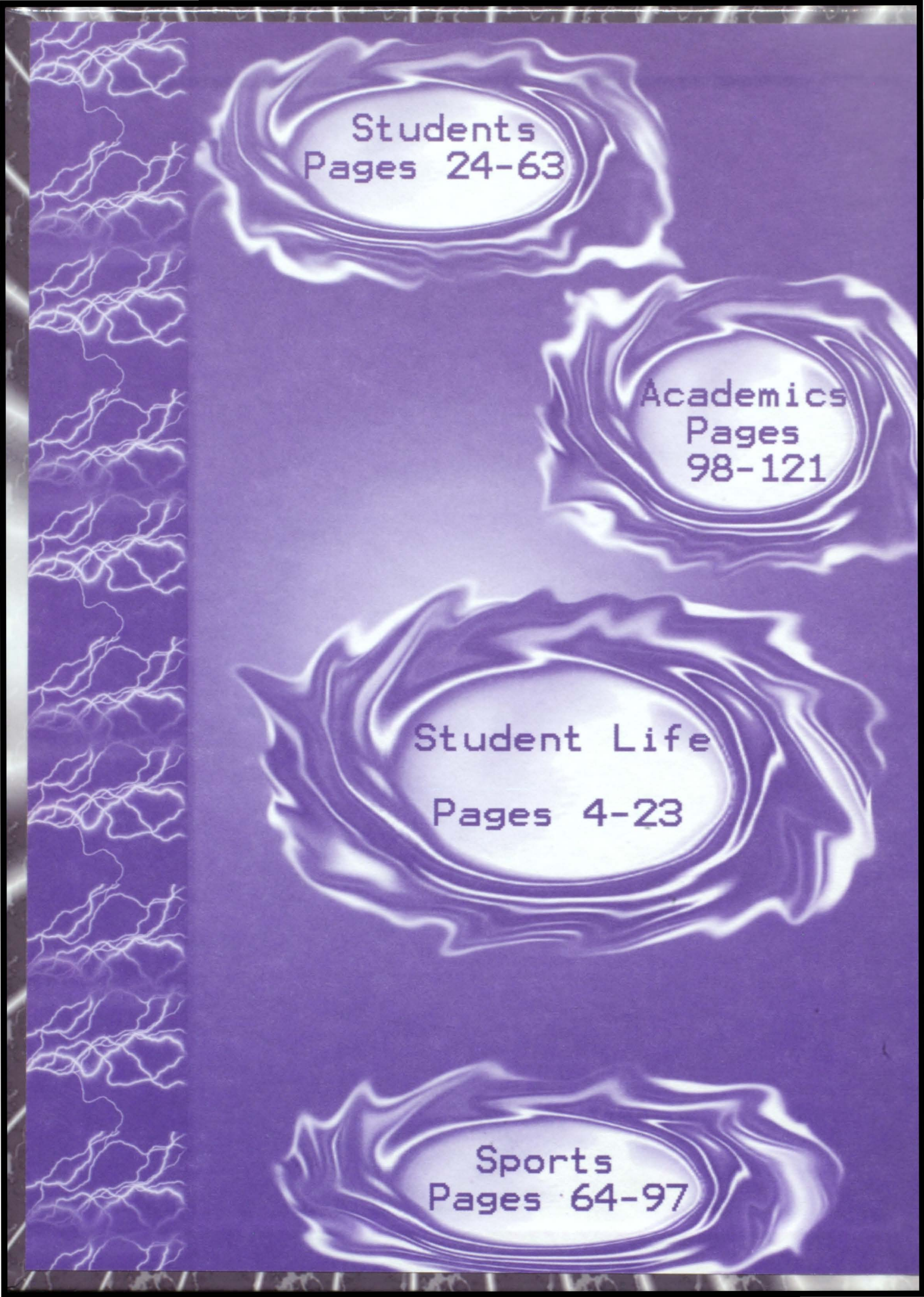


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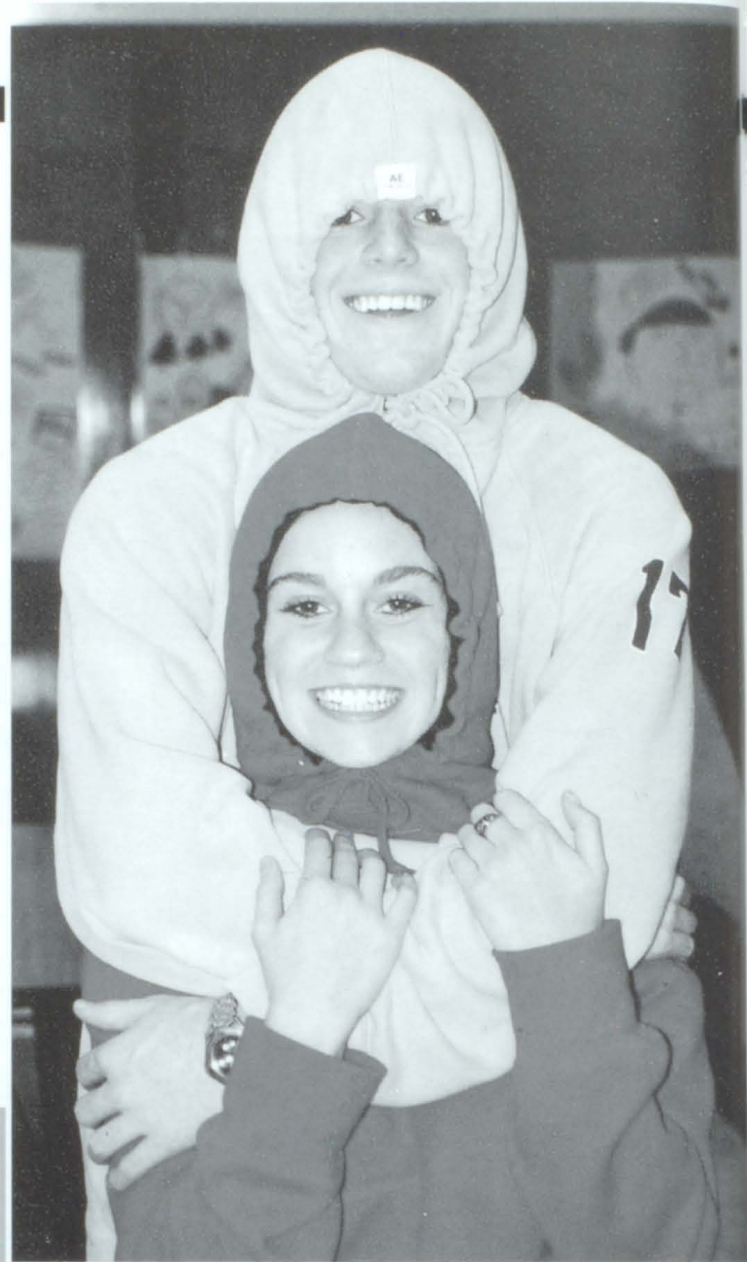
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Stewart Brewer and his "girls" Chris Veltri and Jake Johnson will never forget their spirit week.

Jennifer DeLuca and Dale Jones stack up on their friendship. Dale added, "My friends and the goofy times we've had together will never be forgotten."



"SHS is great for the sole reason that we have a sense of community; we do everything together, and that is what makes it awesome!"  
-Kevin Pallaoro

"I'll always remember my teammates and the fun times we've had."  
-Emily Blakeley

"I am a very technical person and that is why advanced woods is one of my preferred classes."  
-Jeremy Rizor

"I have always liked the pep assemblies. My class is spirited, plus I get to get out of class!"  
-Beth Curtis

# The Purple Year

by Jennifer DeLuca

This is us, LIVING THE PURPLE ILLUSION through the 2003-2004 school year. While everyone has a different blur of the year, we all come together as the SPARTAN STUDENT BODY. The freshmen remember the first day of school and the feeling that hit their stomachs at the first assembly. The seniors have a BLUR of success and remember their feelings on graduation day, knowing that they did it! Sophomores and Juniors saw this excitement and can ALLUDE to what next year holds for them. Even though every PURPLE heart has a different ILLUSION, everyone will remember living the 2003-2004 school year, because it was an unforgettable one!



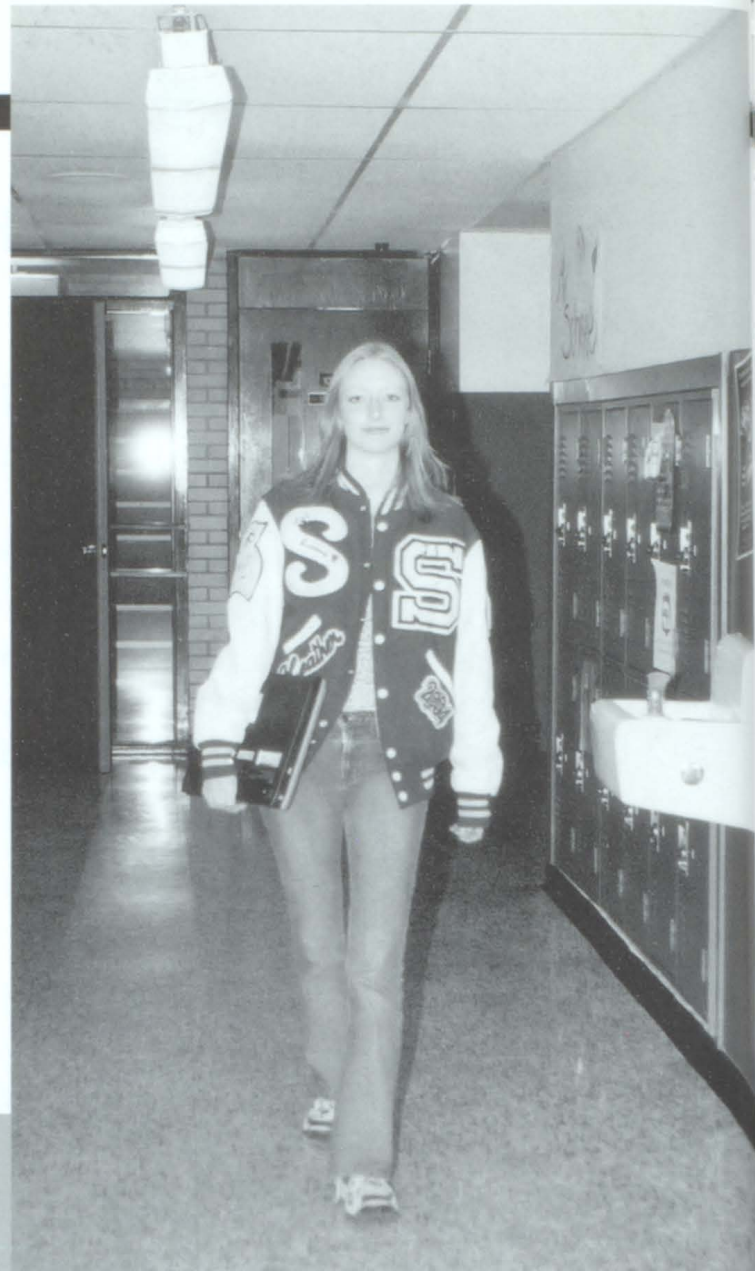
Multimedia students will always remember their gameshow project. "Great fun," said Makenzie Davis.

"Lets go Salida!" Spartan fans will never forget the semifinals of the boys' soccer team.



Rossi Luchetta and Sammy Nelson jam into the future.

"I am going to be an actress and travel to the far corners of the earth," predicted future star Heather Kailey.



"I am going into the navy where I hope to travel the world. My big dream is to go to Hollywood and be a filmmaker."  
-Cory Sherman



"I want to be a band director and play my trombone all over the world."  
-Emma Schleicher



"I definitely want to be an athlete, but I really want to do it in Poland where they swim in the mud!"  
-Chris Mojo



"I want to be an engineer and build the first upside down cheesecake factory."  
-Boone Massey

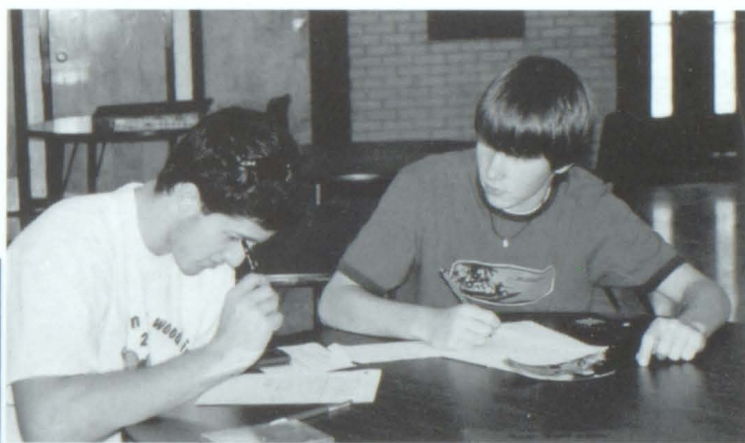


# The Illusion of the Future

by Katie Lee

Everyday, students fantasize about their dreams and goals. We spend each waking moment working hard, creating, and nurturing our courage for our future, often never realizing what or whom we're operating for. Many of us don't realize that our dreams exist, or perhaps, what those dreams really are. All the same, we trudge on, looking our future straight in the eyes.

Although our outcomes in life will certainly be different, we are all able to relate and comprehend one another. Every single one of us has a common fear and excitement for the things that we will face today and tomorrow. We train for our future daily, which makes us strong individuals. Then, the future will be preparing for us.



2+2 is? Logan Lyles and Nick Vrudny "add and subtract" their way through Ms. B's calc class.



"Girls, you are a fire hazard!" Chrisit Erbsen and Crissa Nachtrieb do some quick studying on the floor.

# The Summer Haze

by Katie Lee

Summertime plays with many students' emotions. It represents freedom, jobs, hanging out with friends, having no homework, fun, boredom and excitement, and everything else in between.

Summer seems to speed by like a lightning bolt; barely leaving us time to catch our breath. It seems like just yesterday school got out, when in actuality, it was

months ago. The halls are filled with the faces of students, and we can easily hear a mixture of summer tales as we walk through the heap of teenagers lingering between classes. Although none

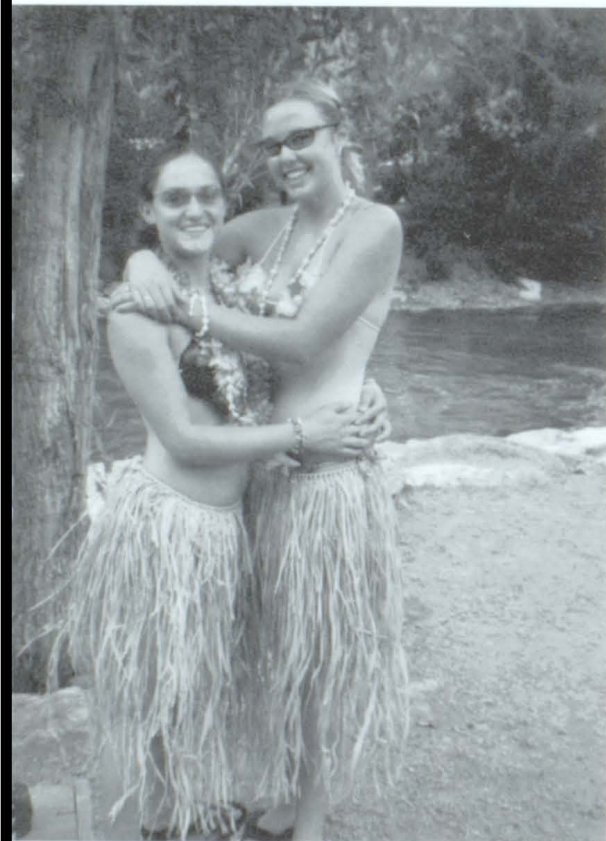
of us will admit it, we are all excited to be back, even if it's just because we get to catch up with our friends and classmates.

The year to come may seem to be long and drawn out, but the vision of the previous and succeeding summers prey on our minds. Before we know it, it will be Christmas Break, and everything will be

downhill from there. Another summer will begin, making the past one seem like an illusion, and then, once again, all to soon, another school year will begin.

"I am looking forward to my senior year, but I can't wait till next summer."  
-Kyle Cleveland

Nice shoes! Rachel White puts "a load on her feet" while touring in Europe with her Broomfield crew.



Heidi Oliver and Jesi Walton show off their fashion, while spinning tunes for FiBark.

Jimmy Amettis enjoys the beautiful Italian scenery.



# Freedom's Illusions

Kristen Lambert, Crystal Vancil, Michelle Ertl, Jennifer DeLuca, and Rachel White enjoy bonding time at Girls' State at Gunnison.

Oh my gosh...Christer Sonheim is wearing Emily Blakeley's pants.



Heather Granzella, Emily Blakeley, Cassie Garcia, Meghan Orrill, and Rachel Papp enjoy a seafood dinner on the beach.



Sisters Beth and Darcy Curtis take a break from fighting to smile for a picture in front of the Mississippi River, on their mission trip.

The varsity volleyball team travels to La Junta for a tournament, developing their new motto "TNT fo shizzle."



# The Leaders Behind the Haze

by Sarah McLearn and Christi Erbsen

Winning the student body elections last spring, Jen DeLuca and Dale Jones kicked off their start for the new school year. Jen was elected President, Dale Vice-President, Danielle Bess Historian, and Logan Lyles Secretary. At the beginning of the school year, their plans to improve our school were just a haze but they turned them into a reality. Every year STUCO members attend a retreat in Pueblo where they learn and share new ideas with other schools. At the retreat, they had learned the idea for our Homecoming theme, which was decades. STUCO not only decides themes but they also put together our Homecoming and Winterfest dances. At Homecoming, STUCO set a record for the top sales of tickets for admission. It seems everyone in Student Council is pleased with the outcome of their progress. As our Student Body President Jen proclaims, "Aim high; Spartan spirit can continue to grow."

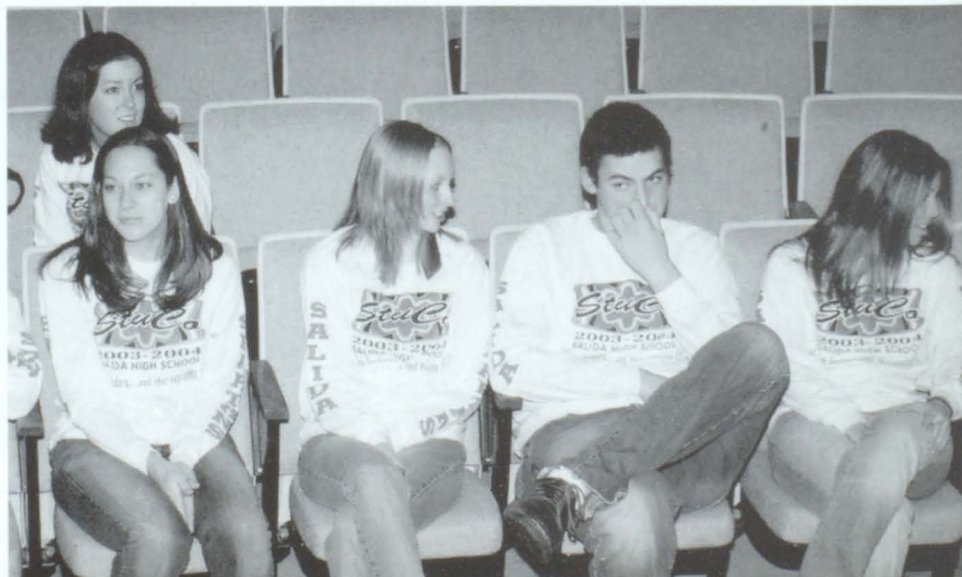
Above: Senior Class Officers: President Chantel Butterfield, Vice-President Jimmy Amettis, and Secretary Michelle Ertl



As Fr Maggie Kudasik glues, Kristen Medina prepares to become the glitter princess.

Center Right: Student Body VP Dale Jones and Sec Logan Lyles try to pretend they are carrying out important business. Don't be fooled!

Boone stop picking your nose! It seems that STUCO needs to pay more attention during their meetings.





Student Body Officers: Sponsor Chuck Stenzel, President Jennifer DeLuca, Vice-President Dale Jones, Historian Danielle Bess, and Secretary Logan Lyles

Stenz proudly displays the food drive boxes.



Top Row: Maggie Kudasik, Heather Granzella, Sarah McLearn, Heather Thonhoff, Amy Gentile, Krista Quintana.  
 3rd Row: Kevin Hurley, Wes Ferraro, Boone Massey, Pat Hurley, Chantel Butterfield, Michelle Ertl, Nick Vrudny, Heather Kailey, Laura Gross.  
 2nd Row: Kristen Medina, Stephanie Baker, Abby Dominguez, Meghan Orrill, Rosie Mosier, Ashely Smith, Christer Sonheim, Chuck Stenzel.  
 Front Row: Dale Jones, Logan Lyles, Danielle Bess, Jennifer DeLuca.

# CLUBS DIRECTORY

## FLC

From Bottom to Top: Hallie Bevan, Krista Quintana, Jimmy Amettis, Rachel Papp, Rosie Mosier, Marcie Spears, Brooke Bevan, Meghan Orrill, Stephanie Quintana, Rachel White, Sarah McLearn, Matt Kroschel, Bailee Bragassa, Jessica Slaughter, Ashley Smith, Taylor Boone, Ms. Nejame, Mrs. Palmer, Matthew Bourget, Andrew Lasher



## VICA

Back Row: Mr. Best, Tim Nelson, Brian Salisbury, Micah Wakeman, Roger Phillips, Lee Johnson, Mr. Stromberb, Mr. Salerno

Bottom Row: Chris Phelps, Joe Adams, Jeremy Rizer



## Chess Club

Mr. Wiard, Michael Quick, Steven Mcardy, Brent Hall, Jared Sphealer, McKay Christensen, Cullin Cripps

# Clubs

## We the People Competitors

Top and Middle: Kevin Pallaoro, Jimmy Amettis, Kyle Cleveland, Dale Jones, Jennifer DeLuca, Danielle Bess, Chantel Butterfield, Kristen Lamber

Bottom: Renee DeChatelets, Michelle Ertl, Rachel White, Britny Pierce, Heather Kailey, Beth Curtis



## EPYCS

Top Row: Hallie Bevan, Jimmy Amettis, Jason Sanchez, Chantel Butterfield, Madison Cassels, Andrew Lasher, Mrs. Thompson, Katherine Smith

Bottom Row: Kristen Lambert, Rachel White, Crystal Vancil, Jennifer DeLuca, Michelle Ertl, Marcie Spears

## FBLA

Top Row: Ryan DeTurk, Boone Massey, Beau Brantley, Clint Pritchett, Jason Sanchez, Josh Kunkel; 4th Row: Seth Myers, Stewart Brewer, Dale Jones, Bailee Bragassa, Mike Klein, Victor Short, Kaileen Pueser, Kat Paitsel; 3rd Row: Mrs. Stagner, James Molde, Sarah McLearn, Justin Criswell, Kandee Avila, Joanne Morawa, Hallie Bevan, Michelle Ertl, Melissa Madden, Marcie Spears, Nicole Webster, Mrs. Thompson; 2nd Row: Savannah Lowe, Jill Jones, Kristen Medina, Amanda Shook, Danielle Webster, Brandi Pugh, Heather Tackett, Jimmy Amettis, Elli Bishop; 1st Row: Krista Quintana, Rosie Moiser, Heather Granzella, Rachel White, Kristen Lambert, Katherine Smith, Kaycee Yenter



## Knowledge Bowl

Top Row: Jessica Slaughter, Chris Paulsen, Maranda Baker, Joel Puls, Jason Sanchez, Hallie Bevan, Andrew Lasher

Bottom Row: Stephanie Quintana, Seth Daugherty, Jake Lindbloom, Brandon Policky, James Molde, Mr. Sanger

# CLUBS DIRECTORY

## Key Club

Back Row: Andrew Lasher, Ms. Buamhover, Cat Paitsel, Logan Lyles, Elli Bishop; 5th Row: Jackie Olson, Kristen Medina, Jessica Slaughter, Mike Klein, Dale Jones, Sarah McLearn; 4th Row: Cally Cripps, Christi Erbsen, Emily Blakeley, Megan Orrill, Aruna Gabriel, Riley Ellis, Brian Salisbury, Madison Cassels; 3rd Row: Ms. Richard, Katie Aragon, Stephanie Quintana, Katherine Smith, Jimmy Amettis, Rachel Papp, Stephanie Baker; 2nd Row: Danielle Bess, Chantel Butterfield, Grace McCallister, Mary Ferraro; 1st Row: Rachel White, Jessica Bess, Makenzie Davis, Marisa Cantonwine, Renee DeChatelets



## Prayer Club

Top Row: Mrs. Robbins, Amy Blakeslee, Logan Lyles, Stephanie Baker, Brandon Policky, Mr. Richardson

Bottom Row: Katie Aragon, Rachel Papp, Sanda James, Ashleigh Morawski, Christer Sonheim



# Clubs



## Art Club

Stephanie Quintana, Brienz Edwards, Jade Phillips, Katie Aragon, Laura Wancura



## Teen Court

Third Row: Andrew Lasher, Chris Veltri, Will Mick, Clayton Stutts, Matt Bourgett, Jacob Johnson

Second Row: Marisa Catonwine, Jimmy Amettis, Sarah McLearn, Emily Blakeley, Christi Erbsen, Kristen Medina, Chase Baldino

First Row: Brandi Pugh, Nancy Stepisnik



# Clubs



## FCCLA

Top Row: Katie Canterbury, Jessica Slaughter, Kyle Gocha, Laura Gross, Christi Erbsen, Boone Massey, Kayla Kinney, Crissa Nachtrieb, Mrs. Kerrigan

Bottom Row: McKay Christiansen, Katherine Smith, Cassie Garcia, Pat Hurley



## NHS

Top Row: Seth Myers, Elli Bishop, Cassie Balduaf, Aimee Davis, Christi Erbsen, Brandon Policky, Logan Lyles, Ryan DeTurk, Dale Jones, Hawk Caldwell, Jessica Slaughter; 3rd Row: Stephanie Quintana, Melissa Madden, Callie Cripps, Shaya Brandon, Cassie Garcia, Crissa Nachtrieb, Mary Ferraro, Katherine Smith; 2nd Row: James Molde, Emma Schleicher, Danielle Bess, Renee Dechatelets, Maranda Baker, Meghan Orrill, Heather Kailey, Beth Curtis; 1st Row: Madison Cassels, Jennifer DeLuca, Michelle Ertl, Jimmy Amettis, Marisa Cantonwine, Crystal Vancil, Marcie Spears, Hallie Bevan, Sammy Nelson

Stage Manager Laura Wancura works hard backstage making the play run smoothly.



Middle Front to Right: Ashley Chavez, Aaron Dobson, Kayla Surber, Aruna Gabriel, Rachel Papp, Stephanie Quintana, Christer Sonheim, McKay Christensen, Shelley Jacobs, Michelle Ertl, Andrew Lasher, Chris Paulson, Brian Salisbury



Ty Montgomery, Amy Blakeslee, Michelle Ertl, and Christer Sonhiem play "The Lovers" in the Shakespeare play.

Beth Curtis, Kayla Surber, and Rachel Papp act out the real version of Cinderella.

Heather Alway, Ashley Chavez, Nick Miller, Aruna Gabriel, and Alice Mathie play "The Fairies" in the Shakespeare play.



Alice Mathie and Heather Alway do some homework after practicing their fairy roles.



by Michelle Ertl

# A Mirage of Actors

New members filled the Drama Club this year. A variety of students from all grade levels decided to lend a hand to the club. The season began with the "Night of One-Act Plays." This year's performance included: "The True Story of Cinderella," "The Trip," and "A New Sunrise." The winning play "The New Sunrise" competed at this year's league competition. The cast won many awards including Best Emotion and Best Characterization. Sr President Michelle Ertl was award Best Actress.

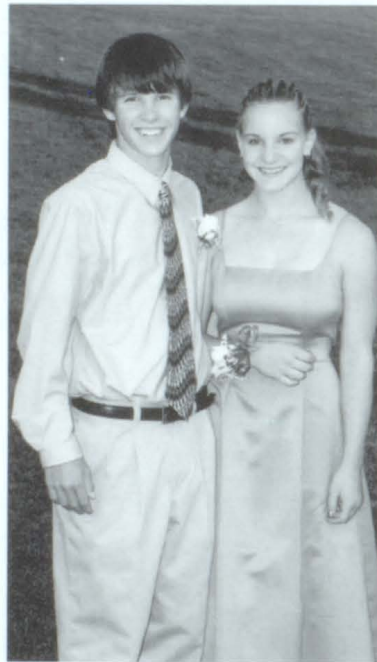
During the spring, the Drama Club teamed up with Stage Left Theater Company to perform Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This production shattered the old record of attendance, ending the year with bang. Vice-President Jennifer DeLuca added, "Drama was a blast this year. I am going to miss it alot next year!"

Drama members gather for a quick picture before their final dress rehearsal.

Naia Dzubinski and Michelle Ertl play old ladies in "A New Sunrise."



# Homecoming



Sharing a cherished moment on the dance floor are Nick Vrudny and Danielle Bess.



# Dancing Through the Decades

by Niki Argys and Madison Cassels

Every year, students show their pride during spirit week in anticipation for the assembly, parade, chili dinner, and football game on Friday...but this year was a little different. Due to schedule changes, the game was moved to Tuesday night against Pagosa Springs' our team walked away victorious. The same night included volleyball vs. Buena Vista, and soccer vs. ECA. Although the volleyball team was disappointed, soccer grabbed a 9-0 victory.

Spirit week brought another change in tradition, be-

cause each day was a certain decade, which coincided with the class float themes. The juniors won the float contest with their slick 50's retro-style cafe. The seniors came in 2nd place with their future-themed masterpiece.

The assembly was held on Friday as usual. All the classes gathered and

cheered in the auditorium. The queen candidates were Jen DeLuca, Heather Kailey, Marcie Spears, and Rachel White. Heather was crowned the

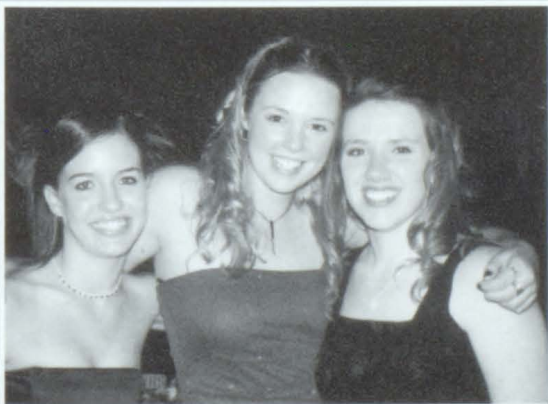
queen, and the seniors cheered their way to yet another victory in the class competition. The week came to a close with the dance on Saturday, themed 'I'm So Into You', held in Larimer Gym.

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"Even though everything was off this year, Homecoming was still so much fun! The Senior dinner and dance both made it so awesome."

-Jen DeLuca

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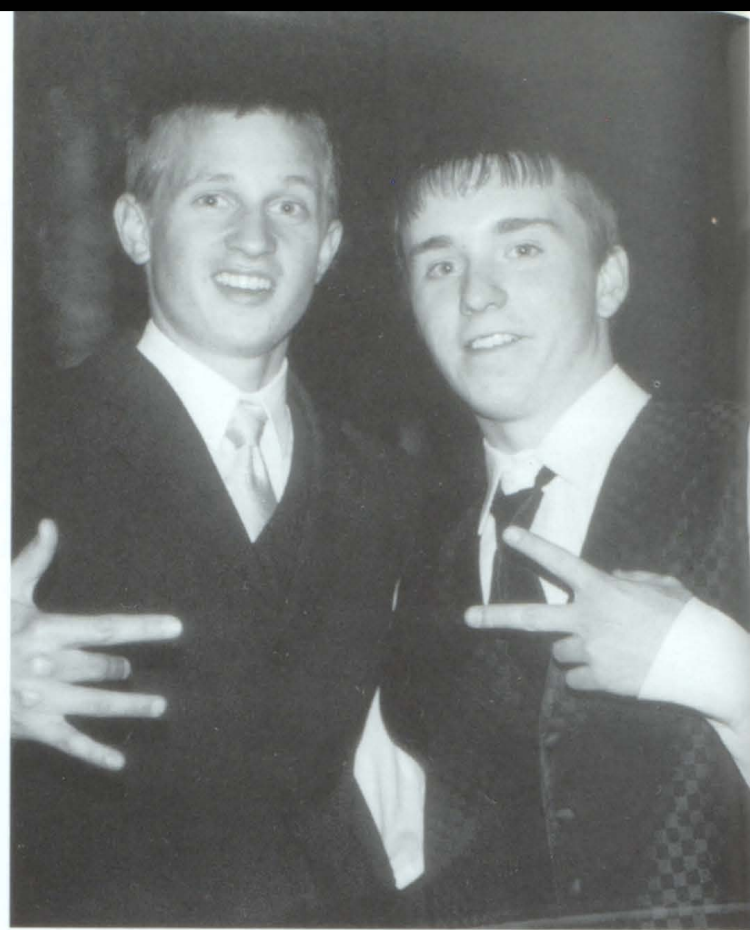


Elli Bishop, Heidi Oliver, and Makenzie Davis dance the night away.



Bre Surber, Beth Curtis, Katie Lee, and Trista Yenter rock through their last Homecoming.

# Prom



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Prom royalty Jen DeLuca and Dale Jones.



# Dancing in Paradise

by Paula, Jen, Ms. Curtis, Steph, Emily, and Crissa

The 2004 Junior-Senior Prom was indeed a jungle of fun. The theme, which was "Pastel Jungle," was elected by the junior class. Juniors did very well in meeting their fund-raising goals. They sold Little Caesar's Pizza Kits and cookie dough, along with working concessions. All together, the money raised was \$4,800.

Those in attendance received martini glasses and mugs for souvenirs. Sr Beth Curtis added, "I thought the martini glasses were really cool!"

As students entered the gym they could vote on King and Queen and get their pictures taken. This year's

royalty was Jennifer DeLuca, Queen, and Dale Jones, King. They shared a dance, "At Last."

Even though students were tired, the evening was not yet finished.

"Prom was awesome. Our class worked well together, and it turned out great."

-Sarah McLearn  
Junior Class President

The dance was "A Night in Paradise," with a temple of love and even a running waterfall. Junior Emily Blakeley said, "We worked really hard on decorating, and it turned out well in the end." About 200 people attended Prom this year.

Students could attend after prom. This year, Junior parents had many new games including Let's Make a Deal, Wheel of Fortune, and Price is Right. This year's "Night in Paradise" was a mirage of spectacular events.



Jrs Ryan DeTurk and Boone Massey tape trees together while Ms. Palmer works with the gossamer.



Senior girls.

# Winterfest





Hallie Bevan is extremely excited about being crowned queen. Cheer up Jason!



# The Wintery Haze

by Madison Cassels

It's the snowy time of year again in Salida High School. The student body has been back in school for a couple weeks and is beginning to sink back into their groove. This year the Winterfest dance was on January 24, 2004. Our spirit week theme was "movies." The themes went as follows: "Sleepless in Seattle" (Pajama Day), "Austin Powers" (60s), "Saving Private Ryan" (Camo Day), and "Bring it On" (Purple and White Day). The Spirit Days went well, and everybody had a good time. The dance itself was themed "Hot Stuff," in honor of the decorative colors chosen: red, yellow, and orange.

The Winterfest queen candidates were Kristen Lambert, Hallie Bevan, Britny Pierce, and Michelle Ertl. On Friday January 23, the student body gathered for the usual assembly, and Hallie Bevan was crowned queen. The dance ensued the following night from

9-12, but this year people chose not to dress as formally as they had in the past. The largest group was the senior girls (with their escorts

"The dance was a lot of fun. I loved dressing up with all my senior buddies in the less than traditional formal wear."

-Hallie Bevan

Jimmy Amettis and Logan Lyles). They chose to sport wifebeaters, jean skirts, and trucker hats. As the wintery haze clears though, the students of Salida High are one step closer to Prom and graduation.

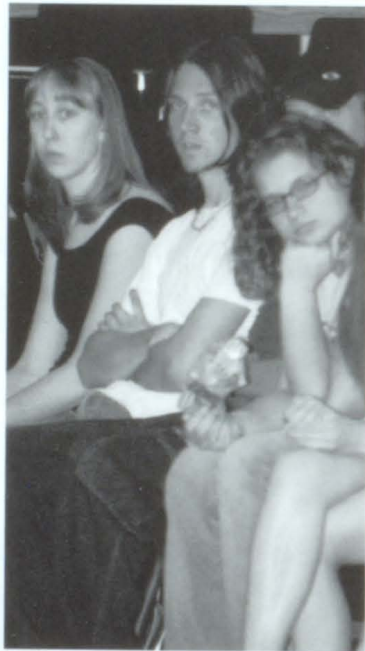
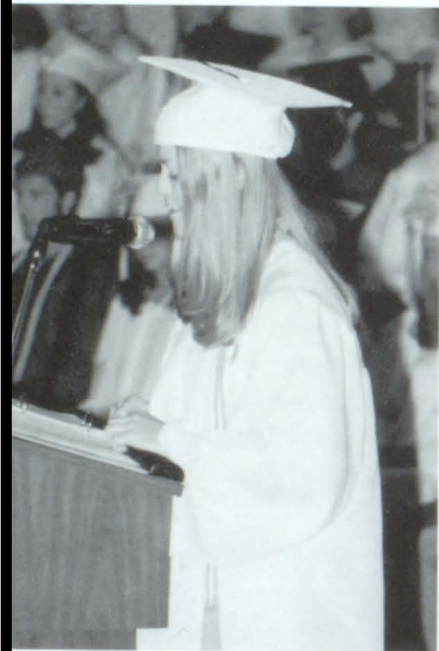
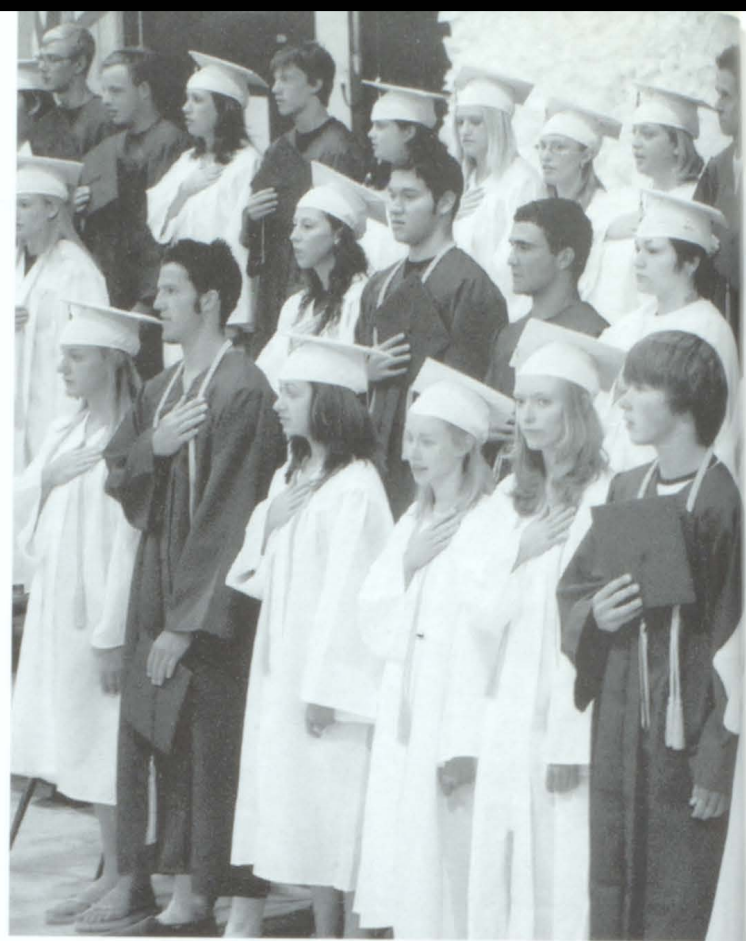


Maria Powers-Bove, Kendall Delyser, Hawk Caldwell, Katie Aargon, James Molde surround a blonde BV renegade at Winterfest.



The yearbook staff, Stephanie Baker, Michelle Ertl, Sarah McLearn, and Christi Erbsen, are about to kick Editor-in-chief Jen DeLuca's butt during this Winterfest's Spirit Week.

# Graduation



Valedictorian and speaker for the night, Jen DeLuca, enjoys sending her peers good luck in their futures.



# The Illusion has Finally Ended

by Jennifer DeLuca

Four years of hard work finally paid off for the Class of 2004. With many accomplishments, the seniors graduated on May 22, 2004 at 8:00 PM. All the students are very excited for their futures and the possibilities life could bring them.

Many students played a role in the student led ceremony. Hallie Bevan was the moderator, and Chantel Butterfield introduced the

speaker, Jennifer DeLuca. Every student in the top 18 of the class had a part. Salida keeps this tradition alive every year, allowing Seniors to produce their own graduation.

The Class of 2004's theme was "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Their colors were purple, silver, and white. The flowers given out during the ceremony were purple and white tulips.

The Class of 2004 graduated 66 students, each one with a different goal. Some will go straight to college, others to tech school, and some straight to work. Three exchange students graduated with the class this year. With each different individual's vision the students are going to spread them-

selves across the country and even the world.

The staff wishes them luck in future years. Mr Richardson added, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, remember take care of those who love you and whom you love!"

"We've had a blast, even working on the backdrop and stuffing the napkins was a really fun way to spend our last days in school together. Every person in our class is awesome, and I'm gonna miss them all!"

-Chantel Butterfield



Seniors Rachel and Britny attend the senior dinner.



Students sing at the Baccalaureate ceremony.

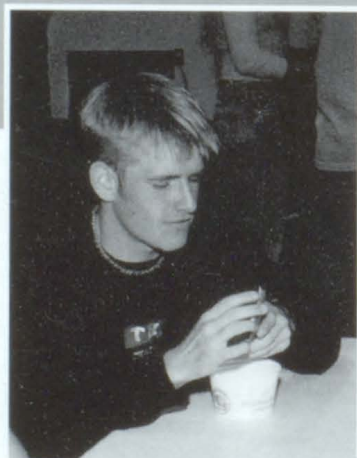
Heather Thonhoff helps out lazy Ryan DeTurk to get a drink.

Christoph and Ashley enjoy a stroll onto the Homecoming dance floor.

"Hello?" Kristen Lambert can't keep her chatty self off the phone while Jimmy Amettis attempts to listen in.



Ashely Glenn and Laura Gross spend their free time in the hall talking.



Vic Short contemplates on what to bid on at the casino table.



Emma Nay takes a break from the yearbook slideshow to give dear friend, Jessica Beall, a hug.



Ashely Smith and Matt Bourget try their luck at the 21 table at the after prom party.

# Living the Purple Life

by Jennifer DeLuca

Students live a life of fun, great times, and long classes. The student body has a huge range of students; everyone has different activities and ideas of fun. While Seniors rush home to fill out scholarship applications, the Freshmen are excited to take their first cruise. Sophomores and Juniors hit the town, looking for excitement anywhere it can be found. All students share one common trait: we are here lets make it memorable!

This year students were able to attend many worthy events, like a Youth Forum, informing the town on teen issues, and state playoff games. All 365 students found their own activities to fill their free time. This year's events made school memorable and exciting.



Kristen Medina and Abbey Dominquez await the Thursday's exciting STUCO meeting.



Sophomore speech students practice their debating skills. Wake up Amy Gentile!

# THE FACULTY'S ILLUSION

by Darcy Curits



Get your face outta there! Ms. Curits teaches what not to do with flour.

With grading papers, creating exams and lesson plans, fixing the water fountain, keeping up the grounds, cooking, setting the students straight, filing, and Wednesday meetings, most of the faculty members would admit that this year has been a blur. Each year goes by so fast that we are left thinking, "Where did all the time go?" This year, like every other, zipped by and took the students with it.

A few interesting things that happened in the hazy faculty world were accepting new teachers, an anniversary, and a special recognition. Clark, Tesci, Robbins, Guy, Dehoff, and Richard were among the ebb of newly hired staff at SHS. Mr. Wikoff celebrated his 10th year as Activities Director, and Mr. Carrick was honored in the local paper as a principal who has served in the US Military.

In the passing of time, every year is unique, but one thing remains. Our experiences at SHS are just part of THE GREAT PURPLE HAZE. Every year we move on, pushing ourselves from holiday to weekend, to the illusion of another summer.

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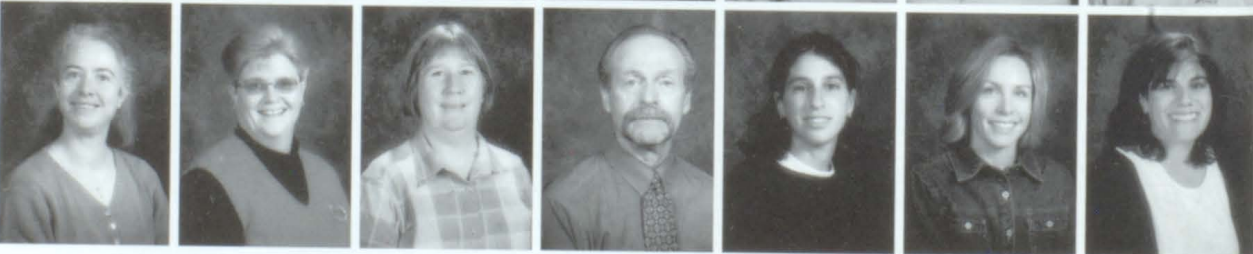
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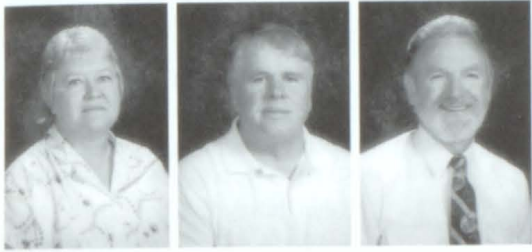
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 Tami Thompson  
 Theresa Thompson  
 Karen Timbrell



Cheryl Walker  
 Robert Wikoff  
 Jim Wilson



**Jimmy Amettis**

Key Club 3, 4(President)  
 FBLA 2, 3(Reporter), 4(Reporter)  
 Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3(VP)  
 NHS 3, 4(VP)  
 Student Council 3, 4(ClassVP)  
 Teen Court 2, 3, 4  
 FLC 1, 2, 3, 4(Treas.)  
 Knowledge Bowl 1, 2, 3  
 Colorado Close-Up 3, 4  
 EPYCS 4  
 CU Boulder Honors Institute 4  
 Rotary Leadership Conference 2

**Danielle Bess**

Teen Court 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Tennis 1, 2  
 Cheerleading 1  
 Key Club 4  
 FBLA 3, 4  
 Drama 2, 4  
 Knowledge Bowl 1, 2, 3  
 NHS 3, 4  
 Student Council 4(Historian)  
 Band 1, 2, 3

**Hallie Bevan**

Track 1  
 Cross Country 1, 2, 3 (Capt), 4  
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Alpine Orchestra 3  
 FLC 1, 2, 3(Sec), 4(Pres)  
 Knowledge Bowl 1, 2, 3, 4(Capt)  
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 EPYCS 2, 3, 4  
 FBLA 2, 3, 4  
 JKB 2,3,4  
 NHS 3, 4  
 Student of the Month 4

**Chantel Butterfield**

FBLA 1, 2(Hist.), 3(Hist.),  
 4(Hist.)  
 EPYCS 2, 3, 4(Pres)  
 FLC 3  
 NHS 3, 4  
 Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4(Capt.)  
 Student Council 1(Sec), 2(Sec),  
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**Kristal Canterbury**

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 NHS 3, 4  
 Girls' State 3

**Marisa Cantonwine**

Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Drama 1, 2, 3, 4  
 NHS 3, 4

FBLA 1, 2, 4  
 Yearbook 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Key Club 4  
 Knowledge Bowl 4  
 Volleyball manager 1  
 Basketball 1  
 Teen Court 4  
 Girls' State 3

**Maria Castillo**

Soccer 1, 2  
 Golf 4

**Danielle Chandler**

Football manager 3  
 Wrestling manager 2

**Kyle Cleveland**

Basketball 1, 2  
 FBLA 2  
 Football 3

**Beth Curtis**

Drama 1, 2, 3, 4  
 NHS 3, 4

**Nick Daugherty**

Band 1, 2, 3  
 Cross Country 1, 2, 3(Capt),  
 4(Capt)  
 Track 3, 4(Capt)  
 NHS 3, 4  
 Boys' State 3

**Andrea Davis**

Student Council 2(Rep.)  
 Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Track 1, 2, 3

**Renee DeChatelets**

Band 1, 2, 3  
 Key Club 3, 4  
 NHS 3, 4  
 Student of the Week 4

**Jennifer DeLuca**

Student Council 1(VP), 2(Pres),  
 3(Rep), 4(Pres: St. Body)  
 Yearbook 1, 2, 3, 4(Editor)  
 FBLA 1, 2, 3(Sec)  
 EPYCS 2, 3(VP), 4  
 Youth Advisory Council 1,  
 2(Pres), 3(Pres), 4(VP)  
 Track 1, 2, 3 (Capt), 4(Capt)  
 School Record Holder 3200 m  
 Run and 4x800 m Relay  
 Cross Country 2, 3, 4  
 Basketball 1, 2  
 NHS 3, 4(Pres)  
 JKB 2,3,4  
 Female Scholar of the Year 1, 2, 3  
 FLC 2, 3  
 Teen Court 3, 4

Drama 3, 4(VP)  
 Girls' State 3  
 Colorado Close-Up 3  
 Student of the Week 4

**Charley DePriest**

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Volleyball 1  
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Soccer manager 3, 4

**Michelle Ertl**

Drama 2, 3, 4(Pres)  
 EPYCS 2, 3(Comm.Serv. Org.),  
 4  
 FBLA 3, 4(Treas)  
 Teen Court 3, 4  
 FLC 3  
 Student Council 4(Sec)  
 Key Club 3  
 Knowledge Bowl 1  
 Volleyball 1  
 Tennis 1  
 NHS 3, 4(Sec.)  
 Cheerleading 1, 2(Co-capt),  
 3(Capt)  
 Colorado Close-Up 4  
 Girls' State 3  
 Rotary Leadership Conference 2  
 National Speech and Drama  
 Award

**Elisa Espinosa**

Cheerleading 4

**Dale Jones**

Varsity Basketball  
 2,3(Cap),4(Cap.)  
 Varsity Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Student Council 3, 4(VP: St.  
 Body)  
 Key Club 2, 3, 4  
 FBLA 2, 3, 4(Parliamentarian)  
 J. Kyle Braid Leadership Ranch  
 2  
 Hugh O'Brian Ldrsp Seminar 2  
 All-League Honorable Mention 3  
 NHS 3, 4

**Heather Kailey**

Drama Club 1, 2, 3(VP)  
 Student Council 1(Pres.), 2(VP),  
 3(Pres.), 4  
 Basketball 1  
 Track 2  
 NHS 3, 4  
 Golf 4  
 Girls' State 3  
 EPYCS 2  
 FBLA 3  
 Student of the Month 4  
 Youth Advisory Council 1, 2, 3,  
 4  
 Band 1, 2

**Jamey King**

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4(Capt.)  
 Soccer League "Player of the  
 Year" 4  
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4(Capt)

**Kristen Lambert**

FBLA 1, 2, 3(Pres), 4(Pres)  
 EPYCS 2, 3, 4(VP)  
 Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Teen Court 2, 3, 4  
 NHS 3, 4  
 Colorado Close-Up 3, 4  
 Key Club 4  
 Knowledge Bowl 1, 2, 3  
 Band 1, 2, 3  
 FLC 3  
 Drama 1

**Katie Lee**

Tennis 1  
 Drama 1, 3  
 Yearbook 1, 2, 3, 4(Co-editor)

**Logan Lyles**

Golf 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Scholastic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Rotary Leadership Conference 2  
 STUCO 3, 4(Sec: St. Body)  
 Key Club 2, 3, 4  
 Tenderfoot Times 3, 4(Editor)  
 CHSPA Journalism Hn. Men. 3  
 Student of the Month 4  
 Male Student of the Junior Class  
 3  
 Student of the Week 4  
 Track 2  
 Prayer Club 1, 2, 3(Pres.),  
 4(Pres.)  
 NHS 3, 4

**Jesse Ogdan**

Band 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Jazz Band 1, 2, 3(Officer), 4  
 Western State Honor Band 2  
 Ft. Lewis Honor Band 4  
 Football 4

**Roger Phillips**

Football 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Track 2  
 VICA 4

**Britny Pierce**

NHS 3, 4  
 Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Soccer 1, 3, 4  
 Cheerleading 1  
 Teen Court 4

**Clint Pritchett**

FBLA 3



Yearbook 4  
NHS 3, 4

**Joel Puls**

Soccer 4  
Knowledge Bowl 4  
Track 4

**Jason Sanchez**

Knowledge Bowl 1, 2, 3, 4  
Matchwits 4  
FBLA 1, 2, 3, 4  
EPYCS 4  
Boys State 3  
NHS 4

**Emma Schleicher**

Salida Brass 1, 2, 3, 4  
Alpine Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4  
League Honor Band 3, 4  
CSU Honor Band 4  
Top of the Nation Honor Band 2  
All-State Band 2, 3, 4  
All-State Jazz 4  
Westrn State Honor Band 1, 2, 3, 4  
Western Slope Honor Band 1, 2  
Western Slope Jazz 1, 2  
All-Star Jazz 2  
John Philip Sousa Award 3  
Fort Lewis Honor Band 2, 3, 4  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4  
Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4

**Marcie Spears**

Soccer 1, 2, 3(Capt.), 4(Capt.)  
Basketball 1, 2  
Cross Country 3  
FBLA 3, 4  
EPYCS 2, 3, 4  
FLC 3, 4(VP)  
All-State Jazz 2, 3  
All-Star Jazz 3  
Western State Honor Band 2, 3, 4  
Select Honor Band 2  
Select Jazz Band 2  
Fort Lewis Honor Band 4  
NHS 3, 4

**Breonna Surber**

Volleyball 1  
Basketball 1, 4  
Tennis 1, 4  
Cheerleading 2

**Heather Tackett**

Basketball 1  
Volleyball 1, 2(Manager)  
Drama 1  
FBLA 3, 4  
Track 1

**Crystal Vancil**

Soccer 1  
Volleyball 1  
Basketball 1  
Track 1  
EPYCS 4  
Teen Court 3  
NHS 3, 4  
Girls' State 3  
NHS 3, 4(Treasurer)

**Nick Vrudny**

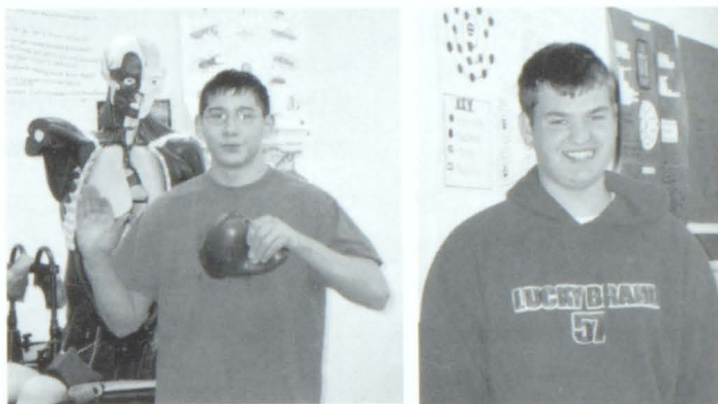
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NHS 3, 4  
Chess Club 1  
Basketball 1, 2  
Colorado Close-Up 3  
Rotary Leadership Conference 2

**Rachel White**

Volleyball 3, 4  
Tennis 3, 4  
FBLA 3, 4  
EPYCS 3, 4  
NHS 3, 4  
FLC 3  
Key Club 3  
Yearbook 4  
Teen Court 3, 4

**Trista Yenter**

Cheerleading 2  
Yearbook 1, 4  
Tennis 1



# SENIORS AND THEIR BUSY HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS



# Senior

"I remember when I was in Economics my Junior year with Mrs. Roberts, she was talking and of course I wasn't listening. I said 'poopstick' really loud. Mrs. Roberts didn't appreciate that word and made me do push ups in the hall. I couldn't do it I was laughing so hard." - Breonna

"The one thing I will remember most about high school is the feeling I got on the first day of school of my Senior year, sitting next to my friends and looking around knowing that this was it, the last year we would all be here, together." - Tyra

"A funny memory was when me, Rachel, Chantel, and Jen got stuck in the Patio parking lot doing dounuts in the snow. Then, our "guardian angels" came and saved us. And tennis girls...long vibrators?" -Kristen

"I remember this one time when I got really..." -Kevin

"I'll never forget my Sophomore year when Breonna, Charley, Andrea, and I ditched the first three hours to go to Loaf-N-Jug and 7-11 to buy energy drinks and drive around. Then, we went to World History so hyper that everything Mrs. Roberts said was so funny." -Amanda

"This one time, I went out for lunch and tried to pull off a cool stunt by jumping over the little fence at the soccer field. It didn't really work out the way it was supposed to and I ripped a huge hole in my pants. Several attempts of taping failed, and I had to walk around the rest of the day with a huge embarrassing hole." -Joel

"Knowledge bowl has produced some good memories like when Hallie got her tongue stuck to a popsicle for 5 minutes." -Jason

"I'll never forget the time when Kenny and I were snowtubing, the rope broke, and we went flying out of control and landed in a huge pile of snow. We had to dig our way out." -Marisa

"I remember when we were Freshmen, and Sparty was introduced as our new mascot. Everyone started booing for it and yelling for Doom. The person in the Sparty costume got mad and flipped everyone off." - Trista

"High school is really a defining part of one's life. Have you ever noticed that day by day nothing seems to change but suddenly everything is different somehow? It's amazing how much everyone has changed in just a few short years!?" -Renee

"One night when we were bored and being dumb, we decided to learn how to squeal our tires. However, while attempting this new idea, we happened to pick a spot that had a nail. Our tire blew, and we had to learn how to change a tire in the dark." -Crystal and Heather K

"A group of Seniors went to Fiesta for our Winterfest dinner. We told the servers that it was Logan's birthday, but when they tried to put the sombrero on his head it didn't fit because his head was too big!" - Michelle

"So get this right! Me and Dale were harpoon-fishing on my yacht, and we look down an we saw this giant tuna..." -Logan

# Memories and Quotes

"A memory that I have from high school is Freshmen initiation in football when we were thrown into the whirl pool in full suit." -David

"On my way to a birthday party at Il Vicino's, I was looking behind me, not watching ahead. Turning to look where I was going, my head banged a light pole and broke my nose." -Hallie

"We remember going to the inagural Coors Light Mountain Jam at Red Rocks. It was 14 hours long and rained half the time. American Hi Fi was the loudest band I've ever heard. So if you ask us something and we say what? You know why." -Luke and Nick

"I'll never forget when we got lost on the way to the Sand Dunes, and how Marcie flipped out on the pool man while he was frantically trying to help her with directions. All Michelle and I could do was stand back and laugh." -Jen

"Katie, Trista, and I had the great idea of TP-ing Breonna's car and framing someone else. While she was in detention, we wrapped the car in toliet paper, smeared lipstick on her windows, and covered all her door handles with a thick layer of lotion. In the middle of our April Fool's joke, some man started taking pictures of us. It turned out he was a photographer for the Mountain Mail, and our very incriminating picture was in the paper the next day." -Beth

"I'll always remember the Thursdays!" -Marcie

"Volleyball season humm ...when the guys painted their stomachs ...when Rachel fell during our runout ...sucking helium ...Makenzie's cheerleading ...when Chantel fell three times in a row ...Rachel's freshmen spandex and tiny bra ...our last huddle in Applebee's parking lot ...the dirty hand game." -Chantel, Rachel, Britny, and Makenzie

"Lasagna!" -Dale

"I will always remember the day Mrs. Sanders forgot her eyebrows." -Danielle

"I've always been known as the new kid. My fondest memory is junior year in Mrs. Slaughter's room. I started coming out of my shell and talked to Emma, Andie, and Makenzie. You never really know how many friends you've gained until you look back. Which really means if you get out there and kind of act up, you'll meet your best friend!" -Heather T

"I'll never forget when Michelle, Jen, and Chantel named 'Thomas.'" -Jimmy

"I remember going to Homecoming freshman year with Cory Sherman. Although nothing ever turned out, he was indeed a very sweet date. The sweetest thing about it was that Cory was the first guy to kiss me (under the slide in Kindergarden)." -Emma

"I remember running around in the purple chicken costume during half time of the boys winterfest game." -Jesse

Chantel Butterfield and Kristen Lambert demonstrated how well they always matched their clothes for school.

Presidential Classroom students receive their dictionaries and certificates in 6th Grade.



Kevin Pallaro, Tim Nelson, and Kail Glenn.

Middle Right: Britny Pierce and Bobbi DeBuano at Kindergarten Graduation.

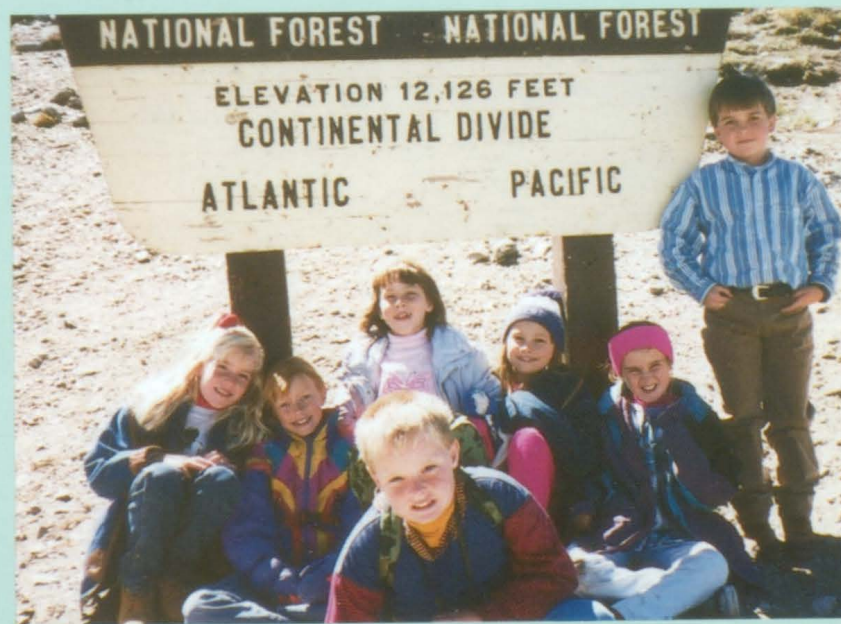
Right: Crystal Vancil, Britny Pierce, Krystal Perse, Hallie Bevan, Christina Kaercher, and Niki Argys at the field trip to the Royal Gorge.



# THE ILLUSION OF THE SENIORS' PAST

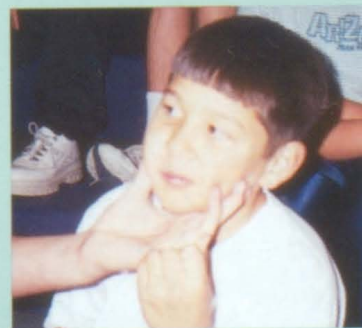
Left: Andrea Davis, Kristen Lambert, Heather Kailey, and Amanda Smith at Hot Shots for Jen DeLuca's 11th birthday in 5th grade.

Niki Argys and Chantel Butterfield at Kindergarten Graduation.



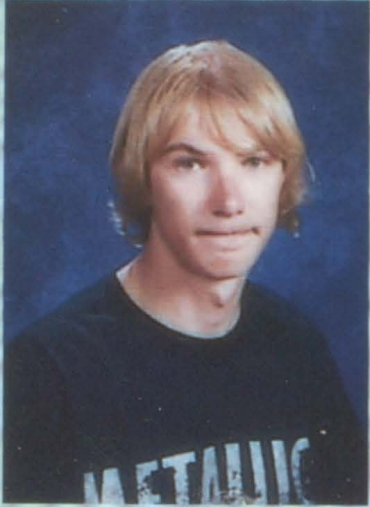
Krystal Perse, Heather Kailey, Krystal Canterbury, Shaylen Day, Trista Yenter, Chris Gowen, and Tim Nelson at Cottonwood Pass.

Alex Evans in 7th Grade.

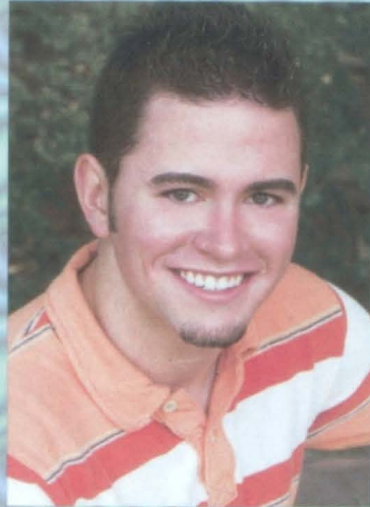


Shilo Deleo, Andrea Davis, Charley DePriest, and Bridgette Aichele.

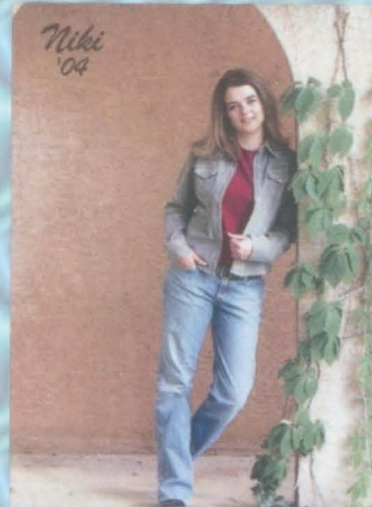
# Class



**Joe Adams**



**James Amettis**



**Niki Argys**



**Danielle Bess**



**Halle Bevan**



**Lucy Butterfield**



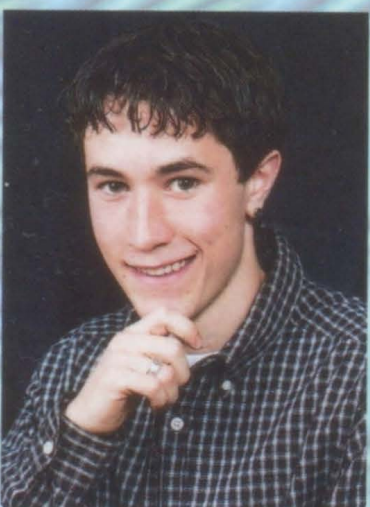
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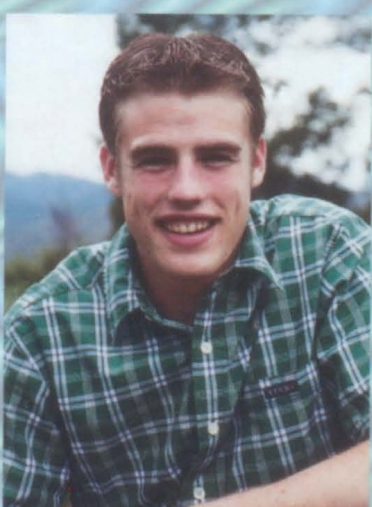
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**Maria Castillo**



**Tyler Clark**

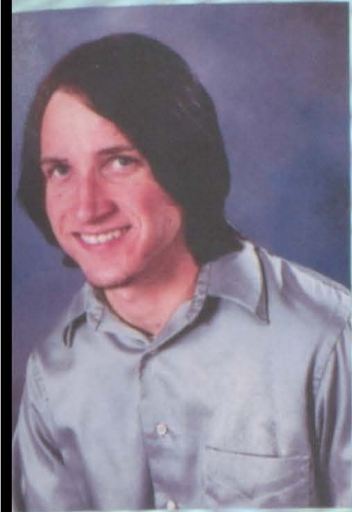


**Kyle Cleveland**



**Beth Curtis**

# 2004



**Nicholas Daugherty**



**Andrea Davis**



**Makenzie Davis**



**Barbara Debuano**



**Renee Dechatelets**



**Shilo DeLeo**



**Jennifer DeLuca**



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**Christoph  
Doetteimayer**



**Trent Endsley**



**Michelle Ertl**

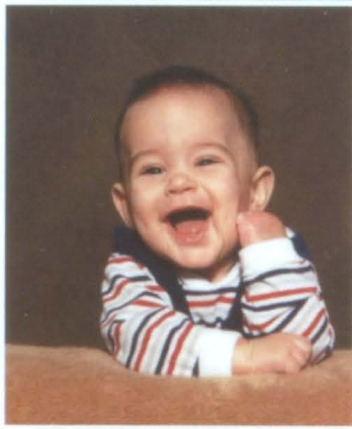


**Elsa Espinosa**

## Jimmy Ammetis

Dear Jim,  
Congratulations! As you start your adult life and all that comes with it, remember to cherish your health, faith, love, family and the peace of knowing you did your best.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Leah



## Danielle Bess

Danielle,  
You have done such a wonderful job through out your school years and in all your decision mking. We know you will use all that you have learned to exceed in the rest of your life. We are so very proud of you. Life has been a joy with you.  
We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Jessica, and Ashby

## Chantel Butterfield

Chantel,  
We want you to know how very proud we are of you. Your sense of character and maturity will guide you through- The best is yet to come! We believe in you!  
Love You Always,  
Mom & Dad



## Hallie Bevan

## Kyle Cleveland

Dear Kyle,  
From the moment you entered our lives, you have bestowed upon us the greatest joy. Our hearts are forever warmed. May your pursuit in life take you on a celebrated journey filled with splendid happiness and eminent success.



## Nick Daugherty

Nicholas Grant Daugherty: The best son parent could ask for.  
Congratulations!

## Andrea Davis

Andrea,  
The ladder of success is not always easy. There never is a rhyme or reason. Think ahead and don't look back except for those who kept you on the right track.

Love Always,  
Mom & Dad



## Barbara DeBuano



## Renee Dechatelets

The most wasted of days are the ones without laughter.  
-Renee Dechatelets



## Jennifer Deluca

## Michelle Ertl

I wish you strength when times are hard. I wish with all my heart you find just what your looking for. I wish you joy. I wish you peace. And I wish every star you see is in your reach. We are proud of you Michelle  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Leigh



## Kail Glenn

We are very proud of you. You are a very focused young man. Life deals many challenges, but you have always accepted them and excelled. We love you very much and know you will attain your goals in life.  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Ashley

## Dale Jones



## Tyler Kaess

## Heather Kailey

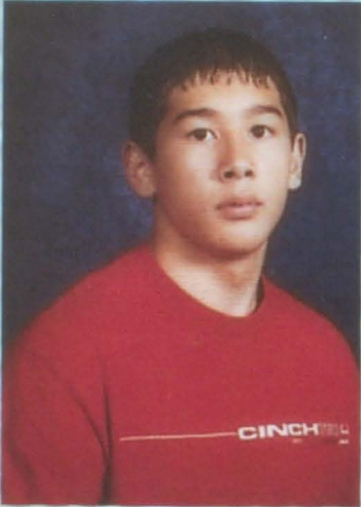
Heather,  
What a joy it has been to have you in our life, and we are so proud of your accomplishments in and out of school. The future is yours!  
All of Our Love,  
Dad, Denise, and Grandma



## Kristen Lambert

Kris:  
It is impossible for us to express how much we love you. But, wherever you go, whatever you do - college, work, marriage, children- our love is always, completely, forever with you. We prayed for an angel in our lives and God answered our prayer with you.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jess

# Class of



**Alexander Evans**



**Kall Glenn**



**Andrew Herring**



**Lee Johnson**



**Dale Jones**



**Christina Kaercher**



**Tyler Kaess**



**Heather Kalley**



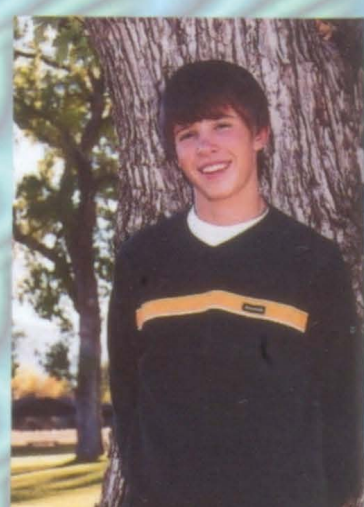
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**Kristen Lambert**

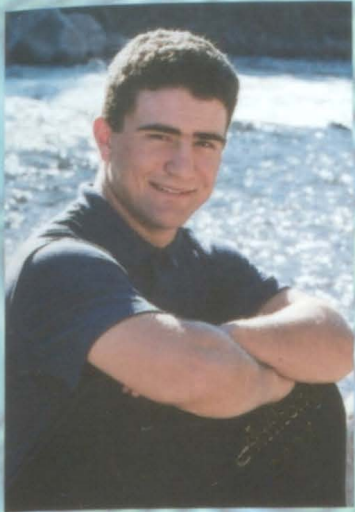


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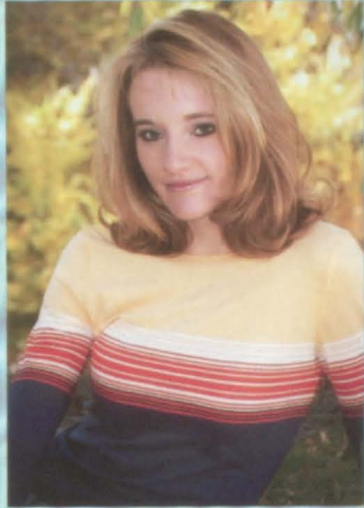


**Logan Lyles**

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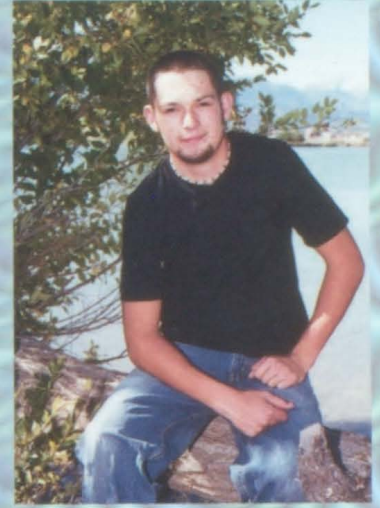
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**Tim Nelson**



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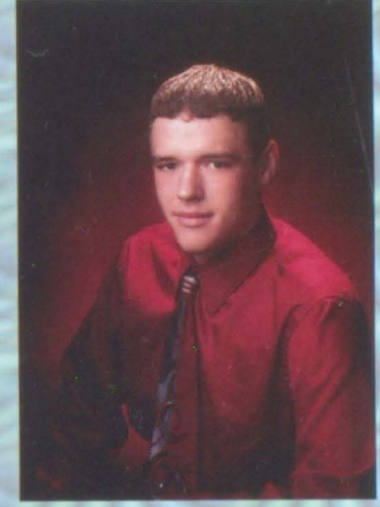
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**Roger Phillips**



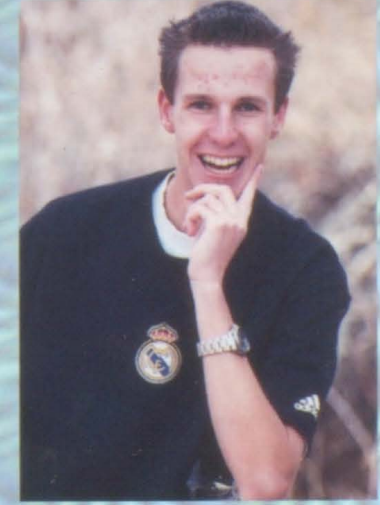
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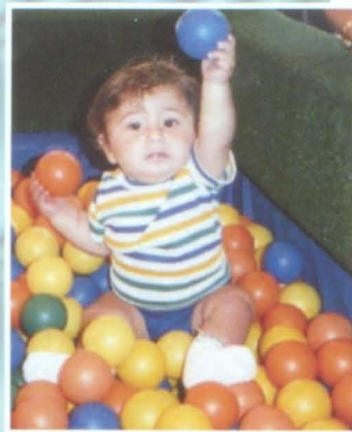


**Joel Puls**

## Logan Lyles

Big Loge,  
From the first day, I've  
been so proud of how you  
excelled in school. Thank  
you for being a good  
steward of God's gift!

Love,  
Mom



## Anthony Mazzucca

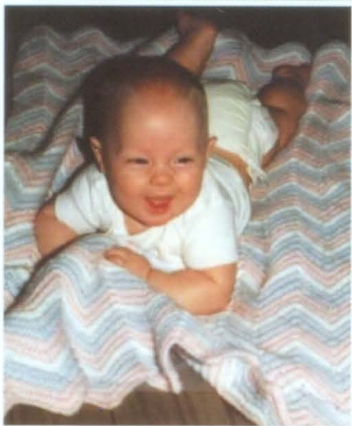
You were born an athlete.  
Your greatness is proven by  
your many accomplishments.  
Our curious little boy has  
become a wonderful young  
man. Never forget how  
special you are. Life has  
many obstacles--keep gaining  
yards!

Love  
Dad, Mom, Jenna & Michael

## Tim Nelson

Wow! You did it. You have  
made us so proud of you.  
You came into this world  
fighting for your life and you  
have continued to conquer  
everything that has come your  
way. We wish you the very  
best and whatever you chose  
to do we will be proud of you.

Love,  
Dad & Mom



## Jesse Ogden

Jesse,  
We are so proud of  
you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Amber

## Kevin Pallaoro

It's been a long, hard battle  
but we knew you could do it!  
You are a tremendous young  
man with a lot of potential.  
You will succeed in life  
whatever direction you  
choose. We are very proud of  
you! Congratulations!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



## Krystal Perse

We are so proud of the person  
you are. You have been the  
sunshine in our lives and that  
of others. Your wise  
judgement, determination and  
self-discipline will help you  
accomplish all of your  
dreams. Remember to stop  
and smell the roses along  
life's journey.

With lots of love and best  
wishes,  
Mom & Dad

## Christopher Phelps



## Britny Pierce

Watching you grow up has  
been such a pleasure, and  
to see how you excelled in  
academics & sports has  
made us very proud of  
you. Believe in yourself,  
Britny, never say "I can't"  
because you know you  
can & we know you can.  
We love you very much,

Mom, Bob, Adam,  
Matthew & Chance

## Adrian Pugh

Watching you grow into the young man you have become has been a joy beyond words. As you begin your journey as an adult, we are sure you will be a great success. We love you forever and you will always be bad to the bone.

Mom & Dad



## Emma Schleicher

## Cory Sherman

You've grown into a wonderful young man. We are very proud of you. Congratulations!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



## Tyra Snider

We are so proud of you. May God always watch over you. Hope is the destination that we seek, Love is the road that leads to hope, Courage is the motor that drives us. We travel out of darkness into faith. Remember keep your eyes on the Lord and God bless you!  
Love Always,  
Mom and family

## Alan Stephen

"Big Al"

You started out such a tiny thing. Now all too soon you'll spread your wings and fly away to meet your dreams. You'll take us with you as you go in the form of hope and the love you know.

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Vince



## Heather Tackett

Congratulations, Sis!  
We are so proud of you.  
Love,  
The Whole Family

## Crystal Vancil

Your family is very proud of you and will always be there to support you.

Love,  
Mom & Family



## Nicole Webster

You are so caring and loving. You have a wonderful sense of humor. We are so proud of you. Congratulations on a job well done!  
We love you so much  
Mom, Dad, and Danielle

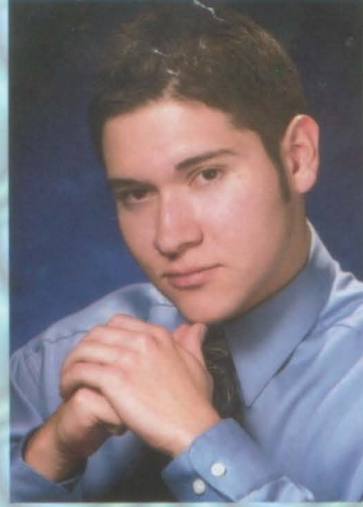
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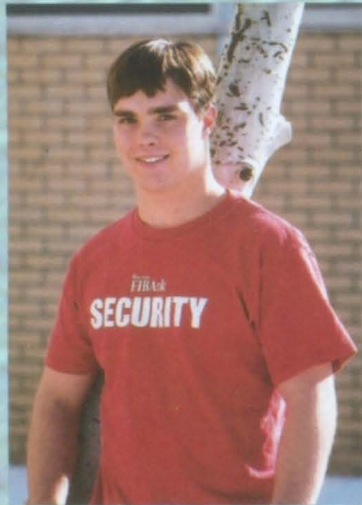
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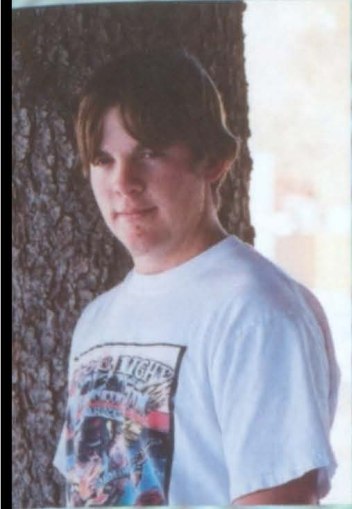


**Alan Stephen**



**Breonna Surber**

# 2004



**Luke Sustrich**



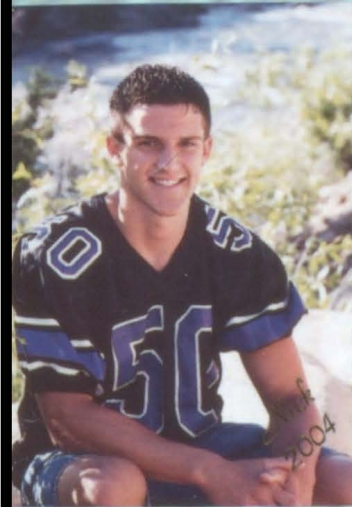
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**Crystal Vancil**



**Nicholas Vrudny**



**Nicole Webster**



**Rachel White**



**Trista Yenter**

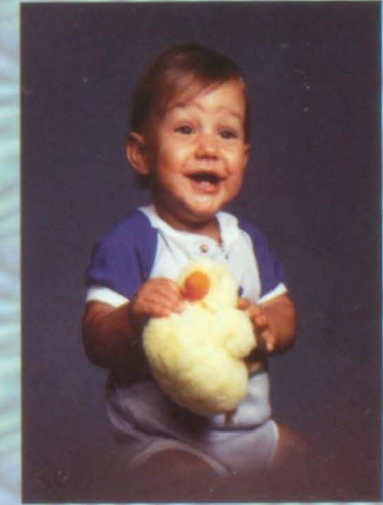


**Danielle Chandler**

**Niki.**  
No longer a little girl,  
with a great big adventure  
ahead of you. You will  
always be our little girl.  
We hope you achieve  
much success and  
happiness. Good luck  
in all you do and  
know our love is always  
with you.

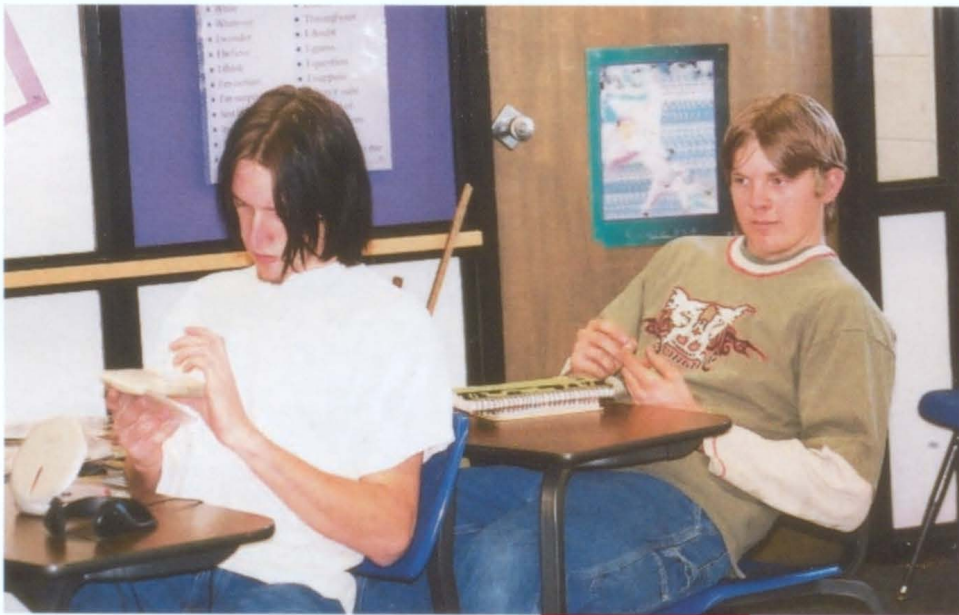
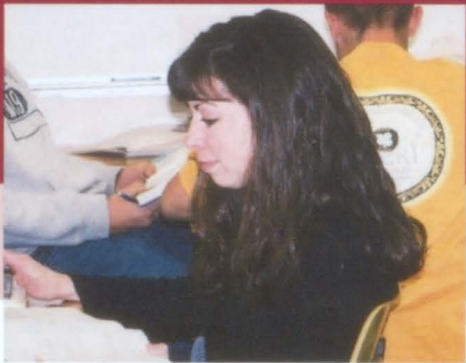


**Niki Argys**



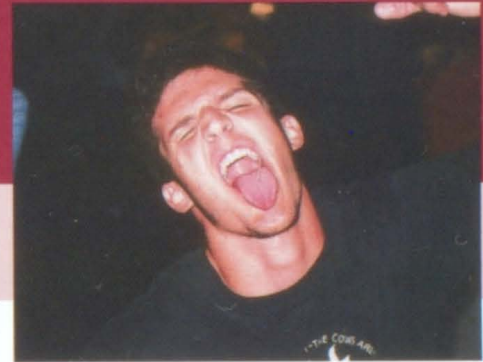
**James King**

# SENIORS



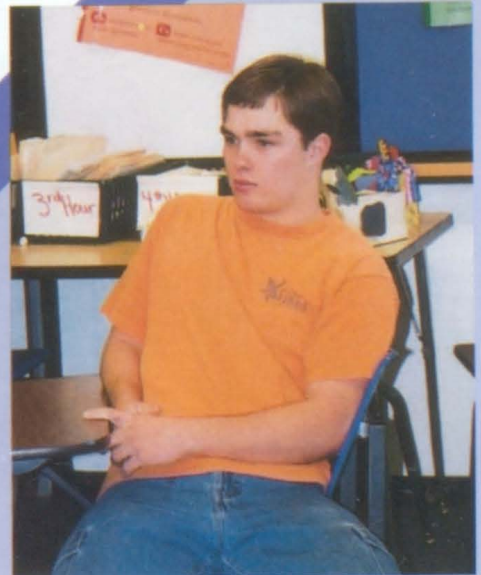


2004



# The Senior Mirage



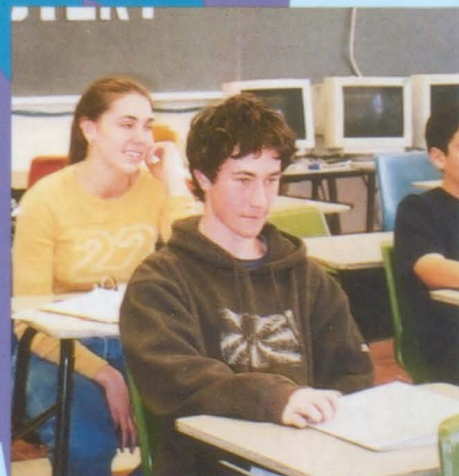


# Seniors

by Jennifer DeLuca

The illusion is over! "I am VERY excited to graduate," said Kyle Cleveland. I think we all relate to this feeling. Everyone has different goals and plans for next year; some are getting a job while others are planning on another eight years of schooling. Even so, we all share the emotion of excitement and relief that this year has finally arrived.

The 2003-2004 school year has been a crazy one: scholarships, applications, and loads of homework. Although, we all have to admit how much we enjoy our open hours accompanied by study halls and elective classes. With everything coming to a close, we all hope our dreams come true and that the hard work will all pay off. Until May 22, we all just cross our fingers hoping to float through the rest of our high school years.



*A last look at the class of  
2004...*



Tim Nelson chills in the office.



Left: Adrian Pugh relaxes between classes, but notice above how much things have changed since fifth grade.

Below: Niki Argys, Britny Pierce, Kristen Lambert, Jennifer DeLuca, Jessica Foster, Michelle Ertl, and Chantel Butterfield at a surprise party in seventh grade.



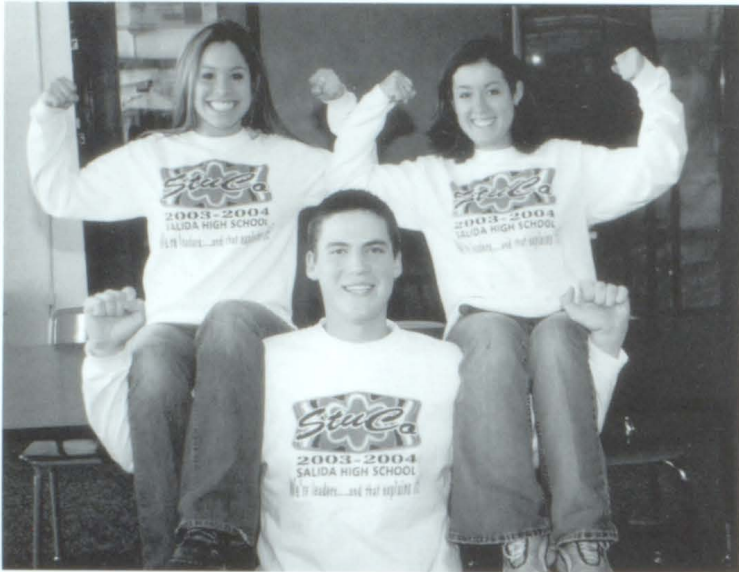
Above: Jesse Ogden has style since he was born.



# The Haze Has Finally Cleared:

## And We're Juniors!

by Madison Cassels



Junior Class Officers: President Sarah McLearn, Vice-President Boone Massey, Secretary Meghan Orrill

The haze of the summer has finally cleared, and we are back to school again. We are one step higher on the ladder, and one step closer to being seniors. This is a very important year for the class of 2005. The junior class has had many challenges to overcome. Juniors must take the ACT at least once, but this year we are funded to take the test twice: October and April. As we all know, it was very cold in Larimer Gym in October.

As Juniors, we wanted to gain back our artistic claim to fame for our Homecoming float. Our class chose the 1950s for our decade. The float was equipped with a diner that had a dance floor and restaurant. We succeeded in winning the float building competition and beat out the seniors for 1st place. Class President Sarah McLearn said, "Our class took the contest, and that is awesome. I am really proud of how we all pulled together and came out on top. We rock! I have a good outlook for prom."

Soon the haze will begin to fall on the 2003-2004 school year. We are one step closer to becoming seniors; juniors the tomorrow's future for Salida High. As a class, we will succeed, so when the haze lifts once again in the fall of 2004, the class of 2005 will be seniors and nearly ready to take on the world. The question is: is the world ready?

- Bridgette Aichele
- Maranda Baker
- Cassandra Baldauf
- Chase Baldino
- Elsbeth Bishop
- Emily Blakeley
- Amy Blakeslee
  
- Deanna Bowers
- Shaya Brandon
- Beau Brantley
- Stewart Brewer
- Mark Bryniarski
- Matthew Burdett
- Nathanael Calderone
  
- Jonathan Caldwell
- Timothy Canterbury
- Madison Cassells
- Cally Cripps
- Justin Criswell
- Aimee Davis
- Ryan DeTurk
  
- Naia Dzubinski
- Christina Erbsen
- Mary Ferraro
- George Franco
- Aruna Gabriel
- Cassie Garcia
- Alyssa Gentile



# Class of 2005



Ashley Glenn  
 Kyle Gocha  
 Heather Granzella  
 Phillip Greenfield  
 Laura Gross  
 Kristen Hendewerk  
 Evelyn Hinthner



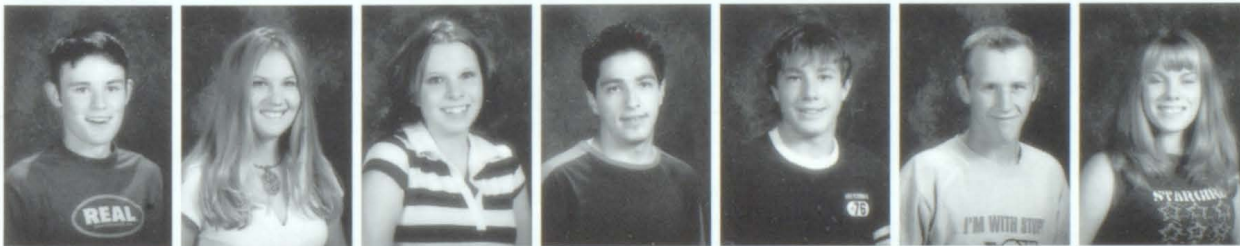
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 Kayla Kinney  
 Kyle Kuester  
 Josh Kunkel  
 Michelle Kwiek



Kiley Larson  
 Andrew Lasher  
 Sadie Lavercombe  
 John Linza  
 Rossi Luchetta  
 Melissa Madden  
 Justin Martinez



Thomas Massey  
 Nina McKay  
 Sarah McLearn  
 Lisa Medrano  
 William Mick  
 Christopher Modrzejewski  
 James Molde



Seth Myers  
 Crissa Nachtrieb  
 Emma Nay  
 Sammy Nelson  
 Nathan Neppl  
 John New  
 Tessa Odette



Heidi Oliver  
 Meghan Orrill  
 Rachel Papp  
 Christopher Paulson  
 Jordan Phillips  
 Brandon Policky  
 Anthony Prosser



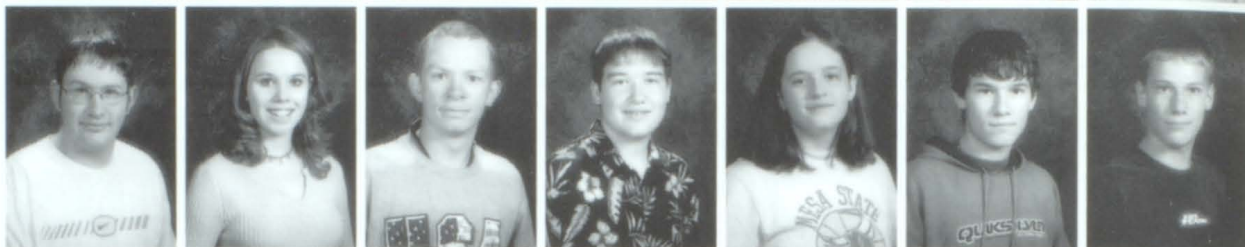
Stephanie Quintana  
 Kathleen Reddick  
 James Salazar  
 Brain Salisbury  
 Nathanael Sheets  
 Jessica Slaughter  
 Brian Smith

# Working our way to the top...

Katherine Smith  
 Ronald Smith  
 Amber Stephens  
 Clayton Stutts  
 Joshua Tackett  
 Sarah Ullom  
 Christopher Veltri



Micah Wakeman  
 Jacque Walker  
 Casey Wilson  
 Christopher Wright  
 Adrienne Yarosz  
 Jeremy Yarosz  
 Joshua Yarosz



Kaycee Yenter



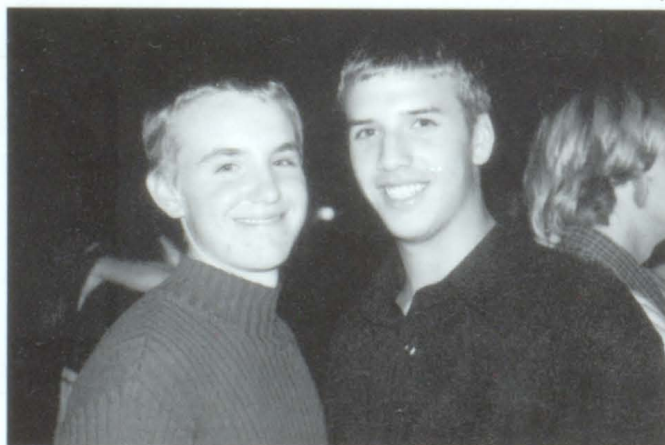
Nate is practicing in his drafting class for his future.



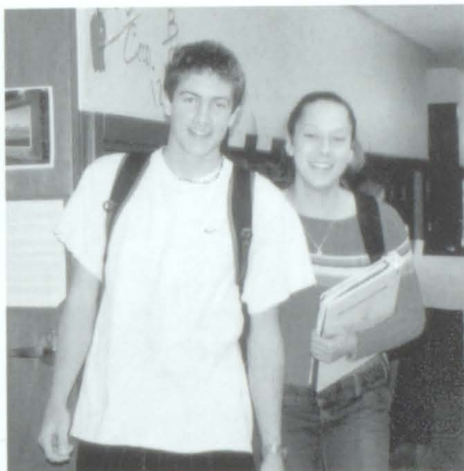
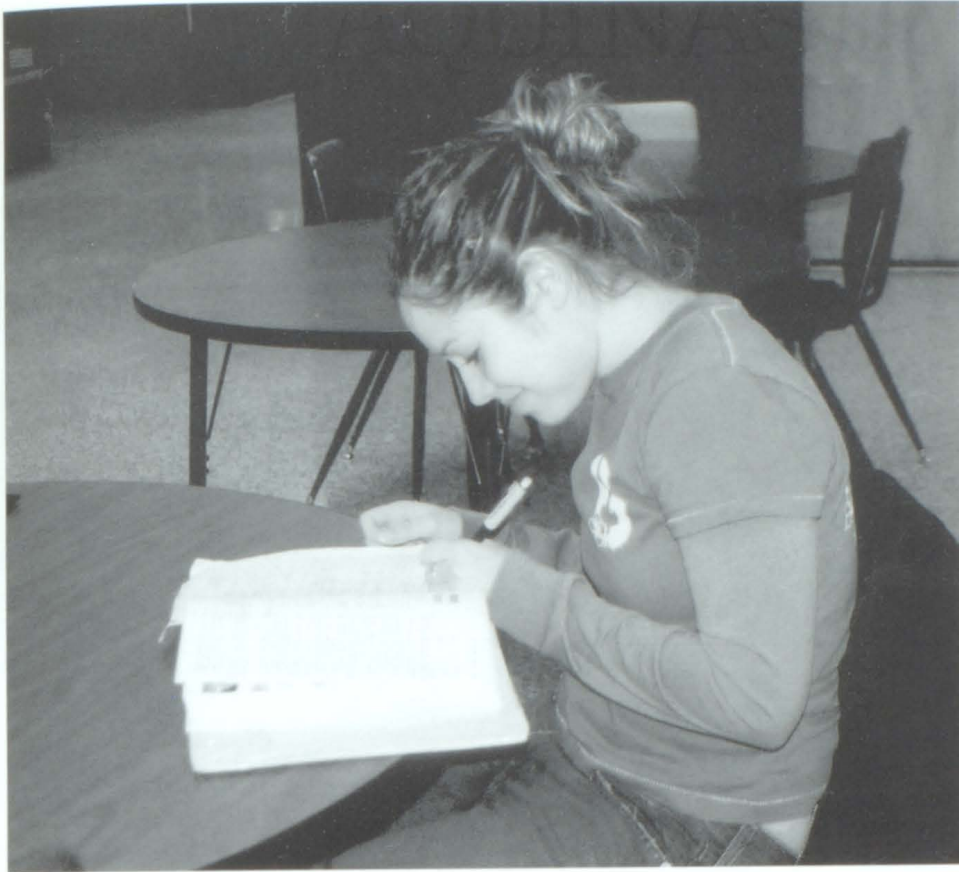
After hours of work, Kayla proudly shows off her Hydrogen poster.

Left: Chris and Stewart show off their pearly whites for the ladies.

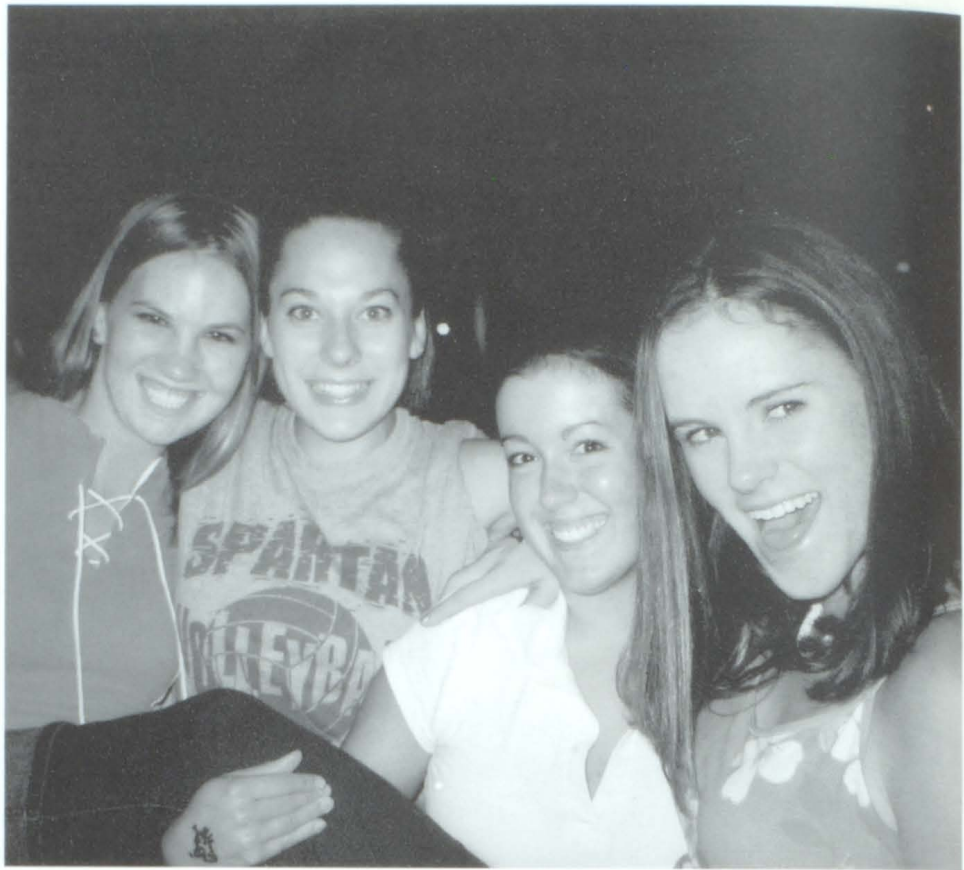
Right: Jessica shows her "excitement" during the lecture.



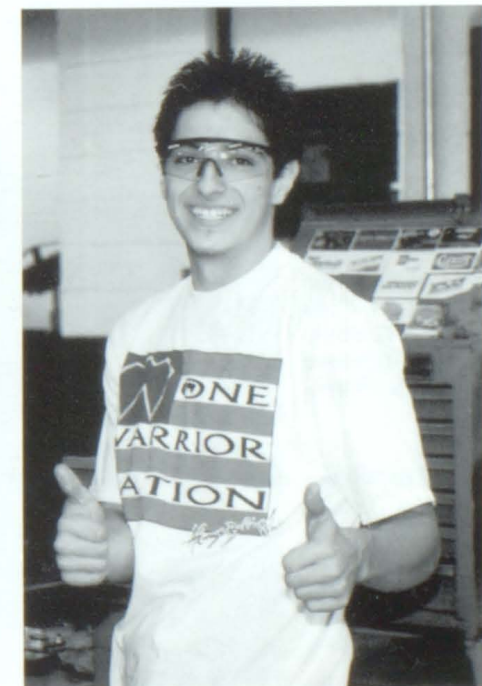




# Juniors



2005



# Sophomores Clear the Haze

by Paula Ortiz and Jr. Crissa Nachtrieb



Sophomore class officers: Secretary Ashely Smith, President Christer Sonheim, and Vice-President Rosie Moiser

Can you believe it?...we are now the sophomores of Salida High. It feels like only yesterday that we were freshmen. As freshmen we were faced with tiny challenges, but now those tiny challenges have gotten a lot bigger. As sophomores we are expected to set good examples for the lower classmen and take harder classes. Kevin Bladino comments, "Now we have the class of 2007 to look up to us." Also, this is the time to grow, make new friends, and become wiser than ever before. Sophomore Class President Christer Sonheim says, "This is the hardest year academically but the most fun!" Keli Cook adds, "This is a very diverse class that will go far in the years to come." The sophomores are no longer the rookies in the haze.

Elaine Abbott  
Katherine Aragon  
Kevin Baldino  
Chance Bergmann  
Brooke Bevan  
Jessi Bondurant  
Taylor Boone



Matthew Bourget  
Corinna Bowers  
Bailee Bragassa  
Kristy Burke  
Jennifer Cameron  
Katie Canterbury  
Ruben Cortes



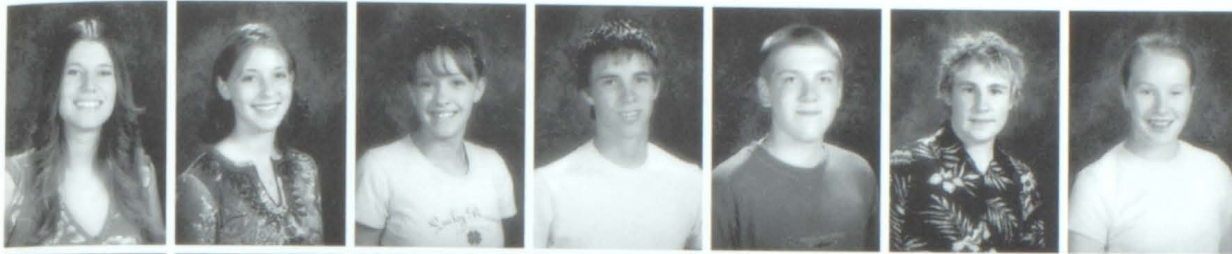
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Matthew Celommi  
Kenzi Cleveland  
Keli-Lynn Cook  
Lindsey Cowherd  
Mattie Cowherd  
Christopher Curtis



Cain DePriest  
Heidi Dimmitt  
Aaron Dobson  
Robert Duncan  
Brienz Edwards  
Marcos Frias  
Tiffany Gaalaas



# Class of 2006



Crystal Garcia  
Amy Gentile  
Jessica Gilbert  
Joseph Goodwin  
Arthur Hall  
Aaron Hanes  
Robyn Hazlit



Alison Hersch  
Amanda Hersch  
James James  
Breann Johnson  
Jillian Jones  
Josiah Kaan  
Lisa Kibel



Michael Klein  
Jessica Knott  
Jennifer Lamm  
Jennifer Lowther  
Savanah Lowe  
Michael Mancini  
Jacqueline Martinez



Vanessa McMillan  
Nicholas Miller  
Ashleigh Morawski  
Rosemary Moiser  
Jesse Mundel  
Brianna Myers  
Heather Nichols



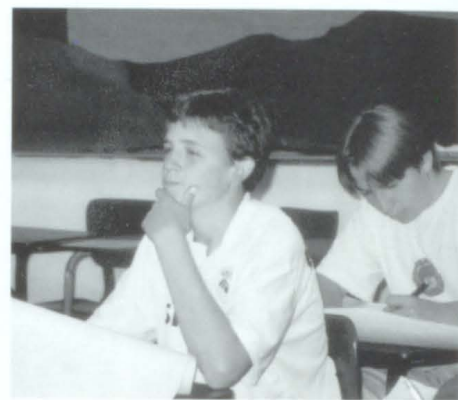
Jacqueline Olson  
Paula Ortiz  
Aaron Oversole  
Catherine Paitsel  
Michael Poteet  
Jordan Potts  
Ronald Prosser



Roxane Prewitt  
Brandi Pugh  
Jason Pulos  
Krista Quintana  
Samantha Rautter  
Ashely Redger  
Rachel Rheam



Andrew Ruffin  
Brian Russell  
Ashley Ryan  
Kyle Sherman  
Amanda Shook  
Victor Short  
Kyle Shotliff

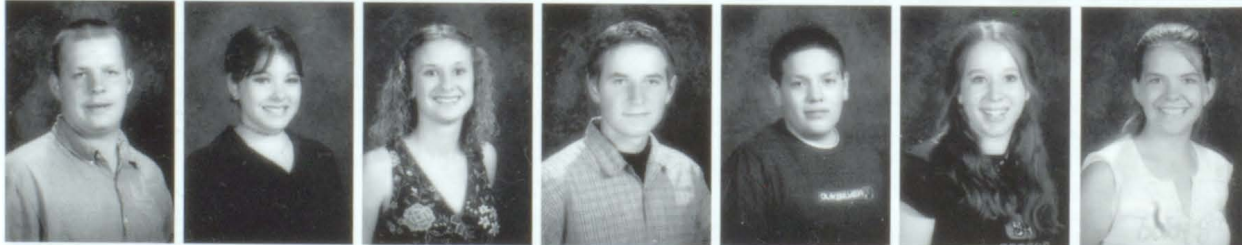


# Sophomores

Ashley Smith  
 Jesse Snyder  
 Christer Sonheim  
 Amber Sparkman  
 Jared Spehler  
 Arin Stinnett  
 Kayla Surber

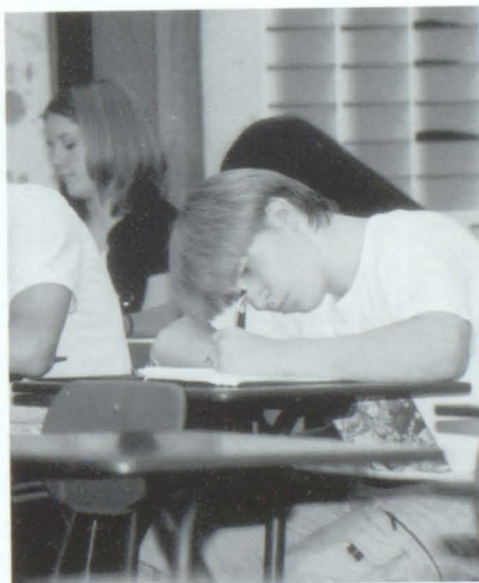


Seth Sutton  
 Stardust Swanson  
 Heather Thonhoff  
 Trevor Thonhoff  
 Cody Thorpe  
 Laura Wancura  
 Danielle Webster



Robert Wikoff  
 Richard Wilkerson  
 Llowell Williams  
 Raimi Wilson  
 Keith Wyatt





# The First Year Illusion

by Melissa McGraugh & Stephanie Baker



Freshmen cls officers: Vice-President Stephanie Baker, President Kristen Medina, and Secretary Kevin Hurley

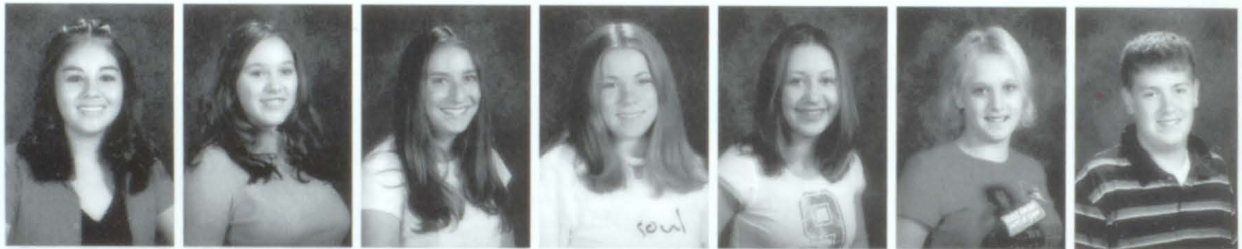
High School is no longer an illusion; the class of 2007 is finally here! Before this year, our ears were filled with many illusions of high school, both good and bad. Due to our lack of experience, we simply believed every line that was fed to us.

Freshmen initiations, mean upperclassmen, and impassable classes were all the haze that proved to be false. New experiences, responsibilities, and meeting new people were the illusions that became a reality. "This school has been great. I know that the upcoming years are going to be tight!" predicted Jade Phillips.

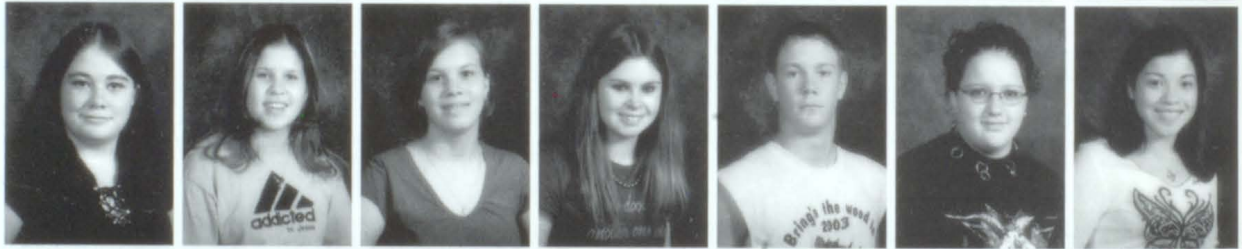
In a short year's time, we have changed and matured beyond what we could have ever believed possible. "Even though high school may have seemed like a big change, it was one of my best experiences so far. I've really enjoyed growing up," commented Andrew Smith.

With our first year in high school behind us, we eagerly look forward to what the next three years will bring forth. Sure, we are excited and nervous, but illusions are the past, experience is what we have, and the future is what we make it.

Erica Aguilar  
Sara Ashley  
Kandee Avila  
Stephanie Baker  
Jessica Bess  
Trisha Buck  
Richard Cahill



Tara Caynor  
Ashlee Chavez  
Mckay Christensen  
Rebecca Colbert  
Jonathan Cole  
Brandi Collins  
Elizabeth Corea



Cullen Cripps  
David Criswell  
Jesse Cunningham  
Loni Dague  
Seth Daugherty  
Kendall DeLyser  
Justin Denison



Kimberly Dissmeyer  
Abby Dominguez  
Brandy Edwards  
Sasha Edwards  
Riley Ellis  
Wesley Ferraro  
Daniel Gallegos





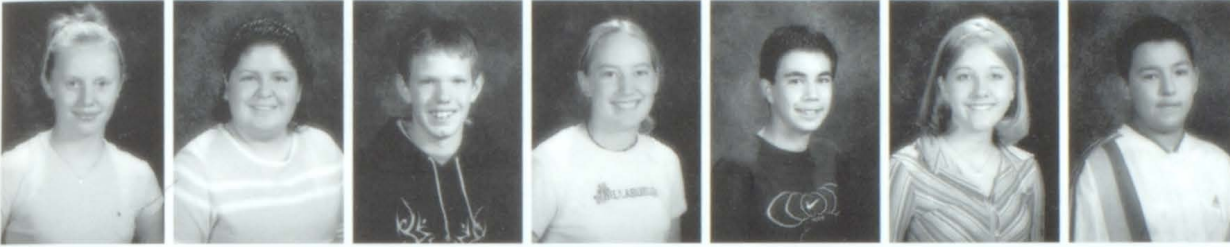
# The Class of 2007



J.D. Garcia  
Ashley Gove  
Tracy Grimo  
Brent Hall  
Travis Harter  
Kerry Haug  
Katrina Henke



Courtney Hersch  
Sonja Hoagland  
Kevin Hurley  
Kyle Husen  
Shanda James  
Jaycie Jones  
Matthew Kroschel



Magdalena Kudasik  
Jodi Kurozawa  
Kenneth Kwiek  
Katrina Lehse  
Jake Lindbloom  
Amber Loudenburg  
Anthony Luna



Alyssa Lynchard  
Angelina Madison  
Sarah Masterson  
Vincent Mazza  
Michael Mazzucca  
Grace McAllister  
Christopher McBride



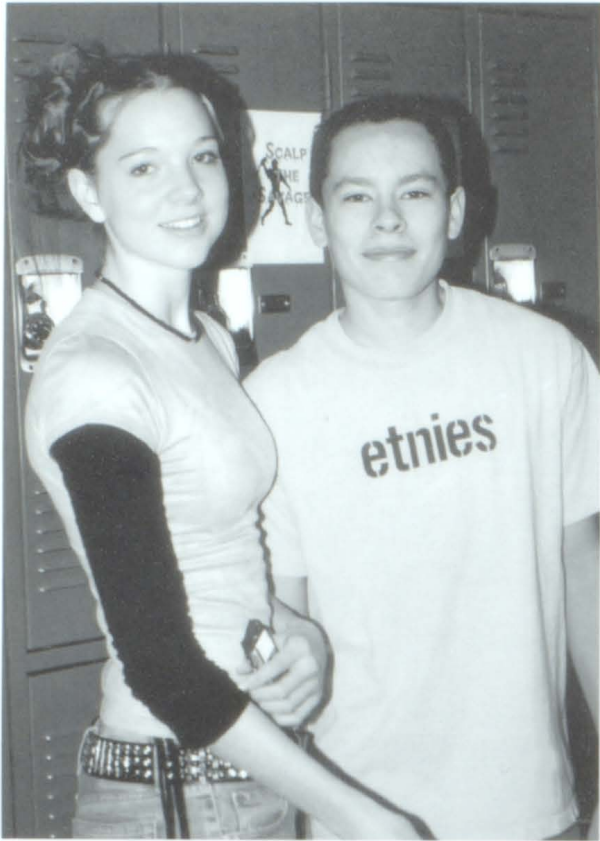
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Melissa McGraugh  
Giselle McWhirter  
Kristen Medina  
Zachery Mills  
Joanne Morawa  
Russell Morgan



Nathan Nelson  
Joshua O'Neill  
Amber Ogden  
Breana Padia  
Timothy Pallaoro  
Zechariah Papp  
Natalie Perez



Kaelen Peuser  
Jade Phillips  
Jarrell Phillips  
Maria Powers-Bove  
Clint Prosser  
Nicole Purcell  
Zachary Pyburn



Top: Kerry, Kevin, Tim, and Zack study hard in English with Ms. Clark.

Left: Kaelen and Stephen get out of class to go buy candy. We can see the Snickers in your hand!

Right: Kandee, Jessica, Grace, Ashely, and Amber try to find their way to class the first day of school.



# FRESHMEN

Ashley Rand  
 Ryan Sauter  
 Sarah Sheets  
 Ashley Shovald  
 Melissa Silva  
 Andrew Smith  
 Joseph Smith



Michael Soltz  
 Matthew Sparkman  
 Nancy Stepisnik  
 Amanda Stone  
 Jordan Stutts  
 Mario Surber  
 Allan Talbot



Stephen Turner  
 Brenton Veltri  
 Michael Veltri  
 Desiree Welker-Bottorf  
 Caitlin West  
 Tanner Whaley  
 Eric Wilcox



Justin Wilkins  
 Scott Wilkins  
 Zachary Wilkins  
 Kevin Woolsey  
 Kristina Wrigley



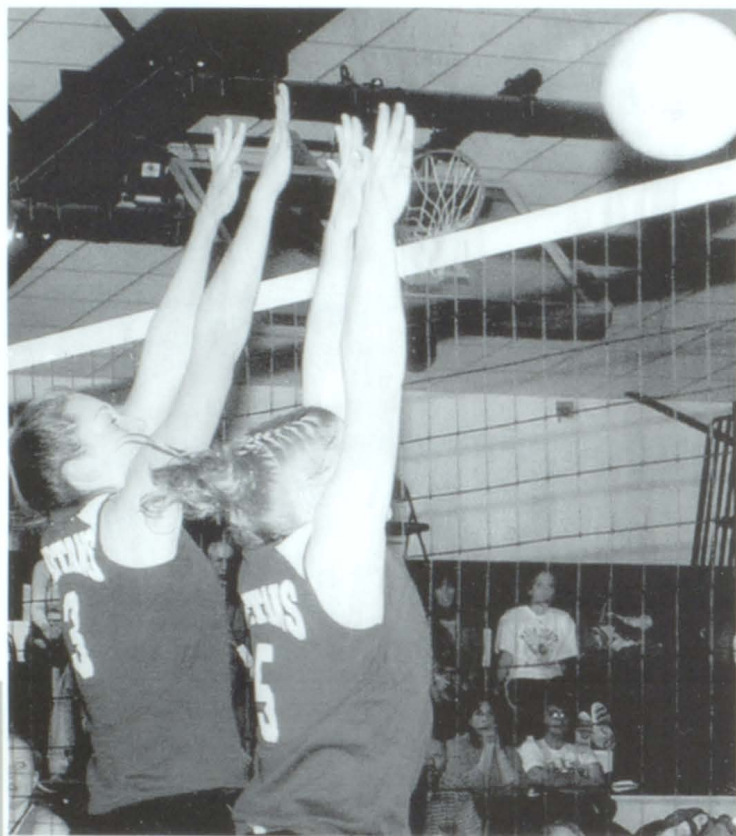


Senior tennis players are Rachel White, Elisa Espinosa, Kristen Lambert, and Marisa Cantonwine.



Jrs Laura Gross and Cassie Baldauf are ready to block the ball.

Jr Brandon Policky, Tyler Kiedel, Mike Wolford, and Thomas Schneider warm up before one of their many shut out home games.



Football defensive line is down and ready to go.



Soph Tiffany Gaalaas shows off her pretty red retro glasses.



Soph Matt Bourget is ready to go at a home match.



Sr Andrea Davis takes the ball to the hole.

# The Athlete's Haze

by Katie Lee

When a student makes the commitment to join a sport, they know beforehand that the overall season is going to take a lot of hard work, dedication, and time. In the end, the sacrifices are worth it because of new friendships, the games or matches won, and perhaps, making it to state. Salida's students push themselves to the limits, exceeding everyone's expectations. Each year, the students accomplish their personal goals, allowing greater ones to be created for the following seasons. Athletes learn that with effort and devotion, they can accomplish anything, even if it means losing a game or two on the way to the top. Spartans just get back up, try again, and always stay in the competition.



The Boys' Basketball team hangs out waiting anxiously for the send off to the first round of state.



Get off my go-cart! Boys' Cross-country runners spend their downtime at meets playing on the official's equipment.

By  
Sarah McLearn

# Cheerleading

## The Purple Spirit

The start of a new school year produced new cheerleaders. Auditions for the fall season took place before the last school year ended. The cheerleaders that were picked, worked throughout the summer to improve their skills. While all the fall sports were conditioning before the year started, the cheerleaders were also working out. The assemblies and games really showed how much effort they put into the program. The winter cheerleading program had more girls than previous years. The big crowds of cheerleaders made sure they were heard and made fans stand to their feet. Although the winter season was shortened, the girls kept their spirit and supported the teams.



Jacquie Walker shows her school spirit during the Homecoming Parade.



"Go team go!" The fall squad pumps the crowd up during a football game.

Fall Squad: Kayla Surber, Tiffany Gaalaas, Kayla Kinney, Jackie Walker, and Deanna Bowers



"Beat the Demons!" Deanna and Cory Bowers fire up the crowd against Salida's archrivals the Buena Vista Demons.



"G-Double O-D...L-U-C-K Good Luck Spartans, Good Luck!" Ashely Ryan and Kayla Surber cheer for the home team.



Back Row: Dusty Swanson, Elisa Espinosa, Cori Bowers, Deanna Bowers, Tiffany Gaalaas, Jacque Walker. Front Row: Emma Nay, Ashley Ryan, Trisha Buck, Kayla Surber



Dusty Swanson waits for the next match at a Salida wrestling dual.

Captain of the Fall Squad, Kayla Kinney, leads the squad in the half-time entertainment for the Homecoming 2003 game.

By Jennifer DeLuca

# Cross Country

## The Hazy Finish Line

The cross country team's great season was just a purple blur. Capt Emily Blakeley added, "It was an awesome season; so much fun and very successful!" The team saw achievements at every meet, but it was topped off with the regional competition. The girls' team of Sr. Hallie Bevan, Sr. Jennifer DeLuca, Jr. Emily Blakeley, Jr. Heather Granzella, and Soph. Krista Quintana qualified for state, placing third at regionals, making this the girls' 3rd consecutive year qualifying as a team. Boys' team Capt. Nick Daugherty qualified individually, and was the only boy representing Salida this year. Seniors Hallie and Nick both qualified all four years, setting records in the high school. Also, Jen made it all three years she was a member of the team. The three seniors will be missed but the outlook is still good for next year. Nick said, "I think the team has potential in the upcoming years. I'll miss my teammates." The cross country team looks forward to what next year could hold with new and continuing runners.



Soph Llowell Williams dashes around the corner trying to catch the competition.

Bang! And they're off! Heather, Jen, and Emily begin the race.



Back Row: Mgr Kiley Larson, Jarrell Phillips, Rachel Papp, Krista Quintana, Muffey Phillips, Coach Wilson Butacan; Middle Row: Llowell Williams, Seth Daugherty, Christer Sonheim, Hawk Caldwell, Kyle Sherman, Nick Daugherty; Front Row: Jade Phillips, Hallie Bevan, Emily Blakeley, Jen DeLuca, Heather Granzella



The team knows where they stand against their competition: number 1's all around.



Pack it boys! Hawk, Christer, and Seth play follow the leader cross-country style.



Smiling, the Girls' team prepares for their race, leading to a 2nd place at the Florence Invitational.

Sr Hallie Bevan kicks to the finish line striding towards her 4th straight year at state.

Sr Capt Nick Daugherty runs a personal best at BV.

By Emily Blakeley  
and Crissa  
Nachtrieb

# Boys' Soccer

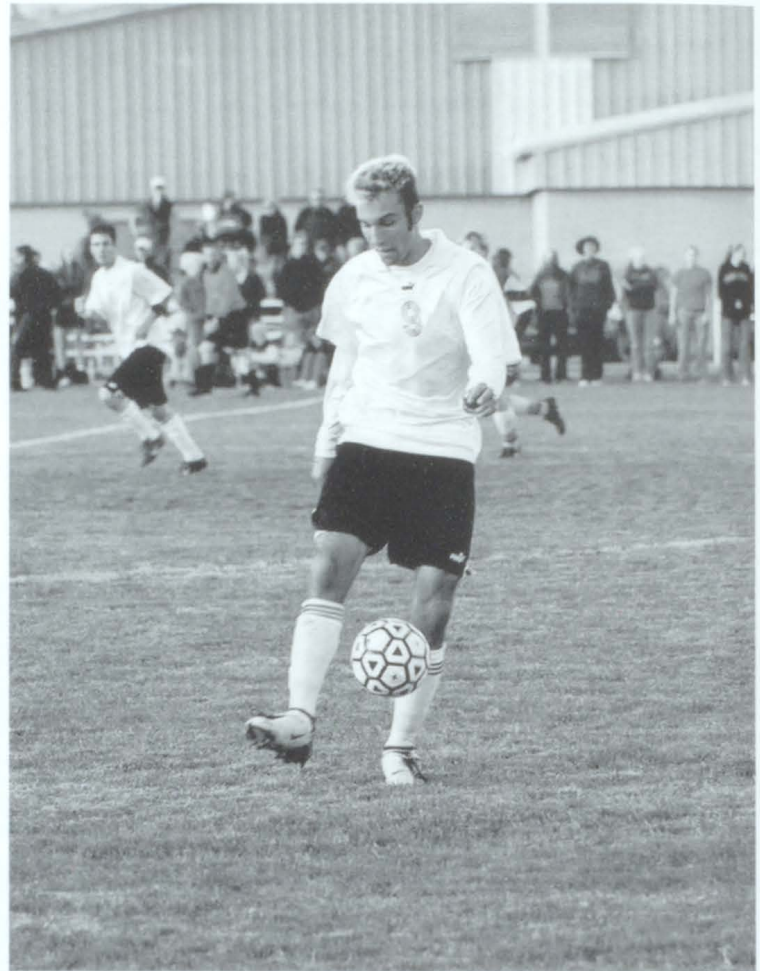
## The Haze of Success

This year was a complete haze of success for the boys' soccer team. The team finished with great improvements compared to every previous year. The boys also accomplished many team goals as well as personal goals. Among the great achievements was their record of 16-1. Many factors contributed to this success; the team had the best defense in the state that allowed no goals to be scored on the Spartan field. The boys made it to the semifinals but were beaten by Holy Family by one goal which was one of six scored on the team all season. Goalie Pat Hurley said, "Next year I am going to eat Holy Family for breakfast!" The Spartans will continue on next year without Ty Shelton and Jamie King, 3A state player of the year, along with many other valuable seniors. The team is confident that they will continue to succeed with hard work. Beau Brantley commented, "Everyone played well, there is plenty of room for improvements." The boys created a haze of a season that shattered many records.

Soph Chance  
B e r g m a n n  
keeps control  
over his com-  
petitor.



Sr Capt Jamey King  
stalls the ball to gain  
control and score  
yet another one.



Back Row: Aaron Dobson, Thomas Schneider, Ty Shelton, Cain DePriest, Cornelius Weigen, Chance Bergmann, Victor Short, Coach Scott McFarland; Third Row: Coach Ben Oswald, Jordan Voss, Taylor Hollingsworth, Tyler Keidel, Aaron Hanes, Adam Blake, Kevin Baldino, Ryan DeTurk, Mgr Aruna Gabriel, Mgr Charlie DePriest; Second Row: Brandon Policky, Jamey King, Joel Puls, Mike Wolford, Pat Hurley, Beau Brantly, Josiah Kaan; Front Row: Zach Chambers, Cullen Cripps, Cody Cichowitz, Dashiel Alsop, Andrew Smith



Jr Brandon Policky fights for the ball doing everything it takes to defend the goal.



Soph Victor Short charges through his opponent. No stopping him!



High fives all around; just another step towards the state tournament.



Jr goal keeper Patrick Hurley kicks the ball out of his yard.

Senior BV contributor Ty Shelton bulldozes CSCS to aid in yet ANOTHER Salida victory!

By Christi Erbsen and  
Paula Ortiz

# Football

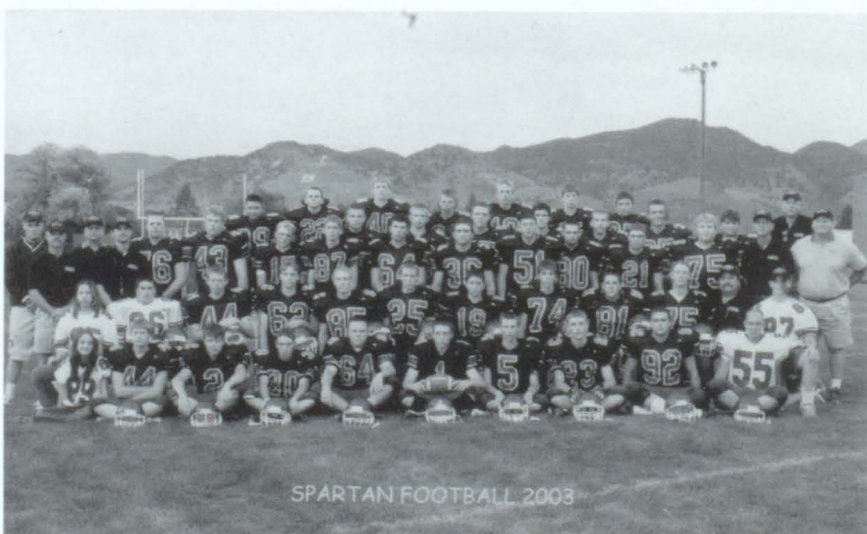
## The 100 Yard Haze

The football team hazed through a rough season. Sr Capt Nick Vrudny added, "A lot of blood, sweat, and tears grow that grass." Although the team was very young with only eleven upperclassmen, the boys improved tremendously throughout the season. Coach Smith knew "the season would be a challenge because they had a very young team." Smith added, "the seniors carried the season with their positive attitude." Vrudny wanted to portray this message to the underclassmen: "football doesn't compare to anything, it is like nothing else." Sr Jesse Ogden said, "My advice is to out young, don't wait." The team hopes for a more successful season next year. Jr Kyle Kuester encouraged, "stick with it!" The boys are ready to hit the field next year with more experience and even more determination.

Sr David Sheets flies by a defender without being tackled.



Back Row: Anthony Luna, Jesse Snyder, Zack Papp, Zac Mills, Jesse Cunningham, Kevin Woolsey, David Gallegos; Third Row: Coach B. Sack, Coach Kuester, Coach R. Sack, Coach Torelline, Seth Sutton, Nathan Nelson, Kyle Kuester, Cody Greenfield, Trevor Thonoff, Mike Klein, Ron Prosser, Anthony Mazzucca, Roger Phillips, Alex Evans, Nick Vrudny, Jesse Ogden, Matt Kroschel, David Sheets, Scott Wilkins, Brian Salisbury, Joey Smith, Coach Cogan, Coach Young, Coach Smith; Second Row: Mgr Perez, Mario Surber, Mike Keviek, Nathan Sheets, Ryan Canterbury, Chris McBride, West Ferraro, Joe Goodwin, Tim Pallaoro, Jonathan Cole, Coach Mazzucca, Josh O'Neal; First Row: Mgr. Rand, Jacob Hightower, Steve McCarty, Vince Mazza, Allan Talbot, Robert Wikoff, Tanner Whaley, Matt Bourget, Michael Mazzucca, James James



If I could just tie his shoe laces together, maybe he'd fall down. Soph Rob Wikoff tackles the opponent.



With a touchdown in mind, Sr Anthony Mazzuca sprints towards the endzone.



Kyle, Nick, and Matt take down a BV player.

Sr Roger Phillips holds back the pirate defense.

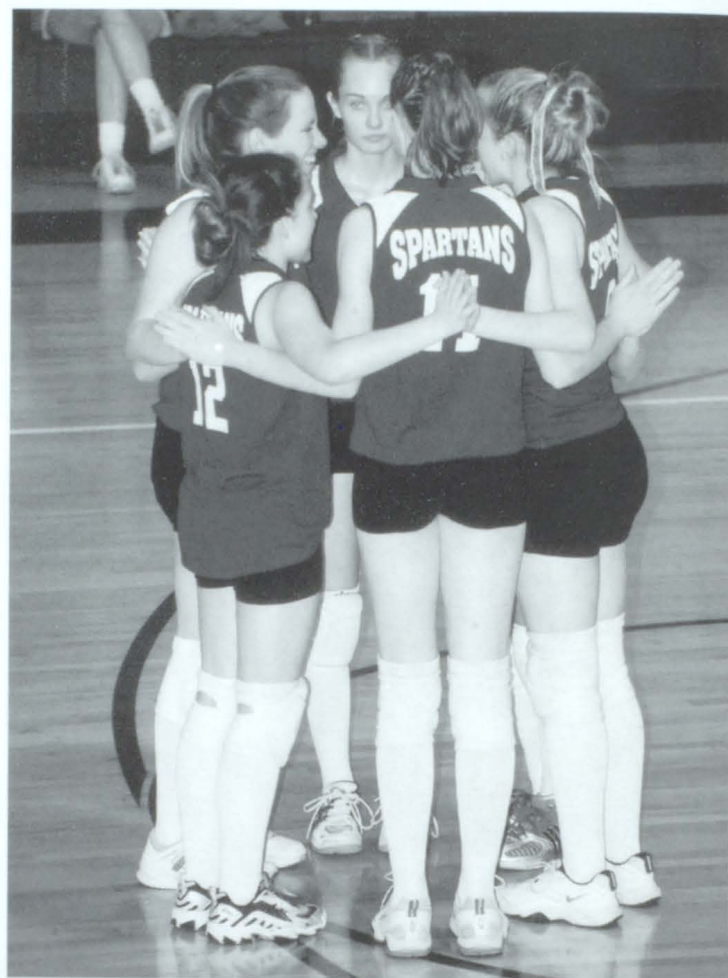
Soph Matt Bourget takes a leap of faith in order to catch the ball.

By Katie Lee and  
Bre Surber

# Volleyball

## A Mist of Victory

It was one haze of a season for the lady Spartans. The volleyball girls began with little enthusiasm, but they proceeded to step it up. "I improved a little every season, but I'd have to say that this was my best year," stated Sr. Britny Pierce. The ladies won most of their games this season, some by close call, and others with no problem. The co-captains Chantel Butterfield and Makenzie Davis had taken the lady Spartans to a whole new level. The overall record was 14-7 with Lake County and Trinidad being their major competitors. The ladies greatest accomplishment was thrashing B.V. "This was the best season the Spartans have had in the past 5 or 6 years! We started the season 7-0 and ended up third place in League. I am very proud of them," bragged Coach Larson. With all the improvements the girls made this year, we are looking forward to a successful year to follow.



Jr Meghan Orrill gets fives from all her teammates.

"Fire it up, kick butt!" The girls are ready for their next match.



Back Row: Coach Tracey Senter, Meghan Orrill, Cassie Baldauf, Sarah McLearn, Jillian Jones, Coach Lynn Larson; Middle Row: Laura Gross, Alyssa Gentile, Andrea Davis, Chantel Butterfield, Aimee Davis, Savannah Lowe; Front Row: Britny Pierce, Makenzie Davis, Rachel White

Sr Andrea Davis passes the ball while being supported by lil' sis, Aimee.



Sr Britny Pierce shows purple pride while diving to popcorn the ball, one of her many specialities.



The Varsity team pumps up during the homecoming parade for the match against Trinidad.

Sr backrow specialist Rachel White returns the ball.

Sr Capt Lucy Butterfield serves an ace during a hometown game.

By Emma Nay  
and Naia  
Dzubinski

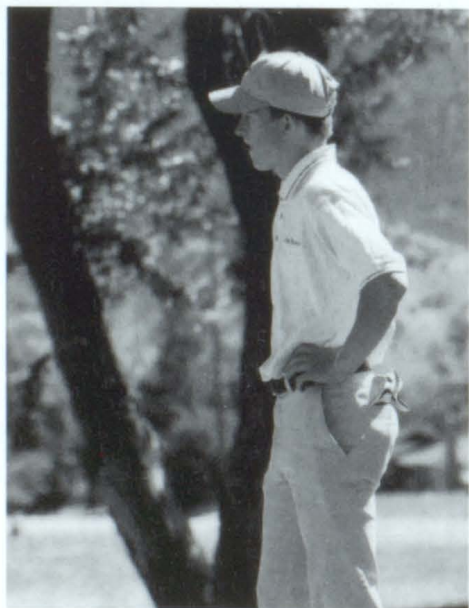
# Boys' Golf

## Haze on the Green

The boys' golf team will have a memory of purple haze. The team grows every year. The boys were joined by three freshmen, but will be losing three seniors this year. Sr. Alan Stephen added, "Next year the boys outta have a good team." Stephen also commented on his individual season saying, "I have improved a lot since my freshmen year, but my putting still needs work." Every golfer had different goals. Sr. foreign exchange student Christoph Doettelmayer said, "My goals were to play good and to have fun." The boys season ended at regionals where no one was able to qualify for state. The Seniors added that it was a great season, and they think the next year's team will really step it up and give other teams a taste of the purple haze.



Sr Logan Lyles puts all his muscles into his perfected swing.



Above: Sr Christoph Doettelmayer contemplates his next move.



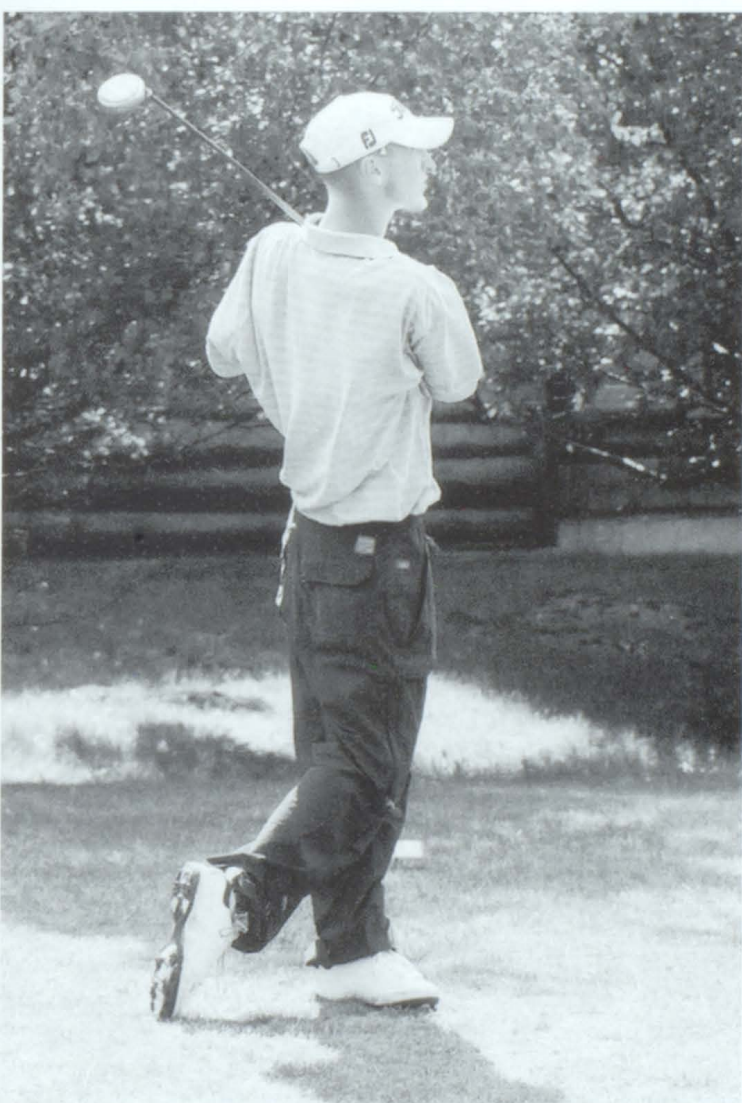
Right: Fr Richie Cahill awaits his turn to sink it.



Jr Matt Burdette is very happy with his first shot on hole one.



Jr Jake Johnson putts his ball out-a-sight!



The wind up and the swing, Jr Andrew Lasher puts all his force into it.

Fr Swinger Kevin Hurley doesn't let the tournament put a damper on his style.



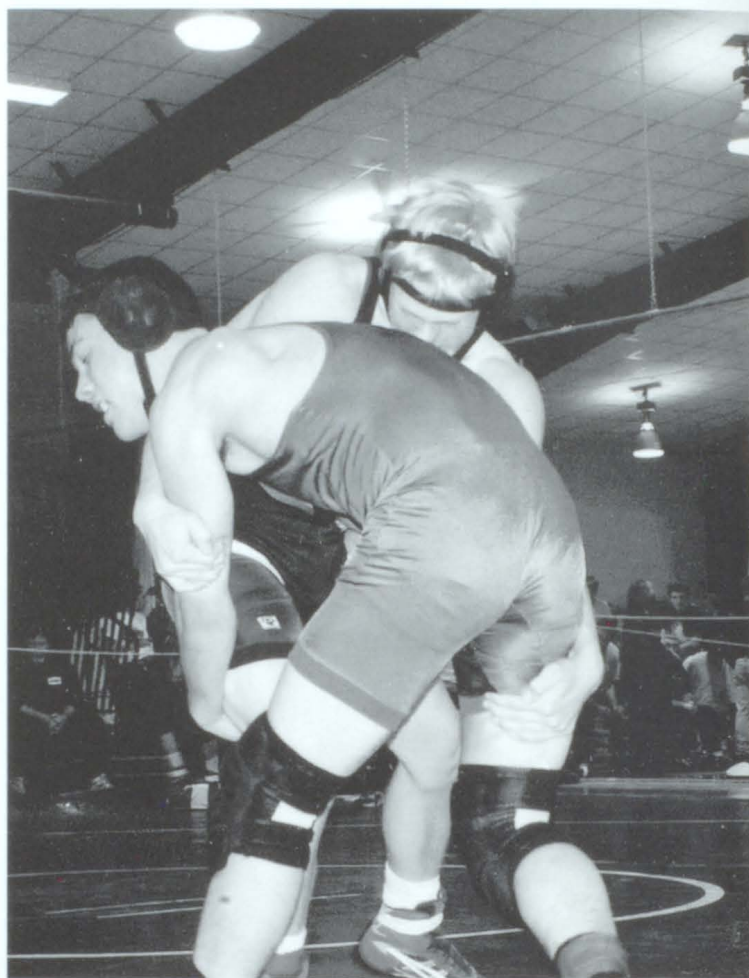
Sr "Big" Al Stephen watches closely hoping his ball edges closer to the green.

By Madison  
Cassels & Sarah  
McLearn

# Wrestling

## The Young Team Evaporates the Haze

The 2003-2004 wrestling season was an improvement year for Salida grapplers. The Spartan wrestling team was young this year. It had only two returning seniors: Roger Phillips and Adrian Pugh. Fr Mike Mazucca believed that, "We were inconsistent. We went about 50/50 in duals and tournaments this year." The grapplers practiced very hard, but it didn't always show in their competitions. The annual Rob Mickel tournament was one of the most important tournaments of the year, especially for junior, Justin Martinez. Martinez was the champion 125 lb wrestler. At regionals, three wrestlers advanced to state: Mike Mazucca, Jesse Snyder, and Justin Martinez. The team felt it was a pretty good year, considering the fact that they sent three wrestlers to state. The three state competitors agreed that they did as well as to be expected. The team has a good outlook for next year. Watch out! Next year's wrestling should be even better than the last!



Jr Kyle Kuester fights hard to pin an opponent at the Rob Mickel.

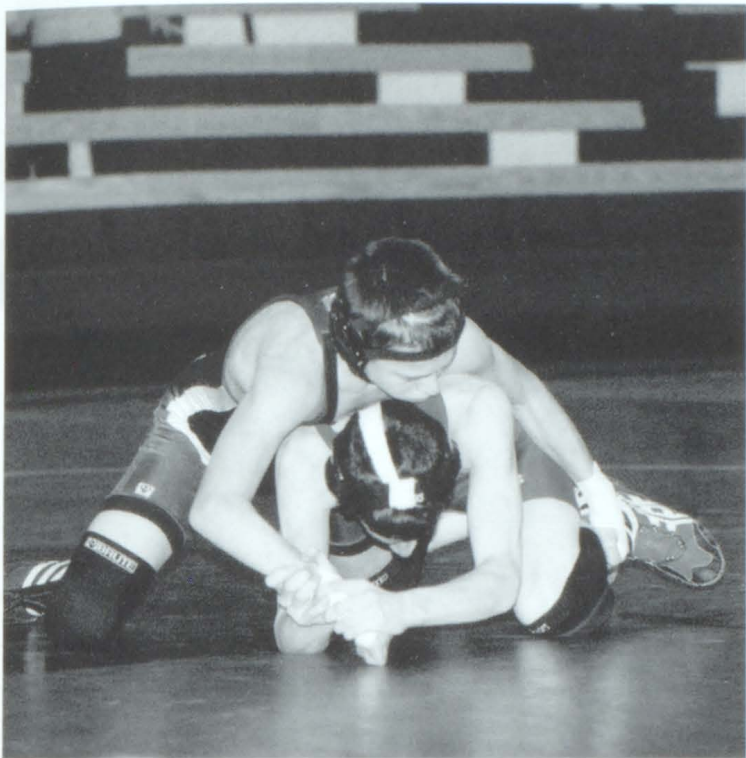


Sr Adrian Pugh uses his quick movements to try and trick the opposition.

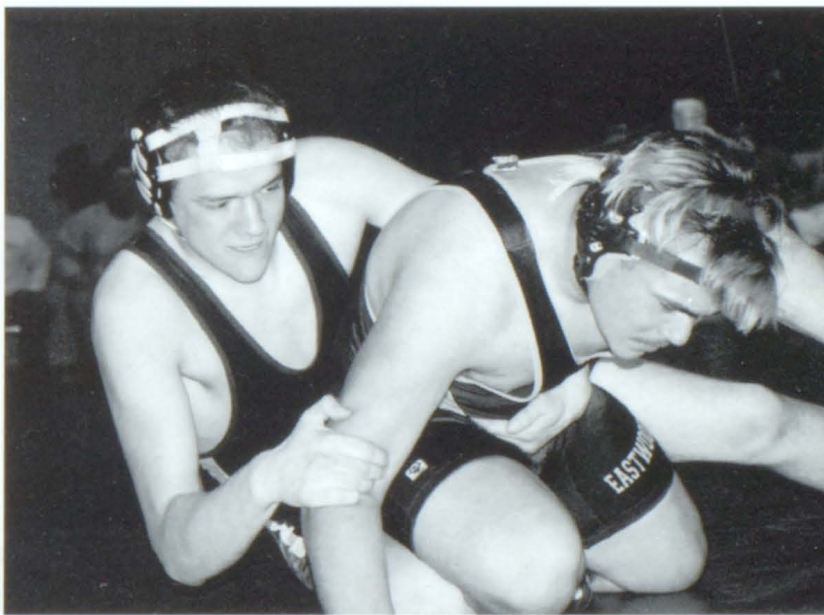
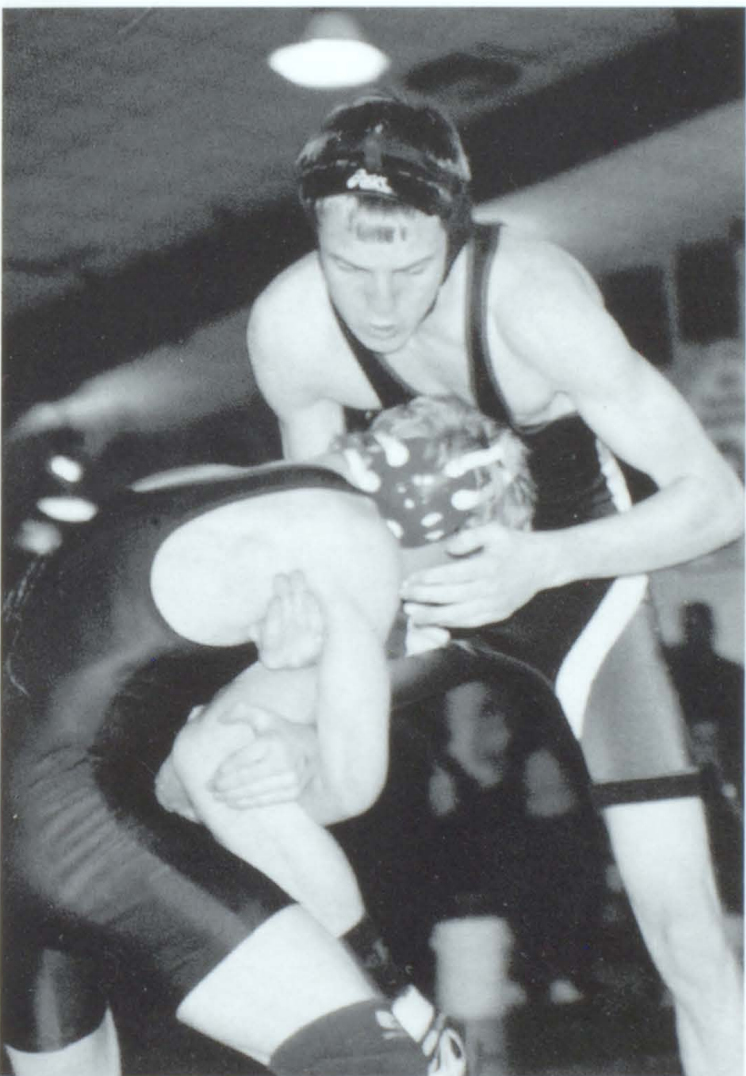
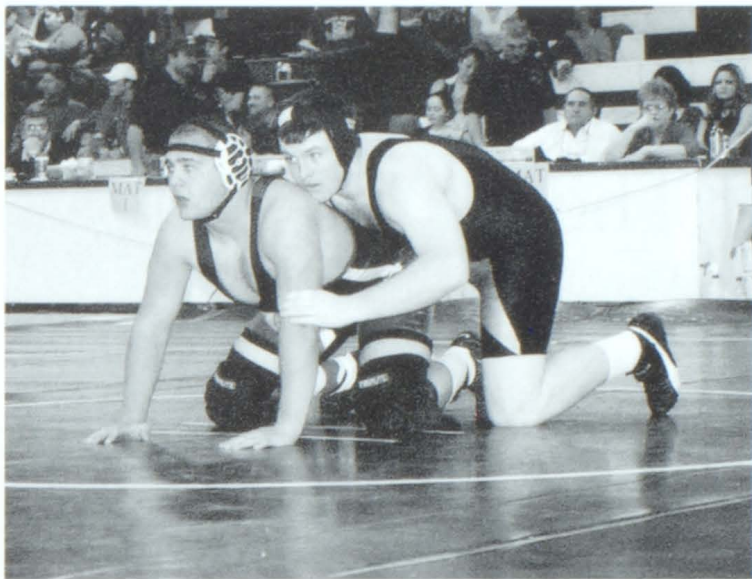
Back: Mike Kwiek, James James, Michael Mazzucca, Roger Phillips, Matt Bourget, Joseph Goodwin, Cain DePriest, Robert Wikoff. Thrid: Mario Surber, Coach Christensen, Adrian Pugh, Scott Wilkins, Alex Evans, Jake Hightower, Eric Wilcox. Second: Mgr Rand, Jesse Snyder, Zach Mills, Justin Criswell, David Sheets, Vince Mazza, Anthony Mazzucca, Mgr Ellis, Mgr Smith. First: Zach Papp, Kyle Kuester, Cody Greenfield, John New, Justin Martinez, John Linza, Mike Mancini



Soph Jesse Snyder gets another victory which put him one step closer to state.



Fr Mike Mazzuca sees what's going on in the audience as his opponent "tries" not to pay attention.



Sr Roger Phillips takes down an Eastwood grappler for two.



Soph Matt Bourget tries to gain hand control in order to win a victory over his Rye opponent.

Jr Justin Martinez works to escape from a Florence opponent.

By Michelle Ertl

# Boys' Basketball

## The Hazy Court

The 2003-2004 boys' basketball season seemed to fly by leaving only a haze behind. Ending their season with a 9-15 record, improvements appeared everywhere. Graduating only three seniors, captains Dale Jones, Logan Lyles, and Jamey King, this winning trend is sure to continue. Daley said, "It was a rough year with some close games, but it was fun working with the younger guys and the two seniors. I'm gonna miss it." After taking 7th at Districts, the team played in the first round of State against the #2 team, Roaring Fork. Although this game ended in a loss, the team never lost their drive, playing hard the whole way through. Coach DeHoff commented, "It's been a very exciting and enjoyable year. We accomplished a lot of goals we set and have a high standard for the following years." A good basketball team will obviously not be a blur of the past.



Sr Capt Logan Lyles lets the ball roll off his fingers for an easy point.



Soph Josiah Kaan doesn't let his man out a sight. Nice defense!

Top: Coach DeHoff, Josiah Kaan, Jacob Johnson, Jamey King, Hawk Caldwell, Josh Kunkel, Beau Brantley. Bottom: Josh Tackett, Dale Jones, Keith Wyatt, Logan Lyles, Chris Modrzejewski, Ryan Canterbury



Sr Capt Dale Jones doesn't allow the shot from a Florence Huskie.



Jrs Beau Brantely and Chris Mojo take a moment to discuss the last call.



Sr Capt Jamey King posts up hoping for an easy lay up.



"Be big Hawk!" Jr Hawk Caldwell stretches, covering the entire lane.

Point guard Soph Keith Wyatt pushes it up the court a play.

By Crissa  
Nachtrieb

# Girls' Basketball

## The Net Sways in the Mist

As the 2003-2004 girls' basketball season fades into the past, we sit back and reflect on how things played out. The girls this year were a relatively young team with five sophomores moving on to the varsity squad. The Lady Spartans demonstrated perseverance and spirit at their practices and during the games. Some of the opposing teams were tough, but the Spartans pulled through with a great season. Junior class leader, Heather Granzella, commented, "The team was really fun to play with, and I can't wait to get a start on next season." The girls finished 3rd in league. Next year, they plan to refine their skills and dominate in the league competition. Also, they plan to improve their free throws. The team feels that all it takes is a little determination and commitment to make it to the top.



Soph Savannah Lowe dribbles hard down court on a fast break.

Sr Andrea Davis puts in her free throws against TCA.



Top: Coach Granzella, Laura Gross, Aimee Davis, Christi Erbsen, Crissa Nachtrieb, Chelsea Klossner, Coach Wilson. Middle: Kristal Canterbury, Raimi Wilson, Ashley Glenn, Breonna Surber, Charlie DePriest, Heather Granzella. Bottom: Jillian Jones, Rosie Mosier, Andrea Davis, Krista Quintana,

Soph Rosie Mosier uses her "hops" to get a rebound over the opponent.



Jr Heather Granzella drives through the lane to take a jump shot against Manitou.



The girls put on their game faces for the BV-Salida game.

Jr Chelsea Klossner puts up two points on a foul.

Soph Krista Quintana, high scorer of the team for the season, takes the ball up the court looking for another shot.

by Madison  
Cassels and Sarah  
McLearn

# Baseball

## Sliding through the Haze

For the first time in years, the majority of our 2004 baseball team consisted of upperclassmen, primarily juniors. The only three seniors this year were Alan Stephens, Dale Jones, and Andrew Herring. Co-captain, Dale, commented about his team, "I've had a really good time working with the underclassmen, and I wish the best of luck next year cause their my boys!" The 2004 season started off well, but the team did experience a slight dry spell toward the end of the season: the team's record was 11-9. Team Co-captain, Brian Smith, said about the season, "We had our troubles in the beginning, but we pulled it together. We're looking forward to next year, because we'll only be losing three seniors. This year we had four freshmen on varsity. I think 'Skip' (Coach Steve Guccione) is awesome and will continue to do awesome." This season was a compensation year, due to the loss of many seniors from the 2003 season. Even still, the team is excited for what the next season might bring.



Jr Seth Myers patiently waits to see if his hit is fair or foul.

Jr Justin Martinez is ready in the outfield.



Top Row: Coach G Guccione, Coach S Guccione, Justin Martinez, Andrew Lasher, Chris Mojo, Joey Smith, Pat Hurley, Robert Wikoff, Jake Johnson, Coach Smith; Bottom Row: Allen Stephens, Trevor Thonoff, Cody Greenfield, Tanner Whaley, Brian Smith, Dale Jones, Seth Myers, Nathan Nepl, Andrew Herring, Zac Mills

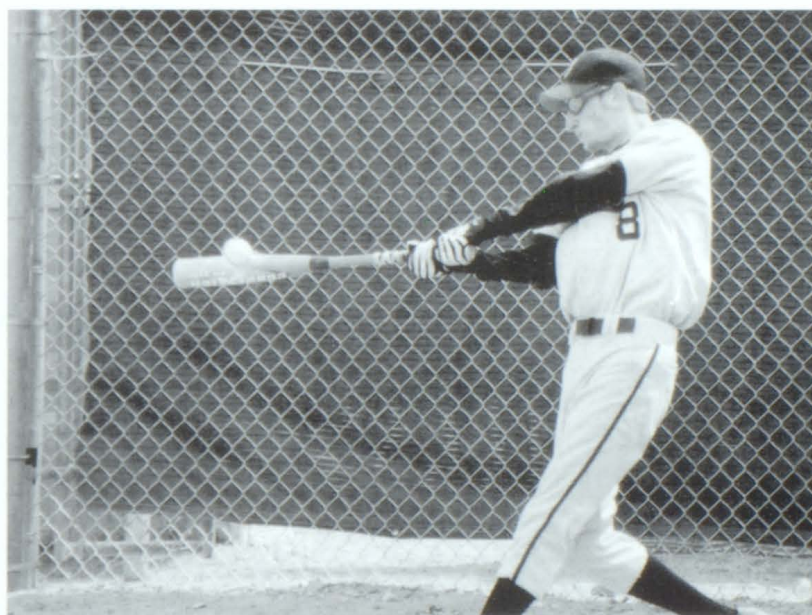




The team has a quick huddle before the start of the next inning.



Sr Dale Jones warms up during batting practice.



Home run! Sr Allen Stephens whacks the ball outta the park.



Jr Brian Smith warms up before playing catcher.

Jr Nathan Neppi argues with his coach. "What is going on? Do you want me to run?"

By Steph Baker  
and Crissa  
Nachtrieb

# Girls' Soccer

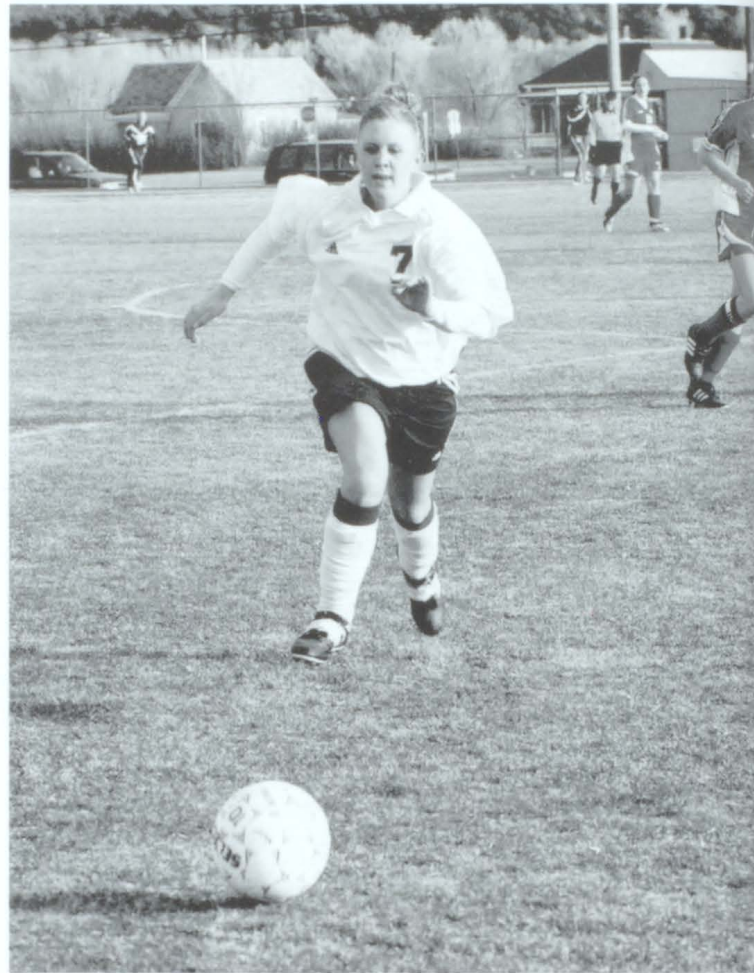
## A Mirage of Black and White Spots

Last year the state tournament was just an illusion, but this year it was a reality for the Salida Girls' Soccer team. For their 2004 season, the girls had a great record of 10-4-2 helping them finish fourth in the Tri-Peaks League. Sr Charley DePriest said, "I'm happy with the season, the games we lost we should have won, but I am still happy with our successes." The girls had a lot of new players, but that didn't slow them down. "Soccer girls kicked this year. We worked well as a team," stated Jr Captain Meghan Orrill. Near the end of the season, the team lost a good number of girls to injury, but that didn't stop their determination. The girls will miss the graduating seniors but look forward to next year's possibilities. "We played awesome this year, and will have an awesome next year too," said Jr Goalie Serena Rocksund.



Sr Charley DePriest hustles to get possession of the ball during a home game.

Sr Marcie Spears waits patiently for the ball.



Top Row: Coach Bright, Cally Cripps, Amanda Smith, Catherine Paitsel, Heather Thonhoff, Heidi Oliver, Maggie Kudasik, Katrina Lehse, Mgr Jones, Aruna Gabriel, Serena Rocksund, Coach Curtis, Coach Clark; Middle Row: Nicole Garcia, Breann Johnson, Maria Powers-Bove, Rachel Papp, Kayla Kinney, Alice Mathie, Marcie Stud Spears, Stephanie Baker, Britny Pierce; First Row: Laura Gross, Jackie Olson, Jillian Jones, Heather Granzella, Charley DePriest, Brianna Myers, Meghan Orrill, Shaya Brandon



Jr Meghan Orrill concentrates on moving the ball up the field.



Soph Jill Jones gives it her all, beating her opponent down the field.



Far Left: Jr Heather Granzella gains the upper hand, as she maneuvers past the opposing player.

Top Middle: Sr Amanda Smith watches the direction of the ball as she catches her breath.

Bottom Middle: Jr Heidi Oliver puts all her effort into a powerful kick to move the ball to her teammates.

Far Right: Serena Johnson punts the soccer ball back down the field.

by Christer  
Sonheim

# Boys' Track

## Blazin' Through the Haze

Despite injuries, bad weather, illnesses, and excessive shin splints, the track boys pulled off quite an impressive season. This year's freshmen participants were Seth Dougherty and Mike Mazucca. Sophomore runners included Matt Bourget, Jesse Mundell, Christer Sonheim, and Llowell Williams. Ryan Canterbury, Kyle Kuester, James Mulde, and Brandon Policky were the juniors who ran this season. Seniors were Nick Daugherty, Christoph Dottelmeyer, Anthony Mazucca, Joel Puls and Nick Vrudny. The team's essential managers were sophomores Amy Gentile and Amanda Hersch. Both Coach Frazee and Assistant Coach Vrudny praised the team, saying they were "excellent and hard working."

Individual state qualifiers at Pueblo on May 21 and 22 included Brandon Policky, in the open 800 meter race, and Nick Vrudny, who pre-qualified in the shotput. Anthony Mazzucca also qualified in the shotput at Regionals. Ryan Canterbury, Nick and Seth Daugherty, and Brandon Policky along with Christer Sonheim and Llowell Williams as alternates, qualified in the 4X400 meter relay. Everyone was proud of their season and results this year. As Brandon Policky stated, the season was a "valuable learning experince and very fun."



Sr Capt Nick Daugherty pushes himself in the open 800 m DASH, as he puts it.

Sr Anthony Mazzucca practices shot right before Reigonals.



Back Row: Mgr Gentile, Kyle Kuester, James Molde, Matt Bourget, Christoph Dottelmeyer, Joel Puls, Anthony Mazzucca, Nick Daugherty, David Sheets, Nick Vrudny, Llowell Williams, Brandon Policky, Ryan Canterbury, Coach Frazee; Front Row: Mgr Hersch, Christer Sonheim, Seth Daugherty, Kyle Sherman, Mike Mazzucca, Allen Talbot, Jesse Mundell

Sr Joel Puls sprints his heart out in the 200 m Dash.



Jr Brandon Policky starts off the 4x400 m Relay.



Jr Ryan Canterbury jumps out of the blocks at Regionals, missing state by one place.

Soph Christer Sonheim describes the freezing weather in BV.

Sr Nick Vrudny shows everybody how it is done, pre-qualifying in state for the second year in a row.

by Emily Blakeley

# Girls' Track

## Running in Circles

The girls track season started off with a bang, only losing one senior last year and gaining numerous freshmen. The girls had a great season, but had many cancelled meets, due to weather. This made the season seem short. For the third consecutive year, the girls 4X800 m Relay team of Krista Quintana, Sarah Sheets, Jennifer DeLuca, and Emily Blakeley were League Champions. At Regionals the following qualified for state: Jen DeLuca in the 4X800 and 4X400, Emily Blakeley in 4X800, 4X400, 400, and long jump, Krista Quintana in 4X800, 4X400, and 200, Andrea Davis in discus, Ashley Smith in long jump, and Sarah Sheets in 4X800, 4X400, and 400. Rosie Moiser went along as an alternate. "Regionals was awesome. It was great to see so many girls go to state!" added Jen DeLuca. The team had an awesome season, especially since they qualified six girls in eight events. The seniors, Jen and Andrea, will be missed, but the returning girls are excited to rip the track up again!



Sr Capt Jennifer DeLuca tails Manitou at League, eventually passing her.



Jr Tessa Odette pushes through the 800 m Run.

Top Row: Coach Robbins, Kim DisMeyer, Tessa Odette, Jarrell Phillips, Coach Butacan, Ashley Smith, Katie Canterbury; Middle Row: Mgr Cook, Sarah Sheets, Rosie Moiser, Andrea Davis, Mgr Hersch; Front Row: Krista "Baby Buff" Quintana, Jennifer "Buff One" DeLuca, Emily "Pure Strength" Blakeley



Soph Krista Quintana kicks it in the 200 m Dash.



Soph Ashley Smith flies through the air for a 16 foot jump.



Fr Sarah Sheets holds the blocks for Soph Katie Canterbury in the 4x100 m Relay.



Sr Andrea Davis practices shot all the way to state.

Jr Capt Emily Blakeley sprints down the runway to a 1st place at Regionals in long jump.

by Christi Erbsen  
and Paula Ortiz

# Tennis

## The Fog is Lifting

This year, the Salida Spartan tennis team picked it up a notch. Coach Horton said, "This is possibly the best year the tennis team has ever had." Singles players were: #1 Elli Bishop, #2 Rachel White, and #3 Christi Erbsen. These girls had successful individual seasons. The #1 doubles team, Mary Ferraro and Kenzi Cleveland, showed great teamwork and illustrated the meaning of fun. The #2 doubles team included Kristen Lambert and BV's Sarah Haske. These girls showed that school rivalry can be overcome. Laura Wancura and Brandi Pugh made up the #3 doubles team this year, and Kristen Medina and Marisa Cantonwine played #4 doubles. The season ended with high standards and big expectations for next year.



Jr Christi Erbsen shows off her duck face.

Jr Elli Bishop levitates after hitting a ground stroke.



Back Row: Elisa Espinosa, Katrina Henke, McKay Christensen, Nancy Stepnick, Sarah Ashley, Natalie Perez, Katie Aragon; Middle Row: Amber Ogden, Melissa McGraugh, Riley Ellis, Kristina Wrigley, Kristen Medina, Marisa Cantonwine, Sarah Masterson, Sarah Haske; Front Row: Kristen Lambert, Brandi Pugh, Mary Ferraro, Elli Bishop, Christ Erbsen, Alyssa Gentile, Rachel White, Laura Wancura



Soph Brandi Pugh stares at the ball after she returns a serve.



Jr Mary Ferraro and Soph Kenzi Cleveland take a quick picture before returning to the court.



Jrs and Srs Alyssa Gentile, Elli Bishop, Kristen Lambert, and Rachel White pose before taking on their opponents.

Assistant Coach Ed Lambert gives his advice to the #2 doubles team Sarah Waske and Kristen Lambert.

Sr Rachel White serves the ball with extreme concentration.

by Emma Nay and  
Jessica Gilbert

# Girls' Golf

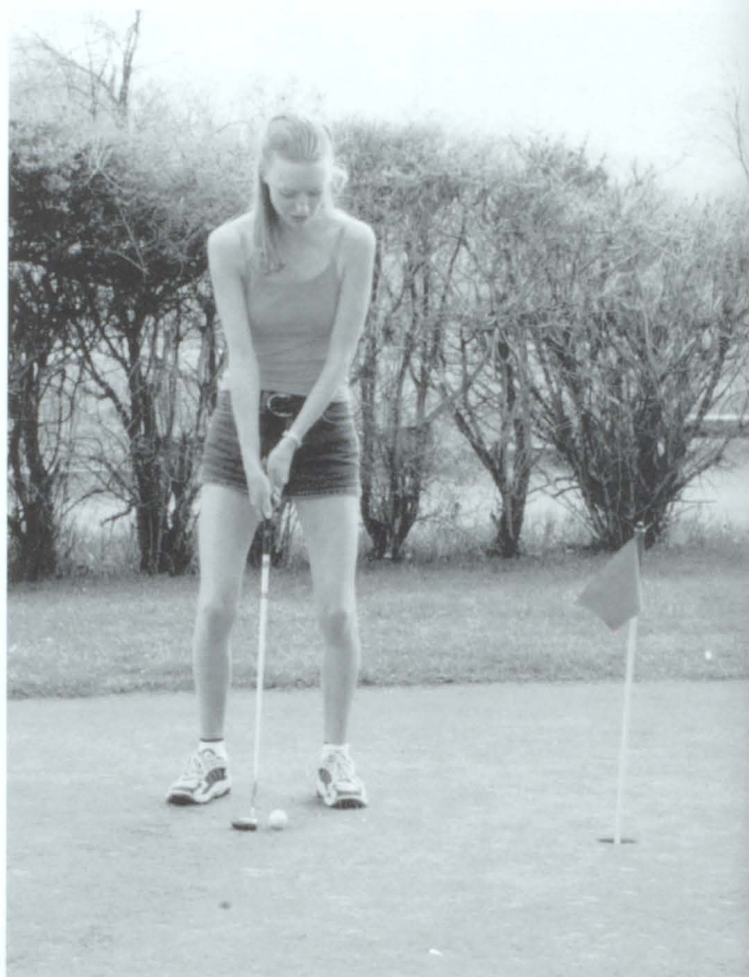
## Swinging through the Haze

The girls' golf team got off to a slow start, but quickly picked it up. Cassie Cain of Buena Vista commented, "The team has really improved, everyone's scores lowered by at least 20 strokes." Dustie Swanson, Amber Stephens, Casie Cain, and Sadie Lavercombe were chosen to play at the Regional tournament at Holly Dot golf course in Rye. None of the girls advanced to state. The team hopes to clear the haze and have a better season next year. They will be losing one Senior, Heather Kailey, but they hope more girls will fill her spot next season.



Jr Sadie Lavercombe ponders the best way to get the ball in the hole.

Heather Kailey, Sadie Lavercombe, Jacque Walker, Coach Spence, Casie Cain, Amber Stephens, Dusti Swanson



Sr Heather Kailey carefully lines up for her putt.



Jr Amber Stephens reaches into her golf bag for a club.



Sr Heather Kailey and Jr Jacque Walker enjoy a little sun before beginning their practice.



Jr Sadie Lavercombe takes a practice swing before whacking the ball.

Soph BV player, Casie Cain, pauses for a picture.

Soph Dusti Swanson works on her putting skills.

# Freshmen and JV Sports





Purple Pride

Sr Elisa Espinosa studies parts of the body in biology class.



Jr Brian Smith measures up the sides of his woodshop project to get a good fit.



Jr Chelsea Klossner utilizes her study hall time.



Soph Jennifer Cameron concentrates hard on her self portrait for speech class.



Jr Josh Yarosz works diligently in woods.

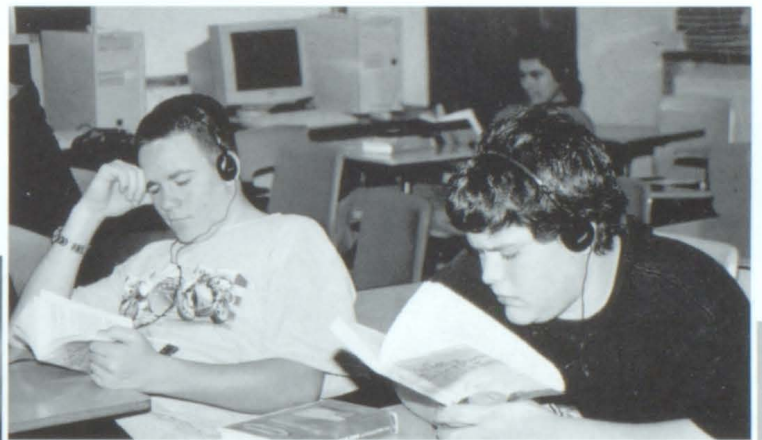


Jr Sarah McLearn brightens up the holidays by making posters during her class time.

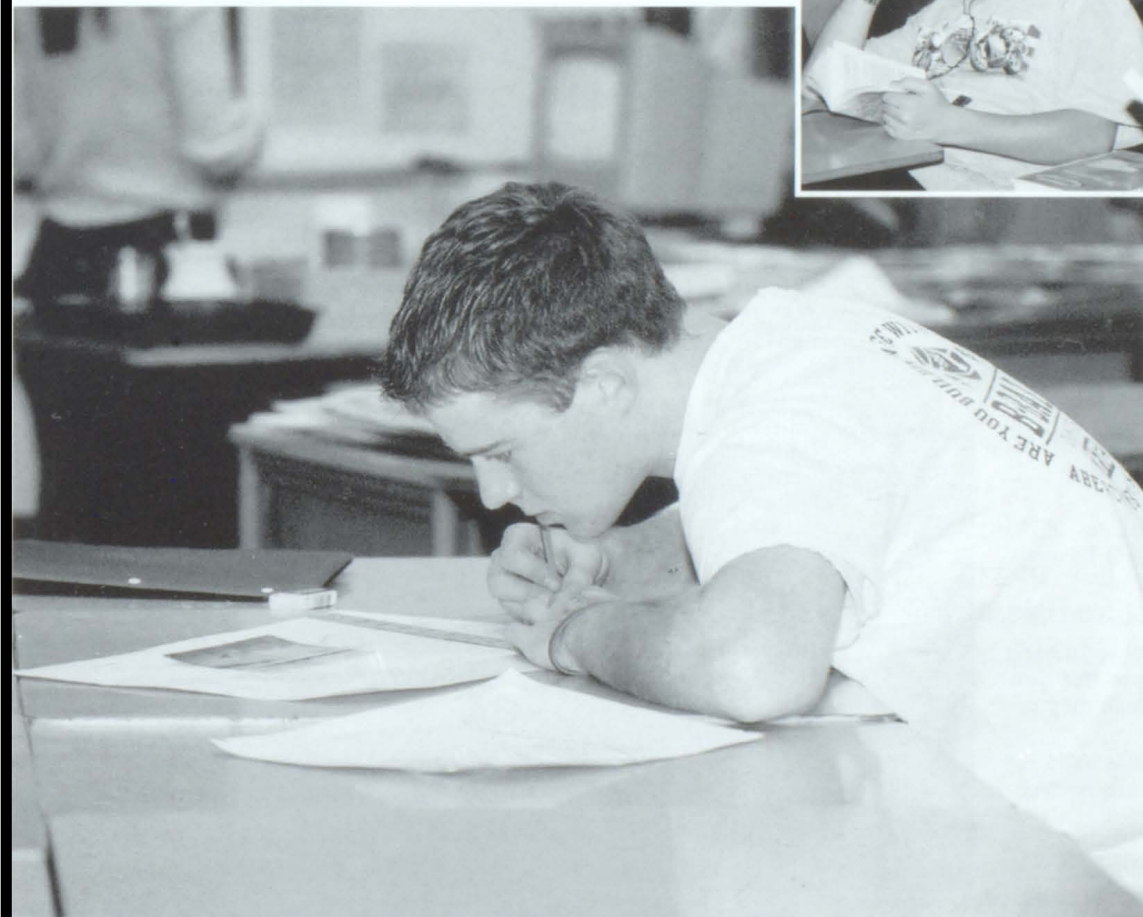
# The Haze of Knowledge

The knowledge we learn today leads us into our futures. Students work hard in and out of the classroom with long study hours and numerous assignments. Although we all share this endless work, everyone's focus is very different. The freshmen work to survive their core classes while the seniors work hard to motivate themselves to attend the last few days of their high school careers.

With many new teachers, this year was considered a transition. Everyone felt it was pretty smooth, with great successes in the classroom. Salida staff and students are excited about what next year's illusion will bring.



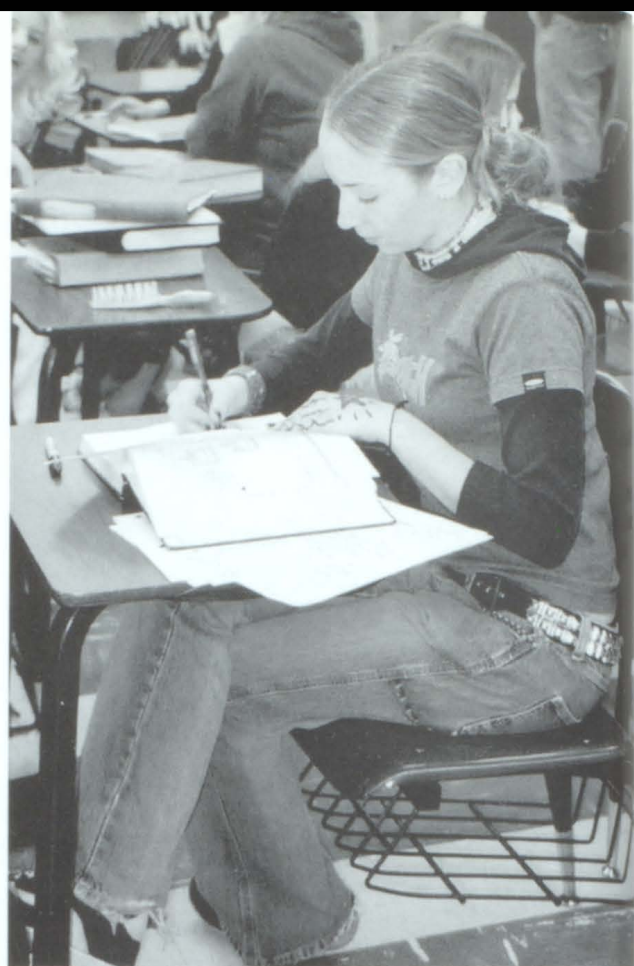
Soph Allan Talbot and Russel Morgan read along with an audio tape during their English class.



Sr Dale Jones uses his creative mind while drawing in art class.

Soph Brooke Bevan studies hard in Biology preparing for a test.

The Sulfate ion...what?!?! Jr Meghan Orrill is confused in Mr. Bright's Chemistry class.



$2X+Y=???$  Ms. Richard's math class works hard on their assignment.

Center Right: Fr Jarrell Phillips and Brandi Edwards work on a lab.

Advanced Biology students take a moment to sit back and consume all the information; or maybe they just look they are paying attention even though they really aren't.





Jr Cassie Garcia, Ms. Baumhover's T.A., helps grade some assignments.



By: Emily Blakeley and Emma Nay

# Experimenting with and Mul- tiplying the Spartan Illusion

This year has been a great year for the math and science departments. There were three new teachers and plenty of illusion of the new year.

In the science department, Ms. Robbins and Mrs. Tesci joined us. Students from many different classes participated in the science fair. Fr. Stephanie Baker, who is in Physical Science said "I had fun doing my project, but I wish it was not a requirement."

In the math department, Ms. Richard joined the Spartan faculty. However, after this year, Ms. Baumhover will be leaving.

The math and science departments underwent a few changes this year, but both students and teachers took the challenges head-on and made it through the haze.

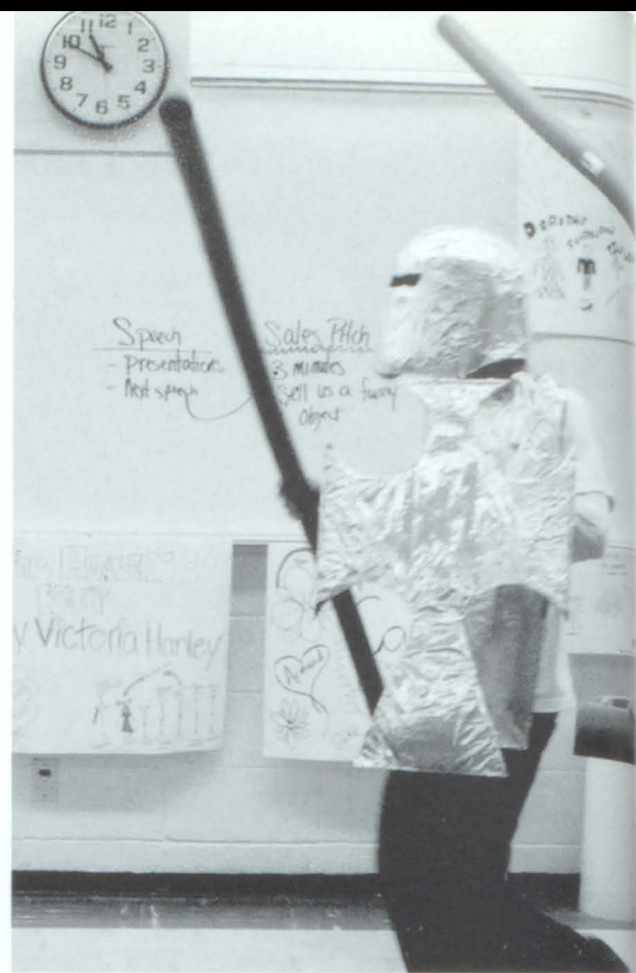
Sophs Nick Miller and Kevin Baldino proudly show off their project on aerodynamics at the Science Fair.

Soph Trevor Thonhoff teaches Robert Wikoff about the growth of plants.



After learning about King Arthur in his Literature class, Soph Blake Wilkerson tries his hand in jousting.

Soph Amanda Shook and Cat Paitsel work on their grammar assignments in Ms. Curtis's class.



Fr Jade Phillips and McKay Christensen contemplate "The Scarlet Ibis."

Center Right: American History students take a moment out of their lecture for a friendly debate.

Jrs Nina McKay, Jeremy Yarosz, and Micah Wakeman study for a quiz in English 11.



Fr Sarah Sheets and Vince Mazza start to write their "topic of the day" in Ms. Clark's class.

By Christi Erbsen

## English Writes the Haze of History

No, its not an illusion, the English classes are a little different. For example, the Scope and Sequence program is being reviewed by our English teachers. It is a state standardized program that designates what teachers will teach during each quarter and grade level. Another new addition to the English program is Miss Clark. She is our new Freshmen English and Speech teacher. She uses mostly "progressive and older style" teaching techniques. Miss Clark described her first year here as a "challenging whirlwind of activity."

History never really changes, but this year a new illusion has been added. Mr. Lambert sent one of his American History students to the National History Day competition. The contest ranged from 6th to 12th grades and from papers to performances. Christi Erbsen competed in the Senior Individual Performance category and took 1st place. Mr. Lambert is very excited about this competition that he can now use for all his history students. Now students can look forward to a new illusion in your history classes.

Jrs Eve Hinter, Ashley Brown, and Stephanie Quintana write down their assignments in Mrs. Slaughter's class.

Jr Madison Cassels discusses her Holocaust project with Mr. Lambert.

That looks heavy! Jr Casey Wilson spots Fr Allan Talbot.

Are you threatening us? Of course not! Jr Heather Granzella is preparing to cut her fabric for fiber arts.



Sophs Samantha Rautter and Danielle Webster, Jr Muffey Phillips, and Mrs. Johnson prepare to kick booty in their TaeBo workout.

Soph Jordan Potts has some pent up rage as she appears to kick her instructor in the head.

Jr Kayla Kinney tries to keep her finger out of the flesh eating sewing machine. Way to go Kayla!



Jr Deanna Bowers takes her time making a great fiber arts project.



by Sarah McLearn

# The Mirage of Eating and Exercising

During the haze of the year, there are a few classes that help make the day fun. Home Ec is a class in which guys and girls are allowed to express their creativity. Deanna Bowers said, "I really love this class. People should take it; it's such a stress reliever." During the year, Home Ec students create quilts, blankets, hats, scarves, and clothing. The guys and girls in Mrs. Kerrigan's class don't have time to gaze; instead they think of designs and ideas for new projects.

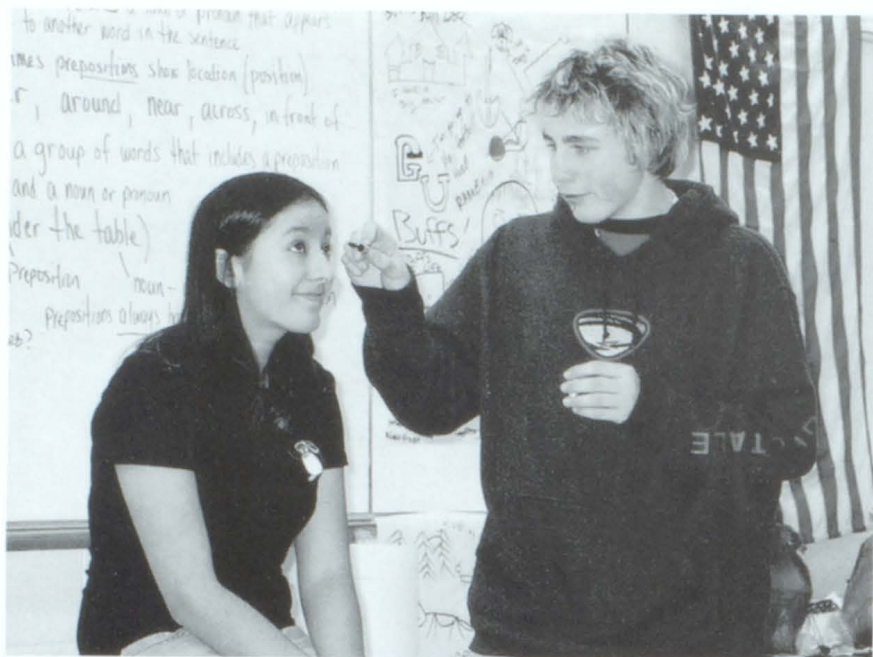
When time comes for a breath of fresh air, the freshmen head for P.E. Not only do they have a break from their seats, but the chaos of homework and teachers as well. Ashley Shoald commented, "P.E. is fun! It's a great period to clear the mind." Mr. Horton and Mrs. Heckel provide a variety of different games and activities each hour. During the blur of the day, P.E. helps clear the mind and eyes from all the stress.

Amanda Stone and Zach Wilkins enjoy an hour at Franz Lake.

Ms. Kerrigan teaches some vitally important clothing information to Soph Keli-Lynn Cook, Alison Hersch, and Fr Amber Loudenburg.

Soph Kenzi Cleveland and Ashley Smith prepare their speeches.

Soph Aaron Hanes is teaching his speech class a thing or two about mascara, as Paula Ortiz hopes he has a steady hand.



Soph Ashleigh, Heather, Jennifer, and Rachel in Kerrigan's health class.

Soph Dobson cheeses for the camera in Clark's speech class.

Keith, Jackey, Cat, Aaron, and Bri laugh at a Paul Harvey story in Cogan's health class.



Miss Curtis's speech class is doing the "Podium Project."

By Paula Ortiz and Jessica Gilbert

## Healthy Minds Speak Alike

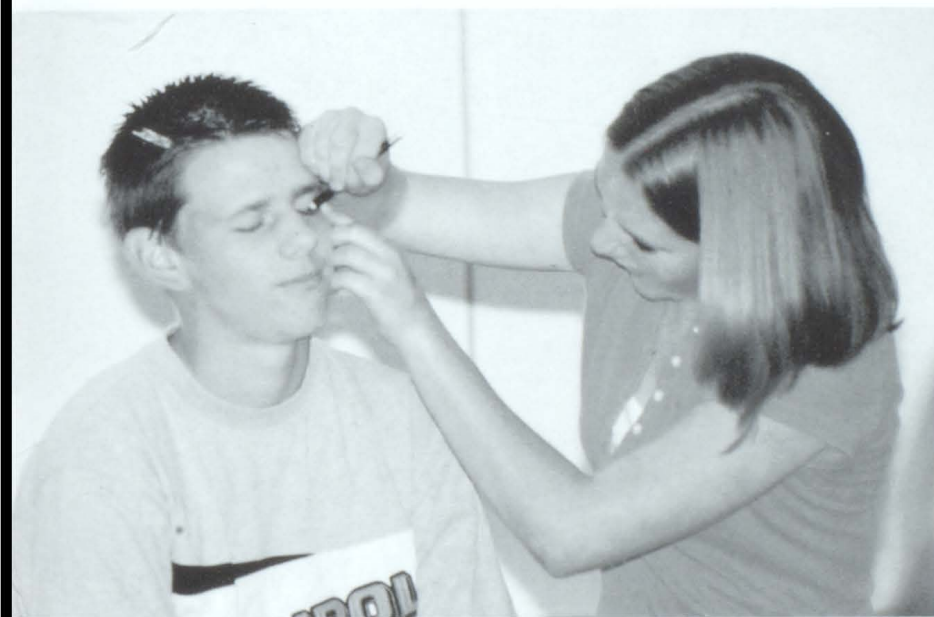
The Sophomore class of 2006 learned valuable lessons and received important information about the real world from their instructors who teach the semester classes: health and speech.

"Speech class gave us fundamentals for life," stated sophomore Kayla Suber. Speech taught us to control stage fright, give a variety of speeches, and gave us an opportunity to practice speaking efficiently. All sophomores had to endure speech for at least one semester. Every student was required to do the daily announcements and several speeches to use the skills gained during the semester.

Each Sophomore had to take two sessions of health: one with Kerrigan and one with Cogan. Health students learned about smoking, alcohol, the human body, STDs, and sex. Mr. Cogan taught about the effects of smoking, drugs, and alcohol on the human body. He instructed his students through his famous Paul Harvey stories and presentations made by students. Ms. Kerrigan taught about our bodies, STDs, and everything we need to know about sex. Josiah Kaan thought, "Health was very educational and fun; although there was a lot I didn't want to know."

Soph Raimi Wilson helps Cain Depriest apply his makeup during her how-to speech.

Ms. Kerrigan's health students are engrossed in her lecture.



Sr Chantel Butterfield concentrates as she makes each artistic stroke.

Soph Matt Bourget works hard while Josiah Kaan takes a break.



Soph Allan Copeland and Jared Spehler inspect parts of an engine in auto class.

Center Right: Soph Trevor Thonhoff prepares the vice for his project in woods.

Fr Ashley Shovald and Joanne Morawa detail the poster they just prepared for the Spartan hallway.





It's a masterpiece! Jrs Ryan Canterbury and Brian Smith work together to assemble a cabinet.



By Crissa Nachtrieb and Stephanie Baker

## Drawing and Building the Illusion

This year in art class, students are able to create their own illusions through their masterpieces. Ms. Frazee commented on her class size saying, "The size of my classes has doubled compared to last year." The art classes are doing a new project this year, using technology to create monochromatic self portrait drawings. The students take photographs of themselves and put them into the computer to get a copy. After that, they used scratchboard to complete the drawing. As far as new curriculum goes, Ms. Frazee said, "Art is always changing from year to year, nothing is set in stone."

For a lot of girls, auto is no longer an illusion. More and more girls each year are joining auto; the general auto classes are averaging about five girls in each class. This year, Mr. Best bought a 1938 Chrysler that the students are helping to restore. Through this project the students receive a lot of hands on experience. The industrial arts programs are continuing to grow in size and projects.

Did you break something Joe? Soph Joe Goodwin slowly tapes together his project in woods class.

Fr Katrina Henke and Keri Haug use their artistic abilities for a pep poster.

Jr Madison Cassels seems a little grouchy about having to model.

Soph Raimi Wilson is overwhelmed by the extensive vocabulary of the Spanish language.

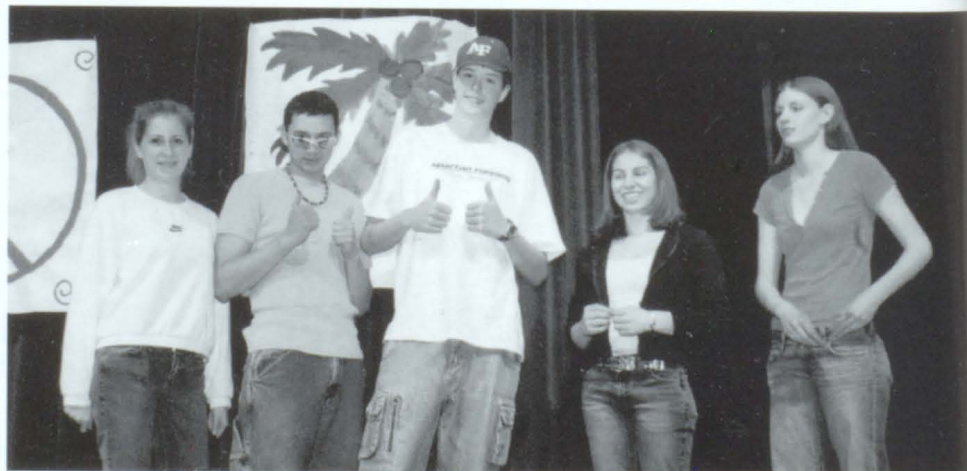


Peace, love, and contribution! Jr Sarah Ullom shows her more natural side at the Spanish III Fashion Show.

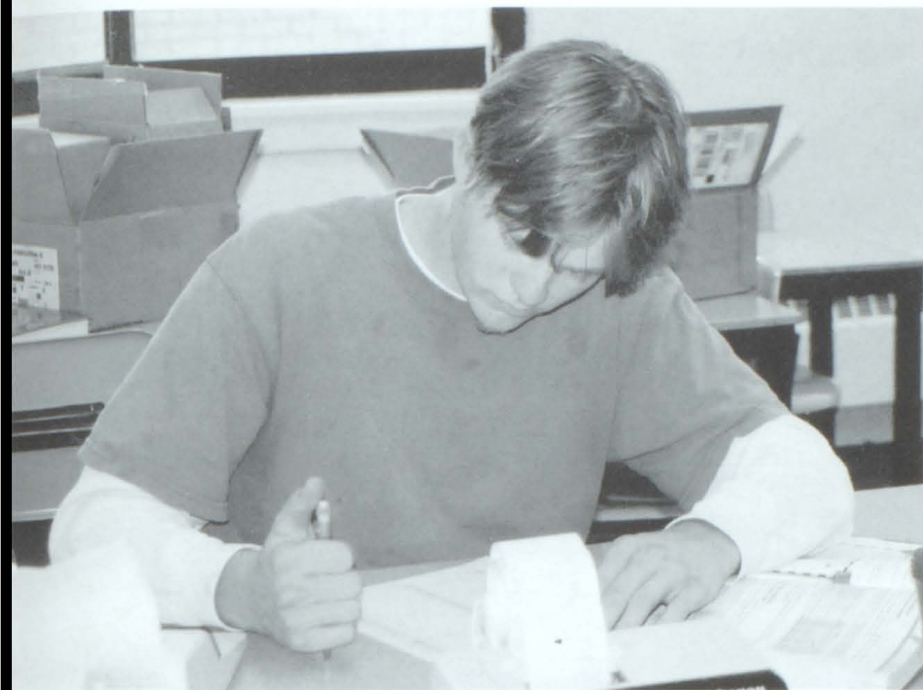
Jr Melissa Madden struts her hot stuff.

Sr Renee DeChatelets seems distracted by Britny Pierce's hard work. Get workin!

Jrs Mary Ferraro, Jorge Franco, Hawk Caldwell, Katherine Smith, and Jessica Slaughter are happy and relieved to be done modeling.



Sr Luke Sustrich concentrates hard on his calculations in accounting.



by Katie Lee

# A Foreign Haze of Information

Not much has changed this year in the Foreign Language and Business Departments. Liz Palmer has continued challenging students to learn French, and Robin Nejame has kept her Spanish standards high. Both continue to work together to inaugurate each student with the power of a foreign language, knowing that is becoming more and more critical for the future.

Another important part of one's future might include business, the teachers have triggered the Business department to stay very active throughout the year. Mrs. Stagner and Mrs. Thompson teach classes that one might consider practical for the years ahead. Both take a special interest in their students in order to empower them with knowledge, in order to prepare them for whatever may lie ahead. Whether it is language or business, Salida's students have the opportunity to take classes so that they can learn what they need to take on the world.



Jr Cally Cripps covers her costume.

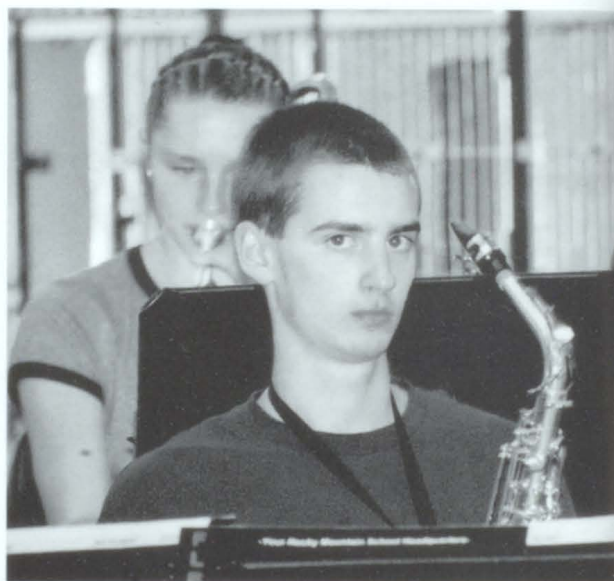
Jr Aimee Davis is concerned about her dermatology health for her beach get up! Safety first!



Srs Marcie Spears, Joel Puls, Christoph Doettelmeyer, and Heather Kailey work hard to research their French IV project.

Jr Rossi Luchetta keeps the beat for the band.

Soph Ashley Smith, Fr Jodi Kurozawa, and Jr Kaycee Yenter play their clarinets.



Trumpeters Fr Amber Ogden, Fr Abbey Dominquez, Jr Brandon Policky, and Fr Steven McCarty practice in sections.

Center Right: Sr Trent Endsley breaks during his measures of rest.

Saxophonists pep up the crowd during a football game.



Soph Vic Short and Mike Klein jazz to the "Western State Fight Song" during the Homecoming festivities.

by Jennifer DeLuca

# Playing through the Haze

The Salida High School Concert Band and Jazz Band pushed through the hazy mist that this year brought them. Band instructor, Mr. Stahl, was unable to complete the year; he resigned half way through 3rd quarter. This caused the students to cut their concert year short, but leadership from Mrs. Davidson allowed the students to work through the problems that had risen.

Even still, the bands pushed on. Both performed concerts at the beginning of the year; which allowed them to show off their hard work. Also, the Jazz Band upheld the tradition of playing at games. Their spirit rallied the crowd's energy at football, basketball, and volleyball games.

Salida High Bands also continued their excellence in qualifying students for honor bands on the league and state level. Senior leadership will be missed next year, but the students and school are hopeful that the mist will clear for a better year in 2004-2005.

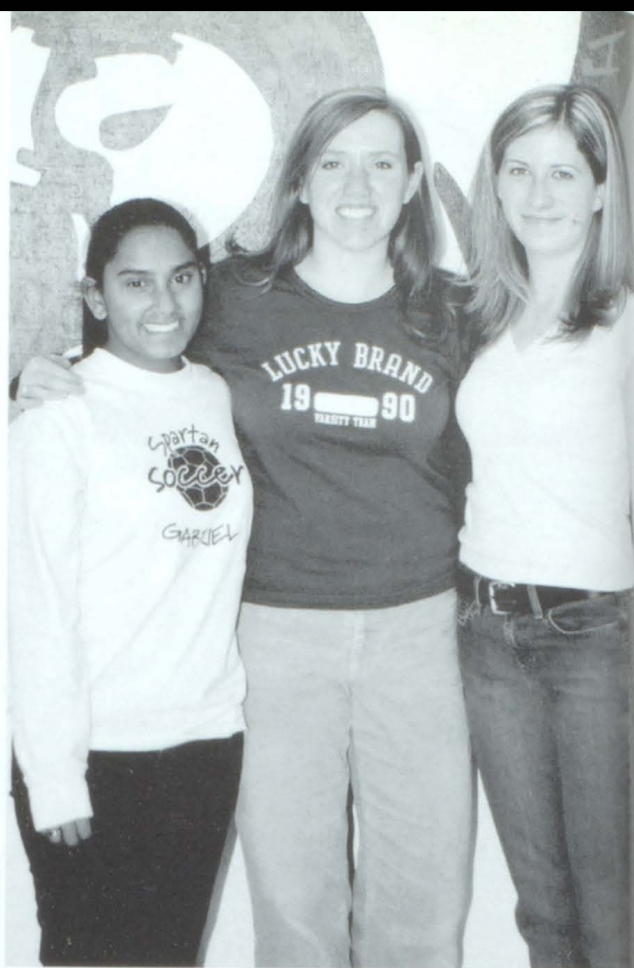
Srs Emma Schleicher and Desiree Troutman break from a rigorous practice.

Jr Hawk Caldwell, Soph Lindsey Cowherd, and Jr Ron Smith march in the Homecoming parade, playing the "Spartan Song."



Choir Officers: President Sr Makenzie Davis (1st Semester), President Jr Mary Ferraro (2nd Semester), and Secretary Jr Aruna Gabriel

Choir students work on projecting their voices.



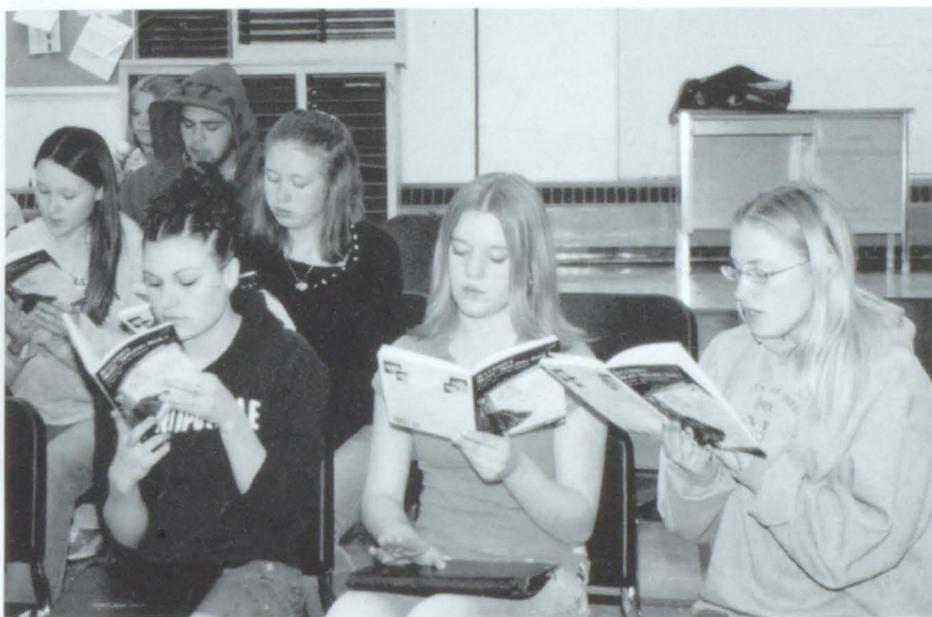
"Fa La Fa La." Choir students use their hours of practice at their performance.

Soph Mike Klein and Fr Zac Mills kick back during class.

Top: Vailia Davidson, Brandy Edwards, Deanna Bowers, Sadie Lavercombe, Michael Mazzucca, Karen Timbrell, Jacqueline Olson, Third Row: Ashley Ryan, Jacque Walker, Jodi Kurozawa, Jarrell Phillips, Arin Stinnett, Ashleigh Morawski, Erica Aguilar, Aruna Gabriel, Gieselle McWhirter, Desiree Troutman. Bottom Row: Jackie Martinez, Sasha Edwards, Ashlee Chavez, Bailee Bragassa, Samantha Routter, Elizabeth Correa, Makenzie Davis, Jordan Phillips, Mary Ferraro, Naia Dzubinski, Raimi Wilson.



Mrs. Timbrell conducts her students to create beautiful music.



by Trista Yenter

## A Mirage of Notes

Salida High Choir students show an enthusiastic attitude toward music, and it became apparent in all that they did this year. Several students auditioned for Honor Choir this year. Sr Makenzie Davis, Jr Mary Ferraro, Jr Melissa Madden, and Soph Raimi Wilson all qualified for the Western Slope Choral Festival. In addition to the Festival, Sr Emma Schleicher and Jr Sadie Lavercombe qualified for the Adams State Honor Choir. Sadie also qualified for All State Choir. The students put in extra time and effort to accomplish their goals.

A new class was added this year: lunch choir. Mrs. Timbrell set this class up for students who couldn't fit choir into their schedules, but were still interested in the program. They meet four days a week and get credit for the class.

Four year Salida High Choir teacher, Mrs. Timbrell, said she is pleased to have students working hard to meet standards on a daily basis. She added, "I am excited about the increased number of choir students." With a mirage of notes, the choir students are passing the year by.

"Oh no, where are we?" Students try to find their place in the song.

Sectional Leaders: Sadie Lavercomb, Aruna Gabriel, Makenzie Davis, Mary Ferraro, and Naia Dzubinski

Jr Heidi Oliver decides which picture she wants in the TFT.

Fr Missy McGraugh makes corrections on the paper she's writing.



Editors: Heidi Oliver, Elli Bishop, Logan Lyles

Soph Breann Johnson thinks on a topic for her story.

Advisor: Ms. Roberts

Editor-in-Chief: Heidi Oliver

Assistant Editors: Logan Lyles and Elli Bishop

Number of publications this year: 5



Top: Ms. Roberts, Katrina Lehse, Jeremy Yarosz, Heidi Oliver, Nate Calderone, Logan Lyles; Bottom: Kaelen Pueser, Missy McGraugh, Elli Bishop, Breann Johnson, Laura Wancura, Kayla Surber, Heidi Dimmitt

by Logan Lyles

# Reporting the Mirage

The Tenderfoot Times, Salida High School's student newspaper, had a staff of 14 students this year. The staff put out five publications throughout the school year, and only three members were part of the previous 2002-2003 staff. These students, Elli Bishop, Heidi Oliver, and Logan Lyles, took lead roles this year and headed up the editorial staff. Junior Heidi Oliver took on the heaviest job of serving as the editor-in-chief of the young staff. When asked about leading this year's staff, Oliver responded, "It was rough taking on such a difficult load as editor during my junior year. This {job} made me look at high school in a different light, and we produced some excellent papers."

Economics and World History teacher, Yvette Roberts, advised the student-led newspaper for the 4th year in a row. She commented on the students work this year, "I was very happy with the quality of writing. I'm hoping we will build on that for years to come." In the beginning of the year, the TFT staff attended Journalism Day at Colorado State University. They brought home seven awards in categories including Sports News, Personal Opinion Column, National or International Opinion, and School-Related Straight News Story. In addition, staff members and Intro to Journalism students attended workshops in order to gain more knowledge about working a paper, and the Tenderfoot Times was awarded Honorable Mention for General Excellence.

Sophs Kayla Surber and Laura Wancura decide on a "rockin" title for their story.

Sophs Katrina Lehse and Heidi Dimmitt take a break from typing on the computers for hours.



Editor and Co-Editor, Jen and Madison, take a deep breath after finishing the deadline.

**Advisor:** Darcy Curtis

**Editor in Chief:** Jennifer DeLuca

**Co-Editors:** Katie Lee and Madison Cassels

**Advertising Editor:** Madison Cassels

**Photography Editor:** Naia Dzubinski and Jennifer DeLuca

**Computer Technicians:** Kyle Cleveland, Nick Vrudny, and Clint Pritchett

**Other Yearbook Workshop Students:** Steph Baker, Emily Blakeley, Christi Erbsen, Michelle Ertl, Jessica Gilbert, Sarah McLearn, Crissa Nachtrieb, Emma Nay, Paula Ortiz, Bre Surber, Trista Yenter

**Picture Support:** Denise Ronald, Mountain Mail



Fr Steph Baker breaks from yearbook to study her vocabulary.

Sr Nick Vrudny works rigorously on the ads pages.

Yearbook class members Christi, Crissa, Naia, Paula, and Emily show their crazy side.



Jrs Crissa Nachtrieb and Madison Cassels select portions of photos, while Miss Curtis checks them.

by Jennifer DeLuca

# Making Clear Memories

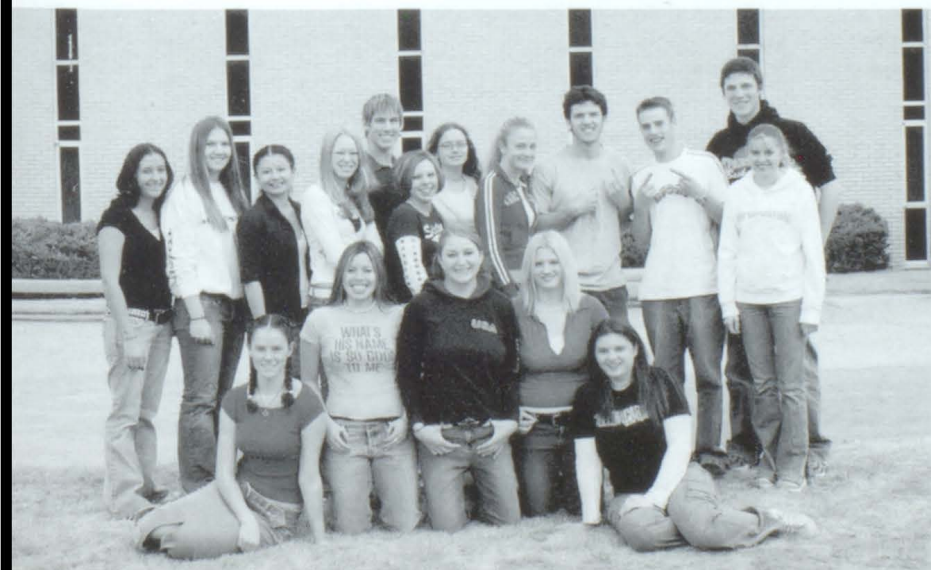
LeResume' clears the haze to create the memories that will last forever. This year's theme was "Living the Purple Illusion." The 2003-2004 yearbook staff worked extremely hard to raise the necessary funds to put out a yearbook containing all of the memories of the year of haze!

With leadership from our new advisor, Miss Curtis, we were able to add new features to this year's book. The color senior pages have been enhanced and laid out in a new style and format. Also, the staff focused on including as many students as possible into the book.

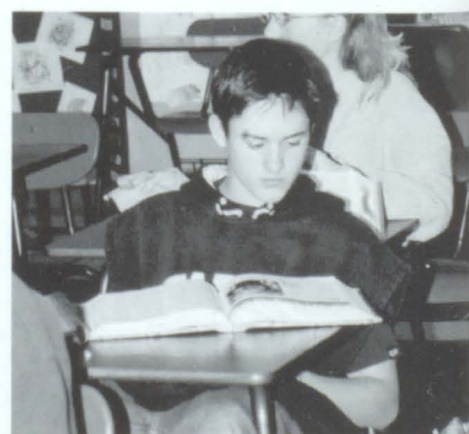
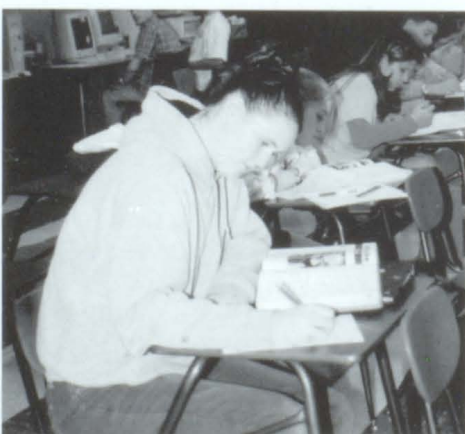
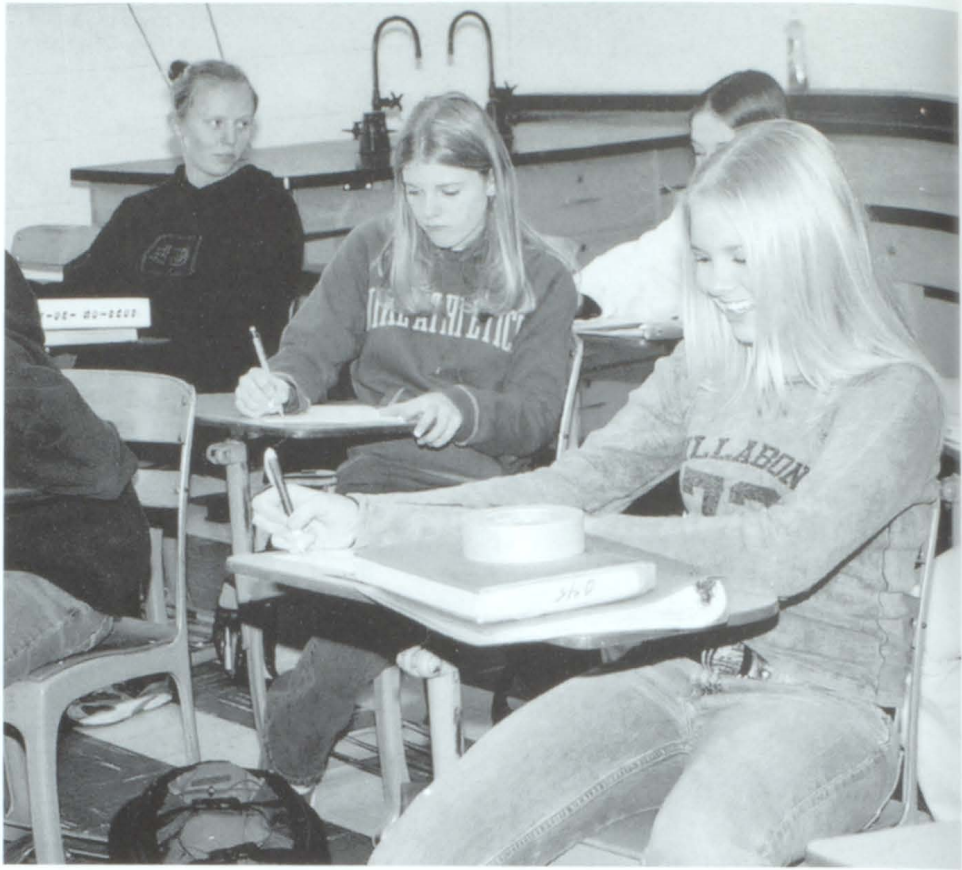
Editors Jennifer DeLuca and Madison Cassels, along with Advisor, Miss Curtis, put in long hours on Saturdays during crunch time. Also, yearbook class students and members had great contributions, including writing stories and selling ads. Most of the staff members were optimistic that this was their best year yet!

Sr Michelle Ertl crops photos for the soccer page.

Yearbook Staff: Top: Paula Ortiz, Crissa Nachtrieb, Marissa Cantonwine, Emily Blakeley, Christer Sonheim, Emma Nay, Miss Curtis, Madison Cassels, Nick Vrudny, Kyle Cleveland, Boone Massey, Michelle Ertl. Bottom: Christi Erbsen, Sarah McLearn, Katie Lee, Bre Surber, Trista Yenter. Not Pictured: Jennifer DeLuca!

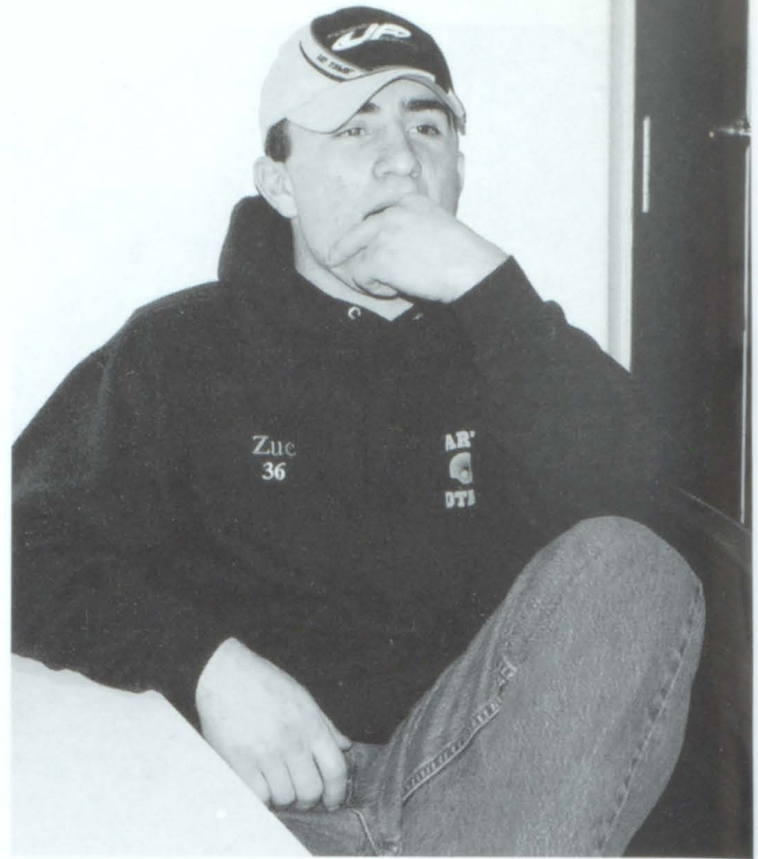


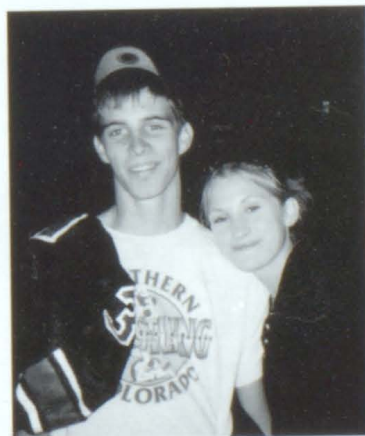
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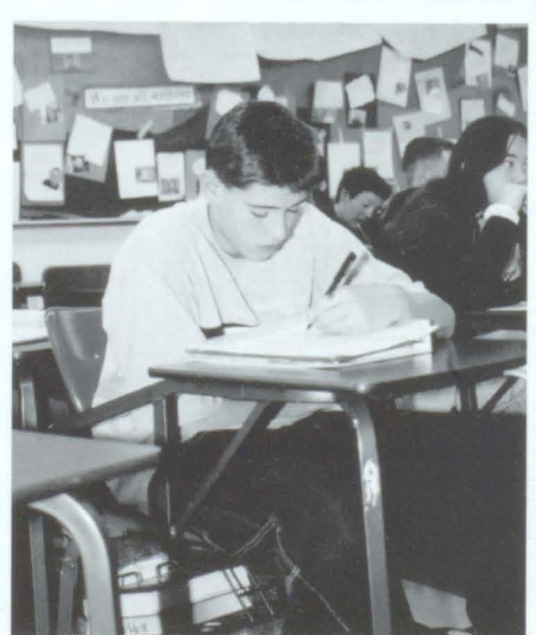
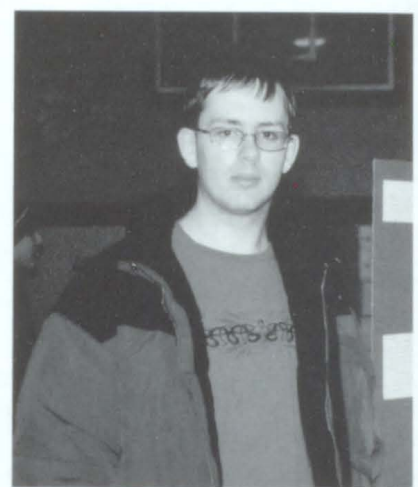


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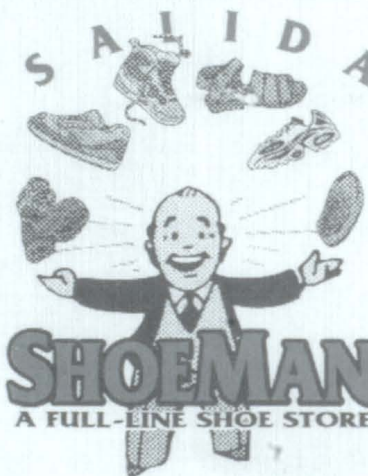


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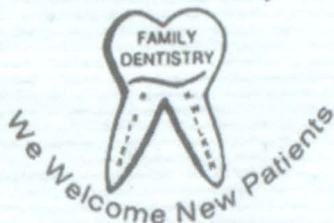
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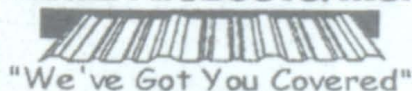
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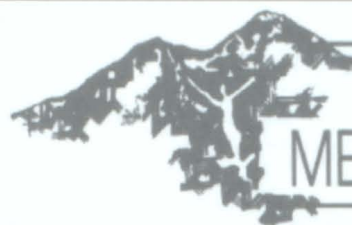
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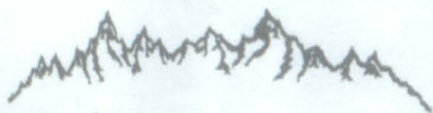
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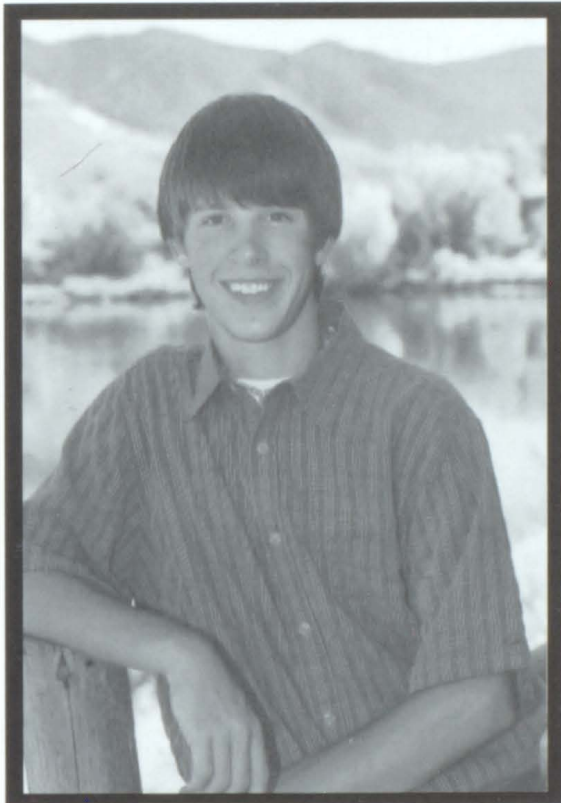
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