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White Columns

VIRGINIA SCHOOL

FOR THE

DEAF AND THE BLIND



HOME OF THE

CARDINALS

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2003 - 2004

White Columns Dedication

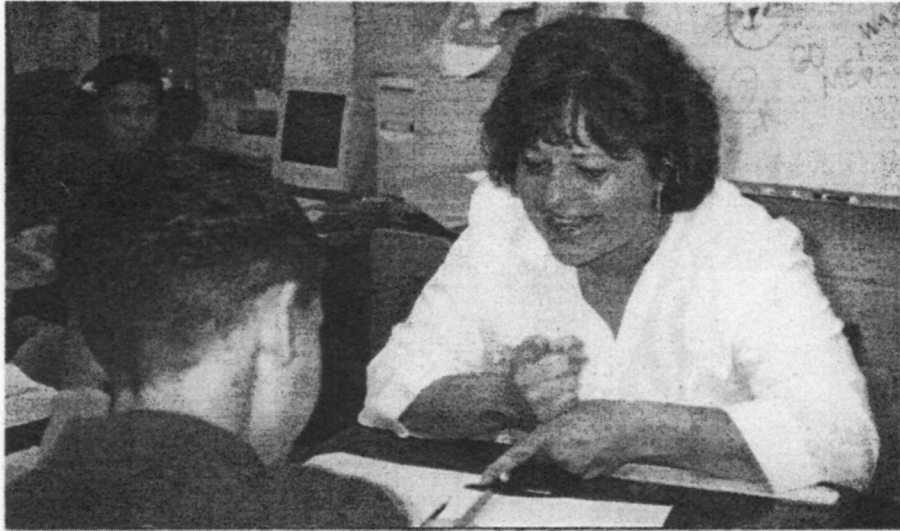
The 2003—2004 White Columns staff is proud to dedicate this yearbook to Linda Blehm. She has a positive attitude and faith in her students' abilities.



She helps students learn and handles problems gracefully. Linda Blehm has worked here for many years. It is good for us to look up to such a good role model! She does a lot for us. We thank her for that. Linda, we love you!

2003 - 2004

White Columns Dedication



The 2003—2004 White Columns staff also dedicates this yearbook to Delaina Norder. Dede works with the fourth grade students here at VSDB, where she has worked for many years. Throughout, she has been sweet, kind, and caring. Dede helps students, and loves to take care of kids as they grow up. She is a good role model. We thank you for that. We love you!

Main Hall



Nancy Armstrong
Superintendent



Nathan McLamb
Human Resources
Director



Sherri Yowell
Human Resources
Secretary



Mandy Clatterbaugh
Human Resources
Intern

Also ...

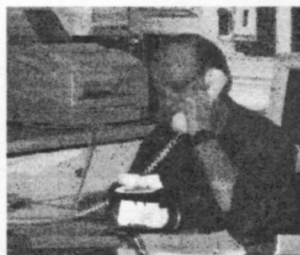


Thresa Lindsay	Superintendent's Secretary
Jayne Schreiner	Accounts Payable
Jane Nessar	Admissions / Records
Janice Rankin	Business Office Manager
Karen Allison	Cashier
Sharen Ober	Payroll
David Buchanan	Central Store

Infirmary



Sue Fultz
Infirmary Director



Kevin Norene



Marybeth Moore

Also ...

Anne Sailor
Jennie Hill
Margaret L. Pague

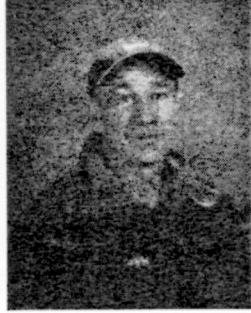
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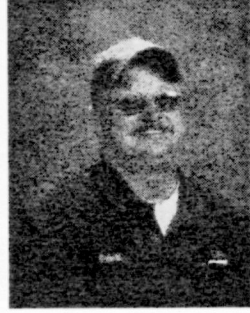
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Director



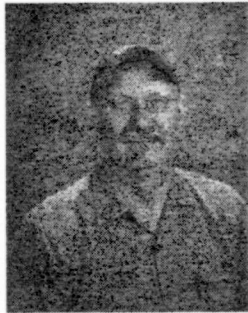
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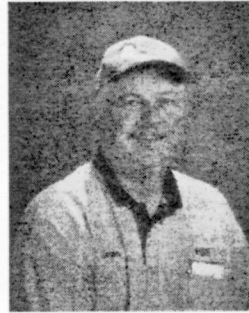
Harmon "Buzzy" Bussard



Robert Cason



Jerry Franklin



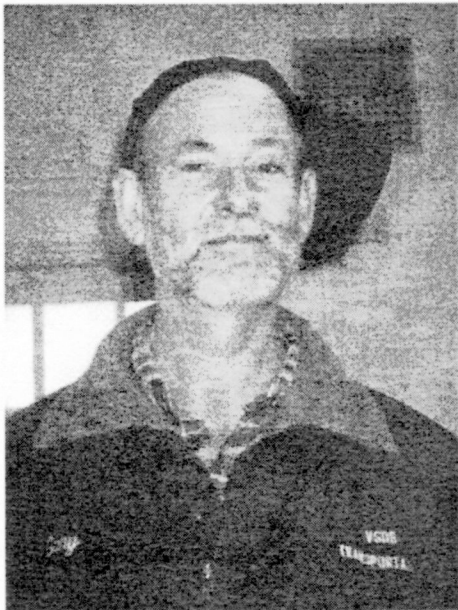
Roger Perry



Brent Young

Also ...

C. W. Landes
Ralph Simmons



Gary Demastus

Security

Michael Hall
Michael Via

Jeremy Bachellor
Donald Hall
Robert Rankin
James Michael Tate
Edward Thompson

Housekeeping



Frances Brooks



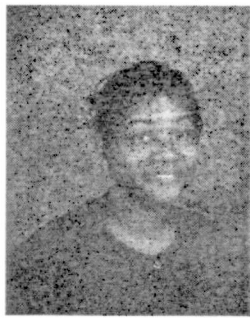
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Karen Ferguson



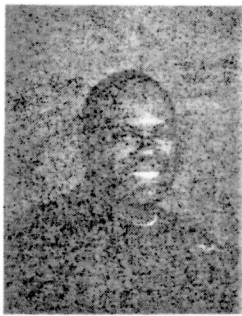
LaVelle Harris



Debra Redman



Phyllis Starrett



Art Lewis
Food Service Director



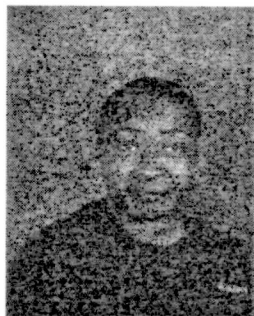
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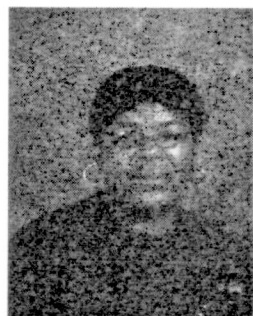
Patricia Dull



Tina Goodbar



Judy Lemons



Shelia Ann Smith



Roscoe Thompson

Food

Service

Student Life Office



Tracey Mawyer
Student Life Secretary



Mark Fletcher
Behavior



Mary Murray, Director of Student Life,
and Sue Fultz, Infirmary Director

Also . . .

Darlene Coleman, Behavior
Janet Buchanan
Ric Bowles

Day Supervisors

Deaf Department



Brenda Bourne



Stanley Byers



Catherine Cook



Kim Gilmore



Kathy Hughes



Regina Kidd



Irene McCabe

Day Supervisors

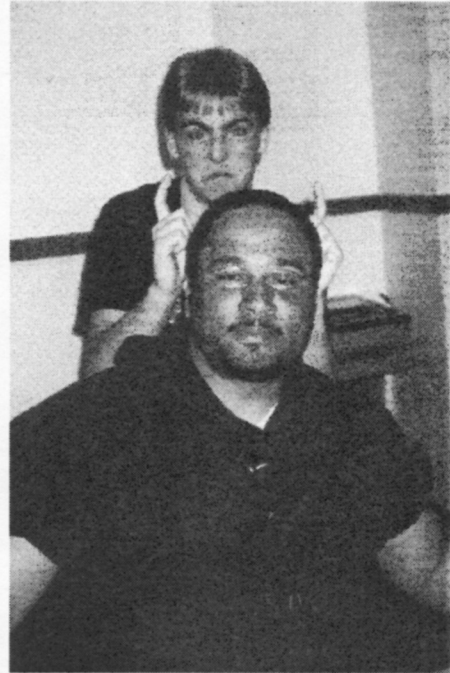
Deaf Department
- continued -



Kevin MacFarland



Cheryl Siron



P. D. Wells and Alex Heath

Also . . .

- Stephanie Beasley
- Jennifer Clark
- Sandra Russell
- Brenda Ryder
- Ruth Swink
- P. D. Wells
- Rita Wimmer

Night Supervisors



Sue Lough

Also . . .

- Sigrid Allen
- Donise Davis
- Joyce Rexrode
- Grace Schultz
- Eva Whitley



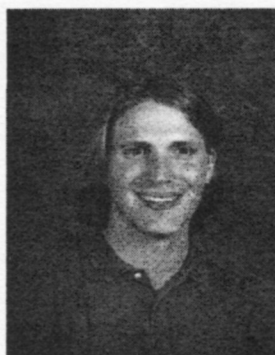
Harriet Koch



Blind Department Staff



Michelle Butcher
Daytime Dorm
Supervisor



Tom Dumontier
Daytime Dorm
Supervisor



Lisa Smith
Program Assistant



HOLIDAYS IN THE DORM



Also . . .

Daytime Dorm Supervisors:

Donald Bush
Ann Carter
Patsy Lewis
Dona Middleton

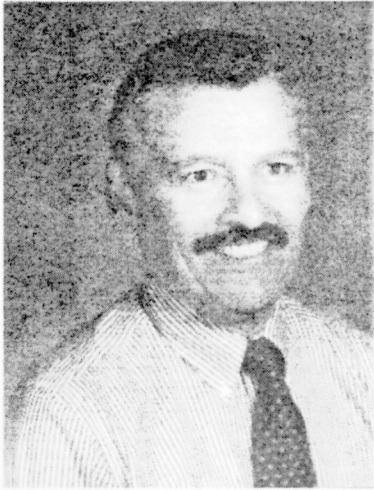
Nighttime Dorm Supervisors:

James Borden
Regena Russell

Program Assistants:

Carmen Crummett
Joni Miller
Kathryn Phillip

Retiree



Rocco DeVito is retiring this year. While at VSDB, Rocco had worked in Physical Education, coached baseball, football and basketball. His proudest accomplishment as football coach was the undefeated season (10-0) in 1969. Incidentally, he was inducted into VSD's Hall of Fame as football coach in 1987.

He also headed the White Columns staff for a couple of years, and has taught many students a wide variety of strategies, skills, and virtues.

The VSDB community will miss you dearly, and wishes luck to you in the future!

VSDDB Faculty



Diana Nuckoles
Principal



Pattye Leslie
Vice-Principal



Pat Davenport
Counselor



Rebecca Plesko
Behavior
Department



Kristi Kehrer
Behavior
Department



Kathy Campbell
Interpreter
Coordinator



Barbara Walthers
Speech Therapist



Cindy Folks
Deaf Dept.
Secretary



Speech Therapy and Audiology
Casey Morehouse, Audiology: Linda Jones-Olsen,
Speech: Sarah Shreckhise, Speech

Deaf Department High School Teachers



Rocco DeVito



Roberta
Deitz



Marianne
Dunham



Barbara
Ferguson



Heather
Holmberg



Rhonda
Jennings



Barbara
Knopp



Mark
Schwartz



Harry Wood



Deaf Department
Middle School Teachers



Linda
Blehm



Beth
Hamilton



Leslie
Snider



Karen
Stinson

Deaf Department
More Teachers and Specialists



Jeff Lawson
Carpentry



Bobbie Rosson
Physical Education



Rick Snyder
Physical Education



Jamie Morris
Bridges Specialist



Program Assistants

Deaf Department



Erica M. Acosta



Wanda Biser



Rachel Effinger



Jennifer
Hogshead



Faith Scherer



Gloria Shrum



Beth Moyer
Secretary



Debra Hampton
(and Mel Gibson!)

Also . . .

Marleen
Roberts

Jennifer
Robonette



Blind Department Teachers



Marian Hackney



Pat Lewis



Donna Marchand



Nancy Meeks

Also . . .

Kerri Arehart

Holly Brooks

Carolyn Carver

Elaine Goss

Anne Knopp

Donna Marchand

Steve McGuffin

George Payne

Gywn Suttell

Dale Winkelspecht



Blind Department Students



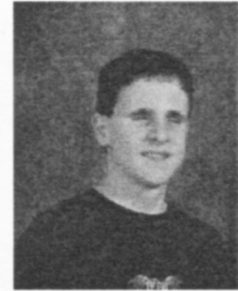
Charlotte Austin



James Bittenbender



Jesse Bradley



Bruce Brock



Stephanie Cassell



Allyssa Cook



Tylaher Dailey



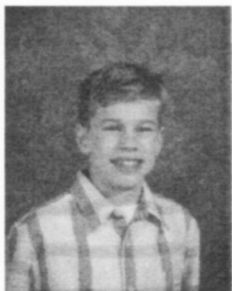
Natalie
DeLosSantos



Asli Devrim



Sean Dugas



Coley Evans



Jennifer Finley

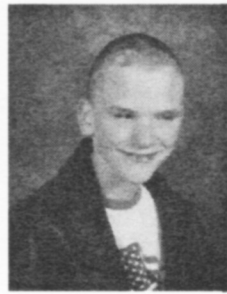
Blind Department Students



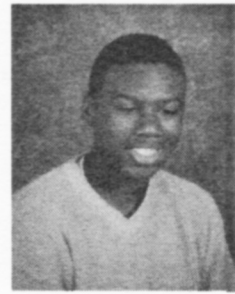
James Foster



Dustin Lawrence



Rocky Lester



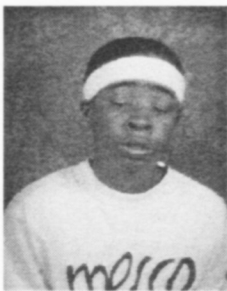
Ryan Mann



Kyle McKinney



Jessica Orsoto



Eric Peterson

Also . . .

Jessica Bowen

Josh Eubank

LaQuincey Ferrell

Ronan Little

Angela Whitson



Adam Puckett



Kaitlyn Pupek



Brittany Savage



Adele Smith



Ahmad Subhi



James Foster and Sean Dugas provide the music for the cultural dinner dances and other dances for the whole campus.



Jennifer Finley mounts her horse in the "Ride With Pride" therapeutic riding program.

activities

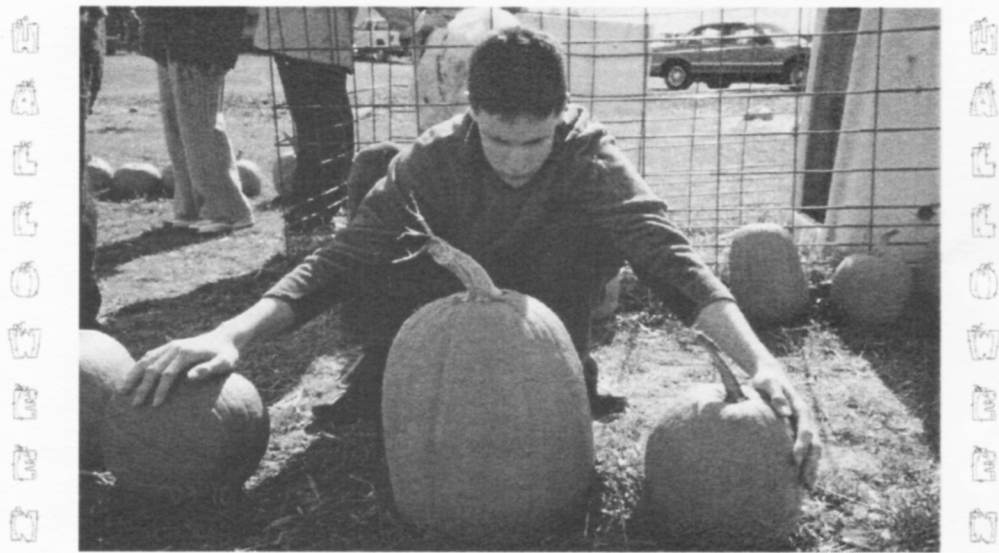


Ann Knopp, Holly Brooks, and Marian Hackney, teachers in the Blind Department, play social games with a group of students at WWRC.

With all the talk about consolidating the Staunton and Hampton schools, it was very much on our minds when we made our scarecrows.



Kaitly Pupek
Natalie DeLos Santos
Stephanie Cassell
Sean Dugas
Jennifer Finley
Tyler Daily
Jessica Osorto
Jessica Bowen



Stephanie Cassell "looks" with her fingers at this skeleton scarecrow.



As part of the behavior team, Darlene is always ready to handle our problems.





Girls Team:

#2 - Adele Smith

#0 - Jessica Orsoto

#4 - Brittany Savage

#3 - Stephanie Cassell



GOALBALL

Boys Team:

#1 - James Bittenbender

#2 - James Foster

#3 - Sean Dugas

#5 - LaQuincy Ferrell

#6 - Joshua Eubanks

#8 - Ahmad Subhi







Preschool



Lacey Wood
Teacher



Samantha
Kryiewicz



Joshua Lavigne



First Grade



Amy Simmons
Teacher



James
Jackson



Hannah
Mills



Alyssa
Nash



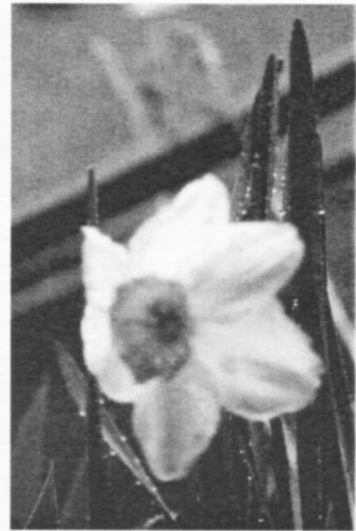
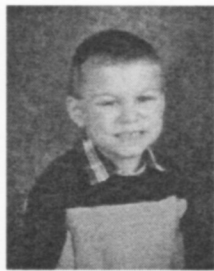
Joli
Roberts

Also . . .

Rosalind Boccheciamp



Second Grade



SOL Plays



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Erin Fernsler
Teacher

Third Grade



Debbie
Oldman-Brown
Teacher



Sierra
Campbell



Kadijah Davis



Aaron
Kincaid



Victoria
Proctor



Rudy Proffitt



Kelsey Ryan



Nicholas
Shafer



Dakota
Shifflett

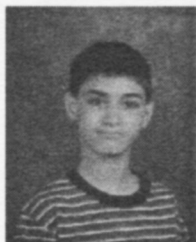


Jordan Smith



Stephen
Wessley

Fourth Grade



Johnny
Bartlett



Timothy
Bernardo



Jonathon
Estes



Delania Norder, Teacher

Fourth Grade, continued



Mynor Moore



Deanna Mutz



Ciara Willard



Taylor Yopp

Fifth Grade



Paula Cash
Teacher



Keanna Bolden



Jonathon Branch



Shanteia Calloway



Timothy Cave



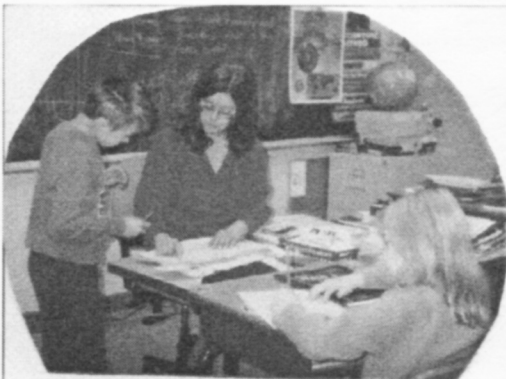
Snezhana Kim



Brandon Smith



Andrew Weaver



2004 Graduates



Jessica Bowen, Bridgewater

Entered VSDB-S: 2001

Other schools: Wilber S. Pence MS and Turner Ashby HS

Hobbies/Interests: Singing, spending time with family and friends, listening to music-particularly Christian music, reading books

Activities and Achievements: School chorus, Nominated for Rotary Club Ethics Award, VSDB honor roll, Daughter of the American Revolution Award, Best All-Around Student on the Dorm (2001)

Work Experience : Currently: page at Staunton Public Library, Office Asst. for DBVI. Previous: Teachers' Aide / Student Asst. in Deaf Dept., cafeteria worker here at VSDB.

What area do you feel you have benefited most from by attending VSDB? Building job skills.

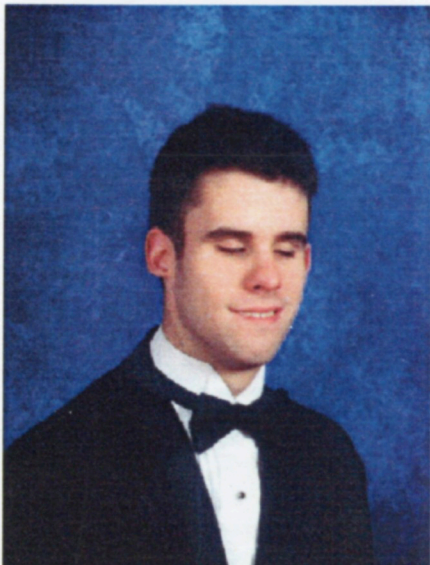
What one thing would you most like people to know about you? I am a really outgoing person, although I may seem shy!

Advice to other students? Don't give up; keep working hard in school because it always pays off in the end.

Special people or heroes? My mother and my grandmother because they are always there for me.

Plans after graduation? Working possibly at the Boys and Girls Club in Dayton —leaving all the rest of the possibilities open.

Other comments? A special thank you to Mrs. Hackney, for helping me to build job skills, and to Mrs. Crummett for always being there to help me.



Josh Eubank, Lovettsville

Entered VSDB-S: 2002

Other schools: Blue Ridge MS, Loudon Valley HS

Hobbies/Interests: Redskins football, particularly before the unfair firing of Frank Herzog, technology and computer, listening to music, hanging out with friends

Activities and Achievements: School chorus, goalball team, nominated for Rotary Club Ethics Award, Best All -Around Student in the Dorm (2003)

Work Experience: Current: Office Worker at John's Computer Service in Staunton. Previous: Computer Data Entry Asst. at Staunton Library, Computer Tutor for VSDB student, Classroom Asst. / Teacher's Aide in the Blind Dept.

2004 Graduates

Josh Eubank, continued . . .

What area do you feel you have benefited most from by attending VSDB? Building social skills.

What one thing would you most like people to know about you? That I am a regular person like everyone else; that I get along well with people if they give me a chance to. Advice to students? Work hard and have fun. Enjoy your time here with your friends while you still can.

Special people or heroes? Stephanie Cassell; my friend, Frank Herzog, for letting me enjoy football; Ms. Suttell for helping me to improve at goalball

Plans after graduation? To participate in the Adult Vocational program in Richmond; do an internship in McLean, VA.

Other Comments? A special thank you to Mrs. Hackney for helping me to improve my job skills.



Angel Whitson, Staunton

Entered VSDB-S: 1990

Other schools: Shelburne Middle School, Garrison Ville Elementary.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, playing with the computer, writing stories, talking with friends.

Activities and Achievements.: School chorus, special Olympics medal winner, principals list numerous times.

Work Experience : Vector Industries, currently works at Hampton Inn in Staunton as laundry assistant, formerly worked in the dining hall.

What area do you feel you have benefited most from by attending VSDB? It has helped me to be more independent, learn to make friends, and I have learned a lot of computer skills. My reading skills have also improved a lot.

What one thing would you most like people to know about you? I am a really helpful person and I would help someone if they needed help.

Advice to other students? Stay in school – don't drop out, because you'll never get very far in life.

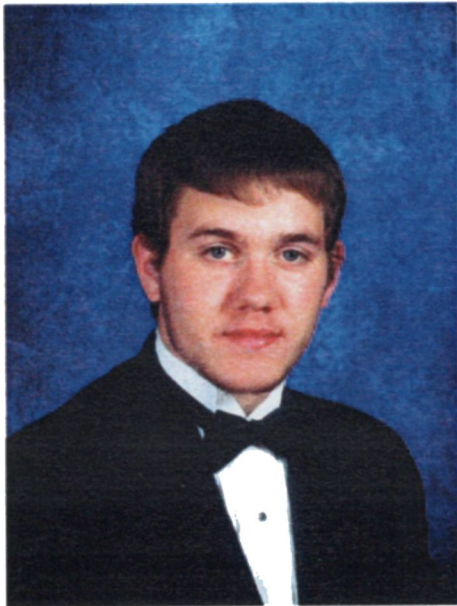
Special people or heroes? All of my teachers and my mom, dad, brothers, sisters, grandpa, and grandma.

Plans after graduation? Perhaps I will go to Richmond for more training or continue to work at Vector.

Other comments? I will really miss all of the friend I have made here at VSDB!

Congratulations Class of 2004!

Graduating Seniors



Jeffery William Stroud

Nickname: Will

Birthday: August 7, 1985

Birth Place: Alexandra City, Alabama

Word that best describes your personality : Ever-Changing (or adaptive)

Which subject was the most challenging? Chemistry

Future Plans: go to college to learn electronics and try to make myself known in the computer world.

Hero: I don't need a hero because all I need is to do my best to better myself.

Quote: "Don't back down for what you truly believe in."

Hobbies: videogames, reading, finding out information on technological breakthroughs.

Stephanie Ann Price

Nickname: Stefani

Horoscope: Pisces

Birthday: March 1, 1986

Birthplace: Newark, Delaware

Words that best describe your personality : always smiling, wild and I easily laugh everyday.

Sports / Activities: 2002-2003 Volleyball, 2002 basketball and 2002-2004 SCA.

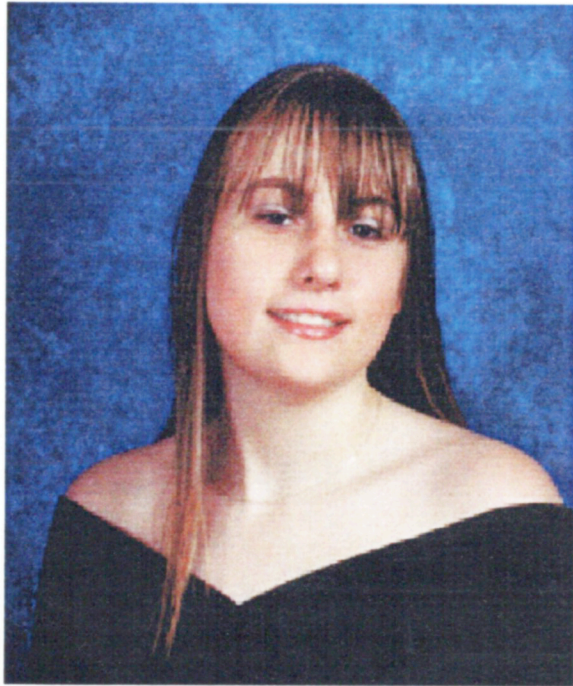
Which subject was the most challenging? math—Geometry

Future Plans: after I graduate, I plan on college and then work

Hero: Sonia Fitzwater

Quote: "Heh!"





Christina Michelle Jacobs

Nickname: Tina

Horoscope: Sagittarius

Birthday: December 3, 1984

Birth place: Portsmouth, VA

Words that describe your personality: I am a very helpful and active worker.

Sports / Activities: 4 years Volleyball, 4 years Basketball; Princess of my sophomore and senior classes; middle school soccer for 1 year; 3 years of representing my class in the SCA, Vice President of SCA; 4 years as President of my class. I was on Honor Roll and I work as a teacher's aide and security aide.

Which subjects were the most challenging? math, reading and geography

Future Plans: college, of course!

Hero: my family, sisters and Shawneequa, my girlfriend

Hobbies: chatting with my girlfriend on the pager, and driving somewhere.

Quote: "Whoa, Wham, Take it easy."

Tessa Karale Whetzel

Nickname: Tessa

Horoscope: Pisces

Birthday: February 23, 1983

Birth Place: Hot Springs, Arkansas

Words that best describe your personality : soft-hearted and sensitive

Sports / Activities: basketball

Which subject was the most challenging? math

Future Plans: work at America Woods

Heroes: my husband, Daniel and my cousin, Krityna

Quote: "That's Life."

Hobbies: art and taking pictures



Middle School

Sixth Grade



Hope Adkins



Madelyn
Allen



Dennis
Ameyaw



Najah Bell



Justin
Christian



Clinton
Colquhoun



Amanda
Devericks



Amber
Hughes



Lydia
Lackovic



Michael Moses



Rosa
Santana

Seventh Grade



Emylou
Chute



April Dixon



Roy Lunsford



Ivory
Robinson



Michael
Sprouse



Eighth Grade



Christy
Bowers



Corissa
Dobscha



Joshua
Gregory



Terra
Harris



Justin
McDorman



John
Saunders



Francisco
Pineda

The Middle School



High School



Freshmen



Jasmine
Coleman



Jessica
Dobscha



Mark
Dzieman



Christopher
Fitzwater



Matthew
Glass



Adam
Gold



Rebecca
Martin



Travis
Martin



Jimmy
McGowan



Erica
Pridgen



Adam
Rodgers



Robert
Strickler



Lindsey
Werner



Sophomores



Kathryn
Camp



Ronald
Garrison



Alex
Heath



Brittany "Buffy"
Henderson



Teran
Justice



Stephanie
Kirby



Mike
Krysiwicz



Jamie
Mercier

Other High School Students:
Tammy Ayers, Sophomore
Carroll Bradley, Junior
Matthew Emmons, Senior



Kristopher
Morris



Tiffany
Sivell

Juniors



Elizabeth
Alcazar



Yesina
Anderson



Dante
Chambliss



Travis
Christmas



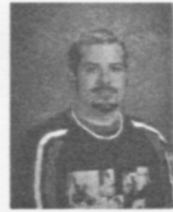
Tammy
Doss



Michael
Furguson



Kimberly
Fuller



Nicholas
Helsel



Alicia
Romero



Sarai
Veloz

High School Sophomores Mike and Ron work to create the garden first imagined
by Harry Wood and his sophomore Biology class.

Seniors



Christina
Jacobs



Stephanie
Price



Jessica
Simmonis



Jeffery
William
Stroud



Jason
Washington



Tessa
Whetzel

Spirit Week



The sixth graders are cheering for their school!

"We don't want new school but we want VSDB!" said seventh grader, Emylou.



"Keep the VSDB open," said the eighth graders!



SPIRIT WEEK



*"Who, we got the spirit!"
Said the freshmen class!*

*The sophomores said, "The volleyball
girls have won the champion!!"
"W400!!"*



*"Don't close down VSD be-
cause Staunton and VSDB
are together forever!" said the
juniors!!!*

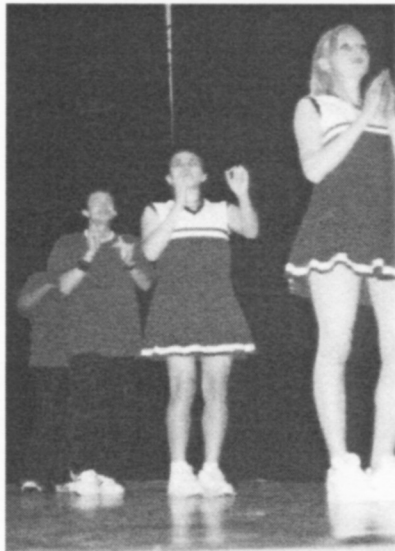
*The seniors are giving out
their 100-watt smiles!!*



Pep RALLY



*Look at Emylou! She is
the most active!!*



*Jimmy, Stephanie, and
Lindsey are cheering for
VSDB!!*



*Stephanie, Amber,
Lydia are cheering
"SPIRIT"*



Princesses of 2003!



*Christina Jacobs,
Senior Class*

*Freshmen—Jasmine Coleman
and Lindsey Werner
Sophomore—Jamie Mercier
Junior—Tammy Doss
Seniors—Christina Jacobs
and Stephanie Price*



*Stephanie Price,
Senior Class*



*Jasmine Coleman,
Freshman Class*



*Lindsey Werner,
Freshman Class*

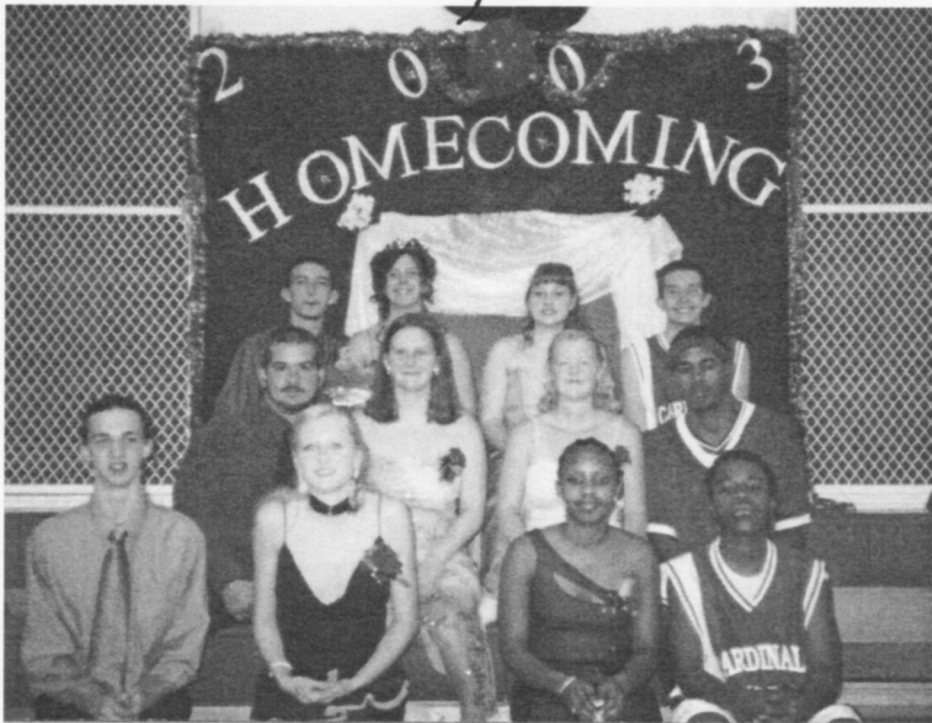


*Jamie Mercier,
Sophomore Class*



*Tammy Doss,
Junior Class*

Homecoming Court 2003

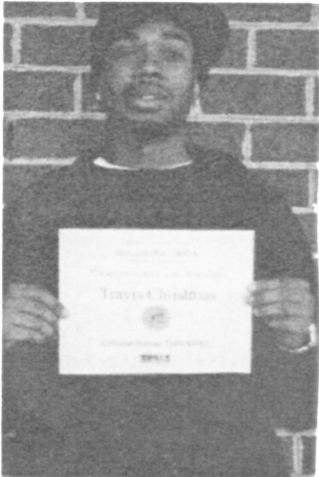


Homecoming Queen Stephanie Price, with her escort, Christopher Fitzwater



*Freshmen Princesses Jasmine Coleman and Lindsey Werner
Sophomore Princess Jamie Mercier
Junior Princess Tammy Doss
Senior Princess Christina Jacobs
Queen Stephanie Price*

GOOD WORK!



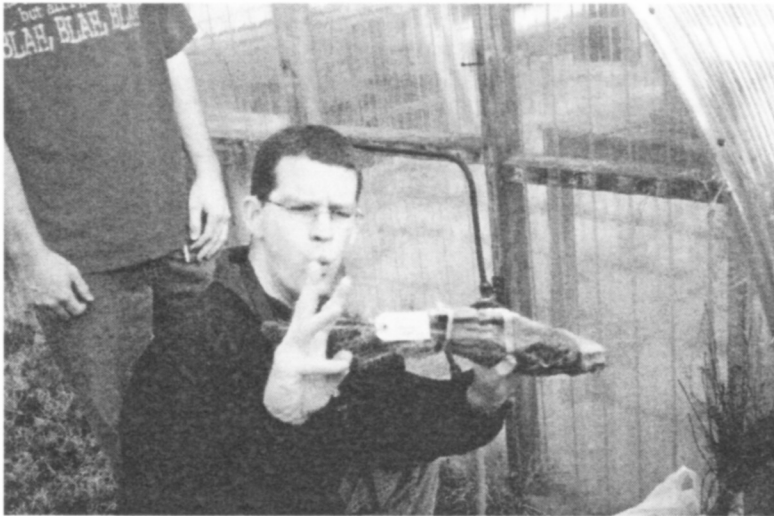
Travis
Christmas

SkillsUSA
VVTC
3rd Place
Collision
Repair
Technology

High school
sophomore, Kris
Morris, has
designed the SCA
Webpage, a
detailed,
decorative, and
informative website
including many fun
pictures and SCA
meeting minutes.

“GOTCHA!” is a new program in the high school designed to encourage students and teachers to ‘catch’ other doing something nice and recognize each others’ qualities. This program was designed by high school teacher Mark Schwartz.





CROPS, the name of the garden and greenhouse area, stands for Cooperation, Respect, Opportunity, Perservance and Skills. The sophomore class began creating this garden early in 2004.



This is not necessarily part of the course.



Ivory always washes his hands before cooking!



Bobbie is teaching April how to make icing.

Bobbie Dietz is teaching the middle school students how to decorate a cake.



Middle School

Sixth Grade



Seventh Grade



Eighth Grade

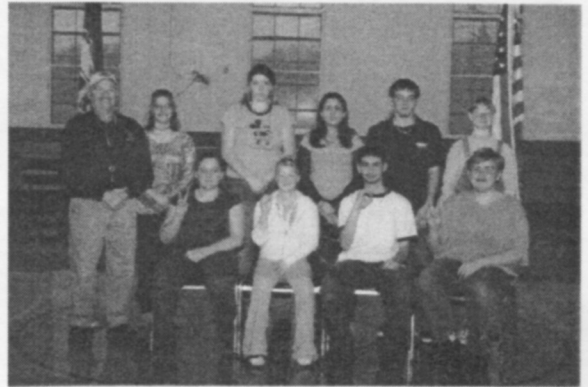


High School



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Seniors



High School Organizations



Academic Bowl



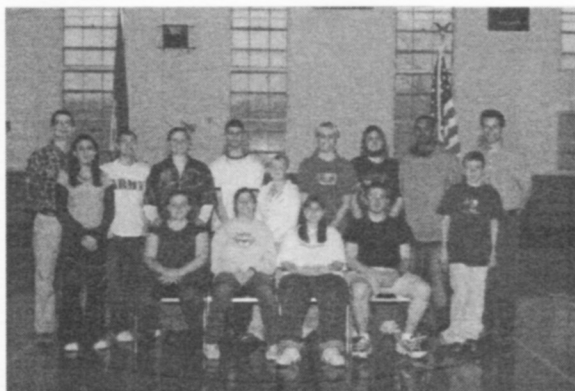
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Yearbook Members



TLC Members



SCA Officers and representatives



SCA Members



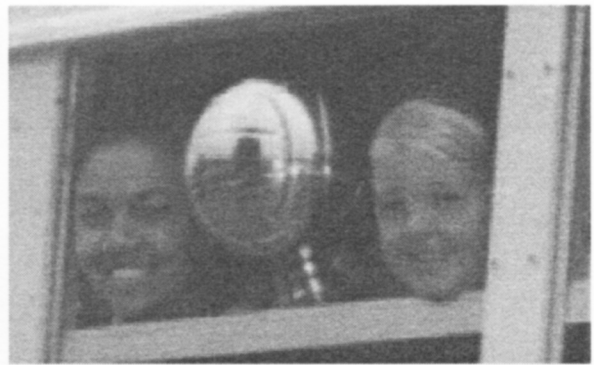
Volleyball Champions 2003 at TSD!



Volleyball Championship



First time in history to win the championship!!



We are number ONE!!

*We are so excited that we went all the way and we won the championship!!
WHOO !! WHOO!!*



Basketball



The girls won 3-0
in Kentucky.
Here we are,
showing off our
trophy.

Kimberly, Vanessa,
Yesenia, Alex, Travis,
and Dante received "All
Tournament Team"
trophies.



The "All Tournament Team"

Boys' Varsity Basketball



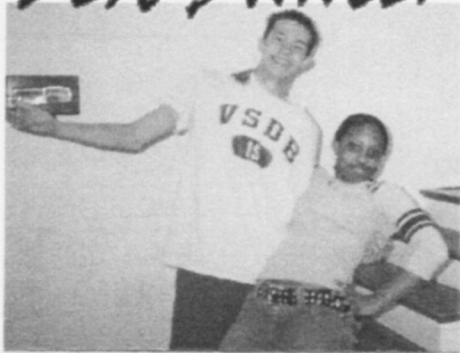
2003—2004 Boys' Varsity Basketball Team

Standing, left to right: Coach Mark Fletcher; Travis Christmas; Michael Ferguson; Jason Washington; Dante Chambliss; Will Stroud; Dominick Danke; Coach Kevin MacFarland.

Kneeling, left to right: Managers Kris Morris and Adam Gold

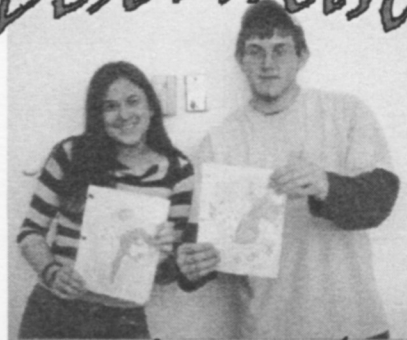
Superlatives

Best Dancer



*Jimmy McGowan and
Jasmine Coleman*

Best Artist



*Stephanie Kirby
and Ronnie Garrison*

Most Quiet



Adam Rogers and Erica Pridgen

Most Flirtatious



Nick Helsel and Tammy Doss

Most Busy



*Chris Fitzwater
and Christina
Jacobs*

Most Wild



Mike Krysiwicz and
Tiffany Sivell

Sleepiest



Tessa Whetzel and
Michael Ferguson

Most Friendly



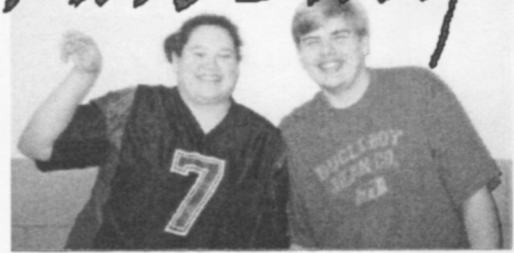
Yesi Anderson and
Jason Washington

Most Athletic



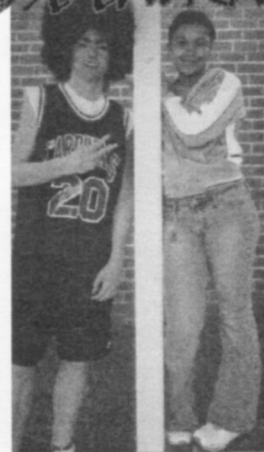
Travis Christmas
and Jamie Mercier

Most Silly



Alicia Romero and Kris Morris

Most talkative



Alex Heath and
Kimberly Fuller

Collage

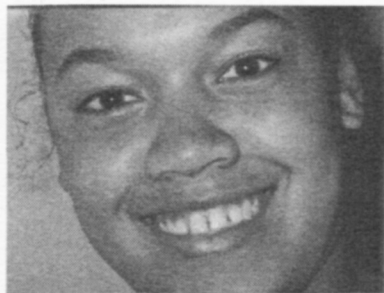
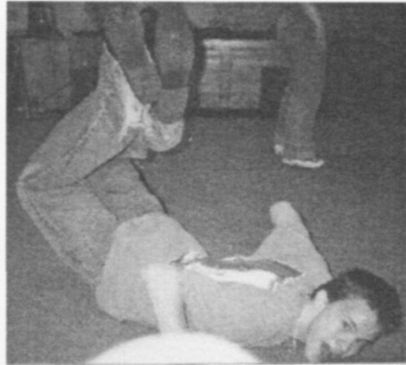


Jamie and Jimmy are having a contest to see who can stand upside-down the longest.



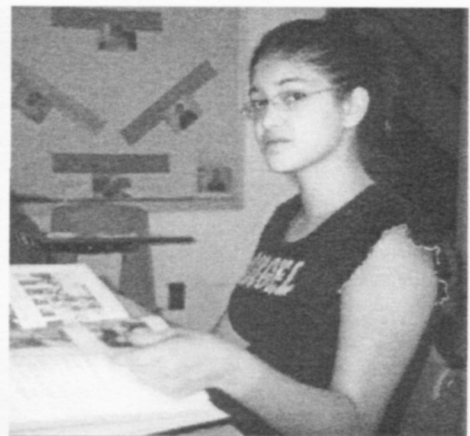
WHOOOPS! Jamie was trying to do a cartwheel on the snow and slipped.

Look at Jimmy!
He is doing the worm dance during the Valentine Dance.



Kimberly Fuller
With her 100-watt smile!!

Ally Romero didn't understand why this picture has to be in the yearbook.



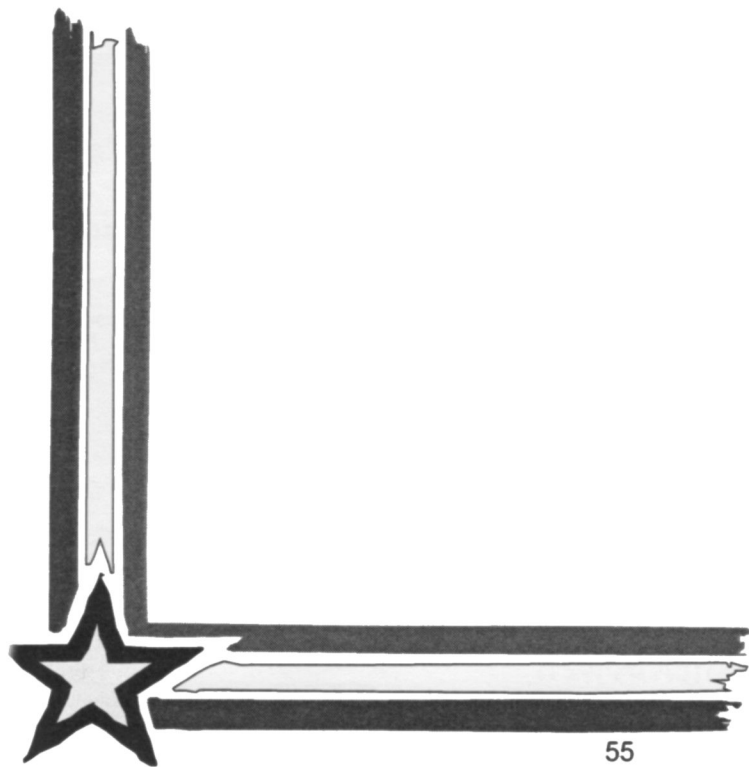
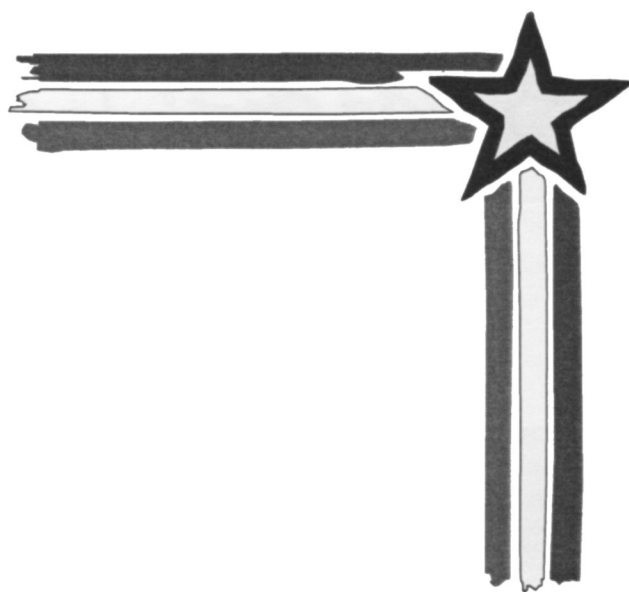
Wow! Yesi is in a BAD mood! What a temper!!



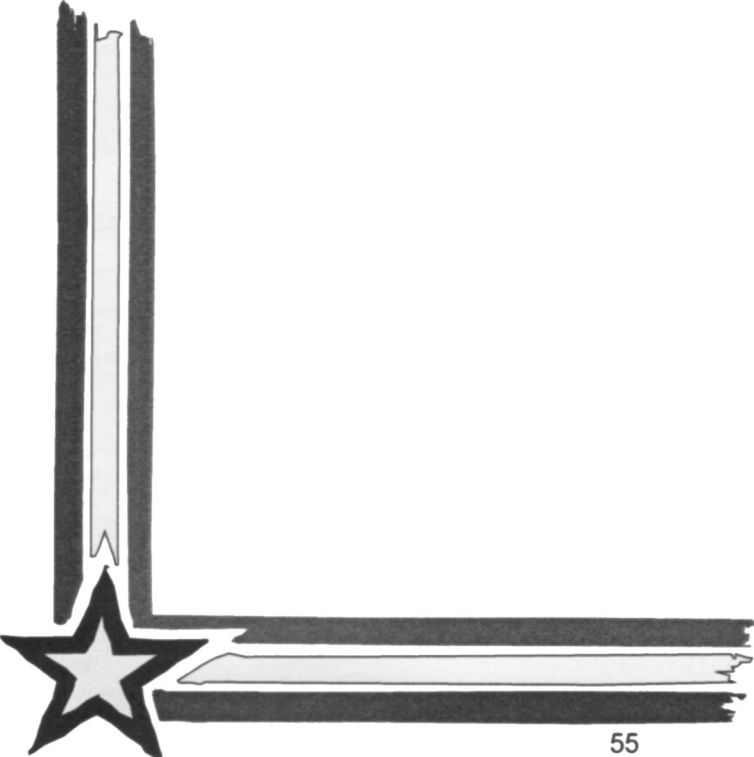
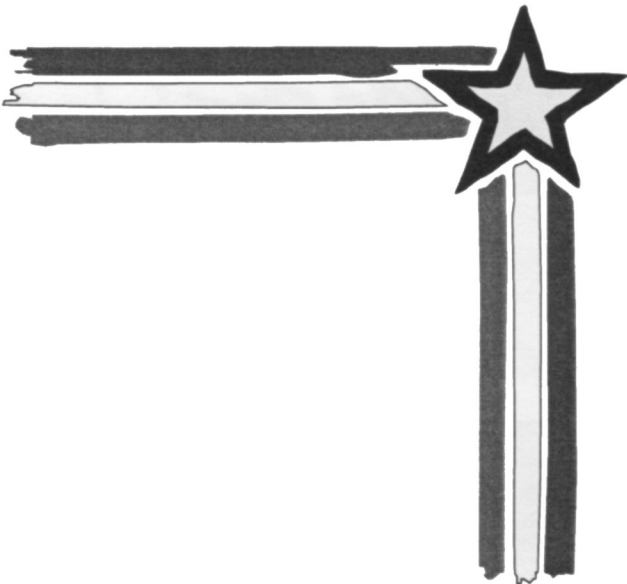
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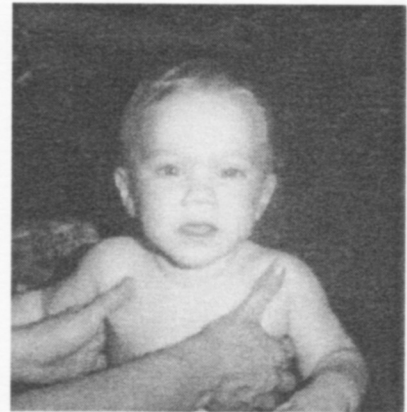
Seniors' baby pictures



Angel Whitson



Josh Eubank



Jeffery Stroud

When they
were young...
the Graduates
as Infants



Stephanie Price



Tessa Whetzel



Jessica Bowen



Christina Jacobs

The Champions!

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