IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD
AS WE KNOW IT

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Life changes. Each day begins and ends. Each moment represents as you can imagine. A new moment begins as immediately as taking place in our lives on such a small scale. So, when a graduation, we might be more inclined to stop and take account years? How is life different in High School as opposed to Juniors? Does life improve as a Sophomore or Junior? Don't let another the minutes you're living...
sents mini-lifetimes, happening in as infinitesimal an instant the previous one ended. We often don't notice the changes big life change happens, a birthday, a school year or a unt of the change. What has happened over the last four ior High School? What will we do after we graduate? er millennium pass before you start to pay attention to
Matt Flick gets about as close to a real rhino as he ever wants to be, as he checks out Senior entrance Turkey Day decorations.

Sarah Budzinski, Edwina Richardson and Beenia Skaria try their hands at improvisation in Ed Grooms Drama I Class

...right now.
Will Rogers makes a dramatic entrance.

The Ropin' Fools: Chad Thompson, Brian Beilstein, Bryan Pennington, and Adam Erickson express their support for Will Rogers' campaign.

In the spotlight, Sarah Leahy confesses every morning when she wakes up she reads Will's column.

Will proposes to Blake at the 1904 World's Fair.

Will Rogers and Betty Blake end Act I with a Ziegfield-style wedding.

The kids show their love for their father as they beg to ride the horse.
Wishing for warmer surroundings.

tries to find all the gummy worms in one try.

Kicker Pat Velten kicks the ball clear downfield. He is outa' sight!

Thanksgiving dinner waits while more important matters are dealt with.

The air becomes saturated with nervous tension. The halls tingle with the electricity of anticipation. Not only does Webster Groves High School challenge Kirkwood High School during the annual November rivalry of Turkey Day, but Freshmen challenge sophomores, who challenge Juniors, who Challenge Seniors for in-house bragging rights as to who has the most spirit. No stone is left unturned and no shadow is left uninvestigated as classes were pitted against one another in “tug-o-war,” “gummy worm eating”, and “turkey bowling” contests. The victors climbed to the top of the imaginary mountain to claim their stake. Because of the history of the rivalry, both communities support the effort to out-do thy neighbor for this one event. While other communities rest and prepare for Thanksgiving meal, the Pep Rally on Thanksgiving Eve draws hundreds of citizens to mock “the other side.” Thanksgiving day meals are put on hold until an outcome is decided between the two High School Football teams. At the end of the dueling rainbow awaits the “Frisco Bell” for the victor. Not to mention a year of bragging rights.

The roaring bonfire marks the end of the festivities. Now on to serious business at Kirkwood.
Christian Weekley tosses the turkey for the sophomore class in the Turkey Bowling event of Spirit Week.

Jessica Batz and Josh Sindel find humor in the leftovers from the pie-eating contest.

Line Dance leader Crissy Bates gets down to the line dance music.

Juniors struggle to win against Seniors in the tug-o-war.

Quarterback Karl Odenwald has a face of determination as he throws a pass in the annual Turkey Day Game

Patrick Velton gives an appreciative hand for the assembly goings on.

Kat Kobylerak, Sally Roth, Tasha Chekoudjian and Molly Eckrich are fine examples of the lengths to which one goes to show spirit.
Chrissy Bates charges the crowd with her big smile!

Rodney Trevino trades his football cleats for dancing shoes.

Matt Palmer takes a lick off the “ultimate” snow cone.

Roll tape! Jessi Lang helps decorate for Turkey Day.
Seniors "raise the roof" at the fall sports assembly.

Justin Myrek displays some crazy Pep Band gear.

Morgan Moody, Becca Patton, Greta Rothe and Brian Kreider don’t let one moment escape.

Julie Duenke tapes a banner on the wall for Spirit Week.

Mike Gee hangs out in weight training.

Mike Stanton-Geddes turkey bowl during Spirit Week.
Michelle Lilly helps Freshman brother Ryan Lilly meet people at lunch.

Nick McCormick helps carry Kirk E. Wood to the bonfire at the Turkey Day Pep Rally.

Stephanie Dequire works on a cardboard cut-out for Art class.
Pat Lodes and Evan Russell have formed a lasting friendship.
Katie Bond, Lizzie Sprague, and Ashley Smith have managed to stay friends through the years.

Best Friends
Lizzie Sprague and Ashley Smith have managed to stay friends through the years.
Prettie Eyes
Naije Washington and Shannon Payne's eyes enchanted their classmates.
Best Personality
The class of 2000 was enamored by Jessi Lang, John O'Neil, and John Kiritsis.
Best Body
Elissa Ralls and Bobby Williams: milk did their bodies good.
Kurt Gewinner

Brian Fagnani

Jeffrey Flanagan

Joseph Fobert

Natasha Foote

Patrick Gioia

Senior Class

Most Spirited
Jasmyn Norful and Zach Wood are true Statesmen.
Class Clown
Anne Zager’s and Jeremiah Crusoe’s senses of humor have kept their classmates laughing for four years.
Anne Westhoff and Pat Velten have applied their talents to helping the Statesmen gain victory.
Most Likely to Succeed
Craig Goodloe and Amanda Heuermann spell success.
Best Dressed
Mai-Mai Vo and Joe Fobert dress to impress.
Best Smile
Peter Vishion and Allison Bentley have mesmerized their classmates with their pearly-whites.
Most Creative
Alyson Pedley and Matt Clark create their own style.
Tenika Warren and Jordan Pickeral talked their way into the lives of their fellow students.
Life of the Party
Dan Gold and Tasha Chekoudjian know how to have a good time.
Biggest Flirt
Jessie Krantz and Joe Grosberg charmed their way into the hearts of WGHS.
Rachel Weiner exercises her green thumb at the tenth annual "Campus Clean-up."
Is Mike Gee practicing for the talent show?
Nah, he's just doing a soccer ball exercise.
You had to be a Senior of the Class of 2000 to line up for this picture.
Remember your favorite Senior.
You Must Have Been
A Beautiful Baby...
Class of 2001
Autographs
Left: Dan Theerman works on his clay sculpture.

Right: Josh Sampson shows his school spirit during a football game.
Phoebe Fishman  Ann Fitzpatrick  Julie Fleischer  Stacey Foder  Timothy Foster  Jesse Fournier  Kyra Franklin
Abigail Frazier  Robert Frazier  Lisa Fry  Brian Gaffney  Kelly Garcia  James Gaylor  Daniel Geil
Megan Georgen  Matthew Gewinner  Steven Gewinner  Melissa Giles  Kevin Gilkey  Dana Givens  Demarco Gordon
Craig Grainger  Leonard Grandberry  Karen Graves  Constance Green  Tabetha Griffin  Erica Hadley  Andrew Haferkamp
Jason Hagely  Amanda Haney  Bradley Hannon  Catherine Hannon  Desiree Harden  Eboni Harmon  Megan Harper

Left: Tony Canada shows off her class spirit at the Fall Sports assembly.

Right: Jon Roundy and Elliot Pennington "concentrate" in Mr. Wojak's Physic's class.
Left: Lacey Stout concentrates hard in psychology.

Right: Ava Epps takes a break from cheerleading to join the Marching Band
Left: Josh Sindel and Anna Whitney fight their way up a crowded staircase.

Right: Mary-Kate Cullinane enjoys conversation in front of her locker.
Left: Erica Thumm tries to find the perfect book.

Right: Chrissy Orando, Becky Madras and Jenny Schwab enjoy lunch out in the courtyard.
Left: Kyler Brown: "Past, Monica, will you go out with me on Friday?"

Right: Kymm Wynns plays teacher at Ms. Moore's desk.
Leslie Chicoineau files away rough edges outside the art room.

Jesse Hunt works diligently in Mrs. Ahern's room.
Left: Kyler Brown and Josh Sampson work on the rhino for the Junior hallway decorations.

Right: Sandra Sims enjoys her Fruitopia.
Left: Derrick Ming works on his cooking skills.

Right: Ryan Linhorst disproves the myth that football players don't study.
Class of 2002
Emily Adams  Tiffany Allen  Jerome Anderson  John Anderson Jr  Christina Andrews  Anthony Anselmo  Lance Armstead II

Cydnee Armstrong  Paul Aubuchon  Stephanie Bachelder  Angela Bahr  Jessica Ball  Reneisha Barnett  Diane Barton

Willie Barton Jr  Rayshaun Baskin  Jeffrey Bauer  Sean Bayer  Kristen Beaver  Lindsay Becker  Natalie Bendas

Taylor Benjamin  Andrew Bennett  Stephanie Bergheger  Emma Bindbeutel  Alisha Blackwell  Mary Blain  Alexander Bley

Kari Boedicker  Jake Boggeman  Thorne Brandt  Raymond Briscoe  William Brown  Dana Bumgarner  Tracie Burley

Right: Alicia Clarke and Melissa McGivney talk outside the Continents and Cultures room.

Left: Natalie McConkey studies for a test in Academic Lab.
Left: Amy Schmidt sits outside her class.

Right: Eric Frye enjoys a sunny lunch in the courtyard.
Left: Tiara Potter hangs crepe paper for Spirit Week.

Left: Mary Lubbers and Lizzie Mason sit in Child Development class.
Left: Ellie Seibert and Jason Dietel act like they're sleeping in Drama class.

Right: Zach Smith, Chris Whitaker, and Brenden Flannery learn something new in Ms. Gripka's World Lit. class.
Left: Deiondre White and Corey O'Bryan work on discovering the latest technology trend.

Right: Lauren Christman and Rachel McKee get excited about homework.
Left: Jeff Edwards and Armon Hayes whisper during Math class.

Right: Latoya Mosley works with orange and black crepe paper for Spirit Week.
Left: Josh Cook lifts weights in Weight Training class.

Right: Alice Burton, Emily Kell, and Dana Baumgartner study their World Civilizations books.
Left: Chantell Smith colors mice for class.
Right: Rob Horsefeld and Joe Montgomery enjoy the football game.
Left: Ashley Rice answers phones in the Main Office.

Right: Eric Driver, Sara Story and Gary Grout pull hard in a failed attempt to beat the Juniors during Spirit Week Tug-O-War.
Autographs
Class of 2003
Left: Patrick Beasley attentively listens to his second hour class.

Right: Sarah Teczar, Emily Lemonds, and Amy Ford watch their class receive second place in Turkey Bowling.
Left: Cara Keevan works on her math homework in Ms. Ahern's Academic Lab.

Right: Shannon Howard and Jenny Conley enjoy lunch in the courtyard under the shade of the second floor.
Left: Bianca Brown follows along as her teacher leads the days discussion.

Right: Paul Schneider shows off his dancing skills at a softball game.
Left: Jessi Gaffney wants to know where this lesson is going.

Right: Erica Weis, Andrea Davis, and Latoya Valentine try hard to beat the Seniors in Tug-O-War.
Left: Ryan Lilly enjoys a soda during lunch in the courtyard.

Right: Calvin Stanford concentrates in Keyboarding class.
Left: Graham Pursell and Ryan Pratt work together in Geography.

Right: Jenny Cooper practices guitar in one of the music rooms.
Left: Chance Thompson and Tom Anson have trouble paying attention in class.

Right: Kym Hassing works on homework in Academic Lab.
Left: Shawn Tokei and Matt Resnick work hard in Mr. Dunn's Geometry class.

Right: Jessica Schlepper crunches away on a lollipop.
Right: Kelly Swank studies for a test.

Left: Bryan Toney is hard at work in Math.

Left: Chris Finch lifts weights in Weight Training class.

Right: Alex Brown practices facial expressions in Drama class.
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Assistant Principal

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1934 Riding Club

1949 Red Cross
1967 Modern Dance

1970 Future Teachers of America

1980 Thespians
ROOKIES OF THE YEAR(BOOK)

There is a class where teamwork is always important and used all the time. It can be found in the Echo Yearbook staff. With no returning members, this group began the year with little to no experience, but with hard work and cooperation, this group has accomplished multiple goals that few others can brag about.

Starting off the year with a trip to the University of Missouri, St. Louis, they learned how to perform various tasks from interviewing to cropping photographs. Since the beginning of the year, the group has learned much about teamwork, cooperation, and deadlines. Even though the stress can often play a role in the daily work of the yearbook, everyone would agree that the end justifies the means.

Like always, the goal of the yearbook staff is to make a better book than the previous year and with this being the end and beginning of the century, it is a year worth remembering. Though the class can definitely be trying at times, everyone is willing to help each other get work done and deadlines met, making them a good representation of a team.

Yearbook staff has a well-rounded and diverse group of people, this allows for more ideas and creativity to surface. So why is yearbook such a fun and important class? Because everything from cover to cover is made with pride by the students and the hard working group. Staffers are definitely anticipating the arrival the book to take satisfaction of their work. In the words of Advisor Bob Chekoudjian, "I started off the year nervous about what the class could accomplish but, (the class) surpassed my expectations and I'm even more excited about next year."

Senior Melissa Timmerman enters her layout into the computer, trying not to get distracted by the mess.

Junior Josh Sindel gets some ideas for his layout by checking out which pictures will fit.

Advisor Bob Chekoudjian checks out all the deadlines with Seniors Joe Brinkman and Becca Patton.
Looking at other schools' yearbooks, Senior Cherie Nestor brainstorm layouts for her group.

Left: Senior Joe "Production Stud" Brinkman, "I was just standing here!"

Looking at other schools' yearbooks, Senior Cherie Nestor brainstorm layouts for her group.

Left: Senior Chris Kelce enters his group's layout into the computer making the needed corrections.

Front Row: Monica McKenna, Anna Whitney, Nicole Lopez, Jessie Krantz, Becca Patton, Cherie Nester, Joe Brinkman, Miki Kash, and Jessica Batz. 2nd Row: Josh Sinde, Brandon Li, Stacie Korte, Ali Moyer, and Kat Kohylarek. 3rd Row: Roman Little, Josh Palacios, Bob Chekoudjian, and Chris Kelce.

Advisor Bob Chekoudjian assists Junior Jessica Batz making a new layout.
The Echo has covered the major and minor highlights of Webster Groves High School. They were there when the doors first opened announcing that school has begun. The Echo was there asking, how do the freshmen like their first week at the high school. They asked the seniors, how do they like their first week of their final year. Echo was there when Time magazine was seeing life through the eyes of a high school student. The school paper reported the highlights and the low-lights of the sports program. Student life is always a headline subject in the Echo. Editor, Amy Cook says, "This year has been a big improvement from last year's newspaper staff. A lot of things have been done ahead of the deadline, unlike last year, due to the update in technology received this year. The writers have improved their skills as well." As the year progresses the Echo Staff has covers the annual Turkey Day game and the spirit week events. A difference in this year's staff is that when first semester ended and when winter and spring break came around they weren't rushing to meet deadlines because they were already done ahead of time. As the year comes to an end the staff will be very proud of their accomplishments.
Top left: Senior Katie Zach and Mr. Johnson go over a layout in the Media Center.

Top right: Editor Amy Cook, makes corrections in a story for next month's edition.

Left: Seniors Evan Russel and Pat Velten debate the possibility of squash taking over the world of journalism. You had to be there.

Bottom left: Junior Beth Duggan, takes a break to brainstorm ideas for a Pulitzer-prize winning story.

Below: Assistant Editor Hilary Johnson, talks to Senior Rob Greenhall, about missing a deadline.
Art Club


International Club


Debate Club

Front row: Patrick Schless, Vickie Riley, Blythe Debenport, Brenden Burnett. Second row: Monica McKenna, Jon Roundy, Adam Erikson, Michelle Lilly, Mr. Osterberg

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Say That Once in a Millennium Thought to Your Friends:
The National Honors Society is made up of a unique group of students who have excelled in the classroom as well as being involved in other activities. NHS heads a shoe drive in the winter and in the spring. For the drive, students and faculty are invited to donate old shoes to a good cause, proving that our school really does have "sole".

In spring the club's attention turns to the annual blood drive. Once people are cleared for diseases and their blood type checked, they offer the fluid of life to the people who need it most. As many as ninety pints of blood are collected each year. Thanks to the hard work of NHS's around the area, many potentially health threatening situations are averted.

Key Club

Key Club is headed by Ms. O'Brien. The Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. The students are volunteers, and every month they join to do service. The club is composed of dedicated members who meet regularly to discuss and plan future service activities. Their actions have provided help to the needy and paved the way for a brighter future.
It all started with a phone call. Sophomore Tommy Jayne called his friend Mike Gee, senior, with a radical new idea: a revolution in chess. “I want to be Chess Club president,” Jayne told Gee. Gee responded enthusiastically, Jayne recalls, but not without some trepidation. “I can’t remember the last time Chess Club had a sophomore for a president,” Gee said. Jayne replied simply, “I don’t care.”

Tommy Jayne has had a long and varied history with the game of chess. His father first taught him the fundamentals when Tommy was only three years old. “I used to call the pieces ‘horse’, ‘castle’, and so on,” Tommy said. “It took a few years before I found out that chess would be so important in my life.” At age eight, Jayne entered the Eastern Missouri Junior Chess Tournament. He finished twenty-third out of fifty. The next year, he gathered together a group of his chess-playing peers to form C.H.E.C.K. (Chess for Every Child K-6), a group that gathered after school once a week or so to play chess.

“Not too many people my age thought of chess as fun,” Jayne said, “They all thought it was like homework or something. I wanted to show them that they could play chess and have a good time, too.” The club succeeded, with an eventual enrollment of up to twenty members, ten of which would be present at any given meeting.

When Jayne entered high school, he was delighted to find a chess club already in existence. He says he wanted to join freshman year, but he was too shy. “I really didn’t know anybody yet,” he said. So he waited for two long semesters. At the beginning of his sophomore year, he felt included enough in the school to vie for the position of Chess Club president. With Gee as his upperclassmen support, he easily won the title. Gee said, “People like Tommy because he’s so enthusiastic. He’s a good president.” It was a victory thirteen years in the making. Chess Club meets Thursdays after school in Mrs. Sittman’s room.
The student service council is an organization that is dedicated to helping their individual classes through fundraisers, while at the same time working for the greater good of the school. Each class has its own SSC, and they are responsible for raising money for their class, especially prom. Some of the projects SSC is responsible for include decorating for dances, Turkey Day, Senior Breakfast, assemblies, and pep rallies. SSC is run by student officers who are elected by students. Anyone can be a member as long as they attend a required amount of meetings. SSC is a way for students to become involved in school and to help make a difference.

After cheerleading practice, Sophomore Sara Story shows her school spirit by aiding in decorations.

Junior artist Mollie Edgar sits and paints Moss Field for an SSC.
Above: Senior Sarah McConkey paints the window to keep light out, while keeping spirit in.

Front row (l to r): Jessica Campbell, Chad Thompson, Adam Stevens, Jessica Batz, Sarah Budzinski, Monica McKenna, Amanda King, Elizabeth Jacobson and Jon Roundy. 2nd row: Megan Kassabaum, Casey Knight, Inas Warfield, Phoebe Fishman, Dana Givens, Kristin Edwards, Julie Fleischer and Bryan Pennington. 3rd row: Ann Fitzpatrick, Ali Moyer, Monica Jost, Mollie Edgar, Teresa Ortega, Tammy Mueller and Elliot Pennington. 4th row: Adam Brauer, Hilary Johnson, Sarah Weis, Angela Schaefer, Christina Orando, Becky Schulte and Lindsey Bleem. 5th row: Connie Green, Jenny Schwab, Derek Loudermilk, Adam Erickson, Becky Madras and Justin Wetterer. Back: Tonika Westbrook, D.J. Zor and David Lienemann.

Front row (l to r): Patricia Hake, Diana Bennett, Leonore Carlson, Sarah Teczar and Mrs. Muirhead. 2nd row: Leslie Marecek, Carey Uxa, Latoya Valentine, Lashonna Dumaka, Lauren James and Heather Hubbard. 3rd row: Sarah Sonderman, Jessica Gaffney, Erica Weis, Amy Ford, Megan Graff and Emily Duckworth. 4th row: Amy Schmidt, Kara Keeven, Andrea Davis and Mary Lemp.
The winners from each drama class take the stage at the Comedy Sports Assembly as the largest audience ever gazes on. The audience contained close to nine hundred students, teachers, and administrators. Comedy Sports first appeared on the WGHS stage five years ago and has continued to deliver creative and spontaneous entertainment designed for all ages. For many of the the actors and actresses it is their first time performing on stage. Overcoming nerves is as much of a challenge as improvising comical entertainment.

To prepare for this performance, drama classes learn twenty to thirty different “games.” On the day of the competition the mystery of what game the actors and actresses would be asked to perform was unveiled. The teams dressed in apparel from bikers to shower caps.

Comedy Sports are brought to Webster from New York, where they are usually performed in front of an audience between six hundred and seven hundred people. At Webster Comedy Sports started as a competition within the classes with a few invited audience members. The competition is well received and gaining popularity.

The teams are designed by drama teacher, Mr. Grooms to first compete within their respective drama classes. After the initial “playoffs”, there is another competition between the winners and the “challenge teams”. Challenge teams are teams that the students design to compete against the winner each class. In Drama One there were six challenge teams against the initial winner. “All of the classes are really competitive,” says Mr. Grooms.
Reflections, the sixty-page literary arts magazine, continues at Webster as it has for the last forty years. The Reflections' members have met every Thursday since mid-September and plan on its publication in May. The editorial staff includes Amy Cook, Rachel Weiner, and Brad Norden. The editorial staff selects from the submitted pieces of artwork and creates the magazine themselves—with the help of computers and Mr. Johnson. The staff selects the chosen pieces using a rating scale of one to five, five being the best; most work rated a four or a five is put into the magazine.

"The most irritating thing is people always say they wanted to submit to Reflections, but never do," stated senior Amy Cook. Members of Reflections are limited to four submissions to the magazine. Reflections accepts most artwork as long as it isn't offensive, or goes against school codes. Concerning unacceptable submissions, Ms. Gripka, club sponsor, commented, "We recently had a submission on violence, but it was about a person working through violence and wasn't targeted to any person or group of people, so it was accepted."

Rachel Weiner, Amy Cook and Brad Nordeen make up the editorial staff of the Reflections book. One of the exiting developments of the current staff is the "online" presence of "Reflections."

By: Jessica Batz

Rachel Weiner gives her head a break, during a greuling review session of submitted material.

Once again, Amy Cook "assaults" Brad Nordeen's opinions on "good" poetry.
Front row: Brian Freesh, Charlie Bernetowitz, Michelle Lilly, Nicole Manoogian, Chris Buckley. Second row: Gianina Weiss, Julie Fliescher, Molly Edgar, Ryan Lilly, Mr. Throm.
Thespians
Front row: Jon Roundy, Laura Newmann, Sarah Leahy, Adam Erickson, Mandy Heurmann.
Second Row: Jessica Campbell, Brian Pennington, Anne Zager, Michelle Lilly, Nichole Manoogian, Destiny Merit.
Back row: Tim Futhey, Elliot Pennington, Mike Nesbitt, Pam Hummert, Patrick Sullivan, Travis Peterson.

Understudies
Front row: Beth Wehling, Rachel Weiner, Chad Thompson, Jennyu Kettler.
Back row: Brian Freesh, Monical Mckenna, Elliot Rauscher

Life's A Stage
Those students who are service oriented but whose busy schedules don't allow a lot of time to help others belong in STAR. This club meets every two weeks for about 30 minutes to make sandwiches for the homeless. The sandwich ingredients are purchased through student and faculty donations and put together in those Thursday meetings before being delivered to St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Soulard. Sponsor, Jennifer Wilson uses her planning period to pick up supplies with the donations. This is Ms. Wilson's first year as sponsor. She worked with, now retired teacher, Mr. Jim Muth for one year when he sponsored STAR. Ms. Wilson would like to see STAR get involved with other service projects, like working in a soup kitchen. About the club, Ms. Wilson comments, "it is a fun thing to do (and) helps others at the same time."
Mary Lemp, Katie Hanson, Kelly Furlong and Ms. Wilson work together to speed up the sandwich-making process. The group is usually finished in less than thirty minutes.

Left: Freshman Mary Lemp is skilled in the art of sandwich-making.

Right: Sponsor Ms. Wilson packages sandwiches to be delivered to St. Vincent’s.

Below: In assembly line fashion, Katie Hanson, Ms. Wilson, Vickie Riley, Cara Keeven and Kelly Furlong prepare sandwiches.

Below right: Junior Vickie Riley carries in supplies to begin the “meeting.”
...Electronics to Oil Changes...

If you are looking for a class where you can learn all the finer points of taking apart and rebuilding a car engine, Auto Technology is the class for you. Here students work with everything that a car has to offer, from electronics to oil changes. But the main project is to rebuild a car engine. Auto Technology offers a great experience to anyone who wants to learn a little about cars and how they work, making this class a must for anyone who has their eyes on a future in auto maintenance.

Mr. Mandernak shines some knowledge into Junior Dan Theermans car filled head.

Junior Art Smith looks on as Junior Nick Meyer examines the engine block to diagnose what's wrong.

Senior Mike Nesbitt cleans the crank shaft so it's smooth and free of any defects.
"...Ceramics is Awesome..."

The ceramics course at W.G.H.S. is a class for those who are interested in a different form of artistic expression. In this class students learn how to work with clay and form it into a variety of things from pots to elaborate sculptures.

Led by teacher, Mrs. Antrim, the class is divided into new students and experienced students. The newer students start off learning all the basics of pottery, learning to use the pottery wheel and other various tools to sculpt globs of clay into creative and good-looking pieces of art. While the more experienced students learn to create molds and many types of intricate sculptures.

A definite plus to the class that all students seem to like is the spring firing. The class builds a fire in a barrel and uses it to fire the artwork. The difference between this firing and other types is that when each clay creation comes out of the barrel, it has a blackish color to it, giving each piece a new look that is interesting. In the words of senior John Stanton-Geddes, "ceramics is awesome and so is Mrs. Antrim."

Senior Jon Hughes starting from square one, literally.

Cutting the pattern, Junior Mary-Kate Cullianae begins her new project.

Senior Sean Blake sculpts the finishing touches on his project.

Fired Up for Ceramics
Paul Charachiola gazes at the frisbee while Jordan Pickeral’s attempt to catch it fails.

Nate Tilford shows off strong legs climbing up the inverted wall during an SLS field trip.

'Come on guys, there are 60 of you and 3 of us—just work with us here.' Senior Leadership Seminar often finds David Cady repeating directions.

Patrick Hunt seems to always get the SLS class laughing. He and Lauren Tuffli, along with the other seniors, enjoy the relaxed nature of the class.
We Learned

These freshman girls came to help with Campus Clean-up... or did they come for the pizza?

"What's down there?" Morgan Moody and Brandon ask themselves as they help clean campus on Saturday morning.

Senior John Kiritsis helps junior Adam Stevens spread mulch in front of the high school.

Junior Sarah Budzinski spreads mulch around flowers surrounding the school sign.

Freshman Alex Thompson keeps himself hard at work trimming and manicuring the greenery.

Freshman Rachel Hopson plans her next step in planting new flowers in the courtyard.

The Senior Leadership Seminar offers potential graduates the opportunity to prepare themselves for life beyond the classroom as members of a larger society. Classes might meet with representatives from colleges, work with the homeless, or go rock climbing.

Another building block for life after high school actually focuses on the school itself. The annual campus cleanup finds many students voluntarily giving up a Saturday morning to clean the school grounds. The event, which is sponsored by Mr. Newman and the Parents Club, helps students to take ownership of the school, be a part of the community—and to enjoy pizza afterward.
The 1999 Friendship maids and their escorts: Natasha Foote and John Hall, Miki Kasch and Adam Wise, Katy Nelsen and Bobby Granderson, Jasmyn Norful and Rakeem Stamps, Elissa Ralls and Rodney Trevino, Kim Semsar and Josh Palacios, Beverly Taylor and Brian Beilstein, Katie Zach and Jason Purvis.

The crowd takes a break from dancing to watch the 1999 Friendship maid coronation.

The crowd takes the floor at the dance.

Left: Natalie Rodriguez and Phoebe Fishman dance.

Above: The crowd is "Livin' la Vida Loca."

Right: Tony Greene shows off his moves to his friends.
Jasmyn Norful is the star of the night, the crowned friendship queen.

It was a Night Under the Stars on November 12, 1999. 1,921 Kirkwood and Webster students came together in Roberts Gym, to dance and socialize. This has been a tradition of friendship and mutual respect to kickoff the Turkey Day festivities. The tradition started when the rivalry between the two schools started to grow violent. To encourage the students to get along better, the dance was started. Since the dance is a friendship dance, many students attended with a group of friends, rather than dates. However, some students chose to go the more traditional route and went with a date. At 10 P.M., the crowd cleared the floor for the coronation of one friendship maid from Webster, and one from Kirkwood.

Katie Keefer and Julia Cunningham don't need dates to the dance, they've got friendship.

Ryan Toller shows his Chip N' Dales style to Blaire Mindak.

Justin Myrick tells the story of where he got that suit to a group of people relaxing in the cafeteria.

Brian Gaffney and Beth Duggan enjoy a slow dance.

Ashley Smith and Allison Bentley share a secret on the dance floor.

It's impossible to find an inch of free space on the crowded dance floor.
The Will Rogers Follies

Cast:
Jon Roundy
Sarah Leahy
Anne Zager
Travis Peterson
Matt Gluesenkamp
Ann Barnes - Rachel Hagley
Chrissy Bates - Margie Morrison
Bertha Carlson - Erin Cooke
Laura Neumann - Jessica Heusler
Lizzie Sprague - Christie Key
Carrie Breunig - Emily Warming
Jessica Campbell - Jesse Gaffney

Will's Six Sisters (also) Betty's six Sisters
Cora
Anna
Waitie
Theda
Virginia
Zulecki
Florenx Ziegfeld's Voice
Cowboy Quartet

Stage Manager
The Four Rogers Children

Chorus
Sam Drzymala
Bryan Smith
Andrea Johnson
Candice Smith

Tim Futhey
Richard Yoder
Amanda King
Molly Thacker

Ryan Lilly
Lily Hirstein
Betsy O'Brien

Upper Right: Leading actor Will Rogers, played by Jon Roundy entertains the crowd with his lasso tricks.
Left: The chorus girls are looking their best for the wedding of Will Rogers.

Above: Supportors lobby for Will Rogers' presidency.

Ann Zager as Betty Blake, sings about her "Big Mistake."

Above: Wedding guests Lizzie Sprague and Richard Yoder make their entrance.
Left: Will's father Clem, played by Matt Gluesenkamp, returns as an angel to give Will a few words of advice.

Emily Warming shines like the diamond she is.

Cora, played by Robyn D’Avignon, displays her umbrella twirling skills.

Sarah Leahy gets ready to transport the play to 1904.

Crew:
Lisa Henry, Jeff Klinkhardt, Tim Futhey, Mike Nesbitt, Rachel Weiner, Alex Marasa, Brian Freesh, Elliot Pennington, Sarah Szarzynski, Steve Hunkins, J. Jessup, Michel Woody, Dan Schmick, Sam Dryzmala, Valerie Gough, Kym Hassing, John Nichols, Andrew Haferkamp, Eric Frye, Patty Hake, Andrea Taylor, Samantha Niemoeller, Brittany Bandy, Megan Craff, Sarah Schwartz, Kathy Chamberlain, Pat Sullivan, Jeff Olson, Andrea Donnelly, Joey Pettibone, John Ziegler, Dana Bumgamer, Tony Anselmo, Chelsey Behrens, Dustin Bitikofier, Raymond Briscoe, Stacey Gilkey, Tim Lemen, Robert Moss, Jon Robinson, Dan Schmidt, Nathan Sheppard, Andrew Shipp, Shantell Small, Jason Sullivan, Jake Winkler, Lenise Woodson, William Nielsen, Chris Moore, Paul Herbert, Jessica Lang, Angelia Feemster, Pam Hummert, Leigh Jacobson, Jenny Kettler, Monica McKenna, Amanda Mehl, LaRonda Reese, Ashley Smith, Henry Werner, Tiffany Allen, Sutira Piyajessadakul, Vickie Riley, Zach Wood, Shekinah Holeman, Alison Mitchell, LaShonna Dumaka, Alisha Paige, Erica Wright, Gianina Weiss, Lindsey Bleem, and Anna Schweitzer

Up and coming stars, Heather Schmidt, Caleb Smith, Jordan Knecht, and Zachary Towers play as Will’s children.

Presenting Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers, played by Jon Roundy and Ann Zager.
By Anna Whitney and Jessica Batz

The long awaited Turkey Day pep assembly has arrived and it's the seniors' turn to take the floor. With the crowd roaring, the seniors form their dance lines. Waiting for the music to start with a moment of silence to the senior class' late members creates an emotional awareness for everyone. After the tribute the music is pumped up and the outlandishly dressed and brightly colored class of 2000 preform their highly anticipated dance. Senior line leaders guide their classmates as some follow along smoothly and others hang on for the ride. As the dance approaches its ending the class of 2000 joins together in a huddle and cheers loudly for a well done performance. The music fades away leaving underclassmen to look on wondering what it will be like when it's their turn in the spotlight.
Betsy O'Brien shows her stuff on the dance floor.

Varsity cheerleader Lizzy Sprague contemplates switching careers.

Above: Looking on with much enthusiasm, Katie Sorensen awaits the Senior Line Dance.

Above: Sarah Leahy flashes the crowd one of her world famous smiles during her guard forward/ dance line routine at the Turkey Day Pep Assembly.
Junior, Casey Knight shakes her bon-bon.

Adam Stevens gets the crowd pumped.

Left: Adam Brauer, Jon Roundy, and Phil Hood show us how to cheerlead, Kirkwood-style.

Right: Mission accomplished by the bonfire crew.

Jon "skoop" Roundy gets the report on Kirkwood.

Class of 2001 makes their point.
The Other Season to Celebrate

Left: Senior, Chuck Walker is getting ready to receive the kickoff.

Right: Cliff Ice focuses on the game.

Webster lines up on the defensive line, as Kirkwood gets ready to snap.

The Statesmen return to the field enthusiastically after Coach Ice lights the fire at halftime.

Left: Senior, Will Hildebrant sets up to hold back a linebacker.

Right: Junior, Carl Odenwald pushes his way through defensemen.

Statesmen battle Kirkwood for the ball.
Fifteen minutes of fame comes with a price

It all started back in April of 1999, when Ms. Voss completed an over-the-phone demographic survey. Superintendent, Dr. Gussner received the phone call in July. When Gussner told Voss Webster had been selected for the Time article, "I had mixed feelings. Nervous and excited. It was like a venture into the unknown," Voss says.

On September first, that venture began. Time reporters and photographers converged on the halls of Webster to join its thirteen hundred students. The reporters were everywhere, classrooms, hallways and the cafeteria. Their job: Be a high school student. What did that mean? Going out to lunch with students, after school activities, sporting events, practice and even to their houses. "They observed my morning routine, after school routine, basically wherever I went, they went," says Senior Bobby Granderson. Granderson, who's a tight-end and linebacker for the Statesmen football team, was one of the select few who had profiles featured in the article.

"When I first heard Time was at our school, I thought 'cool,' but after three weeks I began to get annoyed with them," comments Granderson. Maybe Granderson was annoyed because they spent so much time with him? Senior Beth Nelson, who wasn't featured in the article or even included in a picture, shares Granderson's opinion. "Initially I was excited, but it got old, fast," says Nelson. Interviewed or not, a majority of the student body seems to share Granderson's and Nelson's feelings of relief when the Time staff finally left.

Anticipation grew once again as October 25, the article publication date, approached. The whole student body received free copies of the issue from Time. The reaction was, again, shared by many. "As a whole, I don't think it represented Webster. Some parts, yes," says Nelson. Granderson was not only upset with the overall product, but with his featured article. "I guess I didn't expect them to put the bad stuff in. I was sorry I ever did the interview," Granderson laments, shaking his head. "Overall, I was disappointed too. There's more to Webster than football, parties and depression," says Granderson.

Even Ms. Voss shares her students opinion. "It did not represent all that is this high school." But maybe it's not the reporter's faults? The Time staff was predominantly East Coast privately educated. "They came looking for cowboys and Indians," says Voss. "They wrote the article by what they thought a Midwestern high school should be," says Nelson.

Whatever the case, Time has taught Webster a lesson about being in the spotlight and realizing things are not always what they seem.
Left: Webster teachers were very accommodating to the TIME staff, as teacher Andrew Throm directs writer Rick Boeth. Writer Tim Roche and photographer Steve Liss take notes.

Right: TIME photographer Joe McNally sizes up a possible cover photo in front of the Senior entrance.

TURNING THE TABLES: A Webster student makes her own documentary as she takes a shot of TIME reporter David Van Biema, and photographer Andre Lambertson.
Students and faculty warmed their hearts with a night filled of dancing, despite their chilly surroundings. Decorations, provided by the juniors, class of 2001, transformed the cafeteria into a “Winter Wonderland”. More than 600 Webster students and guests attended the Sweetheart Dance. Disc jockies from Phantasm provided the students with music throughout the night, well, at least until eleven o’clock.

The Sweetheart court included Dana Givens, Sarah Budzinski, Ava Epps, Toni Canada, Averi Long, Steve Gewinner, DJ Zor, Allen Logan, Leonard Grandberry, and LaTron Holmes. With high anticipation students gathered to see the nominees’ introductions. Cheers echoed through the “icicles” as king and queen were announced. As the night came to an end students left with smiles and sore feet.
Dan Geil follows attentively as Natalie Rodriguez shows him the moves.

Taking a break from the action, Marina Kulish has a laugh with some friends.


Freshman Dan Hansbourough gets a taste of his first ever Sweetheart Dance.

Sophomore Sara Story hits the high note.
Senior Beth Perez, Lizzie Sprague, Bobby Williams, Natasha Foote, and Sarah Miller along with sophomore Russ Sprague were picked to participate in the televised discussion.

Seniors try to pull themselves a win during the tug-o-war.

Mr. Zeigfeld’s girls give presents to Mrs. Rogers

The Rogers kids bid farewell to dear ol’ dad.
Zach Wood leads Webster to the burning of Kirk E. Wood.

Katy Nelsen’s escort, Bobby Granderson says a quick prayer, “Please don’t trip, please don’t trip.”

Seniors Jon Stanton-Geddes, Jenny Kettler, Josh Palacios and Britt Caldwell take a moment out of the Gummi Wars to pose for the camera.

Natalie Rodriguez and Erin Seibel “get down” to the tunes of the Friendship Dance.

Time photographer, Andre Lambertson relives his school days.
MUSIC

1927 Band

1930 Choir

1949 Band
1967 Symphonic Band

1970 Majorrettes

1980 Concert Choir
Concert Choir


Concert Choir Officers

Honors Choir

(L to R): Anne Zager, Lizzie Sprague, Patrick Hunt, Ashley Smith, Candice Smith

(L to R): Laura Newmann, Lizzie Sprague, Anna Schweitzer, David Lienemann
Show Choir

Row 1 (L to R): Corey Barret, Sarah Leahy, Bertha Carlson, Natasha Foote, Marcus Shepard, Beth Perez, Ashley Smith, Carrie Bruenig, Tim Futhey Row 2: Matt Gluesenkamp, Lizzie Sprague, Kathryn Scherry, Destiny Maret, Beth Wehling, Ann Barnes, Jon Roundy Row 3: Anne Zager, Richard Yoder, Laura Newmann, Chad Thompson, Beverly Taylor, Brian Beilstein

Show Choir Officers

Left: (L to R) Lizzie Sprague, Anne Zager, Corey Barrett, Laura Newmann, Ashley Smith

Right: (L to R) Jon Roundy, Ashley Smith, Corey Barrett, Sarah Leahy

Mad Jazz

(L to R): Lizzie Sprague, Pichard Yoder, Marcus Shepard, Natasha Foote, Ann Barnes, Jeremiah Cruesoe, Joseph Brown, Elizabeth Texcar, Jon Robinson, Laura Newmann, Corey Barrett
Trebelaires
Front row: Christi Theissen, Janice Martin, Maggie Taylor, LaToya Mosely, Deitre Harris, Jennifer Manougian
Second row: Alice Burton, Nicole Harris, Stephanie Bachelder, Erin Cooke, Katie Niesen, Vickie Riley, Dana Brumgarner, Jessica Heusler, Molly Downs, Lizzie Mason
Back row: Emily Kell, Dana Lehnhoff, Suitra Piyajessadakul, Kathy Chamberlin, Mary Lubbers, Tiffany Allen, Corinne Bates, Jamie Mazdra, Christy Key, Maureen Tennant

Webster Choral
Row 1 (L to R): Sherrie McClure, Lashonna Dumaka, Erica Wright, Joey Pettibone
Row 2: MichelleUnite, Kym Hassing, Alisha Paige
Row 3: Ian Redman, Kyler Williams

Freshaires
Row 1 (L to R): Patty Hake, Katie Hansen, Ashley Farell, Leonore Carlson, Samantha Moyerman, Heather Schmidt, Andrea Taylor, Brittany Bandy
Row 2: Rachel Leahy, Rachel Hagely, Sarah Sunderman, Candice Bowie, Angela Feemster, Rachel Green, Rebecca Palmer, Erin Hensly, Sarah Schwartz
Row 3: Bridget Johnson, Valerie Gough, Michelle Woody, Rebecca Zazove, Jenna Bonham, Julia Crump, Rachel Turney, Jessica Gaffney, Heather Fields
Pitching a Fresh Tune

Freshmen confront their first year jitters in the successful Winter Choral Assembly.

Freshmen Angela Feemster, absorbs Ms. Boren’s last minute advice.

Left: In the Winter Choral assembly, Trebelaires made up of sophomores and juniors, "Achoo" to the music of their comical ode to cough syrup and tissue.

Above: Choir director for the past twenty years, Ms. Boren introduces the Statesmen Sensation as they set up the stage for their performance.
Playing Until the

If you're hearing the sound of Mozart, or one of Sousa's marches drifting down the halls of school, it's probably the Wind Ensemble. Wind Ensemble is made up of some of the best musicians in the school music program. Director Jackie Thompson reviews auditions after the Marching Band Season ends. In addition to teaching music classes, this is Thompson's first year directing Wind Ensemble.

Wind Ensemble performs many times during the year, including regional and state competitions. Many of the students in Wind Ensemble compete in the solo and ensemble competition. This competition is city wide and judged based on a 1 to 5 rating.

Other students in Wind Ensemble are also in the All State and All Suburban bands, containing musicians from either all over the state or county. Each year several members of the Music Program are selected for these bands. Not a bad feather in anyone's cap.
End of the Encore
Jazz I

What is Jazz? The Webster’s New Collegiate International Dictionary defines jazz as “a type of American music characterized by melodic themes, subtly syncopated dance rhythms, and various orchestral coloring.” Yet the members of the elite Jazz I team know it as much more. Jazz to them is a way of life: challenging, enjoyable, and soul-stirring.

Senior Chris Johnson said, “Jazz I is what I’ve been working towards for four years. Now that I’m in it, I’m having the time of my life.”

Boosted by the enthusiasm of band leader Kevin Cole, Jazz I has the potential to go places WGHS music has never gone before.


Jazz II

Warriors in training, the Jazz II group characterizes themselves as hard-working, enthusiastic, and fun-loving. They practice twice a week for an hour each time, remaining focused without losing the ability to have a good time. Junior Bryan Pennington said, “We really want to win this year, but we also want to have fun doing it. I think this is a really good group.” Jazz II will undoubtedly bring pride to their school in their music and through their shining personalities as they prepare for the next step in their journey: Jazz I.

Jazz III

Whether entering freshmen or seasoned players, the members of Jazz III always know how to keep it swinging. "There's a huge variety of people this year," said senior Ryan Lubbers. "Some of us have been around for four years, and some of us are fresh out of Hixson." This variety is what makes Jazz III so special: each voice has a chance to shine while blending seamlessly with the group as a whole.

Row 1: Emily Lemonds, Jill Joerling, Jackie Mark, Ryan Lubbers Row 2: Matt Flick, Lindsey Bleem, Justin Cook, Sam Drzymala, Maggie McReynolds, Lindsey Johnson. Row 3: Jeff Olson, Alex Bey, Graham Pursell, Paul Bachelder, Steven Hunkins, Mr. Cole. Row 4: Ryan Felton, Spencer Gleason, Becca Stevens, Ryan Smith.

Pep Band

Pep Band personifies school spirit. Whether performing for an audience at a sporting event or entertaining one another at practice, the members of Pep Band keep their enthusiasm, as well as musical skills, well honed. Pep band rallies crowds and teams alike with upbeat, positive music that is infectious enough to make anyone a sports fan. "I think we play well because we really are rooting for the teams whenever we play; we're cheering with instruments," said sophomore Mike Johansen. No sports game is complete without the boost of Pep Band.

Ryan Smith, Matt Flick, Josh Samson, Chris Johnson, Patrick O'Connor, Adam Erickson, Paul Bachelder, Alex Bley, David Parker, Katy Tiefenbrun, Adam Lange, Justin Myrick, Elliot Rauscher, Mike Hansen, Ben Niemoeller, Traavis Norman, Maggie McReynolds, Emily Lemonds, Sarah Craig, Mike Johansen
Row 1: (l to r) Pam Hummert, Jessica Gaffney, Andrew Haferkamp, Jody Vogeler, Elliot Rauscher, Steve Saville, Nick Thompson, John Ziegler, Heuermann, Elizabeth Teczar, Angela LaFica, Emily Bryan, Stephanie Bachelder, Ellen Williams, Jill Joerling, Kristen Beaver, Andrew Elkins, Andrea Walters, Samantha Niemoeller, Stephanie Brightwell, Kirsten Block, Alisha Bingham, Julie Coleman, Molly Saunders, Rachel Weiner, Anne Schumer, Terri Crist, Hana Videen, Brent Dawson, Sarah Riney, Emily Petri, Angela Farabee, and Beth Kopetti. Row 3: Beverly Taylor, Jamie Wetterer, Olivia Sell, Vanessa Mai, Leslie Johnson, Patrick O'Connor, Michelle Woody, Alisha Blackwell, Andrea McLean, Sarah Craig, Steven Hamill, Josh Spiegel, Ben Koehlenger, Jessica Campbell, and Rachel Leahy. Row 4: Erin Warner, Jessica Nelson, Keysha McDonald, Ryan Smith, Becca Stevens, Tiffany Chambers, Anne Barnes, Jeff Olson, John Klien, Marcus Sheppard, Keith Robinson, Drew Spiegel, Emily Lemonds, Anne Nelsen, and Shatira Piyajessadakul. Row 5: Kristin Edwards, Julia Coleman, Justin Myrick, David Parker, Shawn Paiva, John Schwartz, Mike Lange, Charles Wall, Ben Hudson, Chris Thompson, Ben Bethge, Ben Niemoeller, Sarah Miller, Lenny Grosso, Alex Bley, Ben Tag, Chris Johnson, 

Keith Moore stands at attention, waiting anxiously for the count off.

Jason Hammil follows in Senior Pat O'Connor's footsteps to the beat of "Hot, Hot, Hot."
...Sight Worth Seeing and Hearing...

If you could think of one word to describe the Marching Statesmen, what would it be? This group begins the season practicing at band camp in the summer’s heat and practices all the way till the cold of winter sets in.

Giving one hundred percent all the time, the band plays at all home football games and several competitions including one at the TWA Dome. Dressed in their tuxedos, drum majors Jackie Mark, Kim Sensar, Lisa Gilbert, and Mandy Heuermann lead the Marching Statesmen across the field as they play their music leaving listeners a little awe struck.

Driven by the theme of Latin music and at over a hundred members strong, the marching band is always ready to play their best and are definitely a sight worth seeing and hearing. What word could best describe the Marching Statesmen, amazing!


Senior Josh Spiegel plays the saxophone like there's no tomorrow.

Above: Matt Flick has a jam session with the marching band.
Left: Terry Crist plays the flute while watching the drum major and keeping on beat.
SPORTS

1927 Boy's Swim Team

1934 W Club

1967 Boys Basketball
1967 Field Hockey
(Girls Athletic Association)

1970 Water Polo

1980 Golf
Sophomore Suzannah Lutjens anxiously awaits her opponent's serve.

“I believe we played our best tennis (at districts), and it was our last tournament. (This team) got along really well, one of our best years for that,” said Coach Brady.

Above Left: Freshman Anna Davidson uses her powerful backhand to score on Mehlville.

Left: Emily Slessinger watches as her shot gets past her opponent for a point.

“Even though we weren't the greatest team, we still stuck with it and had fun playing.”
Girls tennis fought hard this year, but had fun doing it. "We had a good season. District finals were indicative of seniors work. We won six out of ten matches in districts. We had some strong seniors this year and we are going to miss them next year, said Grant Brady, coach.

The top three seniors were Kat Kobylarek, Emily Slessinger, and Katy Nelson. The whole team played well this year and improved their skills.

"We were especially glad that we had some freshman on varsity this year," said Brady.

Brady hopes to have even more experienced players next year, to continue in a positive direction.

Home meets are played at Memorial Courts in Webster Groves Recreational Complex.

"I like playing singles because it gives me a bigger challenge than doubles."

"As a whole, the team did well this year. (As an individual) I would have liked to have done better."
Senior Allison Bentley fires a serve at the opposing team at the Parkway North Tournament.

“‘The team has gone through a lot of adjusting,’” explains Coach Burns. “‘The team is very well-rounded. The girls get along well and are very supportive of each other.’ The Stateswomen have a better record than last season and improved with every game. ‘I feel we’ve worked hard and the girls have become better players.’”

Before a game at the Parkway North Tournament, the team gets a pep talk from Coach Burns. The Stateswomen have improved a lot since last season.

Above: Senior Anne Westhoff blocks the ball. Anne has been a dominant force at the net this year.

Left: Junior Lisa Krieder up to serve against Parkway South at Senior Night for the Varsity Stateswomen.

Senior Joanna Dunn on the team’s goals at the beginning of the season: “(We wanted to) earn a winning record, bond as a team, and adjust to the new coach and setter. We started off slow, but built a strong team in the end.”
By Miki Kasch

The Varsity Stateswomen volleyball team, despite the loss of a strong setter and their coach, pulled together nicely. "The season's going as expected," commented Senior Joanna Dunn. "At first it was hard adjusting to a new coach and setter, but now we've built a strong relationship with Coach Burns and rely heavily on our new setter, Allison Bentley," said Dunn.

As the season approached, the team sat down and set some goals. "We wanted to bond as a team, win a tournament, go past districts, and have a winning season," Junior Monica Jost said.

By mid-season, they had bonded wonderfully. "They're like a little family on the court," said fan Ashley Smith. With just four games left, they were on their way to a winning season, holding a record of 8-9.

But the Stateswomen were not all work and no play. They laughed at Hannah Anderson's jokes and cracked up when a certain setter got nailed in the head on a return.

The four seniors, who brought their refined skills and experience to the season, and would be greatly missed next year, but the team planned to reap the benefits of having six returning juniors next year. "We look forward to the next time we play Kirkwood. We know we can (beat) them," says Junior Ali Moyer. Combined with their dedication, laughter, and hard work, the Stateswomen have a bright future for this season and seasons to come.

The Varsity Team celebrates after successfully blocking a Parkway North spike during the Parkway North Tournament.
Above left: Sophomore Tim Velten clears the ball as fellow teammate Mike Gee marks his man.
Above: Senior Kevin Anderson works hard in practice hoping to win the next game.
Right: Senior Nate Tilford is caught on camera tripping Mike Madden.
Below: Due to injuries, Freshman JV player Ben Koehlinger gets playing time against Eureka while leading scorer Mike Madden waits anxiously for a pass.

Above: Imitating a seal, Senior Mike Gee performs his balancing act while practicing in his khakis.
Below: "C'mon! I dare you!" Senior Matt Palmer controls the ball in the game against Eureka.
"Hardworking, energized group of boys."

Who were the Statesmen soccer team of the 1999-2000 season? It was a team that at just halfway through the season maintained an 8-2-2 record. After losing a significant amount of contributing seniors last year, the statesmen proved that this year they can play with the best of them.

Lead by team captain Brandon Rose and six other returning seniors— including Pat Velten, Kevin Anderson, Nate Tilford, Bo Biggs Matt Palmer, and Alex Viox—the team was sure to show off the Statesmen Pride.

"Everybody contributes to the team," said Senior Alex Viox. The team demonstrated that they had the heart and the skill to win, despite initial doubts over how the season would progress. But that would not get them down as Senior Brandon Rose, a three-year veteran put it, "More than any other year, we’ve really come together."

So what was Statesmen soccer? It was a hardworking, energized, always-ready-to-play team that just brought out that Webster pride.
Above: Junior Ashley Speeler races down the field in hopes of scoring.

Above: Senior Jackie Mark gets ready to receive the pass. She is a high-spirited team player and truly loves the game.

Above: Junior, Sarah Weis helps the team on and off the field.

Below: Captain Katie Zach fights off a Kirkwood defender as Junior Jessie Wiese sets up for a shot.

Below: The girls in orange get hyped up for the long awaited game against Kirkwood.

Above: Junior Julie Fleischer stares intensely at the ball as she looks for the open pass.

Senior Katie Zach is an asset to her team and brings a spirited atmosphere on and off the field. "It's a great bunch of girls. It's a new team and they needed players. We get along and hang out together after school. It's a lot of fun and is physically demanding."
By Jessica Batz

The 1999-2000 field hockey team had a rough start in a preseason tournament. The first game against Ursaline was difficult and tested the team’s strength and ability to stay focused. The team’s resolve was evident in their victory over Riverview Gardens, 4-1.

In the most anticipated and hard fought game of the season, the Stateswomen dropped a heartbreaking 2-0 decision against Kirkwood. Junior Julie Fleischer felt the most significant game this season was against Clayton. “It was a wake up call to work together and work harder.”

The team’s chemistry was especially good. The players had a positive outlook of their new team. "I feel good, we have a great bunch of girls," senior Katie Zach. "I like the team's good spirit (even) if we lose," added senior Elissa Kranfass. Everyone worked well together. "I love them, we all get along really well," junior Emily Browne.

As the 1999-2000 field hockey team finished off their season they were able to gain a sense of pride. The team was well rounded, dedicated and unified throughout the entire season. They had a great season and focused on a year of improvement. The 1999 season was not concentrated solely on winning. It was concentrated on learning from their wins as well as their losses. Their outlook for the end of the season was to improve with every game, which they felt they achieved.
"It has been a good season so far, but it all depends on how we do at districts," explains Coach Sebben.

"We want to be competitive at state but have fun doing it," said John Stanton-Geddes, Senior.
After dominating their first two home meets at Blackburn Park, the Webster mens' cross country team climbed to fourth in the St. Louis area large-school ranking, the sixth time in the 90's the Webster mens' cross country team has been ranked in the top ten. The team looked to do well at the State Championship and was, "One of the best teams I have ever had," according to coach Dan Sebben.

The team was led by a core of seniors; Patrick Hunt, Marty Nau, John Stanton-Geddes, and Michael Stanton-Geddes. Adding depth to the team were senior Craig Goodloe, juniors Derek Loudermilk, Dan Rudolph, Steve Sebelski, and freshman Brandon Smith. John Stanton-Geddes lead the pack as a returning district champion and all-state track runner. The team also returned three all-district runners and two all-sectional runners.

Webster was the dominant team in the Suburban South Conference with strong showings in district, sectional, and state competition. In 1998, the Statesmen finished 13th at the state championship meet as a team. "This year, we will do much better; we have been training since the end of last cross country season and are all much faster than a year ago," said Sebelski. With the large number of freshman participants, and strong Juniors ready to take control, the team could count on continuing to be dominant in future years.

Left: Off to the races! Webster's team pushes forward with a strong start at the Webster Invitational.

Patrick Hunt determinedly struggles to cross the finish line in third place.

Above: With a look of determination in his eyes, Derek Loudermilk concentrates on passing the Borgia Knight.

Below: Craig Goodloe concentrates on moving up in the pack.

"We have a lot of potential and I think we will go a long way at state," prophesied Steve Sebelski, Junior.

"I have better competition as a freshman on the varsity team," said Brandon Smith, freshman.
Coach Suzanne Fillion is enthusiastic about her team this year. Although there are a couple of especially strong runners, most of the runners "are around the same ability." The girls are very "team oriented" and are improving with every meet.

Above: Senior Sara Price keeps a good pace at the Ladue Meet as she looks ahead to move up in the field.

Below: Senior Anne Zager stretches as she cools down after a tough race at Ladue.

Front Row: Emily Hoyt, Anne Zager, Britt Caldwell, Sara Price, Eileen Simon, Jessi Lang
Second Row: Annie Morrison, Julia Marsh, Margie Morrison

"Senior Emily Hoyt has been our top runner every time," said Coach Fillion. Emily ran in state competition last year. Her goals for this season were, "to work well with the team, do well at districts, and make it to state again." Emily plans to pursue running in college.
the Right Direction

by Rebecca Patton

It was unanimous! The girls' cross country team was off to a great start, as the girls placed second overall in the Mehlville Invitational early in the season. This year's team was comprised of many strong runners. "There are a lot of seniors, which makes our team experienced. They get along well, and focus on the team as a whole," commented Coach Suzanne Fillion. Senior runner Emily Hoyt agreed saying, "We're very close—like a little family."

Coach Fillion's goals for the season were "to keep injuries to a minimum and to improve each girl's individual performance." The team seems to have achieved these goals, and are very pleased with their season. Junior Margie Morrison said, "We showed team improvement at the Mehlville Invitational. We had to run at Jefferson Barracks, which is a hard course, and everyone did well." "The girls are bringing down their times. I'm pleased that with every meet they are getting better," added Coach Fillion.

In addition to being a strong, unified team, the Stateswomen had high hopes for the end of the season. Coach Fillion said that she'd "like to see Emily and Margie return to state and a couple more of the girls go, too." Senior Sara Price also commented, "I want our team to be remembered as the team that had fun and achieved a lot."

Above: Junior, Rachel Cash hopes all her hard work pays off as she attempts to move ahead in the pack.

Left: Having gone to state two years in a row, Junior Margie Morrison delivers another strong performance as she continues to build on her success.

Right: Junior Teresa Ortega keeps her head high as she passes a Cor Jesu runner.

The Webster team starts off the race hoping for a strong team finish. The girls showed improvement with every meet.

Senior Sara Price is "more than pleased" with the results of her season. She is happy to be a part of the "close-knit" team. Sara's goal at the beginning of the season was "to make it past districts." Sara relishes competition with the Parkway West and Oakville teams and plans to continue running in college.

Junior, Margie Morrison is a strong component of the Stateswomen team. She has participated in state competitions the past two years and hopes to return to state again this year. Margie is pleased with the results of her season. Her goal for the end of the season is "to do the best that I can do."
Top: Senior, Elissa Ralls anticipates the ball for an out.
Above: Jenny Kettler stands in at the plate against Affton.
Left: Oops! Sophomore, Christina Andrews swings at a pitch and misses the ball in a game against Affton.
Below: Jamie Simon anchors the pitching battery as she directs the game from behind home plate.

Above: Striking fear in the opponents, Junior, Stephanie Murray delivers one of her trademark intimidating pitches.

("The season) went very well. The girls made a giant step forward and we hope to continue that progress next year."

Coach Berndt
GOOD LEADERSHIP, GREAT TEAMWORK, AND AN UNCANNY DESIRE TO WIN...

Stateswomen softball! Imagine a team with good leadership, great teamwork, and players who work hard, get along, and have an uncanny desire to win. That is the 1999-2000 varsity softball team. These girls have proven that they never give up and always work hard to win and have fun.

Team Captain and senior Beth Perez said, “We all work together and not for ourselves.” This reflects the heart of the team, as they are a team which is willing to work, and play the game to the best of their abilities while always being there for each other.

With four returning seniors, which include, Beth Perez, Becca Dunn, Elissa Ralls, Julie Duenke, and added newcomer Jenny Kettler, who provided good leadership. The team finished the season with a record of 8-12, surpassing several of the previous years, and showing that the Stateswomen were willing to overcome all obstacles as a team and play hard. So why the vast improvement in the record this year? Junior Casey Knight remarked, “We work really well together, and were willing to work hard to do well.” With strengths like good pitching, a great and well-rounded defense, and amazing team unity, the team has shown their true greatness, showing us that Webster Groves pride.

If you still don’t believe that this was a team that would work hard and play hard to the bitter end, then take a look at their game against Nerinx Hall. After playing a grueling game of 15 innings, the Stateswomen never gave up and pulled off an impressive victory with a score of 14-2. This was a truly good team that always played its best and senior Jenny Kettler summarized one of the team’s best strengths when she said, “We’re all there for each other, on and off the field.”

But to even the best of teams and the best of people, things happen. Webster Groves and especially the softball team lost an important and great person. Coach Ben Averbuch was a coach who believed in everyone of his players and despite his loss, they played on with the same intensity and love of the game that he had. He would be proud of his team, and in the hearts of everyone he will be missed.

Standing 1 to r: Coach Averbuch, Jenny Kettler, Elissa Ralls, Becca Dunn, Julie Duenke, and Bob Berndt. Kneeling 1 to r: Christina Andrews, Jamie Simon, Ann Fitzpatrick, and Beth Perez. Sitting 1 to r: Lindsey Bleem, Stephanie Murray, and Casey Knight. Not pictured: Stacy Foder


"I think we're really improving. One we're better as a whole, and a lot closer, especially with the loss of Mr. Averbuch. We're playing harder. We are almost at .500."
-Julie Duenke

"We improved a lot from last year." Ann Fitzpatrick

"The most significant game so far was probably the Nerinx Hall game. We held on for 15 innings and won.” Christina Andrews

Left: Becca Dunn calls herself safe at first, hoping the umpire will agree.

Right: Slide! Junior Ann Fitzpatrick scores the winning run to win against Affton.

Beth Perez and Christina Andrews congratulate each other after a tough win against Affton.
Trevino takes a water break after a hard play.

Derrick Ming dives for the extra yard.

Front Row: Kurt Gewinner, Emanuel Simmons, Nick McCormick, Will Hildebrant, Chuck Walker, Rodney Trevino, Daniel Smith, Iheoma Osuegbu
Second Row: Andrew Shipp, Pat Velten, Paul Haessig, Bobby Granderson, Andrew Hitler, Brian Fagnani, Ryan Linihorst, Jerry Bailey, Leonard Grandberry
Third Row: Andy Burnett, La Tron Holmes, Rick Downs, Craig Frasier, Mark Eason, Walter Washington, Derrick Ming, Carl Whittaker, Karl Odenwald
Fourth Row: Lennie Harrison, Billy Beard, Matt Koch, Robert Givens, Zach Smith, Scott Mitchell, Junius Ranciville, Jamal Jessups
Last Row: Mike Sullivan, James Jenkins, David Worth, Ken Sheppard, Lance Arnestead, Tim Ebberson, Robert Jones, Andrew Bennett, Tom Nes

Not Pictured: Chris Sims, Che Howard, Jonathan Butler, Raken Stamps, Terrence Granderson, Ramon Hayes, Anthony Luster, Terence Roberts, Nick McDowell, Chad Thompson, DVon Harper, Dwan West

The excitement, emotion, and intensity of the game show through in Andrew Hitler's expression.

Funny guy Eric Dunn sneers at the crowd in attempt to keep them in line.

I think our season has been very positive. I'm glad to see how much improvement has come with our hard work and practicing.
To say the varsity football team had a great season is an understatement. The season was filled with tackles, touchdowns, and inspiration. The new head coach, Cliff Ice, supplied pep-talks, motivational speeches, and reconnected the football team to its meaningful traditions. He connected with the players individually and helped extract the maximum output from their skills.

Who knew quarterback, Karl Odenwald could punt at a moment's notice like he did in the game against Mehlville; that junior running back Derrick Ming could kick off for the Statesmen while being hampered by a shoulder injury? The team pulled each other up when one slid down, with a constant supply of illumination from a coach who only began coaching at Webster over the summer.

The fans were kept at the edge of their seats, wondering what unique play or twist would be added to the game this time. "I think this season has been a positive experience. One which the seniors really deserved," Coach Ice explained. "I've really enjoyed coming to Webster, I missed the Friday night football games. At Hazlewood we didn't have lights. I was a little anxious at first, like what have I gotten myself into. When I saw the talent, I mean, there is a lot of real talent (at Webster)."

Chuck Walker: "I think we accomplished what we should have in the last two years"

Karl Owenwald: "It's a lot better, everyone works a lot harder and the coaching is great. Hopefully we will win Turkey Day this year.

Pat Velten: "I feel that playing football has helped turn me into a chick magnet. The football part is fun too."
The team warms up together before the meet.

Left: Matt Stolzenberg goes for the pin against his opponent

Roy Michaud plans his strategy for receiving the win.

Craig Frazier flips his opponent through the air.
The Wrestling season has been an enjoyable one. Everyone worked hard. Every team member had to watch his weight to make sure that he fit into his proper weight class. It was all worth it when the referee holds up your hand at the end of the match, signifying a win. The Wrestling team is coached by Carl Stallings, a teacher at Hixson Middle School. If you look at Coach Stallings, you know the team is in great hands. He’s led countless wrestlers on to state championship and taught discipline, integrity and self-confidence to the rest. A wrestler on Coach Stallings team is never a loser. There’s always another step on the ladder to being successful and a loss is always considered an opportunity to learn more about yourself and your mental ability. Bill Koulouriotis, new to the program, is the Junior Varsity coach. His background is coaching a successful program at Parkway South. One of the team leaders is Joe Brinkman. It’s a young squad, but they have a bright future in the Wrestling Program ahead of them.
Coach Jay Blossom has been coaching basketball for eleven years, but this is his first year as Webster's Varsity coach. Blossom enjoys his position and describes his players as "fun to work with." Since this is his first year coaching at Webster, Blossom is working on getting the program established and has some new ideas for next season.

Above: Senior Daryll Wilson heads the Webster defense, the Statesmen's pressure defense has been dubbed one of the best in Missouri.
Below: Senior Slam Dunk Champion Ben Cornell gets boxed out. Oakville knows Cornell is a threat under the basket and behind the arch.

The Statesmen take the court after a one of Coach Blossom's famous pep talks.

By Rebecca Patton

What does it take to be a winner? It takes dedication, ambition, and above all, a desire to win. This season, the Varsity Statesmen have shown that they possess all of these qualities and much more. Led by seven experienced seniors, the Statesmen set high goals and focused on having a winning season.

Under the direction of Coach Jay Blossom, the players set several goals at the beginning of the season. The Statesmen were determined to play hard, win the district, shoot for the state title, and earn the respect of their peers.

The Statesmen are definitely deserving of that respect. In their fast-paced games, the players have displayed their good defensive pressure and speed. Their skills are especially evident in conference play, in which the Statesmen are undefeated. "This season is one of the hardest schedules in the St. Louis area. The players are extremely competitive and work to be the best team possible," comments Coach Blossom.

Other important qualities of a successful team are cooperation and teamwork. A strong team bond is necessary to enable athletes to play well together. Senior Bobby Williams has nothing but praise for his teammates, "When we started playing together, everybody just clicked. The guys make practice fun but also get the job done. We're like brothers."

Over the course of the season, the Varsity Statesmen have exemplified a well-rounded team that not only possesses the ability to go far, but to have fun in the process.

Although a first-year varsity player, Senior Chris Kelee cannot be overlooked. His presence on the court and dedication to the team has been essential. As for his teammates, Chris says, "They're really fun to be around and make it fun to go out there everyday."

A strong asset to the varsity team, Senior Ben Cornell has been a driving force for the Statesmen for two seasons. His skill on the court has helped to advance his team and entertain the crowd.
Senior Bobby Williams is a veteran of the varsity team. Bobby has spent three years as a Varsity Statesman and has brought skill and experience to this season's team. Bobby's personal goals at the beginning of the season were to improve his play, be seen by colleges, and help his team to a district or state title.

The Webster bench was one of the vital parts of the team this season. Whether it was the intensity of Jason Pervis or the height of Chris Kelce, someone always contributes.
New Recipe for Success

Experience New Coach, New Attitude...Equals Success

Noise, excitement and fun! That’s what you get when you attend a Varsity Women’s Basketball game. Regardless the outcome (which is often a victory for the Stateswomen), you are guaranteed to see a game that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Steadiily improving with new Head Coach Mike Reinhardt and Assistant Coach Mark Gray at the helm. The girls’ ethic of practicing hard pays off on the court as they wear down their opponents through out a game.

With four returning seniors this year, Kita McCain, Paya Rhodes, and Co-Captains Brandy Austin, and Anne Westhoff, the team has solid core of experienced players, while the younger members of the team benefit from the opportunity to learn from their experiences. A big benefit to the Stateswomen is Anne Westhoff. She has over 1000 points during her stint as a Stateswoman. She has a lock on third place and possibly could move into second by the end the season. Westhoff was also chosen by the Fox Prep Sports Show as the student-athlete of the week. Look for Westhoff to be a shoe-in for the Hall of Fame.

With the current underclassmen on the team learning and maturing every game, the future of Stateswomen basketball looks exceptionally bright. Could we have the makings of a dynasty emerging?
Seniors Anne Westhoff and Kita McCain congratulate sophomore Christina Andrews on a nicely set trap.

Varsity "gets hype" before their home game with the cheer. "What time is it?...Game time huh!"

Junior Ali Moyer and Freshman Caitlin McReynolds try to contain their excitement as they watch the game from the bench.

Senior Captain Brandi Austin calls "shot" as she puts a hand in the opponent's face.

Senior Paya Rhodes concentrates on a free throw as she warms up for the game.

Junior Kelly Garcia gets good position on three Eureka defenders to make the easy left-handed lay-up.
Rob Greenhaw competes in the backstroke, one of his favorite strokes.

At the meet against Clayton, Ruben Mirabal turns a borrowed swim cap inside-out to avoid disqualification. His efforts paid off with a second-place finish in the breaststroke, an event in which he doesn't usually compete.
In the Wild Side

Brian Pennington, a first-year swimmer, warms up for the backstroke.

Co-captain Kyle Seibel was also point leader for the year. Kyle often swam with the rhythm of his own band in mind.
Cheerleading is Life,  
the Rest is Just Details

The Varsity squad makes the crowd cheer after the fight song.

Above: Seniors, Miki Kasch and Amanda Hauser smile for the camera as they share dinner at Saint Louis Bread Company.

Right: A smile of relief is shown as Varsity finishes their Turkey Day performance.

Right: Armed and dangerous the cheerleaders get prepared to T.P. the football players.

Above: At the game the cheerleaders show the crowd their best builds.

Left: Sarah Budzinski gives a smirk to her friends before the fight song begins.
The season for the cheerleaders didn’t start in September, but in May of the previous school year, when they attended the NCA (National Cheerleaders Association) Camp held at Marquette High School. They also had a sleep over to get to know each other. It’s important to build a strong bond within the squad,” says co-captain Ashley Smith. The cheerleaders continued to practice throughout the summer twice a week in addition to attending three camps. “By the season opener we had been together for a while, so it just felt like family,” commented Senior Amanda Hauser.

The biggest highlight during football season was Turkey Day. The cheerleaders perform a routine set to music and a new “stomp” at the pep assembly. The days leading up to Turkey Day are the most strenuous. The squad practices until five P.M. every day. The assembly is full of pi- ing, car chases and flat tires. You would expect the squad to be exhausted the next day. How do they keep from falling asleep during the assembly? “There’s so much adrenaline rushing through you, that you forget you only got a 1/2 hour of sleep,” says co-captain Lizzie Sprague. The cheerleaders performed their most awesome routine ever. “Whenever I’m frustrated, I look back at T-Day and realize our ability,” says Junior Jessica Batz.

After the excitement of Turkey Day was over, cheerleaders began preparing for basketball season. A recent sponsor decision had the cheerleaders at every boys and girls home game instead of traveling to away games and only cheering for boys games. This decision angered some of the cheerleaders. “I loved traveling with the team. That’s when you create the player-cheerleader bond. I’m mad that was taken away from us,” says Senior Miki Kasch. But despite the changes, this year is one filled with fun, excitement, and memories.
By Rebecca Patton

If you’re looking for a challenge, join Guard/Danceline. The squad performs in marching band competitions and parades, in addition to entertaining the crowd at football and basketball games and assemblies. “The girls pretty much choreograph the routines and all dances are put together by the girls,” comments Sponsor Ceil Diemert. “This is a group made up of perfectionists who aggressively perform to their personal best and are very team-oriented.” When they’re not performing, Guard members are practicing. A member must be “willing to put in a lot of time to perfect the dancing and flag routines,” says sophomore Katherine Moschner. The squad is united behind two dance captains, seniors Sarah Leahy and Jaime Baranyai, and two officers, senior Beverly Taylor and junior Kristin Edwards. Senior Beth Kopetti sums up her four-year Guard experience by saying, “It’s taught me about dedication and sticking with something through the good and the bad.”
After four years on Guard/Danceline, senior Sarah Leahy has a lot to say. The veteran thespian and dancer has noticed a lot of changes in the program since freshman year. "Freshman year was like boot camp," she said, "Sophomore year things started getting a little too relaxed, but the past two years the team has really bonded." She cites energy and performing as Guard’s main strengths this year. "Everyone works really hard," she said. "For me, it has really been about dedication. It’s been such a huge part of high school for me."

Senior Beth Wehling is enthusiastic about Guard/Danceline. Beth has been a member of the squad for four years. "Being on the squad takes a lot of dedication and is very time-consuming." But for those willing to commit to the rigorous schedule, "the rewards are well worth it. Everyone puts in 110 percent and has fun while performing."

Left: Sutira Piyajessadakul accomplishes the delicate task of balancing on a ladder while performing a ring routine for Guard halftime show.

Below Left: Katherine Moschner stands at attention prior to entering the football field for the halftime show. A Guard member takes pride in her ability to "hold form."

Below: Beverly Taylor prepares to mount the ladder for the next portion of Guard’s halftime routine.
Skating Into the Zone

The Webster Groves Skatesmen hockey team is definitely a team that is worth going to see. Once again they have more than proven that the previous years are a force to be reckoned with. Led by team captain Peter Vishion and co-captains Sean Blake and Chris Hendel, the Skatesmen are a well-rounded team with great offense and a defense to match. Before the start of the season the weak link was thought to be defense, with the graduation of the top three defensemen. They have proved everyone wrong however. In mid-season, of the 47 teams in Mid-States Hockey, the Skatesmen were the team with the fewest goals allowed. But this is not just a team, it is a group of friends determined to work together to achieve their goals. After last seasons only defeat in the championship game, the Skatesmen are eager to prove that they have what it takes to win state. In the words of defenseman Adam Reed, “We're going all the way baby.”

Peter Vishion hustles to the puck as he crosses the red line.


Jason Moschner and Sophomore Tim listens to Coach Garth at the end of the ice.

Senior Mike Gee looks to receive a pass out of the corner.

Senior Captains Sean Blake and Peter Vishion congratulate Junior Defenseman Graham Murphy after his goal against Kirkwood.

Keenan discuss game tactics, while Mike Gee period.

Alternate Captain Chris Hendel is waiting for the puck to drop so he can win the faceoff against the Lutheran South opponent.


Elizabeth Spurgin, Class of 1992, is inducted into the Hall of Fame for her outstanding basketball career. Spurgin went on to Marquette University and was successful on their Division One basketball team.

Anne Westhoff and John Staton-Geddes receive the "Ray Moss" award for top female and male athletes. Tim Moore, Activities Director, does the presentations.

John Reeve talks with Greg Maracek before Hall of Fame inductions begin. Maracek was one of the founding committee members responsible for establishing Webster Groves' Hall of Fame.

John Reeve and family display his Hall of Fame induction plaque.
The saying goes "you get out of it what you put in." Chuck Walker got a scholarship out of his hardwork on and off the football field. Walker signs on with Arkansas State, for what he hopes is a prosperous college football career. His family showed up for the notable event as a recruiter from Arkansas State took care of the paperwork.

You might be able to find evidence to support the statement, "nice guys finish last." You could not have done so on an early February afternoon in the Library. Librarian Grant Brady provided the stage for yet another college letter of intent. Division One Arkansas State University laid claim to Chuck Walker for the future of their football program. Walker's impressive career at the high school level attracted the attention of several schools, leaving Walker with a decision to make. Arkansas State University finally won out ahead of the others. We wish Mr. Walker the best as he continues his education and football career.
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Never a typical moment. What a talented Yearbook staff this year. Everyone was new to the Yearbook process this time around, so it was a slow start in September. Once we topped the learning curve though, things really started to flow. Committees of students decided on everything from the cover to the last page. Sort of revolutionary thinking. Let the students make the key decisions (okay, the advisor did have to put his foot down a couple of times). The Yearbook staff always strives for an unique experience.

This decade will probably be remembered for the dot com phenomenon. Web won’t just be the first syllable of Webster Groves anymore. The information highway is here and we’re surfing like the beach boys. This century will be remembered for it’s leaping and bounding technological advancements. Only time will tell how much of it is for the betterment of the universe. Our sense of community is no longer bound by geographical limits. One day, the term “go to school” may not be a literal as it is now. Wake up in the a.m., flip on your interface terminal (a server somewhere keeps track of your time at task), do the assigned work for that day, receive an evaluation for your work, immediately and viola, you’re free to do whatever else comes up. One comforting thought through all of this “change.” We’re still going to be people, doing people thing and living people lives. One of those people we will miss is Ben Averbuch. He made sure you remembered the people factor of the equation. No matter how much or what “tools” we throw into the mix, it’ll still be people making them work. With that in mind...

The 2000 Echo Yearbook would not exist without the continued support and encouragement of Principal Patricia Vo, the rest of the Administration and Staff (Lee Drake always tosses a few photos our way to enhance our selection). We welcomed a new Herff Jones Representative, Liz Cox (thanks for all the Krispy Kremes) to the old team: Plant Contact, Joann Mott and Computer Guru Ann Chrisman. Wolf Camera and Schnucks (yep, the grocery store) developed our film, which by the way was various forms of Kodak 800 ISO (I’m hoping that by mentioning that, Kodak might one day actually donate some film to us). We use Canon Rebel cameras, Macintosh computers, Adobe PageMaker and Adobe Photoshop to make the yearbook come to life. As usual, we try desperately to catch all typos and misprints on the proof pages. No matter how hard we try, it seems a few slip through. For those we apologize and promise to try harder next year. Direct questions, comments or suggestions to Webster Groves High School, Yearbook Advisor, 100 Selma Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63119. Enjoy the book!

Strive to reach beyond your current abilities.
The Class of 2000 would like to take a moment to remember those students who would have been walking across the stage with them had tragedy not befallen them.

Jeremy Deneal
Joseph C. Grosberg
Eric Jones
Kathryn C. Orf
Ben Averbuch
1940-1999

Ask any student who had Ben Averbuch of Unit 106 as a counselor and they’ll tell you just how much he cared about kids. His reach went out beyond his office. When a student had a concern about school issues or life issues, Averbuch did not hesitate to offer a way for that student to be heard. Whether a patient sounding board, active involvement or just a reassurance that everything was going to work out, Averbuch was more than ready to be there. He was close to the staff as well. If a staff member ever began to lose perspective about why we were here, Averbuch had a unique, gentle way of refocusing them. His influence is far reaching and will be felt around our halls for a long time.

Ben Averbuch is already missed and will be remembered through the lives of the people he touched. When you get where you’re going take a moment to remember the people who helped you along the way. Chances are Ben Averbuch was part of that trail.
Russia came under international scrutiny for waging a civil war to try to hold on to the break-away republic of Chechnya. After months of fierce fighting neither side gained much ground, and a settlement seemed nowhere in sight.

School violence continued to be a major concern. Since February of 1997, school shooting sprees left 36 dead and 77 wounded.

Six firefighters were killed in a December 3, Worcester, Massachusetts blaze started by squatters in a warehouse. More than 15,000 firefighters from all over the world gathered for a memorial service.

Raisa Gorbachev, former first lady of the Soviet Union, died after a battle with leukemia.
Over 17,000 people were killed and thousands more injured when a magnitude 7.4 earthquake hit Izmit, Turkey on August 17.

Ninety-year-old Doris Haddock, also known as "Granny D," walked 3,000 miles across the U.S. to draw attention to campaign finance reform.

Greek deputy foreign minister Yiannos Kranidiotis was killed after the plane he was traveling in suddenly lost altitude on its way to Romania. Kranidiotis and his son were both reported dead.

"America's son" John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife Carolyn Bessette and her sister Lauren Bessette were killed when the plane John was piloting crashed into the ocean off the coast of Massachusetts.

Suspected serial killer Rafael Resendez-Ramirez surrendered to authorities after more than three weeks on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list. He was wanted in connection with eight murders along railroad tracks in Illinois, Kentucky, and Texas.

Switzerland's Bertrand Piccard and Britain's Brian Jones travelled around the world in a balloon on a 20-day, 29,000 mile voyage. This was the first voyage of its kind to make it all the way around the world.

The San Diego Zoo was home to Hua Mei, the first surviving giant panda to be born in a North American zoo.

The last solar eclipse of the century drew thousands of spectators around the world on August 11. A shadow cast by the moon turned day to night for those in a seventy mile wide path from England to India.

The rain from Hurricane Floyd caused the worst flooding in North Carolina in recent memory. Water from the Tar and Neuse rivers covered 66 counties, destroying over 4,000 homes and killing 51 people.
People around the world celebrated the turn of the century. These partiers ushered in the year 2000 in New York’s Times Square.

George W. Bush took the essential states he needed on “Super Tuesday” to win the Republican nomination for president, beating out John McCain.

Morocco’s King Hassan, one of the Middle East’s most devoted peacemakers, died after ruling for over 38 years.

All 217 passengers aboard EgyptAir flight 990 were killed October 31, after the plane dropped 17,000 feet in a matter of seconds. Initial reports indicated that a backup pilot may have intentionally plunged the plane into the Atlantic Ocean southeast of Nantucket Island.

A heat wave in the Eastern U.S. claimed 95 lives and withered crops from Kansas to the Atlantic Ocean.

Thousands were feared dead as a “supercyclone” tore through India in October. Another cyclone just two weeks earlier killed 100 people and injured 1,000 in Orissa.

More than 2,100 people lost their lives when an earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale shook through the island of Taiwan.

Despite fears of the predicted Y2K bug, mass computer shutdowns and chaos in the streets, January 1, 2000 came and went with virtually no problems at all.

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Despite strong showings in early polls for former senator Bill Bradley, Vice President Al Gore had the Democratic presidential nomination wrapped up by the end of "Super Tuesday" in March.

The United States Mint released the new Sacagawea Golden Dollar coin, featuring the Indian woman who assisted Lewis and Clark on their explorations.

In a $350 billion merger, Internet giant America Online combined with Time-Warner to form the largest media and information company in the world.

London police arrested 19 Afghan nationals apparently in search of political asylum who hijacked a jet liner full of passengers. No one was seriously injured in the incident.

Tori Murden became the first American and the first woman in the world to row across the Atlantic Ocean solo.

An Indian Airlines jet was hijacked in India and taken to Afghanistan on Christmas Eve. Before Indian officials could meet the hijackers' demands, one passenger was killed and others injured.

On August 31, an Argentine jet crashed across a golf course in Buenos Aires. One person on the ground and 79 passengers were killed.

Araceli Garcia, 54, gave birth to triplets in January. Mrs. Garcia and her husband now have 11 children and 13 grandchildren.

A six-year-old boy in Michigan shot and killed a first grade classmate with a stolen gun he found in the house where his mother left him.

A 39-year-old man in Williamsburg, Pennsylvania went on a shooting spree that started at his apartment, moved to a Burger King, a McDonald's, and ended in an office building. He killed one at a day care center. He killed two and critically wounded three.

The 10-year anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall was celebrated. Sections of the wall were scattered around the world as reminders of a world divided.

A string of deadly tornadoes crossed the southwest, killing 47 people and damaging or destroying over 2,600 homes and businesses. Worst hit was the Oklahoma City area where over 50 tornadoes touched down.
Late Show host David Letterman underwent emergency quintuple bypass heart surgery in January. More than 10 million viewers tuned in the night he returned to the Late Show. It was his biggest audience since his first two shows on CBS in 1993.

A story about a child who sees dead people all around him made over 26 million its first weekend. The Sixth Sense received six Oscar nominations, including Best Picture. Sense’s Haley Joel Osment received an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor.

Ally McBeal won an Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series. Original cast members Courtney Thorne-Smith and Gil Bellows announced that they would not return for the show’s fourth season.

Felicity’s Keri Russell won a Golden Globe for Best Actress in a drama, though her shortened schedule was blamed for loss of viewers this season. Keri also showed off her dancing abilities in her movie Mad About Mombo.

Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace hit theaters in May with industry-shaking power. Phantom took in 28.5 million on its first day, and totaled the biggest five day opening ever at 105.7 million. It was the biggest film of 1999, bringing in $430.7 million.
David E. Kelley’s law firm drama, *The Practice*, won an Emmy for Outstanding Drama Series.

**other news**

*Cider House Rules* received seven Oscar nominations, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Adapted Screenplay.

*Toy Story 2* delighted us with its computer animation, and won a Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture, Musical or Comedy.

*The Green Mile*, starring Tom Hanks and Michael Clarke Duncan, received four Oscar nominations, including Best Picture. The story about a magical death-row inmate and his pet mouse earned Duncan an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor.

American Bandstand’s eternally young Dick Clark turned 70 in November.

Fox’s new comedy *Malcolm in the Middle* had the strongest debut since *The Simpsons*. More than 22 million viewers tuned in to the show about a middle-class family with four squabbling brothers and their parents.

Novelist Stephen King suffered extensive injuries after being hit by a van. King, who has written close to 50 books, was back to writing within weeks.

Julia Roberts continued as one of the hardest working women in show business with two box office hits, *Notting Hill*, and *Runaway Bride*.

*The Matrix* thrilled moviegoers with a high-tech mix of action and computer generated effects.

Popular TV shows included *South Park*, * Dawson’s Creek*, *ER*, *Friends*, *Frasier*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, *NYPD Blue*, *Jesse*, and *MTV’s Real World*.

Clayton Moore, TV’s *Lone Ranger*, died at age 85.

Academy Award winner George C. Scott, most known for his roles in *Dr. Strangelove* and *Patton*, died at 72.

Actress Madeline Kahn died of ovarian cancer at 57.

Desmond Llewelyn, Q in the *James Bond* movies, died in a car crash.

Jim Varney, best known for his *Ernest* commercials and movies, died of lung cancer.

Scream 3 hit theaters with a bang, but fell short of Scream fans’ expectations. The film’s heroine was again Neve Campbell, with Courteney Cox-Arquette, David Arquette, Scott Foley, and Parker Posey costarring.

Regis Philbin hosted ABC’s surprisingly successful, big money trivia show *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.*
The Blair Witch Project put viewers under an eerie spell with its storyline of three college kids who hike into the woods to shoot a documentary about a witch who has killed children in the area for more than two centuries. The movie is footage discovered a year after the college kids vanished. Shot for about $30,000, Blair Witch became one of the most successful films ever, based on production cost to revenue ratio.

HBO's gritty organized crime drama, The Sopranos, was a huge hit with fans and critics. Edie Falco and James Gandolfini won Golden Globes for their roles as Carmela and Tony Soprano.

Peanuts creator, Charles Schulz, died in his sleep the night before his final comic strip ran in newspapers. He was 77.

American Beauty received eight Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay, and Best Director. In addition, stars Kevin Spacey and Annette Benning received Oscar nominations for their performances. The film also won Golden Globes for Best Motion Picture, Drama, Best Director and Best Screenplay.

Michael J. Fox won a Golden Globe for his role in Spin City, and announced that he would leave the ABC sitcom to spend time with his family and work to find a cure for Parkinson's disease.
Clint Black’s duet with his wife, Lisa Hartman Black, When I Said I Do, reached the top of the country radio chart.

Faith Hill’s The Kiss, her first single to go platinum, won Song of the Year at the CMA Awards. Since her debut six years ago, she has sold more than 11 million records, and has had eight number one singles. She performed at the Super Bowl and became Cover Girl Cosmetic’s newest face.

Tim McGraw won Male Vocalist of the Year and Album of the Year at the Country Music Association Awards. His album, A Place in the Sun, went platinum in just five weeks. Since his 1993 debut, he’s sold 13 million albums and had 13 number one singles.

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Jo Dee Messina won the CMA’s Horizon Award for career progress.

Garth Brooks, the top-selling solo artist in the U.S. with over 95 million albums sold, received Favorite Male Artist at the American Music Awards.

Shania Twain was CMA’s Entertainer of the Year. She also won AMA’s Favorite Female Artist in both the Country and Pop/Rock categories. She won Grammys for Female Country Vocal Performance for Man, I Feel Like a Woman, and Country Song, Come On Over.

The Dixie Chicks won two Grammys, including Best Country Album for Fly. They also won the Country Music Award for Vocal Group of the Year, and CMA’s Music Video of the Year and Single of the Year for Wide Open Spaces. Their song Cowboy Take Me Away went to number one. The Chicks celebrated their success by getting chicken feet tattoos on their feet every time a record hit number one or went gold or platinum.

Three sisters from Utah pushed musical boundaries and the result was The Whole Shebang, their debut CD. SHEDAisy brought a fresh sound to country music with their popular songs Little Good-byes and This Woman Needs.
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Latin music enjoyed a surge in popularity with entertainers like Ricky Martin, Marc Anthony, Enrique Iglesias, and Lou Bega gaining huge English-language audiences. Martin won an American Music Award for Favorite Artist.

Jennifer Lopez made the move from movies to music with her number one single "If You Had My Love." Sean "Puffy" Combs had a rocky year with indictments for bribery and gun possession charges stemming from a shooting at a New York City night club.

Carlos Santana won eight Grammys for the album "Supernatural" and the song "Smooth," featuring Rob Thomas. The album and the song topped the charts. The 52-year-old Santana, who performed at the original 1969 Woodstock, tied Michael Jackson’s record for the most Grammys won by a single performer.

Woodstock ’99, the 30th anniversary of the Woodstock Peace Festival, turned out to be anything but peaceful when hundreds of concert goers looted vendor tents and burned anything they could get their hands on during the last night of the show.

TLC received two Grammys, including one for Best R&B Album, "Fanmail." Their singles "No Scrubs" and "Unpretty" did well on the charts. They also earned an AMA Award for Favorite Band, Duo, or Group in the Soul/Rhythm & Blues category.

Sting won two Grammys for his album "Brand New Day," Best Pop Album and Best Male Pop Performance.

Winning the Grammy for New Artist, Christina Aguilera rose to stardom with her self-titled album. The CD went to number one with more than 250,000 copies sold in its first week of release.

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'N Sync's Music Of My Heart, recorded with Gloria Estefan, was an instant hit. Bye, Bye, Bye, the first single off No Strings Attached, also did well on the charts.

The Backstreet Boys gained momentum with a sold-out tour and the success of Millennium, which sold over a million copies its first week of release, setting a single-week sales record. Their song I Want It That Way was high on charts and quickly dominated air waves across the country. Two of the Boys got engaged, causing heartache for many girls.

Britney Spears won an American Music Award for Favorite New Artist. The 18-year-old walked away with four Billboard Music Awards including New Artist of the Year and Female Artist of the Year.

With his fifth album Devil Without a Cause going double platinum, and his performance at Woodstock '99, Kid Rock enjoyed the greatest success of his ten-year career.

Other news

Martina McBride won CMA's Female Vocalist of the Year. She also celebrated the double-platinum certification of her album Evolution. Her success continued with the single I Love You from the movie Runaway Bride.

Phil Collins' success on the Tarzan soundtrack was phenomenal. He also won an AMA Award for Favorite Artist, Adult Contemporary category.

Limp Bizkit's album, Significant Other, sold well over half a million copies its first week out.

Whitney Houston won a Grammy for Female R&B Vocal Performance for It's Not Right, but It's OK.

Lauryn Hill won American Music Awards for Favorite Female Artist and Favorite Album.

Brooks & Dunn won Vocal Duo of the Year at the ACM Awards. They have won the award every year since 1992.

Eminem won a Grammy for Rap Solo Performance, My Name Is, and one for Rap Album, The Slim Shady LP.

Lonestar's Amazed topped Billboard charts for months.

Marc Anthony blended his Latin heritage with hefty doses of commercial pop, in his popular English-language debut album.

Sugar Ray's singles Every Morning and Someday proved popular.

Mandy Moore found success with her single Candy.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers won an AMA Award for Alternative Music Favorite Artist. Their single Scar Tissue won a Grammy for Rock Song.

LFO's Summer Girls was the hot song of the summer.

Will Smith's success continued with his album Millennium.

Lenny Kravitz won a Grammy for Male Rock Vocal Performance for American Woman.

Other Grammy winners: Sarah McLachlan for Female Pop Vocal Performance, I Will Remember You; Black Sabbath for Metal Performance, Iron Man; Metallica for Hard Rock Performance, Whiskey in the Jar; Sheryl Crow for Female Rock Vocal Performance, Sweet Child O'Mine.
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Ford introduced its new hybrid electric car prototype, the Prodigy. This fuel efficient family car achieves more than 70 miles per gallon, making it very appealing to the cost conscious, environmentally aware consumer.

Nokia's line of colorful cell phones made it possible to communicate in full color.

Windows 2000, Microsoft's newest operating system, was released just as the Department of Justice anti-trust case against Microsoft was concluded.

The craze of the year for millions of kids, Pokémon, was an import from Japan. The anime video and card game soon spread to everything from bed sheets and t-shirts, to a full length animated movie.
Faux animal print accessories like tiger, leopard, and zebra were all the craze among the wild at heart.

Embroidered jeans were popular, as well as flare jeans and jeans with ribbons sewn on the hem.

Made of semiprecious stones that hold special meanings, power bead bracelets gave us the energy to make it through the day. There were as many different stones as there were moods.

You may have thought raiding your grandpa's closet would never get you anything cool. Well, all of that changed when everyone went for the "bucket hat."

Beaded necklaces of all colors were very popular as well.

Looking "cool" while keeping warm, vests were a big hit this year, including the chic quilted variety and colorful fleece models.

Though the makers of Beanie Babies announced that the popular line of collectibles would be discontinued at year's end, they retained and continued the line after receiving demands from millions of collectors.

While hiking in a remote section of British Columbia just south of the Yukon border, three hikers stumbled upon the remains of an ancient man frozen in ice.

Giving us a new way to take notes, C Technologies introduced the C Pen. This pen-shaped scanner took 50 pictures a second as it was dragged over typed text. The text could then be downloaded to a computer. The C Pen also worked as a highlighter and a pen.

Helping the world get to appointments on time, remember phone numbers, and take notes, 3Com's Palm VII gave consumers a fun and easy way to keep up with their busy schedules. With the ability to install dictionary and calculator software, send e-mails, and play games.

Who needs the malls when you have e-businesses? The new wave of online stores made it possible to buy everything from books and music, to gas and even groceries.

Illusion necklaces were seen everywhere this year. These necklaces appeared to defy gravity by dangling jewels on fishing lines.

Baggy jeans, flare jeans, boot-cut jeans, and dark denim ruled in the fashion world.

Tube tops made a comeback from the 70's, appearing on celebrities and fashion models.

Sony launched its PlayStation 2 in Tokyo, and thousands crowded retail stores to buy. The system doubled as a DVD-video player and included an Link port which allowed the player to be connected to a USB port for connections to other computer-related devices.

Advanced Micro Devices, the number two computer chip maker unveiled the first ever gigahertz computer chip, beating out its competitor Intel.

In February, hackers attacked popular Internet sites including Yahoo!, America Online, and CNN.com, causing panic and shutting some sites down temporarily. Microsoft Corp's new browser IE was toned down in early March.
Margaret McGregor made it into sports history by defeating Loi Chow in the first male-female boxing match.

A New Zealand won its second consecutive America’s Cup, returning the 149-year-old trophy to the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

After overcoming a near-fatal battle with cancer, American cyclist Lance Armstrong became the second American to win the Tour de France.

U.S. Open golf champion Payne Stewart died in a plane crash that investigators believe was the result of sudden cabin depressurization.

With a World Series sweep of the Atlanta Braves, the New York Yankees had their 3rd series win in 4 years and a record 25 total.

Winning the Women’s World Cup in an overtime shoot-out, Brandi Chastain’s final shot clinched a hard-fought victory for the U.S. soccer team in front of more than 90,000 fans.
Tiger Woods ended '99 at the top of his game, ranked number one in the golfing world.

Allen Iverson showed his stuff this year. Iverson, whose height is six feet even, was the shortest NBA scoring champion ever. He also finished third in the League and was named to the All-NBA first team.

In what some have called the "best Super Bowl ever" the St. Louis Rams survived a last second onslaught by the Tennessee Titans to win the 34th NFL championship 23-16. Kurt Warner was named Super Bowl MVP, breaking Joe Montana's record of 357 yards, with his 414 yards. This season, Warner passed for 4,333 yards and 41 touchdowns, to be only the second NFL quarterback to throw for more than 40 in a season.

One of basketball's greatest players, Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain died at age 63. At the time of his death he still held several NBA records, including the most points scored in one game (100), and the most points scored in one season (4000).

Serena Williams became the only African-American woman to win a Grand Slam tennis championship in over 40 years with her win in the US Open women's singles match.

With only four wins in Nascar's 1999 Winston Cup Series, Dale Jarrett came out on top with the championship by placing in the top five twenty-four times.

"Yankee Clipper" Joe DiMaggio died at age 84. DiMaggio made it in the record books for his 56 game hitting streak in 1941, cementing his spot in baseball history for all time.
After 17 years, Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino retired. The 38-year-old Marino threw for a record 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns, but never won a Super Bowl Championship.

After winning his second Super Bowl in a row, Denver Bronco's quarterback John Elway announced his retirement from football.

Maurice Greene continued to wow us, breaking the 100-meter world record in Athens. He added the world indoor 60-meter title, and the 200-meter title to his collection to become the first man to achieve the sprint double in the World Championships. Then he grabbed a 4x100-meter relay gold medal, too.

Atlanta Braves pitcher, John Rocker, was suspended by Major League Baseball after making controversial remarks in a Sports Illustrated article during the off-season.

Wayne Gretzky retired after 20 seasons with the Edmonton Oilers, Los Angeles Kings, and New York Rangers. Gretzky helped win four Stanley Cup championships and three Canada Cup tournament titles. He was also inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Canada.

Andre Agassi had an awesome year, winning the U.S. Open and the French Open, and taking over the number one ranking from Pete Sampras for the first time since 1996. Agassi and Steffi Graf plan to marry in June.

Andre Agassi

Other News

Ending a 17-year career, Steffi Graf, winner of 22 Grand Slam titles, announced her retirement.

The NFL's all-time leading rusher, Walter Payton, died of liver cancer at age 45. Payton held the rushing record with 16,726 yards over his 12 year career.

Tom Landy, coach of the Dallas Cowboys for their first 26 years, 1960 to 1986, died at the age of 75. He is best remembered for leading the Cowboys to 13 division titles and five Super Bowl appearances.

Kansas City Chiefs star pass rusher, Derrick Thomas, died of complications during surgery for a hip injury sustained in an automobile accident.

Wisconsin running back, Ron Dayne, ended his record breaking college career with the top prize in college football—the Heisman Trophy. Dayne finished his season with the record for the most career yards (6,787), and became only the fourth player to run for 1,000 yards or more each of his four seasons.

Setting records with nine catches and 212 yards, Randy Moss helped the NFC come out on top in the highest scoring Pro Bowl game ever.

After suffering a severe knee injury, Charles Barkley—11 time All-star, Olympic gold medalist, and MVP—announced his retirement following 16 years in the NBA.

Dennis Rodman returned to the NBA to play for the Dallas Mavericks after leaving for a short stint as a professional wrestler with the WCW. Dallas released Rodman after only 29 days with the team.

Ray Lewis, three time NFL Pro Bowl player and linebacker of the Baltimore Ravens, was indicted for killing two men in a fight outside of an Atlanta nightclub.

The Red Sox's Pedro Martinez had the most wins in the majors with 23. He had the most strikeouts in the American League with 312. He also became the first pitcher in All-Star game history to strike out the first four batters in the game. His four straight strikeouts tied the record of Carl Hubbell set in 1934.

Darryl Strawberry was suspended from baseball for one year. The eight time All-Star's third cocaine-related suspension in five years left fans wondering if he would play again.

Shaquille O'Neal scored a career-high 61 points on his 36th birthday in a game against the Clippers.