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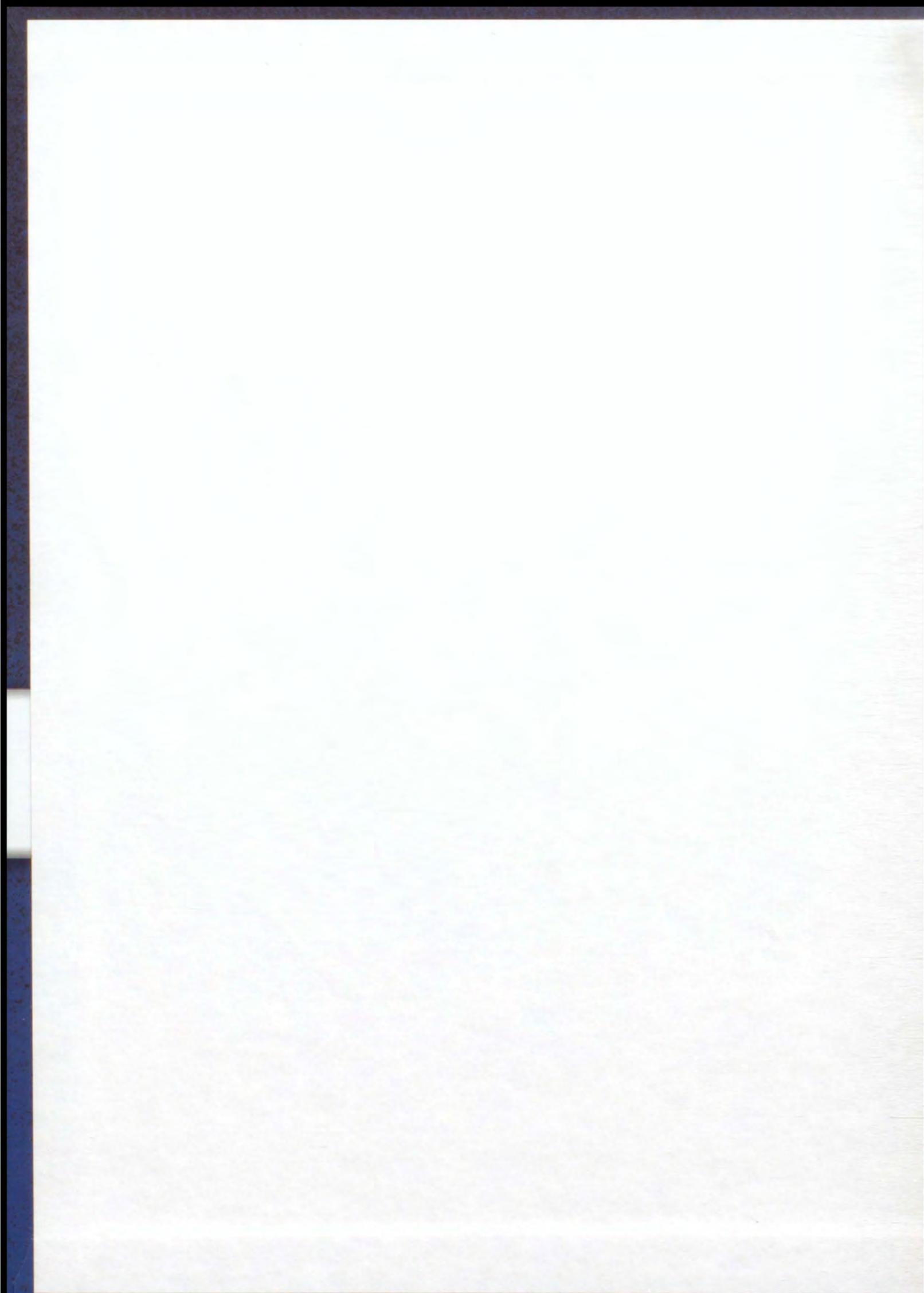
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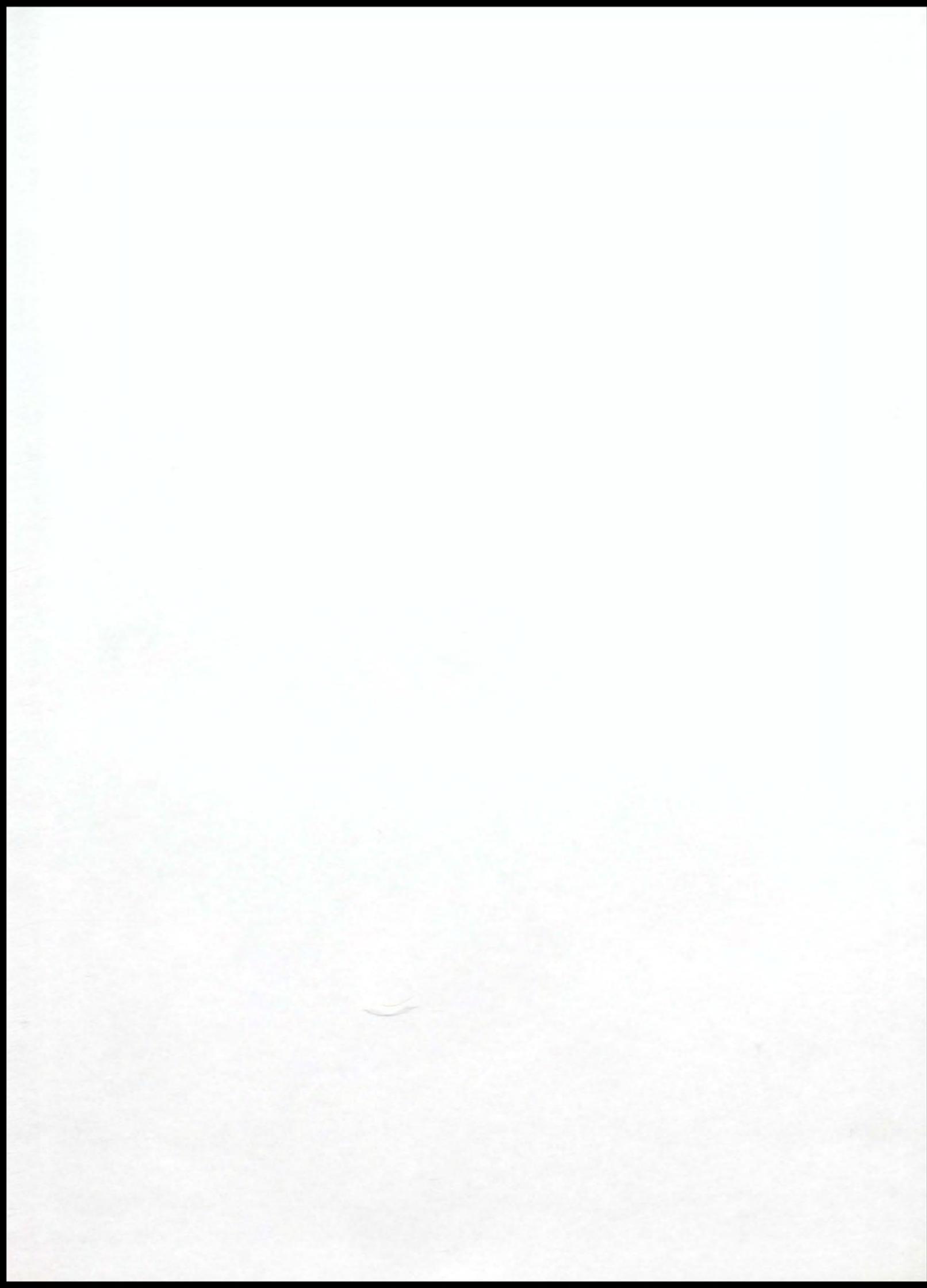
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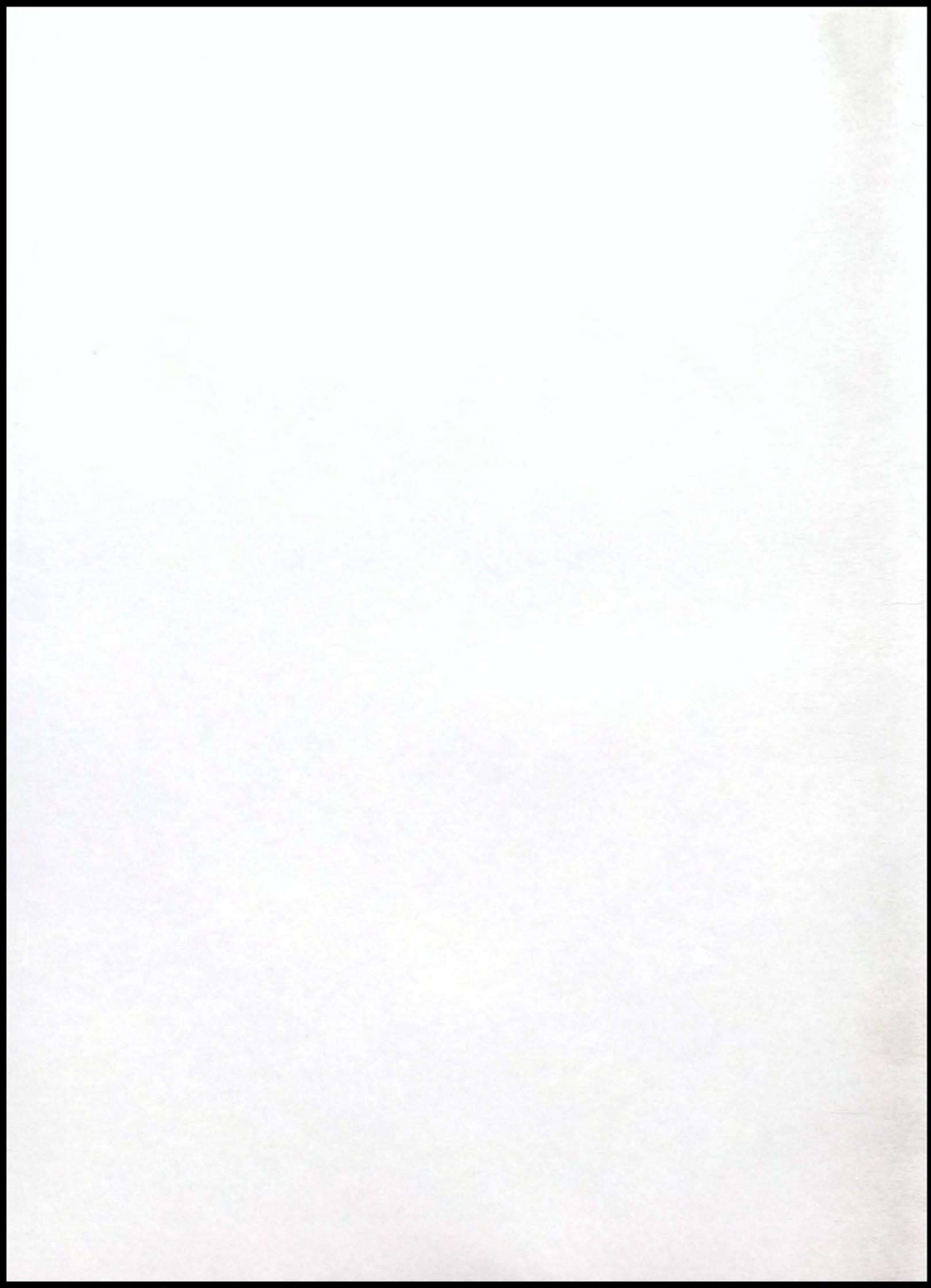
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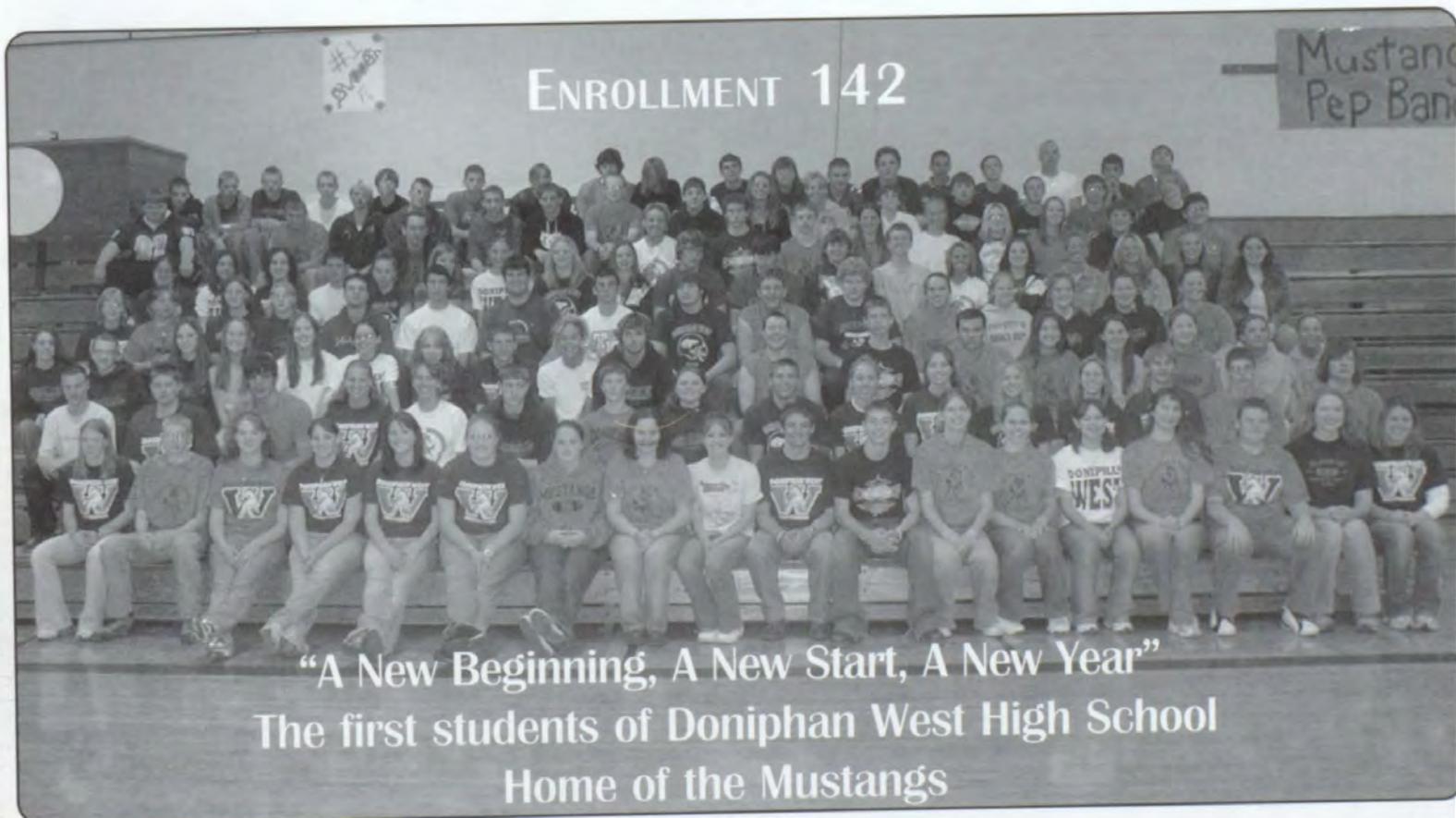






# How the WEST Was

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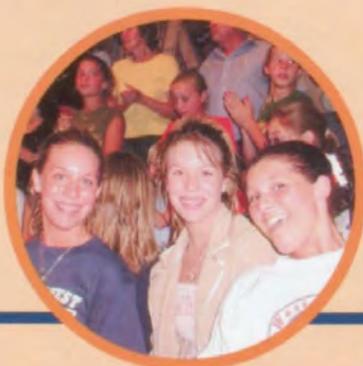
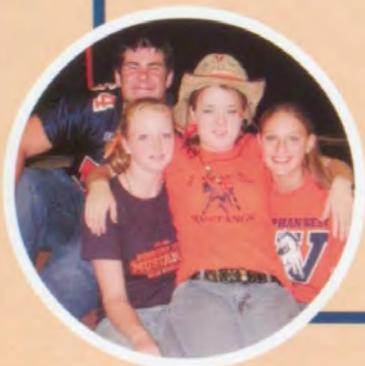
**"A New Beginning, A New Start, A New Year"**

**The first students of Doniphan West High School**  
**Home of the Mustangs**

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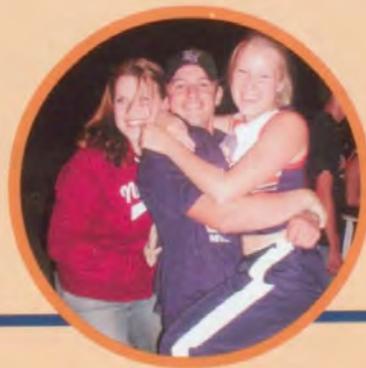
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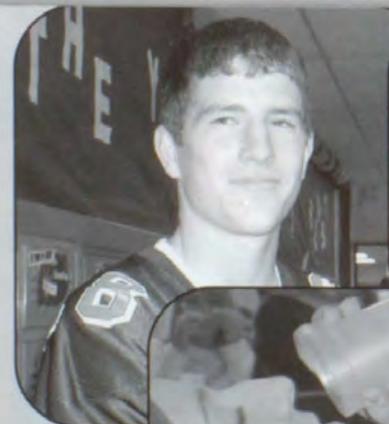
This year was the start of a wild journey as people from two different districts came together to meet in the same place. To some this place was brand new and to others it was like their second home. But no matter where they came from, they joined together to become **ONE**. **ONE** school, **ONE** crowd, **ONE** group of people put their differences aside to bring the **WEST** together and form a new community—a place called Doniphan **WEST** High School. Affected by this change included everyone from students and teachers to community supporters as well as those from other schools. Everyone was anxious to see how the agreement would work out. How would two rival schools be able to come together and become **ONE**? Instead of the usual blue and white on one side and red, white, and blue on the other, people now see shades of navy and orange. Instead of hearing "Go Eagles" or "Go Bluestreaks," fans from D. **WEST** chant "Let's Go Mustangs" and show off their new navy and orange attire. Although Midway and Highland will always be part of us, life is not always easy and we must understand that things change. This year was time to start a new chapter filled with new journeys and experiences. Change can be hard but will make us stronger, and it will be filled with opportunity. In this book is a story, told with pictures and words, of our first year at Doniphan **WEST** High School. It is filled with games we played, people we met, things we learned, and fun we had. This is a story we will always remember. It is the story of how the **WEST** was **ONE**.

# Mustang Moments





# PEOPLE





*In a Million*





The students put a lot of time and energy into all the activities that they get involved in. I think it adds to their growth as they grow into adulthood. I support them because I want them to know I'm very proud of all their hard work. As for myself, it brings me a lot of pleasure to see them succeed and makes me feel good if I can share in a little of their success.

Janet Libel



Do you feel the support and spirit were strong for the Mustang athletes?



"Our community and parents supported us throughout the year and it felt good to have them come and watch us play. I hope this continues in upcoming years."

Kamron Winchester



"The support started out strong for the athletes and ended weak. But thanks to all the parents who came out and supported us."

Jessica Libel



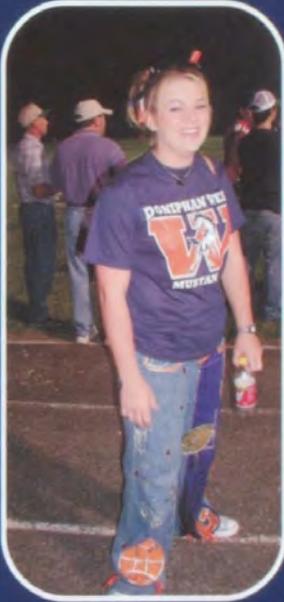
"There were definitely more fans in the stands this year compared to previous years."

Jacoby Watts





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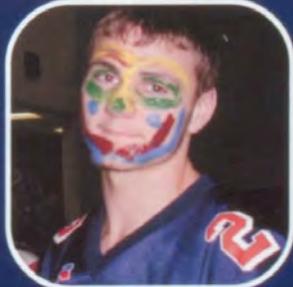


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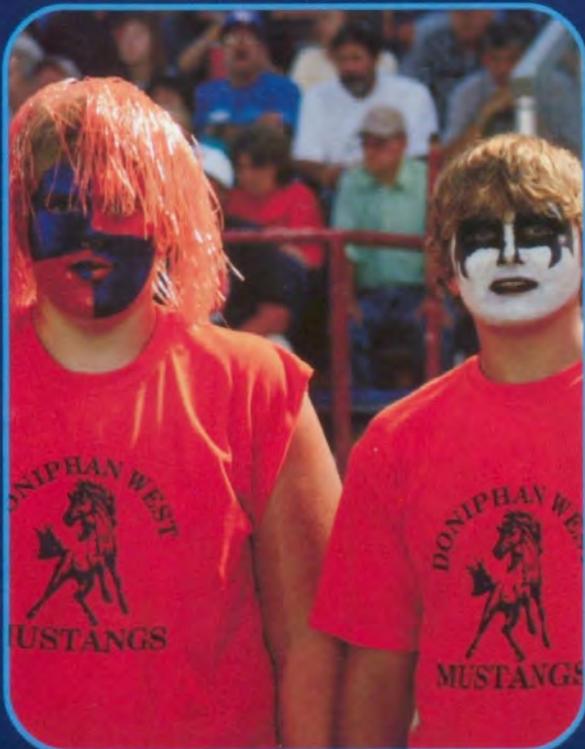
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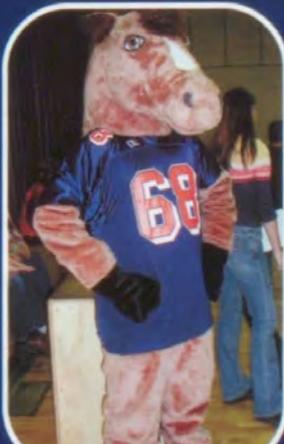


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# ALL GROWN UP



Melissa Boos



Brandon Cluck



Shelby Davis



Bailey Donahue



Caley Dorrell



Lyndsey Elrod



Kelly French



Chelsey Fritch



Christena Gilfillan



Ryan Halling



Lisa Handke



Sarah Handke



Jessica Johnson



Samantha Keebler



Kimberly Keller



Daniel Kuhner



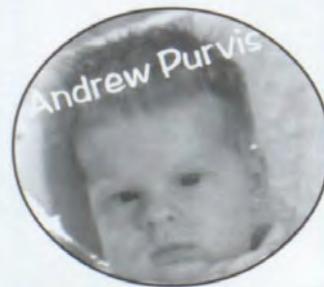
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Clint Merkel



Garrett Miller



Andrew Purvis



Achley Robinson

Not Pictured: Brad Clark, RC Compton, Albert Edie, Adam Herrs



Joshua Saunders



Meghan Simmons



Jimmy Smith



Paige Smith



Kevin Solomon



Brandon Terry



Jacolby Watts



John Weis



Allie Wilmes

## Where do you see yourself in ten years?

**ALLIE WILMES**  
 "To be crowned Miss Kansas and become the next Vanna White, with a hot security guard to protect me."

**BAILEY DONAHUE**  
 "I'll be livin' in the Ozark Mountains, makin' moonshine."

**BRANDON CLUCK**  
 "In the middle of the ocean riding around on a whale's back."

**JOSH SAUNDERS**  
 "Laying on the beach staring at the girls pass by."



John Weis lifts Brad Clark during strength and conditioning to improve his upper body strength.



Daniel Kuhert carefully catches some rays from the fluorescent school lights.

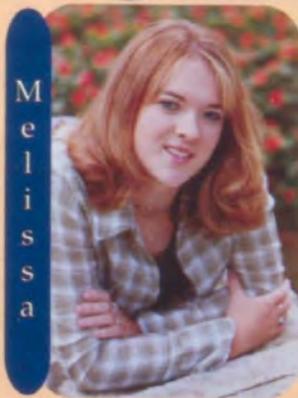


Bailey Donahue takes a quick nap before school lets out for the day.



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Melissa

*Melissa D. Boos*



Brad

*Brad Clark*



Brandon

*Brandon Cluck*



R.C.

*R.C. Compton*



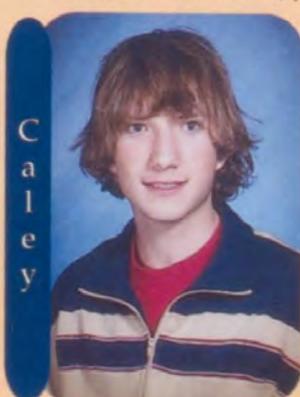
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*Shelby Loree' Davis*



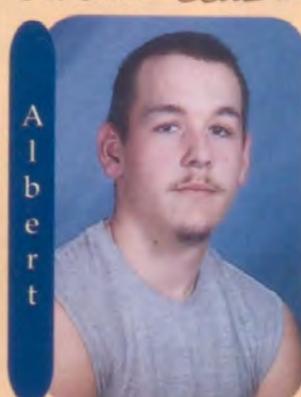
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*Bailey Donahue*



Caley

*Caley Darrell*



Albert

*Albert J. Edie*



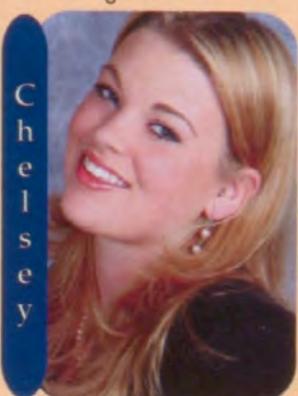
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*Lyndsey Beth Crook*



Kelly

*Kelly Renee French*



Chelsey

*Chelsey French*



Christena

*Chustena Duffellan*



Ryan

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Lisa

*Lisa Handke*



Sarah



Sarah Handke

Adam



Adam Herr

Jessica



Jessica Johnson

Samantha



Samantha Kebler

Kimberly



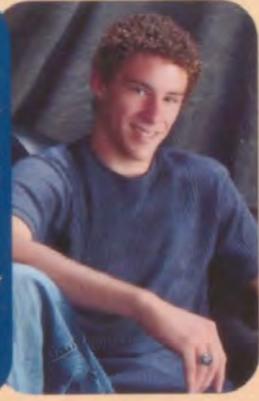
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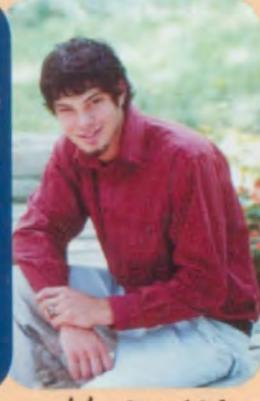
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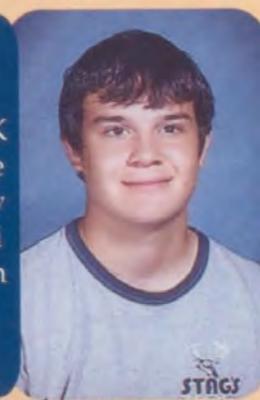
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Paige



Paige Smith

Kevin



Kevin Solomon

Brandon



Brandon

Jacoby



Jacoby Warr

John



John Wier

Allie



Allie Wilmes

# ONE STEP CLOSER



John Burke



Sarah Christopher



Miranda Cluck



Bryce Ellner



Josh Fee



Colt Forney



Kimberly Fuhrman



Ben Gilmore



Wendy Hamilton



Lesley Harness



Shane Harness



Megan Holt



Billy Hopkins



Greg Humphrey



Caleb Jeffrey



Jessica Lackey



Dustin Libel



Leigh Massey



Kole McCauley



Cody Miller



Alex Myers



Evan Nuzum



Daniel Solomon



Ashley Stewart



Johnny Stonebarger



Lacy Sullivan



Cortney Thompson



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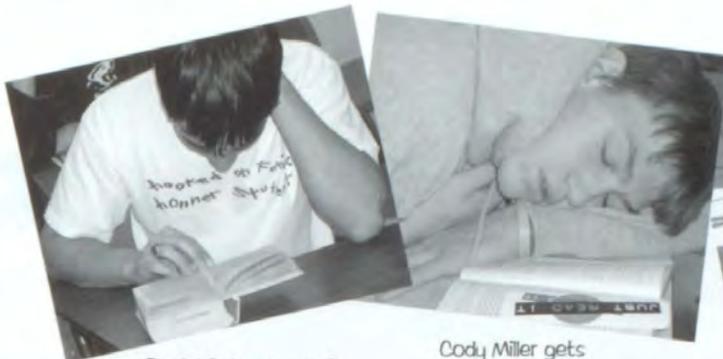
## What do you think makes your class so unique?

**KAMRON WINCHESTER**  
 "We connect like a big family. We always seem to hang out together, and we always enjoy being with each other."

**JESSICA LACKEY**  
 "Everybody is really close. We have fun together and can get in fights just like siblings."

**KELSEY WOHLTZ**  
 "Even though nobody thought they would get along with people from other schools we have and I feel like I've been with all of the kids since kindergarten not just Midway kids either."

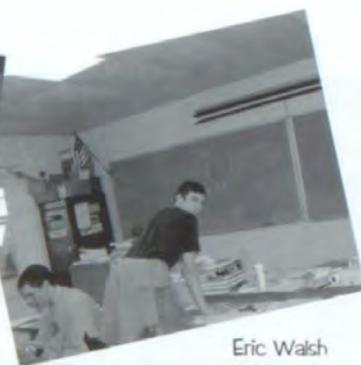
**DUSTY LIBEL**  
 "We can all share things with each other like we're all best friends, it seems."



Daniel Solomon reads an AR book during English.



Cody Miller gets sleepy during AR time during English.



Eric Walsh shows off his modeling skills.



Josh Fee, Eric Walsh, Alex Myers, Ben Gilmore and Dusty Libel enjoy a ride on the class float during the Homecoming parade.



Samantha Wigle and Lacy Sullivan take a break from serving food at their class dinner.



Dusty Libel jumps in front of Jessica Lackey while she is getting her picture taken.



Kamron Winchester shows his masterpiece of the class during English.

Jessica Lackey and Kole McCauley show neighborly love.



Wendy Hamilton shows off her D-West sign.



Miranda Cluck shows off her stunning looks.



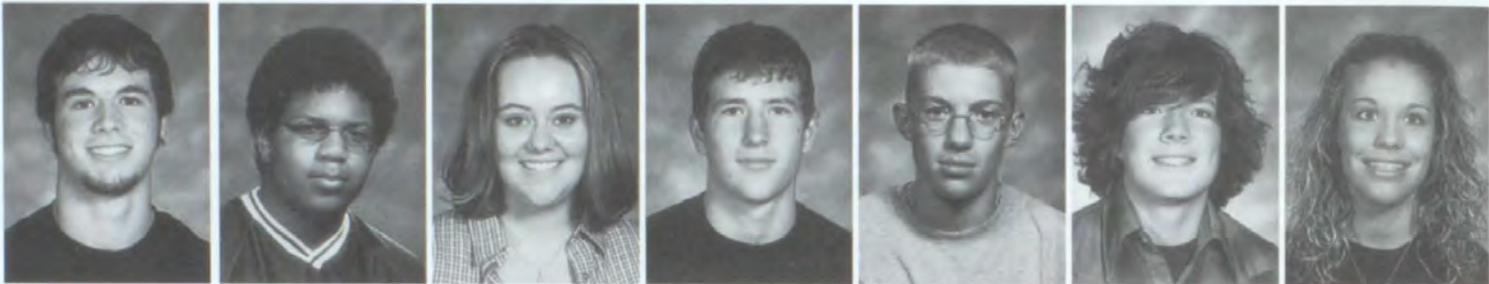
Amanda Zeit shows how chilly it is in the school.



Jessica Lackey, Megan Holt and Samantha Holt show off their goofy side while walking to history class.



# ... 'OR SOMESING LIKE THAT'



Alex Autem

Jason Bolden

Susan Boos

Terry Crossland

Nicholas Dickerson

Sterling Dorrell

Hailee Dunlap



Kayla Dunlap

Amanda Dunn

Eric Edie

Whitney Elrod

Katelynn Fitch

Andrew Gilmore

Bridget Glynn



Jacqueline Gronniger

Julianne Gross

Holly Ivey

Charles Kent

Ashton Lackey

Tiffany McNett

Josh McVicker



Jillian Peters

Kip Peters

Sarah Reiter

Terra Rhyne

Shara Royer

Camille Sellers

TJ Siard



Matt Simmons

Chase Smith

Morgan Twombly

Kassi Zeit

**What do you think other people find annoying about you?**



**STERLING DORRELL**  
"I am different than they are. . .and that is basically it. . .yeah."



**BRIDGET GLYNN**  
"Only Whitney's mom thinks that I'm annoying. . . but I still like her anyways."



**TERRY CROSSLAND**  
"Nothing...But I caught you a delicious bass last night because my lamma ate all of your mama's steak."



**HAILEE DUNLAP**  
"I whine all the time because Whitney keeps rubbing off on me."



Andrew Gilmore turns just in time to get his picture taken in his witch costume on Goofy Day of Winter Royalty spirit week.

Whitney Elrod, Bridget Glynn, and Morgan Twombly holla out with their West-Side symbol.



Riding on the Homecoming float, Josh McVicker turns away from the camera as Charles Kent shows off his new 'do.



Katelynn Fitch, Amanda Dunn, and Sarah Reiter show their fiesta side on the first day of school.



Eric Edie makes a call to the wild at the Native American Heritage Museum.



Kayla Dunlap knocks Morgan Twombly out of the way as she tries to crowd in on her moment of fame during English class.



Terra Rhyne goes to get her arrow after learning how to shoot the atl-atl on the World History field trip.



Jackie Groninger rests her body on Susan Boos after a long night of dancing.



Chase Smith shows off his voluptuous pose on Western Day of Winter Royalty spirit week.



# IN THE BEGINNING



Shawna Andrews



Tressa Baker



Brandon Colborn



Jonathan Collins



Kenneth Compton



Brittany Crossland



Jackie Denton



Laurence Dickson



Nicole Diveley



Scott Emrich



Gerald Folsom



Daniel Freeman



David Goodman



Amanda Halling



Bryan Hamilton



Josh Hargis



Christina Ivey



Bridget Janssen



Kelsey Jenkins



Maria Johnson



Paul Johnson



Chelsea Kenyon



Jennifer Larson



John Lednicky



Susan Leeper



Jessica Libel



Travis Losson



Tasha Martin



Travis McDonald



Jordanne Miller



Holly Norris



Nathan Rickiefs



Rob Ruhnke



Dustin Rush



Jake Rush



Brittany Schmitz



Stephanie Schneider



Caleb Sellers



Eric Simmons



Maria Johnson  
and Christina Ivey



Allison Thompson



Seth Twombly



Dustin Winters



Kaley Witham



Scott Emrich, Caleb  
Sellers, Nathan Ricklefs  
and Brandon Colborn  
get their picture taken  
with sophomore Kassi  
Zeit

Below: Shawna  
Andrews, Kaley  
Witham, Jordanne  
Miller, Stephanie  
Schneider and Brittany  
Schmitz show off their  
glamour at the  
homecoming dance.

**What about  
your class makes  
you different  
from the other  
classes?**



**NICOLE DIVELEY**  
"Most of our class is  
immature unlike the  
other classes."



**PAUL JOHNSON**  
We're special  
because it has ME  
in it!"



**KELSEY JENKINS**  
"We're the little  
runts of the school."



**KENNY COMPTON**  
We're younger and  
it seems like we are  
a bigger class. We are  
also more immature."



Jonathan Collins and Seth  
Twombly show off their  
costumes at the first dance.



Holly Norris strikes a pose at the  
Homecoming dance.



Susan Leeper smiles for  
the camera.



# COMBINED FORCES



Chad Austin  
Physical Education



Heidi Blair  
Math



Karen Dickerson  
Paraprofessional



Esther Gormley  
English



Michael Hill  
Art/Drama



Rich Honish  
Instrumental



Chris Janssen  
Science



Donita Johnson  
Nurse



Joann Karn  
Board Clerk



Delbert Larson  
Science



Toni Larson  
Spanish



Janet Libel  
Paraprofessional



Gerre Martin  
Counselor



Angie Neibling  
Library Aide



Marla Olson  
Special Education



Donna Parish  
World History



Tami Peters  
Paraprofessional



June Roberts  
FACS



Elmer Schmitz  
Agriculture



Laura Schmitz  
Librarian



Ginger Scott  
HS Secretary



Ron Shelton  
Social Science



Julie Speer  
Paraprofessional



Terri Stevens  
Vocal



Carl Swendson  
Math



Marla Taylor  
English/Journalism



Alan Terry  
Industrial Arts

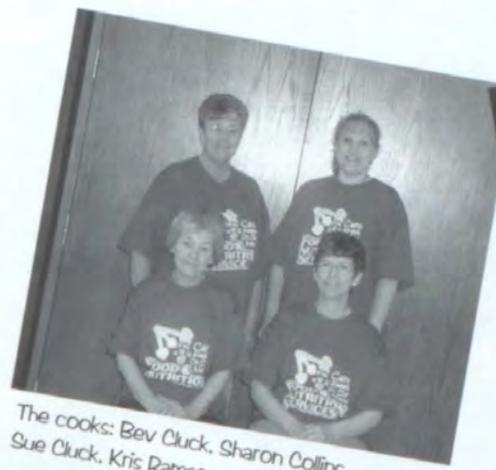


Vicki Winchester  
Business/Computers





Mr. Janssen inflates some pig lungs.



The cooks: Bev Cluck, Sharon Collins, Sue Cluck, Kric Ramsey.



Who better to apply makeup to Mrs. Olson during a pep rally than art teacher Mr. Hill.

The USD 425 Board of Education. Front: Brad Gilmore, Rod Carwell, Mike Blevins. Back: Tim Nuzum, Scott Twombly, Bill Hargis, Ron Schneider.

**What was the most positive outcome of this year?**

"The student cooperation and leadership in uniting the two student bodies into a positive community." Steve Adams Superintendent

"The way the students came together, got along, and made the most of all the opportunities available to them." Deborah Strong Principal



Mr. Hill shows his gothic side for spirit week.

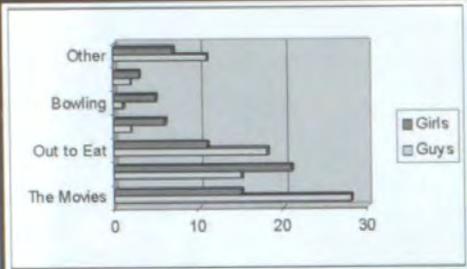


Mr. Honish directs the band during a rehearsal for graduation.



Mr. Austin gives a speech about the football team during a pep rally.



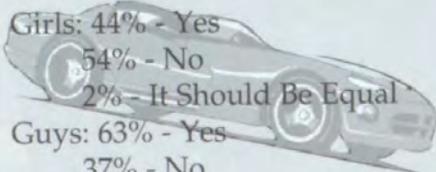


What is your favorite place to go on a date?

Should guys always pick up the girl for dates?

Girls: 44% - Yes  
54% - No  
2% - It Should Be Equal

Guys: 63% - Yes  
37% - No



How long would you date someone before introducing them to your parents?

**G U Y S**

28% - 1 Week  
35% - 1 Month  
9% - 2 Months  
5% - 3 Months  
23% - Other

**G I R L S**

41% - 1 Week  
35% - 1 Month  
6% - 2 Months  
3% - 3 Months  
8% - Other

Have you ever cheated on someone?

Girls: 17% - Yes  
83% - No

Guys: 11% - Yes  
89% - No



Of those who admitted to cheating, only 20% of the girls and 33% of the boys were caught.

Would you ever kiss on a first date?

Girls: 74% - Yes  
25% - No  
1% - Maybe

Guys: 82% - Yes  
18% - No



"Nothing beats a 1st kiss!"

quoted from 50 First Dates

Would you ever date one of your best friends?

Girls: 63% - Yes  
31% - No  
6% - Maybe

Guys: 66% - Yes  
25% - No  
4% - Maybe  
5% - I Don't Know

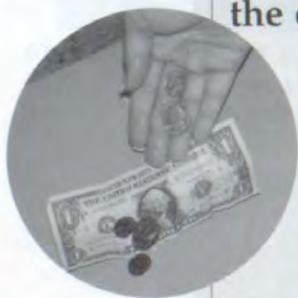


**ALLIE WILMES:** "I could never date any of my best friends. It would feel like incest!"

Should girls pitch in on the expenses of dates?

Girls: 64% - Yes  
32% - No  
4% - Sometimes

Guys: 42% - Yes  
58% - No



Would you ever date someone younger than you?

Girls: 54% - Yes  
31% - No  
15% - Maybe

Guys: 79% - Yes  
2% - No  
19% - Maybe



Above: Freshman Daniel Freeman with girlfriend Katelynn Fitch, sophomore.  
Left: Sophomore Terra Rhynne with boyfriend Caleb Jeffrey, junior.



Hand in Hand  
The Dating Rundown



Here at Doniphan West High School, our prestigiously trained fashion police will investigate this year's hottest fashions and styles.



# Of a Kind

## D. West Fashion Police

### The Latest Fashion for 2004-05



Jackie Denton, freshman, displays her chandelier or "dangely" earrings which are the perfect accessory to match any style. These are the epitome of class and sophistication.



Lyndsey Elrod, senior, kicks back her new "pointy" toed boots, the hottest style in foot apparel this year. From subtle brown to vibrant bright pink, these boots have sophistication written all over them.



Rock on! Adam Herrs, senior, show us his vintage rock and roll t-shirt. The saying "Rock and Roll never dies," just keeps proving itself over and over these days.



Kayla Dunlap, sophomore, is wearing another one of the hottest styles this year--torn jeans. They look nice, while the holes give them a comfortable, casual look as well.



Buff bodies are beautiful! Now more than ever being in shape means being in style. Not only do muscles look good but they also reflect a person's desire for a healthy lifestyle.



# I'M LOVING IT

"We love cooking." - Kim Keller & Lisa Handke



"I love dancing--it's so much fun!" - Jessica Lackey



TJ Siard, Alex Autem, & Terry Crossland love playing basketball.



"We love hunting." - Alex Myers, Cody Miller, & Chase Smith



"I love playing baseball."  
-David Goodman



Charles Kent loves working on cars.

"I love goats."  
-Amanda Dunn



Christena Gillilan loves talking on her cell phone.





"I love track & field."  
-Amanda Zeit.



"I love computer games."  
-Jason Bolden



"I love the weather."  
-Colt Forney



"I love music."  
Chelsey Fritch



"I love playing football. It's a great sport."  
-Josh Fee



"We love to shop. It's so much fun to go and buy new things," says Hailee & Kayla Dunlap



"I love fashion."  
-Christena Ivey



"I love my mommy."  
-Kamron Winchester



"I love the American Flag."  
-Kenny Compton



Billy Hopkins says.  
"I love farming."



"I love riding my 4 wheeler."  
-Jackie Gronniger



"We love cheerleading."  
-Stephanie Schneider & Kaley Witham.



"We love playing video games," says Daniel Solomon & Bryce Ellner

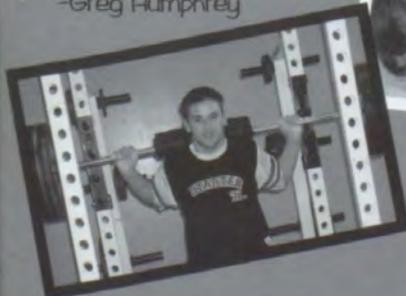


"I love my truck."  
-Johnny Stonebarger



"We love hanging out with each other because we are best friends," says Samantha Wigle & Lacy Sullivan

"I love lifting weights."  
-Greg Humphrey



Lesley Harness says she loves sleeping.

"I love the army."  
-Caleb Jeffrey

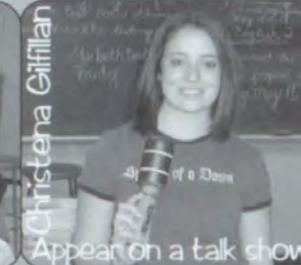
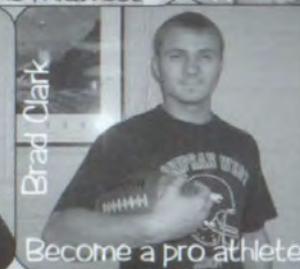
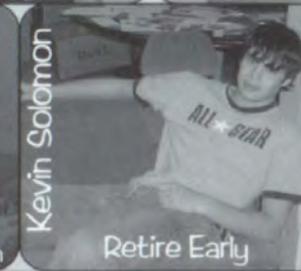


Sterling Dorrell says.  
"I love my guitar."

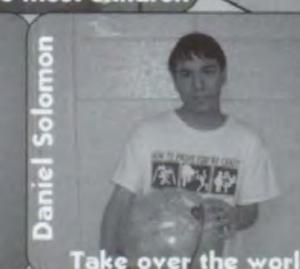


# Most Likely To...

## Seniors

 <p>Caley Dorrell Take over the World</p>	 <p>RC Compton Leave the Midwest</p>	 <p>Christina Gillilan Appear on a talk show</p>	 <p>Kelly French Marry Brad Pitt</p>
 <p>Josh Saunders Win Fear Factor IMPOSSIBLE IS NOTHING.</p>	 <p>Brad Clark Become a pro athlete</p>	 <p>Melissa Boos Have the most children</p>	 <p>Lisa Hanke, Lyndsey Broo, Ashley Robinson Become the next Desperate Housewives</p>
 <p>Chelsey Fritch Appear on the Big Screen</p>	 <p>Kevin Solomon Retire Early</p>	 <p>Andrew Maksey Invent something</p>	 <p>Adam Herra Win the Lottery</p>

## Juniors

 <p>Kimberly Fuhrman Marry Brad Pitt</p>	 <p>Lacy Sullivan Appear on a talk show</p>	 <p>Kole McCauley Be elected to office</p>	 <p>Samantha Wigle Have the most children</p>
 <p>Bryce Ellner Become a millionaire</p>	 <p>Eric Walsh Marry Jennifer Aniston</p>	 <p>Leigh Massey Leave the Midwest</p>	 <p>Daniel Solomon Take over the world</p>
 <p>Lesley Harness Be the first married</p>	 <p>Ben Gilmore Become a professional athlete</p>	 <p>Terra Weiland Become the next Desperate Housewife</p>	 <p>Jessica Lackey Appear on the Bachelorette</p>

# Sophomores

Eric Edie  
 Appear on the big screen



Holly Ivey  
 Appear on the *Bachelorette*



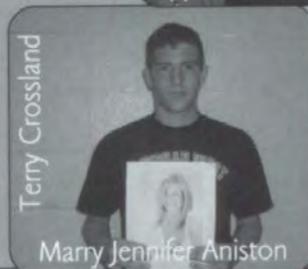
Susan Boos  
 Marry Brad Pitt



Andrew Gilmore  
 Take over the world



Terry Crossland  
 Marry Jennifer Aniston



Hailee Dunlap  
 Be the first Married



Sterling Dorrell  
 Retire Early



Charles Kent  
 Win the lottery



Kayla Dunlap  
 Have the most children



Morgan Twombly  
 Become a professional athlete



Bridget Glynn  
 Become the next Desperate Housewife



Jackie Gronniger  
 Win Fear Factor



# Freshmen

Christina Ivey  
 Appear on a talk show



Brittany Schmitt  
 Appear on *The Bachelorette*



Jennifer Larson  
 Be the first married



Eric Simmons  
 Be elected to office



Jessica Libel  
 Marry Brad Pitt



Paul Johnson  
 Take over the world



Allison Thompson  
 Have the most children



Caleb Sellers  
 Appear on the big screen



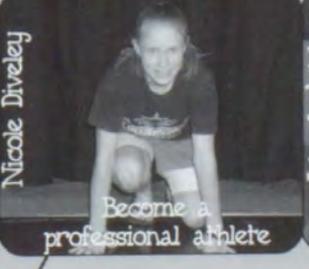
Jonathan Collins  
 Invent something



Daniel Freeman  
 Win Fear Factor



Nicole Diveley  
 Become a professional athlete

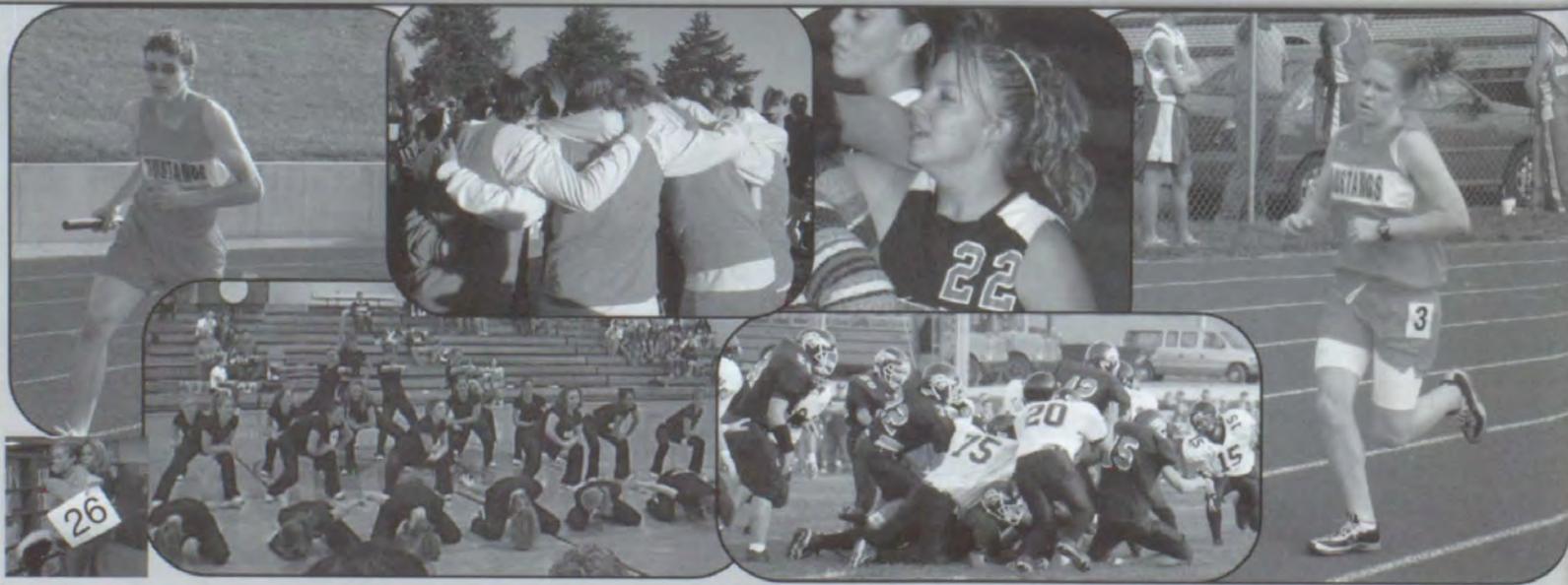


John Leavicky  
 Retire early






# ATHLETICS





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The team waits for the awards ceremony to begin at the Rim Rock meet.



Coach Angie Eberly clipped off these claws after the team received third at the McLouth meet.



Front: Nicole Diveley, Jessica Lackey, Lisa Handke, Amanda Dunn, Jessica Johnson, Amanda Zeit.  
 Middle: Katelynn Fitch, Leigh Massey, Nicholas Dickerson, Paul Johnson, Ashley Stewart, Sarah Handke (Manager).  
 Back: Shelby Davis, Laurence Dickson, Andrew Massey, Ashton Lackey, Jordanne Miller, and coach Angie Eberly.

### Honors

Ashton Lackey-2nd team all league  
 Amanda Zeit-1st team all league

# MUSTANGS IN MOTION

Going to state the first year as being a Doniphan West Mustang was a pretty big accomplishment. Coached by Angie Eberly, the team placed sixth out of 12 teams at the state meet in Wamego. After the little mix-up at the Troy meet, which is the county meet, the team placed first. The "mix-up occurred" when places were counted incorrectly and the first place plaque was awarded to Wathena (which in fact belonged to Doniphan West). Both boys and girls received first place. Overall, the team would say that the first year of cross country for Doniphan West went really well and that hopefully there are many more great years to come.

We can definitely say that we started some new traditions, like the time when Coach Eberly grew her fingernails out and said she wasn't going to cut them until we got first place at a meet. Well, it turned out they were getting a little too long and she ended up cutting them off at the McLouth meet when we got third.



Dusty Libel and Andrew Massey finish at Rim Rock.



Shelby Davis demonstrates the dangers of a banana peel.

Amanda Zeit and Ashton Lackey received 1st and 2nd team all-league.



Laurence Dickson, Gerald Folsom, coach Angie Eberly, Amanda Zeit, and Ashley Stewart huddle after the state race at Wamego.





Coach Angie Eberly, Ashley Stewart, Shelby Davis, Leigh Massey, Amanda Zeit, Jessica Johnson, Lisa Handke, Nicole Diveley, and Jessica Lackey with Troy plaque.



Laurence Dickson, Nicholas Dickerson, Andrew Massey, Ashton Lackey, and Paul Johnson with Troy plaque.

## Schedule

Maur Hill	4th
Wamego	9th
McLouth	3rd
Troy	1st
Horton	4th
Pleasant Ridge	6th
Rim Rock Farm (DVL)	4th
Regionals	2nd
State	6th



"We had a really good year. Both the boys and the girls were successful. It was also a lot of fun and provided some enjoyable memories."

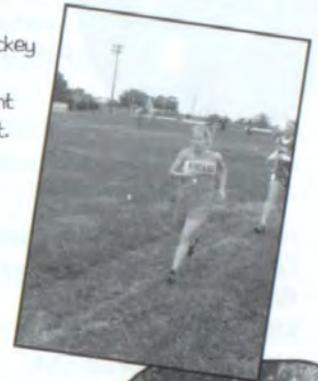
--Nicholas Dickerson



"I think this was an awesome first year as the Doniphan West Mustangs. Everybody did really good and I had a lot of fun. Thanks to my family and friends for all the support. (By the way I beat the tall girl in this picture!)"

--Amanda Zeit

Jessica Lackey runs at the Pleasant Ridge Meet.



Leigh Massey, Nicole Diveley, and Amanda Dunn walk about at the state meet.



Ashley Stewart, Jessica Lackey, and Shelby Davis relax before the state race.



Amanda Dunn, Katelynn Fitch, Nicole Diveley, Amanda Zeit, Jessica Lackey, Ashley Stewart, Shelby Davis, and Jordanne Miller put on a brave face before the state cross country meet.

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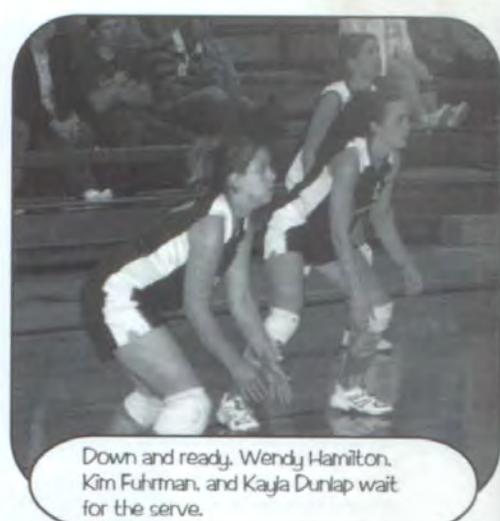
The freshmen girls get pumped up and warmed up before their home match.



Megan Holt gets under the ball and bumps it up during a match at Doniphan West.



Miranda Cluck and Kassi Zeit put up a block against Troy.



Down and ready, Wendy Hamilton, Kim Fuhrman, and Kayla Dunlap wait for the serve.

## Honors

Morgan Twombly- 1st team All League DVL, All tournament team at Hiawatha Inv.  
Kim Fuhrman- Honorable Mention All League DVL

# TOGETHER & LOVING IT

Morgan Twombly passes the ball up to the setter at the Hiawatha Invitational.



The girls didn't know quite what to expect the first time they walked into the gym and stepped on the volleyball court wearing the new orange and blue uniforms. They walked by other schools, hearing people whisper to each other. "Who are they? Where are they from?" Despite all the stares and whispers, they held their heads high and simply responded that they were from Doniphan West and were the Mustangs.

Along with all the strenuous practices and competitive games the girls also had a lot of fun in between with trips to both coach Olson's and coach Handke's houses for food to singing in chorus as loud as they could all the way home from away games. The fun also included singing in rounds during morning practices and enjoying the lovely vocal and dancing talents of energetic teammates.

Although having fun is always a must, when it came time to stepping out on the court the girls knew when to be serious and get things done. The Mustangs finished their season with a 14-14 record and many priceless memories. It certainly was a challenge to come together in the beginning, but when looking out on the court and not being able to tell which girls were from Highland and which were from Midway, they knew they had succeeded. The team's motto for the year was summed up in one word, "together," because that's what they did--the girls came together.

At the last home game senior Samantha Keebler put into perspective what the team had accomplished and said, "With every win we grew stronger, and with every loss we picked each other up and grew even stronger. As the year ended we achieved something wonderful. Not only are we a team, we are a family, and this is our house."



Hailee Dunlap sets the ball up during a varsity match.

The team is ready in coverage as Cortney Thompson spikes the ball.



The varsity team gets in block coverage as Kim Fuhrman attacks the ball.



Front: Kaley Witham, Kelsey Jenkins, Kayla Dunlap, Miranda Cluck, Samantha Keebler, Brittany Crossland, Terra Weiland. Second Row: mgr. Colt Fomey, Bridget Janssen, Hailee Dunlap, Tasha Martin, Jennifer Larson, Tressa Baker, Morgan Twombly, Wendy Hamilton, Bridget Glynn, mgr. Kelly French. Third Row: coach Marla Olson, Julianne Gross, Chelsea Kenyon, Kassi Zeit, Whitney Eirod, Jessica Libel, Jackie Denton, Amanda Halling, mgr. Susan Boos, asst. coach Sabrina Handke. Back: mgr. Rob Ruhnke, Stephanie Schneider, Melissa Boos, Cortney Thompson, Megan Holt, Allison Thompson, Kimberly Fuhrman, Shawna Andrews, Brittany Schmitz.



"It is a privilege to work with such high quality young people. The girls gave 100% effort at practices and matches. We finished the season at 14-14, but won 8 out of our last 10 matches. We started out as individuals, from two separate schools, then became a team, and then we became family."

--coach Marla Olson



Coming together for a quick huddle, the varsity Mustangs pump themselves up.

## Scoreboard

JCN	LOSS
Pleasant Ridge	LOSS
Wathena	WIN
Troy	WIN
Horton	WIN
JCN	LOSS
Jackson Heights	LOSS
KCC	LOSS
Pleasant Ridge	LOSS
McLouth	WIN
Valley Falls	WIN
Mount Academy	LOSS
Centralia	LOSS
Immaculata	LOSS
Wathena	WIN
Troy	LOSS
Horton	WIN
Bern	LOSS
Axtell	LOSS
Pawnee City	LOSS
Troy	WIN
Troy	WIN
Oskaloosa	WIN
Wathena	WIN
Jackson Heights	WIN
Maranatha	WIN
Oskaloosa	WIN
Sub-State	
Jackson Heights	LOSS

**Wins: 14 Losses: 14**

Cortney Thompson and Kim Fuhrman block the ball in a match against Troy.



Seniors Melissa Boos and Samantha Keebler and coach Olson observe from the bench.

Morgan Twombly stuffs the ball back over the net.



Ben Gilmore sweeps to the outside looking for some room.



Eric Walsh comes close to bringing down the McLouth ball carrier.



Ryan Halling and Kip Peters anticipate the signal to set things in motion.



Kole McCauley and Ben Gilmore take down the opponent's quarterback.

## DVL Honors

Clint Merkel - 2nd team Offense Guard  
 Josh Saunders - 1st team Defense Linebacker  
 Kip Peters - 2nd team Offense Running Back  
 Daniel Kuhnert - Honorable Mention Offense  
 Brad Clark - Honorable Mention Defense



Brad Clark, Kip Peters, Clint Merkel and Josh Saunders look serious for their honors picture.



Daniel Kuhnert and Dusty Libel come in for a timeout.



Kip Peters tries to gain additional yardage against Valley Falls.



# ONE STEP FURTHER

When the guys from the Midway and Highland programs merged this year into one team, they had to forget old rivalries and work together to start building something great for D. West. And the challenges weren't limited to the players. Just like all the players, coach Mark Martin had to adjust from coaching eight man to eleven man and familiarize himself with nine new opponents. One of the most memorable moments for Martin was the season-opening win at home with Valley Falls. He also mentioned the big fumble return for a touchdown against Wathena, winning the Homecoming game, and the comeback against Jackson Heights that fell just short in over-time as other great moments. All moments weren't great, though. As far as the record shows, the team didn't do as well as everyone had hoped. "Bottom line is we made too many mistakes, and against good opponents that can be the difference between a win and a loss," Martin said. However, the win-loss record isn't the only focus of a season--especially this one. Martin gave credit to the guys for coming together and doing their best at their positions. "We have some real quality young men on our team. Not just good players, but nice kids to be around." The players and coaches will carry away many memories and remember the history that they made being the first D. West football team. Fans from both the "north" and the "south" all gathered on Friday nights as one in hopes the Mustangs would win the game. The teammates and fans will take away the thought that they were there for the beginning of an era where once rivals came together under one roof and combined their talents to take another step further to greatness.



The guys take a breather and get some instructions from coach Mark Martin.



Front: Caleb Sellers, Josh Saunders, Dusty Libel, John Lednicki, Bryan Hamilton, Brandon Cluck, Kole McCauley, Andrew Gilmore. Second row: mgr. Katelynn Fitch, Josh Fee, Greg Humphrey, Brad Clark, Evan Nuzum, Clint Merkel, Ben Gilmore, Ryan Halling, Terry Crossland, mgr. Sarah Reiter. Third row: mgr. Holly Norris, Eric Simmons, Daniel Freeman, Gerald Folsom, Chase Smith, Jacob Rush, Jonathan Collins, Dustin Rush, Kenny Compton, Josh Hargis, assistant coach Chad Austin. Fourth row: Head coach Mark Martin, John Burke, Kamron Winchester, Eric Walsh, Kip Peters, Daniel Kuhnert, Kevin Solomon, Andy Purvis, Alex Myers, assistant coach John Twombly

## Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Valley Falls	22	12
Troy	0	21
McLouth	7	24
Wathena	27	18
Oskaloosa	59	22
Jeff Co. North	12	26
Horton	0	09
J. Hts.	27	28
Centralia	6	55

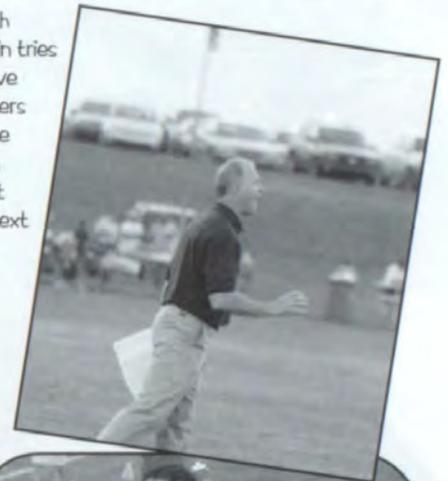
Wins 3      Losses 6



"It was a good beginning and with hard work and a strong commitment we will build a program we can be proud of. I would like to say thank you to all the Mustang fans- your support was great!"

-- Coach Mark Martin

Coach Martin tries to give pointers to the team about the next play



John Burke takes a breather.



Eric Walsh and Brandon Cluck celebrate as the referee confirms the first touchdown of the year and for the first season as Mustangs against Valley Falls.

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The cheerleaders burst out laughing while watching Morgan Twombly dance silly.



Jessica Lackey gets put up into an elevator stunt.



The cheerleaders do their famous "Fly" stunt.



During a home game, the cheerleaders do the chant and stunt, "We're Coming After You."



The cheerleaders and Maverick hold up their spirit fingers during a free throw shot.



During a pep rally the cheerleaders pump up the crowd.



Kassi Zeit shows the crowd her spirit at the first Doniphan West football game.



Maverick, the new Mustang Mascot, poses for his very first picture.

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The new cheerleading squad was excited about making this year one of their best. As they picked out and ordered new navy and orange uniforms monogrammed with DW Mustangs, broke in new pom-poms, and introduced Maverick the mascot, they knew this year was going to be the start of a brand new beginning. The cheerleaders worked hard to bring spirit to the new school and they showed that the Mustang wasn't just a different Mascot name, it was something to be proud of.

The drill team was something new this year. The group was composed of 23 girls. They had many practices, had a dance clinic for elementary children, and worked very hard to bring the crowd several performances throughout the year.



Bottom: Allie Wilmes and Jessica Lackey. Middle: Kaley Witham, Jessica Libel. Back: Kassi Zeit, Stephanie Schneider, Morgan Twombly. Not Pictured: Christena Giffilan.

The drill team's final pose after their performance at the Community Pep Rally.



During the drill team's performance, the girls put "attitude" into their dance.



Drill teamers dance to the music during their half-time performance.



The drill team stands ready as they prepare themselves to perform their dance.



"Our first year as the Doniphan West Mustangs was exciting and challenging for the cheerleading squad. The cheerleaders rose to the challenge of creating new traditions, learning new material and helping bridge the two schools together one athletic event at a time."

"2004 brought the D. West Mustangs and the first school drill team for both Highland and Midway. The squad started the year a little apprehensive, but as the athletic seasons began they met each performance with energy, professionalism, and true Mustang pride!"

- coach Kelly Twombly

# DONIPHAN WEST MUSTANGS



First row: Amanda Zeit, Kassi Zeit, Melissa Boos, Morgan Twombly, Jessica Lackey, Cortney Thompson, Allie Wilmes. Second row: Bridget Glynn, Terra Weiland, Kelsey Wohletz, Lyndsey Elrod, Julianne Gross, Jessica Libel. Third row: Amanda Halling, Chelsea Kenyon, Jordanne Miller, Brittany Schmitz, Jennifer Larson. Fourth row: Kaley Witham, Sarah Handke, Kim Fuhrman, Stephanie Schneider. Not Pictured: Christena Gillilan.

Melissa Boos helps entertain the crowd as part of the drill team.



The drill team performs during half-time.



Jessica Lackey shows off her moves during a drill team performance.



The team strikes a crazy pose during a photo shoot for the newspaper.



Ashley Stewart makes a jump shot to narrow the gap of the Troy game.



Three Doniphan West players team up against Troy's Kara Masters to regain the ball.



Kassi Zeit keys the offense to get the game going against Troy.

**Honors**

Ashley Stewart - All DVL, Topeka Capital-Journal All Class 2A Honorable Mention  
Elwood All-Tournament Team

Morgan Twombly - All DVL  
Elwood All-Tournament team

# SOMETHING TO SHOOT FOR



Allison Thompson defends an inbound pass in a junior varsity game versus Horton.



Doniphan West and Troy players fight for a rebound.

At the beginning of the year, nobody knew what to expect with the combining of Midway and Highland schools. By the time basketball season had rolled around, though, everyone had gotten to know one another and were ready to defeat the opposing teams.

Coach Jennifer Bottom said the girls made a great transition. "I can't say enough about the girls' attitudes--towards each other, the coaches, the game itself."

The first girls' basketball team's accomplishments set the bar pretty high for future Doniphan West teams. The lady Mustangs had a record of 10 wins and 12 losses and placed first at the Elwood tournament.

Most of the girls who played on the team this year said that it was a great learning experience and mentioned that they couldn't wait until next winter.

Senior Shelby Davis said, "I think we had a great season. The future looks bright for Mustang girls basketball."

Freshman Stephanie Schneider agreed that it was a great season, "had a lot of fun, and I am looking forward to next year."

Tasha Martin and Ashley Stewart block out against Bern as Shelby Davis shoots.



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# DONIPHAN WEST MUSTANGS



Front: Chelsea Kenyon, Amanda Zeit, Kassi Zeit, Jessica Libel, Jackie Denton. Second: Kaley Witham, Morgan Twombly, Stephanie Schneider, Tasha Martin, Ashley Stewart, Brittany Crossland. Third: Kim Fuhrman, Shelby Davis, Allison Thompson, Bridget Janssen, Cortney Thompson, Melissa Boos, Brittany Schmitz. Fourth: assistant coach Marla Olson, freshmen coach Elmer Schmitz, and head coach Jennifer Bottom.



"It was a learning experience for me. We're all really young and I think that it's going to take a few years for us to really come together the way that we want it to. All around I think that we had a pretty good first season.

--sophomore Morgan Twombly

## Scoreboard

	Us	Them
JCN	40	31
KC Christian	32	53
Jackson Heights	33	35
Oskaloosa	27	38
Troy	35	40
Oskaloosa	42	40
Elwood	55	21
Bishop Seabury	48	11
St. Joe Christian	35	32
Wathena	41	38
Bern	49	48
Wathena	32	43
Wathena	35	33
Jackson Heights	32	38
Horton	26	32
Valley Falls	45	46
McLouth	67	30
Pleasant Ridge	48	52
KC Christian	38	49
Troy	34	44
JCN	41	34
Wathena	29	54

**Wins: 10 Losses: 12**



Coach Bottom gets the girls pumped and ready to win in their pregame huddle.

Shelby Davis plays defense against Troy.



The girls get a break and some instruction from coach Bottom.



Concentrating on making her freethrow, Amanda Zeit prepares to shoot in the game against Bern.



Eric Walsh prepares to make a move against Troy.



Dusty Libel puts some defensive pressure on Horton's point guard during a junior varsity game.



Terry Crossland goes up strong against Horton during a junior varsity game at the HCC gym.



Ben Gilmore drives the lane past the Bern defenders for an easy layup.

### Honors

Ben Gilmore- All DVL  
 Kip Peters-All Tournament Team (Elwood)  
 Eric Walsh-All Tournament Team (Elwood)

# CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE



Cody Miller goes in strong for two trying to rack up the points for his team during the Bern game.



Daniel Kuhnert shoots his free throws after being fouled by one of his Bern opponents.

The boys' basketball season was a pretty big roller coaster ride with some close games and new players adapting to each other. All in all, the season went pretty well, but more wins, of course, were wanted by the team and coach John Twombly.

Twombly said that shooting was one of the team's biggest difficulties and credited the depth of good athletes as a strength.

Both Highland and Midway were classified as IA schools before combining and both teams had to step up and play bigger teams. Twombly said, "The competition level was higher night in and night out."

Coach Twombly had positive comments about the season. "I enjoyed every moment this year. They are a great group of young men and it has been a great pleasure to get to know each of them."

Kole McCauley and Dustin Libel, both juniors, had positive comments about the season. "I really enjoyed playing with everybody on the team; everyone got along together great. Also, having Coach Twombly as our coach was great. He made us play as a team and really knows a lot about basketball," McCauley said. Libel said, "This basketball season was full of good memories. With the help of Coach Twombly, we all came together and played well."

Through the eyes of the players as well as the coach, to them their record was not the most important part of the season: it's the fact that they all came together as rivals, and played as one.



The boys huddle up for a timeout to listen to Coach Twombly.

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First Row: Kole McCauley, John Lednicki, Seth Twombly, Paul Johnson, Daniel Freeman.  
 Second Row: Dustin Libel, Bryan Hamilton, Ben Gilmore, Brad Clark, R.C. Compton, Terry Crossland.  
 Third Row: Jonathan Collins, Jacob Rush, Jacoby Watts, Chase Smith, Josh Hargis.  
 Fourth Row: Kamron Winchester, Alex Autem, Kip Peters, Cody Miller, Eric Walsh, Garrett Miller.



"I thought that our overall season went pretty good. We came together and played as a team. I wish that Coach Twombly would be joining us again next year."

--junior Dustin Libel

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Oskaloosa	52	48
Wathena	44	33
Jackson Heights	41	57
JCN	34	55
Troy	38	42
Oskaloosa	42	46
Elwood	44	55
St. Joe Christian	52	38
Maur Hill Prep	26	66
Elwood(OT)	37	38
Bern	39	35
Wathena(OT)	36	41
Wathena	33	34
Jackson Heights	44	62
Horton	55	45
Valley Falls	37	68
McLouth	56	39
Pleasant Ridge	42	41
KC Christian	42	56
Troy	43	54
JCN	45	55

**Wins:7 Losses:14**



Jacoby Watts tries a quick jumpshot against Bern.

Kip Peters grabs an offensive rebound.



The boys line up to pump up the starters as they are introduced.



Kamron Winchester puts the ball up for two against Horton.



Andrew Massey runs the mile at the Doniphan West Relays.



Nicole Diveley passes the baton to Katelynn Fitch during the 4x800m at the Doniphan County Meet.



Ashton Lackey stays cool and collected as he runs the open 400 at the county meet.



Katelynn Fitch takes off after receiving the baton during the 4x100.

**State results**

Eric Walsh 4th L.J. 5th H.J; Kip Peters 3rd discus; Amanda Zeit 3rd PV & partic. 1600m; Jordanne Miller 6th H.J; Daniel Kuhnert partic. discus; Morgan Twombly partic. L.J; Garrett Miller partic. 100m; Ben Gilmore partic. PV; Chelsey Fritch partic. javelin; 4x100 partic. Clint Merkel, Gilmore, Peters, Miller; 4x800m partic. Amanda Dunn, Katelynn Fitch, Twombly, Zeit.

# RIGHT ON TRACK



Paige Smith heaves the discus at the Doniphan West Relays.



Daniel Kuhnert and Coach Schmitz watch the finals of the shot put.

Amanda Zeit pole vaults at the Doniphan West Relays.



The Mustang track team had an amazing first year. From winning the very first track meet at the Elwood Relays to taking ten kids to state, the year was full of success. Although the typical Kansas weather caused a few delays, like the three-day Delaware Valley League track meet at Pleasant Ridge, everything eventually worked out. Both boys' and girls' teams made a mark at all the track meets with their blazing orange sweats and by winning team trophies and many individual medals. With brand new records set, they paved the way for the D. West track team for many years to come.



Chelsey Fritch chuckles at Coach Eberly's comments, which may have been that she do a running event.



First row: Jessica Lackey, Chelsea Kenyon, Amanda Zeit, Paige Smith, Katelynn Fitch, Ashley Stewart, Jessica Libel, Amanda Dunn, Holly Norris. Second row: Kaley Witham, Kenny Compton, Brittany Schmitz, Gerald Folsom, Jonathan Collins, Nicholas Dickerson, Chelsey Fritch, Eric Simmons, Morgan Twombly, Nicole Diveley. Third row: Andrew Gilmore, Bridget Janssen, Jordanne Miller, Ashton Lackey, Allison Thompson, Dustin Libel, Terry Crossland, Shelby Davis, Kole McCauley. Fourth row: Caleb Jeffrey, Laurence Dickson, Ben Gilmore, Garrett Miller, Eric Walsh, Kip Peters, Andrew Massey, Clint Merkel, John Burke.

## Scoreboard

	Boys	Girls
Elwood Relays	1st	1st
Horton	1st	1st
ACCCHS	4th	4th
Rock Creek	2nd	3rd
DW Night Relays	1st	2nd
Doniphan Co. Meet	1st	1st
Wathena	4th	2nd
DVL Meet	2nd	2nd
Regionals	2nd	2nd
State		



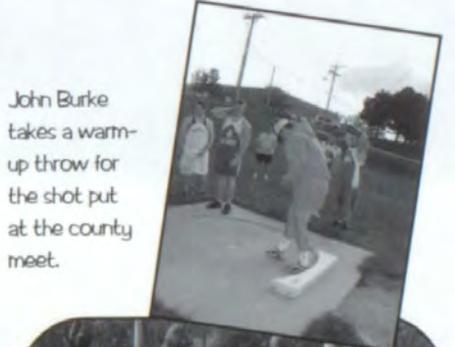
"We had a lot of good athletes this year, and we came together really well and scored a lot of points when we had to. All of our hard work paid off when we took a bunch of kids to state."  
 --senior Daniel Kuhnert



Eric Walsh takes an amazing jump at the Doniphan West Relays.



Morgan Twombly, Amanda Dunn, Katelynn Fitch, and Amanda Zeit huddle together while doing traditional ritual their for the 4X800 meter relay.



John Burke takes a warm-up throw for the shot put at the county meet.



Morgan Twombly plunges into the sand pit during long jump at the Doniphan County Meet.



Dusty Libel pole vaults at the first Doniphan West Night Relays at Highland Community College.





# GROUPS





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# STUCO

## Taking action, getting results

For many students school started on Thursday August 19, but for STUCO members it started way back in May of 2004. They came together as two different schools hoping to make a difference in what was to become a new development. STUCO decided not to elect anyone else and to stick with everybody that was already there. Because there was a vice-president from each school and no president, they decided that the two vice-presidents

would become co-presidents. A week before school even started STUCO was setting up for the first day. With orange and navy decorations and the new Mustang of Doniphan West. STUCO decorated the whole school with pride. During this year STUCO also planned dances, fundraisers, Homecoming events, and also renamed the Winter Dance "Winter Royalty." This year's STUCO came together as one and got things done.

## What did STUCO do this year?

1 >>



"This year, STUCO sponsored/organized dances and eased the transition from two separate schools to one united school."

Junior Megan Holt

2 >>



"We helped try to solve the lunch problems, organized dances, and made up a new constitution."

Junior Lesley Harness



STUCO members discuss plans for an upcoming dance.



Co-presidents, seniors Kelly French and Melissa Boos change the school sign for the week.



Sophomore Andrew Gilmore reads his newspaper during a STUCO meeting.



Eric Simmons, Julianne Gross and Morgan Twombly listen intently during a meeting.



Sponsor Esther Gornley talks to the students about plans for an upcoming event.



Daniel Kuhnert, senior, was just one of the STUCO members that collected money and filled the pop machines.



Front: Andrew Gilmore, Melissa Boos, Kelly French, Alex Autem, Shelby Davis, Megan Holt, Terry Crossland, Lesley Harness  
Back: Chelsea Kenyon, Allie Wilmes, Morgan Twombly, Kole McCauley, Brittany Schmitz, Eric Simmons, Julianne Gross.



Melissa Boos looks over an old yearbook to draw inspiration.



Amanda Zeit captures a moment while working on her feature story.



Christena Gilfillan concentrates on designing her layout.



Kayla Dunlap takes advantage of being in journalism while hiding her pop in the camera case.

Taking a break from their busy schedules, the sixth hour journalism class looks away from their computers for a minute to pose for a picture.



## I think... She needs my help

While spending a lot of our time working on yearbook and the school newspaper, both journalism classes still managed to have a lot of fun. (Even though the good old excuse "I think she needs my help," was used to get out of class).

For our first ever yearbook, we put all of our ideas together to make sure that it would make a long lasting impression on future Doniphan West journalism classes.

Not only did we work hard on our yearbook, we spent some of our time making a good school newspaper as well. And even though most of our issues were followed by controversy, many were impressed with the first ever *D. West Express*.

But all of our hard work in class paid off when we went to Manhattan, KS for regional contest. Eleven out of the sixteen girls in journalism class placed.



## What were your favorite moments in journalism class?

"When I hid in the closet and tried to scare Mr. Tyler. I was stuck in the closet because they never said 'candy.'"

- Allie Wilmes



<<1

"Spending half of our journalism class trying to figure out a way to spell, 'pkkkkkkkkew!'"

- Amanda Zeit



<<2

"It was always exciting hearing the new complaints about our articles and newspapers. Controversy is always fun."

- Melissa Boos



<<3

"My favorite part was when we all went to K-State and I got to play pool with all of my classmates."

- Christena Gilfillan



<<4



Standing: Allie Wilmes, Melissa Boos, Bailey Donahue, Kim Fuhrman, Megan Holt, Samantha Wigle, Lacy Sullivan, Amanda Zeit, Sarah Christopher, Miranda Cluck, Jackie Gronniger. Sitting: Christena Gilfillan, Kayla Dunlap, Whitney Elrod, Hailee Dunlap.





# FFA



Where'd they go? Kole McCauley and Jackie Gronniger sport their camo for hunting gear day of FFA week.

## Learn, Lead, Succeed!



Clint Merkel cleans up after the big breakfast sponsored by the Doniphan West FFA.



Billy Hopkins takes a little time out of the Louisville Slugger museum tour to have a small conversation with the players.



Bailey Donahue shows off her milking skills at National Convention.



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The national convention group poses in front of the baseball bat at the Louisville Slugger museum.

### What was your favorite part of FFA this year?

1 >>		"Going on bus rides...hey cow!" -Brittany Schmitz
2 >>		"Getting out of school for state contest." -Clint Merkel
3 >>		"Meeting new people at contests." -Kelsey Wohletz
4 >>		"Becoming the first Doniphan West Barnwarming sweetheart." -Miranda Cluck



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Jessica Lackey and Miranda Cluck try not to vomit while eating hot dogs for the obstacle course.



Jackie Gronniger and Susan Boos laugh while stuffing their faces with the pie provided for the obstacle course.

Some of the FFA members show off their calves for the calf judging contest. The candidates gave reasons later in the night over which calves they chose as first and last.



The candidates and some fellow FFA members jot down reasons for the calf judging contest.



Jessica Libel and Jackie Denton clean up after participating in the obstacle course.

# breaking in the Barn Agriculture Fueling America

Smelling manure, hauling five gallon buckets of water and heaving hay bales helped Miranda Cluck win the title of FFA Sweetheart on Nov. 5, 2004 at the first Doniphan West Barnwarming. The night began with opening ceremonies followed by a potluck supper. Next began the Sweetheart competition in which the candidates had to perform chores. The candidates were juniors Miranda Cluck and Jessica Lackey, sophomores Jackie Gronniger and Susan Boos, and freshmen Jessica Libel and Jackie Denton. To begin the competition, candidates first

gave speeches over Agriculture Fueling America. They next began the first chore of the night--calf judging. Each candidate had another member help them rank the "calves" of other FFA members. Next was the smelling contest where the candidates had to identify farm products. After that was the obstacle course. The last chore of the night was the hay bale toss. The candidates also had to fill out an information test and be interviewed that same night. Their scores were tallied up to determine the winner. The evening ended with the FFA members being auctioned off for eight hours of work.

## What was your favorite chore?

<p>"Duh. . . eating, look at me, it's what I like to do."</p> <p>— Miranda Cluck</p>		
<p>"I liked the calf judging the most because it wasn't what I expected and was something new."</p> <p>— Jessica Lackey</p>		
<p>"Heavy heavers because that was the one where the most people were cheering for you."</p> <p>— Jackie Gronniger</p>		
<p>"Heavy heavers because I'm used to throwing hay bales."</p> <p>— Susan Boos</p>		
<p>"The obstacle course because it was fun having to race and get messy at the same time."</p> <p>— Jackie Denton</p>		
<p>"I think I liked the obstacle course the most because I liked eating even though the pie was gross."</p> <p>— Jessica Libel</p>		



The candidates were Jessica Lackey, Jackie Denton, Queen Miranda Cluck, Jackie Gronniger, Jessica Libel, and Susan Boos.



# National Honor Student



Scholarship A+  
 Service A+  
 Leadership A+  
 Character A+

This year the Midway and Highland NHS Organizations joined together to form the new and improved Doniphan West National Honor Society. With the combined organizations there were 21 old members, and 17 new members were inducted into the organization this year. The induction ceremony was held on Monday, May 9. With the enlarged organization the members will be able to grow and continue to expand their organization by being faithful to the four traits of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.



Top Left: Lisa Handke welcomes guests to the ceremony and gives a brief history of NHS. Top Right: Inductees recite the chapter pledge.



Seniors Melissa Boos, Kelly French and Sarah Handke treat themselves to refreshments following the induction.



Allie Wilmes lights the red candle which represents the flame of Service.

Jessica Johnson sings "Che Fiero Costume" as part of the night's entertainment.



Andrew Massey lights the gold candle representing the flame of Scholarship.



Sarah Handke assists Brandon Cluck in introducing Melissa Boos as a newly inducted member.



First: Melissa Boos, Shelby Davis, Allie Wilmes, Kim Keller, Kim Fuhrman, Jill Peters, Ashley Stewart, Jessica Johnson, Amanda Dunn, Katelynn Fitch, Lisa Handke, Julianne Gross, Kelly French. Second: Andrew Gilmore, Evan Nuzum, Sarah Handke, Kelsey Wohletz, Kassi Zeit, Morgan Twombly, Bridget Glynn, Nicholas Dickerson, Kamron Winchester, Lesley Harness, Ben Gilmore. Third: Ashton Lackey, Leigh Massey, Wendy Hamilton, Megan Holt, Christena Gillilan, Andrew Massey, Kip Peters, Josh Saunders, Brandon Cluck, Clint Merkel, Kole McCauley. Not pictured: Sarah Reiter.

## Why is service important?

1>>



"While community service is an important part of NHS, it is also important that it is based on grades and school efforts as well."

- Kim Keller

2>>



"It is important to the proper function of society. It also gives individuals a reason to go out and do something."

- Evan Nuzum

3>>



"It helps us understand what it takes to keep people happy and to keep a safe and healthy environment."

- Ashton Lackey

4>>



"It gives the community a chance to know us better. It also gives us a chance to show we care about the community and the people in it."

- Kelsey Wohletz



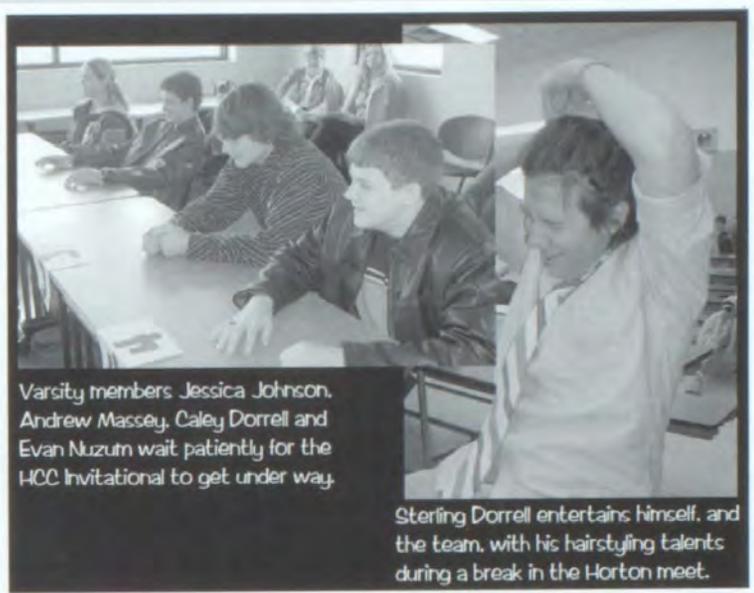
Andrew Gilmore puts on his game face in an attempt to intimidate the opposing team with his deep thoughts.



Sarah Reiter makes a weak protest as Sterling and Caley Dorrell team up in order to steal her chips during the lunch break at the Horton meet.



Quiz bowl members gather in the library for a morning practice during which coach Julie Dorrell asks the team random questions from various categories.



Varsity members Jessica Johnson, Andrew Massey, Caley Dorrell and Evan Nuzum wait patiently for the HCC Invitational to get under way.

Sterling Dorrell entertains himself, and the team, with his hairstyling talents during a break in the Horton meet.

## Is that your **FINAL ANSWER?** Scholars' bowl buzzes in

Quiz Bowl members dedicated a substantial chunk of their time this year to practices and meets. Starting in November, members met two times a week from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m. clear through the month of February. Sophomore Sarah Reiter said, "It was really hard to drag myself out of bed to go answer questions that I really didn't understand anyway." Along with early-morning practices, members also forfeited several Saturday mornings in order to attend

various meets.

The junior varsity members made themselves known at the Doniphan West Invitational Meet by claiming both the first and second place spots. Coach Julie Dorrell said, "It was a thrill to watch our JV teams take both first and second places at our home meet."

While the team didn't claim as many first place spots as they would have liked, they had fun being together and brushing up on a little bit of knowledge while they were at it.

## Reflections on the year

"I didn't want people to feel inferior to my smartness, so I only went to one meet!"  
— Bridget Glynn



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"I liked throwing the bouncy ball across the cafeteria in Horton."  
— Sterling Dorrell



<<2

"I liked when I was asked to 'amplify' my answer and the entire room started laughing."  
— Andrew Gilmore



<<3

"Coming close to being kicked out of the Sabetha meet for being too loud was pretty fun."  
— Evan Nuzum



<<4

"Morning bus rides were fun since everyone was still half-alseep, making conversation pretty interesting."  
— Megan Holt



<<5

"A few people livened up the waits during meets by throwing the bouncy balls around the room."  
— Jessica Johnson



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Back Row: Megan Holt, Evan Nuzum, Caley Dorrell, Rob Ruhnke, Andrew Massey, Sterling Dorrell. Middle Row: Jonathan Collins, Andrew Gilmore, R.C. Compton, Paul Johnson, Josh Hargis. Front Row: Leigh Massey, Bridget Glynn, Sarah Reiter, Jessica Johnson.



# Breaking in the Tunes

The first Doniphan West choir and Swing Choir had a great year. Choir performed great at the concerts, even with the small number of students that participated. Swing Choir was a class that the students took, and it was separate from the choir class.

For DVL contest and regionals Swing Choir was a little worried but they pulled through and sounded awesome. The girls performed "The Poet Sings," the boys sang "Sixteen Tons," and the whole group sang "Oh Mary Don't You Weep." There were also five solos that did an outstanding job. At regionals all three ensembles received a one, so they were off to state. At state the boys received a 2, the girls

a 2, and the group a 3.

Swing Choir members look forward to the Spring for their tour and this year they prepared a tribute to Jazz which included some songs from the musical *Chicago*. With their destination being Branson, Mo. they left on a six hour bus ride at 5 a.m. When they got there they opened for the *50's of the Hop* show and then they got to watch the show. On the way home they stopped at Pleasant Ridge High School to perform—and they even did an encore! Their final tour performance was at Doniphan West Middle School.

The Swing Choir's final performance was the *Friends* theme song "I'll Be There for You" at graduation on May 21.

Choir members:  
Whitney Elrod,  
Holly Norris,  
Christina Ivey,  
Lyndsey Elrod, Eric  
Edie, Hailee Dunig,  
teacher Terri  
Stevens, Bailey  
Donahue,  
Samantha Keebler,  
Melissa Boos,  
Paige Smith,  
Brittany Schmitz,  
Shawna Andrews,  
Tressa Baker.



The choir performs at the spring concert.



Jonathan Collins, Chelsey Fritch and Eric Simmons relax in the hot tub while on their Branson trip.

Caley Dorell hoists Kaley Witham and Stephanie Schneider on his shoulders in the hotel pool while on tour in Branson.



Kassi Zeit captures the audience's attention while singing "Roxie Hart" with the help of the Swing choir boys.



Teacher Terri Stevens sings and plays the piano for choir class.



Swing Choir members: Morgan Twombly, Kassi Zeit, Eric Simmons, Melissa Boos, Paige Smith, Sarah Handke, Jessica Johnson, Stephanie Schneider, Caley Dorell, Brandon Terry, Jonathan Collins, Seth Twombly, Sterling Dorrell, Samantha Keebler, Kaley Witham, Chelsey Kenyon, Kelsey Wohletz, Lacy Sullivan, Amanda Dunn, Megan Holt and Chelsey Fritch.

## What was your favorite thing about Swing Choir?

- |      |   |   |
|------|---|---|
| 1 >> |  | "I had so much fun at Branson. Rooming with Kassi, Kelsey, and Chelsey K. was fun too."<br>-Lacy Sullivan   |
| 2 >> |  | "I thought it was funny when Chelsey and Sterling put the pencil in the tile on the ceiling and took a tile out of the ceiling."<br>-Melissa Boos |
| 3 >> |  | "I enjoyed the six hour bus ride to Branson. You would not believe the deep and highly intelligent conversations that took place."<br>-Megan Holt |
| 4 >> |  | "I had a blast on tour and going to Branson. It was so fun!"<br>-Eric Simmons   |

Bridget Janssen, Julianne Gross, and Kelly French play at the Spring concert.



Nathan Ricklefs, Allison Thompson and Chelsey Fritch share pep band music.



Josh Hargis, Paul Johnson and Caleb Sellers play at the Spring concert.

Sterling Dorrell and the clarinet section play at the Spring concert.



Under the direction of Mr. Honish and student director Chelsey Fritch, the band marches in the Highland Halloween parade.

# A NOTEABLE GROUP

The D. West band—larger and louder than what the students, director, and audience members were used to—had a busy year. The pep band endured cold weather at football games and came inside for basketball games and pep rallies; marched in parades; held concerts; prepared pieces for contest; and played "Pomp and Circumstance" at graduation. Instructed by Richard Honish, they put on

performances twice during the year and prepared for regional and state contests in between. The band overall received a 1 at regionals on April 2 at Benedictine College and received a 2 rating at the state competition in Sabetha. Solos and ensembles went to state competition at Concordia on April 30. At state, the clarinet quartet received a 1, and Jessica Johnson received a 1 on her saxophone solo.

## What instrument do you play? What do you like about it?

"Flute—it sounds different than the other instruments."

-Bridget Janssen



<<1

"Tenor sax—it's something original and something not everyone plays."

-Allison Thompson



<<2

"Clarinet—it is small and a fun instrument to play."

-Jordanne Miller



<<3

"Snare Drum—I mostly enjoy playing beats and difficult solo pieces because they sound cool."

-Gerald Folsom



<<4

"Trumpet—because I toot it all hour!"

-Caleb Sellers



<<5

"Timpani and Quads—because I get to beat the heck out of things!"

-Caleb Jeffrey



<<6



Front: Camille Sellers, Nicole Diveley, Julianne Gross, Katelynn Fitch, Nathan Ricklefs, Jackie Denton, Amanda Halling, Jessica Johnson. Second row: Eric Simmons, Gerald Folsom, Jacob Rush, Caleb Sellers, Jonathan Collins, Josh Hargis, Sarah Reiter. Third row: Caleb Jeffrey, Jordanne Miller, Paul Johnson, Ashton Lackey, Bridget Janssen, Jason Bolden, Chelsey Fritch. Back row: Laurence Dickson, Cortney Thompson, Sterling Dorrell, Andrew Massey, Garrett Miller, Allison Thompson, Kelly French.





# ACADEMICS





*For the*

*Record Books*



Jessica Johnson works on her project.

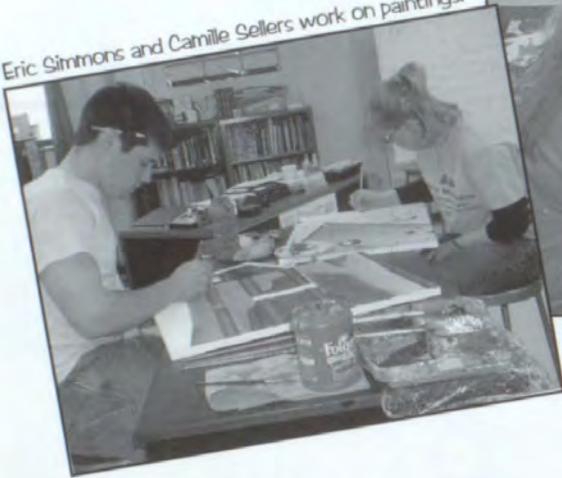


Lesley Harness carves a design into her clay box.



Miranda Cluck starts to paint her purse she made out of clay.

Eric Simmons and Camille Sellers work on paintings.



Kelly French works on her portrait of Frank Sinatra.



Sarah Reiter starts to build a clay pot.

# A Work of Art

Being able to take Art class was a new experience for many students this year, because Art was not part of the Midway curriculum. In the different sections of Art class students did graphite, chalk and charcoal drawing; pottery; acrylic painting; basic graphic design; color wheel study; art theory; and art history. One of the big projects the Art classes did this year was a mural on a wall down by the Art room. Each separate Art class chose a decade to select important events, things, or people to design, draw and paint. Art students also participated in DVL contest and attended the HCC art day.



Art I students work on their section of the mural.



Leigh Massey and Wendy Hamilton work on their paintings in the senior lounge.



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The 50's, 60's, and 70's sections of the mural are nearly complete.



# Senior Showcase

*Year-long project stresses seniors*

The Senior Showcase is a year-long project that has the seniors choose an appropriate topic, write a 2500 word research paper, keep a time journal, perform a demonstration of knowledge, give a 20 minute oral presentation to a panel of judges, and work on various other forms and documents to complete the project. Each senior passed Senior Showcase, which is a requirement to graduate. Some of the topics included haunted houses, cake decorating, juvenile diabetes, female jazz musicians, and electrical engineering.



Brandon Terry practices his speech about Vietnam Airforce in front of a small group of people.



During his practice speech, Caley Dorrell uses his video camera as part of his introduction for his topic over Making a Music Video.



A couple of days before giving his speech, Kevin Solomon reads over his Senior Project information.



While giving his Senior Project speech, Albert Edie demonstrates a technique for Auto Collision Repair.



Kelly French works hard to put her camera together before giving her speech over photography.



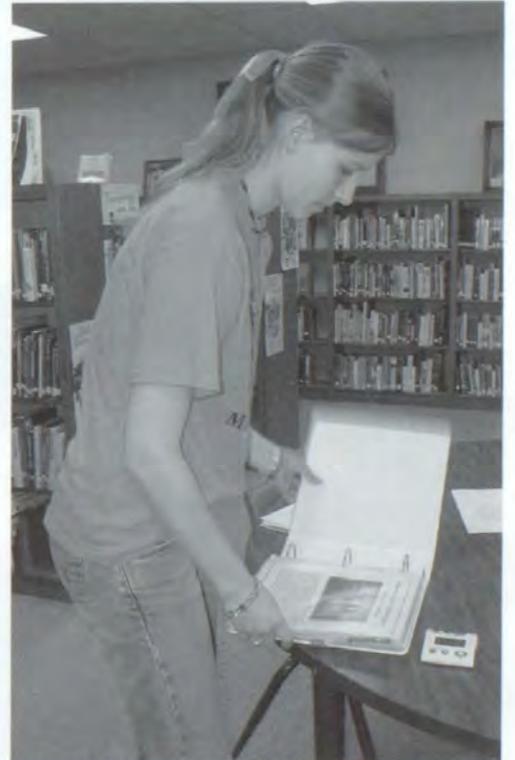
Paige Smith and Christena Giffilan rehearse their speeches to each other.

What was the most stressful part of Senior Project?



"The whole Senior Project was stressful but mostly trying to get 20 minutes for my speech. It was hard not to procrastinate while trying to meet my deadlines. Overall, it was a huge learning experience, but I wouldn't go back and do it again."

~Melissa Boos



Shelby Davis makes some last minute adjustments to her Senior Project portfolio over Dating and Courtship.



Terra Weiland

"I think hands on classes help students learn better than just taking notes and reading."

# Hands On

Students enjoy spending their time in school working with their hands rather than sitting and reading and writing!



Josh Saunders watches John Weis work on his project in Woods.



Josh McVicker works on a deer for a taxidermy project.



Travis McDonald works on a project at the Native American Heritage Museum on a World History field trip.



Julianne Gross and Daniel Solomon work on painting and pottery.



Choir students sing.



Cody Miller helps tend the hanging baskets in the greenhouse for Horticulture class.



Mr. Schmitz and Alex Myers sand a project in class.



Clint Merkel lifts weights in P.E.



Billy Hopkins puts finishing touches on a coyote for a Natural Resources project.



Eric Edie sands a board in Horticulture.



Cortney Thompson practices her golf swing in P.E.



Wendy and Leigh hold up pig lungs in Anatomy.



## What type of student are you?

*Talker*



"If I'm not talking, it's killing me, because I have to be talking at all times."

Kayla Dunlap

*Serious*



"We are serious because school and school work are serious things."

Bryce Ellner, Lacy Sullivan and Daniel Solomon

*Class Clown*



"I like to make people laugh and brighten their day up, but the teachers don't always like that."

Kamron Winchester

*Trouble Maker*



"I am a trouble maker in class because class can sometimes get boring. I know it's hard to believe, but I like to spice it up sometimes."

Miranda Cluck

# Home away from Home

A person's locker and backpack can often tell quite a bit about that person. Is he messy or neat? Does she like to snack? Forget or lose homework? Never take a book to class, or take everything just in case? No matter what the case may be, most students find that lockers and backpacks aren't only good for the usual books, paper, pens, and other school supplies—they are a home away from home.



## What is the most interesting thing in your backpack?

Tiffany McNett  
"The most interesting thing in my backpack is money and Pixi Stix."



Jake Rush  
"An old moldy shirt from football season."



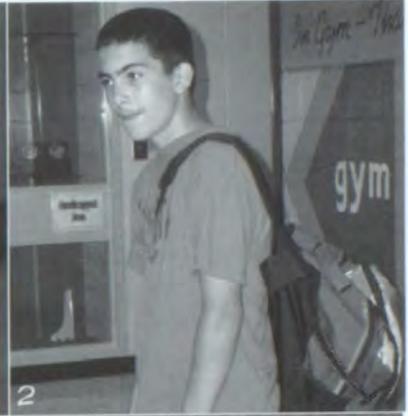
Josh Hargis  
"I have a deck of cards and smelly gym clothes."



1. Sophomore Holly Ivey carries her extremely heavy backpack.



2. Dustin Winters, freshman, carries his backpack to lunch.



3. Sophomore Terry Crossland gets out his homework for his next class.



4. Brittany Schmitz takes a break from carrying her heavy backpack.



Meghan Simmons



Christena Gilfillan



RC Compton



Kim Keller



Garrett Miller



A



B



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A. K. Keller  
B. M. Simmons  
C. P. Compton  
D. G. Miller  
E. C. Gilfillan





# EVENTS





# Step Closer



# LIFE IS A STAGE

*The Stories of Scheherazade* Directed by Michael Hill & Terri Stevens

## PLAYING ALONG



**The Center of Attention** Morgan Twombly shows off her bellydancing skills during the dance interlude of "Come to the Bazaar."



**A Shoulder To Cry On** Mariah, played by Paige Smith, comforts her distressed friend Amber, played by Samantha Keebler, after learning her gloomy fate as the King's wife.



**There are Ears Everywhere** Jonathan Collins as

Leander and Amanda Dunn as Mara eavesdrop on deceitful plans to take over the kingdom.

### Dance for Me

Disguised as "Blossom," Sterling Dorrell dances obediently for his demanding admirer, Skeeter, played by Eric Edie.



**Right: A Menacing Threat** Skeeter, played by Eric Edie, winces in pain as Nefario, played by Caley Dorrell silences his rambling with a wicked glare and a brutal twist of the arm.

**Below Right: A Well Earned Break** Sarah Reiter, Chelsey Fritch, Julianne Gross, Sterling Dorrell, and Sarah Handke use their brief break in rehearsal to hang out and goof around.

**Below Left: A Moment of Understanding** Kassi Zeit as the young, naive Dinny, helps King Raynah, played by Sterling Dorrell, hear the music inside of his heart.



**Above Center: Friends Stick Together** Heaping praise upon their beloved friend, Paige Smith, Jessica Johnson, Samantha Keebler, Kelsey Wohletz and Chelsea Kenyon belt out a jazzy tune.

**Above: Discussing the Latest Bride** R.C. Compton as Jorah and Sarah Handke as Lily devise a plan to put an end to King Raynah's foolish games.



**Above: A Touching Moment** Chelsey Fritch as Scheherazade and Eric Simmons as the Grand Vizier share a tender father-daughter moment as they face the reality of Scheherazade's decision to marry the king.

The Spring play "Murder in the Manor" was a murder-mystery dinner theatre in which the characters interacted with the audience. Before the end, all audience members filled out a "Whodunit" sheet, and whoever guessed the murderer won the grand prize. When the lights went out for the start of the show, Artemus, head of the family publishing business, was found dead with a knife in his back. Everyone in the house was, of course, a suspect. The question was, "Who did it?" There were many twists throughout the whole play. It was very tough to guess who the murderer was. The play consisted of one set with five scenes and two casts—one of understudies.

# MURDER IN THE MANOR

PLAY GETS AUDIENCE INVOLVED



Sam Keebler as Dr. Toni Bullinger questions the other house guests (understudy cast) about their whereabouts during the murder.



## Applause Please

The understudies take a final bow after putting on a well-performed show.



## A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER

Josh Hargis as Major questions Jonathan Collins as Bernie Jones about his motives.



Chelsey Fritch as Gillcudy Boskovicz makes travel arrangements after poisoning Andrew Massey's character, Reginald Ward.



Julianne Gross (Eileen Morrow) and Amanda Dunn (Gillcudy Boskovicz) mingle with the audience.



## A DEADLY DRINK

Andrew Massey as Reginald Ward and Sarah Handke as Eileen Morrow have been poisoned with deadly wine in the final scene.



Jessica Johnson as Jeannie Dell and Eric Simmons as Bernie Jones seemed guilty.



## A GREAT JOB

The cast members bow in appreciation to the audience after putting on a successful show.

# A NEW HOME

BUILDING TRADITIONS



**Getting their Groove On** A cluster of students dance to the popular cha cha slide.



**Get R' Won** The freshmen class show their spirit during the parade.



**Looking Smart** Garrett Miller shows his stylish side during invasion of the geek/nerd day.



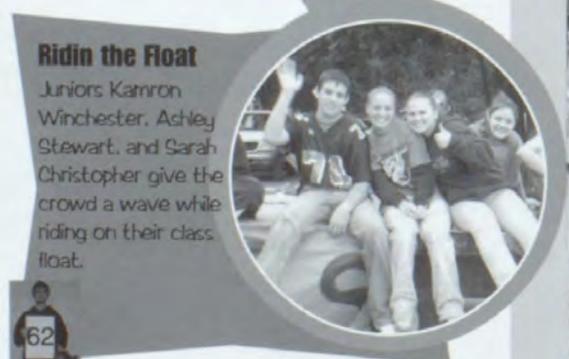
**Lookin' Their Best** Homecoming candidates Shelby Davis, Daniel Kuhnert, Queen Melissa Boos, King Clint Merkel, Chelsey Fritch, Josh Saunders, crown bearer Jonathon Clark, and flower girl Jennifer Rodriguez.



**Top: King of the Hill** The juniors enjoy seeing the parade from their winning float that featured a blue Mustang.  
**Above: Mustangs Rockin' the Field** The senior class rocked getting ready for the big game.



**Climbin Her Way Up** Camille Sellers climbs the rock wall provided by the National Guard during her lunch break.



**Ridin the Float**

Juniors Karron Winchester, Ashley Stewart, and Sarah Christopher give the crowd a wave while riding on their class float.

A new home means new traditions. This year's Homecoming was all about making new traditions. The week started off with traditional spirit week dress up days along with new advisory activities. On Thursday night a bonfire was set ablaze in the high school parking lot. Burn the Bears was the theme of this year's bonfire. Friday night was the big game against Oskaloosa with the crowning of the very first DWHS Homecoming King and Queen. The week's festivities ended with Friday night's "Picture Perfect" dance.



**50's Fashion**  
Brittany Schmitz, Jessica Lackey and Stephanie Schneider wear matching poodle skirts for flashback day.

**Spirit Week Activities**

Tuesday  
Flashback  
Karaoke

Wednesday  
Fairy Tale &  
Nursery Rhyme  
Stud Volleyball &  
Rock Wall

Thursday  
Invasion of the Nerds  
Tug of War

Friday  
Orange & Blue  
Parade



Top: **Looking Smart** Allison Thompson, Andrew Gilmore, RC Compton, and Jonathan Collins get ready for their studies during spirit week.  
Above: **Dancin' the Night Away** Students get ready for the next song.

# REMEMBERING THE GOOD TIMES

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE HOMECOMING MOMENT?

**MAKING TRADITIONS**

"The cheerleaders did a great job of combining traditions from both schools and creating a new Homecoming tradition. I thought it was a lot of fun and everyone got involved! A great way to start a new year!"

-Shelby Davis



**GIRLS DOMINATE**

"Not surprisingly the freshmen girls again demonstrated how much stronger they were by beating the freshmen boys in tug of war! The girls have always overpowered the boys and will continue to."

-Jennifer Larson



**TRASH WORKS**

"Our float represented our class well. It was easy to make and even easier to clean up. We'll never forget about the bird pooping on Morgan's arm."

-Jackie Gronniger & Whitney Elrod



**FLAMING SPIRIT**

"After spending so much time building it, I was glad to see it burn."

-Billy Hopkins



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# ONE TO REMEMBER

A NEW BEGINNING



### Lovely Ladies

Seniors Jessica Johnson, Sarah Handke, and Kelly French enjoy the dance.



### In the Spotlight

Caught off guard, junior Jessica Lackey takes a drink break during the Winter Royalty Dance.



**Center Court** Winter Royalty candidates: Garrett Miller, Kelly French, King Jacoby Watts, Queen Lyndsey Elrod, Brad Clark, Samantha Keebler, flower girl Jaitne Albers, and crown bearer Brantley Cluck.



### Looking Stylish

Sophomores Katelynn Fitch and Sarah Reiter give the "West-Side" symbol while dressed in their hip-hop attire for Goofy Day.



**Sweet and Glamorous** Some sophomore girls enjoy the Winter Royalty dance.  
**Takin a Break** Seniors Garrett Miller and Caley Dorrell relax after bustin some moves on the dance floor.



**Lookin Adorable** Juniors Wendy Hamilton and Leigh Massey get together for a cute pose during the Winter Royalty dance.

### Smiling for the Camera

Showing how big his heart is, junior Billy Hopkins has fun on Valentine's Day.



This year's Winter Crowning was all about putting old traditions together to start a new beginning. The week's activities included the always stylish dress up days and a pep rally. The pep rally, at which students enjoyed watching the candidates play entertaining games, pumped everyone up for that night's basketball games. The first ever Winter Royalty were crowned during halftime versus Horton. The "Winter Royalty" dance ended the week's activities and marked this year's Winter Crowning as one to remember.



**Bustin a Move** D. West's own Spartan Cheerleaders, sophomores Ashton Lackey and Whitney Elrod, show off their "talented" dance moves during their performance at the pep rally.



**Takin it Easy** Juniors Josh Fee, Cody Miller and Evan Nuzum take a candy and pop break during the dance.



**Looking Smart** Winter Royalty candidates take part in a pep rally game. Above: **Dancin' the Night Away** Jackie Denton, Jordanne Miller, Alie Wilmes and Bailey Donahue dance to the Cotton Eyed Joe.

### Spirit Week Activities

Monday  
Wild West

Tuesday  
Goofy

Wednesday  
Pajamas

Thursday  
Tropical

Friday  
Orange & Navy

# A MOMENT IN TIME

One We Will Never Forget

## ON THE DANCE FLOOR

Candidates Samantha Keebler and Brad Clark share a slow dance at the Winter Royalty Dance.



## STEPPIN TO THE BEAT

Students boogie on the dance floor to the Electric Slide at the Winter Royalty Dance.



## RELAXIN ON THE BEACH

Art class students flaunt their beach style and show their spirit on Tropical Day.



## FLAMING SPIRIT

Showing off their silly side, freshman Jackie Denton and senior Bailey Donahue dress up for Goofy Day.



# PARDON MY FRENCH

A Rendezvous Au Paris



**A Cute Couple** Caleb Jeffrey and Terra Rhyne enter prom arm in arm.



**Showing Up In Style!** Evan Nuzum and Cody Miller walk down to prom.



**Stop, Turn and SMILE!** Kelly French and Sterling Dorrell stop to take a picture before entering prom.

**Red Carpet Arrival!**  
Meghan Simmons  
and John Weis.



**A Senior Group Shot:** First Row: Allie Wilmes, Jacoby Watts, Christena Gilfillan, Josh Saunders, Lyndsey Elrod, John Weis, Bailey Donahue, Ryan Halling, Kim Keller, Clint Merkel, Brad Clark, Lisa Handke, Andrew Massey, Jessica Johnson. Second Row: Ashley Robinson, Shelby Davis, Chelsey Fritch, Meghan Simmons, Paige Smith, Samantha Keebler, Melissa Boos, Brandon Cluck. Third Row: R.C. Compton, Andrew Purvis, Brandon Terry, Daniel Kuhnert, Sarah Handke, Caley Dorrell, Kelly French, Adam Herrs, Jimmy Smith, Garrett Miller, Kevin Solomon.



**Junior Class Pose** Front Row: Shane Harness, Lacy Sullivan, Josh Fee, Miranda Cluck, Dusty Libel, Lesley Harness, Ben Gilmore, Colt Forney, Kole McCauley, Jessica Lackey, Eric Walsh, Terra Weiland, Kamron Winchester, Courtney Thompson, Caleb Jeffrey, Greg Humphrey. Second Row: Megan Holt, Kimberly Fuhrman, Kelsey Wohletz, Leigh Massey, Wendy Hamilton, Samantha Wigle, Sarah Christopher, Amanda Zeit, Ashley Stewart. Third Row: Billy Hopkins, Johnny Stonebarger, Cody Miller, Evan Nuzum, Alex Myers, John Burke.

A 20-foot Eiffel Tower was the centerpiece of the prom with the theme as Au Rendezvous in Au Paris. 123 students attended prom along with 20 teachers and board members. The room was lit up with over 2,000 lights along the Tower, the city, trees and gates. The music at the dance was well accepted although many were unhappy with the few selections of slow songs. After Prom wasn't all that the students expected, so many got bored and some just simply left. Games such as ping-pong, ring toss, sumo wrestling, scooter racing, Bingo, toilet-paper toss, casino games, card games, and a choice of watching a movie were the options the students had. Prizes included money, earrings, cologne, gift certificates, flashlights, hats, shirts, and sweatshirts. At the end of the night when students exited they received a \$50 gift certificate to Wal-Mart.



**Ready To Serve?** Sarah Reiter, Katelynn Fitch, Ashton Lackey, Kassi Zeit, Alex Autem, Julianne Gross, Nicholas Dickerson, Morgan Twombly, Eric Edie, Bridget Glynn, and Chase Smith.



Clockwise: Daniel Kuhnert gives the senior response at dinner. Shane Harness, Megan Sheeley, Kole McCauley, Jacoby Watts, Kimberly Fuhrman and Leigh Massey dance to the "Cha Cha Slide." Kole McCauley gives the welcoming speech. Wendy Hamilton, Ashley Stewart, Kip Peters, Shelby Davis, Josh Saunders and Angie Stewart in a group dance.

# AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

From an ordinary gym to an amazing Paris scene



## COMPUTER CLUB

Andrew Massey, Kamron Winchester, Adam Herrs, R.C. Compton and Garrett Miller.



## LET'S EAT!

Caley Dorrell, Eric Simmons, Chelsey Fritch, Jared Lytle, Megan Holt, Kelly French, Sterling Dorrell, and Olivia Clayton.



## SMILE ANDREW

Andrew Ellmore shows his enthusiasm while sitting and watching people dance.



## GOT AIR?

Dusty Libel shows his skills on the dance floor.

# What happens in K.C. . . . . . . stays in K.C.!



**Checkin' In** Andrew Massey, Jimmy Smith, Caley Dorrell, R.C. Compton, and Garrett Miller check in at the hotel.



**Enjoying the Water Park** After trying out the water slides, Ashley Robinson and Christena Gillilan stay in the water.



**Trying For Tickets** Allie Wilmes and Lyndsey Elrod try their luck in the hotel's arcade.

**The Big Winner**  
Lyndsey Elrod sports the tickets she won at the arcade.



**Group shot** The senior group poses in the hotel lobby for a picture together.



**Top** Some of the boys pose for a picture while waiting on their food at Famous Dave's.

**Above** The girls get together for a picture in front of the Great Wolf Lodge bear in the hotel lobby.



**This Isn't Gonna Hurt** Paige Smith leans over so she can get an airbrush tattoo.

Because they were the first, the seniors chose to make the first senior sneak of Doniphan West a hit. Due to a small budget, the seniors chose to ride in school buses and make the "long journey" to Kansas City, MO and stay at the Great Wolf Lodge, where they enjoyed the water park, arcade games, a Royals' game, and eating out. From arguments about donuts to Speedo models, the first ever Doniphan West High School senior sneak definitely started out a new school's tradition with a bang.



**Swing Your Hips!**  
R.C. Compton tries out his hula skills at Joe's Crab Shack.



**SNEAK SOUVENIRS?**  
Samantha Keebler, Shelby Davis and Sarah Handke show what their arcade tickets bought.



**Y.M.C.A.!**  
Mrs. Strong, Melissa Boos and Christena Gilfillan have enough courage to dance on the tables to the Y.M.C.A. at Joe's Crab Shack.



**SMILE!**  
Ryan Halling, Daniel Kuhnert, and Mr. Martin smile for the camera while waiting for their food at Famous Dave's.



**Table for Six** Caley Dorrell enjoys dining with Shelby Davis, Jessica Johnson, Lisa Handke, Kelly French, and Sarah Handke.



**JOE KNOWS CRABS!**  
Everyone seems to be enjoying their meals at Joe's Crab Shack.



**SOAKED!**  
Andy Purvis, Jimmy Smith and Andrew Massey recover from their ride down the water slide.



# SENIORS MAKE HISTORY

First grads of D. West



**A Mother's Pride** Andrew Massey and his mother share a moment during the presentation of flowers to parents.



**Cool and Calm** Samantha Keebler and Melissa Boos relax on the commons stage before graduation.



**One Last Time Together** The first graduating class of Doniphan West High School.



**Co-Valedictorian** Clint Merkel gives his valedictory address.



**"I'll Be There For You"** The Swing Choir sings the *Friends* television show theme song.



**Oh What a Feeling!** Meghan Simmons marches in to "Pomp and Circumstance."

**Happy Day** Lyndsey Elrod receives her diploma.



**Congratulations** Allie Wilmes receives her diploma and a handshake.



The Doniphan West class of 2005 received diplomas and became the school's first alumni on Saturday, May 21 in front of a standing-room-only audience. There were co-valedictorians for USD 425: Clint Merkel and Allie Wilmes; and a valedictorian and salutatorian for USD 433: Andrew Massey and Lisa Handke. The ceremony included announcement of the seniors' awards and scholarships, a slide show of pictures, flower presentations to parents, and of course, the switching of tassels.



**Switch 'em** Seniors switch their tassels to the "graduate" side.



**Marching in** Kevin Solomon takes one more step towards his diploma.

**Class Motto**

"Shoot for the moon, and even if you miss, at least you'll land among the stars."

**Colors**

Black & Blue

**Flower**

Carnation



Top: **Congratulations** Kim Keller receives her diploma.  
Above: **Salutatory address** Lisa Handke gives her short speech.

**ALMOST  
OUTTA HERE!**

Seniors headed for real world



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Sarah Handke and Adam Herrs receive congratulations in the receiving line.



**I'VE GOT IT!**

Garrett Miller savors the moment of receiving his diploma.



**READY TO GO**

Paige Smith, Sarah Handke and Kelly French pass the time waiting for graduation by taking pictures in the commons.



**MY PRECIOUS DIPLOMA**

Jimmy Smith gladly accepts his diploma from Brad Gilmore and a handshake from Steve Adams.





# The Final Round Up



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The 2004 - 2005 school year is **ONE** that will be remembered forever in the hearts and minds of not only the students and faculty of Doniphan **WEST**, but the entire community. This year, as the long awaited contracting of USD 433 and USD 425 finally took place, Doniphan **WEST** High School was in the spotlight as curious bystanders observed the outcome of the contracting; it couldn't have gone better. New friends were made along with new traditions, clubs and classes. Doniphan **WEST** has made its mark in history. History that won't only affect the classes to follow but also the citizens of Doniphan County. Nobody knew what quite to expect of the new school, but we will always remember the first year of D-**WEST** and we will never forget how the **WEST** was **ONE**.



# The West Was One

The 2004-2005 Journalism Class presents volume I of *Mustang Moments*. The theme "How the West was Won" was chosen by the two journalism classes, and then they came up with ideas for the cover design. When the class visited the Jostens Publishing Plant in Topeka, graphic artist Dan Colburn put the ideas on paper and came up with the final design. The fonts used on the cover and division pages are AYT Genuine, AYT Darnell, and Catfish Script. The font for captions is AYT Clarence. Jostens Publishing Co., Topeka, published this 96 page book. This 7 3/4" x 10 1/2" volume was printed on Gloss 209 paper.



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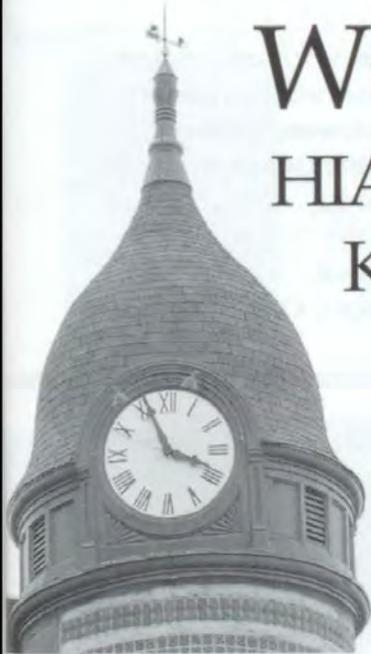
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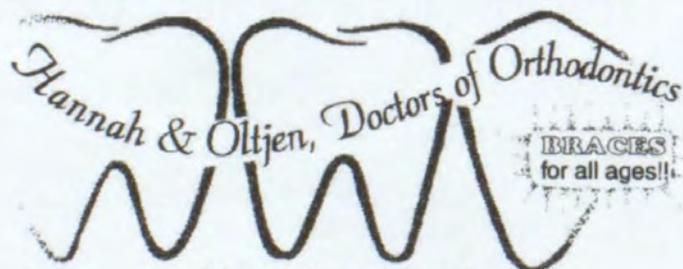


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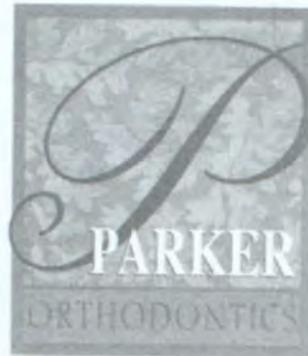
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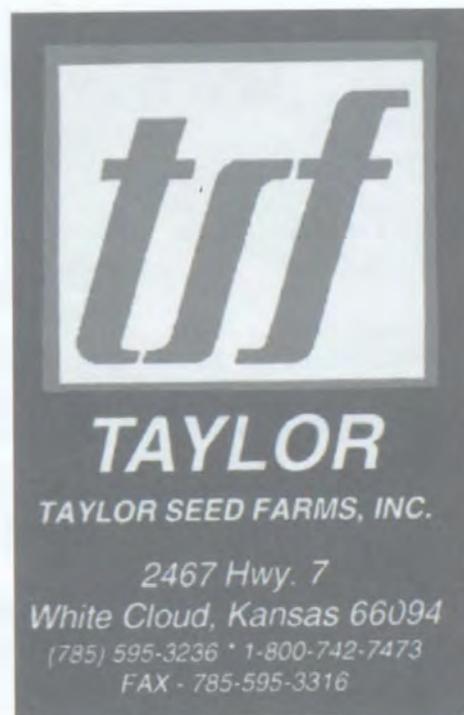
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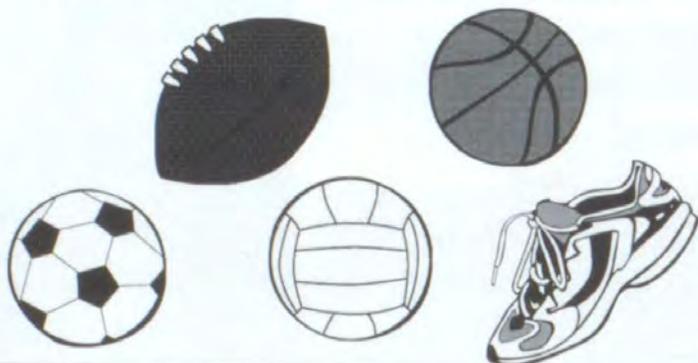
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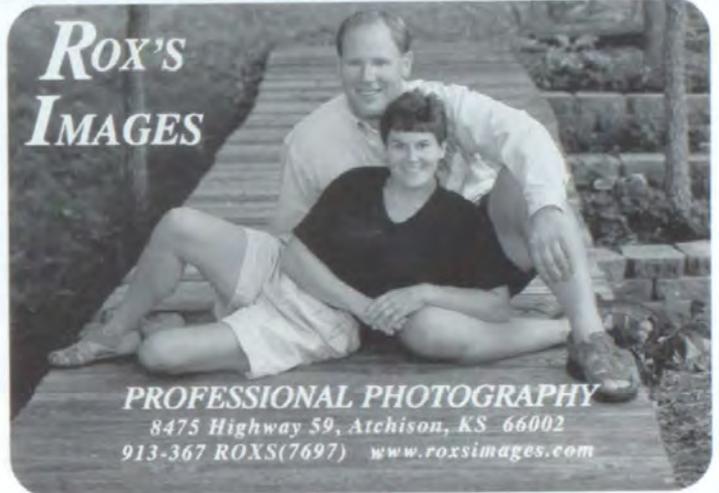


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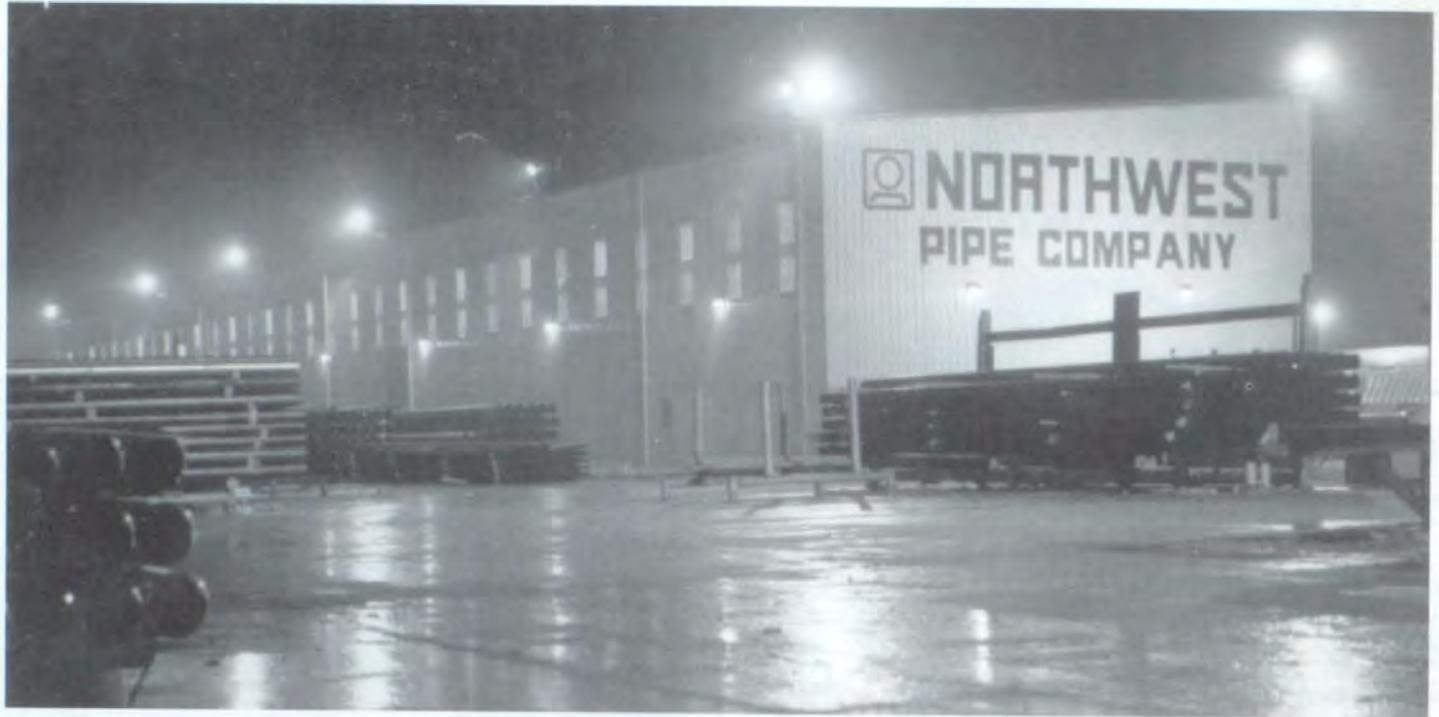
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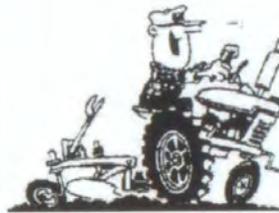
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