

# SENIORITY

*Seniors demonstrate their excellence in many aspects of school life*

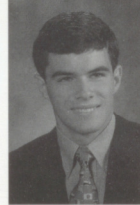
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## Academics

One attribute of the Class of '98 was academic performance. At the beginning of the school year, eight seniors had GPA's above 4.0, and on the first nine weeks' honor roll, the class boasted the largest percentage of students. Because of demand additional sections were added for chemistry, A.P. calculus and A.P. English. Micaela Chatman, a National Merit Semi-finalist, represented her class's academic excellence. Acknowledging that hard work earned her this honor, she also said, "The thing that helped me most in school is that I read a lot when I was younger--I still do."

Class officers were: Kerri Maxwell, vice-president; Kristy Kreter, treasurer; Chris Brown, secretary; Maria Lockard, president; and Charisse Worman, Student Council representative.



## 2 Responsibility

Meeting graduation requirements, applying for post-secondary education, financing future plans, holding a part-time job, choosing a career or a spouse, learning how to live away from home--these were some of the responsibilities seniors faced throughout the year.

## 3 Spirit

Hanging senior pride signs all over the school the night before homecoming. Jennifer Stone and Andrea Smalec not only showed their class pride but their Bomber spirit as well.



## 4 Leadership

Over 90 percent of all clubs were presided over by seniors. All publications were led by senior editors.

Both cheerleaders and dance team worked under the direction of senior captains.

Student Council was presided over by senior Kerri Maxwell.

The majority of students selected for the FIRST team were seniors.

Most athletic teams were led by senior captains.

The War Between the Classes was dominated by the Seniors.

Senior band members' experience showed underclassmen "the ropes."

The commanding officer of the NJROTC was Kim Springsteen, a senior.

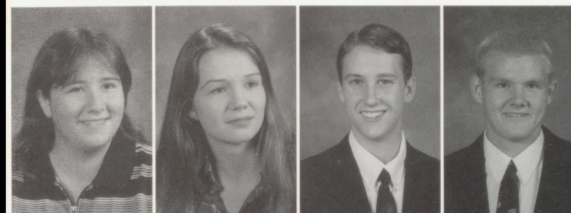
Seven of the eight Quiz Bowl tournament finalists were seniors.

## 5 In a word...

seniors described what this year meant to them: "SWEET" -- Steve Guthrie; "Holy" -- Lori

McCullough; "Shingalingadingdong" -- Andrea Vanderstek; "Indescribable" -- Steve Holley; "Achievement" -- Venessa Clark; "Maturity" -- Marcie Breton; "Finally" -- Becky Bryniarski

The Ultimate Frisbee team showed their skills during the homecoming class wars to win points for the seniors.



Irene Abit--A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise councils.

Amanda Abney

Masa Alman--Until you make peace with who you are, you'll never be content with what you have. JG, LP, KS, JD, CE, JB and the gang--thanks for the memories. "Ditto" always and forever. Rocket rules!

Christopher L. Anderson  
Christopher Anderson

Tiffany Armocido

Britt Ashcraft

Sarah Ayers--Thanks to all my friends for the great memories. KH, never quit playing marbles; SF, watch out for psycho-cricket; BL, you're awesome.

Aaron Baker--SWM: Enjoys computers, music and multimedia. Seeking significant other who enjoys disco, romantic evenings, fat cats and (of course) cheezy poofs.

Josh Baker--RD, ML, ER, DH, JH, it's been a blast! MA and JG, I love ya! RS and JK, Cheyenne & Houston that's where the money is!

Andrew Barnes

Andy Bauer--If the answers loom just out of reach, grow longer arms. When you can't see, turn on the light. Never give up; never give in.

Mandie Beck--KV, we finally made it. Thanks for everything. SF, SH, MS and JF, it's been fun; thanks for the memories.

Josh Beeson

Jason Bell--Proverbs 16:20. SW, you're my only one, sweetheart; AW, "chicken" you are a big part in my life; JAS, thanks for being a great friend even though #10 is the best.

Justin Benham--Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time for reform. ...--Mark Twain. RB and SF, you guys are all right.

Trevor Bessner--Midway in our life's journey, I found myself in a dark woods, the right road lost.

Jess Birkhimer--To everyone: everything is everything; to my people, see you at the P.C.

Brody Blagg--Nikki, you have my best memories; I love you. MK, 2 smooth. BS, it's getting deep.

Dallas Blasdel--I love all you guys! Stupid sophomores!

Brian Blount

Josh Boaz--Live life at its fullest because you've only got so long to live. Laura, I love you and I will never forget you; to all my friends, thanks for being there for me.

Corey Boelkens--"We have, we will, we hope."

Layne Bradley

Ryan Branaman--What this world needs is a good five-cent cigar.



**Marcie Breton**--"Celebrate we will because life is short but sweet for certain"

**Erika Brock**--Never do today what can be put off until tomorrow because tomorrow you may find that you don't have to do it.

**Chris Brown**--Toss away stuff you don't need in the end, but keep what's important and know who's your friend.

**Kirby Brown**--Melissa, I love you. To all my friends, hope you all get who or what you want.

**Kirk Brown**

**Becky Bryniarski**--Thanks everyone for all the memories. JP, I love you, always and forever!

**Cole Burks**--BUD, CL, MT: Do not go gentle into that good night.

**Beau Burroughs**--To all my friends, "Peace Out"; JP, I love you very much!

**Jason Butler**

**David Butterfield**--GAPP was awesome! KB, thank for breaking my neck; Mom, Dad, thanks and I love you; this is "Butta" signing off. "It's party time."

**Donald Calhoun**--Don't question the unquestionable; don't look for the unseen; don't look for what is unknown and you too will remain unknown.

**Jenny Cantrell**--MLC, best buds forever; Mom and Dad, your support has been wonderful; Mrs. L, couldn't have done it without you!

**Misty Capps**--JW, good luck with SN; Brandon, my love will be with you always!

**Brian Carson**

**Brandon Carter**--Life is peachy.

**Patricia Cather**--There's a fine line between sanity and insanity; death to the locker monster!

**Josh Chambers**--Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**Micaela Chatman**--Fortunate man, it is not too late --William Carlos Williams

**Venessa Clark**--Best of luck, seniors! JJ, DJJR, you made this year worthwhile; CG, you mean the world to me.

**Jerry Collins**--NJROTC has been fun; Courtney Veigh is the best; GO BOMBERS!

**Derek Crawford**--Awake, shake dreams from your hair, my pretty child. Choose the day and sign of your day. I love you, K.F.

**Mattie Crawford**--JC, thanks for love and support; JD, love ya babe. JH, thanks for being a friend. Mom & Dad, love you guys! NH, F#1 is awesome.

**Mandy Criner**

**Angie Damazio**--To all Majorettes & friends, I love you guys! Thanks for the memories!

**Michelle Damazio**--Life is a joke that's just begun. JME, thanks for everything!



## SHOPPING

Seniors describe their definition of shopping--what to buy, where to go, how we differ



### 1 BOYS VS. GIRLS

Shopping, more or less, resembled a sport. Almost every girl admitted to being good at it and considered it a year-round workout. On the other hand, boys viewed shopping from a different perspective. "Go in, get it, and get out," summarized David Drewry's opinion. The average amount of money girls spent on a shopping trip ranged from \$150-\$250, while guys needed a mere \$50-\$75. In addition, guys tended to shop for items not on the girls' list: guns, knives, and even farm equipment.

Loaded with typical female purchases like clothes and make-up, Andrea Randall and Leah Jackson had a good day at the mall.

### 2 DEFINITION

"A pain" was how chemistry teacher Jeanie Bushey described what shopping meant to her. But Sarah Terry, still relatively free from adult responsibilities had a more positive definition. "It's the greatest way to relieve stress," she said.

### 3 ALTERNATIVE

Jami Kirksey found quaint little junk shops an interesting alternative to the mall. "You can meet interesting people junking. Talking to them can definitely be culturally enriching."



### 4 HERE VERSUS THERE

Most students felt that there were serious limitations to the number of places to shop. The most popular and economical stores locally were C&K Clothing, Maurice's, and Wal-Mart. But young shoppers were frequently lured to giant out-of-town malls where they could access hundreds of stores, like Dillard's, Gap, and even Bass Pro Shops. The closest shopping mecca was Battlefield Mall in Springfield, Missouri, about 120 miles away. Other attractive sites were three or four hours away in Little Rock or Memphis. In search of prom dresses the Smalec twins made the longest trip--900 miles to The Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota. Overall, kids claimed that they seldom found what they needed here, so a road trip--and maybe a day out of school--was often a necessity.

### 5 WISHING

Has there ever been some fabulous item you longingly eyed in a store and wished you could have? Some dream purchases seniors hoped for included a diamond ring and a "big daddy" diesel. Andrea Randall suggested in a humorous tone that her priceless wish would be "a perfect body."

Josh Hardin experienced sticker shock when he read the bottom line of the Ford F250 priced between \$20,000 and \$35,000.





## Let it snow, let it snow

**W**ell, it looks like another watch-movies, play-Monopoly kind of day," said Heather Smalec, waking up on the first of six snow days built into the school calendar. Although some may choose to stay inside by the fire, others like Steve Holley chose more vigorous activities. "I put the snow shovel on the ground and spin around in it real fast until I get dizzy and fall over. Then I do it again."



Sporting a borrowed fox pelt to simulate the mountain man look, Mark Kvitek hopped off his four-wheeler to ambush his friend with a snowball.

flowing as Scott Flippo noted, "We went to Fun Mountain and borrowed a truck-load of tubes and took them to the golf course."

An unexpected day at home—with your siblings getting on your last nerve—could cause another minor problem, FOOD! That short little trip to Sonic might become a mission impossible on a snow day if roads were really bad. So you had to be ready with re-inforcements like "a hot bowl of tomato soup, a grilled cheese, and some hot chocolate with marshmallows," which was Andrea Smalec's favorite. But there was an option for anyone caught off-guard on these food-less days, after having eaten all of the nectar of the gods the night before. Suzanne Haney said, "Me and my mom always make snow ice-cream."

### Recipe for Snow Ice Cream

Plenty of clean snow usually taken from car hoods or decks  
Milk, Sugar, and Vanilla Flavoring to taste  
Mix the above until smooth.  
Add assorted flavoring such as  
Sprinkles  
Cocoa or Chocolate Syrup  
Peppermint  
Cookie Crumbs

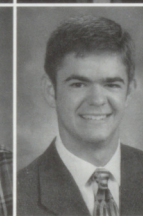
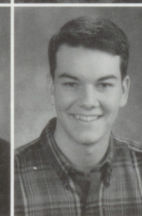
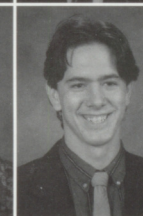


Christina Eggert

Brrrrrr! Cold, gray days in the classroom made students long for even one snow day. "If it's this cold, we ought to have some snow."



Early December teased the Twin Lakes area with an unexpected snowfall—just the thing for an impromptu snowball fight. Taking full advantage of her day out of school, Andrea Smalec used the great-packing white stuff to bombard her boyfriend with a well-aimed throw.




**Jan Davis**--MC, CP, JE, CE, MA, JD, you're the best, KNH, I love you, and thanks for the great memories. **Rikki Deal**

**Ben Dickerson**

**Anthony Doria**--WCW boys, I'm the best there is, ever was and will be; AB, JM, AM, friendship lasts. Psalm 37:4. Lori, you'll always be my baby; love you.

**David Drewry**--Make opportunities out of your difficulties, not difficulties out of your opportunities. To all my friends, thanks for being there for me; KC, thanks for all the good times.

**Ryan Dunn**--To all the fellow goat ropers, it's been fun; JB, RS, Dolph, Calico Rock, that's where the big money is; let's go, Baker! JH, I'll never forget the time we had in camp, and always remember a country boy can survive.

**Danny Dwyer** 

**Freddie Dwyer**

**Melody Dwyer**

**Daniel Dye**--"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid." Proverbs 12:1. Peace, AH, AP, SS, CB, JQ, DC, KW, BS

**Justin Earnest**--It takes a big man to cry; it takes a bigger man to laugh at that man.

**Christina Eggert**--Trust your heart and always follow it. Colter, you taught me a lot and you're my best friend; MA, MC, JG, JE, TA, love ya.

**Daniel Elsayd**--We can choose; either everything is a miracle, or nothing is a miracle.

**Jeremy England**--It's better to burn out than fade away.

**Justin Estes**--Always believe in yourself; don't care what people say; just follow your own way.

**Justin Evans**

**Nate Farris**

**Scott Flippo**--Instead of studying for finals, what about just going to the Bahamas and catching some rays? Maybe you'll flunk, but you might have flunked anyway; that's my point.

**Holly Floyd**

**Russ Floyd**--Hope for the best, but expect the worst. Angela, 1 down, 2 to go!!!

**Curt Foudray**--Seniors kick astronomical booty **Stacy Fountain**--MS, SH, & JK, you three are the best! Did you see those deer skee-daddle? Good luck class of '98! I miss you, Shelly.

**Andrew Freshour**

**Eric Floyd**--Blow ye winds; blow like the trumpet blows. But without all that noise!

**Shane Fundyk**--"I know what I like, I like Fritos!" --Reba Ey-ha ustin-ja and-wa yan-ra, take care, mes amis.



**Isaac Gaston**

**Heather Gauer**--S.T., you're my best friend; I'll always remember our friendship; JM, you are so special to me.

**Devin Glueck**--The vain being is the really solitary being.--Auerbach

**Cope Gracy**--I just want to be able to look back and think that I did this the best I could.

**Kim Graves**--"So many worlds, so much to do, so little done, such things to be."

**Amy Gray**--I know I'll never lose affection for people and things that went before. I know I'll often stop and think about them. In my life I've loved them all.

**Megan Grober**--We have changed so much and experienced many joyous times. Live every moment as it's your last.

**Steven Guthrie**--As we say good-bye to our friends, we know we will never walk these halls again; farewell to C.S., G.H., N.G., J.B., H.S., A.S., B.J., M.G.

**Carley Haley**--To everyone, you've been a cool bunch of dudes! Rock on! Cassy, ha ha, one more year; teachers, keep up the good work!

**Jennifer Hamby**--If you want a quote, get a book; I'm free; see ya

**Suzane Haney**--"Life moves pretty fast; if you don't stop and look around, you could miss it." Ferris Buler. JK, MK, MS, SF, thanks for the laughs.

**Eric Hardin**  
**Josh Hardin**--Ryan, you're a heck of a good friend; JB, ML, and the rest of the Goat Ropers, you guys are the best; you boys keep in touch; to my long-haired friends, some day I'll have long hair again.

**Greg Harlow**

**Jeremy Harris**

**Nikki Hart**--Brody, you are my best friend and I will always love you! JAS, KK, AW, SW, and AC, you guys are the best. "...Snatch the passing moment and examine it for signs of eternity."

**Shannan Hawkins**

**Faith Hennings**--They will be strong like eagles soaring upward on wings; they will walk and run without getting tired. Isaiah 40:31

**Melissa Hodge**--The life of this school will always be here, and you will always remember that the class of '98 will always rule.

**Brian Hodges**

**Jeremy Hodges**--Your senior year is by far your greatest year. Live it for you, and stop trying to please everyone else. It's time to be yourself.

**Stephen Holley**--Romans 1:20

**Shawna Holt**--To all my friends thanks for all the memories. DR, is Johnny asleep yet. Mom, Dad I wouldn't have made it without you. Brad you're my one and only!

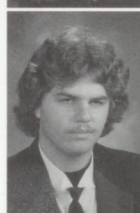
**Jody Horne**

**Trey Horton**



## REGRETS

*Seniors reflect on what they should...or should not have done during their school career*



### 1 REMORSE

As graduation approached, many seniors assessed what they had done with their past twelve years. Some remembered lost loves or failed tests. Other regretted not getting more involved in activities or not taking better care of the GPA. A few recalled foolish moves that earned a D-hall, SAAC or worse. Amanda Wren had a more specific idea. "I wish we could have gotten the sophomores during homecoming week," she explained. "We let them walk all over us." Mat Timmons had a more philosophical feeling. "I wish I had graduated in '69 because I could have experienced the glory of the 60's in high school and music of the 70's in college," he said.



### 2 G o t c h a ! !

The worst regret sometimes was not your fault. Steve Holley, pictured above, volunteered to dress in a flowered toga and push a giant rock a la Sisyphus so that he and Mattie Crawford could get a good grade on an English assignment dealing with mythology.

### 3 Yummy Yummy!

Most courses had assignments that weren't always pleasant. But Sara Rohr's requirement to cut up a dead cat for human anatomy might have caused her to ask, "Do I really want to do this?"



### 4 THE REGISTRATION BLUES

Registering for classes became one of the most important events in the school year since a closed class could wreck the best of plans and force seniors into the wrong lunch or worse yet a dreaded afternoon class. The process was also a time where regrets abounded. Jody Horne facetiously said, "I wish I would have been a lot smarter and not in a class with Nikki Hart. She hates me and always gets me in trouble." Of course registration was not just a way of organizing time to be with friends; it was also a way to plan for the future. Sometime in the rush to have an easy senior year with only four classes, academic preparation was forgotten. While a few seniors opted for a full schedule of demanding courses, most didn't. Did Jody regret choosing classes that weren't challenging enough? "Why would I do that?" he asked.

### 5 NOT BAD

When the ROTC sponsored a blood drive, many who could for the first time donate blood thought that they could do something beneficial, look cool, and get out of class for a couple of hours. While most cruised through the experience without difficulty, a few got a little light-headed and really needed the cookies and juice offered to revive donors.

"I wish I wouldn't have been so scared before it actually happened. Afterwards I realized it's not so bad!" said Brady Trahan.





## Creative control

**a**merica's lust for technology began to be tempered by skepticism as we learned our way around cyberspace. Most of us scrounged a computer from a friend or popped for a new laptop. We downloaded browsers, sent e-mail and explored the stuff on the web. It was fun but also expensive, and it ate up a lot of time.

The experience also made many of us more wary of sales pitches for new technology. We discovered that instead of making life simpler, the latest gadgets often made it more complex. If you were a computer geek, that was fine; but if you were a human being, the frustration could be maddening. And the time gap between when a new technology was introduced and when it became obsolete kept getting shorter and shorter. Just when you finally saved up enough empty coke bottles to buy a 56-Kbps modem, along came talk about 128-Kbps. But the situation got worse. As new technology proliferated, it became harder to separate hype from reality. Should you shell out for a new TV or wait for HDTV (high-definition television with

The possibility of starting his own computer business appealed to Corey Boelkens, who worked with a variety of multimedia software in the computer lab.

twice as many lines of resolution as regular TV's, making the images much clearer and the colors much richer).

Even with the down side, we enjoyed benefits as well; we finally saw new applications: using home computers that could store huge amounts of data in a reasonable amount of time; manipulating video and photos to fit your personal vision; burning your own CDs; writing without touching the keyboard; engaging in cross-country, face-to-face conversations without leaving home; and even driving coast to coast with your computer verbally guiding you at every turn. But while we enjoyed the fun and waited for the newest developments, we learned to approach our digital crystal ball with a bit more savvy and a lot more sophistication.

### Top 10 New Products

1. CD-R  
(Capability to record CDs)
2. Palm Pilot  
(Hand-held computer)
3. Web TV  
(Access to the Internet with regular TV)
4. Digital Cameras  
(Photography without film, images imported to computers)
5. DVD  
(Movie on CD disc)
6. HDTV  
(High Definition TV)
7. 128K modems  
(Fast access to the Internet)
8. 300 mHz pentium  
(Faster computer processing)
9. Picture-quality printers
10. Mini Disc  
(Replacement for CD, holds more data)



Ron Floyd,  
Technology  
Coordinator

We need to get caught up with the rest of the world's technology. But do we spend money to catch up or do we spend money to get ahead?



The publications department took a technological leap forward as computers were networked and photo-scanning software was added. *Contrails* staff members Aaron Baker, Marcie Breton, Trevor Bessnor, Kerri Maxwell, and adviser Susan Bergman used the new technology to produce each edition, but even with the added help, nothing could replace the long hours after school needed to produce a top-notch student publication.



### Rebecca Howard

**Laura Huber**--"There are three things which are real: God, human folly, and laughter. The first two are beyond our comprehension. So we must do what we can with the third."--The New York Times

**Adrianne Hunnell**

**Ty Huskey**

**Leah Jackson**--Remember to keep God in your heart and a smile on your face; to my friends, thanks for the memories; I love you guys!

**Darin Jarrett**--What a long strange trip it's been. **Thomas Jennings**--"He who commits injustice is ever made more wretched than he who suffers it."--Plato

**Josh Jennings**

**Jennifer Johanssen**--Thanks to everyone who has made my time here a great experience; good luck to all the seniors; H.K., V.C., D.J., and S.R., you guys are the best; T.J., I love you with all my heart.

**Dawn Johansen**--"Every woman has to love something, even if it is only a man." Brian, I love you forever and always J.S., V.C., S.R., A.R., thanks for the great memories.

**Matt Johnson**--"There are two types of people in this world: Marines, and those who wish they were."

**Amanda Jones**--"First love is only a little foolishness and a lot of curiosity: no really self-respecting woman would take advantage of it"--G.B. Shaw

**Stephanie Jones**

**Jared Kauffman**--"A time it was, a time of innocence, a time of confidence. Long ago it must be. I have a photograph to preserve the memories; they're all that's left of me."--Simon and Garfunkel

**Kristy Keeter**--L.M., J.A.S., N.H. and B.M., thanks for the camping memories; y'all are the greatest friends anyone could ask for; thanks guys!

**Michelle Kelly**--M.K., T.B., H.W., and J.W., you guys have been great; I wouldn't have been able to do it without my family, Josh; I love you guys.

**Dalal Khayat**--"A clean mouth is a happy mouth!" Love you, band; Lil' Debil, I lub you; see ya in Yelbil; L.S., merry X-mas to you; X's and O's, M.C., E.B., E.T., L.B., K.M.; keep eating, Potluck Club!

**Tom King**--Yeah, Mamma!

**Davin Kirksey**

**Jami Kirksey**

**Heather Klein**--Thanks MH, it's been great; special thanx all my friends and family, and an especially special thanx to Jen and family.

**Chris Knight**--"Lather, Rinse, and Repeat if necessary."

**Cort Knox**--The Alpha Delta Charlie Clan: This is only the end of the beginning; L.B.C., keep it alive! **Staci Kucginski**--"Tis a misty old world; we're only in it for a short sharp while."

**Mark Kvitek**--Guys, thanks for all the good times; Blagg, to all the hunting trips, the tangy night ride, and the Big Bash; Jackel, you're the greatest.



Justin Lahrman

Steven J. Lain

Cory Lang--To GAPP XII and AGS '97, let's not forget all the memories. c.h.-WEIS-m.t.

Brooke LaRue--Matt, let's fly to the moon. I love you always. Sarah, you're the best; never change.

Mitchell Lipe--Thanks, A.H., L.P., J.B., J.K., J.H., D.H. Life is short, Rodeo Hard. Seniors Rule.

Maria Lockard--Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Amy Loe

Melissa Loftin--Kirby, you are the light of my life and make all my dreams come true. I love you.

Nicole Loyd

Elvio Lupo

Niki Luther--"It is better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt."--Mark Twain

Rachel Lydon--Andrea, can I use the Revlon-Bones? Mistel Pardon Pistel, I love you forever! Staci, We had fun. The Camaro lives on!

Miste Manchester-- Thanks for all the good times. I love you all!!!

Travis Marsico--It's not heavy; it's just wind.

David Martin

Miranda Mask--To my friends, I'll miss you. B.M., you were the only friend I could count on. Remember Phillipians 4:13

Kerri Maxwell--Though I know I'll never lose affection for people and things that went before, I know I'll often stop and think about them; in my life I'll love you more.

Russell McCoy

Lori McCullough--Finalists forever. "You may say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you will join us, and the world will live as one." --John Lennon

Nikolas McGill

Abby McMackins--To my friends, I love you all!

Amanda and Garrett, thank you for everything!

Jesse, my heart is with you always.

Mandy McNabb

Jeremy Melton

Jamie Meyer--To all my friends especially LD, thanks for everything. Jessie, you are always in my heart. Kirk, I'll love you forever.

Tommy Miller--Mom and Dad, thanks for making me who I am.



## Me, Myself, and I...

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hen news of a sheep named Dolly hit the headlines in mid-1997, the world reacted with surprise and horror. Hypothetical debates about cloning, once only Aldous

Huxley's realm of fantasy, had now become a possibility. Suddenly, the world was faced with an ethical question: if you can clone sheep, are humans next?

For many, the issue of cloning a human being was not an ethical question but a reality check. Producing human beings from a petri dish? How wrong is that, they asked. Besides, what lucky person would earn the right to be cloned? Who would make such choices?

Although most found it difficult to decide who would make a nice addition to the to-be-cloned list, those same people didn't seem to have any problem deciding who absolutely didn't deserve this right. "I can't think of anyone I'd want to duplicate, but I definitely know we don't need another Lyle Lovett!" said Joel Leechman. Paige Wegerer also said she couldn't think of anyone she'd like to clone but added, "please, no more Marilyn Manson!"

Some members of a more mature generation--like the faculty--had no trouble thinking of candidates for cloning. "Sean Connery!" said Mrs. Nancy Reed, German teacher, as she perhaps recalled his early 007 roles. And after thinking briefly, Mrs. Susan Bergman, English teacher, decided that the world could use another Mother Teresa. Regardless of the reason for cloning that special someone, the ethical "red flag" went up in all corners of the scientific world. Who knows what threats to sanity would lie ahead if a half-dozen Jim Careys were running around!

### WHO SHOULD HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO BE CLONED?

WAY!

Kramer

Mother Teresa

Princess Diana

Carmen Elektra

Leonardo Decaprio

NO WAY!

Marilyn Manson

Cheech and Chong

Jim Carey

Vanilla Ice

Joe Pesci



Cort Knox

"I would love to clone myself because then I'd have the time to do the things I enjoy." (This response sounded curiously like the plot for a movie.)



Mother Nature had her own version of cloning long before mankind even knew the secret to rubbing sticks together for fire. It was called twins. Angie and Michelle Damazio (which is which?) illustrate the concept perfectly.

Although many argued that there were advantages to cloning humans, Luke "Dinger" Nicholson could see some disadvantages as well. What if the baby clone turned out to be like one of Star Trek's most notorious villains, Borg times three?

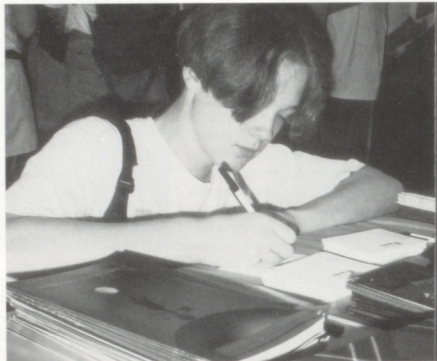


# LOOKING AHEAD

*Future plans loom large as seniors consider their options for life after graduation*

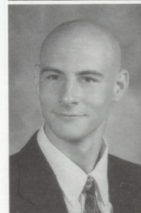
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College Day gave Thomas Jennings a chance to find out about a variety of options. Signing up for college mailing lists was all part of the game.



## TO STAY OR TO GO

Remaining on the homefront or packing the suitcases: big factors when it came to future plans. The chance to take off on an adventure was appealing not just for the freedom, but also for those little things—the right never to make the bed or finally to get that dreamy pet python. Of course, scholarships and courses of study influenced those considering college. “I want to go to Columbia, MO; it has a good business school as well as agriculture. I want to major in business and minor in equine science,” Jan Davis said. Despite the advantages of going away, others decided to stick around. “I’ll stay for a year at most, earning money and being around my family before I take off to college in Indianapolis,” said Layne Bradley.



## 2 POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

50% - College (25% at ASU-MH) 5% - Vocational Education  
30% - Work 1% - Marriage  
5% - Military 9% - Undecided

These statistics are based on anecdotal information from the counselor's office.

## 3 Finally!

Nothing spelled graduation more clearly than College Day, where seniors had the chance to find out about post-secondary options from a variety of sources like colleges, vo-tech schools, and military recruiters.



## 4 BE ALL YOU CAN BE

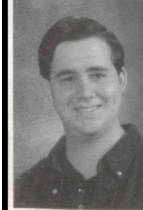
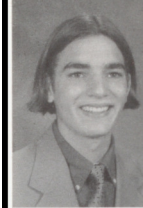
For a few, the military was the way to go on the path toward future success. With a ROTC experience and the chance to enter their branch of service at a higher pay grade, some were well on their way to beginning a career in the armed forces. The military offered a wide variety of options including funds for an education and the opportunity to learn useful skills. For Eric Froyd, the motivation was “to give back to my country what it has given me—freedom.” He added, “I grew up in a military family so my decision was already set for me.” Andy Freshour voiced another point of view: “I need a good training in the field of computers; the military will offer this. Also, I want to get to the bottom of our corrupt government.” An ambitious undertaking either way.

## 5 WEDDING BELLS

While most teens struggled with temporary romances, others had taken a more permanent step. Ty Huskey married his bride Laura before his senior year started. Others like Jessica Wedge considered matrimony in their last year of school. “It took years of being with each other and going through many problems before we realized this is what we really wanted. The next big step was deciding the date—next November; we can still start in college without the pressures of marriage and yet not have to rush into it right after high school.”



Thankful for any writing surface, Carrie Poynter made notes as a college rep shared information about admissions.



William Millican

Leah Minge--JA and KK, thanks for your loving friendships and hours worth of laughs; to my angel, I'll always cherish my precious shrunken jar!!

Richard Moore--Life is ours; we live it our way. (And nothing else matters).--Metallica

Chris Morris--Strange days have found us; strange days have tracked us down They're goin' to destroy our casual joys We shall go on playing or find a new town.--Jim Morrison

Michael Moser--Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift which is why it's called the present. So cherish each day before it is past.

Frank Mueller

Jayne Mullin

Angie Mustain--K.S., where did all the peach trees go? Flags, I love you all; good luck next year; Mara, we're outta here; S.J. & Groug, I'll miss you guys; band, good luck next year; carry on the pride.

Luke Nicholson

Kristi Norwick

Jason Parson--Even the most ignorant man is considered wise, if he does not speak of things which he does not know of.

Annie Patterson--To all my chums, you made these years livable; I love you guys; NessaBee; one more year and you'll be as cool as me!

Robert Pawlak--"I have lost the will to live, simply nothing more to give. Emptiness is filling me to the point of agony."--Metallica, "Fade to Black"

Brock Pendergrass--You can't catch a fish unless you get your hook wet.

Pride Pendergrass

Lisa Peterson--To my teachers, thank you; to my fellow seniors, always remember P6; to my family, you are my best friends. **PETERSON PRIDE!**

Carolyn Pike--Silence is beauty; words only complicate the task. Art is silent; its passion is fortissimo.

Nick Pitts--Matthew 6:34; Asta my friends, hope to see you down the road. Hey hun, love ya!

Josh Porter--Be daring; take chances. Life is too fast; live it fast. Jessica, I love you always!

Amy Porting--There are those who take the heart out of you and those who put it back. Travis, you are my heart & soul; I love you forever & a day!

Scotch Powell--Those who jump far were once small grasshoppers.

Mat Powell--Chance favors the prepared mind.

Tana Powell

Carrie Poynter--Be aware of what you have now because later you may not have it. I love you, Mom & Dad; J.D., J.V., J.W., may success find you.

Angela Pruitt--M.P., you will always be my best friend; C.H., you are forever my Sweetpea; J.W., don't forget the boat and hippy hill.



**Desiree Raddatz**--Cheyne, you've taught me so much; you'll always be my sweetheart! SH, CH, ST, HG, JB, SW, BN, thanks for the memories; I love you!  
**Andrea Randall**-- Cherish yesterday; dream tomorrow; live today.

**Amanda Rasmussen**-- No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us. . . I John 4:12  
**Brigid Regan**-- It is not while beauty and youth are thine own, and thy cheek unprofaned by a tear, that the fervor and faith of a soul can be known to which time will but make thee more dear--Thomas Moore  
**Peter Reynolds**-- Before you get mad at someone, walk a mile in their shoes, cause then you'll be a mile ahead of them, and you'll have your shoes.

**Sarah Richardson**-- When you're at the end of your rope, tie a knot, hang on, and swing. Mel, you're the best; to all my friends, I love you.

**Amanda Risk**-- The mere sense of living is joy enough  
**Jeremy Risley**

**Sara Rohr**-- "Life is the first gift, love is the second, and understanding the third."-- Marge Piercy  
**Eric Rowbotham**-- Life is like a super highway, and I live on a dirt road; catch an off-ramp and come and see me sometime.

**Jamie Rydl**-- Get it, Miste, get it. Good luck, Hot Guy. OKEY! Hey, Andrea, it's 1:25, do we take a right or do we take a left? To everyone, we made it!

**Leann Sanders**-- Merry Christmas to you, Dalal! Band-keep up the good work! It makes me happy!

**Jason Scott**-- "There's a place where mornings are an endless blue." To all my goat ropin buddies, thanks for the memories; to D.B., I owe you the world; to Jennifer Lynn, I'm carrying your love with me.

**Terry Shumate**-- "Do not rely completely on another human being...We meet all life's greatest tests alone." Thanks, friends and majorettes, for making me laugh.

**Ben Shy**-- "I have nothing more to say."

**JC Sinks**-- "Like the Moon over the day, my genius and brawn are lost on these fools."

**Veronica Skeen**-- May the Schwartz be with you.

**Andrea Smalec**-- Friendship is composed of football games and late-night pig-outs. Thanks for the memories, guys, especially Tyler, I love you; Sister, you're my one and only hoarky.

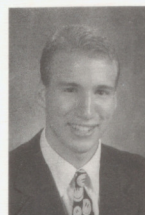
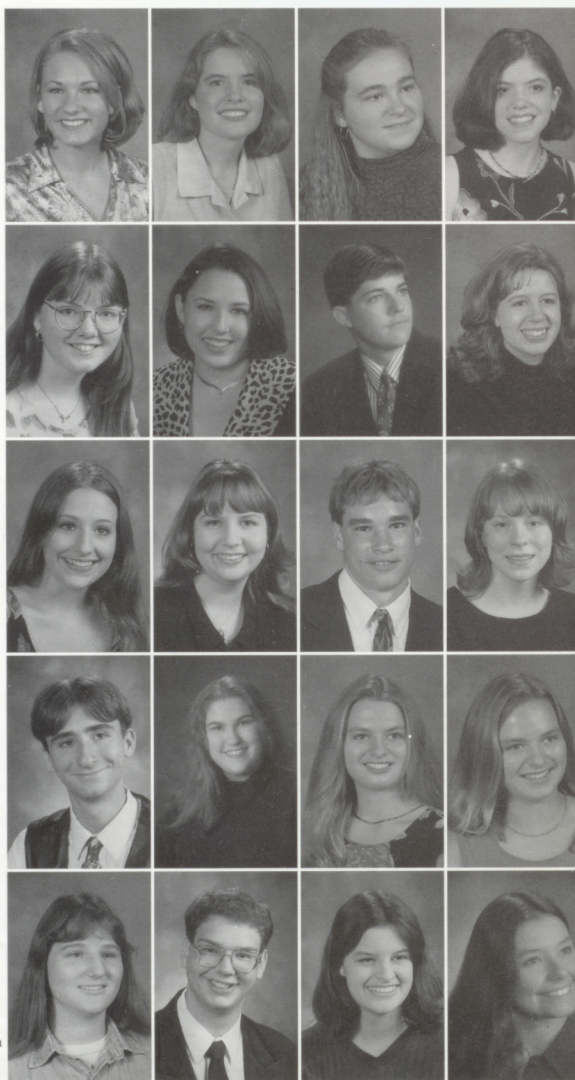
**Heather Smalec**-- Do not pass GO, do not collect \$200  
**Jennifer Smyth**-- Always remember to smile because God loves you; Heartfire, you guys rock; band, keep playing hard; J.B., you're the best!

**Kirstie Snyder**

**Randy Snyder**--Words, used with wisdom and intelligence, are the greatest weapons ever offered to mankind beyond the invention of the smile.

**Kristen Speer**-- "...with ten miles behind me and ten thousand more to go..." --James Taylor

**Kim Springsteen**-- "do bee, do bee do..." To all my ROTC buds, I owe all my success to you; Tony, you will forever hold my heart and soul; thank you, J.S.!  
**Brian Stahl**-- Partying is definitely good, but there is a time and place for everything. Be sensible in college or it will kick you in the pants.



## Shopping the giga pet store

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irst it was digital watches that beeped at awkward moments--like the middle of class--to announce the hour, but we soon learned to control these annoyances. As technology marched on, next came pagers and cellular phones; with these devices banned from the campus, however, they didn't cause much of a problem. Then people began bringing their pets to school--their giga pets.

These keychain look-alike devices traveled in pockets and backpacks, and sometimes they demanded care unless the conscientious pet owner planned ahead. "I always feed mine before school so it will sleep during class," explained J.C. Sinks, co-owner with his girlfriend Chrissy Villiger of seven giga pets. And what did a giga pet eat? Normal pet food for models like cats, dogs, and turtles. But Kim Graves fed her alien more exotic foods like ice cream,

soup, fruit, batteries, and lightbulbs. Kim also explained the care that a giga pet required in addition to feeding. "You have to walk it, play with it, bathe it, discipline it, and take it to the vet," she said. "It cries

How do you take care of a giga pet when it demands attention? You just press the right buttons at the right times to keep your pet healthy, happy, and alive.

(beeps) to let you know when it needs attention."

The consequences of not paying attention to a crying giga pet were serious indeed. "If you ignore it, it dies," Kim said; "it sprouts little wings and flies up to heaven." But a dead giga pet did not mean a pet funeral with a cigar box and a hole in the back yard or a quick flush of the toilet like the last rites for a pet goldfish. Deceased giga pets could be revived. Simply pushing a few buttons on the front could give birth to a brand new baby.

"Giga pets do what a regular pets do," J.C. said; "you can play games with them and teach them things. But you have to get up with them in the middle of the night if they start beeping," he added. Why would anyone want such a toy? "It's kinda fun to see it change everyday," Kim said, "just like a real pet."

### Giga Pets: Just the Facts

\*Cost--From \$7.50 to \$50

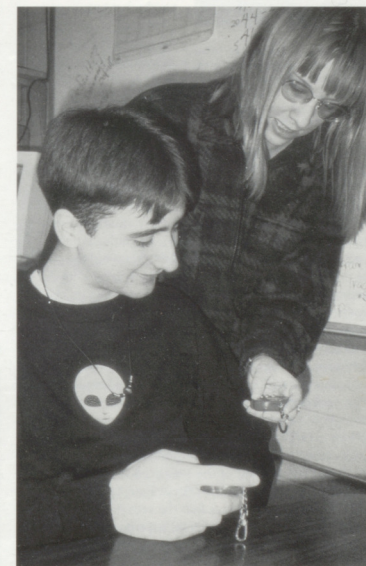
More exotic pets cost more as do the models that can switch from one pet to another

\*Life Span--One day with a giga pet is the equivalent of one year; a giga pet can live for up to 99 years, or a little over three months



Andrew Barnes

Not everyone was a fan of the trendy electronic pet. "I think they're stupid; they're a kid's toy. Why have something that's no good after a few days?"



Like all proud pet owners, J.C. Sinks and Kim Graves liked to show off what their pets could do. His cat played with yarn, chased butterflies, and dreamed of being chased by a dog while her alien demonstrated more exotic skills like reading books and playing an outerspace version of rock-paper-scissors.



# Been there, done that



Having an older sister who shares your interest in Celtic music and soccer is good, according to Ruthie Stevens, but sharing personal things can lead to sisterly disputes.

work." Yet, along with the responsibilities, there are benefits. "You always have friends, even when moving around," she said.

Home-taught throughout her life, attending public school here for the first time was a new experience when she came to live with family friends. Waking up early in the morning, going through a structured schedule daily, and getting homework done required some adjustments. However, these could be overlooked for other things like catching the social scene with friends or joining the girls' soccer team. "I love soccer. In Mexico, my brother and I would just walk into town with a ball and kids would gather around to play. It was so much fun," Gabi said.

Working her way through correspondence courses allowed Gabi to gain the credits she was missing from her home-school curriculum; in addition, she managed to skip her junior year. She even squeezed in a few college courses. At 16, she worked throughout a summer so she could pay for courses at a technical college in Louisiana. "I'd ride my bike straight from class every day to work at McDonald's until maybe midnight or one in the morning." As a result of the sacrificed summer, she now is a Certified Nurses' Aid and works at Pine Lane Nursing Home, already pursuing the career that she sees in her future.

Stepping out of the continental boundaries may again be part of what lies down the road for her. "Some people may not understand this, but I feel that God had called me to be a missionary nurse in Africa." While so many highschoolers were still unable to pinpoint even simple post-graduation plans, Gabi possessed focus and maturity beyond her years. Little searching was required to find in her a quiet but solid strength.

of many people, at only 18 years of age, can claim the distinction of having lived in 100 locations already. But Gabriela Stevens can. "I've never really counted, but it must be way over 100," she said. Gabi has called not only 47 states, but also Mexico, Belize, Costa Rica, Canada, and Guatemala "home" for as little as a week or as long as two and a half years. "I think Belize was one of my favorites--with the ocean and the coconut palms; it was really pretty."

Language-wise, there has always been a smooth transition when she reached for her passport to travel south of the United States; Gabi is bilingual--Spanish is her first language. "My dad loved the language and majored in it in college. Later, he studied at a Spanish seminary in Texas, and my mom also learned to speak Spanish there. When I was born, I was taught that language first," she explained.

Having someone to talk to, regardless of the language, was never a problem in Gabi's family. One of 10 children, she is the oldest. "You need to have a lot of patience--a lot. Sometimes I end up doing all the

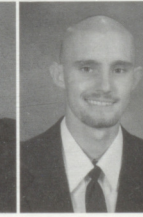
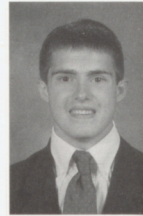


Rebecca Marston

"It didn't even take a whole day for me to adjust and start treating her like a sister. Even through the hardest times, she can keep a cheerful attitude."



Disciplined study habits allowed Gabriela Stevens to manage both a full academic day and a correspondence course as well. The extra work earned her an earlier graduation date.



**Blake Starkey**

**Jennifer Steffes**--To my friends, its been a blast! To Ethan, you mean the world to me!!

**JulieAnn Stephan**--L.M., K.K., N.H:

"Friends...forgiving & helping to bring out the best, believing the good & forgetting the rest."

**Gabriela Stephens**--Let mercy lead. Let love be the strength in your legs, and in every footprint that you leave there will be a drop of grace.--Rich Mullins

**Chad Stephenson**--I'll miss you, G.H, S.G., J.B., & the Gang. H.S. remember you hold my heart & pull my ear.

**Jennifer Stone**--One day you'll look to see I've gone, for tomorrow will rain so I'll follow the sun. To my friends thanks for the memories.

**Kristina Stoner**--Shawna & Haley thanks for being there through good & bad times.

**Elizabeth Taglauer**--Be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God...do not worry about tomorrow, it will have enough worries of its own.--Matthew 6:33-34

**Sarah Terry**--Heather Sue, you are my best-friend & I love you to death. To all my friends--thanks for all the great memories & I'll Miss you all. I miss you J.K.

**Erin Tetrick**

**Joe Thomas**

**Mat Timmons**--To all of the guys thanks for wonderful years. G.A.P.P. you rock. To Pooh...T-T-F-N. To C.B. & C.L...ERR!

**Brady Trahan**--Why go all the way when you can pass with a "D."

**Andrea Vanderstek**--Jamie, I think we take a left! Charlie, keep smilin (M.M.)! Annie, April Fools! G.D.--You got glitter in your hair! R.L., S.K., B.B., V.F., V.C., thanks for the good times! P.N. I love you forever.

**Katie Vandolah**

**Jennifer Veloria**--Thank you: Mr. Nelson, Mom, Dad, Mike, R.C., C.P., J.B.W., J.S., M.T., & Band Kids. I love you always T.J.

**Mara Vielbaum**

**Debbie Vlasic**--What lies behind us & what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.--Emerson. To all my friends, thanks for the memories!

**Kenny Walker**

**Luke Walker**--I got a long way to go, short time to get there.

**Shannon Wallace**--Matthew 17:20. J.B. Thanks for all the memories ("Leo")--you're AWESOME! A.C.W. Wait till 12:01 a.m. A.W. "Look, I'm goin' off the road!"

**Jessica Wedge**--Always follow your dreams and never give up. Faith will take you where you need to go. I'll miss you all!

**Toby Weidner**--The Great Unknown is still out there. D.D, W.B., B.B., S.O., It's been Great Known ya.

**Shannon White**

**Veronica White**



## Getting the last laugh



Travis Marsico monkeys around with a charming gorilla.

he was sitting at the lunch table, minding his own business, when, suddenly, he felt something warm and furry grab his arm. Curious, he turned around and, to his horror, found himself face to face with a gorilla wearing a yellow polka-dot bikini. Nightmare? He only wished. To the delight of his fellow students, and to his complete mortification, the gorilla beckoned him to stand up and dance. As the hefty female gorilla came closer, obviously ready to get personal, he threw up his hands and screamed, "No, wait! I don't understand! Who are you?" "Your prom date," replied the gorilla. Everyone in the cafeteria burst out laughing. Later, the victim of this practical joke, Travis Marsico, recalled, "I was scared to death." And he knew that he had been had by well-meaning friends who lovingly arranged for the prank to be carried out in the most public way possible.

Practical jokes disturbed the peaceful lives of many students throughout the years. Band students often came home from long trips to find their cars sabotaged with shoe polish. It was also not uncommon for gullible sophomores to search for their classes in the basement of the school after receiving "helpful" instructions from an innocent-looking upper classman.

Even teachers were not immune to vicious pranks. Mr. Chad Dewey, first-year social studies teacher, described his traumatic experience. "I was chased around the room by a woman who said her name was Ima Hog. She was wearing overalls and her two front teeth were blacked out. She eventually caught up to me and started kissing me. I had lipstick all over my face and in my hair." After venting his feelings toward Coach Bill Hughes, the mastermind behind the joke, Mr. Dewey, with a slight smirk, promised, "His day will come."

Often, the victim of a practical joke sought revenge on his assailant. As one thing led to another, both parties soon found themselves engaged in a joke war. Anthony Doria described his battle with Peter Reynolds, "Peter put fake snow on my car. To get him back, I covered his windshield with peanut butter and warned him not to get me back. After Peter put peanut butter on my hood, I spray-painted his car pink." Expressing no regrets for his actions, Anthony shrugged, "Hey, I warned him."

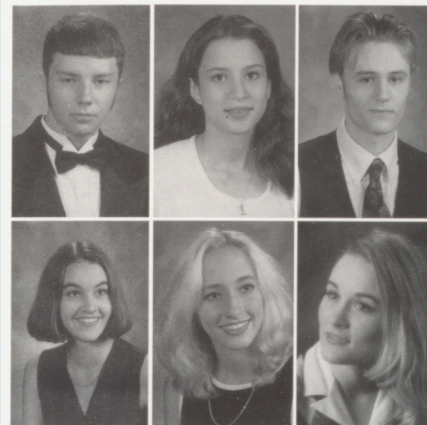
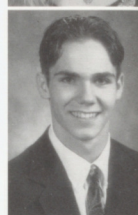
Amazingly, nearly all of the people who have become a victim of a practical joke are able to look back on their experience and laugh. Why? One of two reasons: 1) they have a great sense of humor, or—more likely—2) they know that one of these days, when it's least expected, they will get their revenge.

Mr. Chad Dewey turned a nice shade of magenta (not successfully captured by this black and white picture) after being chased around the teacher's lounge by Ima Hog. Ima, otherwise known as Debbie Rectenwald, seemed to be quite taken with Mr. Dewey.



Jennifer Hamby

As far as I'm concerned, the only good practical joke is the one that doesn't back-fire. You can't be too careful when it comes to revenge.



**Rhea Anne Williams**--"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same." Je t'aime toujours, Omar! Amanda, please remember me. Keep in touch, S.H., H.C., C.G., S.B., K.P., M.K., and D.R.  
**Davy Williams**--Baseball is life; the rest is just a dream.  
**Summer Williams**--C.P., M.P., J.N.H., I can't wait! "Heere" L.O.L. B.P.B., thank you; B.C., G.S., D.L., A.N., M.S., and Class of '99, good luck; J.H. "Snob" (Lewis); S.C.W., you are a special person to me; J.N.H. "Space cadet" thanks.

**J.B. Williamson**--A sense of security leaves us as we say good-bye to our home, family, and friends as we set foot into the real world. This is no time to walk...we have a race ahead of us! J.D.S., my life is with you.

**Jeremi Witt**

**Anne-Camille Woesch**--"Don't go where other men have already gone; go instead your own way and leave a trail." S.W., let me see your red dog whack! C.W., photo/guess. I'll cherish the memories forever, girls. Good luck in the future, Class of '98!

**Charrise Worman**--You only live once. But if you live right, once is enough. N.L., never forget "Still Again"; A.W., C.A.C.'s should never forget their cameras; "focus."

**Amanda Wren**--"Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established." Proverbs 16:3; Shannon, thanks for the miles and the memories; Jason, you'll always be the chicken; N.H. and K.K., the truck is sinking!

## 7 Top Prank Gifts from Spencer's

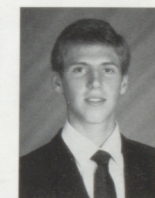
1. Fat Lady Birthday Cards
2. Bay Watch Phone Cards
3. Flushing Toilet Bank
4. Beavis and Butthead Stuff
5. Self-rotating Disco Ball
6. "Fart Sludge"
7. Mooner Dolls



Megan Grober and Nicole Politt dissected their cat during human anatomy. Few could honestly say that they weren't tempted to take cat parts and dump them into another student's locker--the ultimate prank.



Even the almighty senior float fell victim to a vicious underclassman during the homecoming activities. The bold prankster found humor in reversing the numbers, but seniors saw little to laugh about.



Elias Aguirre Imbernon