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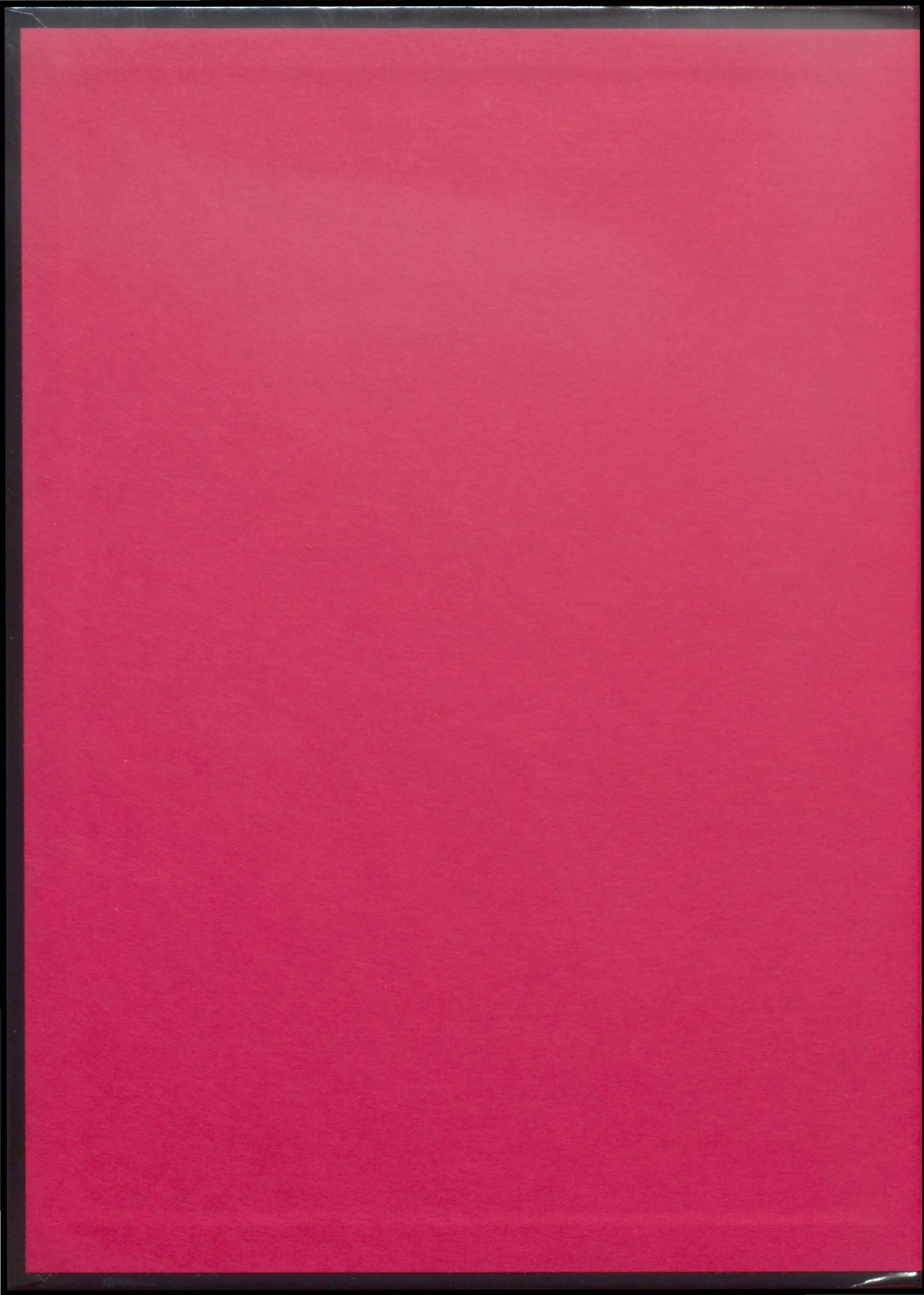
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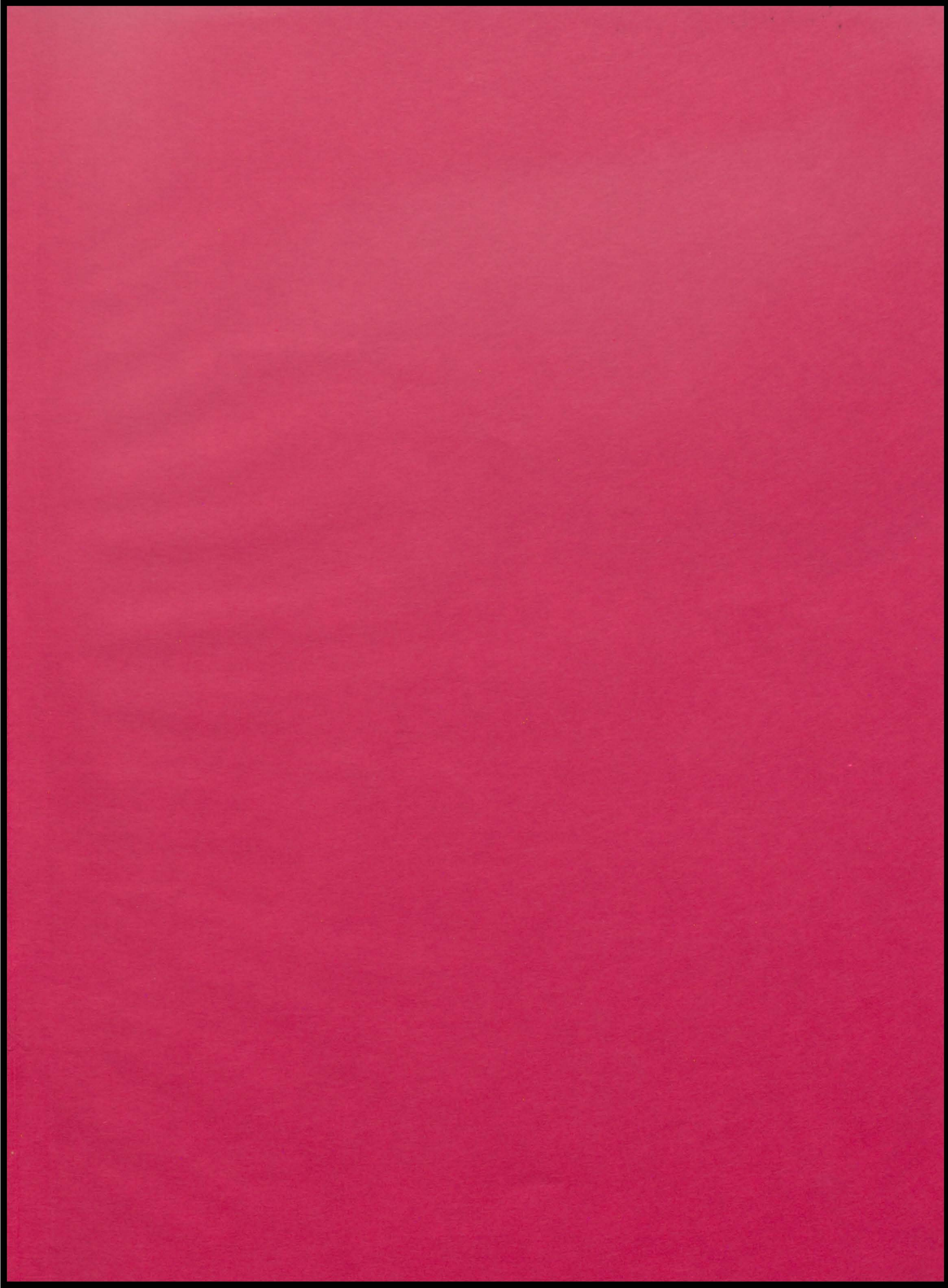


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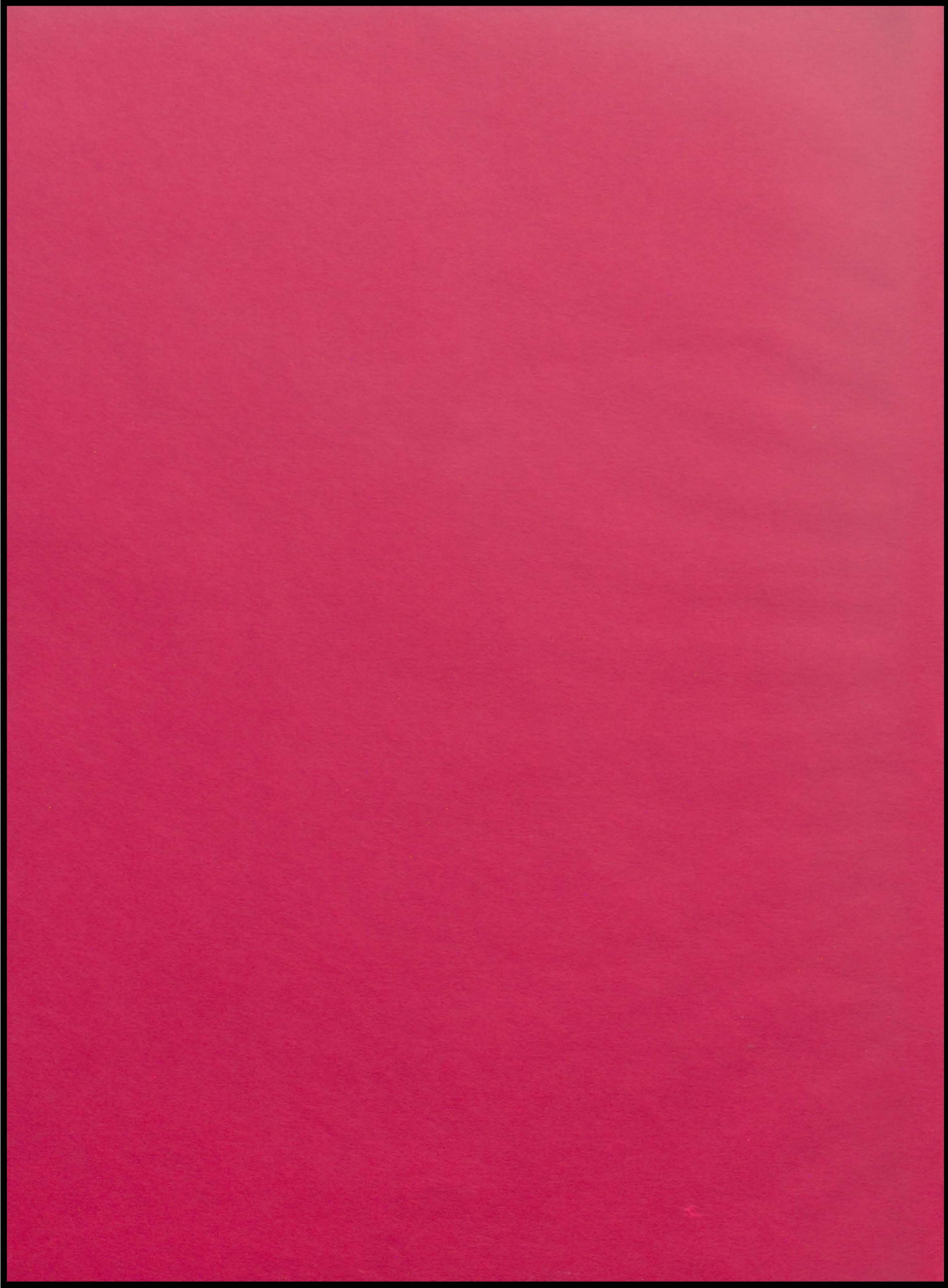














# MEDIA INFORMATION

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# 2005 LEAD TIDE

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Above: **Spread'em...** Irma (James Neese) extracts a liver the hard way from MacDugal (Dustin Villarreal). The name of the short play was Law and Order; Value Menu Chronicles written by senior Hillary Henson in theatre class.

Right: '05... The senior guys take a quick pic before the Kid Party begins. The community churches sponsored all of the senior parties.

Below: **Let's get it started...** The varsity football team prepares to tackle the Tidehaven Tigers, the yearly arch rival. The Palacios Sharks pummeled them with a score of 42 to 7.





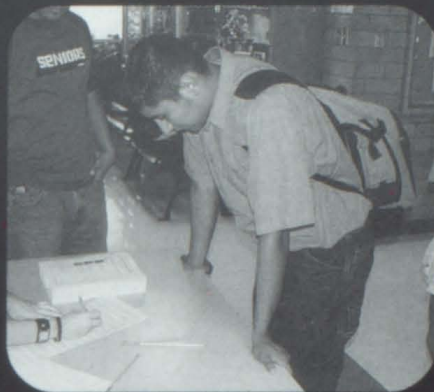
**What's that smell?...Senior Van Critendon gives a pint of blood at the Commit 4 Life blood drive sponsored by the NHS, which is held annually at the Palacios High School Fine Arts Department.**



**Picasso in the making...Amy Hecht diligently works on one of her masterpieces during Mr. Garnett's Art III Drawing class. "Amy is very creative and talented when it comes to drawing", Mr. Garnett said.**



**Who will you vote for?...Jesse Barrios is one of the many high school students who participated in the Presidentail mock election. The outcome of the election was George Bush, winning with 63% of the student vote.**



## 2 Much 2 Do 2 Little Time

High school. Two simple is within reach, can you muster up words, but with such meaning the courage to make something of behind them. We often sit in yourself and take advantage of our cold, hard desks and the facets that make up this wonder, "Why am I here?" Yes, school?

school has the reputation of being somewhat of a bore, but and most importantly, lunch. It's Sports, clubs, academics, and most importantly, lunch. It's is it, really? When you think all here. We must realize that of this fine establishment, do these facets of Palacios High you think of books, tests, and are also facets of ourselves, essays? Or do you recall the because they are all a part of who moment when you laughed at we are.

your goofy friends, cried over the most recent drama, and fell in love with your high school sweetheart?

School can be misleading. You come here thinking that you are only going to learn about something that happened long ago in world history, which may not really pertain to you. However, in the long run, you leave with experiences that alter your way of life forever.

So much can happen to you here. In high school you learn how to live. With all that

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**Pick-a-boo, I see you...Freshman Patrick Tristan takes a breather from Mr. Weaver's sixth period TAKS prep class. Mr. Weaver also taught speech, debate, and English 1.**



# Student Life

Student life at PHS? There's before school life, getting ready for school or stopping by Martin's and buying a doughnut before school. Then we have the almost eight hour school day. After school there are a variety of things to do such as: extracurricular activities, work and chill with friends;

or take a nap at home.

At night many students watched television, programs such as American Idol, again a hot hit. Speaking of idols, Lauren Brune mentioned her brother, an American soldier; and Stephanie Black "my dad - he is always there for me."

Many students dream of winning

the lottery, "I would buy a car for everyday of the week," Kim Palmer said if she won.

Many students have pride in being at PHS. Nhi Vo said "I'm proud—who wouldn't be?" Paco Vasquez added, "Yes, just to be a student of any school is worth being proud instead of being dumb and not going to school."

Marcos Aguilera (12th Grade)

Are you proud to be a student of PHS?



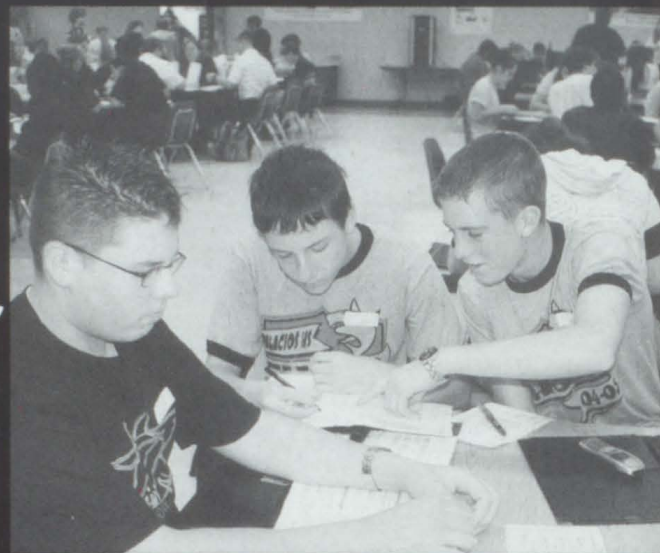
"I am proud to be a student in PHS because this school is known for a lot of good things and it makes me feel good because I am here."

**2 basses and a tenor...** Scott Porter, Phillip Fiorini and Cody Barrow go over some last minute changes in there music at a distric choir meet in September.

**"my dad - he is always there for me."**

*Stephanie Black*

**Santa's little helpers...**Shakespeare Theater members Timothy Dunn, Hillary Henson and Maria Garcia help out Santa at the Community Seaside Holiday on December 3rd.



What was the most memorable moment since you've been in high school?

My most memorable moment was when Mr. Glasscock bought the whole school balloons for Valentine's!

Angel Flores (12th Grade)



Valentine's!







A one, a two, a one, two, three...Julie Farmer, first year drum major for the Shark band, leads a song at a Shark football game. The band performs at the halftime of every game.



# Spirit...gotta have it

It's Friday--either the morning or afternoon, depending on a home or away game. The beating of the drums is heard as the band twists its way through the school toward the gym.

"I get into the spirit when the band starts going down the hall!", Junior Alexandria Sanchez said. The sounds of voices escalate as the students hurry in looking for their friends

in the stands.

Students intently watch the drill team perform, the cheerleaders cheer, and the football players speak. The highlight of the pep rallies is the student involvement in the form of class competitions such as the limbo, tug-of-war, ships and sailors.

Pep rallies were very meaningful to many students, and they looked forward to them.

"Pep rallies are very important to me," Senior class president Jose Hernandez said, one of the most spirited students at the pep rallies.

There were many memories made at the pep rallies; however, there were always those students who disagreed.

"That's the problem, I don't have memorable moments because it's the same thing," Sophomore Jessica Hurtado said.



**One last time...**The Senior class of 2005 gathers together for their last time at the pep rally to sing the Alma Mater. "Being at the pep rallies just isn't about getting out of class, but to relax with your friends and most of all to have a great time," said David Guevara.



## Let's have some fun!!!

"I can't believe I'm doing this," thought Principal Larry Ramirez as he got his head shaved by the varsity football team as a reward for crushing our archrival, the Tidehaven Tigers. The Sharks defeated the Tigers 42-7.

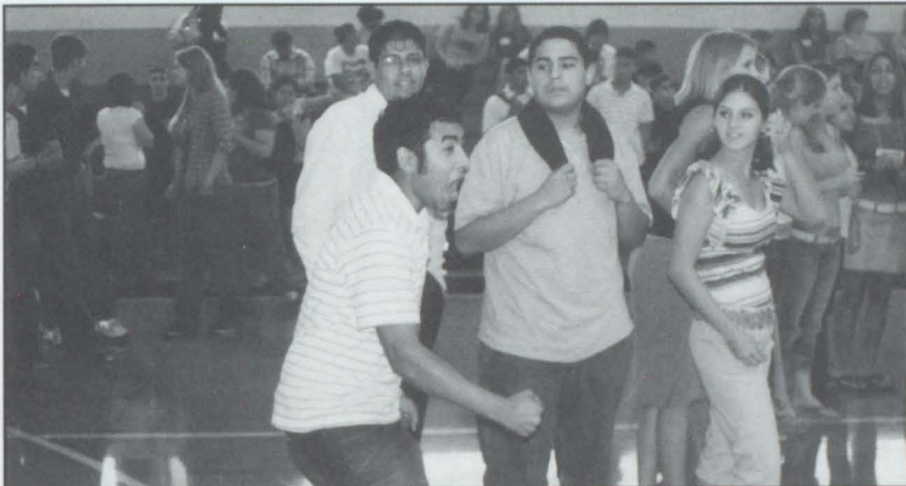
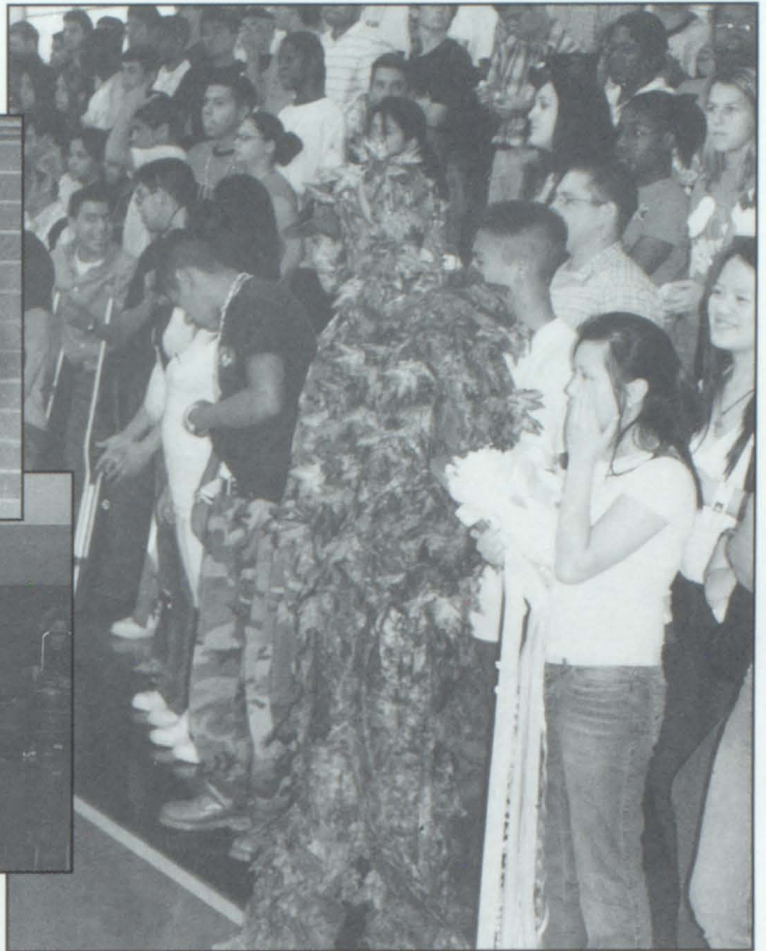
*"I just wanted the guys to have some fun and feel relaxed before the big game."*



Standing tall...Varsity football players Oscar Martinez, Jacob Aparicio, Michael Johnson, Cory Chromcak, and Alex Frausto visualize a win against Bloomington Panthers; the Sharks destroyed them with a score of 35-6.



Can I play...? Cheerleader Tara Morales sets up Twister for the activity during a pep rally. "The games get everyone excited and they're a lot of fun to watch," said Sophomore Michael Morales.



Where'd ya go...? Robert Deleon dresses in his camo to show his spirit for "Camo Day." During homecoming week there were different themes for each day like Kids day, Twins day, Red Out day.

YEAH, LET'S GO SHARKS!!!...Senior Lee Williams is one of the most spirited students at Palacios High School. "Sometimes the pep rallies are boring and sometimes fun, but look at the good part, we get out of class early," said Senior Tony Hinds.



**Hear Me  
OUT**

How important are pep rallies to you?

"Pep rallies are very important because they make me get into the spirit of football."

LyLy Vu, 12th Grade



Let's get it started in here...Sharky's Angels dance drill team gets ready to perform "Shout" in front of the student body at their very first pep rally of the year.



# 2 good 2 be true...

The day was September 10, 2004 or homecoming day. This is the day where couples give each other a mum or a garter and enjoy the game.

Duchesses Elaina Pena, freshman; Pamela Perez, sophomore; and Kori Roy, junior, were elected by their respective classes.

The seniors class nominees for queen were Jan Au, Mi Pham,

Jessica Garcia, Tara Morales, Brittany Kubecka, and Martina Stepanova.

"The best part was being escorted by my dad. I felt like I was daddy's little girl again!", said Mi Pham.

The choir did the usual and sang the "National Anthem" before the game. The festivities continued during half time when the queen was announced, which was Jessica

Garcia. When asked how she felt about winning she said, "I was overwhelmed and happy, because ever since I was a little girl I wanted to be the queen."

The Sharks and the community were happy that for the first time in many years the homecoming game was won with the Sharks creaming the Bloomington Bobcats 35 to 6.



**The diamond of homecoming... the mum...** many people celebrate homecoming by getting a friend or a girlfriend a mum. Paula Mannriquez is one of these lucky young ladies that received one from her boyfriend.

## Wanna' Know Something

Out of **350** Students at PHS

**250** students attended the game

**158** received a mum or garter

120 knew it was coming

111 wore the mum or garter to the game

145 still had them a month later

**ONLY 65 STUDENTS ATTENDED THE DANCE**



**Smile...you're a winner!!!** Jessica Garcia, the 2004 Homecoming Queen, receives roses and a plaque to remember this memorable night.





**Sing...Sing...Sing** ... which is exactly what the Palacios High School Varsity Choir did before the game began as they joined up and sang the "National Anthem".



**The crowning of a queen...** After the nerve racking wait, Jessica Garcia was announced to be the 2004 Homecoming Queen; following the announcement she was then crowned by the 2003 Homecoming Queen Samantha Svatek. When becoming homecoming queen you are obligated to crown the next year's queen.



**2 Hot for You...** Palacios High School Sports Booster Club once again hosted a community pep rally, September 9th. During the pep rally the "P" was then lit by Head Coach Burseson.

## Talking 2 Someone

Approximately how much did your dress cost?

"You should know better than asking a girl how much she spent on a dress." -Brittany Kubecka

Do you enjoy being in things like this?

"Yes I enjoyed it very much. I got to get all dressed up and be like a princess for a day!"

-Elaina Pena

Was the "loss" of not becoming Homecoming Queen disappointing to you?

"...it was just a great experience and even though I didn't win, I had a wonderful time!"

-Martina Stepanova



**Sharkmobile?...** you better believe it! Sara Kubecka was the winner of free tickets to get your car washed for free. The contest was made possible by the Athletic Booster Club.



**The Homecoming Court...** (L-R) Kori Roy (Junior), Pamela Perez (Sophomore), Jan Au (Senior), Jessica Garcia (Senior), Brittany Kubecka (Senior), Martina Stepanova (Senior), Mi Pham (Senior), Tara Morales (Senior), Elaina Pena (Freshman).



School just doesn't end after the bell rings at 3:35. Many students devote their time to organizations, sports, and even just being spectators at a game by giving up their "After School Life".

Many organizations require after school time in the form of meetings, competitions, and practices after school.

Some students are involved in sports; any sport takes time

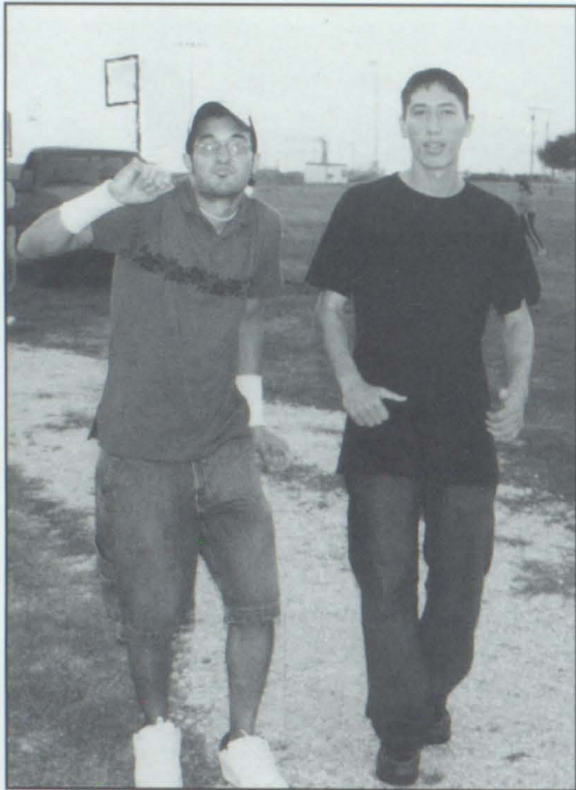
away from after school. Time away meaning they have practices almost every day after school and attend games at least once a week.

Angel Gonzales, active in soccer and drama, gives up after school time "For something to do. I like sports and drama is fun. If I went home after school, I would just be bored. This also will help me get references for my

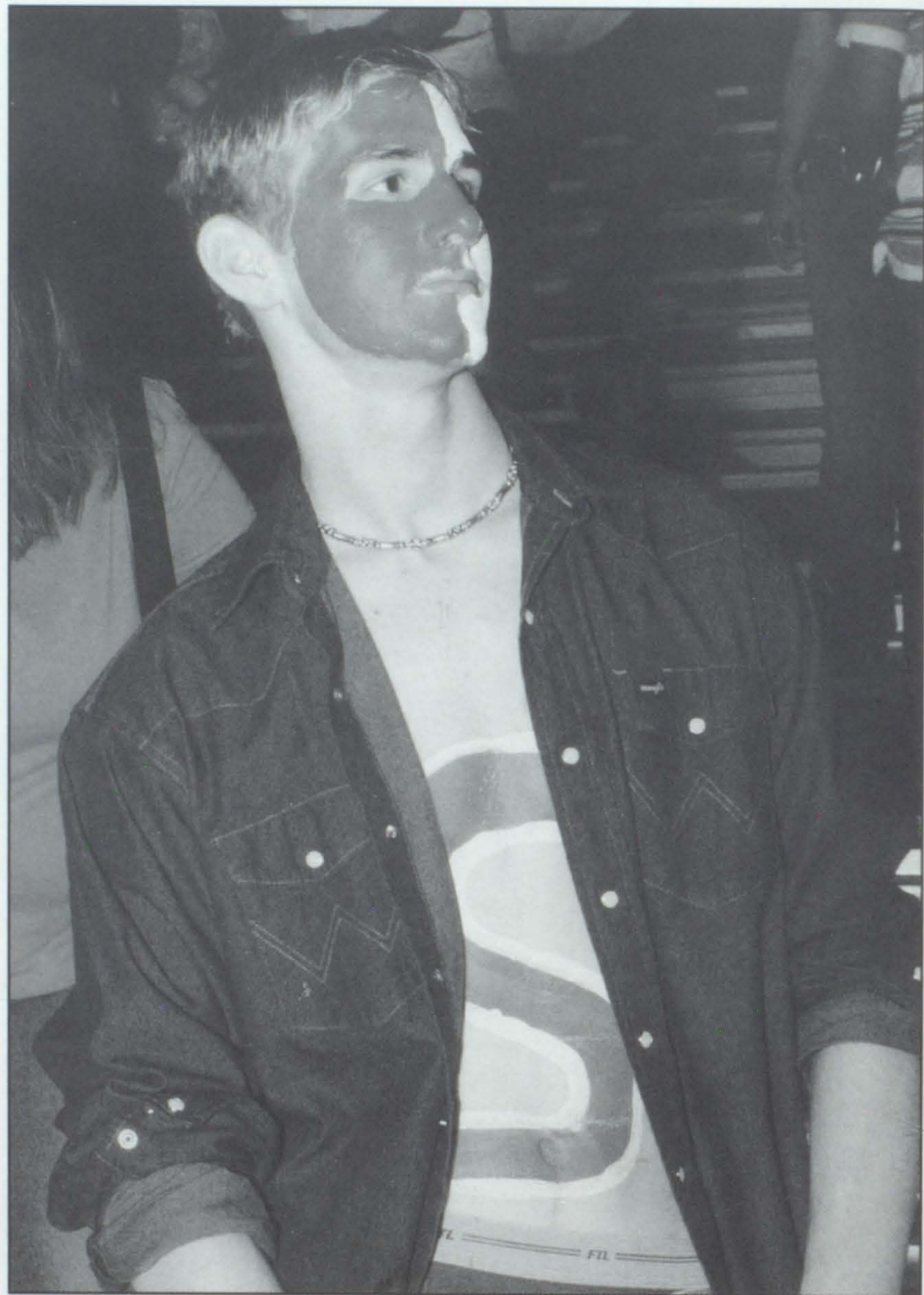
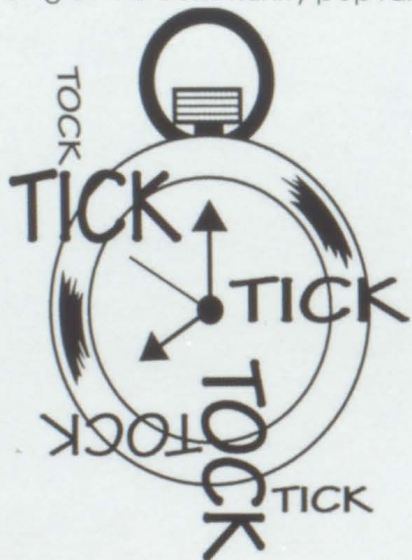
resume."

The students who are not in any sport usually spend time attending games to show off their school spirit and sometimes they go just because someone else is going.

Students at PHS don't just stop school at 3:35; many of them continue on making PHS the best of the best.



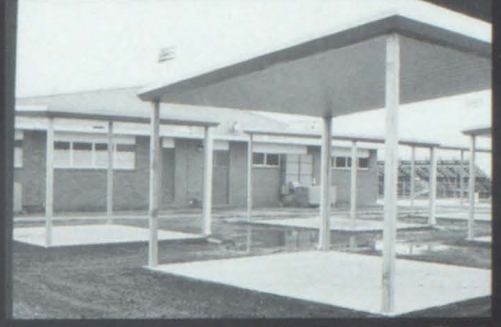
**Having fun?...** Paco Vazquez dances away as Jared Buckley tries to understand what he is doing at the community pep rally.



**Braveheart Wanabe...** Brian Duke shows off his Palacios High School spirit by painting his face and his chest. Brian was one of several young men at PHS who bared their chests and spelled out "SHARKS".



# Under Construction!



**A New thing at PHS...** toward the beginning of the year PHS began construction "gazebo" type structures. Their purpose was to provide a place where students can sit and relax during lunch since no one was allowed off campus.



**Leonardo DaVinci??...** During the Art Club's window painting at Sonic, Zachery Sample finalizes all the touch-ups.



**Hawaii?...** The St. Anthony Church youth group held a stand at the Relay for Life at the Palacios High School football field. High school students Linh Tran, Ana Maldonado, Mariela Zamora, and Nancy Huynh were members of a team to benefit the American Cancer Society.



**Hut.. 1..2..3...** The PHS Marching Band parades through town during the Palacios Harmony Club sponsored Valentine's day parade. Along with the band, many other organizations participated in the parade, representing PHS in every way.



**Huh??...** During the community pep rally, drum major Lindsay Balboa leads the band in the song.



**New Style?...The PHS Style...** Lee Williams was one of many students that showed spirit on Friday during and after the pep rally. Every week during football season students would show their support by dressing or wearing their hair different.



# Drop Dead GORGEOUS...

And Loving Every Minute!

Walk, pose, walk, walk, flip, and rotate... **WHEW!!!** The things that a girl will do just to be recognized as queen for the day, or in our case Miss Palacios for the year of 2004. The lovely ladies of our simpleton town have the chance, one night out of the year, to glam up and possibly be chosen to receive their time in the spotlight. The pageant, annually sponsored by the Rotary club, contributes a

\$1,000 scholarship to the lucky winner.

The day begins as many eager teenage girls dress for success and try to sway the judges with their etiquette, intelligence, and charm during their personal interviews. After having a mid-afternoon nap, the evening brings about lots of make-up, hairspray, and quite a bit of butterflies in a bunch of anxious tummies.

This year our lucky winners included junior Diana Martinez, talent winner as well as our reigning Miss Palacios queen, Savanna Franzen as our young Miss Debutante, senior Tavia Young as first runner-up, senior Lyly Vu as second runner-up, and third runner-up tie between juniors Jessica Hernandez and Kristin Greenwalt.

23, 24, 25 and more... Numbered and dressed, the contestants of the annual Miss Palacios pageant await their cue to exit after being carefully observed by the judges; otherwise, they just keep on smiling.



Is there something in my teeth?... Sophomores Synthia Svatek and Savanna Franzen check each others teeth before grinning till their cheeks hurt.

Can I stop smiling now?... Junior Diana Martinez glows with pride while she strives to keep that perfect smile that all the photographers love oh-so-much!







And the winner is...Diana Martinez squeals for delight as senior Tara Morales, former Miss Palacios, crowns this years '04-'05 winner



Congratulations... Junior Tiffany Tran shares in the ecstatic excitement with this years '04-'05 Miss Debutante winner Savanna Franzen.



Maybe she's born with it, maybe it's Maybelline... Marisa Bumgardner sits tight as a beautician rolls her hair in order to tease, set, crimp, pin, or what else in order to make her shine her brightest!



What an honor...Last year's '03-'04 Miss Debutante winner sophomore Tiffany Tran gives a big congrats to our "Lady of the Hour" before the sacred crown is laid upon her head.



Talent of every style...Jessica Hernandez, Tavia Young, Kristin Greenwalt, and Lyly Vu, show that although they are different in age, race, and style, these beautiful girls show exactly how beautiful they are!



# 2 SWEET 2 BE MINE

Juniors and senior girls signed up to run for Valentine Sweetheart. These girls had to find sponsors who will pay their fee and provide a float which they ride on in the parade.

They spend days making cans which are set out about the city in various locations to collect money

which will decide who's going to win. This year Faith Mayfield, Michelle Cruz and Lindsay Warner received recognition for the best cans overall.

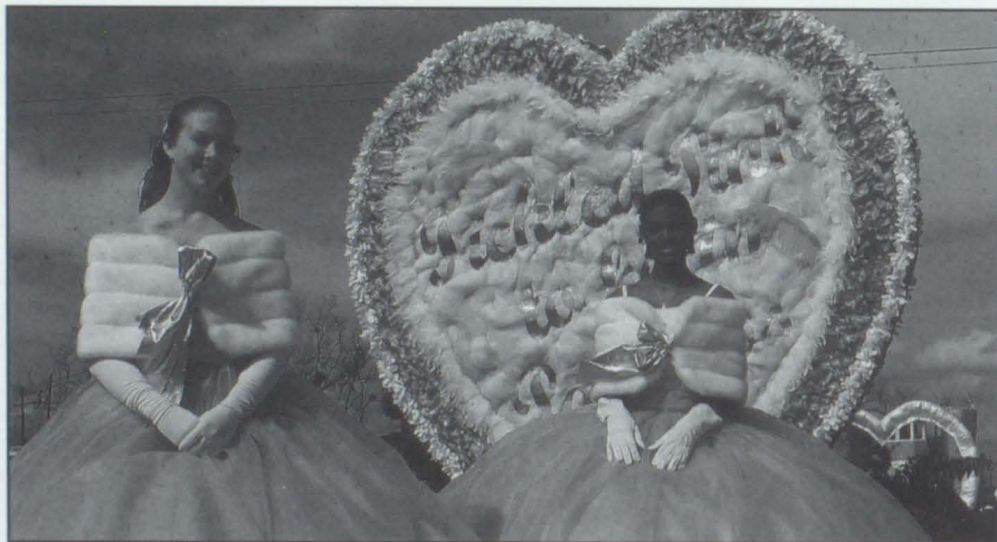
"It was fun to get dressed up and hang out with my friends", Tavia Young said.

The parade was held down

Main Street, where each girl rode a float which was provided by their sponsor.

The annual ball was held at the Recreation Center where the winner was announced. This year Senior LyLy Vu was announced Valentine's Sweetheart.

**Are we finished yet...** Junior Julie Farmer anxiously awaits for the parade's final turn which is the end. She along with other contestants will then attend the ball to find out who will win Valentine's Sweetheart..



**Is it Barbie?...** Brittany Kubecka and Tavia Young try to smile for the camera as the parade begins at a slow start. These girls stood in "muffins" the whole parade which was part of the float.



**Can we start yet...** LyLy Vu patiently waits for the parade to begin. She was sponsored by Bowers Law and was named Valentine's Sweetheart at the ball that night.



# Quien Va a Ganar (Who's gonna win?)

The annual Cinco de Mayo dance was held the weekend before the celebration. Diana Martinez received the crown for the second time this year, after winning Miss Palacios. She received a thousand dollar

scholarship.

Nine young ladies competed. In order to compete, these ladies had to have good character and volunteer ten hours at the Boy's and Girl's Club.

"Remember to smile and be

yourself", Nancy Huynh said. This is what all of the girls had to do during the competition.

The Boy's and Girl's Club hosted the celebration. including the dance, parade, and celebration by the bay.



Contestants: Bottom: Nancy Huynh, Valerie Sanchez, Stephanie Castellanos, Stepanie Alderete, Top: Ashley Ortiz, Diana Martinez, Jessica Hernandez, Jeanette Lara, Lindsay Warner



Smile and Wave... Diana Martinez, Miss Cinco de Mayo 2005, and Ana Maldonado, Miss Cinco de Mayo 2004, ride upon the Chamber of Commerce's float.



**Friends no matter what...**  
Diana Martinez, Miss Cinco de Mayo, and Valerie Sanchez, first runner up, stand proudly with their trophies.



**Yes, I won...**Diana Martinez, Miss Cinco de Mayo stands proudly with her roses and trophy after being announced at the annual dance.



# 2 KNOW: What's In / Out



**What do you drive??...** This year there have been many different cars in our student parking lot. Among the various styles, we have from earlier model cars to big dirty trucks to new sporty mustangs. Unlike other years, these cars will be seen parked in the student parking lot throughout the school day, unable to leave for lunch.

*"Kind of Abercrombie  
& a touch of 'I don't  
care."*

*- Jessica Hooper*

**What  
styles do  
you enjoy  
seeing?**

*"It wouldn't  
matter, as long as it  
shows their  
personality."*

*- Johnaton Nguyen*



**Punk 2 classy...** As Jessica Shurtz and Marcos Aquilera stand talking by the lockers, they display the many different styles shown throughout the hallways today.



# Is Dress Code "in" this year?

YES

"I guess because it really isn't that bad... what they say is probably for good reasons."

John Glenn, Junior

NO

"I think that we should be focused on school and fun things instead of our clothes."

Jessica Saylors, Senior

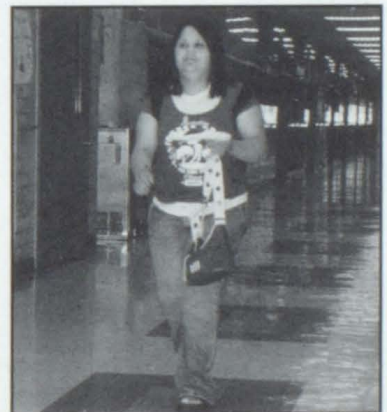


**Styles galore...** These are some of the various styles that are seen throughout the hallways, displayed by the band students as they pray for a speedy recovery for Julie Farmer.

**Enjoying Spring.....** Paul Lanfear is seen wearing a T-shirt, khaki shorts, and sandals, or what most girls have said to be the most favorable way the guys should be dressing.

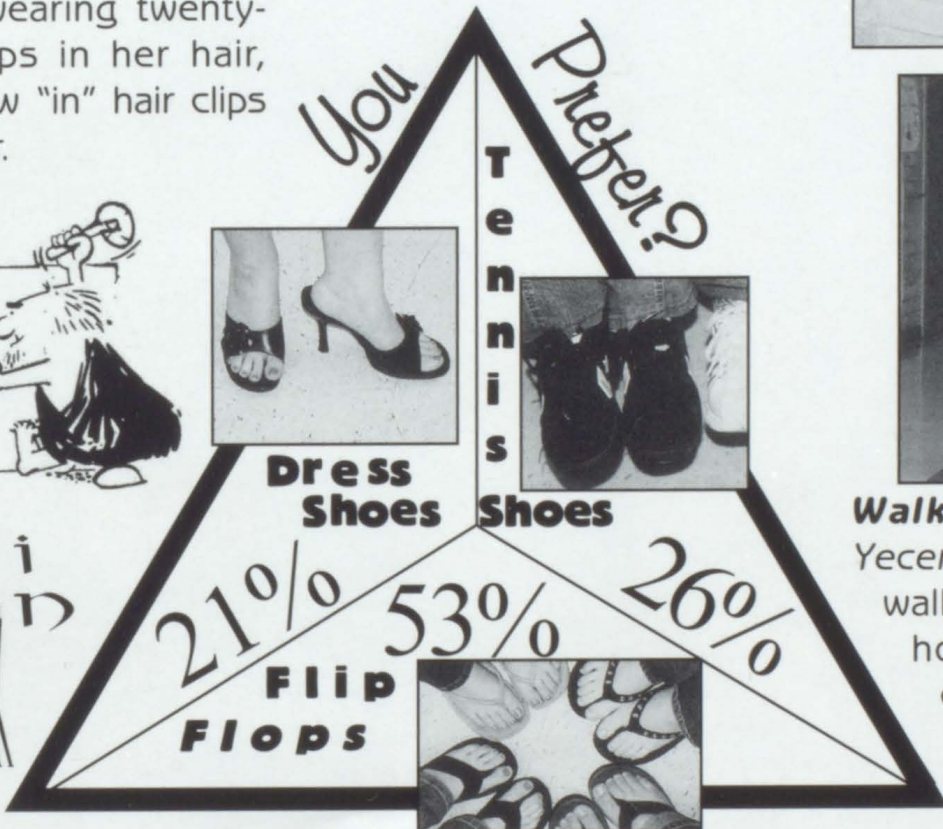


**5,10,15,20....** Hillary Hensan is caught wearing twenty-four hairclips in her hair, showing how "in" hair clips are this year.



**Walkin' the runway...** Yecenia Saldierna is seen walking the hall showing how "green", layered clothing, as well as sandals are definitely "in" this year.

## Which Do You Prefer?





Palacios

School

Action!

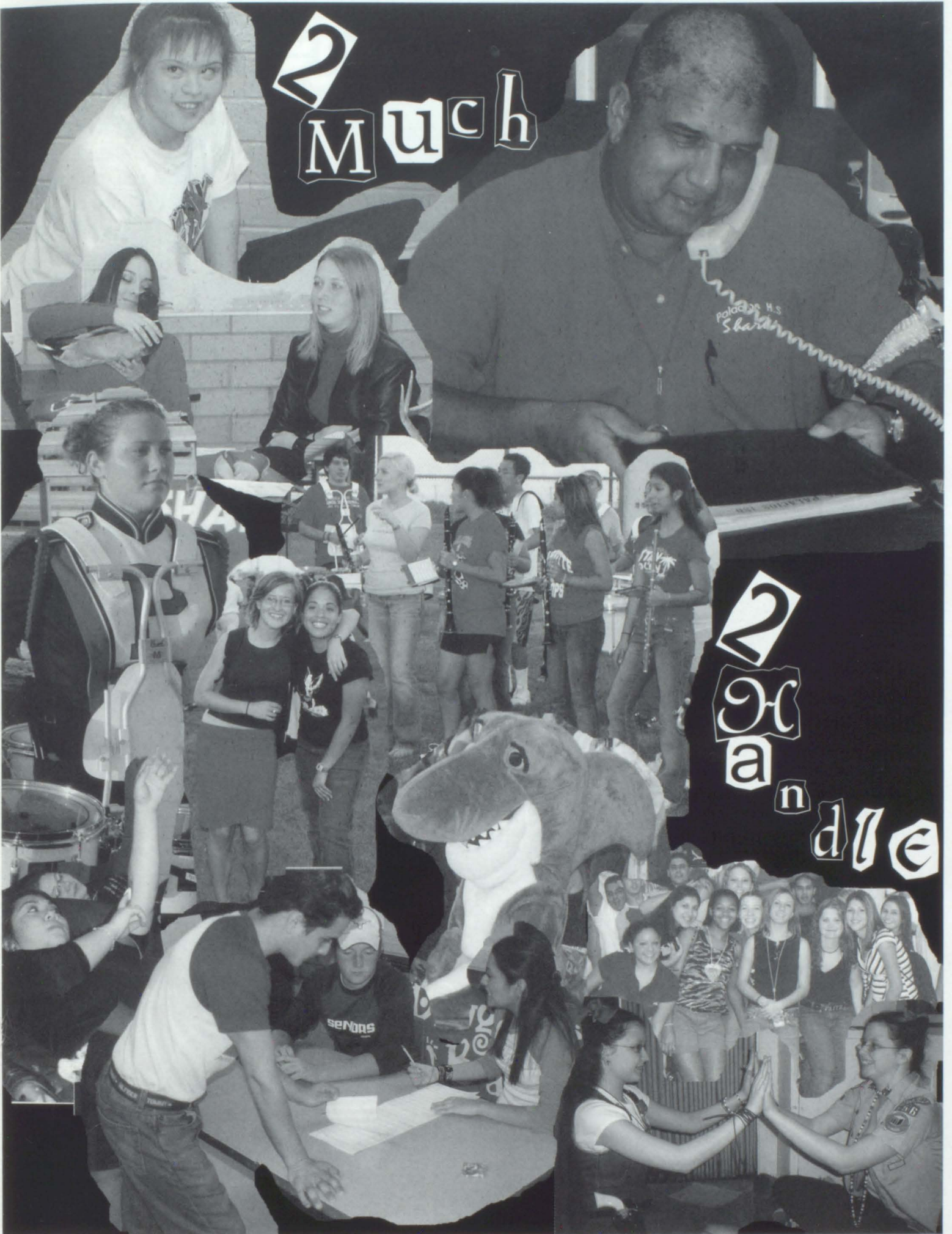


Never Stop



2 Much

2 Handle





# FRIENDS FOREVER...

Whether you were at a football game, at a party, or just

hanging out, chances are you were surrounded by your friends. When asked what makes a good friend Senior Mayra Garza said, "To be a good friend you can never be selfish and think about yourself. You have to always think what's best for your friend."

Friends played a big role in the lives of students throughout the year. They were the ones that were there for you, the people you hung out with everywhere, and the people that made your repetitive days at school a little more interesting.

## A FRIEND TO ME IS...

Someone who will be there for you no matter what, someone who will laugh with you, cry with you, and make you feel better when you're having a bad day. Someone who will always have your back and be on your side, help you when you need it, and never forget you or the times you've had together.

- Alysha Forrest, junior



"Best friends are like four leaf clovers; hard to find and lucky to have."

- P.Tan Nguyen, sophomore



**Friends around the world...**Lorisa Kuck and Martina Stepanova are from two totally different countries, but come together for one reason, to experience the life of an American teenager.



**Walk with me...**Gabriella Carrillo and Monica Mancera walk and talk around the track at the Relay for Life held at the football field.

**Can I color?...Tiffany Tran and Maria Garcia** take turns coloring shapes in Mrs. Garcia's Algebra II class.



## 4 Clues a Friend Is Bad News

1. She sometimes text-messages your boyfriend, just to say hi.
2. After a bad breakup, you call her for support and she tells you to call her back after *American Idol*.
3. When you ask her if your jeans make you look fat, she goes "Mooooo," pauses, then laughs and says "Just kidding!"
4. When you tell her your innermost secrets, you notice she's discreetly taking notes.



# A Little More than just friends



What are they doing?.. at the UIL District meet in Wharton County Junior College Ney Oldham and Tiffany Tran act a little crazy after competing in extemporaneous speaking.

What do PHS students look for in a person?

Sweet Good Listener  
 HUMOROUS Funny  
 Understanding

Charming UNIQUE  
 Outgoing Goal oriented  
 Good Personality  
 Good Looking  
 HONEST RESPECT

When you have someone special that means that they will always be there for you no matter what.  
 -Angel Flores



On the new "gazebos"... Rayni Longoria and Fidel Mancera are another one of the couples found at PHS that have been together for nearly three years!



Huggy Buggy... Melissa Cavasos and Rodrigo Salinas stop to take a picture while going to class.



Circle of friends...Zach Ressler, Clay Hamlin and Dustin Villarreal tell a few jokes before the NHS induction ceremony begins.

Personal Servant?...

Jorge Mancera feeds his girlfriend of two years Jessica Gillium French fries during lunch.





# Boys & Girls

**MEN ARE FROM MARS, WOMEN ARE FROM VENUS**



**You look'n at me?... Is Paul Riccio really working or is he checking his answers with Dustin Villarreal in Mr. White's Computer Science class? Mr. White, who is retiring, has taught many years at Palacios High School and he will be greatly missed as a computer science and also as driver education teacher.**

**Girl Power...** Lindsay Balboa shows that a girl can do anything, even lead the band at one of the home football games. She's not the only girl drum major; Julie Farmer and Elena Contreras also directed the band.



**Who says girls can't save lives...** Senior Kim Palmer donates blood at the annual blood drive, sponsored by the National Honor Society.



**I can do anything you can do better...** Lily Gonzales, Lisa Marie Milferstedt, Stephanie Castellanos, and Judith Reyes perform at the community pep rally on October 17.



**Girls are mean.** *Girls are pretty.*  
**BOYS ARE MEAN.** *Boys are not men.*  
 Boys are goofy. Boys smell.  
 Girls smell good. *Girls are weak.* Girls are equal.  
**BOYS ARE DUMB.** Girls are annoying.  
 Girls are confusing. **BOYS LOOK GOOD.** *Girls are little.*  
**Boys are strong.** Boys are impossible.



**Working together...**Audrey Shimek and Chris Rojas are bang'n away at the Relay for Life. Junior Jessica Hooper proved a high school girl can lead by overseeing the entire event held at Palacios High School.



**I win I win I win...**Hillary Henson and James Neese win best dressed at the kid party. The senior's parties are held at various churches around the community.



"Girls are confusing."

*David Guevara, Senior*



"Girls think that guys don't understand, but we know them better than they know themselves."

*Rodrigo Salinas, Sophomore*



"Boys are freak'n retarded."

*Melissa Navarro, Junior*



# Never 2 Old 2 Be Forgotten

From the 50's through the 80's is the time that our teachers remember best.

When Mrs. Valerie Segovia was asked some of her favorite memories she replied, "Riding around town on my bike and going to the Moo Moo". Like what is now the Dairy Queen, the Moo Moo was a hang out for people of all ages that was located by

what is today the Pier Drive-In.

There was always something to do whether it was rollerskating, going to El Maton National Hall, or cruising in your yellow mustang, in which Mrs. Tess Flores had bought her junior year. While growing up "Every Breath You Take", "Celebration", and "What A

Feeling" were just a few songs you heard blaring through everyone's eight track.

We have really come a long way since then, such as gas starting at \$0.25 and making its way to \$2.19 per gallon. Although there have been many changes over the decades, some trends never die, as bell bottoms and bright colored clothing continue to be worn.



**Tractor pullin'...** Mrs. Patricia Woolsey at only the age of four enjoyed playing on her toy tractor and was able to still look cute and in style!



**Say cheese...** Dressed up and pretty in curls, at only eighteen months, Mrs. Margaret Higgins smiles for the camera.

"Simply Irresistible" -  
80's-Mrs. Patricia Carrizales

"All the Stars in the Sky"-60's-  
Mrs. Mary Jo Harvey

"American Pie"-  
70's-Mrs. Shelly Newsom





**Just a swingin'....** as Mrs. Laurie Duke plays outside her home, she shows off her Baylor outfit, which is the school she attended and later graduated from in 1994.



**Pretty Woman...** at age eighteen, her senior year, Mrs. Peggy Charlton was president of her pep squad and Sorority club. Mrs. Charlton is now a teacher in three different subjects including drama, Spanish, and Advanced Journalism.

## **Favorite Memory**

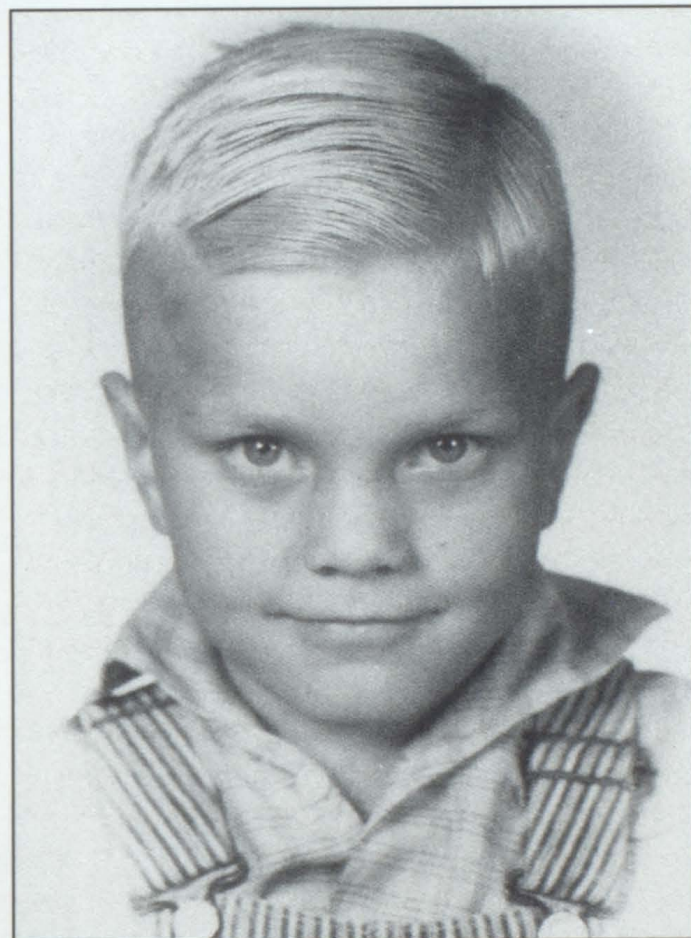
What do you miss most about being a child?

**“The security of being loved and wanted”**

-Mr. Mike Witte



**Sugar, spice and every thing nice...** Dressed and in pig tails, Mrs. Valerie Segovia poses in front of the camera at age four.



**Naughty and nice...** In style with his hair combed and overalls buttoned, five year old Mr. Keith Garnett is photographed in Fargo, Oklahoma.



**Class of 1978...** Mrs. Shelly Newsom takes her high school graduation picture. She later attended college at the University of Houston. She is now teaching B.C.I.S. at Palacios High School for her first year, coming from P.J.H.S.



# A NIGHT 2 REMEMBER

Prom was truly a night to remember. The prom theme was "Beyond Heaven's Gates."

The Juniors spent the year having fundraisers to pay for the prom.

"This year the Juniors started off rocky not making much, but ended up

o.k.," Lindsay Warner, junior class vice president, said.

The Juniors and Villarreal were named sponsors spent a total of twenty-four hours during the week working to make the night a success.

Seniors and Juniors spent the day primping

and preparing for the big night.

Tavia Young and Dustin Villarreal were named prom king and queen, chosen by the seniors the week before prom.

"It was a total shock but I love my friends for it," Young said.



**What's Next...**  
Melissa Navarro and Stephanie Camp take a break and supervise as Marina Perez attempts to put together the gates. The gates were the main background where the pictures were taken.

**Gettin Boogie with it...**  
Bringing a little old school back to this years prom Cody Wilson seems to be enjoying his attention on the dance floor.

**2 styles 1 dance...**changing up the style, Alston Wallis added a little more to his tux by giving it a cowboy look and Audrey Shimick just pretty in pink. Being good friends, they enjoy dancing together to their favorite type of music, country.



**Was your night made more special after receiving prom King and Queen?**

"It was a very memorable experience. It was actually made even more special when they told me I could keep the hat."

-Dustin Villarreal

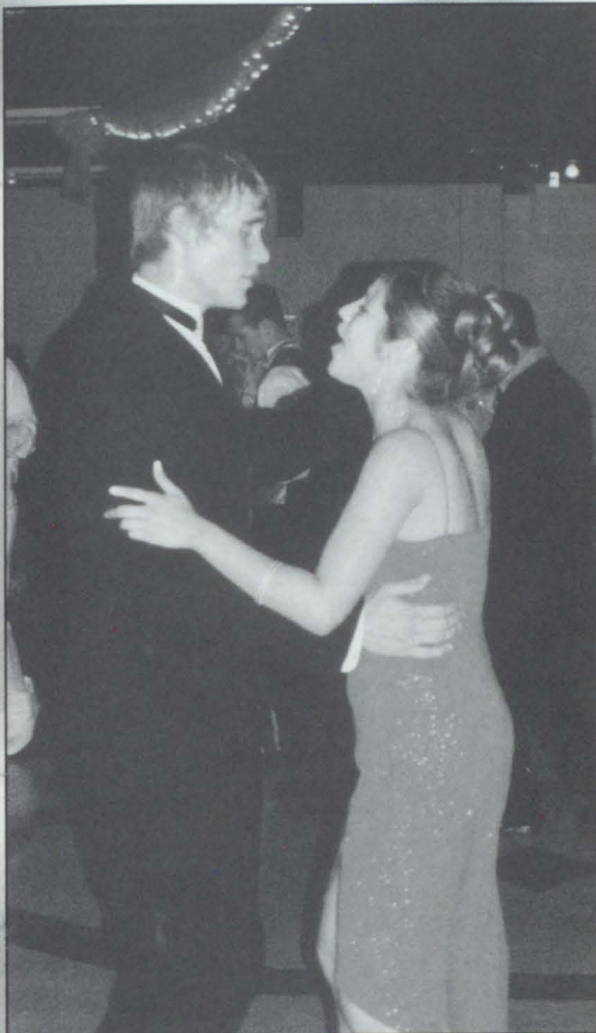
"It made me feel like a princess, and it showed me how people see me!"

-Tavia Young

**Shot after shot...** as 2005 queen, Tavia Young, and king, Dustin Villarreal, pose for the pictures taken by their peers. They are patiently waiting for the dance to follow which was in dedication to them.



**Shake it...** Martina Steponava and Jennifer Boyle dance solo trying to attract fellow classmates to join them.



**Oops I did it again...** Tyler Adams tries to teach Brandii Bickham a couple of his moves. She finally gets it and they danced to a very popular country song.



**Friends Forever...** Kristina Hansen, Julie Farmer, Kim Kahane, and Clarrisa Torres along with several other juniors formed a circle around the prom king and queen as they danced their spotlight dance.

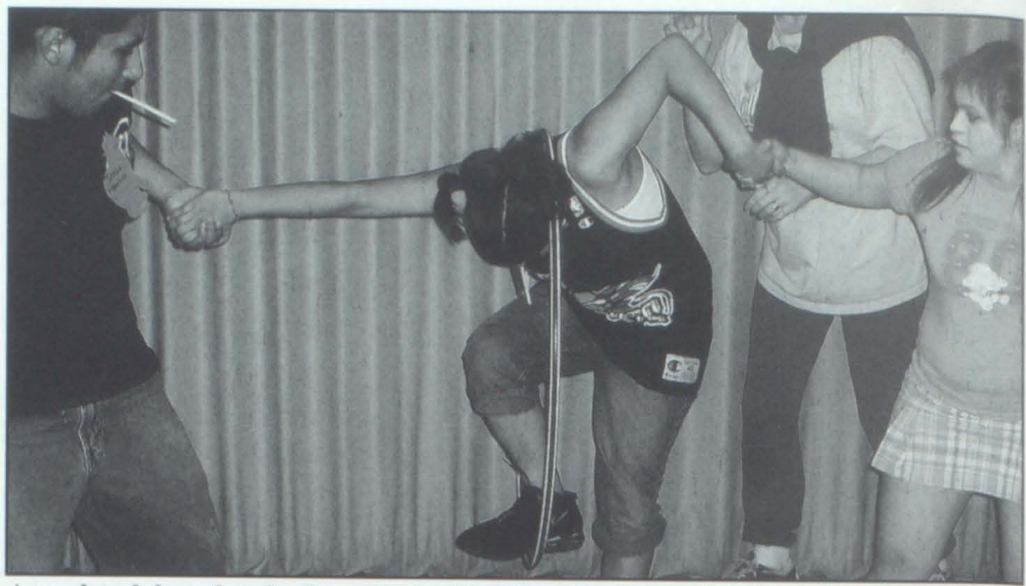




**What did mommy say?...** As James Neese ponders, his wardrobe is admired and he is announced "Best Dressed Boy" at the kid party.



**1,2,3,A,B,C....** Hillary Henson finishes her meal after winning the "Best Dressed Girl" for the Kid party as well as the Mexican Party.



**Arm, head, leg, then body....** Awaited by Jesse Barrios and Nubia Saldienera, Leandra Rubio tries to get her whole body through a single hula hoop before her opposing teams during the senior kid party.



**Lollypops, gum, and tootsie rolls...** Nhan Le seems to be over excited to be able to act like a "kid" while scrambling to gather as much candy as possible.

**A one, two, tres, quarto...** Madison Morris (Best Dressed Guy), Alston Wallis, and Marcos Aguilera show their different talents as well as a different look. The Mexican party was held at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church.



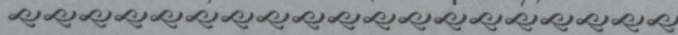
**Baila ,Baila...** LyLy Vu watches and tries to learn just how Paco Vasquez moves "Mexican Style" before getting ready to play another game.

## CALLING ALL KIDS, HOBOS, MEXICANS, AND



" I never thought that I could have so much fun with teenagers in diapers!"

-Cody Wilson ( kid party)



"It was a great opportunity to hang as a senior class and be religious at the same time!"

- Mayra Garza ( senior parties)



## COWBOYS 2 PARTY!!



# Coming 2-gether 2 party

Who can honestly say they have been a kid, hobo, cowboy, and Mexican all in the same year? The senior class of '05 has had many memorable moments at all the parties thrown for them by various churches in Palacios.

With the exception of parents and teachers, these parties are attended only by seniors thus the name "Senior Parties". While at the parties the seniors helped themselves with games, food, and amazing costumes, all which followed the theme for that

particular party. Memorable moments may have included: trying to get your whole body through a single hula

**"...I GOT TO ACT  
AND DRESS LIKE  
SOMETHING I'M  
NOT!" - TAVIA'  
YOUNG**

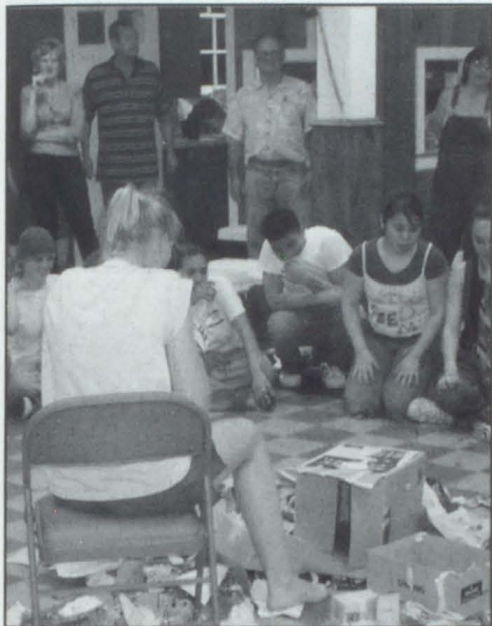
hoop, hitting a pinata, a scavenger hunt, a seed spitting contest, or riding a fake horse around cones.

Senior favorites included the kid party. "I got to act like a kid and be silly without anyone caring," Charles Lopez said.

"The hobo party was my favorite because I got to act and dress like something I'm not and won!", said Tavia' Young.

Simply said by Kimberly Palmer, "...the games!" Whatever the game may be, these seniors made the most of it by being silly and keeping the memories by taking pictures.

Ending the night the best dressed girl and boy were announced receiving a prize, followed by a speaker who gave an advice filled speech.



**Roll..4...5...6..** The seniors all participated in an unwrapping of boxes during their hobo party to see who's the first to get the prize. In order to do so, each senior had to roll a 6 to get a chance to play. Winning the game was Rosaura Hurtado.



**Spit..Spat..** Mayra Garza along with David Guevara show their hidden talent by spitting watermelon seeds during the western party held at the First Baptist Church.



**Howdy Cowboy...** Israel Barrios doesn't know exactly why Clay Hamlin has targeted him while awaiting the cowboy party to start.



**How does this go again?....** Mr. Kubecka assists Brittany Kubecka, Bonnie Hawkins, and Audrey Shimek on how to properly rope a calf cowboy style.

**A candle lit song...** Ending the hobo party, Reverend Blair associated with the First Presbyterian Church, sang and gave advice to the senior class.





# The Grand Finale

Until the last minute, everyone wondered if graduation was to be outside or inside because of the rain. However, Mother Nature gave the 100 seniors relief so they could graduate in the preferred spot---the football field and not the Fine Arts building.

With welcomes by Larry Rameriz, principal, and Jose Hernandez, class president, students were inspired by the salutatory address by Nancy Huynh, and the valedictory address by Zachery Ressler.

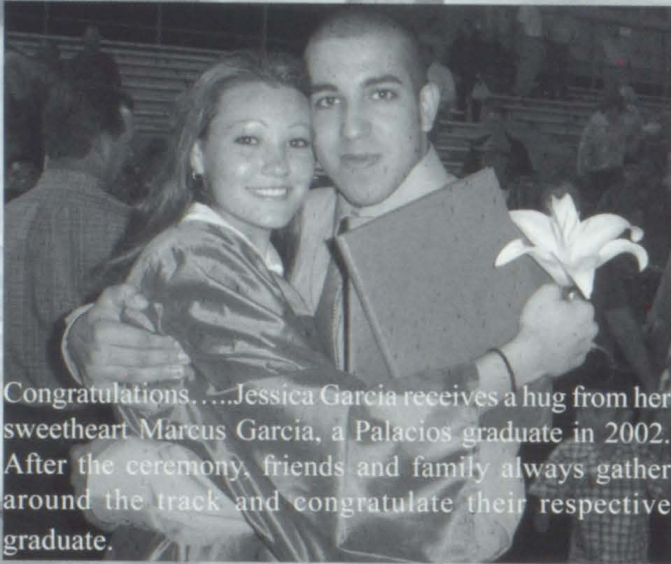
"Have a positive attitude about life" were the words that echoed throughout the commencement address by Mr. Aaron Wollam, PHS teacher and coach. Wollam stressed being positive regardless of circumstances, giving examples from his own life to prove his point.

Mrs. Dee Ann Rameriz, PHS counselor, presented scholarship awards, and Mr. Stephen Stuhrenberg, president of the PISD board of trustees, gave the annual alumnus

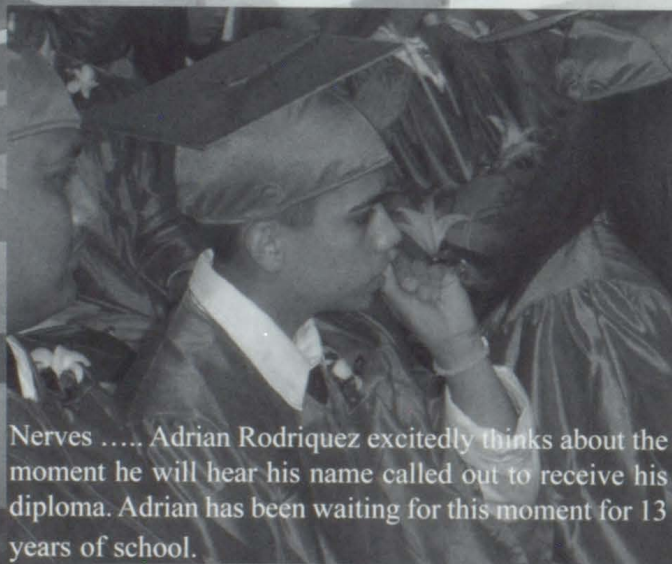
presentation to Mary Ann Shimek, Eric Young, and Mayra Byhlik.

Mr. Paul Smith, superintendent, declared the certification of the class of 2005, and the 100 seniors were awarded their diplomas by the Board of Trustees.

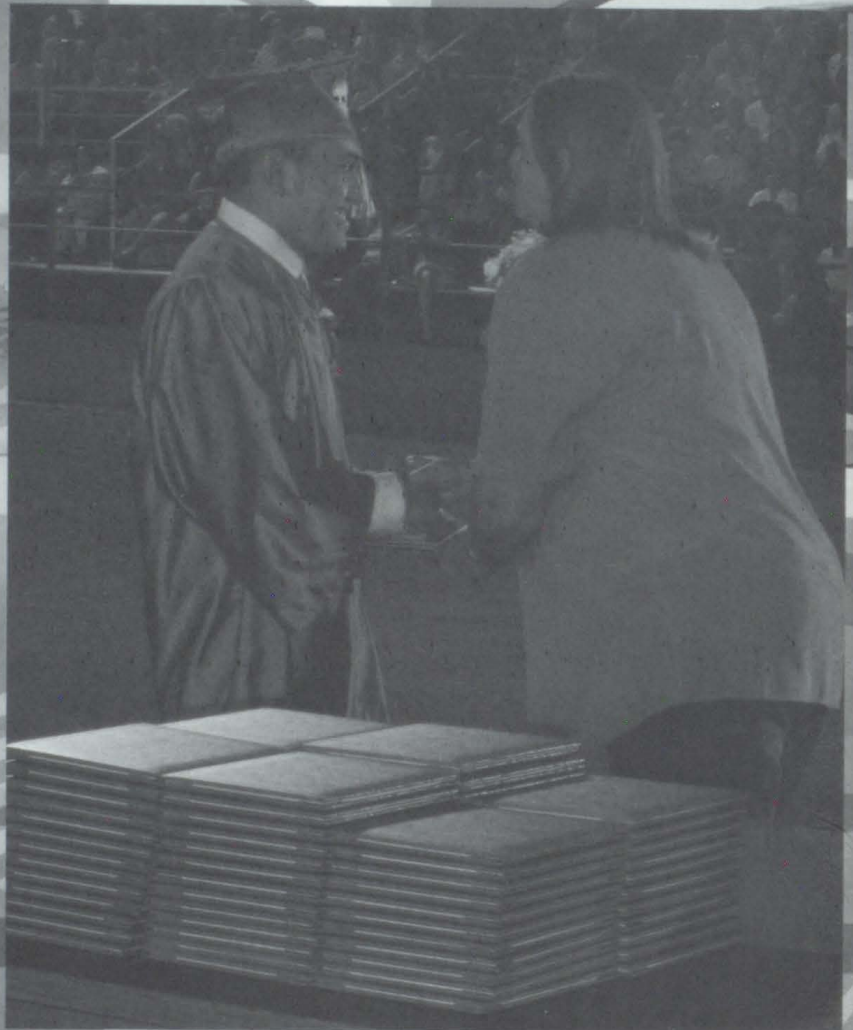
Graduation closed with the singing of the Alma Mater directed by Mrs. Laurie Duke, high school choir director, and the traditional recessional. After graduation, students greeted their family and friends as alumni.



Congratulations.....Jessica Garcia receives a hug from her sweetheart Marcus Garcia, a Palacios graduate in 2002. After the ceremony, friends and family always gather around the track and congratulate their respective graduate.



Nerves..... Adrian Rodriguez excitedly thinks about the moment he will hear his name called out to receive his diploma. Adrian has been waiting for this moment for 13 years of school.



Finally.....Angel Diaz accepts his long awaited diploma from Board of Trustees member Patty Frankson.



## CLASS INFO.

100 GRADUATES

### CLASS COLOR

RED & BLACK

### CLASS FLOWER

LILY

### CLASS SONG

"TONIGHT, TONIGHT"

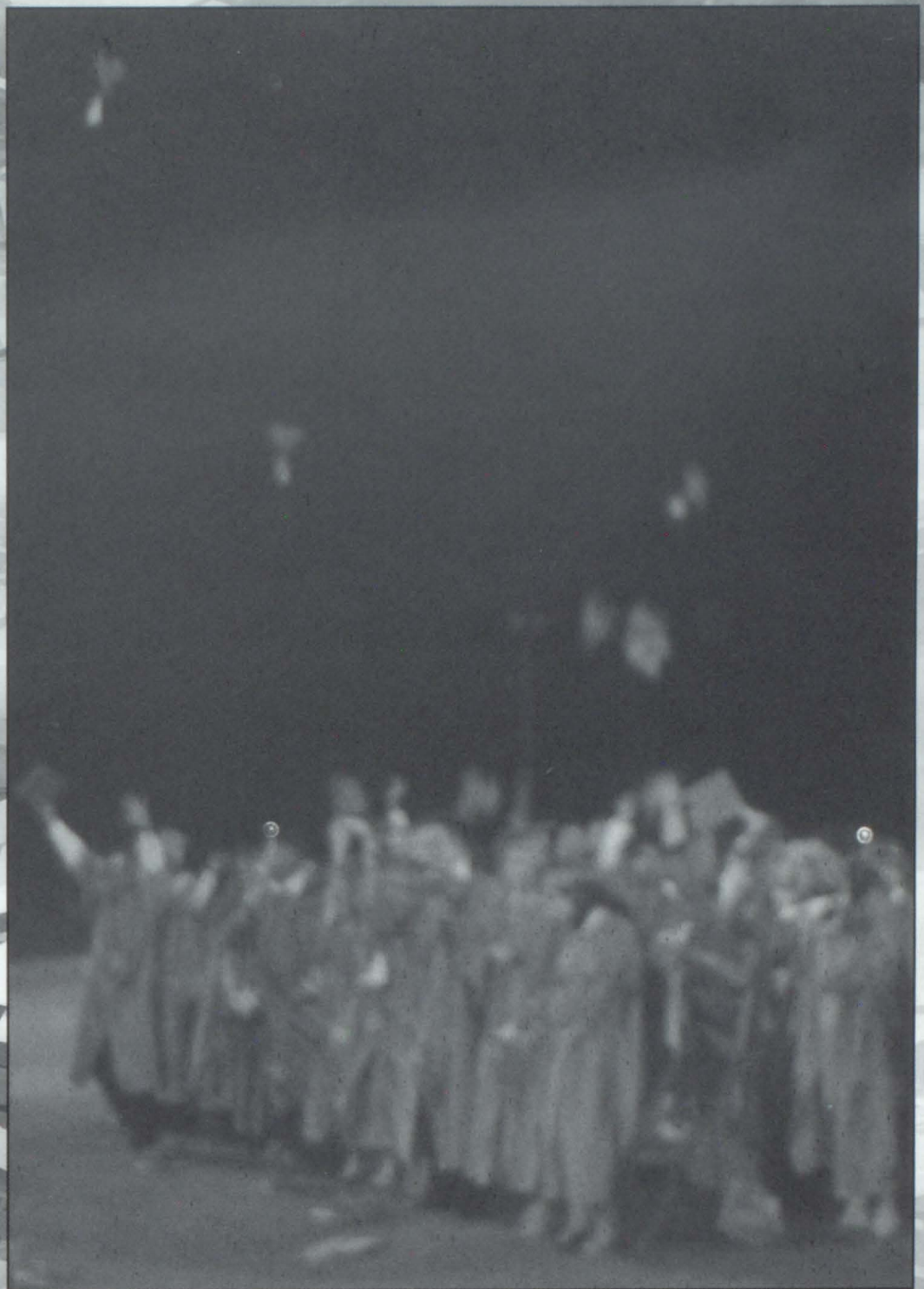
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### CLASS MOTTO

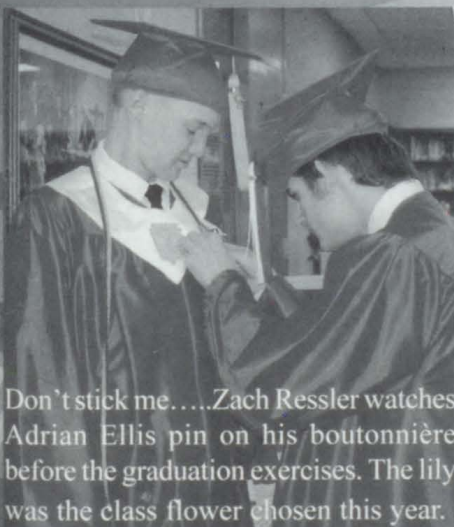
"LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST"

### CLASS SPONSORS

ERIC AMSLER  
KEITH GARRETT  
MARILYN PHILIPS  
WILLIAM DAVIS  
BETTY JANSZEN  
SAM WHITE  
MARK ELDER  
ERWIN JANSZEN  
PATRICIA WOOLSEY



Hats off to ya'!.....After Paul Smith, superintendent, declares the Class of 05 graduates, seniors eagerly throw their hats in the air. Although the night was cloudy and overcast, no rain ever came.



Don't stick me.....Zach Ressler watches Adrian Ellis pin on his boutonniere before the graduation exercises. The lily was the class flower chosen this year.



It's almost time...The seniors show nervousness before the annual processional. Girls were worried that the wet ground would cause their heels to sink while guys were more worried about other things like how long is this really going to take?



Money...money...money...Sandra Diaz tries to not be distracted by the fake money so she can grab some real stuff. Israel Barrios made the most money by getting \$10.



After graduation, many seniors celebrated by going to the annual Project Celebration at the Palacios Recreation Center. Under the direction of Mrs. Sandra Wallis and with the help of other senior parents, students enjoyed a fun filled night.

Highlights of the night were a water balloon fight, a visit by a hypnotist, games such as tug of war, horse shoes, volleyball, gladiator fights, gauntlet, flipper races, and soccer.

Pizza, fajitas, nachos and other goodies were served all though the night.

The party finally broke up around 5:30 with very tired graduating seniors ready to sleep all day.

## IT'S PARTY TIME...

PROJECT CELEBRATION

"It was an awesome night. I haven't had that much fun in a long long time."

Michael Gatica





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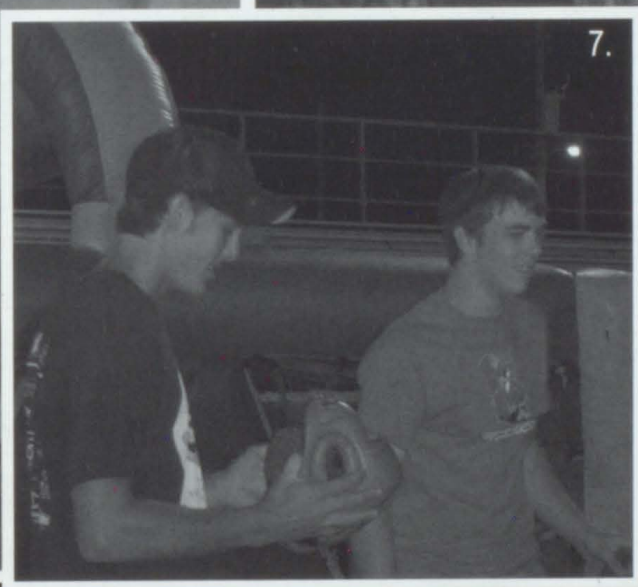
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**1) So tired...**Naomi Arroyo, Elena Contreras, Danny Taylor, Charles Lopez, Brittany Kubecka, and Tara Morales take a breather from all of the action and excitement of the night. Around 60 seniors attended the all night celebration.

**2) Get it tight.....**Strapping on her harness for the tug of war, Audrey Shimek prepares for the fun. This game was one of the most popular of the night.

**3) Cheating?...**Madison Morris gives aid to someone hidden in the Tug of War. The humidity and water made it very difficult to play the game.

**4) Brothers to the end...**Michael Morales and Jesse Barrios battle it out in the gladiator game. The first one to fall off loses.

**5) Wanna play?...**Carlos Vega and Chris Garcia get ready to play soccer at Project Celebration. The game began as volleyball but turned into soccer.

**6.) Let's go to Mars...**Mark Saldierna and Martina Stepanova look at three inch aliens in their hands after they "went under" by a professional hypnotist. 12 seniors were hypnotized, and it proved hilarious entertainment.

**7) An obstacle at every turn...**Cory Chromcak and Chris Brown get ready for the popular gauntlet/maze game. Students had fun trying to dodge the many obstructions in their way as they dashed through the maze.



# Academics

The cameras are still rolling, but the scenes have changed. Crowded hallways and slamming lockers are now the backdrop for our new Academic Blockbusters. There are a variety of genres, but the contest seems to be only new twists on the same plot: homework, lectures, pop

quizzes and TAKS tests.

Some students will create drama, with their high - stress classes and homework filled, sleepless nights. "I really don't like having homework every night," said senior David Guevara. Next are the horror films, the failing grades, cheating on tests or getting tardy times. Science fiction gives

us a look into labs of biology, chemistry, physics, and aquatic science.

Every so often, a tear jerker is created. A touching story of hope and determination, those students aiming for the big time, setting their goals high. The teachers will be the directors, but the students will write the script.

What teacher did you learn the most from and why?



Paul Riccio (11th Grade)

"Coach Arredondo, she explained it so everybody understood."

Do you think that teachers can learn a lot from their students?



Maria Garcia (10th Grade)

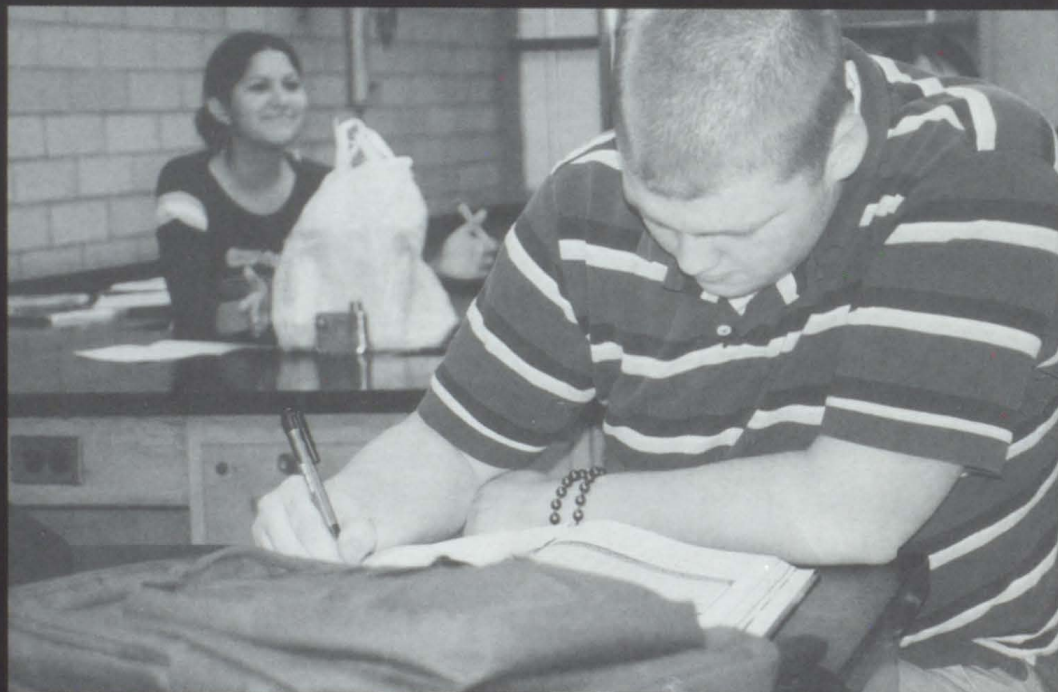
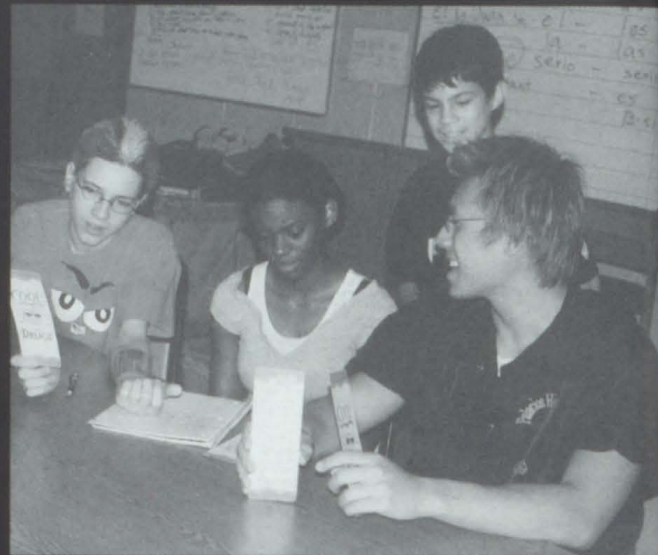
"Yes, because everyone has a different way of viewing life. So the teacher may have a bad perspective of something, but the student may teach the teacher to see it in a different way."

I'm too cool...Patrick Kubin, Tavia Young, Marco Del Toro, and Nghiem Tran discuss the affects of drugs in Ms. Charlton's Theater Production class during Drug Prevention Week.

**"I really don't like having homework,"**

*David Guevara*

Can I have a study buddy?... Cody Wilson prepares his assignment during Mr. Davis's seventh period economics class.







**Here fishy fishy...** Freshmen Candise Henson finishes her fish imprints at the Marine Education Center during Mr. Garnett's Art II class. Art is one of four fine arts classes that is needed in order to graduate.



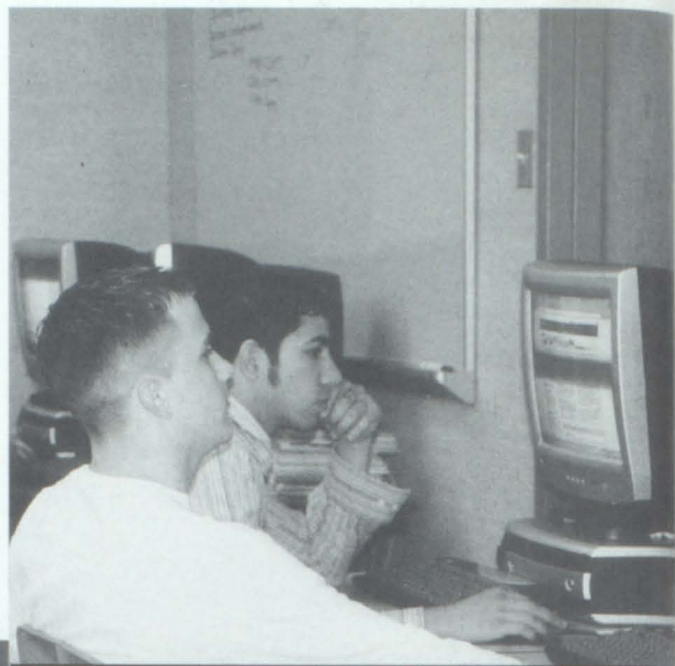
## Much to learn about academics

Starting from kindergarten up to the twelfth grade, students must have academic courses. The courses range from art class to dual credit history.

"My favorite class this year is Mrs. Woolsey's English IV AP class. We got to express our real personality in this class!"

Lyly Vu said.

"Band, one act play, and others have been challenging, yet rewarding experiences. While most of the challenges came from actually learning and participating, there is always the 'outside' factors that provide unnecessary obstacles," Dustin Villarreal said.

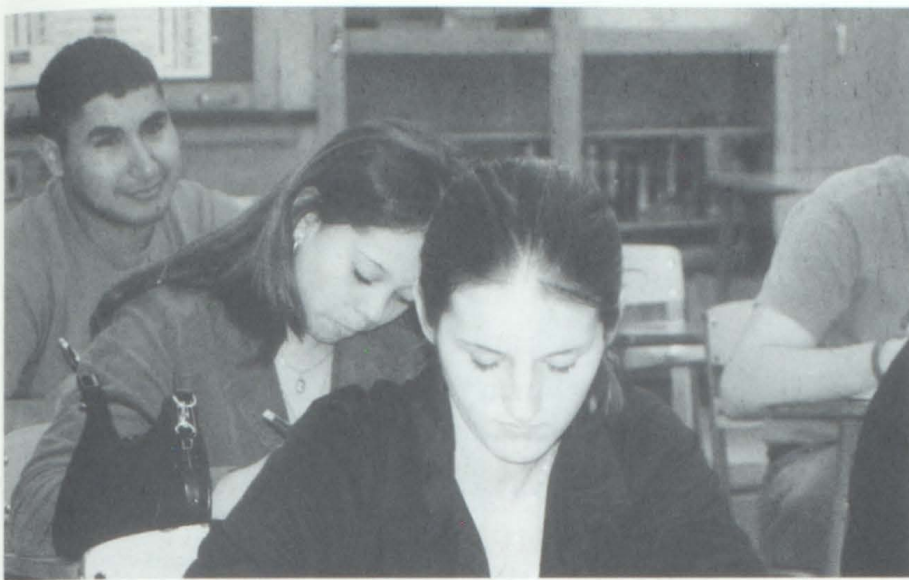


**Control, alt, delete...** Jesus Garcia and Chris Serna work in the computer lab for a chemistry project in Mrs. Johnson's class.



**E=MC<sup>2</sup>...** Halie Gillette and Keith Hall ask Mrs. Heidi Turner a question during seventh period biology. Two people are better than one when it comes to learning something new.

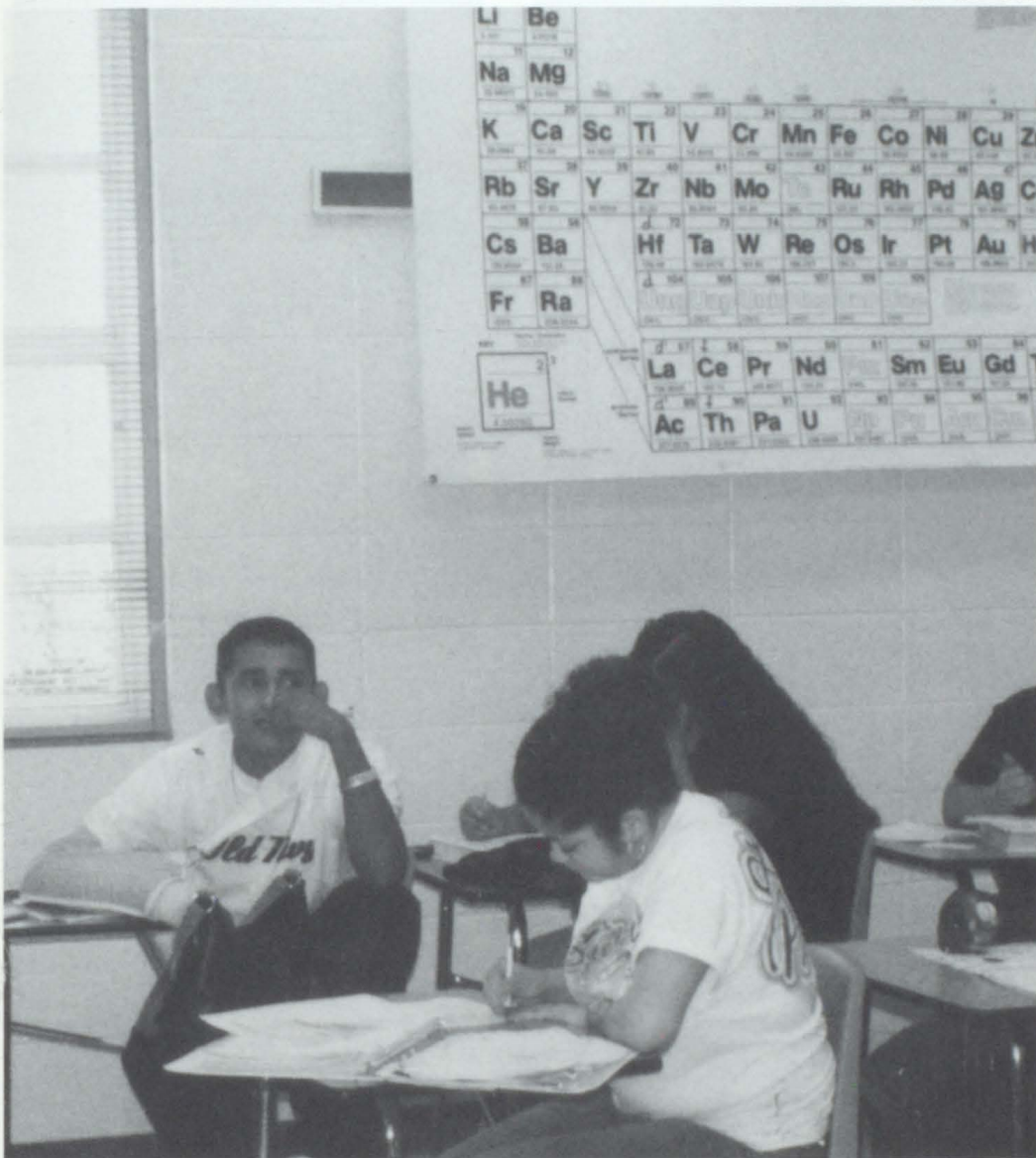




**Who is the president of the United States?** Seniors Jessie Barrios, Teresita Vega, and Lauren Flores make notes for the upcoming government test. They better not forget who the Governor of Texas is.



**To be or not to be...** Madison Morris helps Audrey Shimek with some of Mrs. Patricia Woolsey's English work. What a great way to do team work.



**H<sub>2</sub>+Cr=?...**Seventh period chemistry class study the periodic table for their upcoming test. Teacher Mrs. Cyndi Johnson was nominated for Teacher of the Year by the Palacios High School staff members.

**What is your favorite academic class?**

My favorite academic class is drama because you have full reign over the stage and you get to act like an idiot and be laughed at for a good reason.

*-Tavia Young*

Student aide is the best class that anyone could ever have. The hardest part is making copies and talking to people.

*-Clay Hamlin*

My favorite class is Biology AP because beyond the struggles of earning a good grade, it is interesting and I know it will benefit later on in college!

*-Madison Morris*

I love going to band because I enjoy the challenge and I have fun. I also like the competitions, and Mrs. Adams is a great teacher.

*-Zachary Resler*



# Getting to the Top

Students strive for four years to attain their position as part of the top ten percent of their senior class. Not only are they recognized by the school, they have a chance to recognize a person who has had a major influence in their lives in the annual bell ceremony.

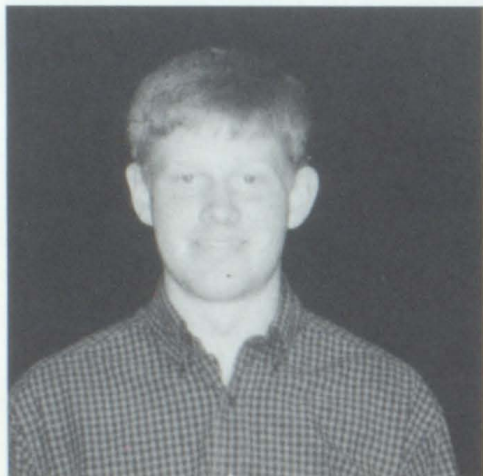
"It took me about three years to choose the person who deserved my bell. I chose Mrs. Perkins because she made me smile everytime I thought about her," Kim Palmer said.

At the end of the year these students are recognized for all the years of hard work and dedication with an assembly. Some of the students were not as concerned to be at the top as others.

"Valedictorian wasn't one of my goals; my goal instead was to be my best," Zach Ressler said.

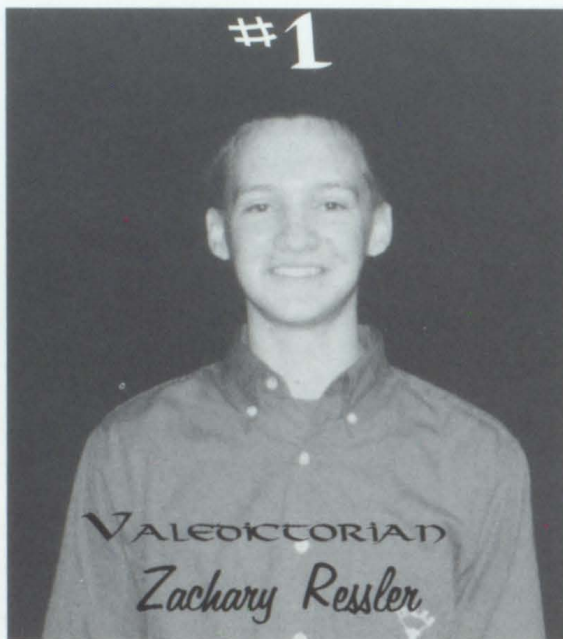
This shows that being the first is not the most important thing, but trying your best is.

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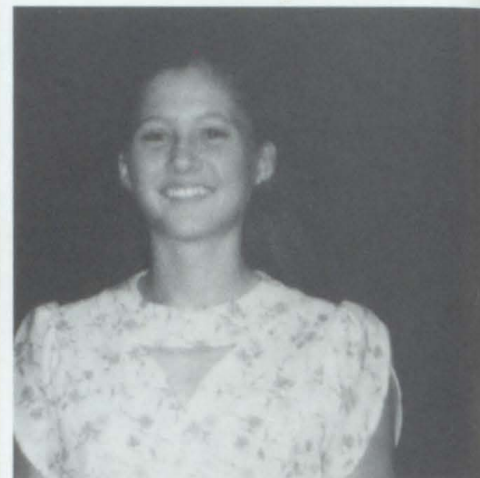
*Clay Hamlin*

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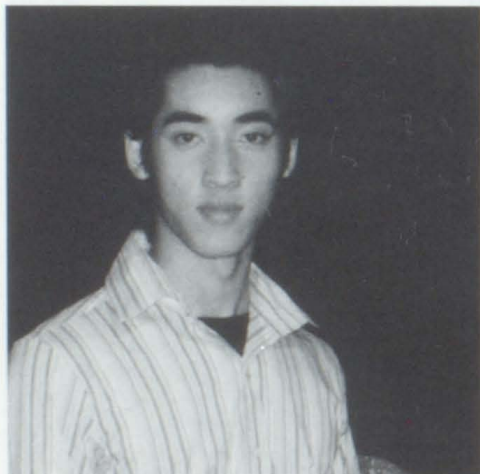
VALEDICTORIAN  
*Zachary Ressler*

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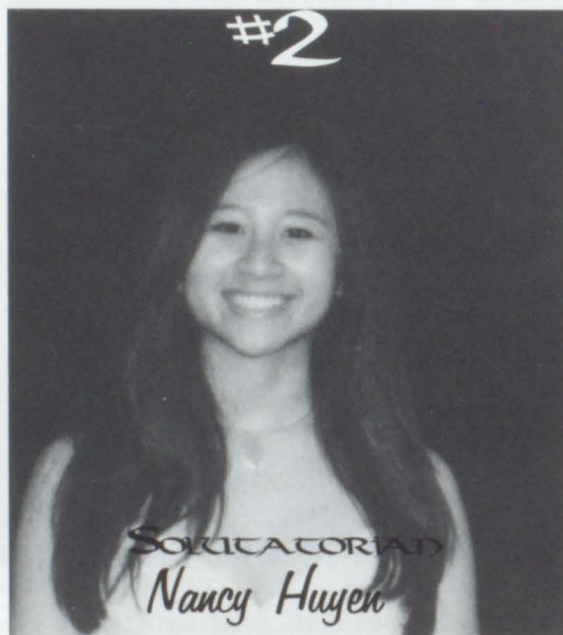
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*Quynh Le*

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SOLICITORIAN  
*Nancy Huyen*

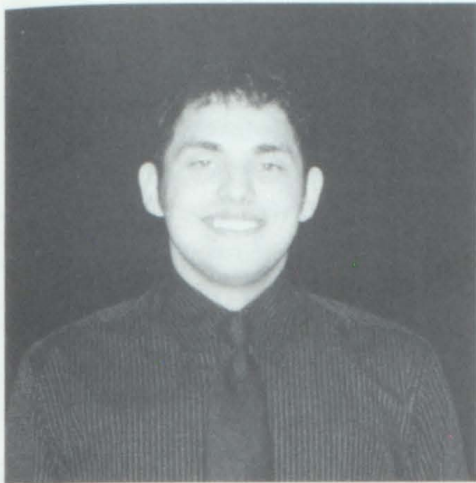
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*Huynh Tran*



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*Dustin Villareal*

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*Rosaura Hurtado*

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*James Neese*

Top Ten % Quotes

“Everytime I wake up in the morning before I make any decisions I tell myself... ‘your mom goes to college’ and this quote gives me the strength to make it through each day.”

-Zachary Ressler

“Don’t let anyone step on you; instead step on them first.” Advice given to Nancy Huyen from Cilff Webb .

“If you call reading Teen People magazine and sleeping then yes I

-James Neese

“I wasn’t really concerned because after my sophomore year I realized it is not about competing with your classmates it’s about following through with your personal responsibilities. It is no use concerning yourself about achieving the best but about doing what is best for you. That’s why I didn’t care about my rank until my senior year.

-Dustin Villareal



**The Bell Presentations:** Zachary Ressler-Mrs. Jean Wassal, Nancy Huynh-Mr. Rick Calhoun, Clay Hamlin-Mrs. Patsy Woolsey, Marisa Bumguardner-Coach Luz Arrendondo, Quynh Le- Mr. E.H. Hutto, Huynh Tran-Mrs. Kymberli Zamarripa, Dustin Villarreal-Mrs. Peggy Charlton, Rosaura Hurtado- Mrs. Diva Vazquez, Kim Palmer-Mrs. Gail Perkins, James Neese-Mrs. Heidi Turner



# READY...SET...TEST!

The Academic Decathlon team went to regionals and won fifteen medals in Katy, Texas. They then qualified to go to the state meet which was held in February at San Antonio, Texas.

Much credit must go to Mr. Sam White and Ms. Veronica Chromcak for their success. This is the seventh time in the last eight years that the academic team has accomplished this feat.

"I am very proud of each and

every one of my team members and how they did on their tests," Coach Sam White said.

The Academic Decathlon consists of ten subjects. Every year the theme changes. This year the theme was Ancient Roman Times. Students are required to study a book, write an essay, give a memorized speech, take the super quiz, and take various tests.

Academic Decathlon is stressful in many ways, "Walking up to the stage for super quiz and knowing that the

entire room is watching you and that your team is counting on you," Mallory Henson said. Sarah Corgey agreed about the stress issue, but in a different way, "My most stressful moment is when I am in the middle of a test and I have to go to the restroom."

Not only is stress an issue at the meet, but also the many hours the students had to study, the after school meetings, and the class itself.



Regional meet in Katy, Texas. Bottom row: Hillary Henson, Lindsay Corporon, Mallory Henson, Sara Corgey, Kim Palmer, and Tony Hinds. Top row: Cory Chromcak, Zach Ressler, and Stewart Smiley.



State Meet in San Antonio, Texas. Front row: Stewart Smiley, Mallory Henson, Hillary Henson, Sara Corgey, and Stephanie Black. Back row: Cory Chromcak, Tony Hinds, and Zach Ressler.



**The wheels on the van go...** There is excitement for the Academic Decathlon members on their way to regionals. Lindsay Corporon, Hillary Henson, and Mallory Henson just cannot wait to arrive.

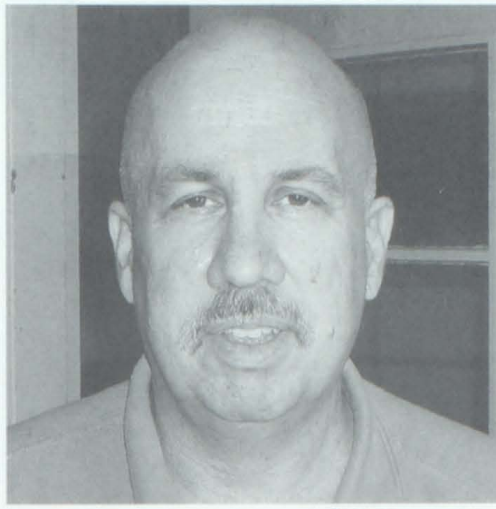


**Great minds think alike...** The Academic Decathlon team go over their packets after school right before going to state. Cory Chromcak, Lindsay Corporon, Mallory Henson, and Hillary Henson seem very relaxed about the whole thing.





Coach Chromcak



Coach White

### What do the members of Academic Decathlon think?

What is the most stressing moment while at the meet?

-”Right before you give the speech, because you know you do not know it and you hope the judges will not be able to tell.”

-Hillary Henson

What is the most you have learned out of being in Academic Decathlon?

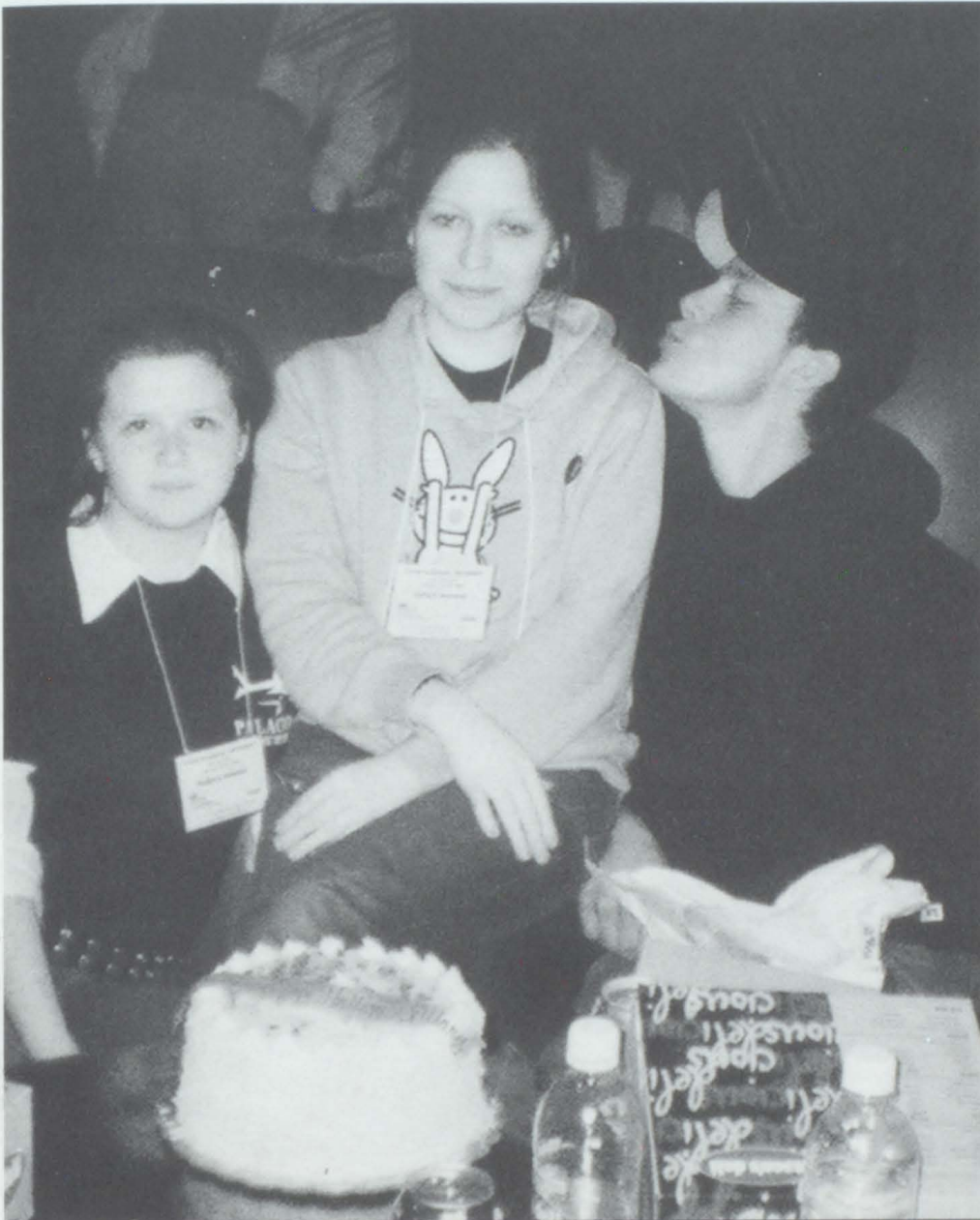
-”I learned a lot with the superquiz-it was about astronomy, which is one of my prime interests in life.”

-Lindsay Corporon

What is the one thing you did that you would never want either of your coaches to know?

-”I still have not read Sophicles and Antigone.”

-Tony Hinds



Happy birthday to you...Not only is it a great honor to go to state but Hillary Henson, Mallory Henson, and Cory Chromcak celebrate their eighteenth birthday. Cory Chromcak tries to give Hillary a birthday kiss but she isn't paying much attention.



Look both ways before crossing...Stewart Smiley searches for his other team members in the hotel before leaving for the meet.



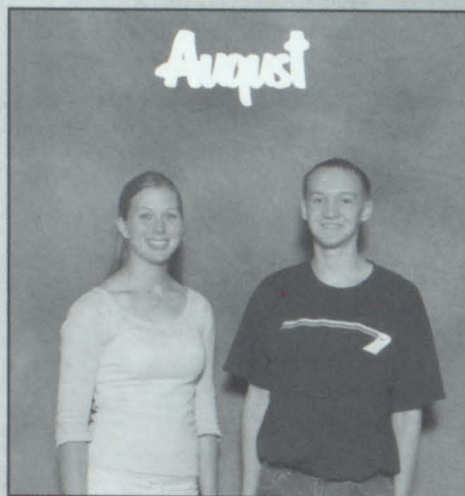
# You Pick...the Rotary Students

Teachers pick an outstanding senior boy and girl each month of the year called Rotary Student of the Month.

These students are treated to lunch at the Rotary Club, who is

the sponsor, and given a \$50 gift bond and recognized in the paper.

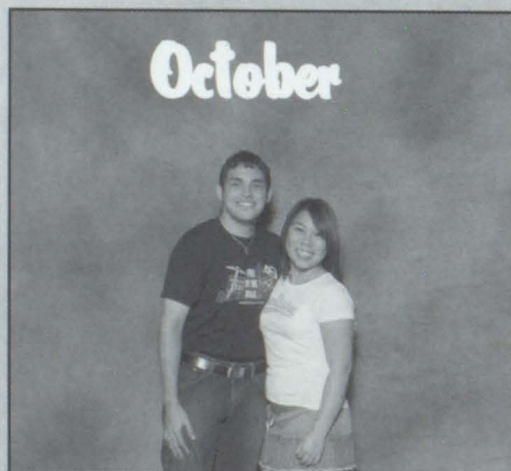
"It is a great recognition for those students who excel and work hard," Mrs. Ramirez, counselor, said.



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Zachary Ressler



James Neese  
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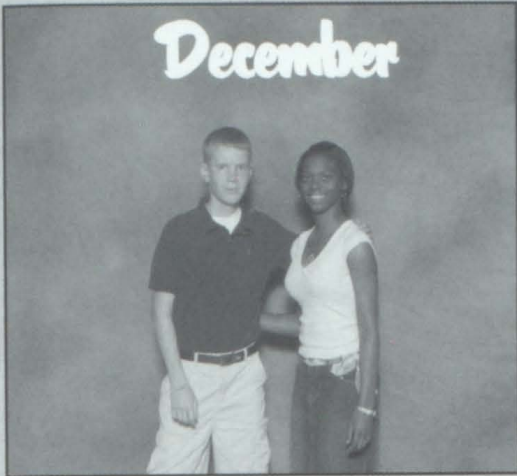
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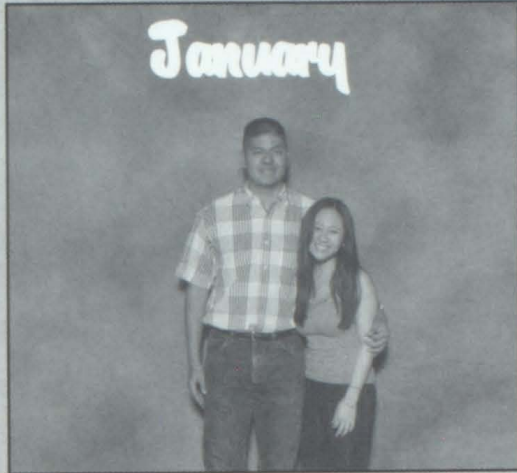


# December



Madison Morris  
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Tavia Young

# January



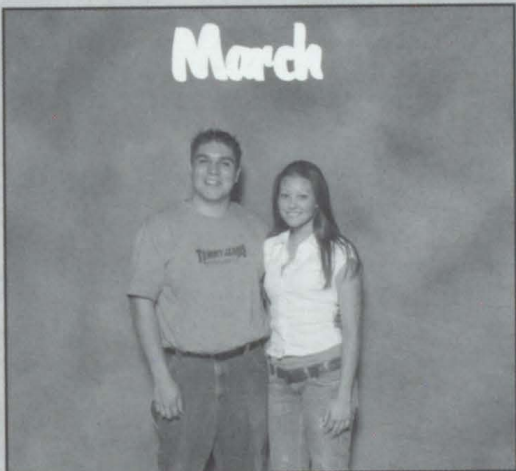
Israel Barrios  
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Nancy Huyrh

# February



Quyen Le  
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Erin Todd

# March



Michael Gatica  
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Jessica Garcia

# April



Rosaura Hurtado  
&  
Viet Tran



# STUDENTS SOAR in UIL

Two students advanced to Arts building and the UIL UIL regionals in four events district meet was held at and one act play was the Wharton College.

advancing district play, Ten Palacios High School teachers worked with competing at Area.

“I was extremely proud of students. Students attended the one act play cast/crew. the Brenham tournament. We branched out and They also attend the UIL performed a heavy drama Superconference in Austin this year, unlike in the past and the district meet on when we usually do April 1.

comedies,” Peggy Charlton, “We appreciate the time OAP director said. invested by teachers who

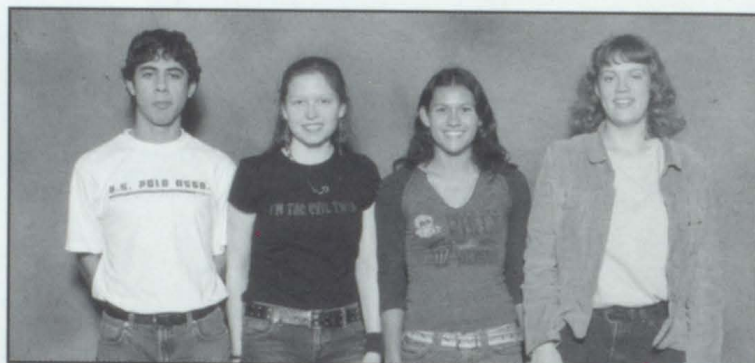
The District 25AAA UIL sponsor the UIL events,” contest was held again at James Neese said. Palacios High School Fine



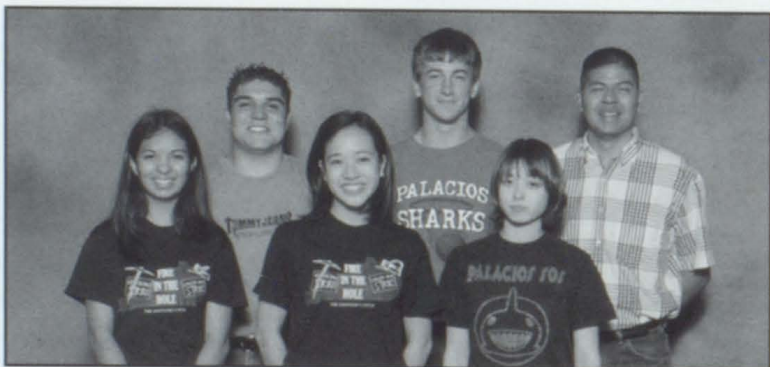
**Jolly Ranchers for Intelligence...** Hillary Green tries to give Diana Martinez and Jelisa Kocurek some jolly ranchers right before the UIL competitions. Not only were students able to skip a day of school, but the school paid for their food as well.



**Ready Writing:** Hillary Henson, 6th; Kim Palmer; and Mallory Henson



**Literary Criticism:** Nick Castanon; Hillary Henson, 5th; Jalisa Kocurek; and Hillary Green



**Persuasive and Informative Speaking:**  
Back row: Michael Gatica; Ney Oldham; and Isreal Barrios  
Front Row: Maria Garcia; Tiffany Tran; and Sara Corges

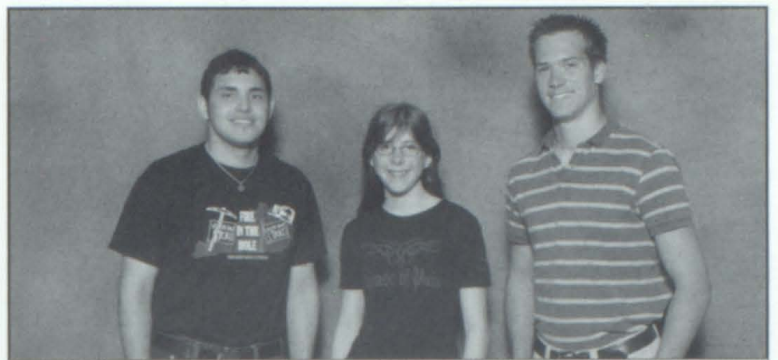


**Social Studies:** Clay Hamlin; Kim Palmer; Mallory Henson; and James Neese

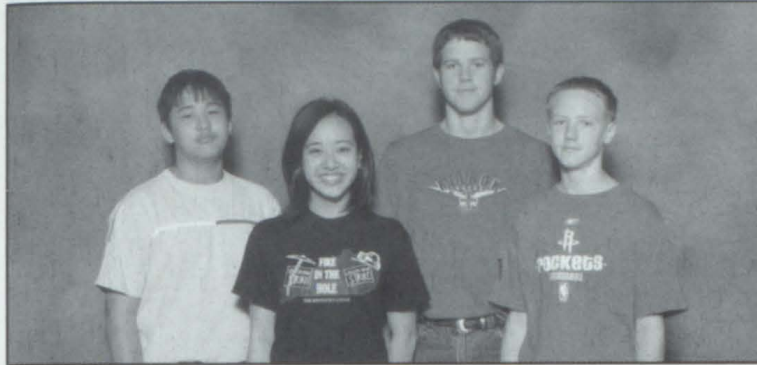




Spelling and Vocabulary: 2nd place team  
Madison Morris; Kim Palmer; Mallory Henson, 6th;  
and Zachery Ressler, 1st



Journalism team:  
Dustin Villarreal, headlines, 1st; feature 2nd; news 3rd;  
editorial; Kalee Bumguardner, news, 5th; feature, 5th;  
editorial; Randy Holdgraf, headlines, 6th; editorial. Not  
pictured: Diana Martinez, headlines, news, feature.

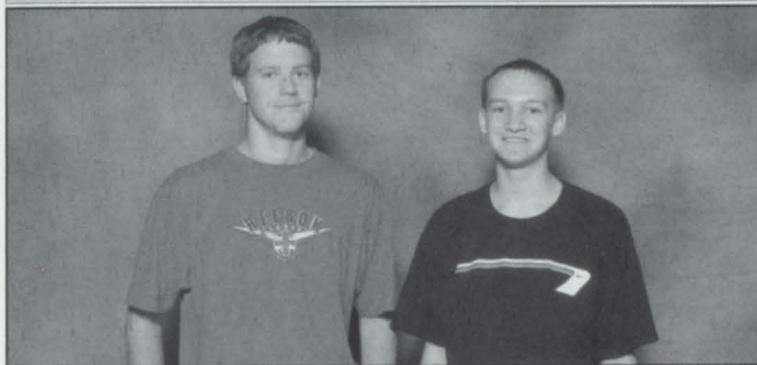


Calculator Applications:  
Mathew Nguyen; Tiffany Tran; Ryan Brister; and Miles  
Ressler

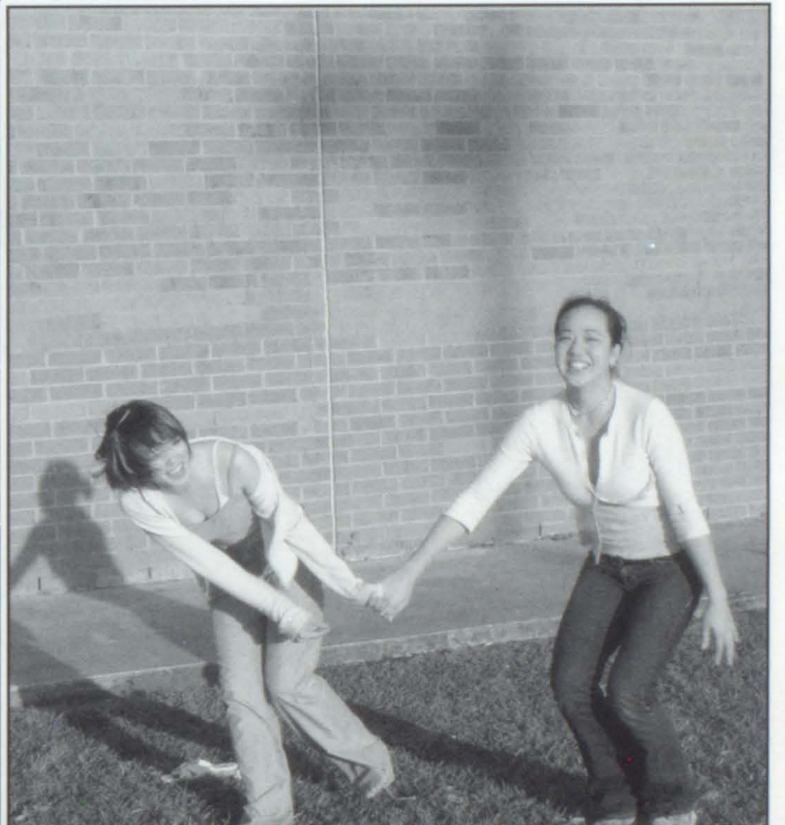
**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE  
YOUR PARTICULAR UIL  
EVENT?**

"If I didn't the aliens would take my liver!"  
- James Netse

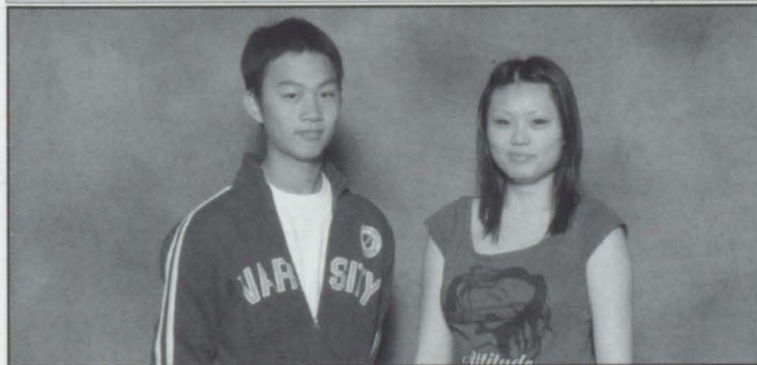
"I've been in it since 2nd grade."  
- Zachery Ressler



Computer Science:  
Ryan Brister and Zachery Ressler  
Not pictured: Anh Nguyen-6th place



We're late, we're late...Sara Corgey pulls Tiffany Tran  
as an attempt to get her moving to make it to the preliminary  
speaking event. The meet was held at Wharton and the  
students were able to miss a day of school.



Number Sense:  
Danh Pham and Krystal Le

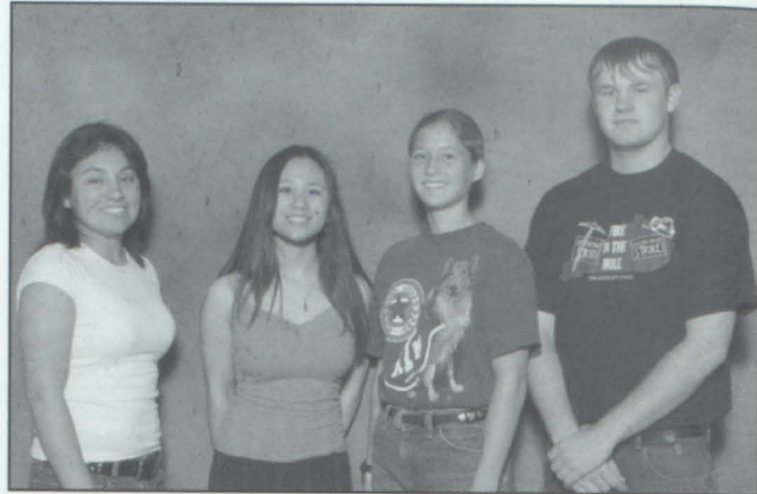


# UIL...IT'S WHAT YOU DO



Mathematics:

Eva Hanson and Krystal Le



Science:

Rosaura Hurtado, Nancy Huyen, Marisa Bumguardner, and James Neese

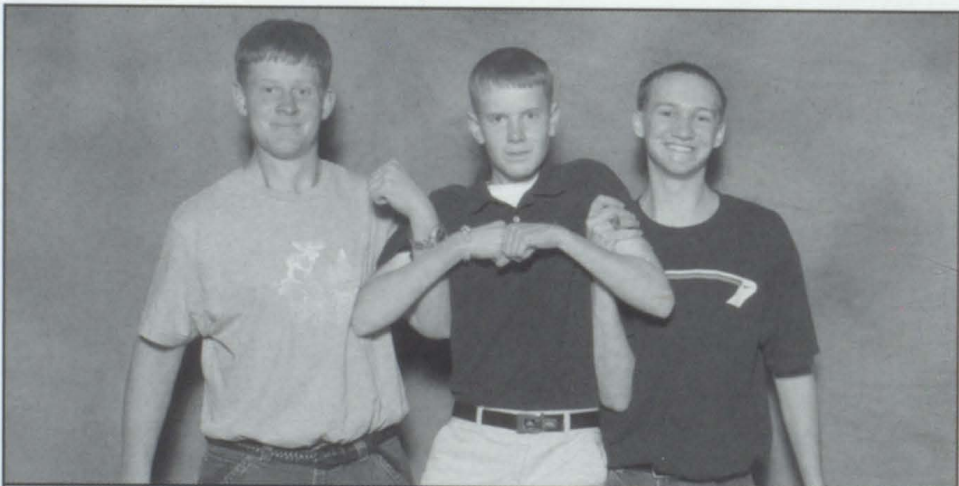
Accounting-Shelly Newsom  
 Calculator Applications-Stephanie Garcia  
 Computer Applications-Shelly Newsom  
 Computer Science-Sam White  
 Current Issues and Events-Patsy Woolsey  
 Editorial Writing-Peggy Charlton  
 Feature Writing-Peggy Charlton  
 Headline Writing-Peggy Charlton  
 Informative, Persuasive Speaking-Peggy Charlton  
 Literary Criticism-Patsy Woolsey  
 Mathematics-Katherine Krafka  
 News Writing-Peggy Charlton  
 Number Sense-Marilyn Phillips  
 One Act Play-Peggy Charlton  
 Ready Writing-Carla Harbour  
 Science-Cindy Johnson  
 Social Studies-Patsy Woolsey  
 Spelling-Patsy Woolsey



Regional Qualifiers: Dustin Villarreal, headline writing, news writing, feature writing; Zach Ressler, spelling and vocabulary.



Zach Ressler State qualifier, spelling and vocabulary



Current Issues:

Clay Hamlin, Madison Morris, and Zachary Ressler



**Hold me, hold me...**Ney Oldham, as well as everyone else is glad that the UIL competition at Wharton Junior College is over. These six students entered the speaking events at the last minute.

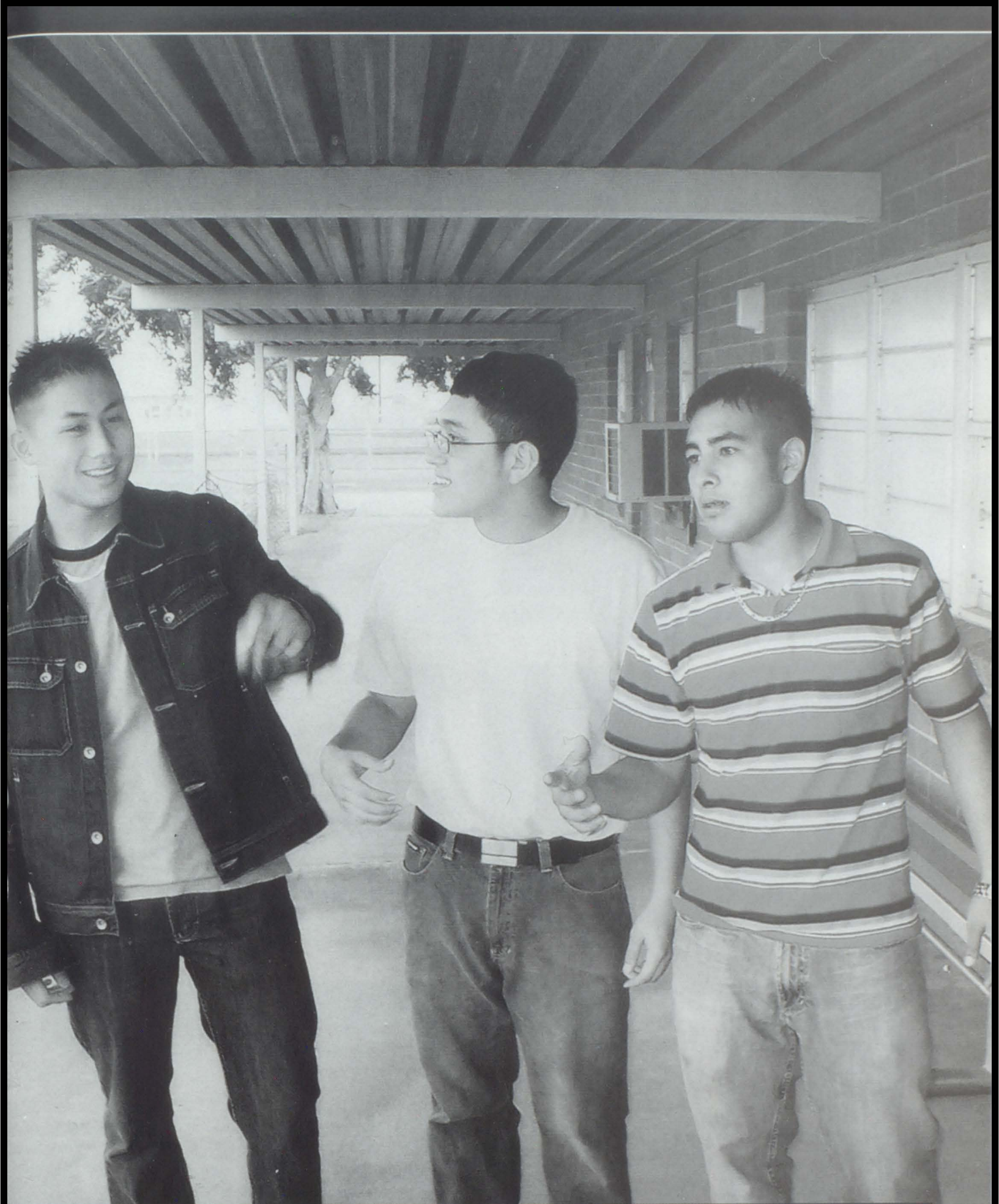


District Champs, Area Qualifier One Act Play Cast and Crew: Bottom: Maria Garcia, Dustin Villarreal, James Neese, Tavia Young, Nimh Tran, and Tiffany Tran, Top: Ms. Peggy Charlton, Angel Gonzales, Kim Palmer, Phillip Fiorini, Anh Doa Nguyen, Bob Fiorini, Timothy Dunn, Devon Dillard, Erin Todd, Patrick Kubin, Hillary Henson, Hillary Fletcher, Carolyn Kiser, and A.J. Garcia





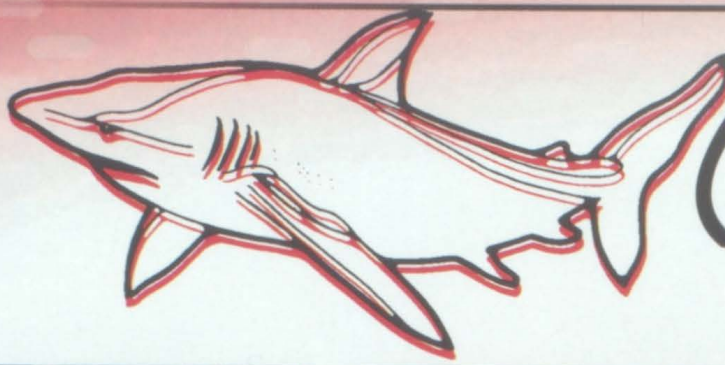




**Three's Company...** Seniors Nhan Le, Angel Diaz and Lee Williams walk to class while talking about what they want to do for a career.



# SENIORS



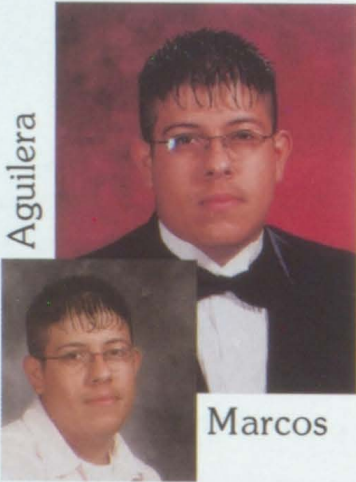
# SENIORS



**What's so funny?...** Seniors Jimmy Do, Quynh Le, and Viet Tran enjoy themselves watching the teachers and students play kickball at the Faculty/ Student Kickball game during Red Ribbon Week in October.

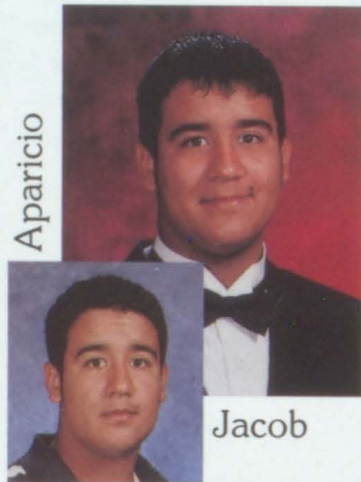


**Hail all hail to thee...** Seniors proudly hold up their fingers as they huddle together during the Alma Mater. Seniors always look forward to the last pep rally.



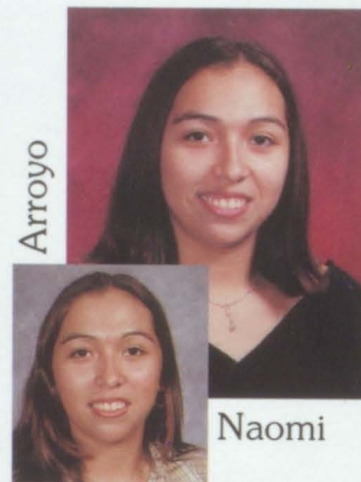
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Marcos



Aparicio

Jacob



Arroyo

Naomi



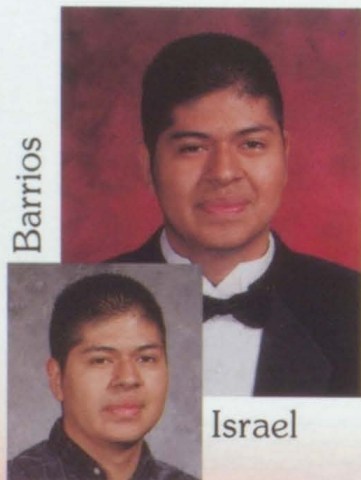
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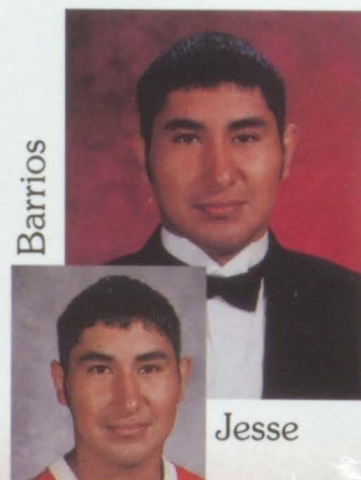
Baizabal

Krystal



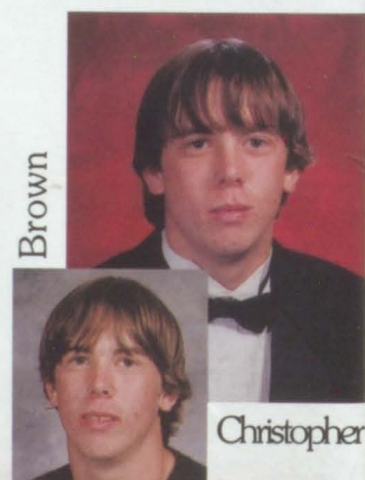
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Israel



Barrios

Jesse



Brown

Christopher





Brown

Kala



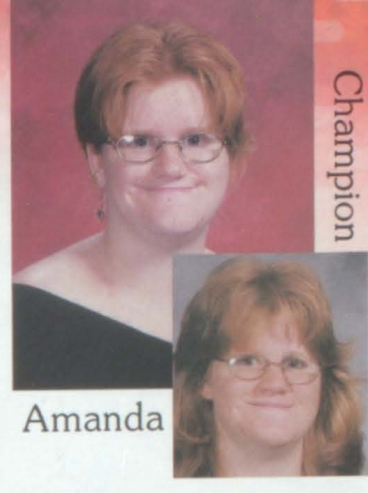
Brune

Lauren



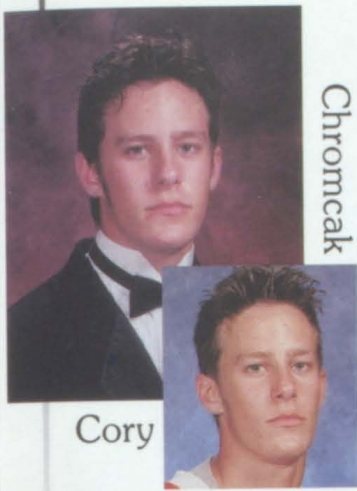
Bumgardner

Marisa



Champion

Amanda



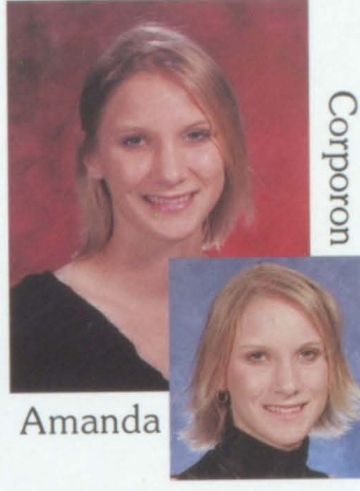
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Cory



Contreras

Linda



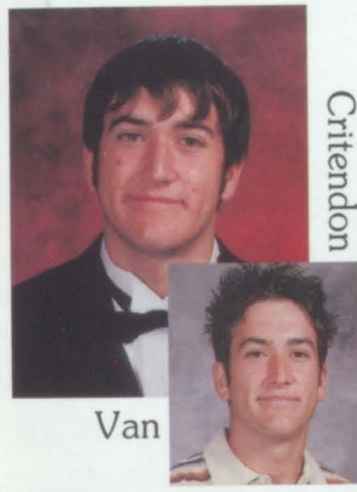
Corporon

Amanda



Corporon

Lindsay



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Van



Cruz

Michelle



Diaz

Angel



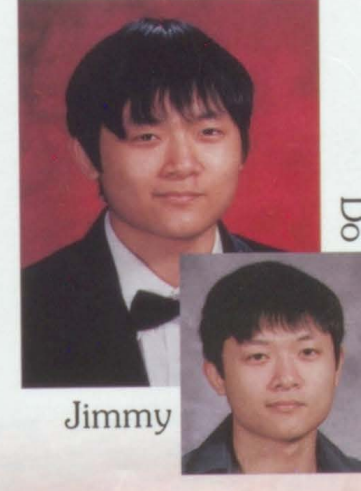
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Sandra



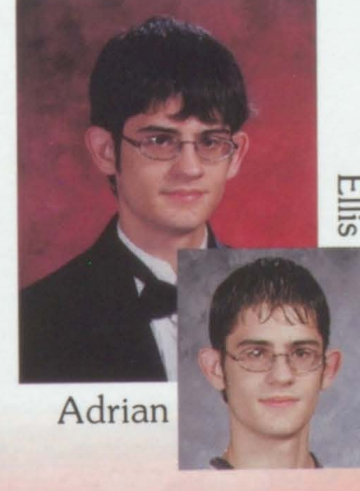
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Sarita



Do

Jimmy



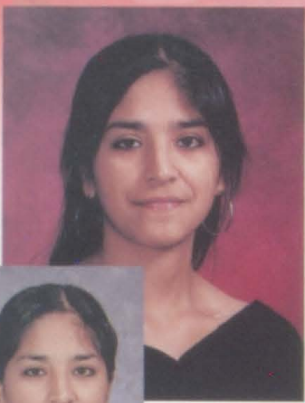
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Adrian





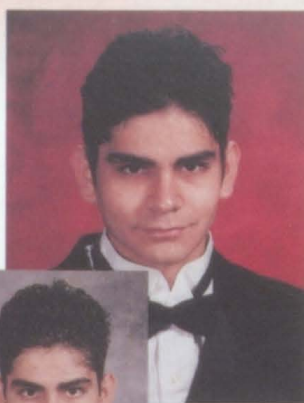
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Garcia



Garcia



Angel



Lauren



Cristobal



Jairo

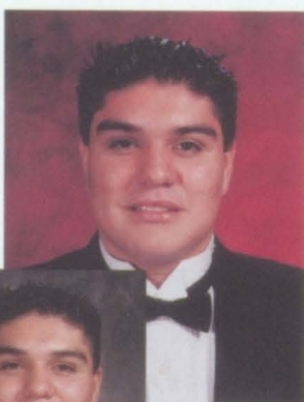
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Garza



Gatica



Gomez



Jessica



Mayra



Michael

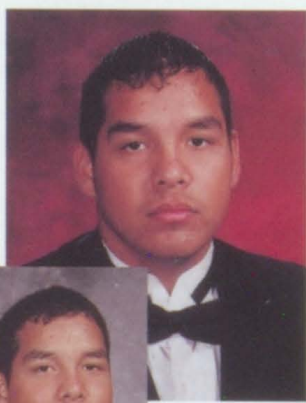


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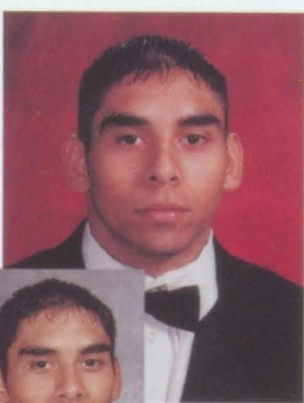
Gonzales



Guevara



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Daniel



David

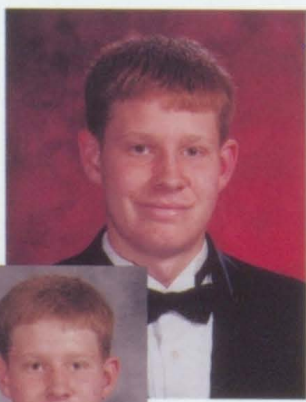


Guadalupe

Guillen



Hamlin



Hawkins



Henson



Monica



Clay



Bonni



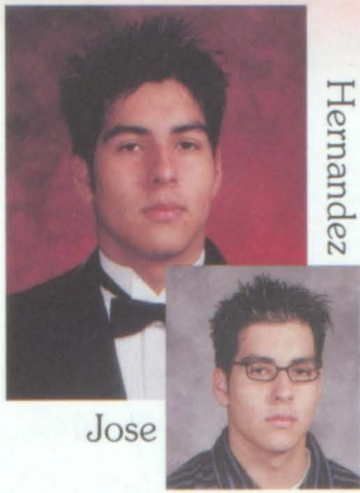
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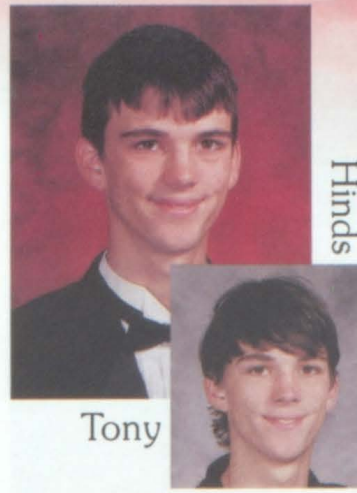
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Mallory



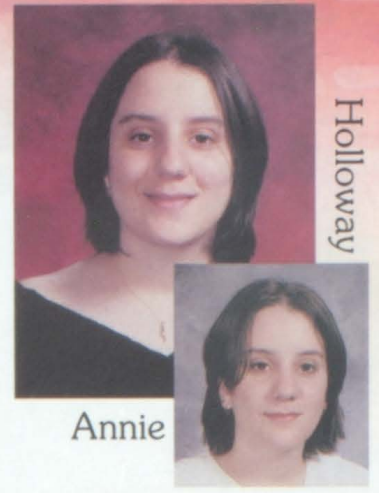
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Jose



Hinds

Tony



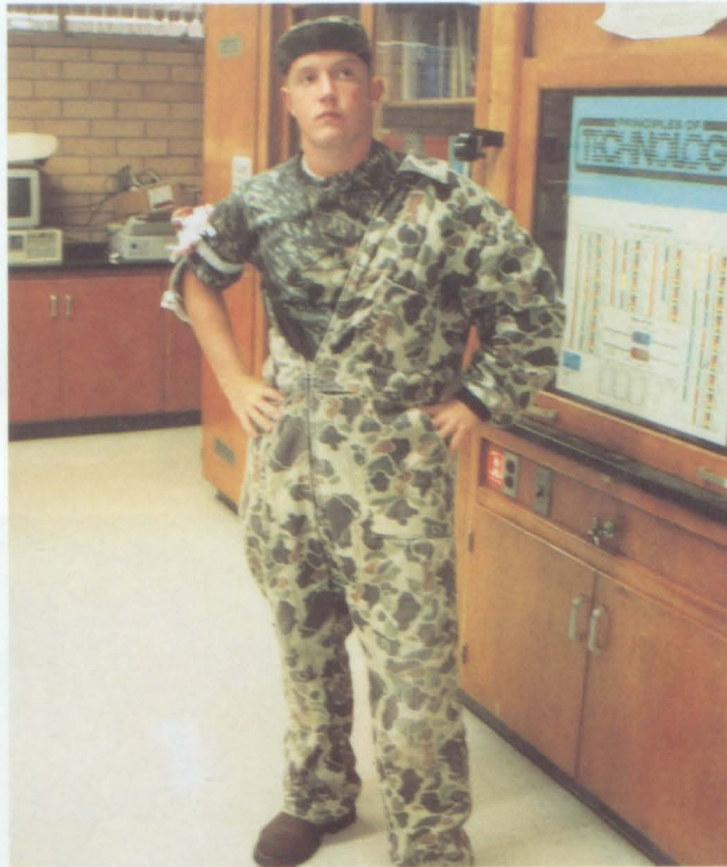
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Annie



Hurtado

Rosaura

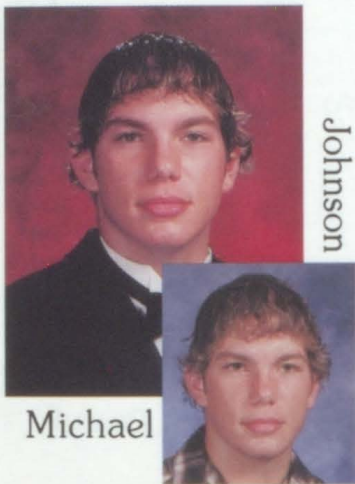


Be all that you can be... Senior Danny Taylor stands confidently and proudly in Mr. Davis' second period economics class during Camo day.



Huynh

Nancy



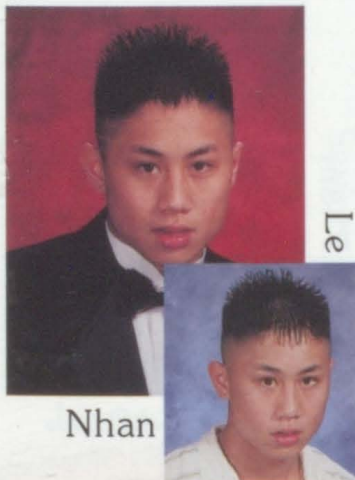
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Michael



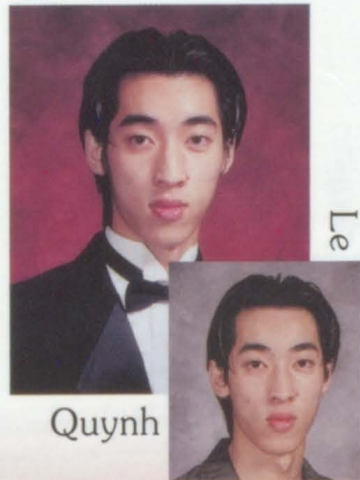
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Brittany



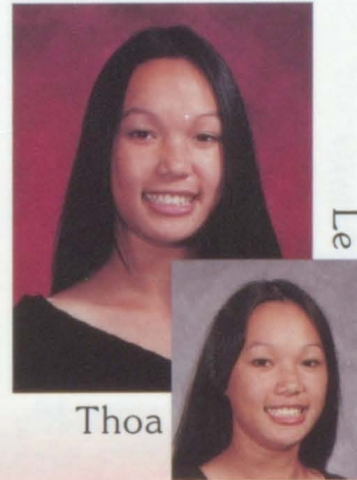
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Nhan



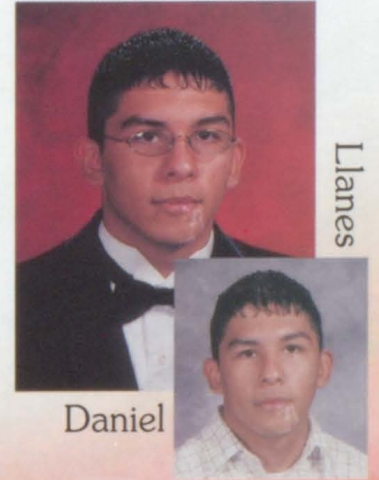
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Quynh



Le

Thoa

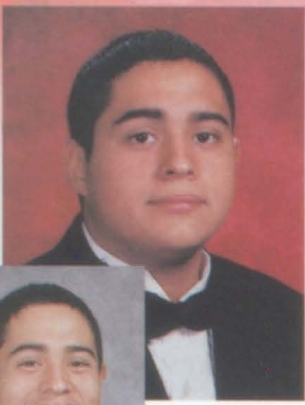


Lanes

Daniel



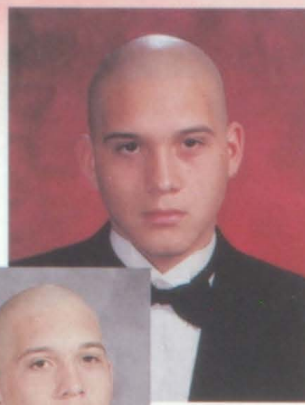
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Charles



Luera



Paul



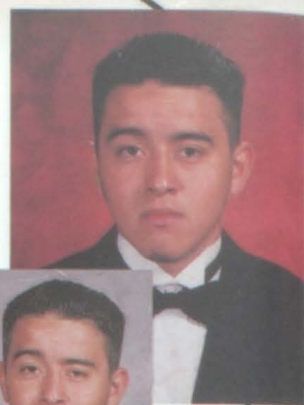
Mancera



Fidel



Mancera



Jorge



Morales



Tara



Morris



Madison



Neese



James



Nguyen



Anh Dao



## Talk2Seniors

**Q:** What is the best advice that you could give to any student coming to PHS?

**A:** Stay away from drugs. A motto I like to use to help keep me away from drugs is "Up with hope, down with dope."

-Jose Hernandez

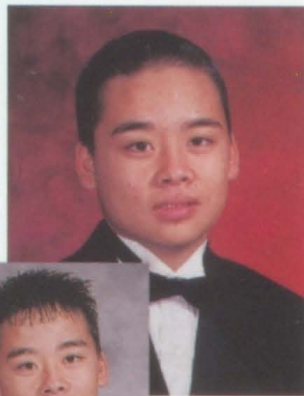
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Danny



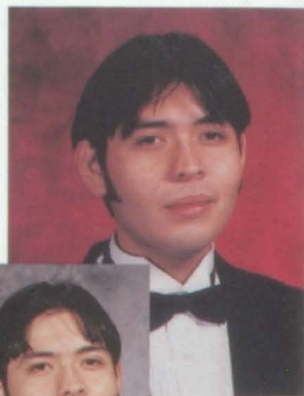
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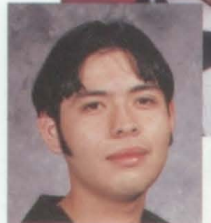
Huu



Nuno



David



**Q:** If you could change one thing about our school, what would it be?

**A:** They need to bring lunch detention back. After school detention for dress code is too harsh.

-Mimi Pham

Palmer



Kimberly



Perez



Rita



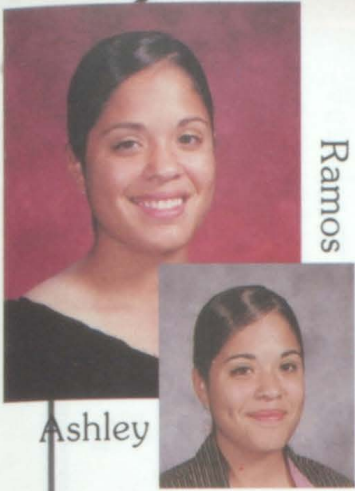
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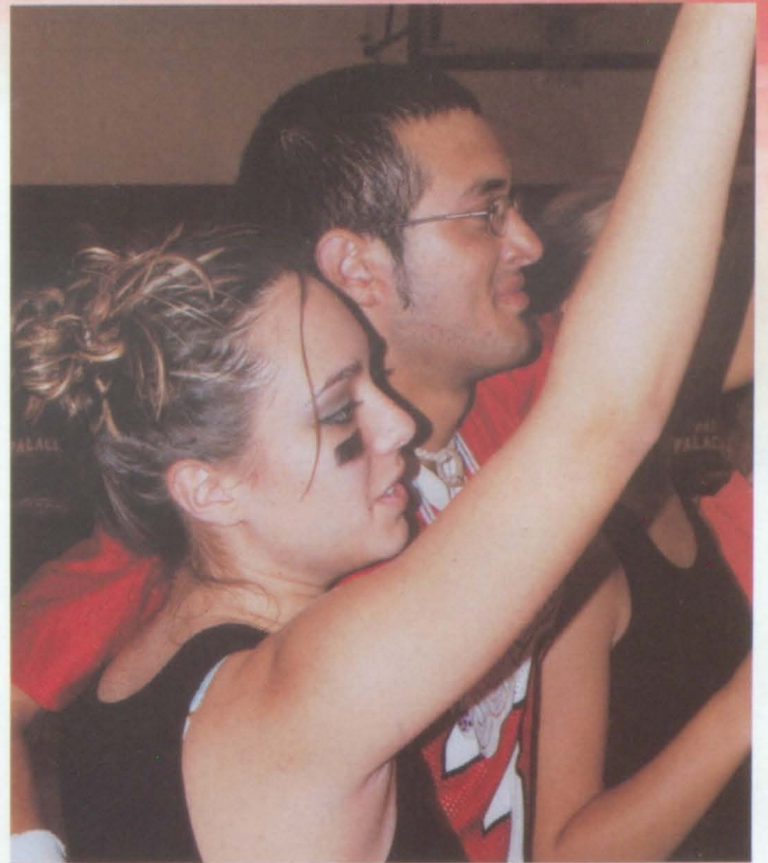
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Ashley



Ressler

Zachary

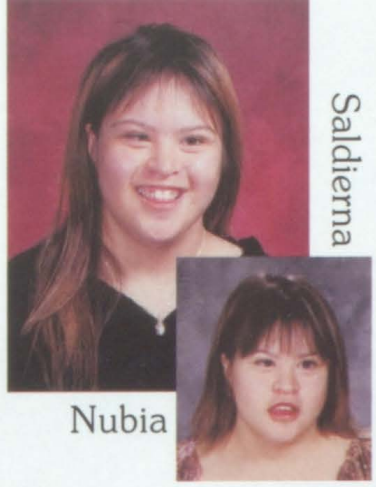


Senior moments... Tara Morales and Paco Vazquez sing the school song on Camouflage day. Singing the Alma Mater is a tradition that Palacios High School has done at the end of every pep rally.



Rubio

Leandra



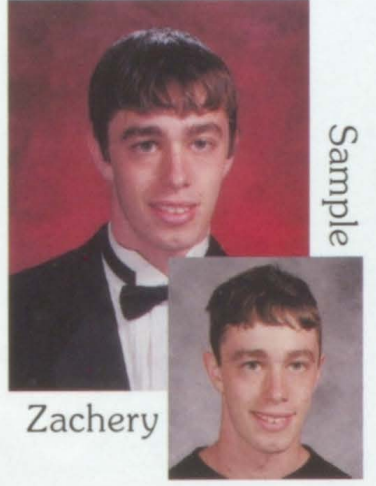
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Nubia



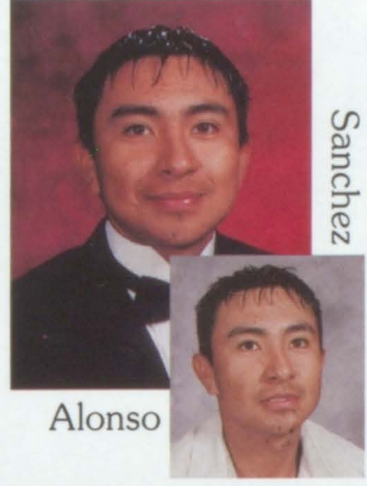
Saldierna

Yecenia



Sample

Zachery



Sanchez

Alonso



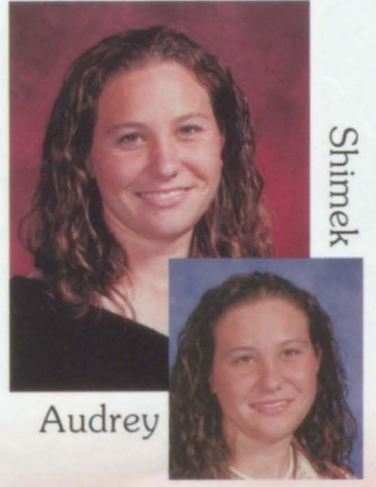
Sanchez

Michael



Saylor

Jessica



Shimek

Audrey



Stepanova

Martina



Tapia

Maria



Taylor



Danny

Todd



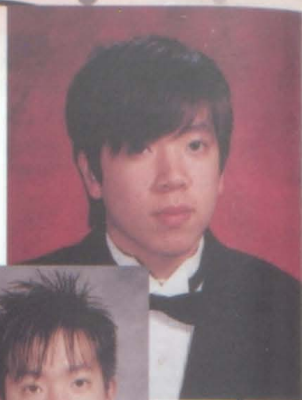
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Tran



Huyen

Tran

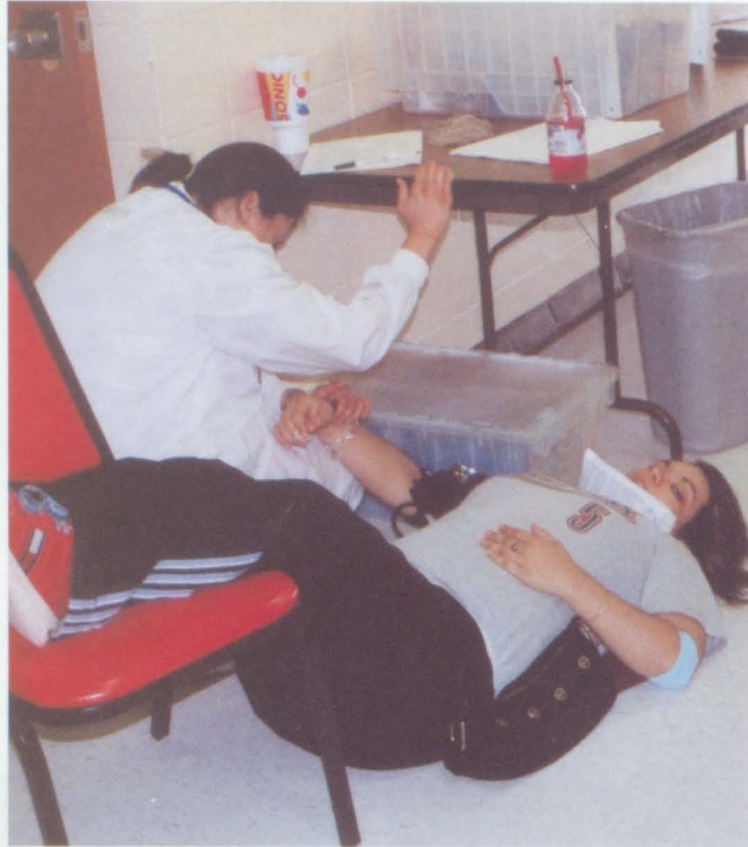


Viet

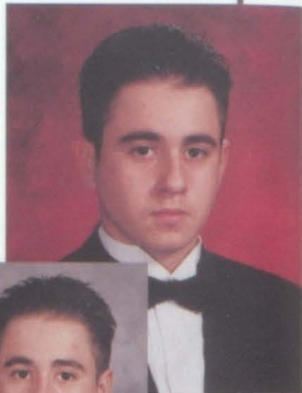
Vazquez



Paco



Vega



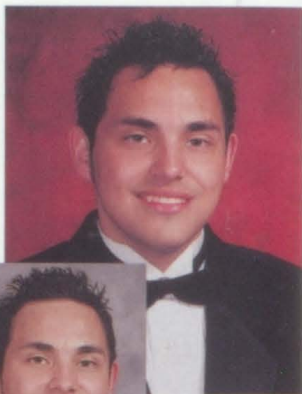
Carlos

Vega



Teresita

Villarreal



Dustin

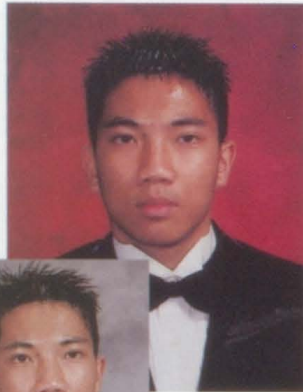
**Help, I've fallen and I can't get up!...** Senior Mayra Garza gets her pulse taken after she fainted at the Palacios High School blood drive. "It was my first time giving blood, and probably my last," according to Mayra.

Vu



Lyly

Vu



John

Watson



Erica

Wallis



Alston

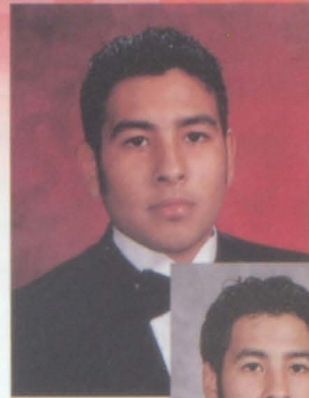
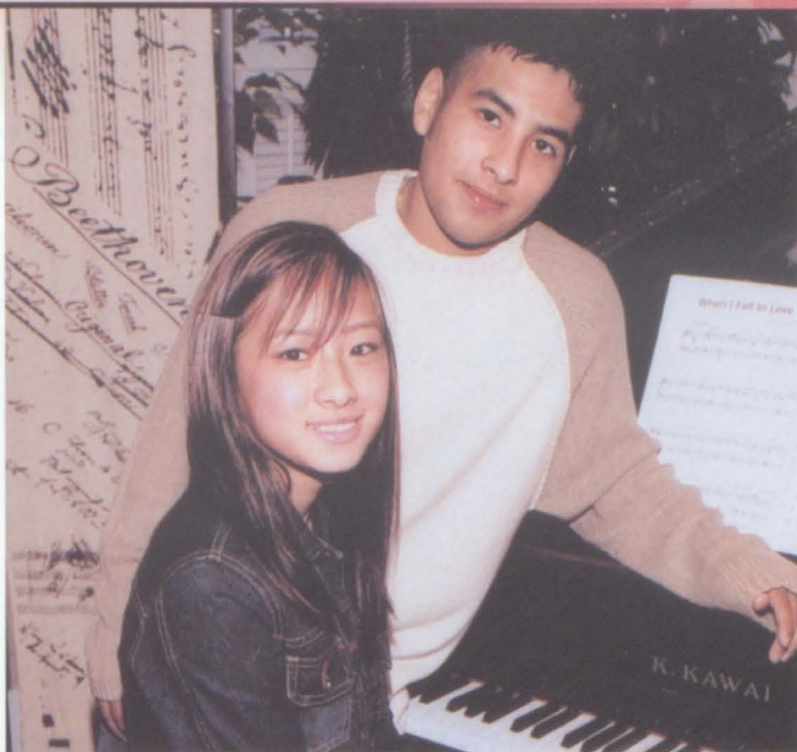




Weixelman



Angela



Williams



Liandro



Wilson



Cody



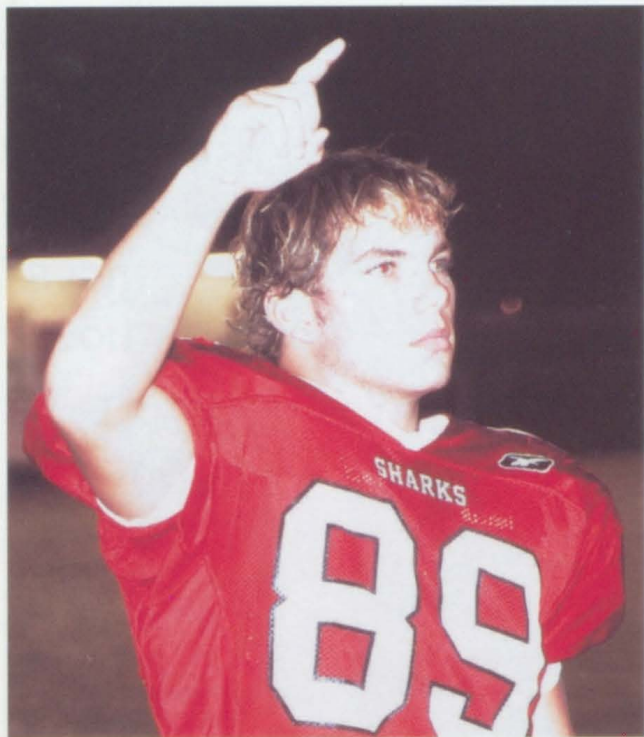
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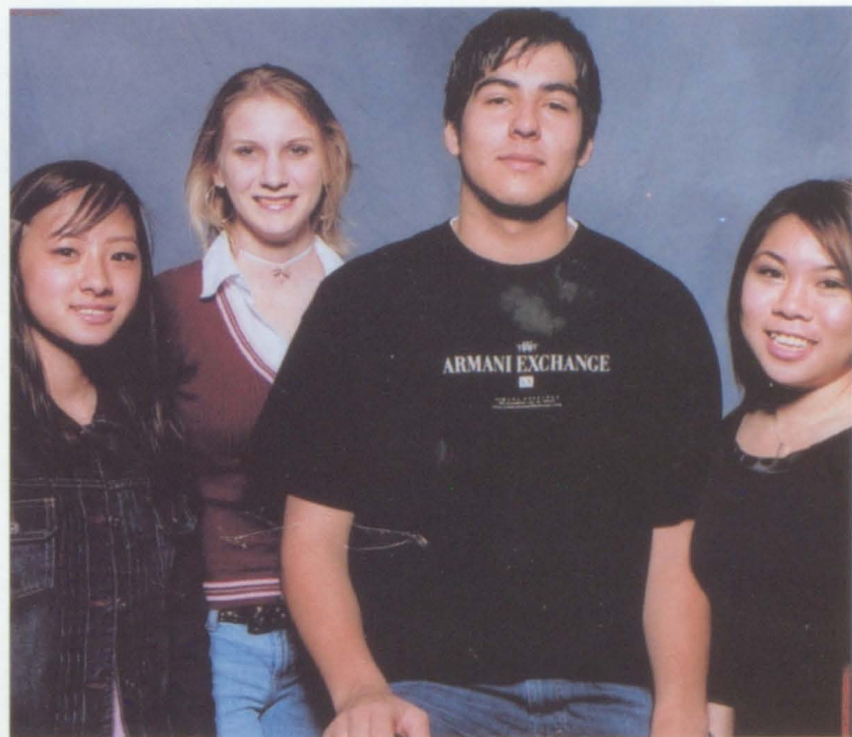
Tavia

**Class Favorites:**  
Jan Au and Lee Williams

**Not Pictured:** Lisa Hunter, Gustavo Lopez, Paula Manriquez, Adrian Rodriguez, Lesa Rodriguez, Mark Saldierna, Thomas Steinmetz



**That Palacios pride...** Michael Johnson shows that he has faith in our team by giving the traditional number one in honor of PHS.



**Senior Officers:** Jan Au, treasurer; Amanda Corporon, secretary; Jose Hernandez, president; and Huyen Tran, vice-president.



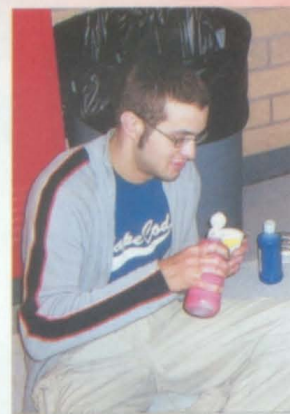
# Mr. & Miss P.H.S



Paco Vazquez & Jessica Garcia



# Paco Vazquez



Most Influential Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Stephanie Garcia  
 Favorite Movie \_\_\_\_\_ *Drop Dead Fred*  
 Favorite Food \_\_\_\_\_ *Nutter Butters*  
 Favorite Actor \_\_\_\_\_ *Adam Sandler*  
 Favorite Song \_\_\_\_\_ *Don't Fear the Reaper*  
 Favorite Hobby \_\_\_\_\_ *Art*

*How would you like to be remembered?*  
**"Easy to get along with,  
 funny, wasn't always  
 serious."**

Most Influential Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Stephanie Garcia  
 Favorite Movie \_\_\_\_\_ *Butterfly Effect*  
 Favorite Food \_\_\_\_\_ *Asian Food / Lasagna*  
 Favorite Actor \_\_\_\_\_ *Ashton Kutcher*  
 Favorite Song \_\_\_\_\_ *Come Home Soon*  
 Favorite Hobby \_\_\_\_\_ *Shopping*

*How would you like to be remembered?*  
**"Friendly, tried to do the  
 best at everything."**



# Jessica Garcia



# Seniors



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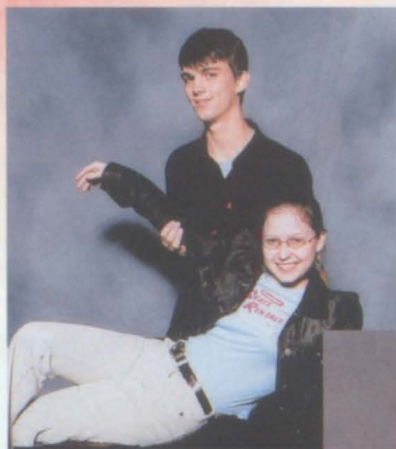


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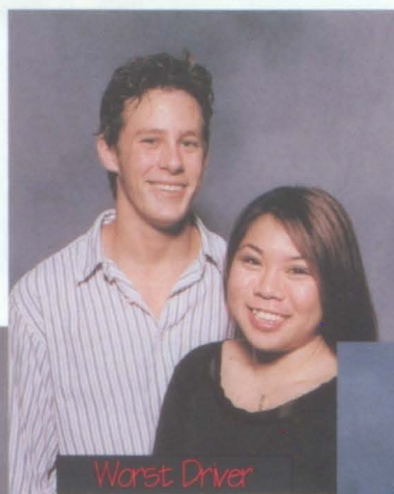
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*Most Unique Personality*

Tony Hinds  
&  
Hillary Henson



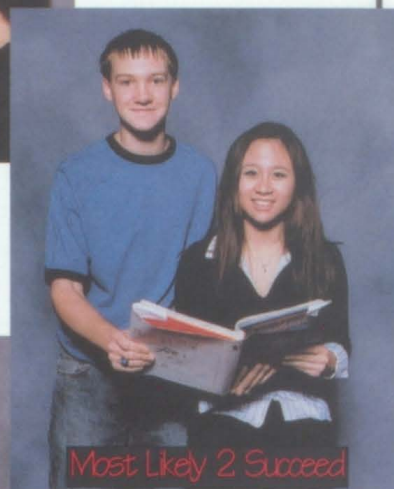
*Worst Driver*

Cory Chromcak  
&  
Huyen Tran



*Prettiest Eyes*

Cory Chromcak  
&  
Brittany Kubecka



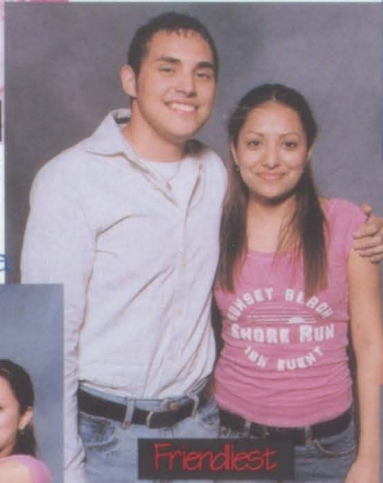
*Most Likely 2 Succeed*

Zachery Ressler  
&  
Nancy Huynh



*Best Smile*

Nhan Le  
&  
Jessica Garcia



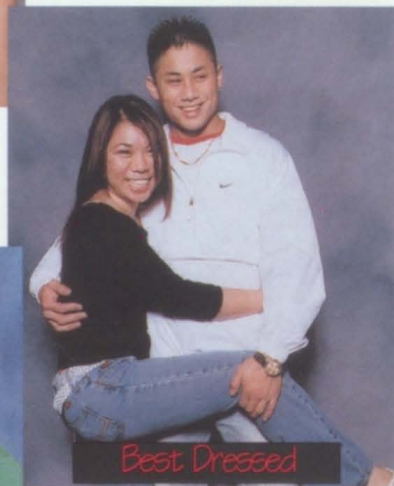
*Friendliest*

Dustin Villareal  
&  
Michelle Cruz



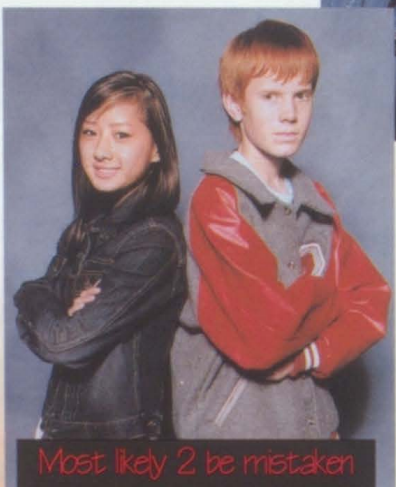
*Best All Around*

Paco Vazquez  
&  
Michelle Cruz



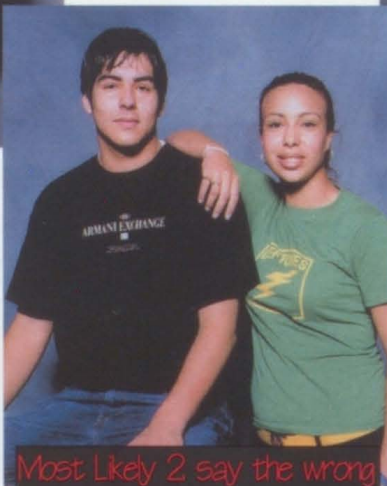
*Best Dressed*

Nhan Le  
&  
Huyen Tran



*Most likely 2 be mistaken  
for a freshman*

Madison Morris &  
Jan Au

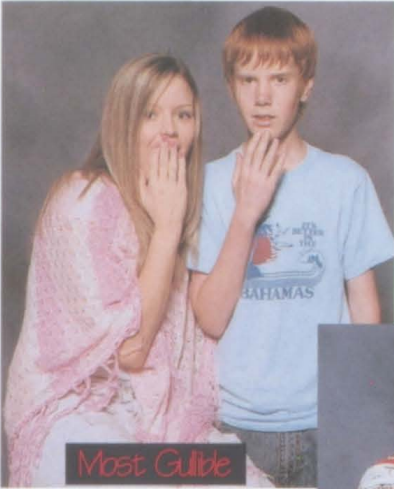


*Most Likely 2 say the wrong  
thing at the wrong time*

Jose Hernandez &  
Rita Perez

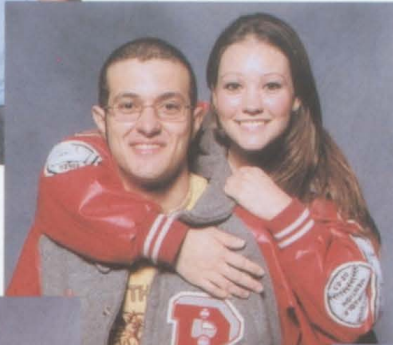


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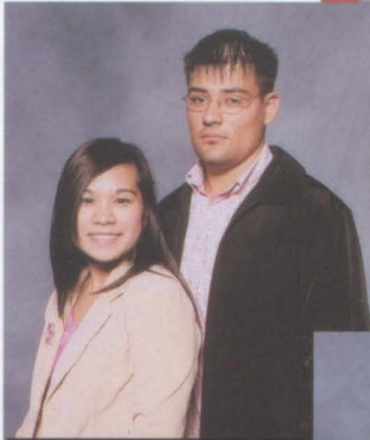
Most Glibbe

Madison Morris  
&  
Bonnie Hawkins



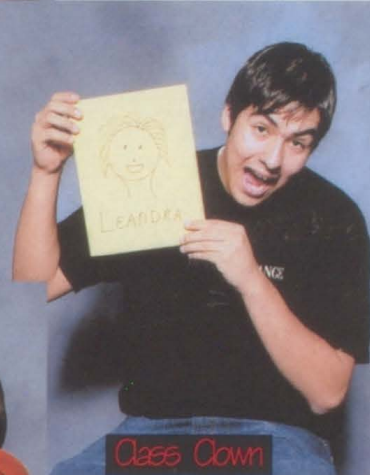
Most Athletic

Paco Vasquez  
&  
Jessica Garcia



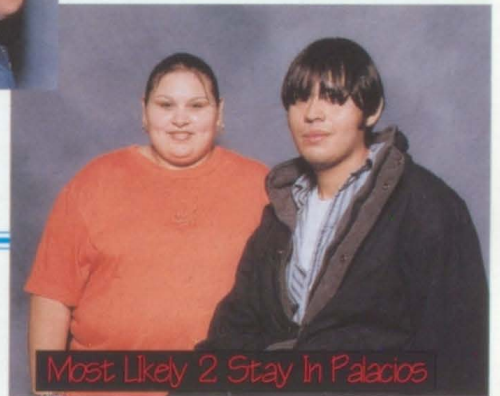
Biggest Procrastinator

Fidel Mancera  
&  
Lyly Vu



Class Clown

Jose Hernandez  
&  
Leandra Rubio  
*Not Pictured*



Most Likely 2 Stay In Palacios

David Nuno  
&  
Desaree David

NOT PICTURED



Most Likely 2 B Late For  
Graduation

Angel Diaz & Elena  
Contreras

Most Likely To Be Famous  
& Most Talented

James Neese  
&  
Tavia Young

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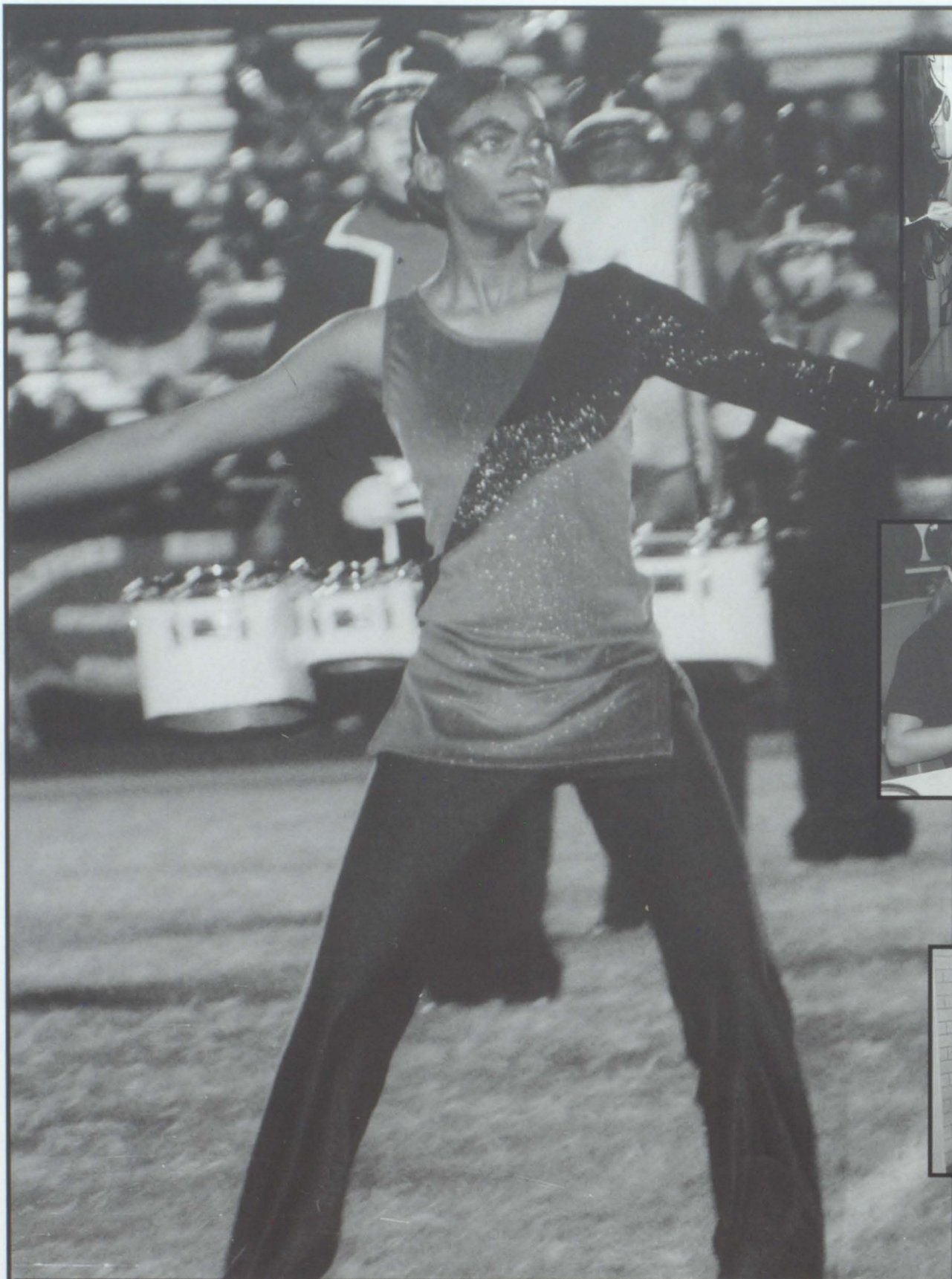


Class Gossip

Jose Hernandez  
&  
Tara Morales



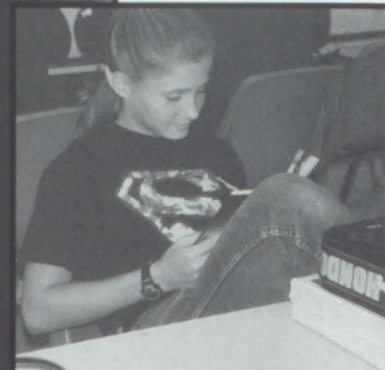
# Senior Moments



**Dancing queen...** Tavia Young shows her dancing talents during half time at a home football game. Tavia has been in the drill team her entire high school career and was major this year.



**You missed a spot...** Thoa Le finishes painting a window for the art club community project.



**Another chapter...** Avid reader Marisa Bumgardner catches up with some last minute reading during College Day in the cafeteria.



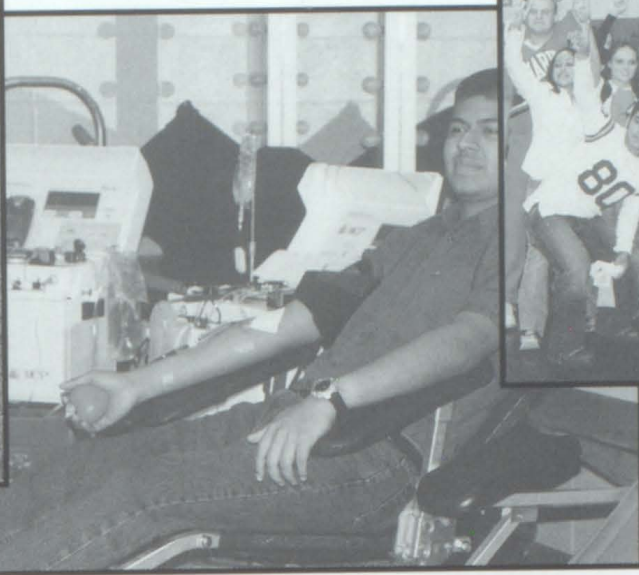
**Orange everywhere...** Marcos Aguilera faithfully wears his vest down the main hall as he leaves class. Vests were required for the first time this year.



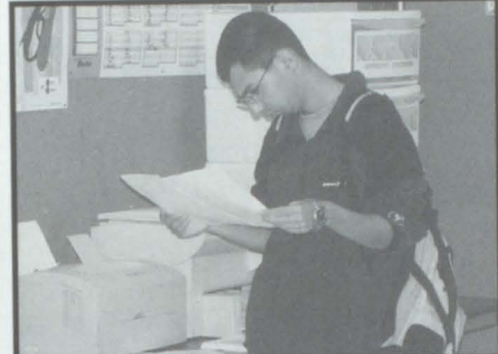


**Wave on wave...** Sharky (Leandra Rubio) waves to the crowd before the football game begins.

**Not too bad...** Israel Barrios reflects on life as he gives blood at the annual NHS blood drive in the drama class room in the fall. Many PHS older students contributed to this cause to help others.



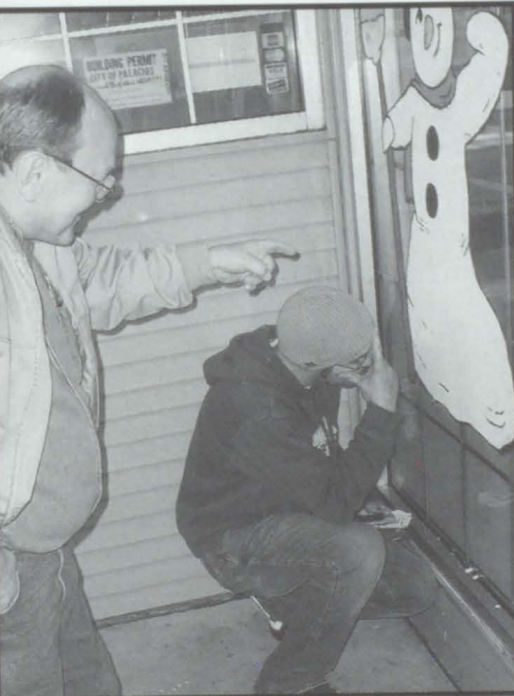
**Take five...** Seniors take a short break from the exciting pep rally to take a picture; some more prepared than others. All the excitement covers the stress of hoping we will win the homecoming game; the Sharks prevailed by stomping Bloomington.



**Uh oh!...** Jairo Garcia looks at a mistake on his layout in yearbook class, before he leaves. Jairo was a member of the yearbook class for two years.



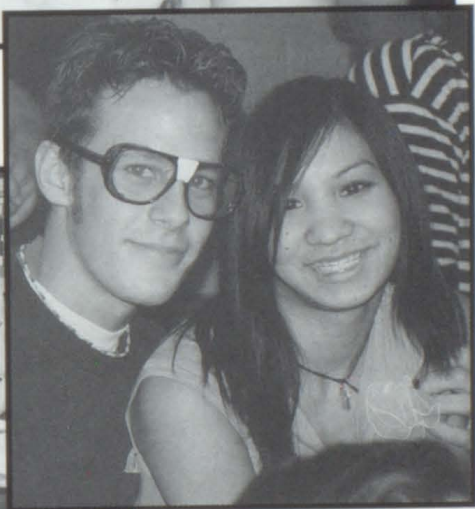
**Please don't...** Michelle Cruz proves she's camera shy by pleading with the photographer not to take her picture in Mr. Davis's class. Looking on was Van Critendon.



**What is that?...** Mr. Garnett playfully scolds Paco for spilling some paint on the window seal at Sonic Drive In as the art club community project.



**Get to work...** Mrs. Woolsey's seventh period English AP class finishes up some last minute essays and reading.

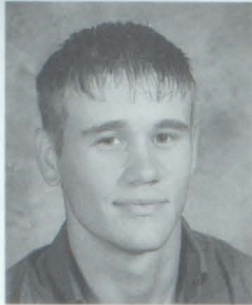


**All taped up...** Cory Chromcak and Mimi Pham show their true friendship at a school pep rally.

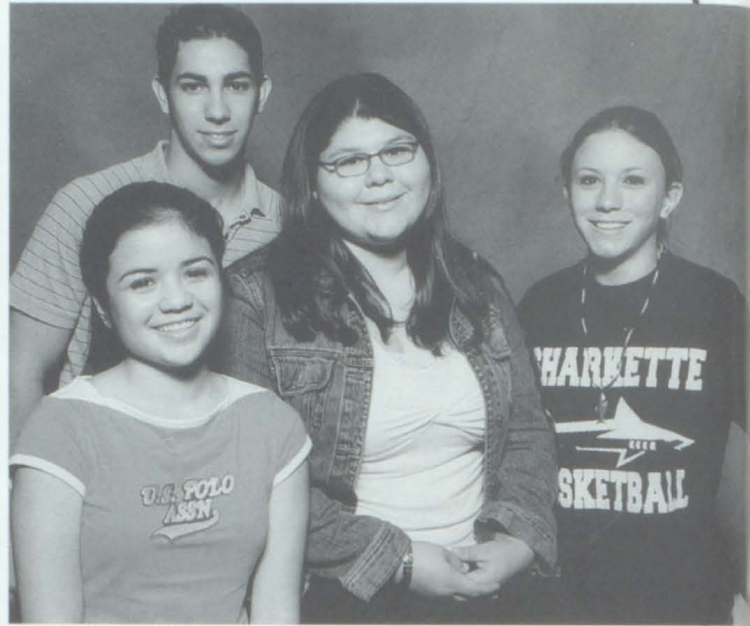


# Juniors Class of 06

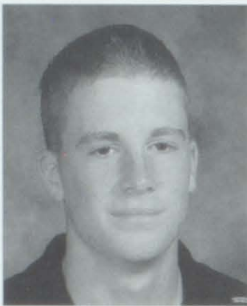
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Yajaira Aleman  
Randy Allums



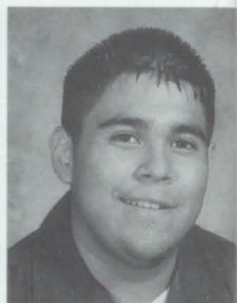
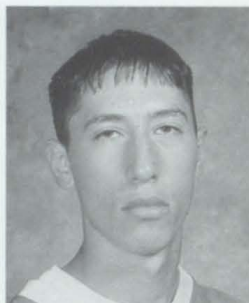
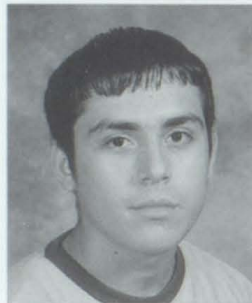
Felicia Ayala  
Cody Barrow



## Class Officers

Back Row; Jesus Garcia, treasurer; Front Row,  
Clarrisa Torres, secretary; Melissa Navarro,  
president; Lindsay Warner, vice-president

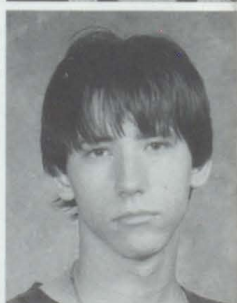
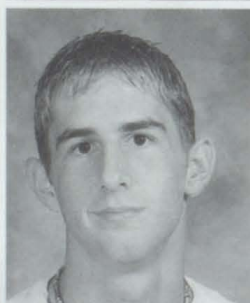
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Brandi Bickham  
Krysten Brenneman  
Jared Buckley  
Thomas Cabrales



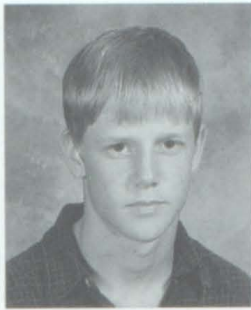
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Jeremy Constancio



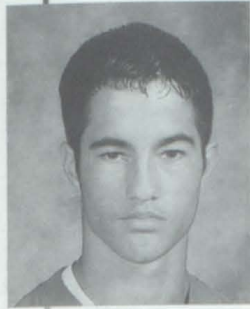
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Amber Dale  
Brian Duke  
Julie Farmer  
Daniel Ferrero







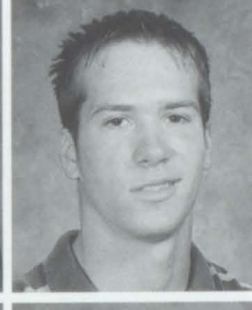
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 John Frausto  
 Alysia Garcia  
 Ashley Garcia



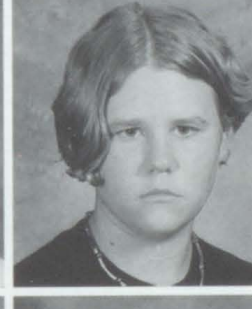
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 Jesus Garcia  
 Leigh Garcia  
 Lorisa Glenn  
 Courtney Glisson



Kristen Greenawalt  
 Earline Guillen  
 Gem Guillen  
 Eva Hansen  
 Kristina Hansen



Amy Hecht  
 Jessica Hernandez  
 Randy Holdgraf  
 Jessica Hooper  
 Stephanie Hunt



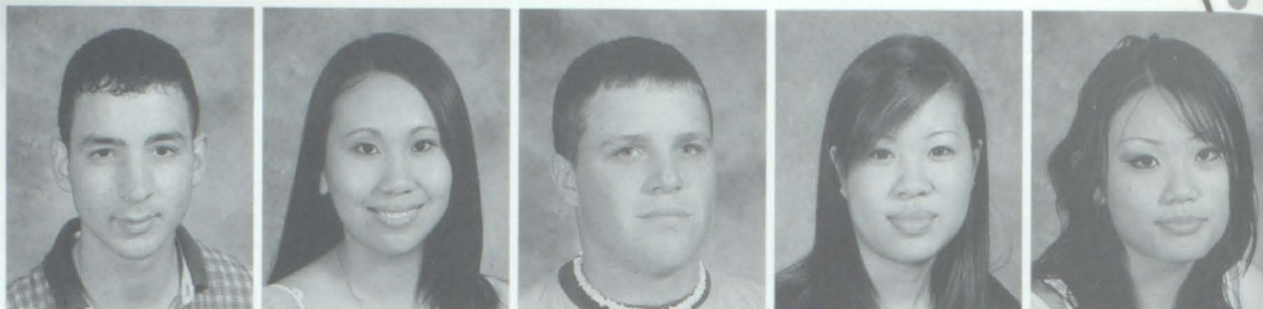
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 Trevor Jones  
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 Kimberly Kahane



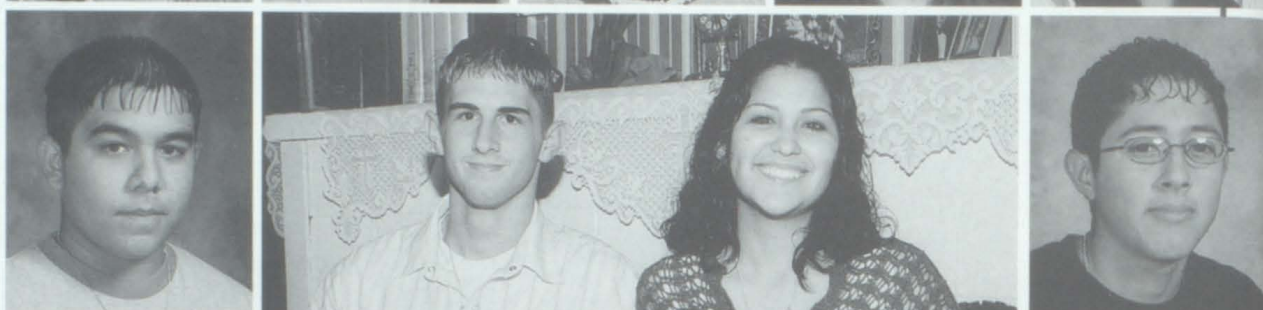
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 Jasmina Kocurek  
 Dane Kubecka  
 Sara Kubecka  
 Larissa Kuck



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 Tuyen Lam  
 Paul Lanfear  
 Becky Le  
 Krystal Le



Markus Llanes  
 Adrian Lopez



Alfredo Lopez  
 Eliverio Luna

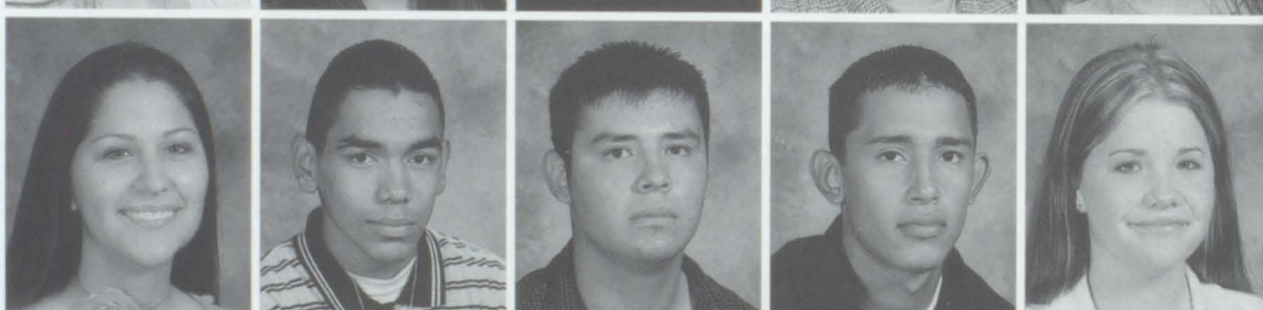


**Class Favorites; Brian Duke and Diana Martinez**

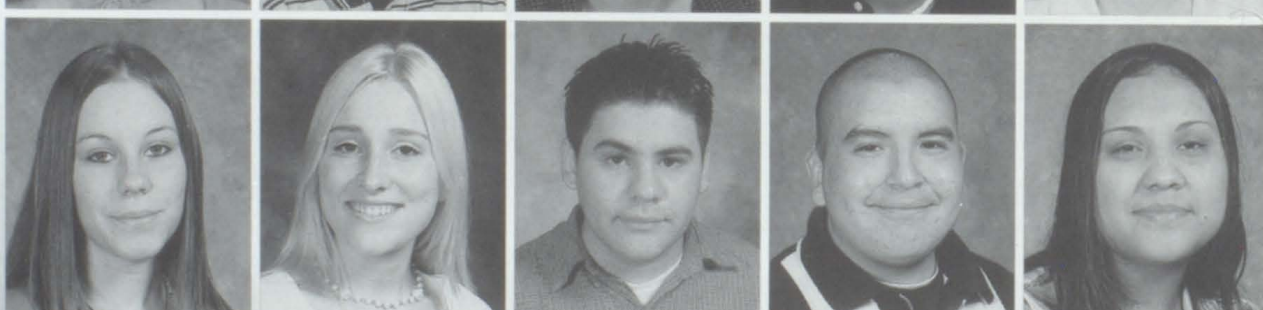
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 Monica Mancera



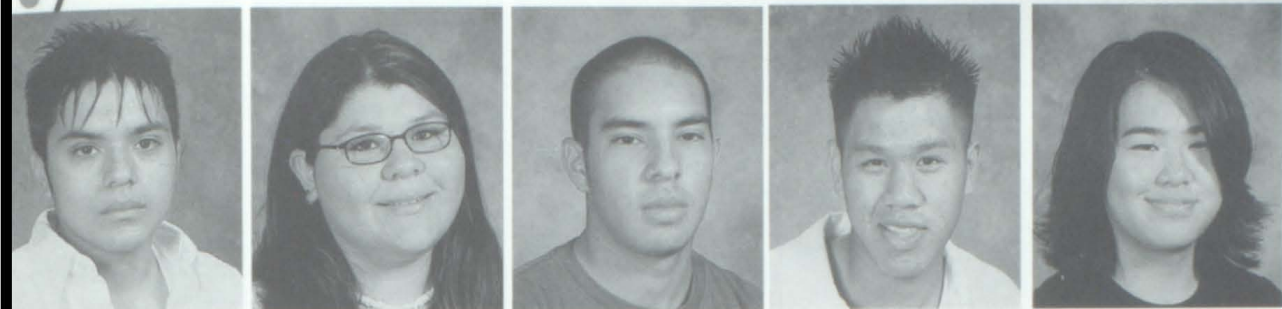
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 Jorge Martinez  
 Jose Martinez  
 Oscar Martinez  
 Faith Mayfield



Rebecca McCorkle  
 Lisa Milferstedt  
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 Sandra Mujica







James Muniz  
Melissa Navarro  
Joel Nevarez  
Andy Nguyen  
Huong Nguyen



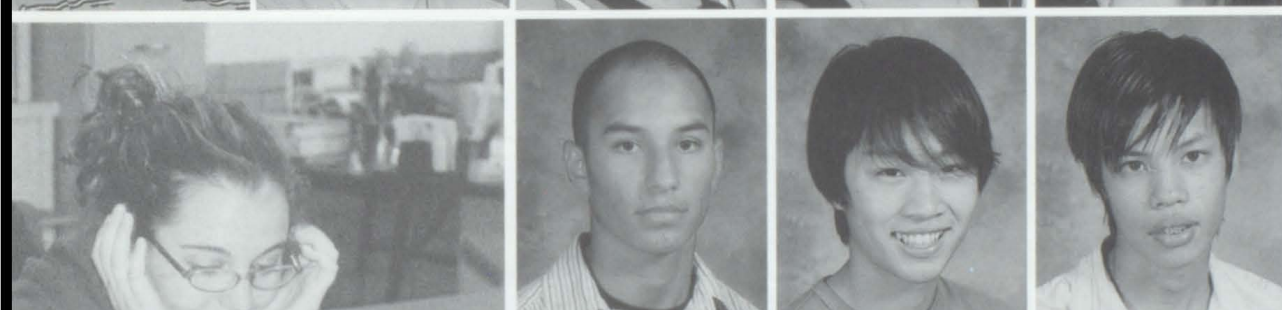
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Michael Nguyen  
Rosa Nguyen



My Tan Nguyen  
Thi Nguyen  
Vi Nguyen  
Xuan Nguyen  
Robert Nicholas



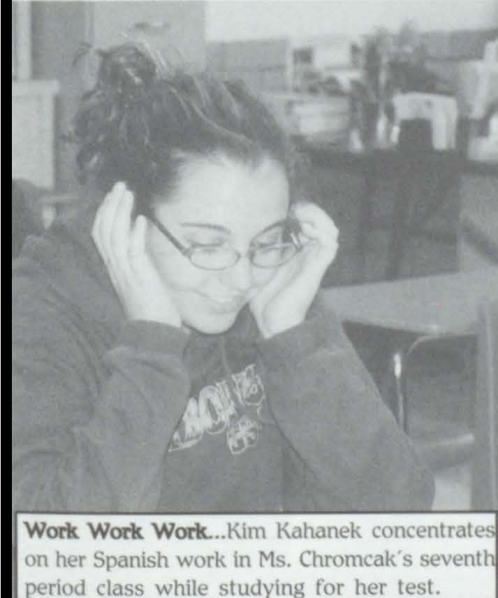
Eduardo Nieto  
Sara Odefey  
Ashley Ortiz  
Lorena Pena  
Marina Perez



Seth Perez  
Danh Pham  
Ricky Pham



Jennies Pineiro  
Michael Polk  
Reid Polk



**Work Work Work...** Kim Kahanek concentrates on her Spanish work in Ms. Chromcak's seventh period class while studying for her test.



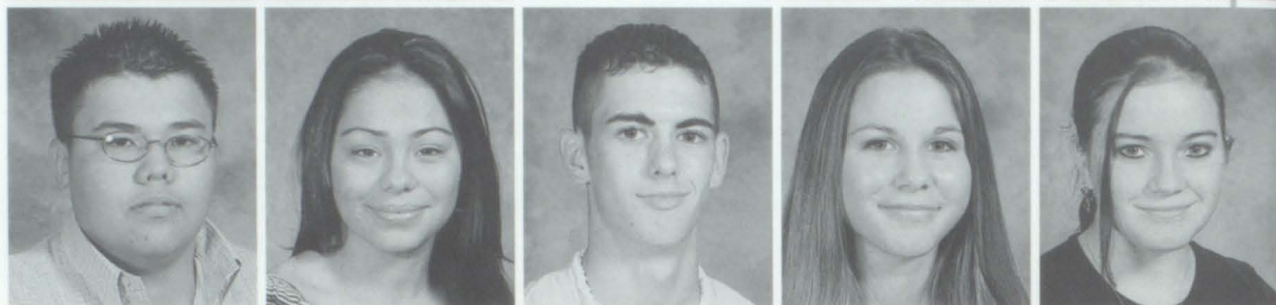
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 Diana Rodriguez



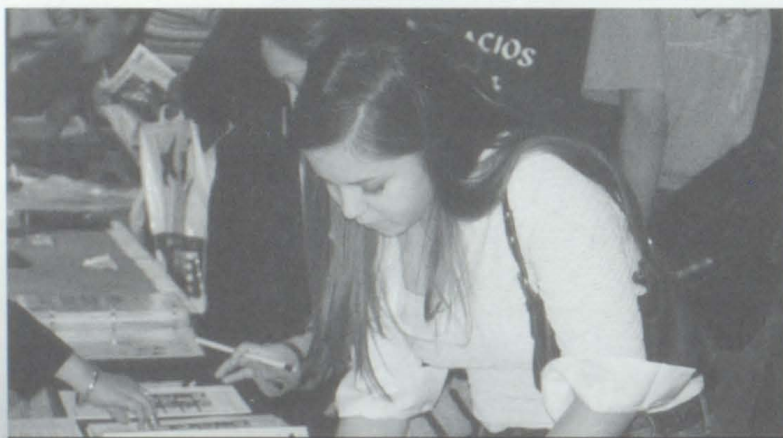
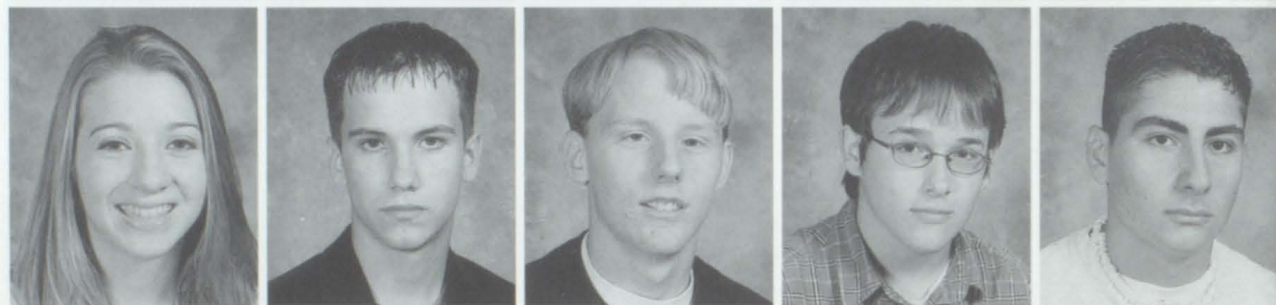
Chris Rojas  
 Kori Roy  
 Eder Ruiz  
 Raylynn Samora  
 Alexandria Sanchez



Lorenzo Sanchez  
 Valerie Sanchez  
 Joshua Saylor  
 Ashlyn Schneider  
 Jessica Schurtz



Brittany Seaman  
 Chris Serna  
 Danny Sheffield  
 Stewart Smylie  
 Stephen Sosa



**Where to go...** Alysia Garcia fills out information from many different colleges, but the one that she really like is WCJC. Every year students get a visit from various colleges to determine where they would like to attend after high school.

## A talk with the Juniors...

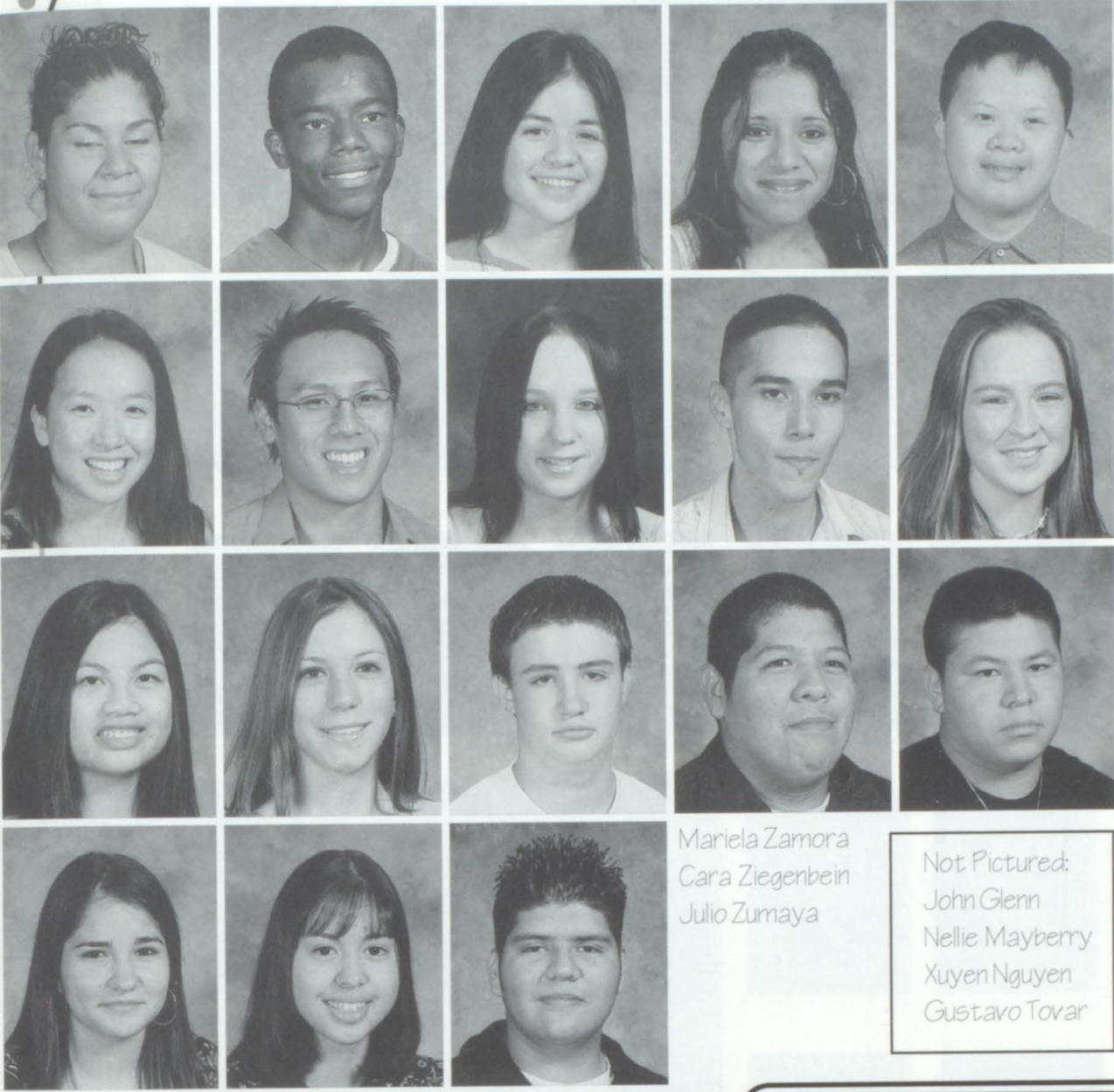
Are you looking forward to becoming a senior? Why?

*No, because I want to stay in high school. I'm scared to be on my own.*



**Becky Le**





Noemi Sota  
 Wilbert Thomas  
 Clarissa Torres  
 Samantha Torres  
 Lam Tran

Linh Tran  
 Nghiem Tran  
 Ashley Urban  
 Eric Valdez  
 Amanda Vecera

Nhi Vo  
 Lindsay Warner  
 Bradley Wright  
 Jaime Zamora  
 Jose Zamora

Mariela Zamora  
 Cara Ziegenbein  
 Julio Zumaya

Not Pictured:  
 John Glenn  
 Nellie Mayberry  
 Xuyen Nguyen  
 Gustavo Tovar



**Buy and Sell...** Jesus Garcia and Melissa Navarro, the junior class treasurer and president sell Shark magnets to a customer as a fundraiser for the Junior/Senior Prom.

**A talk with the Juniors...**  
**What motivates you to get up to go to school every morning?**  
*I don't know, less days of school every day.*

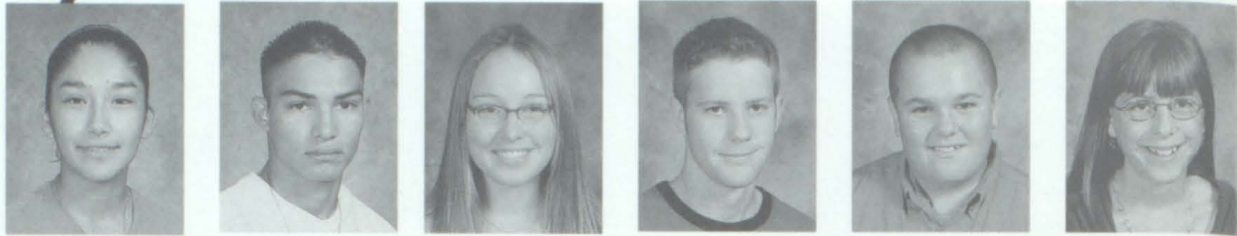


**Mariela Zamora**



# Sophomores '07

Christie Ayala  
 Marcelo Baizabal  
 Lindsay Balboa  
 Ryan Brister  
 Justin Broussard  
 Kalee Bumguardner



Alexandra Cabrialez  
 Rey Cambray  
 Crystal Canales  
 Ramon Cantu  
 Nicholas Castanon  
 Isidro Chavez



Sara Corgey  
 Robert Deleon  
 Dong Doan  
 Lindsey Dominy  
 Timothy Dunn  
 Amanda Escobedo



Raquel Eufrazio  
 Hillary Fletcher  
 Kayla Flores  
 Alysha Forrest  
 James Frangullie  
 Savannah Franzen



Bethany Garcia  
 Kaleb Garcia  
 Kristen Garcia  
 Maria Garcia  
 Steven Garcia  
 Blanca Garza



Megan Georgi  
 Halie Gillett  
 James Gillett  
 Angel Gonzales  
 Kevin Gonzales  
 Gabriela Gonzales







Hillary Green  
 Juan Guardiola  
 Jose Guerrero  
 Juan Guerrero  
 Jose Guevara  
 Keith Hall



John Holloway  
 Kenneth Howard  
 Derek Hunter  
 Jessica Hurtado  
 Sherryl Hylton  
 Juanita Juarez



Carolyn Kiser  
 Jelisa Kocurek  
 Patrick Kubin  
 Jeanette Lara  
 Melinda Law  
 Ryan Lewis



**Talking about hot...** Patrick Kubin sports a red face during "Red Out Day" for Red Ribbon Week. As Patrick studies in Spanish Class, he discovers the word "rojo" is also the color of his hair, shirt, face, and even chair he sits in.



Rayni Longoria  
 Angela Marek



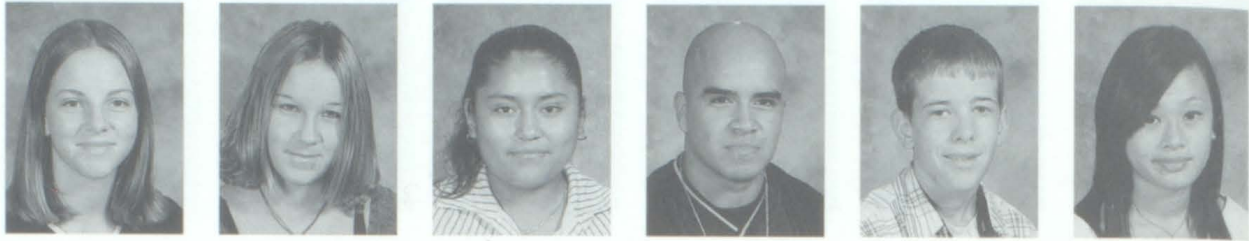
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 Rodolfo Medrano



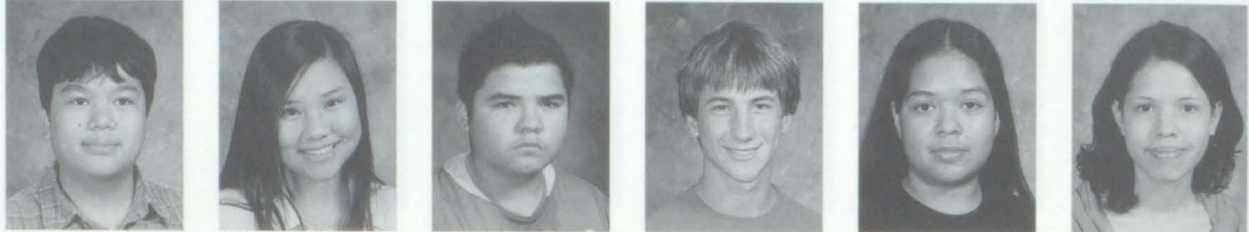
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 Jazmin Morales  
 Michael Morales  
 James Morris  
 Amanda Nguyen



Anthony Nguyen  
 Julian Nguyen  
 Matthew Nguyen  
 Nancy Nguyen  
 Ngoc Nguyen  
 Quyen Nguyen



Son Nguyen  
 Tan Nguyen  
 Luis Nunez  
 Ney Oldham  
 Araceli Padron  
 Jaime Partida



Alfonso Perez  
 Miguel Perez  
 Pamela Perez



Kieu Pham  
 Linh Pham  
 Vong Pham



Daryion Polk  
 Edward Porter  
 Zoila Puenta



## Talking Out...

How do you view the upperclassmen?

"Nice, but sometimes bossy!"

-Melinda Law

What is one piece of advice that you wish someone had told you about high school that you would tell freshmen?

"Tuck your shirt in!"

-John Holloway

Which school staff members do you think work the hardest? Why?

"Cafeteria ladies, we gotta eat sometime."

-Megan Georgi





Miles Ressler  
Judith Reyes  
Anthony Rijos  
Erica Rodriguez  
Jessica Rodriguez  
Gilberto Saldierna



Rodrigo Salinas  
Gesenia Sanchez  
Natalie Shimek  
Brittany Smith  
Rodney Solis  
Synthia Svatek



Travis Taylor  
Tiffany Tran  
Van Tran  
April Vernon  
Sandra Villalobos  
Hannah Wallace



Brad Williams  
Thomas Wilson  
Gilbert Yanes  
Virginia Zamora  
Claudia Zavala



Ney Oldham and Tiffany Tran were awarded sophomore class favorites.

**Not Pictured**

- Dianna Batres
- Linda Delgado
- Joshua Garcia
- Brittany Gonzales
- Alexandria Sanchez
- Jose Velasquez



# Freshmen '08

Jordan Anderson  
Lloyd Anderson  
Mariana Arellano  
Patricia Ayala  
Gustavo Baez  
Karla Batres  
Mikey Betcourt



Sheree Bickham  
Stephanie Black  
Shannon Bowers  
Jennifer Boyle  
Kayla Broussard  
Aaron Buckley  
Hannah Burleson



Ana Cano  
Pablo Carrillo  
Arthur Castanon  
Melissa Cavazos



**Freshmen Class Favorites**  
Pete Villarreal and Ellaina Pena

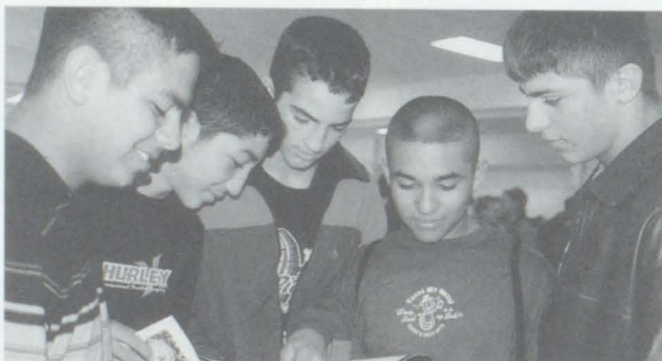
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Lee Cink  
Gabriel Constancio  
Jessica Constancio



Loren Corporon  
Pascale Crawford  
Juan Cruz  
Steve Cruz  
Marco Del Toro  
William Diaz  
Devon Dillard



Candice Ellis  
Phillip Fiorini  
Bryce Fitts



Alonso Forcado  
Adrian Garcia  
Alyssa Garcia



**Where 2 go?...** College day took place on November 3rd, 2004. Freshmen students Alejandra Sanchez, Jose Ortiz, Lucas Garcia, Gustavo Baez, and Aaron Buckley studied different college pamphlets to determine where they would like to spend their college days.





Andrew Garcia  
Brittany Garcia  
Gabrille Garcia  
John Garcia  
Lucas Garcia  
Paul Garcia  
Philip Garcia



Gabrielle Gatica  
Malorie Gatica  
Jessica Gilliam  
Lily Gonzalez  
Crystal Guardiola  
Randy Guerrero  
Kyle Hamlin



Candise Henson  
Juan Hernandez  
Hoang Nguyen  
Rachel Holbrook  
Joseph Hooper  
Kristy Hooper  
Amber Howard



David Hunt  
Manuel Hurtado  
Russell Laws  
Rosa Le  
Cassaundra Llanes  
Brianna Long  
Natalie Longoria



## Fishy Survey

**What do you enjoy most about being in high school ?**

***“The girls and some of the teachers because they are cool and don't give out lots of homework, and the girls are just fine”***

**- Alex Sanchez**

***“There's a lot more people, and you can make new friends. Also, you don't have to wear uniforms.”***

**- Jessica Nguyen**

Yannet Longoria  
Brenda Lopez  
Fernando Mancera

Amaris Martinez  
Joy Mayfield  
Keith McDaniel

Guadalupe Munos  
Kristina Naplava  
Jessica Nevarez



Dat Nguyen  
Kevin Nguyen  
James Nguyen  
Jessica Nguyen



**Cause and affect...** Amber Howard studies in order to receive high grades in Mr. James Weaver's English seventh period class.



Steven Nguyen  
The Nguyen  
Thuy Nguyen  
Tina Nguyen



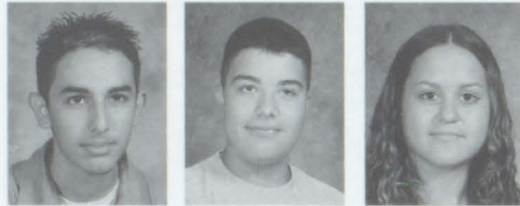
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Alfredo Ovalle



Elizabeth Padron  
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Lucinda Pena  
Rudolfo Pena  
Lizzeth Perez  
John Purtee  
Jeremy Rivas



Jesus Rodriguez  
Johnny Rodriguez  
Kelli Rodriguez



Liliana Rodriguez  
Maria Rodriguez  
Patricia Rossow



Denice Roy  
Jimmie Sablatura  
Jessica Saldierna



## Day as a freshman

**What is the biggest surprise about high school?**

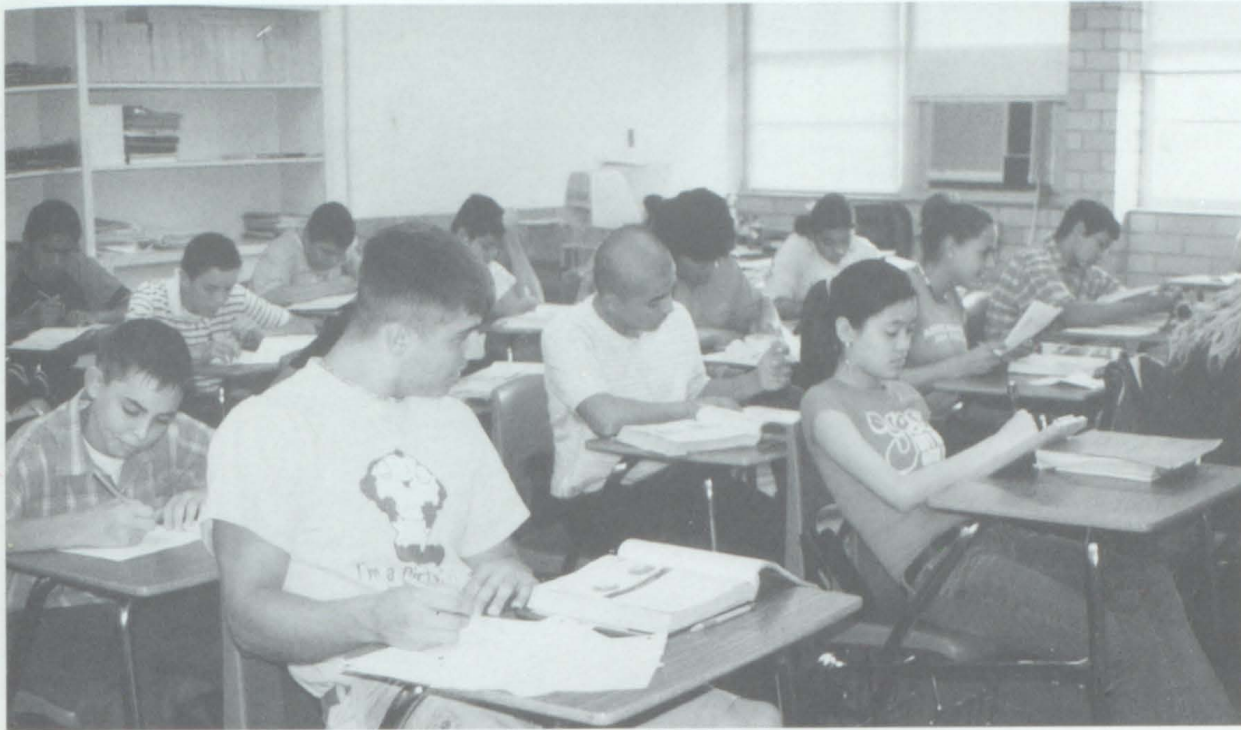
***Not being able to go out to lunch, all the new faces, and all the new teachers.***

**-Adrian Garcia**

***I guess that not being able to leave campus for lunch when I entered high school because I was looking forward to that.***

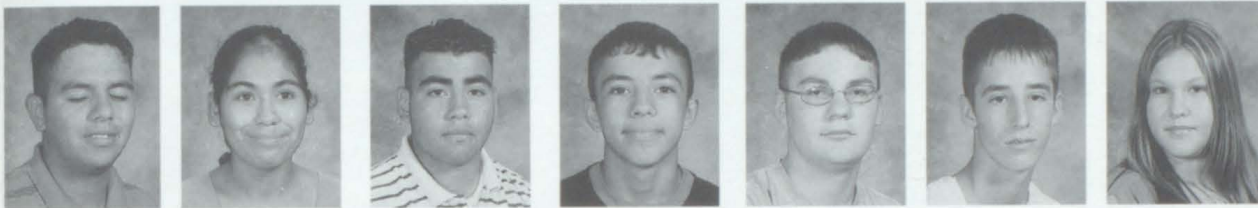
**-Kelsey Wallis**





A taste of high school...during Coach Fort's third period geography class, Aaron Buckley makes last minute revisions to his paper.

# 2008 CLASS OF



Alejandro Sanchez  
Aracely Sanchez  
Armando Sanchez  
Luis Sanchez  
Ryan Sanders  
David Sandoval  
Emily Snyder



Henry Solis  
Brooke Tedder  
Stephanie Thomas  
Lucy Tran  
Patrick Tristan  
Margaret Tully  
Joel Vasquez



Leticia Vega  
Samuel Vega  
Pete Villarreal  
Anh Vo  
Kelsey Wallis  
Craig Wilson  
Erica Wilson



Chelsea Young  
Alfredo Zamora  
Luis Miguel Zamora  
Karyssa Zavala  
Oscar Zumaya

**Not Pictured:**  
Valencia Alvarado  
Jose Gonzales  
Jimmy Nguyen  
My Tuyen Truong



Linda Adams-Band  
 Ron Arnesen-Hist./W.Geo./H.S.Ath  
 Luz Arrendondo-Math/H.S. Ath  
 Stuart Burleson-Ath. Director, Football



Patricia Carrizales-Secretary  
 Peggy Charlton-Drama/YB/Span.  
 Veronica Chromcak-Spanish  
 Donna Dillard-DAEP



Laurie Duke-Choir  
 Mark Elder-ABU  
 Bill Fort-W.Geo, H.S. Athletics  
 Stephanie Garcia-Math



Keith Garnett-Art  
 Carla Harbour,-English  
 Mary Jo Harvey-Secretary  
 Margaret Higgins-PASS/CR



Penny Holzapfel-Dual Credit  
 Betty Janszen-TAKS Prep  
 Erwin Janszen-DCP, Ag  
 Cindy Johnson-Bio/Chem



Kirby, Lucy  
Aide

Krafka, Katherine  
Cal/Physics

Kubecka, Barbara  
TAKS Prep/Math

**No joke...**Mrs. Deann Ramirez (new counselor) discusses some important information with Mr. Larry Ramirez (new principal) who cannot keep a straight face. By the way, unlike many people thought, they are NOT related.



# TALKING 2 TEACHERS...

If you had the opportunity to choose at what age to retire, what age would it be?

**"I don't know; I could retire now!"**

*Mrs. Patricia Woolsey*

If you had the option to be able to teach anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

**"India or Africa - mission school-those that have an opportunity to learn and really appreciate getting an education"**

*Mrs. Marilyn Phillips*



Benjamin Luco-Ag  
Warren Morris-IPC/Chemistry  
Shelley Newsom-BCIS  
Joseph Olguin-H.S. Athletic, Special Ed



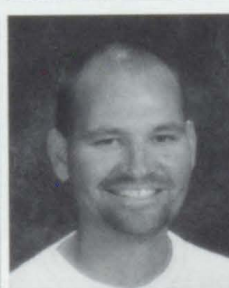
Lisa Petrisky-Attendance Clerk  
Marilyn Phillips-Math  
Jennifer Pshigoda-English  
Kirk Phigoda-W.His/H.S Athletics



Deann Ramirez-Counselor  
Larry Ramirez-Principal  
Diane Rojas-Cosmotology  
Valerie Segovia-Asst. Principal



Heidi Turner-Biology  
Janet Wallace-Home Eco.  
James Weaver-Speech/English  
Sam White-Computer Science



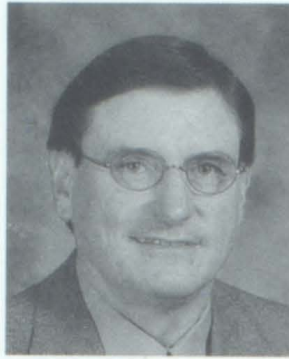
Mike Witte-U.S. History  
Aaron Wollam-  
H.S. Athletic Health  
Patricia Woolsey-English  
Nora Yanez-Custodian  
Noble Young-English



## WHY EDUCATION?

" I have had the opportunity to touch the lives of many students, teachers, and parents and there is no other career choice that would have allowed me to experience the relationships that have developed through the course of my life and career."

-Cindy Clendennen



Paul Smith,  
Superintendent



Cindy Clendennen,  
Dir. of Curric. & Inst.



Herbert Ressler,  
Dir. of Busi. Serv.



Rebecca Garcia,  
Tax Assessor-Coll.



Linda Bates,  
Sec. Assis/Payroll



Peggy Scantlen,  
Bookkeeper



Kristi Martino,  
Secretarial Assistant



Veronica Serrill,  
Acc. Payable Clerk



Patsy Rutledge,  
Recept./Sec. Assis.



**Cafeteria Staff...** Lois Roy, Virginia Seaman, Bonnie Kelly, Shirley Wilson, Blanca Rodriguez, Janie Ramirez, Joyce Tanner, manager, Peggy Sexton, Mary Garcia



**Technology Department...** Sharon Estraca, Cliff Webb, Bob Fiorini, Technology Coordinator



# Where the big sharks swim...

The heads of Palacios High School are highly recognized for all of the hard work and dedication they have devoted to this school. With their help we have become a recognized school. The school is very proud to have such

a hard working team of school board members and administration staff taking care of the students and faculty of Palacios Independent School District. The Palacios school board meets the

first Monday of every month. People of the community can attend these meetings. The school board is composed of seven elected officials for three year terms.



**One on One...** Mr. Ramirez and Mrs. Clendennen have a little side-line talk at a home football game during half time.

**Which way did they go?.....**

Superintendent Paul Smith and his wife Mignon Smith show their support of the Palacios High School Sharks football team at an away game.



## ADMINISTRATION



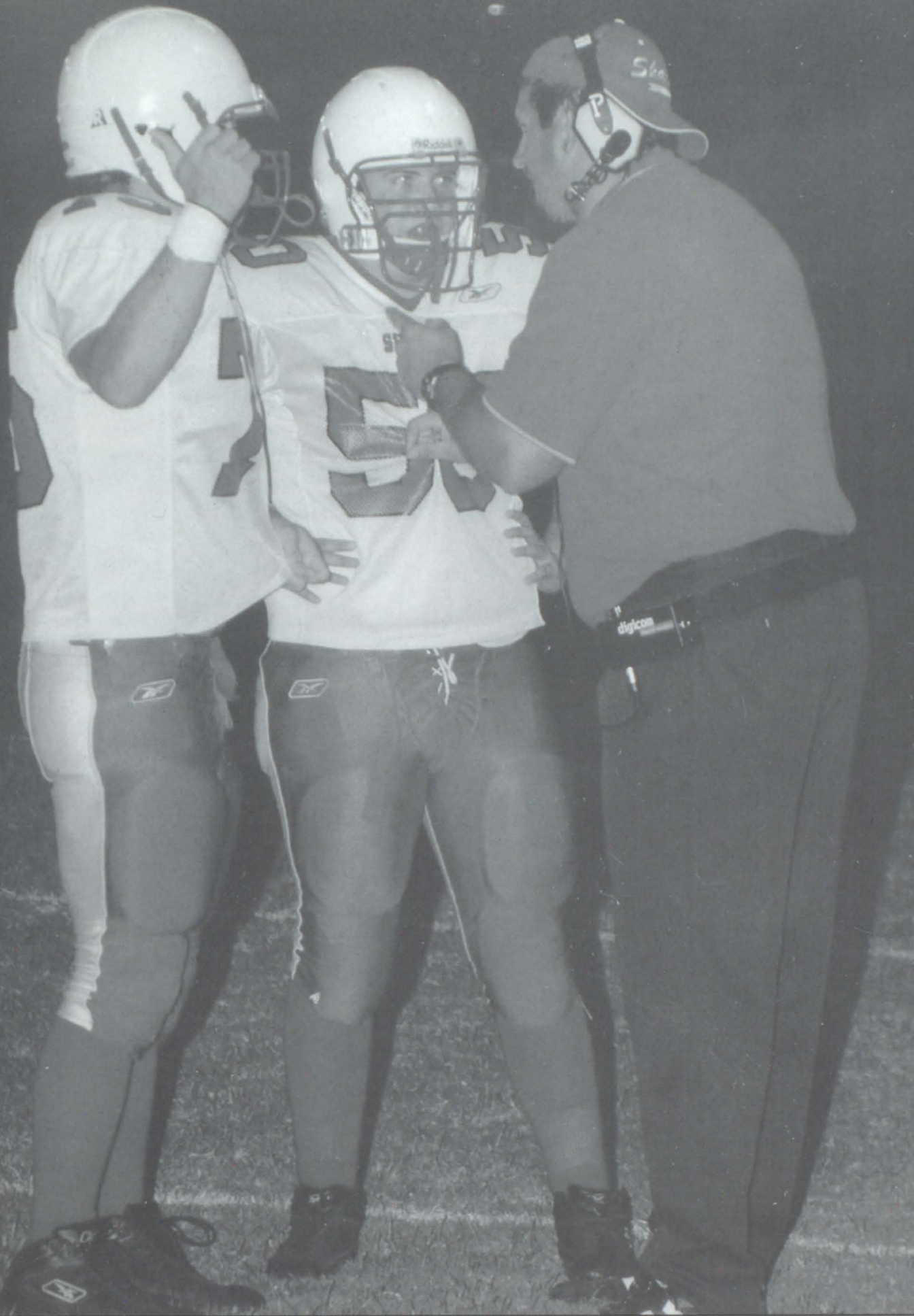
### School Board Members 2004-2005

**Front:** Carlos Ottino, secretary (four years); Stephen Stuhrenberg, Vice-president (ten years); Louis Martino, member (one year); Ron Laws, president (nine years)  
**Back:** Rick Cink, member (nine years); Patty Frankson, member (two years); Victor Corporon, member (three years)









**It goes like this...** During a football game, Coach Ron Arneson gives Alex Frausto and Michael Johnson "a heads up" on what they need to be doing out on the field.



# 2 HOT 2 HANDLE

After a nineteen game losing streak, the Sharks proved they were 2 hot 2 handle with a victory in the very first game of the season winning against Cypress Community Christian 40-14.

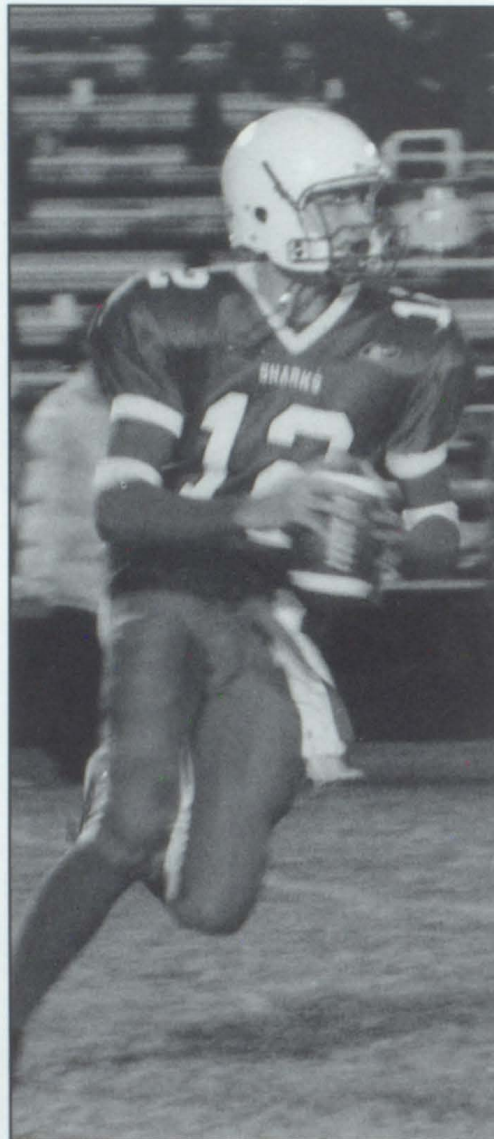
Stomping rival Tidehaven 42-



First down ... #22, Randy Allums, fights to hold on to the ball while gliding across the field as #8 from the Cypress team goes in to make the tackle. Although Allums is being taken down, his main concern is not to fumble the ball.

7, the Sharks went on to win two more pre-district games before disaster happened, losing five district games in a row.

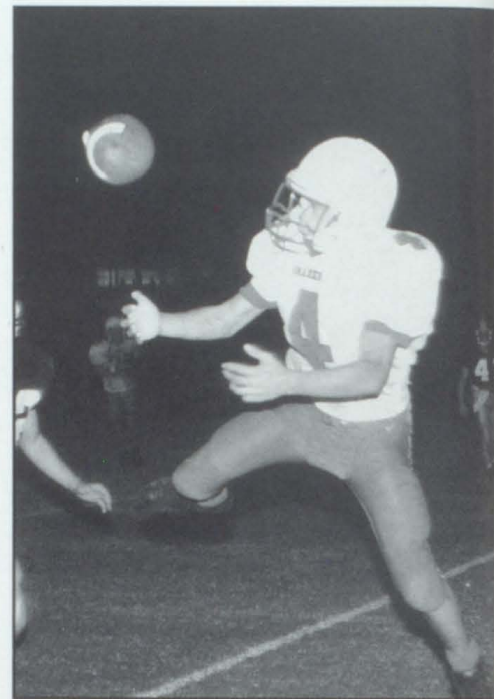
Pre-district victories gave the Sharks a much needed shot in the arm, "It was great; we were not the ones getting knocked in the dirt,"



Preparing to throw... #12, Dane Kubecka, quarterback, drops back as he looks for a receiver. Although Kubecka threw good passes throughout the game, it wasn't enough to give us a victory against Stafford, final score being 7-38.

Senior David Guevera said.

Quarterback Dane Kubecka and defensive lineman Junior Johnson were named All-District first teamers; and running back Randy Allums was chosen for the All-District second team offense.



Does he have it?... #4, Rodney Solis, jumps up to capture the ball before the Ft. Bend Eagles could touch it. The pass is going right to him, and he's not going to let anyone get in the way. The Sharks plucked the feathers off the Eagles winning the game 40-7.

## PHS vs. THS

Length of Rivalry: 55 YEARS

Record: W-28, L-22, T-5

1991	Palacios	0,	Tidehaven	28
1992	Palacios	21,	Tidehaven	39
1993	Palacios	21,	Tidehaven	28
1994	Palacios	0,	Tidehaven	41
1995	Palacios	0,	Tidehaven	55
1996	Palacios	0,	Tidehaven	0
1997	Palacios	7,	Tidehaven	3
1998	Palacios	0,	Tidehaven	18
1999	Palacios	13,	Tidehaven	35
2000	Palacios	28,	Tidehaven	0
2001	Palacios	53,	Tidehaven	20
2002	Palacios	33,	Tidehaven	12
2003	Palacios	0,	Tidehaven	40
2004	Palacios	42,	Tidehaven	7

**4-6** \*denotes district games  
season record

Cypress	[W]	40-14
Tidehaven	[W]	42-7
Bloomington	[W]	35-6
Danbury	[L]	14-20
Ft. Bend Baptist	[W]	40-7
*Sweeny	[L]	0-28
*Stafford	[L]	7-38
*Needville	[L]	6-55
*West Columbia	[L]	6-49
*Wharton	[L]	0-33

Varsity Football

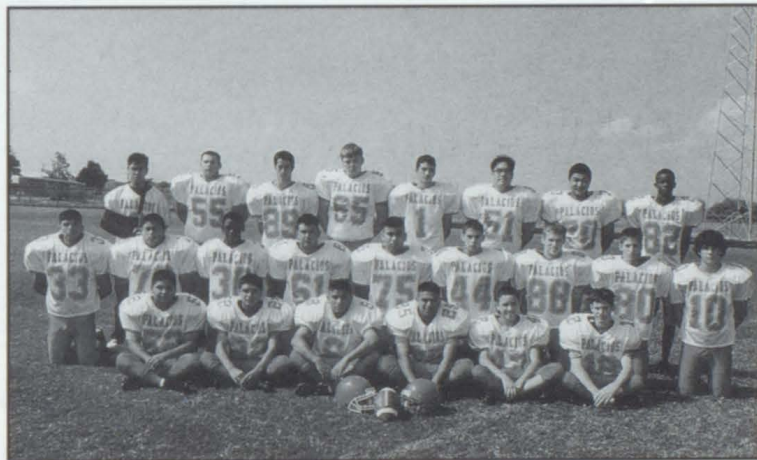




**Run, Oscar, Run!...** # 84, Oscar Martinez, hastily runs towards the endzone. Trailing him are two Danbury Panthers who could not keep up the pace. Danbury edged by the Sharks one touchdown, the only pre-district loss.



Varsity: 1st row: David Guevara, Angel Diaz, Michael Morales, Seth Perez, Michael Polk. 2nd row: Rodney Solis, Junior Johnson, Daniel Guevera, Michael Johnson, Randy Allums, Alex Frausto, Cody Barrow, Jesse Barrios. 3rd row: Oscar Martinez, Randy Holdgraf, Danny Taylor, Tyler Adams, Dane Kubecka, Cory Chromcak, Aaron Buckley, Paco Vasquez.



Junior Varsity: 1st row: Eder Ruiz, P.J. Garcia, Jeremy Rivas, Alex Sanchez, Lee Cink, Craig Wilson. 2nd row: Henry Solis, Gilbert Yanes, Jordan Anderson, William Diaz, Armando Sanchez, Kevin Gonzalez, Russel Laws, David Sandevol, David Hunt. 3rd row: Andy Nguyen, Ryan Lewis, Eddie Garcia, Cody Wilson, Lucas Garcia, Loc Nguyen, Peter Pham, Wilbert Thomas.



# SERVING IT 2 YOU

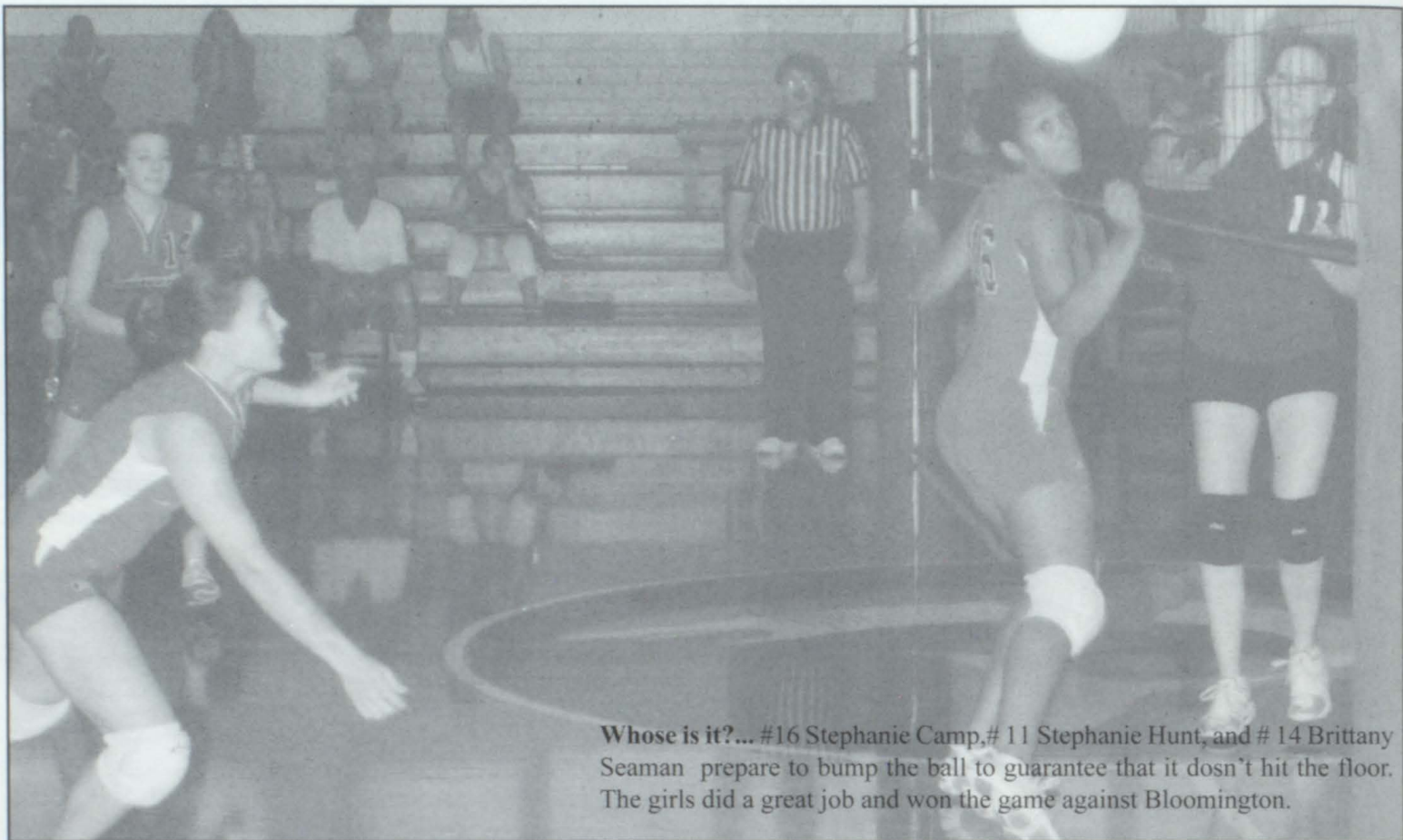
The Sharkette netters finished with an overall 14-16 season and a 4-6 district, tying for third.

"It was a great season. We won trophies in all tournaments we entered," Coach James Schuetz said.

Winning first in the PHS tournament, they also won second at Aransas Pass and third at Sealy. In All-District honors, Stephanie Camp won Newcomer of the Year and Jessica Garcia and Brittany Kubecka received first team

honors. Lone Second team honors went to Brittany Seaman. Stephanie Hunt, Naomi Arroyo, and Valerie Sanchez received honorable mention.

Fourteen girls received Academic All-District honors.



Whose is it?... #16 Stephanie Camp, # 11 Stephanie Hunt, and # 14 Brittany Seaman prepare to bump the ball to guarantee that it doesn't hit the floor. The girls did a great job and won the game against Bloomington.

Louise	- Lost
Edna	- Lost
Tidehaven	- Won
Bloomington	- Won
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Wharton	- Lost
Stafford	- Lost
Needville	- Lost
West Columbia	- Won
Sweeny	- Lost



El Campo	- Lost
Tidehaven	- Won
Van Vleck	- Lost
Bloomington	- Won
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Wharton	- Lost
Stafford	- Won
West Columbia	- Won
Needville	- Lost
Sweeny	- Lost

pre-district & district





Bottom: Nancy Nguyen, Sarita Diaz, Leighann Garcia, Sandra Diaz, Brandii Bickham. Middle: Rita Perez, Lindsay Warner, Valerie Sanchez, Stephanie Hunt, Amber Dale. Top: Mgr. Synthia Svatek, Tara Morales, Kristen Greenawalt, Brittany Kubecka, Stephanie Camp, Brittany Seaman, Jessica Garcia, Naomi Arroyo, Mgr. Xuan Nguyen



Rita Perez, Naomi Arroyo, Brittany Kubecka, Tara Morales, Sara Diaz, Jessica Garcia, and Sandra Diaz are all seniors on the Sharkette Varsity Volleyball team this year. All the girls received Academic All-District, have been in the Palacios athletic program for six years, and have all played volleyball for four years in high school.



**Spike it... #1, Sandra Diaz, floor spikes the ball with ease. Diaz received Academic All-District. This is Diaz's last year of high school volleyball after four years.**



Bottom: Yanette Longoria, Anh Vo, Crystal Guardiola. Middle: Lily Gonzales, Karris Zavala, Martina Stepanova, Ellaina Pena, Alyssa Garcia. Top: Margaret Tully, Kristy Hooper, Hannah Bureson, Brittany Garcia.



Bottom: Cara Ziguembi, Hillary Fletcher, Jaime Partida, Raquel Eufrazio, Ashley Garcia. Middle: Pamela Perez, Kristen Garcia, Brittany Martino, Hannah Wallace, Kori Roy, Araceli Padron, Lynette Joines. Top: Christie Ayala, Lindsey Balboa, Amanda Vecera, Lorisa Kuck, Jessica Hooper, Lindsay Dominy, Jeanette Lara, Angela Marek, Sherri Hilton.



# IT'S A RUNNING THING!

The Palacios Sharkettes, along with Coach Luz Arredondo, went to the Regional Cross Country meet for the twenty-first year in a row.

"I am proud of my runners! They have done a great job at practice and at meets. I love to see them improve as

athletes, but more importantly I love to see them grow into strong willed individuals." Coach Arredondo said.

Along with the girls, Joel Navarez advanced to regionals as an individual qualifier. The Palacios team came in third at the first ever cross country meet held in Palacios.

Joel Navarez and James Neese were the lone varsity boy contestants for the Sharks at this meet. Joe Hooper finished first and Lee Cink came in third for the Junior Varsity boys. Judith Reyes took fourth place on the Junior Varsity girl's team.



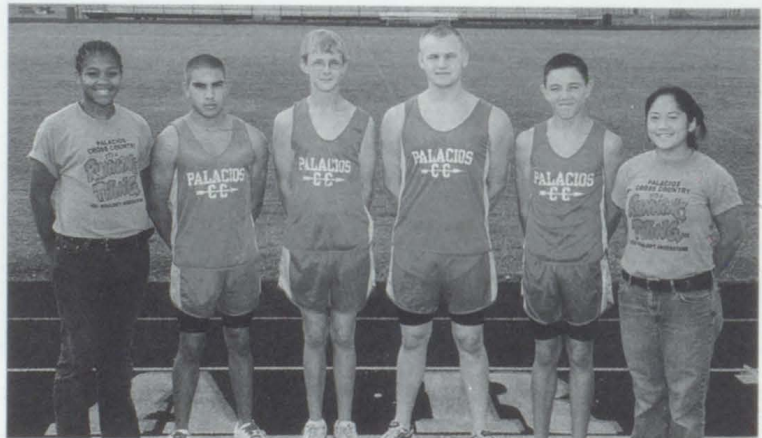
**Group:** Top: L. Cink, J.Reyes, J. Neese, S. Camp, J. Navarez, J.Hooper, A.Escobedo; Middle: M. Bumgaardener, G. Carillo, M. Stepanova, K. Hansen, A. Ramos, N. Nguyen; Bottom: S. Diaz



**Girls:** Bottom: Marisa Bumgaardener, Sara Diaz, Judith Reyes, Kristina Hansen; Top: Stephanie Camp (manager), Amanda Escobedo, Ashley Ramos, Martina Stepanova, Gabriella Carrillo, Nancy Nguyen (manager)



**Quality Time:** Marisa Bumgaardener, Sandra Diaz, Judith Reyes and Ashley Ramos run together as a team. Ashley Ramos carries a meter stick to measure the course.



**Boys:** Stephanie Camp (manager), Joel Navarez, Joe Hooper, James Neese, Lee Cink, Nancy Nguyen (manager)





**Left, Right, Left, Right...**Marisa Bumgaardener is a senior and has been in cross country for four years. Her experience helps her keep pace toward the end of the competition.



**Attention!...** Manager Nancy Nguyen stands ready with stop watch and clip board. She is responsible for getting accurate times and recording them.

**A major breakthrough...**Joel Navarez pushes forward making his way to the finish line. He's doing well and breaking through the competition. This meet qualified Navarez for the regional meet.



**Go for the gold...**Kristina Hansen, determined to reach the finish line first, pushes herself to win the race. She is fit for the task having been in cross country for three years.



**Speed racer...**Joseph Hooper runs his best, passing up the competition as onlookers watch the meet.



# Aiming at the Same Goal!

The girls basketball had a fantastic season ending with a district runner-up title (8-2) and playing in the bi-district game.

"This was my second year as the varsity coach, and I am impressed with the improvement the girls made," said Coach Aaron Wollam.

All-District Defensive Player of the Year was S. Camp; Newcomer of the Year was K. Greenawalt. 1st

Team All-District were N. Arroyo and B. Kubeka. 2nd Team All-District was J. Garcia. Honorable Mention was T. Morales and H. Nguyen. S. Camp made the All-Region team. The Academic All-District were B. Seaman, H. Burleson, T. Morales, J. Garcia, B. Kubeka, N. Arroyo, S. Diaz, J. Saylor, H. Nguyen, S. Camp, and K. Greenawalt.

Concerning the boys team, Coach Joey Olguin's said "The boy's continued to

get better this year on all levels: freshmen, junior varsity and varsity. The varsity won more games than we did last year and we also won two district games."

Individual recognitions went to D. Kubeka who made 1st Team All-District and All Area Honorable Mention and J. Hernandez, 2nd Team All-District. C. Hamlin made Academic All-District, and R. Allums received All Area Honorable Mention.



**Talk about pressure...** Dane Kubeka gets ready to take one of his two free shots after being fouled by a Sweeney Bulldog. The Sharks won both games against Sweeney.



**Freshmen: top:** K. McDaniel, J. Hooper, D. Sandoval, K. Hamlin, R. Laws, **bottom:** P. Garcia, P.J. Garcia, G. Baez, H. Solis, A. Sanchez

**J.V.:** **top:** J. Neese, K. Gonzales, J. Anderson, N. Oldham, G. Saldierna. **bottom:** J. Morris, J. Navarez, J. Saylor, M. Ressler, J. Guardiola



**Varsity: top:** S. Perez, S. Garcia, J. Vu. **bottom:** C. Hamlin, R. Allums, D. Kubeka, J. Hernandez



**2 Fast for you...** John Vu is able to receive a pass from Clay Hamlin and avoid all of the defenders and earn two more points for the Sharks.



**2-8** district record

**Varsity**

Sweeny	[W]	46-43
Stafford	[L]	73-42
Needville	[L]	41-53
West Columbia	[L]	22-69
Wharton	[L]	40-65
Sweeny	[W]	68-47
Stafford	[L]	43-78
Needville	[L]	30-67





**Girl Fight...**Kristen Greenawalt fights to hold on to the ball as Brittany Kubecka and Jessica Garcia watch during a Sweeny game.



**No, its mine!...** Jessica Garcia does not want to let go of the ball after catching a rebound for a missed shot.



**Jump Jump Jump...** Stephanie Camp jumps for the ball against Sweeny's varsity team. It was a close game, but Sweeny won by one point. This was the second game against the Bulldogs.



**J.V.:** top: M. Perez, L. Warner, B. Martino, J. Hooper, J. Lara, C. Ayala, K. Garcia, bottom: V. Zamora, X. Nguyen, K. Roy, N. Nguyen, H. Fletcher, R. Eufrazio



**Freshmen:** top: J. Guillien, J. Mayfield, K. Hooper, B. Tedder, bottom: G. Garcia, A. Vo, S. Thomas

# 8-2

district record

West Columbia	[W]	54-48
Wharton	[W]	57-45
Sweeny	[W]	55-47
Stafford	[W]	44-31
Needville	[W]	42-30
West Columbia	[W]	65-33
Wharton	[L]	51-52
Sweeny	[L]	50-51
Stafford	[W]	41-34
Needville	[W]	33-28

## Varsity



**Varsity:** top: L. Domenis, H. Burleson, B. Kubecka, S. Camp, B. Seaman, N. Arroyo, C. Svatek, bottom: J. Saylors, J. Garcia, T. Morales, K. Greenawalt, H. Nguyen, S. Diaz

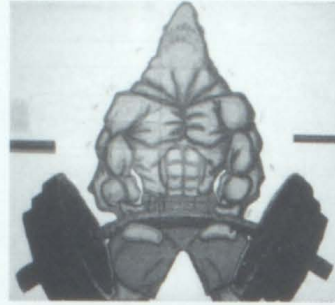


# Only the Strong Survive

Three girls and one boy lifter along with two alternates advanced to the State powerlifting meet proving yet another successful season.

Michael Polk, regional champion, set the deadlift record, and he finished second in state. Melissa Navarro also received second in state, moving up one place from the year before. Senior Marisa Bumguardner and Freshman Chelsea Young qualified for state and

Freshman Aaron Buckley placed third in regionals.



“I was very happy with

how the season went,” Coach Ron Arnesen said, “We were young and had many new lifters. All season we were competitive both as individuals and as a team.”

The girls team made huge strides winning two meets and placing at several others, according to Arnesen.

“It was a good year filled with a lot of great times and special moments,” Arnesen said.



**Team:** top: Coach Arnesen, M. Navarro, B. Martino, K. Bumguardner, M. Bumguardner, J. Reyes, J. Mancera, D. Guevara, N. Nguyen; 2nd: M. Polk, J. Johnson, R. Allums, P. Riccio, T. Anderson, A. Sanchez, D. Guevara; 3rd: C. Barrow, C. Young, L. Kuck, A. Frausto, G. Lopez, M. Morales; Bottom: J. Broussard, D. Doan, G. Yanes, C. Glisson

	GIRLS	BOYS
<b>Milby</b>	1ST	1ST
<b>Ganado</b>	4TH	2ND
<b>Giddings</b>	2ND	2ND
<b>Needville</b>	5TH	2ND
<b>Palacios</b>	6TH	1ST
<b>Boling</b>	3RD	4TH
<b>Hitchcock</b>	3RD	1ST
<b>Dickenson</b>	1ST	-

**Powerlifting**



**State Qualifiers:** top: M. Bumguardner, C. Young; bottom: M. Navarro, Coach Arnesen, M. Polk

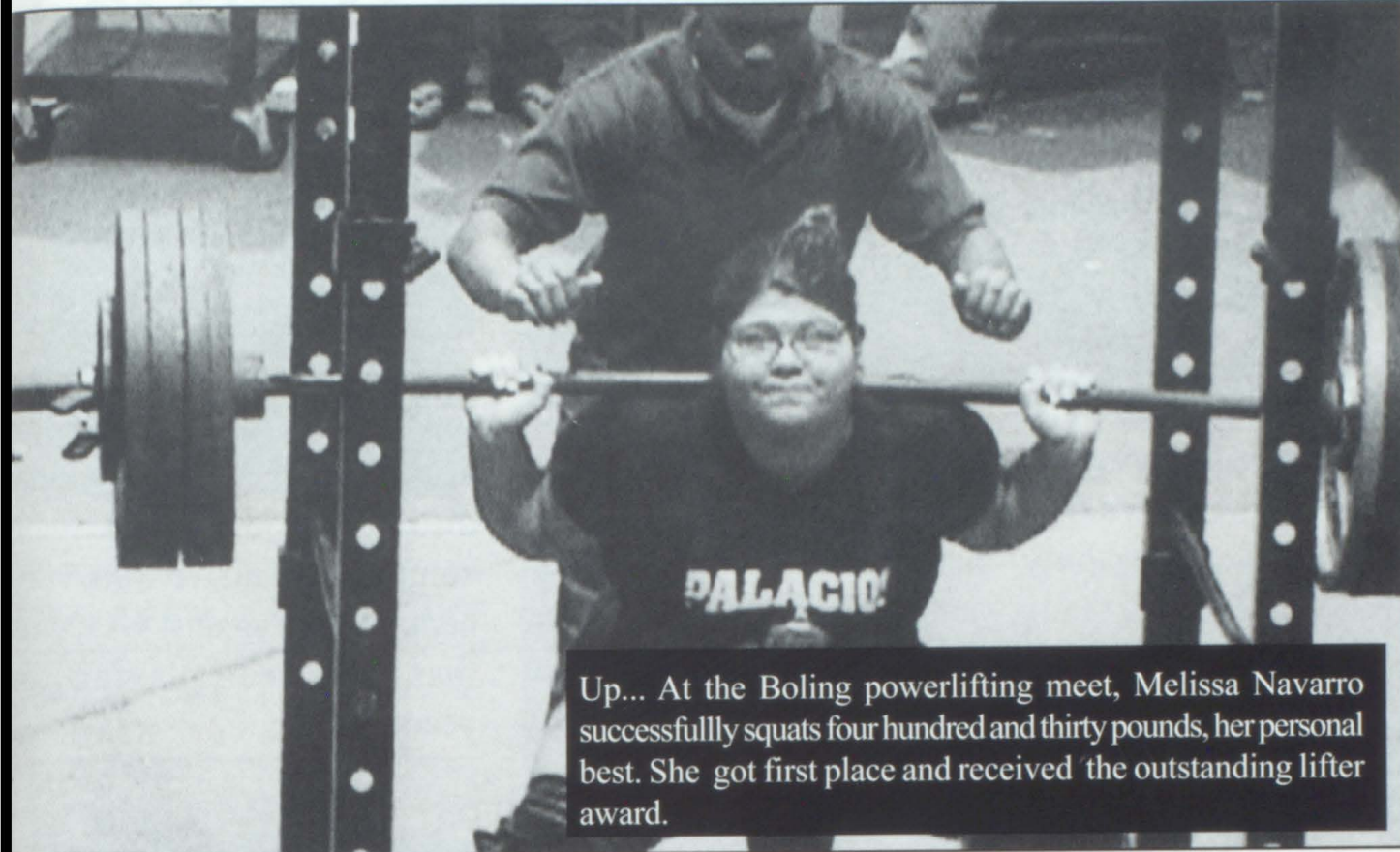


**Regional Qualifiers:** top: Coach Arneson, C. Barrow, C. Young, D. Guevara, G. Yanes, G. Lopez; middle: M. Navarro, D. Doan, J. Johnson, M. Morales, M. Polk; bottom: D. Guevara, C. Glisson, M. Bumguardner, J. Mancera

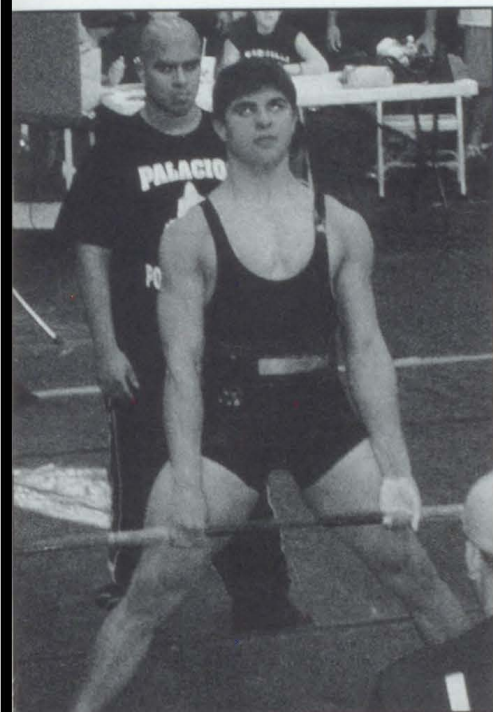


Crack of dawn bus trips, no pain no gain theory, aching

muscles, heavy metal, scrapped shins, calloused hands, no breakfast

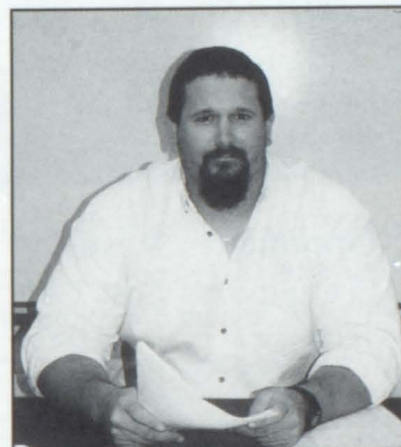
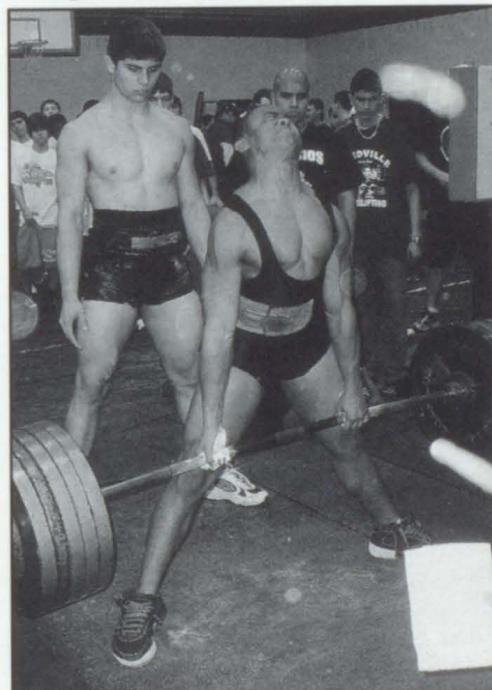


Up... At the Boling powerlifting meet, Melissa Navarro successfully squats four hundred and thirty pounds, her personal best. She got first place and received the outstanding lifter award.



Pulling for second... Aaron Buckley concentrates on his deadlift at the Needville powerlifting meet. The boy's team finished second overall.

Just a little more... At the Needville powerlifting meet, Michael Polk attempts to deadlift five hundred and sixty pounds. The lift was unsuccessful, but Polk was still able to capture first place.



**What inspired you to be a powerlifting coach?**

"I HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED LIFTING WEIGHTS. I ENJOY HELPING KIDS GET STRONGER AND SUCCEED IN A SPORT."

- COACH RON ARNESEN

weigh-ins, bullet proof clothing three sizes too small.



# Kick it up a notch!

Fifty high school students came out for the newest sport, soccer. The boys didn't have a junior varsity team this year, but had a varsity team that consisted of seventeen players, coached by Mr. Erasmo Vences. There were over thirty girls this year, which made enough for them to be able to have both a junior varsity team,

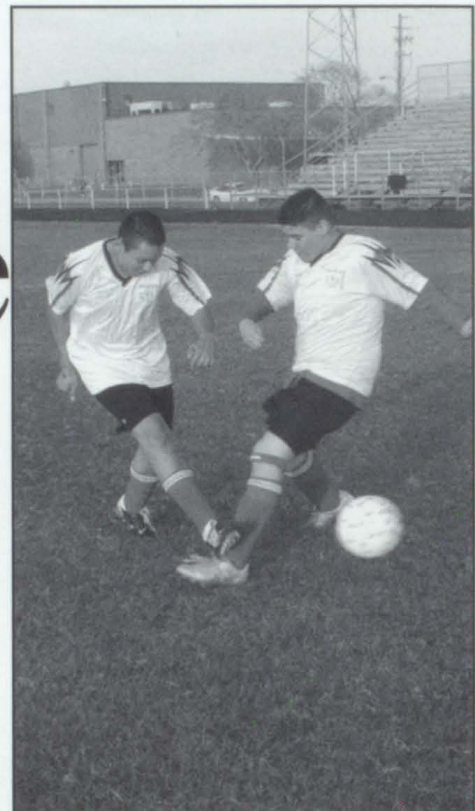
coached by Mr. Jose Ortiz, and a varsity team, coached by Mrs. Jeri Garcia.

When asked about the season, Coach Jose Ortiz replied, "This was the first season that varsity has ever played on a varsity schedule, and this is also the first year for a girl's junior varsity team. It seemed like everyone was

excited about playing even though they had never played before. Over all the season had positive results. We didn't have high expectations and didn't expect to win district. We just wanted to be competitive and we were very happy to win against 4A teams that have been playing for years."

## Shark / SCORES / Sharkette

Date	Opponent	Results	Date	Opponent	Results
Jan 21	El Campo	Lost 1-8	Jan 14	El Campo	Won 3-2
Jan 25	Terry	Lost 0-6	Jan 15	Bay City	Lost 0-4
Jan 28	Angleton	Lost 0-9	Jan 21	El Campo	Lost 1-2
Feb 1	Bay City	Lost 0-10	Jan 25	Terry	Lost 0-3
Feb 4	Lamar Cons.	Lost 0-9	Jan 28	Angleton	Lost 0-8
Feb 8	Foster	Lost 0-3	Feb 1	Bay City	Lost 1-6
Feb 11	Brazosport	Lost 0-4	Feb 4	Lamar Cons.	Lost 0-6
Feb 15	Columbia	Won 3-1	Feb 8	Foster	Lost 0-7
Feb 22	El Campo	Lost 0-7	Feb 22	El Campo	Lost 2-3
Feb 25	Terry	Lost 0-7	Feb 25	Terry	Lost 0-7
Mar 1	Angleton	Lost 0-7	Feb 26	Angleton	Lost 0-5
Mar 4	Bay City	Lost 0-7	Mar 1	Angleton	Lost 0-10
Mar 8	Lamar Cons.	Lost 0-10	Mar 4	Bay City	Lost 1-4
Mar 11	Foster	Lost 0-5	Mar 8	Lamar Cons.	Lost 0-7
Mar 15	Brazosport	Lost 1-8	Mar 11	Foster	Lost 0-7
Mar 18	Columbia	Won 1-0	Mar 15	Brazosport	Won 2-1

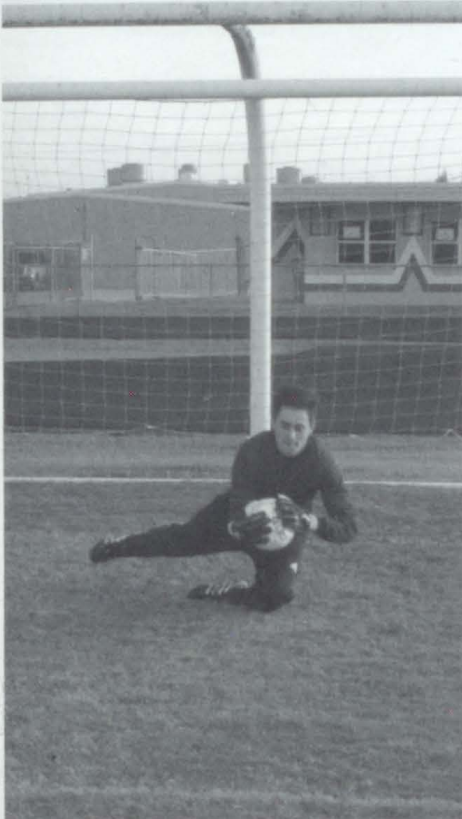


**Practice makes perfect...** Aaron Mills and Pablo Carrillo practice their footwork before a home game. They played against Columbia, and really made their practice pay off. The final score was three to one, in favor of Palacios.





**Polishing their skills...**The boys soccer team is practicing their drills before a game in Palacios. They dedicated a lot of time to practice this year and brought home many victories for Palacios.



**Go for the Goal...**Goalie, Carlos Vega, dives to block a ball. He was successful and contributed to another win for the boys team.



Boys: top: A. Diaz, A. Mills, A. Sanchez, R. Deleon, C. Garcia, E. Garcia, J.Rodriguez, J.J. Garcia, C. Vega, Coach Vences; bottom: I. Chavez, A. Gonzales, J. Guevara, P. Carrillo, L. Cink, N. Castenon, R. Medrano, J. Mancera



Varsity Girls: top: H. Wallace, A. Hecht, R. Perez, L. Kuck, J. Hernandez, G. Carrillo; Middle: C. Ziguenbien, A. Garcia, L. Pena, A. Maldonado, P. Perez, A. Ramos; bottom: S. Aldarete, D. Rodriguez, V.Sanchez, A. Ortiz



J.V. Girls: top: E. Snyder, P. Nguyen, L. Pham, D. Martinez, C. Ortega, K. Zavala, E. Hansen; middle: Y. Longoria, R. Nguyen, L. Tran, M. Nguyen, A. Schneider, A. Cano



# Keep Your Eye On the Ball!

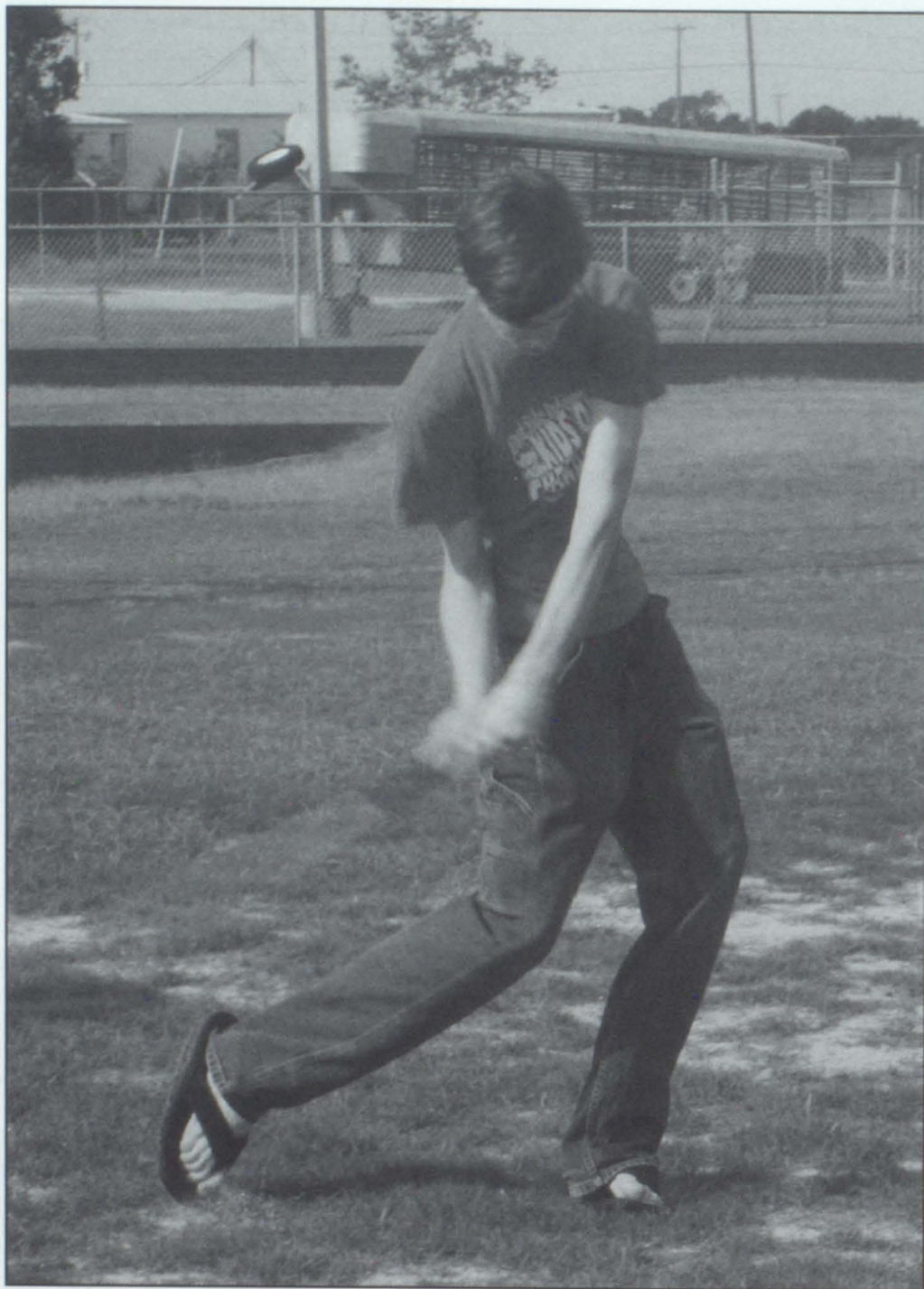
Golf was still a fairly new sport at Palacios High School this year, with twelve people coming to play. The golf team was coached by Mr. Gary Figerova.

Practice was held

before school on week days, and golf tournaments typically took all day.

Tennis had ten people come out for the team and had practice after school. When Madison Morris was asked

what golf taught him, he replied, "It takes a lot of patience to get a ball in a small hole."



**Good morning sunshine...**Brant Biffle is up bright and early, attending the mandatory morning practices. He's is perfecting the essential golf move: the swing.



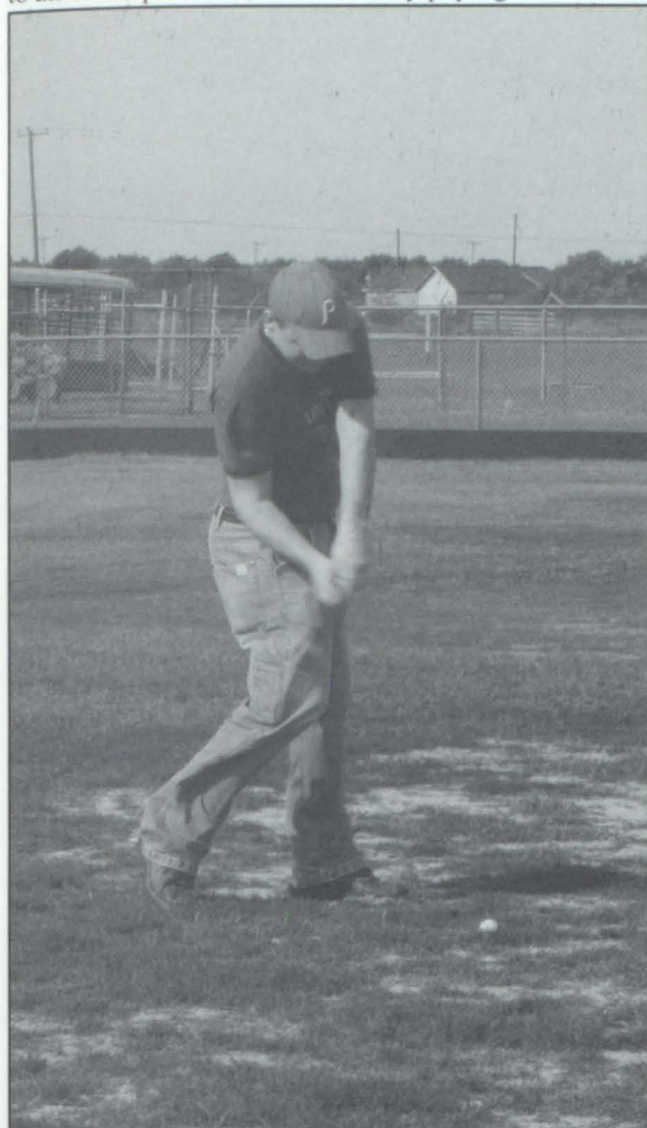
**Can I have your autograph?...**Madison Morris takes a break to wave to his fans. He has been working hard this year and had a great season.

**Two heads are better than one...**Brittany Kubecka and Tara Morales give each other tips on how they can improve their game.



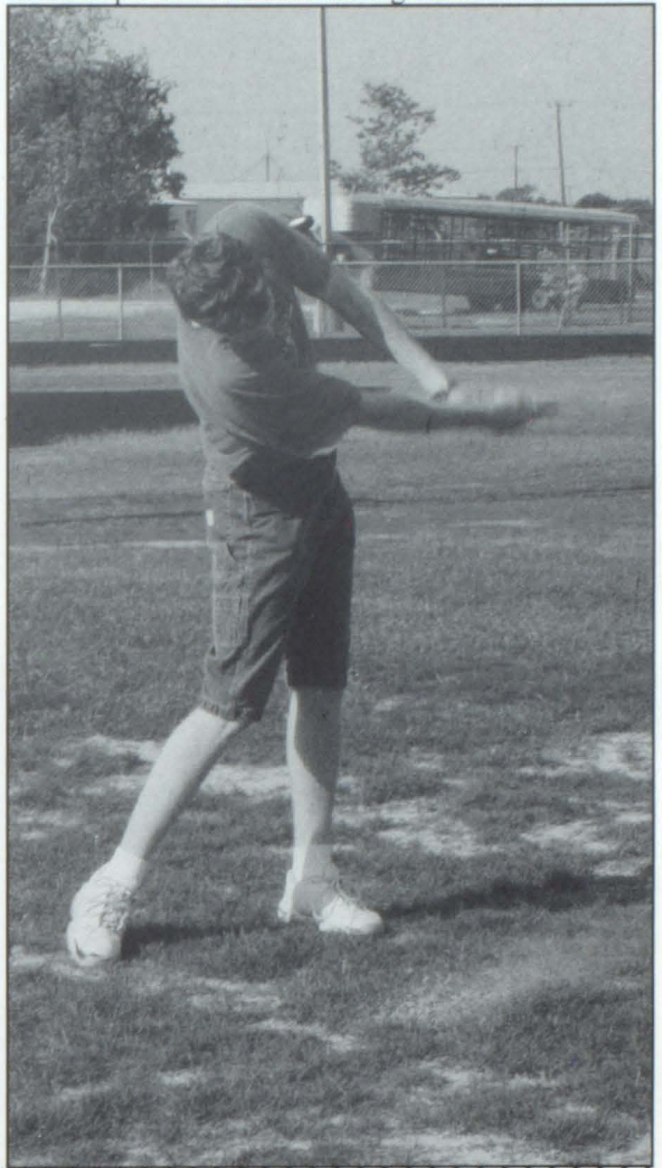


**Make it count...**Paul Lanfear is working on his ever-improving stroke. He has been really dedicated, coming to all of the practices, and it's really paying off.



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**Give me a T!...**Ryan Brister tees off at practice, hoping to reach perfection before the big tournament.



**Tee Talk: with Ryan Brister and Paul Lanfear**

**Why do you like golf?**

**Paul:** We get to miss school all day and it's funny to see how many golf balls we lose

**Ryan:** It's an easy sport to play and sometimes we accidentally hit stuff.



**Golf:** top: B. Kubecka, W. Diaz, P. Lanfear, R. Brister, B. Biffle, J. Neese, A. Garcia, T. Morales; bottom: S. Porter, J. Hooper, M. Morris, K. Hamlin



**Tennis:** top: P. Fiorini, D. Pham, R. Polk, J. Nguyen, B. Fitts; bottom: M. Tulley, K. Hooper, P. Villereal, M. Stepanova, S. Kubecka



# Just Go Home

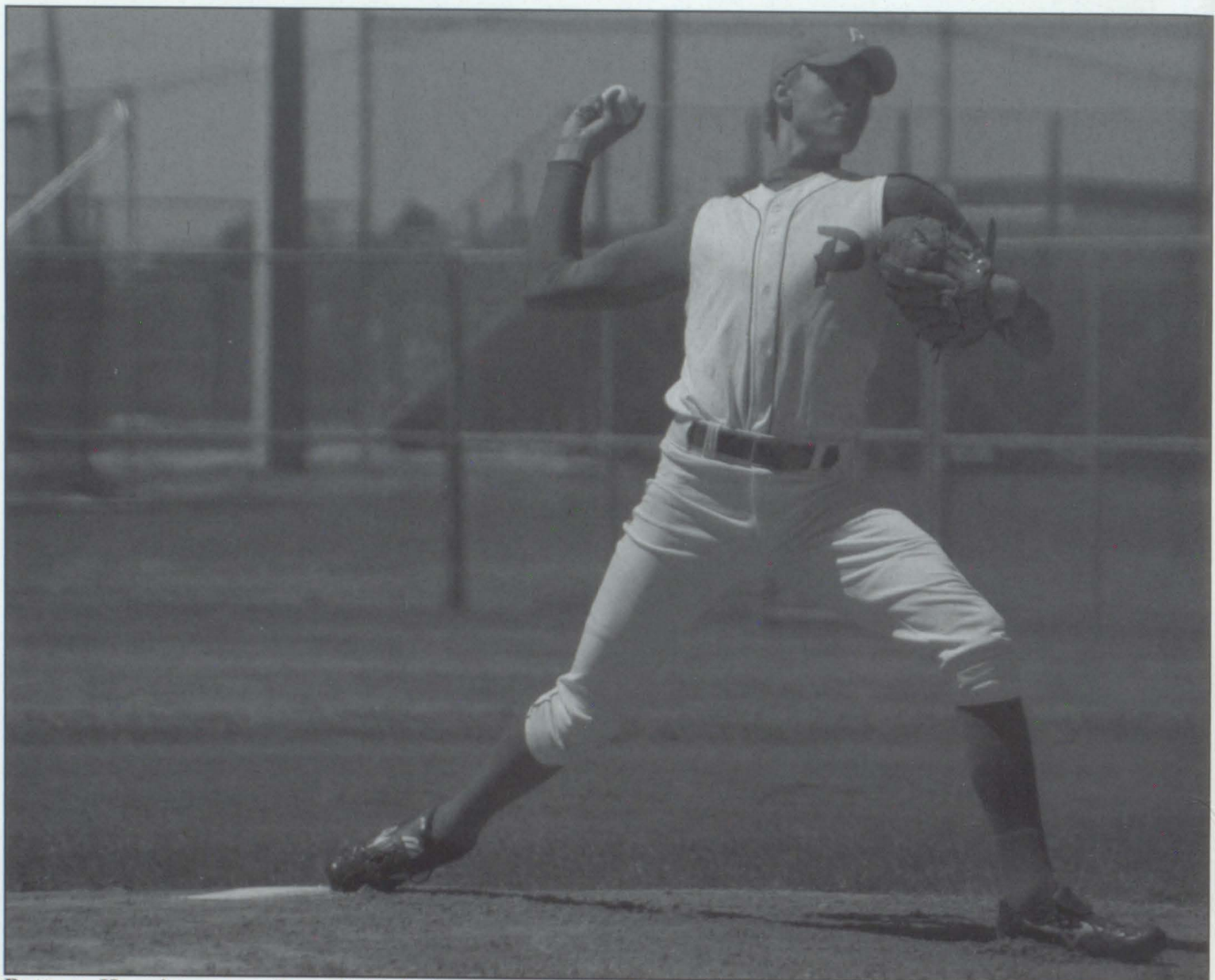
The Palacios Shark baseball team had quite an exciting year, coming within one game of playoffs and bringing home many victories for Palacios. The boys were coached by Mr. Mark

Elder, head coach, and assistant coaches, Mr. Eric Amsler, Mr. William Davis, and Mr. Joe Ayala.

“We had a very young team this year. I am very proud of these

guys. I couldn't have asked for a better group of young men to coach,” Coach Elder said.

The Sharks placed fifth over-all, and were the number three batting team in the district.



**Bottom: Here it comes...** Dane Kubecka is pitching and really out does himself. This was the second game against Stafford, Kubecka helping Palacios to another win with a score of 12-6.





Date	Opponent	Score
March 22	Sweeny	Won 5-2
March 24	Stafford	Won 4-2
March 29	Needville	Lost 8-12
April 2	Columbia	Lost 1-9
April 5	Wharton	Lost 1-10
April 8	Sweeny	Lost 2-6
April 11	Stafford	Won 12-6
April 15	Needville	Lost 4-6



**Top: It's outta there!...**Eder Ruiz is up to bat and certainly delivers as he hits a double. The game was against Stafford, and the victory went to Palacios, 4-2.

**Bottom: Brotherly love...** The varsity Shark baseball team is having some bonding time before the game starts. This is an important game and the guys know that they will need to play as a team in order to be victorious.



**Varsity:** top: Coach Elder, D. Hunt, C. Hamlin, D. Kubecka, N. Oldham, P. Lanfear; bottom: D. Guevara, C. Wilson, R. Law, J. Barrios, A. Wallis, E. Ruiz

**Junior Varsity:** top: G. Yanes, J. Saylor, J. Hooper, E. Garcia, K. Hamlin, J. Morris; bottom: P.J. Garcia, A. Sanchez, J. Barefield, P. Garcia, J. Guardiola



# Hitting to Win

"Our varsity was a very young team this year, and our district was a tough one. However, the girls hung in there and played hard. If we could have just gotten rid of that one bad inning that always seemed to haunt us, we'll have a better season to come," Coach Donna Garcia said.

Highlights of the year were when Lindsay Dominy got a triple against Wharton and a double on West

Columbia and when Jessica Garcia smashed two triples back to back in a single game, according to Coach Garcia.

"It was a good season and I had fun," Kristen Garcia said .

All-District members were first team Brittany Garcia and Stephanie Hunt. Second team honors went to Kristan Garcia, Brittany Martino, Leigh Ann Garcia, and Jessica Garcia. Honorable mention was Lindsey Dominy.



Letting it go...Kristen Garcia pitches at the Calhoun Tournament. This was Kristen's first year as pitcher.

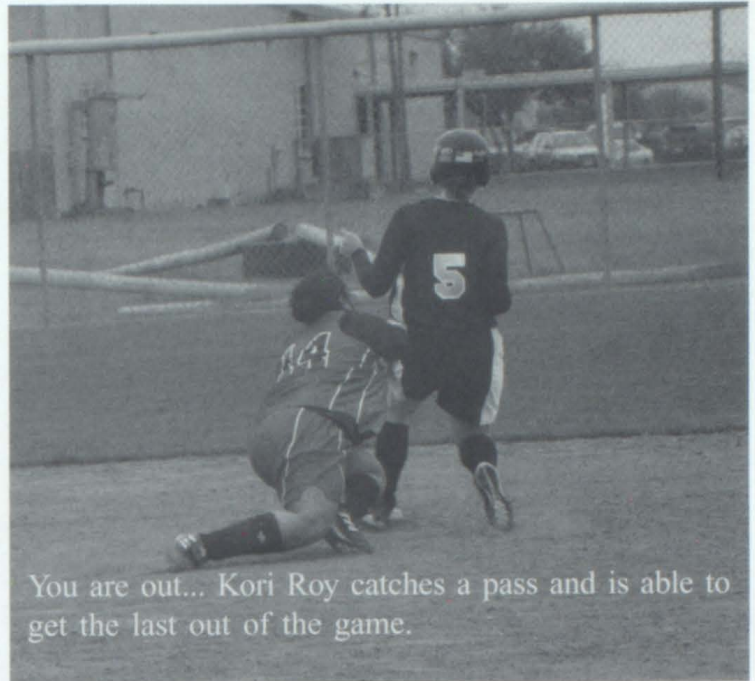


Together they can do it all...Brittany Garcia watches the team work of Kori Roy and Kristen Garcia as they work together to catch a fly.





I'm ready...LeighAnn Garcia warms up as catcher before their game against Stafford ;they won 10-0.



You are out... Kori Roy catches a pass and is able to get the last out of the game.

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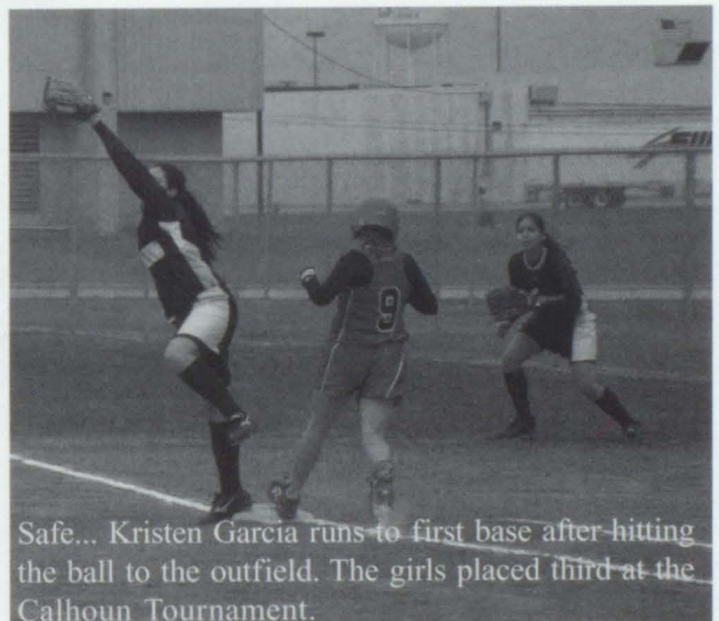
district record

Wharton	[L]	1-6
Sweeny	[L]	3-9
Stafford	[W]	10-0
Needville	[L]	1-6
W. Columbia	[L]	0-4
Wharton	[L]	0-8
Sweeny	[L]	2-6
Stafford	[W]	5-0
Needville	[L]	0-14
W. Columbia	[L]	0-10

Softball



Top: Coach Garcia, E. Pena, B. Martino, A. Corporon, L. Dominy, J. Garcia, B. Garcia, A. Vo, Coach Huffman. Bottom: L. Garcia, X. Nguyen, S. Hunt, K. Garcia, E. Garcia, S. Svatek, V. Zamora.



Safe... Kristen Garcia runs to first base after hitting the ball to the outfield. The girls placed third at the Calhoun Tournament.



# Going to State!

The season brought out a strong performance from many of the girl runners.

"Of course, Camp is the obvious standout-fighting back from a disappointing discus performance to PR in the shot put to take second at state. We had setbacks before the season even started, but we didn't let them hold us down," Coach Arredondo, girls track coach, said.

M. Stepanova was the district champion in 3200m. run,

G. Garcia in the 300m. hurdles, K. Greenawalt in the 100m. hurdles, S. Thomas ran 62.5 in her leg of the 1600m. relay, and P. Perez was the anchor on all of the relays.

The varsity boys got fourth place on district standings with 84 points. There were four regional qualifiers: Jr. Johnson, discus; Cody Barrow, 400m. dash, 1600m. relay; Joel Nevarez, 3200m., 800m., 1600m. relay; Oscar Martinez and Randy Holdgraf, the 1600m. relay.

Almost There... Randy Holdgraf and Joel Nevarez are neck to neck on the 800m. dash. Joel qualified to regionals in three events.



Regional Qualifiers: O. Martinez, J. Navarez, C. Barrow, R. Holdgraf, J. Johnson



Top: C. Barrow, G. Saldierna, J. Anderson, R. Allams, R. Holdgraf, L. Cink, J. Johnson, Coach Fort. Bottom: M. Polk, K. McDaniel, O. Martinez, J. Navares, J. Guardiola, D. Guevara



Ready Set Go... Lee Clink takes off as soon as he hears the gun shot. This is Lee's first year on the track team.



Two much power...Chelsea Young shows off the power she has by throwing an 8k. shot in the shotput.



Top: Varsity J. Mayfield, M. Stephanova, M. Perez, S. Camp, K. Greenawalt, M. Bumguardner, K. Wallis. Bottom: G. Garcia, S. Thomas, V. Zamora, P. Perez, J. Kocurek, K. Hansen



Top: J.V. B. Bickham, M. Navarro, C. Young, L. Kuck, K. Wallis. Bottom: B. Martino, N. Nguyen, C. Ziegenbein, L. Gonzalez, E. Hansen

What did you think about the State Track Meet?

*"It was awesome... It was the greatest thing ever."*

Did you think you would make it to state?

*"Because of my opponents in district, I pretty much knew that I would make it to State."*

-Stephanie Camp



Let it Go...Stephanie Camp starts to spin as she gets ready to throw the disc at the Regional meet. Stephanie was the only PHS student to make it to the state meet.



# READY ... OKAY ...

Take one brave senior boy and seventeen vivacious, active high school girls---what does it add up to?...Shark Cheerleaders!!!

The cheerleader's football season started long before the school year began. In June, they traveled to Texas A&M in College Station along with sponsor Barbara Kubecka to attend UCA camp, coming back with new

cheers and chants; the cheerleaders were all ready for the season ahead. While at camp Leandra Rubio and Valerie Sanchez qualified for All-Stars.

The following month, the cheerleaders held a mini cheerleading camp for children from ages 3-12. This was a great fundraiser for the squad.

Practices began shortly after

with the group polishing up on some moves and really concentrating on the first day pep rally.

The cheerleaders had a good football season with a few minor injuries and a lot of great memories. After the season ended, cheerleaders cheered at home basketball games until February.



Cheerleaders gone crazy... after relaxing at half time the cheerleaders take a minute to pose for the camera before getting serious for the rest of the game. James Neese is just enjoying the moment.



**Varsity Cheerleaders:** Bottom: R. Eufrazio, L. Rubio, T. Tran; Middle: A Schneider, L. Garcia; V. Sanchez; Top: S. Franzen, T. Morales, K. Greenawalt, J. Neese, B. Kubecka, J. Garcia, A. Dale.



**J.V. Cheerleaders:** Bottom: J. Saldierna, C. Guardiola; Top: B. Garcia, K. Zavala, H. Burseson.



## CHEER CORNER

How do u feel being the only guy on the squad?

*I just like to think of myself as one of the girls, except I'm a guy, and that I'm attracted to basically the whole squad.*

James Neese

Why should someone try out for cheerleading?

*Cheerleading is a fun thing to do. You learn how to bond and get along with everyone. It's an honor to be able to help and guide the Palacios Sharks to victory.*

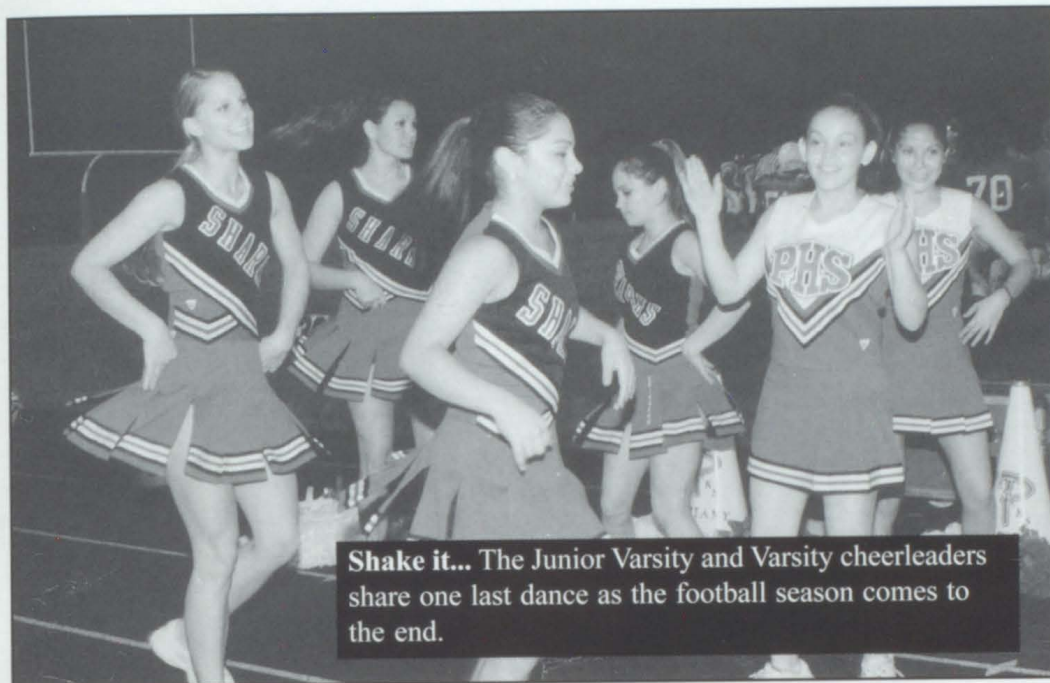
Jessica Saldierna



**We're number one...** James Neese stands proudly at the homecoming game while the band plays the Alma Mater.



**I believe I can fly...** Varsity cheerleaders Jessica Garcia and Brittany Kubecka put Ashlyn Schneider in a "chair" lift.



**Shake it...** The Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleaders share one last dance as the football season comes to the end.



(Left)  
**Go, Go, Go...** Raquel Eufrazio, Leighann Garcia, Tiffany Tran, and Valerie Sanchez along with the other cheerleaders perform a cheer to pump up the football players before the game.

(Right)  
**Go, Fight, Win...** Savannah, first year Varsity cheerleader, tries to get the crowd into the spirit.





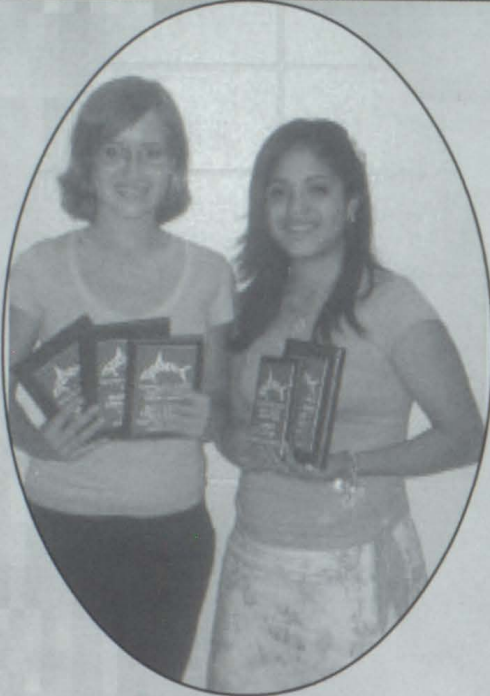
# 2 Give It All Sports Banquet



Track: Martina Stepanova (*Fighting Heart Award*), Gabrielle Garcia (MVP), Pamela Perez (MVP), and Kristen Greenawalt (*Fighting Heart Award*)



Golf: Tara Morales (*Fighting Heart Award*), and Brittany Kubecka (MVP)



Powerlifting: Melissa Navarro (MVP) and Courtney Glisson (*Fighting Heart Award*)

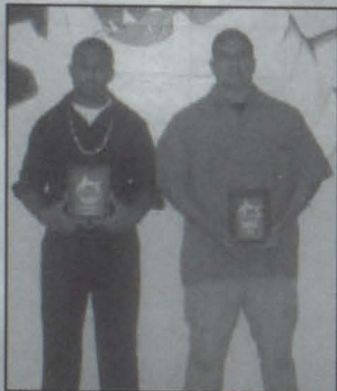


Cross Country: Martina Stepanova (MVP) and Ashley Ramos (*Fighting Heart Award*)

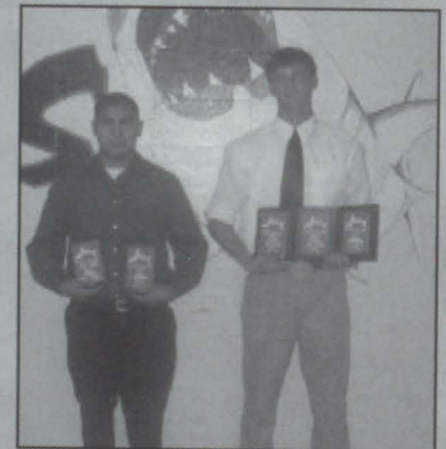


Softball: Jessica Garcia (*Fighting Heart Award*), Leigh Ann Garcia (MVP), and Kristen Garcia (MVP)

Powerlifting: Michael Polk (MVP), and Michael Morales (*Fighting Heart Award*).



Volleyball: Brittany Kubecka, Naomi Arroyo (*Fighting Heart Award*) and Jessica Garcia (MVP)

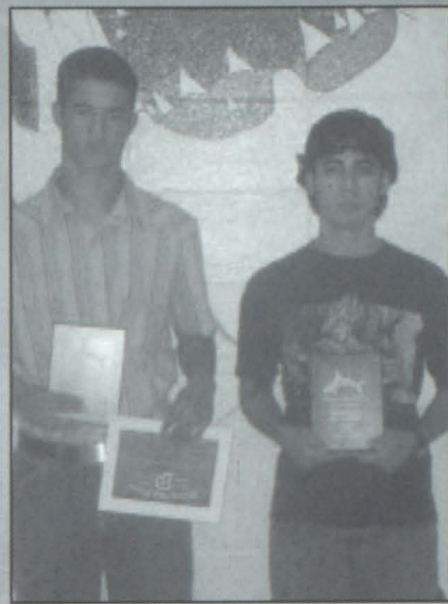


Baseball: Jesse Barrios (*Baseball Fighting Heart Award*), and Dane Kubecka (MVP)





Soccer: Pamela Perez (MVP), Valerie Sanchez (Fighting Heart Award) and Amy Hecht (Fighting Heart Award)



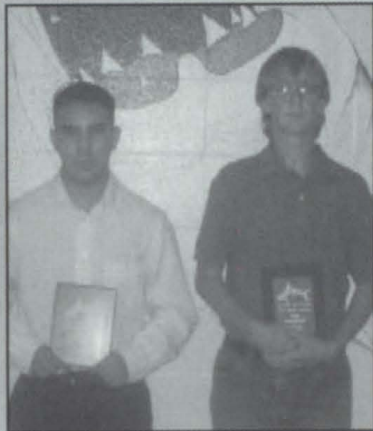
Soccer: Eddie Garcia (MVP), and Nick Castanon (Fighting Heart Award)



Basketball: Clay Hamlin (Fighting Heart Award), and Dane Kubecka (MVP)



Football: Dane Kubecka, Randy Allums (Offensive MVP), Michael Polk (Offensive MVP), Jr. Johnson (Defensive MVP), and Cody Barrow (Fighting Heart Award)



Cross Country: Joel Navarez (MVP), and Joseph Hooper (Fighting Heart Award)



Basketball: Brittany Kubecka (Fighting Heart Award) Stephanie Camp (Basketball MVP) Naomi Arroyo (Fighting Heart Award)  
Track: Randy Holdgraf (Fighting Heart Award), Cody Barrow, Jr. Johnson (MVP), Oscar Martinez (MVP, Fighting Heart Award), Joel



Golf: Ryan Brister (MVP), and Scott Porter (Fighting Heart Award)





# Organizations

If there is anything that students will always remember, it is time spent in an organization. Palacios High School offers many organization to join, such as NHS, student council, yearbook, TAFE, VICA, drill team, art club, band, choir, FCCLA, Spanish club, FFA, and drama. The requirements to be in these organizations vary.

Being in an organization is more than just

something; it's doing something you truly enjoy. Organizations are designed to help keep students off the streets and to help them occupy themselves by doing beneficial activities. Most organizations require that the student volunteer a certain amount of hours which in return helps the community out.

"Community service is all about making a

difference in your community. Students learn new skills, meet new people, and learn the importance and value of helping others. Everyone benefits all the way around." Ms. Veronica Chromcak, Spanish club sponsor, said.

An organization needs a variety of people for it to function properly because, "one person can make a big difference...". Krystal Le, junior, said.

What does being in many clubs do for you?



"It helps me to feel like I am not alone in the things that I like."

-Kimberly Palmer

Kimberly Palmer (12th)

Do you think it is important to belong in something? Why or why not?

"I definitely think it is important to belong to something. To feel like those people want you there is a great feeling."

-Lauren Brune

Lauren Brune (12th)

**(Right) Food Please...FCCLA** President Michael Gatica and Vice President Israel Barrios collected cans and donations for the FCCLA community food drive at a football game.

*"One person can make a BIG difference..."*

-Krystal Le

**(Bottom)Get to work!...** Paco Vasquez tells Thoa Le to get to work during the Art Honor Society's fundraiser at Sonic Christmas painting.







**Halftime play...** Senior foreign exchange student Martina Stepanova plays a solo in the song "Zorro" during the halftime break in a football game. There were four foreign exchange students who lent their talents at PHS this year.



The Palacios High School National Honor Society is a combination of a variety of different students who all share the same type of discipline and dedication to rise above the rest.

“These are students who have

worked hard and are willing to go the extra mile,” says Patricia Woolsey.

The B.W. Trull Chapter of the Honor Society was granted its charter on Dec. 16, 1960, and was named for Mr. B.W. Trull, a gentleman who cared about the education of children.

The students are required to possess certain traits such as: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The National Honor Society gives them a sense of pride and a feeling of belonging.

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY!!**



**Let there be light...** Clay Hamlin lights the red candle to show its significance to the inductees. It serves as a reminder to the whole organization of the loyalty and dedication to serving their peers and the entire community.



**Give blood 2 save lives...** Seniors Quynh Le and Zach Ressler volunteer at the NHS annual blood drive. The members will receive community service hours to go towards their NHS requirements.

**What is the purpose of this organization?**

“To promote integrity, honor, and become good citizens.”

-Betty Janzen



**Sweet Welcoming...** The National Honor Society officers greet the new 2004-2005 inductees with a beautiful and delicious cake. Not only do the NHS members get the reward of self achievement, but they are also treated by the sponsors and old members.

**N.H.S.**



**Officers...** (front) Huyen Tran, president; Brittany Kubecka, reporter; Nancy Huynh, secretary; (back) James Neese, student advisor; Zachary Ressler, parliamentarian; Quynh Le, vice president



**Group...** (1st) H. Tran, N. Vo, H. Huynh, R. Hurtado, E. Luna, K. Hansen, E. Todd, J. Kocurek, L. Tran, M. Ngyuen; (2nd) C. Glisson, V. Tran, A. Vacera, S. Kubecka, B. Seaman, J. Farmer, D. Martinez, H. Nguyen, M. Morris, M. Bumguardner; (3rd) M. Pham, K. Palmer, Z. Ressler, J. Neese, C. Hamlin, P. Riccio, R. Holdgraf, Q. Le, A. Ngyuen, K. Kahanek, B. Kubecka, A. Shimek



# STUDENT COUNCIL ROX!!!

The Student Council here at Palacios High School has been representing their fellow students for years. They are nominated and elected by the student body at the beginning of every year, and it is their duty to set an example for those around

them at all times.

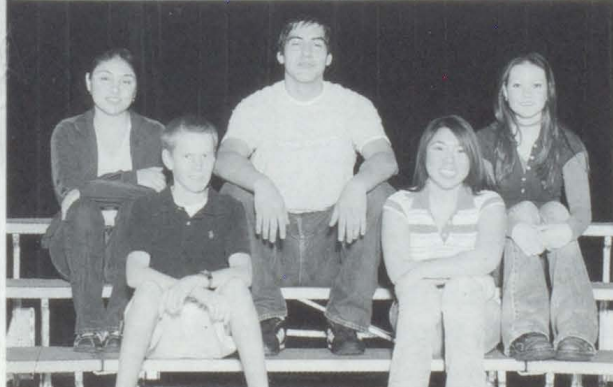
This is Mrs. Stephanie Garcia's first year as the sponsor of the Student Council, and with her to help them along, they have successfully completed many tasks such as: the Veteran's Day Assembly, health awareness to

their peers, and several fundraisers to help the organization along.

"Student Council has taught me leadership qualities, responsibilities, allowed me to speak in front of audiences, and most of all, its been really fun," says Tiffany Tran.



**Group...** (1st) Pete Villarreal, Rusaura Hurtado, Lucy Tran, Huyen Tran, Valerie Sanchez, Raquel Eufrazio, Xinh Nguyen; (2nd) Kristen Greenawalt, Madison Morris, Rachael Holbrook, Diana Martinez, Hannah Wallace, Jessica Hernandez, Karyssa Zavala; (3rd) Tiffany Tran, Brittany Seaman, Peter Pham, Jose Hernandez, Jessica Garcia, Savannah Franzen, Stephanie Garcia (sponsor)



**Officers...** (1st) Madison Morris, treasurer; Jessica Huyen Tran, president; (2nd) Rosaura Hurtado, secretary, Jose Hernandez, reporter, Jessica Garcia, vice president

## STUCO



**Delivery of Surprise...** Student council member Diana Martinez delivers a beautiful carnation to senior Tavia Young. The carnations were not only a Valentine's fundraiser for the organization, but also a huge success to most high school students.

*What do you see as the purpose of the Student Council?*

**"To act as a liaison between the student body and the PHS staff. The Student Council brings their collection of ideas and concerns to the staff and collaborates in an attempt to make constant improvements to our campus."**

**Valerie Segovia,  
Assistant Principal**



# Working 2 Hard

It was the first day of school and yearbook class was off to a great start. Israel Barrios and Michael Gatica were second year co-editors, and Ms. Peggy Charlton was a second year yearbook advisor at P.H.S.

"In my fifteen years as yearbook advisor, this is the first time I have ever had the same co-editors for two years in a row.

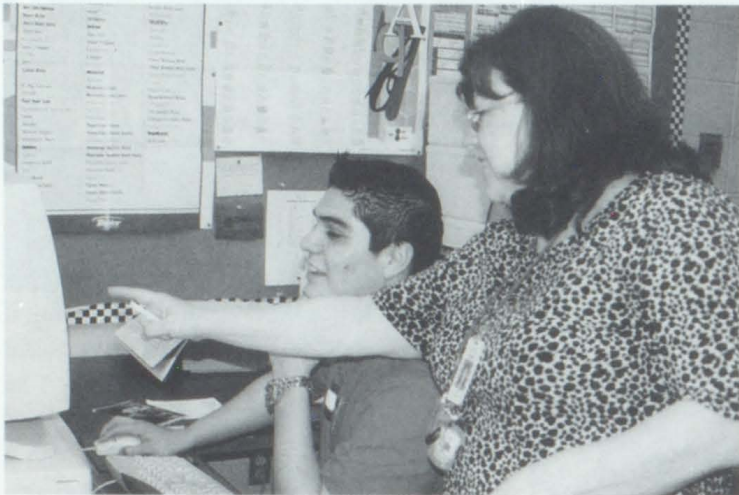
It has been a fantastic experience," Charlton said.

The yearbook staff was ready to begin with Jairo Garcia, Elena Contreras and Clarissa Torres returning and seven other new members.

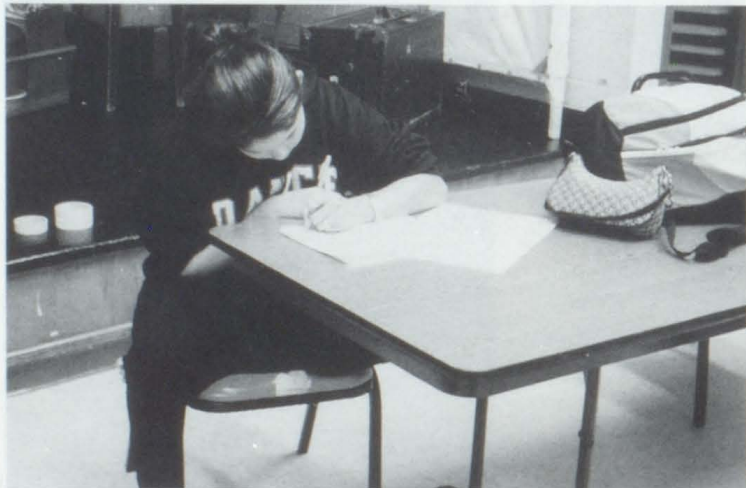
"Michael and Israel did a really good job as co-editors, considering it was only their second year," said Jairo.

Yearbook class is very exciting, but it can also be a bit stressful. The staff is constantly working to make layouts, captions, and stressing over whether or not they will meet their upcoming deadlines.

When asked what she likes about yearbook class, Ashlyn Schnieder replied, "Not having a structure; every day is different."



**Picky, picky, picky..**Ms. Peggy Charlton points out a problem in Michael Gatica's design so he can have a perfect layout by deadline time.



**Hard at work...** Ashley Ortiz concentrates on writing copy for her drill team layout. Copy is an important part of a layout and can sometimes be a very difficult process.



**Yearbook staff:** Top Row: Ashlynn Schnieder, Michael Gatica, Peggy Charlton, Israel Barrios, Jairo Garcia; Bottom Row: Melissa Navarro, Courtney Glisson, Mayra Garza, Ashley Ortiz, Clarissa Torres; Not Pictured: Annie Holloway, Lindsay Corporon, Zachery Sample, Elena Contreras.



**Busy, Busy, Busy...** Elena Contreras works on the advertising section of the yearbook. She designs the ad pages and bills the businesses.



## A word with the Pros

What was the most memorable moment you had in yearbook?

When Michael and Israel put an unflattering picture of me on the school website page for the whole world to see.

-Ms. Charlton

Would you every consider editing for a magazine in the future?

I don't plan to go into that field, but I do plan to be a yearbook advisor when I become a teacher.

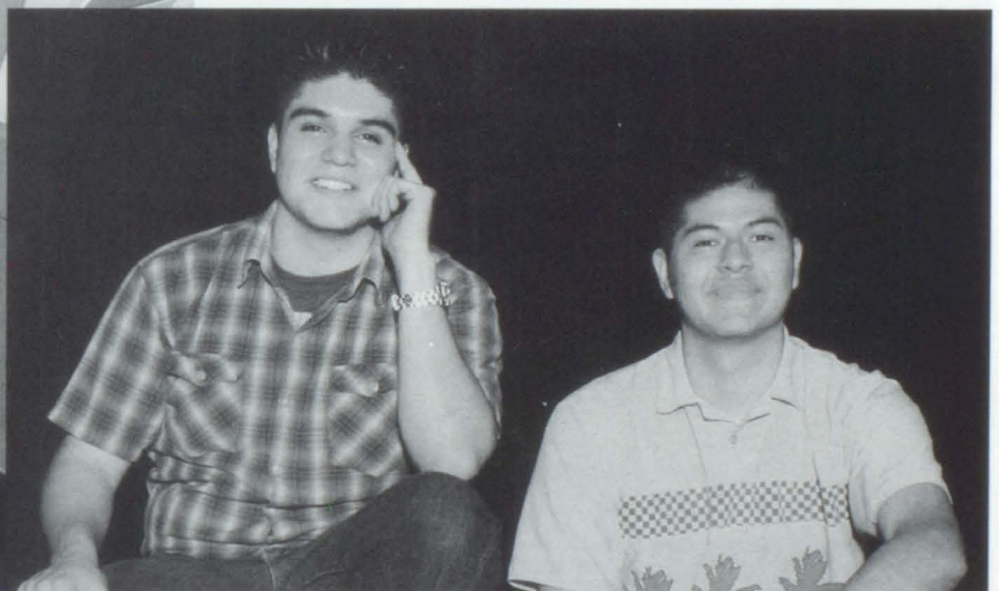
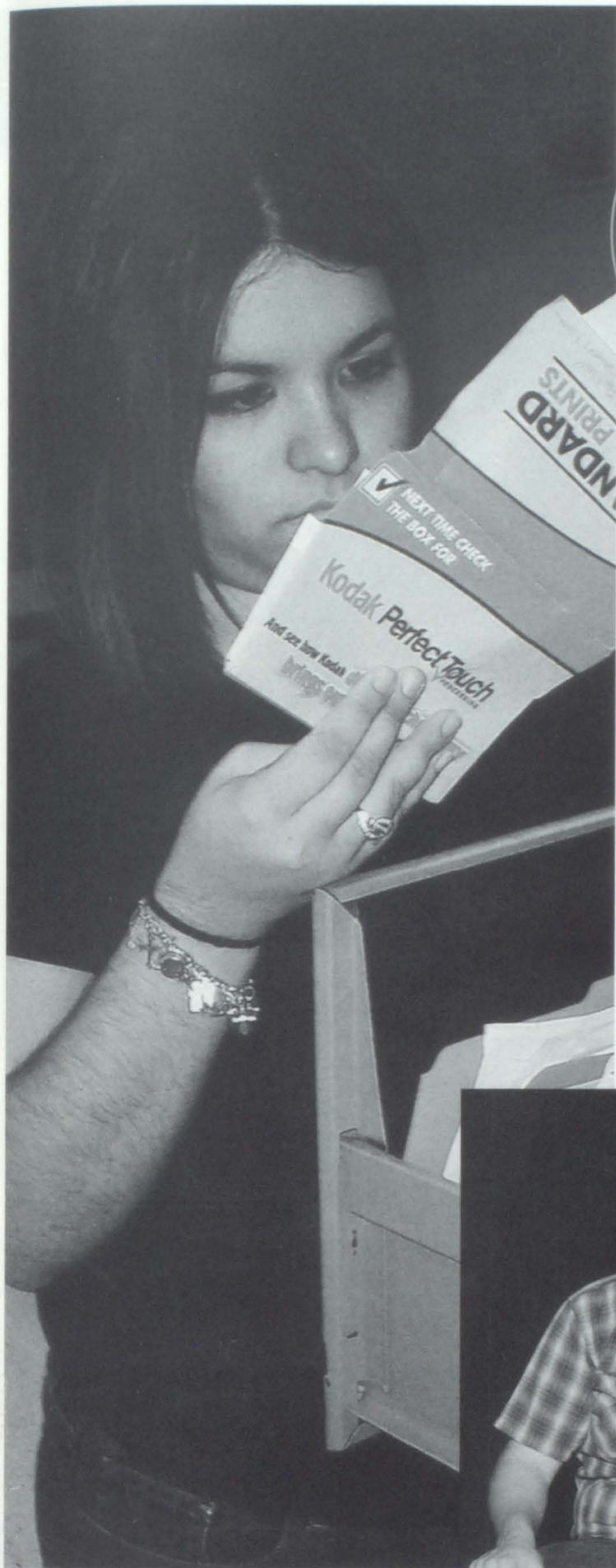
-Michael Gatica

Are you going to miss editing the yearbook?

Yes, because it was a lot of fun. Not just co-editing, but the staff members. They are like my family.

-Israel Barrios

Co Editors: Michael Gatica and Israel Barrios



A picture is worth a thousand words... Mayra Garza searches through pictures trying to find an acceptable one for her layout. Mayra was in charge of photography and the academics section.



# TAFE Future Teachers



**Juicy, juicy...** Linh Pham can't get enough of the juicy, sweet corn as she takes in the scenery at Fiesta Texas. Mrs. Margaret Higgins was the sponsor for the trip.



**You're so cute...** Linh Pham checks out Speedy Gonzales in a t-shirt store at Fiesta Texas. TAFE members raised money for their annual trip, and this year it was to San Antonio.



**Get down...**TAFE members Nhi Vo, Becky Le, and Linh Pham really get into eating the delicious corn at Fiesta Texas.

Tafe Texas making project to Association of Future finance their Fiesta Educators is just that- Texas trip. a club that promotes education.

At the meetings, students discuss teaching, hear guest teachers speak, and work on the fund raiser and service project.

Meetings are held monthly in the class room of Mrs. Higgins, the sponsor of TAFE. "The purpose of the club is to learn about the teaching profession," Mrs. Higgins said.

Selling popcorn is their annual money

"Every year I have a great group of students," Mrs. Higgins said.



**Quick breather...**TAFE girls Linh Pham, Thoa Le, Becky Le, Tuyen Lam, Nhi Vo, Xuan Nguyen and My Tan Nguyen take a break to rest after a very strenuous day at Fiesta Texas. These future teachers look as if they had a great time.



**Hats off to you...** Becky Le tries on one of the many hats in a store at Fiesta Texas. It seems she favors the Jester hat; maybe because it matches her bubbly personality.





**Bottom:** G. Tran, M. Tan, H. Tran, N. Huynh, H. Nguyen, T. Le, L. Williams, L. Pena, L. Joines, X. Nguyen, L. Vu, L. Garcia; **Middle:** T. Lam, N. Vo, L. Pham, H. Wallace, V. Tran, D. Nguyen, H. Nguyen, L. Balboa, P. Tan, L. Tran, J. Hernandez; **Top:** R. Perez, D. Martinez, K. Le, J. Hooper, C. Wilson, J. Hernandez, L. Nguyen, A. Nguyen, D. Pham, N. Le, M. Higgins



**Officers:** Nancy Huyhn: secretary, Huyen Tran: president, Lyly Vu: vice president, Viet Tran: Treasure, Nahn Le: parliamentarian





# Down <sup>2</sup> Style

The VICA Club is the cosmetology class in the Palacios High School. Their sponsor is Mrs. Diane Rojas. Students attend class one through third periods and have a one night week labortary where they cut hair.

"Cutting hair was hard," Michael Johnson said. They learned

how to design hair, cut hair, take care of hair by showing them how to shampoo it right and condition it right.

Mrs. Rojas also showed them how to do nails. She showed them how to paint their nails, put designs on their nails, take care of their nails, and how to do a manicure and a pedicure.

### Vica Club Members & Officers...

(front row) Sarita Diaz - secretary, Angel Flores - club member, (Second row) Naomi Arroyo - vice president, Rita Perez - president, Leandra Rubio - club member member

**Mr. Artist . . .** Michael Johnson takes his time in doing an excellent job on his manequinn.



"They also fixed people's hair who would just walk in the class room", Mrs. Rojas said. "These students have been great working with them" Mrs. Rojas said. "They have learned so much, and they made me so proud of them," Mrs. Rojas said. "I hope for more wonderful years with terrific students," Mrs. Rojas said.

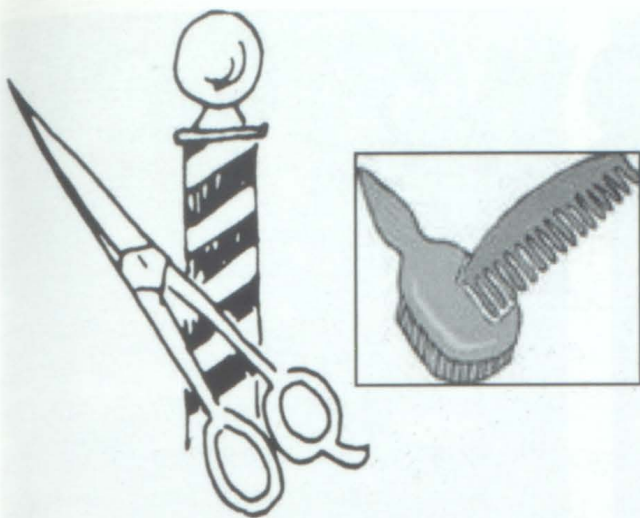


**Spraying it down! . . .** Vi Nguyen is concentrating on how to learn how to do a perm on her manequinn.



**I wonder how its going to look? . . .** Sarita Diaz is busy straightening Leandra Rubio's hair during class.





**Left: We Did It!**  
... These two young ladies, Rita Perez and Naomi Arroyo made it to regionals and qualified for state and came back from State as contest winners.

**Smile...** Leandra Rubio stopped to smile for the camera while she was working on her manequinn.



Bottom Row - Raylynn Samora, Leandra Rubio, Rita Perez, Sarita Diaz  
Middle Row - Tuyen Lam, Felicia Ayala, Brandii Bickham, Vi Nguyen  
Top Row - Naomi Arroyo, Kayly Brown, Nieghm Tran, Michael Johnson, Rebecca McCorkle

1. What are some of the experiences that you have learned?

"At first I took it as a "Blow Off" class, but it turned out I learned how to do stuff such as manicures and so many other things like hair that I can't even remember."

**AN INSIDE  
LOOK  
Of  
VICA  
Michael  
Johnson**

2. Did you enjoy being in Cosmo?

"It was very frustrating but I guess I made it through."



**How long is it going to take?** ... Naomi Arroyo is taking her time in trying to make Sarita Diaz's hair as straight as she can get it.



# We Know How 2 Get DOWN!

Sharky Angels had a dynamo and successful year, cleaning up on medals and qualifying for state. To begin the year they attended summer camp at Conroe. They came back with Gussie Nell Davis Team of the week SilverPlatter,

Sweepstakes, which is higher than a division one, Team of the day Gussie Nell Davis, and Most Admired Team of the Day.

Then they went to Regionals at Lake Jackson and came back with Sweepstakes, Superior one (Right) How Long do I have to hold this pose?.. Kim Kahane is keeping her balance while performing at the community pep rally.

Trophy, Best in class team award, and outstanding team performance.

They also qualified for state in Austin. They won three division one medals. The Sharky Angels did an outstanding job. Way to Go!

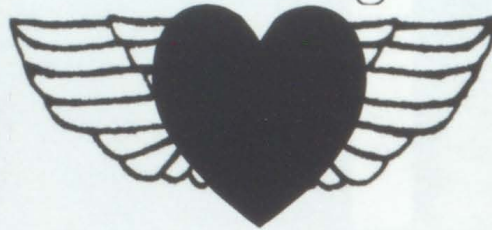


\*?@? HUH?... Gabriele "Boo" Garcia, Brooke Tedder, and Emily Snyder are following at the end of the line confused about their first football game.

Say Chessel... These two best friends Tavia Young and Alysha Forrest took time out from school to take a memorable picture.



## Sharky's Angels



2004-2005



Make up time!... Gabriele "Boo" Garcia is getting her make up put on at camp by Kim Kahane.

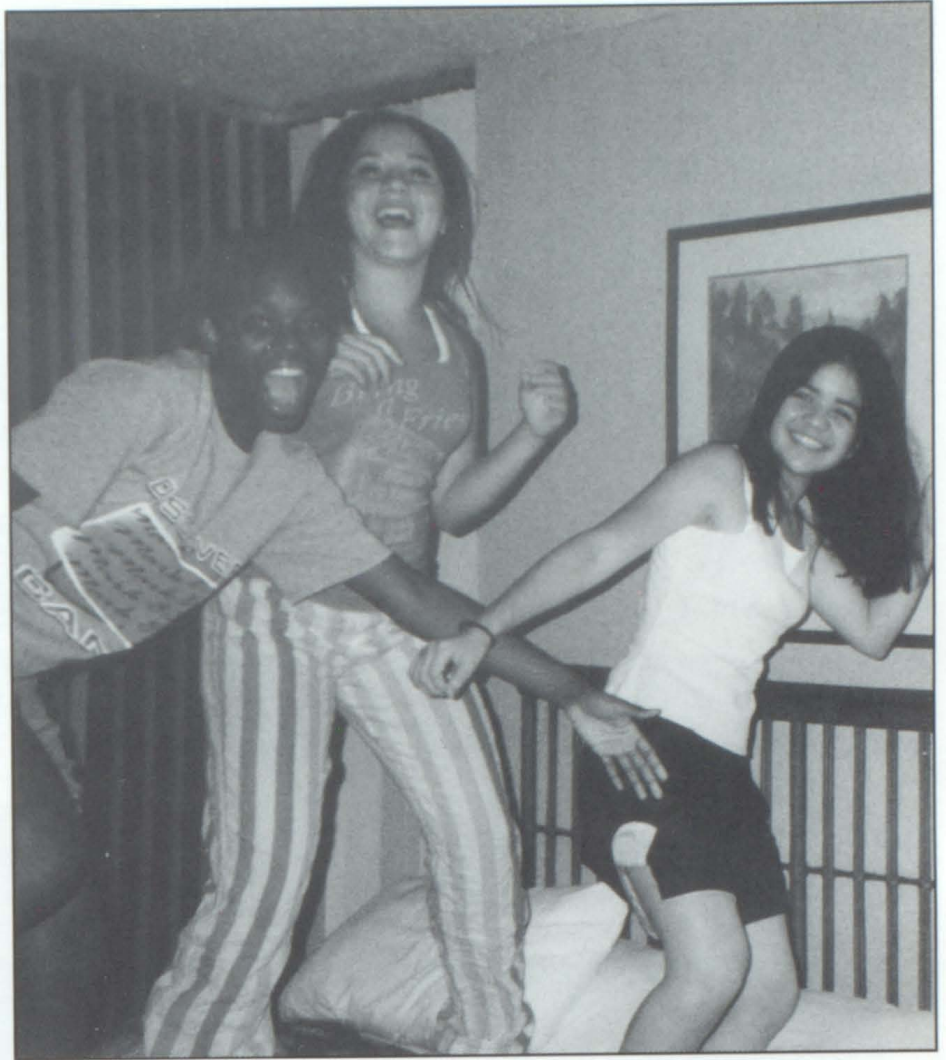
(Right) Picture- Wake up Sleeping Beauty!... Major Tavia Young catches some sleep on the way up to the UIL marching contest.







Front- Major Tavia Young Second Row- Captain Alysha Forrest, 1st Lt. Clarisa Torres Third Row- 2nd Lt. Alysia Garcia



Slumber Party? ... These three officers Tavia Young, Alysia Garcia, and Clarisa Torres are having fun staying at the hotel when they went to state.



Front Row- 1st Lt. Clarisa Torres Second Row- Major Tavia Young, Captain Alysha Forrest Third Row- Ashley Ortiz, 2nd Lt. Alysia Garcia, Gabriele "Boo" Garcia Fourth Row- Daryion Pok, Halle Gillette, Cassie Llanes, Emily Snyder, Brooke Tedder Fifth Row- Dance Instructor Tess Flores, Kimberly Kahane, Erica Wilson, Jessica Constanco, Jennies Pnairo, Surehine Flores

## Dance Instructors Corner

Mrs.  
Tess  
Flores



2004  
-  
2005

Why did you want to become the drill team instructor?  
"I wanted a positive organization for girls to be proud of themselves!"

Have you learned anything from your dancers throughout the year?

"How to be patient and how to understand hip hop music and like it!"



# 2 PAINT OR NOT 2 PAINT

Art Club had a very active year with the highlight being a trip to The Museum of Fine Arts in April at Houston.

“On our trip to Houston we saw lots of great art work and had great questions from the students,” Mr Keith Garnett, Art Club sponsor, said.

Several fund raisers were held during the year. At Christmas, artists painted holiday greetings on the windows of Palacios

businesses.

During the Cinco de Mayo celebration, the students painted faces and held a bake sale.

Mr. Garnett supervised and participated in all of the fundraiser events . He helped out by either buying drinks or actually working side-by-side with members of the club.

Mr. Garnett wasn't just a sponsor, he was

actually a part of it.

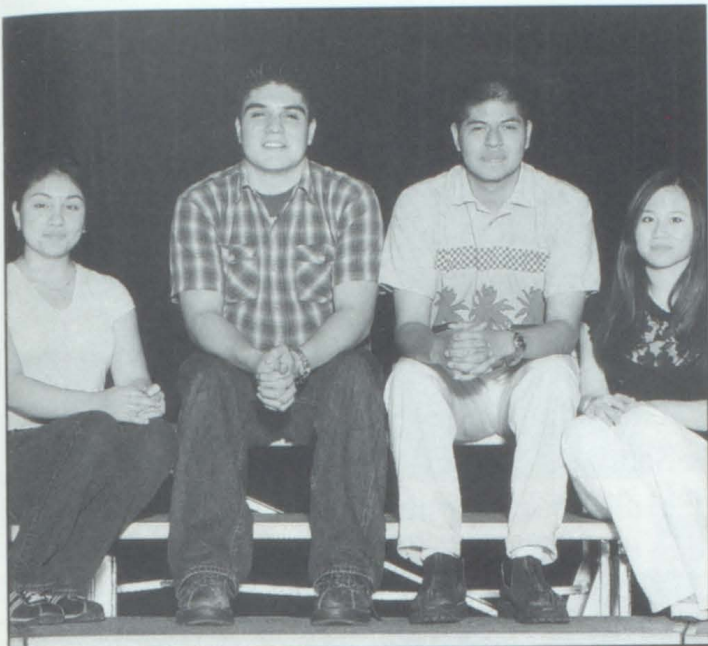
Mr. Garnett enjoys working with art students,

“I love art and teaching!” Garnett added.

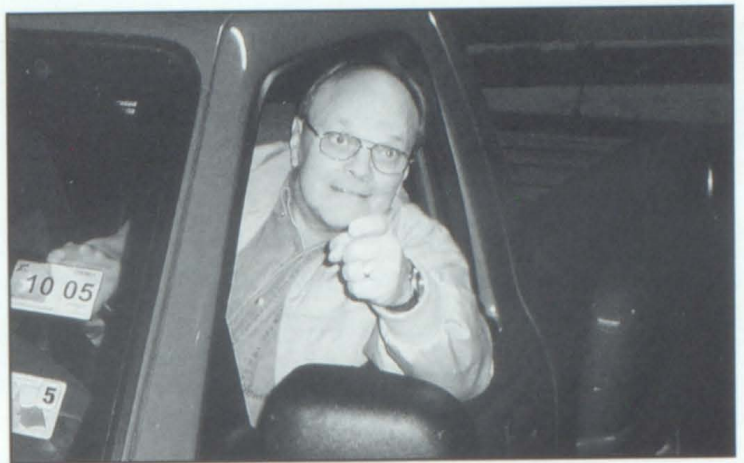


**Playing Around...** Rosaura Hurtado, Nancy Huyen, and Michael Gatica take a moment off from Art Club's bake sale and face painting at Cinco de Mayo. Throughout the year the Art Club had various fundraisers for the community. “I like watching the members help out people in the community,” said Treasurer Israel Barrios.





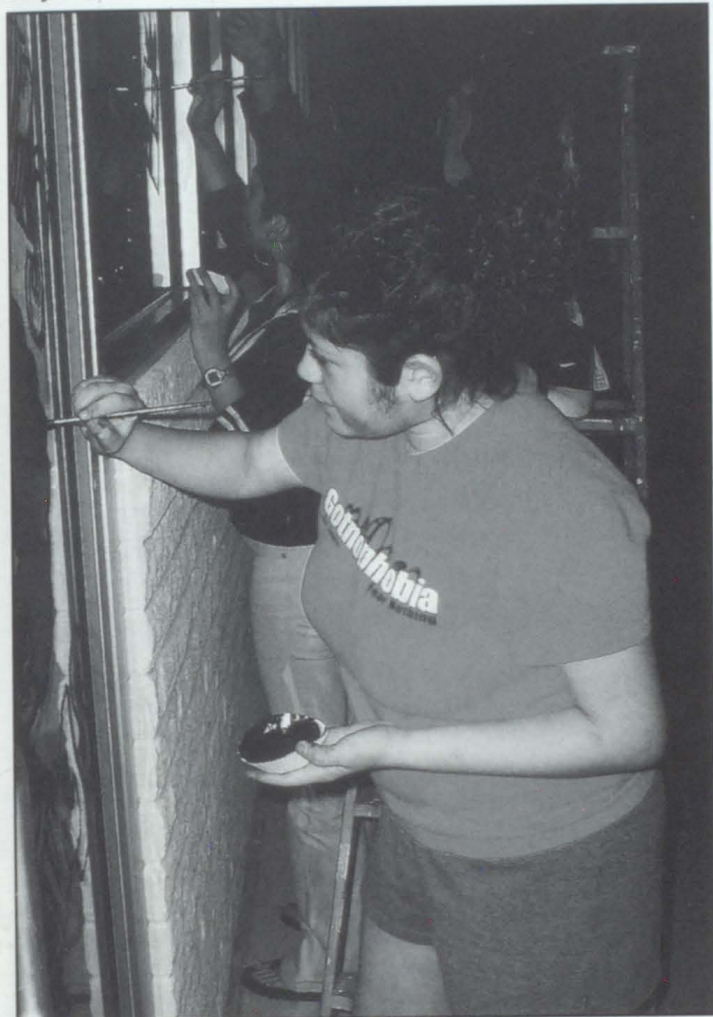
Officers: Rosaura Hurtado, vice president; Michael Gatica, president; Israel Barrios, treasurer; Nancy Huyen, secretary.



**Move It!...** "Never turn you back on your students!" said Art Club Sponsor Mr Garnett. Mr. Garnett always drops by the latest holiday painting spot to make sure everyone is doing what they're supposed to do.



Top Row: J. Gonzales, D. Pham, M. Gatica, I. Barrios, P. Vasquez, P. Pham, Z. Sample, K. Le. Middle Row: E. Moldonado, J. Nguyen, T. Lam, J. Garcia, L. Warner, T. Le, M. Law, A. Holloway. Front Row: S. Castellanos, B. Cantu, R. Hurtado, N. Nguyen, J. Guillen, L. Corporon, A. Ortiz, K. Garnett.



**Painting Party!...** Stephanie Castellanos, along with other members of the Art Club crew, paint the windows and doors of the Trans Fiberglass Boats. Trans was one of the many places painted around the community.

### *A Word with the Artists*

**What do you like the most about being in Art Club?**

Doing activities and interacting with people that I didn't talk to before and later on became friends with.

-Lindsay Warner

**What did you learn anything on the trip to the Houston Art Museum?**

Art isn't just something drawn or painted, but masterpieces created with everyday objects such as coke bottles and tin cans. It was amazing to see those pictures and sculptures.

-Israel Barrios





# Play 2 The Music



The Palacios High School band, under the direction of Linda Adams, head director, assisted by Stephanie Michaelis, accomplished a great feat by receiving a I in sight reading at the UIL Spring contest.

75 were in band; the numbers greatly rose during the

three years of Ms. Adam's tenure.

"It has been a pleasure working at Palacios High School. I will miss everyone," Ms. Linda Adams, who retired, said.

Receiving a II in marching and also in concert, the Shark band showed improvement in all areas. They had 10 advance to the State

UIL Solo and Ensemble. Eight students qualified for All Region Band with Ryan Brister and Hillary Green advancing to All-Area and competing for All-State.

The band ended the year in May with their annual Spring concert followed by the band banquet.



1...2...3... The PHS drumline leads the band down the hall for a Friday pep rally. This is the cue for students in classes to exit to the gym for the pep rally.



Band Sweetheart Audry Shimek and Band Beau Dustin Villarreal



Zach Ressler  
John Phillip Sousa Award



Ryan Brister  
Directors Award





Band Officers: front; B. Biffle-photographer/reporter, M. Morris-photographer/reporter, T. Tran-secretary, A. Shimek-pres., Z. Ressler-v. p., R. Eufracio-treas., back; M. Navarro-jr. class rep./quarter master, M. Ressler-soph. rep., J. Kocurek-librarian, C. Kiser-historian, D. Villarreal-section leader, T. Cabrales quarter master/chaplin



**Drum Majors:**Lindsay Balboa, Julie Farmer Elena Contreras (below)



**So Proud...**Ms. Linda Adams proudly shows her gift which she received from the band. After a thirty-four year teaching career,three years at Palacios High School Ms. Adams will retire permanently.

**All State Qualifiers:**

- Tiffany Tran
- Ney Oldham
- Kristen Garcia
- Ryan Brister
- Wilbert Thomas
- Dustin Villarreal
- Zachary Ressler
- Matthew Nguyen
- Paul Riccio
- Hillary Green
- All Region Band**
- Rosa Nguyen-Oboe
- Ney Oldham-Alto Sax
- Wilbert Thomas-Alto Sax
- \*Ryan Brister-Bari Sax
- Jelisa Kocurek- French Horn
- \*Hillary Green- Mallets
- James Morris- Trumpet
- Lindsay Balboa- Flute
- \*\*Advanced to All-Area, Competed for All-State



**Front Row**- C.Torres, A. Forresst, T. Young, A. Garica, **Second Row** - Drum Major L. Balboa, G. Garcia, E. Snyder, A. Ortiz, D. Polk, H. Gillett, K. Kahanek, S. Flores, J. Pinerio, E. Wilson, J. Constancio, B. Tedder, C. Llanes, Drum Major J. Farmer **Third Row** - J. Nevarez, J. Reyes, L. Gonzalez, B. Garica, C. Ayala, R. Eufracio, M. Garica, T. Tran, M. Tully, L. Kuck, J. Boyle, K. Wallis, K. Broussard, B. Garza, A. Padron, A. Cano, **Fourth Row** - A. Martinez, J. Kocurek, M. Ressler, R. Nguyen, K. Garcia, T. Dunn, R. Brister, N. Oldham, J. Ortiz, M. Morris, D. Nguyen, D. Roy, L. Marie Milfersedt, K. Rodriguez, M. Navarro, A. Vo, X. Nguyen, **Fifth Row**- C. Kiser, E. Luna, M. Nguyen, S. Nguyen, D. Villarreal, J. Morris, A. Ellis, L. Dominy, P. Riccio, B. Biffle, T. Cabrales, B. Fitts, M. Stevanophia, N. Nguyen, S. Corgey, **Sixth Row** - H. Green, C. Rojas, L.Cink, J. Rhoades, K. Hooper, T. Anderson, W. Thomas, J. Nguyen, C. Rojas, R. Polk, S. Porter, S. Ramsey, J. Nguyen, J. Nguyen, S. Svatek



# LOUD AND PROUD

This year brought a wind of change along with it as Laurie Duke, the assistant director for the past two years, now became the organization leader. Trying to keep the basics in tact, she mixed in her own style

to form a different, yet the same choir.

"I chose to be head director because I didn't want to see the program go down and also for the kids," Duke said.

With her direction, the choir

won sweepstakes at Calhoun High School for the eleventh consecutive year in a row.

"Even though we have our disagreements, we still come together as a group to get the job done," Duke said.

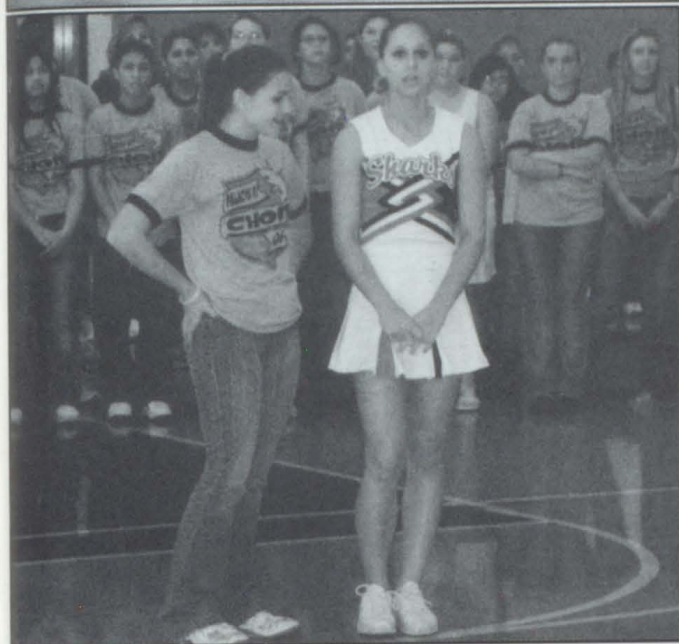


**Crazy for choir...** The Palacios High School varsity choir fights to get in the picture on the trip home from San Antonio. The San Antonio Spurs invited the choir to sing the National Anthem along with several other choirs from all over Texas. The NBA Performance of a Lifetime is a program that allows the high school choirs the chance to show off their exquisite talents.





**Group:** (1st) N. Vo, K. Zavala, J. Kocurek, M. Cavazos, J. Saldernia, K. Garcia, P. Villarreal, J. Hurtado, S. Bowers, G. Tran, R. Nguyen, E. Snyder, S. Kubecka; (2nd) S. Hunt, D. Bankston, M. Bumgardner, L. Brune, M. Law, C. Barrow, A. Mills, P. Fiorini, B. Wright, D. Dillard, L. Joines, S. Odefey, P. Perez, J. Hernandez; (3rd) K. Greenawalt, M. Garza, M. Georgi, P. Hussar, D. Martinez, K. Palmer, T. Hinds, S. Porter, J. Nguyen, J. Neese, B. Quinn, C. Young, H. Green, B. Hawkins, C. Glisson, Laurie Duke, Choir Director



**State Qualifiers-** Scott Porter and Johnathan Nguyen qualified for the All State Choir Competition, Petra Hussar made the Women's All State Choir.

**Dynamic Duet-** Kristen Greenawalt and Stephanie Hunt perform a duet of the National Anthem at our Homecoming pep rally this year. This was the opening for the choir's performance.



**Officers-** (Bottom) Megan Georgi, qtr. master/librarian; Mayra Garza, president; Kristen Greenawalt, sop. sect. leader; Diana Martinez, historian; (Top) Brittani Quinn, V.P.; James Neese, Senior. Officer; Tony Hinds, tenor sect. leader; Cody Barrow, bass sect. leader; Bonni Hawkins, alto sect. leader

## State Sdo Qualifiers

- MAYRA GARZA
- HILLARY GREEN
- PETRA MUSSAR
- DIANA MARTINEZ
- JOHNATHAN NGUYEN
- SCOTT PORTER



# The Ultimate Leadership Experience...

FCCLA is an organization dedicated to helping the community in any way possible.

Throughout the year, they volunteer at numerous of places such as: concession stand, Boys and Girls Club, Rainbowland Day Care, the Robert Duran Food Pantry, and the Palacios Health Care Center. The volunteering

doesn't stop there-anytime they

are asked to do something they jump right on it. This year they

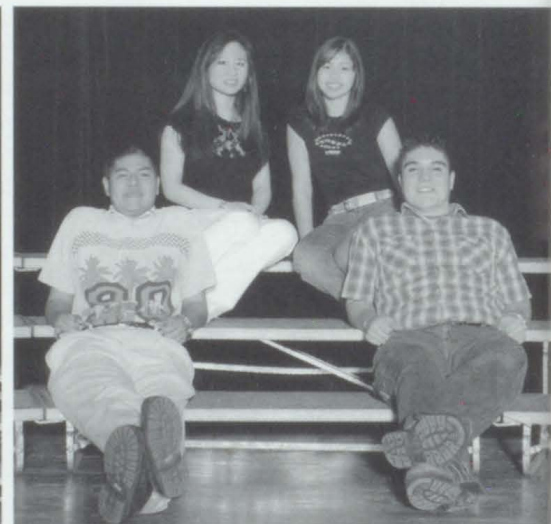
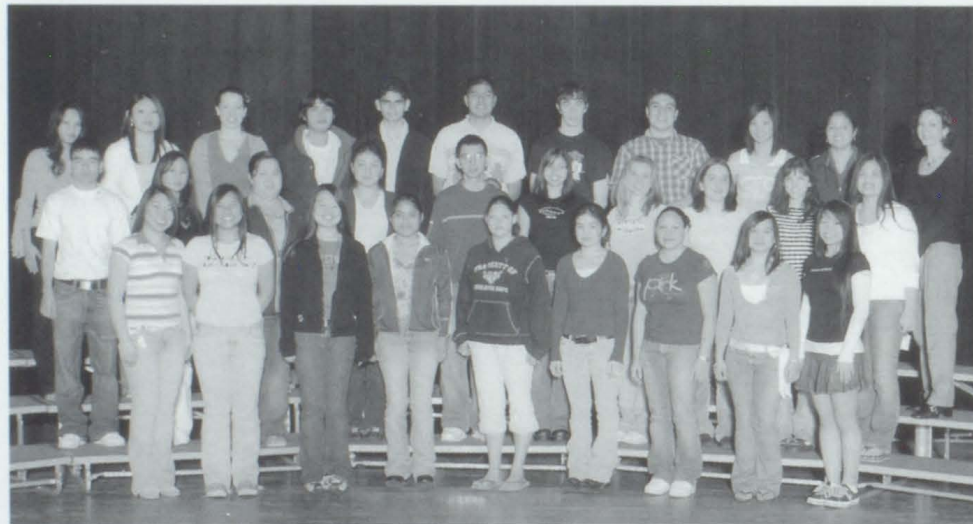
participated in the Relay for Life which was held at Shark Stadium, setting up a stand there and they also sold face paintings; profits were given to the fight for cancer.

"This organization does more than sit around waiting for the end of year trip; we do what we do because we love to help." Janet Wallace, FCCLA sponsor, said.



**A walk for life..** While at the Relay for Life, FCCLA sponsor Janet Wallace asks Thao Le if she has done her two hour walk.

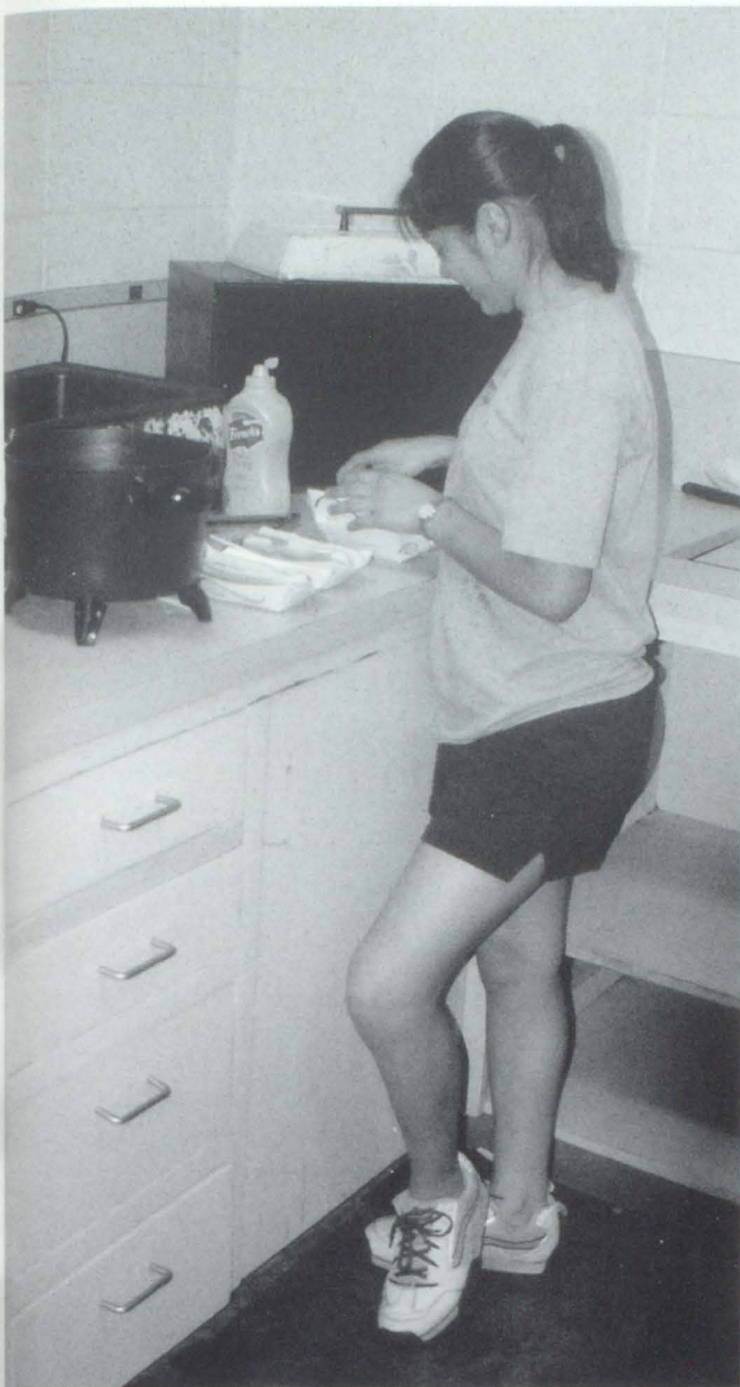
**Food for charity....** FCCLA had a food war against first period classes. Pictured are Nancy Huynh, Michael Gatica, Israel Barrios, Cara Zeigenbein, Ashley Garcia, Jessica Hooper, Clarrisa Torres.



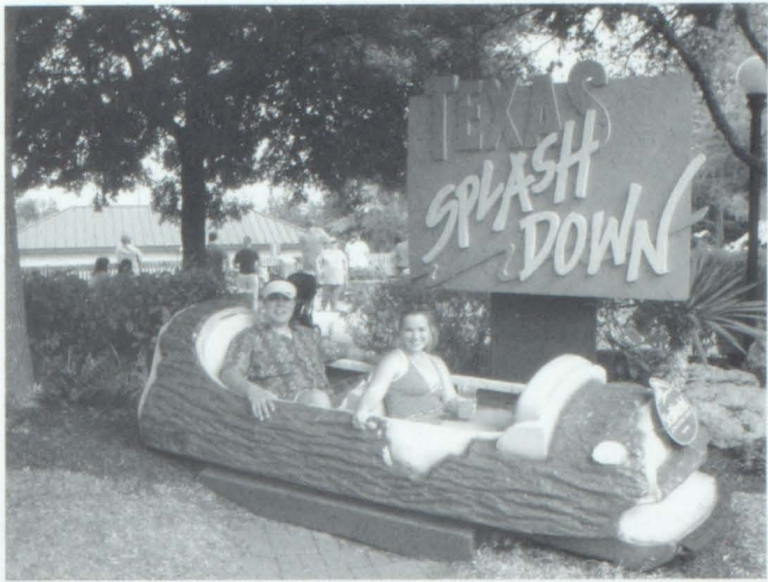
**Top** Thoa Le, Krystal Le, Jessica Hooper, David Nuno, Cristobal Garcia, Israel Barrios, Zachery Sample, Michael Gatica, Mi Pham, Brittany Gonzales, Mrs. Janet Wallace  
**Middle** Juan Mancera, Nany Huynh, Anh Dao Nguyen, Rosaura Hurtado, Jairo Garcia, Cara Zeigenbein, Lynette Joines, Annie Holloway, Lindsay Corporon, Nhi Vo; **Bottom** Huynh Tran, Phung Tan, Thi Pham, Maria Rodriguez, Candice Ellis, Clarissa Torres, Ashley Garcia, My Tan.

**Top** Secretary Nancy Huynh and Historian Cara Ziegenbein; **Bottom** Vice-President Israel Barrios and President Michael Gatica.





**Betty Crocker of Hot Dogs!..** Cara Zeigenbein makes all the hot dogs ordered in the concession stand at a football game. One of the requirements in FCCLA is to volunteer at the stand-



**Splashing Down at Texas Splash Down...** Michael Gatica and Lynette Joines just came from one of the wettest rides at Seaworld. This year FCCLA began a tradition of going to Fiesta Texas and went to Seaworld for the very first time.




**Smile because you did something good!..** Michael Gatica, Mrs. Janet Wallace, and Israel Barrios stand proudly by the food. FCCLA collected to donate to the food pantry.



**Cha Ching!...** Not only did FCCLA just give the food pantry food, Michael Gatica and Israel Barrios also hand the food pantry representative a check.

## Corner Talk



**What attracted you the most to join FCCLA?**

I really enjoy being involved in the community. FCCLA is the type of organization which does just that, because here it's not about going on the end of year trip, it's about helping out in the community and watching people be happy. -Anh Dao Nguyen



# El Club español es el mejor!

This year concludes Ms. Chromcak's eight year of sponsoring the Spanish Club, and with her leadership has come eight years of service to our community and that additional exposure to the Hispanic culture.

"My best experience has been

helping an unfortunate family by taking them food, gifts, and toys around Christmas time," Clarrisa Torres said.

Members are required to keep up with the yearly events and complete a total of nine community hours for the year. If they earn the hours, then they are invited to attend the yearly field

trip.

This year the trip was combined with the FCCLA to attend Sea World in San Antonio. "The trip was awesome," said Melissa Navarro. Throughout the years, the number of members has fluctuated anywhere from 50 to 100 members.



**Group...**(1st) X. Nguyen, R. Eufrazio, C. Torres, A. Vo., S. Svatek, L. Tran, R. Nguyen, M. Law, K. Bumguardner, X. Nguyen, V. Sanchez, P. Villarreal, V. Tran; (2nd) N. Huynh, L. Pena, N. Vo, C. Zeigenbein, L. Tran, T. Pham, T. Tran, S. Franzen, H. Nguyen, M. Morris, C. Ayala, K. Zavala, B. Martino, N. Nguyen; (3rd) R. Hurtado, G. Carrillio, J. Hernandez, D. Pham, S. Kubecka, K. Kahanek, J. Hooper., L. Nguyen, A. Nguyen, P. Pham, A. Frausto, D. Doan, A. Maldonado, A. Perez, D. Martinez

**Snapshot View...** Madison Morris tries to recuperate after his ride on the Steel Eel at Sea World. He makes the best of his final field trip due to the fact that he will be graduating soon.



**Which way do I go?...** Ney Oldham looks at a map curiously as he tries to find his way through Sea World.



**VERONICA  
CHROMCAK**  
Years at PHS- 8  
Years sponsoring  
Spanish Club- 8



**Academic  
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**Subjects Taught-  
Spanish II, III, IV**





**In the spotlight...**Jessica Hooper enjoys her ride home from the conjoined trip of the FCCLA and Spanish Club. After this trip they all should be tired but are all still full of energy!



**Officers...**(bottom) Danh Pham, president; Ana Maldonado, secretary; (top) Thi Pham, treasurer; Ms. Chromcak, sponsor; Huong Nguyen, vice president





# FFA

*Learning to do, Doing to learn,  
Earning to live, Living to serve*

FFA was overseen by one new advisor, Mr. Benjamin Luco, and veteran advisor, Mr. Erwin Janszen.

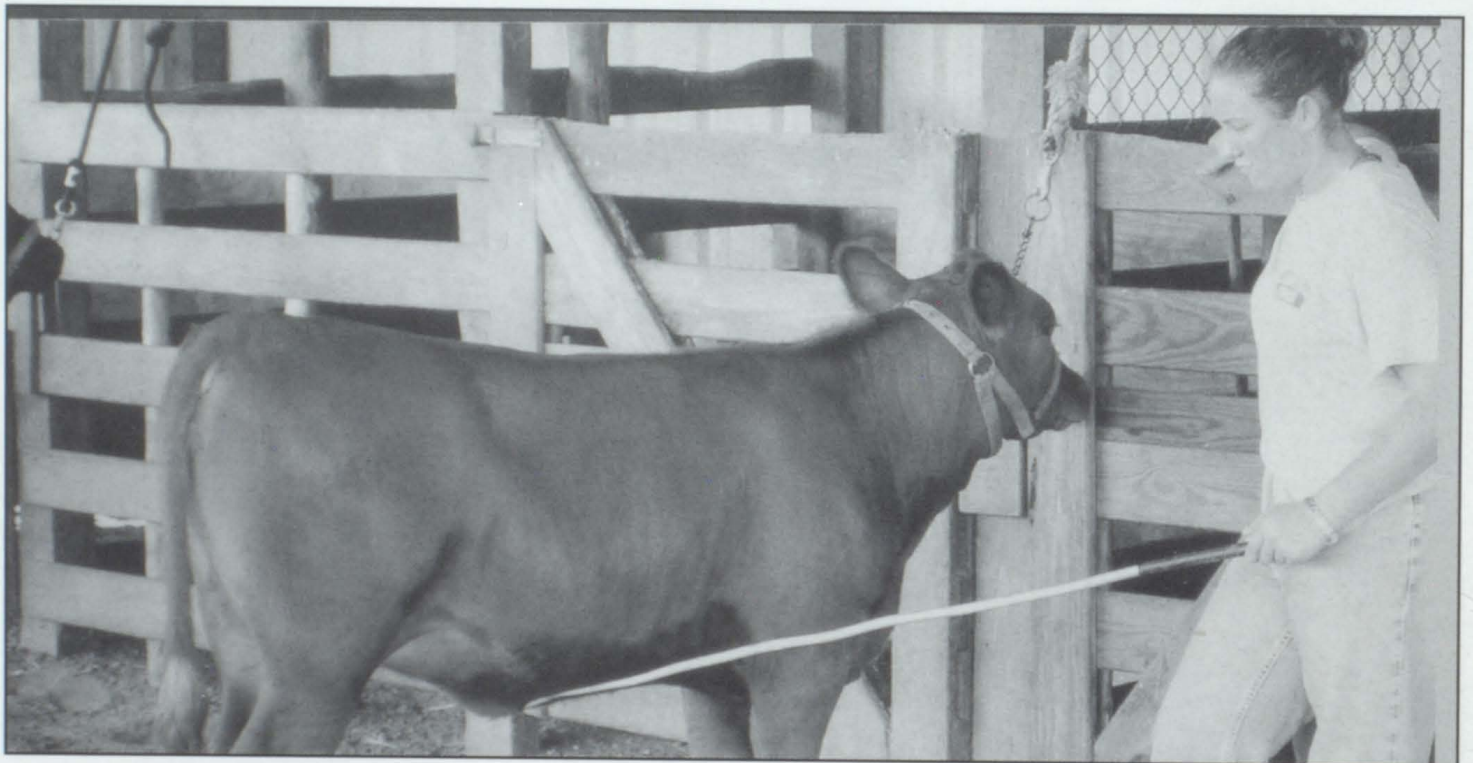
FFA officers were a big help to the rest of the members. FFA president Audrey Shimek, a senior, had this to say about her experiences in FFA, "FFA was a great experience for me. I learned a lot about agriculture and about life."

The members filled their time with several FFA activities such as helping work the concession stand during the football games and the fair, and having a float in the Valentine's Day Parade. They also participated in the Palacios Supporters Fundraisers.

When asked if she planned on being a farmer in the future, Amanda Champion replied, "No, but I plan on being a veterinarian, which has a lot to do with animals and agriculture. I learned a lot from being in the organization of FFA."

FFA also participated in leadership contests in which they judged livestock, horses, land, poultry, dairy foods, dairy cattle, and wildlife.

Receiving the Star Greenhand award at the banquet was Adrian Garcia; Savannah Franzen received the Star Chapter Farmer award. Audrey Shimek received the leadership award and Amanda Corporon, creed speaking.



**A bonding moment...** FFA officer Audrey Shimek takes pride in her steer before getting it judged in the Matagorda County Fair.





**It takes 2...** Mr. Erwin Janszen and Mrs. Patty Frankson take a break after working hard at the FFA banquet.



**Top Row:** J. Gillett, V. Critendon, D. Hunt, B. Biffle, J. Hooper, B. Duke, T. Adams, C. Chromcak, P. Lanfear, A. Garcia, R. Lewis, R. Deleon, A. Wallis, D. Guevera.

**Second Row:** P. Vazquez, S. Sosa, J. Rodriguez, W. Diaz, J. Farmer, A. Vecera, A. Corporon, A. Rijos, D. Laborde, C. Wilson, G. Lopez, S. Cruz.

**Third Row:** A. Sanchez, D. Nguyen, K. Quinney, A. Shimek, N. Shimek, A. Dale, S. Franzen, J. Glenn, S. Odefey, K. Rodriguez, L. Guevera, S. Kubecka, A. Champion.

**Bottom Row:** Mr. Luco, S. Diaz, M. Cruz, A. Sanchez, L. Flores, T. Vega, N. Nguyen, J. Rodriguez, A. Forcado, J. Gomez, J. Garcia, J. Garcia, L. Brune, B. Martino, A. Nguyen, Mr. Janszen.



**Pretty as a rose...** Audrey Shimek, Amanda Vecera, Amber Dale, and Jessica Rodriguez stand graciously outside of the 2005 National FFA Convention.



**FFA Officers:** Top: Amanda Vecera, treasurer; Lauren Flores, sentinel. Middle: Audrey Shimek, president; Amanda Corporon, vice-president. Bottom: Savannah Franzen, secretary; Amber Dale, reporter



# "2 be or not 2 be"

For the past four years, Peggy Charlton, drama teacher, along with the help of Bob Fiorini, technology coordinator, have run the drama department. This year's plays included *School of Nerds*, *Tom Jones*, and the one act play, *Fire in the Hole from the Kentucky Cycle*.

*Fire in the Hole* led the OAP to winning district and advancing to area. "Our biggest accomplishment was totally sweeping district; it's very rare

that a play wins first place, best actor and actress, and also outstanding crew."

Ms. Charlton gives recognition to all of her cast and crew, but special attention to her seniors due to the fact that she and they came the same year to the high school.

"James Neese has been competing in drama activities since his first day of high school, which happened to be my first day. Tavia and Erin have also

performed in various plays since their freshman year. Dustin Anh have had three years of plays, Hillary two years, and Kim came on board this year. These seniors have contributed much," said Charlton.

The drama year concluded with the Sharkspeare banquet on May 10th where awards were presented. A catered meal was served and clips of old plays were shown. The theme was Mardi Gras.



**Heartbreaker...** James Neese shows his acting talent as he fakes his death in *The History of Tom Jones*, this year's fall play. This is one of his eleven plays he has participated in during his high school drama career. James also received best actor at this year's one act play district competition.





**Hide and Seek...** Tony Hinds hides under Hillary Henson's dress during their fall play.

**Princess and her noble Steed...** Tavia Young and Lee Williams show off their capability to work together as actors. Tavia also received best actress at this year's One Act Play district competition.



**Sharkspeare Officers...**(top) T.Dunn, historian; H. Henson, Treasurer; D. Villarreal, president; T. Tran, historian; A. Diaz, reporter; (bottom) E. Todd, reporter; T. Young, secretary; J. Neese, vice president  
**Sharkspeare...**(bottom) T. Tran, AJ Garcia, H. Henson, E. Todd; (middle) T. Young, M. Garcia, C. Kiser, D. Villarreal, P. Kuben, P. Fiorinni; (top) T. Dunn, A. Diaz, N. Tran, J. Neese, K. Palmer, D. Dillard

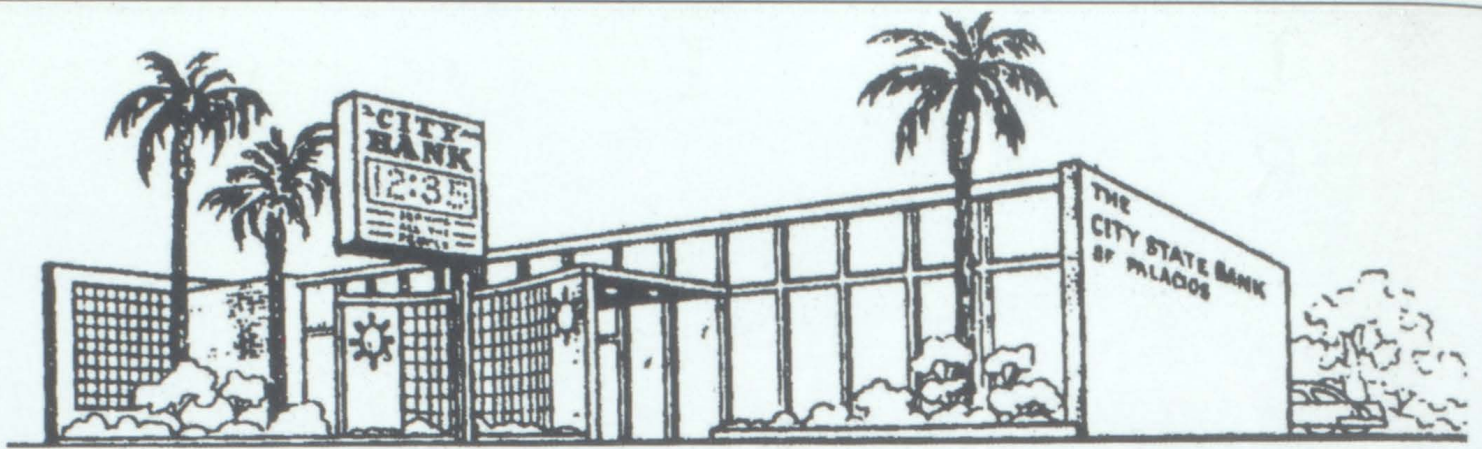
## Banquet Awards

- Best Actor-** James Neese
- Best Actress-** Tavia Young
- Outstanding Overall Drama Student-** Dustin Villarreal
- Outstanding Overall Crew-** Erin Todd; Anh Ngyuen
- Outstanding Senior-** Hillary Henson
- Outstanding Sophomore-** Maria Garcia
- Outstanding Freshman-** A.J. Garcia
- Spirit Award-** Phillip Fiorini
- Most Improved-** Kim Palmer
- Outstanding Crew-** Devon Dillard & Tim Dunn



**OAP...**(top) T.Dunn, A. Diaz, N. Tran, J. Neese, K. Palmer, D. Devon; (middle) T. Young, M. Garcia, C. Kiser, D. Villareal, P. Kuben, P. Fiorrini; (bottom) T. Tran, AJ Garcia, H. Henson, E. Todd (Not pictured-Anh Nguyen and Hillary Fletcher)





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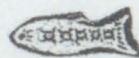
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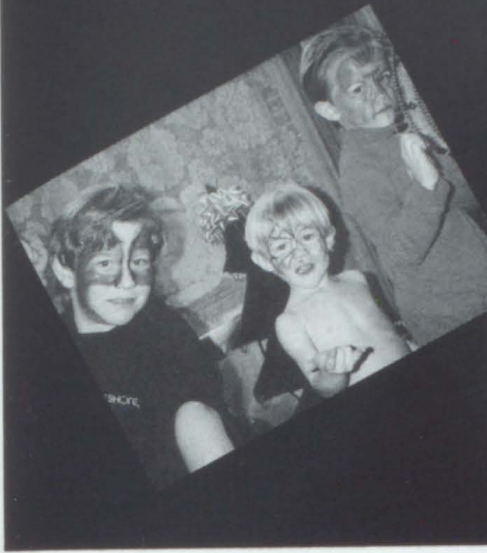




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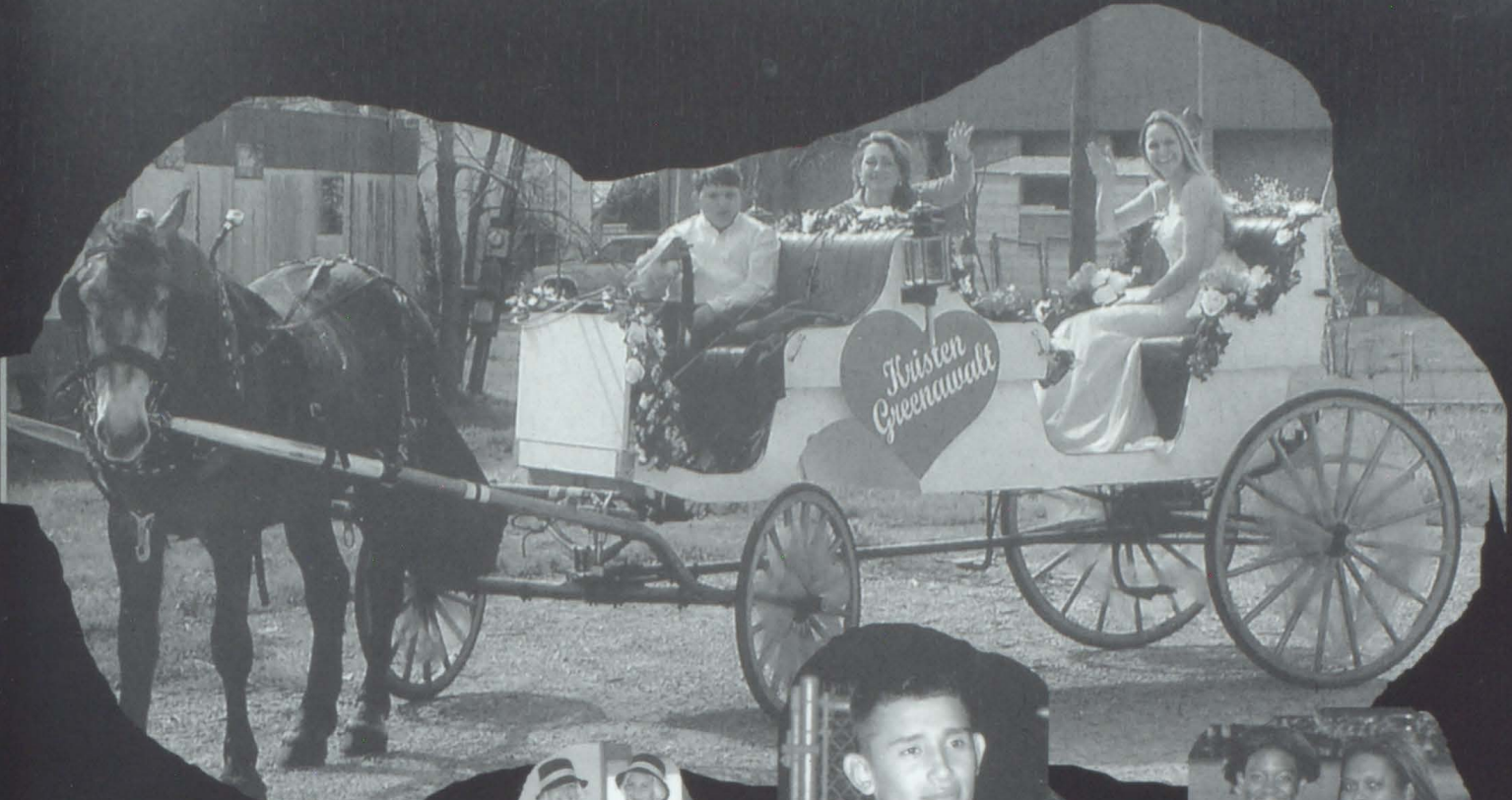
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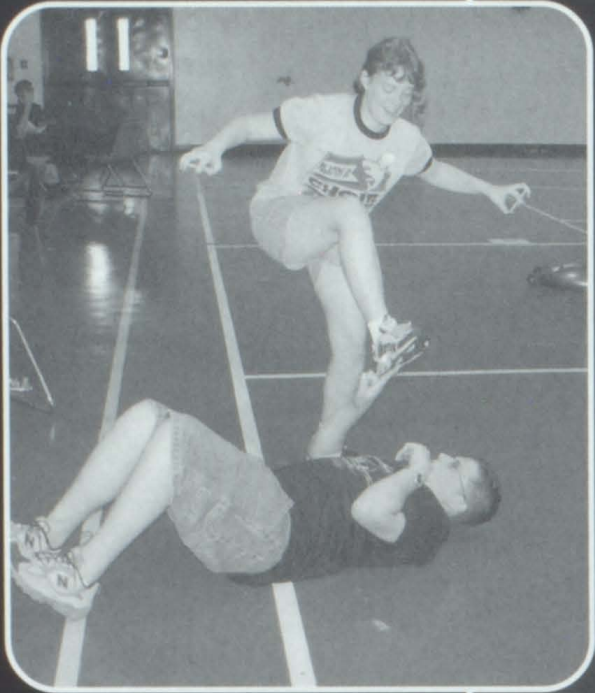




TIMES







Above: **Take that....**Hillary Green takes out her frustration on Scott Porter as she waits for her turn to sight read at the Choir contest. Choir students have excelled in competitions all through the years and won sweepstakes again this year for the 11th year in a row.

Right: **Hail to thee...**Seniors Lindsay Corporon, Van Crittenden, and Angel Diaz sing the Alma Mater one last time at graduation. This is one of the many traditions held every year at the commencement exercises.

Below: **All that Jazz...**The choir's show choir, formerly Palace Singers, perform at the end of the year choir concert held April 28. The 12 members practiced twice a week several months of the year.





**Let's do this already...**Seniors Erin Todd, Danny Taylor, Maria Tapia and Martina Stepanova wait in line while the class sponsors put everyone in order for the "walk" down the field..



**Got him.....**Seth Perez tackles a runner and saves a touchdown during a Shark football game. Seth's speed proved to pay off in this play.



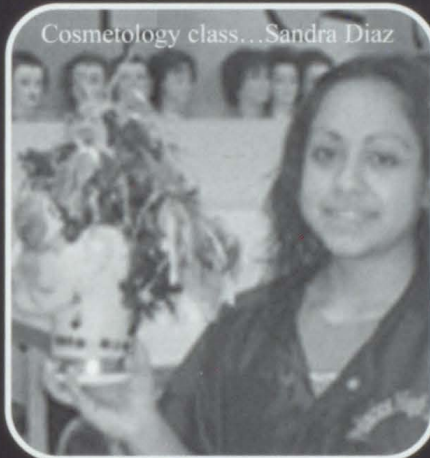
**I can do it...**Dong Doan squats 170 pounds in the Dickinson Power lifting meet. The PHS Power lifting team is one of the most successful sports on campus.



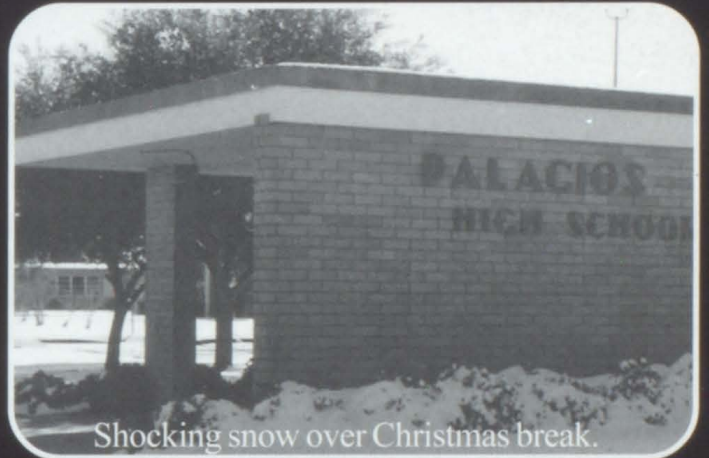
## All good things come to an end

High School... it suddenly ends, and you either leave school that last day thinking about summer and dreading when August rolls around and school starts again, or in the seniors' case, begin a whole other chapter of your life. With the end of the school comes TAKS test results, locker cleanouts, finals, banquets, friend's saying bye for the summer, seniors parties the bell ceremony, graduation, and Project Celebration. Another year closes in the life of a life of a high student.....

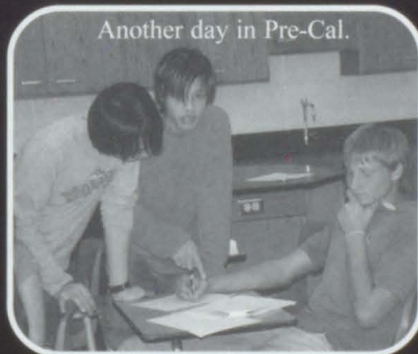
Cosmerology class...Sandra Diaz



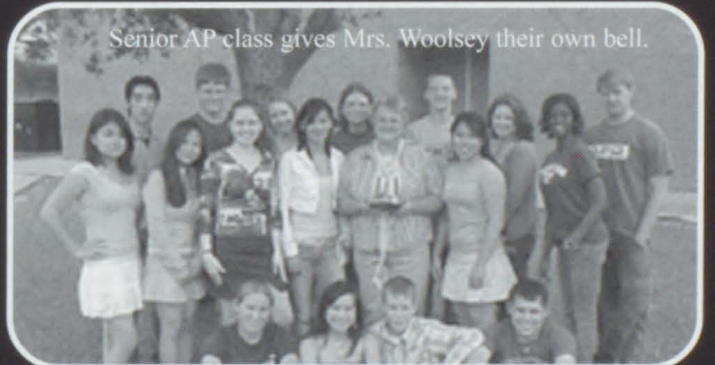
Shocking snow over Christmas break.



Another day in Pre-Cal.



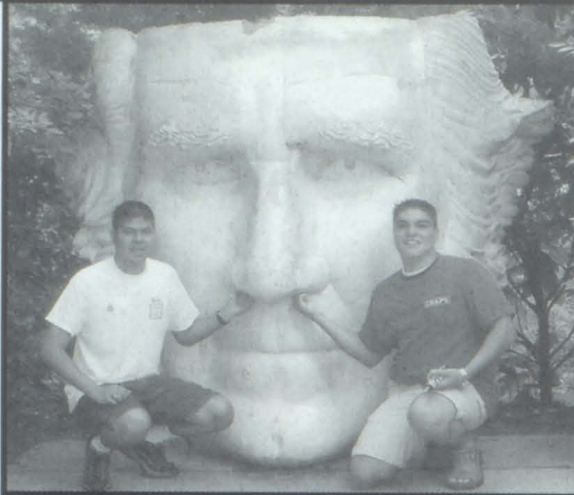
Senior AP class gives Mrs. Woolsey their own bell.



**Go Sharks...** James Neese and Kristen Greenawalt discuss a two point conversion during a home football game. James was the only male on the squad this year.



Wow! That's what comes to mind when I think about the yearbook staff. At the beginning of the year, we had a rough start and that meant for everyone to work twice as hard, and they did. I'm honored to have Melissa Navarro and Courtney Glisson take over as editors next year. They have earned the position because they have worked very hard all year and picked up the extra pages that no one wanted. Also, I'm especially honored to have worked with Michael. He is a great business partner, but an even better best friend. Mrs. Charlton is a great teacher and friend. She has taught me so much throughout the years that I've known her. I learned to never give up and keep working for what I believe in, and if you say you're going to do something, do it without any regrets. Thank you staff members, Michael, and Mrs. Charlton for all of the great memories. Also I've had a great time at Palacios High School. There are many, many teachers that I have built friendships with, and I will miss them greatly. I am going to miss coming to school everyday and seeing all of my friends, but hey, we all have to grow up, move on, and make new friends, but still keep in touch with our old ones.



Israel Barrios  
**THE EDITORS**  
 Michael Garcia

Well, what can I really say about this year? This year has been the most interesting year. I never imagined accomplishing as much as I have; there is not a day that goes by now that I think, "Did I do that?" I now can leave Palacios High School with the honor of saying I've done something. Being involved is very important in life; if your're no involved, you're really nobody. I would not have accomplished anything without support of friends and family. Israel has been the best friend anyone could have, always being there to back me in everything we do. If anyone noticed, there isn't a thing that we have done that we both are not involved in. It has been a great two years working with him, although we have our differences, we somehow came to a resolution, and I respect that greatly. As for Mrs. Charlton, she has been more than a teacher, she has been a friend. I really respect her because she has this thing in her that always tells herself she can do better, and I find that in both me and Israel, which is probably why we got along so well. I'm really going to miss Palacios High School, it has been more than a privilege to go here but an honor. I am very pleased to conclude this year; hope you like it!

*Michael Garcia*

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