Four and a half seconds
What time?
Time to shine
Time begins
Countdown
After the bell
Keep in time
Seconds count
Remember time
Add up the time
Four and One Half Seconds

You think one year is a long time? Imagine a year condensed to four and one half seconds! That is what happens in the typical yearbook. All the photos in a yearbook (that's a bunch of 1/250ths, 1/125ths and 1/60ths of a second) add up to a lightning fast four and one half seconds. One nice long relaxing yawn during a boring lecture, is the amount of time you can fit into a yearbook.

Memories last a lifetime. That is what we're trying to preserve. The reason we have yearbooks is because everything happens so fast in real life. Discuss a distant event among friends and notice how the recollections differ. The job of a good yearbook is marking the history from a microcosm of the world. You would not think it takes one hundred eighty four pages (plus thirty two pages in the supplement) to cover four and one half seconds. The amazing thing is, even that many pages do not do a year justice.

Staff
Waiting for what? Time will pass before you have a chance to notice. One year being because tomorrow will be too late. Marching Band performs now because the crowd it. Kat Kobylorek is telling Bobby Orf he's got to stop talking now! Bobby Williams is working clock starts ticking. If Sally Buxbaum and Rashad Cole looked like this any other day of the Yearbook staff got together for the first time, they had no idea they would have to work so Erica Driver can tell that class time is best for learning. And just when Mark Robertson that he's a half second too late.

Four and one
captured in four and one half seconds. Lindsey Clay practices to be perfect now, won't be there tomorrow. At Turkey Day it's put up or shut up and the fans know out to become strong before basketball season, so he's ready to go when the year, you might not know it was time for the Senior Line Dance. When the hard to make sure things went right and deadlines were met. Jennifer Hiatt and thinks he's going to have enough time to scream and shout, someone tells him

half seconds

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The Turkey Day tradition started in 1903 as a football game between the faculty and students of Webster Groves High School, when a touchdown counted as only five points. This tradition has grown over time to become more than just a football game. We now associate the Thanksgiving football game with the Friendship Dance, Spirit Week, and the awarding of the Frisco bell and the little brown jug.

Webster and Kirkwood started the battle of Turkey Day in 1907, and has since become a long standing rival. In 1924-1927, no game took place because of violence between the two schools.

Another year the Thanksgiving battle did not take place was in 1988, because of a state championship for Webster. After '88, the board of athletic directors came up with a "Gentlemen's Agreement" stating that the Turkey Day game would always be played, regardless of State Championships, rain, sleet, or snow.

This year marked the 84th play between Webster and Kirkwood. 1998 also marked 60 years of the Friendship Dance, 59 years of the consolation prize of the little brown jug, more than 50 years of Spirit week, and 45 years of the Frisco Bell.

The 60th Friendship Dance was held in the Kirkwood High School Gym on November 21. This year's dance introduced a new tradition: Webster students had to register outside guests, and get approval. This year's Friendship Queen was Courtney Smoot, nominated by the Varsity Cheerleaders.

In 1939, the little brown jug was introduced as the consolation prize awarded to the losing team. The scores of the game are recorded on the jug from 1939-1949. The jug is still a standing tradition which has been passed back and forth between the two schools.

Spirit Week started in the early 1940s, and is still popular today. This year during Spirit Week, National Honor Society sponsored the annual canned food drive. The Seniors dominated the drive with nearly one thousand cans. SSC members competed in contests like "Sexy Legs," "Mr. & Mrs. Irresistible," "Gummy Wars," "Tug-of-War," and "Turkey Bowling," to help earn points for their class.

The tradition of 91 years of Turkey Day and all of its activities are still growing strong. It is a time of celebration and a time to show your Webster spirit; past, present, and future.
Anne Lujens is always smiling, even when she's covered in cool whip.

Nathan Whitney, Mark Robertson, Jeff Higdon, and Pat Lodes watch the amazing Pat Velten kick another extra point.

Art Banks, Leonard Woodson, and Tracy Beard pull the seniors to victory.

Kirk goes up in flames at the bonfire of 1969.

The coolest man alive, Mr. Yates with a pie in the face.

Derek Loudermilk, chillin' with the cool shades.
It's 19...
This is it, we're the last class.
How fast four years have passed.
One of the reasons WGHS is so elegant,
Is because the class of '99 is so intelligent.
When bad things came our way,
Our action was to recoil.
To create Studio 99,

We covered our hall
with foil.
We made people
proud to be WG
residents,
In 1996 we saw the
U.S. President.
Class of '99 students' lives have a great outlook,
We're a good looking class,
Check out page 8 and 9 in the Echo Yearbook.
Not Red and White,
We're Orange and Black,
On Turkey Day, it's Kirkwood we attack.
We're the best of all,
You know what we mean,
Our strength can't be matched,
Even by the Power Team!

Elizabeth Malone gets "down" to the Senior Line Dance for the Pep Rally at Hixson.
Heads turn when they walk down the hall, mouths drop, and eyes open wide. Who are they? Zac Broughton and Erin Reed, winners of the "Best Body" award. It took a lot of hard work and determination to attract this kind of attention. Both Broughton and Reed work out on a regular basis and eat healthy foods.

To keep himself in shape, Zac works out almost every day for about one to one and a half hours. "I do bench presses, incline presses, dips, and a whole bunch of other weight lifting exercises. I feel healthy and good after a workout, because I am doing something that I like, and something that keeps me physically fit," Broughton explained.

Erin runs about four to five miles every other day, and does 100 sit-ups daily to stay physically fit. "Sometimes I like to run with other people to motivate myself, and to talk along the way. I think I would still run, even if my friends didn't, because I like to feel good about myself. It helps my confidence," Reed said.

Both Broughton and Reed believe that staying physically fit and eating right is good for everyone. Erin commended, "Staying healthy is good for your self esteem. If you feel good about the way you look, you will be confident in everything you do. If you are confident about yourself, even talking to people comes easier."

Looking good does have its drawbacks. Both Zac and Erin have been harassed and even groped for the way they look. "One time we [Zac and his family] were in Key West, and this lady came up and grabbed me. Later that day a man did the same thing. I was so embarrassed," Broughton explained.

Whenever Erin runs, some people, "usually guys," whistle or holler crude comments to her out their car windows. "It is really degrading to have people whistle at you from their cars when all your doing is trying to stay healthy. I get embarrassed when people do things like that," Erin said.

Whistles and crude comments aside, looking good has its pluses. Zac and Erin were both surprised and flattered to have won 'Best Body.' Zac said, "I feel really good that my efforts to keep in shape and to stay healthy have been recognized."

Sarah Giles
Lettin' It Flow
Marc Kurlander strives for creativity

"Friends, family, life, and love," answered Marc Kurlander when asked what gives him the inspiration for his creativity.

Through involvement with the school's art programs, he has developed an enjoyment of modern art and graffiti art work. To keep his flow of creativity, Kurlander says, I sit back and watch life flash before my eyes. I look at the bad and say, how can I make it good, then I look at the good and say, how can it be better?"

Kurlander plans to attend art school after high school where he says he'll be able to explore his creative nature more in depth. After college he plans to use his skills to become successful in the business world. "I'm going to make mad green!"

Kurlander leaves these words of advice with WGHS students "Friends are important! Be as nice as you can possibly be to others. Don't pass judgment on them, because you can't begin to know what they're going through. Oh yeah, word up to my boys."

Markus Garcia

Take a Flying Leap
Laurel Matheny reflects her individualist personality

"I am who I am... Don't be afraid of who you are...", is advice that Lauralee Matheny gives others as well as following religiously. Matheny, a "born artist," reflects her individualist personality in her artwork and writing. "I am an extremely versatile artist, but my favorite thing is painting. I do a lot of pen and ink, mosaics and graphic design. Basically, I'll alter anything I can get my hands on," she said. Matheny discovered her talent at a very young age; it was a gift always encouraged by herself and her parents to cultivate.

"As an artist, I continue to grow and expand daily. I grow artistically each time I decide to take a flying leap off a cliff and try something new, without any fear. Matheny said that much of the inspiration to expand is from her favorite musician, Tori Amos, who through music encourages her to "never look around to see who might be watching."

"I think creativity is essential," she finishes. "People need to listen to that voice inside their head sometimes. They need to do things that are different. It's the most gratifying thing, to create something with your own hands, from your own ideas. A person who never does that never really lives."

Amy Cook
I'm Not a Mooch!

Erica Crabson denies it all

A mooch by definition is one who sponges or begs shamelessly from another. "Why did I get biggest mooch then?" Exclaimed Erica Crabson after learning she had won the award for "Biggest Mooch."

Crabson was born on November 17, 1981 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "In Louisiana you can test into school when you are young. I took the entrance exam, and got accepted. I've always been a year younger than all of my classmates." Crabson explained.

Erica turned 16 in 1997 as a junior. Finally she could be an independent driver. "When I turned 16, I didn't have access to a car, and it is really hard to get a license without a car. Then when I did get a car, it was going to cost about $300 to get fixed. I didn't have that kind of money, so I got a job," Erica commented.

At the end of the summer, Crabson's driving luck took a turn for the worse. Her car was finally fixed, but now she couldn't drive because of a broken foot. Erica explained, "A friend and I were goofing around one night, I fell, and broke my foot in two places. It sucked, because I couldn't ride or blade to work, I had to ask for rides. My friends were all really great about it."

Now, what else does Erica mooch? NOTHING! Erica explained, "I don't mooch. I'm always letting people come over to my house and eat my food. I lend other people money, and some people even ask me for free food from my work. I just wish I knew why I won 'Biggest Mooch'?"

Sarah Giles

Can I Have That?

Charlie Bottani gets what he wants

Girls watch your purses!
Guys guard your wallets!
Heeere's Charlie! He'll take you for all you're worth and more. Charlie goes for everything and anything. "Whatever I want," he stated. Whether he needs it or not, if he wants it you can bet he'll do whatever it takes to get it. As far as paying you back goes, you can forget it.

Charlie said, "Even if I have money I rarely pay people back. Sometimes people become angry, but it's all in a day's work for Charlie. Once, Charlie talked Sam Coffey into giving him a cd player. That's some smooth talker."

Jaime Delgado

Zachary Broughton
Candice Brown
Nicholas Brown
Eric Busiek
Sally Buxbaum
Shirley Byrd
Todd Campbell
Tiffany Carson
Angela Carter

Andrew Chapman
James Clyburn
Lauren Cobb
Emily Coffey
Robert Colbert
Rashad Cole
Chad Collins
Benjamin Comegs
Erica Crabson

Andrew Cramer
Joseph Crask
Caitlin Cuba
Bonnie Cullmane
Michael Daly
Erzheno Dorzhojevo
Joseph Davidson
Jaime Delgado
Renata Derosis
Do You Ever Shut Up?
Lauren Farrell tells all

As I sat down with Lauren, I hoped I would get enough information for this article. Then I realized I was sitting with the girl who won most talkative. We found ourselves constantly moving away from the questions at hand. Lauren was very pleased that she won this category because she thought it would be fun to stand out for at least one thing. Throughout the years Lauren has had plenty of teachers and friends remind her of how much she talks with comments such as, "Lauren do you ever shut up?" Lauren agrees she may talk a little too much, but loves to talk about "anything and everything but mainly boys." Her longest conversation lasted four hours.
Jaime Delgado

I Am Not Annoying!
Ben Mahley wants the truth to be known

Anyone who has ever had a class with Ben knows that you don't have a chance to get any work done. Ben loves to get started talking on "anything that pops up." Ben was happy to win an award, but doesn't want to be remembered as the annoying kid in the back of the class who talked too much. He knew he talked a lot but never thought it was to this extreme. Ben's most memorable classroom experience took place his Junior year, in Mr. Smith's math class. Let's just say Ben loved to talk and this class was no exception. Mr. Smith often ignored Ben, especially when Ben was talking to him. One day, when the talking became too much, Mr. Smith couldn't take much more and began throwing chalk and erasers at Ben. However, it never stopped Ben.
Jaime Delgado
Living Life
to the Fullest
Anne Lutjens aims to please

Annie is the girl who definitely deserves this award. "I just like to make other people happy," as anyone who has ever sat down and talked with Anne would tell you. "I like to do fun things."

"I used to be really shy, until around the end of eighth grade. I still am pretty shy, but not like I used to be!" Annie explained. If there is anything not to like about her personality, she hides it well. "Sometimes I take things too seriously. I'd like to be more patient," commented Annie.

Annie's outlook on life is simple: "Live your life for others and live it to the fullest." Annie keeps her life full by participating in Guard, SSC, school musicals, Young Life, FCA, soccer, outdoor club, National Honor Society (vice-president), and co-editor of Echo newspaper.

I Can't Lose
Matt Lescher is definitely a cool guy

"I'm laid back, not much bothers me" Lescher said after being voted best personality. He then added after a long pause, "and I have variety". When asked Matt about his best qualities, Matt sat thinking for a minute. Could Matt possibly be described in one word? "Words cannot describe me," Matt explained.

Most of Matt's free time is spent hanging out at Marvin's, the neighborhood dance joint. Marvin's is, as many know, the establishment located in Matt's basement. "The people of Webster needed a place to dance, and so did I."

Since words do not do justice to Matt, he was told to compare himself with someone on television. "I'm like Johnny Depp from 21 Jump Street, cause it's a cool show, and I see myself as kind of a cool guy. See the match? Either that or Parker Lewis, cause I can't lose."

Whit Rogers
Smart Guy  Ben Morrison  on top of the world

"Of all of these awards, I think that this is the one I would want most," Ben said. When asked what he planned to do with his life, Ben said he wants to be a pediatrician. That means that high school is just the tip of the iceberg for his education.

One thing which drives most everyone up the wall about Ben is his amazing ability to get excellent grades with minimal work. "I really didn't have to study until this year." This is just as well because Ben uses most of his time doing other things.

In his free time, Ben enjoys script writing. Currently he and Matt Lescher are writing their second one-act play. Ben also spends time working at the ice rink, or doing volunteer work at various places.

Whil Rogers

Working Hard

Janielle Bachelder shapes a bright future

"Academics and making the best grades aren't as important as being true to yourself, being true to your personality and determination," said Janielle Bachelder, voted Most Likely to Succeed.

Determination is not something she lacks. Besides having a 4.6 cumulative GPA, Bachelder is involved in SSC, Key Club, Band, STAR and Young Life. Also, she works as a server in the dining room of Laclede Groves, a retirement home.

This year, Bachelder is taking honors/advanced placement courses such as Spanish Literature AP, Calculus AP, Pegasus 12, Advanced Physics, and Band.

During Bachelder's high school career, she has received recognitions of the Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship, the Harvard Book Award and the Statesmen Service Award.

Regarding college, Bachelder plans to attend Vanderbilt, M'Calaster, or University of Missouri-Columbia, where she plans to major in Biochemistry and minor in music. She hopes to become a pediatrician.

"Picking my favorite teacher is really hard," said Bachelder. "I'd have to say it's a tie between Horak [Biology], Wojak [Physics] and Dutcher [eighth grade Chemistry]. They inspired me to go into science. They made it exciting to learn—that's the best quality in a teacher."

Amy Cook
Sharing Happiness With Others

Amal Bala Brightens people's day

"I had a very determined orthodontist, who was dedicated to shaping my teeth to be the mystical pearls they are today," said Amal Bala, explaining why he won best smile.

One could wonder how he takes care of his smile, such as how many times a day does he brush his teeth. "My goal is about a hundred, but right now I only get about 2 or 3 brushes a day in," said Bala.

"I use Arm and Hammer, but I'm thinking of exploring the possibilities of a more advance whitening toothpaste," explains Bala to what kind of toothpaste he uses.

There is a good and a bad that comes with everything, so what is the bad that comes with being voted best smile? "Freshmen try and beat me up for it, but I don't let it get me down," explains Bala.

Some ways to achieve the same great smile as Bala, "Keep thinking good thoughts, and it will all flow naturally." Bala also said, "I think people in Webster need to make an effort to smile more. That would make the school a lot more pleasant."

Markus Garcia

Jenny Montero looking back

"Brush your teeth at least twice a day. It doesn't hurt much to use some of that whitening toothpaste, either," were the wise words of Jenny Montero, Warmest Smile.

Montero has never worn braces, but did wear a retainer for some time; she was actually teased about it. "I'm sure Zoë Broughton did [call me names], although I can't remember the exact names," she said.

Montero, whose smile resembles that of her mother, takes good care of her teeth in order to keep them when she is older. She brushes her teeth twice a day, and uses Crest Total Whitening toothpaste. "They [dentures] are funky! I hope I never have to get them."

Samantha Oberkrom
More Than Just Spirit
Courtney Smoot plans to gain more spirit

Courtney Smoot says, “The excitement of getting the crowd involved,” is what gives her the spirit that earned her the title of most spirited.

Smoot’s main spirit involvement with WGHS is her job as a varsity cheerleader. Even though she is a cheerleader, unlike other girls she never wanted to be a cheerleader in her youth. “It never really appealed to me,” said Smoot.

Smoot also stated that her spirit will carry over into college. Where Smoot says, “I’ll keep the spirit I have now, and I might just have more.”

Despite her spirit, the thing that excites Smoot the most is knowing that this is her final year of high school. The hardest thing for someone with spirit is to make it through the bad times. However, Smoot says, “I just think about all the good things and those outweigh the bad.”

Smoot leaves this advice to underclassmen, “Just be yourself and learn to have fun. These are the best times of your life.”

Markus Garcia

WGHS Supports a Male Cheerleader
Aaron Paget promotes academics and school spirit

“I got a megaphone. That was the best part!” said Aaron Paget, laughing. Paget, Most Spirited, and International Club, Chess Club, Key Club, National Honors Society, choir and former cheerleader, felt that without school spirit, a strong academic experience cannot be attained. “School is sometimes too focused on academics. What’s the point if you can’t always be proud of yourself and your school? You just gotta have fun,” he said.

Paget was a cheerleader his junior year of high school. “At first, I thought that everyone was going to be really irritated with me for being a male cheerleader,” he said. “It wasn’t like that at all. People seemed to either be really supportive, or not care.”

“One of my favorite memories of high school is cheering at a freshmen girls’ basketball game,” said Paget. “I made a complete fool of myself. It was great. I loved annoying the other teams.”

“Underclassmen need to remember how important it is to get involved. Make your presence known. I have,” said Paget.

Any other advice for underclassmen? “When all else fails, ask Mr. Moore,” he advised.

Amy Cook
Spend any time with Tyler Hunt and Megan Futhey and you'll figure that out. How did the two become friends? "We were in third grade and we walked up to each other and just said do you wanna be my friend?" said Hunt. "We hated each other at first," explained Hunt. What is it that makes their friendship so great? Futhey replied, "We know everything about each other." Sometimes high school friendships end after the friends depart for college. Yet, the two girls insist this will not be the case with their friendship. Every friendship experiences a fight between the two friends. Is this the case for these girls? "Seventh grade we got into a fist fight over a nose ring," explained Hunt. Even though they've fought before, the two say they'd never fight over a boy. "We don't even have the same taste in guys," said Hunt. When the two aren't in school they like to eat, watch TV and party. Hunt said, "We hangout with a different group of people every weekend." To sum up friendship to the students in WGH5, Futhey said "There's nothing better or nothing worse." Markus Garcia

Can you imagine Jon Hood and Darrell Strawbridge not being friends or, even more, completely hating each other? Just two years ago this was true, neither could stand each other, but through football it has become one of the tightest friendships at Webster. Now you can spot them everywhere together. From whooping up on the football field to macking on the ladies at parties and clubs. They even plan to attend the same college together. When asked how they stay so close, Darrell said, "he is conservative and Jon brings out his wild side. Then Jon added, "Darrell helps keep his wildness under control." Their biggest fight was during their Junior year over how they spent their Spring Break. Jon went to New Orleans with friends but Darrell could not go. Darrell said that Jon walked around gloating about the trip just to make him mad. Darrell does not always get the short end of the stick. He has the advantage over Jon's short temper. He likes to make ignorant comments just to watch Jon lose his cool. Both Jon and Darrell agreed that to keep a good, strong friendship you just have to accept the other person for their face value and everything will be "all good." Shelley Hammann
Cat Eyes
Shelby Schroeder's persuasive personality pays off

Shelby Schroeder wanted to win the category of Prettiest Eyes from the beginning. As soon as the Superlative sheets were passed out, she asked all of her friends to vote for her. Apparently she has enough friends that her strategy worked.

"I've always wanted purple eyes." Schroeder has always had unique eyes, but she thinks that it'd be interesting to change the color or even the appearance of her eyes to shapes like flowers using the various contacts now available.

Schroeder doesn't need contacts to change the appearance of her hazel eyes, though. "They change color depending on the time of day or the weather outside." For example, when it's sunny, her eyes become a yellowish-green. Her eyes also change to complement the clothes that she wears.

Schroeder protects those eyes with a free pair of black Oakleys that she got from her tennis coach, Terry, at the Webster Recreation Complex. "I had lost my own sunglasses, and he had a collection of sunglasses other people had lost, so he told me to pick out a pair."

When asked why she likes her eyes, Schroeder said, "Because they are shiny and are always different colors."

Alison Paul

Bright Eyes
Jeff Joerling's eyes find him love

"Freshman year I had a crush on him because his eyes were so captivating," said an anonymous source, referring to Jeff Joerling, winner of Prettiest Eyes. Joerling’s eyes haven’t changed since freshman year. In fact, they have remained the same since he was a little kid. Senior Sarah Giles said, "They have always been the kind of eyes that grab your attention because they are so full of energy."

Joerling wears regular contacts, but says that there is nothing wrong with color changing contacts. He says that it is "just like dying hair. It's a fashion statement." He doesn't need contacts to change his eye color, his eyes lighten when he wears light colored clothes.

Joerling’s fashion statement is his $140 pair of straight jacket Oakleys. Joerling describes his eyes as "very blue" and says that is what sets them apart from other people’s eyes. The anonymous source said that his eyes are so captivating because they are a "perfect blue."

Alison Paul
Ryan Frank wasn't the least bit surprised that he won the class clown award. "I get kicked out of class a lot for goofing off, so I thought I would win." He continued, saying, "I sacrificed my education for this award! No, I'm just kidding, I really don't care that I won." Ryan said that he likes to entertain people all of the time. "This helps me to be a better actor. The clowning comes first, and the acting falls into place after that. It just comes easily." Ryan said some of the things he does to entertain other people in class makes the teachers really mad. "Oh, you know, I make loud noises, sacrifice small animals, and take people hostage."

Ryan said he was a trouble maker as a little kid also. He was always goofing off and getting yelled at. He said that in high school he gets kicked out of class every year, which makes a lot of teachers mad at him. "I don't ever feel like I'm making a fool out of myself, I never regret anything!" Ryan wants the class of '99 to remember, "My good looks, charming personality, and my uncanny wit."

Lindsey Dohr

Shawnequa Giles suspected she would win class clown. "I've done a lot of goofy stuff since I've walked into this school freshman year. I can't see myself winning anything else." Shawnequa said it was her goal to win class clown. "I just like to make people laugh."

Some of the things she does to make people laugh are wearing her mom's fur coat down the street or playing practical jokes. "I have a pair of orange globe-trotter shorts that are really short with some orange socks that I pull up really high when it's only like twenty degrees outside." Shawnequa said she goofed off in class a lot and makes the teachers mad because they get distracted. "I don't care what other people think of me, so I don't feel like I'm making a fool out of myself." In closing, Shawnequa said, "What I want my classmates to remember about me is my sense of style, and what a clown I was." Lindsey Dohr

Elena Lambert
Paul Lambert
Elizabeth Lane
Elizabeth Langton
Jesse Lawder
Catherine Lee
Matt Lescher
Mariah Levinson
Lutosha Long

Jeffrey Loth
Anne Lutjens
Victor Macon
Ryan Maher
Benjamin Mohley
Elizabeth Malone
Jonathan Maness
Ala De Martin
Benjamin Mason

Renda Mason
Lauralee Matheny
Christopher Mathis
Jennifer McCann
Nicole McCoy
James Mcdowell
Timothy Mckay
Scott McHain
Ryan Miller
Dressed For Success
Keyana Isreal, Megan Grosberg, and Chad Collins strut their stuff

"People have always told me I dress well, but I never thought I would be voted best dressed." Keyana replied when asked if she had any premonitions. "I think I have a unique style of dressing," she added. "To be honest, I don't really shop for clothes that often." After confessing that it only takes her twenty minutes to get ready in the morning, she commented, "I pick out what I am going to wear to school the night before."

Keyana's favorite colors to wear are black and brown, and she was happy to reveal her favorite outfit as well. "I love to wear my fitted jeans, with fringes at the bottom. I can dress them up or dress them down."

While Keyana dresses up for school most days, she shops for a wide variety of clothes. Keyana loves to wear nice things, but draws the line and says, "I won't spend more than one hundred dollars on an article of clothing."

Willow Robin

When Chad Collins heard that he had won Best Dressed he replied, "I wasn't sure that I was going to win because my friend Rashad has a pretty lavish wardrobe." Chad feels that when it comes to dressing he has a unique style of his own. "I like dressing up most of the time for school," Chad said. When asked how long it took him to get ready for school in the morning he jokingly replied, "six hours," and then admitted to only taking thirty to forty-five minutes.

Chad's favorite store to shop at is Famous Barr, because of its variety of dress and casual clothes. Chad seems like a reasonable shopper when it comes to spending, if he finds an item he is dying to have he claimed, "I won't spend more than seventy dollars." When it comes to looking nice, you can count on Chad to look his best.

Willow Robin

"Whenever I get a paycheck," Megan Grosberg replied when she was asked how often she shops for clothes. This attitude pretty much sums up Megan's enormous wardrobe. When asked if she had a favorite outfit she exclaimed, "I have too many to pick from!" If Megan sees an outfit she has to have, "I'll pay as much as it costs." Her favorite clothing store to shop at is Esprit. Megan likes to wear jeans and khakis because you can wear them with anything.

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Megan said, "I pick out my clothes in the morning before school. Sometimes it can be a long ordeal. Megan tries to dress up for school at least once a week, but admits that she has not always loved clothes. Megan recalls, "When I was little I always wanted to buy toys over clothes, my brother always told me that some day I would love (clothes) and he was right."
First Pick
Betsy Moppert, MVP

Betsy Moppert comes from an athletic background, she grew up with athletic parents. She was always picked first for teams at Bristol Elementary. Everyone knew she was the best person to have on the team, they still know that to this day.

Moppert, voted Most Athletic, is extremely involved in sports. She currently plays soccer for WGHS and J.B. Marine, which she has played since age of five. Previously, she has played basketball and football for WGHS.

"My mom likes to water ski and my dad likes to play baseball. They're more included that involved, though," she said.

Samantha Oberkrom

Starting Young
Josh Rideout begins career in kindergarten

"I'd say I started playing sports somewhere around kindergarten," said Josh Rideout, Most Athletic. Rideout plays football, baseball and wrestles for WGHS teams. He enjoys playing sports outside school with friends, as well. His favorite sports are baseball and football. In football, he plays linebacker, nose tackle and fullback. In baseball, he plays second base.

"Mostly just the rules have changed," said Rideout, regarding his athletic career.

Samantha Oberkrom
The Party Never Stops

Joe Stapf an entertainer for all

"I don't see good parties. I know them," stated Joe Stapf. His classmates did agree that he can spice up, and spot a good party. "A dull party is when people I don't like and don't hang out with are there," Joe said that he'll leave the party and go to another one if it is dull. "I listen to parties by yelling and screaming a lot, so there doesn't have to be music," Joe said. "He would leave a party early if it was dull. When the cops come to break up a party, I don't go home, I leave and come back after they're gone," Joe explained. "He doesn't go to parties by himself, he goes with a group of friends called Team Blue. It doesn't matter if strangers are at a party that I am at, but I usually go to parties where just my friends are," Joe commented. Joe doesn't dance a lot, he sits and watches, even at Marvin's. "The music I like listen to at parties are bands like AC/DC, Alice Cooper, Van Halen, Ozzy Osborne, and Guns n' Roses. That is what makes a party good," Joe stated.

By: Lindsey Doht

Blue Forever

Cate Orwig and Kelly Geil aren't celebrating

Who is the life of the party, the funny one who does wild and crazy things on a whim? The winners are Kelly Geil and Cate Orwig, or are they? "I don't think I have earned the title 'Life of the Party,' because I'm not. I hide at parties when people start acting stupid," Kelly Geil explained. Both Geil and Orwig think that the deserving winner is Sara Bausola. Bausola attended Webster Groves High School her freshmen through junior year and was a renowned party animal. "Whenever Sara "Blue" Bausola was, that's where the party was," Cate said.

Orwig explained, "I don't even like parties. I sit in a corner and make fun of all the people that are acting like idiots." Sara was never a corner hugger at a party. "I miss (Sara) and what she stood for...having a good time."

Although Kelly and Cate may have the title 'Life of the Party' they feel they don't deserve the award, and it should have been Sara. Cate said, "We all love and miss Sara, and her wild party side."

Sarah Giles
Don't worry! Melissa Weisenfels and Ben Morrison aren't really fighting. They're just settling and argument.

Jamaal Parker
Nathaniel Patton
Alison Paul
Jennifer Pozder
Jack Pepin
Jeffrey Perry
Scott Petersen
Andrea Petty
Jennifer Pfeifer

Benjamin Philibert
John Pichon
Sara Plowman
Christine Plunkert
Tranei Polites
Leslie Posley
Ekkanut Prantanchai
Paris Rackley
Michaela Ranciville

Erin Reed
Erica Reif
Chad Richardson
Maya Richardson
Sherry Richardson
Gregory Ricketts
Joshua Rideout
Mark Robertson
Willow Robin

We're gonna party like it's 19...
Danny Nolan, Joe Stapf and Todd Edwards get "into" the job of repairing "The Bronc," so they can confidently go "schmobbin'" later on.

Martin D'Argenta Ataullfo, Jeff Loth, Bonnie Cullinane and Tom Yarbrough risk their lucky egg in a drop test from the annex fire escape. The drop tests their capsule design for integrity and strength.
Amy Windel is attentively listening to instructions being deceminated during Senior Survival Class. Students learn basic principals for dealing with the "real world" after graduation.

Nat Erdman belts out a few tunes in a singing presentation during his English class.
"No pain, no gain" is the motto Art Banks adopts while getting "buff" in weight training.

Charlie Hahn carefully smooths and finishes his ceramic vase which he made in Mrs. Antrim's ceramics class.
Ryan Maher really "loves" Mr. Brian Yates Astronomy class. Maybe it's all those early morning star gazing sessions that have him so excited.

Djenab Stallings
Elijah Stamps
Joseph Stopf
Christopher Stein
Lauren Strange
Darrell Strawbridge
Julie Sullivan
Renee Sulce
Erica Swapshire

Douglas Sweeney
Andrew Swinehart
Zachary Tangemon
Dale Thompson
Kimberly Thompson
Jeannine Tornetto
Charlotte Traos
Candace Trice
John Tullmann

Jean Valentini
Loretta Vaughn
Abigail Velten
Christopher Vierling
Shanee Walker
Joshua Ward
Nicholas Watson
Monique Weekley
Melissa Weisenfels

We're going to make it 19...
Libby Felton tests evidence to try and determine the suspect in a mock criminal investigation as part of Forensic Science.

Erica Swopshire attempts to negotiate the classroom aisle while wearing glasses that simulate being drunk. The demonstration was part of "Red Ribbon Week" presentations educating students to the dangers of drinking alcohol.
Jon Maness prepares a sheet of metal before he can work with it.

"It's bound to happen!" exclaims Zoe Broughton, awaiting the reaction of mixing two chemicals together.

Anne Lutjens and Sharon Foldes eagerly review an issue of Echo Newspaper hot off the presses.

"One...two...three..." counting elements through a microscope can be tedious, but, that is what it takes to do it right the first time as Jenny McCann and Betsy Moppert work together so they do not have to repeat the experiment.

Mike Daly grabs the opportunity to catch a nap before Dr. Drake's Photography Class begins.

Art Banks, tattoo and all, is going to make sure the knot does not cross the line in Turkey Day tug of war.

Candace Trice takes care of paperwork, as student assistant for Unit 102.

Bonnie Cullinane works her clay on the kick wheel, in Ms. Antrim's pottery class.

With a disgruntled look on her face, Libby Felton lets everybody know how she feels about the idea.
It Seems Like Only Yesterday

By: Willow Robin and Sarah Giles
56,648,000 Seconds Later...

1. Nat Erdman
2. Nick Brown
3. Erica Crabson
4. Megan Futhey
5. Shaun Shell
6. Ben Schwartz
7. Elizabeth Malone
8. Lauren Farell
9. Joe Davidson
10. Laura Scherry
11. Scott Petersen
12. Markus Garcia
13. James Clyburn
14. Tanya Hoard
15. Nathan Whitney
16. Amanda Schrader
17. Marc Kurlander
18. Whit Rogers
19. Tim Shatsar
20. Gregory Ricketts
21. Cathy Lee
22. Candace Benford
23. Chad Richardson
24. Djenab Stallings
25. Jack Pepin
26. Mark Robertson
27. Katie Friz
28. Elena Lambert
29. Jaime Delgado
30. CJ Fischer
31. Chris Wild
32. Andrea Farmer
33. Charlotte Traas
34. Jenny Pfeifer
35. Lisa Wright
36. Elizabeth Langton
37. Carly Siebert
38. Francesca Griffin
39. Mike Snodgrass
40. Libby Felton
41. Krisan Mindak
42. Jeff Perry
43. Sharon Foldes
44. Shelby Schroeder
45. Dan Dymek
46. Michelle & Elizabeth Sasser
47. Joye Hollins
48. David Staeter
49. Jesse Fischer
50. Brianne Rose
51. Chris Stein
52. Justin Dyson
53. Sybil Williams
54. Bryan Killoren
55. Joy Hill
56. Lindsey Doht
57. Andrea Petty
58. Anne Lutjens
59. Sherry Richardson
60. JB Huguenin
61. Jamie Simonpietri
62. Erica Reif
63. Keith Schawacker
64. Janielle Bachelder
65. Ben Hamlin
66. Erica Greer
67. Jeff Highfill
68. Alison Hannon
69. Jonathan Maness
70. Monique Weekley
71. Erin Reed
72. Chris Vierling
73. Shanae Walker
74. Betsy Lane
75. Julie Sullivan
76. Paul Lambert
77. Nora Mosby
78. Chad Collins
79. Tim McKay
80. Christi Plunkert
81. Drew Chapman
82. Sara Bieber
83. Eric Busiek
84. Bob Orf
85. Erin Rubinelli
86. Jeff Bilger
87. Ben Morrison
88. Sarah Spradling
89. Jenny Fisher
90. Nicole McCoy
91. Erica Driver
92. Andrew Swinehart
93. Meredith Herrmann
94. Shawnequa Giles
95. Zach Tangeman
96. Willow Robin
97. Benjamin Mason
98. Sarah Giles
99. Amal Bala
100. John Tullmann
101. Kelly Geil
102. Nicholas Bond
103. Charles Bottani
104. Tara Giacopelli
105. Candace Brayfield
106. Chris Engelbart
107. Amy George
108. Scott McLain
109. Jenny Pazdera
110. Betsy Mopper
111. Lindsey Wiese
112. Candice Brown
113. Sally Buxbaum
114. Max Mittler
115. Mia Rusan
116. Kevin Nordmann
117. Amanda Barger
118. Owen Scott
119. Daniel Nolan
120. Jonathan Hood
121. Sarah Naglich
122. Sara Plowman
123. Melissa Weisenfelds
124. Ryan Frank
125. Beth Knoerle
126. Monique Gardner
127. Lauren Cobb
128. Erica Swapshire
129. Shelley Hammann
130. AJ Mitchell
131. Sara Batz
132. Sara Souder
133. Monaca Rogers
134. Jon Bonham
135. Michael Daly
136. Christopher Issit
137. Loretta Vaughn
138. Courtney Smoot
139. Anna Mosby
140. Caitlin Cuba
141. Lauralee Matheny
142. Renee Sulze
143. Charles Hahn
144. Leslie Posley
145. Toby Patton
146. Erica Easter
147. Jeanann Tornetto
148. Leonard Woodson
149. David Knipp
150. Matt Lescher
151. Nicole Fields
152. Abigail Velten
153. Stephanie Kirk
154. Darrell Strawbridge
155. Amanda Fisher
156. Meghan Barton
157. Jonathan Kaalberg
158. Amanda Jones
159. Jenny Montero
160. John Jones
161. Chris Mathis
162. Jeff Loth
163. Tyler Hunt
164. Jesse Lawder
165. Ben Mahley
166. Ella Keeven
167. Jessica Brockmeyer
168. David Kraft
169. Angela Carter
170. Ryan Miller
171. Besa Schweitzer
172. Renata De Rosis
173. Ellen Emmons
174. Paul Hoffsten
175. Jennifer McCann
176. Erin Brauer
177. Zac Broughton
178. Todd Edwards
179. Alma Betts
180. Ben Philibert
181. Pat Anson
182. Jennifer Hiatt
183. Christopher McConnell
184. John Pichon
185. Elisabeth Olson
186. Keyana Isreal
187. Brandon Banks
188. Robert Newquist
189. Cullen Shearburn
190. Laura Hadley
191. Alison Paul
192. Ben Hamlin

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Time is of the essence
Three Down And One To Go
By Christi Plunkert

Junior year is a time of friends, parties, going to games, and looking at colleges. Junior year is supposed to be filled with great times. Here is what four students had to say about their junior year.

"T.P. ing the hockey team had to have been the best part of the year," said junior, Jessie Krantz.

"We're close to being seniors. We have more opportunities and advantages then we had when we were freshmen. We also get more respect from the underclassmen," said junior, Jasmyn Norful.

"The best part of my junior year was winning the hockey tournament and Turkey Day, and hopefully winning State. And being a member of the 'Dive Team,'" said junior, Joe Brussel.

"Junior year has been my best year at Webster. Also the hockey team did really well, which makes it even better," said junior, Sally Roth.
Jordan Pickeral is catching some shut-eye during Mr. Wojak’s “phun-philled physics class.”


Jessie Krantz is catching up on some of the homework reading she missed.
Adam Wise finds a nice corner to curl up in and struggles to finish homework before class starts.

Jasmy Norful is posting signs around school to keep students well informed about upcoming events.

Pat Lodes hurries to finish his work before the bell rings.

Gale Cammon is caught in a daze as she listens to Mr. Yates talk about the stars.
James Cavitt
Darrin Cayton
Maria Careghino
Clint Chaffee
Tiffany Chambers
Lauren Chekoudjian

Alex Christensen
Jermaine Clark
Matthew Clark
Juan Cole
Elizabeth Comegys
Amy Cook

Molly Cooper
Trevor Cooper
Benjamin Cornell
Paul Cracchiolo
Lesley Cross
Jeremiah Cruesoe

Blythe D.
Diana Daniels
Jamie Daughaday
Brandon Davis
Megan Davis
Anne Dean

Blythe Debenport
Stephanie Deguire
Sarah Devasto
Nicole Dickey
Amy Dribin
Dana Drummer

Thomas Duebelbeis
Julie Duenke
Michael Duggan
Joanna Dunn
Rebecca Dunn
Molly Eckrich

Melissa Edwards
Tiffany Ellis
Brian Fagnani
Jeffrey Flanagan
Joseph Fobert
Natasha Foote

Brian Freesh
Philip Frisella
Earl Gadle
Paul Gayer
Mike Gee
Erika Gestrich
Alan McReynolds
Matthew McSorley
Ethan Mead
Natasha Meredith
Darnell Miller
Sarah Miller

Charisa Mims
Jacquie Moehlmann
Jennifer Montero
Morgan Moody
Lauren Moore
Yolanda Morris

Jeffrey Moser
Robert Moss
Justin Myrick
Martin Nau
Kathryn Nelsen
Bethany Nelson

Michael Nesbitt
Cherie Nestor
Laura Neumann
Samuel Nichols
Jasmyn Norful
Betsy O'Brien

Jackie Oberkrom
Elizabeth Obrien
Patrick Orconnor
Brook Omura
John Oneil
Martin Ostmann

Iheoma Osuegbu
Shawn Paiva
Joshua Palacios
Mathew Palmer
Katy Palmier
Daniel Paschen

Darren Patterson
Rebecca Patton
Shannon Payne
Alyson Pedley
Mary Perez
Travis Petersen

Andrew Phillips
Jordan Pickeral
Bradley Pluhar
Brian Pracht
Stephanie Preuss
Erica Price
Rebecca Dunn, Erin Siebel, Katie Sonderman, and Emily Slessinger make a bid to be the most obnoxious during spirit week on reverse day.

Britt Caldwell and Jennifer Kettler share their Webster Pride at the annual Turkey Day Game. An all out effort by the Statesman football team and their fans couldn’t pull out a victory.

Amy Dribbin listens carefully to further instructions as the SSC groups joined together to clear the SSC room. The SSC room is being turned into a classroom next year.

Christian Kirk and Phil Frisella test their “Martha Stewwartness” in the kitchen, during Foods and Consumer Services.

Matt Clark sketches another masterpiece as Evan Russell gives some pointers. Matt and Evan are just two of the members of the after school Art Club.

The pressure is on to get hooked up correctly. Molly Cooper prepare to rappel from the roof of Robert’s Gym for Outdoor Recreation.
Trapped in time
Caught In The Middle
With Time To Spare

By Shelley Hammann

Being a Sophomore is a rough time. You’re no longer babied like a freshman with excuses like, ‘I forgot which lunch I had,’ or ‘I couldn’t find the class room.’ You’re not a Junior with the privilege of being an upperclassman. There are no class meetings or anticipation of your last year. You are so far from being a Senior, there are no picnics, prom, graduation or respect. Being, literally, caught in the middle, this year’s Sophomores, class of 2001, are having fun and making memories while in the background.

SSC sponsors, Ms. Moore and Ms. Hencken said that the kids were all fun, energetic, and willing to work.

Ryan Linhorst checks the clock again, waiting for the bell to ring.

Bobby Warner is in deep thought, dreaming about the hot date he has Friday night.

Brad Hannon listens intently to his teacher, hoping to learn something interesting to share over the dinner table.

Jessica Robinson and Sarah Rodi prepare a French cuisine in Mrs. Westoff’s cooking class.
Sophomore Julio Marsh and chemistry teacher Ms. Ahern share laugh before an MSLP field trip.

Carl Odenwall and Leonard Grandberry say, "1,2,3 PULL" as the Sophomore class gains a victory in tug'o war, during Spirit Week.

Working hard or hardly working- Erica Thumb and Mike Cacciolo are hard at work...at least that's what they want you to believe.

Phoebe Fishman carefully spreads mulch in the courtyard during the annual Fall Clean-Up. The clean-up is made up of students and parents, volunteering their time toward cleaning the high school.

Sophomore Brad Hannon is determined to do his best in making the sophomore hallway look outstanding for Spirit Week class hallway decoration competition.
Cortez Little
Joseph Lively
Allen Logan
Avery Long
Melanie Longi
Nicole Lopez

Derek Loudermilk
Michael Madden
Michelle Madison
Rebecca Madras
Justin Mahley
Destiny Maret

Marshall Margenau
Julia Marsh
Brian Marshall
Jacob Martin
Janice Martin
Paul Mattie

Ryan McCall
David McCoy
Nicholas McDowell
Katy McIntosh
Cameron McKay
Eliza McKay

Monica McKenna
Cameron Meredith
Breanna Merheyew-Grace
Nicholas Meyer
Kalena Miles
Derrick Ming

Reuben Mirabal-Wehrli
Thomas Monaghan
Emily Moore
Jason Moran
Margaret Morrison
Jason Moschner

Alison Moyer
Tammy Mueller
Brad Munger
Graham Murphy
Leanne Murphy
Stephanie Murray
Freshmen Life:
Isn't what it used to be

By: Matt Lescher

They are: small, young, and all around the school. They are freshmen. The class of 2002 was the newest addition to the family of Webster Groves high school in 1998.

Freshmen enter high school uncertain of what the future holds for them. For many, being a freshmen is an opportunity for a fresh start; a chance to make new friends and a clean slate of grades.

The freshmen of today do not return home with bruises and black eyes. Hazing is illegal and our school has stricter consequences for upperclassmen who initiate the young ones. The result is fewer freshmen end up crying while being shoved into lockers.
Jack Lee looks on in shock at the A Nick Canter received on his test.

Christie Key and Suzannah Lutjens take a break in their school day for some good old fashioned board games.

There are no words to describe Scott Stein's look of enthusiasm while having fun in math class.
Michelle Mergler and Leigh Jacobson are enjoying "breakout" group work in science.

Amy Schmitt tries to concentrate on working while she listens intently to the instructions.

Making sure to stay in the lines, Celia Underwood carefully colors a masterpiece.

Future scientist of America, Terrence Granderson, hopes to find a new strain of DNA in Mr. Heplinger's biology class.

Michelle Mergler and Leigh Jacobson are enjoying "breakout" group work in science.
Timothy Futhey
Sarah Godel
Hannah Goebler
Stephen Gee
Evan Gilb
Sherrelle Giles

Timothy Gilstrap
Robert Givens
Angela Gluesenkamp
Jacqueline Gluesenkamp
Ladonna Goodson
Terrence Granderson

Gary Grant
Jasmine Green
Timothy Green
Andrew Greenhaw
Allegro Grizzanti
Leonard Grosso

Jacob Hahn
Josh Hall
Megan Hamlin
Dennis Hannahii
Mary Hannon
D’Von Harper

Crystal Harris
Daite Harris
Stephen Harris
Joseph Hawks
Ramon Hayes
Danielle Haymore

Anthony Heine
Antonyo Henderson
Paul Herbert
Emily Herron
Jessica Heusler
Jacob Hight

Jamel Holt
Katherine Homan
Robert Horsfield
Zachary Hubbard
Sarah Hudson
Jonathan Huff

Pamela Hummert
Stephen Hunkins
Diana Hunt
La Joyia Hurst
Claire Ifrrig
Lacey Jackson

The countdown begins
Kenneth Mason
Jamie Mazdra
Natalie McConkey
Melissa McGivney
Rachael McKee
Meghan McLain

Andrea McLean
Amanda Mehl
Michelle Mergler
Joseph Metcalf
D'Andre Miles
Elizabeth Mindak

Bryce Mitchell
Clifford Mitchell
Jane Mittler
Joseph Montgomery
Manuel Mora
Andrea Morrison

Katherine Moschner
Sara Moser
Terence Moses
Latoya Mosley
Anthony Muskinjir
Jonathan Myers

Thomas Nea
Sarah Nelsen
Jessica Nelson
Perrin Newman
Benjamin Niemoeller
Katie Niesen

Emily Noll
Bradford Nordeen
Cory O'Bryant
Clarence Olsen-Ledeen
Jesse Olsen-Ledeen
Jeffrey Olson

Dustin Oppelt
Yara Osuegbu
Sarah Paget
David Parker
Kyle Pershing
James Pfeifer

Sutira Piyajessodakul
Tiera Potter
Danielle Powell
Junius Ranciville
Ebene' Reed
Luis Reed
Staff
Administratrion

Patricia Voss, Principal
Jon Clark, Assistant Principal
George White, Assistant Principal

John Raimondo, Assistant Principal
Tim Moore, Activities Director
David Dreher, Police Liaison Officer
Staff

Art
Andrew Throm, Debbie Genovese, Karin Antrim, Dr. Lee Drake*

Business
Kari Farmer, Alisha Schoemel, Diana Similer*, Dan Broshears

Drama
Ed Grooms*, Keith Osterberg

* Denotes department chair
English
Agnes Gregg*, Jenny VanBruesegen, Nancy Walters, Minnie Phillips, Ginger Shaw, Sandra Janhke, Chris Strube, Stephanie Juengling, Keith Osterberg, Ann-Marie Brewster, Kristan Moore, David Mendelson, Dr. Bob Hutcheson, Donald Johnson

Foods And Consumer Sciences
Anne Westhoff, Diane Stromberg*, Joyce Drazic

Foreign Language
Beth Hinkson, Linda Buxbaum, Pamela Carmell, Vonna Despotis*, Penny Barnicle, Cindy Sittman, Justo Herrera, Susan Patrick
Staff

Industrial Technology
Frank Mandernach, Glen Dutch, Ron Wallace*

Library/Media Center
Joe Raiser, Jeff Outlaw, Vron Murphy, Molly Kridel, Dr. Grant Brady*, Bob Chekoudjian

Math
Paula Lindberg, Eric Dunn, Suzanne Fillion, Lynette Hampton, Kent Ragland, Mary Ellen Mongan, Karen Hermann, Martha Lane*, Bern O'Brien, Amalia Golcynski, Paul Ahlvin
Music

John Johnson, Jackie Thompson, Vickie Boren*, Dane Williams, Kathleen Ahern

Physical Education

Doug Schlegel, Gloria Smith, David Cady, Janice Tompkins, Ken Manwarring*

Resource

Len Daiber, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Boling, Terri Brandt, Jan Hoffman, Jane Raimondo, Nini Herrmann, Jerry Paul
Staff

Social Studies

Science
Brian Yates, Phillip Wojak, Regina Lynch, Mike Abegg, Kathleen Ahern, Larry Horak*, Marty Walter, Joe Hepfinger, Margaret Skouby, Jeanette Hencken, Chris Sherman

Study Skills
Carol Holian, Sandy Grady*
Cafeteria

Front row: Betty Brady, Terry Ann Brignole, Beverly Hackmann, Nancy Giessman, Norma Brouk
Back row: Mary Ann Schafer, Eleanore Maniaci, Earlene McGowen, Karen Bish, Patty Bowan

Athletic Office

Shirley Uptergrove, Jack Jones (Athletic Director)

Permanant Subs

Wendy Weyer, Bob Walker, Rick Puller
Staff

Unit 102
Pat Ferrugia, Amanda Johnson-Muirhead, Dan Sebben, Pat Reed, Flo Meier

Unit 104
Thomasina Hassler, Luaren St. Lawrence, Daine Brockman, Charlotte Holmes

Unit 106
Mary Cherrick, Pam Mahoney, Ben Averbuch, Lillian Curtis

Unit 108
Gary McFarland, Cindy McCann, Margaret Karleskint, Carla Thomas, Cindy
In School Suspension

Harold Hardin

Building Maintenance

Frank Schaffer

Nurse

Lynn Buss
Memories were built in 1998-1999. Chess Club, into its third year, continues to challenge students of WGHS (above right). Everyone will recall the German trip in summer 1998, when students finally get their revenge on Frau Sittman (above left)—Don’t you wish you could do this to all your teachers? Senior Ryan Frank (above middle) makes history as he prepares to drop his egg safely to the ground in Senior Leadership Seminar. Also, a most memorable experience, senior Mike Hickey finally fixes that car he has been working on in Auto Technology.
Spending the End of the Century in the Yearbook Penitentiary

By Krisan Mindak and Matt Lescher

Every year the Echo Yearbook goal is to make the yearbook better than the previous year. With only two experienced staff members returning (Matt Lescher, layout editor and Krisan Mindak, editor in chief) the senior dominated staff got busy.

One big change for the 1998-1999 yearbook is the addition of two guys, Whit Rogers and Markus Garcia; raising the grand total from one to three. "The only reason I joined the staff was to try and get some dates with all of the pretty girls!" stated Garcia. Yearbook’s plan of attack for next year is to attract more guys and underclassmen to the staff. By doing so, it would bring an even wider variety of students to the book. With experienced staff coming in it allows the production of the book to begin right away, as opposed to spend time on the "basic training" aspect.

Though stressful at times it is agreed that when the book is handed out at the end of the year, all of the extra hours and stress is well worth it.
Markus Garcia begins a rough draft of a layout in a quiet zone established by Dr. Brady... The Library.

Working in the library Shelley Hammann carefully crops team photos for a sports layout.

Do you know what we are spelling? ... "WE 'R' COOL" Back: Sarah Giles, Christi Plunkert, Amy Cook, Krisan Mindak (editor in chief), Willow Robin, Lindsey Doht. Middle: Shelley Hammonn, Markus Garcia, Whit Rogers, Bob Chekouldjian (advisor). Front: Sara Ross, Alison Paul, Sam Oberkrom, Jaime Delgado, Matt Lescher (layout editor).

Whit Rogers looks through Kirkwood's old yearbook to find out what he shouldn't do.
Left: Completely stressed Amy Cook writes the body copy for her Echo layout.
In a Webster Groves Minute

Juniors Marty Nau and Evan Russell are busy as usual working on their monthly story ideas for the ECHO. The ECHO has covered issues this year such as teenage alcohol use, religions and open campus lunch policy.

Above right: Editors Annie Lutjens and Sharon Foldes, seniors, work on their current layout, discussing any improvements that can be made.


Far right: Markus Garcia, senior, prepares to update the ECHO's web page. This is Garcia's first year on Web Staff.

Junior Pat Velten works diligently gathering information for his current article.
Above: Liz Langton, Elizabeth Malone and Charlotte Troaz, seniors, proofread pages of the October issue of the ECHO.

Right: Columnist Cathy Lee, senior, carefully drafts her column for next month. This year, Lee has discussed such topics as homelessness and the death of a friend.

Below: ECHO advisor Donald Johnson reviews the finished product.

ECHO Newspaper Thrives on Change

By Amy Cook

Don Henley of the Eagles said, "In a New York minute, everything can change." For the WGHS ECHO newspaper, this could not be more true.

The ECHO, led by adviser Donald Johnson, has further broadened their newspaper’s horizons this year. Editors Sharon Foldes and Annie Lutjens have expanded the ever-changing layout to include a sports column written by Drew Chapman and a Standouts section that spotlights outstanding students and staff.

“This year has been excellent for the ECHO staff. We really have a creative and diverse group of students,” said Foldes. “We’ve gotten so many compliments from teachers, students and former editors. Ms. Voss has even sent us numerous ‘thank yous’ for our efforts. Change is what has made us so much better. We thrive on it!”
International Club

By: Alison Paul

The International Club meets twice a month in Mrs. Barnicle's room. The club's purpose is to help the exchange students learn more about American culture through activities like going to a movie or having a barbecue. Webster students also learn about different cultures and traveling to other countries. This year, a couple of exchange program representatives came to speak about the various programs they have to offer. This year's sponsors were Mrs. Barnicle and Ms. Carmell.

Anna Clausen takes down some information for the International Club's annual carnation sales.

This year's foreign exchange students, Arturo Bravo, Ekkanut Prantanachai, Renata De Rosis, Maria Rodriguez, and Erzhena Darzhayeva, smile big, showing how much they enjoy being a part of the International Club.

Thespians

By: Matt Lescher

Troop 191 represents the Theatre work in WGHS. This year they took "Sybiosis," a One Act play written by Ryan Frank, to the Missouri State Thespian Conference. In the spring of 1999, Troop 191 participated in a project called Swapping Shakespeare. WGHS joined Lee Summit, a Kansas City high school, and they performed a Shakespearean play for each other. Webster performed "Taming of the Shrew" and Lee Summit performed "Much Ado About Nothing." In order to become a member of Troop 191, one must obtain 10 points through theatre activities.

Thespians officers, Tyler Hunt (Vice President), Gabe Levinson (Secretary), Brienne Rose (President), Anne Zager (Historian), and Ben Hamlin (Points officer), pose with thespian sponsor Ed Grooms.
Student Legislative Board

By: Shelley Hammann

SLB is a branch of the Student Council of WGHS. It acts as a liaison between the student body and administrators. Every new club and organization must first be passed by SLB.

To become a member of SLB, a student must first gather supporters signatures from 2% of the student body.

Each class’s SSC President must also be a member of SLB in order to relay information between the two organizations.

SLB: Front row: Jesse Lawder, Lauren Farell, Jennifer McCann, Shelby Schroeder Middle row: Jon Roundy, Laura Neumann, Mandy Heurmann, Elizabeth Teczar, Sara Price, Leigh Jacobson, Gabe Levinson, Lauren Bell Back row: David Kraft.

By: Alison Paul

This year, Star, a club geared toward providing food for the homeless, pushed for more support from other clubs and sports teams due to its lack of money. Various groups provided support. The Math and Social Studies departments held a competition near the end of December to see who could bring in the most food. The Social Studies department won, but the Math department provided more people to make the sandwiches. The sandwiches were delivered to St. Vincent’s Church in downtown St. Louis.

Eliza McKay, Jim Muth, Mrs. Wilson, and Erica Thum share some jokes while making sandwiches for STAR.

Seniors Chris Mathis and Marc Kurlander prepare sandwiches to be delivered to St. Vincent’s Church downtown.

Sophomore Derek Loudermilk passes out the bread as junior Lisa Gilbert slaps on the meat.

National Honor Society

By: Markus Garcia

This elite membership of students attained a 3.75 grade point average or higher for 5 or more semesters. They have also gained membership based on character, leadership and service. Inductions are held every spring. The sponsor is Mr. Milstead. NHS traditionally holds an annual blood drive, can food drive and various other service projects.

Peer Helpers

By: Markus Garcia

Peer Helpers is an organization that focuses on assistance and informing the youth in the community. They travel to elementary schools with a program called "High School Heroes", where they educate the youngsters on peer pressure and give them ways to overcome that pressure. Peer Helpers show new students around the school and get them familiar with the school and the students. They also participate in service projects and food drives.

Scrub a dub-dub, Amanda Barger sure knows how to clean a tub. 

NHS members get down and dirty to cleaning up for one of their various service projects.

Amy Cook does her job as head of publicity for Peer Helpers. Other Officers are Allegra Roundy, Amy Dribin, Sharon Foldes, and Britt Caldwell.
Key Club

By: Markus Garcia

Key club is an international high school organization. The club’s focus is on service and is sponsored by Kiwanas International, a community service for business and professional adults. Sponsor Ms. O’Brien and members focus on environmental cleanups, help with charitable athletic events and work with young children.

Chess Club

By: Markus Garcia

Well-known for outrageous announcements, chess club wants its presence to be known. The members meet every Thursday to play or learn to play chess. Sponsor Cindy Sittman enjoys the energy and vitality displayed at the club meetings. As members’ chess playing ability improves they move on to compete in area competitions. On occasion, the club attends lectures by expert chess players to learn strategies and techniques used to become more successful. Finally, members participate in competitions and lectures across the metropolitan area with hopes of becoming better players and strategists.

The officers of Key Club: Lauren Tuffli, Laura Neumann, Allegra Roundy, Lauren Farrell.

Seniors Jesse Nenninger and David Bell play an interesting game of chess.

Sometimes chess can be a really hard game.
Willow Robin, Ryan Frank, and Marc Kurlander are busy preparing the Senior banner to put in Robert's Gym.

Seniors Keith Schawacker, Nathan Whitney, Drew Chapman, and Andrew Swinehart say, "Hey, we need more tin foil!".

Sophomore Jane Davis supervises Molly Thacker's taping techniques.

Freshman Sara Story concentrates on her masterpiece.

Juniors Greta Rothe and Sarah Leahy make sure the banner is even.
Every year, the student service council (SSC) plays a big role in the Turkey Day spirit week. Each class participates in decorating a hall in WGHS. This year's decoration theme was "WGHS Over the Decades." Prior to Spirit Week, students stayed after school every day in order to get hallway decorations finished and ready to put up. The seniors had a seventies "disco" theme, the juniors with the fifties, the sophomores with the sixties, and the freshmen in eighties decor. Mr. Moore judged the hallways at eight o'clock on the Friday before Spirit Week. To no great surprise, the seniors came out on top with first place.

SSC spends a lot of time on Turkey Day, but they are also involved in many other activities. The Freshmen fundraise for future activities and the sophomores M.C. the Turkey Day pep assembly. The juniors fundraise for prom, host and decorate for the Sweetheart Dance, and run the Night Turkey Day Pep Rally. SSC decorates for the Friendship Dance when it is held at Webster, and during the holidays they adopt families by providing food and clothing for them. Anyway you look at it, SSC is always there in the nick of time with service and spirit.
As senior Quincy Austin approached the podium, the standing-room only crowd became silent, watching intently his every move. However, in an instant, the mood changed from somber and anxious to excited and intense.

Austin performed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream Speech” with the same feeling and intensity King felt during his time. Austin was performing with Students for Awareness and Action during its annual Dr. King Assembly.

SAA, sponsored by guidance counselor Thomasina Hossler, promotes the appreciation of the Civil Rights movement, by continuing King’s legacy. The duty of SAA members throughout the year is to spread their knowledge of African American history and rights with their peers.

Junior Katy Nielsen stares seriously into the audience during her dance.
Above left: Juniors Vanessa Mai, Josh Speigal and Rachel Weiner evaluate a submitted poem. Above right: Senior Sally Buxbaum tries to contain her excitement while reading another love poem. Right: It's a hard knock life for freshman Brad Nordeen, as junior Amy Cook is quick to show.

Senior Jenny Fisher laughs at a humorous story submitted by a student.


Lauralee Matheny and Brad Nordeen debate on whether to publish a poem that contained semi-offensive material.

Lauralee Matheny prepares her poem for submission.

Vanessa Mai critiques a poem written by a senior.

Heart and Soul
Reflections Promotes Creativity
by Amy Cook

Reflections Literary Arts Magazine, sponsored by Stephanie Juengling, for decades has been an outlet for creativity and inspiration. Originally entitled Potpourri when first unveiled, the magazine continues to strive for their improvement and recognition.

"I don't think a lot of people realize how much work we put into this publication," said junior Rachel Weiner. "We spend months pouring over poetry, stories and art, but we never get the same recognition the Yearbook or the ECHO do. We look at this as merely a challenge, instead of a problem," she said.

Reflections accepts prose, poetry, black and white photography and artwork for its spring issue. They accept submissions until March, but in some cases, do make exceptions, said Weiner. Last year, they continued to receive submissions until layout in April.

"We're a great outlet for students' feelings," said Lauralee Matheny, senior. "With all the wonderful and horrible things that have happened in out school this year, we need a constructive way to share and vent them."
DECA

By: Alison Paul

Deca is a student marketing organization. Deca members develop leadership, communication and job skills. They also participate in competitions at which they role play and take standardize tests over marketing information and skills. Next year, Ms. Schoemehl, the club sponsor, hopes to get the club active in service projects during the holiday seasons. In order to be in Deca, a student must be enrolled in or have taken the year long marketing course this school offers.

SAFE

By Alison Paul

SAFE (Student Awareness For the Environment) focused on recycling this year. Members, led by sponsor Mr. Sherman, passed out boxes to classrooms, hoping to encourage students and teachers to recycle paper. In the past, club members have participated in activities like planting trees. The group was hoping to stencil drains to discourage the dumping of toxic waste, but those plans fell through.

Mr. Sherman said the club was so inactive due to the difficulty "to motivate students to get excited about recycling." Hmmm, maybe a challenge for future groups.

Forensics Debate

By Amy Cook

Eight WGHS students participate in person-to-person combat in the NFL.

Mr. Osterberg's Debate Team is a part of the National Forensics League. The team travels to other schools for competitions once a month. Thus far, they have debated such subjects as capital punishment and assisted suicide.

Though taking the Debate class is not required to participate, it is recommended. Osterberg said those interested in contemporary issues and arguing should join the club.
By Markus Garcia and Alison Paul

Members of Art Club participate in various activities using the art medium that they are particularly skilled in. One activity that Art Club participates in is helping senior and junior Art Club members prepare their portfolios for college. Other activities include an annual trip to Art Institute of Chicago and painting the murals that appear around WGHS. Art Club has a very diverse group of members and is always very interesting. Mr. Throm is the club’s sponsor.

Maureen Siegel and Mollie Edgar are talking about their quality sculpture project.

Art Club kids often use the time at meetings to work on various projects.

Markus Garcia creates another one of his excellent graphic design projects.
Senior Leadership Seminar

Left: Sally Buxbaum asks Lindsey Wiese, "If I dropped this on your head would you be mad?"
Right: Jon Kaalberg is amazed about how many SLSers it takes to plant one shrub.
Below Left: Sally buxbaum and Scott Peterson concentrate hard on trying to assemble the straws to form the perfect contraption.

Above: Sam Oberkrom thinks to herself "If this line breaks I'm in trouble!"
Left: Krisan Mindak and Erin Reed work on their egg contraption while Mr. Cady weasles his way in and once again gives advice.
Acquiring skills that last a lifetime while helping others now

By: Samantha Oberkrom

Senior Leadership Seminar (SLS) is a two hour block class where seniors learn and practice skills, which are helpful for years to come. History and Physical Education credits are earned through the team taught course. Lead by Mr. Cady and Mrs. Diemert the class is 99% hands-on. Students engage in many service projects at Rockwood Reservation, Our Little Haven, Del Haven, Hand of Hope, and St. Patrick's Center. Through many smaller service projects, the goal of SLS is to help others and prepare a larger end of the year service project, designed by the students. The class is helpful to others and fulfilling to those involved.

Above: Anna Mosby asks Ellen Emmons wonder what they are supposed to do with straws, tape, and egg.
Middle Left: Chris Isait explains how he is going to be the greatest guitar player in the world.
Middle Right: Sherry Richardson shows everybody how the Senior Line Dance goes, with a few of her own moves.
Left: Erin Reed works hard to plant a shrub while Jenny Montero stands and watches.
Wild Fun

While most people snuggle in a warm dry sofa watching their favorite television show, there are a bunch of enthusiastic high schoolers ready to get wet, dirty and uncomfortable. The Outdoor Club takes the concept of being miserable to a higher level. They have fun doing this kind of stuff. Weather it is camping, climbing, caving or another outdoor activity, rest assured, when all is said and done, there’s going to be a ring around the tub at the end of the day.

Motor City Madness

Auto Technology class has come a long way from the days when mom and dad went to high school. Vehicles are taken apart, put back together and modified as part of today’s modern Auto Tech. There’s a lot more to learn than just check the oil and tire pressure. Electronics and computers require the technician’s knowledge base to be more specific than ever. Students of Auto Technology are learning all about that.

Front: Julie Duenke, Andrea McClean, Valissa Kraft. Middle: David Cady Katie Trefenbren, Amy George, Michelle Mergler, Anne Lufjens, Jeniffer Keottler, Mary Walter. Back: Eric Dunn, Mark Bartels, Alex Viox, Patrick Hunt, Jessi Lang, Terry Verstraete.

Jon Maness, Todd Edwards, Dave Nolan and Joe Stapf do the usual mechanic thing. They scratch their heads and wonder what to do with the leftover parts.
Danielle Rancillio and Emily Moore are trying to figure out if the sponsors were "only kidding" about having to make breakfast for themselves. Wearing those gloves will probably only complicate things.

Sponsors Marty Walter, Eric Dunn and Terry Verstraete survey the breakfast offerings, this particular outing. Notice that Ms. Walter seems to be the only one of the three to be really enjoying the early morning atmosphere.

Mike Hickey checks the brakes on this car and will determine what, if any repairs, if any, are needed. One of the topics stressed in Frank Mandernach's Auto Technology class is the safety component of vehicular operation.
MSLP helps others and themselves

By Christi Plunkert and Markus Garcia

Every year a few WGHS students get to participate in Missouri Student Leadership Program. These students are put into groups with students from other St. Louis high schools to challenge themselves physically and mentally. MSLP experience a rope course, an urban experience downtown, teaching children from inner city schools, problem solving, team work techniques and a four day camping trip. MSLP’s sponsor is Mrs. Ahern.

Rappelling is great; as demonstrated by this suspended MSLPer.

Looks Like Jenny Kettler is caught between a rock and a hard place...literally.

Check out the gang...MSLP in full effect before the trip.

Up, up, and away; MSLPers test their physical strength with enduring rock climbs.

Julia Marsh climbs her way to the top of the summit.
A unique opportunity was presented to German Club students over the summer. A trip to Germany to get first hand experience of German culture and language. One thing is for certain, no matter how much time you spend in a classroom learning a language, it is altogether different using it in a native setting. Senior David Kraft talks about some of the experiences.

"Anything that has to do with Europe is interesting. It's another country," Kraft responded when asked if he had a good time. "We toured most of Southern Germany. We went to Munich, toured the city and learned about the history of the fine city. We went to the famous beer hall, Hoffbrau House," added Kraft. Kraft explains differences "Let's start with the food. The Germans were all about eating bratwurst on sourkraut. Everybody drinks beer. At school they had a lounge for kids to smoke cigarettes, drink, and play cards. By the way, the bathrooms had pay toilets. The people looked and dressed American. I also saw many beautiful women (contrary to popular myth, the women do shave their legs and armpits)."
A president did not grace the scene of WGHS in 1998 or 1999, although the Pope did come to St. Louis, but Webster students made it a memorable year anyway. Who could forget Elliot Pennington (bottom left), or the rest of the cast of the '98 musical, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. Seniors Ben Morrison and Carly Siebert (middle left) will always remember their close encounter during Spirit Week's Gummy Wars. Lauren Martini (top left) will always think of Colin Kohn as "the boy who licked my hand at the 1998 Friendship Dance." And, of course, all will think of Mr. Dunn, Mr. Verstrate and Mr. Yates every time a pie enters our sight, remembering when they all were creamed by 3 lucky students.
With Magic 105, in the house, nothing put a damper on the annual Friendship Dance held at Kirkwood, except the complicated measures students had to go through to bring an outside guest.

In order to bring a guest, he or she had to be registered with the school. Students were given a form in which the guest had to fill out, and get a signature from the guest’s principal. If they didn’t attend school, a work supervisor’s signature and verification phone number were required.

Despite the hassle of registering outside guests, the dance went on. The music was bumpin’ and the crowd was hoppin’. The intermingling of the dancing students really showed how Kirkwood and Webster could come together and enjoy “A Night in Paradise”.

The volume was high when Mr. Moore announced Webster’s 1998 Friendship Queen, Miss Courtney Smoot. “I was surprised and flattered,” said Smoot in an Echo newspaper interview.
Above Sophomore Margie Morrison feels pretty in her pink dress.

Right Some groovy groovin' by juniors Lauren Martini and Robert Greenhaw.

Above The 1998 friendship maids and their escorts quickly pose for a picture before the coronation ceremony. From left: Courtney Smoot with escort Bobby Granderson, Sherry Richardson with escort, Sybil Williams with escort, Anne Lujens with escort Jeff Joerling, Sarah Giles with escort Chad Richardson, Nikki Fields with escort Joe Davidson, Lindsey Doht with escort Jeff Hightill, and Jessica Brockmeyer with escort Jeff Loth.

Above Left: Girls just wanna have fun: Seniors Monaco Rogers, Elizabeth Malone, and Elisabeth Olson get down on the dance floor.
Brianne Rose

“I want to be in a musical since 4th grade, so I tried out for it when I was a freshman and made it every year since. I’ve been really lucky with theater at Webster...so if you are a freshman or sophomore, get involved, it will change your life. It changed mine.”

Jesse Lawder

“My favorite part of the musical was the song A Woman Outta Know Her Place because I said a lot of things in that song that I would never be able to get away with in real life. Although WGHS is a good place to start don’t limit yourself, there’s a lot of good theater to get involved in all over town.”

Adam Erikson

“Although we practice Monday thru Thursday for two and a half hours each day, the time that I spend on the musical is the best part of the year for me. But the best part of the musicals are the parties after our productions.”

Corey Barret

“I tried out for the musical because I wanted to be in every musical production all four years of my highschool career. My favorite part of the musical would have to be the few minutes right before it started because I never knew what to expect.”

SEVEN BRIDES

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Milly Brianne Rose
Alice Jenny McCann
Dorcas Lauren Farel
Liza Tyler Hunt
Martha Katie Friz
Sarah Sarah Leahy
Beth Julie Sullivan

SEVEN BROTHERS

Adam Jesse Lawder
Gideon Jon Roundy
Benjamin Adam Erikson
Daniel Ben Hamilton
Eehraine Ben Morrison
Frank Andrew Swinehart
Caleb CJ Fisher

SUITORS

Jeb Gabe Levinson
Carl Ben Mason
Luke Bryan Pennington
Matt Elliot Pennington
Joel Brian Beilstein
Zeke Corey Barret

TOWNSPEOPLE

Preacher Josh Ingram
Preacher’s Wife Amanda Schrader
Mr. Bixby Will Petty
Mrs. Bixby Anne Zager
Mr. Perkins Matt Gluesenkamp
Mrs.Perkins Bertha Carlson
Lambermen Jeff Joerling, Jon Robinson, Marcus Sheppard

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Choreographer Millie Garvey Orchesta Director Mary Wiley
Technical Director Keith Osterberg Scenic Designer Keith Osterberg
Accompanist Joe Dreyer
Program Cover/Poster Design Sarah Giles/Kathleen Haydon
Program Kathleen Haydon Stage Manager Charlotte Trans assistants
Emily Carlton & Jenny Fisher
Costume Manager Ann Westoff assistant Diane Stromberg
Make-up Designer Pat Reed Properties Manager Lynn Buss & Bern O’Brien Page Turner Mandy Heuermann
Refreshments & Tickets Gail Williams

Gideon (Jon Roundy) leaps into the air after Milly teaches him how to dance.

Brides Sarah (Sarah Leahy), Martha (Katie Friz) and Ruth (Julie Sullivan) are lifted into the air at the town’s Social Dance.

Zeke (Corey Barret) and Frank (Andrew Swinehart) debate over who gets the girl.

Townswoman (Ashley Smith) whispers to a friend at the town’s Social Dance, amazed at the talent. She turns to him and says, "Hey don’t you want to dance too?"
After Mill y take their dirt y clothe s to wa h them , the bare brothers (feelin g very uncomfortable ) it at th e ta ble for a home coo ked meal.

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Ashley Smith

"When Ms. Boren announced that The musical this year would be Seven Brides for Seven Brothers I thought that it would be fun, so I said, ‘...what the hay, I’ll go for it.’ I also tried out because I wanted my name on the program."

Kate Palmier

“I tried out for the musical because I love being with the cast and getting to know everyone. I also tried because I love goofing off on stage. A lot of the cast were really serious about the musical at first, but after a while we relaxed and had fun.”

Ben Mason

“My character is loud and obnoxious, so I fit my character perfectly. I tried out because I figured that since it’s my senior year it would be fun, and because I wanted to be with my friends, who were all in it.”

Anne Zager

“I love acting...it’s pretty much my life. We put a lot of time into making sure our performance is perfect...there is really something special about starring with nothing and ending up with a masterpiece.”

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Adam (Jesse Lawder) comes back to Milly (Brianne Rose) and the new born baby after the big fight, to amend things.

The Suitors aim their guns at the brothers trying to get away after kidnapping their women, only to hit an avalanche which blocks their way to the girls till spring.

Brides and Brothers gather around Milly and the new baby while she wishes that Adam would come home.

After Milly takes their dirty clothes to wash them, the bare brothers (feeling very uncomfortable) sit at the table for a home cooked meal.

The brides gather around suitor Matt (Elliot Pennington) to hear what he has to say.
"We're Gonna Party Like It's 1999"

By Sarah Giles and Lindsey Doht

Seniors of the class of 1999 run onto the gym floor dressed in colorful costumes and weird wigs. The "Senior Security Officers" with painted white and black faces control the crowd, keeping chaos in order.

Class of '99 students let their dancing shoes take over to the music of Puff Daddy, Mase, Prince, Bone-Thugs-'N'-Harmony, and songs "Tootsie Roll" and "Let Me Clear My Throat."

The Senior class voted for choreographers and line leaders. They chose people they felt would come up with a unique dance, and have fun leading their class.

This year's choreographers were Candace Benford, Anne Lutjens, Elizabeth Malone, and Courtney Smoot. They all got together two times after school to compile music and make up dance moves that were not too difficult.

The '99 "Line-Dancers" had practices from 7:00 until 7:25 AM in Girls' South Gym, and after school in the Student Commons on occasion. The practices paid off.

Almost 200 Seniors participated. Following the line leaders' moves, the crowd saw synchronized lines dancing and partying like it was 1999!
Alison Paul brings together Tacky Day and Spirit Day.

Left: Julie Sullivan gets ready to "Party Like It's 1999!"

Below: Jenny McCann laughs at the moves of line dance leader Ben Mason.

Line dance leader Leonard Woodson looks over his shoulder to make sure his line is on beat.

"It ain't My Fault," says Sherry Richardson.
Despite unpleasantries Turkey Day festivities bring out the best in Statesmen fans.

Turkey Day was not a pleasant sight for Webster Groves fans with Kirkwood winning 43 to 14. Webster still showed spirit with their night time pep assembly in the gym of Hixson Middle School. The class of 2000 hosted the event, entertaining the crowd with the theme of the assembly being “America’s favorite television sit-coms from the past fifty years”. After the rally, Kirk E. Wood was burnt to bits in the scorching flames of the annual bonfire. Turkey Day festivities remain to be some of the most anticipated events for Webster students, even in off years. The tradition retains the interest of Webster and Kirkwood fans. Turkey Day brings people back for more.
Get him! Jon Hood and his posse attack the Kirkwood villain to regain possession of the ball. Pile on! Webster puts the pressure on Kirkwood to show them they’re not letting go of the game easily.

Left: Varsity cheerleaders perform a ripple to 'Intergalactic' by the Beastie Boys during the night pep assembly.
Below: Rakem Stamps takes another Kirkwood player down in the 1998 Turkey Day game.

Funny guys Marty Nau, Evan Russel, Pete Vision, and Matt Clark provide the laughs at the night assembly.
Webster's Winners

The Webster Skatesmen pose with their second place trophy after a tough game well fought and played.
Below: The Skatesmen attempt to win another faceoff.

Quick puck handling allowed for this Skatesman to beat the DeSmet defender.
Left: In the locker room before the big game, the Skatesmen get a last minute pep talk from Coach Garth before their warm-up.
Steve Sebelski thinks about how many people he wants to pass during the last leg of the state race.

Mike Statton-Geddes, Marty Nau, John Statton-Geddes, Mike Snodgrass, Emily Hoyt, Margie Morrison, Steve Sebelski, Pat Hunt, and Derek Loudermilk, pose with their hardware, won at Cross Country meets throughout the season.

Congratulations ...

...to the men Cross Country team, Pat Hunt, Marty Nau, John Statton-Geddes, Mike Statton-Geddes, Mike Snodgrass, Steve Sebelski, and Derek Loudermilk, who qualified to run at the State Cross Country Championship.

...to Margie Morrison and Emily Hoyt, girls cross country runners, who also qualified for the State Cross Country Championship.

...to wrestler Art Banks, who used strength, quickness, and strategy to make it all the way to the second round of the state tournament. Banks injured his knee and lost his match in the second round of elimination.

...to the Webster Groves Skatesmen for their second place state finish. The Skatesmen had the best record in the state 33-1-7. Players Chad Richardson and Greg Ricketts and cheerleaders Anna Mosby and Ellen Emmons were voted to their respective all star teams.

Art Banks keeps in state wrestling form by playing tug-of-war.

Mike Statton-Geddes gets off to a quick start at the beginning of the state race in Jeff City.
By, Lindsey Doht
You better watch out for dangerous t.v.'s in the cafeteria, as one of the DJ's found out when they didn't duck. Despite a concussion and frequent sound outages, the annual Sweetheart Dance withstood the adversity and was another success for WGHS. Butterflies lined the walls, and sparkling white lights filled the typically dull cafeteria. The excitement was high when Mr. Moore approached the microphone to announce the King and Queen. Peter Vishion and Jasmyn Norful heard their names amidst the screams from the crowd. Both were filled with excitement as the crowns were placed on their heads.

The class of 2000 SSC sponsor, Mrs. Reed, said she was pleased with the crowd. "We usually never have any problems. All of the kids are good, and I am pleased with the decorations."

Left: Freshman Steve Canter stands still, and lets the girls flock to him.

Left: Webster's 1998 King and Queen: Seniors Anne Lutjens and Leonard Woodson.

Right: Candidates Chrissy Bates and Peter Vishion.

Left: Candidates Britt Caldwell and Bobby Williams.

Right: Candidates Jessi Lang and Bobby Granderson.

Left: Candidates Jasmy Norful and Rodney Trevino.

Right: Candidates Lizzie Sprague and John Kiritsis.

The Last Dance...
Left: Senior Joey Davidson gets down on the dance floor with sophomores Jessica Batz and Margie Morrison.

Right: Senior Tracy Beard looks at sophomore Natalie Rodriguez trying to figure out what she is doing.

Below, left: The newly crowned Peter Vishion gets a congratulatory hug from retired King Leonard Woodson.

Below: The candidates quickly stop and pose for a picture. The hard part is getting everyone to look at the camera.

Above: Jasmy Norful is filled with excitement as Anne Lutjens places the crown on her head.
Stars of Broadway

Members of Show Choir, Ashley Smith and Jon Roundy, perform "The Wheels of a Dream" from ragtime.

Jesse Lowder sings "Soliloquy" from Carousel.

Chad Thompson lifts Jenny McCann in "The Wheels of a Dream".

"Hakuna Matata" is Andrew Swinehart, Jon Roundy, and Ben Morrison's motto.

Laura Neumann wonders where the mystery cat has gone this time.

Brianne Rose sings, "I Don't Know How to Love Him" from Jesus Christ Superstar.

Stars Come Out at Night
by Willow Robin and Sarah Giles

"Broadway Musical Revue? What's that? "
This year Broadway Dinner Theater was changed to Broadway Musical Revue. The year 1999 is the first year that dinner was not served at the show. In the past attendance has been too unpredictable, but crowds still packed the auditorium to watch their friends and family put on a great show.

The stars of Broadway performed selections from Broadway musicals, including a medley from West Side Story, a performance of "Kansas City" from Smokey Joe's Cafe and "Wheels of a Dream" from ragtime. Other selections in the show included a medley from The King and I, "I Enjoy Being A Girl" from Rhythm of Life and "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" from the Sound of Music.

The performers are participants in Concert Choir, Show Choir, Mad Jazz, Trebleaires, Freshaires, and A-Men.
A Fortnight Away

by Sarah Giles and Willow Robin

Twice a year Juniors and Seniors, who love to dance and cut loose, get together for a formal dinner called Fortnightly. The first Fortnightly was held on January 23rd at Kenrick Knights of Columbus. Students dined and danced until "The Last Dance." The rockin' TKO dj's spun requests all night long. The guys mopped up the dance floor with their "cool" breakdance moves while the girls grooved to another beat on the non-designated "dance floor." Sweat filled the air and condensed on the windows as the crowd jumped around. On March 13th the second Fortnightly was held at the Holiday Inn Southwest. The Juniors and Seniors danced until the clock struck 11:00. What could be more fun than dressing up and practicing your formal dining etiquette?

Senior boys, Matt Lescher, Chad Richardson, and Ben Morrison fool around for the camera.

Meghan Barton, Lauren Strange, Shelley Hammann, and Candace Brayfield get into the groove.

Lindsey Doht jumps around to the music.

A junior bunch says cheese!

Greg Ricketts reenacts "Thriller" on the dance floor.

Andrew Swinehart, once again, tries to look cool for the girls, and Nathan Whitney.
This year was a big one for the WGHS musicians with a department trip to Chicago. And speaking of Chicago, Rachel Weiner, fellow flutes and the rest of Marching Band grace the field at halftime (opposite page) with the sweet tunes of "Chicago." Jesse Lowder and A-Men sing "Run Around Sue" at the Winter Choral Assembly (top left). Chris Johnson leads the Pep Band at a Sports Assembly (middle left) to get students excited about the sports teams.
Concert Choir


Concert Choir Officers

Vice President: Jesse Lawder, Secretary: C.J. Fischer, President: Julie Sullivan, Treasurer: Jenny McCann, Stage Manager: Ben Mason
Womens Honor Choir

Sara Plowman, Laura Scherry, Emily Carlton

Junior and Senior Honor Choir

Laura Neumann, Jesse Lawder, Julie Sullivan, Mandy Heuermann, Katie Friz
Freshaires


Trebleaires


Webster Choral

Mad Jazz

Left to Right: Cathy Lee, Jesse Lawder, Brianne Rose, Ben Hamlin, Corey Barrett, Tyler Hunt, CJ Fischer, Julie Sullivan, Jenny McCann, Ben Mason

Statesmen Sensation


Not Pictured: Courtney Bass

Show Choir Officers

Treasurer: Lauren Farell, Secretary: Julie Sullivan, Vice President: Andrew Swinehart, President: Jesse Lawder, Stage Manager: Ben Mason, Stage Manager: Ben Hamlin
Webster students prove to be accomplished musicians while performing in the bands.

By Shelley Hammann

From Mozart's masterpieces to Sousa's marches, Webster students are learning to appreciate the value of music. Whether planning to play in college, professionally, or end their music career after high school, each student that is part of a band plays a key role in making beautiful music.

Symphonic band, under the direction of Dane Williams, has a total of 58 members. This band is not as competitive as the Wind Ensemble, usually housing younger musicians so they can acquire more experience before moving up to the advanced band.

John Johnson directs the 60 member Wind Ensemble comprised of advanced musicians. Auditions are required for the student's placement in the band.

In-House Horns, also under the direction of John Johnson, is a first semester class used for band members and jazz band members that do not participate in marching band.

Every year several concerts are put on by each of the bands, including performances in and out of school. This year's class of seniors is the last remaining class that participated in the Bands Over the Water exchange program with an English high school orchestra.

Many students participate in Solo and Ensemble, a city wide affair containing advanced musicians from many areas. The person or group is judged during their performance and given a rating. Webster senior, Janielle Bachelder, received one of the highest ratings during the 1998 competition.

All State and All Suburban bands also contain talented Webster students. The band members also add to the ambiance of the school plays, assemblies and sporting events by providing the audience with jazz, symphonies, and rock.
Making Beautiful Music


Above: Elliot Rauscher sings to himself, "I don't wanna work, I just wanna bang on my drums all day..."

Above: Jessica "the Rock" Brayfield makes beautiful music on her flute.

Below: Stephanie Bachelder watches the music carefully for any note changes that may catch her off guard.
Pep Band Rocks Da' House

Pep Band gets jiggy with Aerosmith tunes
By Alison Paul

An edge of superstition was mixed with music this year at Varsity football and boys and girls basketball games. The Pep Band brought along a plastic owl, "Woody," borrowed from a friend's yard. Webster won almost every basketball game that the owl attended. Pep Band's student director, Chris Johnson, said, "The owl is my inspiration. Without the owl, we're nothing."

Johnson was the reason for pep band's existence. Though the group had an adult sponsor, Mr. Williams, Johnson had to take charge and setup practices, chose music, and direct at the games. Their most popular song was "Gonna Fly Now," the theme from Rocky, which got the crowd on their feet and cheering. They played a selection of Aerosmith songs as well, which Johnson said, "were almost as tight as the owl."


Jammin' With Mr. Johnson

Jazz Band creates a unique style
By Alison Paul

Mr. Johnson, once again, directed three very strong jazz bands, all of which went to contests. Instead of their annual trip to New Orleans to compete this year, the bands traveled north to Chicago. They played standard, big band jazz, like Glen Miller and Les Brown, but several improv soloists made their music unique. The individual soloists, as well as the bands, brought back several awards and trophies once again.

On April 20, WGHS jazz hosted its annual jazz festival with several college bands, Hixson jazz bands, and Doc Butts & the Original Knights of Swing gracing the stage.

Leonard Woodson makes a minor adjustment to the drum set during the MLK assembly. Woodson dazzled the audience with his ability to hold a strong and steady beat.

Cullen Shearburn wows the crowd with his interpretation of a solo at the MLK assembly in January. Shearburn and many other Jazz I soloists won several awards at various contests this year.

Jazz I Front row: Jon Hughes, Sybil Williams, Cullen Shearburn, David Knipp, Josh Spiegel, Leonard Woodson. Middle row: Mike Hanson, Elizabeth Teczar, Chris Johnson, Sarah Miller, Brandon Banks, David Linemann, Matt Ramey. Back row: Josh Samson, Justin Myrick, Charlie Botani, Marty Ostmann, Shawn Piava, Mandy Heuermann, Mr. Johnson (director).
Pep Band sponsor, Mr. Williams, joins in the festivities at a girl’s basketball game. (He is joined by David Parleon and Matt Flick.)

Elliot Rauscher entertains the crowd at the annual Turkey Day game.

Junior Chris Johnson, Pep Band’s student director, pauses for a moment to see what is happening in the basketball game.

Josh Samson and Justin Myrick get the crowd revved up with the sweet sounds of the trumpet.

Jazz guitarist, Tom Beasley, concentrates on playing the right notes at a rehearsal after school.

For left: Mike Daly jams on the bass as Jazz I gets jiggy at the MLK Assembly.
All together now...! Keeping the time and beat with a band made up of one hundred and fifty members is not an easy task. Marching Band leader, Dane Williams, is responsible for the great rhythm that pours out of these musicians at every home football game’s halftime show. With “Chicago” as the musical theme these musicians raised the metaphysical roof at every home football game, with the finale being the Turkey Day extravaganza. The Marching Band dazzled the crowd with a cascade of sound, horn and wind instruments leading the tune, while the drum line snapped a steady beat. Another exciting year under their belts, leaves anticipation for what will be next. Encore!
Katherine Moschner, Anne Lutjens, Michelle Sasser, Jackie Beth Wehling, Jaime Baranyai, Nick Thompson, Andrew Haferkamp, Jody Vogeler, Ellen McConkey, Rachel Weiner, Anne Dean, Rosalind Early, Anna Mosby, Bryan Pennington, Katy Tiefenbrun, Justin Mehl, Vanessa Mai, Patrick O'Connor, Dale Thompson, Lienemann, Alex Bley, Chris Johnson, Ben Tag, Ben Parker, Jeff Perry, Justin Myrick, Josh Samson, Tiffany

Brandon Banks concentrates on playing his trombone at halftime.

Josh Speigel leads a line of eager saxophone players across the field at a home football game.

Elizabeth Olson has no trouble keeping the rhythm at the halftime show.

Members of the drum corp; Elliot Rausher, Mike Hansen, and Steve Saville march to the beat.
Concentration was key for the success of the WGHS sports teams. Varsity soccer player Andrew Swinehart concentrates on the ball as he makes a corner kick, hoping his teammates can put it past the goalie (top left). Junior Kat Kobylarek (middle left) concentrates on her opponent and waits for the serve. Juniors John and Mike Stanton-Geddes focus on practicing for the state Cross Country meet (bottom left). Running over rough terrain, Girls Cross Country runners Allegra Roundy, Sara Price and Sharon Foldes, try to make it to the finish line of this race against Parkway South (opposite page).
Stateswomen’s improvements did not reflect the final ranking

By Alison Paul

Women’s Tennis efforts did not necessarily reflect in the standings, but they still had plenty of fun on the courts. Senior Betsy Lane said, “The matches were a great bonding experience.”

Lane and six other seniors led a team of 20 girls to three wins on the courts. “This year’s team was one of the best ever. Although we did lose a lot of good players last year, we gained some good players like Yara Osleugbu, Erin Rubinelli and Diane Barton,” said Rosalind Early.

Coach Grant Brady said highlights of the tennis season were shutting out Ritenour 7-0, defeating Mehlville, winning trophies in the doubles tournament, and receiving medals at districts. Lane said another highlight was “seeing yourself and other players improve,” but also said it was “disappointing to see some teammates weren’t given the opportunity to participate in every match.”

Next year, Coach Brady hopes to have an even better season, but believes that rests on the shoulders of the players. He said next year’s seniors are “on the edge of becoming winning players,” but they must be willing to work during the off season in order to improve their game.

Girl’s Tennis 3 wins & 18 losses


Kat Kolyarek attacks the ball, knowing she has Erin Rubinelli backing her up, just in case she needs the help.
Time To Kick Up A Racket

Erin Rubinelli slams another serve during a district match against second ranked St. Joseph's Academy.

Junior Kat Kobylarek makes another wonderful forehand shot.

Sara Sauder uses her excellent backhand to keep the ball in play. Sauder was one of seven seniors that brought experience to this year's team.

Girl's Tennis 3 wins & 18 losses

Senior Sara Plowman attacks the ball to stay alive and score another point at districts against St. Joseph's Academy.

"Keep your feet moving!" Coach Brady.
With five new starters stateswomen improve on success.

By Samantha Oberkrom & Jaime Delgado

The Stateswomen Volleyball Players just keep on improving. Even though the team began the season with five new starters, the Stateswomen ended with a very successful season.

Coach Hemenway noted that the greatest accomplishment this year was taking second in Suburban Southwest Silver division tournament. Coach Hemenway also mentioned that the team worked well on and off the courts, and he looks forward to continuing the success.

Lauren Martini (captain) said she looks forward to next year, but overall she thinks the team improved by spending lots of time together and wanting to win.

Jessica Brockmeyer (senior captain) said, "This year was the most fun since I started playing volleyball. The most exciting game had to be against Kirkwood. There were lots of spectators and the game was really intense. We played well together and we won the game. Webster hasn't won a game against Kirkwood in a long time."

Hard work and dedication is the focus for the coming years. Expectations are high for returning Juniors Hannah Anderson, Lauren Martini, Celia Argint, Anne Westhoff, Allison Bentley and Joanna Dunn. Providing extra depth to the team will be Sophomore Lisa Kreider and the new freshmen additions.

Varsity: fourteen wins,
SERVING TIME

Left: Junior Captain, Lauren Martini lends Senior Captain, Jessica Brockmeyer a hand.

Left: Senior, Ella Keevan goes up for the block.

Below: Junior, Hannah Anderson fights to keep the ball in.

sixteen losses, two ties

Front row: Coach Daryl Hemenway, Lisa Kreider, Ella Keevan, Jessica Brockmeyer, Hannah Anderson. Back row: Lauren Martini, Celia Argent, Anne Westhoff, Allison Bentley, Joanna Dunn

Coach Daryl Hemenway, "Work hard, have fun, and kick butt."
Special season for Statesmen

By Christi Plunkert

"Will Webster be as strong without it's seniors?" The Webster Groves Varsity boys soccer team had a record of 13-11-2. The players dedicated this season to Juniors, Katy Orf and Joe Grosberg, Senior, Jeremy DeNeal, and class of '98 alumni Erica Brussel. Every player wore a black band around their leg for each game. "We had a pretty good season, but lost to a couple of teams we should have beaten," said senior, Chris Stein. Junior, Pat Velton was the leading goal scorer with ten goals. Following him were Stein and Junior, Nate Tilford with six each. "The soccer team did all right this year, but they are going to lose a lot of key seniors," remarked senior, Jon Koalberg. Among those seniors is goalie Nathan Whitney. Whitney is a four year returning member who ended his career at Webster with ten shut outs this year. Whitney, Freshman Tim Velton, and Stein all made First Team All Conference. Koalberg, Pat Velton, and Junior Bo Biggs received Second Team All Conference. Honorable mention was given to Junior Brandon Rose and Sophomore Mike Madden. Whitney and Stein also received awards for their hard work. Whitney was the MVP and Stein received the 110% award. Junior Paul Haessig was voted Most Improved.

Varsity Soccer Statesmen vs opponent: vs. Parkway North (2-0) vs. Seckman (0-0) vs. Northwest (2-0) vs. Oakville (0-3)
Time For Us To Do Our Thing

Junior, Pat Velton zero’s in on the target.

Left: Senior, Jon Kaalberg gets a piece of the action, while Freshman, Tim Velton and Senior, Nathan Whitney look on.

Below: Senior, Andrew Sweinhart shields the ball from his opponent.

vs. Rockwood Summit (3-1) vs. Eureka (0-2) vs. University City (5-1) vs. Parkway South (0-4)

"It was a wonderful season!"
WGHS Field Hockey slowly builds a winning team

By Shelley Hammann and Markus Garcia

By the end of their second season, WGHS Stateswomen Field Hockey team acquired a long list of accomplishments. For starters, on the 1997 Junior Varsity team there were 22 players. This season there was a total of 40 players, 18 on Varsity, and 22 on the J.V. team. Keeping Cindy Berndt as the Varsity coach and adding Coach Tish to the J.V. team. This was Tish’s twelfth year as a field hockey coach. All Varsity members were returning from last season, making all but three of the J.V. members first year players.

Both teams stunned fans, opponents and coaches with their incredible turn around season. Winning only one game last year, the Stateswomen proved themselves by winning five games. The most surprising win being against top ranked Lafayette.

The Stateswomen’s exciting season was aided by the girls determination to excel and succeed. The Stateswomen stayed positive with help of captain Nikki Fields, and co-captains Alison Hannon, and Anna Mosby.

Next year the Varsity team will lose six seniors, most of which are on the starting line. A good thing is that most of the returning players will have two years of playing experience, and experience is a key factor in any sport. “It may take some time, but Webster will have a successful field hockey team,” said Captain Nikki Fields.

• Varsity Field Hockey 15 wins 7 Losses • Junior Varsity Field Hockey 0 Wins 4 Losses 1 tie •
It Takes Time To Grow

Demonstrating her style, Danielle Rancilio shows off her stick handling as she makes her way down the field for a shot at goal.

Smash or be smashed. Shelley Hamman and Erica Reif use aggressive defense.

Below: Webster is hard at work, trying to keep the other team from scoring.

• Varsity Softball 5 wins 7 Losses • Junior Varsity Softball 0 Wins 4 Losses 1 tie •

Jesse Weise, Anne Dean, and Alison Hannon are making sure that Layfayette doesn't score.
It Was The Best of Times . . .

Steve Sebelski leads the pack at Jefferson Barracks.

Webster tune-up 1st place, Webster Invitational 1st place Parkway Central 4th place, Mehlville 1st place, Fox Invitational 1st place,

Front Row (left to right): Mike Stanton-Geddes, Dan Rudolph, Morgan Moody, Mike Snodgrass, Kyle 'Flounder' Seibel
Second Row: Whit Rogers, John Stanton-Geddes, Marty Nav, Patrick Hunt Scott Trevathan, Chris Engelbart
Back Row: Coach Fillion, Steve Sebelski, Craig Goodloe, Derek Loudermilk, Todd Campbell, David Lienemann, Coach Sebben
Pre-Season Training Gives Statesmen the Edge
by Whit Rogers and Willow Robin

The men's cross country team had a tremendous season this year, sending the entire varsity team to the state championship meet in Jefferson City. Many new personal records were also set. Next year, coach Dan Sebben hopes the team will continue to improve. “We have the potential to be even better.” The varsity runners trained for the better part of the summer to reach their goals of state competition, and plan to continue running in the off-season. This was the fifth time ever that the cross country team has been running in the state meet and the third time in this decade.

The statesmen were led this season by juniors Patrick Hunt, Marty Nau, John Stanton-Geddes, Mike Stanton-Geddes, and Senior Mike Snodgrass. “We’ve come a long way since freshman year,” said Hunt. This year, J. Stanton-Geddes emerged as the district champion and will also be on the all-metro list. Also, the statesmen had three all-conference runners as well as three all-district runners.

In spite of the success this year, the team agrees that the important thing was that everyone had a good time. Senior Mike Snodgrass said it best: “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t sit back and enjoy it once and a while, you might miss it.”
When all is said and done, the girls cross country team had one great season. Personal times as well as placements were improved throughout the team. With only three seniors not returning to the varsity team is in no doubt prepared for next season. The year was filled with hard work, determination, and of course a lot of fun times, on and off the course. “We all have such a great time together” said, junior, Jessi Lang. “Everyone is always encouraging everyone else” said, sophomore, Mollie Edgar. “It is much easier to run hard when your teammates are cheering you on” added Lang.

This year the team sent both Margie Morrison and Emily Hoyt to state at Jefferson City, where they finished 94th and 122nd place. It as an exciting race on a cold and rainy fall morning. Margie improved her place from last year by about 20 places.

Throughout the season the team built endurance and speed, in the end it all paid off. Webster came in 4th at conference and 6th at districts, with the team winning the Webster Quad. Webster placed with the top runners at all of their meets, whether it was individual places or team standings. All in all it was an awesome year filled with memories and accomplishments, “a year the team will never forget.” Lang recalls.

Webster Quad 1st, Webster Invitational 5th, Parkway Central Invitational 8th, Mehlville Invitational 2nd, St. Louis Women’s Classic 5th,
Fast Times At Webster High

Allega Roundy, Sara Price, and Sharon Foldes "pack it up" at the Jefferson Barracks meet.

Ladue invitational 7th, Dubourg Invitational 2nd, Suburban South Conference 4th, Districts 6th, Webster Invitational 2nd

Front Row (left to right): Allegra Roundy, Sharon Foldes, Willow Robin
Second Row: Emily Hoyt, Sara Price, Mollie Edgar, Teresa Ortega, Annie Morrison, Anne Zager
Back Row: Coach Patrick, Elizabeth Jacobson, Maureen Seigel, Margaret Morrison, Jessica Lang, Britt Caldwell, Julia Marsh, Coach John Thomas.
Stateswomen impress their opponents with intensified competition

By Alison Paul

At first glance, the Varsity Softball record of 5 wins and 18 losses may not seem impressive, but it is not always the final standings which provide justification for a team. This season, however, the Stateswomen provided their opponents with stiff competition.

An excellent example was a game against the Parkway South Patriots. The Stateswomen have not come close to the Patriots for several years, but ended a mid-season match-up at 1-0 in favor of South. An impressive accomplishment given their history. Head Coach Ben Averbuch said, "This year, no one felt sorry for us enough to throw their second string [pitcher]."

Candace Brayfield, the Stateswomen's veteran starting catcher, said this season there was "a whole new team...people seemed to care more and tried harder to win." Brayfield, four other seniors, and one sophomore were the only players from last year's Varsity squad to return to the field.

Coach Averbuch was excited this year when the softball team sent four players to the Suburban South All-Star conference game. Players placed on the first string team were junior Beth Perez at shortstop and freshman Christina Andrews as a utility player. Brayfield was placed at catcher on the second string team. Senior Amy George was given an honorable mention. Andrews was awarded the first-ever Suburban South "Rookie of the Year" Award. Perez also received an honorable mention for the All-metro team.

Senior third baseman, Libby Felton, said the most encouraging part about the season was that "no matter what was going on, people could put everything behind them and just play the game."
"See it. Believe it. Now let's do it."
Assistant Coach Bob Berndt

The Crack of a Bat

Elissa Rolls watches a called ball go by as she awaits her pitch. Rolls has been working hard all year to improve her skills. She hopes to become a key player for next season.

Junior Beth Perez steals second base. Perez ended up beating out the ball 10 times throughout the season. She plans to improve that record next season.

On the field:

Most put outs - Candace Brayfield - 72
Most assists - Christina Andrews - 44
Fewest errors - Nicole Dickey - 0

From the on-deck circle:

Best batting average - Beth Perez - .435
Most stolen bases - Beth Perez - 10
Fewest strike outs - Meghan Barton, Libby Felton, Jamie Simon - 3

• Varsity Softball 5 wins 18 Losses • Junior Varsity Softball 4 Wins 11 Losses •

Freshman pitcher, Christina Andrews, makes the delivery, hoping to add to her long list of strike outs. She pitched for 87 strike outs in 106 innings this season. Andrews received the first-ever "Rookie of the Year" award in the Suburban South District.
Statesmen Football Use 1998 As A Learning Season For Younger Players

By Shelley Hammann

Webster’s 1998 Varsity Football Team came into the season with hopes of surpassing last year’s record. The goal was quickly and easily achieved by winning the first two games of the season. Their 36-6 win over Seckman and 26-6 win over University City had Webster looking optimistically toward the remaining portion of the season. Unfortunately, the following games had a drought of wins and the Statesmen ended their season with a 2-8 record.

This record does not even begin to elude to the hard work and determination put forth by players and coaches. Senior Captain Tom Yarbrough carried confidence throughout the season noting that if the team played together as a whole, they would make it to the top.

Jeff Joerling, also a senior captain, added, “everybody worked hard and tried their hardest this season.” The team practiced up to four hours a day, six days a week, sometimes even twice a day, over the summer and throughout the school year. These intense practices Seckman has planned helped the Statesmen fine tune all their necessary playing skills.

“This season, Webster’s defense was really strong, helping to balance out a young, inexperienced offense. Hopefully this experience will prepare the younger players for future games,” Yarbrough optimistically concluded.

Right: Chuck Walker Loses aside Eureka's defense while on his way to another touch down.

Below: Pat Lodes suffered minor injuries from the football, launched by cheerleaders, into the crowd.

Above: Walker prepares to spring into action, anticipating the next move Seckman has planned.

Below: Pot Lodes suffered minor injuries from the football, launched by cheerleaders, into the crowd.

Varsity Football 2 Wins 8 Losses  Varsity Football 2 Wins 8 Losses  Varsity Football 2 Wins 8 Losses  Varsity Football 2 Wins 8 Losses  Varsity Football 2 Wins 8 Losses
Statesmen Get Ahead One Yard At A Time

Left: Scott Peterson attempts to gain yardage, despite the Wildcats defensiveman's efforts.

Left: Rodney Trevino denies, once again, number eight's attempt at a game of piggy back during the game.

Below: Billy Beard leaps into action, shutting down his Eureka opponent, with help from Trevino & Yarborough.

Left: Jerry Bailey struggles against Eureka's defensiveman for possession of the ball. Webster's Hitler, Peterson, Joerling, Adams, and Yarborough are seconds away from clobbering all their opponents to the ground.

"Everyone played exception­ally well... 4 or 5 plays kept us from a winning season," Coach Manwarring.
Overlooked and under appreciated describes WGHS Statesmen wrestling team. The wrestler's hard work and determination is overlooked because of their poor 97-98 season. One good thing that came out of last year's season was Art Banks fourth place finish at the state match. This season will prove to be better overall. With returning seniors, Banks, Josh Rideout, Nat Erdman, and Robert Colbert, leading the way for a better season. Another positive aspect is the addition of cheerleaders to some of the home matches. This could boost WGHS student involvement with wrestling. If more students would attend more matches it will show an improvement in moral and spirit.

The major weakness of the team is the lack of wrestlers. Assistant coach, Joe Holdman explained, "There are 14 weight categories, and we can only fill about 8 or 9." The team will lose a large portion of quality wrestlers because they're seniors. However the future of the team lies in the underclassmen like sophomore Joe Brinkman, Craig Frazier and Matt Stolzenberg. Junior Emmanuel Simmons said, "I think we will be a contender in the long run."

Webster's wrestling future looks bright and promising with talented, young wrestlers learning and bettering themselves with each practice and match.
It's Clobberin' Time

Left: Powerhouse, Robert Colbert, struggles to overcome his opponent, in hopes of being the Heavy Weight Champion.

Left: There is no possible way for the Parkway North wrestler to get out of this hold without breaking an arm.

Below: No matter how hard he tries, this wrestler won't be getting off the mats with a win.

"This season brought a lot of progress" Coach Stellings

Left: 1998-1999 Webster Groves Statesmen Wrestling Team

Front: Josh Rideout, Art Banks, Nat Erdman, Jerrod Bowle, Brian Gaffney. 2nd: Joe Brinkman, Robert Colbert, Dan Richardson, Matt Stolzenberg, Craig Frazier, Chris Suhre. 3rd: Mike Sullivan, Steve Gewinner, Dennis Hannan, Zachary Trowtman, Junius Ranciville, John Klein, D'van Harper.
Webster Sees a Bright Future Ahead

by: Lindsey Doht and Sarah Giles

It has been a rocky road to victory for the Webster Groves Varsity Statesmen. Ending the season last year 9-16, they looked ahead this year to have a winning season. Coach Sean Taylor believes they can achieve this goal. "I feel the team is much better than last year. We have made a lot of improvement and have worked harder. They're playing more as a team and not as individuals."

Starting the season with the Vianney Tournament and placing third, The future looked bright. The team did not place in the Meramec Tournament, and placed third in the Fontbonne Tournament. Coach Taylor feels the attitude of the team is better this year, and the leadership of the team is seen on and off the court. "John Pichon should be given a lot of credit, he keeps us together collectively. You can tell he sacrifices a lot, and doesn’t worry about the lack of playing time. All five seniors do a nice job leading the team with scoring, rebounding, and leadership off the court."

The Statesmen will lose five seniors this year, but the team will come back strong next year with the returning sophomores and juniors. Overall, Taylor is pleased with the competitiveness, attitude, and chemistry of the team. "Everyone will be pleased with the outcome of the season."
The Varsity team celebrates a third place victory at the Fontbonne Tournament.

Kevin Nordmann dunks the ball, and the crowd goes wild.

Chuck Walker throws the ball up at an attempt for a basket.

Far left: Keith Schowacker makes a shot for the basket.
Near left: Bobby Williams looks for an open team member to make a quick two-pointer.

"I am very proud of the team this year. Their chemistry and hard work paid off."  
-Coach Sean Taylor
Stateswomen show great potential after losing players

by Markus Garcia

After a great 97-98 season the Varsity Stateswomen basketball team was left this season to rebuild after the loss of their senior players. They won the district championship, and tied the conference championship. Having only one returning senior and one returning starter has caused the season to have a depressing start.

The team struggled for wins in the beginning. However Coach Hermann said “We’re young and inexperienced, we’ve struggled yet we’ve showed a steady improvement.”

The bright spots on the team are Candice Brayfield, Anne Westoff, Kelly Garcia, and Carrie Bruenig. The team plays exceptionally well defensively, keeping their opponents from scoring many points, but struggles heavily in offense.

“The team seems to have confidence in each other, and they also get along real well,” said Coach Hermann.

“We play really hard, and give our best effort and I think that accounts for a lot,” said sophomore Stateswomen Julie Fleisher.

Maybe this wasn’t the greatest season for the Stateswomen but the future only looks brighter. Coach Hermann explains “The team can only get better, because we’ll have the same group of girls the next year.”

Below: The J.V. Stateswomen make their game plan and confirm their strategy with Coach Thomas.

The stateswomen demonstrate some of their fantastic defensive skill.

Lisa Kreider prepares to make a free throw shot after being fouled in the University City game.


J.V. front: Christy Brockman, Ali Moyer, Monica Jost, Beth Duggan, Patience Rhodes. Second: Racheal Cash, Jennah Seibert, Emily Adams, Ellen Williams, Jane Mittler, Margie Morrison, Coach Thomas
A Time For Growth

Anne Westhoff shows off pure skill. She is one of the most talented basketball players to come along in years.

"We have a great team and I think we can make it to the top" Coach Moore

Sometimes it's not the shoes but the socks that make the player.

Below: That's some pretty snazzy dribbling. Hopefully Carie Bruenig can keep those U-City girls from gaining possession of the ball.

Freshman front: Tracy Beryl, Robyn D'awignon, Jessica Heusler, Meghan McLain. Second: Angela Lofico, Blair Mindak, Karin Krohn, Katie Taylor, Jasmine Green. Third: Sarah Gadel, Kari Kohn, Anna Rimel, Taisha Williams, Lindsay Becker, Annie Morrison, Diane Barton, Sarah Lemp, Coach Gina Autry
New members of boys swim team make surprisingly quick progress

By Alison Paul

When the boys swim team began their season in November, there were not many factors predicting a positive outcome. There were only two swimmers returning to the team, and, of the six new swimmers, only one had competitively swam before. As Coach Broshears began to work with the team, he realized that everyone had definite potential. Broshears worked diligently with the new swimmers and said they made "astounding improvements." All of his swimmers agreed that he was a good swimming coach. Junior Rob Greenhaw said, "He's great at what he does. He's really into coaching and cares a lot about the team."

The team did not win a meet all season, but they agreed they still had fun. "We didn't win, but everyone stayed positive," said senior rookie, Dale Thompson.

What goes on in the heads of the swimmers while they are swimming in a race? Thompson said, "The Simpson's theme song. It gives me a beat and keeps me from slowing down."

Experienced swimmer, Kyle Seibel said he keeps his focus on "touching the wall before anyone else does."

Hopes for next season are that everyone returns to the team and many new people join. Seibel believes "quantity is key [to a good team]." Broshears plans were to recruit eighth graders from Hixson Middle School. He also plans to talk with the fall sports coaches and ask them to encourage their players to join the team as a way of staying in shape.
Rob Greenhaw gets a great start to begin the 100 meter backstroke. Greenhaw is one of the stronger backstrokers on the team.

Rob Greenhaw counts laps and shouts encouragement to Kyle Seibel during Seibel's 500 meter freestyle. Kyle placed second in this event at the boys first meet of the year by only a fraction of a second.

Sophomore Derek Loudermilk reaches for the wall at the end of a breast stroke race. Loudermilk was one of the stronger swimmers at breast stroke despite this being his first year for swimming.

Senior Dale Thompson enters the water with grace and style in his first swimming meet ever.

"Good starts. Good turns."
Coach Broshears.
Taylor Dunlop, Leslie Chicoineau, and Jessica Batz show their spirit at a Junior Varsity football game.

Leslie Chicoineau, Lauren Bell, Ava Epps, Natalie Rodriguez, Jessica Batz, Taylor Dunlop, Addye Buckley, Desiree Hardin, Jane Davis, Shannon Jones, Sarah Budzinski, Dana Givens, Melissa Giles

The Freshmen and Junior Varsity squads huddle up before their Turkey Day performance.

Freshman Katie Homan and Sophomore Addye Buckley rise to the occasion in the Turkey Day Assembly.

Sophomores Eva Epps and Sarah Budzinski encourage their team.

Lauren Christman, Christie Key, Jennifer Manougian, Maggie Taylor, Katie Homan, Mallory Reed, Angela Bahr, Molly Downs, Diana Hunt, Megan Hamlin, Christi Chekoudjian, Sarah Hudson, Stacey Thrasher, Susannah Lutjens, Sarah Stroy
A Time For Work, & A Time For Play

By: Lindsey Doht and Jaime Delgado

This year the Freshmen Cheerleaders added an interesting twist to Webster. They had the opportunity to compete, and scored high enough to go to State Competition. Unfortunately, because no other Freshmen squads scored high enough, Webster was unable to compete at State. One of the goals for next year is for all three squads to compete, and become very competitive for the other schools. This will definitely improve our squads but will also increase the hours they already put in.

The highlight of the year was the annual Turkey Day Assembly in which all of the squads perform a routine for the crowd. The Freshmen and Junior Varsity squad worked hard together to compose a great routine. This years Varsity squad once again dazzled the crowd with a routine, stomp, and new cheer. Each year the squads seem to become better and better. One can only wait and see what new tricks the squads will have up their sleeves next year.
By Jaime Delgado and Sarah Giles

With seven new members on the squad, it seemed as though Guard was starting all over. Since tryouts in March of 1998, they have grown together to perform and amaze their audiences.

Dedicated to practicing two to three mornings a week during the summer, Guard also looked to improve themselves by attending a one week dance camp and one week marching band camp. Senior Captain, Anne Lutjens said, "The new members of guard picked up everything really fast. All of the old members were impressed."

Other captains include Senior, Assistant Elizabeth Malone, Junior Dance Officer Sarah Leahy, and Flag Officer, Jaime Baranyai. The captains design dance and flag moves that they use in their routines. When Turkey Day rolled around, guard put in extra practices to perfect routines at the day and night assembly. They practiced during "A" Period and first period first semester, and Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 4:30. Judging by the reaction of the crowd at the Pep Rally, Guard was a smashing success.

Guard try to pick different kinds of music for their routines. They wanted both fast and slow music so they could use different moves. For the night assembly guard found music with key words they could create "pictures" for. Guard continually awe the crowd throughout basketball season when they perform a variety of routines during halftime. Even though the squad is relatively young, with only two seniors, they are a united squad and continue to thrill the crowd every time they step onto the gym floor.
The Guard girls are all on beat as they lead the Fall Sports Assembly.

(Left) Junior, Beth Kopeli and Senior, Elizabeth Malone put on a great performance.

(Right) While Junior, Sarah Leahy may be singin’ in the rain, Junior, Beverly Taylor is dancin’ in the sun.

(Left) Beth Wehling, Sarah Leahy, Jaime Baranyai, and Beth Kopeli strike a pose.

(Above) Senior Captain, Anne Lujens waits to be introduced.

(Right) Junior Chrissy Bates and Sophomore, Jessica Campbell preform the fight song at the Turkey Day Assembly.
Skatesmen Tempo
Can Not Be Matched

by: Matt Lescher and Christi Plunkert

The depth of the Webster Groves Skatesmen is causing problems for teams across the state. Webster has three standout lines of forewards, two exciting defensive lines, two sharp goalies, and many strong players beyond that to look to when needed. "How do you beat Webster," a question Kirkwood, C.B.C., Chaminade, Oakville, Desmet, and other teams from Mid States Hockey are wondering. The Skatesmen are undefeated to this point with a record of 21-0-4.

Co-captain Jeff Highfill feels, "We have really proven ourselves to the league. We have a strong team that plays well together. We have a good chance to go all-the-way (in the state tournament)." Webster will enter the tournament as either the #1 or #2 seed.

The team plays together because of a strong bond of friendship. "It would be a good reward for such a close team to win state," said defensemen Bobby Orf. The team has set their sights for the state title not only for themselves but for their coach, Dave Garth.
Freezing the Competition

The Skatesmen set up for another shot on Kirkwoods goalie.

Hendel successfully keeps the puck from KHS with merely a skate.

The Skatesmen are always sportsmen even after they slaughter their opponents.

The Pioneers just need to give up; it's Richardson, of course he is going to score.

Varsity Front: Betsy Lane, Katie Zach, Jaime Daughday, Ellie Siebert, Shannon Payne, Katie Sorenson, Anna Mosby, Ellen Emmons, Nikki Fields, Jessi Krantz.
Second: Jason Moshner, Peter Visions, Chris Vierling, Mike Gee, Clint Choffie, Matt McSorley. Third: Russ Sprague, Tim Dunn, Adam Reed, Chris Hendel, Matt Gewinner, Sean Blake, Brad Pluha, Bobby Orf, coaches: Dave Garth, Tim Deineke.
Fourth: coach: Ferraro, Chris Sorenson, Charlie Nea, Chad Richardson, Greg Ricketts, Joe Davidson, Jeff Hightill.
Fifth: Biff Williamson, Steve Canter, Joe Brussel, Josh Sindel, Graham Murphy.
We hope and believe you're in an even better location,
Your lives with us deserve a standing ovation.
We learned from your presence, as you enlightened,
You made us feel good about ourselves, many days you brightened.
We love you and miss you, all four;

Jeremy N. DeNeal (August 6, 1981 - September 1, 1998)
The love grows everyday more and more. Cetainties...there are two things indisputable, Each one of you was unique and in your own way beautiful. Everyone reading, push aside the world's ugliness and violence, And for Erica, Joe, Jeremy and Katy, please a moment of silence.

WE LOVE YOU

Katy C. Orf (March 12, 1982-July 17, 1998)
It pleads John Thomas during a lecture.

“Take that!” Eric Dunn, Terry Verstraete and Brian Yates get “creamed” by their favorite students.

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As many times as Terry Verstreede has been “arrested,” he’s got no business pointing fingers at anyone.
Mia Rusan and Joy Hollins are at their lockers during class. Hmmmm, wonder what excuse they used to get out of class?
There's no job too big or too small, as Principal Pat Voss shows by example. When you're in charge, you're in charge of everything.

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Another year, another yearbook. We tested some new processes and discovered some new headaches this year. All in a day’s work in the publishing world. The staff was great, as I’ve come to expect. Krisan Mindak did a nice job as Editor and Matt Lescher carried the burden of being Layout Editor. Between the two they organized, agonized and scrutinized most every little detail of this book. When deadlines were looming, it was Krisan’s voice that was booming, encouraging the staff to pick it up a notch. We employed the latest technology to take care of the “mugshot” class pictures. We were learning the hard way that when you try something so new that everyone is doing it for the first time, you experience many learning opportunities (that’s mistakes, in laymen’s terms). Those rascally “mug” pages seemed to come back to haunt us time and again, just when we thought we had them laid to rest. One big improvement this year, is that students took an overwhelming majority of the photographs you see in this book. Just about everyone on the staff could be seen with a camera at some point in the year. This will also be the first book, in quite a few years, that will be submitted for objective criticism by several journalism organizations. Those evaluations will be used as a guide to making improvements to future editions of the Echo.

This year began on a somber note, with the loss of four of our students. It was left to the Echo staff to determine how to best remember our fellow classmates. While there is no one right way to cover this subject, the staff pulled together and made it a really special loving memorial.

Last, but not least, there are a ton of people to thank for making this publication happen:

The Echo Yearbook would not be possible without the continuing support of Principal, Pat Voss; Assistant Principals, Jon Clark, John Raimondo and George White.

Cindy Doder gives us a list of all of the student’s names, several times throughout the year.

Herff Jones staff, Dee Dee Boyd, Yearbook Rep.; Joann Mott, Plant Rep.; Ann Jenkins, Computer Guru, all helped with the details, big and small.

I know I said that the yearbook staff took almost all of the photographs in the book...here’s a list of other folks who contributed: Lee Drake for some Turkey Day candids and the Arena (he’ll always have a little of the yearbook in his blood), Nordmann Photography for all of the sports team photos, boys and girls basketball photos. Mr. Richardson gave us some wonderful hockey action shots. Mr. Erdman provided the wrestling action pictures. Last but not least, Mr. Farell, for the great bonfire shot.

…and let’s not forget all of those wonderful parents and guardians out there who give so much to the students here. Keep encouraging the kids to reach for the next goal and to remember to pass on the help they received to the next person.

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The Arena as we knew her. Photo by Lee Drake
Four and a half seconds
What time?
Time to shine
Time begins
Countdown
After the bell
Keep in time
Seconds count
Remember time
Add up the time