SEEING IS BELIEVING

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Seeing is Believing
If seeing is believing, did Junior Andrew Swinehart, really dress up as a Kirkwood Dancer for the Turkey Day Night Pep Rally? • Truly a laughable encounter. Freshmen Monica Jost and Adam Stevens share a joke during one of the Spirit Week Assemblies. • Believe it or not, Holley Earley marks Aaron Block, Mr. Irresistable 1998, before the Turkey Day Assembly. Holding the spirit stick that she carried with her all week, Jennie Brinkman encourages Holley. • Senior spirit was seen around campus when the seniors dressed up in a pajama theme. Jennifer Neumann catches up on a little homework before starting the day.
The success of the Varsity Football team is reflected by the excitement of the fans.

Captain Chase Bartels and Chrissy Fleming proudly hold up the Senior banner during the traditional spirit cheer at the Winter Sports Pep Assembly.

Above: Beth Perez starts off the “machine” in Mr. Grooms 7th hour Drama Class, allowing the rest of the class to join in.

Left: In Ms. Anttrim’s 6th hour ceramics class, Jennifer Buerk begins making a pot by centering the clay on the wheel.

Bottom Left: Students attentively watch as Webster Grove’s Rescue Unit demonstrates the steps used to save lives in fatal car accidents.

Below: As Kyle Geiger and Threoma Osuegbu try to read the sheet music in Guitar I, all they can do is stare in confusion.
The Guard performs in the first pep assembly of the school year by doing the "dip" and getting the crowd excited about the activities following their successful routine.

Above: The parking lot has always been a familiar place for students to gather during lunch.

Above Right: Tom Palmer and Jamal Yoder compare notes in science class.

Right: Monee Thomas is more excited about taking a nap than paying attention in Dr. Hutcheson's 4th hour English class.

Bottom Right: David Knipp, Kristin Westbrook, and Bill Marsh head back to class after a quick lunch.

Below: As Bev Taylor and Anne Zager happily work in the library on a research paper, they discuss the possibility of E=MC2.
Turkey Day Uncovers

A Week to Remember

Turkey Day's annual outburst of spirit from the Webster community and students has everyone participating in the traditional decorating and games that occur at the high school. After a week of whipped cream, frozen turkeys, and tug-of-war, as class competitions, the big day finally arrives. This is a day students and staff have been anticipating for months.

The bell rings, releasing a crowd of students, alumni and community residents into Robert's Gym. The gym is filled with bright colors, class banners, crazy costumes, loud music and spirited fans. Rivaling classes come together, sharing in each other's small victories throughout the week. The noise level rises as the crowd takes their seats.

"I'm always excited to see the Guard and Varsity Cheerleaders do their routines," says Senior Courtney Hunt.

As the assembly, organized by Sophomores SSC, spirals to a spirited frenzy, students cheer on their friends.

The night assembly, sponsored by Junior SSC, and held at Hixon, picks up from where the day assembly left off, mocking Kirkwood with a variety of skits. The Pep Rally culminates with the anticipated Danceline light show and then the eulogy for Kirk E. Wood before charbroiling him at the bonfire.

As the crowd warms itself by the fire, talk of the upcoming game reaches fever pitch as this year's challenge is formidable.

The crisp air and strong winds never let up during the 82nd annual game. The Statesmen fought hard to retain the bell, but at the end of the forth quarter, Kirkwood prevailed for possession of the 200 lb. trophy. Although Kirkwood won the bell, Webster kept their pride and school spirit. "Our community has always kept our heads high and our goals large," says Senior Katie LaGrange.

This game that started out almost a century ago has become more to this community than just a small feud. It provides a chance for community involvement, civic pride and spirited competition across historic borders.
Tom Palmier is a true statesmen at the Turkey Day football game.

Christy Jayne and Sarah Bray learn the early bird gets the (gummy) worm during spirit week activities.

One last statesmen huddle before the game. Our boys are ready to GO, FIGHT...
What does Emily Nauke want to be when she grows up? "An ordinary housewife and mother...just like all you housewives and mothers out there!"

Lewis (C.J. Fischer), Pippin’s cocky, egotistical, not-so-bright step-brother, shows off his superior weightlifting techniques.

Jon Jones, “an actor of enormous power,” portrays King Charlemagne.

Corey Barrett, Jon Roundy, Ben Morrison, Adam Erickson, Ben Hamlin, and Brien Redmon were all part of Berthe’s (Katy Palmier) harem of men. Now if only they were so subservient in real life...

Catherine (Brianne Rose) and her “little angels,” Aimee Costello, Jenny McCann, Sarah Leahy, Chase Bartels, Lauren Farell, and Fannta Drummer, try to convince Pippin that although Catherine is nothing more than an average, ordinary, everyday person, she’s still his “kind of woman.”

The singing and dancing choruses, on stage for their curtain calls, acknowledge the pit orchestra. Front row: Sarah Leahy, Ben Hamlin, Ben Morrison, Andrew Swinehart, Lauren Farell, Kate Smorodkina, Courtney Hunt, Lindsay Jacobs, Tom Palmier, Sarah Bray, Jenny McCann, Annie Lutjens. Back row: Sarah Hirsch, Jessica O’Brien, Alexa Pippin, Antoinette James, Tyler Hunt, Julie Sullivan, Cathy Lee, Laura Neumann, Marcus Sheppard, Chase Bartels, Fannta Drummer, Katie Friz, Aimee Costello, Anne Barnes.

Pippin (Jesse Lawler) sings about why he no longer needs “magic shows and miracles” to be fulfilled in life as Catherine and Theo (Gabe Levinson) listen.
**Pippin Had “Magic To Do!”**

November 13, 14, and 15, 1997.

Jenny McCann, Sarah Bray, Sarah Leahy, Holly Edwards, Chase Bartels, Katie Nester, Lindsay Jacobs, Katie Friz, Courtney Hunt, Annie Lutjens, Lauren Farell, and Kate Smorodkina entice Pippin at a time in which he believes women hold the key to his happiness.

Pippin, clueless as to how to cure Theo's sick duck, appeals to God for help with the song "Prayer For a Duck." But despite an entire day's and night's worth of praying, the duck dies.

Brian Bielstein and Jon Roundy cart Berthe around during her big solo, "No Time At All," in which she encourages Pippin to live life to its fullest before it's too late.

Emily Carlton and Julie Sullivan raise lanterns to honor their new king, Pippin, during the musical number "Morning Glow."

Chase Bartels, Fannta Drummer, and Lauren Farell smile and flirt with Pippin during Catherine's song "Kind of Woman."

King Charlemagne tells his soldiers about an upcoming battle against the Visigoths while singing "War is a Science."

Annie Lutjens, the Leading Player (Wayne Easter), and Lindsay Jacobs lure in the audience during the opening number "Magic To Do."
Biggest Mooch: Lenny Walker & Karin Mesnier

BEST SMILE
Jamal Yoder and Fannta Drummer

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Bob Zager and Jennifer Neumann

BEST BODY
Abby Sanders and Nick Robinson

BEST DRESSED
Erin Carstens and Brandon Evans

MOST TALKATIVE
Kenia White and Aaron Block

MOST CREATIVE
Mike Worful and Sara Edgar

Biggest Flirt: Ryan Shanahan & Emily Naucke
Most Obnoxious Laugh: Doug Curtis & Katie Nester

Best Personality: Wayne Easter and Courtney Hunt

Class Clown: Tom Palmier and Bianca Lomax

Best Car/Worst Car: Andi Bates and Will Betts

Most Athletic: Philip Lay and Jenny Hummert

Most Spirited: Katie Peel and Jason Bass

 Prettiest Eyes: Molly McAvin and Myron Simms

Life of the Party: Joe Lodes & Julia Gold
Charging down the track, Dev Bala excites the crowd at the Turkey Day game.

Sarah Hirsch has "Magic To Do," as she skims the score from Pippin.

Zach Tebb, Katie Peel, and Anne Simon give the bell one last kiss goodbye.

After making a run for the border, Dan Ryan laughs as Adam Ebling ponders over what to order for lunch.

Senior Ladies show their stuff at the line dance.

Amanda Craig, Katie Niemeyer and Dan Merello take a break during SLS to contemplate the day's activities.

Sitting at their usual table, Marc Roberts, Aaron Block, and James Gregg give Jostens a little competition as they sell their "class rings" at rock bottom prices.

Kim Toney, Holly Edwards, Dave Powers, and Will Betts taste their latest brew in Wellness for Life.
Dressed to kill, Joe Lodes and Mike Worful commentate on the Turkey Day assembly activities.

Bill Marsh and Justin Aisenstat warm up by playing a few chords.

Myron Simms glows with the confidence of being a senior.

Senior Ladies shine after a hard night's work.

While sharing her weekend plans with friends, Nettie James enjoys lunch in the cafeteria.

Eve Seyer completes a master piece in ceramics.

Amanda Tuffli and Melinda Hazel express excitement over their upcoming dissection in Animal Behavior class.

Ryan Shannahan, Chris Budzinski, and Mike Herrell make a mad dash for lunch.
At the end of their junior year, Holley Earley, Katie Niemeyer, Stacie Teak, Karen Jost, Eve Seyer, Kim Pawol, Chase Bartels and Brenda Pollom "t.p." the school in celebration of their upcoming senior year on Senior Ladies' Night.
Denied again! Julia Gold rejects the moves of smooth-talker Kenny Gordon as the couple studies together in the library during sixth period.
Erin Carstens watches as classmates Jennifer Neumann and Melinda Hazel have their picture taken, while Concert Choir practices songs from the school musical, Pippin.

Jennifer Buerk
Catherine Canter
Michael Carosello
Erin Carstens

Joseph Casey
David Chinnici
Angela Clark
Lance Clay

Derrick Cole
Anne Coleman
Israel Collier
Dawn Colnaghi

Jessica Brown
Julie Brugnara

Erica Brussel
Chris Budzinski
Outdoor education, a new and original P.E. class at WGHS, gives Senior Theresa Mayberry a chance to rappel down the east side of the building.
As Bianca Lomax enjoys a salad from the school salad bar, she and Malinda Dixon hear surprising news about the upcoming weekend from Katreva Wilkins.
To create the look of an unposed photo, Marc Roberts and Aaron Block glance away from the camera as they make their way down the hall after school.
Surrounded by senior ladies Nora Khaleef, Heather Johnson, Christy Jayne, Andi Bates, Jill Benson, Amy Hauschild, and Anne Simon, Zach Tebb enjoys himself at the Webster vs. Marquette home football game.
Junior and Seniors watch as Fannta Drummer is rescued from her wrecked vehicle in the simulated extrication put on biannually by the Webster Groves Emergency Units.
In the parking lot after school, grade-school friends Tim Belrose and Ben Knutsen get extra close as they relax together on top of Tim’s van.
Concentrating hard, foreign exchange student Sabrina Dellariva lays out the cross-country spread for the yearbook. This is a new experience for Dellariva since yearbooks are not a custom in Belgium.
Celebrating a birthday at lunch, Dawn Colnaghi, Arianna Gleason, Katie Sleeman, and Katie Canter meet in the courtyard on a sunny day to exchange gifts.
Keeping up with tradition, Dr. Brady's student assistant, Dan Daniels, assembles the annual *Historic Turkey Day* display case in the library.
Karin Mesnier and Josh Smith entertain themselves after being kicked out of their fourth hour Animal Behavior Class.
Michael Savage
Stephanie Schweiger

David Schuster
Barbara Schweitzer

After a hard morning at school, Shaun Morris decides to take a break during his sixth hour academic lab class.

Bradley Scribner
Eve Seyer
Dawn Shadbure
Ryan Shanahan

Michelle Sherrell
Caroline Shuck
Anne Simon
Ayanna Skinner

Katie Sleeman
Joshua Smith
Ekaterina Smorodkina
Bonnie Spencer
Having made his decision, Scott Nixon places an order for graduation announcements with a representative visiting from Jostens.
Kenia White  
Katrea Wilkins

Akebi Williams  
Barrett Williams

Ian Traas  
Michael Trueman  
Gregory Truesdell  
Amanda Tuffli

Heather Tyler  
Liz Vishion  
Mark Wacker  
Leonard Walker

Sarah Warren  
Tomeika Watson  
Michael Wehling  
Ian Wehrman

Adjusting the skeleton, Tim Dean prepares for his bone test in Anatomy and Physiology, an advanced biology class taught by Mr. Horak.
We make every effort to include every Senior in the Senior section of the Yearbook. For circumstances beyond our control photographs were not available for the following Seniors.

David Bates
Brad Clark
Bob Duebelbeis
Jacob Newcomb-Smith
Jean Paul Valentini
Dan Lyle and Adam Hensbrough relax as they study charts in Mr. Yates astronomy class.

Malinda Dixon shows her senior spirit at the fall sports assembly.

Enjoying a walk in the woods, Mrs. Diemert and SLS students Katie Niemeyer, Ian Traas, Dan Newcomb, Katie LaGrange, Bob Duebelbeis, Ben Garrett, Molly Moore, and Mindy Laciny explore Rockwoods Reservation as part of their outdoor experience.

Trying to stay fit, varsity cheerleader Liz Vishion always brings a healthy lunch from home.

Growing impatient, Abby Sanders waits for her food at McDonald's during lunch.

(photo left) Getting the crowd hyped, Tom Berleman, Marc Roberts, Aaron Block, and Jason Bass lead students in "Gimme a W".

Martez Bates, Sarah Bray, and Lindsay Jacobs work together carefully in Wellness for life.

Dev "The Diez" Bala puts the finishing touches on The Echo newspaper's web site.

While at his locker getting books for class, Ryan Shanahan turns to show his sweet smile for the camera.
"My advice to underclassmen would be to enjoy every moment of your time here, because when you're a Senior you'll wish you spent less time worrying about things and more time having fun."
-Dev Bala

"My advice to underclassmen is to strive for perfection. Never settle for second best."
-Johnathon Grant

Showing off their glamorous looks, Kenia White and Katrina Nichols are a hit at the Friendship Dance.

Adapting to the new "no-poser" policy for yearbook photos, Anne Simon, Erin Lang, Erica McBride, Sarah Bray, Lindsay Jacobs, and Andi Bales refuse to look at the camera.

Preparing for a match, Chloe Fishman hits the ball around to warm up.

Waiting for their rides, students watch the boys soccer practice on Selma field.

Being studious, class clown Bianca Lomax works away in the library during her lunch period.
CLASS OF 1998 SENIOR SURVEY

Top 5 Things Seniors Spend Their Money On During Weekends

1. Food
2. Movies
3. Beer
4. Gas
5. Dates

Worst Memories of High School

"Dealing with the deaths of Jenny Sprague, Michelle Yoder and Eric Laufersweiler."
-Various Classmates

"Seeing my car covered in eggs, flour, and syrup, and my house t. p.'d thanks to the Senior Ladies."
-Chris Paul

Most Embarrassing Moments

"When I was trying to act real cool around this guy I liked, I wasn't watching where I was going and walked right into a wall and got a bloody nose."
-Linnet Early-

"When I cried at lunch Freshman year because I had no one to sit with."
-Abby Sanders

Top 5 Reasons Used To Get Out of Class

1. "I have to go to the nurse because ...."
2. "My bladder is going to explode, I don't think you want me to go in my pants."
3. "I'm having a nervous breakdown, I need to see my counselor."
4. "It's a female thing!"
5. "I had really bad cotton mouth so I needed a drink of water."

Top 10 Reasons For Being Home Late

1. "I never knew my car was a taxi!"
2. "Time flies by when you're having fun."
3. "My car always has something wrong with it, maybe it needs gas."
4. "I was having so much fun with my friends that I forgot to come home."
5. "The movie was way too long.....Oh, what movie did I see?"
6. "I took the wrong exit on the highway and couldn't get back on."
7. "I don't care if I'm late, why should you?"
8. "I was just too drunk to drive, at least I'm admitting it."
9. "You wouldn't believe all the traffic, and the train kept going on forever."
10. "I got pulled over by the cops, but I swear I never did anything wrong."

For One Million Dollars

"I would break dance in front of the school wearing nothing but my boxer shorts and a pair of Reebok socks."
-Tehran Miner

"I would do a backflip off the Empire State Building."
-Reeve Davis

Best Memories

"Senior Ladies Night, class of 1998!"
-Senior Ladies

"Watching my sister have a chat with the most important man in the U.S., Bill Clinton."
-Jonathan Grant
Can You Believe...

...We've Come

This Far?
The Echo staff selected students from the class of 1999 and posed this question: "What do you look forward to in your senior year at WGHS?" We received some extremely unexpected responses.
Profile

Rashad Cole

"I look forward to being the top dog on campus, and gaining the respect I need, and to have support from my classmates and to win the class clown award, yeah dog! Last of all to be given my school parole papers, and to be out of the learning institute and prepare for life on the outside."

Meagan Ahern
Joris Allen
Pat Anson
Michael Apperson
Quincy Austin

Janielle Bachelder
Amal Bala
Brandon Banks
Amanda Barger
Kristen Barks

Michael Barks
Meghan Barton
Martez Bates
Sara Batz
Sara Bausola

Veltrese Beard
David Bell
Candace Benford
Eric Berman
Alma Betts

Sara Biebel
Jeffrey Bilger
Nicholas Bond
Jonathan Bonham
Charles Bottani

David Bradley
Erin Brauer
Candace Brayfield

Matthew Breidenbach
Robert Brin

Chad Collins gets a little help from Mr. Williams as he tries to master a song in guitar class.
Profile

I look forward to having fun everyday. Why, because I've earned every minute of it. I will not be denied!

John Pichon

Taking advantage of off-campus lunch Lindsey Dohit and Ben Morrison venture to subway for an appetizing meal.
Candace Benford

"In my senior year I expect many good times and new experiences. I hope the year of '99 will be the one I will never forget. I look forward to walking across the floor on my graduation night and receiving what I worked hard for. I look forward to being with my friends and representing the rowdiest class at WGHS, the one and only class of '99!"
Shawnequa Giles

I plan to enjoy being a statesmen and having fun with my friends for the last time. It will be my last year of freedom before I enter the real world. I would like to take it easy and work hard at the same time. I thought about playing soccer or running track. I really want a scholarship. This year I am thinking of colleges I want to attend. By next year I hope to have it narrowed down to one."
Jeff Loth

"The most important thing I am looking forward to is winning another basketball championship. I am anxious to graduate with my class and get a scholarship to college. Since 1999 will be the last class of the millennium, I look forward to having a great time with my friends. While my senior year will be fun, I am excited about graduating and living on my own."
Profile

Nathan Whitney

"Everybody says senior year is the best because you're the oldest and you have the easiest schedule. Those are some of the reasons I am looking forward to senior year, but not all. I will start looking at colleges and decide where I want to go. When you're the oldest you get to pick on younger kids, just like you got picked on when you were a freshman. It will be the most fun because I have been waiting so long and the soccer team is going to win state."

Joy Hill puts the final touches on another one of her tests in the science hall.
Jennifer McCan

"Senior year is going to be great! I'm looking forward to all the usual things: Friendship, Turkey Day, Sweetheart, and Prom. In addition I'd hope to see our class come together, unify. I'm excited about the fun responsibilities that we'll have as seniors, plus the opportunities that we'll be able to take advantage of and the college years ahead."
"Taking slacker courses and generally just waiting to get out of here."

Profile

Charlotte Traas

Outdoor Recreation PE is a new class where students get to experience a "different" kind of fitness.
Courtney A. Smoot

"Learning how life will be like after graduation."

Elizabeth Sasser and Art Banks listen as their Spanish teacher Laura Wiley lectures and speaks in Spanish so her students get the "full experience."
Despite our sincerest efforts, photographs of the following juniors were not available.

Juniors Not Pictured
Joanna Athie
Arthur Banks
Devone Cruesoe
Jeremiah East
Jessica Greene
Victor Macon
Monique Weekly

Christi Plunkert

“I look forward to my last fun and exciting year with all my friends, new fun responsibilities, prom and graduation.”

David Knipp and Charles Hanh wait anxiously for their food at Taco Bell. Students love to add variety to their lunch menu by venturing as far off campus as time will allow.
When the Echo staff selected students from the class of 2000 and posed this question: "Describe one feeling about being a sophomore," we received some very unexpected responses.
"I like being in the middle. We’re not starting high school, but we are not about to finish it. It seems like sophomores have the least worries because we’re completely familiar with the high school and don’t have to worry about college yet."
Brandon Li

"It feels good! Now I can tell freshmen their classes are on the fourth floor."

Carlton Tyler chuckles as he finds out his plans for the weekend are going to be something to look forward to.
Christopher Sims

"It has its goods and bads. It's better then being a freshman because you know more staff and you're not confused. You don't have to know what college you want to go to and you feel strong and people treat you better."
Anne Zager

"The word sophomore means wise fool which seems to sum up my thoughts about the tenth grade. I feel rather old and wise when I look at those cute little freshmen (most of whom are actually bigger than me) and get a little cocky. That is until I see a junior or senior and the harsh reality that I am a foolish underclassmen sinks in. I have to admit it is pretty cool being a wise fool."
"Being a sophomore is like being on probation. You're no longer a freshman, so you're free to act a little tough and clown around a bit. You don't want to get too cocky or the upperclassmen will tear you up."

Profile

Marty Nau

Patrick Hunt
Kileen Ingram
Andrew Israel
Christopher Johnson
Nathan Johnson

Che Howard
Emily Hoyt
Benjamin Hudson
Jonathan Hughes
Andrew Hunn

Brian Hill
Andrew Hittler
Shekinah Holemon
Joshua Hord
Keith Hotze

Jessica Henderson
Tiffany Hennings
Lisa Henry
Shawn Hemdon
Sara Herrell

Lena Herron
Amanda Heuermann
Joy-lynn Heyward
Elizabeth Hickey
William Hildebrandt

Andy Jones
Eric Jones
Gregory Jozwik

Luke Jurotich
Michelle Kasch

Maria Cereghino searches for her friends in a sea of orange and black at Moss field.
Profile

Anne C. Barnes

"I hate being a sophomore. Nothing exciting happens... Freshmen get special attention, juniors are next year's seniors, and seniors are seniors so they get special attention."

Christopher Keefer
Chris Kelce
Elena Keller
Jennifer Kettler
Anicia King

Latrisa King
John Kiritis
Elizabeth Kirkpatrick
Jane Kripp
Kate Kobylarek

Betsey Koenig
Colin Kohn
Elizabeth Kopetti
Stacey Korte
Elissa Kranefuss

Jessica Krantz
Brian Kreider
Duncan Lacy
Emily Lancaster
Jessica Lang

Ericka Lathem
Jason Lawrence
Sarah Leahy
Nicole Ledbetter
Brian Lee

Timothy Lemen
Kerry Lettman
Mariah Levison

Pawona Lewis
Travis Lewis

Rachel Linstead and Marty Nau post the results to their experiment in physics.
Profile

Nicole Dickey

“You kind of feel excluded. When you’re a freshman everyone knows it and gives you negative recognition. As an upperclassman you receive positive recognition. As a sophomore you don’t receive any, you’re just in between.”

Dantenan Walker, Steve Gewinner and Stacey Forder try to finish their assignment before the bell rings.
Yolonda Morris

"It feels good to be a sophomore. I can't be made fun of by the freshmen because they're underclassmen compared to me even though I'm not an upperclassman. Yet I will soon be. Everybody has to go through this."

Ann Barnes anticipates her next bite of her burrito from Taco Bell, one of the more popular places to eat lunch off campus.
Jordan Pickeral takes a break in computer exploration to play a game of solitaire.

"I feel that I am more important."

Chuck Walker

Profile

Andrew Schaefer
Robert Schloss

Mary Perez
Chimere Perkins
Travis Petersen
Andrew Phillips
Jordan Pickeral

Bradley Pluhar
Brian Pracht
Sara Price
Amalia Pursell
Jason Purvis

Elissa Reil
Matthew Ramey
Danielle Rancillo
Melody Ray
Ian Redmon

Adam Reed
Larhonda Reese
Paya Rhodes
Edwina Richardson
Lakeisha Roberts

Jerry Robinson
Brandon Rose
Sara Ross
Sally Roth
Greta Rothe

Evan Russell
Christopher Ryan
Christie Savage

Jordan Pickeral takes a break in computer exploration to play a game of solitaire.
"I think being a sophomore has its benefits. We know our way around the school and we know teachers. The drawbacks are that we don't get to participate in activities that the upperclassmen do."
I think it is harder to be a freshman because people in general get down on you more.
Profile

When the Echo staff selected students from the class of 2001 and posed the questions: "What were your expectations and fears about attending high school? How has your freshman experience actually turned out?"

Well, you'll just have to read the responses yourself to see what we got back.

Amanda King, Molly Thacker, Maureen Siegel, and Cat Hannon do group work during foreign language class.
"I thought it was going to be really hard and a lot of work. I also thought that you were not going to get a lot of help. It's been easy so far. I was expecting a little more work. A lot of the teachers in Academic Lab help you with anything you need help with."
Leeanne Murphy

"Well for a long time I was preoccupied of the fact that high school is all about credits and if you don't complete all of them you wouldn't graduate. Well now I see high school is really no different then grade school and if you really focus on your work just like in grade school, you'll do all right."

Carl Nester relaxes in the courtyard on a sunny day. Just try and do that when winter rolls around.
Profile

Demonte Hulbert

My expectations were to pass (classes) and be known around school for my basketball skills. I was worried that people wouldn’t like freshmen. But everybody was so nice and showed me where my classes were.”

Freshmen choose the courtyard for their place to dine at lunch. They are plotting where they can go to lunch once they get their driver’s licenses.

Sophia Davis
Talisa Davis
Adam Day
Matthew DeBennett
Tera Doner

Terrence Dorsey
Richard Downs
Christopher Drake
Elizabeth Duggan
Taylor Dunlop

Timothy Dunn
Lauren Dyson
Mark Eason
Ellen Eberhardt
Mollie Edgar

Kristan Edwards
Camecia Eiland
Ronald Emanuel
Ava Epps
Adam Erickson

Martha Fishhoff
Phoebe Fishman
Ann Fitzpatrick
Julie Fleischer
Stacey Foder

Dorothea Ford
Timothy Foster
Jesse Fournier

Tihran Fraction
Kyra Franklin
Profile

Perry Ray

Before school started I was worried that it would be hard for me to keep up in classes because of things my sister had said and the rumors that I heard from other people. After being here for a few weeks, I learned about all the classes that will help me after high school. Classes like: public speaking, debate, shop, auto mechanics, and business classes. I also learned that the classes aren't that hard if you keep up with your homework and pay attention in class."
Profile

Karen Daiss

"I thought that when I came to the high school everyone would recognize that I was a freshman, and I would be called names, like freshie or squirrel. When I actually got to the high school nothing bad happened to me. I heard comments about the freshmen, but I never saw anybody say it to their face."

Leona Harris
Nicole Harris
Lennie Harrison
Jennifer Hauser
Timothy Heckmann

Tranail Henderson
Shante Hicks
Scott Hill
Steven Hill
Blaire Hines

Joseph Hitler
Lagarus Holmes
Antonio Holt
Phillip Hood
Johnathan Hudson

Demonte Hulbert
Jeremy Hunn
Jesse Hunt
Ellen Iggluden
Ebony Ingram

Joshua Ingram
Mystique Irving
Ronda Irving
Lacey Jackson
Elizabeth Jacobson

Jaquita Jenkins
John Joern
Andrea Johnson

Hilary Johnson
Allison Jones

Christina Betts in dress rehearsal for Ms. Boren's choir class.
"The thing that frightened me was that the work was very hard and we wouldn't have any freedom. In reality, the work is not that hard but there is a lot of it."
Jennifer Liles
Ryan Linhorst
Joseph Livety
Allen Logan
Avery Long

Melanie Longi
Nicole Lopez
Derek Loudermilk
Michael Madden
Michelle Madison

Rebecca Madras
Justin Mahley
Destiny Maret
Marshall Margenau
Brian Marshall

Jacob Martin
Janice Martin
Ryan McCall
Patrick McClain
David McCoy

Nicholas McDowell
Katy McIntosh
Eliza McKay
Monica McKenna
Andrias Mehrete

Cameron Meredith
Breanna Meryhew-Grace
Nicholas Meyer

Kalena Miles
Derrick Ming

Profile

Jenni Hauser

"Well I thought that I was going to be a really bad student and I was going to have tons of homework. I was scared about the sophomores, juniors, and seniors. I thought they would make fun of the freshmen. Then I got really good grades on my progress report and made friends that are older. I was wrong of what I thought of the high school. It's actually pretty cool."

Alicia Page enjoys working on her Computer Exploration project.
Tron Holmes

"When I started coming to the high school, the first thing I thought about were freshmen "beat downs." The only thing that scared me were the rumors floating around at Hixon. It hasn't happened yet, and hopefully it won't. I did make some new friends that were juniors and seniors. This school is pretty fun. It is not as bad as I thought it would be."
William Petty
Michel Pieroni
Elizabeth Pittyk
Paul Ragouzis
Jarreau Randolph

Elliot Rauscher
Perry Ray
Brien Redmon
Louis Reed
Latanya Reeves

Patience Rhodes
Tom Richards
Marilyn Richardson
Ross Riggins
Victoria Riley

Sarah Weis

“I thought I was going to get lost, hate my teachers, have lots of homework and make a fool of myself in someway or another. As it turned out, I didn’t have any trouble at all. I hardly ever have homework and haven’t made a fool of myself yet.”

Antonio Robinson
Jessica Robinson
Jonathan Robinson
Robert Robinson
Sarah Rodi

Natalie Rodriguez
Stephen Rols
Brandon Ross
Jonathan Roundy
Stephen Rudolph

Joshua Samson
Laura Sachs
Andrew Salita

Rolanda Ryan

Vicki Riley and Patience Rhodes discuss their microscopic findings in Mr. Heplinger’s Biology class.
"At first I thought that the upperclassmen would turn their noses up to the freshmen, treat us like dirt, or just leave us alone all together. The upperclassmen that I've met I liked and I think that they are cool."

Steve Jost completes a biology worksheet.
Laura Sachs draws and identifies microscopic creatures for biology class.

Profile

Lauren Dyson

"I thought I was going to get lost, not make new friends, and hate my teachers. I didn't get lost. I made lots of friends and I like all my teachers."

Laura Sachs draws and identifies microscopic creatures for biology class.
Robert Wanner
Caleb Ward
Inas Warfield
Derique Washington
Pantha Washington

Walter Washington
Liza Watson
Maurice Watts
Christopher Wehling
William Weider

Sarah Weis
Gianna Weiss
Sarah Wessling
Tonka Westbrook
Justin Wetterer

James Wetton
Adam White
Anna Whitney
Lashonda Whitt
Carl Whittaker

Jessica Wiese
Clayton Wilks
Brigette Williams
Ellen Williams
Kenneth Williams

Kyler Williams
William Williamson
Jacob Winkler
Nakia Winston
Nicole Wolf

Not Pictured:
Paul Hancock,
Julia Marsh,
Jessica Merrill,
Geno Mooring,
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Jason Zoll
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Jastrada
Emily Naucke*

Berthe
Katy Palmier

Catherine
Brianne Rose

Theo
Gabe Levinson

Dancing Chorus
Corey Barrett
Brian Beilstein
Sarah Bray
Holly Edwards
Adam Erickson
Lauren Farell
Courtney Hunt
Ben Hamlin
Lindsay Jacobs
Sarah Leahy
Anne Lutjens
Jennifer McCann
Ben Morrison
Katie Nester*
Tom Palmier
Jon Roundy
Kate Smorodkina
Andrew Swinehart

Singing Chorus
Ann Barnes
Chase Bartels
Aimie Costello
Fanetta Drummer
Katie Friz
Vanessa Gough
Sarah Hirsch
Tyler Hunt
Antoinette James
Cathy Lee
Laura Neumann
Jessica O'Brien
Alexa Pippin
Brien Redmon
Marcus Sheppard
Julie Sullivan

*Denotes Dance Captains
Wayne Easter steals the spotlight and gets all the "Glory."

Lauren Farell and Jon Roundy are the epitome of love...Pippin's and Catherine's, that is.

Pippin is the story of a young man who, now that he is finished with school, wants to make something of his life. He believes he is an extraordinary person and that whatever he ends up doing must exemplify that belief. Pippin tries becoming a soldier, "frolicking" with women, and even committing patricide in order to become king of the Holy Roman Empire. But he finds fulfillment in none of these experiences, so he resorts to living an average, ordinary life with a widow, Catherine, and her son, Theo. However, after six months, Pippin becomes restless again and leaves them. Throughout the production, a character known as the Leading Player, narrates Pippin's story and, along with his company, the players, interacts with him during his search for perfection. After Pippin leaves Catherine's estate, the Leading Player offers him the chance to perform the only completely satisfying act there is in life—to set himself on fire. By doing so, Pippin will achieve fame and glory and no one will doubt his extraordinariness. The players try to lure him into the fire box, and though it almost works, Catherine and Theo show up unexpectedly and Pippin realizes that their everyday lives and they themselves are really what he's been looking for all along.
During his first encounter with Pippin (Jesse Lawder) Theo (Gabe Levinson) commands him to say hello to and guess his duck’s name. When Pippin wrongly guesses “Augustus,” Theo informs Pippin that he’s not very smart, sticks his tongue out at him, and stomps away.

Kate Smorodkina glows in the spotlight during the opening number, “Magic to Do.”

Ben Morrison picks through the remains of slaughtered Visigoth soldiers, but can’t seem to find anything he really likes.

Kate Smorodkina glows in the spotlight during the opening number, “Magic to Do.”

Ben Hamlin portrays “a Visigoth...a common man...a good man,” or at least the head of one.

Jenny McCann can speak no evil during King Charlemagne’s song, “War is a Science.”

Fastrada (Emily Naucke) and Lewis (C.J. Fischer) both admire Lewis’ strength and abilities superior to those of his brother, Pippin.
The 1997 Friendship maids await anxiously the announcement of the queen. Malinda Dixon; Lydia Erves; Lindsay Jacobs; Katie Peel; Laura Riggins; Anne Simon; Katie Stokes; and Monee Thomas.

About 68% of Webster Students attended the Friendship Dance. "It was an opportunity that I couldn't pass up," Shawn Paiva, Sophomore. Half of the student body went to the dance with dates. "I went with a few boys as dates, but they didn't know." Leanne Murphy, Freshman.

72% of the Webster students thought the dance was worth it. "I got to see all the fine '98 ladies." Kenny Gordon, Senior.

Longest time spent getting ready for the dance.
Boy: Ben Morrison, a Junior, spent 3 hours.
Girl: La Rhonda Reese, a Sophomore, spent 11 hours.

Most money spent for the dance.
Boy: Thom Holmes, a Freshman, spent $130.
Girl: Erica Driver, a Junior, spent $166.23
A night of extended curfews and ruined stockings kicked off the Friendship Dance as Webster Groves and Kirkwood Students gathered for the traditional social event. Although the annual Turkey Day Game usually has the students in a competitive mood, the dance provides a reminder that we are cordial and friendly neighbors before we face-off for the showdown on Thanksgiving. Aside from the minor (and chronic) complaints of not-so-good music and not-so-hot dates, the 2000 students attending the dance voted the night an overall success as it has been for the past 48 years.

Freemman Laquita Blockton tries to form a conga line, but Ryan McCall was the only one who joined.

Everyone else noticed that the music stopped. So why are John Kaalberg and Julie Brugnara still dancing?
MAKING A SCENE

The spotlight's on Mr. Dunn and Mr. Verstraete as they showcase their dancing ability.

David Hagerty prays for a strike to pull ahead of the freshmen in the turkey bowl.

Created by Senior SSC members for Turkey Day Assembly, this sign says it all.

Wayne Easter strikes a pose during the boys drill team at the Turkey Day Pep Assembly.

One, two, three, fight, Juniors pull with all their might. Tug-of-war was just one of the interclass competitions during Spirit Week.
Every year the seniors show their spirit by participating in the senior line dance. The two seniors who were chosen by the class of 98 to choreograph the dance were Wayne Easter and Brandy Bold. Music is chosen from what is in at the time and what will fit the theme of Turkey Day. In order to participate in the line dance, the seniors were required to attend at least four practices. After four practices, Mrs. Ryan awarded the eligible seniors with a sticker; the ticket to the dance floor.
STATESMEN STILL HAVE SPIRIT
The tradition begins the night of November 23. Junior SSC hosts the evening pep rally. The event consists of two turkeys, boy cheerleaders, girl football players, pep band music, and a Danceline performance; all of which mock Kirkwood. The real guard (WGHS) dazzles the crowd with their annual spectacular light show. The assembly culminated with the traditional burning of Kirk E. Wood in the blazing flames of the bonfire. Just miles away a similar course of events takes place in Kirkwood. The rivalry of over 90 years, between Kirkwood and Webster is one of the oldest high school rivalries in the country and the oldest west of the Mississippi. The two schools meet head to head in a football game on Turkey Day. The winner takes possession of the Frisco bell and the bragging rights for a whole year. This time Kirkwood would take the honor.
A Night in Heaven

Despite The Sweetheart Dance falling on Valentine’s Day, a night usually reserved for couples to be together, attendance cafeteria full of romantic merrymakers. The enthusiastic crowd danced the night away in anticipation of crowing the Sweetheart King and Queen. The music brought everyone to a fever pitch as the court was introduced. Applause and cheers filled the room when Leonard Woodson and Anne Lutjens were announced as King and Queen. The Junior SSC sponsored event turned out to be another success for the class of '99. Junior class sponsors Marty Walter and Joe Hepfinger were responsible for coordinating the decorations and organization of the event. The were both very pleased with the event.

Tom Palmier congratulates Leonard Woodson with a "bear hug" after he is announced Sweetheart King.

Kevin Nordmann and Keyana Israel proceed to the podium.
Reigning Queen Katrina Nichols transfers the Royal bouquet to newly announced Queen Anne Luijens.

The enthusiastic Sweetheart Dance crowd rocking the cafeteria to its limits.

Former Queen and King waltzing together.

Jaime Baranyai swings out to the rhythms of the beat.

King Leonard and Queen Anne pose for a royal portrait.
In the world of people and pets, who is in charge?

One of the more exciting aspects of the Spring Play is the Drama Department's opportunity to stretch out and try something more out of the mainstream. Ed Grooms chose Sylvia to test his cast's limits. This also happened to be the first high school production of the play, written in 1996. The story revolves around the relationship of a man (Greg played by Jesse Lawder) and his dog (Sylvia, played by Brianne Rose). The conflict arose between Greg and Kate (Greg's wife, played by Jessica O'Brien) when he brings home Sylvia. Kate is definitely not a dog person. As the relationship develops between Greg and Sylvia it drives a wedge between Kate and Greg. Even a psychiatrist (played to the hilt by Sarah Hirsch) can't really resolve the problem. She actually makes it worse from Kate's point of view.

The cast was up to the performance and the audience really enjoyed the pre-show auction. The "dogs and cats" had the chance to really ham it up for their temporary owners.
Establishing a New Tradition

To celebrate the first group of inductees to be entered in the Webster Groves High School Athletic Hall of Fame, alumni, faculty, and members of the community gathered at Sunset Hills Country Club on January 17, 1998. Greg Maracek originated the “hall of fame” concept. An eight-person committee including Maracek, Tim Moore and Jack Jones will choose athletes and coaches to induct each year. Hall of Fame inductees (athletes and coaches) are chosen based on contributions made during their involvement with the high school.

Greg Maracek was Master of Ceremonies at the Hall of Fame recognition night which took place before a Varsity basketball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Crockett. Ivory Crockett was honored for his outstanding track and field performances while at Webster.

Channel 2 reporter Dan Eassa and photographer Howard Boyd interviewed Skip Carry at the cocktail party before the awards dinner.
Shall We Dance?

At the Viking Inn, the Senior Ladies gather around in the reception hall for a picture to remember good times spent together at Fortnightly.

What began years ago as an opportunity for young people to learn manners, social graces and proper etiquette, continues today as a contemporary social event where Juniors and Seniors can meet, frolic, and practice social graces. As a non-school sponsored event Fortnightly is open to any Junior or Senior who pays a membership fee to participate. Parents sponsor and chaperone the dinner/dance, while students get to feel what it is like to participate in a "grown-up" affair.

The New Society

Joe Ludes and Andi Bates try to bring back the "Cabbage Patch."

Above: Sara Batz and Ben Morrison sit to catch their breath after a night of dancing.

Ryan Shanahan and Tommy Yarbrough stand on the sidelines as Julia Gold tries to get them to dance.

Zach Tebb and Chase Bartels dance to the song, "You're the One That I Want."
Now Showing On Broadway

Show Choir Men singing the entertaining number from West Side Story, “Officer Krupke.”

Parade of Songs

You heard songs that made you laugh and cry,
You heard songs that made you scream and shout.
As Tom Palmier was there telling you what it was all about.
The show was exciting in many different ways,
As the audience sat there all willing to stay.
To sit and enjoy,
To sit and relax,
Hearing songs from Jekyll and Hide and don’t forget Cats.
After the numbers were done the uproar had begun,
With goosebumps on our skin,
And whistles on our tongue.
At the beginning of the night no one knew what was in store,
But by the end of the show they were all yelling for more, more, more!

In the “Stepsister’s Lament” Lauren Farrell and Jessica O’Brien sing a hilarious song in hopes of winning over
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Kate Hilton tirelessly pitches against Oakville.

As Senior, Jenny Hummert plays with determination, she aggressively takes a hard swing at a fast pitched ball.

It's a close call to see if Jessica Brown and Erica McBride can get this Oakville Tiger out.

**VARSITY SOFTBALL**

Front Row: Allison Paul, Jessica Brown, Erica McBride, Amy George; Second Row: Candace Brayfield, Meghan Barton, Stephanie Murray; Back Row: Coach Berndt, Kate Hilton, Julie Sullivan, Katie Kettler, Jennie Hummert, Coach Averbuch
As the game progresses, Candace Brayfield, Jessica Brown and Katie Kettler watch intently, hoping for a positive outcome.

**Determined Stateswomen**

Although the girls softball team didn’t have an outstanding season, they did play hard and contributed a lot of effort in the game. Varsity softball player, Kate Hilton, said “We know we weren’t the best team but we always made sure we were having fun.”

The Varsity team consists of six Seniors, seven Juniors, one Sophomore and two Freshmen. After 22 games, their final record ended with 5 wins and 17 losses. “Our team has come a long way since my Freshman year, even though the record doesn’t show it,” said Senior Jennie Brinkman.

The expectations set for next year’s Varsity softball team are high and will hopefully be reflected in next year’s record. Coach Averbuch explains, “We think we’re only a year or two away from moving up one or two levels on the competitiveness scale.”

Records, predictions and sentimental memories aside, the Stateswomen Softball team proudly represents school spirit on and off the diamond. When returning team members step on the field next year, it will be to carry on the spirit of Stateswomen competitions and determination handed down by this years team.
After graduating 16 Seniors last year, the Varsity boys experienced a rebuilding year. Learning an important lesson that winning isn't everything, the team began to focus more on their game and strengthening themselves as athletes.

The team captains were Chris Stein and Nathan Whitney. Dan Merello was awarded the Most Valuable Player for defense and Nathan Whitney received Most Valuable Goalie.

In the 1997 All Suburban South Conference, Juniors, Jon Kaalberg and Chris Stein made 1st team. Junior, Nathan Whitney, Sophomores, Bo Biggs and Chris Warnick made the 2nd team. Seniors Dan Merello and Ezra Michaud received honorable mention.

The Junior Varsity team, coached by Tim Cashel, had a successful season with standings of 10-5-4. David Cady, Asst. Varsity coach, excited about next season says, "With the experience at the J.V. level, hopefully we can fill the gaps from this years lack of Seniors. All it takes is hard work."
Dan Ryan, Mark Robertson, Johnathan Kaalberg, and Tim McKay return to the bench after a well fought game. The Varsity boys achieved a record of 8-14-2.

Above: Soccer comes easy to three-legged sophomore Pat Velton.
Right: Bob Zager takes a breather while Dan Merello poses for a Gatorade commercial.

"Sergeant" Tom Holmes commands his soldiers as "Private" Cady comes up with motivational ideas.
Rain, the blazing sun and the freezing cold are just a few elements that did not stop our cross country teams. With two years experience running for the cross country Stateswomen Senior Heather Johnson had only positive things to say about her team, "We got a lot of new members this year and we really learned to work together. We had an awesome season.", she said.

The cross country Stateswomen placed first in the Webster Quad and second in the DuBourg Invitational. Coach Thomas who just completed his fifth season coaching the Stateswomen said, "They worked really hard and we have a lot of fun, they are enjoyable people to work with."

The Statesmen ranked ninth in the area having won three meets and placing second and third in two other large invitationals. WGHS sent three qualifiers to the state meet: Freshman Margie Morrison, Sophomore Pat Hunt and Junior John Stanton-Geddes.

Front Row: Dan Rudolph, Chris Engelbart, Morgan Moody, John Stanton-Geddes; Second Row: Mike Snodgrass, Max Adams, Jon Roundy, Mike Stanton-Geddes, Mike Worful, Andy Birtley; Third Row: Ben O'Nell, Brad Pluhar, Patrick Hunt, Mark Wacker, Marty Nau; Fourth Row: Reeve Davis, Whit Rogers, Zach Tebb, David Schuster, David Lienemann; Top Row: Coach Sebben, Mike Noonan, Derek Loudermilk, Coach Skinner.

Senior team captains, Courtney Hunt and Sarah Bray, warm up before the Webster Invitational.

Junior Allegra Roundy and Coach Thomas take a moment to discuss running strategies.
Sophomore Ben O'Neill takes the opportunity to catch up on homework while waiting to run.

Below: Senior Galen Robertson is always willing to give a helping hand as he helps sophomore Pat Hunt stretch his hamstring after a particularly grueling race.

Freshman state qualifier Margie Morrison cheers on her teammates at Blackburn Park.
"It was a pretty good season even though we didn’t reach our full potential," Varsity Senior Diana Jost said, summing up the season for her squad.

Volleyball experienced a season of change: new coaches, new program, and a new attitude. “The season was a starting stage for future successes,” Varsity Coach Daryl Hemenway announced. “We had difficult matches but at the end of the season we had a great match against one of the top ten teams (Ursuline Academy).” Success became more evident towards the end of the season.
JV, FRESHMEN LEARN THE ROPES

New coach Mrs. Hampton was pleased with the Junior Varsity (JV) 9 wins 7 losses. She said, "the Team came together when we needed it most."

Joanna Dunn said, "The new coaches did very well trying to get all the volleyball players together as one team." It took some time for the new program to sink in but, as JV sophomore Amy Dribin commented, "We had a lot of fun working together as a team, helping each other as needed...we all improved a lot."

For the freshmen team, this season was a learning experience. Freshmen Kelly Garcia said, "For most of us it was the first time we played volleyball. This season of volleyball was a good introduction to high school sports. Our team wasn't really a unit in the beginning of the year but gradually we grew together." The addition of a fervent devoted cheering section made success more enjoyable for both JV and Varsity squads.


JV, Allison Bentley, Amy Dribbin and Joanna Dunn win a point against Eureka.

Karin Mesnier goes airborne and drives a spike to score against conference rival Eureka.

Front Row: Ellen Williams, Kelly Garcia, Monica Jost, Becky Madras, Christy Brockman; Back Row: Mgr. Emily Buechler, Julie Flescher, Lisa Kreider, Hilary Johnson, Alison Moyer, Coach Jill Right.
Get used to another name in the coaching annals of Webster Groves. Coach Cindy Berndt is making her mark on the athletic program by taking the reigns of the newly resurrected Girls' Field Hockey program.

Berndt's experience includes eight years of playing for high school and college teams.

Having a field hockey team at Webster Groves High School finally brings Webster into ranks with the many other schools who have been playing for years.

After the push to start the team came from junior Shelley Hammon, Coach Berndt was selected to direct the squad. The team is trying to develop a feeder program so players can get to the high school level with a sense of fundamentals for the sport.

The main goals for the team this year were to learn more about the sport and have fun. The girls accomplished both of these goals and were able to produce one win and one tie.

Right: Jackie Mark stick handles in hopes of scoring.

Far Right: Lesley Cross sprints towards the action after hitting the ball.

Right: Alison Hannon gets ready to receive a pass.

Far Right: Lauren Strange, helped by Elizabeth Kirkpatrick and Alison Hannon, attempts to keep the ball.

Sarah Schmitt hits the ball away from the opposing team.
Nikki Fields comes up with the steal.

Everybody and their dog listens to Coach Berndt at half time.

Back Row: Coach C. Berndt, Ashley Speeler, Sarah Hassing, Erica Hadley, Lauren Strange, Lorette Vaughn, Jackie Oberkrom, Jackie Mark, Anna Mosby, Brian Beilstein; Second Row: Anne Dean, Shannon Payne, Jessica Weise, Elissa Kranefuss, Sara Schmitt, Shelley Hammann, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick; Front Row: Lesley Cross, Danielle Rancilio, Alison Hannon, Ellen Emmons, Erica Reil, Nicole Fields
Young Talent Learns Through Hard Knocks

Although a 1-9 record is not an ideal way to complete the 1997 Varsity football season, it does not necessarily make the year a complete disappointment. Despite their nearly-blemish-free 1996 record, the Statesmen did not manage to beat arch rival Ladue, a feat which this year's team accomplished. Though the record alone doesn't show it, the team did play some games in which their defeat was only marginal. The battle against University City went into overtime and Webster barely lost.

Perhaps the best aspect of the '97-'98 season was the young talent that stepped up and proved that the future of this team looks bright. Sophomores Rakem Stamps and Paul Haessig and freshman Derrick Ming all had exceptional seasons. Though the team will miss the experience, leadership and skills of seniors like Scott Nixon and Philemon Rhodes, veteran juniors such as Leonard Woodson, Tom Yarbrough, Todd Campbell, Jeff Joerling, Nat Erdman, and Scott Peterson should provide a solid backbone for the 1998 team.
Impressive Start

Along with the team itself, the coaching staff of this year's Freshmen football team went through some changes. Head Coach, Carter Dyson and Assistant Coach, Brandon Newton helped the guys get off to an impressive start—they went undefeated until late in the season. The Statesmen beat Webster, Kirkwood, and were victorious over conference foes like University City and Oakville. The team ended its season with a 5-3 record.
Seeing the Girls Take a Swing

Front Row: Sara Plowman, Molly Thacker, Besty Lane, Linnet Early, Stephanie DeGurie. Middle Row: Michelle Turner, Emily Slessinger, Emily Browne, Chloe Fishman, Maria Cereghino, Elizabeth McKay, Rebecca Thomas. Last Row: Kita McCain, Toni Canada, Charlotte Traas, Molly Eckrich, Rosalind Early, Sara Souder, Katy Nielsen, Elizabeth Teczar. Not Pictured: Erin Cartena, Kat Kobyliarek, Katie Nester, Shelby Shroeder, and Coach Brady.

Girls Tennis team had an exciting year. Returning Seniors guided the underclassman to a prosperous and enjoyable season. During summer practices each player on the team set a personal goal to be the best player they can be. By the end of the season everyone felt they had exceeded their expectations. Coach Dr. Grant Brady brought his expert guidance to the team. The quiet demur librarian seems to be quite the tennis ace. Not only did the tennis team improve their skill level they also made lasting friendship with each other.

Linnet Early getting ready to serve in the opening match.

Maria Cereghino hits a wonderful forehand shot!
Boys Wrestling Team


Chronic low turnout for the Varsity squad kept the team from being more successful. Individuals however really scored well when it came to matches. Robert Colbert, Ezra Michoud, Art Banks and Courtney Thomas led the squad with powerful matches. Art Banks went all the way to state championship competition before his season ended.

Coach Carl Stallings has once again led his wrestlers to a superior season and instilled respect and honor into the hearts of these young men.

Junior Varsity, led by Coach Joe Holdman provided a good base program its wrestlers. Although the record doesn't reflect their growth and improvement, the JV squad is very well prepared to move up to a successful varsity program in following years.


Ezra Michaud at a match. Shely Gram pushing his opponent to the ground.
Over The Top

More Depth, More Ability More Desire Typical Of Stateswomen Basketball

The Varsity Stateswomen have the best opportunity in a long time to take their game to the next level. With seven Seniors to lead the way: Ali Fuist, Amy Hauschild, Diana Jost, Erin Lang, Karin Mesnier, Katrina Nichols and Katie Peel, they provide more depth than this team has seen in years. The team has legitimate expectations of a District Championship, perhaps Sectional contention and (hold your breath) even final four possibilities.

Anne Westhoff is not showing any signs of a Sophomore slump. She’s providing an all around threat offensively, as both an inside and outside shooter and defensively she’s diverted more than a few shots. Candace Brayfield’s outside shot is quickly becoming a lethal weapon. With the attacks coming from all points on the court, every opponent must be shaking in their “Air Swoops.”

Jessie Lang provided some balance while Amy Hauschild recovered from summer knee surgery before returning to the team in January. Now J. Lang is getting valuable playing time with the JV squad.

Assistant Coach Tim Moore joined Head Coach Karen Hermann this year, bringing his experience on board to benefit the team’s development. The recipe for success may now be on the court.
Junior Varsity Plugs the Gap

Junior Varsity Stateswomen looked like a department store revolving door. Injuries up at the varsity level forced Coach John Thomas to juggle regular players and swing players between the two teams early in the season. That may have been just enough distraction for the players to lose a few close games. Anna Whitney, Kelly Garcia and Jessi Lang led the charge for a modestly successful JV season.

Freshmen Stateswomen were lead by Coach Gina St. John, a former Stateswoman, to a super season. With some of the best coaching in years the Freshmen squad dominated their conference and expect to see several members of the team enjoy extended playing time when they move up to the JV team. If the coaching staff remains in place for a few years, this could be the start of a Stateswomen dynasty.


"1, 2, 3,...Family!"

Bobby Williams motions to his opponent to "bring it on," while looking to pass during the Statesmen's battle with Oakville.


The Varsity Basketball Statesmen are a raw, but talented group composed entirely of sophomores and juniors. Kevin Nordmann, the only returning Varsity starter, may lead the team experience-wise, but it's a toss-up for leading scorer. Nordmann, Rodney Trevino, Bobby Williams, and Daryl Wilson seem to alternate roles as the "scoring powerhouse" from game to game. This not only provides good balance for the team, but also gives the players leeway for "off nights." In addition, Drew Chapman, Jamaal Parker, Jon Pichon, Keith Schawacker, and swing players Allen Logan, Jason Purvis, and Chuck Walker also make influential contributions on the court.

To say this season is a building year may be cliché, but it really is true. With a new coaching staff, led by Sean Taylor and Kevin Tuckson, and a virtually new, young team, the Statesmen encountered more than a few bumps in the road along their way. But they also exhibited great potential with their win over third-seeded Ladue, and their ten-points-in-less-than-a-minute comeback that made them near-victors over Riverview Gardens in the Fontbonne Tournament.

In the future, the keys to success for this Statesmen team will be upping their number of rebounds, lowering their number of turnovers, and playing like Coach Taylor's favorite expression: "family." So, basketball fans, look out for these guys next year because they'll all be back, and they'll all be better.
Senator Matt Bergheger puts Coach Lutker's advice to good use as he competes in the 100m breaststroke.

Junior Ben Morrison "flies" to a strong finish at a home meet at Webster University Pool.

Senior Matt Bergheger puts Coach Lutker's advice to good use as he competes in the 100m breaststroke.

Coach Lutker helps Matt Bergheger with racing strategy before his next race.
Talent and Dedication Lead to Success

Despite being few in numbers, the boy’s swim team is full of talent and dedication. After constant improvement all year, swimmers hit their best times of the season at the Suburban South Conference Invitational finals.

Team leaders include Senior Mike Noonan, Junior Ben Morrison, and Sophomore Matt Gluesenkamp. The boys placed fourth in the 400 yard medley relay and sixth in the 200 yard freestyle relay at their conference meet.

The team won many individual medals as well. Senior Matt Bergheger placed eleventh in the 100 breaststroke, while Noonan was eleventh in the 100 freestyle and eighth in the 100 backstroke. Morrison took seventh in the 200 individual medley and second in the 100 breaststroke.

Although the team is still in the building stages, outlook is good for upcoming years.
Building On An Emotion

Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshmen cheerleaders are selected to direct the school's spirit in a positive, coordinated direction. The squads meet weekly to design and practice routines for upcoming events such as, boys football, soccer and basketball games as well as student assemblies.

The cheerleaders look forward to the chance to highlight their talent and hard work at the Turkey Day Pep Assembly. The squads spend months preparing for the event, building friendships and memories along the way that will last a lifetime.
Left: Preparing for a night full of white streamers and car chases, Varsity Cheerleaders add the last stitches to the big routine.

Right: Ending with a blast of spirit, the Varsity Cheerleaders show how girls just want to have fun.

SEEING THE SPIRIT!

Chrissey Fleming performs "Clap Your Hands" during a Varsity Football game.


Lindsey Doht at the "peak" of excitement during the Varsity Turkey Day Routine.

Liz Vishion with an outburst of spirit. I'd give that one a "10"

Co-Captains Chase Bartels and Lindsay Jacobs psych up before cheering a Varsity Boys basketball game.

Kenia White representing the best in Statesmen spirit at the Turkey Day Pep Rally bonfire.

Decorated with creativity Melissa Weisenfels, Sarah Giles, and Lindsey Doht are initiated after making the 1997-1998 Varsity Squad.
The Guard shows off their marching skills during the Greentree Parade.

Beth Kopetti, Beth Wehling, and Chrissy Bates bounce to the music of the school song.

Amanda Tuffilli thrills the crowd with a kick at the Halloween football game.

Anne Lutjens, JaimeBaranyai, KatieDaiss, and Beverly Taylor get into the dance during the music Men In Black.

Aliens beware; Laura Riggins and Holly Edwards are on the prowl.

Jeanne DeGreeff signals to the crowd to get ready for action at the Turkey Day pep assembly.

Sarah Leahy is shaking off the blues behind her sunglasses at the Halloween football game.

The Guard is all smiles after the Metamora Competition.

Chrisay Bates, Karen Daiss, and Elizabeth Malone pump it up at the first pep assembly.

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Putting on The Show

Each year the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Student Service Committees (SSC's) have new challenges and activities to face. Some of the many activities taken on by the clubs are Senior Breakfast, Turkey Day Activities, Assemblies, Senior Picnic, dances, pep rallies, and prom. Even though SSC's main job is to plan and fundraise activities for their class, students enjoy being part of this group. Senior SSC member, Nora Khaleefeh enjoys SSC because "you get to make your senior year special."

SSC is a great way to benefit the school and meet new people. This club is ideal if you like to work in big groups and have fun.

SSC is also a great way for freshmen to become involved with school activities and get to know the school better. Freshmen plan the Senior Breakfast. This should be fun, but Freshman, Jessica Batz is "not looking forward to Senior Breakfast because seniors yell at you." For freshmen, this can be an intimidating experience. However the reward is knowing that what goes around comes around and Freshmen of today will be Seniors of tomorrow.

Membership into SSC can be obtained by attending the required number of meetings or by petition. Every student who wants to be involved at the school should join SSC.

Junior, Chad Richardson sums up his feelings on SSC by saying he likes "the good times and great friends."

Freshmen SSC:  Meg Kassabaum, Kristin Edwards, Anna Whitney, Jesse Wiese, Mollie Edgar, Teresa Ortega, Leslie Chicoineau, Lauren Bell, Karen Graves, Avery Long, Lara Schmidt, Jessica Batz, Melissa Giles, Emily Buechler, Elizabeth Knutsen, Elizabeth Pityk, Dana Givens, Amanda Haney, Nicole Wolf, Molly Thacker, Jane Davis, Casey Knight, Taylor Dunlop, Phoebe Fishman, Sarah Budzinski, Emily Browne, Hilary Johnson, Adam Stevens, Courtney Bass, and Cat Hannon
Sponsors: Ms. Hencken, Ms. Hunt

Sponsors: Mrs. Karleskint, Mrs. Reed

Art Club

The art club is affiliated with the National Art Honor Society. They participate in competitions, art fairs, and contests. In preparation of their portfolio, club members can receive assistance from Ms. Bradley. Throughout the year, representatives from colleges give presentations on their institutions, discuss scholarship and grant opportunities and recruit students.
Sponsor: Ms. Bradley.

SLB

The Student Legislative Board (SLB) is a non-elected body that serve as a liaison between administration and the student body. They convey concerns from one group to the other. Membership is by petition or by attending a required number of meetings.
Sponsor: Mrs. Janke

Debate

The Debate team members participate in six to ten St. Louis area interscholastic tournaments a year. Team members compete for trophies, awards, and letters. As well as taking home the knowledge they gain when preparing for a tournament.
Sponsor: Mr. Wiley
UNITE 2000

UNITE 2000 members are committed to drug and alcohol prevention. Some activities that UNITE 2000 sponsors are Red Ribbon Week and the Medivac Simulation done every other year for juniors and seniors. To become a member of UNITE 2000, one must develop an essay on their reasons for wanting to be in the organization. Once members are selected, they attend an all-day training session where they learn the skills that are needed to be a UNITE 2000 member.

MSLP

The Metropolitan Student Leadership Program is a body made up of twelve students who are risk takers, service oriented and want a multi-cultural experience. They develop these skills in small diverse groups and are often required to reach beyond their daily routines and personal comfort zones. The St. Louis Metro Area and nearby wilderness parks are used to put a strong emphasis on environmental ethics and attitude building in the group.

Sponsor: Mrs. Ahern

NHS

The National Honor Society (NHS) is a group of students who have held a 3.75 grade point average for five or more semesters. The group traditionally sponsors the annual school blood drive at as well additional service projects, including Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-A-Family, and a canned food drive.

Sponsor: Mr. Milstead
An Act
To Believe In

Imagine possessing the talent to be somebody else and being encouraged to do it. That is a day in the life of a thespian. The title Thespian is attained by working on or in theatrical productions. In the spring, the understudies (those who are working towards becoming a thespian) undergo initiation. As part of an ancient tradition, the understudies wear beanies on their heads for the entire week. Thespians meet with their sponsor, Mr. Grooms, every other Friday.

At the State Thespian Conference, officers Carrie Furay and Jesse Lawder participated in the Conference Production. The group also performed the one act play What I Meant Was at the Conference.
Mr. Muth, Mr. Ragland, and students in STAR have a warm spot in their hearts. The group makes sandwiches for the less fortunate every other Thursday after school in the cafeteria. They produce over three hundred sandwiches in a matter of minutes. The food is then taken to St. Vincent's Church and distributed to patrons. This year, STAR is celebrating its tenth anniversary at our school.

To try to help the problem of starvation, we came up with this creation.
International Club

The International Club meets weekly and is open to anyone interested in getting to know our foreign exchange students here at Webster. The group spends time listening to the students share their foreign cultures, and experiences.
Sponsor: Mrs. Patrick

SAFE

SAFE is a group of students interested in increasing their knowledge of today's environmental issues, SAFE sponsors the campus clean ups twice a year, once in the fall and again in the spring. SAFE also undertakes the school's recycling projects.
Sponsor: Mr. Sherman

Literary Magazine

Reflections, the literary magazine, is produced and sold each month. Students submit short stories, essays, poems, and art work. Staff members meet to work on producing the magazine by reading and selecting material which should go in.
Sponsor: Mrs. Brewster
DECA

The Distributive Education Clubs Of America (DECA) is open to students enrolled in marketing, merchandising, retailing, and building management. DECA takes part in Career Development Conferences, District, State, and National competition events.
Sponsor: Mr. Kruse

Math Club

The math club has weekly meetings to prepare for competitions, hear guest speakers, and refine their math skills. Math contests are held throughout the St. Louis area where members compete in various areas and levels of math. Members of the team are currently enrolled in AP math classes.
Sponsor: Ms. Mongan

Peer Helpers

Peer Helpers is a selected group of students who offer service to the school and community. The students involved in Peer Helpers provide peer listening, conflict mediation, and drug prevention activities.
Sponsor: Mrs. Meier
Shannon Campbell from Queens High School in Dunedin, New Zealand came here at the start of second semester. So far, she likes the U.S. very much, but notes, it is very different from her town.

At home it is rare for students to have their own cars. New Zealanders, like the British, drive on the left side of the road. Shannon also notices that Americans dine out more often than she is used to. She has been involved in the Hannibal newspaper while living there for the first semester, activities with other foreign exchange students, and youth group.

Tilmann finds life much different here from his home in Wuttenberg, Germany. Fortunately this works out well for him, "I like it because it is different."

He attended school at Karlsruhe where he was in class with the same group of people all day, "There is no class rivalry. It is just like a little community."

Tilmann also thinks that America's attitude toward nature is worse because Germans are so environmentally conscious. He enjoys playing violin in the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as being involved in International Club and Chess Club.

Before arriving in the United States, Sabrina Della Riva graduated from Athenee Royal "La Brise" in her home town of Brussels, Belgium. Sabrina has been involved with J.V. Volleyball, International Club, SSC, and swimming. When returning to Belgium, Sabrina says she will miss the school spirit, bagels, and Christmas with so many lights. When asked to sum up her experience, Sabrina replies with, "I have gotten to know myself better and learned to be more independent. I would love to do it again."
No matter if they stay with the same family for the year or switch each month, exchange students always feel at home at Webster. This year, six students from five different countries became Statesmen through programs like Youth For Understanding, Rotary, Educational Foundation, and American Field Service. Each student has a unique opportunity to experience the culture while immersing themselves in the English language. Lifelong international friendships are forged, while a unique appreciation of each other's cultures is developed.

Ekatarina Smorokdina, better known as “Kate from Russia,” is a sixteen year old student from #8 high school in Yelizvo, Kamchatka. Kate says she has wanted to come to the U.S. ever since fourth grade, when she began studying English. "I wanted to go for six years, but then when the papers came... I didn't know. I was torn." But Kate is glad she decided to ke the trek to America. When she asked if she liked it here Kate immediately responded "Sure! I like it a lot. I love it!" Kate comments that WGHS is very different from her Russian HS. There, students are not allowed to choose their class, and there are no clubs or athletic teams within her school. While here, Kate has enjoyed participating in the International Club and the musical, Pippin, and her favorite experience so far has been Christmas and visiting the arch. According to Tomoko, "Christmas was my favorite experience because it is so different in Japan."
With a bolt of lightning approach, Devone Cruesoe reenacted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech. The auditorium was emotionally on fire. The rest of the MLK Jr. assembly spoke to the history of the civil rights movement particular to the Harlem experience as members of SAA, Jazz Band I and a group of dancers, choreographed by Holly Edwards and Wayne Easter, performed. Since taking on the production of the MLK Jr. Assembly, SAA has delivered powerful presentations providing attendees with a wealth of history.

During the rest of the school year, sponsor Thomasina Hassler leads SAA through learning and appreciating the particulars of the Civil Rights movement as it pertains to the African-American culture. Members of SAA are then given the charge of sharing this appreciation and knowledge with their peers.

Wayne Easter and Chrissy Bates "put on the rit" as they recreate the mood at various Harlem clubs during it's heyday.
SAA students perform as a gospel choir at the Dr. Martin Luther King Assembly.

Fanta Drummer lent her voice to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly.

Devone Cruesoe, checks out the house at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. assembly held 30 January.
Marc Roberts displays the incorrect method for paddling a canoe.

After the bat flew by in the Little Onyx Cave, at Meramec State Park, these members still can’t believe what they saw before their eyes.

The Outdoor Club is an organization that is open to all WGHS students and is sponsored by Mr. David Cady, Ms. Marty Walter, Mr. Daryl Hemenway and Mr. Bapkan Chekoudjian. The members participated in a variety of outdoor activities and meet on a regular basis. The field trips range from hiking, to caving, to rock-wall climbing or to canoeing. Not only are these students able to explore a broad range of outdoor experiences, they also gain knowledge and appreciation for the outdoor world.

Ms. Walter keeps her sense of humor after suffering an embarrassing fall out of her raft during an autumn float trip on the Meramec River. We happily report, her ego and the river survived the experience.

Front row: Emily Moore, Christy Jayne, Andi Bates, Aaron Block, Amal Bala; Top row: Mrs. Walter, Mr. Hemenway, Sarah Bray, Mr. Cady, Lindsay Jacobs, Dev Bala, James Gregg, Joe Lodes, Mike Carosello, Tom Berlemann, Marc Roberts.
The outdoor club is relaxing on a rock after a long day of hiking and having fun at Meramec State Park.

As Erin Lang and her friends glare down at Joe Lodes they debate whether or not to push him down the cliff in front of Little Onyx Cave at Meramec State Park.

Mr. Cady relaxing in his canoe, getting as far away from the rest of the outdoor club members as possible.

The United Nations is formed from the majority of the world's countries, and is created to keep peace throughout the world. The members of our Model U.N. participate regularly in debates with other schools. By discussing world wide issues this organization focuses on finding solutions to present problems. Although this club is smaller than the world wide Model U.N., the students still are able to become involved in global affairs. Model U.N. is sponsored by Mr. Hemmenway.
Varsity, Back Row: Andrew Schaefer, Biff Williamson, Sean Blake, B.J. Mahoney, Bob Orf, Jeff Highfill, Joe Davidson, Chris Vierling, Adam Reed, and Coach Dave Garth. Front Row: Clint Chaffe, Tim Dunn, Michael Herrel, Chad Richardson, Justin Aisenstat, Tony Dattoli, Greg Ricketts, Peter Vishion, Marty McSorley, and Joe Brussel.


The Webster Groves Skatesmen began their season with high hopes after beating DeSmet twice. Dave Garth coached his team of mostly juniors to a 10-1 start. Junior Joe Davidson believes the team's expectations for the season are, "to play smart, win lots of games, and hopefully go to the finals."

One of the team's early accomplishments is dream of all Webster sports teams. They beat Kirkwood twice in the same season. One of the wins being the "Turkey Day" game.

With such a young team and such fantastic early results, the future is bright. If success is this prevalent with this team, next year should only build the feeling of Skatesmenmania.

Junior Chris Vierling does his tribal dance after the puck slides past the goalie, sending him to the ground.

Above: The Ambulance has arrived. Joe Brussel acts as the stretcher for Mike Gee during "dry land" practice.

Right: Coach Dave Garth isn't telling any campfire stories this period.

Mike Herrel plasters an opponent to the boards as he leads his team to victory. This guy probably gets up with an aching head.
"What is it about Yearbook that boys don't want to sign up?" Queries Advisor, Bapkan Chekoudjian. It's a fact. Last year there were eighteen girls in the class and this year there's sixteen girls and one boy. "The guys are out numbered on every decision." Krisan Mindak has another opinion, "Guys are afraid of the hard work!" she exclaims. And while it is hard work, the rewards far outweigh the effort when that book comes out and you see the fruits of your labor.

Regardless of the gender balance, yearbook is making moves and shaking up the traditional standards. "Within the next couple of years I'd like to see us publish a book that we can confidently enter in competitions and expect successful results," Chekoudjian added.

The Yearbook classroom environment is pretty loose, kind of like a real graphic production studio. "The worst thing about Yearbook is that the staff does not get to see the cover until the book comes out," exclaims Senior, Erin Carstens. "It's a dirty little trick to keep the class in suspense. I'll probably do it differently in years to come," explains Chekoudjian. With that the staff were off to meet another deadline.

Junior, Kelly Geil finishes a rough draft for one of her layout assignments. Working together on layouts, Seniors Brenda Pollom and Chase Bartels collaborate to produce some innovative designs.
Working on a mock-up, Erica McBride and Holly Edwards begins laying out pages.

Working on a Macintosh computer, Jessica O'Brien writes her story for the upcoming deadline.

Doug Curtis and Holly Edwards are discussing the deadline schedule for the newspaper.

Hectic schedules, controversial issues, and lots of late night deadlines and pizza parties are common activities of the Echo Newspaper staff.

The monthly newspaper is the voice of the Webster Groves students. At one point the staff considered barring all controversial stories, advertisements and editorials due to the large volume of reader and community response to some of the topics printed earlier in the year.

True journalistic sense won out and the paper continued to express the current views of WGHS students and today's society.
Key Club

Key Club meets monthly and is open to anyone interested in helping the community. The Club is sponsored by Kiwanas International, a community service organization for business and professional adults. Members work on environmental cleanups, help with charitable athletic events and work with young children.
Sponsor: Ms. Ryan

Character Education

Character Education is a club that works to promote positive character traits in students. Teachers submit a student for the "commended student" award, and the members pick one of the students who they think shows good qualities and make a display case in their honor. Character Education meets once a week and is open to anyone who wants to join.
Sponsor: Mrs. Despotis
Chess Club

Chess Club meets once a week and is open to any student who wishes to learn and play chess. Chess Club was started in October of 1996 by David Schuster and since then has gotten a huge response from the students. Sometimes there are team chess informals, but as of yet, there are no team tournaments although an intra-school tournament is in the works.

Sponsor: Frau Sittman

Conflict Mediation

The purpose of Conflict Mediation is to train students to be mediators in minor conflicts with other students. Students will always have an adult supervisor present during these mediations. Each teacher supervisor will also have a trained conflict mediator.

Sponsor: Dr. White
Marching Band works hard giving their best during performances. Practicing five days a week from seven a.m. through the end of first hour makes for a hectic schedule. Through summer heat, Marching Band practices to learn fundamental marching skills. In the middle of August, Marching Band and Guard participate in a fun but strenuous week long band camp learning routines for the halftime show.

With peers cheering them on, Marching Band and Guard enjoy performing in the Webster Independence Day Parade. All the hard work and long hours of practice payed off when Guard took first place at the Sullivan competition. Congratulations went to soloists Mike Taylor, Jamal Yoder, Tim Dean, Arianna Gleason, Leotha Thomas, Dale Thompson, Anne Barnes, and Brandon Banks on their terrific performance at the Metamora competition. Dedication and teamwork prove to be staples for Marching Band and Guard showing they are an award winning band on the field.
Anne Barnes focuses all her energy into playing the saxophone.

Drum Major Maureen Rauscher calls band to attention.

Drumline Captain Aaron Story provides taps for the band to march to.

Jamal Yoder plays the blues at the Halloween football game.

Rachel Weiner plays her flute at the Halloween football game.

Kristin Edwards prepares to start a new flag routine.

Beth Kopetti smiles big during a flag performance.

Liz Langton and Elizabeth Olson enjoy dressing up during the Halloween game.
Do You Hear
What I Hear?

Gabe Levinson hams it up during Concert Choir's "Freshmen Initiation"—and yes, those are pantyhose on his head.

Concert Choir Officers: Jason Bass, Courtney Hunt, Erin Lang, Tom Palmier, Jamal Yoder.

C.J. Fischer assures Katie Nester that her hair looks fine as they both get ready to go onstage during the December choir assembly.


Concert Choir, Trebleaires, and Freshaires are all choirs which meet five days a week, during school, and whose membership requires an audition. Freshaires is made up of freshmen women, Trebleaires of sophomore, junior, and senior women, and Concert Choir of junior and senior women and freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior men. The choirs perform in the Winter, MIOS, and Spring choral concerts at the high school as well as other places such as the Galleria, Crestwood, Rotary, and various elementary schools throughout the year. Concert Choir and Trebleaires also take part in Webster's annual Broadway Dinner Theatre, a show compiling 22 numbers from several Broadway musicals. This year, Trebleaires sang and danced to "It's a Hard-Knock Life" from Annie, and Concert Choir did an Andrew Lloyd Webber Medley including songs from The Phantom of the Opera, Cats, Jesus Christ Superstar, and Evita.

Concert Choir Sopranos do their rendition of "Here We Come A-Caroling" at one of their holiday performances.
The Statesmen Sensation are a show choir made up of men and women who passed both a singing and dancing audition. They meet five days a week during third hour and perform regularly in choir concerts at the high school and during the holiday season travel to various other places in the St. Louis area. This year, they also competed in a Show Choir Festival at Columbia Rock Bridge High School.

Show Choir Officers: Chase Bartels, Courtney Hunt, Jamal Yoder, Erin Lang, and Katie Nester

Statesmen Sensation women strike a pose in the presentation of their Christmas show at the Galleria.

Wayne Easter, Ben Mason, C.J. Fischer, Jason Bass, Jesse Lawder, and Jamal Yoder give advice on staying away from "Poison Ivy."
All-District Choir members are juniors and seniors who auditioned and were chosen to join other students from St. Louis area schools in a concert at Kirkwood High School on November 1. They learned and practiced six songs independently, then, on the morning of the concert, attended a seven-hour work session conducted by Linda Jones, choir director at Central Missouri State University. The songs included "Im Herbst," "Sicut Locutus Est," "Salmo 150," "The Battle of Jericho," "Down in the Valley," and "There is No Rose."

Sixteen men and women auditioned and were selected to the group make up Mad Jazz. The small ensemble sings madrigal and modern vocal jazz and pop pieces. They rehearse once a week for an hour-and-a-half after school. This year, their songs include "Java Jive," "The Boy From New York City," and "On the Street Where You Live."

Bianca Lomax and Brianne Rose sing a rendition of "Holly Jolly Christmas" during a Mad Jazz performance.

Katie Nester and Wayne Easter are "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."
Swinging to the Music


Blowing In the Wind


A supplement to the Echo Yearbook.

In an effort to provide a broader perspective of the school year, the Echo Staff decided to include the World Events supplement. Our hope is that when you look back at this yearbook this supplement will provide extra insight to the world as we lived it.
Academics aren't everything. Students at Webster are just like everyone else in that sometimes they have to get away from it all. It doesn't matter if they're fifth generation Webster Grovian or recently immigrated from another country. Whether it's how they dress, where they work or something we haven't thought of, you can bet Webster students will find a way to "blow off steam" and express themselves. Remember, you can't judge a book by it's cover. Sometimes you have to get past a few "chapters" before you "See Who We Are."

Rich Anderson spends his sixth and seventh hour community campus at U.S.A. Karate teaching children the basics of Karate. The opportunity to pass on his appreciation of the Martial Arts to younger children and a space to train for competition attracted Rich to pick this as his Community Campus assignment.
1. Calista Flockhart walked away with a Golden Globe award for her performance in the most talked about show of the season, Ally McBeal.

2. Chris Rock stayed busy in 1997 with his new show on HBO - The Chris Rock Show, his album Roll with the New, stage performances, and his book, Rock This!

3. Jerry Seinfeld announced that his show, television's most popular comedy, will end on May 14, 1998. Fans across the country and co-stars Michael Richards, Jason Alexander, and Julia Louis-Dreyfuss prepared for life without Seinfeld.


5. The Lost World, the sequel to Jurassic Park, was a summer blockbuster grossing an estimated $229 million.

6. ABC won viewers' hearts with Dharma & Greg, a sitcom about an uptight yuppie and a happy-go-lucky yoga instructor.

7. Kirstie Alley returned to prime time as a lingerie executive in one of the most successful new sitcoms of the season, Veronica's Closet.

8. The true-to-life drama Party of Five, starring Neve Campbell, Matthew Fox, Scott Wolf, Lacey Chabert, and Jennifer Love Hewitt, attracted millions of new devotees and increased its ratings by 29%.

9. Michael J. Fox also returned to prime time in Spin City. He won a Golden Globe for his role as the Deputy Mayor of New York City.

10. "They work in secret and dress in black." Men in Black, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones, was one of the most successful films of the summer. The movie's combination of awesome special effects and humor drew people to the box office.

11. Canadian director James Cameron "sunk" $200 million dollars into the film Titanic. The film won Golden Globes for Best Director and Best Picture and captured 14 Academy Award nominations. In addition to earning awards and nominations, it became the top money making film in history.

12. Childhood friends Ben Affleck and Matt Damon cowrote the screenplay for Good Will Hunting. Their efforts were recognized with a Golden Globe for Best Screenplay and nine Academy Award nominations.

13. Since the animated show King of the Hill debuted in January of 1997, it has consistently been one of television's top 30 shows. Fox's other animated hit, The Simpsons became the longest running animated show in television history, surpassing the record previously held by The Flintstones.

14. Air Force One, with Harrison Ford, was a summer hit.
earning $171 million. Ford also won a People’s Choice Award. • Ellen DeGeneres’ character in her sitcom Ellen became the first openly gay series lead in television. • Screenwriter Kevin Williamson brought horror back to the movies with Scream, its sequel Scream 2 and I Know What You Did Last Summer. • Disney’s stage version of The Lion King was one of Broadway’s biggest hits. • Talk-show host Ricki Lake gave birth to her first child, a son. • Helen Hunt and Jack Nicholson starred in the romantic comedy As Good As It Gets, which earned each of them a Golden Globe. The film was also nominated for best picture at the Academy Awards. • Talk show host Oprah Winfrey was sued by Texas cattle ranchers, who said that her comments questioning beef safety cost them millions. The jury found Winfrey not liable. • Kim Basinger starred in the ‘50s Los Angeles crime thriller, L.A. Confidential. The movie was nominated for nine Academy Awards. • Other popular television shows were ER, The X-Files, Touched by an Angel, Dawson’s Creek, The Drew Carey Show, Frasier, Xena, Brooklyn South, Just Shoot Me, Chicago Hope, Sabrina the Teenage Witch, and Buffy the Vampire Slayer. • Brandon Tartikoff died at 48 of Hodgkin’s Disease. He was the NBC executive responsible for shows like Hill Street Blues, Cheers, The Cosby Show, L.A. Law, and Seinfeld. • Throughout his acting career, Jimmy Stewart starred in 79 films including The Philadelphia Story, Hitchcock’s Vertigo, and Rear Window. However, his most memorable performance was in the Christmas classic, It’s a Wonderful Life. Stewart died at 89. • We also paid final respects to actor Chris Farley, explorer and filmmaker Jacques Cousteau, news commentator Charles Kuralt, actor Robert Mitchum, comedian Red Skelton, and actor Lloyd Bridges.

What were your favorite television shows and movies?

Top 10 Movies for 1997:
1. Titanic
2. Men in Black
3. The Lost World
4. Liar Liar
5. Air Force One
6. Star Wars (reissue)
7. My Best Friend’s Wedding
8. Face/Off
9. Tomorrow Never Dies
10. Batman & Robin
At the tender age of 16, blues guitarist and singer Jonny Lang took his debut song, Lie to Me, to number two on the blues chart. 2. Producer, mixer, and rap artist Sean "Puffy" Combs’ album No Way Out sold 561,000 copies in the first week after its release. Six consecutive songs that were either produced or sung by Combs remained at the top of Billboard’s rap singles chart for 42 weeks. 3. At the 40th Grammy awards, Shawn Colvin walked away with Record of the Year and Song of the Year for Sunny Came Home. 4. Erykah Badu won a Grammy for Female Rhythm and Blues Vocal performance with her song On and On. Her album Baduism won a Grammy for Rhythm and Blues Album. 5. The Florida-based group Matchbox 20’s debut album, Yourself or Someone Like You, sold more than four million copies.

6. Jamiroquai, known for its unique sound and lead singer Jay Kay’s Suess-inspired hats, won a Grammy for its song Virtual Insanity. 7. Fiona Apple’s debut album Tidal brought the 20-year old artist great success and a Grammy. 8. Garth Brooks gave a free concert in New York City’s Central Park and drew hundreds of thousands of fans. His album Sevens sold 3.4 million copies between Thanksgiving and New Years. 9. Fleetwood Mac released its first new album, The Dance, in a decade. The album debuted at the top of the charts and the band grossed more than $36 million on tour. The group was also inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame along with the Eagles, the Mamas and the Papas, Santana, Lloyd Price, Gene Vincent, Allen Toussaint, and Jelly Roll Morton. 10. From America’s heartland came Hanson, three brothers from Tulsa, Oklahoma. With Isaac, 16, on guitar, Taylor, 13, on keyboards and Zachary, 11, on drums, the group received an enthusiastic reception from teens. Their first album, Middle of Nowhere, hit the top 10, and the single MMMBop went to number one in the U.S. and Europe. 11. LeAnn Rimes’ Blue was the best-selling debut album ever by a female country artist. While the double-platinum You Light Up My Life topped the pop and country charts, the 15-year old was busy writing an autobiographical novel, starring in a TV movie, and doing ads for Samsung and KFC. 12. The British quintet, The Spice Girls, took the world by storm with their hit single Wannabe!, their book Girl Power, and the movie SpiceWorld. 13. Jakob Dylan and the Wallflowers had huge hits with the album Bringing Down the Horse and the single One Headlight. • Jakob’s father, Bob Dylan, survived a serious heart ailment to release Time Out of Mind. The album was widely praised by critics and
received a Grammy for Album of the Year. • Elton John sang goodbye to Princess Diana at her funeral with his tribute *Candle in the Wind* 1997. The recording became the fastest selling single in history. The singer said that he would never perform the song again, unless it was at the request of Diana’s sons. • Michael Jackson’s son, Prince Michael Jackson, Jr. was born and has already earned $2 million for appearing on the cover of a British tabloid.

• Canadian music legend Joni Mitchell was reunited with the daughter she gave up for adoption in 1965. After a lengthy search, private investigators helped the pair find one another. • Canadian Sarah McLachlan had a hit single, *Building a Mystery*, but her biggest accomplishment was putting together the Lilith Fair Tour. Lilith Fair was an all female rock tour that included artists Sheryl Crow, the Cardigans, Fiona Apple, Jewel, Tracy Chapman, Shawn Colvin, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Indigo Girls, Suzanne Vega, Paula Cole, Lisa Loeb, and Joan Osborne. The tour was so popular it upstaged even the hippest of tours like Lollapalooza and H.O.R.D.E. • Bill Berry, drummer for REM, retired after 17 years with the band. Berry suffered a brain aneurysm while on tour in 1995.

• Rap artist and actor Will Smith took home his third Grammy for *Men in Black*. • While on tour in Sydney, Australia, U2 loaned its cargo plane to the people of Auckland, New Zealand. The city had been without power for almost two weeks and needed generators. The use of U2’s plane allowed needed generators to be flown in to restore power to millions of people.

• *The Verve*’s album *Urban Hymns* jumped 34 spots on the charts after the song *Bitter Sweet Symphony* was used in a 60-second Nike ad. The band donated its profits to the British Red Cross Land Mine Appeal and the N.C.H. Action for Children “House our Youth 2000” campaign. • While the movie *Titanic* dominated the box office, its soundtrack dominated the music charts as well.

• Celine Dion performed on the *Titanic* soundtrack and had a hit of her own with *Let’s Talk About Love*. • *Madonna*’s album *Ray of Light* was “immersed in spirituality and self-discovery.”

• Other popular musicians included Paula Cole, Duncan Sheik, Verve Pipe, Shania Twain, Beck, Oasis, Sugar Ray, Trisha Yearwood, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, OMC, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Chumbawamba, Everclear, Ben Folds Five, Sublime, Lila McCann, Ty Herndon, Bryan White, Jars of Clay, George Strait, Save Ferris, Abra Moore, and Radiohead. • The music industry lost INXS singer Michael Hutchence, rap artist Notorious B.I.G. (Christopher Wallace), singer, songwriter, and environmentalist John Denver, and Beach Boy Carl Wilson.
1. After a long standoff with Amaru guerrillas, Peru's President Alberto Fujimori gave the order to Peruvian forces to storm the embassy residence where 72 hostages were being held. All of the guerrillas were killed and 71 of the hostages were rescued.

2. Louise Woodward, a 19-year old British au pair, was convicted of murdering an eight month old baby in her care. However, citing an absence of malice, the judge reduced the second-degree murder conviction to manslaughter and her sentence to time served.

3. Former president George Bush took up skydiving at the age of 72. He had jumped from a disabled plane in World War II and had vowed that one day he would do it again for fun.

4. Etienne Bacrot, 14, started playing chess when he was four. He became the world's youngest chess grandmaster ever, beating Canadian grandmaster Kevin Spraggett, 42.

5. Mother Teresa died at the age of 87, leaving behind a legacy of love and compassion for the poor. She also left behind more than 4,000 nuns pledged to continue the order she founded.

6. In April, heavy spring snows raised the Red River in Grand Forks, North Dakota, flooding the town, causing 50,000 residents to evacuate and destroying homes and cars in its path.

7. Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr began investigating the Clintons for their involvement in the Whitewater land development company in Arkansas. Later, Starr became the key prosecutor in President Clinton's alleged relationship with a former White House intern. Starr was investigating whether the President had coerced Monica Lewinsky into lying about the nature of their relationship. Even as accusations rocked the White House, the president's approval ratings were his highest ever.

8. The Heaven's Gate Cult committed suicide with the belief that their souls would be picked up by a spaceship hidden in the tail of the Hale-Bopp comet. Cult leader Marshall Applewhite was among the 39 dead.

9. The men's religious group, Promise Keepers, brought hundreds of thousands of men together in Washington D.C. to pledge their devotion to Jesus, family and one another.

10. At Ohio State University, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright tried to make a case for U.S. military action against Iraq. During the meeting, Albright was continually interrupted by protests from the audience.

11. When the Teamster's union went on strike at United Parcel Service, the nation's leading package-delivery company, millions of...
packages were delayed or lost. Labor Secretary Alexis Herman kept UPS and the Teamsters at the bargaining table and the strike ended after two weeks. 12. Bill and Hillary Clinton faced an empty nest as daughter Chelsea went away to college at Stanford. Mrs. Clinton also marked another milestone by celebrating her 50th birthday. 13. Bobbi McCaughey, from Carlisle, Iowa, gave birth to septuplets. The babies ranged in size from 2 lbs., 5 oz to 3 lbs., 4 oz. It is estimated the McCaughey's will change more than 15,000 diapers this year. • The diet drugs fen-phen and Redux were removed from the market after the Food and Drug Administration discovered the medications caused serious heart problems. • Ted Turner donated $1 billion to the United Nations, while encouraging others to contribute to charitable causes. Financier George Soros pledged $500 million to Russia for health, education, and welfare while Bill Gates pledged $200 million to bring the Internet to low-income libraries. • Earthquakes in Italy left 11 people dead and thousands homeless. • UNICEF estimated that 80,000 children were starving in the North Korean famine. • Captain Craig Button’s A-10 plane mysteriously disappeared after he suddenly broke a three-plane formation over Arizona and headed toward Colorado. The jet was found crashed near Eagle, Colorado with Button’s remains inside. The four 500-pound bombs that were on the jet have not been recovered. • First Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, the first woman to pilot a B-52, was given a general discharge from the Air Force for lack of integrity and disobedience to orders. Her career ended over an alleged affair with the husband of an Air Force airman. • Timothy McVeigh was convicted of the Oklahoma City bombing and sentenced to death. • Terry Nichols, also arrested for the April 19, 1995 bombing was convicted of conspiracy and manslaughter. He was acquitted of murder and weapons charges. • Ted Kaczynski pled guilty to being the Unabomber in exchange for a sentence of life in prison without parole. Kaczynski waged a 17-year anti-technology bombing campaign that included a string of 16 bombings. Three people were killed and 29 injured.
On August 31, 1997, Princess Diana was killed in a tragic car accident leaving the world mourning and questioning the carelessness of a driver and the persistence of the paparazzi. Hong Kong returned to Chinese control after 156 years as a British colony. Consequently, concerns were raised as to whether communism would diminish Hong Kong’s political freedom. Tony Blair, 44, became the youngest British prime minister in 185 years. California endured the worst of El Niño’s erratic weather patterns. Heavy rain and high winds triggered floods and mudslides. Karla Faye Tucker became the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War and the first nationwide since 1984. She was executed for killing two people in Houston in 1983.
6. Congressman Sonny Bono died in a skiing accident. Before turning to politics, Bono achieved fame as a songwriter, entertainer, and half of the duo Sonny and Cher. • A bomb in an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Alabama left an off-duty police officer dead and a nurse critically wounded. • The Peabody Award for broadcasting excellence was awarded to author and journalist Peter Gzowski. This was the first time a Canadian had received the prestigious American award for work in Canada. • Susie Maroney of Australia became the first woman to swim from Cuba to Florida. It took her 24 1/2 hours to complete the 112 mile stretch. • The threat of war in the middle east was again a concern as Saddam Hussein failed to comply with U.N. weapons regulations. However, the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to endorse a deal negotiated by Secretary-General Kofi Annan that provided U.N. inspectors unrestricted access to all weapons sites. • In West Paducah, Kentucky, Michael Carneal, a high school freshman, opened fire on a group of students gathered for a prayer service at Heath High School. Three girls were killed and five other students wounded. • A U.S. Marine jet sliced through a cable car line at an Italian ski resort killing 20 people. • The U.S. Department of Agriculture recalled 25 million pounds of possibly tainted beef after an outbreak of the E. Coli virus. • In Pearl, Mississippi, Luke Woodham, 16, stabbed his mother to death and then went to school with a rifle and opened fire. Woodham killed two of his classmates and wounded seven others. • We paid final respects to writer William S. Burroughs, Malcolm X’s widow Betty Shabazz, artist Willem De Kooning, poet Allen Ginsberg, Ambassador to France Pamela Harriman, Michael Kennedy, and politician Paul Tsongas.
1. Martina Hingis captured the U.S. Open tennis tournament. Hingis had a remarkable year with a record of 75-5. She won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments and became the first player to earn more than $3 million in a season.

2. Figure skater Scott Hamilton, 39, left the Stars on Ice tour in March of 1997 to undergo chemotherapy for testicular cancer. But, on October 29, he returned to the ice and a cheering crowd. His prognosis is for a full recovery.

3. In college football, the University of Michigan and the University of Nebraska shared the national championship. Michigan's Charles Woodson became the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy.

4. Sports broadcaster, Harry Caray voice of the Chicago Cubs, died at the age of 77.

5. After several attempts, two U.S. women's professional basketball leagues were finally unveiled in 1997 – the ABL and the WNBA. Sheryl Swoopes, 26, who led the 1996 Olympic team to a gold medal, signed with the WNBA's Houston Comets. Violet Palmer and Dee Kantner became the NBA's first female referees. In their rookie season, both will earn $80,000.

6. The Detroit Red Wings defeated the Philadelphia Flyers to win their eighth Stanley Cup.

7. In 1997, Jeff Gordon won 10 races, took home $4.2 million in prize money, and captured his second Winston Cup Championship in three years.

8. At age 21, Tiger Woods outplayed his opponents to win the Masters with a record 13-stroke margin. Woods finished the 1997 season as the game's leading money winner, taking home more than two million dollars and was named PGA Player of the Year. Tiger's father, Earl Woods, first put a golf club in his son's hands when Tiger was only 11 months old.

9. Super Bowl XXXII had excitement for fans of both teams right down to the final seconds. The AFC Champion Denver Broncos, led by quarterback John Elway, beat the NFL's Green Bay Packers, 31-24. Elway finally won his first Super Bowl ring after several losses.

10. In the World Series, Moises Alou led the Florida Marlins to victory over the Cleveland Indians with three homers and nine RBIs. Only in their fifth year, the Marlins reached the World Series faster than any expansion team in history.

11. In Mike Tyson's and Evander Holyfield's boxing rematch, Tyson bit off a piece of Holyfield's right
Braves pitcher Greg Maddux signed a contract extension for $57.5 million which made him the highest-paid player in baseball. • Major league baseball celebrated the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson’s efforts to integrate baseball. In Robinson’s honor, his number “42” was retired from all team rosters. • Pete Sampras dominated at Wimbledon to win it for the fourth time in five years. • Also at Wimbledon, three-time champion Boris Becker stunned the world by announcing his retirement from tennis. • In her debut at the U.S. Open, 17-year old Venus Williams became the first unseeded woman to advance to the finals. • The Arthur Ashe Stadium opened in Flushing, New York in August with a parade of 45 tennis champions including Chris Evert and John McEnroe.

- Michael Johnson ran the 400 meter race in 44.12 seconds to win his third consecutive world championship in track and field. • After 20 years of trying, Dale Earnhardt won the Daytona 500. A lucky penny was given to him before the race from a five year old girl permanently confined to a wheelchair. The Make-A-Wish foundation granted her request to see the Daytona 500 and meet Earnhart.

- Jockey Gary Stevens, riding Silver Charm, captured his third Kentucky Derby. • We paid final respects to golf legend Ben Hogan, baseball center fielder Curt Flood, and jockey Eddie Arcaro.

ear in the third round. Tyson was disqualified, fined, and suspended from boxing in Nevada. 13. Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls defeated the Utah Jazz to capture their fifth NBA title in seven years. • Oscar De La Hoya defeated Pernell Whitaker in a unanimous decision and captured the World Boxing Council Welterweight Title. • Arizona defeated Kentucky 84-79 in the NCAA tournament to win its first national men’s basketball title. • Atlanta
1. The opening ceremony of the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan combined the traditions of the past and the technology of the present. Sumo wrestlers warded off evil spirits while choirs on five continents performed Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" simultaneously.

2. U.S. skier Picabo Street won the gold medal in the Women's Super-G. She edged Michaela Dorfmeister of Austria by one-hundredth of a second.

3. Tara Lipinski, at 15, became the youngest Olympic women's figure skating champion ever by outscoring fellow American Michelle Kwan. Lipinski took the gold medal, Kwan the silver, and Lu Chen of China won the bronze.

4. The United States men's teams captured the first American luge medals in Olympic history. The two teams won the silver and bronze in the luge doubles.
5. Despite injuries and the flu, Canadian Elvis Stojko won the silver medal in men’s figure skating. Ilia Kulik of Russia won the gold medal, while Phillippe Candeloro of France won the bronze.

6. The U.S. women’s hockey team defeated Canada and won the gold medal to capture the first Olympic women’s hockey title. Canada took home the silver and Finland the bronze. The U.S. team also appeared on the March Wheaties box.

- The Czech Republic captured its first hockey gold medal when it defeated Russia 1-0. The bronze medal went to Finland.

- Canadians Catriona LeMay-Doan and Susan Auch dominated women’s speedskating by winning the gold and the silver medals in the 500 meter race.

- Canada also did well in the men’s speedskating. In the 500 meter race, Jeremy Wotherspoon won the silver medal and Kevin Overland took the bronze.

- U.S. athletes won three gold medals in freestyle skiing. Eric Bergoust won gold in the men’s aerials while Nikki Stone took the gold in women’s aerials. Johnny Moseley won gold in the men’s moguls.

- After two days of competition and four heats, Canada and Italy tied for the gold medal in the men’s two-man bobsled competition. This was the first time that two teams shared the gold medal in this event.

- In the end, the United States brought home 13 medals and Canada 15. But, it was Germany with a medal count of 29 that topped the list.

- Norway was not far behind with 25 medals, and Russia won 18.

- Women accounted for eight of the 13 U.S. medals. Nagano’s closing ceremony included a backdrop of 50,000 illuminated handheld lanterns and a thank you to the world for allowing it to be the host of the final Winter Olympics of the 20th century. The captain of the U.S. women’s hockey team, Cammi Granato, carried the American flag at the ceremony.
1. Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace was gunned down in front of his Miami home by alleged serial killer Andrew Cunanan. Cunanan later took his own life as police closed in after an extensive manhunt.

2. Time magazine selected Andrew Grove, chairman and CEO of Intel, as its 1997 Man of the Year. He was the person most responsible for the astounding “growth in the power and innovative potential of microchips.”

3. In an effort to save Apple, cofounder Steve Jobs struck a deal with its number one competitor, Microsoft. The agreement gave Jobs some time to rescue the company, while the Microsoft Chairman, Bill Gates, became part owner of Apple after buying $150 million in stock.

4. Tamagotchi gave kids a taste of responsibility. Much like the real thing, these virtual reality pets needed everything from attention, to food, to sleep. Without this care, the pets would misbehave, get fat, or even expire.

5. Hot Wheels released its “miniature” version of the Sojourner Mars Rover, complete with Pathfinder spacecraft and lander. Kids and toy collectors sent sales soaring.

6. With increased reading awareness on television due in large part to Oprah Winfrey’s book club, and the rise of espresso-serving bookstores, Americans experienced a kind of reading renaissance.

7. People magazine released its first issue of Teen People, with Party of Five’s Jennifer Love Hewitt on the cover. The first issue included articles about what’s hot in fashion, a behind the scenes look at the music group Hanson, and photo flashbacks of Brad Pitt.

8. Beanie babies sent children and parents running to the toy store. These cuddly little creatures were must-haves for kids of all ages. Retired beanies, like Peanut the Elephant, increased enormously in value.

9. The Hale-Bopp Comet returned to view 4,200 years after its last visit. In many areas, the comet was visible with the naked eye. The comet’s next appearance should be in the year 4397.

10. In a re-match in May, IBM’s chess playing machine, Deep Blue, defeated world champion Russian Garry Kasparov.
brought back bell-bottoms, platform shoes, butterfly collars, and an array of other styles that sent teens into a fashion era that used to be associated with their parents. 12. In 1997, Tommy Hilfiger opened his first megastore on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, California and published All American: A Style Book. His primary-colored, patriotic themed sportswear was popular with teens. • The “soul patch” became the latest fashion statement in facial hair. It could be worn with or without a mustache and was popular among teens and movie stars like Keanu Reeves and Josh Brolin. • Riverdance, based on traditional Irish step dancing, played to packed houses in the United States and Australia. Its soundtrack stayed on the Billboard’s World Music charts for more than a year. • Barbie received a make-over that included a breast reduction and a more realistic waistline. • The Federal Communications Commission cleared the way for high-definition digital television, giving audiences a sharper image and CD quality sound. • America Online took over CompuServe’s 2.6 million members to make AOL number one in the online industry. On a typical day AOL subscribers logged on 16.7 million times. • In a Newsweek Poll, 89% of teens used computers at least several times a week.
June marked the 50th anniversary of the alleged crash in 1947 of a flying saucer near Roswell, New Mexico. Due to all the hype, Roswell became known as the capital of America’s alien nation.

When the shuttle Columbia takes off in December 1998, Eileen Collins will become the first woman to lead a U.S. space mission. Collins, the nation’s first female space shuttle pilot, has flown two previous shuttle missions, one in 1995 and the other in 1997.

The winner of the 1998 Westinghouse Science Talent Search and a $40,000 scholarship was Christopher Colin Mihelich, a 17-year-old from Indianapolis. For his project, Mihelich studied certain properties of polynomials that have applications to geometry and combinatorics.
The line at Taco Bell is so long Joe Lodes starts gnawing on his wallet while thinking "Yo quiero Taco Bell." Lodes is typical of the students who try to squeeze in any time possible off campus during lunch period.

Senior Tina Williams and Junior Tasha Dickson want to know what the fuss is all about. They opt for a comfortable yet stylish mode of attire.
A.J. Mitchell is wearing a T-shirt from LL Cool J's line of clothing, FuBu (For Us By Us). Reflective piping on his shorts not only stand out in a crowd, but A.J. would be safe jogging at night too!

Junior Samantha Oberkrom, and Senior Molly McAvin, go "preppy" 90's style. An alligator is no longer the required designer motif to go social.
If you walk into Ed Grooms drama class you may think aliens have landed. Fear not. It's only a whacky exercise drama students run through to loosen up for the actual performance.

While hanging out after school in the parking lot, Lee Nguyen, and Justin Aisenstat are showing off their designer Tommy Hilfiger shirts. Hilfiger was all the rage in young men's prep-wear.
Chrissy Bates retro's the 70's look with a 90's twist. Combining "Go-Go" boots and her long tresses, made a statement of juxtaposition.

Brice Landry is wearing his own unique style, he made the logo on his T-shirt out of duct tape. Instead of paying for someone else's design he chose to make his own statement.
Erica Easter enjoys some relief from the seriousness of school. As a student assistant in Margaret Skouby’s Sixth period Physics class, Erica tests some of her own limits.

Jason Bass looks “thrilled” to be wearing the new office runner I.D. While many protested its inception, most students wound up having some fun in personalizing how they displayed the new tag.
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MaryAnn Palsenberger
Karen Bish
Patty Bowman
Jim Fant

School Nurse

Lynn Buss
Senior Karen Jost takes advantage of the new kiln in her sixth hour ceramics class.

To help make her college choice Christy Jayne checks out brochures in the college center.

Matt Lescher gets beefed up with the new weight room equipment.

Erin Carstens can now print her reports with lightening speed with the new printer.

A big thanks to the Special Needs Committee From the WGHS Staff and Students!
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202. Dawn Colnaghi
203. Mark Budzinski
204. Ian Wehrman
205. Steph Schlepper
206. Jennie Brinkman
207. Abby Sanders
208. Kim Pawol
Eve Seyer and Mr. Wallace work on the computers in Industrial Tech class.

Mrs. Josh Smith (Dev Bala) and Mr. Josh Smith make a spectacular appearance at the Halloween Football game.
Jennie Brinkman uses the star finder in Astronomy to study placement of the constellations in the sky.
Making a point, Mr. Hepfinger discusses a subject with David Lavender during an advanced biology course.

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