

# Take our advice

## Seniors share wisdom with Class of 1999

Thirteen years of public education accomplishes many things: it affords seniors a diploma; it prepares them to make their way in the world; it keeps them off the streets during the day; and it makes them mature, wise and thoughtful. Always willing to share this great store of knowledge and wisdom, the class of '96 offers a little advice to those who will follow in their footsteps, the sophomores who will enter these hallowed halls next fall.

Melody Blount: You have a lot of growing up to do before you enter high school.  
Darla Mitchell: Don't try to get all the attention; kick back and people will notice you're not a fake.

Robert Batton: Grow up and study hard.

Matt Langley: Don't be intimidated.

Robbie Qualls: Remember, you're nothing.

Tina Snyder: Don't think you're everything or you'll get your butt kicked.

Matt Teague: Watch your back.

**"Don't let people influence you; live every day to its fullest."**

**--Matt Hooyer**

stupid risk.

Stephanie Wallace: Have a blast your sophomore year because it only gets worse.

Amanda Struckle: Sleep while you can.

Jeff Nuckols: Get your shots.

John Turner: Be afraid.

Manny Leclercq: Live it, dude.

Janet Lindstrom: Just don't dress up for the first day; you look like a dork and like we can't tell you're a sophomore!

Billie Burgess: Walk the halls with your head held high as if you knew what you were doing; then have fun.

Sara Hammontree: Don't stress about high school; it's only a small part of your life.

Although they may not believe it at the time, sophomores would do well to heed this senior advice: study hard and think about your grades now, as Sarah Simpson has learned in four years of college-prep courses



Mary Adams



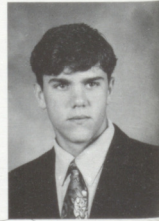
Mara Alaniz



Amber Almond Life can be understood backwards but can only be lived forward.



Aaron Ashley M.B. and L.K., I love you. You're in my heart forever.



Tony Attwood



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Mara Back Life is so precious. It can be taken away as if it were nothing. Take care of yourself as best as you can.



Danny Baird



Sandra Baker School was easy...then I graduated kindergarten. Good luck to those who still have to graduate.



Travis Baker



Corey Balentine It's time to move on. It's time to get going. What lies ahead, I have no way of knowing.



Christie Barker Don't hold grudges because one day they may haunt you.



John Barnes When someone nates you because of who you are, forgive them. Life goes on. Thanks, Fran, for the wonderful trip.



Robert Batton Monsters we are, less monsters we become, the moral of sin.



Jason Beck To all my friends, B.K., B.R., J.E., G.C. and all the rest, it's been a blast! Hey, Chavez, circles!



Laurie Bell



Jamie Bergman When all the dark clouds roll away & the sun begins to shine, I can see my freedom from across the way & it comes right in on time







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Wendy Childers



Jason Chism



Jim Clawson



Janie Clonts Thanks to all my friends who helped me see through; I love you, especially my Care Bear!



Ross Coddington



Bryan Collie



Mande Corbett



Melanie Counterman All my love and friendship to R.M., T.Z., C.C., P.S., J.Q., K.D., D.B., R.S. Joe, thanks for the best memories.



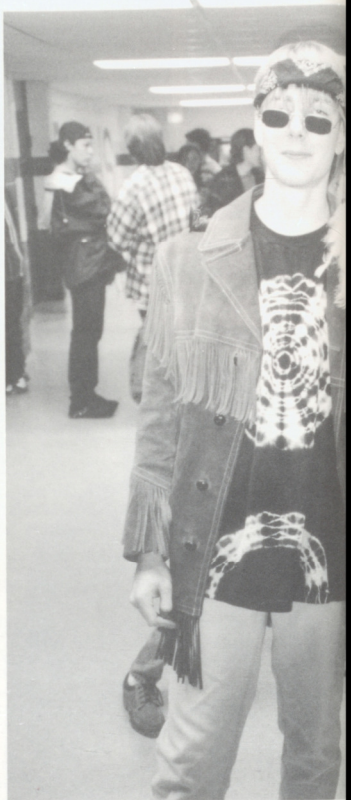
Patrick Cranston



Crystal Curtis J.C., thanks for sharing your thoughts and always being there. Love is the best!



Greg Davis



## Twilight zone

### Sleepwalkers reveal night-time escapades

A casual observation of the seniors walking the halls at 8:05 every morning might lead a person to assume that they are in a state of somnambulism--sleepwalking. Late-night study sessions, late-night socializing, or late-night jobs sometimes make it seem that many of us are up and moving but just not quite awake to the world.

While this sleep-like behavior may be typical for the early morning, many of us really do walk in our sleep. And a few us actually remember what we did during this sometimes eventful altered state.

Matt Teague, for example, remembers sleepwalking because he woke up when he smacked into the wall; and Toni Lackey came to her senses when she discovered herself running around the room trying to find the alarm clock. Controlled by who knows what bizarre sleep-walking motivation, Melea Burgraff brought dirty clothes from the laundry room to use as her pillow while Stacy Drennan actually put her "blankie" in the oven.

Our sleepwalking has taken a few of us to some pretty strange locations, like Chris Rife who ended up outside in a lawnchair. Laurie Hardin actually walked out into her driveway where the rain woke her up.

And occasionally we slip into even weirder behavior. Carrie Fisch, for instance, almost beat up her sister. "I pulled her up out of bed and told her to give me my shirt back. Once I realized that I was wearing my shirt, I let her go and went back to sleep." Jesse Kidwell could have had a real confrontation as well. While he was staying at a friend's house he "went to the bathroom and got ready to take a shower. My friend happened to be in the shower at the time."

And then there is Alyssa Fletcher, who can sleepwalk and be logical at the same time. She explains, "I got up and leaned over my desk in my room. When my father heard me, he came in and asked me what I was doing. I yelled, 'SLEEPING!' Then he walked me back to bed." If you're going to sleepwalk, it's at least a good idea to know what you are doing.

Living proof that sleepwalking does not inhibit bodily functions, Kris Sperry says that he used to walk in his sleep and "pee on chairs, laundry basket, etc." Cristi Riedlinger also needed to "go." She, however, went to the kitchen and opened the refrigerator, thinking that it was the toilet facility.

Although most seniors claim that they don't sleepwalk, the truth may be more accurately stated by Scott Nigemann. "I don't know," he says; "I'm asleep."

"Dazed and Confused" might be the slogan for seniors, like Kris Sperry, who drag out of bed to face the tardy bell. It is no surprise to see these walking zombies any time before lunch.

*"I was sleepwalking once and my mom thought I was trying to sneak out."*

*--Jenny Walrath*



Lee Davis



April Dement Your high school years are important; make them your best!



Travis Denton



Jeremy Dewey Who entereth herein, a conqueror hath bin/ Who slayeth the dragon, the shield he shall win.--Edgar Allan Poe



Kristal Dewey BC, AK, KE, JS, SN, AG, never forget the laughs we had way back when. Keep shining and remember MC is #1!





Justin Dickerson



Keith Diehl



Crystal Douglas



Josh Drake Bye, school. I can't say it's been fun, but I can say I have a little tink.



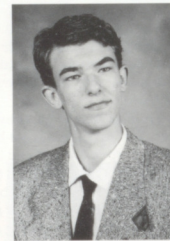
Stacy Drennan CB, thanks for all the party times, KN and DW, for being my best friend I love you Mike.



Aaron Ducker



David Dunn



Brandon Dutton Those who don't understand their opponents' arguments don't understand their own ideas.



Jonathan Dwyer No time to be depressed, no time to cry. You only have a certain time before you die.



Susan Eckley KS, RT, Mel, JM, MB, and CG, thanks for the memories. BB, I will cherish our friendship always.

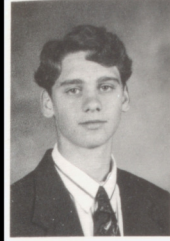


Tara Edmonds



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Joe Enich A wise man with foolish ways is not as wise as a foolish man with wise ways.



Kelley Eubank KD, AG, SN, JJ, BC, AK, and the lunch bunch, I'll never forget you. Josh, I love you.



Carrie Fisch A person born blind doesn't know it until someone tells him. Thanks, my Love Bug.



Alyssa Fletcher Until you make peace with who you are, you'll never be content with what you have.



Elayne Foster

## t's a girl thing

### Women opt for trucks as basic transportation

Ford, Chevy, GMC, and Dodge spend millions of dollars annually to advertise their trucks. One commercial recently featured these rugged vehicles in a Truck-athlon competition, where a pair of macho guys put their machine through a series of events like truck hurdles, truck broad jump, and truck discus throw. As they bashed through barriers, sprayed mud, and soared over ditches, these guys reveled in the power and speed that they controlled and convinced the viewers that all men should have such a truck.

In fact, truck purchases are soaring. Once local dealer reported that in 1995 trucks accounted for 70 percent of their total sales. She also noted that many of her customers are young people, "even the girls." When asked why she thought so many young women were interested in owning a truck, she replied, "I have no idea, but I drive a truck myself. The smaller ones are comfortable; you can see the road well, and they're easy to handle."

So it's not just the guys who want behind the wheel of a Ranger or a Ram. Kim House got her truck for Christmas last year. Her parents surprised her with an '88 red Dodge. While she wasn't looking to own a truck, she has enjoyed this form of transportation. "You can go pretty much anywhere," Kim explained as the major advantage.

Sam Sherry is another truck-driving woman. She got her Chevy extended cab after she wrecked her Camaro; her dad gave her his truck and he got a new one. For Sam, owning a truck is a matter of necessity and practicality. "I need it to haul my horse to rodeos," she said. She explained that she liked a truck better than a car because of its size. And because she plans to continue with rodeoing, she will definitely need to drive a truck to college.

But Sam nevertheless considers her truck "just transportation." She has no social agenda in mind, and she was quick to add, "It's no big ol' feminist movement when I go to school in the morning." She has had one small problem, however. "People make fun of me 'cause I'm drivin' a big truck, and I can't park it very well."

While more and more women may be opting for truck ownership, they don't always have the most logical reasons. Lisa Butler, for example, said that she considered getting a truck because she likes to hear it go "r-r-r-r-R-R-R-r-r-r" when you shift gears.

"I like a truck better; driving a car feels kinda puny now."  
--Sam Sherry

Basic transportation takes many forms, but for some young women nowadays, the best way to get around is a truck. Stephanie Parks' sleek little black Chevy S-10 is both practical and fun to drive.



# 1st impressions

*Sophomore fears fade with experience*

If we close our eyes, we might actually be able to remember the enormous school that we all feared coming to as sophomores. Rumors ran rampant at the junior high--nightmare stories about being thrown into garbage cans, having lockers set on fire, and being given directions to the second floor swimming pool. Was it a mere three years ago that we felt such terror? We've learned a lot since those long ago naive days.

One of our first impressions was of the immense size of the school. "It was the biggest school that I had ever been in," said Jimmie Leong. "I was a little afraid, but now I like the size. I know my way around and don't worry anymore." Amanda Struckle used to worry about how she would find her way around such a huge place. "I was really scared as a sophomore because I thought I would get lost," she explained. "But now it's pretty unimintimidating--except for the bathrooms."

**"I thought of MHHS as a home I would soon rule over. I'm now ruling over it."**

**--Jeff Nuckols**

We also came to MHHS certain that we couldn't wait to graduate. While we are still eager to get the diploma in our hands, we also have some mixed emotions. Abby Norcross's feelings illustrate the contrast. "It was so scary; I can't wait to be a senior," she said in 1993. Today, "I'm scared to graduate, and I want to be a sophomore again." Jason Lane's opinion has also changed. "I'm kinda scared to start life," he explained.

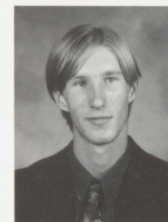
Another thing we feared about the dreaded, huge, scary high school was that we would never have any friends. But once again we discovered differently. At first Crystal Curtis thought that "everyone was close and made a tight circle that was hard to fit in to. I found that they are not; they are really easy to get along with." Chad Papineau was surprised at how easy it was to make friends, and Jeff Scheidegger found that "most of the students were really friendly."

And finally, we were acutely worried about those big, mean seniors who prowled the halls, looking for unwary tenth graders. "The seniors were really big and scary," Krista Kirksey used to think. "But we don't seem big or scary," she now believes. Matt Teague once thought that "seniors were jerks and juniors were stupid." Chris Nuccio added, "When I was a sophomore, there were a lot of big people. I grew." Joe Enich used to think that seniors ran the school. "I like it now that I'm a senior," he concludes.

The traditions of homecoming have always made lasting impressions on seniors. A special moment featured the crowning of Lacey Blasdel by former queen Emily Prysock '95.



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Dustin Glueck



Justin Goforth



Casey Gordon Remnicks will live on forever. MB, JS, JK, JT, CP, BB, BD, CN. I love you guys!



Samantha Graham To Lacy and my two favorite Jens, thanks for being such great friends -- I love you guys!



Larissa Green



Walt Greenslade Breathe in me, oh God; let me fly to the heights of a dream.



Cambria Gaston



Shannon Gauer



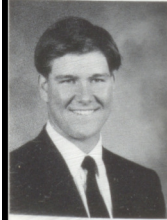
Jennifer Gearhart To the Class of '96, good luck in life! To all my friends, thanks for the memories! I love you guys!



Angela Gilbert I Corinthians 13: 4-8 Remember the good times -- you guys are the best!



Greg Gilbert To all my friends gotta go, see ya when I see ya To D-Bo, It's my bike, punk!



Jason Gregg



Daniel S. Guinn



Sara Hammontree Everything that's happened so far is history now. LM, MC, HH, thanks for the memories!



Sam Haney I go where the cold wind blows. Hail B.A.B. It's been a blast!



Laurie Hardin Thanks to all my friends for the memories, AW, LP, AB, KD. I'll never forget you! I love you, B!





Elizabeth Harrington



Michael D. Harris



Rheannon Hart ...but when we wake, it's all been erased, and so it seems only dreams.



Stacy Haskins "Jesus said I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



Jamie Henderson Jason, love you forever. R.O.T.C. dies, I'll never forget you. I'll come visit next year.

# The ticket to ride

*Extraordinary measures keep seniors off bus*

Thirty-nine of them take to the roads of Baxter County everyday. Daily they cover a territory 330 square miles in size. They consume 500 gallons of fuel each time they make their runs. Some of them individually cover as much as 110 miles on a round trip. People who ride them may board as early as 6:10 a.m. and may get off as late as 5:15 p.m.

If they are packed to the max, they can carry 60 or more. It doesn't take a genius to figure out that these details describe those big yellow school buses rolling each day to transport hundreds of students to and from school. But if you look carefully, you will notice that when these buses pull up to the school and let off their riders, almost no seniors are among the passengers. If fact, it becomes a major goal of a twelfth-grader's life not ever to set foot on a bus.

**"You call even obscure acquaintances to come pick you up."**

**--Mande Corbett**

"In the winter, it's too cold and in the summer it's too hot," he explained. But by the time most people are seniors, they are one way or another getting themselves to school without the aid of the bus. There may be exceptions, however. Like when you get in trouble. "Parents like to use riding the bus as a form of punishment," one senior said; "if you get suspended or something, they can take your car and not let you ride with friends."

Is riding the bus really that bad? You bet it is. Just ask Jim Clawson. When asked what he would do if he had no transportation other than the bus, he said, "I'd be hitchin' a ride with somebody; I'd pay for their gas for a week; I'd volunteer to write their English papers. I'm not gettin' up an hour earlier." Jonathan Dwyer's answer was more to the point. "I'd stay home. Really!" he advised.

He's not a senior - this unfortunate underclassman getting off the bus at 7:45. The fact that almost no seniors ride the bus is simply explained. They have cars or friends with cars. Who needs a bus?



Heather Hensley



Raven Henson



Kimberly Hes



Tanya Holt



Matt Hooyer All great men ahve now will die, and I'm not feeling so well myself. It's been a blast everybody; good luck!



Lisa Horton



Garrett House



Kim House



Amanda Irby Without the heart, there can be no understanding between the hand and the mind.



Jessica Irby



Jeremiah Irish Thanks to all my buds this year: I couldn't have made it without ya!

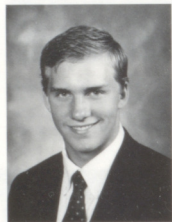
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Jeremy Jenkins



Jessica Jones



Jennifer Juber



Eddie Kendall



Jesse Kidwell Remmicles rule: thanks, ya'll! To the bandies (you know who you are), Love Ya!



Ben King To all my friends, thanks for all the great fun. Keep laughing and keep in touch.



Krista Kirksey LB, AN, SS, MS, SW, JW. -- It has been great. I love ya'll! '96



Crystal Kotlowski Joey: you have made me the luckiest person in the world. I love you! C & B: thanks for everything!



Kevin Kuypers



Toni Lackey Misty, here's to movies, pizza at 12:00, and laughing till we hurt. Thanks for the best 5 years of my life!



Jason Lane Thanks to friends and to the one and will spend the rest of my life with, Jamie Hender



## Jinxed on the job

Seniors learn what it means to be employed

Question: "Do you have a job?"

Answer: "I thought everybody had a job. I don't know anybody who doesn't work."

It's a fact of life: if you want money, you have to work. And seniors, who have discovered this cruel reality, have entered the job market in droves. In addition to the financial motive, some work for other reasons as well. Rheannon Hart says that her folks "require" her to have a job. Some parents feel that their children should work to learn responsibility and to experience "the real world." Other seniors like Teri Sallee work for the personal satisfaction; "I have a job because I want to work," she explains.

Whatever the reason for finding employment, the typical working senior spends 16 to 30 hours a week on the job, but a fifth of those with jobs put in 30 or more hours. There is a price for the paycheck though. Socializing is one thing that must often be limited. "I don't get to see my friends much unless they come in to where I work," says Misty Snyder, whose four-class senior schedule helps to accommodate her job. Others, like Gene Zook, are philosophical about the trade-offs. "I enjoy the money, and I can spend time with my friends on my day off," he adds. Missing out on school activities is another drawback. While Michael Harris enjoys his 35-40 hour a week job as a night maintenance man at Gaston's, he does confess that has missed out on some things. "I would have like to have joined German Club, for example," he admits.

If seniors can manage to balance school, social life and work schedule, there remains one other employment obstacle: the boss. Some people like Sara Hammontree are fortunate enough to be blessed with great bosses who let them make their own hours and constantly give them raises. Stephanie Wallace likes her boss for other reasons: "She hates the same people I do, so we constantly talk about them and plot revenge; she also likes to spy."

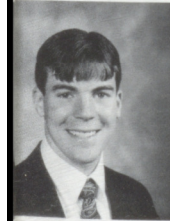
But it's the bad bosses who may be the most memorable. Seniors describe these tyrants as "half-dead with no memory"; "a fat, mean, careless ice cube"; "an over-obsessive chauvinist pig"; and "a dirty old man who gave me the creeps." Sheryl Long has even more intense feeling. "There are no 'best' bosses," she says; "all bosses are men."

And if any seniors find all of these job-related issues just too much to bear, they can simply adopt Doug Marx's philosophy. "Jobs? We don't want no stinking jobs."

Extra cash and a sense of freedom--two important commodities for seniors--are benefits of having a job. Rocky Bachman works at a grocery store as part of a work-study program

How we spend the \$\$\$ that we earn each week:

- \*Car & car expenses--54%
- \*Leisure & dating--33%
- \*College & savings--13%



Matt Langley



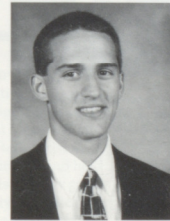
Michael Langsford



Justin Lauer



Jennifer Lechtenberger Your future is only as successful as you make it!



Manuel Leclercq GNO '95-'96 lives on, BB, KB, ML - Mentos the fresh maker! C.O.D. It's all good.





Jimmie Leong If you are going to live your life in the fast lane, keep your foot on the pedal. JU, I'll block for you anyway!



Janet Lindstrom Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.



Frank Liu



Sheryl Long



Brendan Losurdo Knowledge is power, and power is influence.



Scott Lowry



Matt Lueck



Kelly Martin



Doug Marx Bong! Bong! Bong! See ya when I see ya, G.G., W.G.!



Justin Massey



Lacy Matthews LP & BB, You have made my high school years a lot easier. I love you forever!



Heidi McCoy



Holly McDaniel To dream is to let your heart speak; to love is to smile inside your soul. ACW, you make me smile.



Lori McDowell I've taken my fun where I've found it. SH, HH, MC, it's been a trip.



Jennifer Meredith Hey HM, I wouldn't have made it without you. GJ, CP, JS, MB, I'll miss you guys!



# Just sayin' 'hi'

Gender dictates teenage greeting rituals

No, they're not slow dancing. Amy Pangbun and Sarah Smith are simply giving each other a friendly, or rather a "girly," hello. Note the distinct difference between girl and guy greetings

Every species has its rituals of greeting. Dogs, for instance, circle each other, give a friendly sniff and then go off somewhere to chase rabbits. And teenage humans too have certain well-defined customs that govern the way they greet one another.

These rituals, however, are quite distinctly governed by gender. When two guys approach and wish to say hello, they may simply nod and say "hey" in as deep-throated and nonchalant a way as possible. And one rule is especially important: there shall be absolutely no touching.

A variation of this behavior does allow for some minimal physical contact. Sometimes the person doing the greeting will simply sock the other male to whom he wishes to say hello. This punch is most often applied to the friend's upper bicep. No verbal communication is necessary if this method is used. When the person who is being greeted is younger, it is permissible to push or shove the smaller person into a locker or larger crowd of people as a way of saying, "Hello, friend; I'm glad to see you." Caution must be exercised if the punch or shove greeting is used; the person being addressed must be obviously friendly, not prone to violence, and preferably not as big as the person who offers the greeting.

Females of the species have vastly different rituals, however. Their greetings are much more demonstrative, involving lots of hugging and conversation. Typical dialogue may resemble this: "Oh, hi-i-i-i. I haven't seen you in so long. You look so cute. Did you get your hair cut? I love your outfit. Where did you get it? Are you still going out with . . . ?" If distance prevents girls from the hi-hug-talk-talk method of greeting, they resort to a wave. One variation of the wave is the finger flutter: hand held close to the body, all five fingers moving in a wave-like motion. If the girls are very good friends, the index finger can be held close to the face and crooked gently to indicate a very special greeting. Protocol for greeting girls that one doesn't like is also important. These enemies must be spoken to in order to prevent being talked about. The non-friendly greeting consists of several steps: 1) the fake smile, 2) the insincere "hi," and 3) the brisk walk in the opposite direction.

While all of this ritual may seem complicated and confusing, it's nothing compared to what someone must go through just to say "hi" to someone of the opposite sex.

"You don't have to be as nice when you talk to guys as you do when you talk to girls."  
--Carrie Fisch



# In your dreams

## Nightmare dates threaten the romance game

It was the worst night of her life, Jennifer Lechtenberger said. As she and her date were driving along, he "let one rip" and then thought that it was funny. Unfortunately he was the only one who saw the humor, and Jennifer couldn't wait for the night to end.

As she and countless others have discovered, dating isn't all moonlight and roses. It has all kinds of pitfall, and it doesn't take long to discover these dating dilemmas.

Many times these dating nightmares are caused by a simple lack of compatibility. Suzanne Wissell recalls one such occasion: "He took me to a nasty, dirty restaurant and told me it was his favorite," she says. And to top it off, "He had NO manners." Brandon Shipman describes his nightmare date as "Godzilla in a dress." And Jamie Sierzchula refuses to go into details; "Let's just say he kissed with his teeth," she explains. Danielle Pazden sums up her worst date like this: "We went fishing-enough said."

Other dating nightmares involve a third party as Chris Rife found out. "Later I discovered that she had a boyfriend; he ended up coming to where I worked looking for me." Chris doesn't elaborate on the outcome, nor does Sara Hammontree, who

remembers sitting with her date at his house as his ex-girlfriend drove by the whole time that she was there.

A variation on this theme involves what to do when the person you want is taken. For some the choice is clear. Chris Nuccio says, "I wouldn't try to break the couple up because when a girl jumps from one relationship to another, the feelings that remain from her last boyfriend will get in the way." But Rick Stolarik sees things differently; he apparently believes it's every man for himself. "Heck, yeah, I'd try to break them up," he warns; "I've done it before and I'll do it again."

Sometimes, however, the date can lure a person into to a false sense of security. Things seem to be going well, but they're not as Darla Mitchell found out. "I met this really nice guy; my parents even liked him," she recalls. "We went to dinner, a movie, the works; then he called his parents and they told him there was a warrant out for his arrest. I had to take him to jail."

And occasionally words just can't describe how awful the nightmare date was. Robert Batton simply says, "Hell has nicer places than my worst date."

Having late-night fights on the phone, coming to school the next day with puffy eyes, turning the pictures of him/her upside down on your dresser, and vowing to yourself never to speak to him/her again—these are all typical romance dilemmas, but in spite of the downside, we don't seem to be ready to give up all the fun of the dating game.

Although there are dates we'd all like to forget, such is not the case for Garret House and Stephanie Wallace, who have been seeing each other over a year. From the looks of it, their first date must have turned out okay.



Ian Miller We are the fossils, relics of our time. Mutilate the meanings so they are easy to deny.



Darla Mitchell Thanks for the memories. M.B. and L.K., keep in touch.



Aaron Morris To Jarrod Pool, don't forget Rainwomen and Woods Lake. To all my friends, love, peace and hair grease!



Shanna Morris



Heike Morrison

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Arthur Myers



Jeff Newman Think like a man of action and act like a man of thought.



Scott Nigemann "No, Ma'am"



Abby Norcross The passion of young friendship is so sweet & steady & enduring . . . that it will last an entire lifetime.



Misty Northern



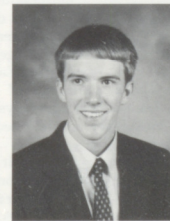
Paul Norwick



Andrea Novak AG, KD, KE, BC, K, JS, JJ, JM, HM, RQ, SP, I'm gonna miss you guys. IP's LIE!



Chris Nuccio



Jeff Nuckols . . . "I can see the truth up on this mountain, and I carry it to the world far below." (Mark 9:2-9)



Amy Pangburn Thanks to the VB team & all my friends for making these years the best. Jason, I love you forever.



Chad Papineau JS, CG, CN, JK, may the Remnicals live on forever. Melea, my heart belongs to you; I love you !!!





Stephanie Parks To my friends, you're the best. Krista, keep your hands to yourself. Nice!



Danielle Pazdan Thanks, TS & RB, for being my best friends. Good luck in whatever the future holds. I love you guys!



Bowman Perry Y.B. 2ND; that ain't funny, is it, Sis?



Steve Persenaire I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil. 4:13



Bobby Joe Petersen

# Top the charts

## Alternative music debuts at number one

"We will, we will rock you! We will, we will rock you!"

It's been the anthem of teens everywhere since the mid-fifties when Bill Haley and the Comets first vowed to rock around the clock and changed music forever. But nowadays the theme song, at least in Mountain Home, has changed. We sing this:

"We will, we will offer you an alternative!"

So-called alternative music, featuring groups like Pearl Jam, Nirvana, Silverchair, Green Day, Weezer, and Goo Goo Dolls, definitely tops our charts. "It seems as if alternative music explains a lot of feelings and thoughts I go through myself," Jamie Sierzchula explains. "Many of the musicians sing with feeling that our generation can relate to," adds Holly McDaniel. Stephanie Wallace claims that it "always fits the mood," while John Turner notes that it is "not tied down to one style."

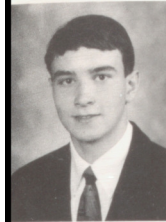
The diversity of alternative music is probably key to its popularity; it has no single definition or sound. "You can't define it; it's not like anything else," Amanda Struckle says. And perhaps that's its attraction. For a student body that refuses simple labels, this music does just what it says—it offers alternatives.

While alternative has its fans (about a third of the senior class), country music draws a big crowd too. Nearly 20 percent of the class of '96 prefers the sounds of performers like Hank Williams, Jr., Garth Brooks, George Strait, or Shania. One reason for listening to country sounds, says Varuni Zapalowski, is that "it doesn't give you a headache and it's easy to pick up the words." Christina Barker likes it because it's "not too fast or too mellow," and Billie Burgess says that she can find "a meaning behind every word." Country music fans are definitely devoted. As Aaron Loyd points out, "It's the only real music left."

And even though many tune in to nothing but country stations, it is also the music we love to hate. Described as "down right brain numbing" by Brandon Dutton, country music is ironically the most unpopular among seniors. "It'll ruin your radio," proclaims Lance Stafford, and Laurie Bell adds that in every song "the dog dies, the truck breaks down, and the wife cheats on him." Holly McDaniel has a more thoughtful response to what she hears in country music: "Many of the women are portrayed as helpless and dependent on their 'men' to help them make it through life."

Whatever the style we choose—alternative, country, rock, rap, heavy metal, or even classical—it's sure that we'll be tuned in and turned on wherever we are.

Visiting with her friend **Reagan Hart**, **Lindsey Berry** slips in a CD, and they prepare to groove to their favorite music. A CD player has become a necessity for anyone who owns a car and who loves music.



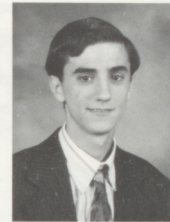
Jovis Pitchford



Leah Pratt Thanks to all of my friends. SW, LH, LM, it was quite a struggle, but nothing is impossible for us.



Al Prentice To all my friends & classmates, I wish God's strength & understanding upon you. God bless us all.



Mark Principato Thanks for all the fun times, SP, RS, BP, CW, AW, and PS.



T.J. Puhek



Robbie Qualls



Josh Quinn



Kelly Regan No one can ever tell you what to do! You are the only one who can.



Mark Rhein



Tracy Richmond



Cristi Riedlinger

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Chris Rife Think the unthinkable, dream the undreamable, for tomorrow anything is possible.



Kent Ritter Despite all my rage, I'm still just a rat in a cage--Billy Corgan, Smashing Pumpkins, "Bullets with Butterfly Wings"



Jon Rouse Thanks to all my buds I've had over the years.



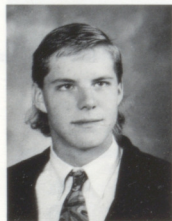
Pam Russell If you don't live life to the fullest, you don't live life. I'll miss you, lunch bunch--C, K, L, G, and you MH.



Teri Sallee A smile lasts only a moment, but the memory of it will last forever. CL, HM, SS, JH--you all are the best. Jason, I love you, Sweetie!



Krista Schaffer BB, SE, MB, thanks for everything. Robyn, you're the best friend anyone could have. Todd, I'll love you always and forever.



Jeff Scheidegger CP, CG, CN, JK, may the Remnicals live on forever.



Jessica Selden



Sara Sheley SG, TH, TS, AP, EW, SS, thanks for all the great memories. I love you all. Good luck throughout your lives. Chad, I love you!



Samantha Sherry The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8 Mom, Dad, Scott, I love you.



Brandon Shipman Hey, g! let's go to the point.



Next cover of GQ? Hardly. Greg Gilbert, Jimmie Leong, Rick Stoleric, Jason Beck, Matt Langley, Jeremy Jenkins, T.J. Puhek, Joe Enich, and Doug Marx prove that clowning around is definitely a guy thing.

## t's a guy thing

Males take top honors in Class Clown contest

It's the moment you've all been waiting for, the moment that defines your entire school experience. Yes, it's the announcement of the coveted title of Senior Class Clown, a.k.a. Idiot, Buffoon, Moron, Bozo, or Object of Public Ridicule. This year's balloting was intensely competitive with numerous candidates qualifying for this prestigious honor.

And the winner is...

Justin Massey!

Supporters of the Massey campaign list these as his accomplishments: He growls at Mrs. Brazas, he cracks up his second hour world history class, he does a mean Hooked on Phonics routine, and he's "just crazy." Janet Lindstrom sums up his sense of humor best, "Just look at him; he's historical" (sic).

First runner-up in this illustrious contest goes to none other than former student Nathan King. Although he may now have gone on to bigger and better things, he left a lasting impression on his classmates. "He's always been funny," said Laurie Hardin, especially when he fell through the ceiling of Abby Norcross's barn. And his Pig Panties routine is indeed memorable. Nathan began his career as a humorist in elementary school. "One day when we were playing our Orff instruments in music class, he found a worm in a Hershey bar. He turned green and left the room screaming," said Melanie Simmons, who obviously enjoys the pain of others herself.

Taking second runner-up honors is the ever-funny Jeff Scheidegger. His supporters call him a "big goof-off." Especially noteworthy was his role as captain of the Powder Puff cheerleaders. Crystal Curtis also remembers "the time he was going to jump into people's arms at a pep rally. They didn't catch him, and he went toppling down the bleachers." Another supporter of Jeff for Class Clown, Toni Lackey, sums up by saying, "Sometimes he just goes nuts."

Rounding out the top five and tying for fourth place are Kris Sperry and Ben King. Kris earned votes for flooding Hardee's, smashing a broom handle into the ceiling at Andy's, and wearing a sombrero. Ben's humor consists of doing a Jim Carey impression, wiping boogers on Heidi McCoy, and "just being himself."

Interestingly, no girl was named for this achievement. Hmm. Wonder why that is.

"Look at me; I'm crazy can head. I've got a can on my head."  
--Manny Leclercq



Josh Shirley



Jamie Sierzchula You can have my isolation, you can have the hate that it brings. You can have my absence of faith, you can have my everything.



Melanie Simmons Lacey, thanks for all the laughs; Krista, don't forget your Stearns next year. Philip, you are my everything. I love all of you--CK.



Sarah Simpson



Bryan Smith



# Talking trash

## Political correctness gives guys a headache

You may not have a dime to your name, but you are not flat broke or even a bum, you are merely a victim of economic marginalization. And instead of being short, you are vertically challenged; you're not old but chronologically enhanced, not Caucasian but melanin-impoverished, not dying but experiencing a terminal episode. If you grow up to be a trash collector or a fry cook you will likely have a title like "sanitation technician" or "nutritional engineer." In this age of global problems like hunger, homelessness, and crime, we have developed a way to make the not-so-pretty issues seem less threatening and the not-so-pleasant terms less offensive all through the magic of political correctness.

While the political correctness mania has touched everyone from environmentalists to animal rights activists to politicians, most small-town high school students have only one PC issue which causes them great concern—how guys and girls interact with each other. The relationship between the sexes has dramatically changed since the 1950s when Ward went off to work and career and June stayed home to bake cookies and wait

for the Beav. And now that women have begun to demand things such as equal pay, equal opportunity, and equal recognition, some men have become the slightest bit bewildered as just how to deal with their female counterparts.

Every time a guy performs an act of chivalry, such as opening a door for a girl, he risks being assaulted verbally or physically or, worse yet, labeled a male chauvinist pig. Holly McDaniel explains a feminist point of view: "If I have my arms full and am unable to do it myself, it's a nice gesture; but if I am not somehow occupied, I think, 'Thanks, but I've been opening doors since I was a child and I can do it myself.'" But some

girls still appreciate this kind of gentlemanly behavior. Heidi McCoy agrees, "It's just common courtesy and it shows respect to the other person when guys treat girls nicely." She adds, "If they want to open a door or give up their seat for us, by all means let them!"

Several guys see this view as girls wanting to have the cake and eat it too. Others like Clovis Pitchford and Justin Goforth insist, "Chivalry isn't dead; you can still open doors, pull out chairs and help them with their coats."

So the question for the young men of the world remains—put her on a pedestal like Dad did or treat her like one of the boys? Until that one is settled, the rist is probably the same in our own little small-town version of political correctness.

Giving up the delicate attitude that these girls represent daily (yeah, right!), they take part in the brutal, male-dominated sport of football. Some report significant levels of violence when these women take to the field.



Cecil Smith



Sarah Smith



Misty Snyder



Tina Snyder



Ryan Speer

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Lance Stafford Live simply so others may simply live.



Joshua Stevens Kelly, I love you! June 21 is our big day! ML, KD, AG, SN, HM, thanks for a great year!



Robbie Stewart



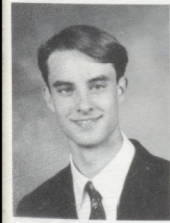
Amanda Struckle Entering the tunnel of my future days, the light at the end seeming so far away.



Pamela Sweet Hey, Crystal, nothing can stop us now! I'll miss you, Dylania! Thanks for the memories!



Robyn Taylor BB, MB, SE, LT, thanks for everything. Krista, you're the best friend in the world. Jeremy, I love you!



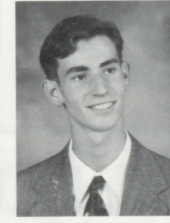
Matt Teague To all my friends, our memories will never be forgotten. Heather, I love you.



Ronald Tilley



Jason Tomanek It's been great, CG, MB, KV, CP, JS, CN, HM, JK, JM, JC, AD, MD, SD, AD, It's all good!



Jeff Torrance ...and I fail... ..but when I can--I will.



Rebecca Toth





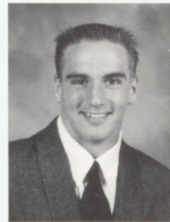
Laura Towery



John Turner I smoke, but when I can't at school, I enjoy the pure chewing satisfaction of Wrigley's Spearmint gum.



Dennis Upshaw All that we see or have seen is but a dream within a dream.



Joey Urbanek Whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger.



Courtney Voigt



Dana Wallace



Stephanie Wallace The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts life. GH, thanks for the memories.



Jennifer Wallrath Always stand up for what you believe in and never give in to fear. Have trust and faith in God.



Jenny Walrath Take care of your life - without it, you're dead. SS & F, keep the tradition alive.



Emily Walsh Keep on dreaming because when you stop, it's time to die.



Chris Watson



Kirk Watson



Jai Wescoat



Lynn White



Kelly Williams

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Suzanne Wissel Don't part with your illusions. When they're gone, you cease to live.



Melissa Woods



Jeremy Yearman



Varuni Zapalowski AB, BH, BC, KJ, SJ, PC, thanks for being friends.



Gene Zook



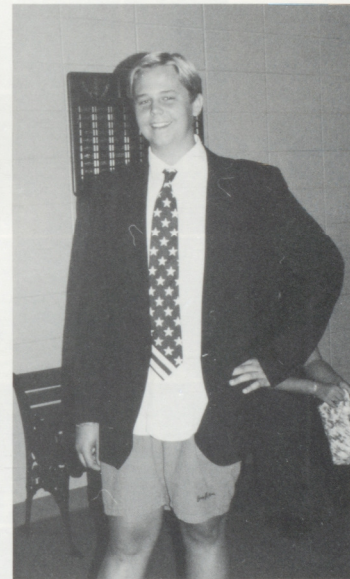
Shonna Bagwell



Mark Balsano



Holly Beer



Rick Stolarik Lift weights, play rough, study hard--Guten Tag.



Kendall Harris



Brandi Kurbursi



It's one of the first things that lets twelfth graders know that they have finally made it. Having portraits made reinforces the feeling of being a senior and standing on the brink of adulthood for Matt Lueck, Amber Almond, and Alyssa Fletcher.