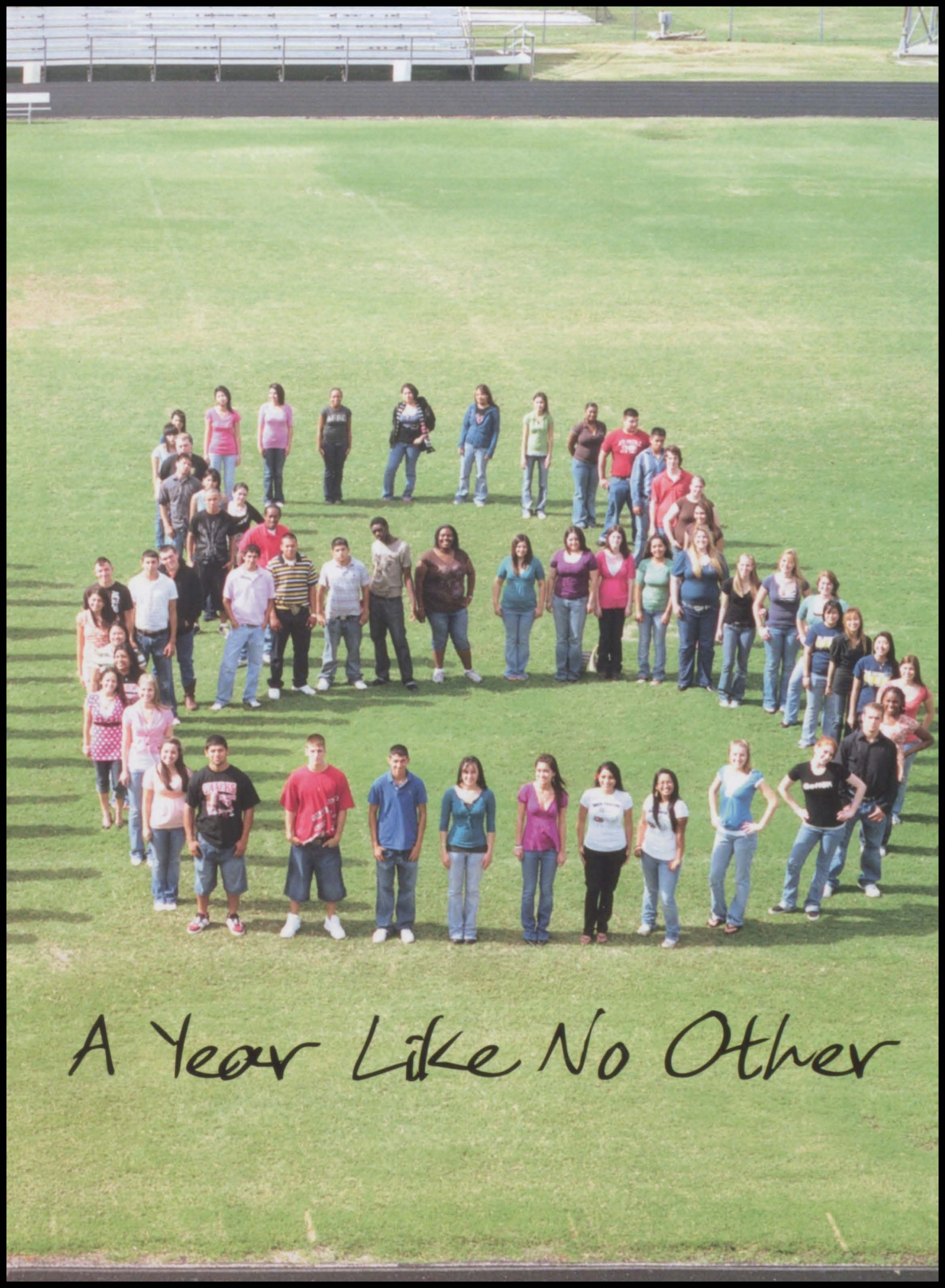
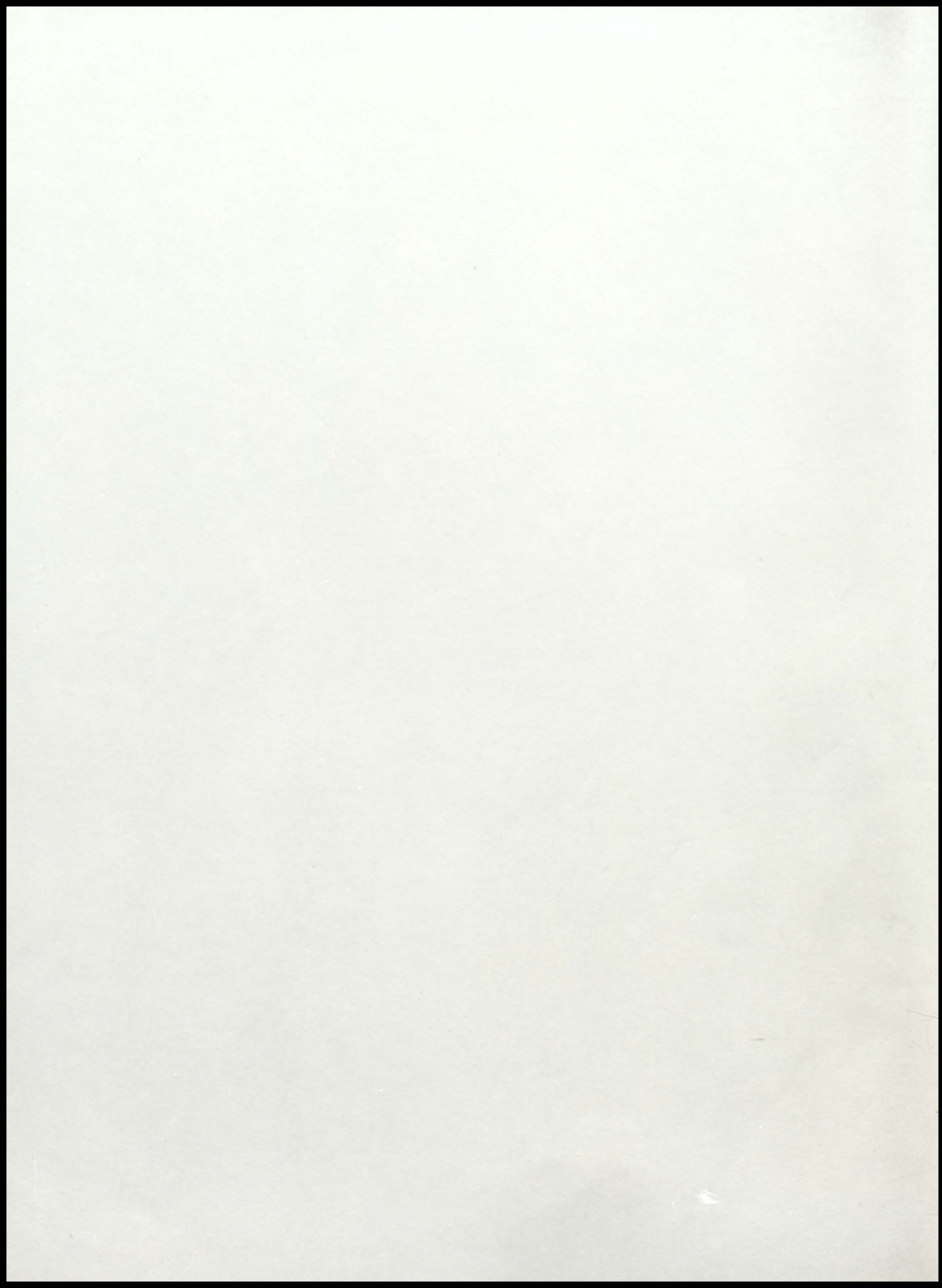


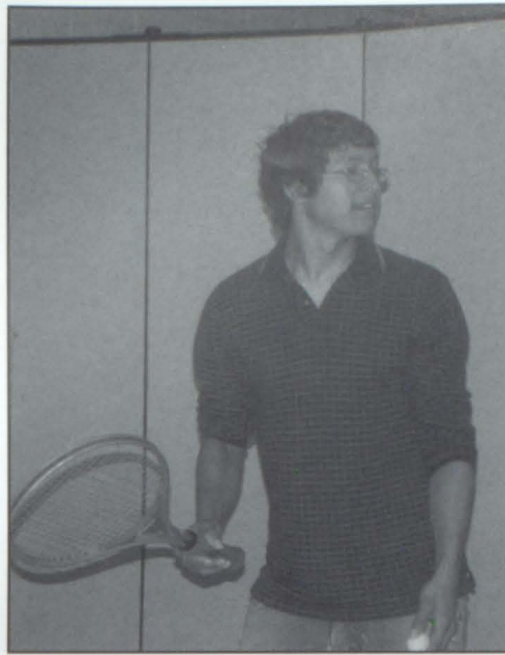
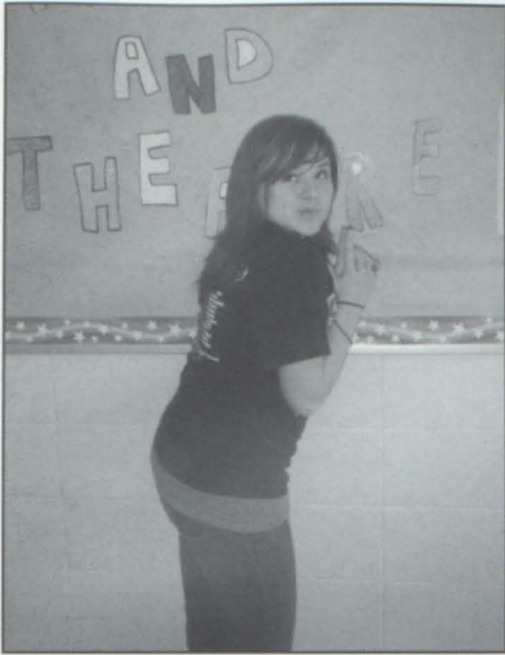
A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER





*A Year Like No Other*





# Palacios High School

100 Shark Drive

Palacios, Texas

77465

Enrollment: 440

2... Opening	68... Sports
4... Student Life	100... People
28... Organizations	134... ADS
54... Academics	150... Closing

What can you say about a school year that changed everything? 2007-2008 began as usual but the usual surely didn't last very long. It was .....

## A Year Like No Other

Going into football and volleyball season, you could feel that something was happening---a school spirit and magic in the air like no other year. Win after win in both sports, playoff wins that weren't supposed to happen, both advancing to quarterfinals. And if that wasn't enough, in most sports this year, records were broken and many firsts were made. Academically, we were the highest ranking

**"2007-2008  
the best year ever"**  
Valerie Segovia,  
principal

school district in Matagorda County and the ONLY one with a TEA Recognized campus. We received the most high school gold acknowledgements in the county and beat out 32 high schools in the Region. PHS had the Region III Secondary teacher of the

year, Principal of the year, and Victoria Advocate's Area Coach of the year. We had state winners in band, choir, and one act play won district and competed at Area. Our clubs and organizations continued to be active as in past years and garnished up awards as well. The list goes on and on. Definitely, it proved that this was A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER!



**Feel the pride.....**  
Freshman Kayla Quinney embraces volleyball player Abby Wallace after the playoff win in Victoria.



**High fashion.....**Seniors Devon Dillard and Rachel Holbrook try not to bust in their corsetts in their 1800's outfits during *Charley's Aunt*. The one act play won district and advanced to Area.





*(Left) Toot that horn...Lucas Kelly, Brandon Sanders, Lauren Brister, and Jackson Corgey show how to play a great saxophone at the pep rally. The band's diligence paid off as they received a I in Concert in the spring.*

*Winners .....Taking a quick breather for the picture, the high school Reb Ribbon team smiles knowing they are defeating the faculty in the annual game in October.*

*Another playoff win.....Coach Trent Weixelman jumps for joy and hugs Head Coach/Athletic Director Mike Treybig after the unbelievable third playoff win over Llano. Looking on and feeling much pride is Coach Bill Fort, who has coached at PHS for over 20 years.*

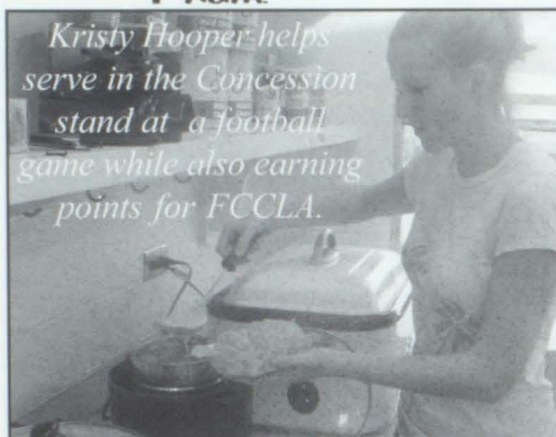


# STUDENT LIFE

## *This is the way I live...*

Whether students love school or hate school there are hobbies during school or after school that define their "Student Life". "As soon as I leave the parking lot I go straight to Sonic to get food!" said junior Mailey Pham.

School days can range from just coming to school for a few hours then leaving for work to a regular schedule piled with honors and college courses plus tons of extra-curricular activities. "My day is so much shorter and less stressful now that I'm in CO-OP", said Senior Kristy Hooper.



*Kristy Hooper helps serve in the Concession stand at a football game while also earning points for FCCLA.*



*Max Stiflemeyer takes time to say the pledge on the first day.*

**Fun to Pass time...** Varsity volleyball girls not only match their cool socks at their second play off game but also cheer their playing teammates on to victory.







*Does this string make us look silly... Seniors Pete Villarreal and Brooke Tedder play in their latest approved pep rally prank SILLY STRING at the first playoff pep rally*



*On top of the world Aaron Buckley tries to distract Crystal Guardiola from reading her library book right before the bell rings.*



*Wake Up Brittany.. Brittany Garcia rests after her collapse from giving blood at the annual NHS blood drive.*

*Beep Beep.. Kole Brune , jester does some mischief in the fall play The Princess Knight.*



*Spreading the word.. Lily Gonzales and Johnny Rodriguez share information between classes.*

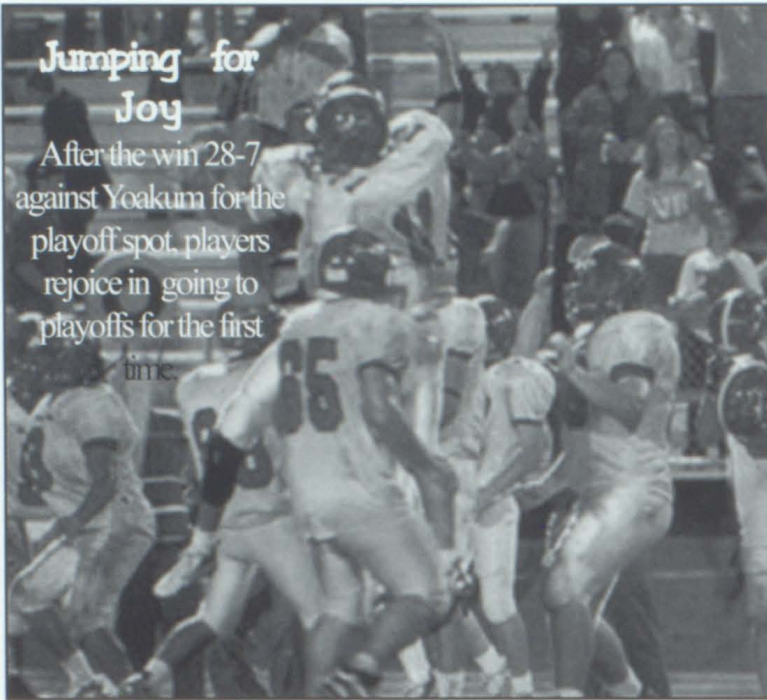


*How do you spend your weekends?*  
*"Going out to parties or sleeping"*  
*- Alex Buckley*

*What is your favorite extracurricular activity?*  
*Crimestoppers, because we hardly do anything except eat pizza"*  
*- Anh Vo*

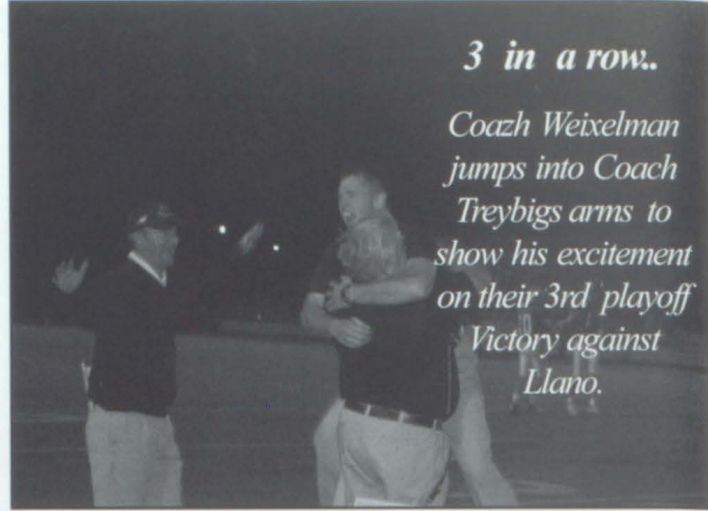
## Jumping for Joy

After the win 28-7 against Yoakum for the playoff spot, players rejoice in going to playoffs for the first time.



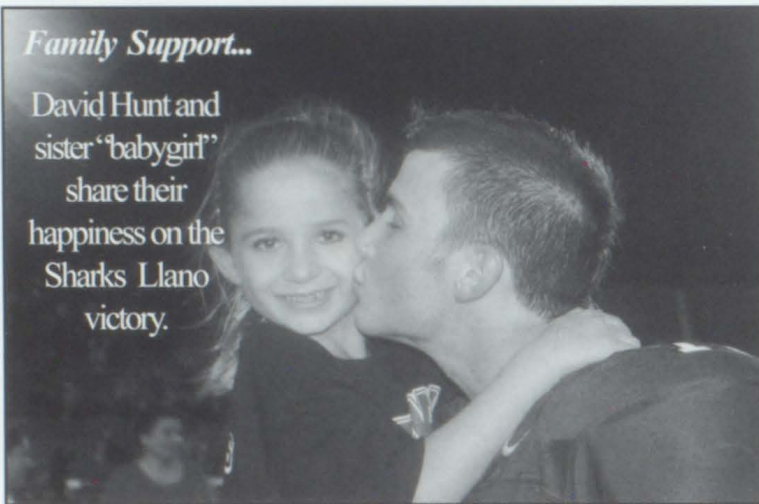
## 3 in a row..

Coach Weixelman jumps into Coach Treybig's arms to show his excitement on their 3rd playoff Victory against Llano.



## Family Support...

David Hunt and sister "babygirl" share their happiness on the Sharks Llano victory.



## What does it feel like TO WIN?

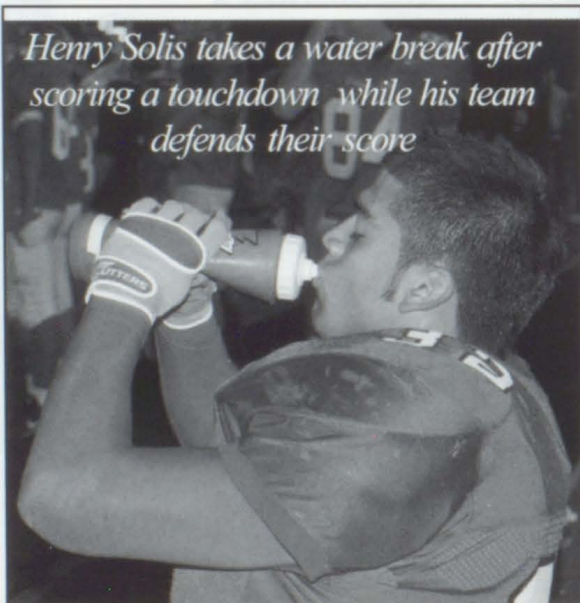
"It felt like we were in a dream floating on cloud 10 with a lollipop and cotton candy with an angel massaging our shoulders...we had it made"



-Will Hansen

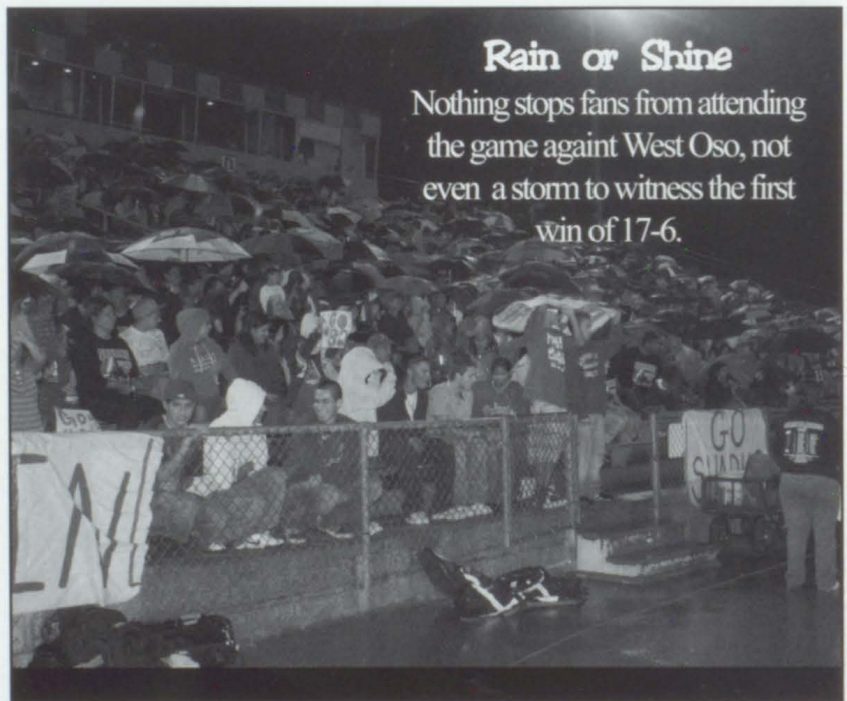
## Taking a break from Touchdowns...

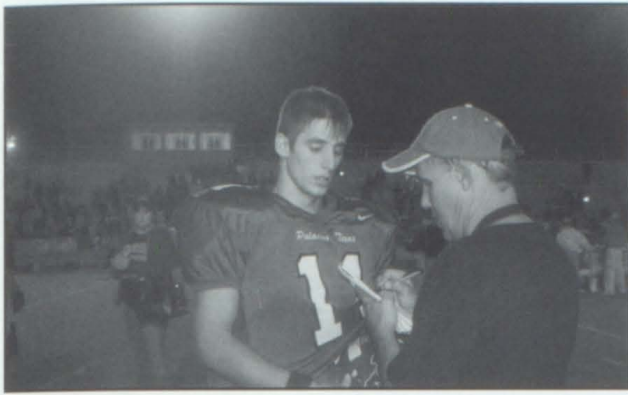
Henry Solis takes a water break after scoring a touchdown while his team defends their score



## Rain or Shine

Nothing stops fans from attending the game against West Oso, not even a storm to witness the first win of 17-6.





### In the News

David Sandavol and Jenna Treybig are both interviewed after winning their playoff games for football and volleyball.



### Feel the Love

*The Sharketter hug and scream after winning their playoff game*



# We are the Champions

This fall was full of champions, starting with the Sharkettes advancing all the way to regional playoffs for Volleyball in San Antonio. Plowing their way through teams such as Port Aransas, Sinton, and La Vernia the Sharkettes kept winning only to be stopped by the defending and soon to be State Champions, Wimberly. "It's awesome to go the playoffs again," 3-A All-State volleyball member and team captain, Jenna Treybig said, "but it's really great to advance that far."

The football team also advanced to the playoffs for the first time in almost half a century, bringing back fear for all surrounding towns because the Mighty Sharks had finally returned. The football team's play off victories were at first viewed as luck until they brought home a third win against Llano. The Sharks were halted by powerhouse, the Cuero bulldogs. Despite the loss, the team was still proud to have beaten all odds. "It felt great because we did something that hadn't been done in 43 years" said David Hunt.

# TYPICAL DAY

*Breakfast, class, lunch, then more classes are the typical things that make up a typical day at PHS. When you add the many other things students do daily like working, having an after school sport or activity of some kind, hanging out with friends, you come up with a much more complex day.*

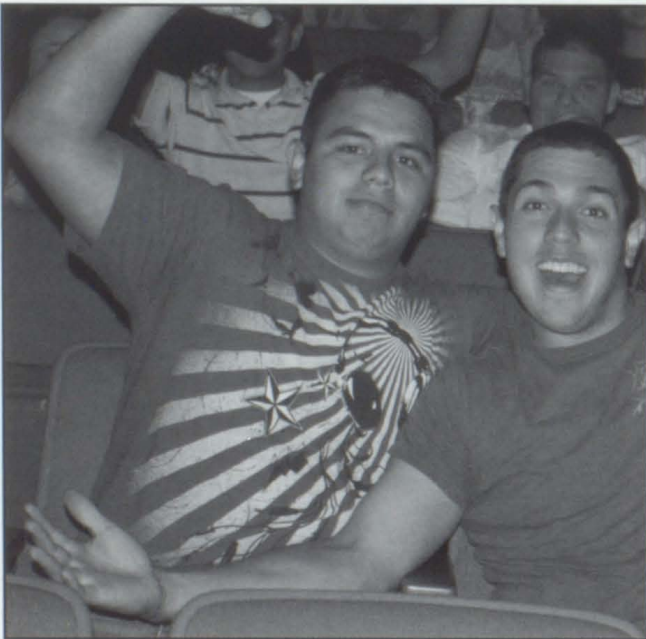
*Between classes many students take advantage of the five minute break by catching up with friends while some actually take care of their necessary business. A few students may be seen wandering the halls running errands between classes wearing neon yellow vests used for safety precautions.*

## Get pumped...

Alex Sanchez and Adrian Garcia show their excitement for a Power Team demonstration during an assembly.

## Using time wisely?

Instead of getting ready for their next class, Erica Wilson and Amaris Martinez instead take pictures near their lockers.



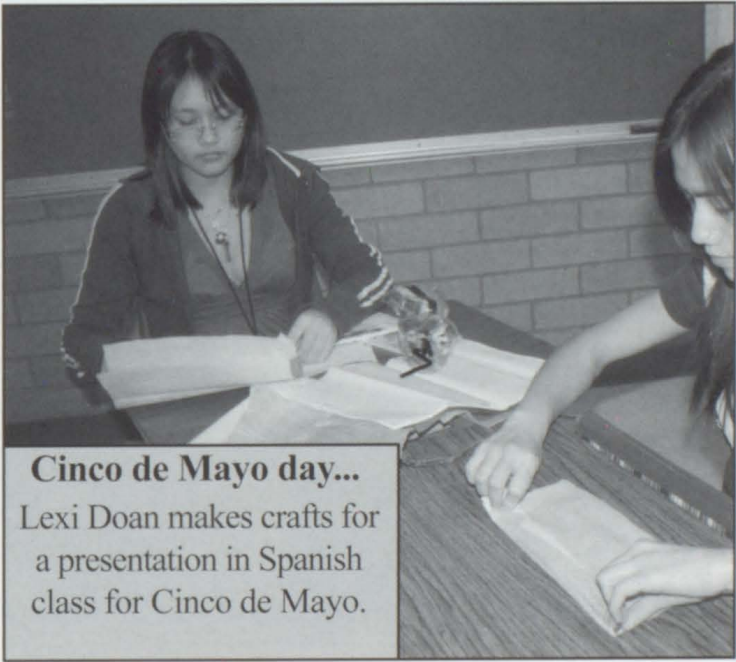
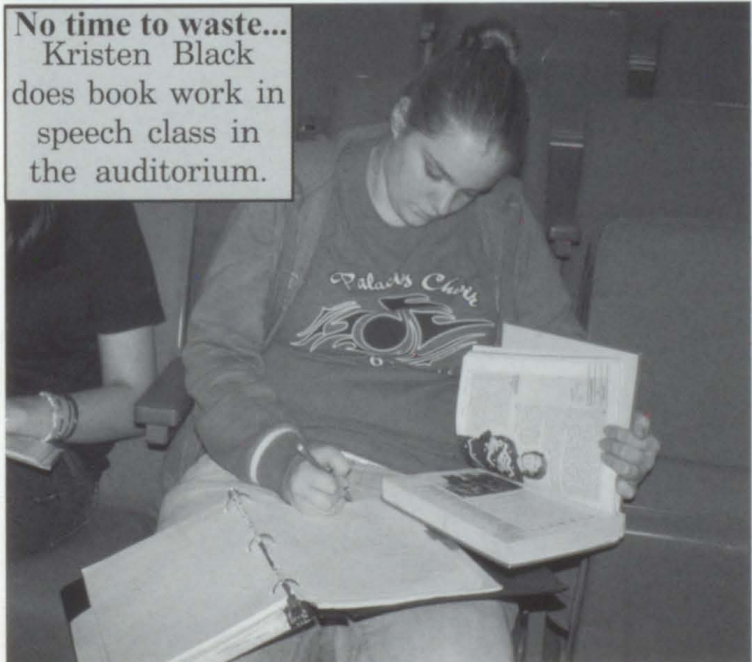
# AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES



**It takes skill...**  
Lance Day and Mikey Nguyen concentrate on their work in Mr. Garnett's first period Art class.



**No time to waste...**  
Kristen Black does book work in speech class in the auditorium.



**Cinco de Mayo day...**  
Lexi Doan makes crafts for a presentation in Spanish class for Cinco de Mayo.

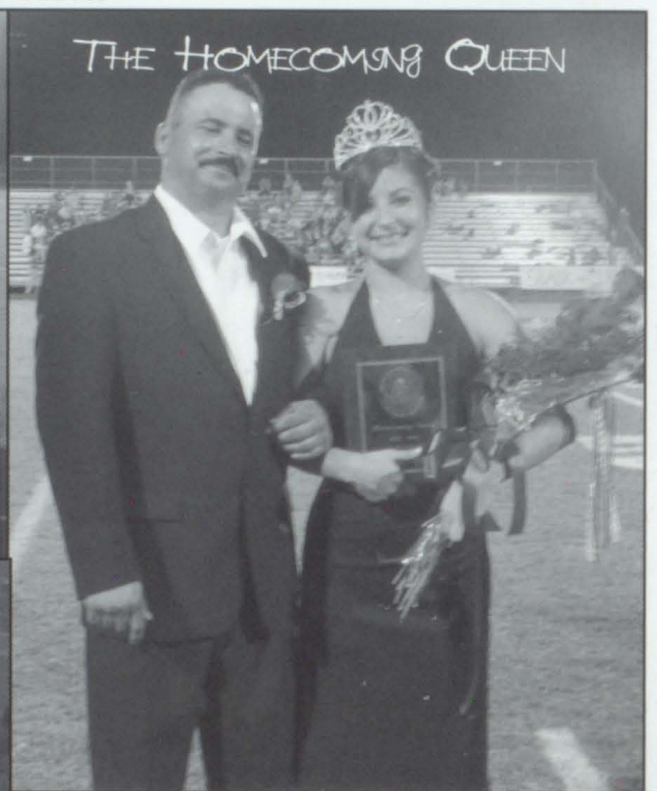
# WALK IT OUT

The stands are packed with people on their feet cheering. Bells are clinking from the mums. TOUCHDOWN! The crowd goes wild for the 43 point lead with almost 5 minutes left. Enough to secure another touchdown for our 50-0 shut-out win. Not only were the fans happy, but so was Brittany Garcia who was crowned the 2007 Homecoming Queen by Miss Pamela Perez. "I was so

shocked," Garcia said, "You could see it in my face." There isn't just the game for Homecoming, but the traditional Spirit Week that precedes the game. Students dressed as everything from kids to celebrities. The winner of the week, Kelsey Wallis, the most spirited student at PHS, was awarded with a pie to smash in Mr. Chandler's face.



**SCOREBOARD SHARKS**  
WITH FOUR MINUTES AND FIFTY-THREE SECONDS TO GO, SHARKS HAD A HUGE LEAD OVER BOLING AND ENDED UP WITH A SHUTOUT OF 50-0 FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT, JUST LIKE THE SEASON.



TOP LEFT: THE COURT: LUPITA REYES, PATRICIA AYALA, ABBY WALLACE, ELLAINA PENA, GABRIELLE GARCIA, BRITTANY GARCIA, CATHERINE CASTANON AND LILY GONZALEZ  
ABOVE: THE QUEEN: BRITTANY GARCIA & DAD VINCENT GARCIA  
LEFT: WALKERS INTO THE PEP RALLY: LANA NGUYEN, HEATHER NGUYEN & CRYSTAL DINH

# WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT HOMECOMING?



IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT GAME FOR US TO WIN, ESPECIALLY AS SENIORS.

-BROOKE TEDDER

# WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO WIN HOMECOMING QUEEN?



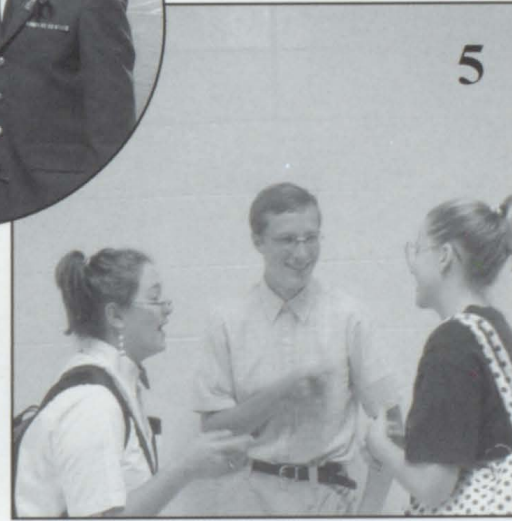
IT WAS CRAZY!! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO WIN, SO WHEN I HEARD MY NAME ANNOUNCED IT WAS VERY SHOCKING. I WAS VERY EXCITED TO BE CROWNED HOMECOMING QUEEN. IT IS SUCH AN HONOR. I'M JUST GLAD I GOT TO SHARE THE EXCITEMENT WITH MY DAD AND IN ADDITION THE FOOTBALL TEAM WON!

-BRITTANY GARCIA



# BURNING BRIGHT

THE FOOTBALLERS LIGHT THE P AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY PEP RALLY BEHIND THE FOOTBALL FIELD.



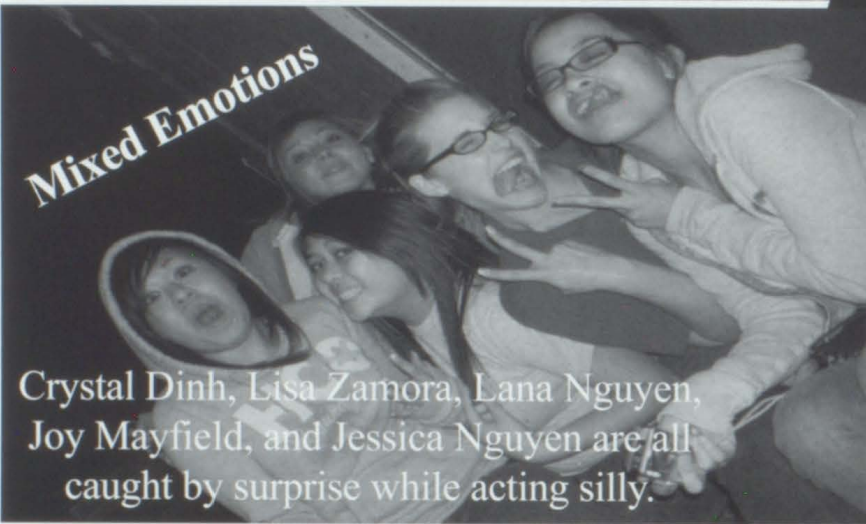
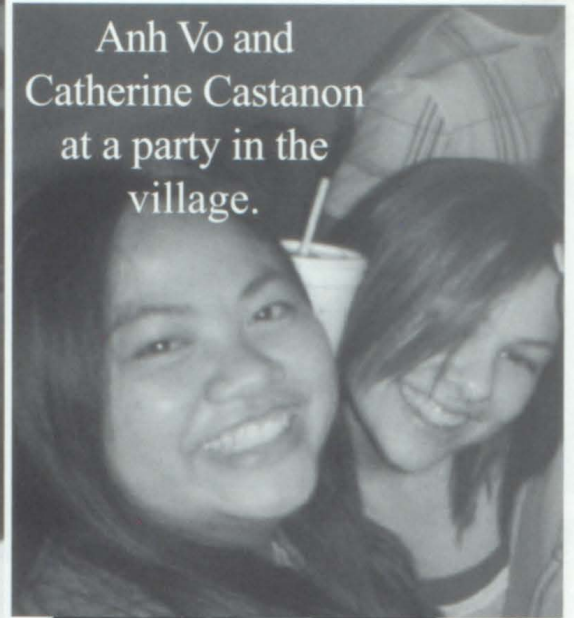
1. "CHILDREN" RACHEL HOLBROOK AND JESSICA SALDIERNA STOP TO POSE ON KID DAY.
2. THE CHOIR SINGS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BEFORE THE GAME AGAINST BOLING
3. FORMER QUEEN PAMELA PEREZ IS ESCORTED BY FORMER STUDENT ROBERT DELEON
4. "TWINS" ALYSSA GARCIA AND KENDRA TORRES STOP FOR A PICTURE.
5. "NERDS" KELSEY WALLIS, JOHN SHOLTS, KRISTY HOOPER DISCUSS QUANTUM PHYSICS BEFORE CLASS



**STOP & POSE!**

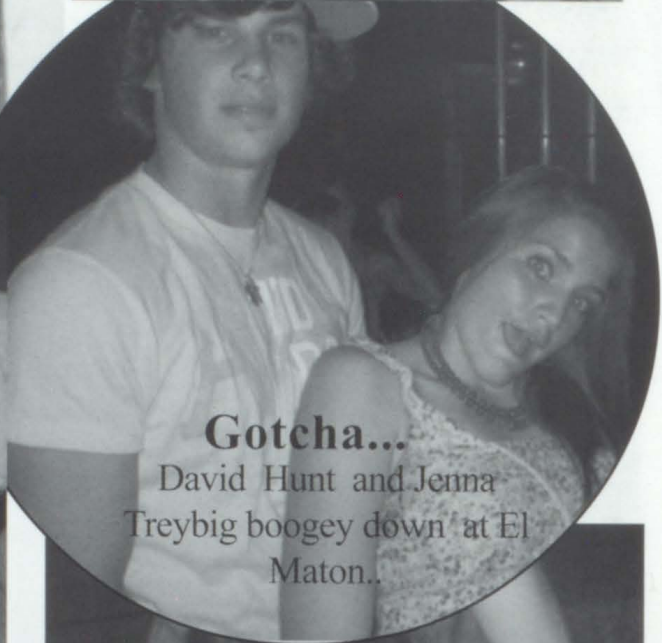
Students of Palacios High School gather around the table for a quick pic at the Chili's restaurant while taking in some great grub.

Anh Vo and Catherine Castanon at a party in the village.



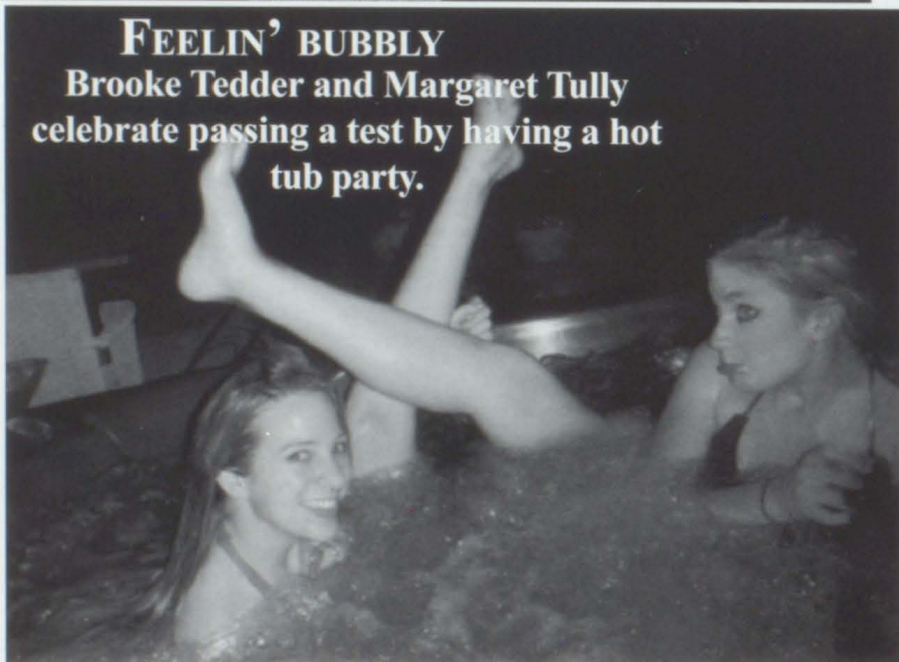
**Mixed Emotions**

Crystal Dinh, Lisa Zamora, Lana Nguyen, Joy Mayfield, and Jessica Nguyen are all caught by surprise while acting silly.



**Gotcha...**

David Hunt and Jenna Treybig boogey down at El Maton..



**FEELIN' BUBBLY**

Brooke Tedder and Margaret Tully celebrate passing a test by having a hot tub party.



**Get like me**

Boo Garcia and Berna Aparicio dance crazy to their favorite "Emotions" tune at El Maton.



# Party Like A Rockstar

There will always be complaints about school days, but it is near impossible to find a student who does not enjoy a weekend away from school. "Leaving school for the day is one thing but leaving school on a Friday is the best!" Ana Maldonado said. Weekends are the times you can be exactly who you are and get crazy without the rules of school holding you down.

Dances, beaches or just hanging out, students find many ways to keep busy on weekends. El Maton and Matagorda beach have always been known as student weekend hot spots. "My favorite place to go is the beach for tanning," Brooke Tedder said. There are 43 weekends in the school year and you can be assured that not one of them is ever unwanted or wasted.

## BEACH BOYS

Cody Baumann, Matt Merck, Aaron Buckley and Pete Villarreal enjoy a day at Matagorda Beach.

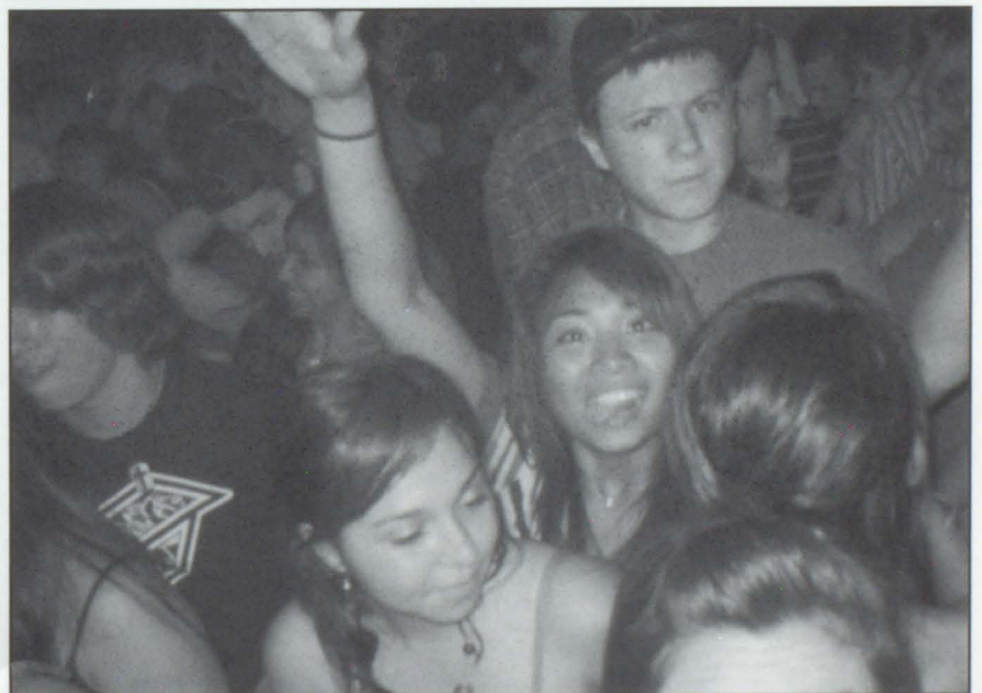
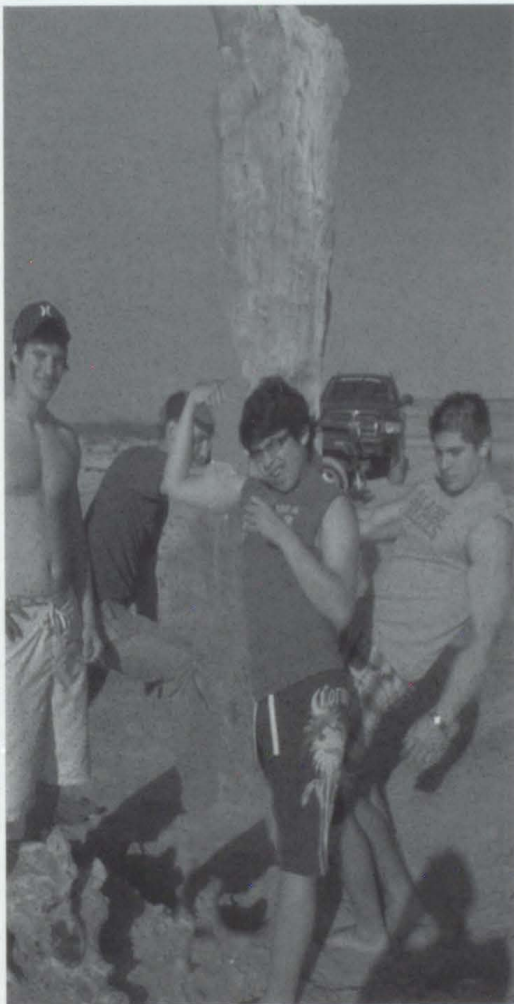
## BE VERY AFRAID!

Various seniors and juniors try on costumes in a Walmart for Halloween.

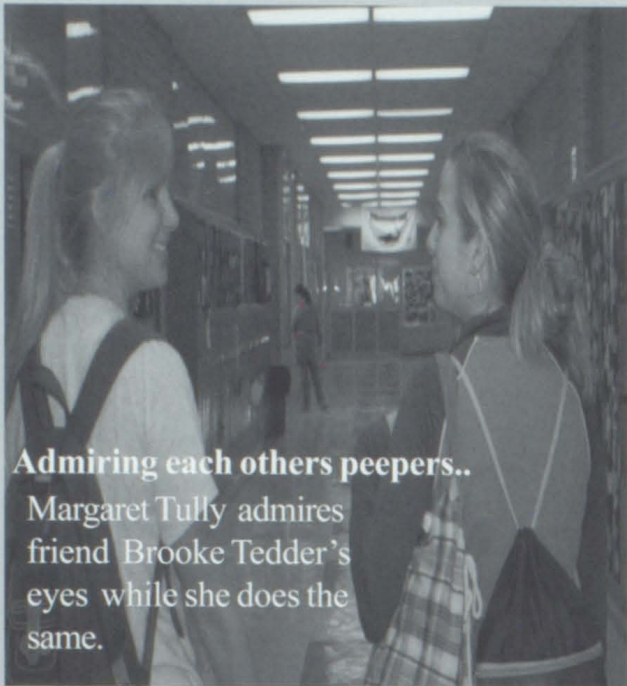


## DANCE DANCE

Mailey Zamora and Lisa Pham and various other students from Palacios often go dancing in El Maton.



# Irreplaceable



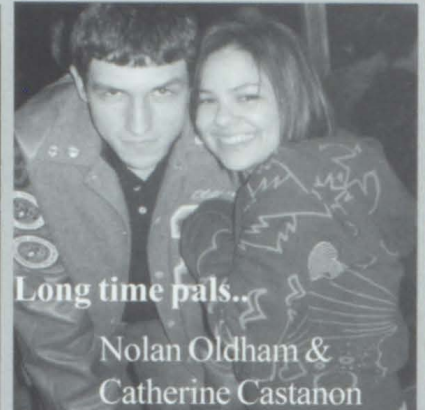
### Admiring each others peepers..

Margaret Tully admires friend Brooke Tedder's eyes while she does the same.



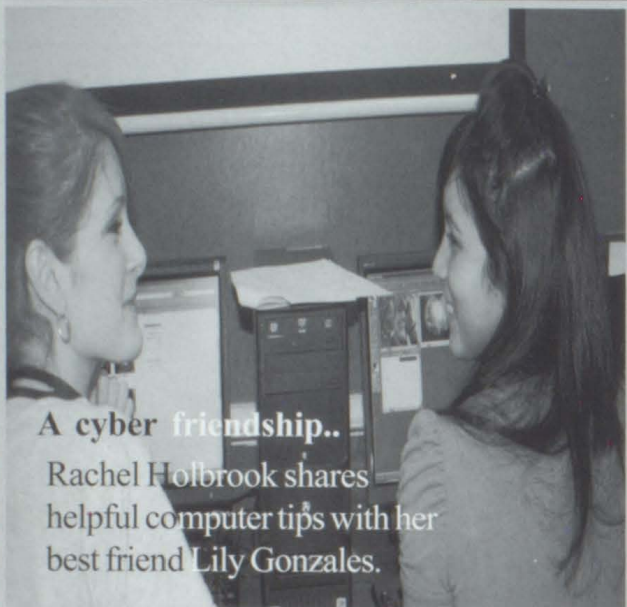
### Too close of a friend..

Dat Nguyen gives Elizabeth Padron a big squeeze.



### Long time pals..

Nolan Oldham & Catherine Castanon

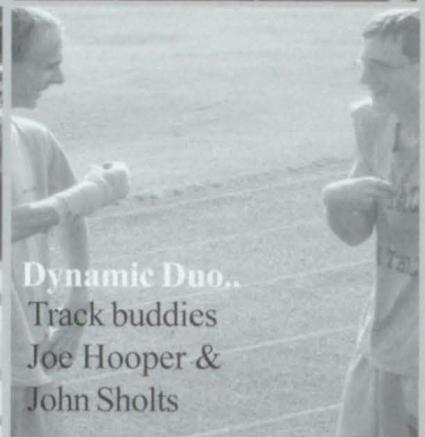


### A cyber friendship..

Rachel Holbrook shares helpful computer tips with her best friend Lily Gonzales.



Alexis Torres plays with Lacey Warner while Heather Nguyen shares a secret.

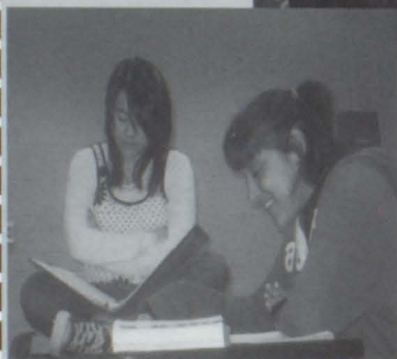


### Dynamic Duo..

Track buddies Joe Hooper & John Sholts

### Just relax!

Erica Wilson trusts pal Amaris Martinez to do her makeup before class.



### Lets get serious

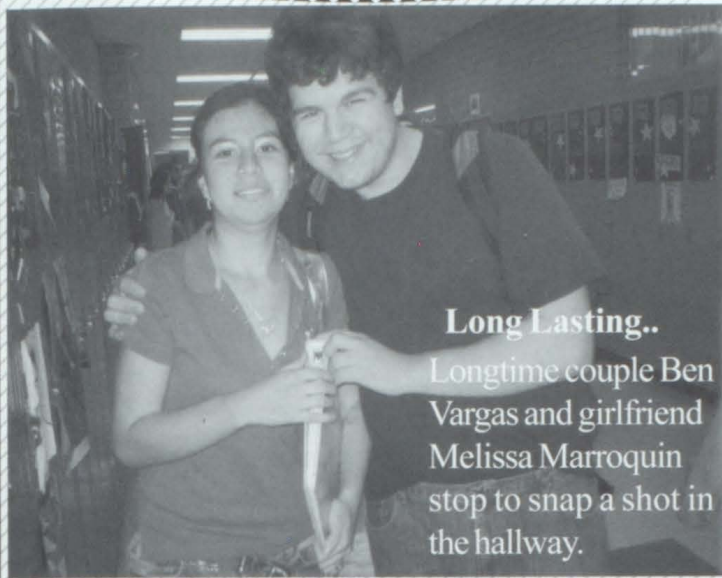
Pals Heather Nguyen and Karyssa Zavala study hard for a college test the next day.

### What is Friendship?

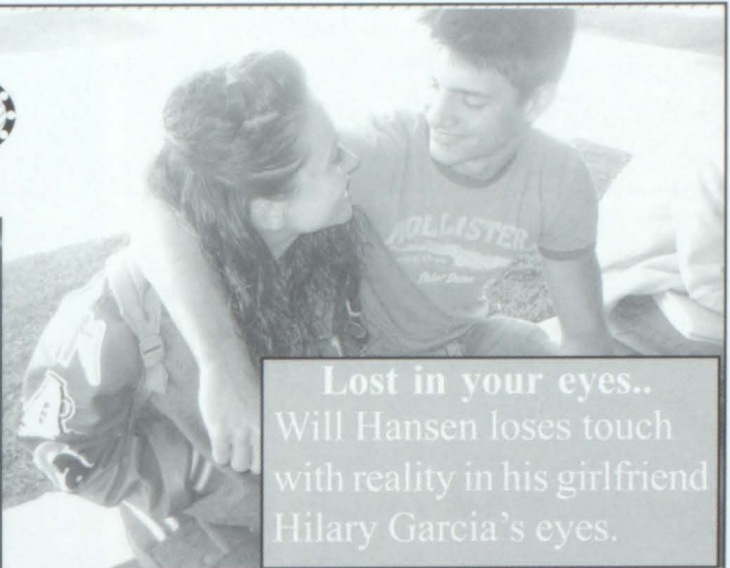
At work, a party, or even church, you're most likely surrounded or near some of your friends. Without friends it would prove a much harder task to survive high school. "A true friend is...the only thing you have to hold onto when nothing else seems to make sense in your life," Jessica Saldierna said. Everyone has friends so these statements apply to everyone. Friends or even more than friends are the ones that care the most,

and are the ones you depend on spending your every free second with. They are the ones that make being at the same school five days a week for a whole year possible. Your classmates will be the people you sit with on the field the day you graduate, but your friends are the ones you will be spending your days with much longer after your graduation song has played and everyone has received their diplomas.

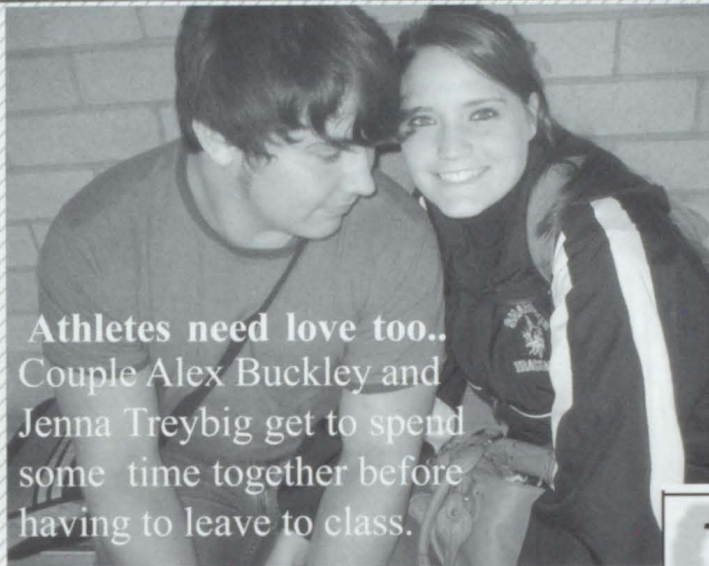
Love is a beautiful thing..  
- Lisa Zamora



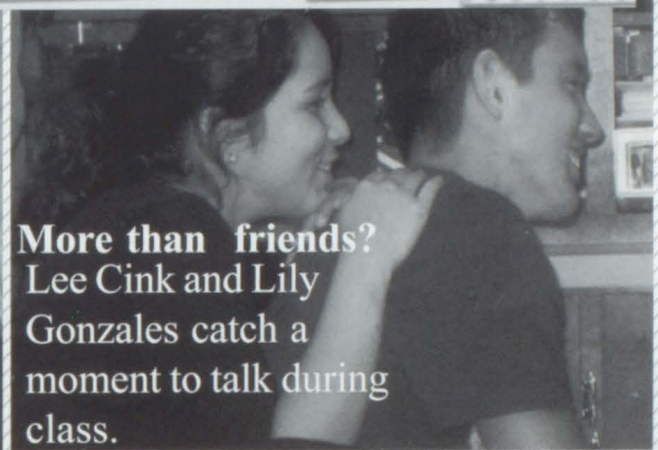
**Long Lasting..**  
Longtime couple Ben Vargas and girlfriend Melissa Marroquin stop to snap a shot in the hallway.



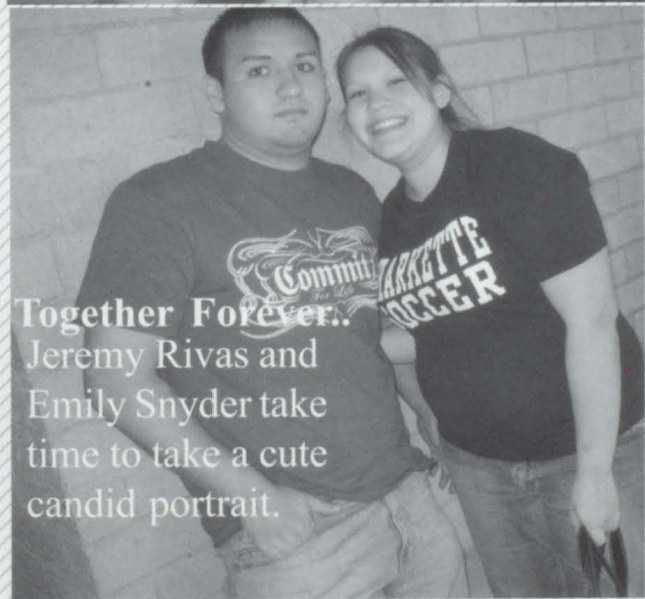
**Lost in your eyes..**  
Will Hansen loses touch with reality in his girlfriend Hilary Garcia's eyes.



**Athletes need love too..**  
Couple Alex Buckley and Jenna Treybig get to spend some time together before having to leave to class.



**More than friends?**  
Lee Cink and Lily Gonzales catch a moment to talk during class.



**Together Forever..**  
Jeremy Rivas and Emily Snyder take time to take a cute candid portrait.

**What do you look for in a  
Boyfriend or Girlfriend?**

Romantic      Smarts  
Money  
SWEET      Muscles      TRUST  
Faithfulness      Hot  
Classy      **Cute**      BODY

## BREAK IT DOWN

Sophomore Clarisa Polk brings in the students to the pep rally, along with the rest of the percussion.

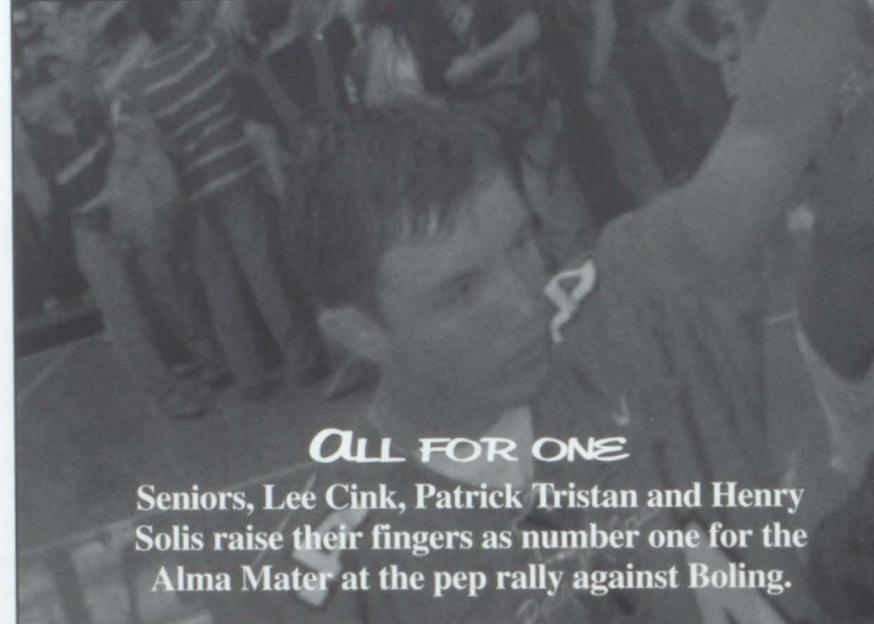
## Shout It Out



What is the best thing about pep rallies to you?

CHEERING FOR THE GUYS, IT WAS EXCITING THAT THEY MADE IT THAT FAR, WHICH MADE THE PEP RALLIES MORE EXCITING.

-CRYSTAL GUARDIOLA



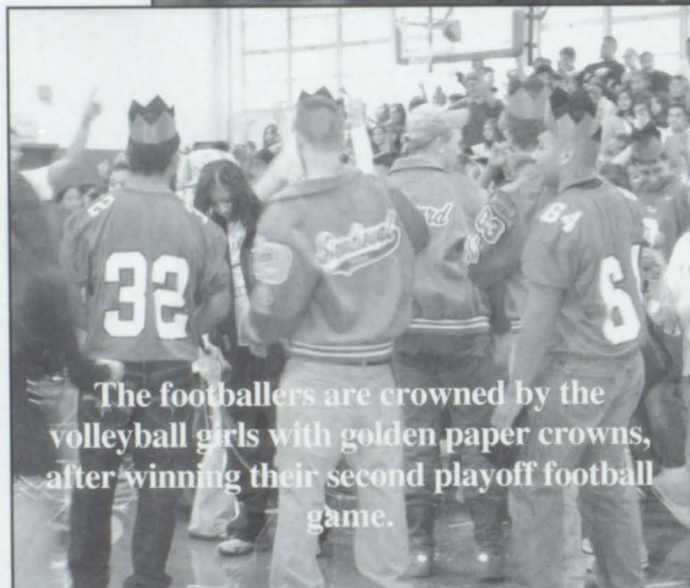
## ALL FOR ONE

Seniors, Lee Cink, Patrick Tristan and Henry Solis raise their fingers as number one for the Alma Mater at the pep rally against Boling.



## CLAP YOUR HANDS

Principal Segovia claps her hand for jaws at the beginning of the pep rally, always showing great support for the Sharks.



The footballers are crowned by the volleyball girls with golden paper crowns, after winning their second playoff football game.

## SUPER-WOMEN

The Granizzles perform for the American Idol themed pep rally, bringing the gym down with their various dances.



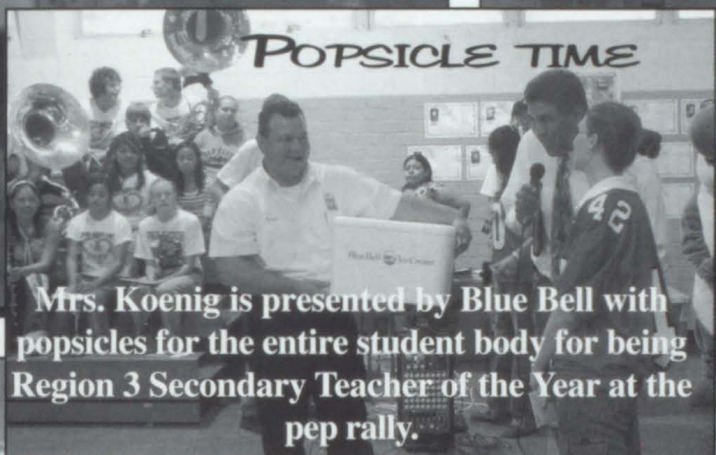
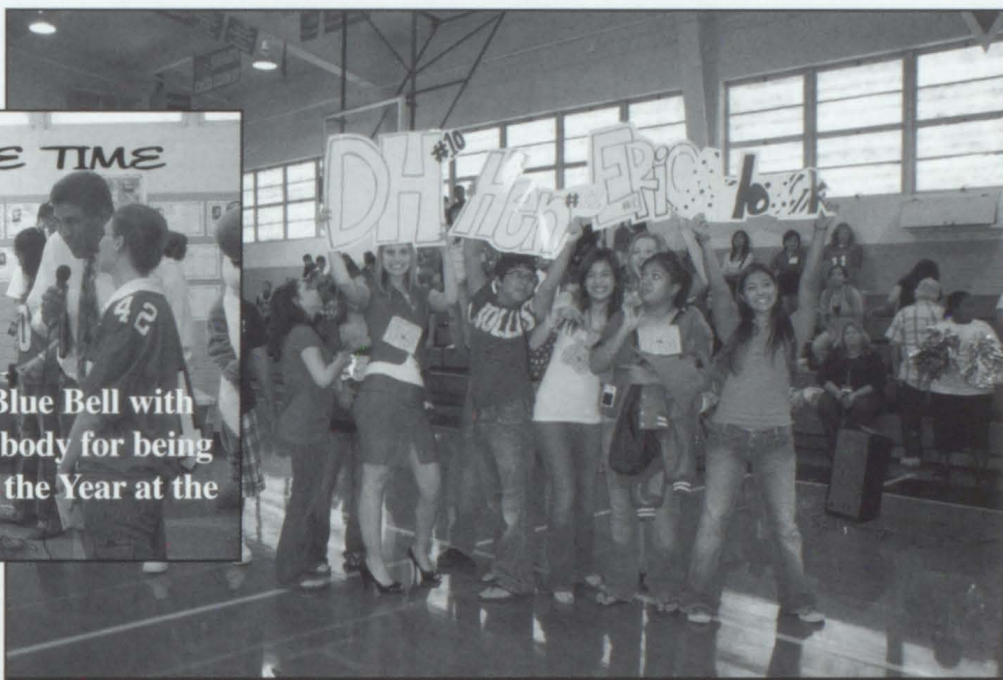
# CRANK THAT SOULJA BOY

“2 bits! 4 bits! 6 bits a dollar! All for the Sharks! Stand up and holler!” Everyone from young to old attended our rallies, including East Side, Jr. High and our MC, Mrs. Jeri Garcia, #1 Lucas Garcia’s mother. “Pep rallies seem a lot more exciting with her there” said junior Alexis Torres, “She should have done it every year.”

This year we were introduced to Granizzles, who spiced up the 30 minutes with their elaborate costumes and hip dancing. “It was

fun dancing with Mrs. Smith,” commented Granizzle Mrs. Pena, “and I was happy to support the boys; they did so well. It was all so exciting.”

You could just feel the excitement in the gymnasium air after the first additional pep rally for playoffs, and it just grew and grew all the way to the end. “It’s like the excitement was contagious,” comments Senior Patrick Tristan. “Everyone was so pumped-we couldn’t wait until the game!”

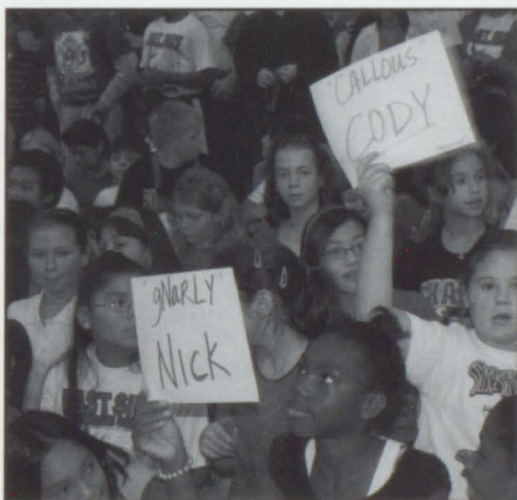


Mrs. Koenig is presented by Blue Bell with popsicles for the entire student body for being Region 3 Secondary Teacher of the Year at the pep rally.



**You Go Guys**  
Seniors Joy Mayfield, Pete Villarreal, Jessica Nguyen, Liz Padron and Ellaina Pena hold up their handmade signs for everyone to see.

**JOIN IN KIDS**  
East Side Intermediate students join in the last playoff pep rally to show their support for the team.





**Do you have a Passion for Fashion?**

Senior Who's Who winner of the "Best Dressed" category Crystal Guardiola says, "Well, I am usually required to dress nicer than normal because I work at the bank which is an environment that you are expected to look nice in but I also really enjoy looking nice and dressing up for fun". Dressed up or dressed down you are still showing your form of fashion. Their style is many students way of showing who they are and setting themselves apart from the crowd. There is no limit to how you can express yourself and many individuals find no problems with showing their true style while still following the mandatory school dress codes.



**Strike a Pose...**  
Senior Jessica Nguyen poses to show her higher fashion attire of a long black silk blouse with bootcut jeans and black leather stilettos.



**School ready**  
Joy Mayfield dresses up her look with cute glasses and a side swept Coach tote which both make her look ready for school.

**Sportier Look**  
Jenna Treybig sports comfortable colorful flats with a floral strap to show their versatility for being sporty and dressy at the same time.



**So Trendy...**  
Fashionista Bernadette Aparicio wears ugg boots with skinny jeans tucked inside which is a very popular style for girls during the winter.



**Dressed Down**  
David Hunt wears comfortable wool mocassins with jeans to prove that you can look good and be comfortable at the same time.



Bernadette Aparicio stays warm with a metallic silver vest with fur lining.



**How do you decide what to wear?**



*"I usually choose my clothes the night before so i have more time in the morning"*

*- Erica Wilson*

**Where do you receive inspiration for your clothing?**

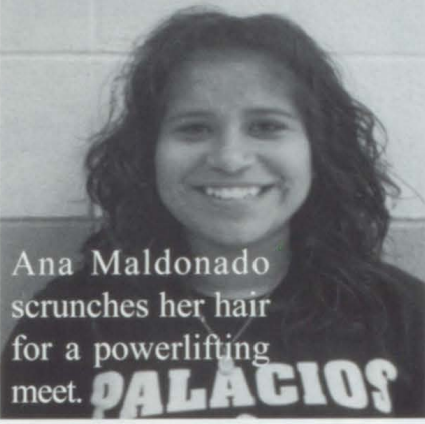
*"My Music" -Alfredo Zamora*



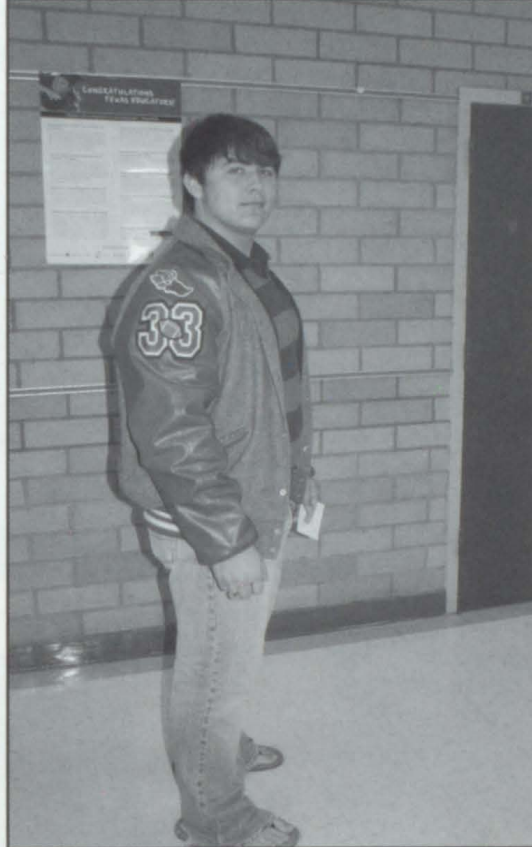
**What is your favorite store to shop at?**

*"Definitely American Eagle"*

*-Miranda Deleon*

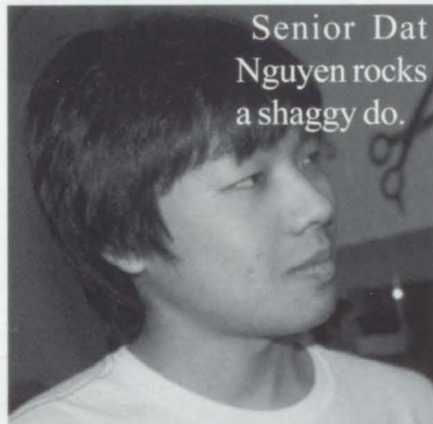


Ana Maldonado scrunches her hair for a powerlifting meet. **PALACIOS**



**Jackets with the Fur**

Pete Villarreal shows that it is possible to even look awesome in the harshest of climates with his jacket with fur.



Senior Dat Nguyen rocks a shaggy do.

**Casual & Clean**

Alex Buckley dresses casually in jeans and a shirt with flip flops and his sports lettermen jacket.



**Classy Girl**

Lisa Zamora dresses up her striped wool sweater with a pair of pearl earrings and a matching necklace.



Heather Nguyen goes classic with shorter length with layers.

# Pretty Woman

The lights, the cameras, the action all fall into a place at a pageant. Palacios hosts three pageants throughout the year starting with the Miss Palacios pageant in the fall. Contestants compete for a scholarship based on interview, poise and their

personality.

"It was nerve-racking being on stage, but at the same time it was fun," said Lisa Zamora, Miss Congeniality.

Around Valentine's Day the Sweethearts begin selling tickets and setting out cans for the Harmonie Club's 60th

pageant.

"I was honored to have the support of my family and community," said 200 Sweetheart Heather Shimek.

The Cinco de Mayo pageant had only three contestants this year, but they still all participated in the parade and ceremony.



## Valentine's Sweetheart

1st place  
Heather Shimek  
1st Runner Up  
Kelsey Wallis  
2nd Runner Up  
Heather Pena

## Miss Cinco de Mayo

1st place  
Nallely Maldonado  
1st Runner Up  
Lisa Zamora  
2nd Runner Up  
Amairani Zumaya







3rd Runner Up: Yolanda Sanchez; 2nd Runner Up: Lisa Zamora; 1st Runner Up: Devon Dillard; (DEBUTANTES) 2nd Runner Up: Hilary Garcia; 1st Runner Up: Kimberly Tran

# Miss Palacios Pageant



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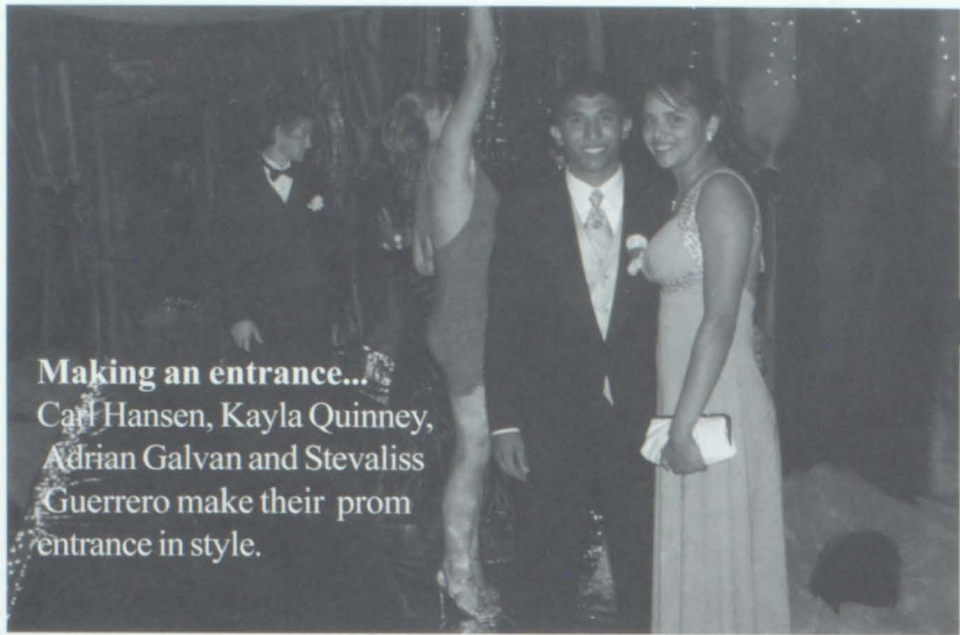
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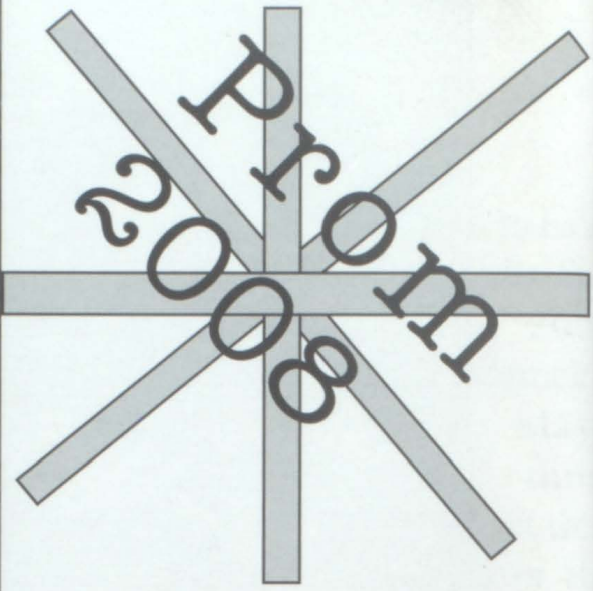
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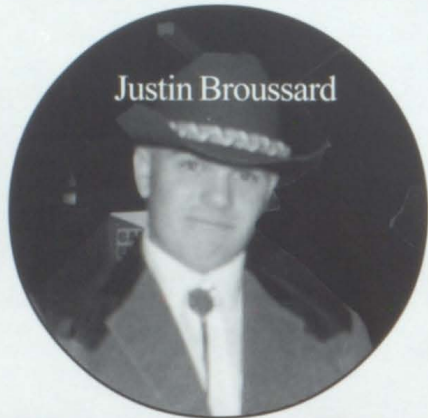




**Making an entrance...**  
 Carl Hansen, Kayla Quinney,  
 Adrian Galvan and Stevaliss  
 Guerrero make their prom  
 entrance in style.



Cody Smith



Justin Broussard

**I Love my Mom! ...**Eric  
 Rojas dances with his mom , cos-  
 metology teacher Dianne Rojas,  
 to a country song.



**Can you help me?**  
 Mrs Rhonda Garcia helps Lawrence Crews  
 put on his boutineire while Hilary Garcia secretly  
 strikes a pose in the background.

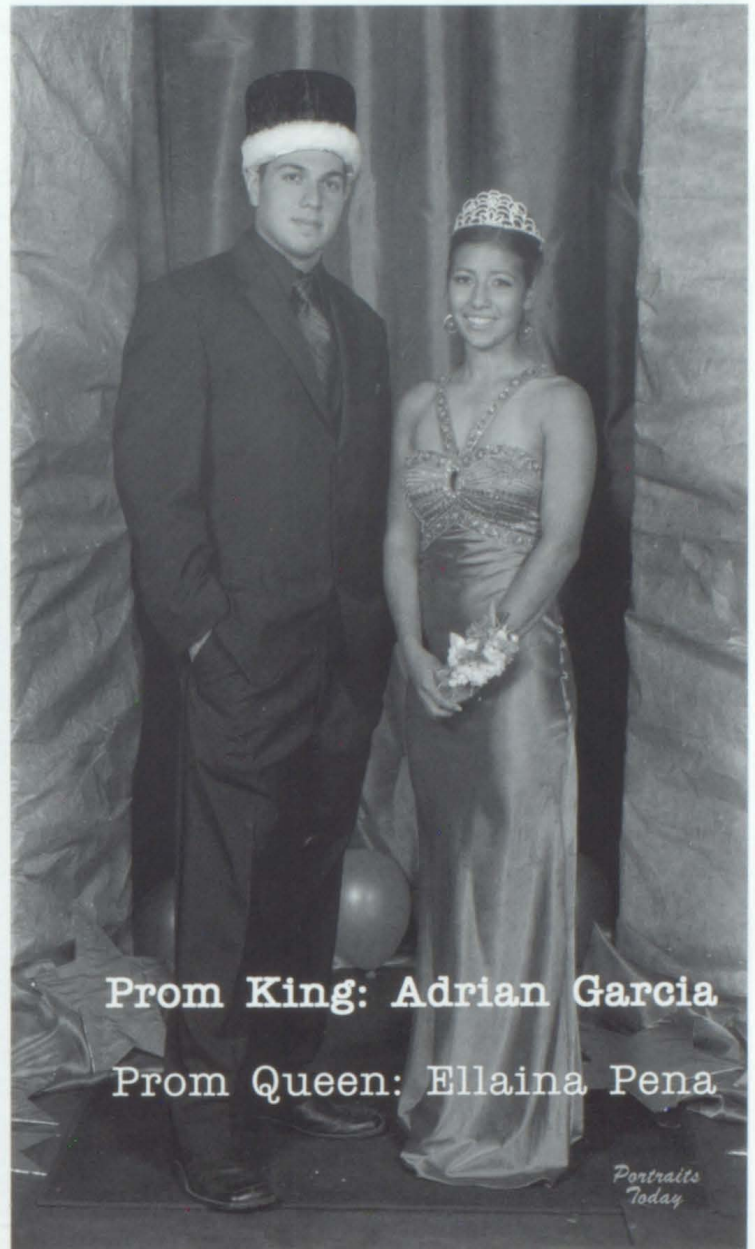
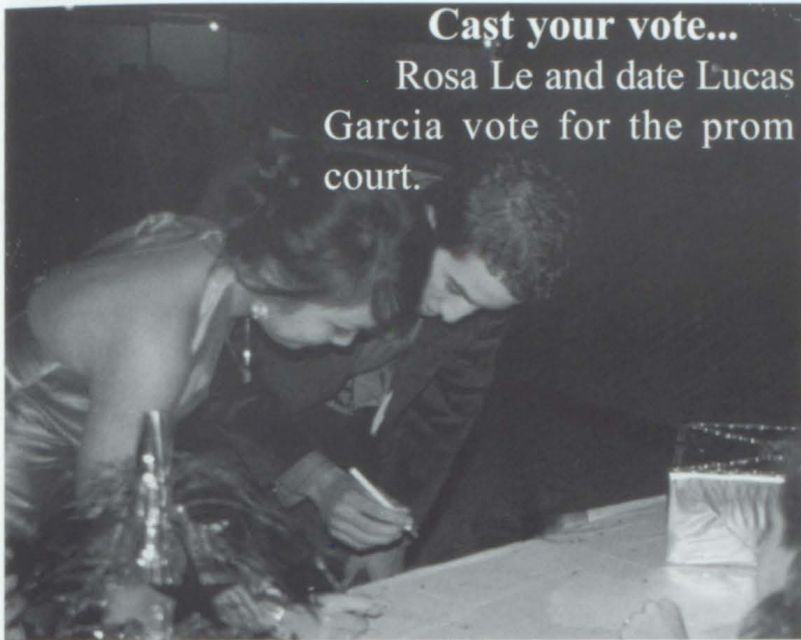
**Memories that last forever.....**  
 Ken Garcia and Monica Ortiz take advantage  
 of a photo opportunity and get their picture  
 made to commemorate the special night.



# Black tie affair

**Cast your vote...**

Rosa Le and date Lucas Garcia vote for the prom court.

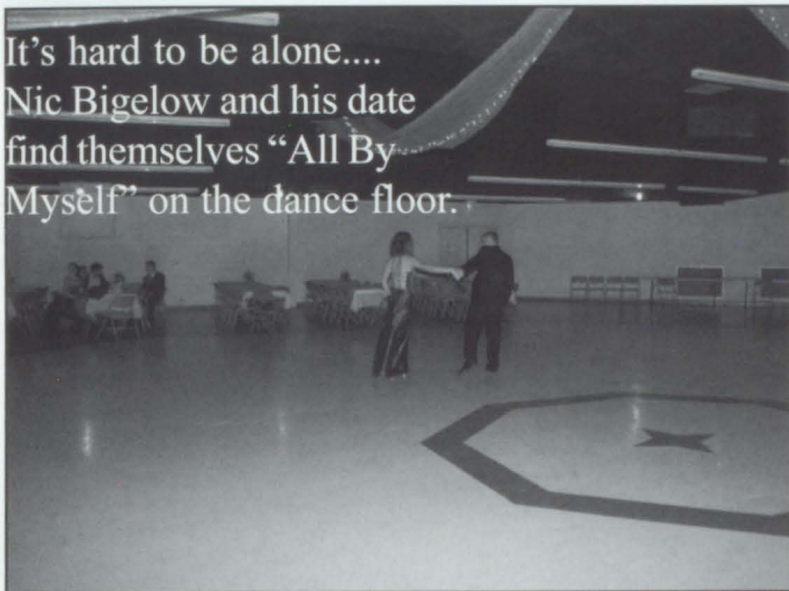


**Prom King: Adrian Garcia**

**Prom Queen: Ellaina Pena**

*Portraits Today*

It's hard to be alone....  
Nic Bigelow and his date  
find themselves "All By  
Myself" on the dance floor.



"The prom was fantastic. I could have danced all night."

Nic Bigelow

**A Nail Biter...**

Will Hansen and Hilary Garcia ponder who will win prom king and queen.



# A Moment Like This

103 seniors walked the field to receive their diplomas at graduation on May 30.

Mrs. Amy Morales, English IV teacher, gave the commencement address. Valedictory and Salutatory addresses were given by Devon Dillard and Chelsea Young, respectively.

The class flower was the orchard and the class song was "Dare You To Move" by Switchfoot.

The alumni awards were given to Tony Garcia and Homer Aparicio.

Mrs. Vicki Adams, superintendent, certified the 2008 graduating seniors while Mrs. Valerie Segovia and school board members gave out the diplomas.

Over \$600,000 scholarship money was given to the seniors by various local merchants, several colleges, and the military.

Brooke Tedder summed up the night well on behalf of the class of '08. "It was one of the most emotional nights of my life."

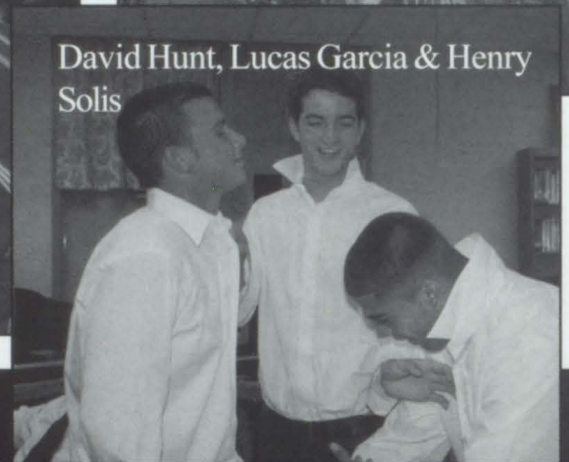
Will Diaz & Mr. Garnett



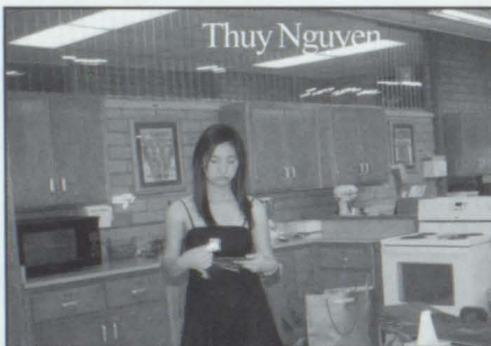
Phillip Fiorini, Kyle Hamlin & Craig Wilson



David Hunt, Lucas Garcia & Henry Solis



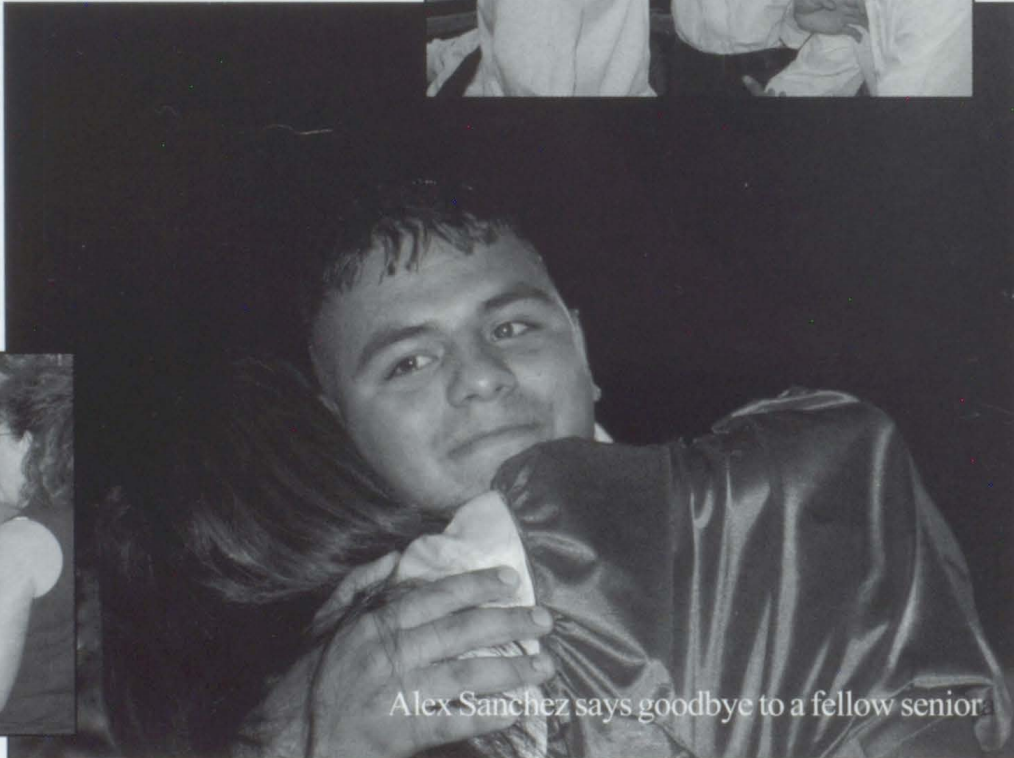
Thuy Nguven



Jessica Gilliam & Chelsea Young



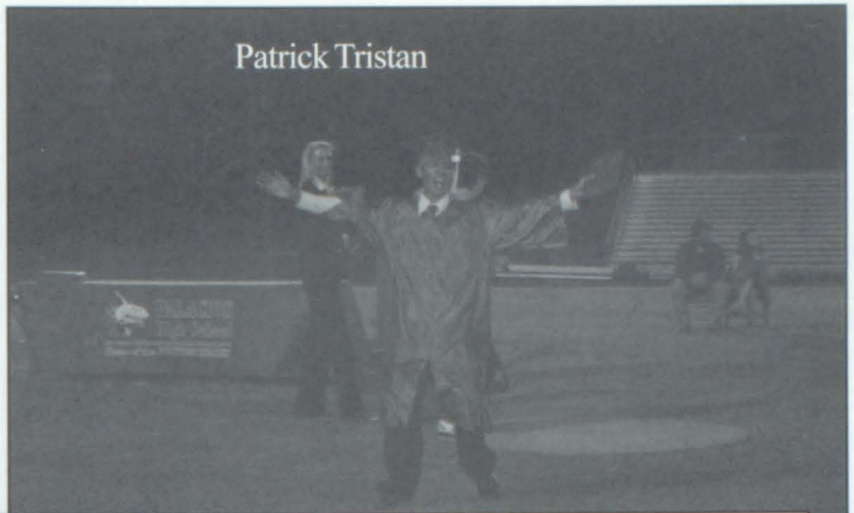
Alex Sanchez says goodbye to a fellow senior.



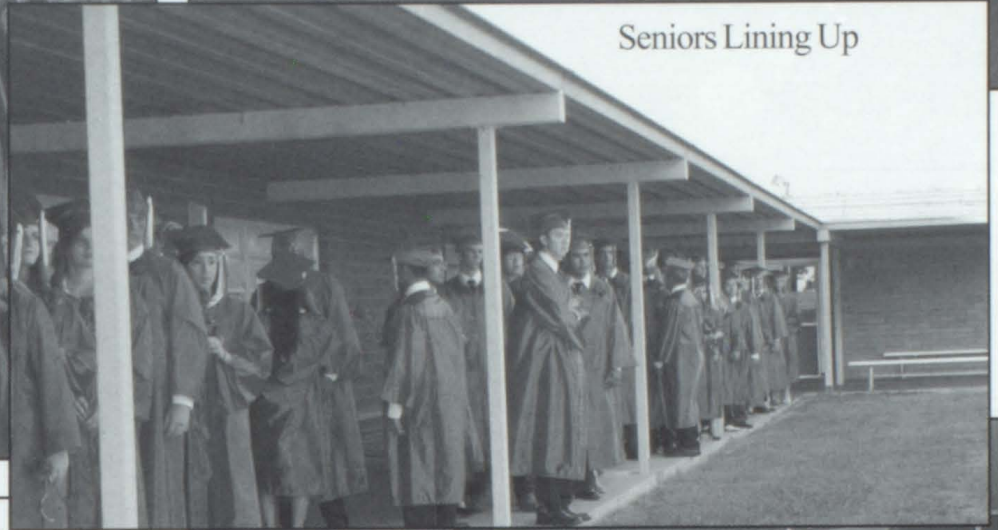
Xinh Nguyen, Tina Nguyen & Russell Laws



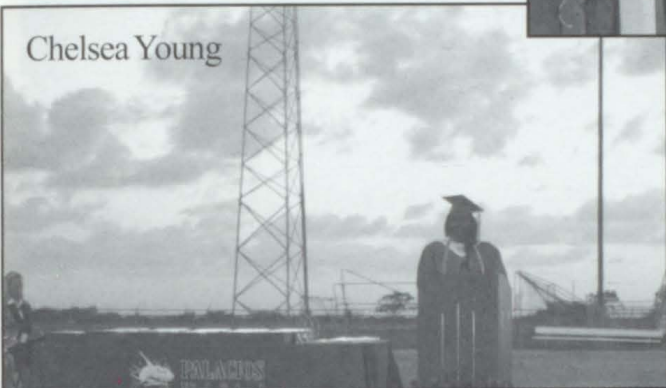
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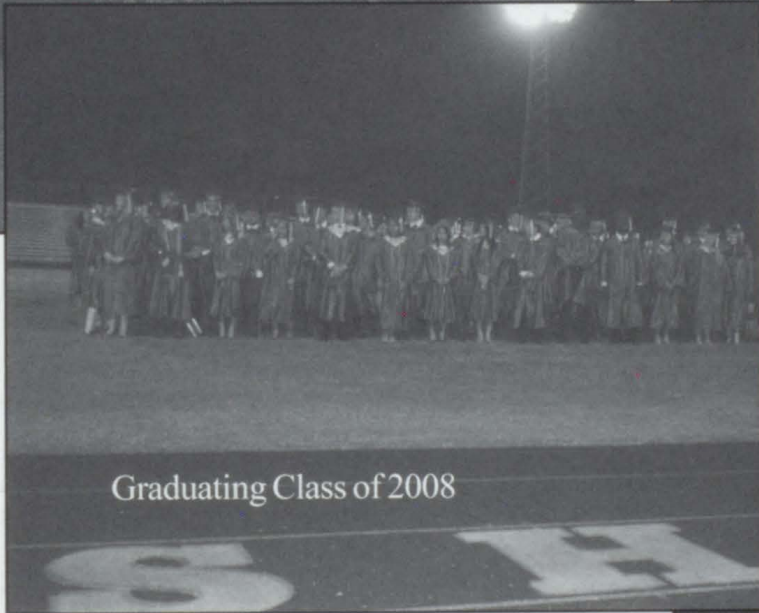
Seniors Lining Up



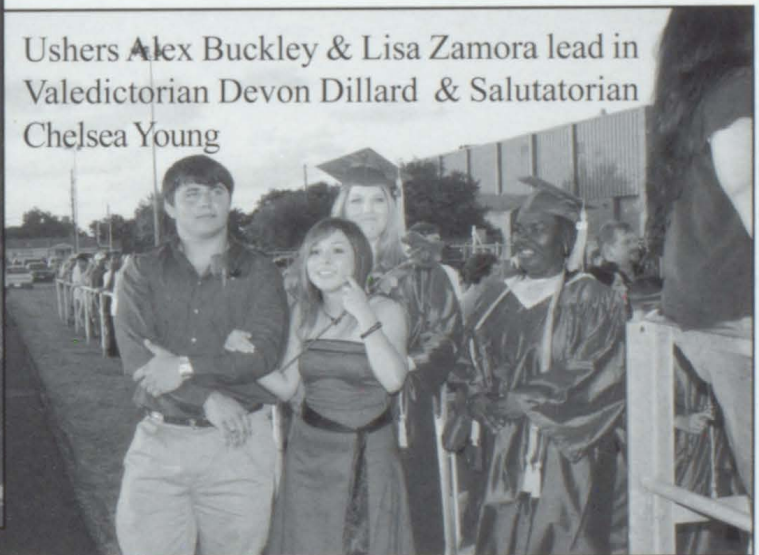
Chelsea Young



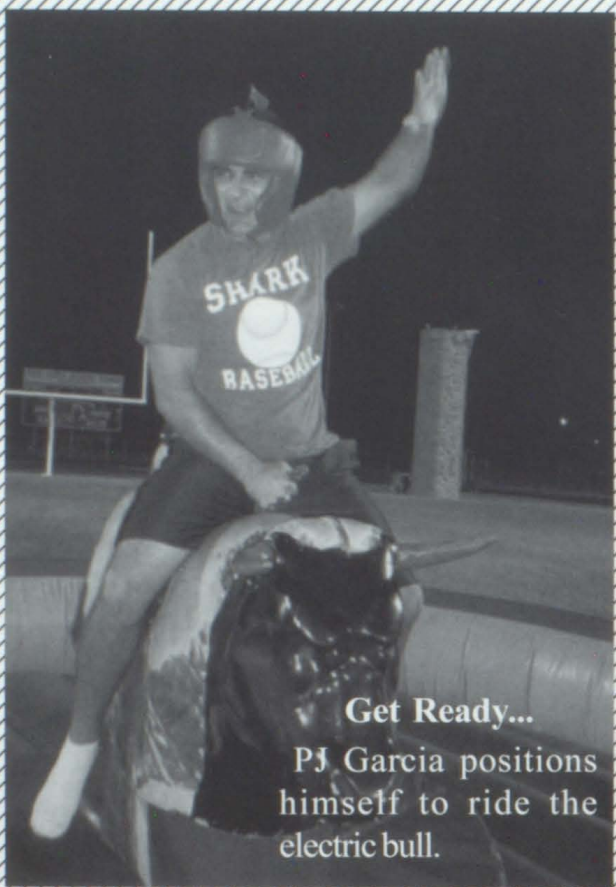
Ushers Alex Buckley & Lisa Zamora lead in Valedictorian Devon Dillard & Salutatorian Chelsea Young



Graduating Class of 2008



# PROJECT CELEBRATION

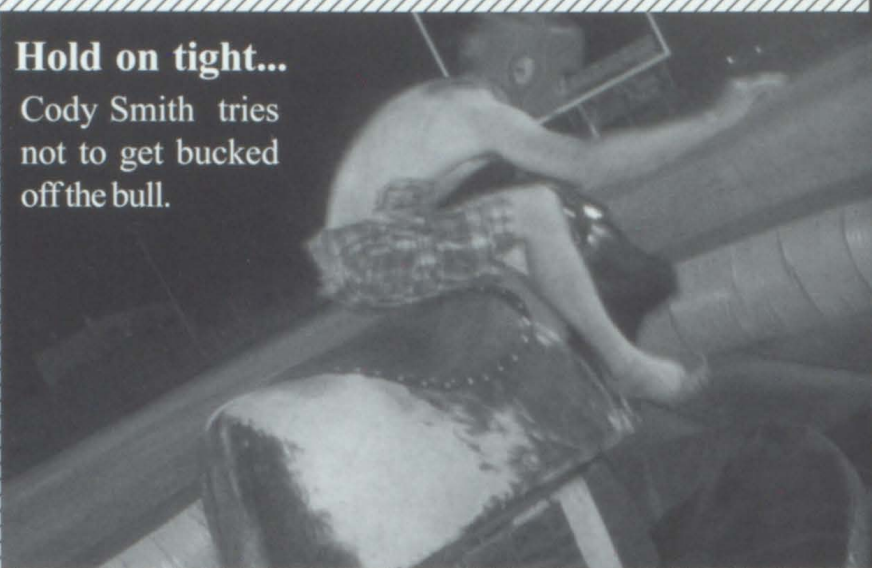


## Get Ready...

PJ Garcia positions himself to ride the electric bull.

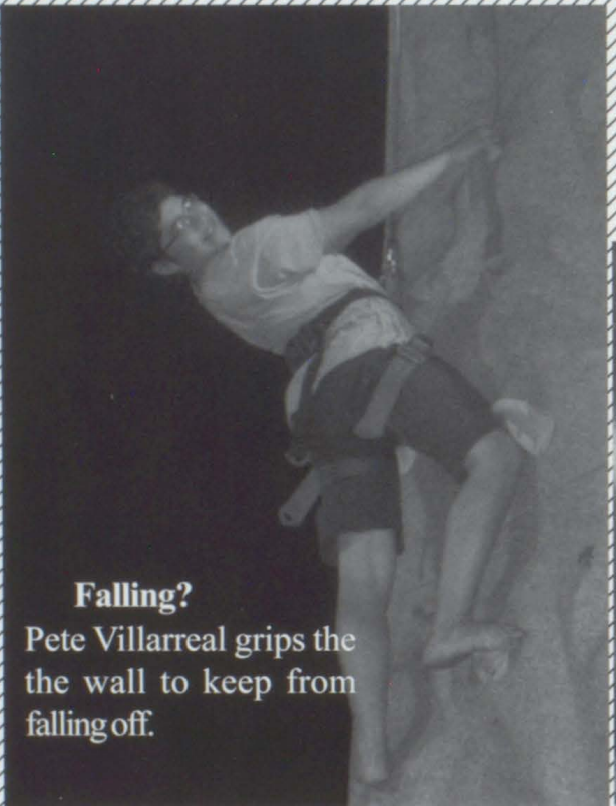
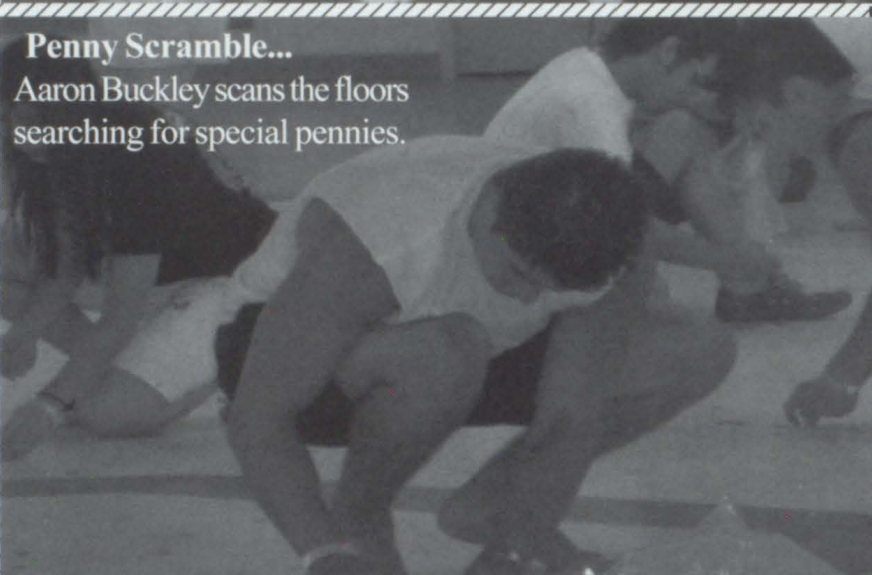
## Hold on tight...

Cody Smith tries not to get bucked off the bull.



## Penny Scramble...

Aaron Buckley scans the floors searching for special pennies.

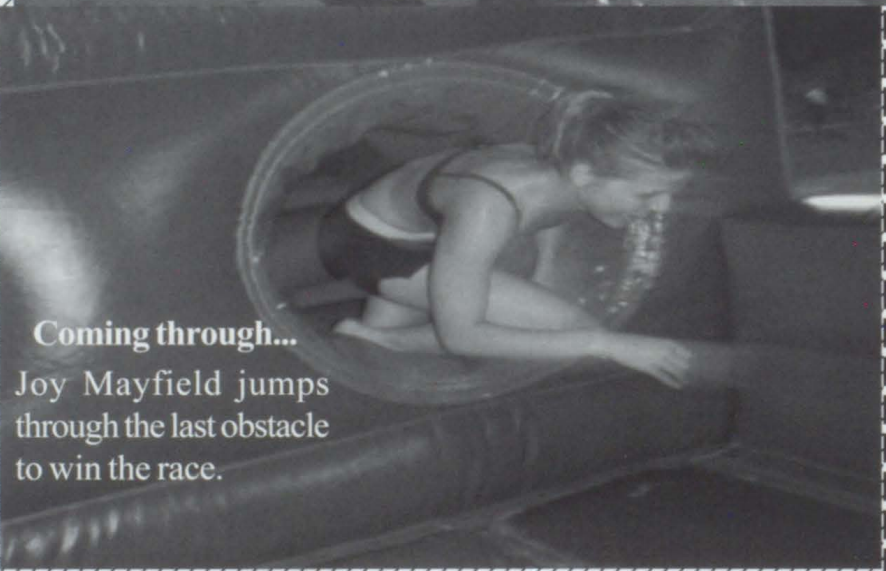


## Falling?

Pete Villarreal grips the wall to keep from falling off.

## Coming through...

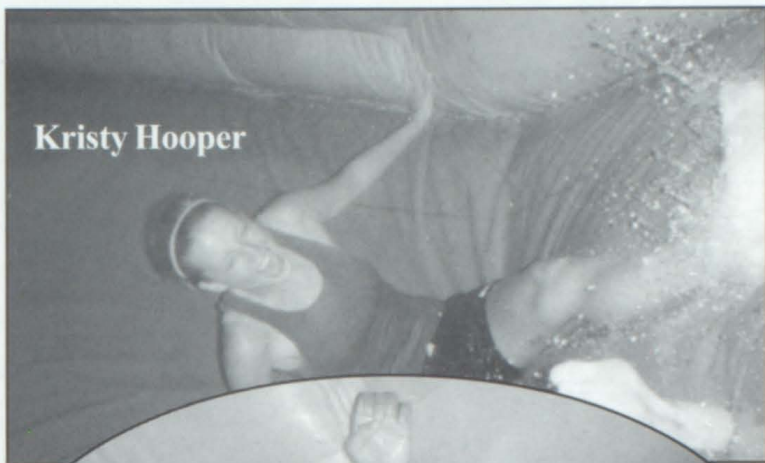
Joy Mayfield jumps through the last obstacle to win the race.



# Water Slide!



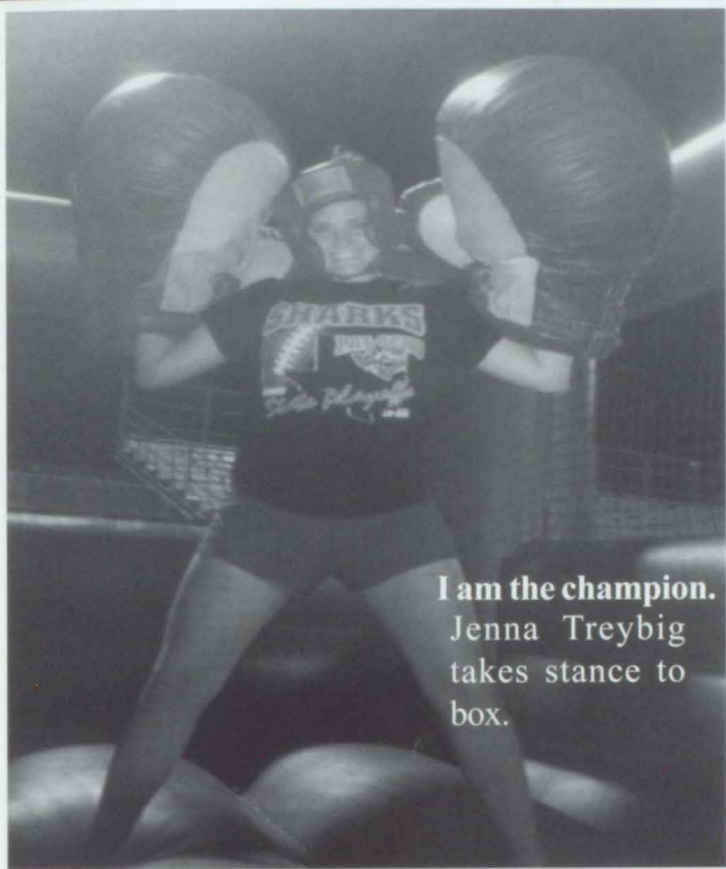
**Fallen Slide**  
Students have enough fun to tip the slide.



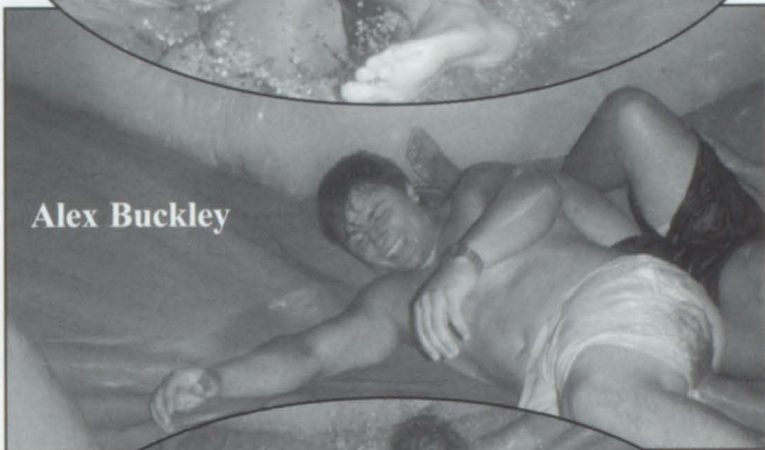
**Kristy Hooper**



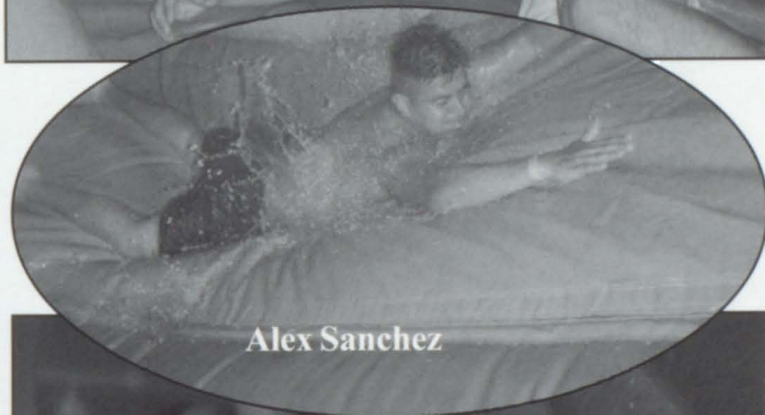
**Chris Garcia**



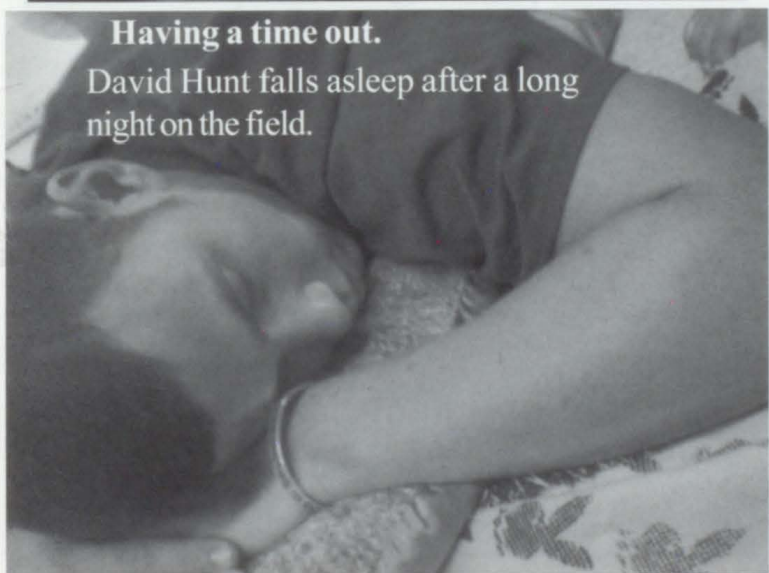
**I am the champion.**  
Jenna Treybig takes stance to box.



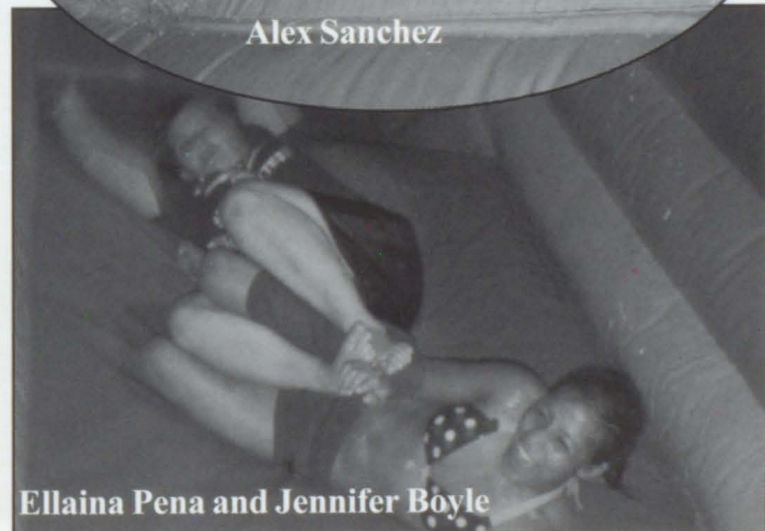
**Alex Buckley**



**Alex Sanchez**



**Having a time out.**  
David Hunt falls asleep after a long night on the field.



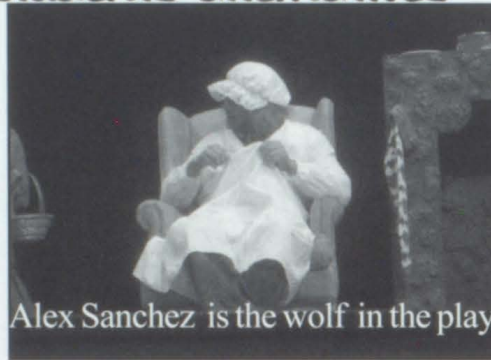
**Ellaina Pena and Jennifer Boyle**

# ORGANIZATIONS

## WE BELONG TOGETHER

Being in an organization is a lot more than just something you are in. It's something you belong to with people who share the same interests. Most organizations give students alternatives

to keep them busy doing good things for the community while keeping them off the streets. Some clubs require students to perform community service in order to be a part of the club.



Alex Sanchez is the wolf in the play.



Kristin Black waits to perform at UIL solo/ensemble contest.

**The trumpets sounded**  
The first period band members practice under the close watch of their drum majors Nolan Oldham and Joe Hooper in the school parking lot to prepare for a competition.



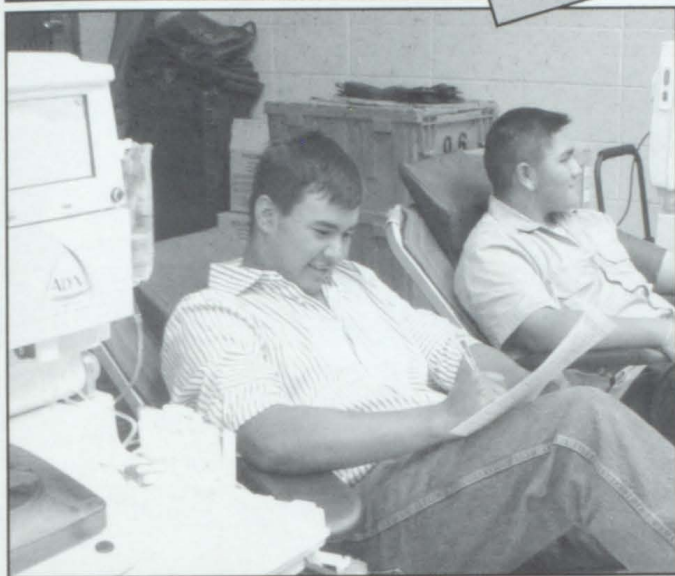




**Focus Lance!**  
Cody Lefevre concentrates on a model as he draws it for Art Club.



**Belt it out!**  
Choir members sporting reindeer antlers sing at the Christmas concert.



**We got skills...**  
Skills USA members Joseph Scatchula and Julio Ramon work on a project that they will donate to the community.


**Where do I sign up?**  
Will Diaz fills out paper work to give blood at an NHS sponsored Blood Drive.

**DIG in...**  
One act play members celebrate their advancing to area over a nice dinner.




## Club FAQs

*What is the hardest thing you have had to do in FFA?*



“Dealing with Craig at the meetings.”  
-Jarred Stuhrenburg

*Why did you join BPA?*



“It looks good on resumes and all the black people are in it.”  
-Brooke Polk

# Colors of the Wind

Art Club is a club full of extremely creative students.

"I feel I can express myself to the fullest extent through my art work," said Art Club President Cody Lefevre.

The club held bake sales as well as did other projects to help raise money for V.A.S.E. This stands for Visual Arts Scholastic Event, a trip to the Art Museum of Houston, attended by Art club members.

"Art club was cool; we got to go to art activities and art shows," said Sandy Nguyen.

"These kids were a great group with lots of talent and creativity. They had a very successful bake sale," Sponsor Keith Garnett said.

Member Lauren Mills summed it up best. "Art Club is exciting because you learn how to become more of a leader."

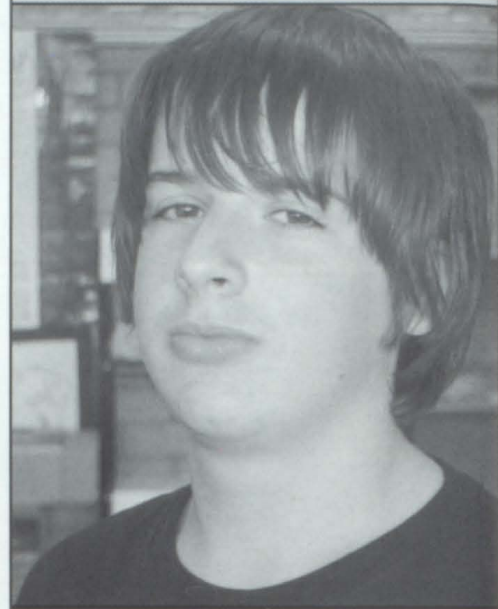


President Cody Lefevre, Vice President Hannah Estraca, and Secretary Lauren Mills



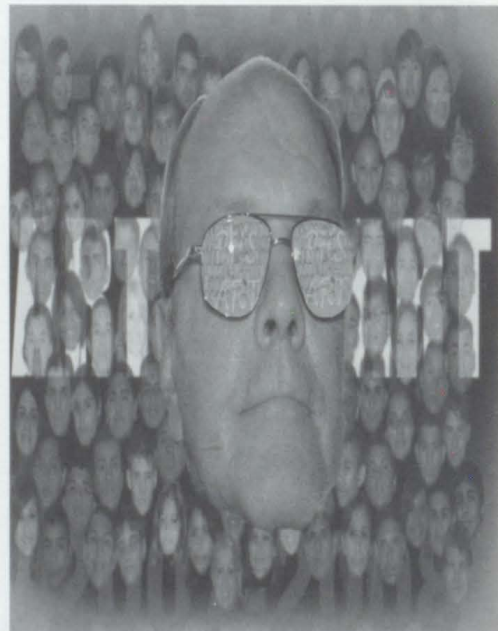
Top: Rebecca Beal, Mallory Macaully, Cody LeFevre, Veronica Beall, Elizabeth Vargas, Middle: Jennifer Mack, Lauren Mills, Alicia Torres, Hannah Estraca, Bottom: Lisa Chavez and Evelyn Maldonado.

## Q/A

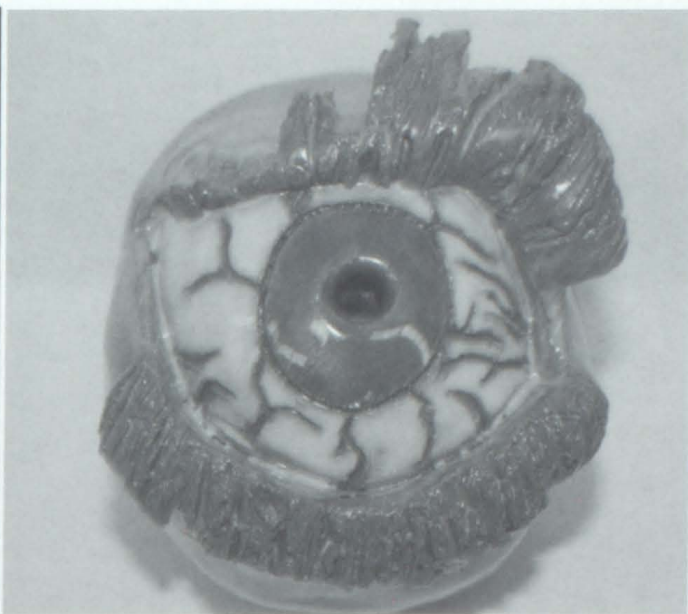


**Q:** How does it feel to be Art Club President?

**A:** It feels awesome, that I speak to everyone and they actually listen to me.



"Great Kids, Great Artist, Great Student". Sponsor Keith Garnett.



**Creepy crawly....** Fantasy based artwork by Cody Lefevre, the art club president.

**(Top Right) Eye of the beholder....**

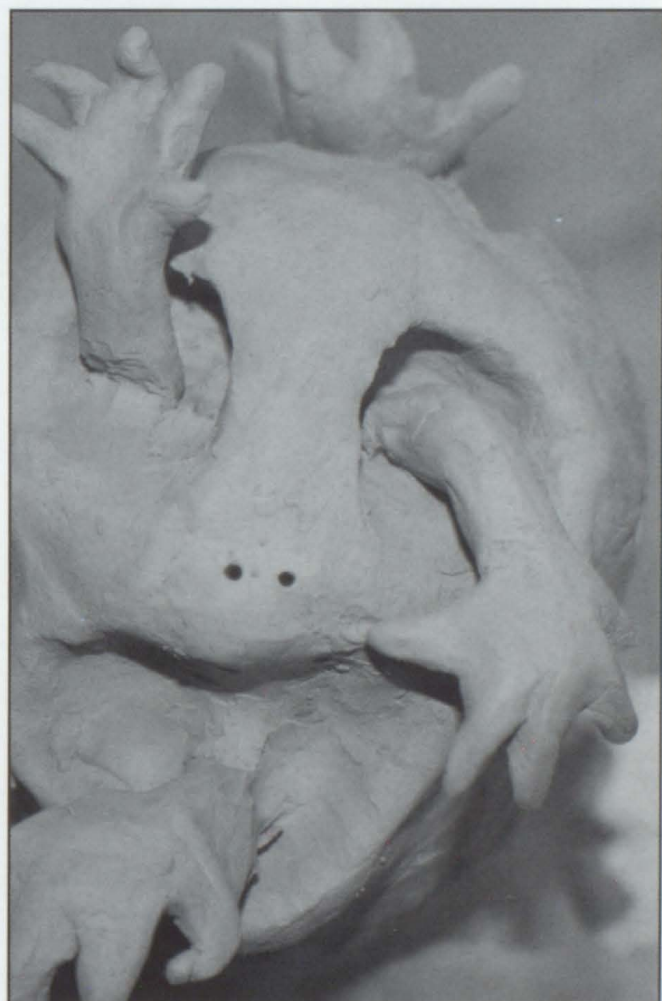
Creepy eye artwork by junior Tessa LaBorde.

**(Middle right) It's a bird, it's a plane, no it's Super kitty.....**Superhero kitty



**The Rise.....**Artwork done bySenior Henry Solis based on the movie "Fantastic Four Rise of the Silver Surfer."

**You need a hand.....**Creative artwork done by Senior Alfredo Zamora.



# It Just Comes Natural

If there is one organization that keeps busy all throughout the year, it would be FFA. Under the direction of Ms. Liz Magel and Mr. James Janacek, FFA'ers enter lots of contests, do community service, run for area offices, and build various projects.

"It was a year full of success and great achievements among all the members," Jarred Stuhrenberg, president, said.

Kassie Golden was elected District 3 president at the district convention and Jarred Stuhrenberg recieved fourth place in the talent competition. Stuhrenburg along with Jeremy Hunt also received overall grand champion for their cattle working chute at the Matagorda Count Fair.

The Livestock Judging team placed second at the Calhoun Count Judging contest and

Heather Shimek was a high point individual.

Some of the community projects were the third annual FFA canned food drive, and the officers provided a welcome back breakfast for high school teachers on the first day of in-service.

The officers attended the State FFA convention in Corpus Christi. The students had a wonderful experience.



Top row: W. Diaz, N. Davis, J. Synder, C. Adams, W. Hansen, C. Biffle, K. Hamlin, J. Stuhenberg,: Row two: Q. Martinez, H. Shimek, D. Hunt, E. Rojas, L. Corporon, C. Rhodes, Row three: M. Smith, M. Merck, K. Hooper, C. Wilson, B. Streams, A. Sosa, J. Hunt, C. Smith, Row four: K. Flores, H. Aparicio, H. Shimek, A. Wallace, K. Wallis, L. Brister, G. Sexton, C. Golden, and H. Garcia



Officers: Homer Aparicio, Reporter ; Kyle Hamlin, Sentinal; Heather Shimek ,Treasury; Colt Adams ,Secretary; Jarred Stuhrenberg, President, and Cody Smith, Advisor.



Kassie Golden was elected District 3 President at District Convention and Jarred Stuhrenburg placed 4th in Talent Competition.



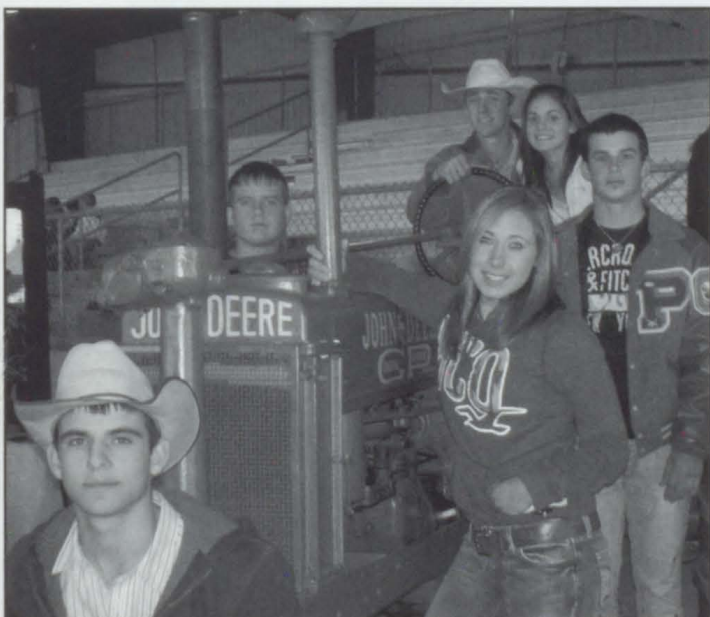
**District LDE Contest Top:** Matthew Dunn, Marissa Dunn, Angel Sosa, Kristy Hooper, Tyler Broussard, Jeremy Hunt, Nathan Biffle, Gregory Sexton, Middle: Colt Adams, Homer Aparicio, Cassie Golden, Heather Shimek, Hillary Rodriguez, Raquel Vasquez, Bottom: Jarred Stuhrenberg, and Hunter Shimek.



**Receiving from the generous and giving to the needy....**FFA Member Kyle Hamlin helps put boxes of food together after the third annual FFA canned food drive.



Livestock Judging team placed second at Calhoun County Judging contest; Heather Shimek was also a high point individual.



**Having a grand ole' time.....**FFA students attended the Victoria Farm and Ranch Show.



**On the Water Front.....** Officers attended the State FFA Convention in Corpus Christi.

Skills USA at PHS is comprised of cosmetology taught by Mrs. Dianne Rojas and Building Trades led by Mr. Jose Ortiz. Cosmetology students have class three periods while Building Trades is two periods long.

“This year was a very successful year for Building Trades. The enrollment doubled from last year, and we did great in both contests. In District 9 we received blue ribbons on wood projects and won all three spots in the carpentry skills competition. In the state competition we placed superior with the wood project; Joseph Tschatschula placed third in the carpentry skills contest out of 15 contestants,” Ortiz said.

Cosmetology tripled in size this year from last year with 21 students. Mrs. Rojas’s students received four blue ribbons and two red ribbons at district, and at state two reds and one white. “This group has probably been one of the best groups I’ve had in a long time and I really enjoyed having them,” Rojas said.



Diego Hernandez, second year building trades student, summed it up best: “I liked the best when we got to go out of town for the contests.”

**LEFT:** Juan Lopez, Joseph Tschetula, Alejandro Hurtado,, Alfredo Ovalle, Julio Ramon, Luis Sanchez, Diego Hernandez



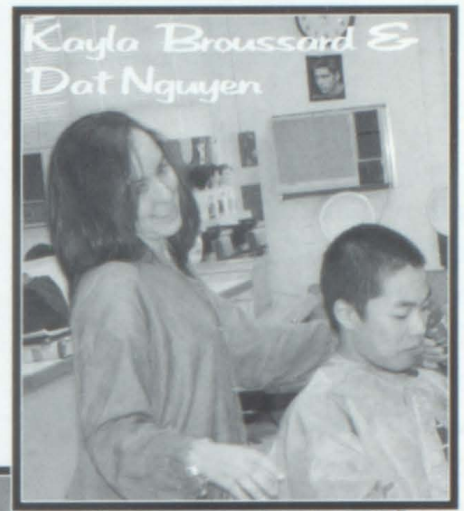
**Planning again.....Julio Ramon drafts plans for his next project.**



**Now That’s Team Work!... Alonso Forcado helps Julio Ramon keep a steady hand while tightening screws.**



Top: D. Roy, J. Constancio, D. Nguyen, T. Ngyuen, T. Vo, J. Nguyen  
 3rd: A. Ortiz., E. Padron, M. Hoang, P. Ayala, K. Broussard  
 2nd: H. Pena, M. Troung, L. Vega, L. Perez, Bottom: C. Hoang, M. Flores, T. Nguyen, and K. Nguyen



# INTERACT

The Interact club is a miniature form of the Rotary Club. Together, these two groups have done considerable amounts of community service projects all over the United States. Local meetings were held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

"For their community projects this year, students painted the outside and inside of bathrooms at the Pavillion park and helped with the Miss Palacios pageant," Ms. Cindy Johnson, sponsor, said.



(L-R) **Officers:** Secretary, Stephanie Thomas; Reporter, Ellaina Pena; President: Chelsea Young; Parliamentarian, Kristy Hooper; Vice President, Jazmine Puentes; and Treasurer, Xinh Nguyen

**Front Row:** Stephanie Thomas, Xinh Nguyen, Heather Nguyen, Thuy Vu, Ana Cano. **Middle Row L-R:** Leticia Vega, Jazmine Puentes, Karyssa Zavala, Rosa Le.. **Last Row :** Stephanie Black, Chelsea Young, Nolan Oldham, Kristy Hooper, Ellaina Pena



# It Just Comes Natural

In an organization where its members gain real life skills, make connections to the business world, participate in skills competitions, learn to plan effectively, develop loyalty and get along with others, there's plenty to look forward to if you're a part of Business Professionals of America. In a club as beneficial to you as your school work it also allows you to practice workplace skills you learn in class and use them in a competitive setting. Club historian, Nolan Oldham says "You learn skills you can use for the rest of your life."

This year's members did considerably well having six members advance to state at the regional leadership conference at Clearbrook High School in Friendswood in January. "It teaches you to be a leader," says Samantha Stout one of the six people to advance. Unfortunately, no one was able to attend due to conflicts with the Matagorda County Fair. This year was also the first year they had a presentation management consisting of An Le and Allison Polk.

In February each officer made an announcement daily marking BPA recognition week. They will be helping out with Fish Camp starting July 23rd for the 08-09 year. With two regular monthly meetings, two fundraisers selling home and garden candles and class keychains to raise money for a bowling night, BPA members have stayed on the ball.



Back Row: Stephanie Black, Clarisa Puentes, Nolan Oldham, Vanessa Eufrazio, Devon Dillard, Chelsea Young, Li'ana' Polk; Front Row: Brooke Polk, Alysha Torres, Shana Polk, Kelli Nevarez, Stephanie Thomas.

**Ready, Set, Sell!...** these active members get ready to sell their lovely scented candles to raise money for a bowling night.



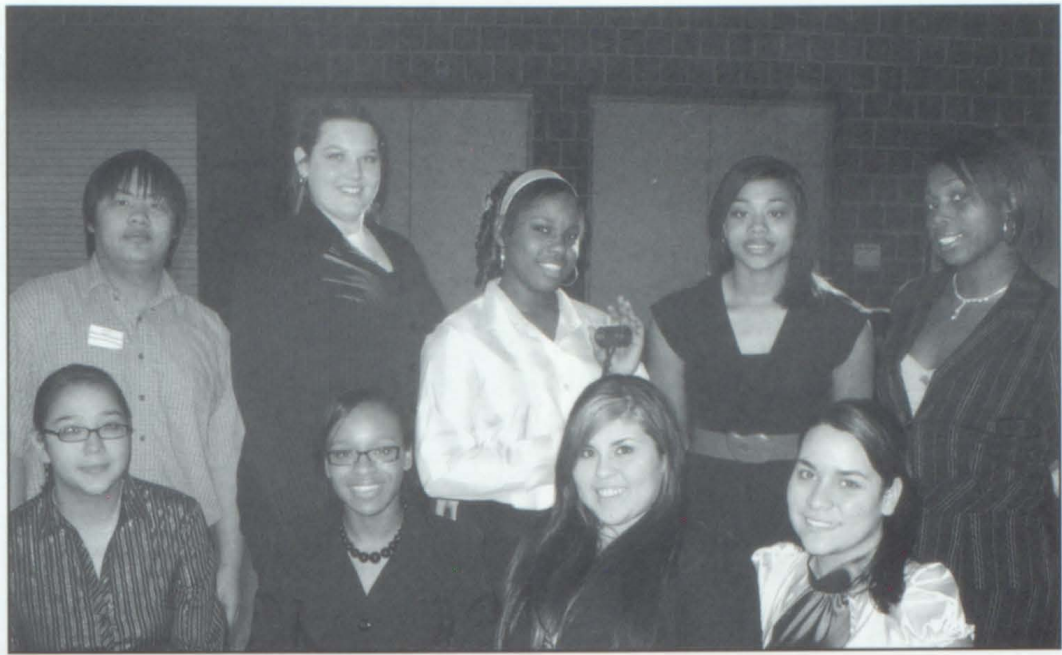
Officers: Stephanie Thomas, treasurer; Stephanie Black, vice president; Nolan Oldham, historian; Devon Dillard, secretary; Brooke Polk, president.



**Leaders or Competitors?...** These five young ladies return from the Regional competition with medals, certificates, and a chance at State.



Any questions...? A final gathering before their long day is finally over after their regional meet in Friendswood. Back Row: An Le, Devon Dillard, Brooke Polk, Allison Polk, Mariah Smith Front Row: Llana Polk, Stephanie Thomas, Samantha Stout, Kelli Nevarez.



"Smell you later!"...these four young ladies advertise their scented home and garden candles for a fundraiser they had at the beginning of the year.

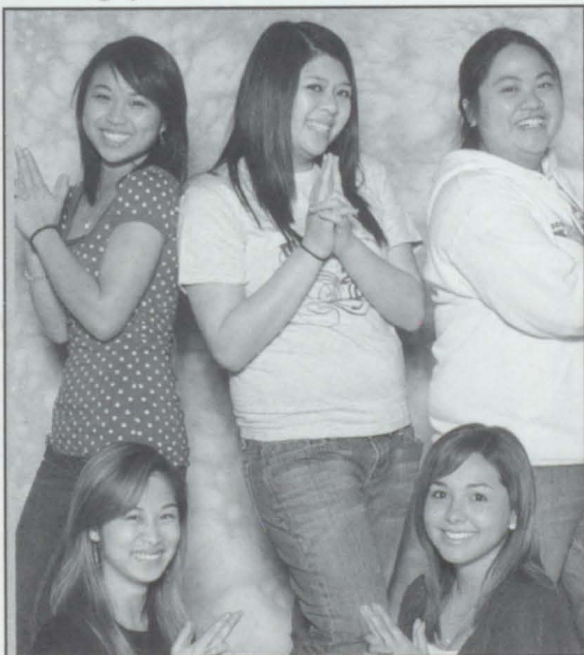
"It taught me numerous ways to communicate in the business world."

- Stephanie Thomas

"I enjoyed competing at state on the Parliamentary Procedure Team."



Officers: Rosa Le, Lana Nguyen, Anh Vo, Xinh Nguyen, Lisa Zamora.



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Back Row: Liem Tran, Huynh Vu, Kristy Hooper, Chelsea Young, Truong Vu, Middle row: Rosa Le, Pete Villarreal, Lana Nguyen, Thuy Vu, Bottom Row: Catherine Castanon, Lisa Zamora, Xinh Nguyen, Anh Vo, Joanna Tran.

# Go Getta

“Smartest of the smartest - best of the best- these kids are always up to the test.”

National Honor Society of Palacios High School is a very active organization. Each student is required to do 10 hours of community service. “This allows people to get out and do something for their community,” Yolanda Sanchez said. Yolanda chose Pet Pals as one of her community service projects.

NHS also holds a teacher luncheon every month, has a secret pal program, sponsors a blood drive, and each member is required to attend a meeting once a month.

“It looks good on your resume,” is one of the

many reasons Chelsey Kubecka is glad she is in NHS.

Advisors are Mrs. Stephanie Garcia and Mrs. Erika Koenig,

“Selection for NHS membership is based on outstanding scholarship, leadership, and character. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities. The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of Palacios High School,” Mrs Koenig said about the organization.



**Officers:** Margaret Tully, Vice President; Gabby Gatica, Student Advisor; Kim Vy Nguyen, President; and Chelsea Young, Secretary.

## Q & A



Margaret Tully

**Q:** What is the best thing about being an Officer this year?

**A:** “Getting to go to lunch five minutes early on officers meeting days; lunch was really short.”

Margaret Tully

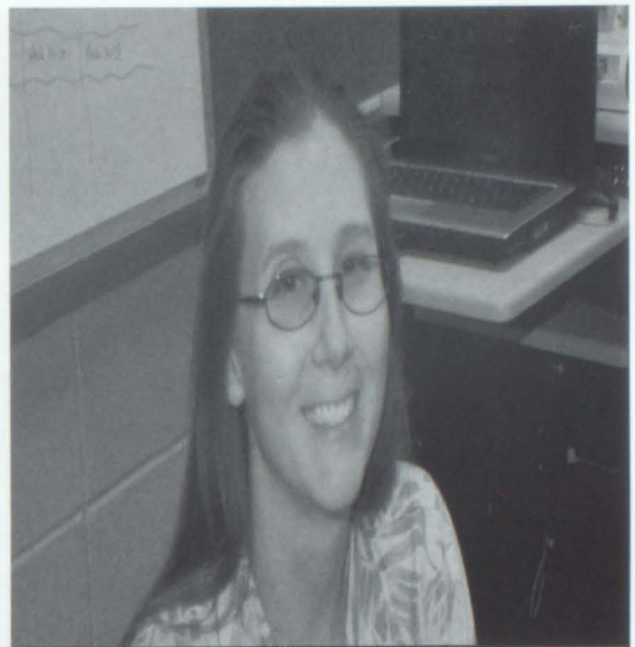


So many options...NHS secretary Chelsea Young gets information on colleges at College Day.



**NHS members:**

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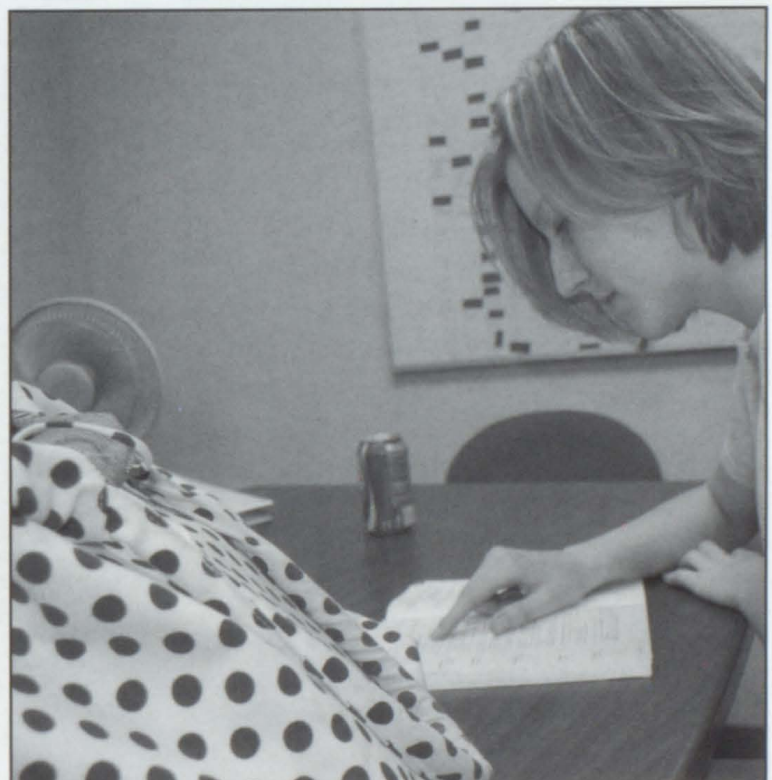


“ Students should strive to be part of NHS because it is the ultimate recognition of student leadership on campus, and is an honor recognized by universities nationwide.”  
Mrs. Koenig, advisor



**All Smiles.....** President of NHS Kim Vy Nguyen happily donates her blood to a good cause during the blood drive.

**Hitting the books.....**Kristy Hooper shows why she is in NHS, by busily studying for her school work.



# Here We Go

Student Council is a school and community service organization. The StuCo raised money for groups such as Toys for Tots at Christmas, which donated gifts to children who were financially deprived during the holiday season. Money was also given to families who had been going through a crisis.

The student organization also put on the yearly Veteran's Day Assembly, recycled old phones and electronics, and did the weekly friendship exchange with other schools at the football games.

"Overall, it has been a pretty successful year compared to the past," Nolan Oldham, StuCo secretary, said, "I'm very proud of what we have accomplished."



## HE-MAN!

Student Council Sponsor Mr. Chandler is proud to work with such great students that are a part of the organization.

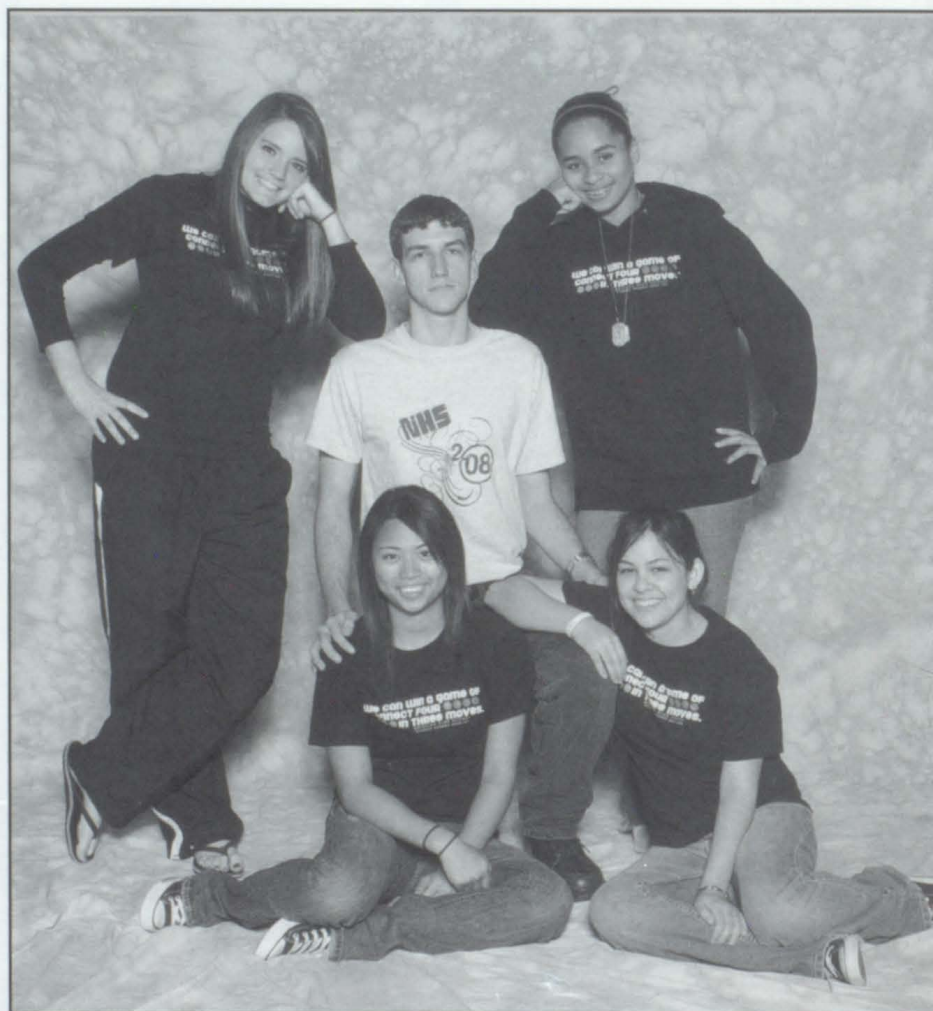


## MEETING ADJOURNED

Members enjoy a snack during the Christmas meeting while learning of upcoming projects.

## OFFICERS

Vice President: Jenna Treybig, Secretary: Nolan Oldham, Historian: Clarisa Puentes, Parliamentarian: Mailey Pham, President: Catherine Castanon



## DIG IN!



“Being Vice-President was cool because you really don’t do anything unless the president’s not there but you’re still an officer.”

-Jenna Treybig



## CHEESE!

Chris Huffman., Miguel Arellano, Nallely Maldonado., Yolanda Sanchez and Mailey Pham serve refreshments to the veterans at the assembly. Right: The officers display gifts donated to Toys for Tots.



Top: Kristy Hooper., Gabby Gatica, Chelsey Kubecka., Trevor Polk, Tommy Tran, Will Hansen, Nolan Oldham, Cameron Biffle, Jackson Corgey, Audrey Kubecka, Lucas Kelly, Chelsea Young, Jenna Treybig, 3rd Row: Miguel Arellano, Lauren Brister, Duc Phan, Brittany Garcia, Chris Huffman, Stephanie Black, Stevaliss Guerrero, Jazmine Puentes, Clarisa Polk, Huyhn Vu, Troung Vu, Pete Villarreal, Kaitlyn Vacek, 2nd Row: Lana N, Kelli Nevarez, Ann Nugyen, Lacey Warner, Nallely Maldonado, Alexis Torres., Mailey Pham., Karyssa Zavala, Yolanda Sanchez, Johnny Vu, Kayla Isbell, Teresa Nguyen, Liem Tran, Bottom Row: Jessica Nugyene, Cody Stahlecker, Kimberly Tran, Catherine Castenon, Xinh Tran, Heather Nugyen, Thuy Vu, Lisa Zamora, Hilary Garcia, Kassie Golden, Alicia Torres

# What I've Done

Usually a tenacious and organized class, the 07-08 yearbook class was completely the opposite. Mischievous and full of life, the class "may have goofed off at times but got it done in the end," Co-editor Pete Villarreal said. Catherine Castanon was the other co-editor and attended camp at Corpus Christi in July.

"I learned a lot since I didn't know anything and had not been on the staff the year before," Catherine said. With only eight on the staff, the yearbook students were busy designing many pages for the book. Students began the year with selling ads in Bay City and Palacios. They had major deadlines in January, March, April, with the final deadline after graduation.



**Snooze break...** Before class the yearbook staff takes a break on stage in order to get their creative juices going.

**Brrr it's cold in here...** Yearbook members Pete, Catherine, and Rachel come together to share warmth in style before starting to work.

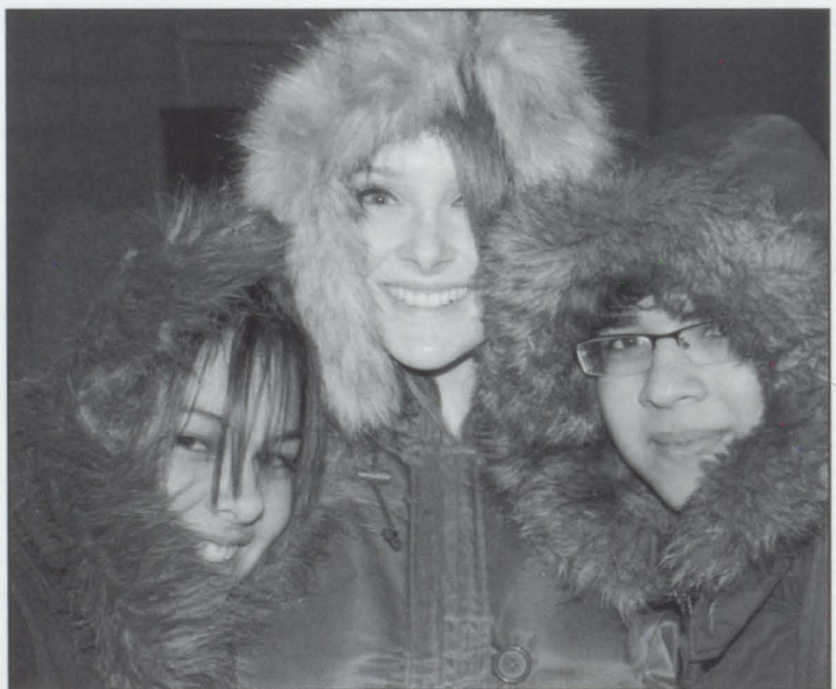


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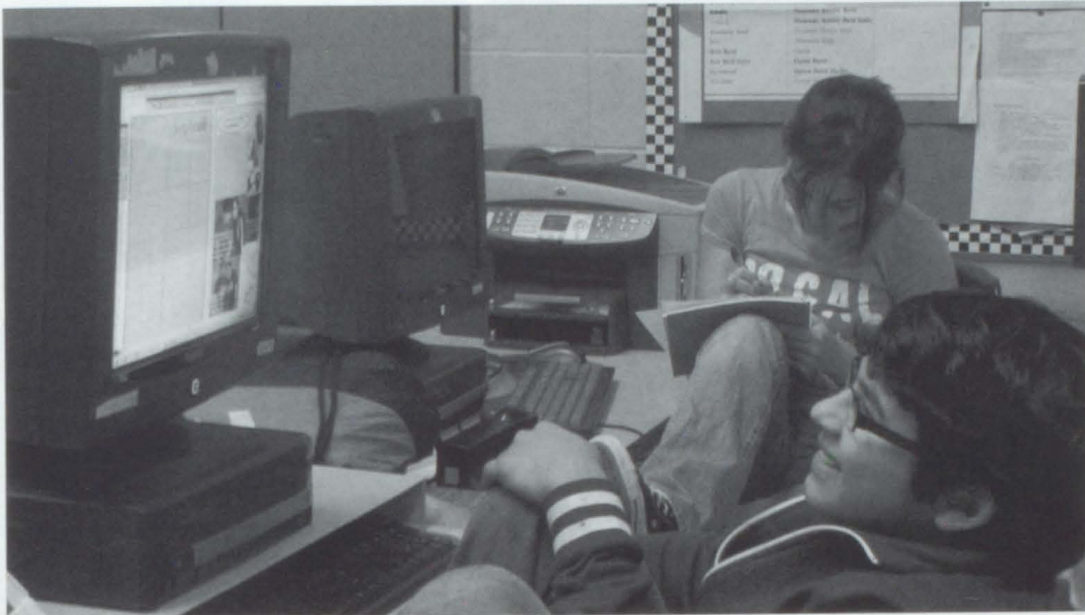
"This is definitely the most lively yearbook staff I have ever had."

"At times I have to prod them on to get to work, but they get it done in the end,"

-Mrs. Charlton

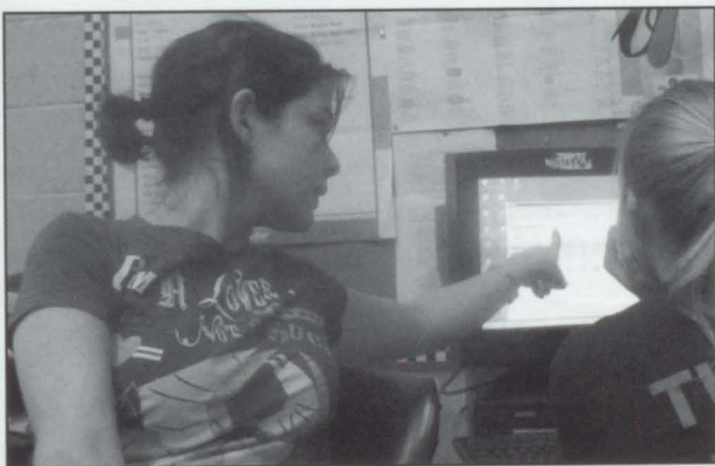


In the hood...yearbook members show off their hoodies before class begins.



**The awesome duo....**Editors Catherine and Pete working on crucial deadlines.

**Staff top:**Catherine Castanon, **middle:** Rachel Holbrook, Pete Villarreal, **bottom:** Jackson Corgey, Toby Anderson, Johnny Vuong, and Margaret Tully



**Taking charge...**Catherine helps point Margaret in the right direction with her awesome editor skills.



# Little Bit of Life

If you're looking to be active in your community, or just want to be part of something extra in your school, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is for you.

A club under the direction of Mrs. Galloway, FCCLA has multiple

get togethers and projects. Whether it be helping during the sports season by working in the concession stand, or making holiday door decorations for the nursing home, the members try their hardest to do their part.

Volunteering at the Boy's and Girl's Club, the Public Library, the

Food Pantry, and Pet Pals are just a few other things they've done.

In December members were invited to Mrs. Galloway's house for a Christmas party where they were able to enjoy some holiday laughs, food and snacks, a gift exchange, and the company of fellow FCCLA members.

"The most enjoyable thing about FCCLA this year was the trip to Schlitterbaun Galveston," Officer Lisa Zamora said.



**Fun in the Sun...** After a long day in Galveston at Schlitterbahn everyone stops to take one last memory before they load on the bus and head home.

**What can I get for you?..**Sara Campell does her part by working in the concession stand during a football game and serving up Taylor Mahacek.



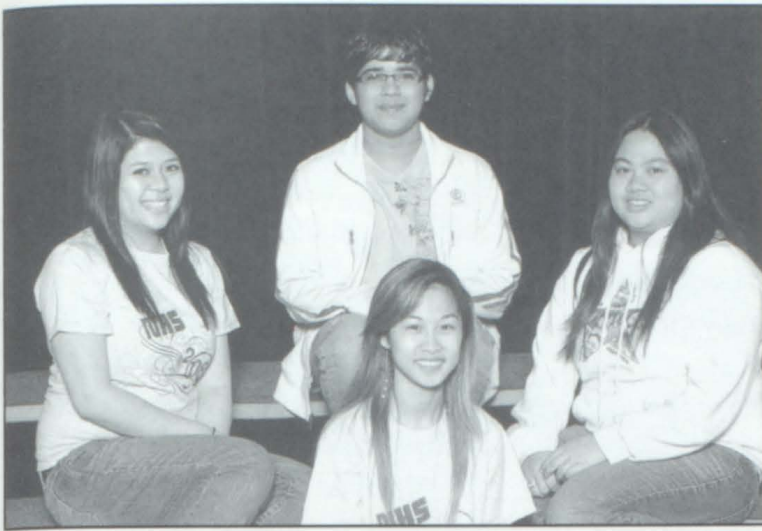
**Mmm....** Club officer Anh tries to see how many marshmallows she can fit into her mouth.



Back: Ana P., Rachel H., Chelsey K., Chelsea Y., Stevaliss G., Brittany G., Middle: Anh V., Rosa L., Irene S., Lana N., Lacey W., Front: Stephanie T., Xihn N., Tessa L., Lisa Z., Lisa C., Maria M.



# Make Me Better



TAFE Officers: Pete Villarreal, historian; Lana Nguyen, vice-president; Anh Vo, president; Xinh Nguyen, secretary



Almost over... Wendy M., Liem T., and Vanessa E. wait with a small group of children to be picked up from Central Elementary during a TAFE project.



**STOP!....** Time for a break--- after a busy morning, a few of the girls stop for a snack with a student.

Texas Association of Future Educators, better known as (TAFE) is Palacios High School's student teacher organization.

In TAFE you help teachers, make motivational posters, and attend "Fish Camp" to inform the upcoming freshman about TAFE.

"TAFE makes me want to be involved and is a good experience for my first time being in an actual club," said Sophomore, Shana Polk.

With sponsor Mrs. Sanchez assistance, TAFE members put together small surprises to give to the teachers during teacher appreciation week consisting of 100 Grand candy bars with a message attached saying, "You're worth 100 grand" and pencils with a note saying, "Thank you for helping us write our future."

They also took a trip to Central Elementary school to help the teachers out with elementary students. This provided valuable experience in the world of teaching.



Fourth Row: Vanessa E., Irasema S., James N., Jordan A., Christy G., Clarissa P., Miguel A., Pete V. Third Row: Lana N., Shana P., Kim N., Brittany G., Liem T., Wendy M., Brooke P. Second Row: Thuy V., Anh V., Kayla Isbell., Llana P., Lily S., Ana Cano., Heather N. Front Row: Joanna T., Kimberly B., Lisa Z., Xinh N., Adriana Z., Catherine C., Rosa L.

# When the Saints Go Marching In

The PHS band, under the direction of Rodney and Marilyn Bennett, received a First Division at the UIL Region 13 Concert contest in April, showing their expertise in the area of playing.

They received Second Division in the marching contest in October and the sight reading contest in April.

Due to the playoffs, the band had four extra road trips. "I thought it

was pretty cool because I wasn't ready for the season to be over. The playoffs were an awesome experience because they were new, and I got to be a part of this my freshman year," Ashlan Kacer said.

Nolan Oldham, junior drum major, won all sorts of honors (see box) and Stephanie Black was named a member of the Region 13 concert band and received a first division in her class I French horn solo.

Receiving second division in their solos were Jazmine Puentes, Brandon Sanders, Lucas Kelly, and Theresa Nguyen.

The saxophone quartet received a second division composed of Oldham, Sanders, Jackson Corgey and Lauren Brister. The brass quintet also received a second division made up of Black, Joe Hooper, John Sholts, Miguel Arellano, and Ben Vargas.

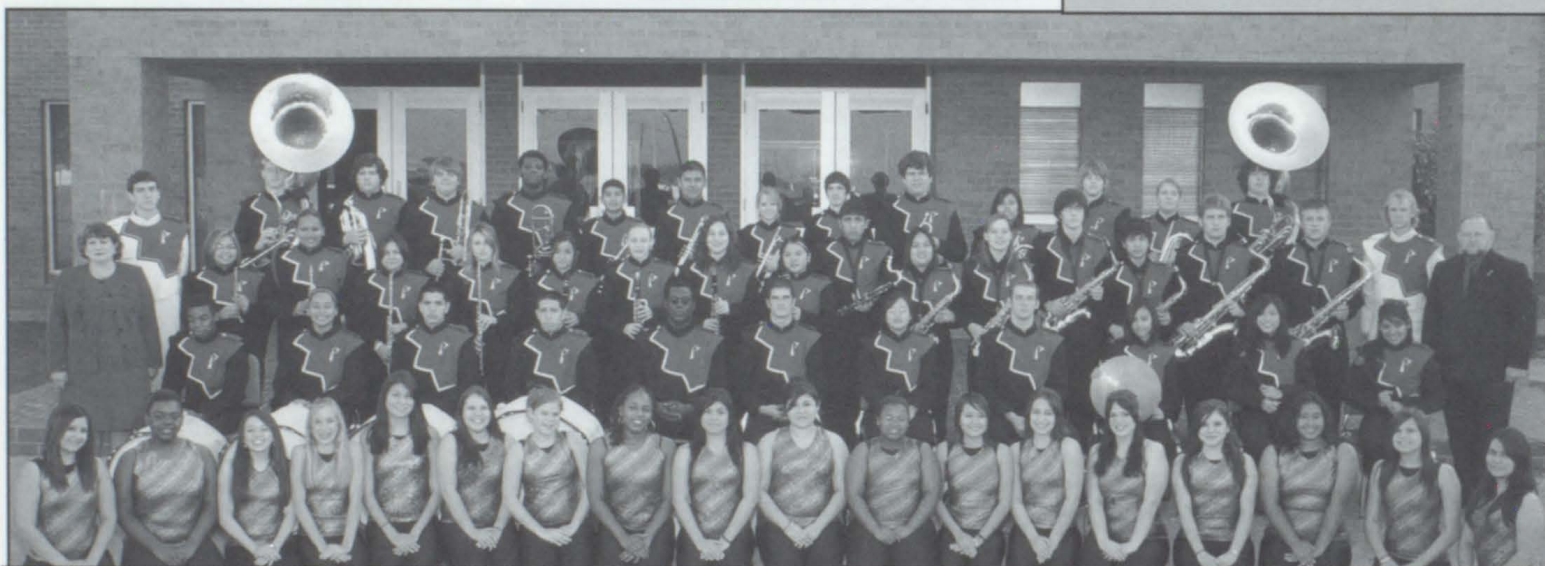


**Officers:** Stephanie Black, Secretary; Jazmine Puentes, Captain, Nolan Oldham., Junior Drum Major; Joe Hooper, Senior Drum Major, Lucas Kelly Lieutenant; and Toby Anderson, Percussion Captain



**NOLAN OLDHAM**

Bari-Sax 1st chair, ATSSB Region 13 Jazz Band; 1st Chair, ATSSB; 3rd Alternate to ATSSB All-State Band, 2nd chair, ATSSB All-State; First Division-Class I Bari Sax Solo (State Qualifier)



Top Row: J.Scholts, B. Streams, T. Overbey, T. Polk, S.Alderate, M. Arellano, K Flores, N. Biffle, B. Vargas, A. Martinez, S. Ellis, S. Black, B. Georgi, Second Row: N. Oldham, C. Llanes, J. Puentes, C. Castanon, T. Harris, D. Aparicio, A. Scantlon, A. Kacer, A. Nguyen, J. Hernandez, A. Vo, L. Brister, J. Corgey, J. Young, B. Sanders, L. Kelly, J. Hooper, Third row: Assistant Director M. Bennett, C. Wygal, C. Puentes, C. Garcia, R. Hammonds, T. Anderson, N. Biffle, S. Nguyen, R. Laws, A. Nguyen, K. Tran, J. Roman, Director R. Bennett, Bottom Row A. Garcia, T. Young, J. Diaz, K. Vasquez, G. Gatica, E. Snyder, K. Isabell, B. Polk, Y. Sanchez, S. Stout, D. Lee, L. Doan, T. Aoughsten, L. Mills, A. Torres, R. Vasquez, E. Vargas, and K. Nevarez.



**Blowing Away.....**Junior Steven Alderete showcases his awesome trumpet skills during a football game.



**The awesome clarinet trio.....**Freshmen Ashlan Kacer, Danielle Aparicio, and Amanda Scantlen help pump up the football team by playing the school fight song.



**Cranking it up.....**The high school marching band gets the crowd going with crowd pleasing "Crazy Train."



**Royalty....**Band Sweetheart Gabby Gatica and Band Beau Toby Anderson



Solo and Ensemble Top: T. Polk, J. Sholts, N. Oldham, J. Hooper, B. Vargas, B. Sanders, A. Nguyen, S. Black, L. Brister, L. Kelly, M. Arellano, J. Puentes, T. Nguyen.



Band awards: Top, B. Sanders , Outstanding Junior; N. Oldham, John Philip Sosa; Heart of a Champion; and Outstanding Junior ; J. Hooper, Outstanding Senior ; J. Sholts ,Outstanding Sophomore ; Bottom, K. Vasquez ,Angel of the Year ; S. Black Gallery of Excellence and Outstanding Senior; and A. Kacer Most Improved Wood Wind.

# Tear it up

Sharky's Angels Drill Team, under the direction of new sponsor Mrs. Kim Garcia, showed us their moves at every football game and pep rally. The Angels put a lot of heart into their moves and dances, pushing each other to do their best. They worked hard and never gave up on trying to get better. "This year was great, I just can't explain it, I just love

dancing," Lauren Mills said.

The Angels hard work paid off, receiving a Division I rating at regional competition in Lake Jackson. The rating qualified the girls to advance to State and Nationals. "We practice a lot and it was hard but it paid off in the end," said Alicia Torres. At the competition Brooke Polk also received an overall second place for her solo.



## Gotta have those stunna shades!

Brooke P. stands at attention, waiting for the performing score at UIL Marching Contest.

## Best Friends

Good friends Lauren M. and Taylor A. pause to pose at a football game.



## Gazing at the Stars

Jasmin D. and Kayla I. having fun at the football game.





Top: Lauren Mills, Elizabeth Vargas, Ta'loria Young, Gabby Gatica, Kaitlyn Vacek, Samantha Stout, Yolanda Sanchez; Middle: Alyssa Garcia Brooke Polk (Captain), Taylor Aughston, Lexi Doan, Kayla Isbael; Bottom: Dominique Lee (Co-Captain), Kelli Nevarez, Emily Snyder, Alicia Torres, Jasmin Diaz

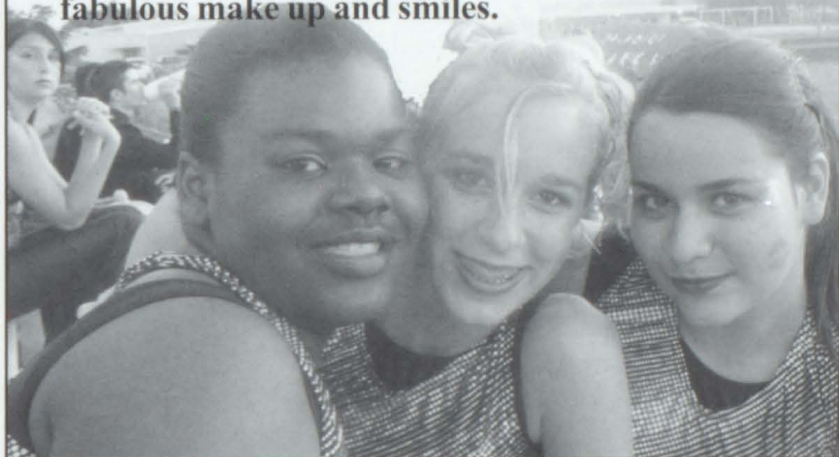


**Getting caught in the rain....**

The Drill team members find cover underneath thier flags so they wouldn't get wet from the rain at a playoff game.

**Glitter Power**

Ta'loria Y., Kaitlyn V., and Kelli N. show off their fabulous make up and smiles.



**What is the most exciting thing you've done this season?**

"Getting to support the team at the playoff games." Taylor A.

**What do you like about being an officer?**

"It's fun and your able to help people with the dances." Dominique L.



# A Song For You

With three different teachers this year, the choir had many challenges but despite this, it was business as usual as three concerts were held and several advanced to State UIL solo contest and sang in the Region Choir.

“Solo and ensemble contest in West Columbia was the most fun and exciting part of the year because it was our only road trip this year,” Tracie Harris said.

Devon Dillard, Stephanie Black, and Kimberly Tran made a I in their Division I solos and qualified for the UIL State /Solo Ensemble contest. At State, Kimberly and Devon both made a I, receiving a gold medal---a

very difficult feat for any choir student.

Phillip Fiorini, Kimberly, Cody Stahlecker, and Hannah Estracca made All-Region Choir in the fall and sang in the event at Rosenberg.

Fiorini and Stahlecker auditioned for Pre-Area.

When asked what Tran attributed to her choir success this year, especially when only a freshman, she answered, “My mom pushed me so far to do my best in everything , and Tiffany ,my sister, has always been there for me to show me the right way.”

The choir had concerts for the community in October, December, and May with the final concert honoring the seniors.

What was the best experience you have had in Choir?



Getting to sing and learn more about music.

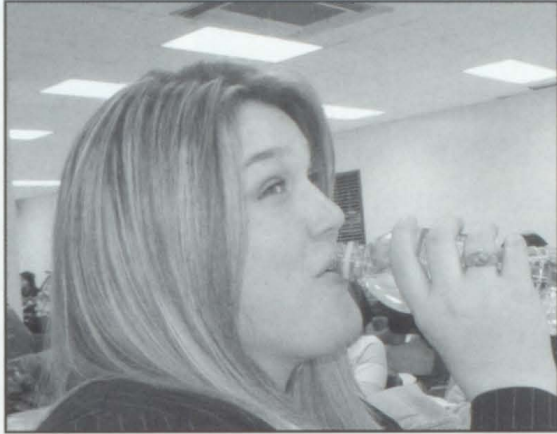
Devon Dillard



Top row: M.Hinds,S,Black,A.Howard,D.Dillard,J.Ngyuen,P,Fiorini,K.Black,T.Harris, C. Young ; Middle row: J.Saldernia, A . Garcia J. Ngyuen, J. Vu, J. Ngyuen, K. Tran, Bottom row: Mr. Brannon, K.Nevariz,K. Vacek,H.Estracca,B.Bonilla,J.Havernick.M.Marroquin,L.Polk



Tracie Harris, Jessica Nguyen, and Kimberly Tran relax before their turn with the judges at West Columbia.



Devon Dillard hydrates with her water bottle to make sure her voice is in tip top shape before UIL competition. Devon has received a I at UIL State Solo/Ensemble contest for the past two years, quite an accomplishment.



Stephani Black and Kristen Black have a sister to sister talk before performing at the UIL competition.



**Choir Officers**

Devon Dillard-President; Hannah Estraca-Secretary; Phillip Fiorini-Men's Section Leader; Kristen Black-Alto section leader; Alyssa Garcia-Librarian; Kelli Nevarez-Soprano section leader



All Region Choir members: H. Estraca, K. Tran, D. Dillard, P. Fiorini, and C. Stahlecker



UIL Solo H.Estraca, K. Tran, J. Ngyuen, D. Dillard T. Harris, S. Black, K. Black

**Hit the notes....**

The choir sings at their last concert of the year in May.

# No More Drama

Sharkspeare theater stepped to the challenge this year and won district advancing play and qualified for area with the one act play *Charley's Aunt*.

"My two proudest moments this year were that we tied with Cuero for the most awards at district, and also John Purtee received the huge honor of being named the Best Technician at the area meet," Peggy Charlton, director, said.

The one act play attended the Area meet at Cibolo at Shuertz Steele High School and stayed in New Braunfels in April.

"My most memorable moment was going to area and getting to stay at a hotel with

Steve and Toby, "Chris Huffman, sophomore, said.

The one act play group performed *The Princess Knight* for the fall play. Entertainment was "Summer Nights" by first period and fourth period performed a dance routine to "You Can't Stop the Beat."

In the fall, first and fourth periods also wrote plays and performed them at the nursing home in December. And in the Spring play in May, both classes performed *Competition Piece* and *Captain Bree, Scourge of the Sea* with the one act play class performing the opening number "Thriller".

"It was a great year for theatre. With three theatre classes offered for the first time in several years, many more students got lots of opportunities to perform on stage." Mrs. Charlton added. "I will never forget 08."



## Hitting that pipe.....

Johnny Vuong plays Sir Frances Chesney, Charley's father, in *Charley's Aunt*, one act play.



SHARKSPEARE MEMBERS: Back: Brandon Sanders, Kelsey Wallis, Rachel Holbrook, Toby Anderson, Johnny Vuong, Megan Hinds, Ben Vargas, 2nd row: Phillip Fiorini, Kole Brune, Tezna Roy, Amanda Scantlen, Devon Dillard, Front: Steve Cruz, Chris Huffman, Stephanie Thomas. Not pictured: John Purtee



OFFICERS: Co-presidents: Phillip Fiorini and Devon Dillard, Secretary, John Purtee (not pictured); Steve Cruz, treasurer; Kelsey Wallis, historian, Toby Anderson, reporter; and Chris Huffman, parliamentarian





The Fall Play *The Princess Knight* performed by fifth period

What was the highlight of being in drama for four years?



“Becoming different characters and how to act.”

Phillip Fiorini



Across the Seas...The pirates and the captain of the ship make a plan to out smart the British at the spring play *Captain Bree* (first period).



District UIL Advancing Play, Area Qualifier



Monkey in the middle... Chris Huffman and Steve Cruise keep the brief case away from Phillip Fiorini in *Charley's Aunt Do as I say*....Arthur Castanon, as King Lear in the play *Competition Piece* ( fourth period ), chastises his daughter Ashlan Kacer while Brandon Miller looks on.

# ACADEMICS

## *A-B-C, easy as 1-2-3...*

If there is anything that students will remember at PHS, it will be participating in the Academic activities with all that homework and study packets. From U.I.L. to Academic Decathlon, the chances to excell are great .

"I like the feeling you get when you win because it shows that your hard work, long hours, and determination paid off," Nolan Oldham said. Nolan should know- he has been a double qualifier in debate and extempt speaking for 2 years.



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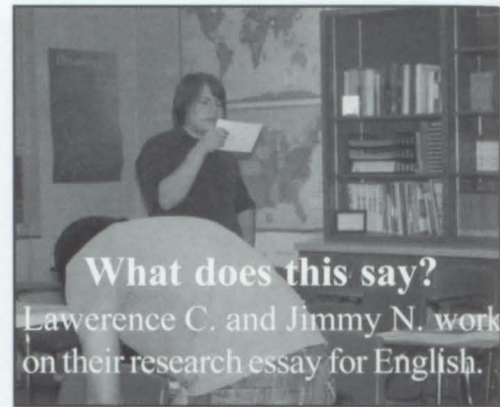
Jazmine P. works out a problem on the chalk board in Mrs. Phillips Pre- Calculus class.

### **Peek A Boo!**

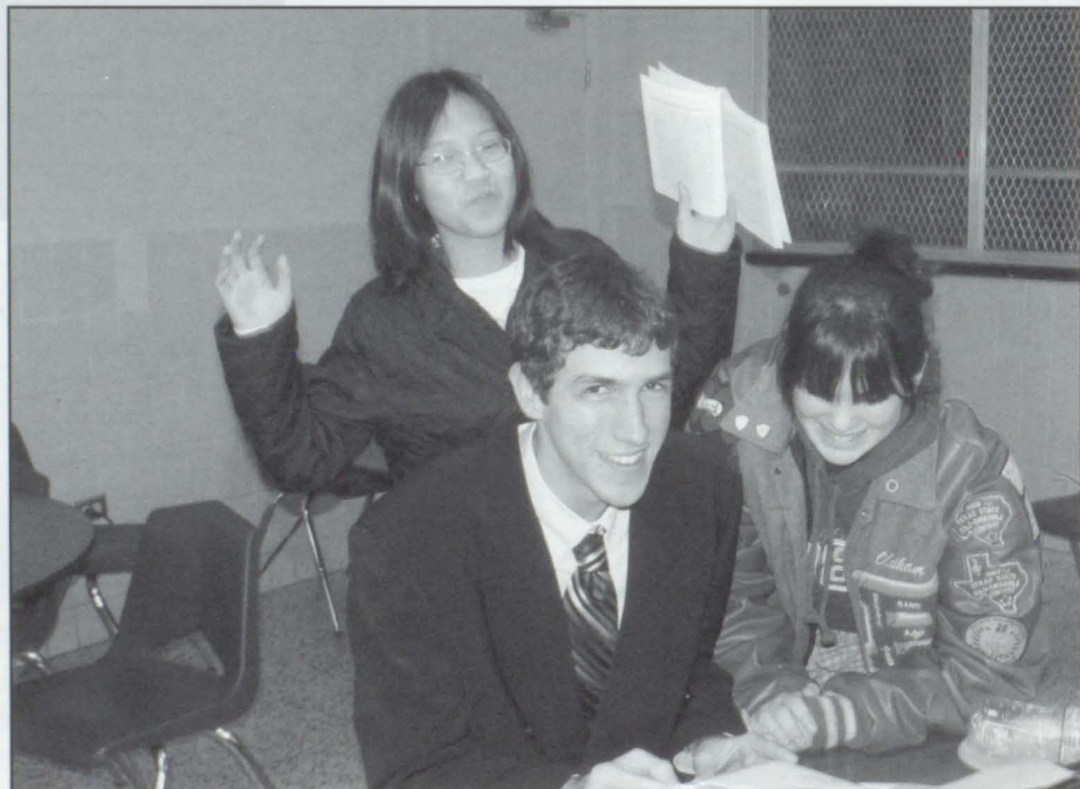
Theresa N. pops out behind Nolan O. and Lauren M. while they study for their debate.

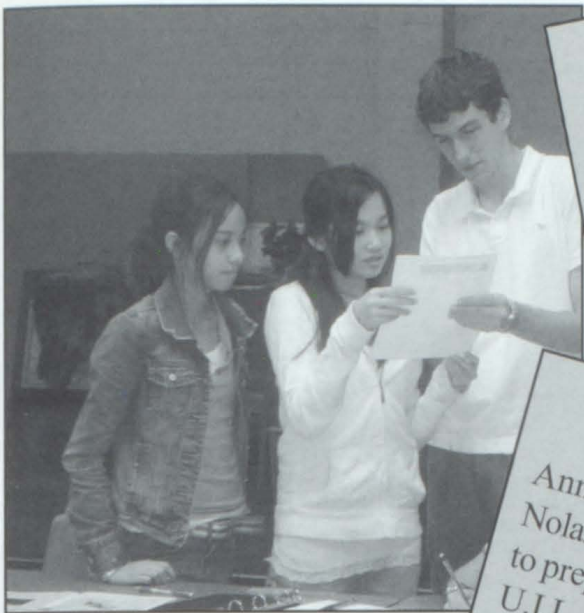


**Tolkien or Rowling**  
Heather N, checks out the new books at the LRC.



**What does this say?**  
Lawrence C. and Jimmy N. work on their research essay for English.





**YUMMY!**  
Johnny V. and Phillip F. take a break from One Act Play to have a gingerbread snack.



**Hmmm?**  
Annie N., Jessica N., and Nolan O. go over their papers to prepare for the upcoming U.I.L. meet.

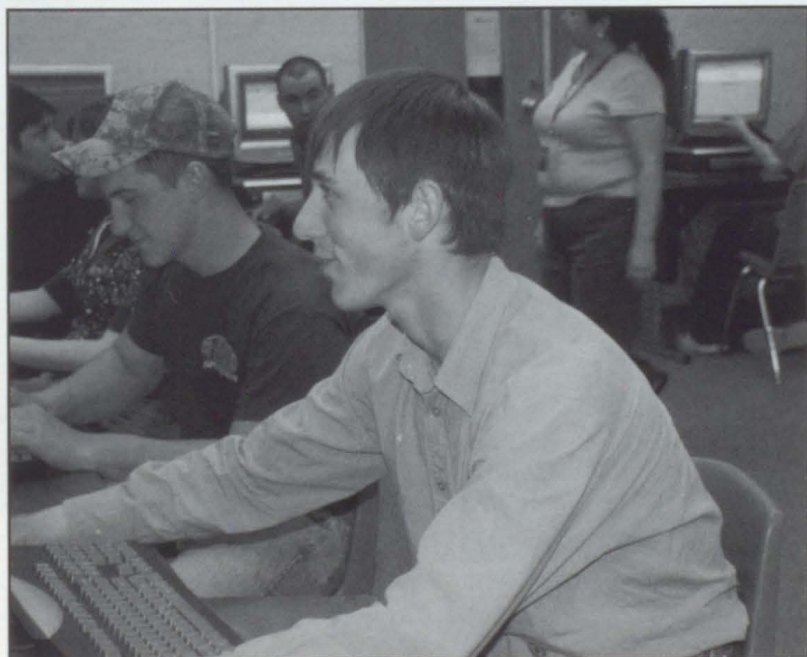


**Once upon a time...**  
Liem T. works on his essay for Coach Westhoff in the Library Computer Lab.



**Aides at Work?**  
Steve C., Adrian G., and Armando S., gather round the office table awaiting their copies.

**Working Hard or Hardly Working?**  
Colt A. and Matthew M. research information for their Spanish presentation.



*Why do you sponsor U.I.L. activities?*

*"It's an exceptional program that teaches discipline."*

*- Ms. Charlton*



*Why do you deserve to be Student of the Month?*

*Because I show exceptional leadership qualities"*

*- Devon Dillard*



# I Tried So Hard

#3



Margaret Tully

## TOP

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Devon Dillard

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Xinh Nguyen

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Tina Nguyen

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Chelsea Young

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Russell Laws



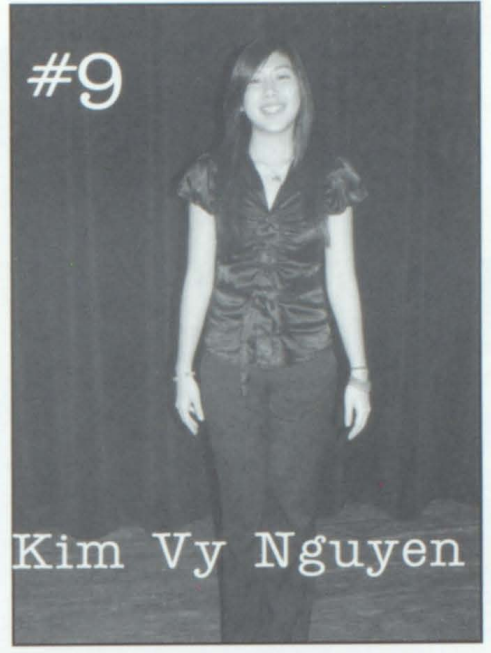
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Karyssa Zavala



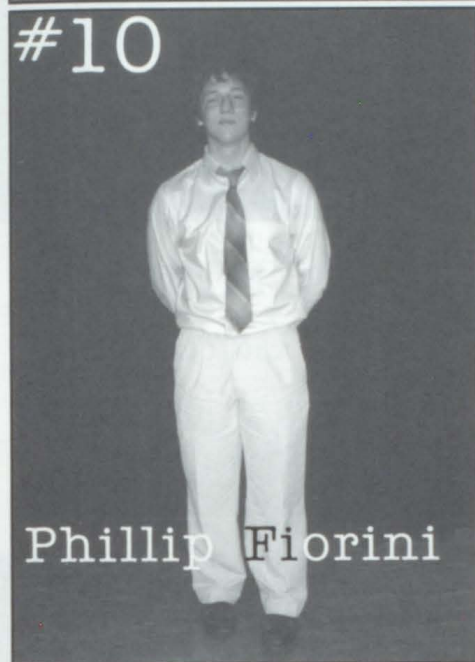
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Rosa Le



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Kim Vy Nguyen



#10

Phillip Fiorini



**Do I look nervous?**  
 Members of the top ten percent converse with each other to calm their nerves before giving their bells.



The Bell Presentations: Devon Dillard-Mrs. Terri Adams, Chelsea Young-Mrs. Sally Kurtz, Margaret Tully-Mrs. Dianne Rojas, Xinh Nguyen-Mrs. Marilyn Phillips, Tina Nguyen- Mrs. Erika Koenig, Russell Laws-Mrs. Karen Laws, Karyssa Zavala-Mrs. Miriam Zavala, Rosa Le-Mr. Jason Chandler, Vy Kim Nguyen-Mr. Warren Morris, Phillip Fiorini-Mrs. Rhonda Huitt

# ROTARY STUDENTS

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SEPTEMBER

*Phillip Fiorini  
and Devon Dillard*



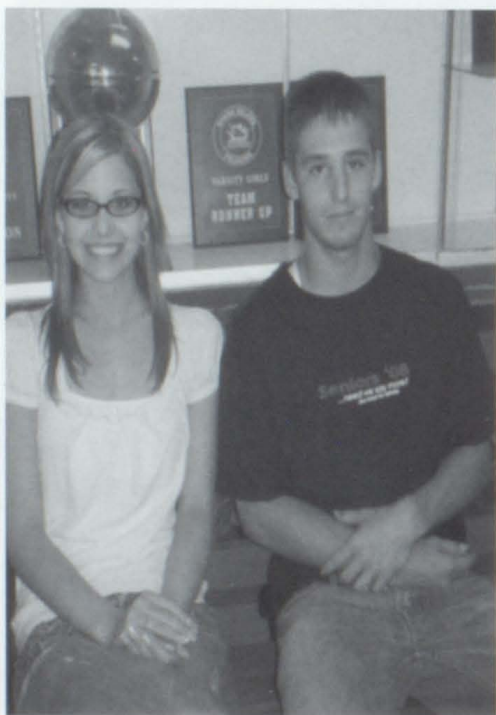
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*Boo Garcia and  
Lorenzo Johnson  
(not pictured)*



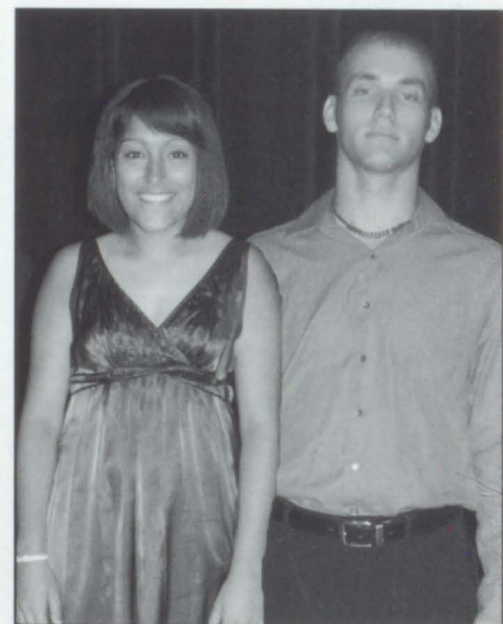
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*Chelsea Young and  
Kyle Hamlin*



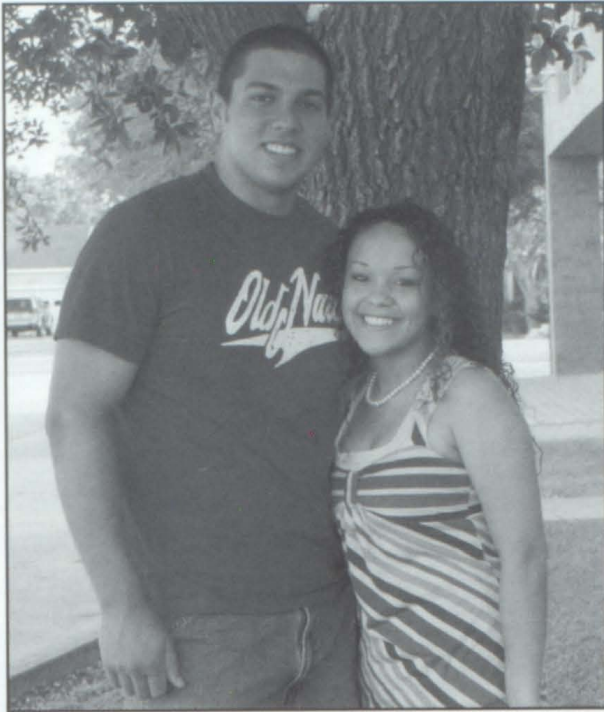
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*Joy Mayfield and  
David Sandoval*

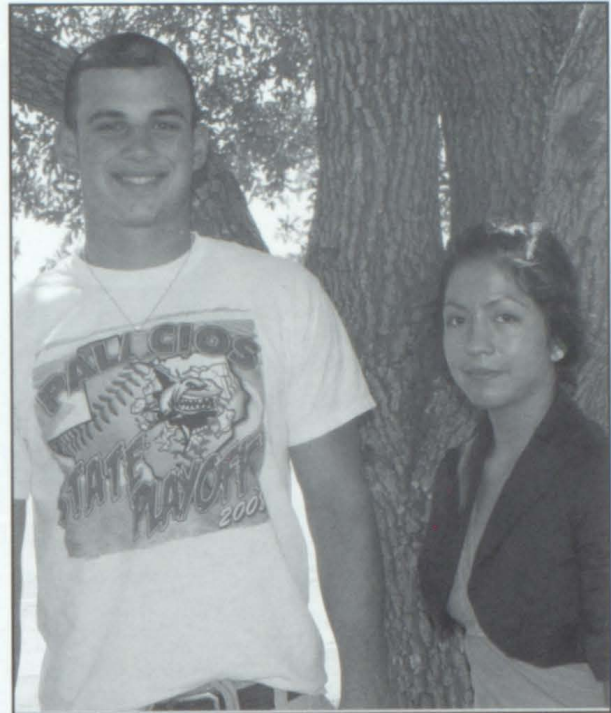


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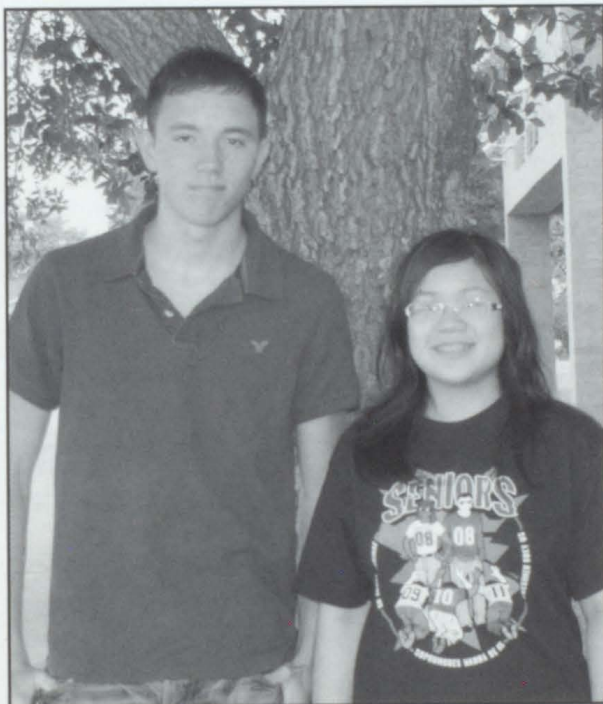
*Karyssa Zavala  
and Russell Laws*



**FEBRUARY**  
*Adrian Garcia and  
Crystal Guardiola*



**MARCH**  
*David Hunt  
and Ana Cano*



**APRIL**  
*Lee Cink and  
Tina Nguyen*



**MAY**  
*Toby Anderson  
and Patricia Ayala*

# University Interscholastic League

The speech and one act play teams dominated the district in UIL as both CX and LD went to State and the one act play was the overall speech team champion in district. Points wise, PHS finished second overall in the district.

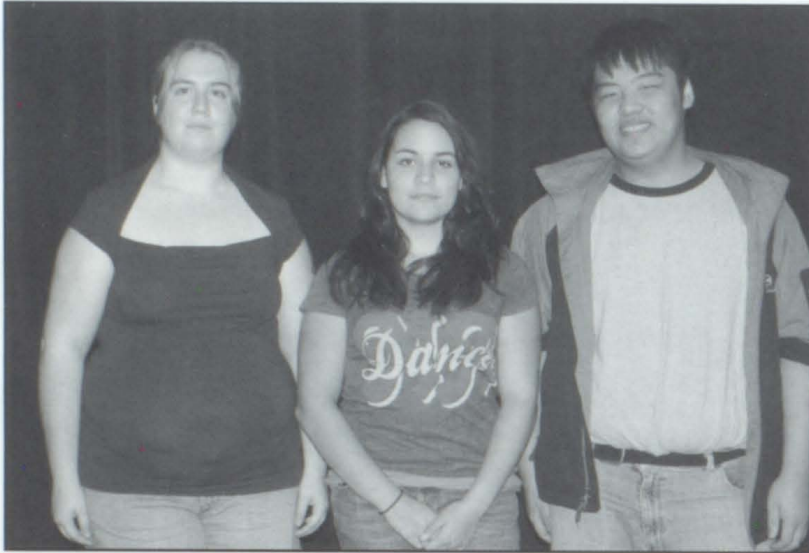
12 students advanced to regional with Devon Dillard winning first place in regional in feature writing and Nolan Oldham winning third in both persuasive speaking and LD debate. Devon Dillard went on to receive a sixth place at the State UIL meet. Lori Bumgarnder and Lauren

Brister placed second at district and qualified for the State Meet in CX.

Sponsors of the successful speech and debate teams were Mr. Davis, debate, and Mrs. Charlton prose and poetry and extemporaneous speaking. Mrs. Koenig was the coach for the journalism events and Mrs. Stephanie Garcia coached mathematics along with Mrs. Phillips coaching number sense. Mrs. Newsom coached computer applications and accounting while Mr. Chandler coached computer science. Mrs. Morales coached literary criticism and Mr. Davis, science.

The one act play *Charley's Aunt* won district with five awards given to cast members and one award to crew. They competed in the Area meet at Cibolo. Ben Vargas was All-Star cast; Phillip Fiorini, honorable mention, and John Purtee received the best technician out of all the schools.

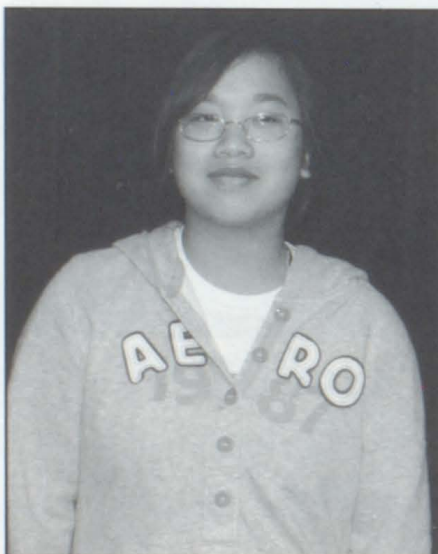
"I thought the students did very well and was very proud that PHS had the district advancing play and also that 12 students qualified for regional, two qualified for State, and one placed at State." Mr. Ryan Moes, UIL coordinator and assistant principal, said.



**Computer Applications:** Stephanie Black, Kelli Nevarez, An Le



**Calculator Applications:** Kritaya Phirom, Chelsea Young; **Not pictured:** Miguel Arellano, Huynh Vu



**Computer Science:**  
Sandy Nguyen

**Not pictured:**  
Miguel Arellano,  
Heather Nguyen,  
Huynh Vu

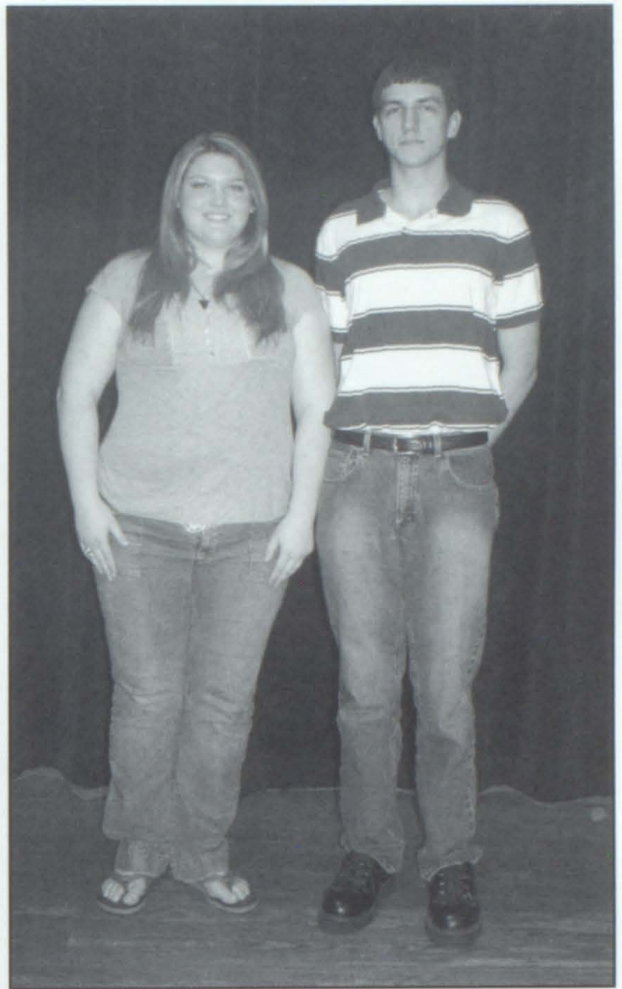
**Editorial Writing:** Jazmine Puentes, Stephanie Black, Kristen Black



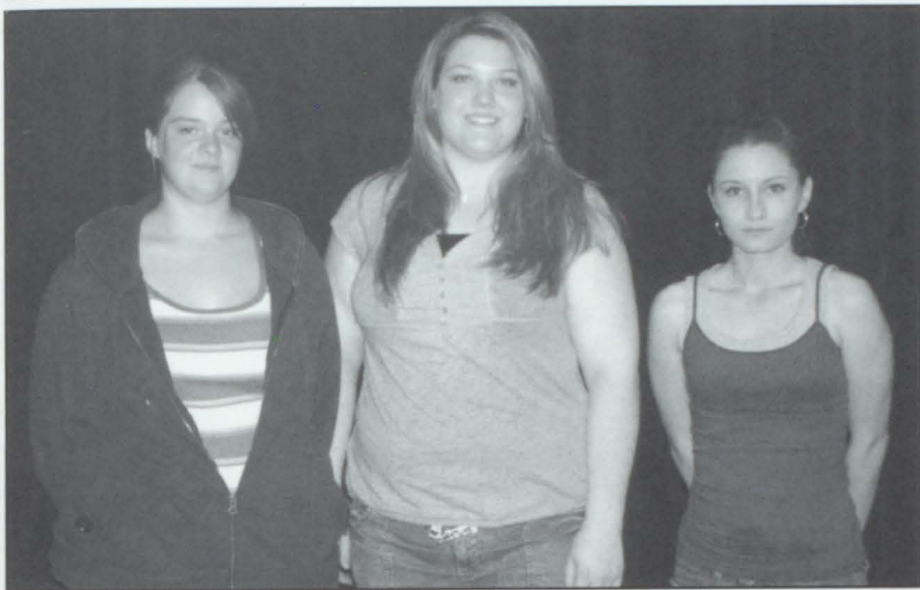




**Accounting:** Chelsea Young, An Le, and Justin Schneider



**State Qualifiers:** Devon Dillard, Sixth Place, Feature Writing; Nolan Oldham, Third Place in both LD and Persuasive Writing.

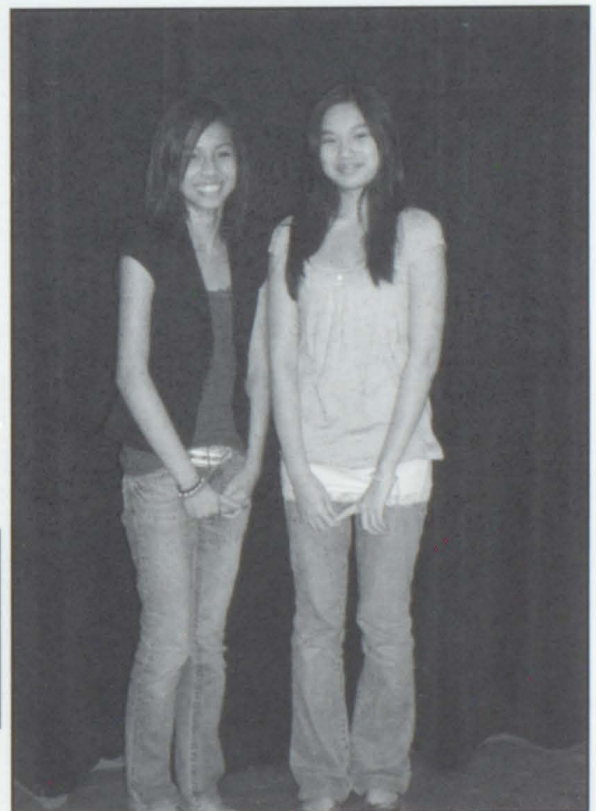


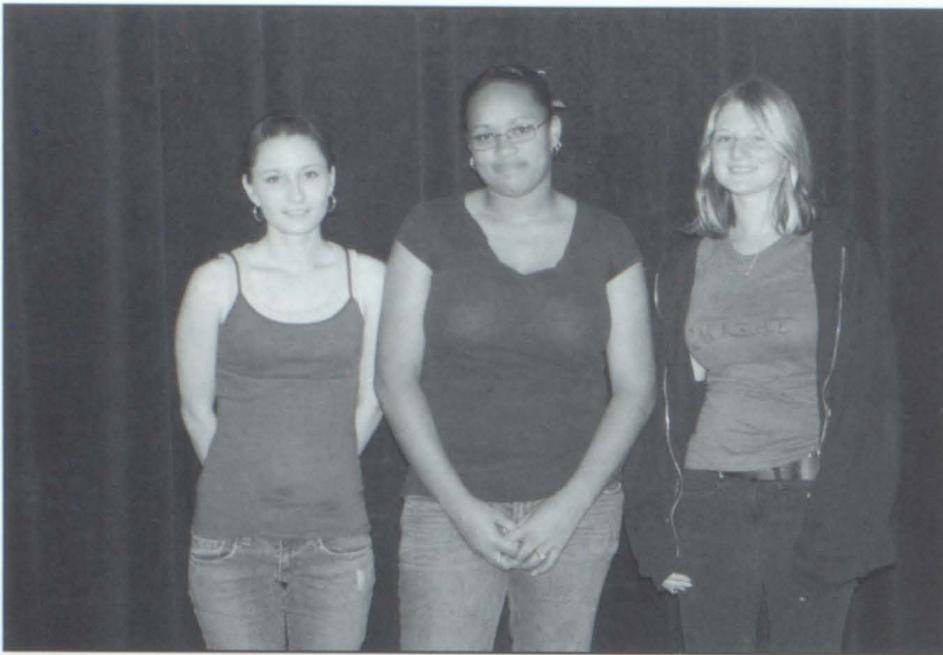
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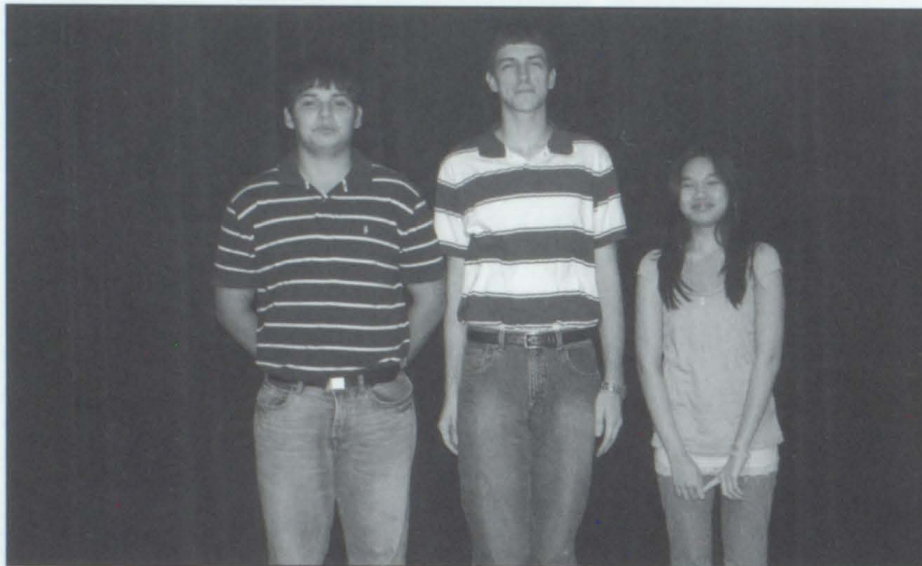
**Current Issues:** Kristen Black; **Not pictured:** David Hunt, Viet Le, Angel Nguyen

**Informative Speaking:** Annie Nguyen, Jessica Nguyen **Not pictured:** Carlos Garcia





**News Writing:** Heather Pena, Jazmine Puentes, and Sara Campell



**Lincoln Douglas Debate:** Carlos Delafuente, Nolan Oldham (also Persuasive Speaking), Jessica Nguyen; **Not pictured:** Arthur Castanon

**Regional Qualifiers**

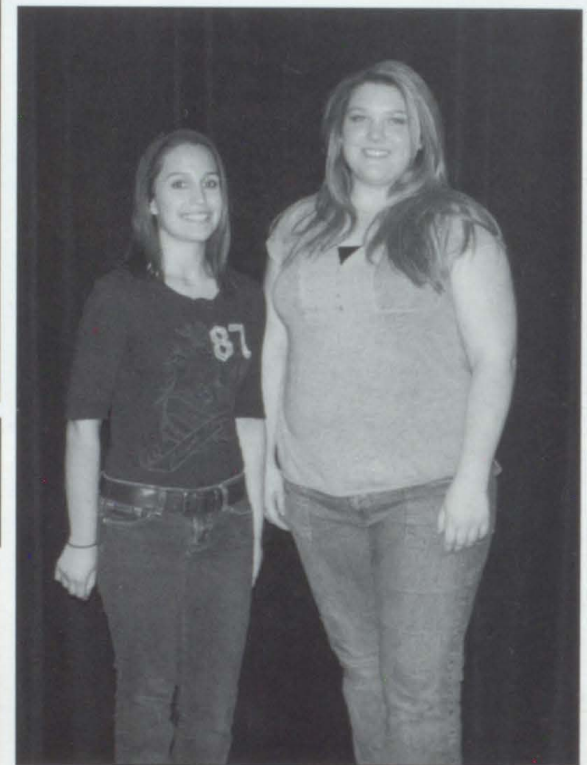
- Nolan Oldham - LD Debate and Persuasive
- Arthur Castanon - LD Debate and Persuasive
- Juan Carlos Delafuente - LD Debate
- Chris Huffman - Prose
- Laura Martinez - Prose
- Taylor Aoughsten - Poetry
- Alicia Torres - Poetry
- Jessica Nguyen - Informative Speaking
- Devon Dillard - Feature Writng
- Jazmine Puentes - News Writing
- Viet Le - Social Studies
- Krittaya Phirom - Mathematics and Number Sense

WHAT WAS YOUR  
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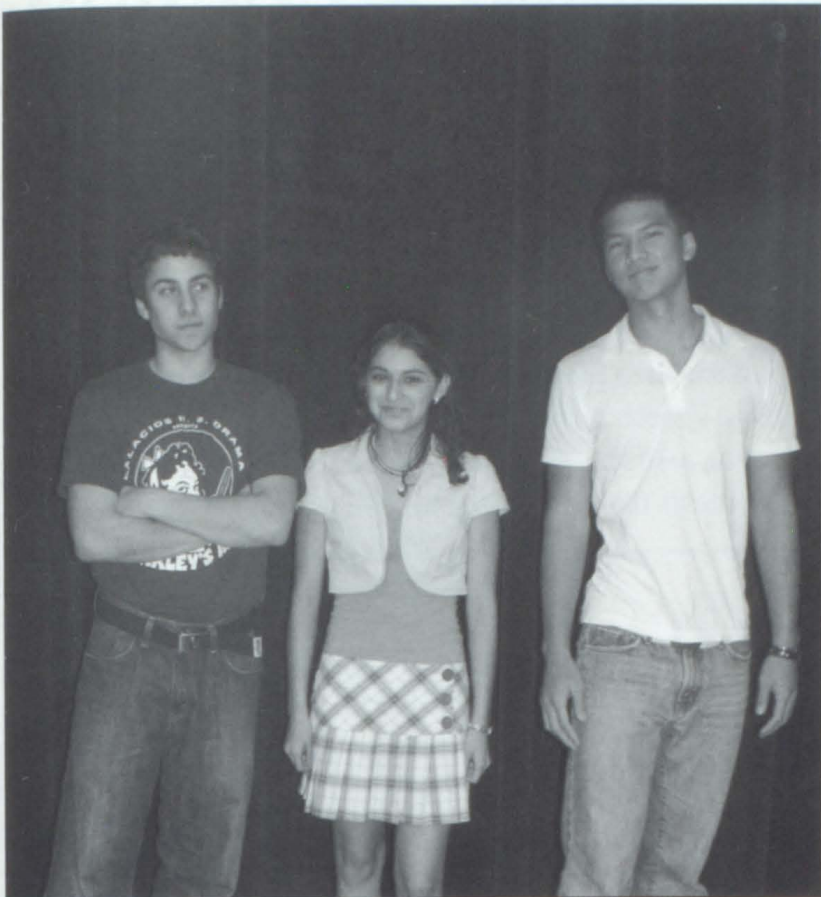


“Hanging out with the teachers in a non-school environment.”

**Arthur Castanon**  
Regional Qualifier in two events



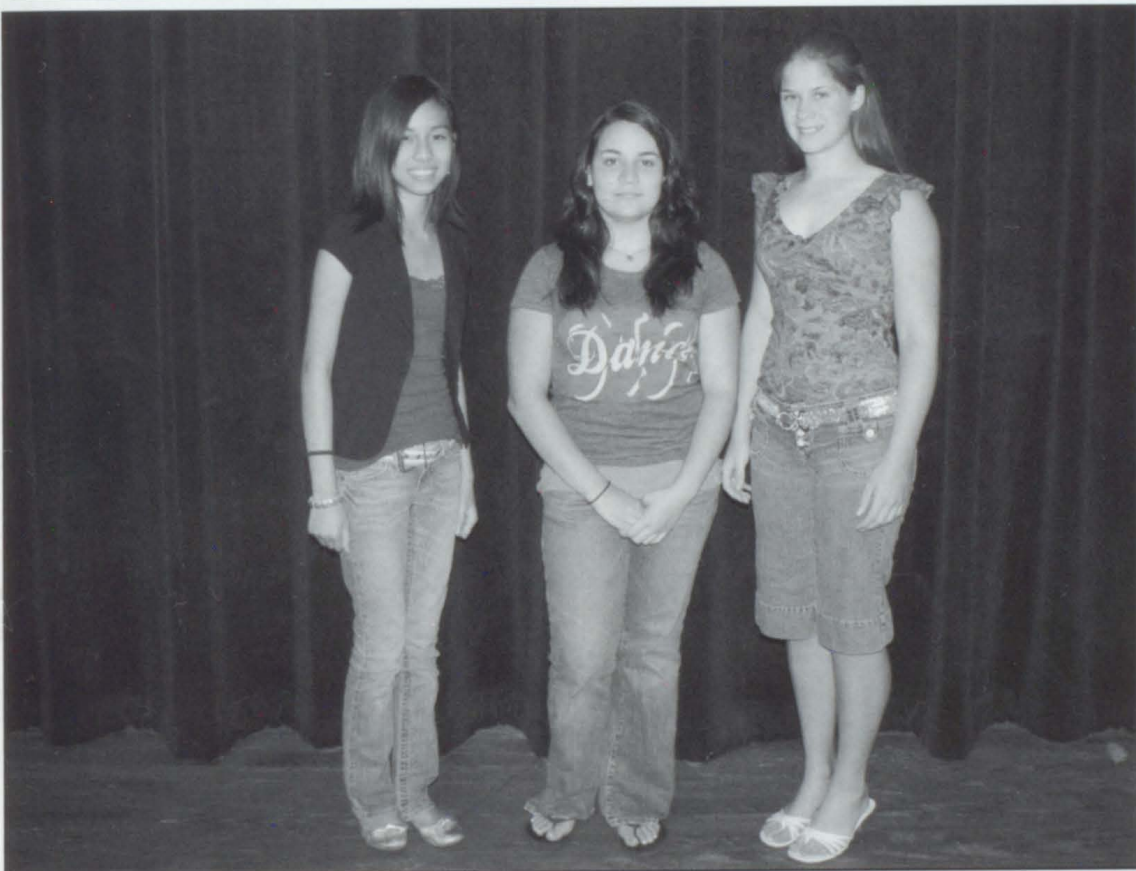
**Poetry Interpretation:** Taylor Aoughsten. and Devon Dillard **Not Pictured:** Alicia Torres



**Prose:** Chris Huffman, Laura Martinez, and Tommy Tran



**Science, Mathematics, and Number Sense:**  
Krittaya Phirom



**Ready Writing:** Annie Nguyen, Kelli Nevarez, and Lori Bumgardner

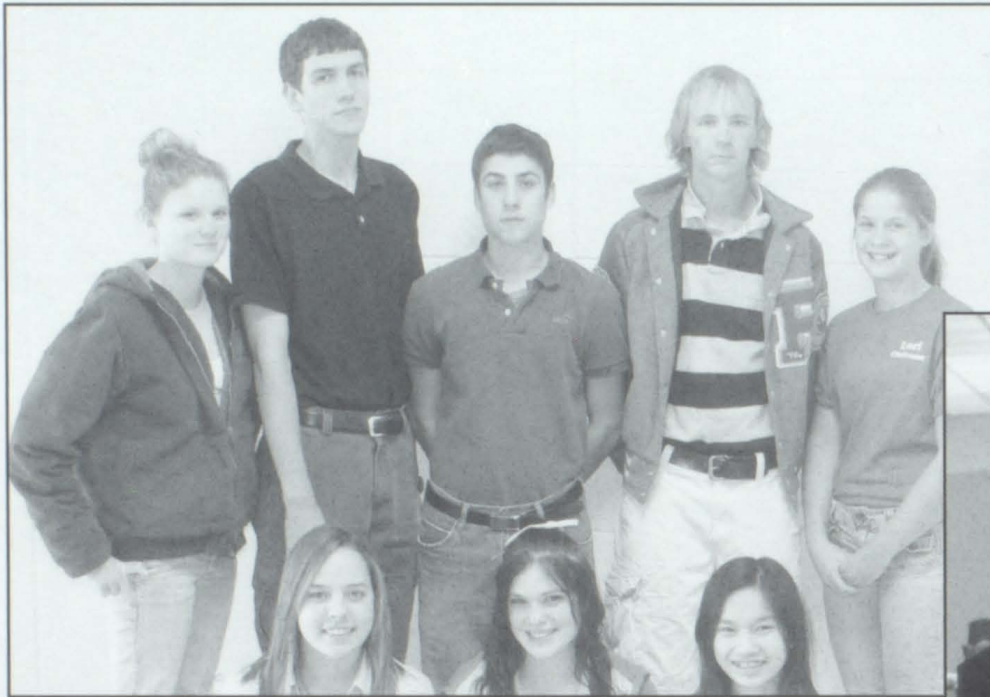


**Persuasive Speaking:**  
Cody Stachlecker

# YOU CAN'T ARGUE WITH SUCCESS

While it may have been a "year like no other" for most of PHS, it was business as usual for the Cross Examination and Lincoln Douglas debate teams. Continuing the excellence that has marked both squads over the past several years, CXers Lori Bumguardner and Lauren Brister culminated their year at the State UIL meet in Austin after placing second in the District contest. Lauren Mills and Theresa Nguyen placed fourth at District, while the teams of Miguel Arrellano & Huynh Vu and Chris Huffman & Joe Hooper picked up valuable wins at District as well. Not to be outdone, the LD squad swept the district meet with Nolan Oldham taking first place, Arthur Castanon taking second, and Juan Carlos De la Fuentes taking third. All three advanced to the Regional meet in Austin while Nolan advanced to State in LD.

When asked about the secret to the success of the speech and debate programs at PHS, Richard Davis, debate coach, replied: "It really is very simple, we have the best students who willingly outwork their opponents and prepare themselves to be ready for the contests that really count." The PHS speech team was the overall district speech championship team. Great success!



**Now that's team work!...** Nolan Oldham and Cody Stahlecker show us that smart guys have muscles, too!



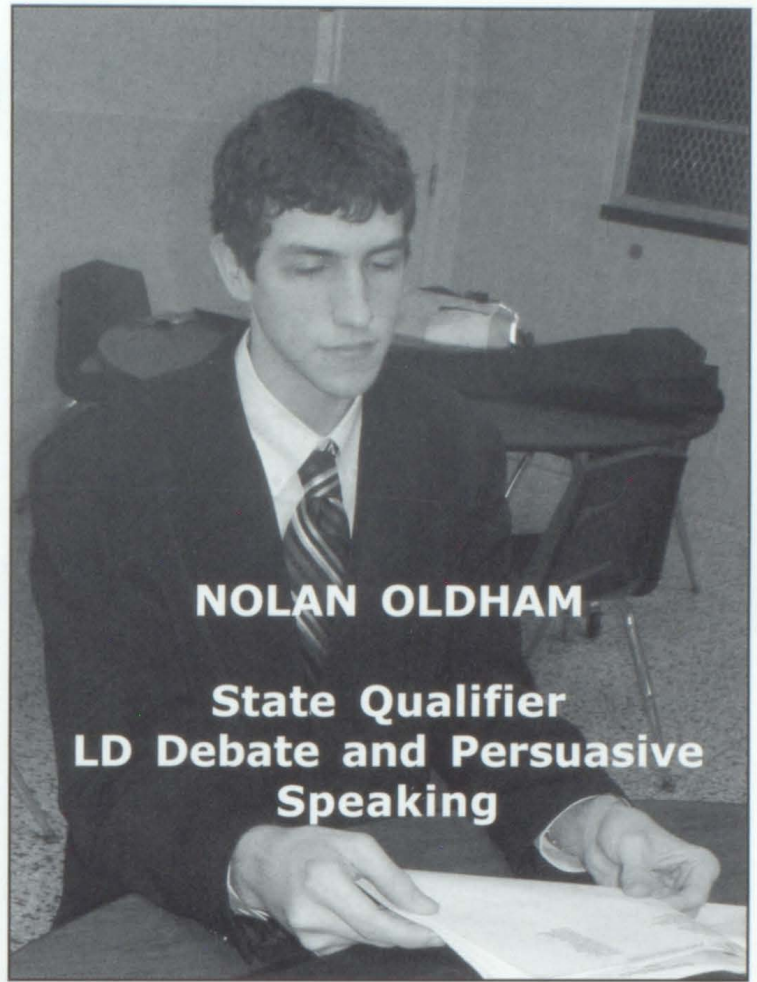
**All together, now!...** Attending the first speech/debate tournament for the year in Boling on November 10 were top L: Leslie Morris, Nolan Oldham, Chris Huffman, Joe Hooper, Lori Bumgardener, Bottom: Lauren Brister, Lauren Mills, Jessica Nguyen



**We are the champions!...** Nolan Oldham and Jose Delafuenta proudly display their trophies.

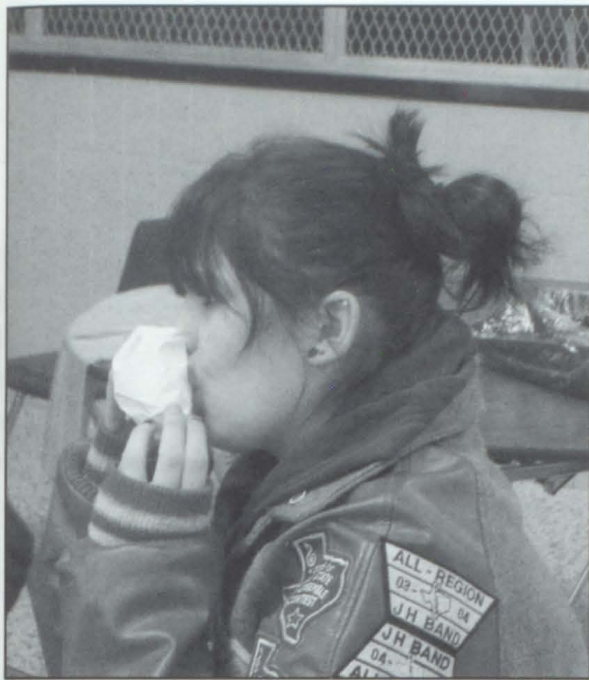
Extempers also did well with five out of six places at district.

Jessica Nguyen placed second at district in Informative, Nolan Oldham placed first in Persuasive, and Arthur Castanon placed third qualifying them for regionals. Cody Stahlecker placed fourth in persuasive while Carlos Garcia placed sixth in informative. Oldham received third place at regional to become a State qualifier. "I was very proud of my extempers. All were new except Nolan," said extemp coach Peggy Charlton.

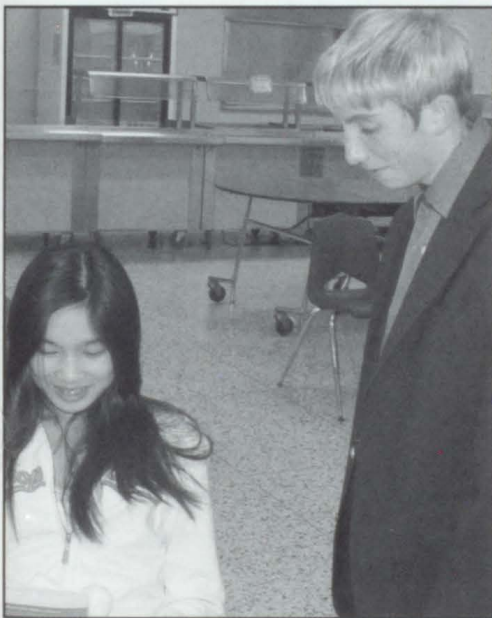


**NOLAN OLDHAM**

**State Qualifier  
LD Debate and Persuasive  
Speaking**



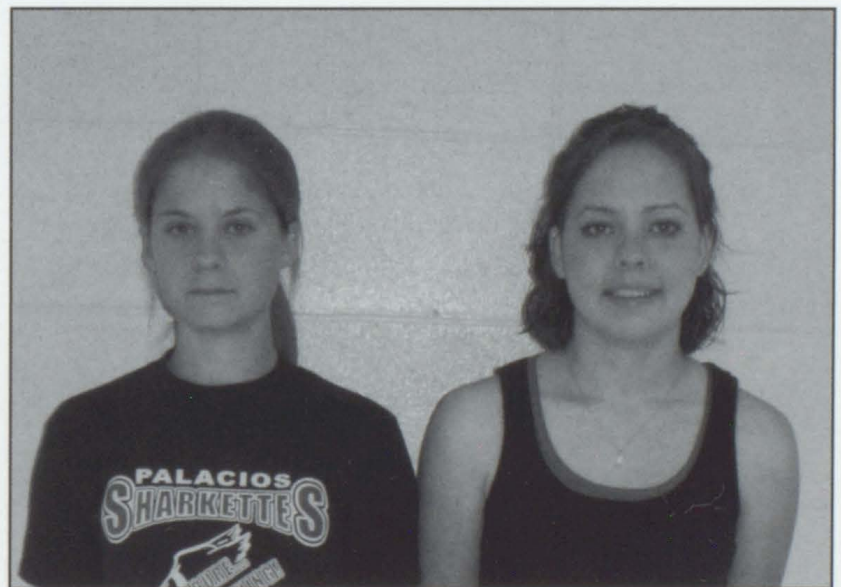
**Hungry? Why Wait!...** Lauren Mills enjoys a "power snack" to help boost her energy and prepare her for her contest.



**We've got butterflies...** Jessica Nguyen take a few seconds to glance at her case while Cody Stahlecker reviews his current events before the Calhoun tournament.

## State CX Qualifiers

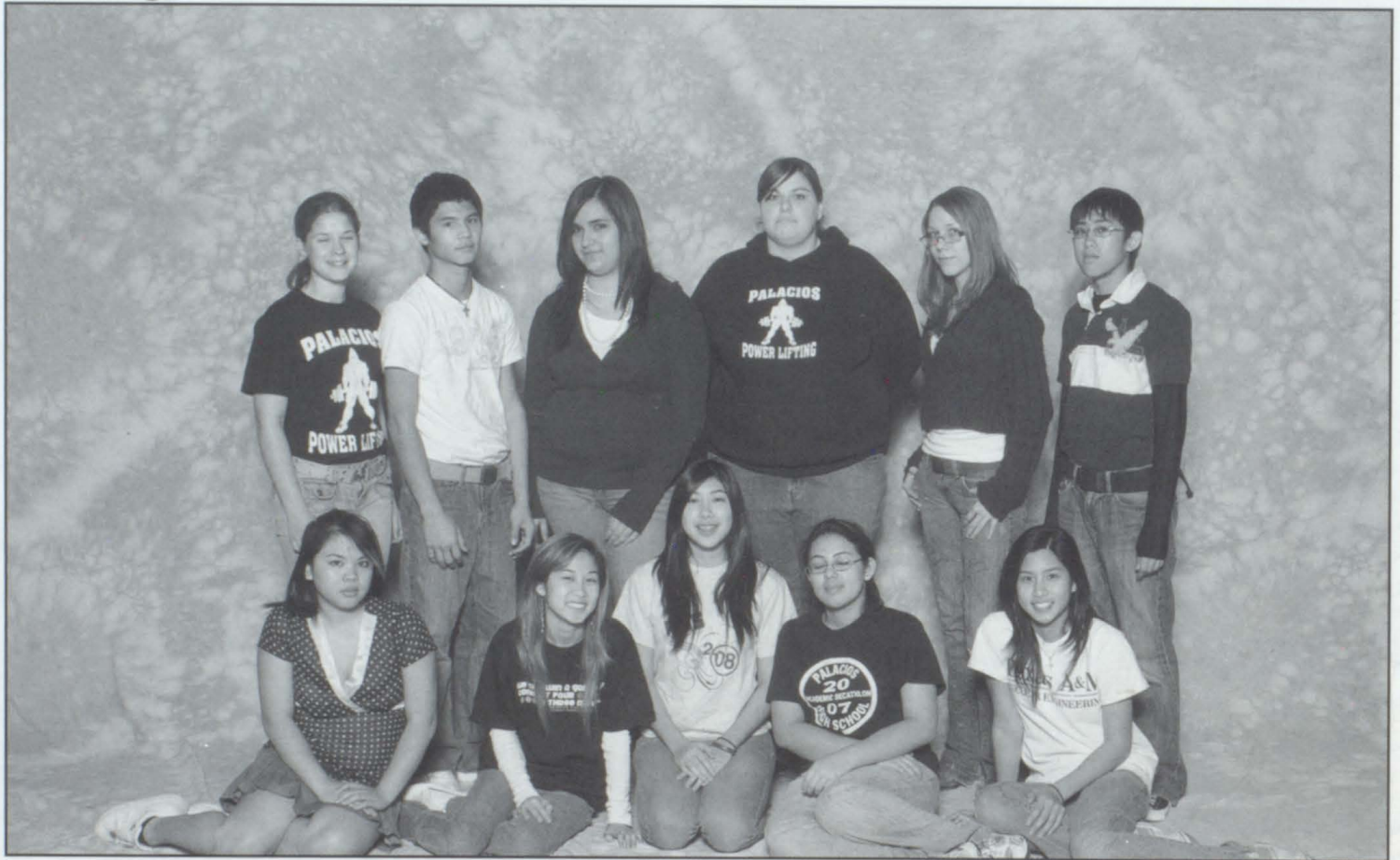
LORI BUMGUARDNER  
and LAUREN BRISTER



# MAKES ME BETTER

To participate in Academic Decathalon you need to have character, to be the best you can possibly be and never give up. The teams consist of Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity. The members are selected by taking a series of tests, testing their knowledge and skills to make the highest score. "This years topic is THE CIVIL WAR which is filled with fun, teamwork and valuable learning,"

said Mr. Morris. The team participated in the Academic Decathalon Regional Competition in January. It was a fierce competition in Katy, Texas and the group placed third in the small school division thanks to the coaching of Mr. Morris and Mr. Davis and the devotion of the members. Each member contributed to the entirety of the team.

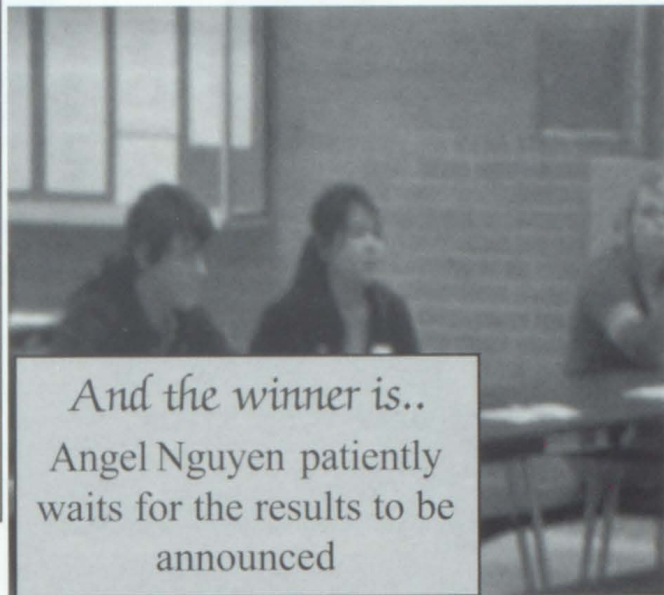


Lori Bumguardner, Kim Vy Nguyen, Elizabeth Castanon, Xinh Nguyen, Arthur Castanon  
Megan Hinds, Damaris Martinez, Veronica Beall, Angel Nguyen, Miguel Arellano, Thuy Vu  
John Tran

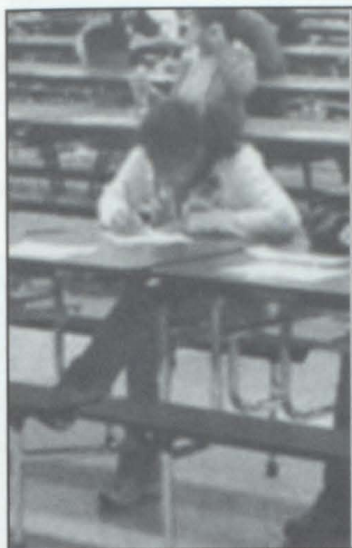


**What does  
academic  
decathlon  
mean to you?**

*"To me Academic Decathlon means hard work and dedication to achieve our goals."  
-Arthur Castanon*



**And the winner is..  
Angel Nguyen patiently  
waits for the results to be  
announced**



**Concentrate on the goal.**

*Elizabeth Castanon focuses on her test while hoping she makes no mistakes.*

**Ready to go..**

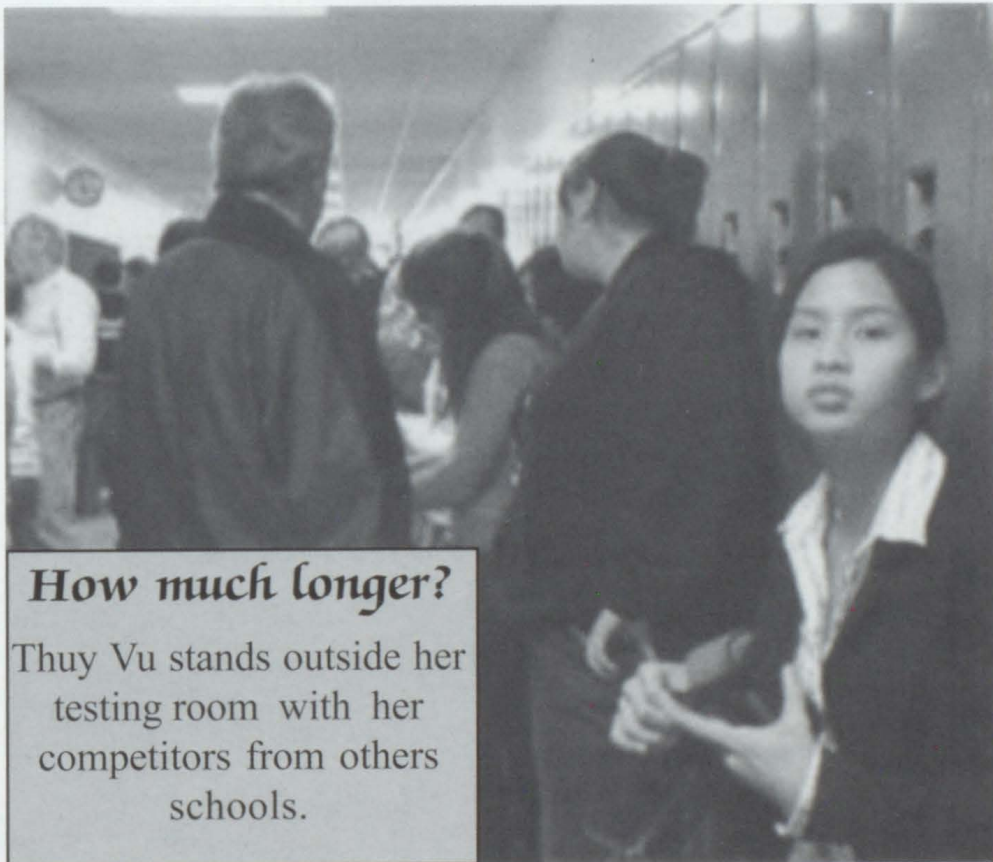
*Veronica Beall anxiously waits to take her test.*



**What do you like  
about coaching  
Academic  
Decathlon???**

*"Being able to work with youngsters that want to excel"*

**-MR DAVIS**



**How much longer?**

*Thuy Vu stands outside her testing room with her competitors from other schools.*

# SPORTS



2007-2008 was a banner year for sports with many firsts. In the fall, the football team went to the playoffs after 43 years, and had only the fourth 10 game winning season in PHS history (since 1914). Volleyball dominated with an unbelievable 30 win season, going five deep into the playoffs--the first time in history. Softball made history advancing to the playoffs the first time ever in its 10 year history. Baseball had its first playoffs in 10 years, and the third time in PHS

history. Girls track had seven regional qualifiers and the boys made history again, having the mile relay compete at State--first time since 1967. Tennis had a regional qualifier (mixed doubles) for the first time in many years and golf had a medalist for the first time in 9 years. It was business as usual for girls basketball with a playoff spot (3 out of the last 4 years) and power lifting had five qualify for State and one state championship to keep up its usual winning ways. Despite its power house competition, soccer made a good showing all year.



How way?  
Jenna Freybig tells her teammates Chelsey, Margaret and Beth a joke.



Hit it!  
Bryce Fitts works on his fronthand at tennis practice.

Got it!

Kelli Nevarez goes for a high ball at tennis practice, working on her moves.

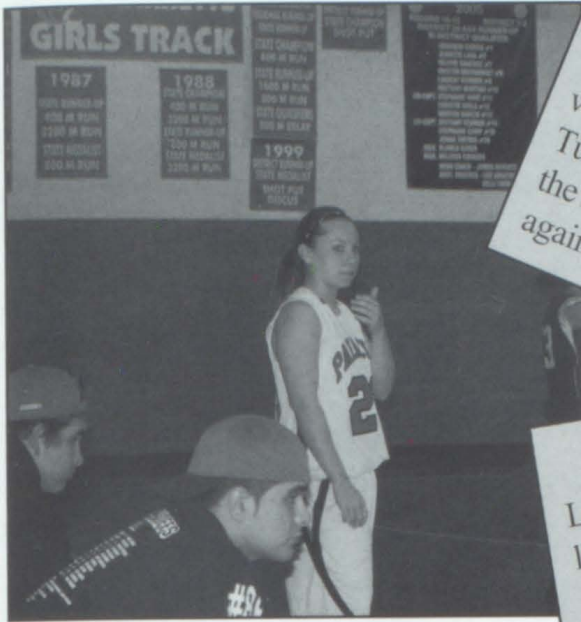
Good Job!

State Qualifiers in three team sports: Brittany Garcia, Audrey Kubecka, Russell Laws, Chelsey Kubecka and Bethany Martino. Girls went in volleyball, basketball and softball; Russell went in football, baseball and track.



## Athletic Banquet





**Team Spirit**  
A poster is displayed with "Eat more Turkey" encouraging the Sharks to play hard against the Gobblers.



**What?**  
Lacey Warner takes a look at the fans during a basketball game against Goliad.



**Taking a run!**  
Hilary Garica races to the finish line in the 200m dash at the PHS track meet

**Pump it up!**  
The Sharks pump themselves up every game in the tunnel, cheered on by parents and fans.

**All for One!**  
The Sharks raise their helmets after the game to the Alma Mater played by the band.



**What is your best memory of athletics?**

"Being number one at state for powerlifting."  
-Aaron Buckley

**What makes sports special to you?**

"I've just loved sports since I was a kid." Jenna Treybig



# How Far We've Come

## A magical year to end a 43 year play off drought

It was a year like no other. When the season began with a one point loss to Edna, who would have predicted the Sharks would be playing until the first week of December, four deep into the playoffs, and seeing a town unify with community pride and spirit? This year's motto "Bring the Pride Back" definitely rang true.

"Making it to the State quarterfinals was definitely the highlight of the season," said Coach Mike Treybig, Victoria Advocate All-Area Coach of the year, the man who turned the football program around in three short years.

Records were broken all over the place--the Sharks had not been in the playoffs in 43 years, had not a winning season or won two consecutive district games in 16 years, had not won its final football game in 19 years, and had not won its final road game in 14 years, according to Treybig.

After the Edna loss, the Sharks put it in gear, going on to win the next five pre-district games. When district rolled around, the Sharks lost to Cuero, and then to Gonzales by two, and then won the next two district games, stomping Yoakum 51-15 to clinch the playoff spot. Then the real fun began. Against all odds from the sportswriters, the Sharks won game after game in the playoffs, defeating West Oso, Rio Hondo, the State ranked team, and Llano before falling to Cuero in quarterfinals.

The Sharks also racked up the individual awards with Aaron Buckley and Henry Solis leading the pack. Buckley was District Defensive MVP as well as AP All-State linebacker and MVP; Solis was District Offensive MVP and AP All-State Second Team RB. Making All-District first team were Alex Sanchez, Aaron Buckley, Solis, Alex Buckley (also All-State HM), and Eric Rojas. Second team members were Russell Laws, David Hunt, Cody Smith, Armando Sanchez, Kyle Hamlin, and Rusty Kubecka. Honorable mention were Lucas Garcia, Tony Nguyen, Jairo Perez, Marc Diaz Ferree, Julio Ramon, and Lee Cink.

"It was a great group of young men and coaches. The Sharks greatest strength was they played as a team," Treybig said.



Varsity: Bottom: J. Diaz, C. Smith, R. Hammonds, PJ Garcia, J. Ramon, D. Diaz 2nd row: M. Nguyen, Alex Sanchez, T. Gomez, N. Bigelow, J. Frausto, 3rd row: Armando Sanchez, J. Perez, R. Laws, Alex Buckley, H. Solis, T. Nguyen 4th row: M. Ferree, D. Sandoval, C. Baumann, D. Hunt, Aaron Buckley, E. Rojas, L. Cink Top: R. Guerrero, K. Hamlin, W. Hansen, R. Kubecka, L. Garcia, Phillip Garcia



Hit them up... Aaron Buckley #44 gets a tackle at the Rio Hondo Playoff game.



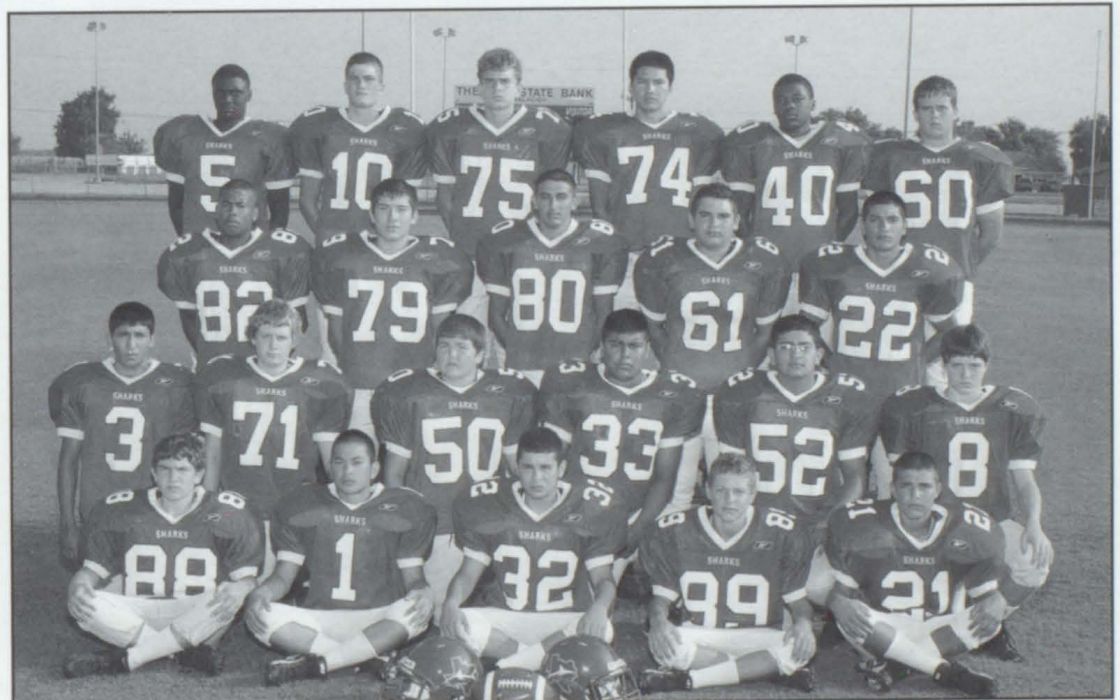
Run David Run... Quarterback David Hunt #10 runs the ball as far as he could before being taken down at the Yoakum game.



Watch Out... Henry Solis #32 takes a hit before going down at the Gonzales game.



Get Out The Way... Cody Smith #40 drives the ball before getting caught by the opponent.



Junior Varsity: Bottom: H. Shimek, B. Pham, V. Garcia, S. Fort, D. Garcia 2nd row: A. Galvan, J. Hunt, J. Frausto, V. Martinez, E. Corona, G. Sexton 3rd row: J. Roy, J. Zepeda, J. Diaz, P. Garcia, J. Mata Top: S. Polk, C. Biffle, T. Turner, T. Tran, K. Grice, J. Stufrenberg

# Scoreboard

Edna	L	13-14
Tidehaven	W	34-25
Brazos	W	34-15
Danbury	W	50-00
St. Joseph	W	38-07
Boling	W	56-00
Cuero	L	20-51
Gonzales	L	18-20
Goliad	W	18-13
Yoakum	W	51-15
Rio Hondo	W	28-07
Llano	W	31-20
Cuero	L	14-42

**State Quarter Finalist**  
**Regional Semi-Finalist**  
**Champions**  
**Area Champions**  
**Bi-District Champions**  
**Padilla Poll State**  
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# Keep On Running

Cross Country began workouts in a scorching August, continuing on in a sizzling September, and getting no relief in a still hot October.

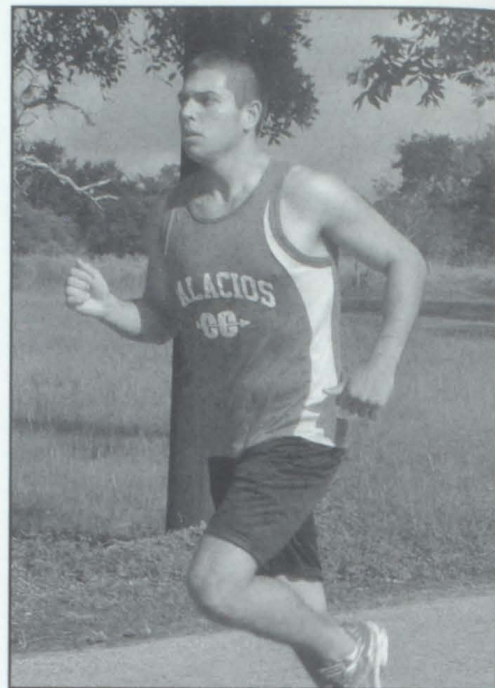
The boys' team and Jessica Ayala, the lone girl, advanced to regional.

Jessica also received all-district, along with Adam Garcia.

"The cross country season was very exciting for me. I was so happy every time I got a medal. I couldn't believe how much I could do," Ayala said.

The team attended meets in Yoakum, Moulton, Brookshire-Royal, Needville, Bay City, Stafford, Gonzales at district, and regional at San Antonio. The Palacios Cross Country meet was held for the second year at the Marine Center with 13 Schools competing.

"The highlight of the season was seeing runners grow into competitors," Coach Arredondo said, "and the team's greatest strength was their experience".



Up, up, and away... Adrian Garcia takes off as the Yoakum race begins.



Bottom: Oscar Zumaya, Adam Garcia, John Mark Hafernick Top: John Sholts, Adrian Garcia, Lee Cink, Joe Hooper



Hanging in there... Amairani Zumaya gives all her might at the Moulton meet.



Strolling along... Jessica Ayala paces herself as she runs in the Yoakum meet.

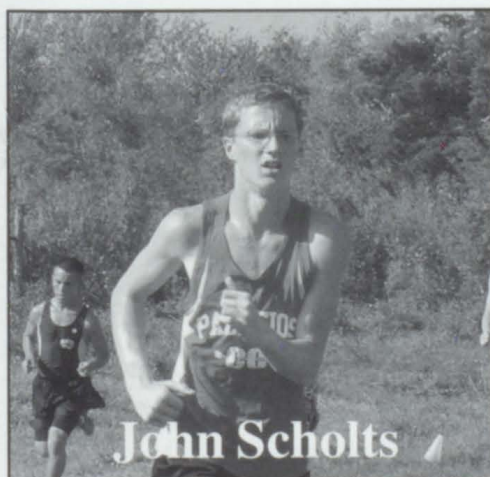
Leader of the pack... Lee Cink and John Scholts push themselves during the annual Palacios Cross Country meet.



Keep your eye on the goal... Joe Hooper keeps pushing himself as he runs in the Yoakum meet.



Amairani Zumaya, Lupita Reyes, Jessica Ayala, Hilary Garcia, Erica Serna



**John Scholts**



### What is your opinion on this year's team?

"This team had a lot of heart. It is easy to work hard when you are experiencing good times. This season we encountered a lot of obstacles, but we managed to stay in the race," Coach Arredondo said.

# SMACK THAT

It was a record breaking year for the volleyball team, advancing further in the playoffs than in the school's history. With a 32-8 season, the Sharkettes were unstoppable, winning second in district, and claiming bi-district and area championships and making it to the finals of the Regional tournament.

"This year's team was superb--the girls were together and never gave up," Coach James Schuetz said.

The most difficult part of the season was losing the last match to Wimberly, according to Schuetz.

"This season was awesome! It was a lot of fun getting to know everybody on the team", Audrey Kubecka said.

Making all district were Audrey Kubecka, MVP Offense, Jenna Treybig, MVP defense, and first team members were Brittany Garcia, Chelsey Kubecka, Bethany Martino, along with Christie Grice, second team.

Treybig received first team All-State THSGCA and Audrey Kubecka received third team All-State TSWA team, along with Treybig and Martino receiving honorable mention.

"I liked how all of us girls became really close. It made our team that much better because we played as one", Jenna Treybig said.

For more volleyball news, see the Brittany Garcia volleyball feature on page 122

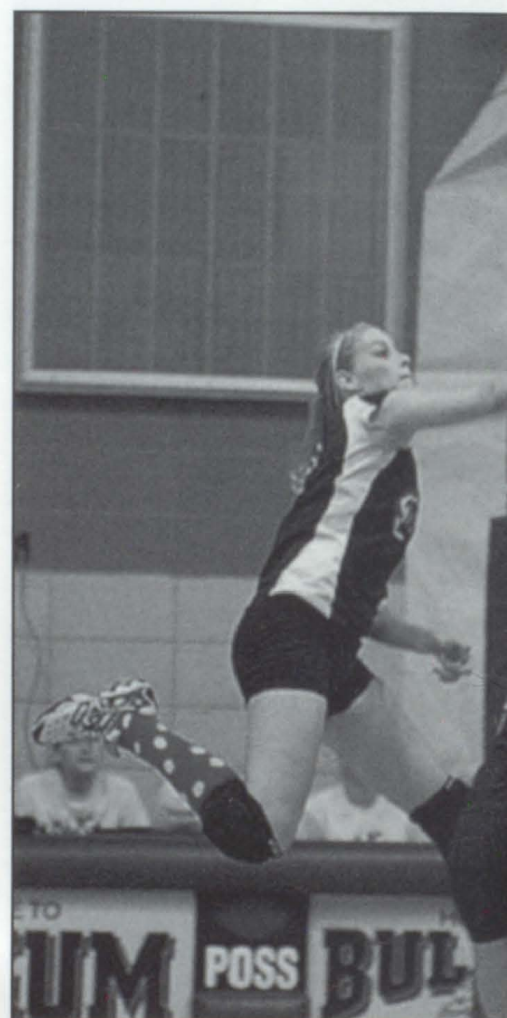


Varsity: Bottom: B. Tedder, Brittany Garcia, Bethany Martino, L. Warner Top: S. Guerrero, C. Kubecka, A. Kubecka, J. Treybig

## instant replay

Season Record - 32-8

- Goliad L 20-25 25-17 25-20 22-25 13-15
- Gonzales W 25-20 25-13 22-25 25-23
- Cuero W 25-17 25-18 25-10
- Yoakum L 22-25 22-25 25-18 25-21 15-17
- Goliad W 25-19 27-25 25-15
- Gonzales W 25-17 25-8 25-9
- Cuero W 25-17 25-19 25-20
- Yoakum L 22-25 25-23 25-21 23-25 17-19





I got it... Christy Grice gets in position to hit the ball back over the net. Christy made second team All District as a freshman.

Flying high... Chelsey Kubecka blocks the ball from getting over the net.



Freshmen Team: Bottom: A. Maldonado, T. Machacek, A. Sanchez, L. Reyes, J. Diaz Top: J. Ramon, T. Bates, K. Quinney, C. Grice, A. Kacer, T. Cruz



Junior Varsity: Bottom: K. Richter, N. Maldonado, A. Torres, T. Roy, H. Garcia Top: E. Serna, S. Phillips, V. Eufrazio, A. Wallace, L. Bumgardener

Number one team... Audrey Kubecka, Chelsey Kubecka, Bethany Martino, Brittany Martino, Jenna Treybig and Christy Grice show some great team work.

**Bi-District Champions  
Area Champions  
Regional Quarter and  
Semi finals winner**



# We Fly High



Fade away... Number 25 Jordon Anderson jumps back for a two pointer.



Boy got hops... Number 23 Lucas Garcia goes up for a slam dunk while being double team.

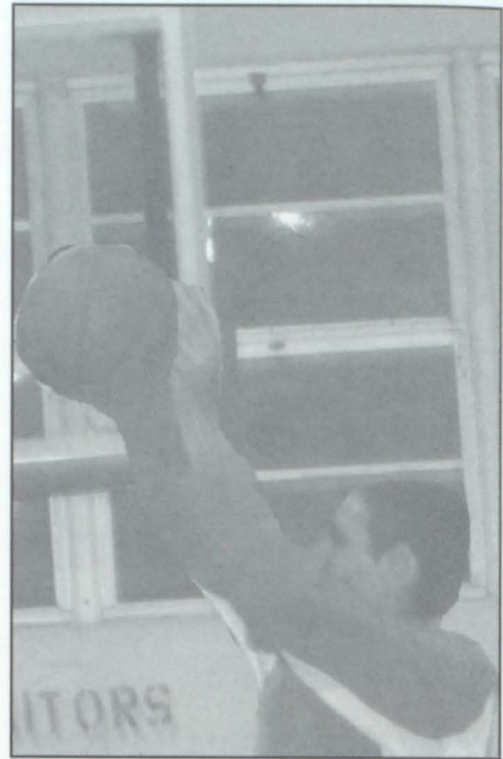
Jump, shoot and score. The game has started and the season is on its way.

"The toughest thing about this season was overcoming the struggles that were presented to us through out the season", senior Bryce Fitts said.

The team played extremely hard and had a lot of hustle everytime they got onto the court.

"I like how we are able to come together and play as a team", senior Henry Solis said.

Henry Solis received first team All District. Teammates Bryce Fitts and David Sandoval received second team All District while Lucas Garcia received an honorable mention.



What you know about that... Number 2 James Murphy aims for the goal before taking a shot.



Chillin... B. Fitts, D. Sandoval, H. Solis, P. Garcia, and L. Garcia hang out against the wall before a game.



# Score

Bloomington	W	50-49
Alumni	L	40-75
Edna	L	45-65
Luling	W	41-38
Hallestville	L	46-75
Ganado	L	50-57
St. Joe	L	28-39
Refugio	L	40-51
Goliad	W	55-54
Yoakum	L	60-65
Cuero	L	56-85
Gonzales	L	46-66
Goliad	L	40-65
Yoakum	L	35-65
Cuero	L	55-74
Gonzales	L	52-81

## Record:

Season 03-13

District 01-07



Varsity: Top: P. Garcia, J. Anderson, Coach T. Weixelman, L. Garcia, H. Solis Bottom: D. Sandoval, B. Fitts, J. Murphy, A. Galvan



Junior Varsity: Top: J. Lara, C. Tran, Coach J. Schuetz, M. Ferree, A. Garcia Bottom: C. Rhodes, B. Nguyen, C. Broussard, V. Pham



Got Skills... Number 4 Viet Pham jukes the opponent at the Cuero game.



Freshmen: E. Ruiz, G. Sexton, J. Frausto, B. Quinn, Coach J. Gibson, J. Murphy, J. Hunt, J. Tran

# GET IT SHAWTY

Despite the fact that this years team was small in size, they were big in heart. With only seven players on the varsity team, the girls had to really get in shape since they couldn't afford many breaks.

According to Coach Wollam, "Keeping the girls believing when we were 1-5 in district," was the most difficult part of the season. This was the first time in two years for the Sharkettes to beat Yoakum in district for a playoff spot. Although they didn't make it past the first round, the team was by no means dissapointed in their season. "I was very happy. This was the first time I've been on a team that made it to the playoffs," senior Gabby Garcia commented.

Even though the Sharkettes worked very hard to be so successful this season, they did have a lot of fun playing on the team. Jenna Treybig said that the funniest moment of the season was, "when Chelsey was shooting for the wrong team against Rice, and everyone was yelling at her!"

## SCORE

W	ALUMNI 41-18
L	WEST COLUMBIA 28-39
W	DANBURY 65-41
W	LOUISE 60-30
L	VAN VLECK 56-65
W	ST. JO 32-30
L	CUERO 29-42
L	GONZALES 37-51
W	GOLIAD 63-33
L	YOAKUM 45-46
L	CUERO 46-53
L	GONZALES 34-56
W	GOLIAD 46-29
W	YOAKUM 38-33
W	YOAKUM 34-33
L	INGLESIDE 26-42

**Kiss Kiss...** The Varsity team gets together to blow a kiss to the trophy they won at a tournament.



**Respect Your Elders...** Junior Chelsey Kubecka goes up for a block in the alumni game.



**Would You Like That Toasted?...** The girls get together for an after school snack at Subway before a game, while Jenna Treybig attempts to attract customers while trying on the restaurant's costume.



**Smack That...** Senior Gabby Garcia attempts to steal the ball away from an unsuspecting opponent.

**Come And Get It...** Junior Audrey Kubecka waits for a teammate to get open so she can pass them the ball.



**Its All Mine...** Junior Jenna Treybig gets aggressive while she plays keep away from a Lady Bulldog.



**Varsity Top:** J. Treybig, C. Kubecka, C. Wollam, A. Kubecka, B. Garcia, **Bottom:** L. Warner, B. Martino, G. Garcia



**Junior Varsity Top:** V. Eufrazio, C. Puentes, S. Irasema, E. Serna, K. Zavala, **Bottom:** B. Sanchez, B. Polk, A. Torres, L. Reyes

**White Girl Can Jump...** Junior Chelsey Kubecka goes up for a rebound, while leaving her opponent in the dust.



**Freshmen Top:** T. Cruz, K. Quinney, C. Grice, A. Kacer, **Bottom:** J. Ramon, A. Scantlen, J. Diaz



# Kick it Up

The whistle has blown and the ball has been thrown; it is the start of the soccer season.

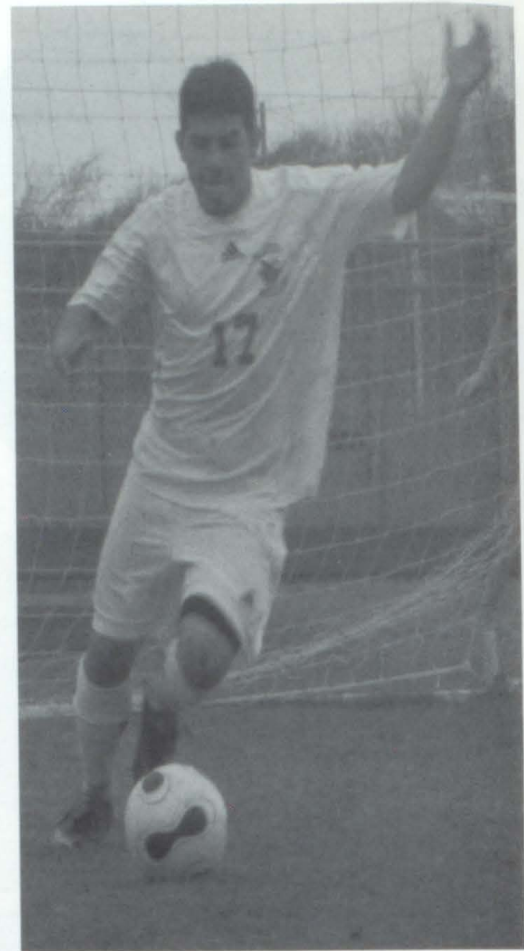
"This year's season was exciting because everybody tried hard for what we wanted and we learned how to play as a team," Oscar Zumaya said.

The soccer boys practiced hard everyday and tried their best ever game.

"We were really successful in winning games and all the hard work paid off," Jose Ortiz said.

"This is one of the best groups ever. We practiced harder and played 16 district games." Coach Ortiz said.

In regards to awards, J.J. Ortiz received 1st team all District Midfielder. Oscar Zumaya, 2nd team all District defender, Christian Hernandez, 2nd team all District midfielder, Pablo Carrillo, Lucas Garcia, and Jesse Rodriguez received honorable mention. Zumaya got awarded MVP while Lee Cink received fighting heart award.



Go long... Oscar Zumaya kicks the ball down the field as hard as he can.



Do it as a team... Teammate Ryan Martinez and Christian Hernandez assist each other in stealing the ball from the opponent.



Run for it... Jose Ortiz brings the ball down the field.

# Scoreboard

**Palacios Sharks**

Manvel	[L]
00-02	
Brazosport	[L]
01-05	
West Columbia	[W]
02-01	
Bay City	[L]
00-02	
Bloomington	[W]
05-01	
Lamar	[L]
01-07	
Foster	[W]
02-01	
El Campo	[W]
03-01	
Terry	[W]
03-01	
Seven Lakes	[L]
01-05	
Sealy	[W]
03-01	
Royal	[W]
02-01	



Varsity: Bottom: R. Martinez, O. Zumaya, L. Serrato Middle: C. Hernandez, J. Hernandez, G. Lopez, J. Mata Top: D. Diaz, J. Rodriguez, L. Cink, P. Carrillo, J. Ortiz



I got it... Lucas Garcia steals the ball from the opponent.



Take Cover... Goalie Lee Cink jumps to deflect the ball from the opponent.



Junior Varsity: Bottom: S. Alderete, E. Rodriguez, J. Diaz Middle: S. Sifuentes, M. Hurtado, H. Cano, P. Rios Top: H. Mujica, J. Frausto, K. Brewer, J. Perez, F. Carrillo

# Hit Me With Your Best Shot

Cold weather, long practices, and hard workouts all describe this year's soccer season.

"My soccer team is like my family; we worked hard and had a great season this year," Karyssa Zavala, senior, said.

The girls never got discouraged,

and came back out every day for more practice on their skills.

"The girls did their best. They tried really hard and never gave up. That's all any coach could ask for," Coach Amy Morales said.

The season may have ended up with more losses than wins, but

five girls were being named to the All-District team. Lacey Warner received 1st team All-District, Mailey Pham received 2nd team All-District; with Brooke Tedder, Ana Cano, and Patricia Ayala receiving Honorable Mention All-District.



**Smile Pretty...** Juniors Amarani Zumaya and Sandra Garcia show off their fun sides while they cool off during practice.



**Glamour Gals...** Coaches Garcia and Morales strike a pose and smile for the camera in the middle of practice.



**Go For the Goal...** Maria Betancourt and Wendi Maldonado attempt a mad dash to the goal.

**Varsity Girls Top Row:**

Brooke Tedder, Wendi Maldonado, Jessica Ayala, Gabby Gatica, Mailey Pham, Irasema Sifuentes, Karyssa Zavala, Nallely Maldonado,

**Middle:** Lilibeth Saldierna, Jessica Ramon, Pearla Zamora, Lacy Warner, Carmen Rios, Sandra Garcia, Edith Ramos, Amarani Zumaya, **Bottom:**

Adrian Zamoro, Ana Cano, Kimberly Betancourt, Kayla Isbell, Maria Betancourt, Jessica Saldierna, Maria Medrano



**A Swift Kick...** Senior Ana Cano sticks a leg out to make a pass to a fellow teammate and score a goal.



**Getting High...** Junior Nallely Maldonado soars through the air in an attempt to block a pass while Ana Cano runs alongside.



**Come and Get it...** Junior Lacey Warner uses some fancy footwork to keep the ball away from an eager opponent.

**SCOREBOARD**

Bay City	L
Bloomington	W
Lamar	L
Foster	L
El Campo	L
Terry	L
Seven Lakes	L
Sealy	W
Royal	W
El Campo	L
Terry	L
Seven Lakes	L

# BEAT IT

“Two members of the golf team exceeded expectations this year by going to regionals,” Coach Weixleman said.

Jenna Treybig and Bryce Fitts advanced to the regional meet in mixed doubles. It was the first time since the 80’s that Palacios had made it to regionals.

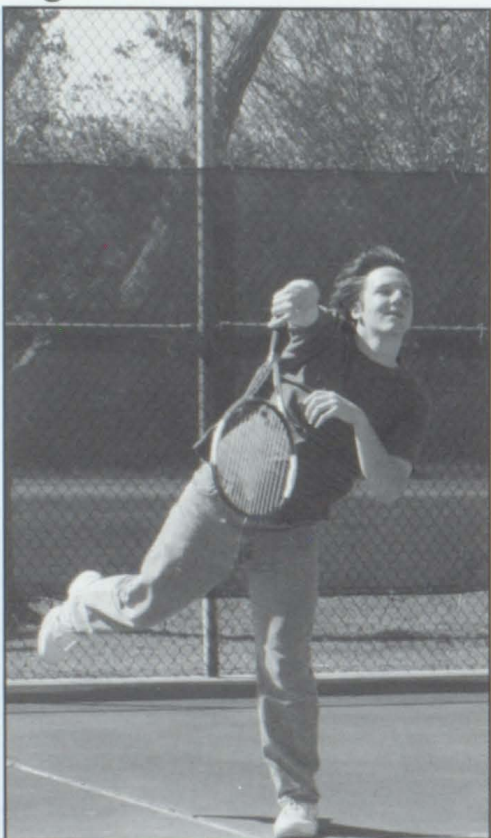
Phillip Fiorini placed third in Varsity boys single and was an alternate in the regional meet.

Alexis Torres and Mallory McCauley were district champs in JV girls doubles. Johnny Vuong and Leslie Morris placed second in Mix doubles and Jeremy Hunt placed fourth in JV Boys singles.

“We practiced hard to get to this level, and everybody should be proud of themselves” Phillip Fiorini said. Fiorini played tennis for three years in high school.



Kelli Nevarez jumps up for a high while practicing.



Watch Out!!!  
Senior Phillip Fiorini hits a hard ball while practicing.



J. Perez, J. Vuong, C. Garcia, B. Fitts, B. Quinn, T. Tran, A. Garcia, J. Tran, J. Nguyen, L. Cruise, P. Fiorini, J. Hunt, B. Nguyen, Mallery M, C. Polk, J. Treybig, E. Vargas, L. Morris, A. Torres, K. Nevarlez.



At the annual Texas Sharks Invitational Golf Tournament the Sharks did a great job. "I was very pleased with the progress this year, the team did great, all their hard work paid off," said Coach Figorova.

In the six team boys division the Palacios Sharks placed fifth overall. Joe Hooper topped Sharks leader board by shooting a 57 which got him 5th in the individual standing. "Yeah, I think that we did really good this year," Joe Hooper said.

The Sharkette squad got second place with 438 overall and freshmen Tess Bates placed second individually. "Yeah, it was really cool getting second place as a team," Stormy Phillips said.

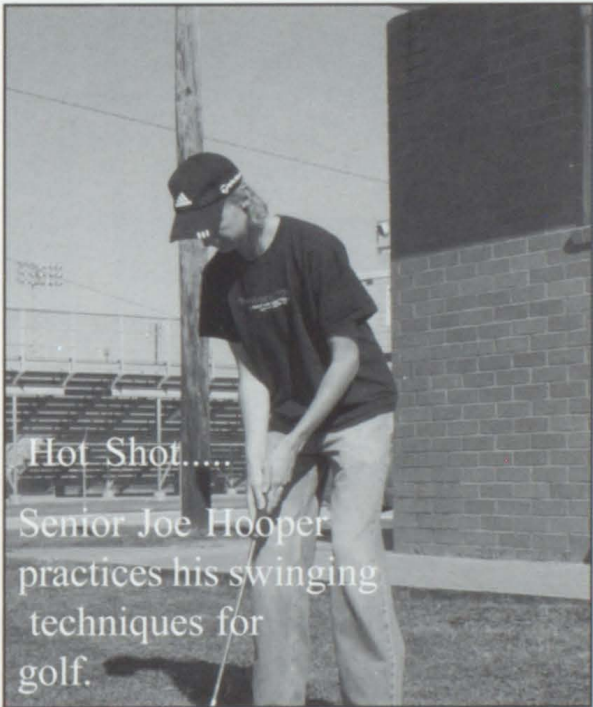
# Swing, Swing



H.Shimek, T.Gomez., R. Kubeka, J. Hooper, S. Alderite



A.Stout, S.Philips,K.Hooper, K. Wallace,T.Bates



Hot Shot.....  
Senior Joe Hooper practices his swinging techniques for golf.

# Stronger

When you talk Palacios sports, one sport is always praised about in the area--power lifting. This year was no different than any other. Everyone knows that Coach Arnesen works his team hard and the results always show.

"I was extremely pleased with how well the girls competed and performed this year," Coach Arnesen said. "This team had great chemistry and worked hard to maximize

their talents."

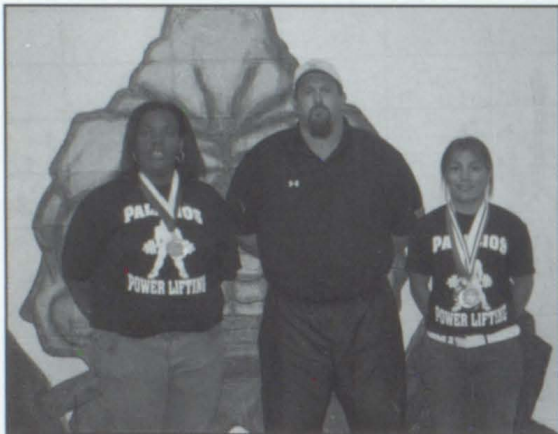
The girls placed in the top five at every meet in which they competed, capturing first place team overall at the Hitchcock meet.

"Winning that meet was definitely the highlight of the season," Coach Arnesen added.

The toughest meet was here at Palacios where over 20 teams showed up.--"tough teams and tough judges," Coach Arnesen said.

Chelsey Young won second at regional and fifth at State. Beatrice Sanchez won fourth at regional and competed at State. Lori Bumguardner and Megan Hinds both qualified for Regional.

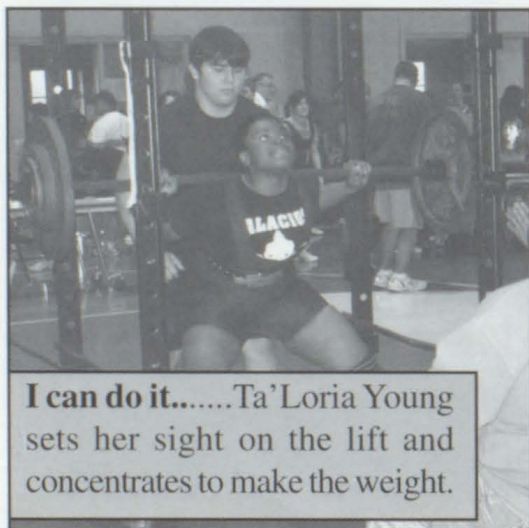
Coach Arnesen was pleased with the progression of the girls this year. "They got better each week--competing mentally and physically."



State Qualifiers: Chelsey Young, Beatrice Sanchez with Coach Arnesen



Top: Lori Bumguardner, Megan Hinds, Chelsey Young, Beatrice Sanchez, Coach Arnesen: Bottom row: Dominique Lee, Jessica Ramon, Ta'Loria Young, Ana Maldonado



I can do it.....Ta'Loria Young sets her sight on the lift and concentrates to make the weight.

**"This team had great chemistry and worked hard."**

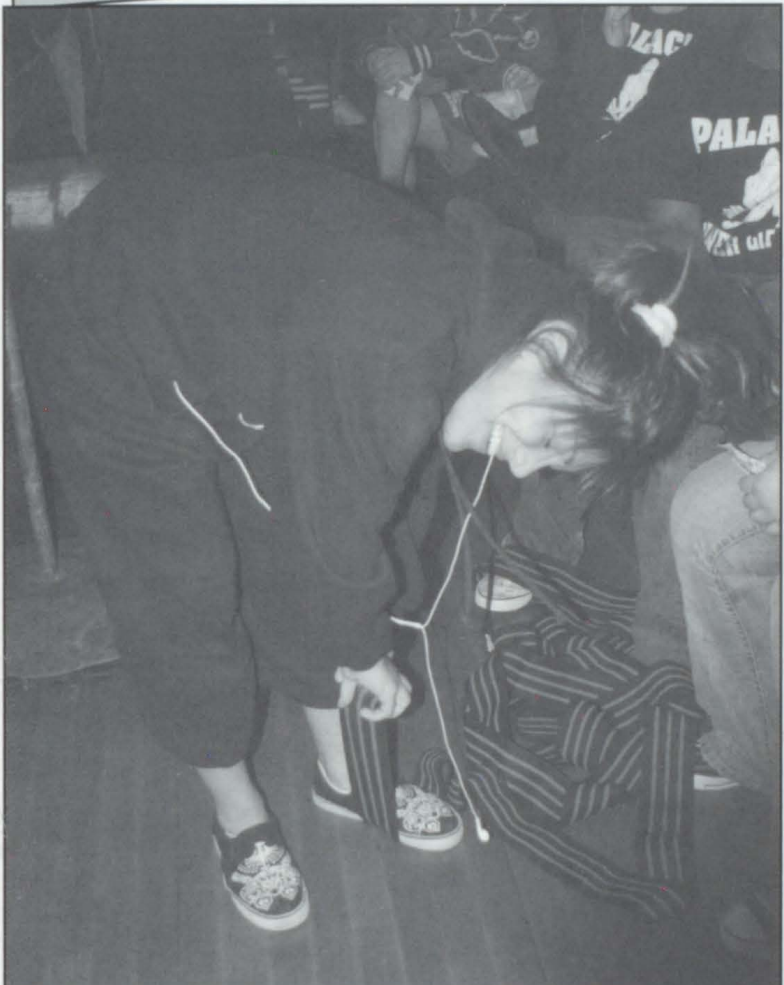
Coach Ron Arnesen



**Regional Qualifiers:** Lori Bumgardner, Megan Hinds, Chelsea Young, Beatrice Sanchez, Coach Arneson



**Come On Coach...** Lori Bumgardner and Coach Arneson exchange a few words before the next lift.



**Rolling, rolling., rolling.....**B.J. Sanchez rolls the bands to help strengthen the knees and improve the spring before the girls begin their lifting.

# Scoreboard

Ganado-4th

Goliad-5th

Edna-6th

Palacios-4th

Yoakum-3rd

Hitchcock-1st

Edna-2nd

Regional Meet :  
3rd as team  
Chelsea Young (2nd)  
Beatrice Sanchez (4th)  
Lori Bumguardner  
Megan Hinds

State Meet  
Chelsea Young (5th)  
Beatrice Sanchez

# RAW POWER



I think i can... Adrian Garcia concentrates hard as he lifts his set with determination.

Weights clanking and sweat dropping. It sounds like another year of powerlifting.

Teams know that they are in trouble when Palacios shows up. Coach Arnesen always does a great job training the powerlifters. The boys always do what it takes to be winners.

"I was able to accomplish all my goals and watched my teammates grow into stronger and mature athletes", Adrian Garcia said.

"My favorite thing about this year was being able to be a part of another successful team and placing third in state as a team," Aaron

Buckley said.

"This year's team is a great group of kids. They worked hard all year and are a very coachable group. I was a little surprised at how well we did all year. We were young and the kids stepped up," Coach Arnesen said.

Four people advanced to State-Alex Buckley, Aaron Buckley, Adrian Garcia., and Brian Pham.

Aaron Buckley placed first at State while brother Alex Buckley placed second.



Brute strength... Aaron Buckley lifts 570 pounds placing second at the Palacios meet and went on to place first at State. Alex spots for his brother.



All my might... Marcus Ferree puts all he can into lifting his set of weights.



Power House... Alex Buckley does an outstanding job lifting 550 pounds.

## SCOREBOARD

Goliad	2nd
Edna	1st
Palacios	2nd
Yoakum	2nd
Hitchcock	1st
<b>Regional</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>3rd</b>



Palacios Sharks



State Qualifier: Aaron Buckley, Alex Buckley, A. Garcia, B. Pham, Coach Arnesen



Powerlifting Team: Top: M. Hinds, Aaron Buckley, Alex Buckley, M. Ferree, T. Anderson, J. Broussard, A. Garcia, C. Young, Coach Arnesen Middle: M. Nguyen, C. Huffman, G. Sexton, N. Bigalow, C. Garcia, C. Broussard, R. Hammonds Bottom: Julio Ramon, D. Lee, A. Maldonado, T. Young, Jessica Ramon, B. Sanchez, L. Bumgardener, B. Pham.



Regional Qualifiers: Top: Aaron Buckley, Alex Buckley, M. Ferree, T. Anderson, J. Broussard, A. Garcia, Coach Arnesen Bottom: J. Ramon, C. Huffman, C. Broussard, R. Hammonds, B. Pham

# Runaway Love

The Sharkette track team started out slow this season “due to several injuries” and it took several weeks before they were ready, according to Head Coach Luz Arredondo.

“We worked a lot on base mileage; we worked on running under control and finishing strong. Once we picked up the speed, things went much better,” Coach Arredondo said.

The girls received fifth at district. “The district meet is always the hardest meet. Our district is

always loaded with great runners,” Arredondo added.

Regional qualifiers were Tezna Roy, 400 meter dash and 1600 mile relay, Hillary Garcia, 100 yard dash and 1600 mile relay; Lori Bumguardner, 1600 mile relay, Jessica Ayala, 1600 mile relay, and Abigail Wallace, pole vault.

“The highlight of my track season was that I was the first girl ever to go to regional for pole vaulting,” Sophomore Abigail Wallace said.

Sophomore Hilary Garcia said her greatest accomplishment in the season was “placing fifth at regional in the 100 meter dash.”

Academic All-District went to Garcia, Wallace, Nallely Maldonado, Lacey Warner, Jenna Treybig, Vanessa Eufrazio, Perla Zamora, Ayala, and Bumguardner.

“Every time a runner runs a PB at a meet and at practice is a highlight of the season. Also, at district, when athletes qualify for regional,” Coach Arredondo said.



Top: A. Wallace, L. Vargas, C. Grice, K. Quinney, J. Treybig, Middle: T. Roy, L. Bumguardner, V. Eufrazio, P. Zamora, N. Maldonado, Bottom: B. Sanchez, L. Warner, B. Polk, and H. Garcia



**Catch me if you can.....**Sophomore Hilary Garcia stays ahead of the pack in the mile relay.

**Swing swing.....**When asked why she liked discus, Brooke Polk replied, “It’s something I’m good at and I can take out my anger on the discus.”





**Ready,Set, Throw....**

Christie Grice winds up for the shot put throw. Christie is only a freshman and has many more years to compete for the Sharkettes.



**Never Give Up....**Senior Gabby Garcia finishes her lap strong.



**Here it Goes.....** Perla Zamora braces herself for the discus throw. Perla practiced under the direction of girls track Coach Arredondo.



**Here I Come.....** Junior Lori Bumguardner keeps her head up and tries to beat her time in her lap in the mile relay. Lori has been running track since seventh grade.



**I'm out of breath..** Sophomore Tezna Roy runs with all her might in the mile relay event. All relay events require loads of team work.

**A Safe Landing....**Junior Jenna Treybig jumps with all her might in the long jump. Jenna participates in many sports and has been an asset to PHS since coming here her freshman year.



# Run

# It

Ready, set, go. The runners are off and it is another season of track.

The track team did an outstanding job this season. Everybody gave it all they had and showed some excellent results.

"My favorite thing about this season is that we traveled a lot. I believed we did great because we have made it all the way to the state competition", Jimmy Murphy said.

"This year's team was one of my favorites. We had many kids succeed when there was a lot of pressure on them", Coach

Fort said.

Jordan Anderson agreed. "I think we did very good this year. We went all out and competed", Anderson said.

Jordan Anderson, James Murphy, Lee Cink, and Russell Laws all advanced to the state competition in the mile relay. Will Hansen made it to regional while John Sholts and Alex Buckley made alternate.

The state qualifiers took seventh place at state in the 1600M relay to finish an outstanding year in all sports.



You got hops... Jordan Anderson dusts the opponent as he leaps over the hurdles.



Taste the gold... Will Hansen sprints as he reaches for the goal line.



Hand it over... Jimmy Murphy and Russell Laws show some excellent team work at the state competition in the mile relay.

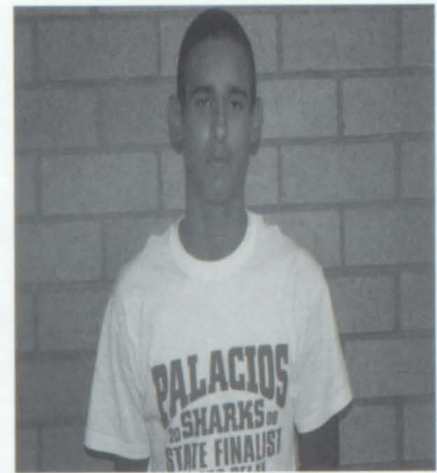




Take it to the max... Lee Cink pushes his limits to keep himself in the race.



Keeping his distance... Adam Garcia pulls ahead of the competition.



"It feels great to make it all the way to state because not only did we make it to state ,but we made history for Palacios High School"

**James Murphy**



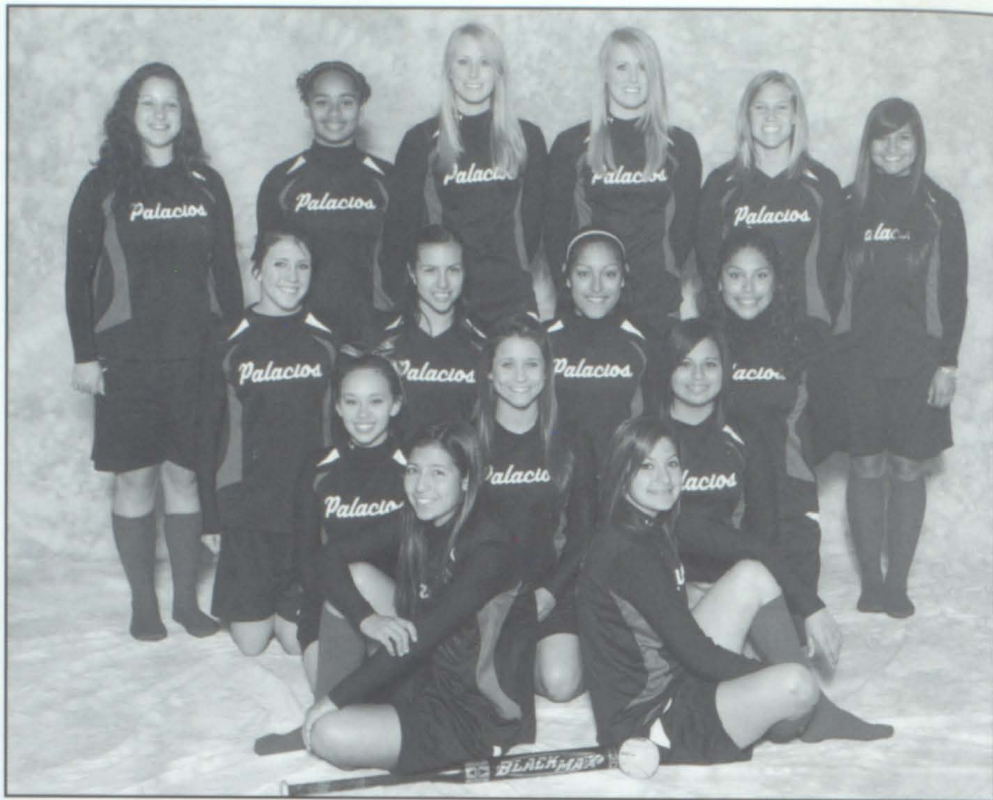
1st: J. Hafernick, P. Garcia, S. Fort 2nd: R. Laws, H. Solis, A. Buckley, A. Sosa 3rd: D. Diaz, C. Garcia, J. Sholts, L. Cink, J. Murphy 4th: Coach Fort, T. Tran, J. Hooper, W. Hansen, R. Kubecka, J. Anderson, E. Rojas



Almost there... Russell Laws gives it all he has as he reaches the home stretch.

**Top:** A. Kacer, C. Puentes, A. Kubecka, C. Kubecka, K. Quinney, L. Reyes,  
**Middle:** S. Phillips, E. Serna, K. Zavala, V. Eufrazio, **Bottom:** J. Diaz, E. Pena, H. Garcia, B. Garcia, A. Sanchez

**Strappin it Down...** Senior catcher Brittany Garcia gets help from Coach Garcia as she puts on her padding for protection.



**Bring it in...** Junior Bethany Martino barely makes it safely to a base.



**A Helping Hand...** Freshman Jasmín Diaz shyly smiles as her teammate Lupita Reyes helps wipe off a spilled drink from her uniform.



**Team Huddle...** The girls group together during a game to give each other words of encouragement and pump themselves up.

# HIT ME BABY ONE MORE TIME

Softball began at PHS 10 years ago and a team had never made it to the playoffs---that is until the 2008 squad showed up.

With an 18-10 season, the Sharkettes took second in district and won bi-district and area championships.

“The highlight of the season was the girls making the last out knowing it put us in the playoffs,” Coach Yvette Garcia said.

Chelsey Kubecka thought the highlight was “the excitement

after dusting Cuero for second place in district.”

After winning bi-district and area, the Sharkettes faced a very tough Sinton team.

“This was definitely the toughest opponent in the playoffs,” Garcia said.

All district selections were given to first team Ellaina Pena, Cristen Sandoval, and Hilary Garcia. Second team spots were earned by Brittany Garcia, Chelsey Kubecka, and Bethany Martino.

Honorable mention went to Erica Serna.

Mrs. Donna Garcia was assistant coach.

Academic All District selections went to Vanessa Eufracia, Ashlan Kacer, Bethany Martino, Brittany Garcia, Audrey Kubecka, Ellaina Pena, Hilary Garcia, Chelsey Kubecka, and Karyssa Zavala.

“It was a great season. The girls worked for every bit of success they earned,” Coach Yvette Garcia said.



“My biggest memory from this year’s softball season was the Laferia playoff game. In that game their coach did everything in her power to mess up my pitching... but we still pulled out a win.”

**Ellaina Pena**



**Keep Your Eye On the Ball...** Senior pitcher Ellaina Pena gets ready to make contact with the ball as other senior member Brittany Garcia prepares to catch the ball.

## Down in the Dirt...

Sophomore Kristen Sandoval slides to the ground in an attempt to catch a fly ball while teammate Bethany Martino backs her up.



# Take me out to the ball game

Strike one, strike two, strike three and your out. It sounds like another season of baseball.

Baseball had a great season this year. The highlight of this year was that they made the play-offs after an 10 year absence.

"My favorite thing this season was becoming a better batter from taking about 700 to 800 cuts a practice and also that we brought the pride back to Palacios", Adrian Garcia said.

"I think that we have great kids this year. They are extremely hard workers, and they have an excellent team unity", Coach Zimmerle said.

David Sandoval's favorite thing about the season was "making the playoffs , and I also think that we accomplished what we were setting out for".

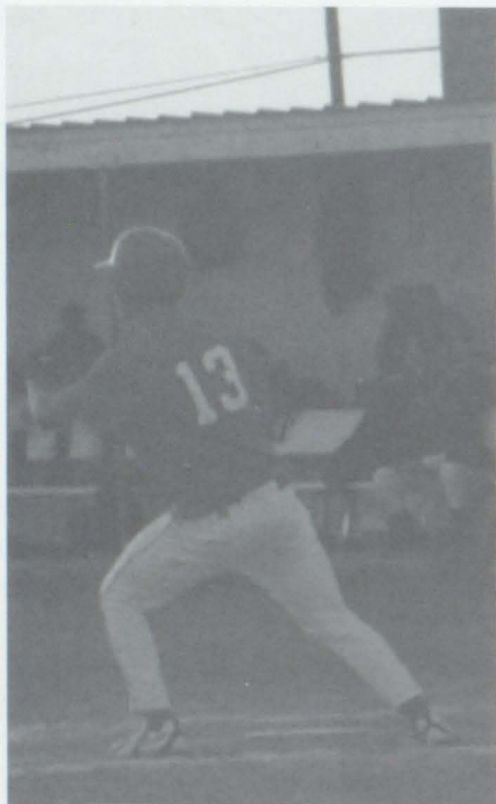
All District selections were Sandoval made 1st team short-stop, Craig Wilson made 1st team pitcher, Russell Laws made 1st team outfielder, and David Hunt made 1st team utility player.

Other All District team members were PJ Garcia made 2nd team outfielder while Kyle Hamlin made 2nd team utility player.

Fighting Heart was also awarded to Kyle Hamlin.



Striking a pose... PJ Garcia gets ready for another game.



Run boy run... Eric Rojas makes a run for it after driving the ball down the field.

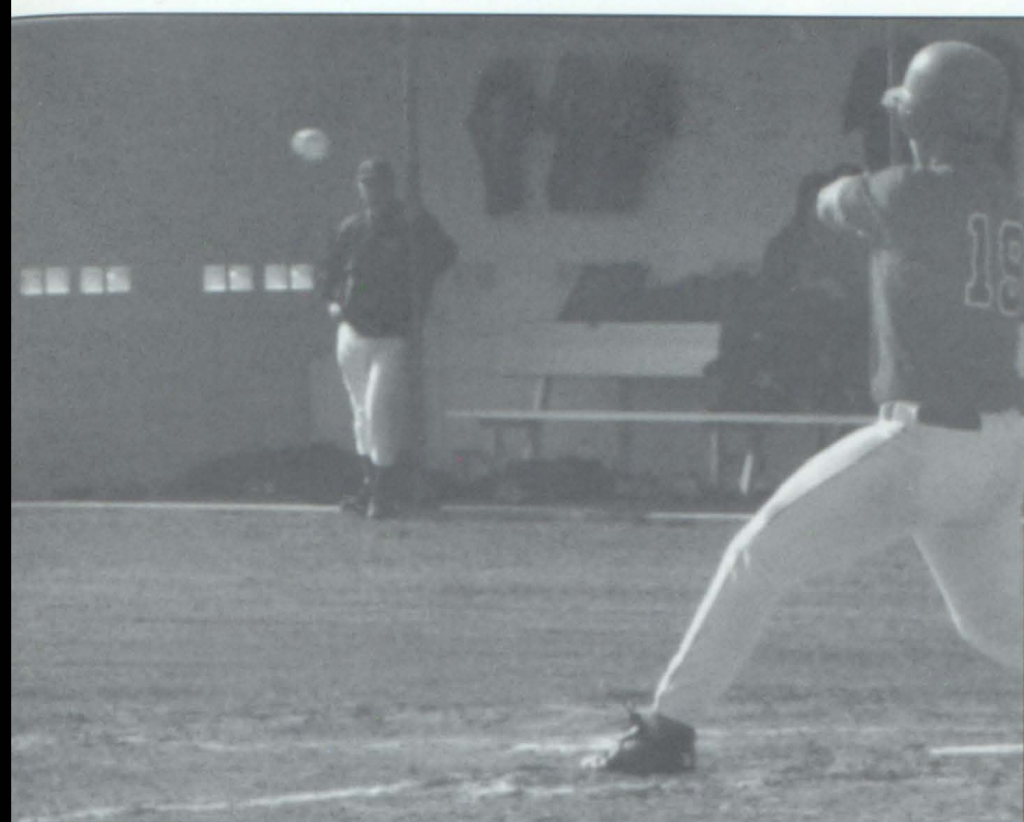


Varsity: Top: Coach Zimmerle, E. Rojas, W. Hansen, D. Hunt, K. Hamlin Middle: C. Wilson, R. Laws, A. Garcia, D. Sandoval Bottom: A. Galvan, P. Garcia, V. Martinez

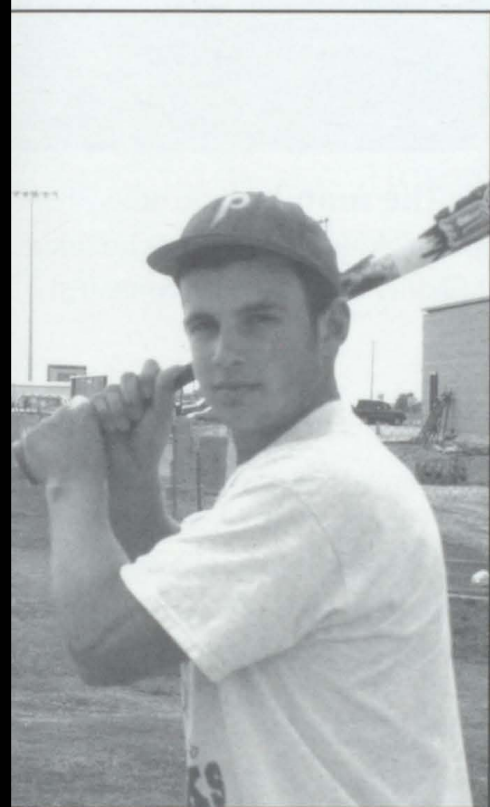
# SCOREBOARD

Goliad	W	14-11
Cuero	L	05-04
Yoakum	L	07-04
Gonzales	L	07-04
Goliad	W	14-04
Cuero	L	09-02
Yoakum	W	05-03
Gonzales	W	08-06

**Record 13-12**



Keep your eye on the ball... Craig Wilson concentrates as the ball comes down the middle.



Am ready... David Hunt strikes a pose right before his game.



Junior Varsity: Top: Coach Zimmerle, C. Biffle, C. Delfuente, K. Garcia, M. Ferree  
Middle: P. Garcia, L. Gutierrez, C. Broussard Bottom: V. Garcia, J. Roy, E. Ruiz

# Pump It Up

The Cheerleaders and their sponsor Michelle Stuhrenberg had the distinction of being the busiest squad in 43 years since they cheered at 14 games instead of the usual 10. "It was super fun because I was co-captain with my best friend Boo", Bernadette Aparicio said. Cheerleaders who excelled at summer camp were Crystal

Guardiola, Jenna Treybig, Gabby Garcia, Hillary Garcia, Kristen Richter, Heather Shimek who all made the Varsity All Star Cheer, and Tess Bates, Kimberly Tran, and Laura Martinez made Junior Varsity All Stars. These three JV cheerleaders were also invited to attend the Thanksgiving parade in Houston, and the Varsity All Star girls were invited to attend the New Year's Day parade in London.



**Who is the man?** None other than our principal, Valerie Segovia, who filled in for Sharky during the game against Llano.



**All For One...** (Top Left) Top row:

Hillary Garcia, Abby Wallace, Jenna Treybig, Heather Shimek, Bernadette Aparicio, Middle row: Gabby Garcia, Lisa Zamora, Bottom row: Kim Flores, and Crystal Guardiola.

**Shark spirit, let me hear it!** Cheerleaders work together to get the crowd pepped up at a football game. It was a long, great season to be a cheerleader at PHS.



**All together....** The junior varsity cheerleaders stop and come together for a picture at the homecoming game.

**Shout if you've got spirit!...**

Freshman Laura Martinez shows her PHS pride as fellow JV cheerleaders lift her above the crowd.

“I enjoyed cheering the football guys on because they did so well and going to state playoffs was really exciting and fun. Hopefully we will do this well next year.”

-Kimberlee Flores



(Top left): Tess Bates, Lupita Reyes  
(Bottom left): Ana Maldonado, Leah Longoria, Kimberly Tran



**More like family than friends...**

After cheering for the Sharks all season, our cheerleaders are closer than ever. “I love being a cheerleader,” says Leah Longoria. “It’s so much fun; we’re like sisters!”

**Three’s company....** Cheerleaders and friends Jenna Treybig, Abby Wallace, and Hillary Garcia reflect on the Sharks many wins.



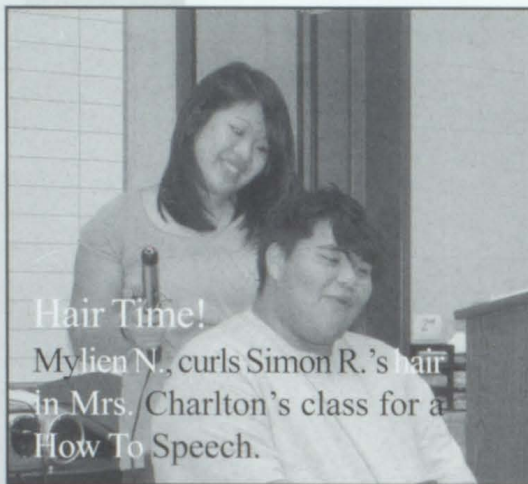
# PEOPLE

*Don't forget to remember me...*



Whether whispering from ear to ear or shouting from car to car, students at PHS count on one another for the latest gossip and events. Out of the 446 students and 45 teachers that attend PHS,

the majority seem to know everyone and everything about them. Although being in a small school has its drawbacks, Jimmy Diaz says "If it's hanging out on the back roads or walking down the halls, it's cool to be able to know almost all the faces."



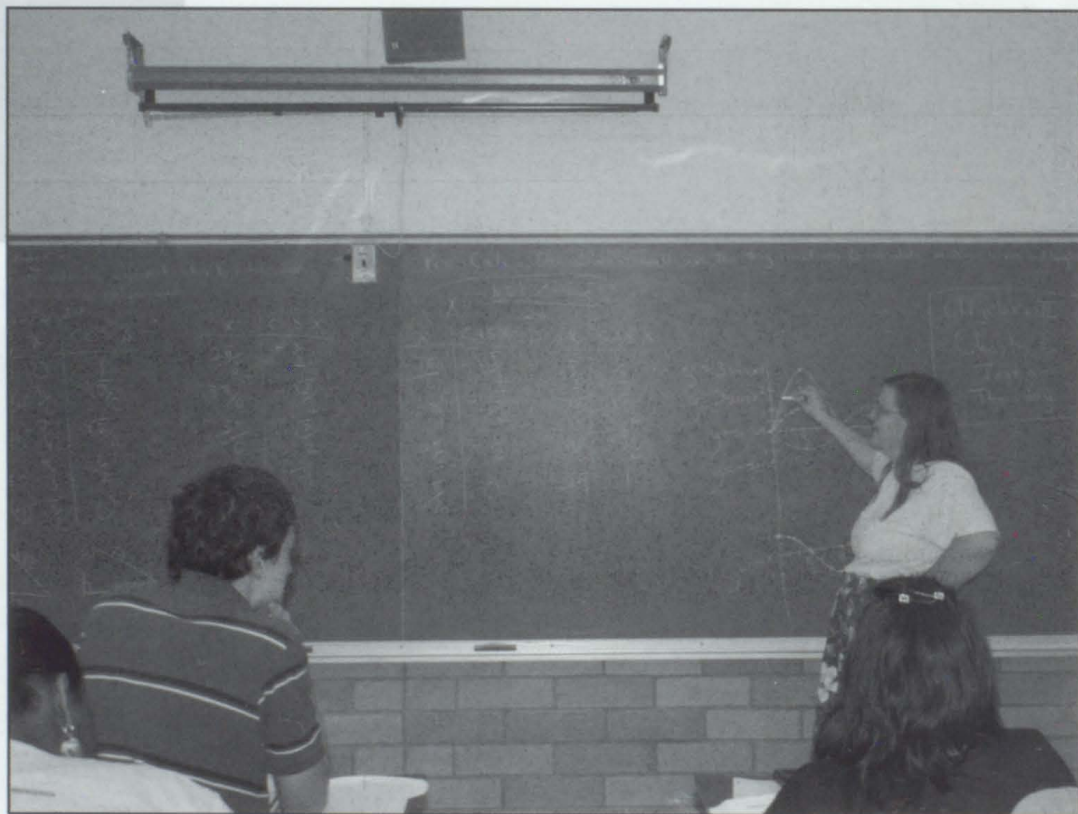
### Hair Time!

Mylien N. curls Simon R.'s hair in Mrs. Charlton's class for a How To Speech.



### Let Me Help

Cody S. helps Jessica N. with her paper at a Speech Tournament.



### Howdy

Joe H. pauses for a break during cross country practice, not letting his arm slow him down.

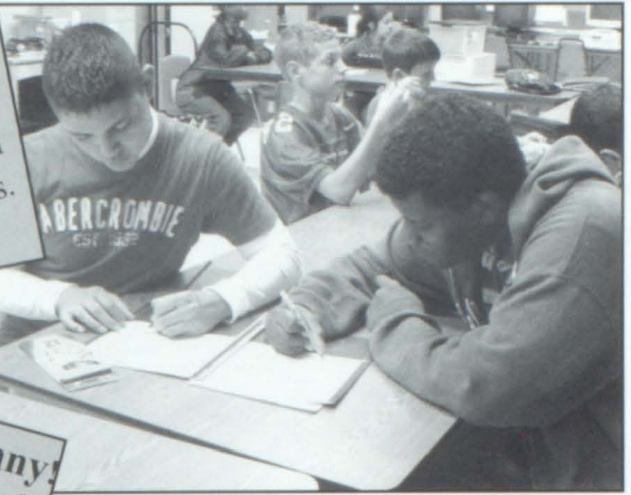
### $E=MC..$ what?

Mrs. Phillips teaches her pre-calculus class the value of the calculator as students take notes from the board.





**Thanks partner!**  
Hector Esquivel and Trevor Polk write A-worthy speeches in Mrs. Charlton's class.



**That's not my Granny!**  
Laura M. plays Little Red Riding Hood while Alex S. (the wolf) pretends to be Granny, in a theater project performed for the nursing home.



*Elizabeth Padron, Jessica Nguyen, Miranda DeLeon, Kayla Broussard and Dat Nguyen pose for a picture in Cosmo.*

**Study Group!**  
Coach Westhoff helps his English students review the importance of good punctuation and spelling.

**Tasty!**  
The teachers circle round Mrs. Galloway's table for the NHS luncheon.



**What is your favorite class to substitute?**

"Ag, I get to help the kids weld and build stuff"  
- Tess Flores



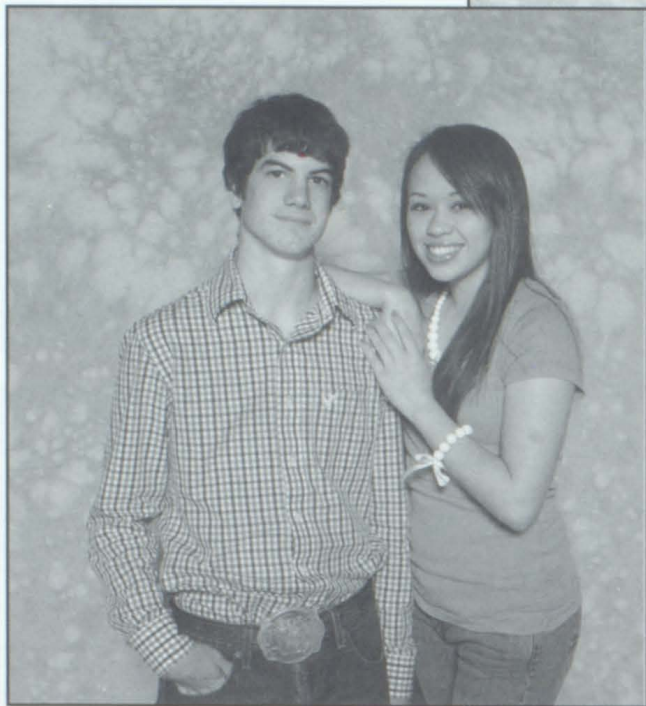
**Where is your favorite place to eat?**



"Sonic, it's good and fast."  
- Vincent Martinez

# A WHOLE NEW WORLD

## Freshmen



### Class Favorites

Nathan Biffle  
Jasmin Diaz



Class Officers: Nicholas Llanes, Secretary; Mylien Nguyen, Vice President; Lupita Reyes, President; and Scott Polk, Treasurer

Taylor Aoughsten  
Danielle Aparicio  
Tess Bates  
Kim Betancourt  
Nathan Biffle



Nicole Bowen  
Mayra Cambray  
Henry Cano  
Cristal Castellanos  
Articia Castro



## CLASS OF 2011

Edgar Corona  
Adriana Cruz  
Tiffany Cruz





Brandon Davenport  
Juan C. Delafuente  
Roberto Delavega  
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Spencer Fort  
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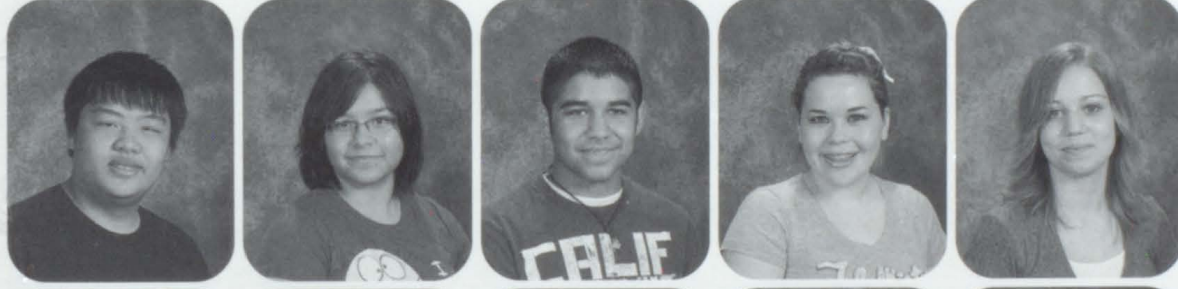
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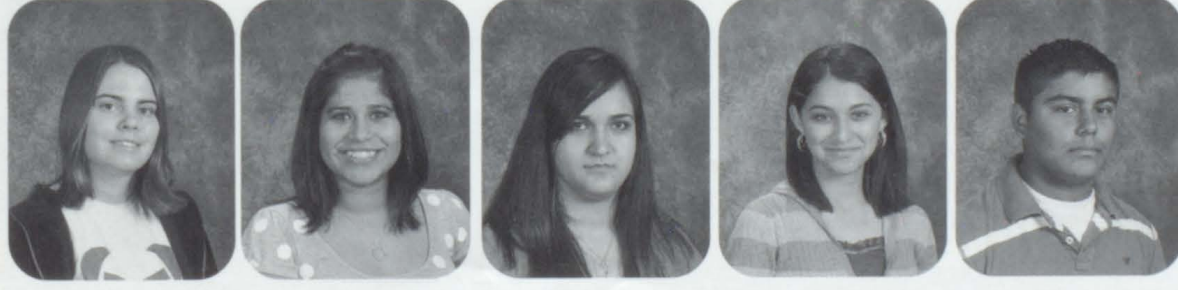
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Brenda Hurtado  
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Kayla Isbell  
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Ashlan Kacer



An Le  
Clarissa Llanes  
Nicholas Llanes  
Leah Longoria  
Taylor Machacek



Jennifer Mack  
Ana Maldonado  
Damaris Martinez  
Laura Martinez  
Vincent Martinez

Mallory McCauley  
Marian Medrano  
Lauren Mills  
Mariela Mujica  
Marie Munoz



Jason Murphy  
Ann Nguyen  
Brandon Nguyen  
Jason Nguyen  
Jessica Nguyen



Mylien Nguyen  
Thao Nguyen  
Theresa Nguyen  
Tony Nguyen  
Young Nguyen



Ana Paniagua  
Bethany Pense  
Scott Polk  
Jessica Ramon  
Edith Ramos



Lupita Reyes  
Brett Ringo  
Danielle Rivas  
Veronica Rivera  
Ernesto Rodriguez



Esteban Rodriguez  
Gabriela Rodriguez  
Hillary Rodriguez  
Michael Roy  
Eduardo Ruiz



Caleb Rush  
Alexis Sanchez  
Amanda Scantlen  
Erica Serna  
Gregory Sexton





Hunter Shimek  
Cody Stahlecker



Netrell Tobias  
Alicia Torres

**Below:**  
Kendra Torres  
Kimberly Tran  
Tommy Tran



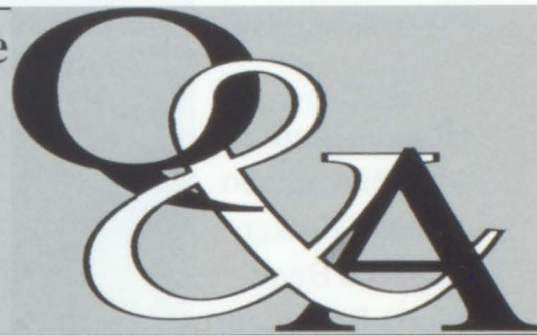
I got Spirit.... Freshman John Mark Hafernick waves a poster that shows his fish pride at a playoff pep rally.



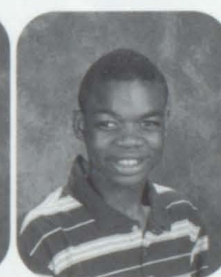
**Q:** Did you feel a lot of pressure being a freshman on a playoff team?

**A:** "Nah, no pressure at all."

**Tony Nguyen**



Liem Tran  
John Tran  
Duyen Troung  
Liz Vargas  
Raquel Vasquez



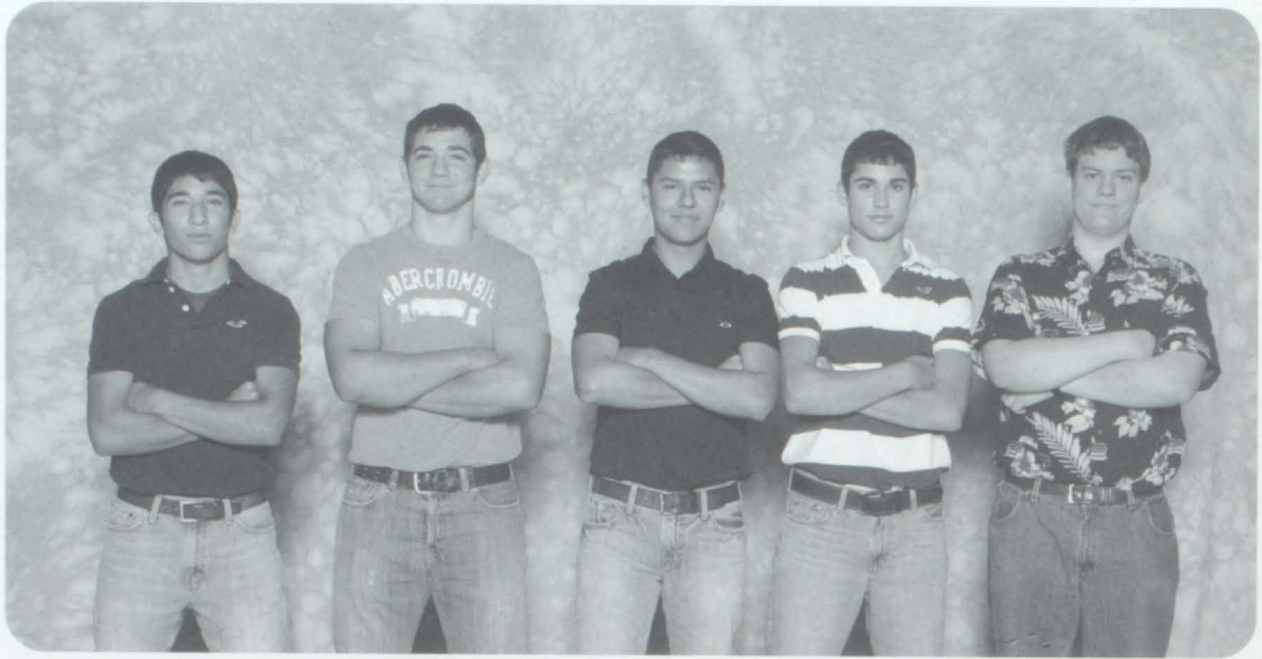
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Ricardo Yanez  
Ta'loria Young  
Angel Zamora  
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# Nothing But A Good Time

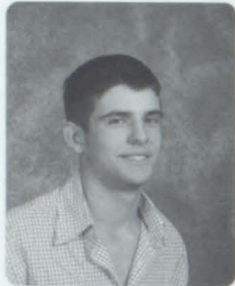
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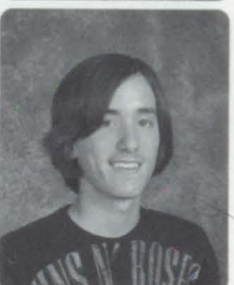
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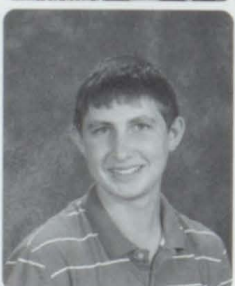
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Kole Brune

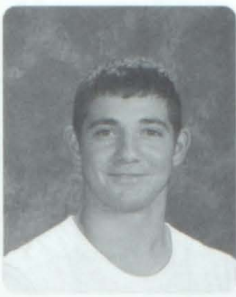


Francisco Carrillo  
Elizabeth Castanon  
Elizebeth Chavez  
Nathan Davis  
Lance Day



Dustin Diaz  
Loan Doan  
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Sean Ellis  
Hannah Estraca

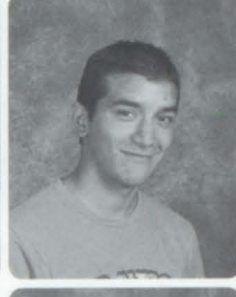
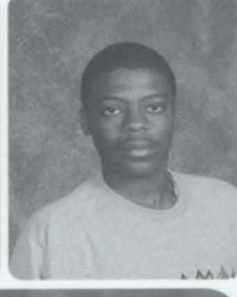




Vanessa Eufrazio  
 Marcus Ferree  
 Kimberlee Flores  
 David Forcado  
 Joey Frausto



Adrian Galvan  
 Adam Garcia  
 Carlos Garcia  
 Chris Garcia  
 Hilary Garcia



Brian Georgi  
 Kassidhe Golden  
 Keith Grice  
 Luis Gutierrez  
 Joshua Hernandez



I get a kick out of you...During the Fall Play, Andrew Barker shows he can sing and dance.



Megan Hinds  
 Chris Huffman



Alejandro Hurtado  
 Belen Hurtado



Christian Huynh  
 Laurita Juarez



Nicole Kunefke  
 Reno Le  
 Cody Le Fever  
 Dominique Lee  
 Gabriel Lopez

Juan Lopez  
 Maria Lopez  
 Rose Lopez  
 Evelyn Maldonado  
 Wendi Maldonado



Mathew Merck  
 Joshua Middleton



Leslie Morris  
 Humberto Mujica



Kelli Nevarez  
 Johnny Nguyen



Everybody loves Chris.... Chris Rhodes goes undercover during a power point presentation to get everybody interested during a speech project.

Sandy Nguyen  
 Brandon Nyugen  
 Tu Nguyen  
 Van T. N  
 Edgar Nieto



Monica Ortiz  
 Thomas Overbey  
 Mathew Pena  
 Viet Pham  
 Daniel Phillips

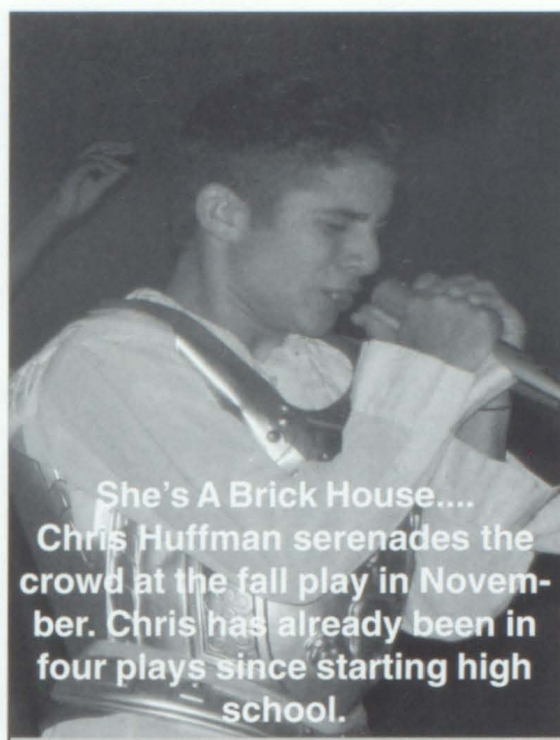
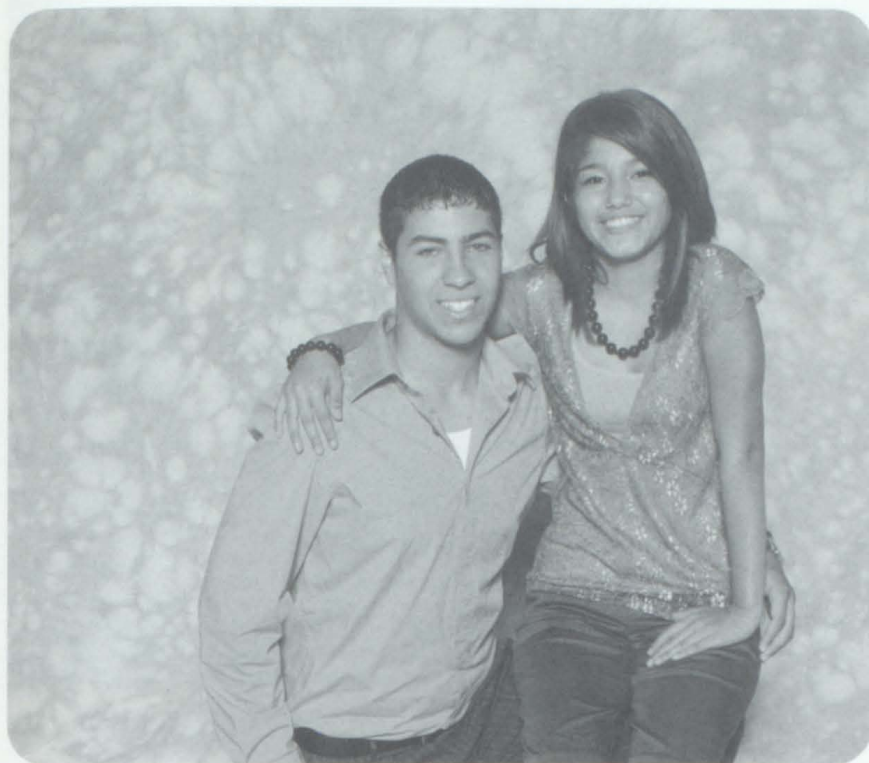


Allison Polk  
 Sh'ana' Polk  
 Clarisa Puentes  
 Brandon Quinn  
 Chris Rhodes





# Class Favorites



She's A Brick House....  
Chris Huffman serenades the crowd at the fall play in November. Chris has already been in four plays since starting high school.

Class Favorites: Chris Garcia and Monica Ortiz



Kirsten Richter  
Carmen Rios  
Samantha Rodriguez  
Tezna Roy  
Lilibeth Saldierna



Christen Sandoval  
Jake Schneider  
Hagan Shimek  
John Sholts  
Mathew Smith



Barrett Streams  
Jenny Tran  
Joanna Tran  
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Johnny Vu



Huynh Vu  
Abigail Wallace  
Adriana Zamora  
Johnny Zavala



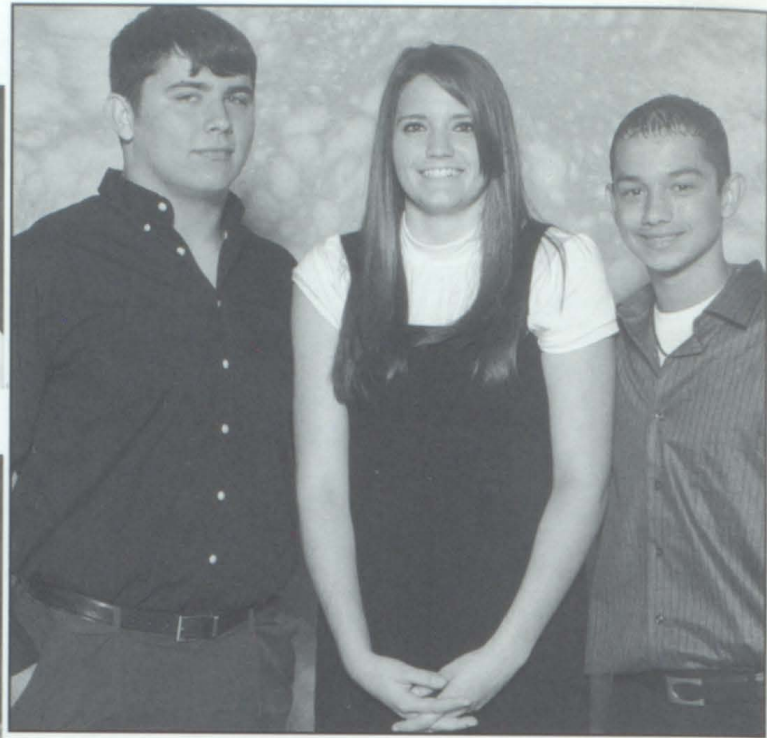
COLT ADAMS



STEPHEN ALDERETE



ANDRES ALEMAN



JUNIOR CLASS FAVORITES:

Alex Buckley, Jenna Treybig, & Jimmy Diaz



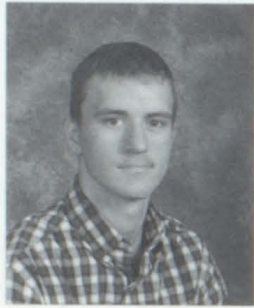
BERNA APARICIO



CLARYSSA ARRINGTON



MARIA AYALA



A.J. BARKER



VERONICA BEALL



CAMERON BIFFLE



NICK BIGELOW



KRISTIN BLACK



BRITTNEY BONILLA



KEGAN BREWER



LAUREN BRISTER



ALEX BUCKLEY



LORI BUMGUARDNER



SARA CAMPPELL



CATHERINE CASTANON



JACKSON CORGEY



LAWRENCE CREWS



MIRANDA DELEON

Push it to the Limit!



JIMMY DIAZ



CRYSTAL DINH



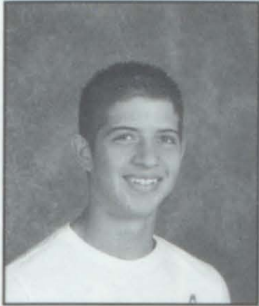
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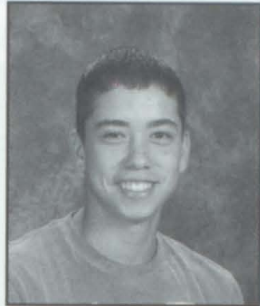
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MIGUEL FLORES



JIMMY FRAUSTO



KEN GARCIA



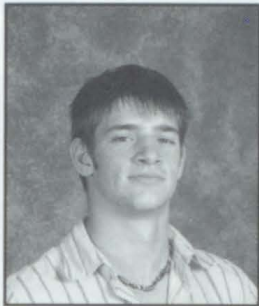
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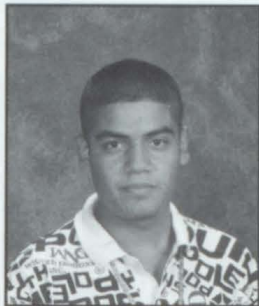
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RYAN HAMMONDS



WILL HANSEN



DIEGO HERNANDEZ



ANGELA HOWARD

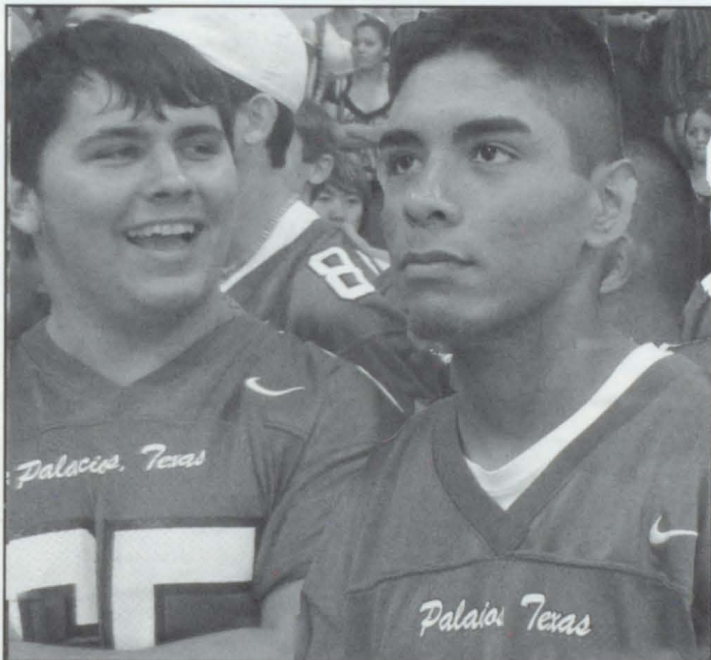


LUCAS KELLY



AUDREY KUBECKA

Like two sides of a coin... Juniors Alex Buckley and Jairo Perez show their Shark Pride in two different ways at a pep rally.



CHELSEY KUBECKA



RUSTY KUBECKA



TESSA LABORDE



JESSE LARA



NICK LONGORIA

NALLELY MALDONADO

MELISSA MARROQUIN

RYAN MARTINEZ

BETHANY MARTINO

JIMMY MURPHY



ANGEL NGUYEN

HEATHER NGUYEN

JIMMY NGUYEN

KATHRYN NGUYEN

LANA NGUYEN

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HEATHER PENA

RUDY PENA

JAIRO PEREZ



MAILEY PHAM

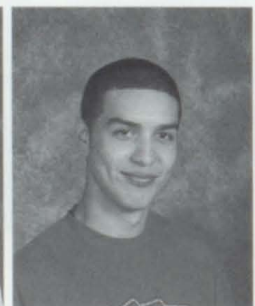
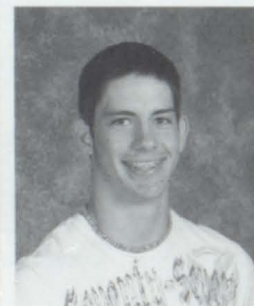
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TREVOR POLK

JAZMINE PUENTES

JULIO RAMON



SIMON RIVERA

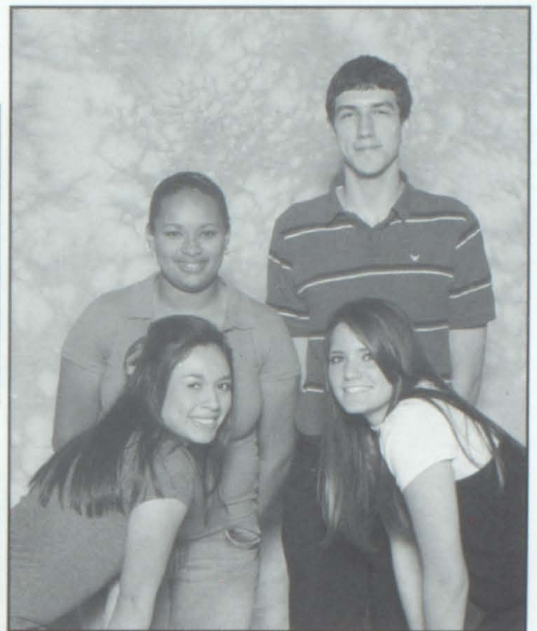
MARTIN ROCHA

ERIC ROJAS

FREDDIE ROJAS

JOSE ROSAS

IRENE SALINAS



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ARACELY SANCHEZ

BEA J. SANCHEZ

YOLANDA SANCHEZ

BRANDON SANDERS

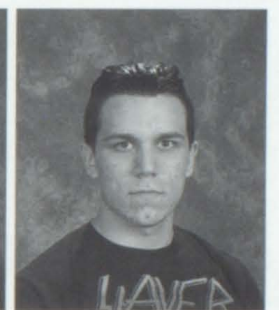
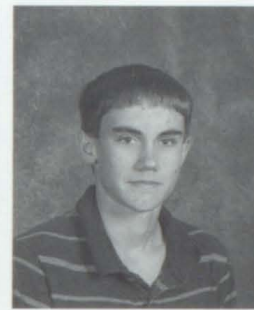


LUIS SERRATO

HEATHER SHIMEK

MARIAH SMITH

SAMANTHA STOUT



JARRED STUHRENBURG

ALEXIS TORRES

JENNA TREYBIG

JOSEPH TSCHATSCHULA

BEN VARGAS

STEVE VARGAS



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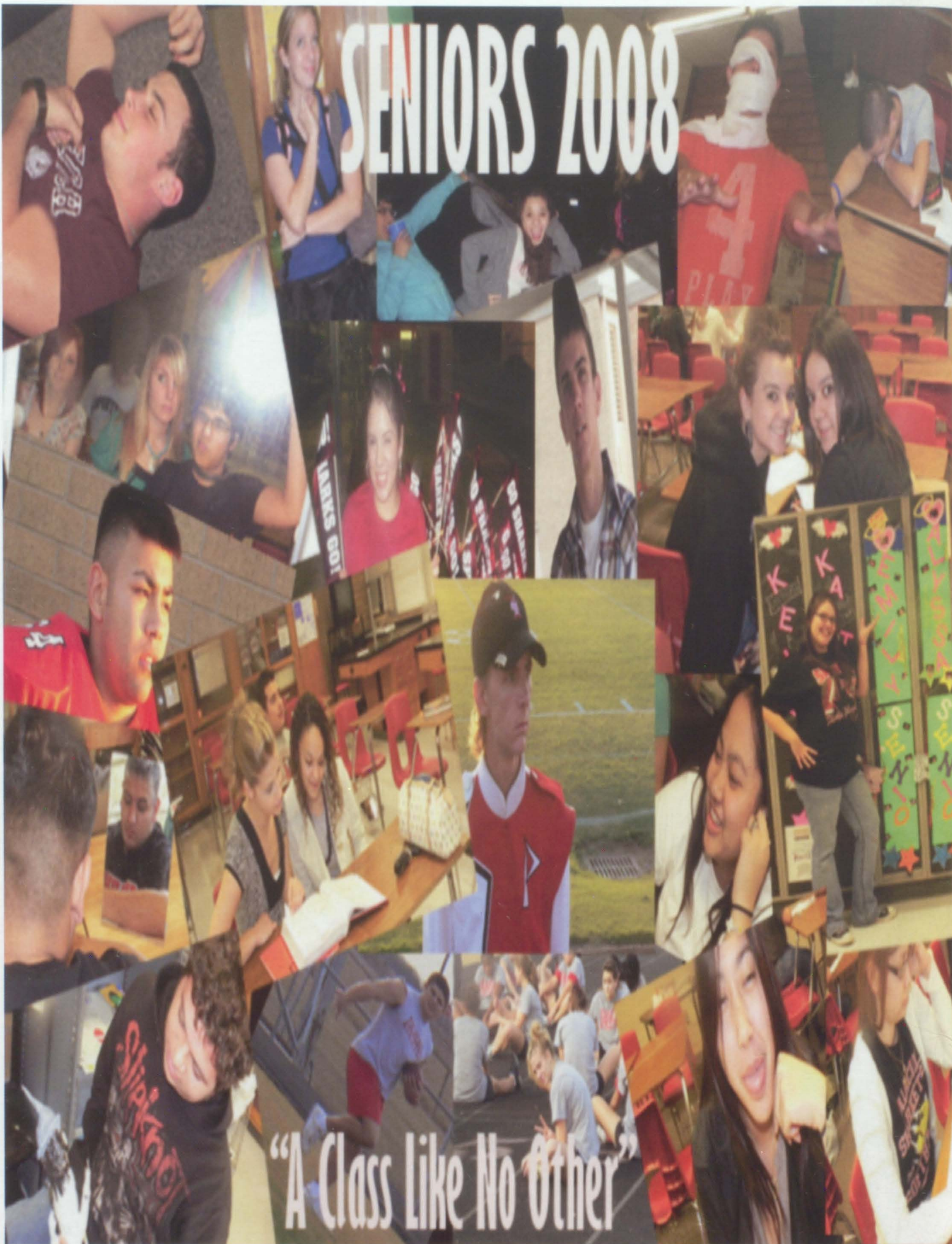


**Cousins Celebrate ...** Juniors Chelsey, Audrey, and Rusty Kubecka are proud to be Sharks after the Llano game, the third playoff win.



**I'm ready for my close-up...** Jimmy Diaz waits for his appearance as an Oriental dancer in the fall play *The Princess Knight*.

# SENIORS 2008

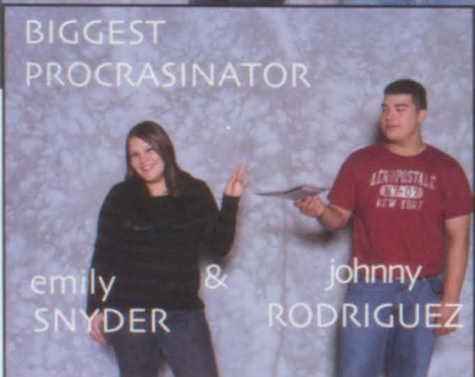
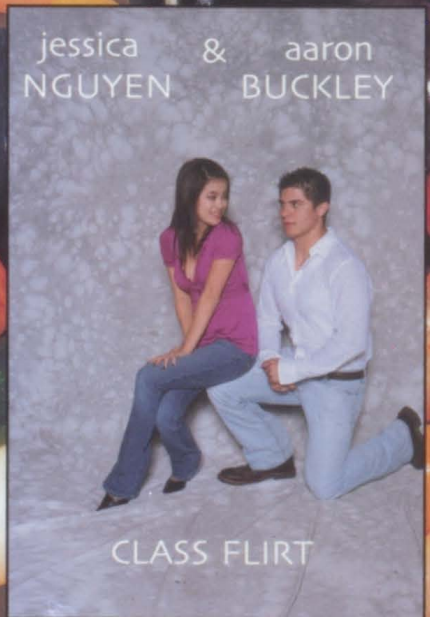
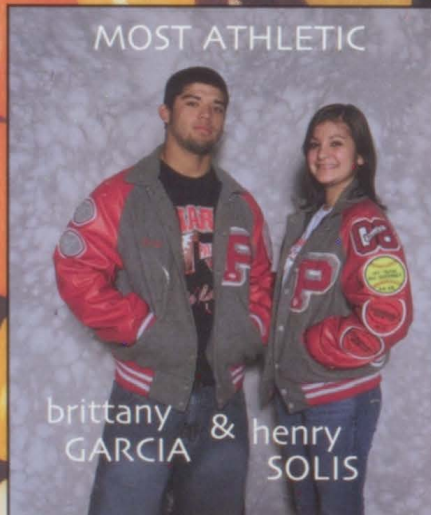
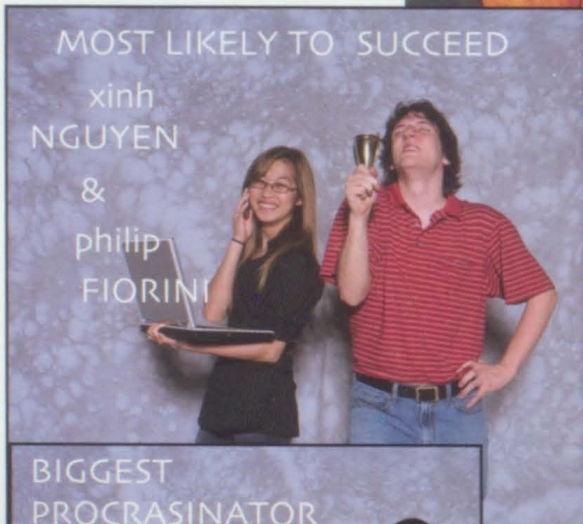
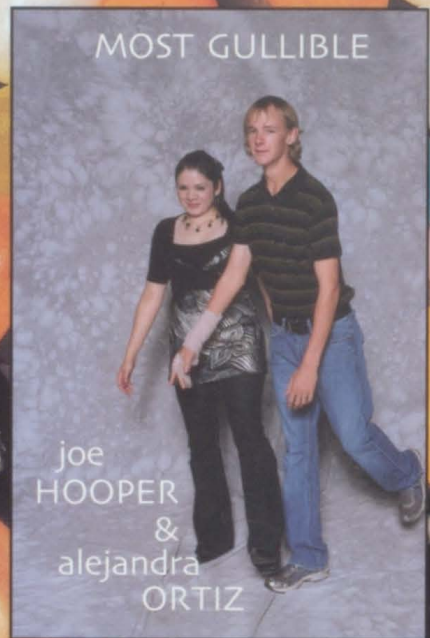
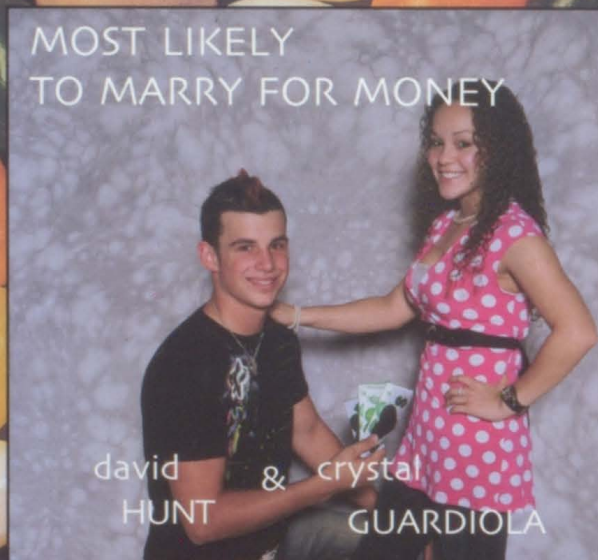
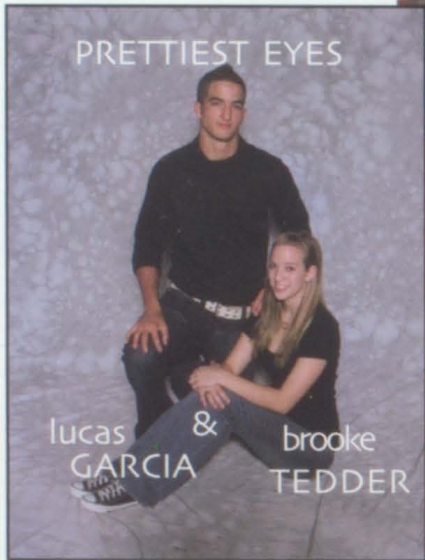
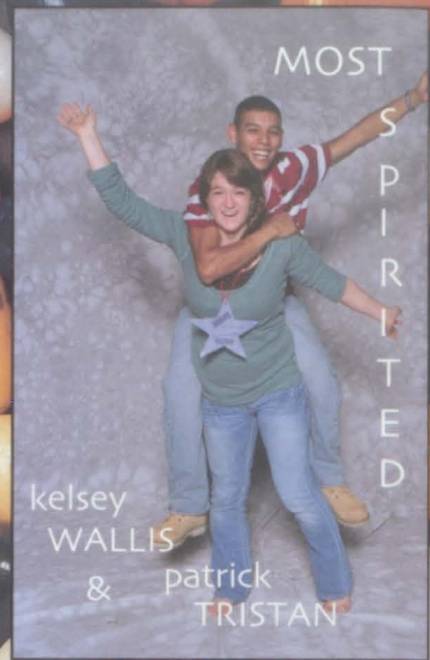
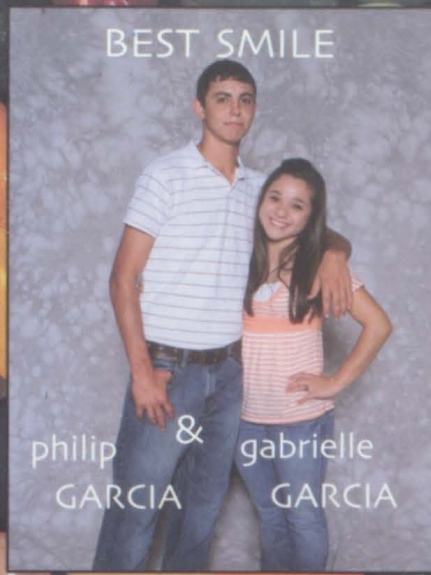
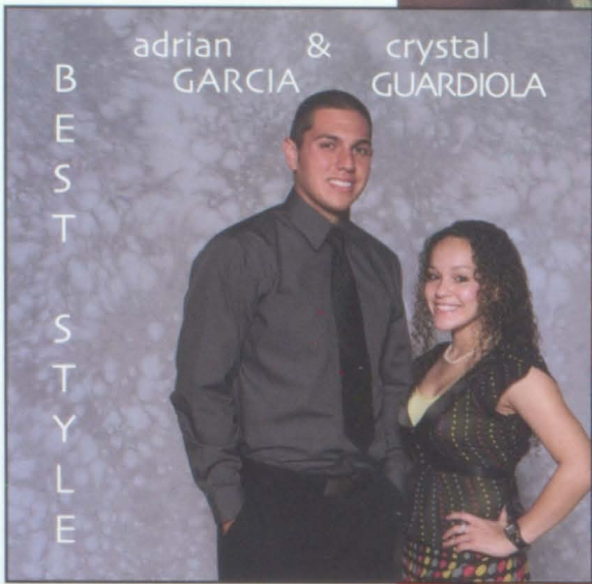


"A Class Like No Other"

# Mr. & Miss PHS

Alex Sanchez & Ellaina Pena

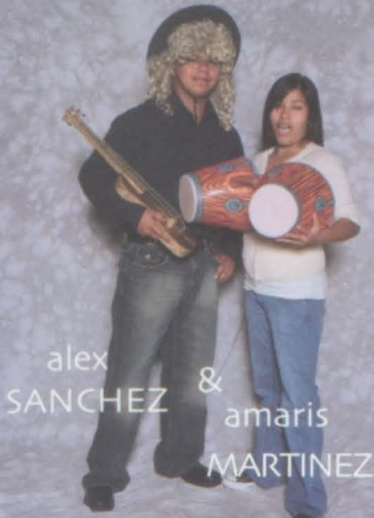




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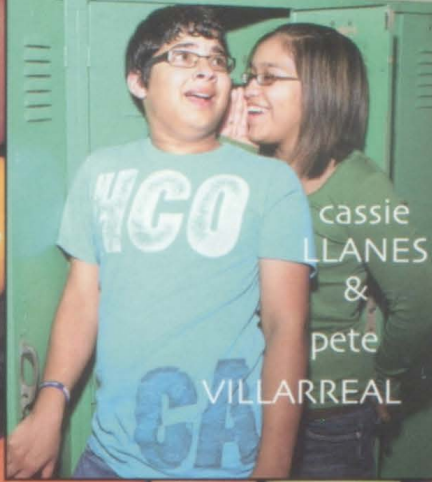


CLASS CLOWN



alex SANCHEZ & amaris MARTINEZ

CLASS GOSSIP



cassie LLANES & pete VILLARREAL

beth OTTINO

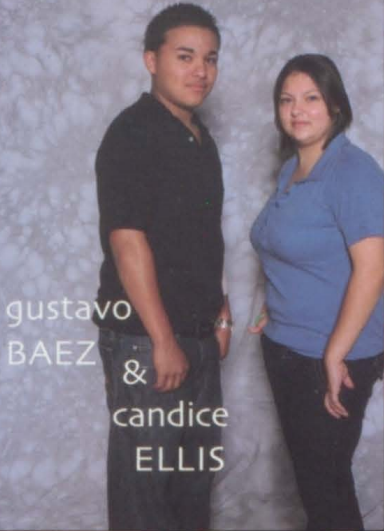
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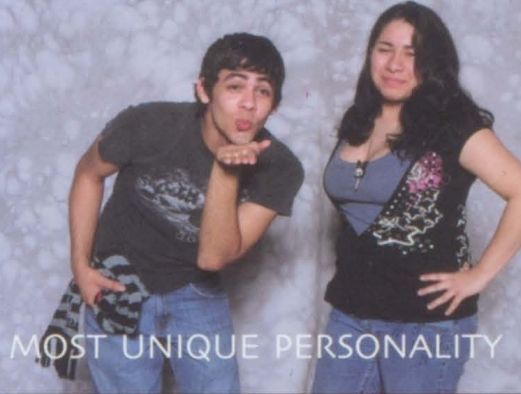
WORST DRIVER

MOST LIKELY TO STAY IN PALACIOS



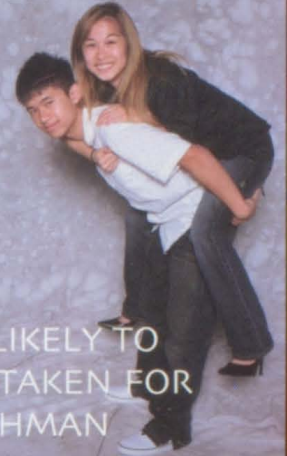
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arthur & julie CASTANON ROMERO



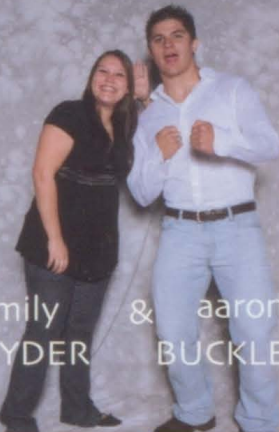
MOST UNIQUE PERSONALITY

kevin & xinh NGUYEN NGUYEN



MOST LIKELY TO BE MISTAKEN FOR A FRESHMAN

BEST LAUGH



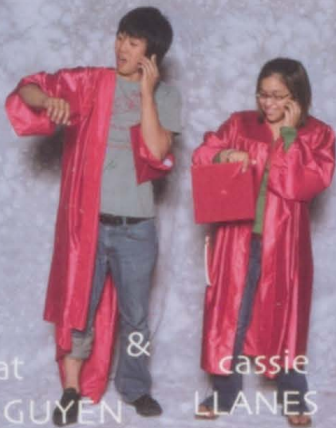
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MOST TALENTED



devon DILLARD & philip FIORINI

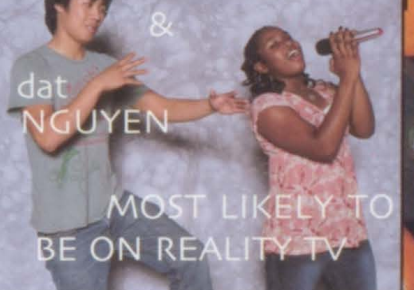
MOST LIKELY TO BE LATE FOR GRADUATION



dat NGUYEN & cassie LLANES

# WHO

brooke POLK



dat NGUYEN

MOST LIKELY TO BE ON REALITY TV

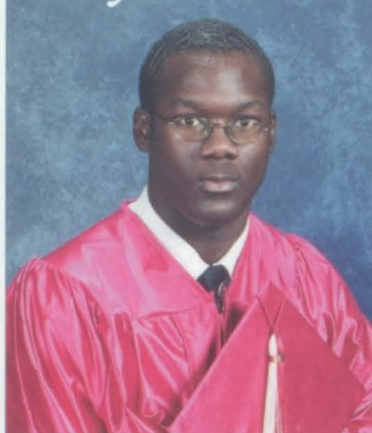
# THANX FOR



*Jordan Anderson*



*Toby Anderson*



*Patricia Ayala*



*Gustavo Baez*



*Stephanie Black*



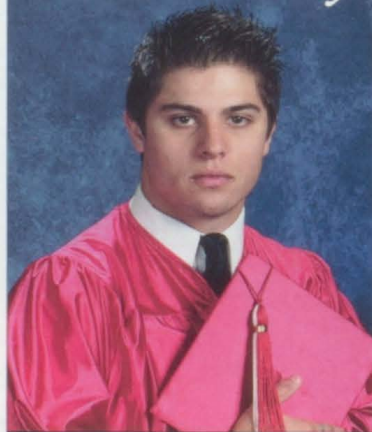
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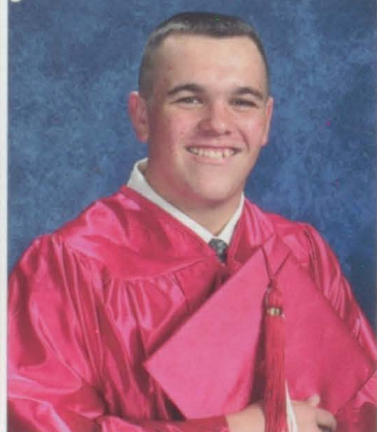
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*Aaron Buckley*



*Justin Broussard*



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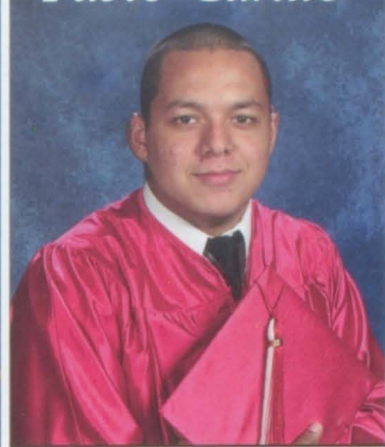
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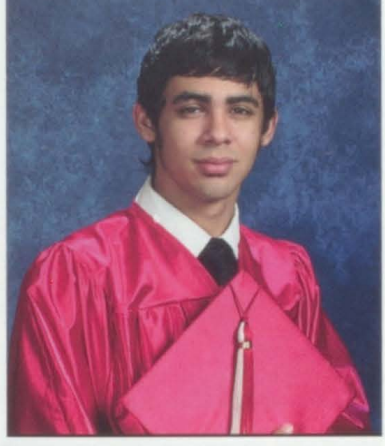
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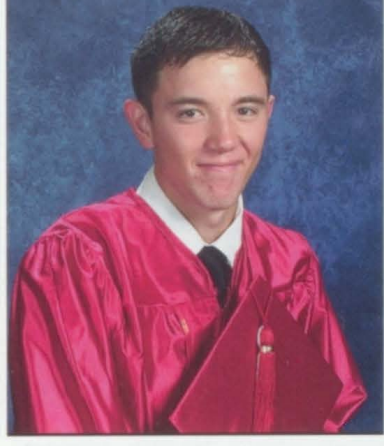
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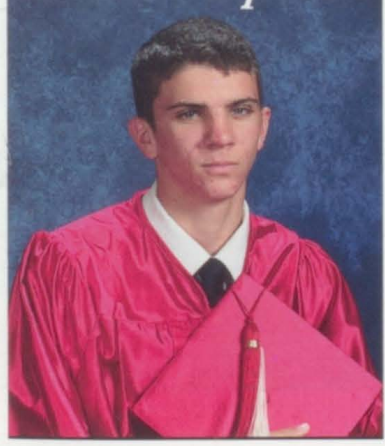
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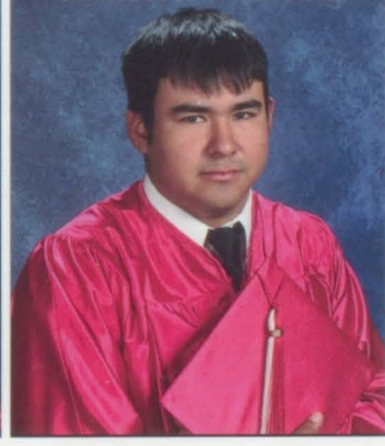
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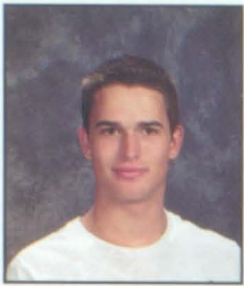


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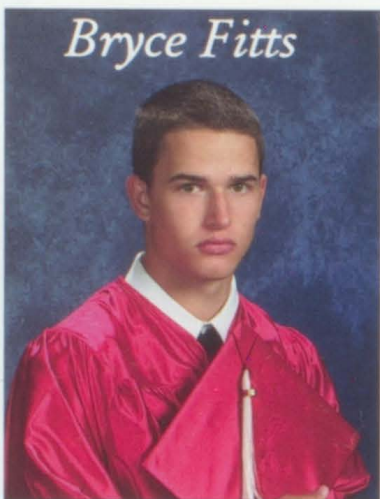
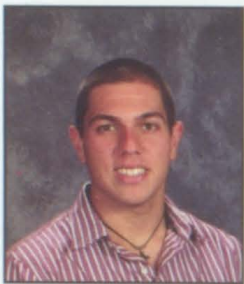
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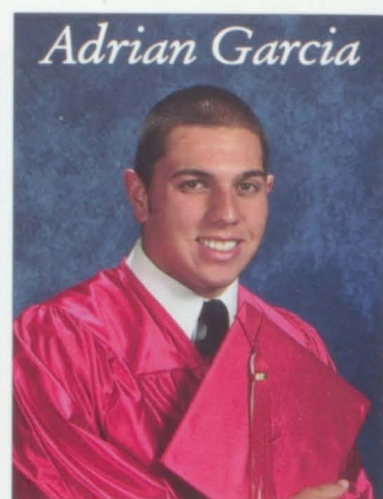
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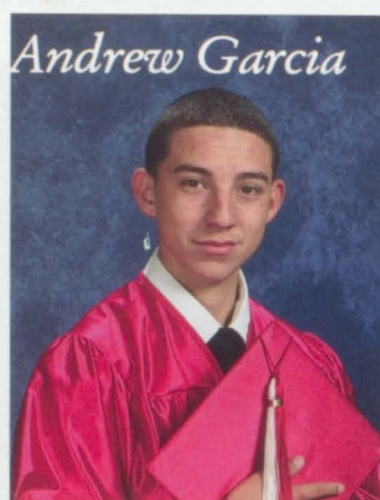
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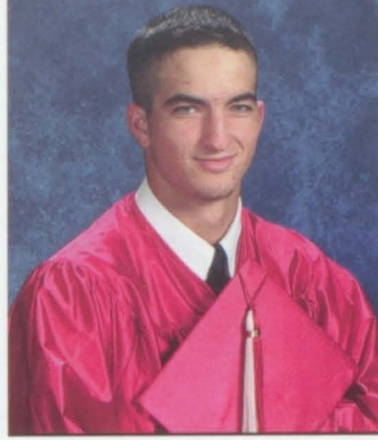
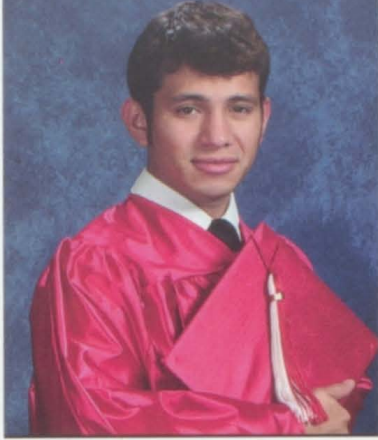




*Gabrielle Garcia*

*Michael Garcia*

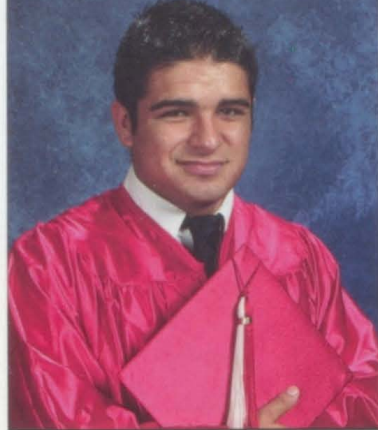
*Lucas Garcia*



*P.J. Garcia*

*Philip Garcia*

*Gabrielle Gatica*



*Jessica Gilliam*



*All together...  
A group of seniors gather around at the burning of the P at the annual community pep rally the night before home-coming.*

## Time to Say Goodbye...

2007 was an excellent year for athletics. The Sharkettes were one of the last eight teams competing for state for the first time... ever!

For senior member Brittany Garcia, victory never tasted so sweet. The volleyball team had advanced to the playoffs for three consecutive years previous to this one, but had never made it past the first round.

"I was excited that we got to go my senior year. It was my last chance to go further than anybody has," Brittany said.

Brittany has been playing volleyball, basketball, and softball

since she was very little, with her interest sparking after watching her dad and relatives compete against each other. "My father is my greatest hero of all time! He is the one who



introduced me to all the sports that I play."

Her sister is also one of her most spirited fans. "She goes to every game possible and loves for me to practice

with her. It makes me feel good to hear her cheering in the crowd," Brittany said.

Throughout the entire season, Brittany's favorite game was the match in Palacios against Yoakum. "Even though we lost, it was a great and exciting game. That was one of the best games I have ever played." Brittany said.

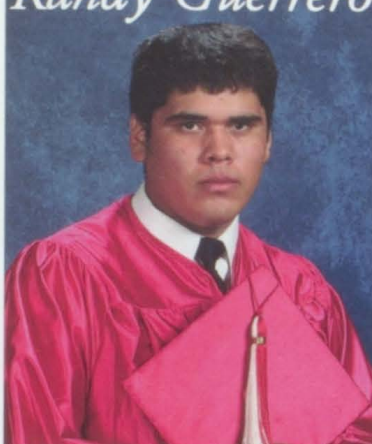
Brittany gives much credit to the team's success because "we all were very close. We hung out with each other all the time and had many sleepovers."



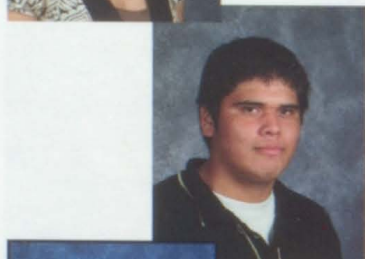
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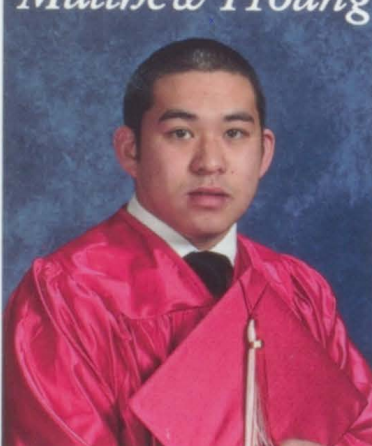
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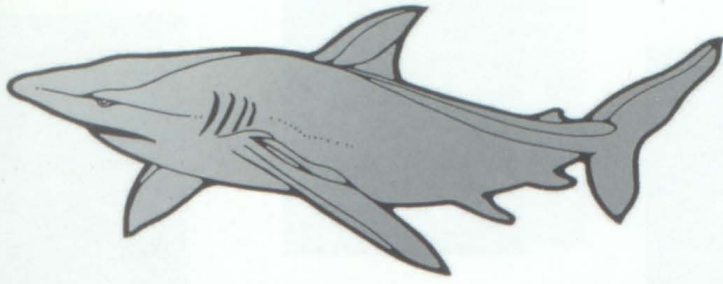


*Matthew Hoang*



*Chieu Hoang*

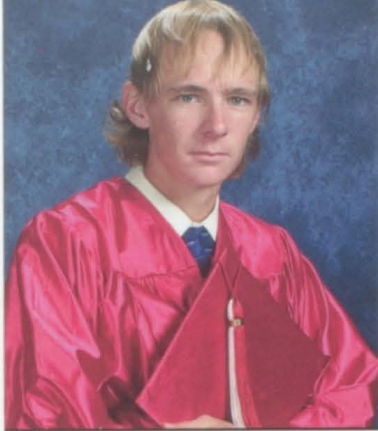




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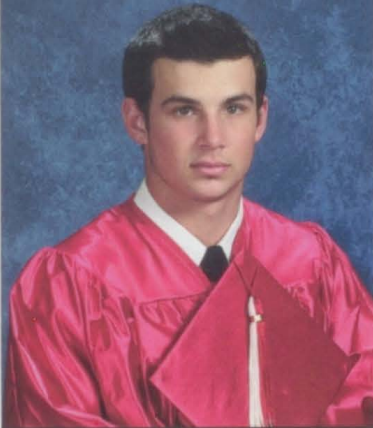
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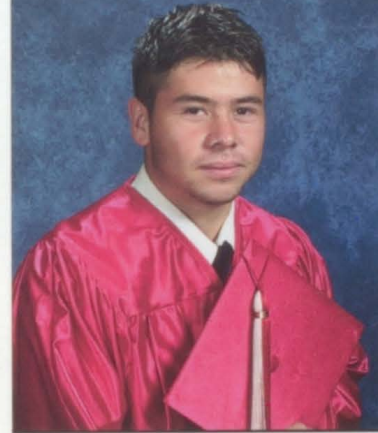
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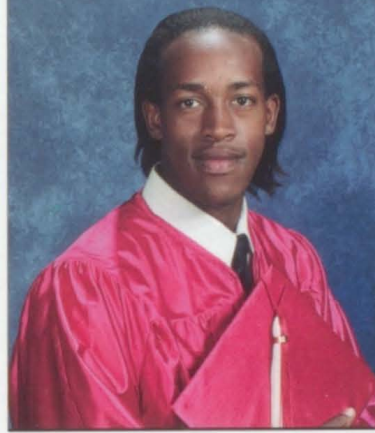
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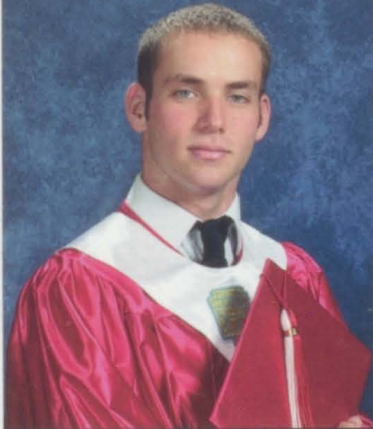
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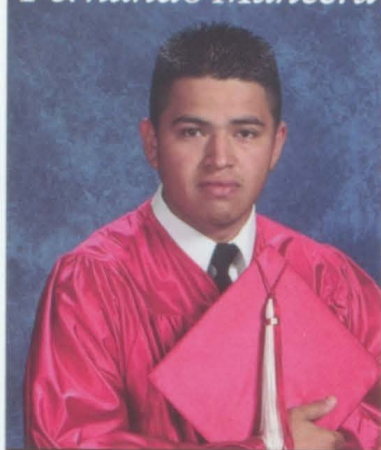




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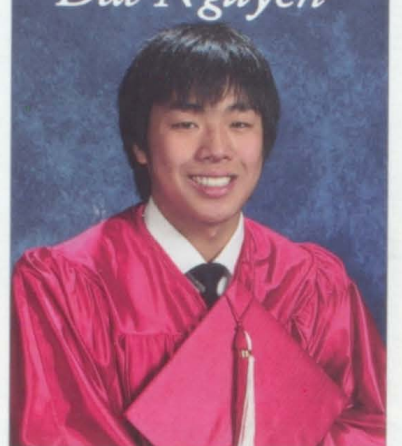
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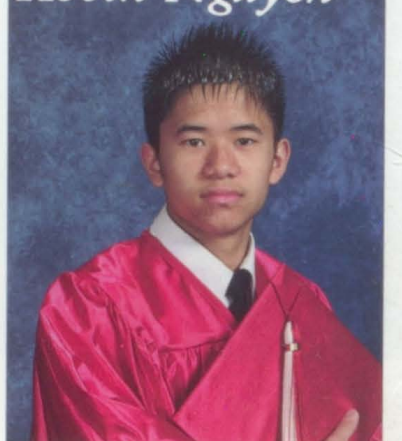
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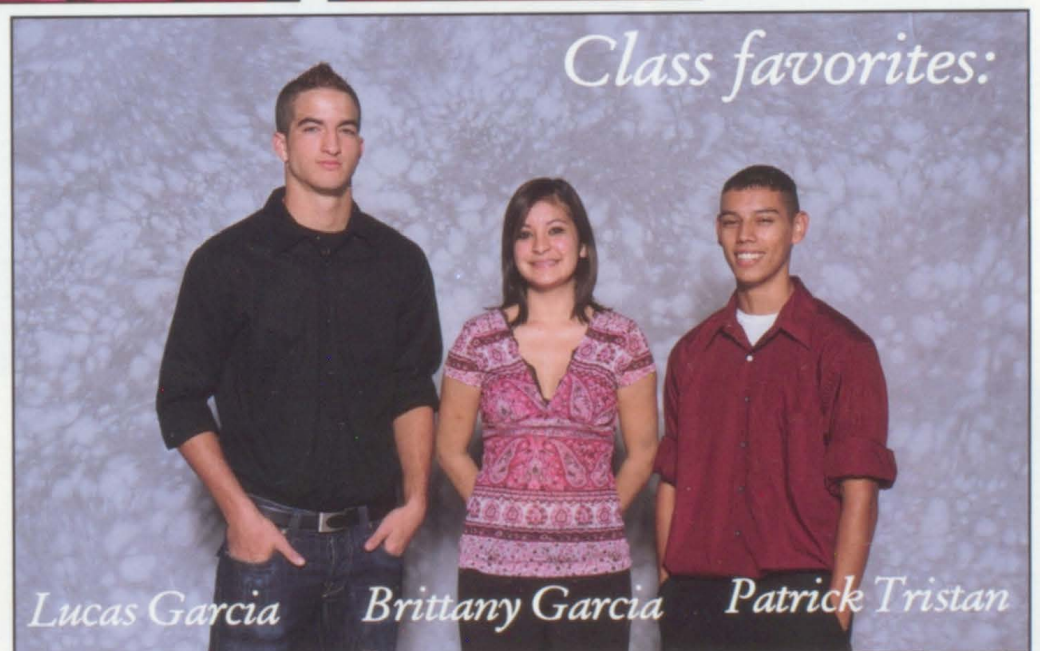
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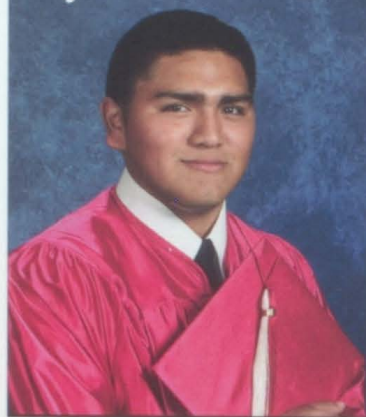


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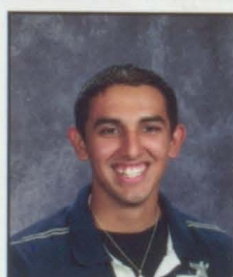
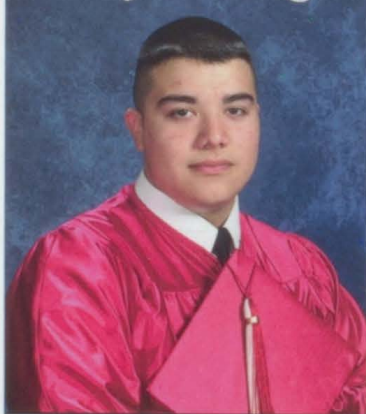
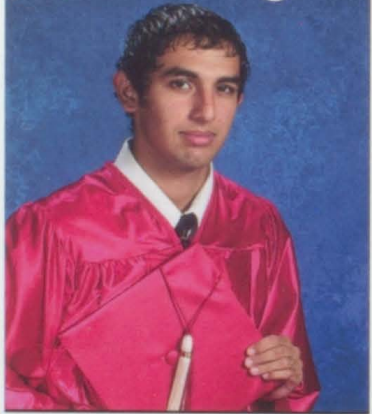


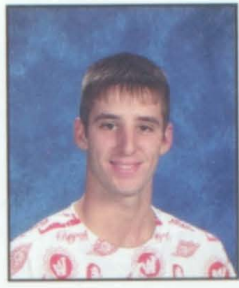
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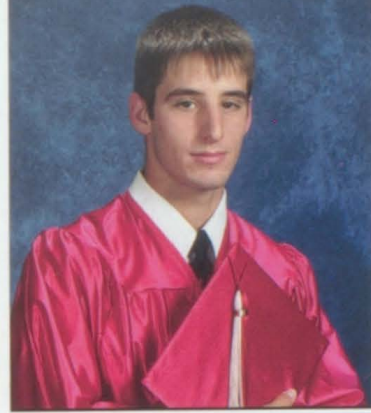
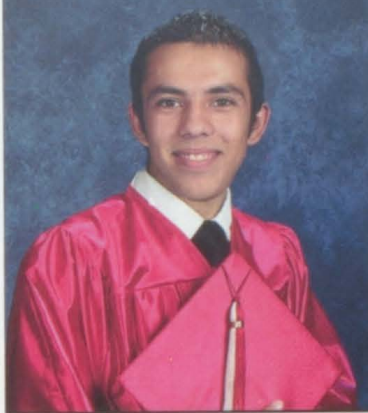
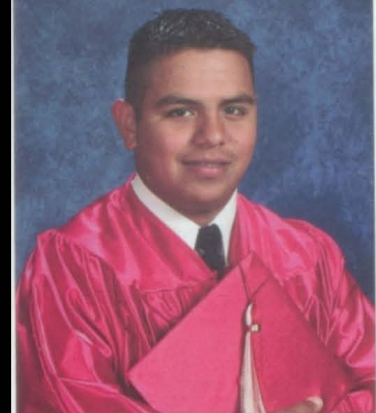


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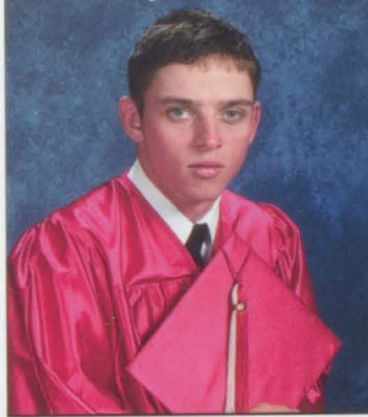


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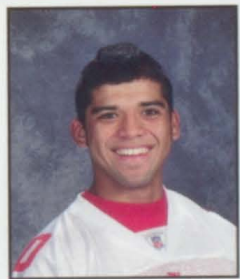
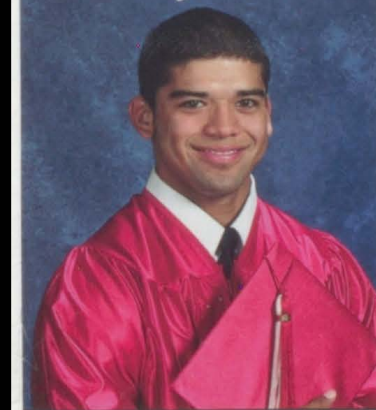


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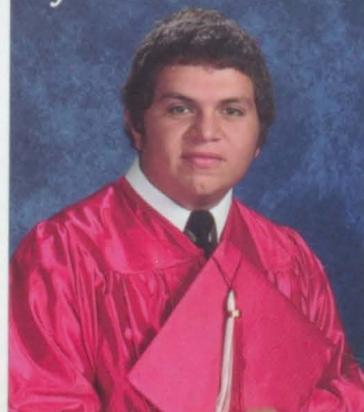
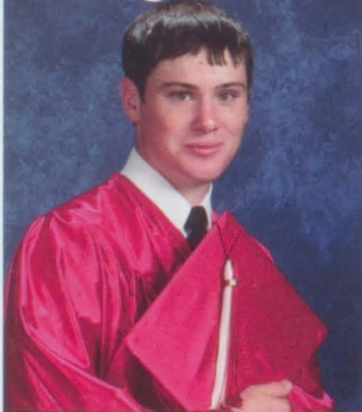


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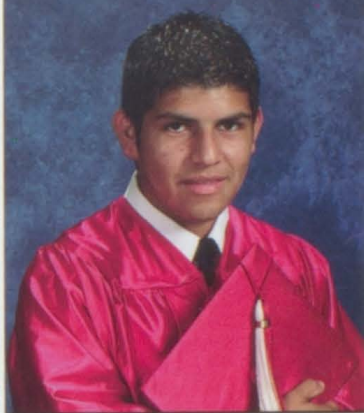




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*Oscar Zumaya*



## Nobody Does It Better...than Henry

Senior class member and star running back, Henry Solis, has not only broken records in Palacios, but also at the national level. At the end of the 14 game season he was ranked as 13th out of the top 500 running backs in the entire United States by the Max Prep website.

His senior year alone he ran 2,600 yards, and in the entire state of Texas only two other running backs were ranked ahead of him.

He has scored a total of 52 touchdowns during his high school career; with five in 2005, eight in 2006, and an



unbelievable 39 his senior year in 2007. Henry's father and older brother were the first to spark his interest in football.

"I've been playing football ever since I could run with the ball, about seven or eight," Henry said.

His favorite game this year was "the first play off game cause I've never been to one." His favorite experience was "making the 2,000 mark."

Henry liked playing in front of a packed house and being able to get down when his family was watching. To get himself pumped up before a game, Henry simply takes time to reflect over what needs to be done, and then he goes out and does it!

When Henry was asked for his first thought after discovering that the Sharks had moved onto the playoffs after the Yoakum game he simply stated, "Who's Next!?"

Henry's favorite song is "My Name" by SPM "cause everybody knows my name."

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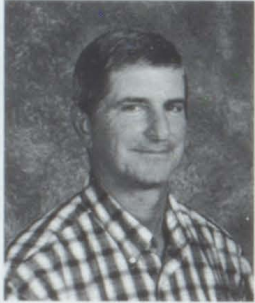
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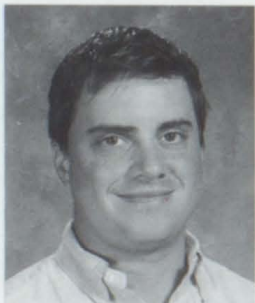
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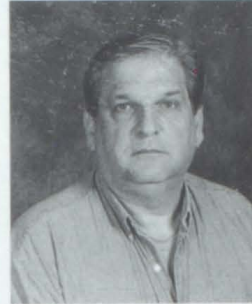
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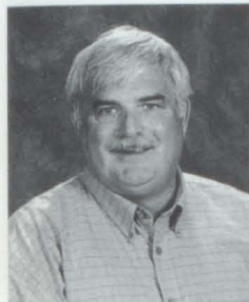
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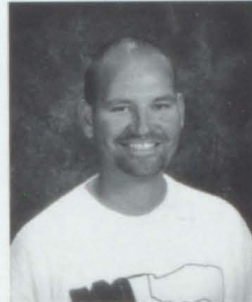
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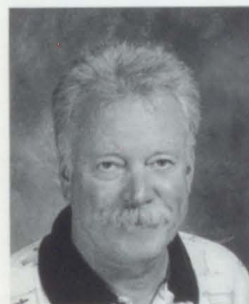
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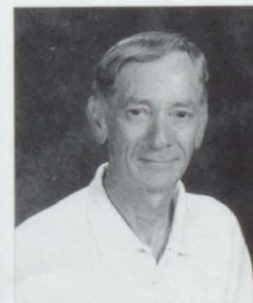
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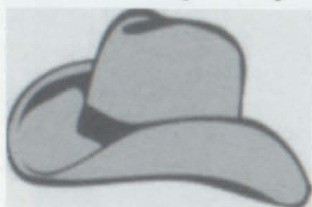
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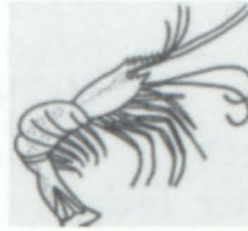


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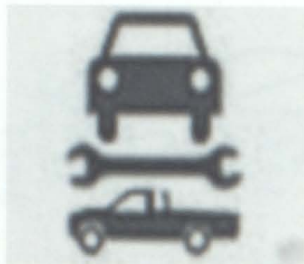
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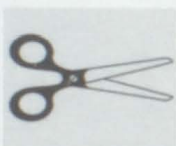


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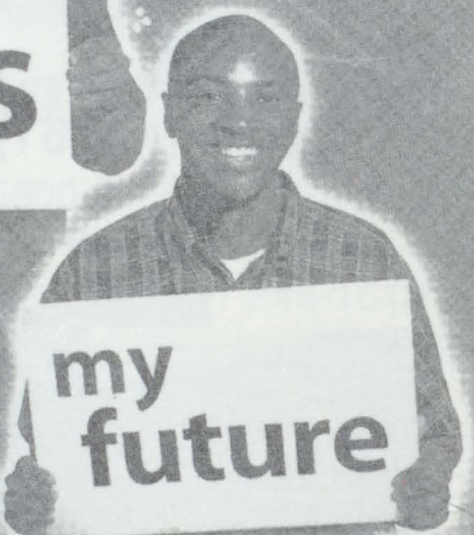
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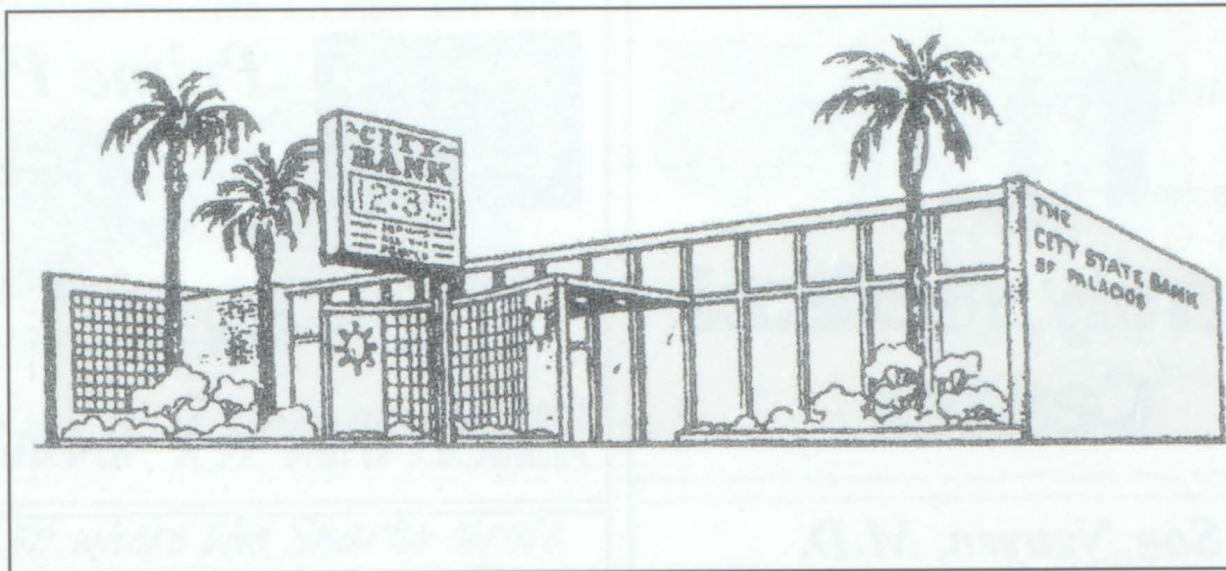


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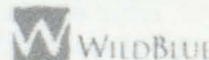
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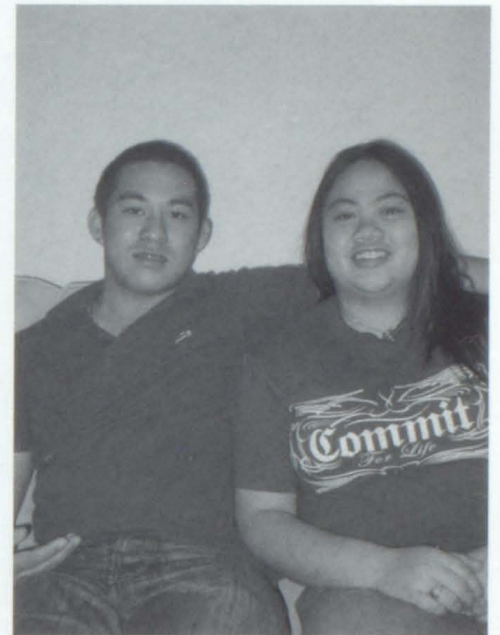
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*Past to present you are standing on the ledge, ready to take the new step into the future. Each of you has different talents, different dreams, and different destinations. Yet, you both have the power to make a new tomorrow.*

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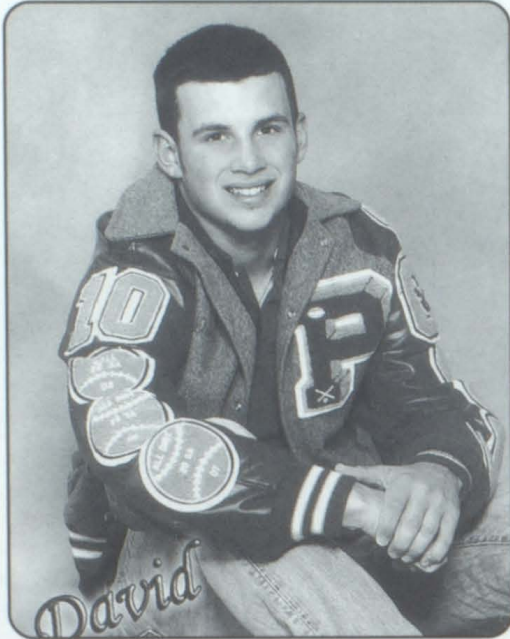
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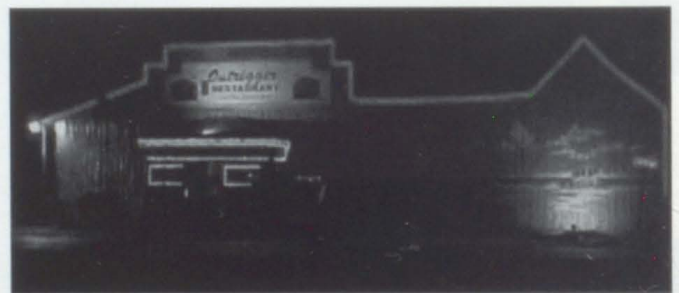


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## A Year Like No Other

And then the end came--reluctantly of course --- because we just hated it to be over. May came before we knew it. And with it came TAKS testing, end of course testing, banquet after banquet, graduation parties, spring play, club field trips, and concerts. The seniors received the end of the year TAKS field day for the highest TAKS scores. These seniors will forever be

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**"2007-2008  
the best year ever"**  
Valerie Segovia,  
principal

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remembered as the class which led the students to feel like winners. At graduation on May 30th, when the ceremony concluded, emotions were high as the audience looked at these leaders and remembered just what they had accomplished.

Yes, this year will definitely go down in history. A year of records broken, firsts made, and four extra weeks of pep rallies and football games-- none of this expected when we walked in the halls on August 27.

Like the motto "The Pride is Back" the school and town showed a unity and pride that returned because it was **A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER.**



**Checking it twice.....**  
Principal Valerie Segovia reviews her list one last time with Counselor Mayra Garcia before the graduation ceremony.



**So happy.....**Mr. Keith Garnett is excited that the Super S project looks so good. Eighth period students Cody Lefevere, Alfredo Zamora, and Tessa Laborde made a giant paper mache Shark for Super S grand opening on May 24.

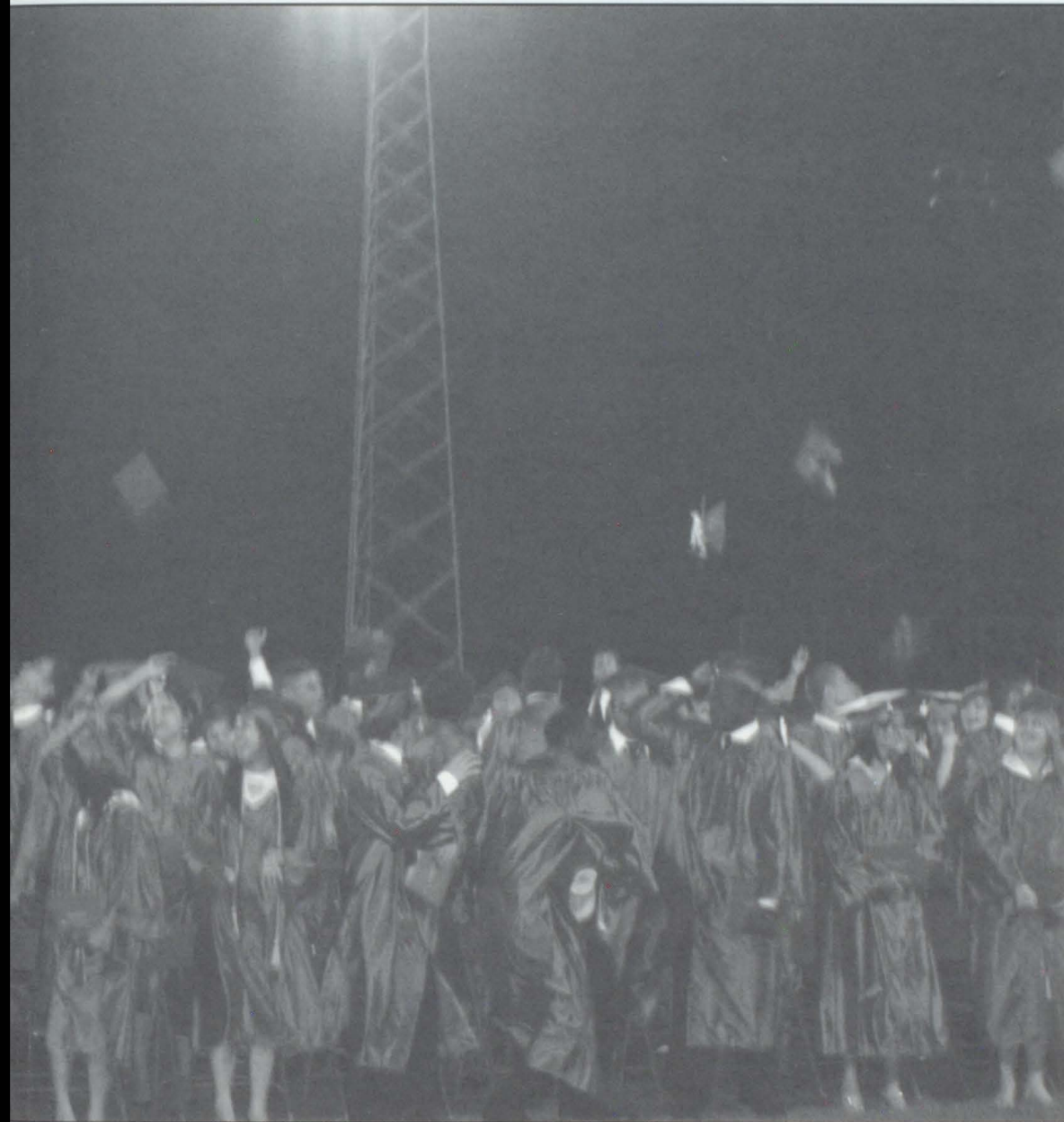




*(Left) I can beat you!!! Catherine Castanon isn't afraid of champion PHS athlete Alex Buckley while boxing with giant gloves at Project Celebration, the event held after graduation. According to Catherine, she won, but "he went easy on me".*

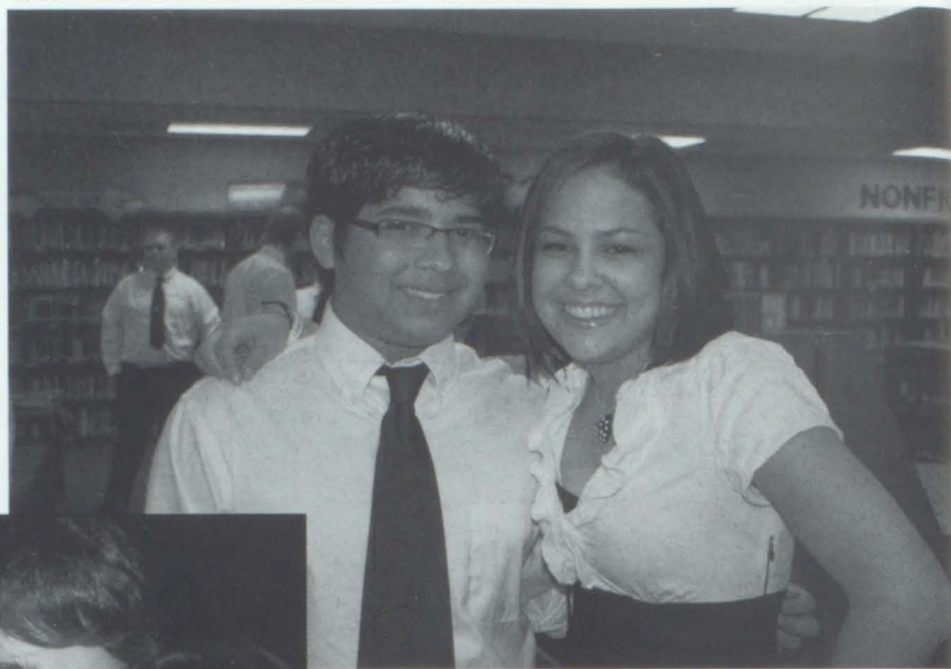
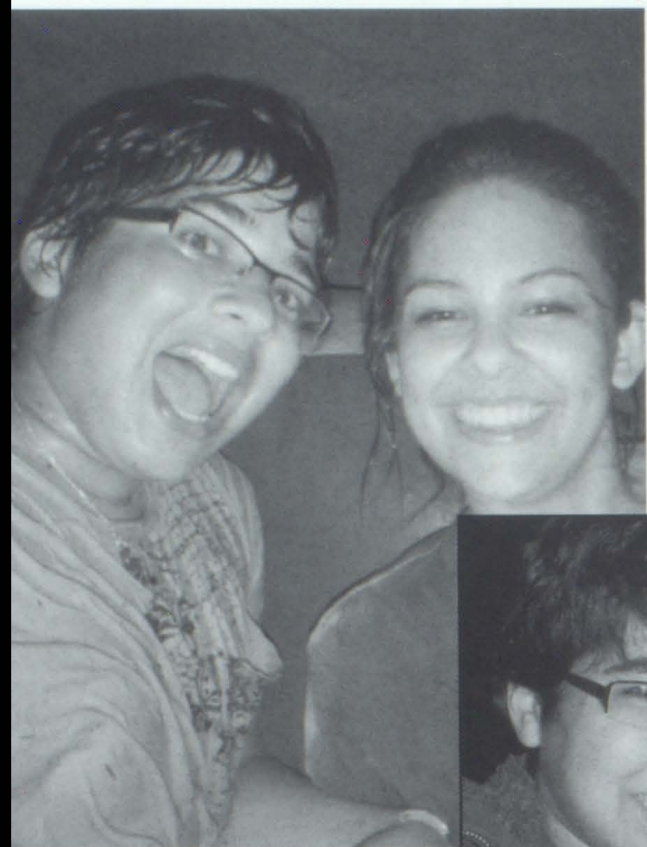
*I'll help you.....NHS and STUCO members Yolando Sanchez, Lisa Zamora, and Lana Nguyen greet the children as parents let them off for babysitting at the Rec center during the Faculty banquet in May.*

*We're out of here...103 PHS seniors throw up their hats in celebration as they are declared graduates and alumni of Palacios High School. Many feel fortunate for being in the class of 08 and getting to share such an eventful year as 07-08.*



# WHAT IF GOD WAS ONE US?

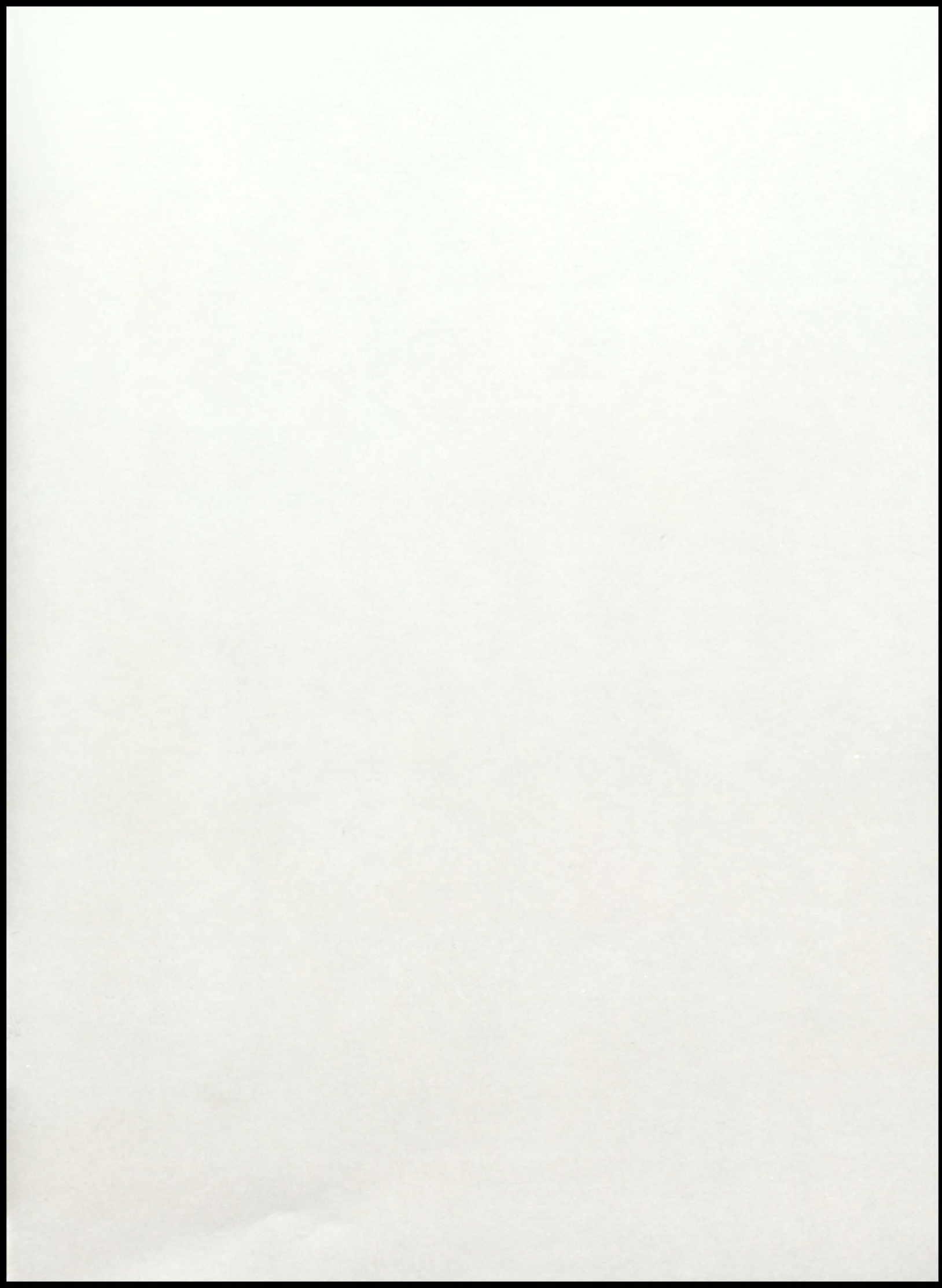
...the editors like no others



Being the yearbook editor isn't as easy as it seems. First you have to be strong enough to fight back with Ms. Charlton or "Charlie" and realize that she's not yelling --she's just old and can't hear how loud she's talking. Of course, it helped that she liked me more than Catherine or "Cathy". My greatest memory was when I convinced Mrs. Charlton that Margaret stole computer paper when she really didn't. I most definitely cannot forget my dear friend, the couch or "The Cooch"- we have great memories together. For those who think yearbook class might be a blow off, think again, it was probably the only class we did work in year round. The staff was great even though we crammed at every deadline and fought all the time. Even though it may have seemed like a mistake by putting me and Catherine in charge, I'm glad Mrs. Charlton gave us the chance to prove that our only fault is that we are major procrastinators. Thank you, Mrs. Charlton, for the opportunity and putting up with us. P.S If you find anything wrong with this yearbook-- blame Catherine --everything was her fault.

Being the editor was quite fun --bossing people around. When coming into yearbook this year i knew absolutely nothing except that every year a book came out with pictures and that was about the extent of my knowledge. Due to a little hard work and a lot of dumb luck we finished with what i am quite proud of. Sure, Ms. Charlton always yelled at me and sided with Pete, a.k.a conniving backstabber, but deep down, like Grand Canyon deep, i know her yelling is just her way of showing how much she loves me and without Pete as my co-editor, i can't imagine how this year would of turned out. Without him, we would have never convinced Ms. Charlton to bring in my fondest memory of yearbook, the couch. Thanks Charley for believing people when they said i'd make a good editor and for being blind enough to promote Pete. It truly was a year like no other. P.S. Thank you for letting us change the theme.....3 times. P.P.S. Anything with this yearbook is ALL Pete's fault.





A year that will never



be forgotten

