Larry Sandy**, Cross Country; **Scott Fitch**, Bus Driver





Kaleb Caudle



Justin Clary



Matthew Cluck



Sierra Covert



Amber Diveley



Erin French



Brandon Geiger



Michael Hunsaker



Caicey Jones



Michael Kafer



Waylon Lippold



Kimberly McCauley



Brett Neibling



Eric Nolte



Kristan Olson



Matthew Olson



Cody Peters



Brian Reiter



Elizabeth Rivers



Janice Stonebarger



Christopher Sullivan



Heather Terry



Rachael Wigle

Class Officers:

President - Cody Peters

Vice President - Brandon Geiger

Secretary/Treasurer - Amber Diveley

Class Representatives - Kimberly McCauley

Justin Clary

Freshmen

~ Class of 2003 ~

Beginning a new era of choices



Michael Kafer and Brett Neibling stop and smell the flowers while preparing for their floriculture contest in beginning ag. "To do better next year, we will study the test material and the plants without flowers. Hopefully, by the time we are seniors we will be floriculture studs," commented Kafer and Neibling. Photo by Amanda Williams.



Michael Hunsaker welds his beginning ag project. His project is a metal plaque with his nickname on it. Photo by Amanda Williams.



Kimberly McCauley and Caicey Jones catch up on the fashion news by reading the latest edition of *Teen* magazine during choir study hall. Photo by Amanda Williams.

5 Worst Lunch Menus

Meatloaf

29%

Beef Stew

23%

Chicken Pot Pie

19%

Tuna Noodle Mac

19%

Beef & Noodles

10%



Ashley Beaman



Shannon Davis



Christina Dickerson



Heather Gildersleeve



Crystal Harness



Angela Henry



Lucas Keebler



Lucinda Keebler



David Kelley



DeAnn McCauley



Chris Mooney



Brooks Rawles



Bryan Rhodd



Callee Simpson



Daren Stewart



Derek Summerford

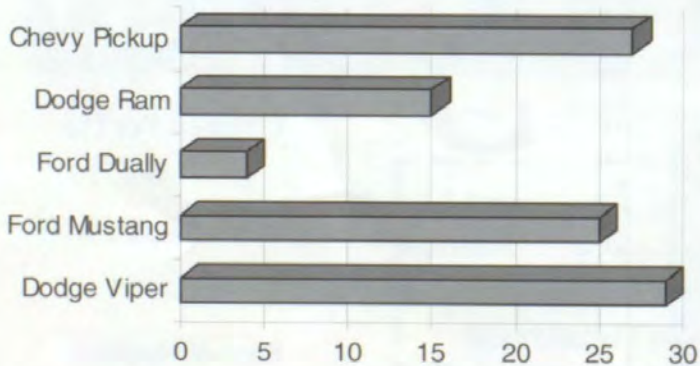


Nathan Woodruff



Deven Yurth

Dream Vehicle



Class Officers:

President - Callee Simpson

Vice President - DeAnn McCauley

Secretary/Treasurer - Crystal Harness

Class Representatives - Deven Yurth

Heather Gildersleeve

Derek Summerford and Deven Yurth read the latest issue of *Fitness* magazine during their free time. Photo by Amanda Williams.



Sophomores

~ Class of 2002 ~

Continuing tough decisions



Heather Gildersleeve and Shannon Davis concentrate on their Algebra II test. The test was over exponents. Photo by Amanda Williams.



Callee Simpson works on her home-ec project. She made pajamas that took her a month to complete. Photo by Amanda Williams.

What is your favorite book? _____
(fill in your own)

Who is your favorite author? _____
(fill in your own)



Lucas Keebler works on his pastel chalk drawing of Chris Sullivan and Shayne Evans. He has been working on the project for two class periods. Keebler commented, "I was excited to do the project, but I had to get it done real fast, so it didn't really look like the people." Photo by Amanda Williams.



Deven Yurth and Daren Stewart take money at the sophomore chili/soup supper. The money was used to send them on Educational Extravaganza. Photo by Matt Reiter.



Julianne Blevins



Liz Carwell



Nick Cluck



Jana Collins



Samantha Collins



Jennifer Davis



Aaron Dillman



Kyle Dillman



Jon Edie



Shayne Evans



Andrew Gilfillan



Erinn Groeltz



John Jenkins



Mike Jones



Amy Keller



Kristin McCauley



Jill Merkel



Treka Moehle



Jason Nolte



Kyle Olson



Chad Simpson



Michael Stonebarger



Aaron Twombly



Casey Vaught



Ashley Webb

Class Officers:
President - Jill Merkel
Vice President - Jason Nolte
Secretary - Ashley Webb
Treasurer - Kyle Olson
Class Representatives - Chad Simpson
 Jana Collins

What is the weirdest thing you've ever heard?
 (Fill in your own.)

Juniors

~ Class of 2001 ~

Making decisions for tomorrow



Left: Mike Jones climbs the flag pole in front of the school building. An anonymous source commented, "He did it to show off his rippling muscle, I mean muscles, and to impress the ladies." Photo by Kristin McCauley.

Below: Kyle Olson, Ashley Webb, and Andrew Gilfillan take time out to read the latest news in *The Bluestreak Speaks*. Photo by Donna Parish.



Nick Cluck assists Chad Simpson in skinning his muskrat. It will take him about two weeks to finish his taxidermy project. The taxidermy project is a requirement for the natural resources class. Photo by Amanda Williams.



Shayne Evans works on his pastel chalk drawing. The models for his drawing are Janice Stonebarger, Treka Moehle, and Cate Batchelder. Photo by Amanda Williams.



Catherine Nicole Batchelder

"In ten years, I'll be flying from city to city catching shows, writing and designing prolific pieces of work, and hopefully be engaged to the man of my dreams."



Megan Marie Blevins

"Ten years from now, I'll probably still be in Highland. I plan on making millions of dollars in my own business."



Rebecca Lynn Cole

"In ten years, I will be on my world tour with the man of my dreams."



Noah Michael Diveley

"In ten years, I'm going to be in Hawaii training for Baywatch, and I'll be milking cows on the side."



Dustin Nolan Geiger

"In ten years, I hope to be living in a big beach house in California with a high paying job, and lots and lots of girl friends."



Holly Janice Gray

"Ten years from now, I will be married, hopefully with some kind of education. I will also have a family, and part of my house paid off."

Class Flower - Orchid
Class Colors - Amethyst and Argenté

Class Officers:
President - Stacy Neibling
Vice President - Dustin Geiger
Secretary - Amanda Williams
Treasurer - Tessa Reist
Representatives - Noah Diveley & Ryan Nolte

Seniors

~ The Class of 2000 ~

Millennium decision makers



Cathleen Elizabeth Hanlon

"In ten years, I hope to be making a lot of money in the medical field."



Natalie Jean Jeschke

"In ten years, I will be a computer technologist living in a city. Maybe I'll be married and living in an apartment."



Luke Kevin Keller, Jr.

"Ten years from now, I would like to live around this area, have a good paying job, and maybe start a family."



Stacy Morgan Neibling

"In ten years, I hope to have my own syndicated radio show, hopefully with millions of listeners, and Howard Stern as my copy boy."



Ryan Francis Nolte

"In ten years, I'll be flying commercial airlines for Delta and living a happy life with a family."



Roslyn Leigh Peters

"In ten years, I think I'll finally be graduating from medical school. I will have a husband that's a pilot, so he can fly me places, and I will also have a job in the medical field. Oh yeah, you will see me at our ten-year reunion lookin' sharp!"

Class motto - 'Tis easy to be pleasant when life flows along like a song, but the one worthwhile is the one who will smile when everything goes dead wrong.



Zachery Kenneth Powell

"I'll still be in Highland, America, working, and throwing parties for high schoolers."



Tessa Noel Reist

"In ten years, I'll be a regular performer at Carnegie Hall."



Matthew Francis Reiter

"In ten years, I'll have a good job at a computer company, and I'll be working on my Masters."



Eric Nathan Tracy

"I plan to be in the NFL in ten years, playing for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers."



Staci Ann Waggoner

"In ten years, I hope to be doing something in the business field."



Amanda Marie Williams

"In ten years, I think I'll be married. I'll also be in medical school and making a lot of money."

The Class of 2000 is faced with a vast array of choices. Should they go to college? Should they take the ACT's? The choices the Class of 2000 make will not only determine the outcomes of their lives, but also the future of the next millineum.



Lynn Ann Windmeyer

"In ten years, I'll be a graduate of K-State. I also hope to be married, but with my luck with guys, I probably don't have a chance."



Brandi Lynn Woodruff

"In ten years, I plan to be in Hollywood working on my acting career with my boyfriend, Bruce Willis."

Credits

Choosing to be involved

Cate Batchelder - Valedictorian, Honor Cord; All Around Student 12; Kansas Honors Scholar 12; Kiwanis Scholar 12; Class Vice President 9-10, Class President 11; Journalism 11-12, Newspaper Editor 12, Honorable Mention Journalist of the Year 12, Journalism STUCO Representative, 1st in Regional Newspaper Design 11-12, 1st in State Newspaper Design 12, Honorable Mention in Regional and State Yearbook Double Page Spread 12, Most Ads Sold 11; Basketball 9-10; Co-Captain Volleyball 12, Volleyball 9-12, All-League Volleyball 10-12, All-County Volleyball 10-12, 2nd DVL Tournament 9, 12, 2nd Team All-State (1A) 10, 12, Honorable Mention All-State (1A) 11, DVL Champions 10, 3rd DVL League Play 12, DVL Tournament Champions 10; Track 9-10; FFA 9-12, FFA STUCO Representative 11, FFA Reporter 12, 6th at State FFA Ag Communications Contest 11-12, Barnwarming Candidate 9; Choir 9, Musical 9; NHS 10-12, NHS Parliamentarian 11, NHS Reporter 12; Homecoming Attendant 12; King and Queen of Courts Attendant 12; Cheerleading 9; Art 12; STUCO Treasurer 12; Quiz Bowl 9-12, 1st 1A High Q; Perfect Attendance 9

Megan Blevins - Class Representative 9-11; Football Manager 12; Basketball 9-12, Team Captain 12, NEKL All Star 12, 2nd DVL Tournament 12; Volleyball 11-12, Co-Captain 12, 2nd DVL Tournament 12, 3rd DVL League Play 12; Track 9; FFA 9-12, FFA Chapter Degree 10, FFA Sentinel 12; Choir 9-12, Swing Choir 9-12, Musical 9-12, Supporting Actress 12, State Music 12; NHS 10-11; Homecoming Attendant 12; King and Queen of Courts Queen 12; Cheerleading 9; STUCO Representative 9-11

Becky Cole - Vocational Honor Student; Track 9-10; FFA 9-12, State FFA Degree 12, FFA Advisor 12, FFA Historian 10, FFA Sentinel 11; Cross Country Manager 10; Musical 9, Choir 9; Art 10-12, Honorable Mention DVL Art 12

Noah Diveley - Vocational Honor Student; Citizenship 12, Sportsmanship Award 12; Class Treasurer 10, Class Representative 12; Track 9-12; Cross Country 9-12, 1st Team All County 10-12, 2nd Team DVL 12; FFA 9-12, State Degree 12, Chapter Star Farmer 12; NHS 10-12, NHS Representative 11; Homecoming Attendant 12; King & Queen of Courts Attendant 12; STUCO 9-12

Dustin Geiger - Honor Cord; Armed Services Scholar Athlete 12; Class Vice President 12, Class President 9, Class President 10, STUCO Representative 11; Journalism 11-12, Regional Sports Writing Honorable Mention 11, Yearbook Sports Writing 12, Newspaper Sports Writing 12, Honorable Mention Photography 12; Football 9-12, Captain and All-State Honorable Mention, 12; Basketball 9-12; Track 11; FFA 9-12, Agribusiness Star Greenhand 9; Swing Choir 9-12, 1 at State 9-10, Best Actor and Male Lead in Cinderella 11; Homecoming King 12; STUCO 9-12; NHS 10-12

Holly Gray - Choir 9-12; Musical 9-12; Cheerleading 10

Cathleen Hanlon - Journalism 11; Girls Basketball Manager 9-10; Track 9; FFA 9-12; Choir 9, 12; Musical 9, 12

Natalie Jeschke - Volleyball Manager 11; Cross Country 9-10, 13th at Regional Cross Country 9; Choir 9-11; Musical 9-11

Luke Keller - Vocational Honor Student; FFA 9-12, FFA State Degree 12; Basketball 11

Stacy Neibling - Salutatorian, Honor Cord; Dale Dennis Excellence in Education Award 12, Marine Corp Scholastic Achievement 12, Kiwanis Scholar 12; Kansas Honors Scholar 12; Class President 12, Class Vice President 11; Journalism 11-12, Yearbook Editor 12, 3rd in Editorial Cartooning 12, Honorable Mention in Advertising 11; Volleyball 9; Track 10-11; FFA 9-12, Star Greenhand 9, State FFA Degree 12, 5th in Broadcasting at State FFA Ag Communications Contest 12, Chapter FFA Degree 10, Chapter FFA Sweetheart 11, FFA Chapter President 12, FFA Chapter Secretary 11, FFA STUCO Representative 10; NHS 10-12; Design Selected for Musical Flats 10

and 12, Design Selected for Sidewalk Art at HCC Art Day 9 and 12, Blue Ribbon Women's Federated Art Competition 12; STUCO 10, 12; Quiz Bowl 9-11, State Quiz Bowl 11; I DARE YOU Award 11

Ryan Nolte - Vocational Honor Student; Class Representative 12; Football 9-12; Basketball 10-12; Cross Country 9; FFA 9-12, 1st in NE District Entomology, State Entomology 11; Homecoming Attendant 12; King and Queen of Courts Attendant 12; STUCO 12; I Dare You Award 11

Sandy Peters - Honor Cord; Class Secretary 10-11; Journalism 11; Volleyball 9-10; Track 9-10; Choir 9-12; Swing Choir 11-12; Musical 9-12, Supporting Actress 11; NHS 10-12, NHS Vice President 12; Art 9-10, 12, Gold Medal at DVL 12; STUCO 12; Quiz Bowl 9

Zach Powell - Exemplary Community Service Award 12; Class Treasurer 9; Journalism 11; Football 9-12; Basketball 11-12, Basketball Manager 10; FFA 9-12; Choir 9; Musical 9; King and Queen of Courts Attendant 12

Tessa Reist - Valedictorian, Honor Cord; Kansas Honors Scholar 12, Outstanding Senior in Math and Science 12, Governor's Honors Scholar 12, Kiwanis Scholar 12; Class Treasurer 11-12, Class Representative 10, Class Secretary 9; Volleyball 9-10; Track 9-12, Team Captain 12, 8th in 400m at State Track 11, Outstanding Female Athlete 11, Most Consistent Athlete 10; Cross Country 10-12, DVL Champions 12, 17th at State Cross Country 11, 1st Team All-League 11-12, 1st All-County 12, 2nd Team All-County 11, Cross Country Regional Champions 12; Outstanding Vocalist Award 12, Choir 9-12, Swing Choir 9-12, State Vocal Soloist - I Rating 12, State Ensemble I Rating 9 and 10; Band 9-11, Outstanding Musician 11; Musical 9-12, Accompanist 9-10, Supporting Role 11; NHS 10-12, NHS President 12; Homecoming Queen 12; Art 12, Blue Ribbon Women's Federated Art Competition 12; STUCO 10-12, STUCO President 12, STUCO President-elect 11, STUCO Band Representative 11; State Piano 9-12; Perfect Attendance 9, 11

Matt Reiter - Salutatorian, Honor Cord; Journalism 11-12, Editing Award at Regionals 11, Business Manager 12; Football 11-12; Track 11; Band 9-12; NHS 10-12; Art Blue Ribbons 9-10; Quiz Bowl 9-12, Regionals 1st 10, Regionals 2nd 11, Captain, 1st 1A High Q, qualified for television 12, Computer Club President 10-12

Eric Tracy - Vocational Honor Student; Football 9-12, All-State Honorable Mention 12, 1st Team All League Defensive End 12, 2nd Team All-League Defensive End 11, 2nd Team All-League Offensive End 11; Basketball 11; Track 10-11; FFA 9-12, State FFA Degree 12

Staci Waggoner - Extra-Ordinary Effort 12; Journalism 11, Honorable Mention Yearbook Copy Writing 11; Choir 9-11; Musical 9-11; Art 12

Amanda Williams - Honor Cord; Exemplary Community Service Award 11,12; Class Secretary 12; Journalism 11-12; Yearbook Editor 12, Honorable Mention Yearbook Copy Writing 12, Honorable Mention Headline Writing 11; Volleyball Manager 9-10; Choir 9-12, Musical 9-12; NHS 10-12, NHS Parliamentarian 12; Quiz Bowl 9; Kiwanis Scholar 12

Lynn Windmeyer - Sportsmanship Award 12; Journalism 11-12, 3rd in Photography 11, Honorable Mention at State 12; Basketball 9-12; Volleyball 9; Track 9-10; Cross Country 10-12, 2nd Team DVL 11-12, Cross Country Regional 12, DVL Champions 12, State Cross Country 11-12; FFA 9-12; Choir 9-12, Swing Choir Technician 10-12, Musical 9-12, Supporting Role 12; NHS 10-11; King and Queen of Courts Attendant 12; STUCO 12

Brandi Woodruff - Art 9; FFA 9-12; Barnwarming Candidate 11; Choir 11-12, Musical 12

academics: it's all about their choices

EnGllsH, sPaNiSh, HiStOrY:

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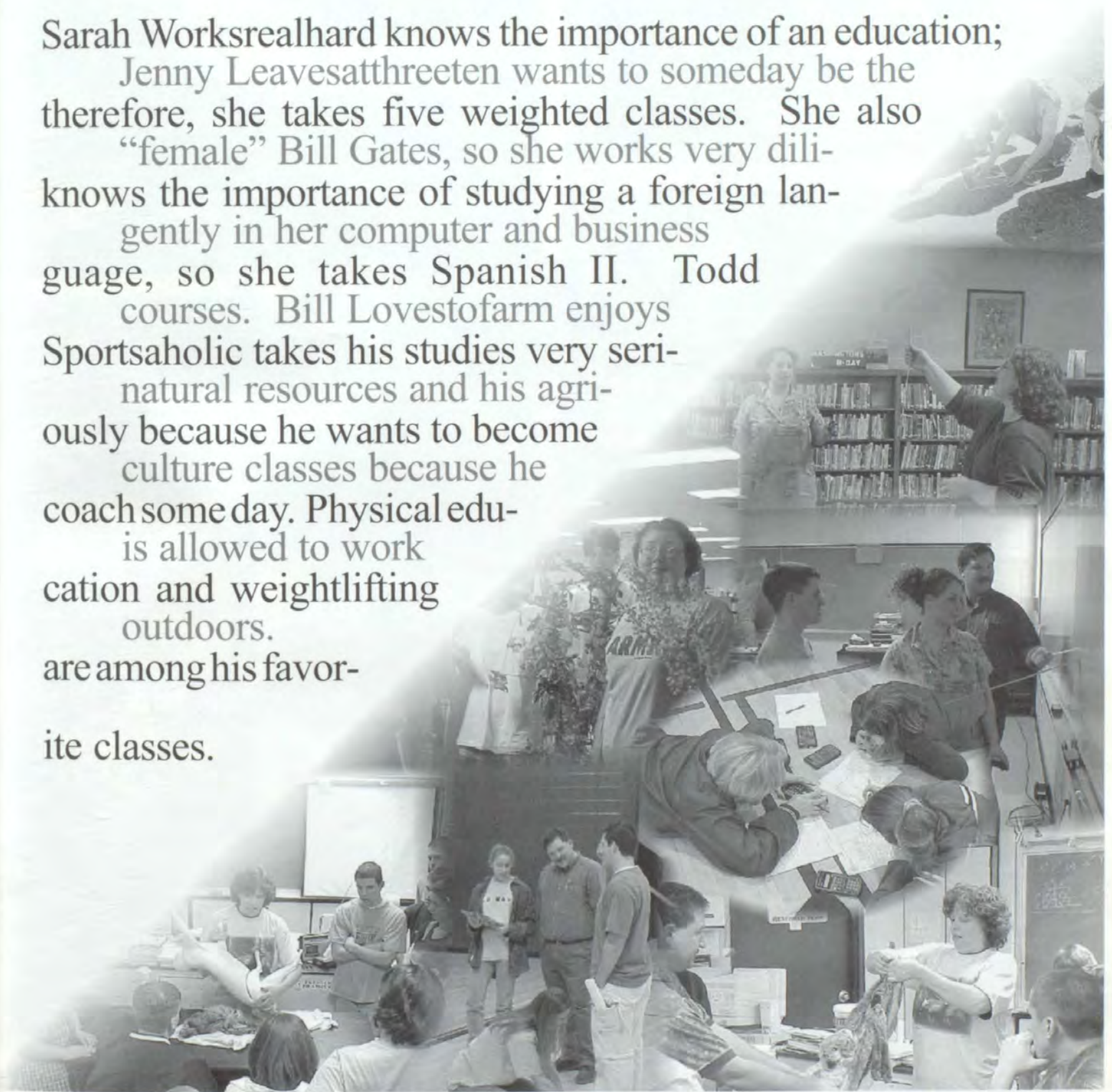


Mary Lou Colley has chosen to be part of education for 43 years. She began her journey in a one-room schoolhouse. She moved on, however, and taught fourth grade at the Highland Elementary School. Then, she changed schools again and taught at Zimmerman, District 20, near Troy, Kansas. Eventually, Colley found her way back to Highland and began departmentalized teaching of seventh and eighth grade. For the last fifteen years of Colley's career, she has served as the K-12 librarian of Highland Schools.

Colley is truly a ray of light to all students and a genuine believer in academics. May 2000 Colley chose to end her long journey as an educator. Because of Colley's years of commitment to students' academic careers, the journalism staff would like to dedicate this yearbook to her as a way to say *thank you* for all of her hard work.

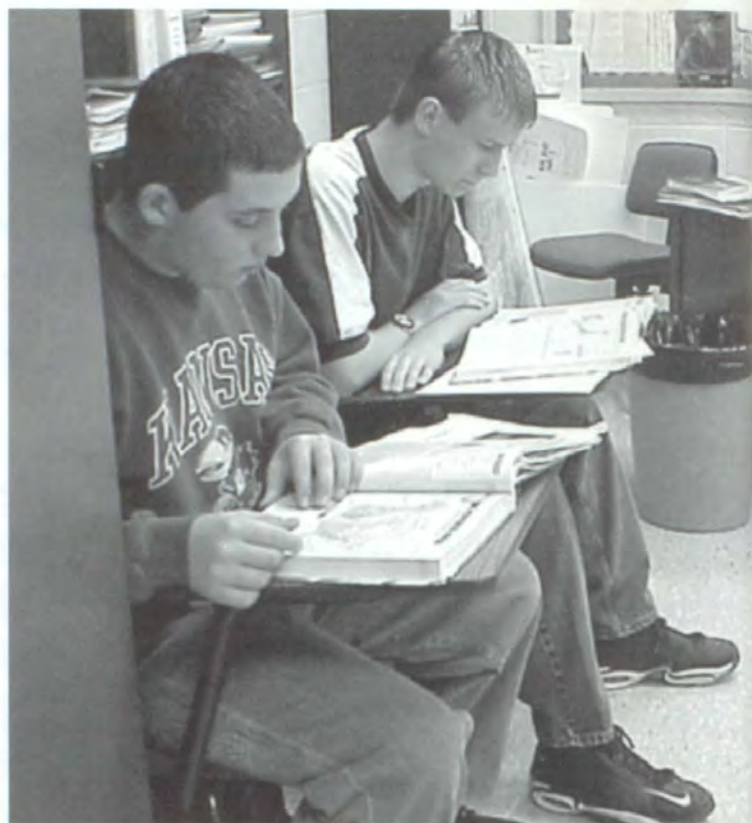
***L**ife is full of important choices. Throughout students' high school years, they are bombarded with a kaleidoscope of decisions to make.*

Sarah Worksrealhard knows the importance of an education; Jenny Leavesathreeten wants to someday be the therefore, she takes five weighted classes. She also “female” Bill Gates, so she works very diligently in her computer and business language, so she takes Spanish II. Todd courses. Bill Lovestofarm enjoys Sportsaholic takes his studies very serious natural resources and his agriously because he wants to become culture classes because he coach some day. Physical education and weightlifting outdoors are among his favorite classes.



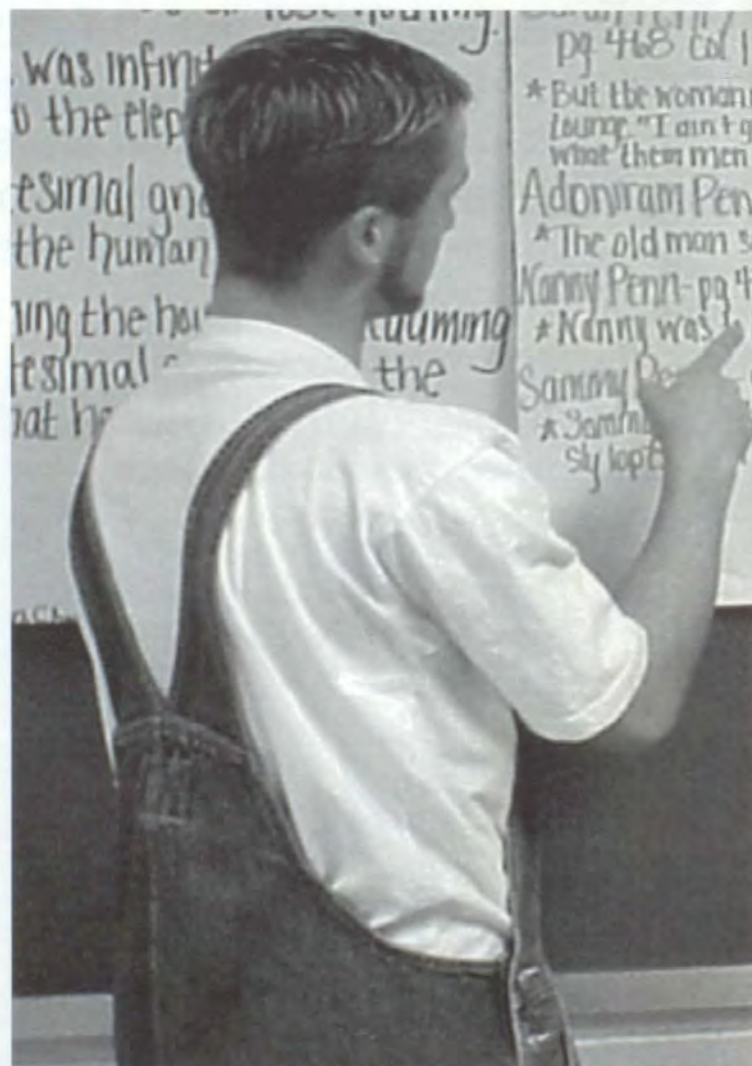
Below: Samantha Collins and Julianne Blevins make a poster in English III for the story "Trifles." Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Right: Andrew Gilfillan and Aaron Twombly study Mexico in geography. The class watched "Mi Familia." Photo by Donna Parish.



Above: "Como Estas?" Deven Yurth quizzes Ashley Beaman in Spanish II. Photo by Donna Parish.

Below: Jennifer Davis takes notes while listening to Ron Shelton lecture in geography. Photo by Donna Parish.



Infinitesimal-adj. immeasurably small; minute. John Jenkins points out the correct definition of this word during English II class. Photo by Cate Batchelder.



english, spanish history

*To sleep, perchance is to dream...
To listen, perchance is to learn.*

Occupying over 38% of all the total classes offered, the humanities students became well acquainted with reading and writing. Every year, the teachers must adjust their lesson plans for the everchanging world.

"I placed a greater emphasis on higher level thinking skills," said History, Constitution, and sophomore English teacher Donna Parish.

Ron Shelton, geography teacher, said, "I taught current events and current world problems more than in past years."

Spanish teacher Toni Larson said, "I taught my classes

the same, but I had a Spanish IV class in addition to my other classes."

"I placed a greater emphasis on literature and authors' styles and less emphasis on grammar," said freshmen English teacher Joy Meyer.

"I used a lot of the same material, but I approached it in different ways every year," said English teacher Esther Gormley. "For the junior class, I emphasized persuasive writing. I also covered different reading material for the seniors."

Crystal Harness and

Christina Dickerson work on a game entitled "El Partido" in Spanish II while Toni Larson reviews their work. The Spanish II class has done similar projects in addition to book learning. These projects include creating games and creating a blueprint for a dream house. Spanish students from all grades also attended the Spanish/English play *Don Quixote*. Photo by Donna Parish.



Mike Jones, Casey

Vaught, and Jason Nolte teach the class vocabulary words for a unit on spelling from the story "The Revolt of Mother." Fellow classmates Nick Cluck and Erinn Groeltz look on. Photo by Donna Parish.



Quilting Time

Natalie Jeshke is cutting out squares for her patchwork doll quilt. Photo by Erinn Groeltz.



Ryan, what time is it?

Ryan Nolte belt sands his grandfather clock in woods class. The clock is a present for his parents. Photo by Donna Parish.



Practice makes Perfect

Eric Tracy and Brooks Rawles practicing welding for an ag mechanics contest. Photo by Donna Parish.

Man at Work

Luke Keller blows dust off of his lacquer on it. The final result will be a nightstand. Photo by Donna Parish.



home ec,

woods, ag

*Elective classes
taken by choice*

Students who took home economics, woods, and agriculture learned how to solve every day problems faced throughout life.

The family consumer science classes, a.k.a. home economics, kept busy learning about life skills that will come in handy after high school is over. During the first semester, students learned about nutrition and

cooking. Students concentrated on sewing projects such as pajamas, patchwork quilts, and projects of their choice for the majority of the second semester. The newest project was a doll house that will be raffled off when it is complete.

Laura Schmitz said, "The students are learning skills that are becoming a lost art in today's society. Hope-

fully, they will pass these skills on to their children."

"In the shop, students worked on about any [woods project] they wanted, needed, and could afford," said Alan Terry, woods instructor.

The classes taught students to do simple math, recognize quality, and use problem solving skills.

Welding, greenhouse

projects, and contests were the projects of agriculture classes. Career development events (CDEs) taught students about careers and choices for the future.

Elmer Schmitz, instructor of agriculture, said, "The students learned important workplace skills and considered future careers."

Name that Plant

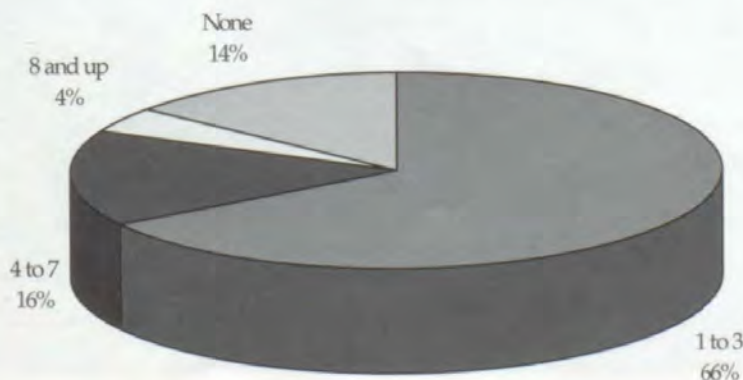
Brett Neibling (right) is diligently learning the names of plants for a floriculture contest. Photo by Erinn Groeltz.

Patch it Up

Staci Waggoner (far right) sews squares together for her quilt patch. Photo by Erinn Groeltz.



How many kids do you want someday?



Noah Diveley and Justin

Smith point out to Sandy Peters the formula of centripetal force ($F_c = mv^2/r$). The physics class performed experiments to demonstrate this formula. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

General business students

Erinn Groeltz and Matt Cluck put their noses to the grindstone and even pens in mouths in such chapters as banking, budgeting, insurance and economics. Photo by Donna Parish.



Lab partners Sierra Covert

and Eric Nolte learn through an experiment that oxygen mixed with natural gas will yield a cleaner burning fuel. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Kertis Keehn, with natural

resources students Zach Powell, Luke Keller and Nick Cluck, takes a field trip to the back country to set traps for their upcoming taxidermy projects. Photo by Dustin Geiger.

math, science, technology

Hands-on projects prove to be popular choice

When it comes to the math, science and technology classes, any break from the books is welcome to students. Faculty Justin Smith, Kertis Keehn and Jill Evans provided the opportunity to experience a variety of labs starting freshman year. Look for these hands-on projects in the

captions of each picture.

Nick Cluck, junior and taxidermy entrepreneur, said, "[By being in natural resources], I get to learn about the way animals interact with the environment."

My favorite dream career is _____.

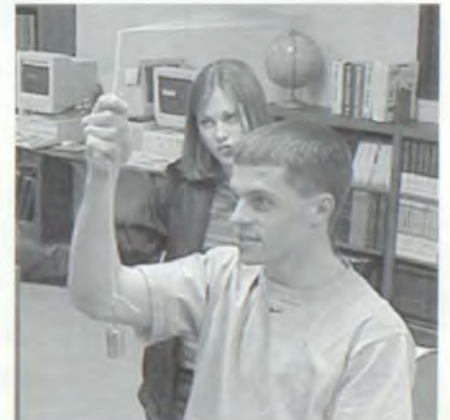
Mastering Word,

Excel and PowerPoint becomes the goal of sophomore computer students Lucas Keebler, Daren Stewart and DeAnn McCauley. Their teacher, Jill Evans, assigned such projects as a multimedia presentation by using PowerPoint and creating pamphlets and newsletters through desktop publishing. Photo by Cate Batchelder.



Matt Reiter and

Dustin Geiger prepare their instrument for an experiment. At this stage, the two guys are winding a string through a tube. Noah Diveley demonstrates the actual experiment to the right. Reiter said, "The best part of the experiment was when we swung a 1000 g weight with a 1.5 m radius in the gymnasium." Photo by Cate Batchelder.



Tessa Reist watches the clock and counts revolutions as her physics partner, Noah Diveley, concentrates on keeping the weight at the same altitude. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

$$F_c = mv^2/r$$

Achieving Excellence

Stacy Neibling, John Jenkins, Treka Moehle, Tessa Reist, and Jana Collins hold their award-winning pieces. These pieces won at numerous shows. Photo by Amanda Williams.

Ms. Joseph at work

Linda Joseph, art teacher, is plugging in grades at her computer. Joseph instructs art at both the high school and grade school levels. Photo by Kyle Olson.



Chris at work

Chris Sullivan is working out of an art magazine. The art class sometimes reads articles over featured artists in these magazines. Photo by Amanda Williams.

Critiquing the work

Tessa Reist evaluates her white clay sculpture and is trying to perfect it. It was entered in many contests. Photo By Kyle Olson.



Art

da Vincis' of the DVL

The art department has earned various awards at many contests. Said, art teacher Linda Joseph, "This is not easy considering the size of the school and the limited resources these gifted students have to deal with."

"We make do with what we have," said John Jenkins, junior. Jenkins has clearly made do. He won many awards this year including an award for his piece *Summer Colors*, at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art in St. Joseph, Missouri. "It was a great honor," said Joseph.

Jon Edie was the other big art winner, even a books and tuition scholarship to Highland Community College.

"Each student in the art department doesn't just work with one medium; they are trained in many mediums, such as drawing, pottery and ceramics," said Treka Moehle, junior.

Art with an attitude

Sandy Peters and Nathan Woodruff are painting with watercolors. Peters has been in art three years. She said her favorite part of art is the drawing and painting. Woodruff has been in art one year.

Peters said, "I like Highland Art Day because I like seeing all of the weird people and freaks walking around." Photo by Kyle Olson



Drawing from a model

Staci Waggoner is drawing from a model. This is her first year of art in high school. She said, "My favorite part of art is probably sculpture. I made a pot this year. I haven't had art since junior high school." She has participated in multiple contests.

In the background is Becky Cole. She is also a senior this year and has taken art for three years. Photo by Kyle Olson.



Top winners this year

Last Name	First Name	Title of Work	Category	Placing
Edie	Jonathan	Abstract #1	Weaving	Blue
Moehle	Treka	Art Deco Wrap	Ceramics	Blue
Neibling	Stacy	Two Figures & A Skull	Drawing	Blue
Reist	Tessa	Eggshell	Ceramics	Blue
Rhodd	Bryan	Blue Mug	Ceramics	Blue
Cole	Becky	Shades of Blue	Ceramics	Red
Collins	Jana	The Piano	Drawing	Red
Collins	Jana	Daisy Vine	Ceramics	Red
Geiger	Brandon	Linear Landscape	Printmaking	Red
Hunsaker	Michael	Blue Pitcher	Ceramics	Red
Jenkins	John	Summer Colors	Printmaking	Red
Jenkins	John	Two Figures	Drawing	Red
Jones	Caicey	Blue Pot	Ceramics	Red
Neibling	Stacy	Rembrandt Copy	Drawing	Red
Peters	Sandy	Rembrandt Youth	Drawing	Red
Reist	Tessa	Shane & Chris	Drawing	Red
Reist	Tessa	Starry Night	Weaving	Red
Rhodd	Bryan	Star	Ceramics	Red
Edie	Jonathan	Abstract #1	Weaving	H. Mention @ HCC Art Day
Jenkins	John	Summer Colors	Printmaking	H. Mention @ HCC Art Day
Moehle	Treka	Abstract Camo	Ceramics	H. Mention @ HCC Art Day



Liz Carwell sings in the winter concert. The choir sang "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night," and "A Festive Alleluia." Photo by Erinn Groeltz.



Above: Flutists Christina Dickerson, Christina Gilfillan, and Desiree Solomon strut to "Free Spirit Overture" during the Halloween parade. Photo by Amanda Williams.



Above: Doing double-time, Heather Terry rocks the gym both as a cheerleader and a clarinetist in the band. Photo by Cate Batchelder.



Right: Musical prodigy Tessa Reist, when not singing or playing the harp, accompanies other soloists on the piano. Reist has earned a I in State Piano Contest for four years. Photo by Lifetouch.

band

*Choir chooses to sing in rhyme,
Band chooses to step in time.*

Left: Soloists at both the Regional and DVL Music Festivals. First Row: Kristan Olson, Heather Terry, Heather Gildersleeve, Christina Dickerson, Tessa Reist; Second Row: Erin French, Ashley Beaman, Jana Collins, Amanda Williams, Reist, Collins, and Gildersleeve (for both baritone and trumpet) all received I's at Regionals, and Reist and Collins both received I's at State. Photo by Lifetouch.

"We're gonna rock this town, rock it inside out," a phrase from Brian Setzer's "Rock this Town" is a perfect description for the music enveloping the band room.

The band stepped and strutted to the rhythm during the Halloween parade on Oct. 28. Later, the pep band

choir

rocked the stands and the gym during football and basketball games.

"I was very proud of the band. I feel that they performed at their potential," said band and choir teacher Yvette Cook.

Many students chose to show their musical talents

by taking solos to the Regional and DVL Music Festivals.

"I was also very proud of the choir. During the musical, they worked very hard. I'm glad that they kept up with that level for the entire year," said Cook.



Front Row: Brandi

Woodruff, Callee Simpson, Kimberly McCauley, Lucas Keebler, Kyle Dillman; Second Row: Shannon Davis, Ashley Beaman, Lynn Windmeyer, Crystal Harness, Ashley Webb, Julianne Blevins; Third Row: Eric Nolte, Sandy Peters, Heather Gildersleeve, Brian Reiter, Brett Neibling, Angela Henry, Justin Clary, Tessa Reist; Fourth Row: Aaron Dillman, Chris Mooney, Caicey Jones, Kristin Olson, Janice Stonebarger, Michael Hunsaker, Kaleb Caudle; Fifth Row: Cody Peters, Sierra Covert, Holly Gray, Derek Summerford, Samantha Collins, Brooks Rawles, Jana Collins; Sixth Row: Amanda Williams, Mike Jones, Dustin Geiger, Kyle Olson, Aaron Twombly, Daren Stewart, Deven Yurth; Back Row: Rachael Wigle, Elizabeth Rivers, Erin French, Heather Terry, DeAnn McCauley, Liz Carwell, Brandon Geiger, Christina Dickerson. Photo by Lifetouch.



Front Row: Heather

Gildersleeve, Drum Major, Kevin Solomon, Brandon Cluck, Brian Reiter, Brandon Terry, Stephen Holt, Clint Merkel, Chris Sullivan; Second Row: Josh Sauders, Tommy Moran, Lyndsey Elrod, Melinda Overdick, Meghan Simmons, Angela Henry; Third Row: Chelsea Fritch, Crystal Harness, Christina Gilfillan, Paige Smith, Christina Dickerson, Kimberly Keller, Desiree Solomon, Heather Terry, Kelly French, Jon Edie, Matt Reiter, John Weis, Caley Dorrell, Mark Henry, Albert Edie. Photo by Lifetouch.

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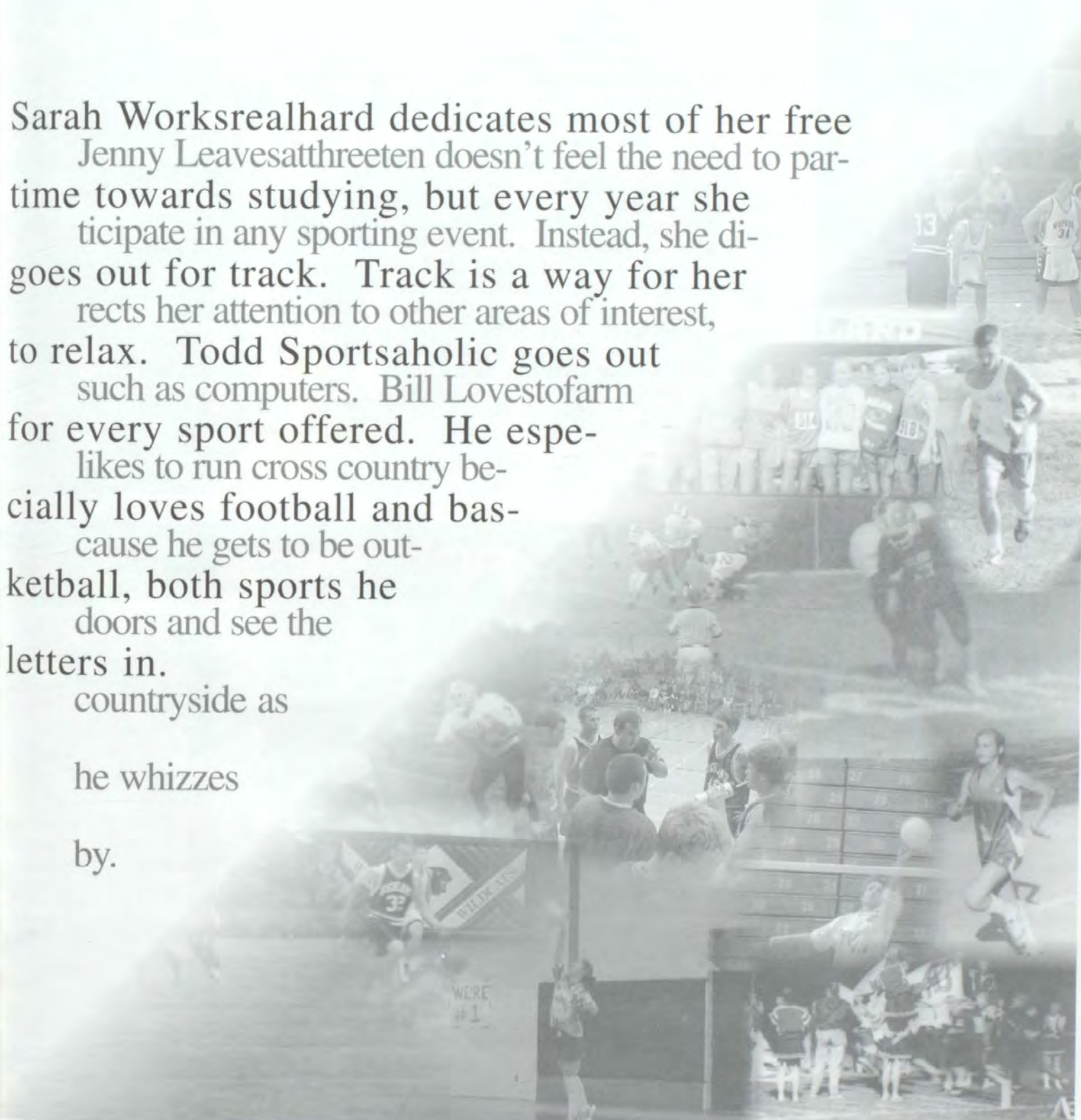
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*L*ife is full of important choices. Throughout students' high school years, they are bombarded with a kaleidoscope of decisions to make.

Sarah Worksrealhard dedicates most of her free time towards studying, but every year she participates in any sporting event. Instead, she goes out for track. Track is a way for her to relax. Todd Sportsaholic goes out for every sport offered. He especially likes to run cross country because he gets to be outdoors and see the countryside as he whizzes by.



Football

The year of the injury limited choices for football

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he season can be summed up in three short words, injury! Injury! INJURY! The Streaks dropped like flies this year, but they never gave up. They ended the season with a 1-7 record, winning their last game at home against the Wathena Wildcats. Dustin Geiger, senior, said, "As a senior captain, I was very proud of the freshmen and sophomores that stepped up to play at the varsity level. We had a difficult year, losing major players to injury throughout the year, but we kept our enthusiasm all year and never gave up."

Seniors this year were Geiger, Eric Tracy, (captains), Ryan Nolte, Matt Reiter, and Zach Powell. "They provided good leadership," said Cody Peters, freshman. "They were the team's heart."

Receiving honors in the Delaware Valley League were Tracy, first team DVL defensive end, and Geiger and Daren Stewart, honorable mention linebackers.

Even though the road wasn't exactly paved for the Bluestreaks, they chose to fight. Tracy said, "I was very proud of our team. We had a rough season and a lot of injuries, but we had a lot of people step up to the next level. I believe that, even though our record didn't show it, we really did succeed because we really did play as a team. We developed great characteristics that will carry the younger boys to victory in the future."



The football team was Front Row: Eric Nolte, Andrew Gilfillan, Brandon Geiger, Justin Clary, Chris Mooney, Mike Kafer, Aaron Dillman; Second Row: Brett Neibling, Jason Nolte, Brooks Rawles, Matt Cluck, Waylon Lippold, Cody Peters, Kaleb Caudle, Michael Hunsaker, Third row: Coach Justin Smith, Matt Reiter, Eric Tracy, Zach Powell, Daren Stewart, Dustin Geiger, David Kelley, Mike Jones, Coach Brad Bingesser, Back Row: Managers Dusty Libel, Kole McCauley, DeAnn McCauley, Crystal Harness, Angela Henry, Ashley Beaman, Cody Miller, Ben Gilmore.



The Bluestreaks' offense faces off against the Oskaloosa Bears' defense at Oskaloosa. This was the Streaks' second game of the season. Photo by Kyle Olson.

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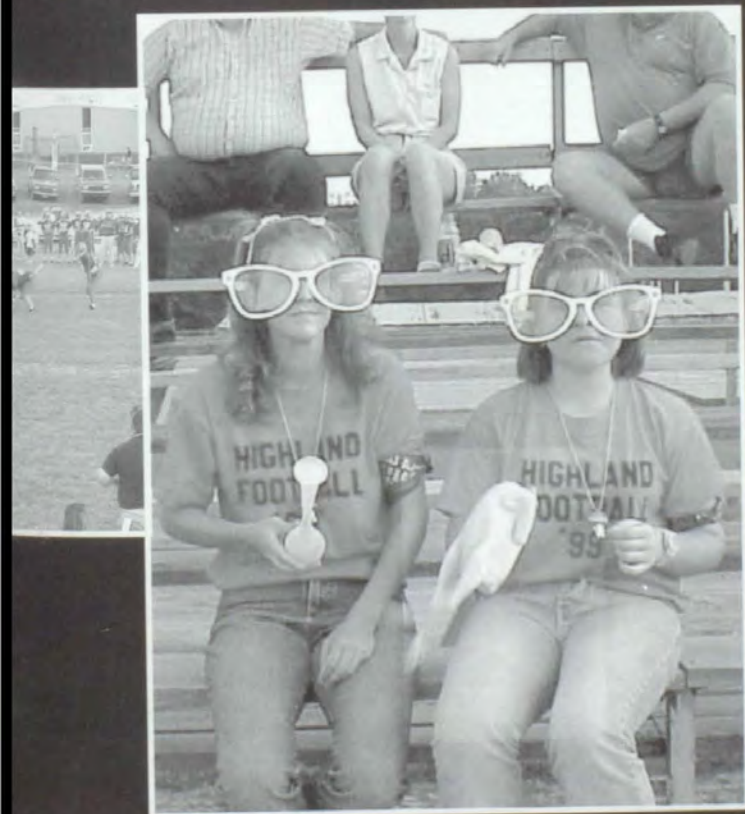
Daren Stewart is prepared to tackle his opponent from JCN. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Michael Hunsaker is juking a host of Horton Chargers. Photo by Kristin McCauley.

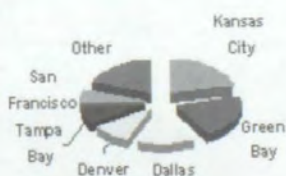


Team Record 1-7

Team	We	They
Horton	16	28
Oskaloosa	0	39
McLouth	0	40
Valley Falls	14	48
P. Ridge	6	63
Jeff. Co. N	0	54
Troy	6	45
Wathena	20	14



HHS Students' Favorite Teams



Kristin McCauley and Samantha Collins always support their Highland Bluestreaks. Photo by Kyle Olson

“Dustin Geiger said, “The Horton Chargers came out ready to play.”

Volleyball

Volleyball finishes millennium with decade of excellence

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he volleyball team chose to work hard and play even harder to continue their streak (pun intended) of consecutive winning seasons, now at a remarkable ten.

The Bluestreaks also continued their impressive personal achievements. Senior Cate Batchelder and juniors Jana Collins, Julianne Blevins, and Jill Merkel were all placed on the All-County Team. Batchelder and Collins went on to be named to both the All-DVL Team and to the All-Tournament team at Atchison.

In the Highland Invitational Tournament, the Streaks defeated Midway, JCN, and Royal Valley before falling to B&B, Centralia, and Hiawatha. The Streaks finished fourth overall.

The Streaks also played in triangle meets at Troy, McLouth, Oskaloosa, JCN, Jackson Heights, and Highland. The team played a four team meet at Atchison.

The Bluestreaks excelled at the Atchison Tournament, losing only to Pleasant Ridge. The Streaks defeated Wathena, Hogan, Savanna, and Atchison. The Streaks finished second overall.

The McLouth Tournament was the DVL meet, and it also determined the placings for regionals. The Streaks played and defeated Troy, JCN, Horton, and Wathena, but lost to Pleasant Ridge. During the championship round, the Streaks again lost to Pleasant Ridge.

At the Regional tournament at Centralia, the Streaks fought hard, but did not make it to Sub-State. After losing the first match to the Axtel Eagles, the Streaks rallied to defeat Axtel in the next two games. The Streaks then won the chance to play the undefeated Centralia Panthers. Despite putting up a good fight, the Streaks were defeated by Centralia.



Front Row: Christina Dickerson, Heather Terry, DeAnn McCauley, Kim McCauley; Middle Row: Ashley Webb, Sierra Covert, Samantha Collins, Cate Batchelder, Jill Merkel, Julianne Blevins, Janice Stonebarger, manager; Back Row: Amy Allen, head coach; Ashley Beaman, Kristin McCauley, Kristin Olson, Jana Collins, Heather Gildersleeve, Caicey Jones, Jill Evans, assistant coach. Photo by Lifetouch.

Of these five movies, the students voted this way.

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| a. <i>Blair Witch Project</i> | 10% |
| b. <i>Big Daddy</i> | 15% |
| c. <i>Show Girls</i> | 19% |
| d. <i>Varsity Blues</i> | 37% |
| e. <i>She's All That</i> | 19% |

Team Record 21-13

Opponent	Wins	Losses
Atchison	1	1
Axtel	0	1
B&B	0	1
Centralia	0	2
Hiawatha	0	1
Hogan	1	0
Horton	2	0
Lansing	0	1
JCN	3	0
J. Heights	1	0
Maranatha	0	1
McLouth	1	0
Midway	3	0
Oskie	2	0
P. Ridge	0	4
Royal Valley	1	0
Savannah	1	0
Troy	2	0
V. Falls	1	0
Wathena	2	1

Cate Batchelder returns the ball to the defense at the Troy meet while Julianne Blevins and Jill Merkel rush in for coverage. Photo by Dustin Geiger.

Jana Collins sends the ball on its trip across the net at the JCN meet. Highland went on to defeat JCN, but lost to Wathena. Photo by Aaron Twombly.



Left: Team Co-Captain Cate Batchelder spikes the ball over Trojan defenders at the Troy meet. Highland went on to defeat Troy and claim first at the meet. Photo by Dustin Geiger.



Above: Jill Merkel digs the ball while Cate Batchelder waits as backup. This picture shows Bluestreak teamwork: if one doesn't get it, another one will. Photo by Dustin Geiger.

“ I enjoyed playing with the group. We had an overall fun season. Even though we did not win DVL, everyone worked hard. Megan Blevins, team co-captain ”

Cross Country

Women go to State!!

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he women's cross country team was running great going into the State competition at Wamego on Oct. 30. The team took first place in the DVL meet held at Rim Rock; the team also took first place at the Regional meet held at Washington to earn their spot in the State cross country competition.

Lynn Windmeyer, senior said, "Regionals was the most exciting meet of the year. After we were through running, we thought that we didn't place in the top three and therefore were ineligible to go to State. When we were walking back over the hill to the bus, we found out that we placed first; we all screamed and everyone around was looking at us like we were crazy."

The ladies earned sixth place at the State meet held in Wamego, led by senior, Tessa Reist, and sophomore, Callee Simpson.

The leader of the mens' team was Noah Diveley. He has been a member of the cross country team for all four years of his high school career.

He had many strong and consistent times this year; his best being the 19:10 time at the Troy meet. Diveley said, "I thought the year went well, and the Highland team did well."

Reist, Simpson, and Erinn Groeltz earned 1st team spots on the All-County team; Windmeyer and Amber Diveley earned 2nd team spots. Reist and Simpson earned first team spots while Groeltz earned a second team spot on the All-DVL team. Noah Diveley earned a spot on the All-County team.



Lynn Windmeyer, Tessa Reist, and Callee Simpson stretch out their leg muscles at the Sabetha cross country meet. These three girls did this stretch before every meet to get warmed up for the two mile run. Photo by Amanda Williams.



Tessa Reist strides up the hill with ease at the Troy cross country meet. Reist earned third place at the meet with a time of 14:56. Photo by Donna Parish.



Noah Diveley is racing for the finish line at the Sabetha cross country meet. Photo by Amanda Williams.

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The members of the cross country team are Front Row: Kyle Olson, Brooks Rawles, Noah Diveley, Kaleb Caudle; Back Row: Erinn Groeltz, Tessa Reist, Amy Keller, Jana Collins, Lynn Windmeyer, Callee Simpson, Amber Diveley, Larry Sandy, coach. Photo by Lifetouch.



Meets	Placing
McLouth	1
Troy	2
Horton	4
Sabetha	3
Rim Rock DVL	1
Jackson Heights	2
Washington Regionals	1
Wamego State	6



Lynn Windmeyer turns on the burners attempting to get one place better in the rankings at the Maur Hill meet. Photo by Stacy Neibling



Tessa Reist cools off in the shade while she drinks from her water bottle after the Maur Hill meet. Photo by Stacy Neibling.

“ I was very happy that the girls won both the DVL and Regional competition. They earned their spot at State by working hard in practice every day. The boys' team also worked hard, even though they didn't have a full team to work with. ”

Cheerleading

We're loud, but hey! That's our choice!

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Psyching up a crowd of adoring fans is not always easy for the peppy team of cheerleaders. The spirit squad has done its best in both football and basketball to keep hopes high and raise voices above the rest. The cheerleading squad took turns in leading each other, and has put in hard work and time improving the newcomers and practicing with the old. Deb Terry, sponsor, has been keeping her group going and learning to become a more spirited group.

The cheerleaders sponsored a Spirit Spreader for various squads from the area. Each team learned new cheers, stunts, and routines to improve their look and style.

"I had fun being with my new friends and working with the new girls," said Ashley Webb, junior.



Football Cheerleaders: Back Row: Ashley Webb, Heather Gildersleeve, Julianne Blevins; Middle Row: Kristan Olson, Jill Merkel, Heather Terry; Front Row: Caicey Jones. Photo by Lifetouch.



From cheering on the crowd to dancing up a storm, Heather Gildersleeve shows her stuff during a football routine. Photo by Cate Batchelder.



On Feb. 10, the cheerleaders provided a pep rally for King and Queen of Courts. They performed a routine, cheers, and chants to get the school pumped up for the game against McLouth. Photo by Dustin Geiger.

Left: Ashley Webb watches and supports her fellow cheerleaders at the Homecoming pep rally. Photo by Kristin McCauley



Right: The football cheerleaders show a little rhythm with a stomp cheer that gets the fans going at the Homecoming pep rally. Photo by Kristin McCauley.

What is
your
favorite
saying?

(Fill in your own.)



“ I enjoyed working with the junior high and high school cheerleaders. It was a new and exciting experience, said Deb Terry.”

Basketball Cheerleaders: Front Row: Heather Gilderleeve; Second Row: Kristan Olson; Third Row: Lucinda Keebler, Caicey Jones, Heather Terry, Sierra Covert, Ashley Beaman. Photo by Lifetouch.



Three juniors try to pump up the volume during the Horton football game. Julianne Blevins, Ashley Webb, and Jill Merkel add a little cheer to the fans. Photo by Kyle Olson.



During one of the many home games, Heather Terry, Ashley Beaman, and Lucinda Keebler try to get the crowd a little rowdy for the game. Photo by Julianne Blevins.

Girls' Basketball

Behind or ahead, the ladies chose to keep fighting

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he girls' basketball team, which was coached by Brad Bingesser and Marla Olson, began with a quick start by winning their first three games by a considerable margin.

The pace, however, quickly slowed after the ladies lost four straight. "After Wathena, which was a pretty good game, we were emotionally drained. We didn't play (Troy) at the same level of emotion," said Bingesser, head coach.

The losses, especially to Troy and Midway, really set the team back emotionally. "We just didn't meet our potential or our goals," said Callee Simpson, sophomore.

The team improved their fundamentals and defensive ability throughout the season even though their final season's record was 8-12. "I met my personal goal by keeping up the fundamentals I know best, while improving my weaknesses," said Lynn Windmeyer, senior.

Although the game against McLouth was followed by a string of defeats, the game was executed very well. "Our best game of the season was at McLouth. We worked as a team and accomplished what we needed even though we didn't gain a victory," said Jana Collins, junior.

The leading scorers for the season were Jana Collins with 162 points, Megan Blevins with 108 points, Callee Simpson with 53 points, and Juli Blevins with 52 points.

Rebounds were led by Megan Blevins and Jana Collins with 79 and 73 rebounds respectively.

Callee Simpson led the assist column with 60. Megan Blevins had 39 assists while Lynn Windmeyer fell shortly behind with 27.

Jana Collins was chosen for First Team Doniphan County and First Team Delaware Valley League by the coaches. Megan Blevins was invited to play in the Northeast Kansas all-star game.



Front Row: Heather Gildersleeve, Callee Simpson, Heather Terry, Christina Dickerson, Caicey Jones, Julianne Blevins, Kristan Olson; Second Row: Megan Blevins, Lynn Windmeyer; Third Row: Manager Crystal Harness, Assistant Head Coach Marla Olson, Kim McCauley, Sierra Covert, Jill Merkel, Samantha Collins, Jana Collins, Kristin McCauley, Ashley Webb, Head Coach Brad Bingesser. Photo by Lifetouch.



Jill Merkel, (42), struggles against a Jackson Heights player for the ball. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Team Record 8-12

Team	Us	Them
Oskaloosa	57	33
Valley Falls	51	42
Wathena	48	40
Troy	32	45
Midway	47	59
Horton	37	57
Valley Falls	45	50
Elwood	54	14
JCN	43	55
P. Ridge	51	45
Oskaloosa	33	32
Falls City	46	53
J. Heights	44	37
Atchison	38	46
Midway	46	61
McLouth	41	54
J. Heights	51	46
Wathena	38	65
Troy	42	59
Bern	23	52

Jana Collins (24) leaps underneath the basket to score a lay-up while Falls City defenders scramble to get the rebound. Lynn Windmeyer (32) quickly reacts for the rebound. Photo by Dustin Geiger.

The most embarrassing moment was when. . .

. . .the referee messed me up at JCN, and I shot at the wrong basket. Everybody was yelling at me **not** to shoot.

-Kristin McCauley

. . .it seemed like at every home game my first shot was an air ball.

-Lynn Windmeyer

. . .we didn't go in the games until late in the fourth quarter.

-Jill Merkel and Samantha Collins



“What you get out is proportional to what you put in. Teamwork cannot be over emphasized. There must always be more emphasis on team work.”

-Brad Bingesser

Left: Jill Merkel (42) and Lynn Windmeyer (32) both reach for a rebound while Juli Blevins (11) attempts to block out a Falls City Dragon. Photo by Dustin Geiger.



Juli Blevins, Lynn Windmeyer, and Jana Collins aggressively surround a Falls City player in an attempt to steal the ball. Photo by Dustin Geiger



Boys' Basketball

Choosing the plays

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ompetition and determination gave us an overall understanding of what it takes to win a varsity game. We were young enough this year that we learned how to win; next year we should expect it,” said Coach Ron Shelton.

Although the boys had a few struggles along the way, the team will take away skills and teamwork. “We played a lot of tough teams close and should have won a lot more games than we did. We

played to the level of our competition a lot of times instead of playing at our level,” said Daren Stewart, sophomore.

Chad Simpson, junior, earned a place on the All-DVL First Team as well as the All-County First Team. Daren Stewart and Deven Yurth, sophomores, were chosen to be on the All-County Second Team.

“I’m proud to have been chosen. If it wasn’t for the team, I wouldn’t have accomplished it,” Simpson stated.

Zach Powell, senior,

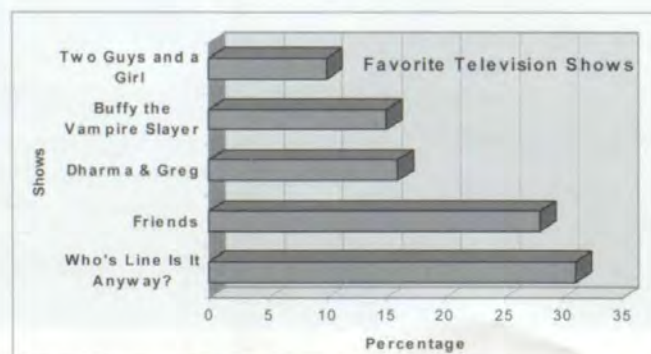
placed third in the annual free-throw contest at the Delaware Valley League (DVL) Tournament in Atchison. “I was pleased that I placed so well and represented our team,” Powell commented.

Noah Diveley, senior, stated, “We had a lot of close games we should have won throughout the season, but, you can’t win them all.”

Dustin Geiger, senior, earned a place on NEK All Star Team and participated in the game held at Highland Community College.



Front row: Mike Jones, manager; Kyle Olson, manager; Brandon Geiger, Noah Diveley, Kaleb Caudle, DeAnn McCauley, manager; Brian Rhodd, manager; Second Row: Eric Nolte, Justin Clary, Chris Mooney, Brett Neibling, Michael Hunsaker, Chad Simpson, Aaron Dillman; Back Row: Cody Peters, Derrek Summerford, Deven Yurth, Daren Stewart, Zach Powell, Ryan Nolte, Dustin Geiger, Matt Cluck. Photo by Lifetouch.



Dustin Geiger takes the ball down the court as the Wildcats chase after him. Photo by Kristin McCauley.



Chad Simpson goes up for a lay up as a Wildcat tries unsuccessfully to block his shot. Photo by Ashley Webb.

Aaron Dillman takes a shot during the Valley Falls game as Dustin Geiger breaks for a rebound. Photo by Ashley Webb



Opponent	Us	Them
Wathena	43	69
Oskaloosa	26	43
Horton	61	76
Midway	39	71
Horton	41	72
Valley Falls	42	63
Elwood	58	41
JCN	41	57
P. Ridge	53	58
Maranantha	62	59
Perry		
Lecompton	50	62
Kansas City		
Christian	52	37
Midway	45	75
McLouth	52	57
Jackson Heights	64	67
Wathena	59	65
Troy	57	46
B&B	68	87

Daren Stewart shoots a free throw against Wathena while others take a rest. Photo by Kristin McCauley.



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We were young enough this year that we learned how to win; next year we should expect to win.

”

Dustin Geiger reaches for a rebound while Daren Stewart, Noah Diveley, and Chad Simpson look on. Photo by Ashley Webb



Track

Choosing the distance to go



Establishing new school records occupied the girls' track season. Tessa Reist, senior, in the 800m set the record at 230.9. Jana Collins, junior, and Reist tied in the 400m at 60.0 for a new record. Callee Simpson, sophomore, in the 3200m ran at 12.51. Reist, Simpson, Erinn Groeltz, junior, and Christina Dickerson, sophomore, set 10.59 as the new record in the 4 x 800m relay. Collins tied the old school record of 12.6 in the 100m and 26.1 in the 200m.

A season of improvement for the girls' track team has pleased Coach Angie Eberly. "All returning lettermen have improved their best times from last year and have improved their times since then," said Coach Eberly.

Eberly is the head coach for the girls and the distance runners, while Coach Justin Smith is the head coach for the boys and the sprinters. "I like the arrangement we have because I enjoy working with the sprinters. In working with the boys, I was especially impressed with the improvements the young kids made, as well as their attitudes," said Coach Smith.

Although the team was short on numbers, the ones who participated led the team to high placings at many meets. "We placed high in a lot of big meets where you don't have to have numbers to win. We didn't have the numbers, but we had key runners who were winning to lead us to the high placing," said Coach Eberly.

"Our girls did a very good job with the small number; everyone did her best," said Collins.

Collins was undefeated in the regular season in the 200M dash and went on to compete at State. "I didn't even know that I had been undefeated until Coach Eberly told me a week before Regionals. I just think about doing my best and improving my times before I run," said Collins.

Along with Collins, Senior Tessa Reist and Sophomore Callee Simpson went on to State.



Front Row: Jana Collins, Julianne Blevins, Tessa Reist, Erinn Groeltz. Second Row: Callee Simpson, Kaleb Caudle, Cody Peters, DeAnn McCauley, Amber Diveley, Christina Dickerson, Sierra Covert. Third Row: Noah Diveley, Mike Jones, Andrew Gilfillan, Michael Hunsaker, Eric Nolte, Crystal Harness, manager. Photo by Donna Parish.

The most interesting world event of
1999-2000 was
(Write in your own.)



Jana Collins leans to finish the 200m dash, an event in which she was undefeated during the regular season. Collins took second at State in an exciting photo finish. Photo by Kristin McCauley.

Top: Mike Jones soars over the bar in high jump at the DVL meet in Highland. Photo by Kristin McCauley.

Left: Julianne Blevins leaps into the sand while performing the triple jump at the Midway meet. Photo by Lynn Windmeyer.

Right: Tessa Reist flies to the pit during long jump as Coach Eberly looks on. Photo by Lynn Windmeyer.

Bottom: Noah Diveley prepares to start his event at the DVL meet in Highland. Photo by Lynn Windmeyer.

Name	1	2	3
Boys			
4x100M			1
4x400M			1
Hunsaker			
1600M	1	1	1
800M	1	1	1
L. Jump	1		
400M			1
Peters			
400M	1	2	
200M	1	2	
Girls			
4x400M	3	1	1
4x800M	3	2	
Reist			
L. Jump	3	1	1
400M	2	1	2
6th in State:	60.0		
800M	3	1	1
Collins			
200M	8		
2nd in State:	26.4		
100M	2	2	
5th in State:	13.00		
400M	4	2	
Simpson			
1600M	2		2
3200M	4		
10th in State:	13.23		
Dickerson			
200M			1
Blevins			
300M H	2	2	
Groeltz			
800M	2		
1600M			1
Diveley			
3200M	1		



Julianne Blevins hands the baton to Tessa Reist during the award-winning 4x800 relay. The team also consists of Callee Simpson and Christina Dickerson. Photo by Kristin McCauley.



Callee Simpson passes a competitor as she heads to the finish line. Simpson finished tenth at State. Photo by Cate Batchelder.



“ With our small numbers, we get a lot accomplished in practice and have more time for individual events, said Coach Angie Eberly ”

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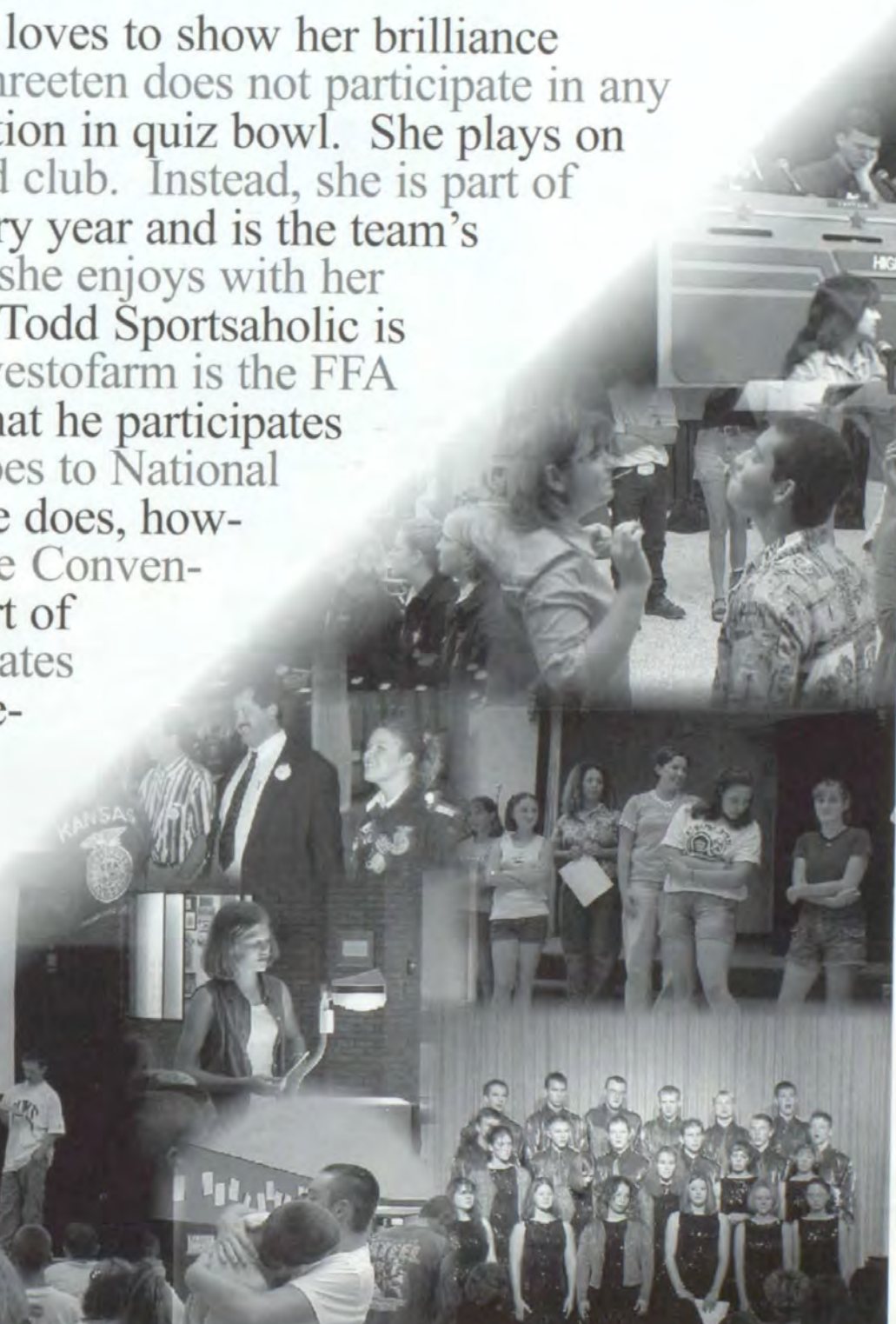
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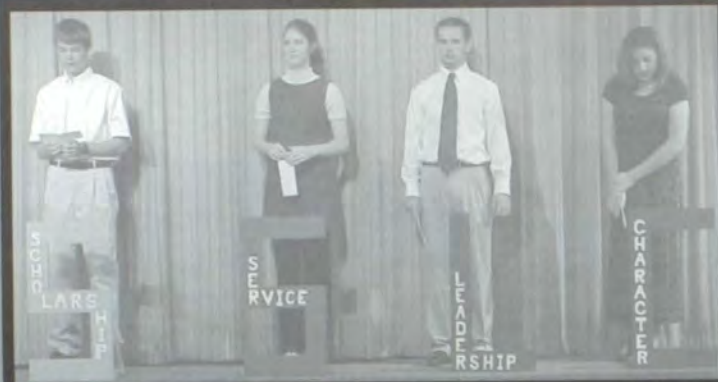
Life is full of important choices. Throughout students' high school years, they are bombarded with a kaleidoscope of decisions to make.

Sarah Worksrealhard loves to show her brilliance
Jenny Leavesathreeten does not participate in any
through her participation in quiz bowl. She plays on
school-sponsored club. Instead, she is part of
the varsity squad every year and is the team's
a computer club she enjoys with her
all-time high scorer. Todd Sportsaholic is
friends. Bill Lovestofarm is the FFA
so busy with sports that he participates
President. He goes to National
in very few clubs. He does, how-
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Quiz Bowl / NHS

To study or not to study, that is the choice



Matt Reiter, Cate Batchelder, Dustin Geiger, and Stacy Neibling recite the meanings of each letter they are standing behind. This was part of the ceremony for the induction of the new members. Photo by Donna Parish.

New members Christina Dickerson, Crystal Harness, and Mike Jones stand before the audience after they signed into the NHS registration book. Photo by Donna Parish.



Crystal Harness waits patiently as her biography is being read during the NHS initiation. Then she will light her candle of induction. Photo by Donna Parish.



Mike Jones and Andrew Gilfillan relax behind the scenes before the big moments of stardom. Photo by Donna Parish.



Cate Batchelder, Matt Reiter, Mike Jones, and Andrew Gilfillan perk up their ears for the next question. Photo by Donna Parish.

Below: Cate Batchelder, Host David Oliver, Matt Reiter, Mike Jones, Robin Jones, and Andrew Gilfillan have learned that they qualified for High Q TV. Photo by Donna Parish.





The members of NHS are Front Row: Ted Hutchcraft, sponsor, Julianne Blevins, Crystal Harness, Tessa Reist, Lynn Windmeyer, Christina Dickerson; Second Row: Stacy Neibling, Andrew Gilfillan, Noah Diveley, Ashley Webb, Erinn Groeltz; Third Row: Dustin Geiger, Amanda Williams, Sandy Peters, Jennifer Davis, Kristin McCauley, Jill Merkel; Back Row: Mike Jones, Matt Reiter, Aaron Twombly, Samantha Collins, Cate Batchelder, Jana Collins. Photo by Lifetouch.

Quiz Bowl and National Honor Society member have chosen to use knowledge to become better than the rest. NHS was proud to welcome their three newcomers: Christina Dickerson, Crystal Harness as the new sophomores, and Mike Jones as the new junior. The new members have worked hard to become part of an enriched group of students. With the installation on Nov. 16, the students are required to maintain a 3.0 G.P.A. through the whole year.

The Quiz Bowl team earned fame when they qualified to be on the High Q and ended with first in the 1A district division. The Quiz Bowl has succeeded in many other contest with firsts at Sabetha, Horton, Midway, Highland Community College, and third at Royal Valley and Highland invitational. High Q gave a different range of background for the Quiz Bowl team. "It was an awesome experience being on TV, but the questions were harder than the usual contests," said Andrew Gilfillan, junior.



The 1999-2000 Quiz Bowl members are Front Row: Andrew Gilfillan, Mike Jones, Matt Reiter, Cate Batchelder; Back Row: Crystal Harness, Heather Gildersleeve, Justin Smith, sponsor; Brian Reiter, Heather Terry. Photo by Lifetouch.

Hardest Quiz Bowl Questions from 1999-2000

- 1.) What president led a short war against Barbary states?
- 2.) What presidents are buried at Arlington cemetery?
- 3.) What is the male voice between tenor and bass?

1.) Jefferson 2.) Taft and Kennedy 3.) Bartone

Journalism/Stuco

Choosing to inform the student body



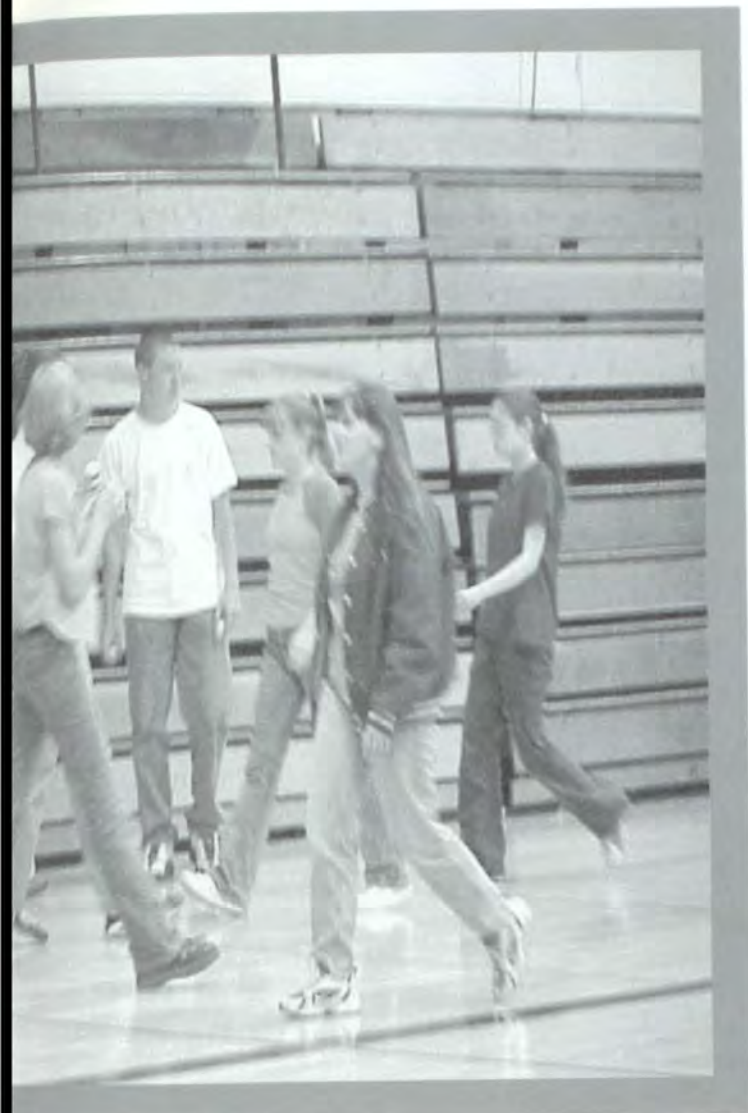
Top Left: Journalists Amanda Williams, Dustin Geiger, Stacy Neibling, and Erinn Groeltz are trying to meet their deadlines. Photo by Kyle Olson. Top Center and Right: People scramble as the annual Stuco Easter Egg Hunt takes place. Photos by Kyle Olson. Bottom Left: Aaron Twombly and Chad Simpson "pass the Lifesaver" at one of Stuco's first day of school activities. Photo by Lynn Windmeyer.



Ashley Webb is preparing stop solution for developing pictures. "I just pray to God almighty that we go all digital next year," said Aaron Twombly, distraught photojournalist. Photo by Kyle Olson



The Stuco at Highland is the executive branch. First Row: DeAnn McCauley, Ashley Webb, Justin Clary, Kim McCauley, Lynn Windmeyer, and Christina Dickerson. Second Row: Jill Evans, sponsor; Tessa Reist, Sandy Peters, Noah Diveley, Stacy Neibling, Callee Simpson, and Lucas Keebler. Third Row: Cate Batchelder, Jana Collins, Jill Merkel, Deven Yurth, Dustin Geiger, Cody Peters, and Andrew Gilfillan. Photo by Lifetouch.



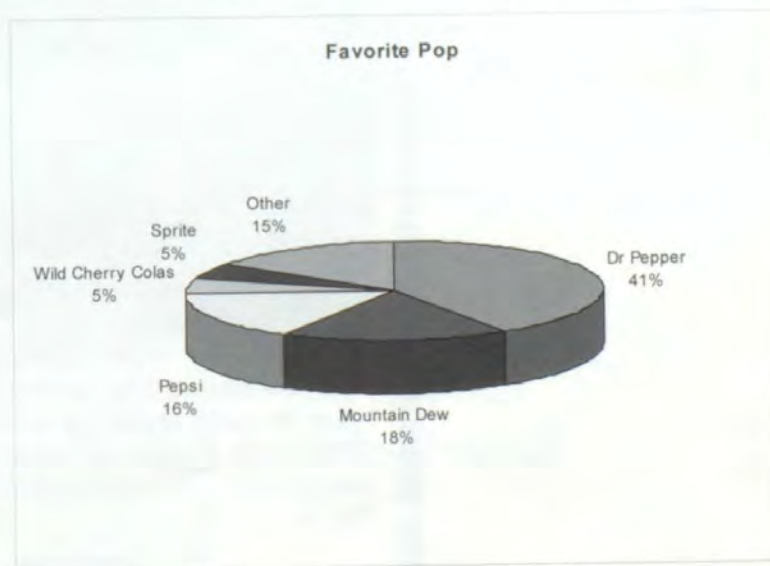
There are 13 journalists and one sponsor on the team this year. First Row: Erinn Groeltz, Ashley Webb, Kristin McCauley, Julianne Blevins. Second Row: Donna Parish, sponsor; Lynn Windmeyer, Kyle Dillman, Stacy Neibling, yearbook editor; Amanda Williams, yearbook editor. Third Row: Matt Reiter, business manager; Aaron Twombly, Cate Batchelder, newspaper editor; Dustin Geiger, Andrew Gilfillan. Kyle Olson not pictured. Photo by Lifetouch.

Two choices worth thinking about

Journalism and Stuco are two organizations that students often choose. The student council consists of 19 students (a president, president elect, secretary, treasurer, two representatives from each class, and a representative from each club and department). This group hosts many of the dances and makes recommendations on the student activity budget. This includes funds for class activities, prom, and senior trip.

Journalism is an elective offered to juniors and seniors. Journalism fought a technology battle this year. Trying to learn about digital photography and the benefits and consequences of the scanner, using the Internet to enhance the appearance and accuracy of the school newspaper, and changing the yearbook software to Yeartech has been a real challenge. "I think we are starting to win the 'techno-war' that a lot of schools are fighting," said Amanda Williams, second year student and yearbook editor.

Journalists won many awards at the Regional and State level. From the State level were Cate Batchelder, who won first in newspaper design and honorable mention in yearbook design. Batchelder also won honorable mention in journalist of the year, which ranks her as one of the top six journalists in the State. Kristin McCauley placed third in both newspaper photography and feature writing, and Julianne Blevins and Lynn Windmeyer came home with one honorable mention in feature writing and photography respectively.



FFFA

Majority of school chooses FFA



The following FFA students achieved State Degrees: Front Row: Stacy Niebling, Becky Cole, Jill Merkel, Kristin McCauley, Julianne Blevins; Back Row: Noah Diveley, Eric Tracy, Luke Keller. These students had to keep good record books, have exceptional Supervised Agricultural Experience programs, and make a certain amount of money in order to receive their State Degrees at the State Convention on June 2. Photo by Lifetouch.



DeAnn McCauley helps second graders Brianna Clubb and Melissa Fredrick learn about plants. Photo by the FFA.



Amy Keller tests out her green thumb in the greenhouse. Photo by the FFA.



Star Greenhand Brandon Geiger and Star Chapter Farmer Noah Diveley show off their plaques. Geiger won Star Greenhand for his work with his cows. Diveley won his award for his work with his family's dairy farm. Photo by Kyle Olson.

Right: Front Row: Megan Blevins, Sentinel; Cate Batchelder, Reporter; Becky Cole, Student Advisor; Stacy Niebling, President; Jill Merkel, Vice-President; Kristin McCauley, Treasurer; Julianne Blevins, Secretary; DeAnn McCauley, Stuco Representative; Second Row: Mike Kafer, Erinn Groeltz, Treka Moehle, Caicey Jones, Callee Simpson, Ashley Webb, Lucinda Keebler, Lucas Keebler, Elmer Schmitz, advisor; Third Row: Kaleb Caudle, Nick Cluck, Noah Diveley, Kim McCauley, Jana Collins, Amy Keller, Ashley Beaman, Lynn Windmeyer, Shannon Davis, Jennifer Davis, Brandon Geiger; Fourth Row: Chris Mooney, Eric Nolte, Michael Hunsaker, Aaron Dillman, Sierra Covert, Cody Peters, Justin Clary, Matt Cluck, Jason Nolte, Bryan Rhodd; Fifth Row: Brooks Rawles, Chad Simpson, Kyle Olson, Shayne Evans, Dustin Geiger, Mike Jones, Jon Edie, Brett Niebling, Waylon Lippold; Back Row: Daren Stewart, Deven Yurth, Zach Powell, Eric Tracy, Luke Keller, Ryan Nolte, Nathan Woodruff. Photo by Lifetouch.

FFA FOREVER!

Numbering 53 students and comprising 64% of the total student body, the FFA has the largest membership of any club at Highland.

Nine FFA'ers traveled to Louisville, KY for the FFA National Convention. In previous years the convention had been held in Kansas City. The qualifications for attending the FFA convention are either being an FFA officer or a senior completing his or her State FFA degree.

Eight students earned their State FFA degrees. This number is the highest in the Northeast Kansas District.

Sophomores Brooks Rawles, Bryan Rhodd, Chris Mooney, Lucas Keebler, Daren Stewart, and Callee Simpson all finished their Chapter FFA degrees.

Receiving their Greenhand FFA degrees were freshmen Cody Peters, Eric Nolte, Brett Neibling, Kim McCauley, Waylon Lippold, Mike Kafer, Caicey Jones, Michael Hunsaker, Brandon Geiger, Sierra Covert, Matt Cluck, Justin Clary, Kaleb Caudle and sophomore Ashley Beaman.

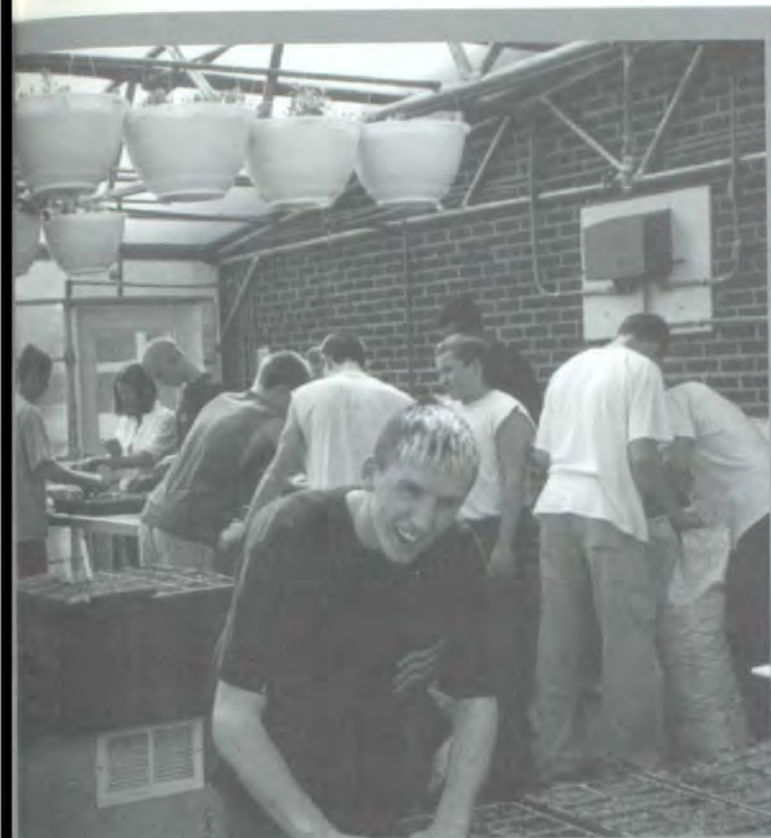
Junior Nick Cluck won the Northeast District Wildlife Management Proficiency Award.

The FFA chapter received a 2 Star Award at the National Level. At State FFA, the Ag communications team placed 9th, while Stacy Neibling placed 5th in broadcasting and Batchelder placed 6th in news writing.

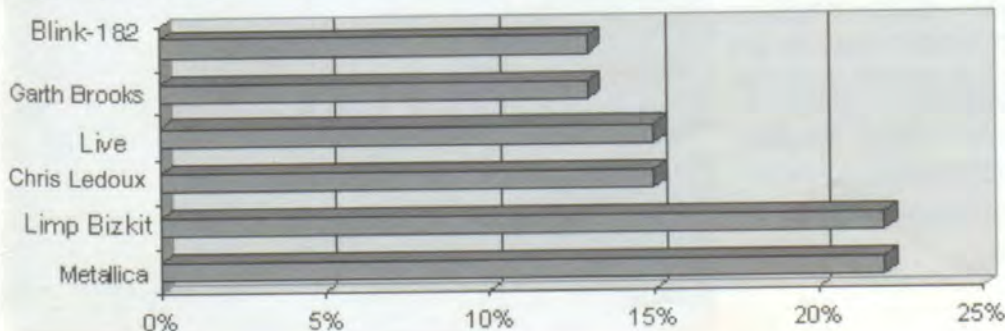
During the Heartland Fall Classic, the FFA excelled. In

the Horse Judging contest, the A Team placed 2nd while Shannon Davis placed 5th. In the Nursery/Landscape Contest, the A Team placed 3rd, while Becky Cole (7th) and Cate Batchelder (9th) placed individually. The B Team, consisting of Amy Keller (5th), Kyle Olson (7th), and Jill Merkel (8th) placed 2nd.

Both teams placed first in the Entomology contest. On the A Team, Ryan Nolte (1st) Dustin Geiger (2nd), and Noah Diveley (5th) placed, while Brandon Geiger (1st), Aaron Dillman (4th), and Chad Simpson (5th) placed on the B Team.



Michael Hunsaker and the rest of the Greenhands try out their gardening skills in the greenhouse. The FFA did not have fruit sales, but instead sold plants from the greenhouse. For the spring flea market, the FFA raised approximately \$2,000 by selling hanging baskets, flats of flowers, and trellises. Everything that was sold was made by FFA students. Photo by the FFA.



What is your favorite band?

Swing Choir

Choosing to boogie



Upper Left: Ashley Beaman performs her solo, "Save the Best for Last." Photo by Cate Batchelder. Upper Middle: Tessa Reist, Samantha Collins, and Beaman wear their "cool shades" during the girls' ensemble. Photo by Cate Batchelder. Upper Right: Brooks Rawles, Brian Reiter, and Michael Hunsaker get into the "groove" of things. Photo by Kristin McCauley. Lower Left: Kristan Olson, Sandy Peters, Megan Blevins, Ashley Webb, Julianne Blevins, and Heather Terry are in a perfect line for the girls' ensemble. Photo by Cate Batchelder.



Above: Lucas Keebler freezes as the music ends during the song "Fun, Fun, Fun." Photo by Cate Batchelder.



Right: Michael Hunsaker and Megan Blevins are singing Hootie and the Blowfish's "Hold my Hand." Photo by Cate Batchelder.

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What is your favorite radio station?

1. 98.9 The Rock
2. 95.7
3. 92.7
4. Mix 93.3



Left: Kyle Olson sings his solo to Amanda Williams while Stacy Neibling tries to keep a straight face. Photo Kristin McCauley.

Above: Julianne Blevins receives a laugh from the crowd as she sings "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." Photo by Cate Batchelder.



The annual Swing Choir Tour requires hard work and commitment from this elite group of singers. The trip also requires money, which means it needs its own budget just like any other student activity. The tour also uses complicated technology, so that's where the techies, Aaron Twombly, junior, and Lynn Windmeyer, senior, provide assistance.

On the tour the Swing Choir stopped at six schools including the Hiawatha Grade School, Everest, Midway, and Highland. The Swing Choir also stopped at a dinner theater. "The dinner theater was cool, but the best part was when Michael Stonebarger asked for ketchup," said Freshman Brian Reiter.

special events: it's all about their choices

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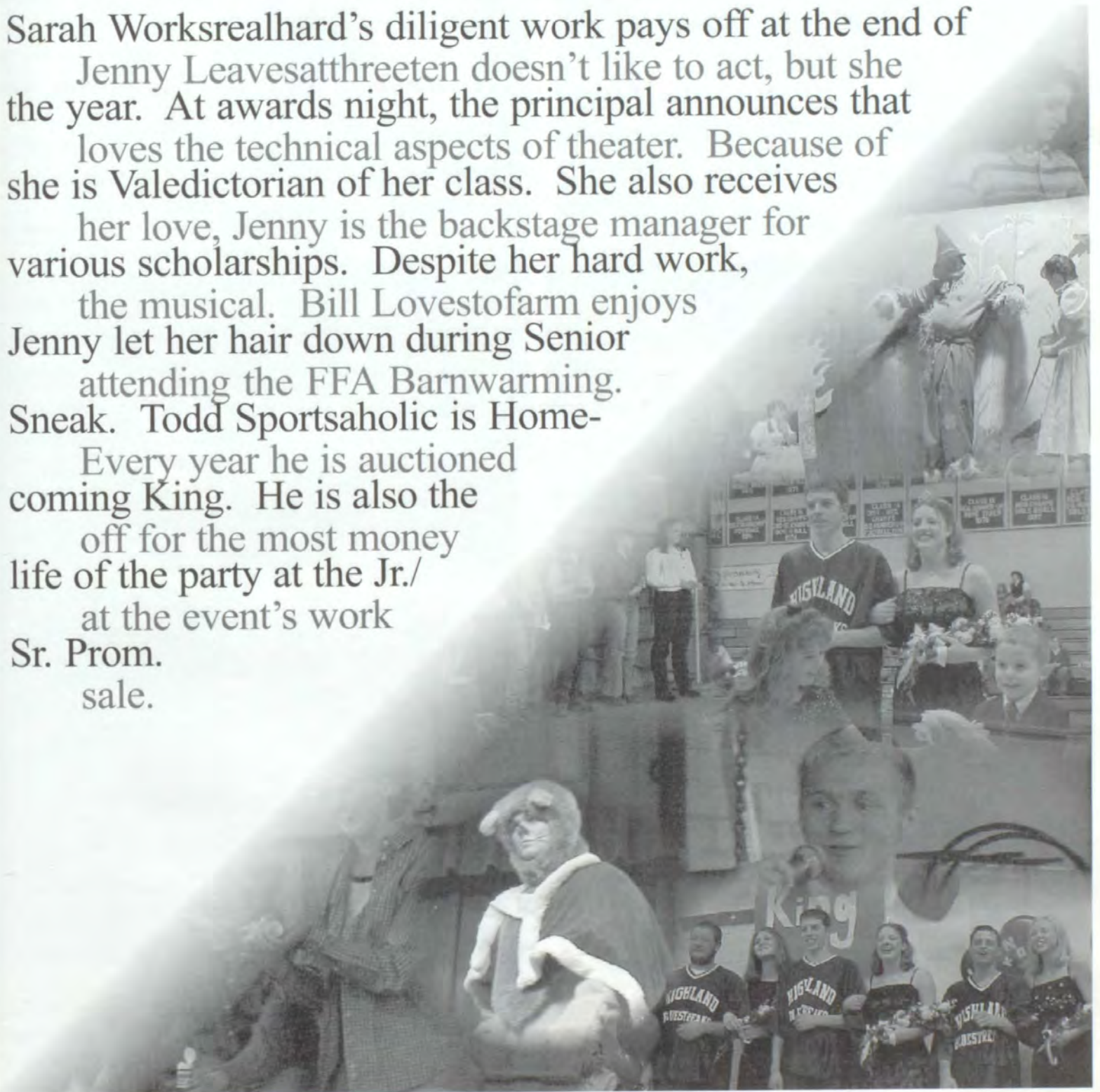
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Life is full of important choices. Throughout students' high school years, they are bombarded with a kaleidoscope of decisions to make.

Sarah Worksrealhard's diligent work pays off at the end of the year. At awards night, the principal announces that she loves the technical aspects of theater. Because of her love, Jenny is the backstage manager for various scholarships. Despite her hard work, the musical, Bill Lovestofarm enjoys Jenny let her hair down during Senior attending the FFA Barnwarming. Sneak. Todd Sportsaholic is Home-Every year he is auctioned coming King. He is also the off for the most money life of the party at the Jr./at the event's work Sr. Prom.sale.



Homecoming

The night of Homecoming brings fans and friends to support the Streaks and Homecoming candidates

During halftime of the football game against the Valley Falls Dragons, Tessa Reist and Dustin Geiger were crowned Homecoming Queen and King.

Candidates slowly walked onto the field while "Black Balloon" by the Goo Goo Dolls played in the background.

Geiger said, "Having fellow students and classmates vote for me as Homecoming King was a great honor. I was very excited."

The dance following the game was well attended by those who enjoyed the music. Tracy Waller Entertainment provided the tunes.



Homecoming Royalty

Ryan Nolte, Cate Batchelder, Dustin Geiger, Tessa Reist, Noah Diveley, Megan Blevins, Payton Leach, and Bryton Hunsaker look on after the Homecoming festivities at halftime of the game. Photo by Kristin McCauley.



Crowned Royalty

Queen Tessa Reist and King Dustin Geiger reigned over the Highland vs. Valley Falls on Sept. 24. Geiger is involved in football, basketball, music and journalism. Reist is involved in cross country, track, and music. Photo by Lifetouch.

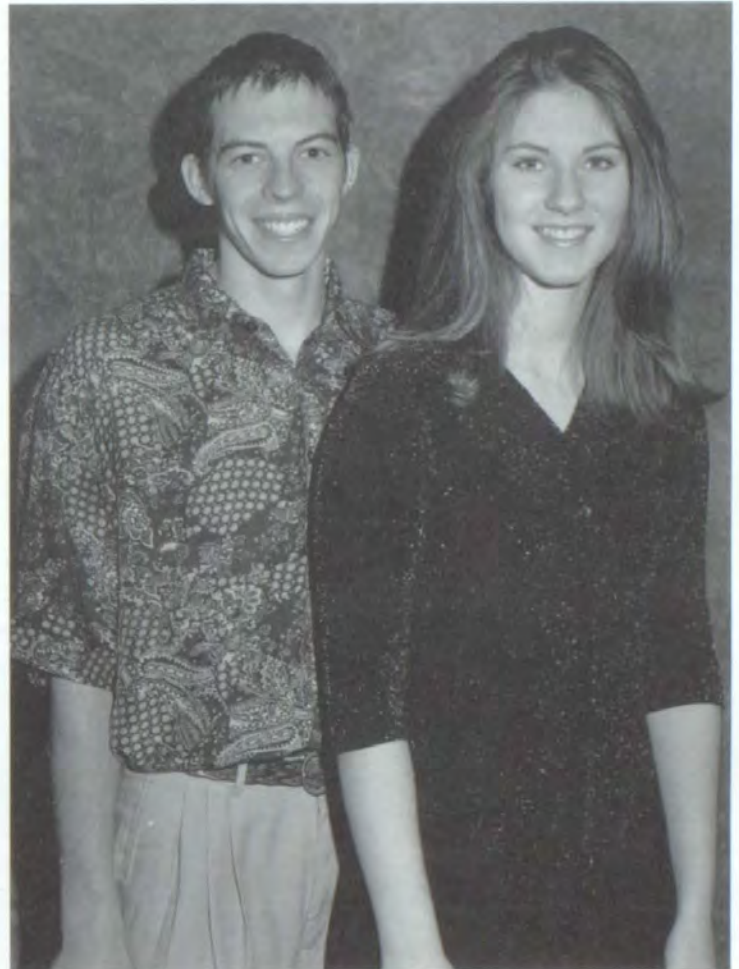
Where do you want to go to college?

(Fill in your own.)



Attendants

Noah Diveley and Megan Blevins, King and Queen attendants, are involved in many extracurricular activities. Noah Diveley is involved in cross country, basketball, and track. Megan Blevins is involved in volleyball, basketball, and music. Photo by Lifetouch.



Attendants

Ryan Nolte and Cate Batchelder, King and Queen attendants, are involved in many extracurricular activities. Ryan Nolte is involved in football, basketball, and FFA. Cate Batchelder is involved in volleyball, quiz bowl, and journalism. Photo by Lifetouch.



School Spirit

In the middle, Dustin Geiger shows his feminine side while participating in Spirit Week on Sept. 21. Aaron Dillman, left, and Daren Stewart, right, both admire his spirit.



Young Supporters

Bryton Hunsaker and Payton Leach cheer on the football team while waiting for the halftime festivities. Bryton is the son of Tonya Hunsaker. Payton is the daughter of Marti and Aaron Leach. Photo by Kristin McCauley.

The Wizard of Oz

We're Off to See the Wizard The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

The choices made by the director, Yvette Cook, and the cast began before the first day of school. What musical will be produced? Who will get the lead roles? The decisions were made. Rehearsals began. After hours of personal time had been put into *The Wizard of Oz*, the final production finally came.

The Wizard of Oz was unique because the cast consisted of a wide range of people. The musical cast included high school choir members, 5th and 6th graders from Highland Elementary School, and Jan Collins, superintendent.

Cook, director, said, "I have always wanted to do a show that included the administration, and Jan Collins fit the part

well. The elementary students were also fun to work with because they kept their enthusiasm throughout the performance."

Junior Jana Collins, Dorothy Gale, held the lead assisted by Brooks Rawles as the Scarecrow, Aaron Dillman as the Tin Man, and Mike Jones as the Cowardly Lion.

Senior Lynn Windmeyer, the Wicked Witch of the West; junior Kyle Olson, the head guard at the Emerald City; and freshman Brett Neibling, the Wizard of Oz were also strong supporting roles.

Vanetta Geiger made Dorothy's blue and white checked dress and Glenda's elaborate dress and crown.

Aaron Twombly, backstage manager, put hours of his own time into the set and props.



Most Memorable Moments

"My most memorable moment was when Jana stepped in [dog poop] on the stage." - Mike Jones

"I liked it when the winkies surprised Mrs. Cook in the first performance by doing a chorus line kick during their song." - Aaron Dillman

That Wicked Old Witch

Dorothy tells Hickory (Tin Man), Hunk (Scarecrow), and Zeke (Lion) about the mean old 'witch' who is trying to take Toto away from her. Photo by Andrew Gilfillan.

Return to Kansas

"There's no place like home," repeats Dorothy Gale as Glenda helps her return to Kansas. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Munchkin Land

The Mayor of Munchkin City, Andrew Gilmore, welcomes Dorothy to Munchkin Land. Photo by Cate Batchelder.





Oh my! It's the Wicked Witch of the West!

Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, and Tin Man find that they are not even safe from the witch in the Emerald City. Photo by Cate Batchelder.



The Merry Old Land of Oz
Michael Hunsaker and Brian Reiter, polishers in the Emerald City, prepare the Tin Man for his visit to the Great and Powerful Oz. Photo by Andrew Gilfillan.

Toto
Aside from the human characters, Toto wins the hearts of the audience. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Barnwarming

Sweetheart candidates opt to step out of comfort zone giving the crowd something to laugh about instead of standing behind the scenes

With little reservation and even less common sense, six Sweetheart candidates plunged into Barnwarming chores. The planning committee did their best to ensure a hilarious show at the expense of these ladies' embarrassment. Jill Merkel, junior, came away with the crown due to her enthusiasm during the hay bale throw competition, her fast time in the obstacle course and her ability to answer trick questions such as, "If you put a steer and a heifer together in a pen, how long will it take the heifer to breed?" Merkel answered, "A steer is not endowed."



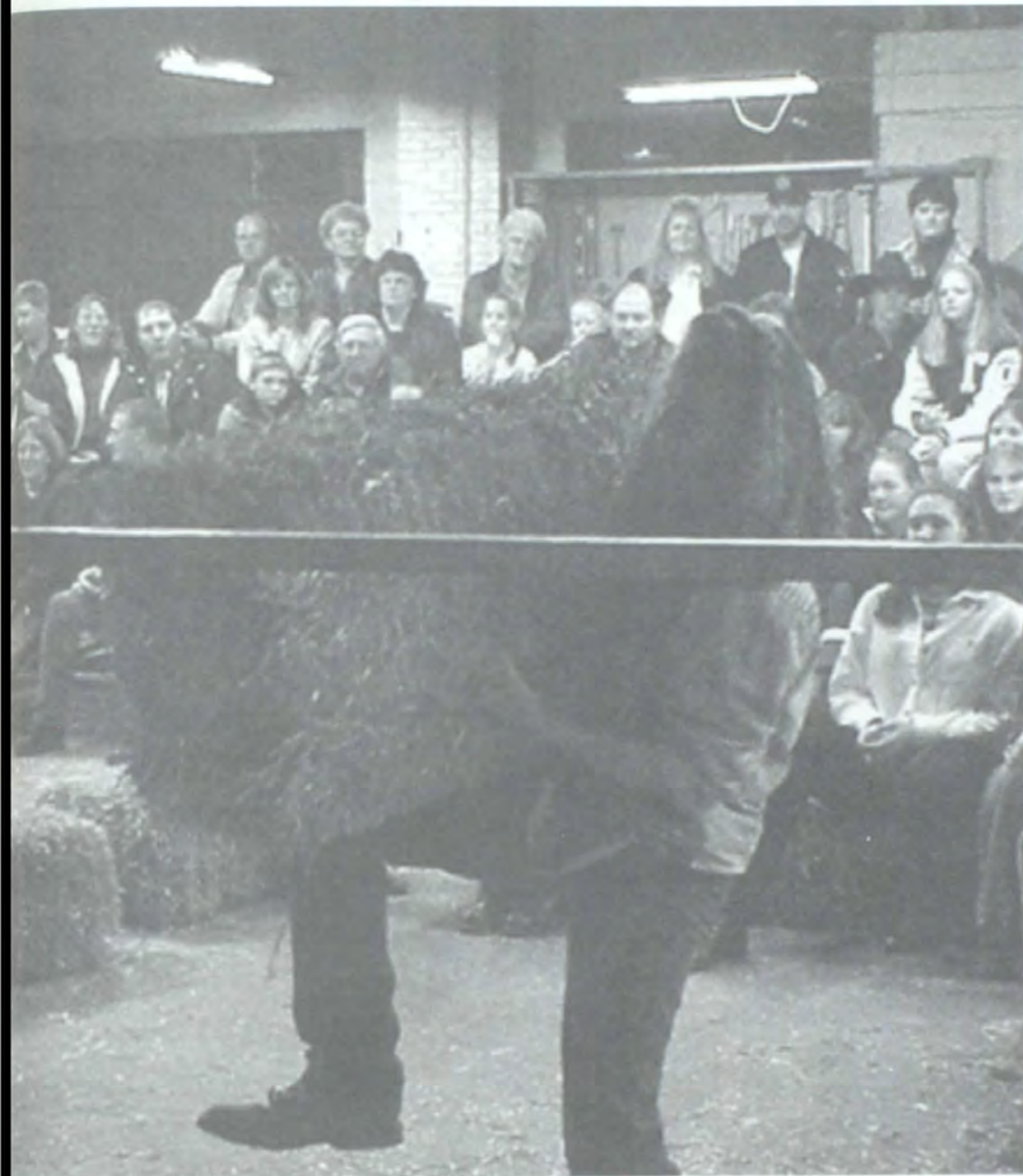
Julianne Blevins snickers at the candidates heaving hay, but Samantha Collins is unable to control her laughter as she jerks back in uproar. Angie Stewart and Julie Wareham also laugh at the chores. Photo by Kyle Olson.

Callee Simpson's slave sale bid goes higher and higher as auctioneer Greg Boos yells for his partner, Roger Hopkins, to raise the price \$5. Photo by Kyle Olson.



Wiping the brown frosting from the side of his face, Jason Nolte can't believe Megan Blevins actually threw the leftover frosting at his beautiful profile. Photo by Kyle Olson.





In perfect form, Ashley Beaman heaves a bale of hay over the high jump bar in pursuit of catching up with the pace setter, Jill Merkel, who won the chore. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Brown-nosed Kimberly McCauley writes F-A-R-M-I-N-G on a piece of glass, while Megan Blevins holds the plate of chocolate frosting for her to dip her schnoz in. Photo by Kyle Olson.



Jill Merkel takes over the Sweetheart title from last year's winner, Stacy Neibling. Photo by Lifetouch.

Sweetheart candidates Sierra Covert, Shannon Davis, Kimberly McCauley, Amy Keller and Ashley Beaman crowd around the reigning Sweetheart, Jill Merkel. Photo by Kyle Olson.

King and Queen of Courts



King and Queen of Courts Royalty Zach Powell and Cate Batchelder. Photo by Lifetouch.

The theme song for the ceremony was "I Want to Love You Forever" by Jessica Simpson.

On Feb. 4, 2000 the gym stands was full of people young and old for the crowning ceremony at half time.

The 2000 king was Ryan Nolte; he escorted the new queen, Megan Blevins. The crowd showed their excitement with cheers and clapping.

Crownbearer Sam Schwegler and flower girl Ashlie Witham walked up to present the flowers and crown to the royalty.

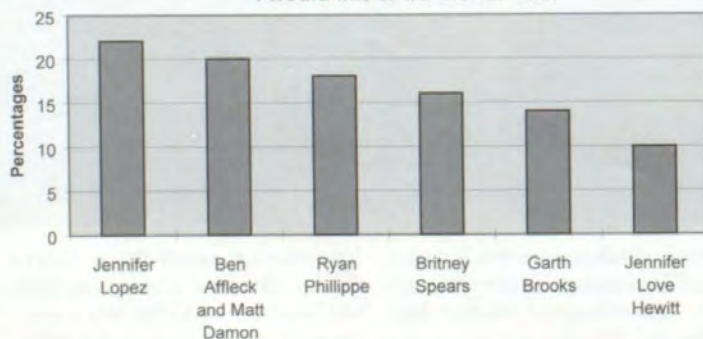
Nolte said, "I was nervous; I was thinking about what to do through the whole ceremony. I was afraid of messing up and looking stupid."



Walking down the runway. Candidates Noah Diveley and Lynn Windemeyer make their way onto the court while the song "I want to love you forever" by Jessica Simpson is playing in the background. Photo by Kyle Olson.



I would like to be friends with



Famous People

Waiting with anticipation. Candidates Ryan Nolte and Megan Blevins stand with great anxiety for the announcement of the king and queen. Photo by Kyle Olson.

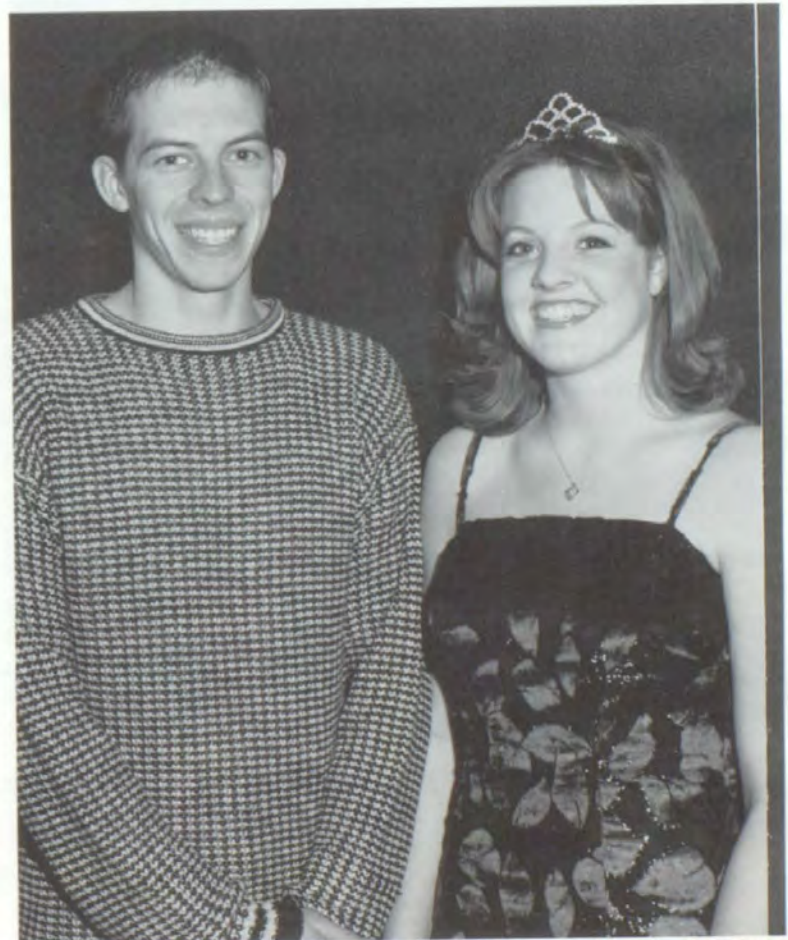
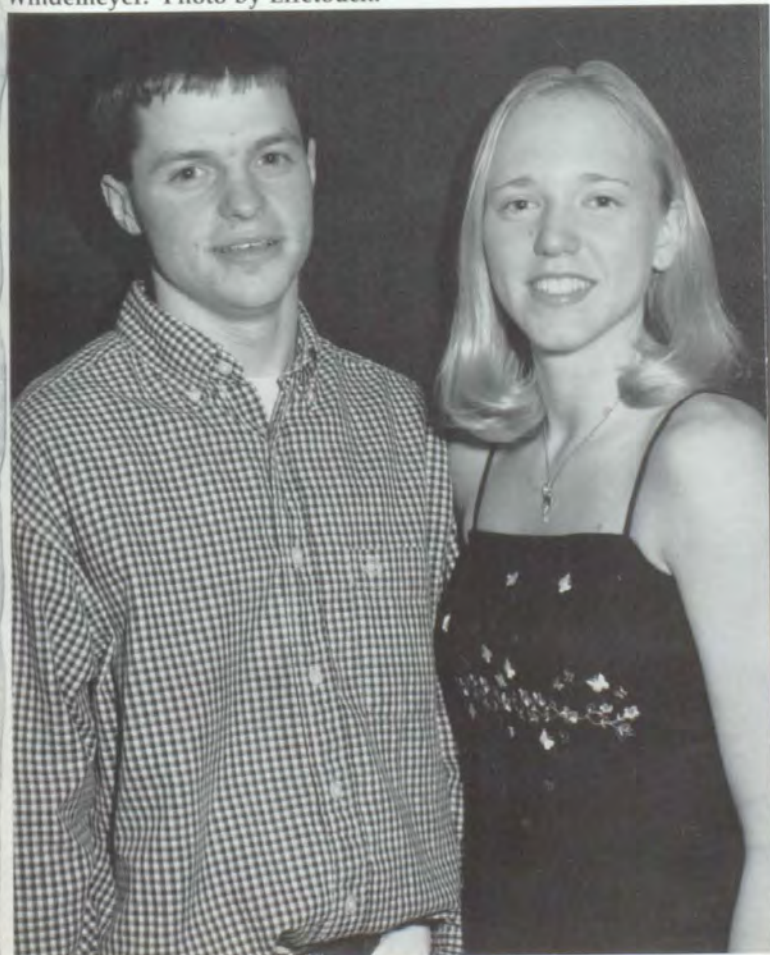


2000 royalty candidates.
Zach Powell, Cate Batchelder, Ryan Nolte, Megan Blevins, Noah Diveley and Lynn Windemeyer enjoy each other's company after the crowning. Photo by Kyle Olson.

The little helpers.
Flower girl Ashley Witham, daughter of Joe and Tami Witham, walks beside Sam Schwegler, son of Tim and Nancy Schwegler, as they parade off the court after presenting the crown and flowers. Photo by Kyle Olson.



King and Queen of Courts Royalty Noah Diveley and Lynn Windemeyer. Photo by Lifetouch.



2000 King, Ryan Nolte, and Queen of Courts, Megan Blevins.
Photo by Lifetouch.

Seniors choose Texas

The seniors stop at Waco, San Antonio, Galveston, and Oklahoma City on their trip through the Lonestar state.

Top 5 Vacation Spots

1. MTV Spring Break

2. Hawaii

3. Bahamas

4. Cancun

5. Australia



The major stops on the trip were the River Walk in San Antonio, Six Flags and the Spurs game, the Galveston beach, NASA and the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City.

What were the seniors most memorable moments on Sneak? Megan Blevins said, "When Eric stuck a pair of his sexy underwear in my cooler."

Eric Tracy said, "When Dustin, Noah and I cornered Mr. Keehn by the pool and threw him in after he had just taken a shower. I have never seen him so red or mad."

Holly Gray said, "My most memorable moment would be between the day the boys were wearing Lynn's swim suit and the night Stacy and Megan got busted for dancing on the coffee table."



Get down to the Macarena!

The senior girls show off their moves as they dance the Macarena at Joe's Crab Shack before eating a delicious meal. Photo by Dustin Geiger.

Macho, Macho Man.

An anonymous member of the group persuaded a Joe's Crab Shack waiter to play the song, "Macho, Macho Man" and make Justin Smith get up and do a little muscle dance. Photo by Cate Batchelder.



Remembering the less fortunate. Gerre Martin, Megan Blevins, and Lynn Windmeyer observe remembrances of people that were killed in the Oklahoma City Bombing. Photo by Noah Diveley.



Who ate the whole large chicken fried steak meal at the Jail House?

Group picture at Six Flags.
After several hours at Fiesta America, the seniors gather for the bus right outside of Six Flags in San Antonio on Saturday morning. Photo by Jan Collins.

Chow down at the Jail House
Eric Tracy is ready to dig into his large chicken fried steak meal at the Jail House Cafe' as Megan Blevins laughs, telling him that he can't eat the whole thing. Jan Collins was the champion of the Jail House by eating the meal and a side order of onion rings. Photo by Justin Smith.



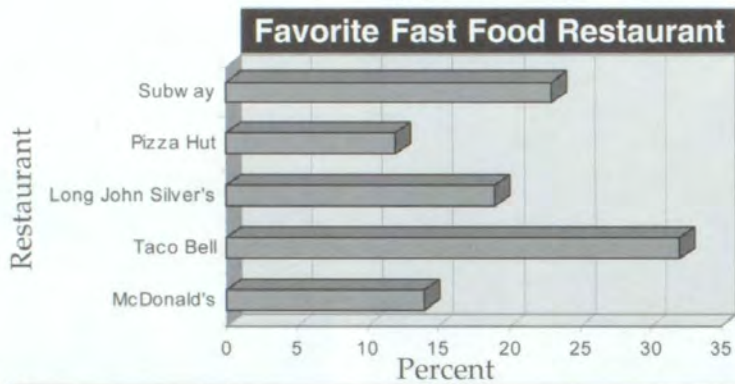
Pictures with Ms. Cinnamon Roll.
Jan Collins and Megan Blevins get a picture with Ms. Cinnamon Roll in front of the Jail House Cafe' after supper. They are holding the two pound cinnamon rolls that they purchased inside. Photo by Stacy Neibling.

Having fun on the beach!
Seniors, Noah Diveley, Lynn Windmeyer and Becky Cole work on detailing their mermaid at the Galveston beach as others work on tans to show off in Kansas. Photo by Cate Batchelder.



extravaganza

Sense of teamwork gained from Educational Extravaganza in the midst of field trip mischief



For three days and two nights, the juniors through freshmen, along with sponsors, experienced many challenges aimed at overcoming problems through the use of physical and mental means. Andrew Gilfillan, junior, said, "My robot actually took over a small state, but it got shot down."

By night, however, a large number of the students dabbled in a bit too much fun that was later punished back home.



Amber Diveley, Samantha Collins, Jason Nolte and Ashley Beaman experience some team bondage while chained together in ropes course apparel as they anxiously await their try at new heights. Photo by Ashley Webb.

Justin Clary and Kristin McCauley share a little down time before an astrology unit. Photo by Ashley Webb.



Rachael Wigle stammers up the high wall with a little help from her friends, Lucinda Keebler, Devon Yurth and Ashley Beaman. Photo by Ashley Webb.





One of the team groups looks out over the water into the brush for birds. Photo by Cheryl Rasmussen.

Amber Diveley works her way down the pole while Samantha Collins gets distracted from her spotting responsibilities. Photo by Elmer Schmitz.



Heather Terry and Brett Neibling begin work on the makings of a robot by using battery packs, motors and controls. Photo by Cheryl Rasmussen.

Ashley Beaman and Andrew Gillfillan relax from a day's worth of activities by getting in the hot tub. Photo by Ashley Webb.

Prom: night of all choices

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" was the theme for the 2000 Junior/Senior Prom. The medieval theme was enhanced by a castle, pillars, trellises, and grape vinery. The night began with the traditional "parade" into the high school, followed by pictures, and chicken Kiev by candlelight.

Juniors, seniors, and their dates danced the night away to the tunes of Complete Music. Grape slush punch and cookies were enjoyed throughout the dance.

After Prom consisted of ice skating at Bode Ice

Arena in Saint Joseph, MO. "I liked after Prom better than bowling. It was something different from years past," said Ashley Webb, junior. Students were able to ice skate, play broom ball, participate in casino games, and receive prizes collected by parents.

Prizes included cash, Royals tickets, gift certificates, and other small prizes. "I walked around all night spotlighting everyone with my Highland Community College flashlight that I won at After Prom," said Amanda Williams, senior. Everyone who attended Prom was able to take home memories that will last a lifetime.



The Seniors attend one of their last social gatherings together. Front row: Ryan Nolte, Tessa Reist, Cate Batchelder, Megan Blevins, and Noah Diveley. Second Row: Eric Tracy, Natalie Jeschke, Brandi Woodruff, Stacy Neibling, Holly Gray, Lynn Windmeyer, Sandy Peters. Third Row: Zach Powell, Becky Cole, Cathleen Hanlon, Amanda Williams, Staci Waggoner, Matt Reiter, Dustin Geiger. Photo by Lifetouch.

Julianne Blevins and date, Jared Mendell, do the Hokey Pokey. Many enjoyed doing activities such as the Hokey Pokey and the Chicken dance, along with all of the traditional songs while at Prom. Photo by Lifetouch.



A Perfect Pair, Stacy Neibling and Brooks Rawles enjoy some swingin' tunes during Prom. Photo by Lifetouch.

Becky Cole and Lucas Keebler slow things down a bit dancing to "I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing," by Aerosmith. Photo by Lifetouch.





Natalie Jeschke and date, Calvin Banks, dance to a slow song and enjoy the evening while at Prom. Photo by Lifetouch.



Cate Batchelder, Matt Reiter, and Noah Diveley down some grape slush punch and cookies while taking a break from dancing. Juniors, seniors, and dates enjoyed an evening full of fun and excitement. Photo by Lifetouch.

TOP 5

Favorite Slow Dance Songs

"Amazed"

By Lonestar

"Keeper of the Stars"

By Tracy Byrd

"Don't Want to Miss a Thing"

By Aerosmith

"Iris"

By Goo Goo Dolls

"Truly, Madly, Deeply"

By Savage Garden



A much relaxed junior class poses for pictures after a long week of decorating. Front row: Aaron Dillman, Andrew Gilfillan, Treka Moehle, Erinn Groeltz, Jana Collins, Mike Jones, and Kyle Olson. Second Row: Jason Nolte, Liz Carwell, Kristin McCauley, Julianne Blevins, Jill Merkel, Ashley Webb, Aaron Twombly. Third Row: Shayne Evans, John Jenkins, Amy Keller, Jennifer Davis, Samantha Collins, Casey Vaught. Photo by Lifetouch.

Jana Collins and Brant

Clary do the Chicken dance during prom. The evening was filled with other events such as the Chicken dance, which helped to break up the dancing time. Photo by Lifetouch.



Many choices led to Awards, Graduation

*"Tis easy to be pleasant when life flows
along like a song, but the one worth-
while is the one who will smile when
everything goes dead wrong."
(Senior Class Motto)*

Awards Night and Graduation were two things that the seniors saw approaching after their last day on May 18.

Awards Night was held to show the students that their hard work paid off. Many students earned awards for scholarships, departments, academics, and other school activities.

On Sunday, May 21, the class of the new "Millennium" received their diplomas. The seniors shed many tears as they approached a new stage of their lives.

Armed Services Scholar Athlete	Jana Collins & Dustin Geiger
Sportsmanship Award	Lynn Windmeyer & Noah Diveley
Marine Corp Scholastic Excellence	Stacy Neibling
Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete	Jana Collins
Wendy's High School Heisman	Jana Collins & Kyle Olson
Citizenship	Noah Diveley
I DARE YOU	Ashley Webb & Jennifer Davis
Perfect Attendance	Matt Reiter, Christina Dickerson, & Kim McCauley
Exemplary Community Service Award ..	Amanda Williams & Zach Powell
Dale Dennis Excellence in Education Award	Stacy Neibling
All Around Student	Cate Batchelder
Presidential Academic Fitness & Extra-Ordinary Effort	Staci Waggoner
Salutatorians	Stacy Neibling & Matt Reiter
Valedictorians	Tessa Reist & Cate Batchelder

Honor Cords

Cheryl Rasmussen congratulates Dustin Geiger as he receives his Honor Cord at Awards Night. In order to earn an Honor Cord the student has to have a 3.5 grade point average among 20 C classes. Photo by Donna Parish.



Valedictorian Address

Cate Batchelder, while in tears, discussed some of the goals of her fellow graduates. She said, "Noah wants to be on Baywatch, and somehow fit cows on the side." Photo by Donna Parish.





Graduates Strike a Pose

Megan Blevins, Casey Vaught, and Brandi Woodruff think of the graduation party to come while Vaught made her way through the line after the ceremony. The sweating graduates still kept smiling. Photo by Lifetouch.

Scholastic Excellence

Esther Gormley presents Stacy Neibling with her Marine Corp Scholastic Excellence award. Neibling also earned the Dale Dennis Excellence in Education Award. Photo by Donna Parish.



Class of 2000

Front Row: Tessa Reist, Staci Waggoner, Sandy Peters, Natalie Jeshke, Brandi Woodruff, Cathleen Hanlon, Noah Diveley; Second Row: Becky Cole, Megan Blevins, Lynn Windmeyer, Amanda Williams, Stacy Neibling, Holly Gray; Third Row: Cate Batchelder, Dustin Geiger, Ryan Nolte, Luke Keller, Eric Tracy, Zach Powell, Matt Reiter. Photo by Lifetouch.

Salutatorian

Cheryl Rasmussen congratulates Matt Reiter for earning Salutatorian. Matt tied with Stacy Neibling, who also received a plaque for Salutatorian. Photo by Donna Parish.

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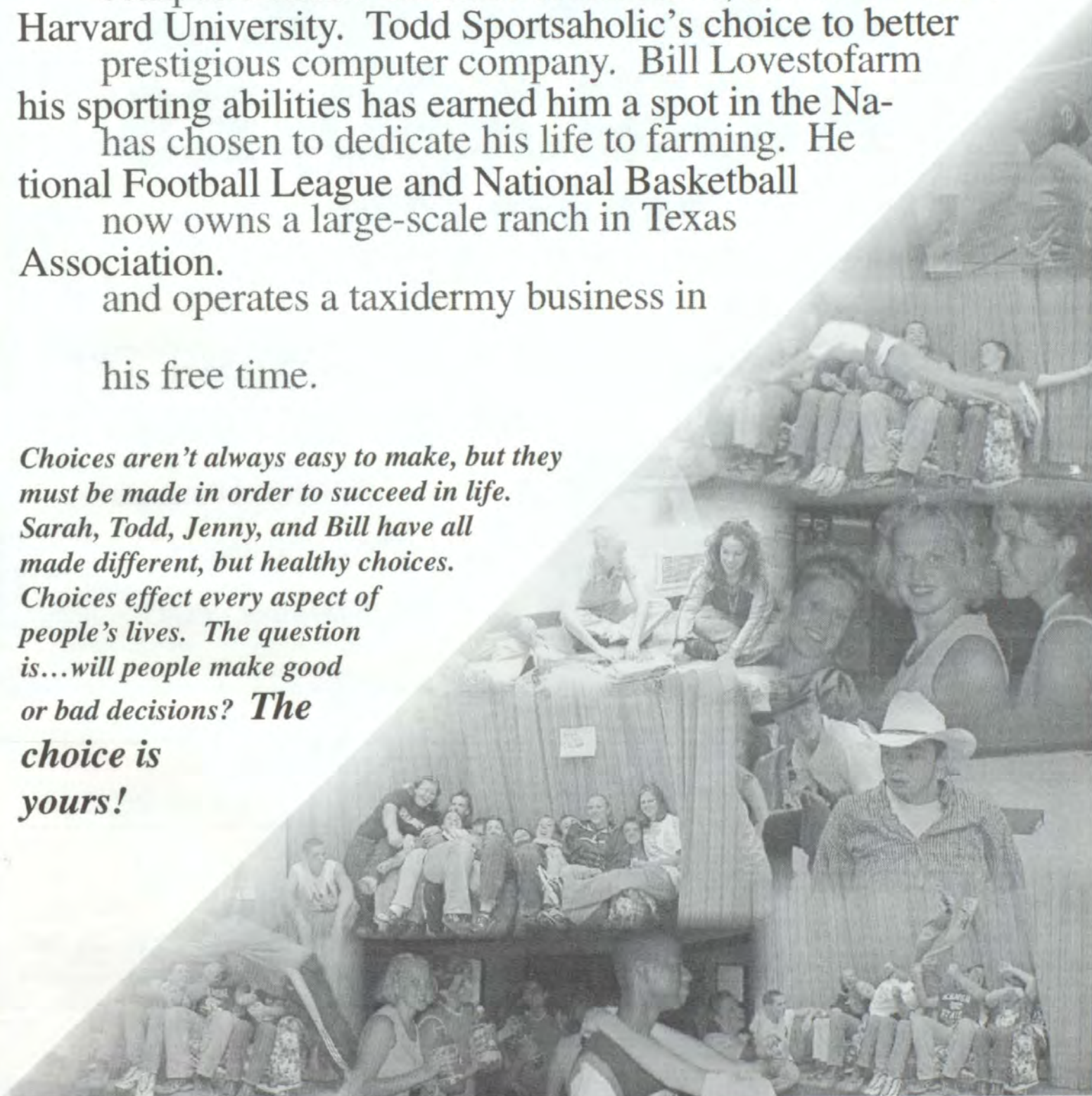
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Life is full of important choices. Throughout students' high school years, they are bombarded with a kaleidoscope of decisions to make.

Sarah Worksrealhard has dedicated her entire high school career to academics. Her decision has earned her a full ride to Harvard University. Jenny Leavesathreeten's choices have greatly advanced her computer skills. Because of her skills, she now owns a prestigious computer company. Bill Lovestofarm his sporting abilities has earned him a spot in the National Football League and National Basketball Association. Todd Sportsaholic's choice to better now owns a large-scale ranch in Texas and operates a taxidermy business in his free time.

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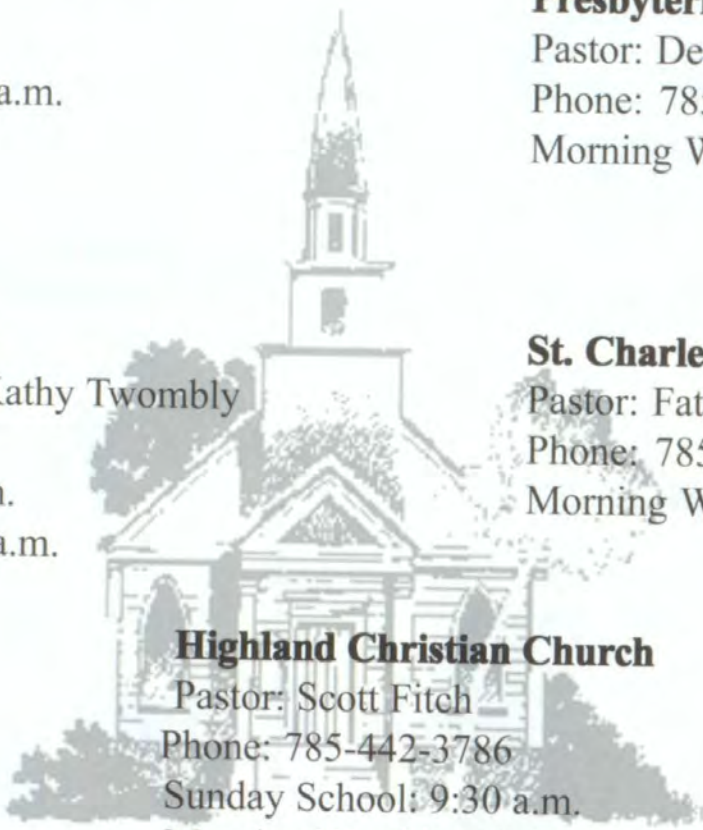
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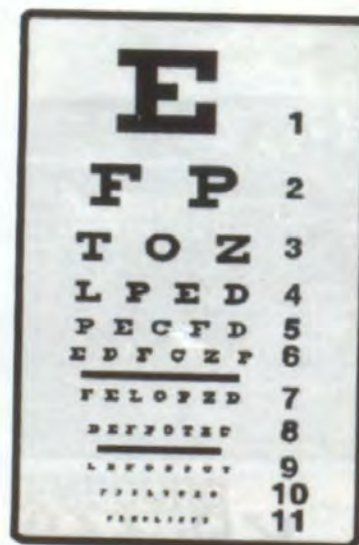


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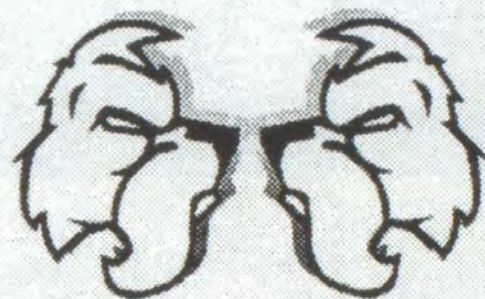
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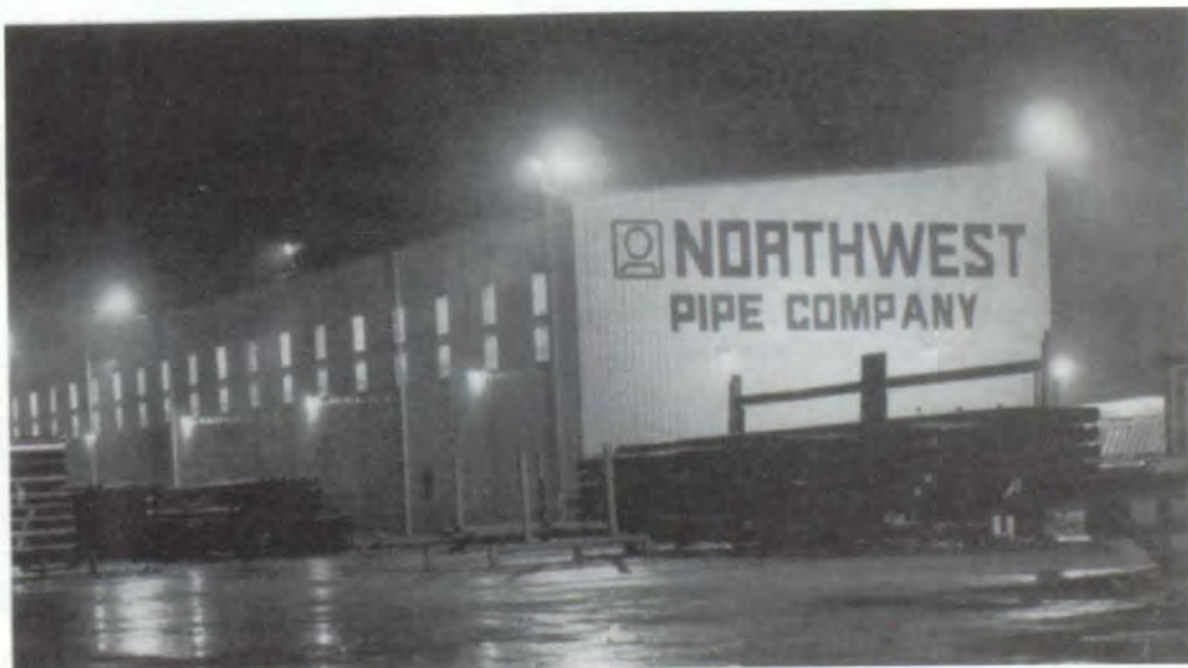


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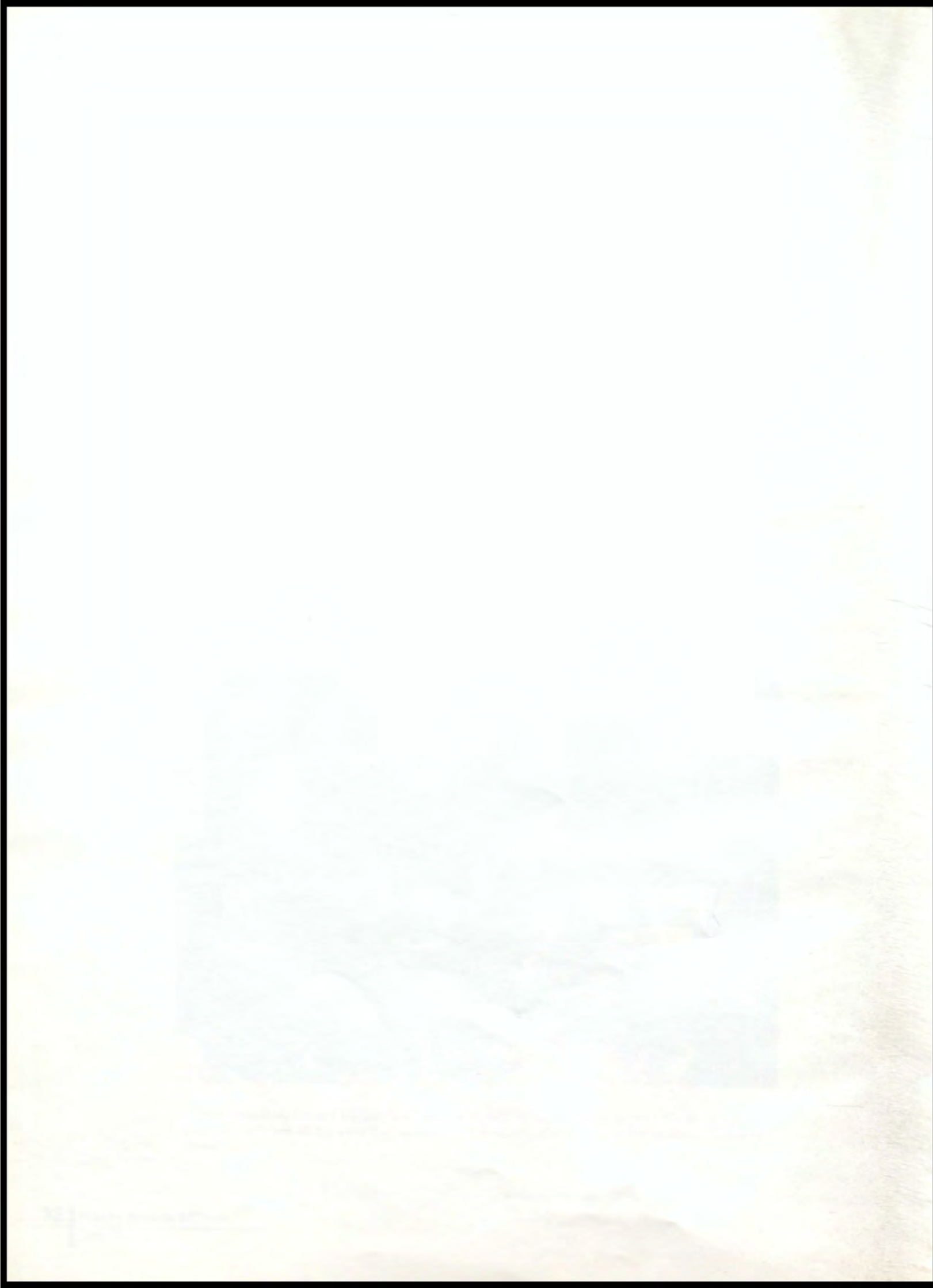
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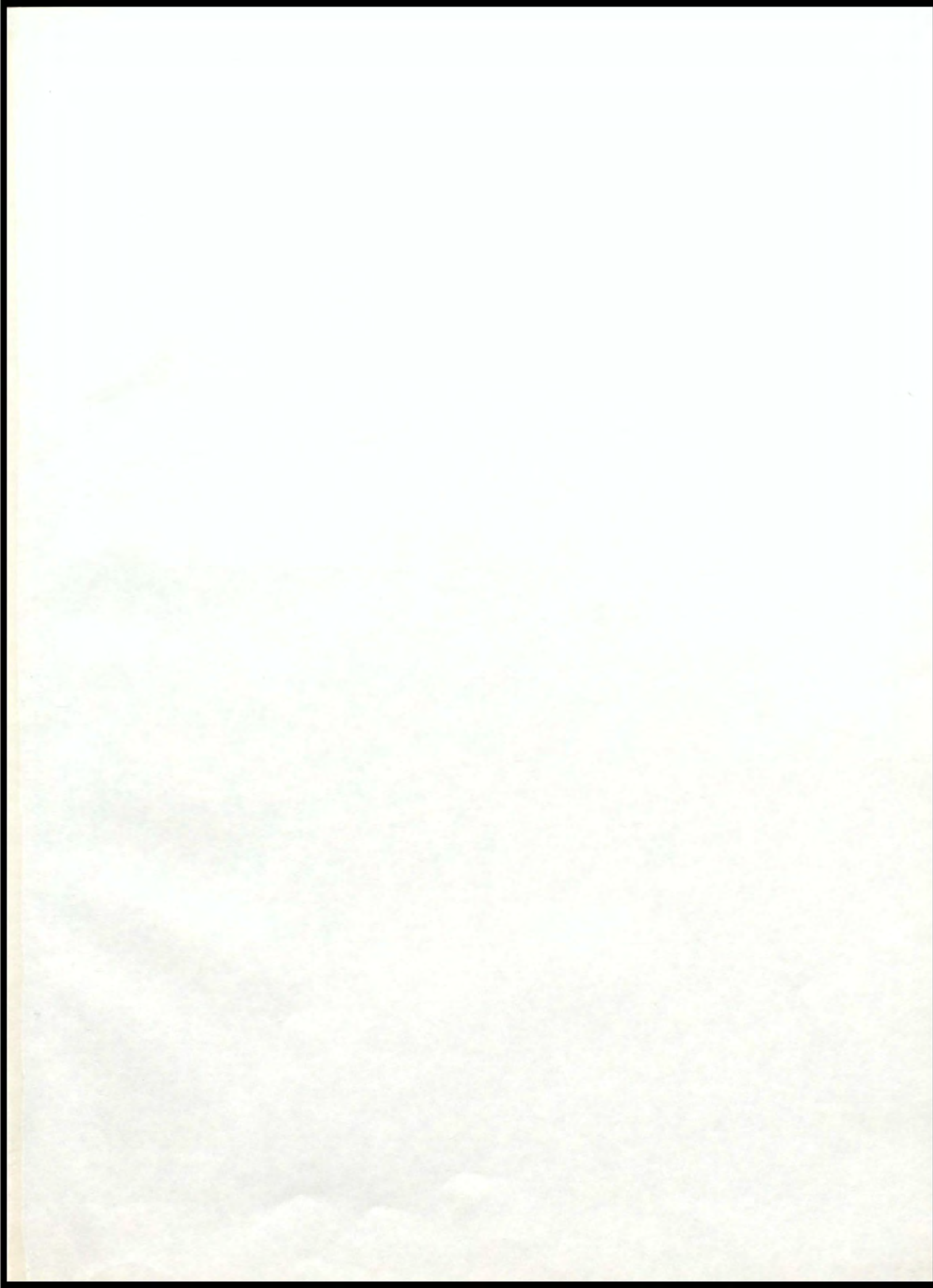


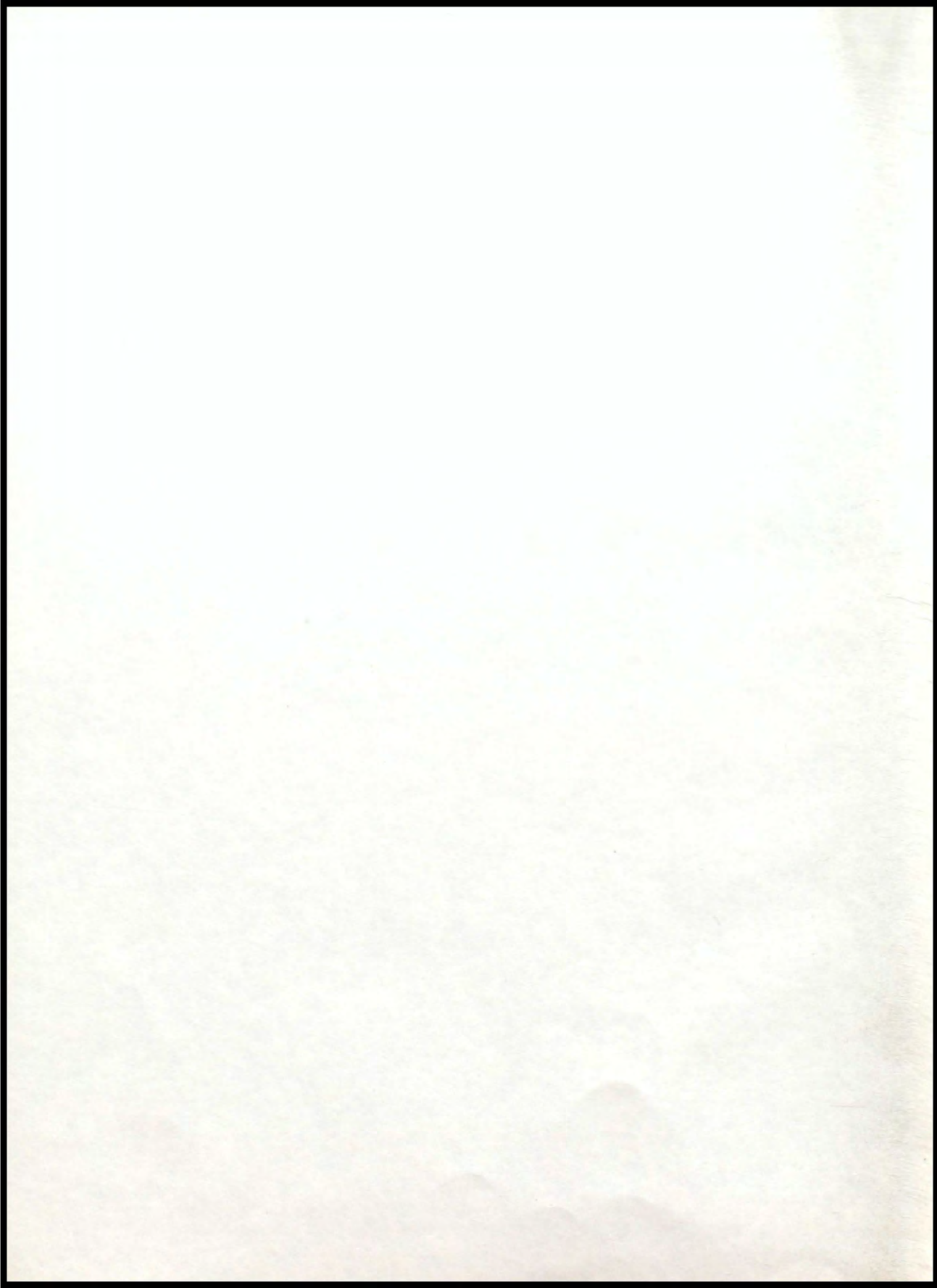
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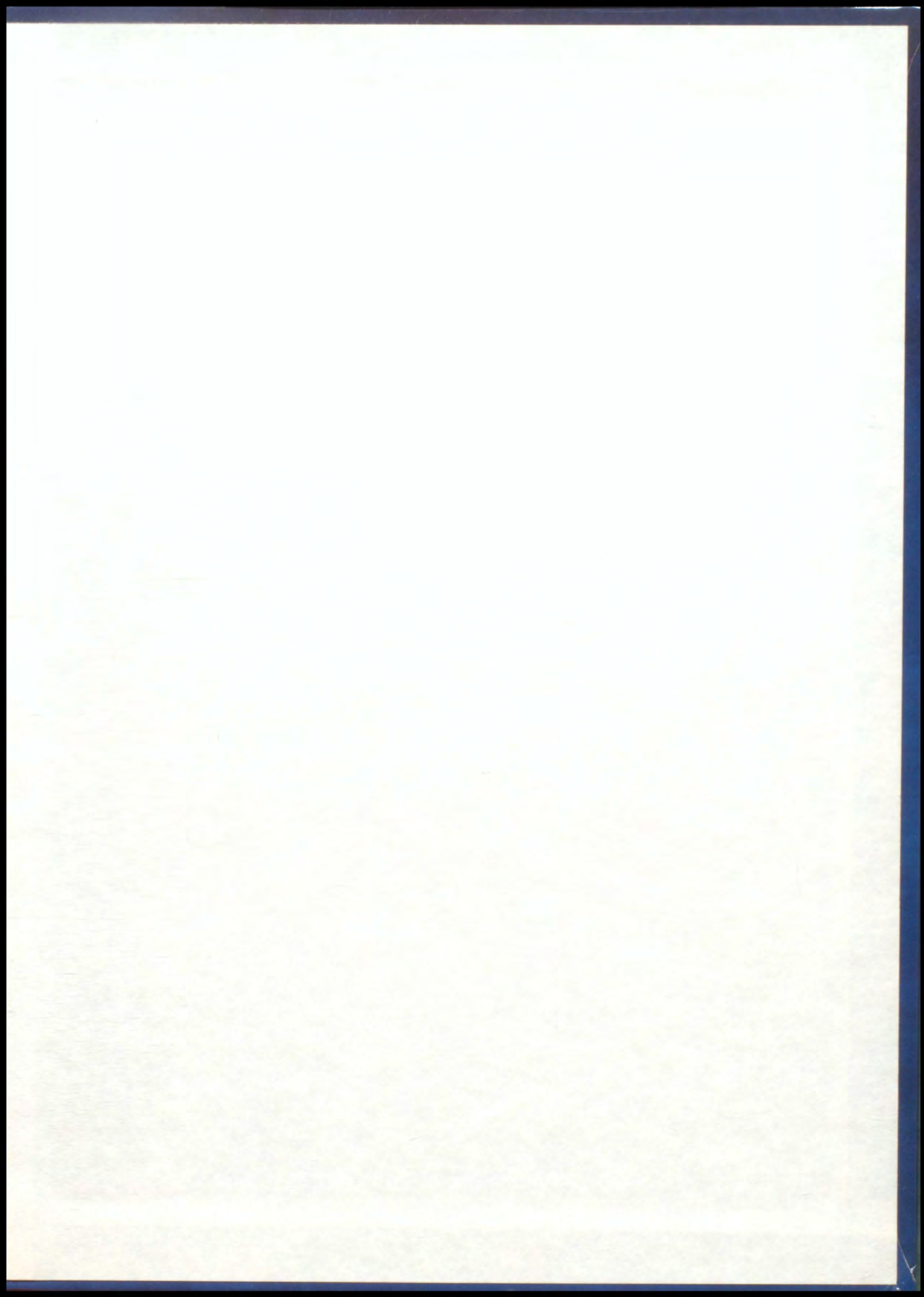












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