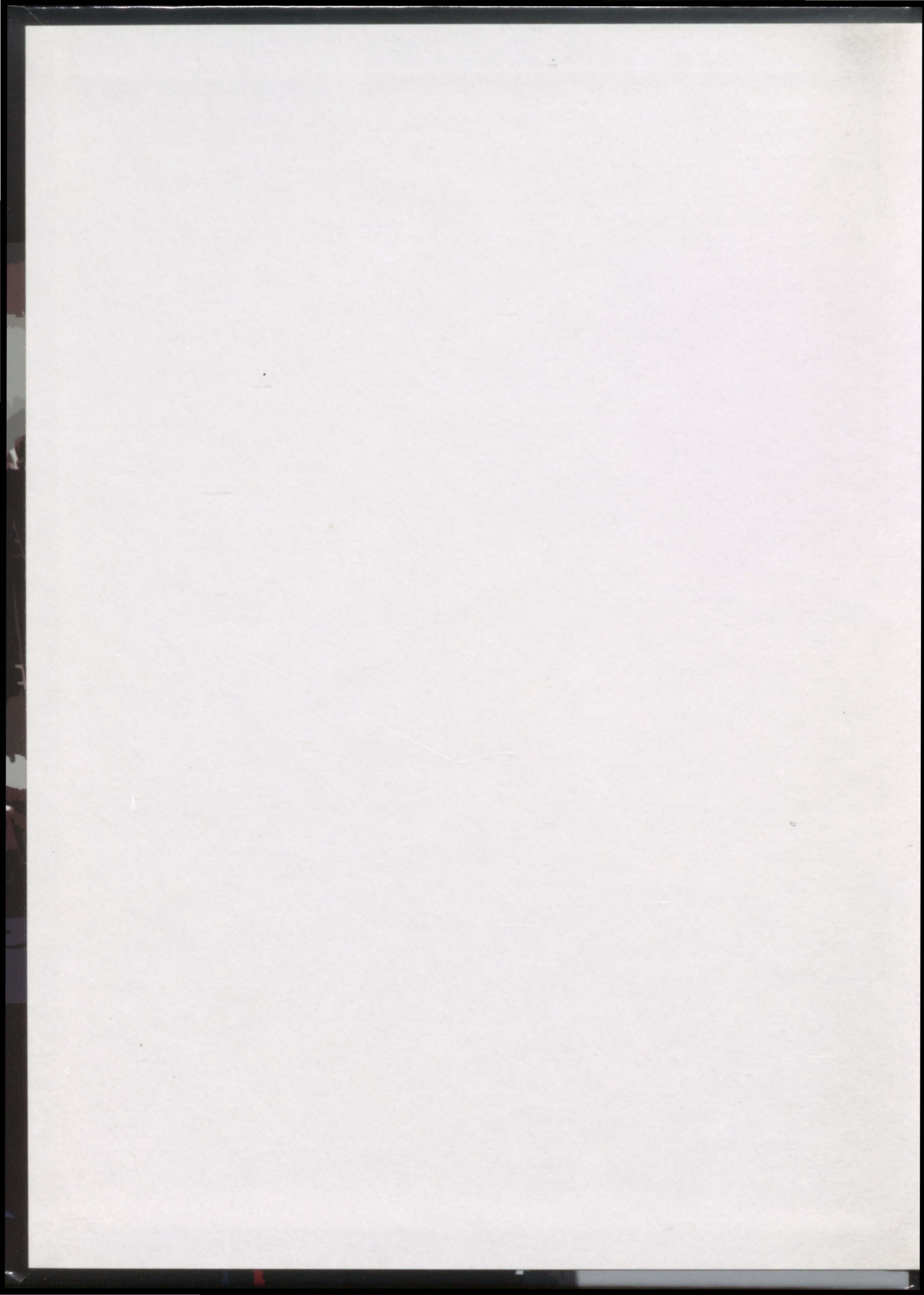
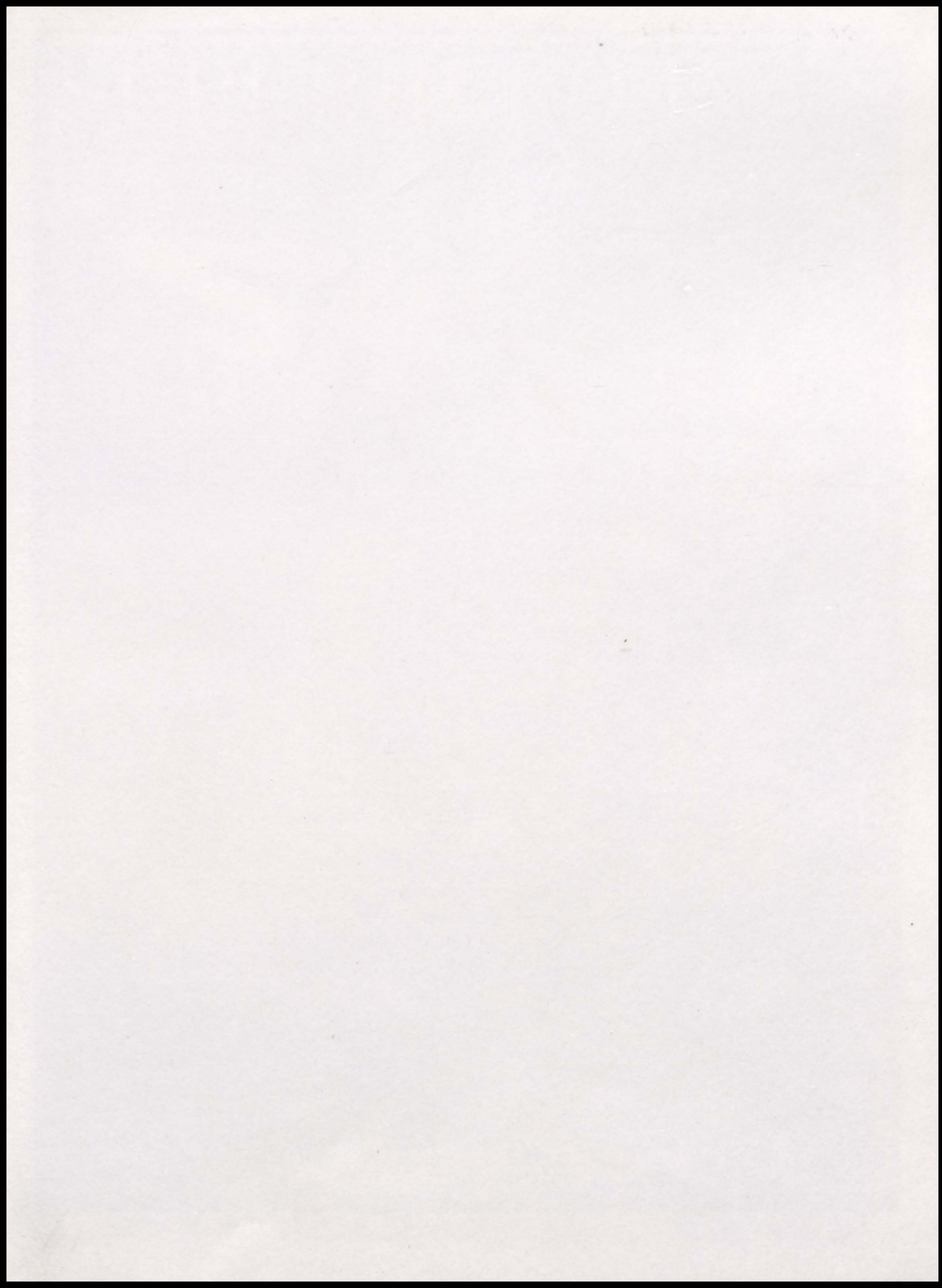


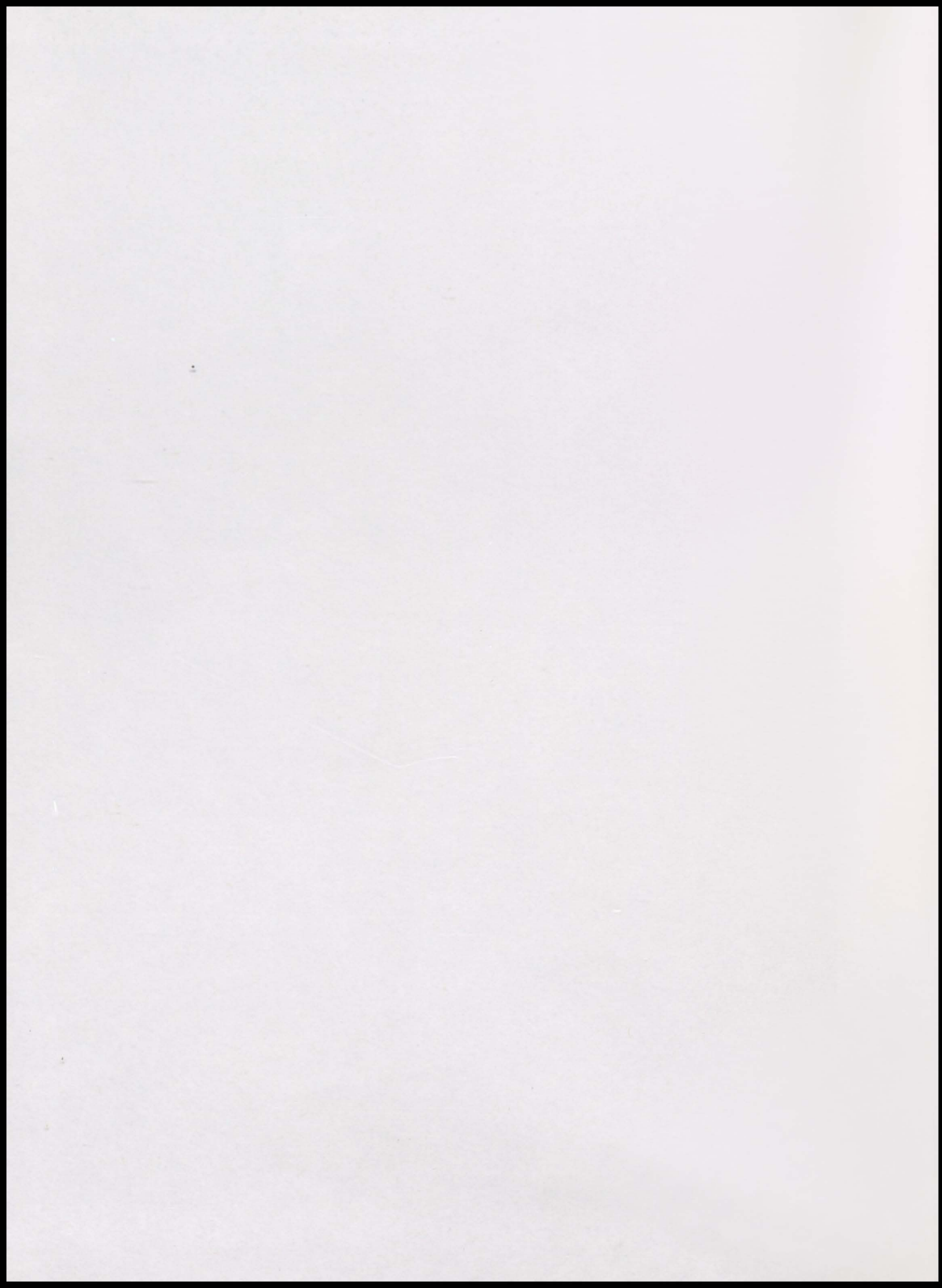
# THE SUPERHERO IN US 2011



EBB TIDE







SUPERHERO IN US



SHARK

CAPTAIN: DR. SCOTT NORRIS

CHIEF: SHERRI SEAMAN

LEAGUE SUPERVISOR: VICKI ADAMS

SECRET LAIR:

100 SHARK DRIVE

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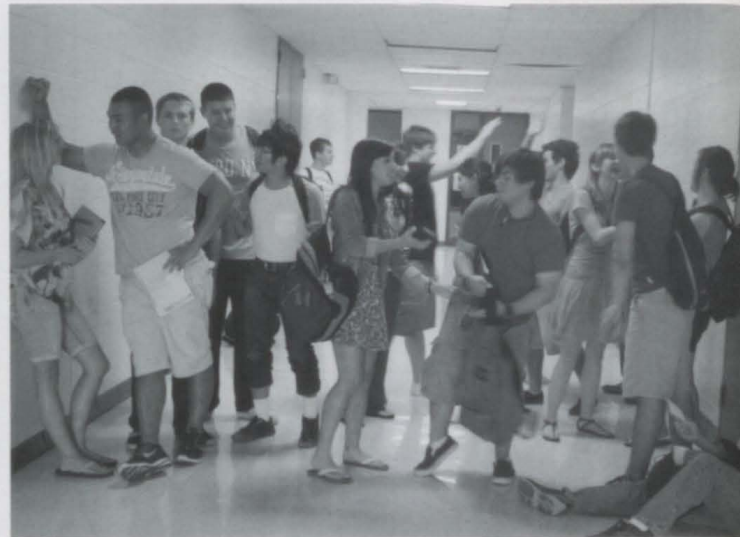
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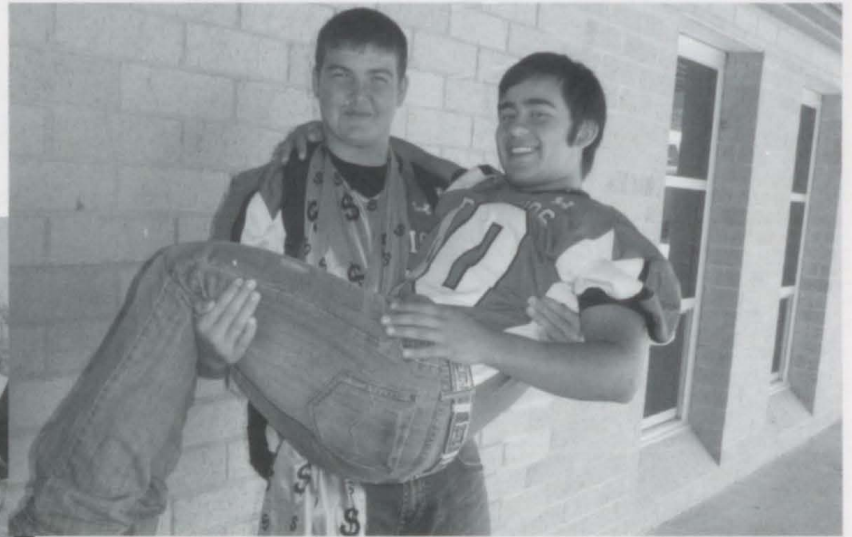
# The Superhero



"Heroes didn't leap tall buildings or stop bullets with an outstretched hand; they didn't wear boots or capes. They bled, and they bruised, and their superpowers were as simple as listening, or loving. Heroes were ordinary people who knew that even if their own lives were impossibly knotted, they could untangle someone else's. And maybe that one act could lead someone to rescue you right back..."



# in us...



### Common traits of a Superhero vs. PHS

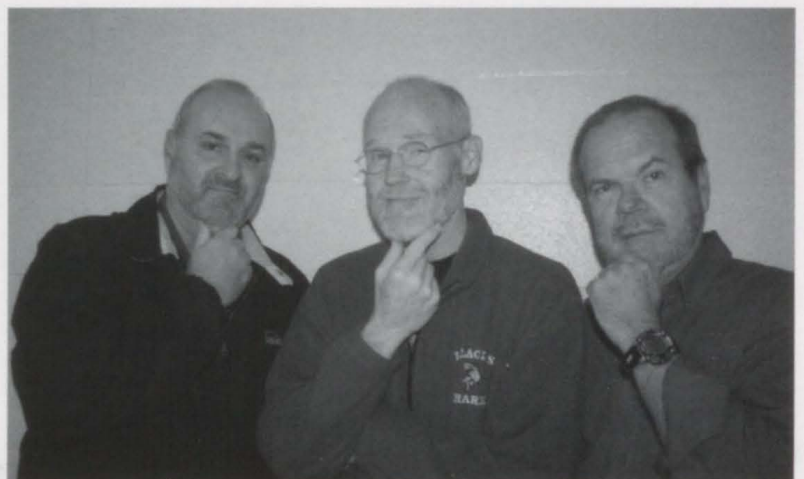
**A distinctive costume..** the athlete's uniform, the band and choir outfits, the actor's costume, the club t-shirt, and the jeans and spirit shirt worn by every teacher on Friday.

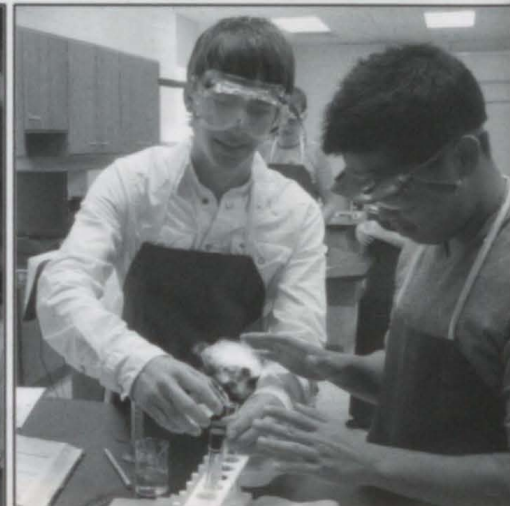
**A supporting cast of recurring characters, including the hero's friends, co-workers and /or love interests, often the hero's personal relationships are complicated .....**can you say typical high school student?

**A number of enemies that he/she fights repeatedly:**  
Answer: District 29AAA: Needville, Sweeny, West Columbia, and Wharton

**A headquarters or base of headquarters---**high school main building, agriculture and fine arts buildings, three gyms, tennis courts, football, softball, and baseball fields.

**A backstory that explains the circumstances by which the character acquired his or her abilities as well as his or her motivation for becoming a superhero. Many origin stories involve tragic elements and/ or accidents that result in the development of the hero's abilities---**ever teenager at Palacios High School.





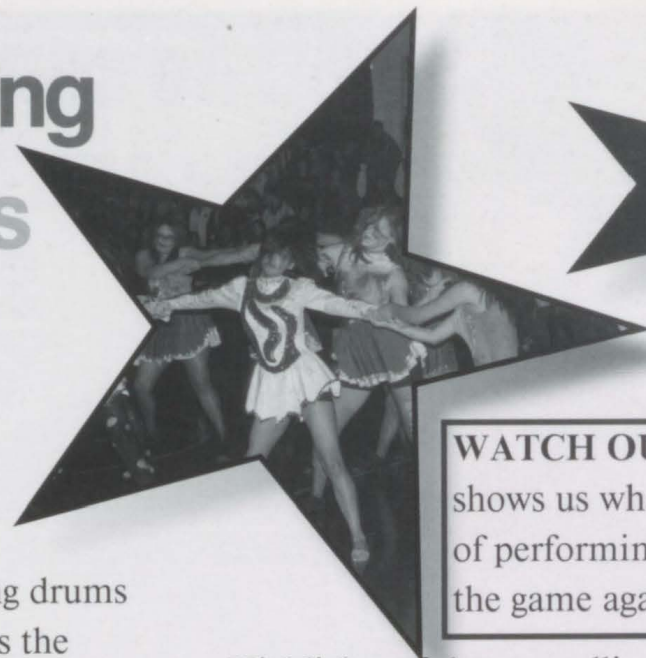


# STUDENT LIFE

**"Life can't be controlled.  
Life can't be bottled."  
Superman**



# Reaching New Heights



**WATCH OUT!!** Drill team shows us what they are made of performing as Zombies for the game against Needville.

It's Friday-- the sound from beating drums fills the hallways as our school band plays the cadence towards the gym.

Everyone has his or her own opinion about the best part of the pep rally.

"I think when all the seniors come together for the school song at the very end is the best part," Kayla Isbell, senior, said.

Sophomore Alvin Nguyen has a different opinion. "Coming together is fun, exciting, and exhilarating...YEAH!"

Highlights of the pep rallies were the black out pep rally, tug of war, and teacher's basketball free throw contest with Coach Weixelman winning over Coach Valdez.

The fine arts lent their talents to each pep rally. The awesome band drumline was always entertaining, and the drill team performed each pep rally showing they had the stuff to go to State.

Alicia Torres and Liem Tran were emcees for each pep rally.

### Speak Up...

Spencer Fort and Michael Garcia give the traditional speeches from the football players to electrify the spirit.



### One, Two, Three...

Senior Greg Sexton tries to see how many marshmallows he can stuff in his mouth. at the Volleyball playoff pep rally.



### Hey go Sharks...

the band plays a traditional song to show their spirit.



**Let's get this started...** The freshmen & senior classes watch as the cheerleaders prepare to pump up the football players with a black out pep rally!!



Hail all hail to thee...Seniors and football players join in as one to show their school pride.



**How fast are you?...**  
Students representing each grade level try to see who can be the last one standing with an unpopped balloon.



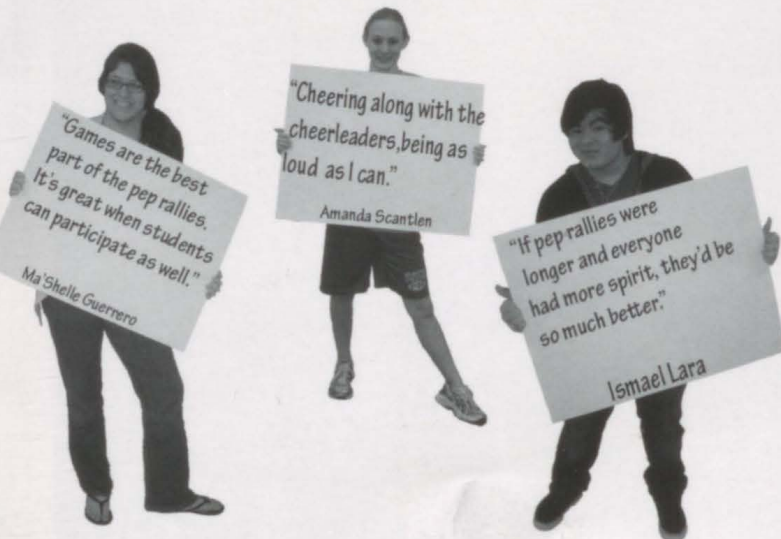
**PULL, PULL...**  
Sophomores take a winning victory in the classic game of tug-of-war beating out the freshmen, juniors and even seniors!!



**Reunited...** Sharky (Ismael Lara), Emcee (Alicia Torres), last year's Sharky and this year's Emcee (Liem Tran) take a moment before the pep rally to have some fun.



What's the best part about pep rallies?



**Paint it up...** Veronica Rivera and Juan Luis Zepeda see who has the best painted face!

**We've got the spirit...**  
Asian Nation girls fascinate the crowd with their inspiring dance in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.



# Fashion Fades,



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When waking up to pick out her clothes, Qtan Nguyen feels she is a fashion wizard."

Badda-Boom, Badda-Bing: DONE," she says.

When Marsh Lara wakes up feeling like P.Diddy, he knows "I'm going to school looking fly."



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FOREVER 21

Veronica's outfit depends on her mood, "If I feel glamorous then I dress glamorous. When I'm sad I wear blue. On days I feel rebellious ,I'll take my grandma's sweater (without asking) and wear it for the day."

7) Van Nguyen, " I hold the key to style with my Pokemon ball."



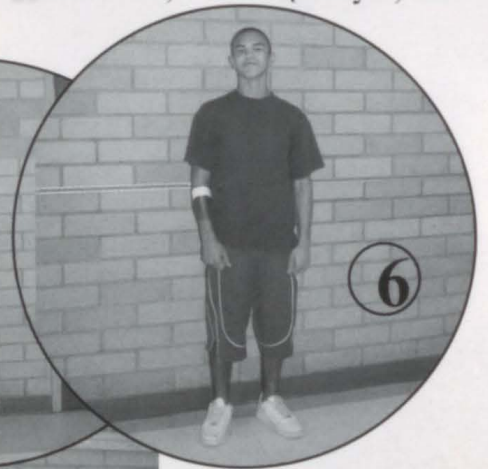
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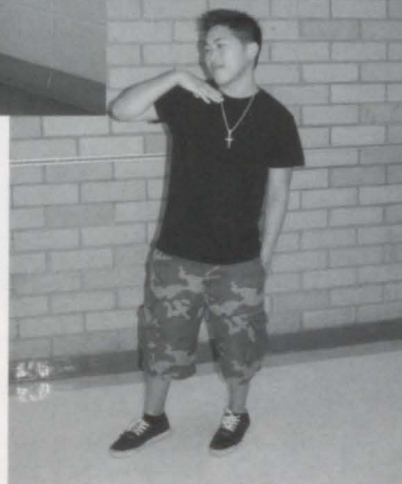
1) Jasmine Washington, Courtney Carrizales, Alvin Nguyen, Christina Cantu, and Qtan Nguyen grace the school with their stylish taste. 2) Henry Cano, Orlando Zumaya, and Victoria Garcia dress up blue jeans with a Playoff shirt, Aeropostale polo, and a lace top. 3) "Shoes for tomorrow," Veronica

Rivera, JuanLuis Zepeda, Alicia Torres, Elizabeth Vargas, Marsh Lara, and Dat Pham wear TOMS shoes; which help donate shoes to less fortunate. 4) Tess Bates, Kayla Isabell, Jessica Hebel, and Chris Garcia dress up in cowboy boots. 5) Dai Pham, April Tristan, Lam Nguyen, and Martin Blair dress for comfort sporting pieces such as basketball shorts, Sperry's, and cargo shorts.



6) Gabriel Rojas's usual outfits include basketball shorts and t-shirts. "I feel like a beast when I am dressed comfy."

The closest decent mall is more than an hour away from Palacios. Even though it calls for a road trip, Courney's favorite store is Forever 21, "They have the cutest clothes!" "How you dress, represents who you are... now for me, fresh is always best- that's 'errrrday' is Lam Nguyen's motto," Lam says.



# Getting the job done...

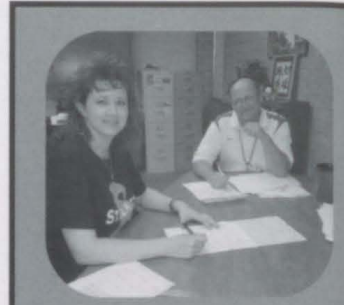
The typical student at Palacios High School is a member of an organization, sport, music/drama organization, and does homework and sometimes studies for tests.

However, there are a few students at our school who spend a lot of their after hours working. Some go through the Coop program; others work after school with local businesses.

**Works for:  
The County**



I like working because of the money!! -Hunter Shimek



Teachers have to work before and after school



**Lifeguards**

Tanning, swimming and having fun is always a great way to spend the day!! And you make money too!!



I like that I can meet new people. -Eyra F.



Kayla Q. working for the Administration Office



Tran's



Tan's Boat



Vet Clinic

# Superheroes...after hours

After spending a tough week at school, the typical high school student has to have a diversion for survival.

Technology would be a top choice for after hours activity. As soon as the 3:40 bell rings, the first thing that comes out of the backpack is the cell phone. A mass of students can be seen walking to their cars all looking down and texting.

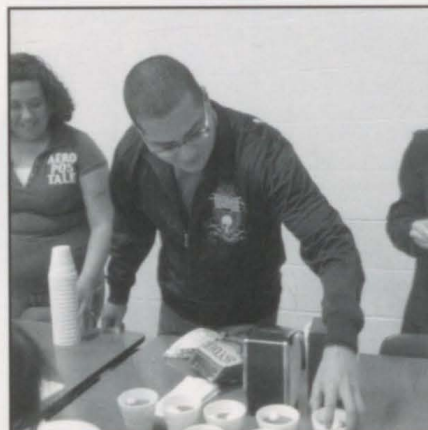
Facebook.....who doesn't have an account? It's where everyone is at night--the biggest meeting place in Palacios.

Students can be seen running and walking the Seawall at night as well as hanging out at a restaurant. Weekends calls for going out of town, seeing the latest movie or going dancing at El Maton.

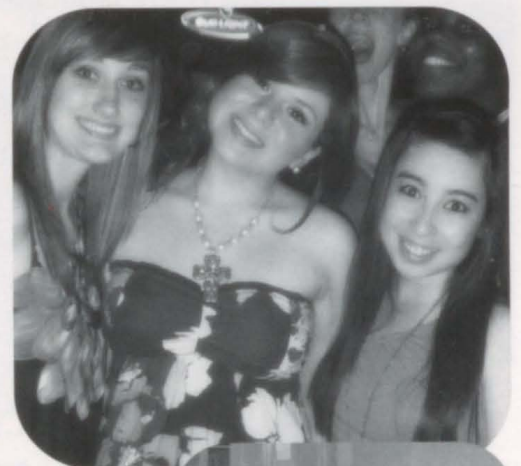


Jasmin Diaz enjoys her day at Fiesta Texas in San Antonio.

Driving around jamming to our favorite songs

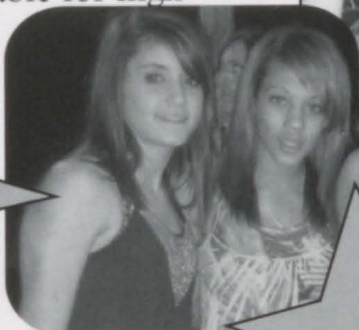


Juan Miguel vounteering at the elementary school.

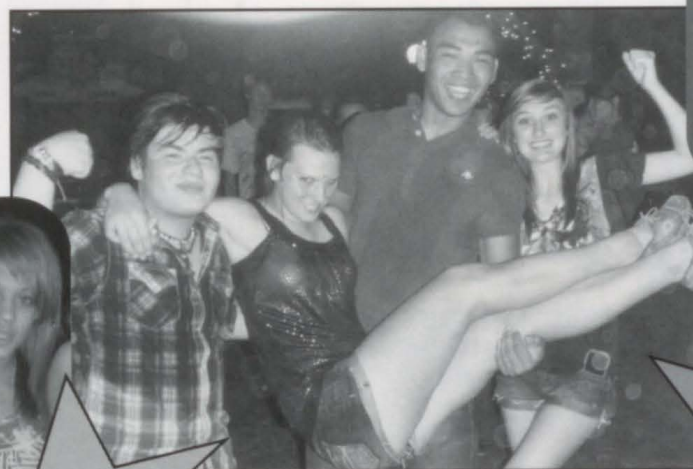


Taylor Aoughsten texts right before she walks at graduation.

Delicious food and good friends, makes eating at Tran's memorable for high school friends.



Heather Fort and Mallorie Ford enjoy a night with friends.

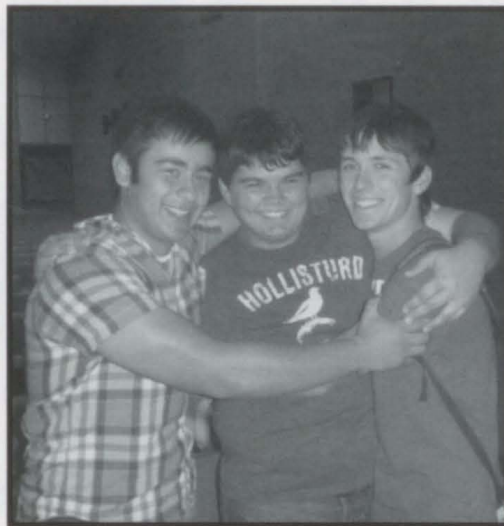


High schoolers having fun at El Maton National Dance Hall.

# Friends Facing the World Together

High school is the most prevalent time in one's life for friends. It is said that if one can find three true friends, he or she is a very lucky person. It seems freshman Tristan Kruse fits the bill.

"I feel I have three true friends--David Aparicio, Ernie Aparicio, and Bubba Garcia, who would always be there for me like a brother," Kruse said.



Left: Vincent Martinez and Jasmin Diaz have a quick flashback in honor of the days before IM's and texting.

Right: Best Friends, Mimi Nguyen and Q-Tan Nguyen dress as Mario and Luigi for superhero day.



"From Sunday School to high school this amazing young man has graced me with his friendship. The universe wouldn't be complete if we weren't best friends!" - Alicia Torres



Right: Taylor, Tess, and Laura are not ready to say good-bye to their "One Act family."



Left: Friends on and off the field Vincent Garcia, Jarred Roy, Michael Longoria and Juan Mata prepare to walk into the gym of supporting fans.



Above: Jason Nguyen leads a hand to best friend An Le before a District UIL competition.

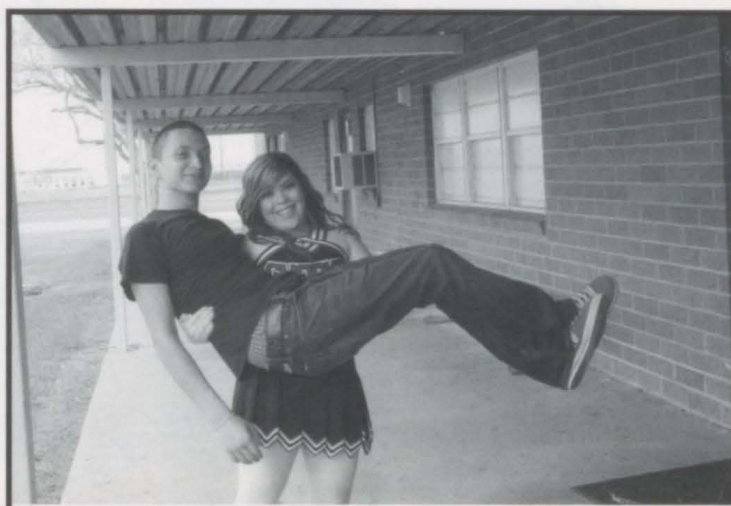


# Love can conquer anything

Since we are a smaller school it is easy to point out couples walking through the halls, it's always the "talk" when a new one pops up. They are providing extra companionship through the rough years of high school. We understand a large percentage of our relationships won't hold the happy ending we all hope for, but that's what makes high school flings a lot more special.

"High school is full of flings and heartbreaks but once you find the perfect one, then the search has ended and the journey has begun," Laura Martinez said.

We are aware of the small amount of time we have so we make the best of it. We better each other so one day someone will thank us for letting them go. Best friends are indeed a great thing plus one ALWAYS has a date for everything.



Leah Longoria picks up then boyfriend Angel Zamora. Leah and Angel married later in the spring.

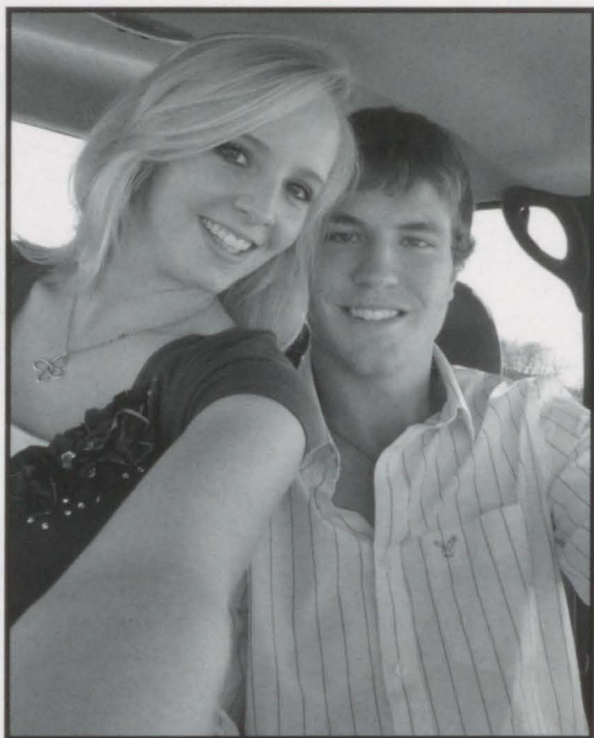


Jarred Roy and Marie Muniz enjoy their senior year together.



Above: JR and Paige pose for a picture as they head downtown

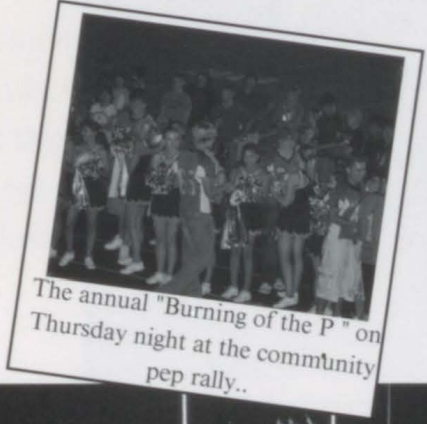
Right: Well-known couple Veronica Rivera and Juan Luis Zepeda stop between classes for a quick picture.



Left: Although not attending the same school, Austin Smith and Tess Bates still find time for each other through their busy school schedules.



# At The Top of The World



The annual "Burning of the P" on Thursday night at the community pep rally..



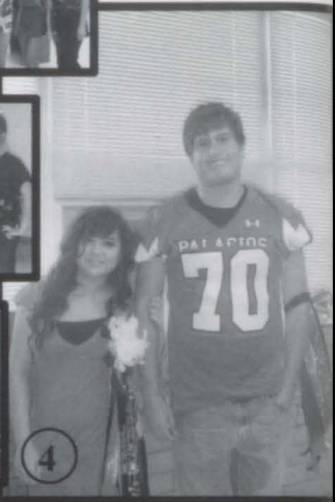
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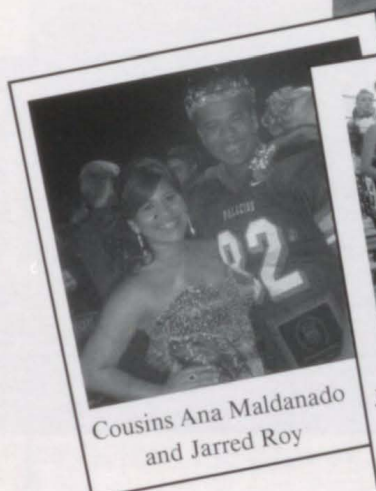


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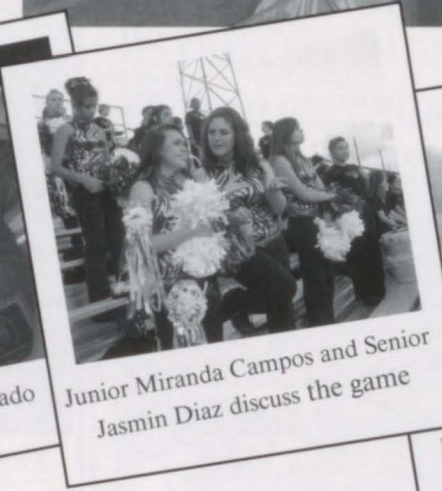


1) Taylor Aoughsten, Tess Bates, Laura Martinez, and Lauren Garcia show off their mums to drama teacher Mrs. Charlton. 2) Best friends Ariana Galvan and Rhianna Aparicio do their best impression of nerds in the cafeteria. 3) Cheerleading co-captain Leah Longoria fills in Ana Maldonado on the pep rallies events. 4) Well known couple Ashley Bui and John Turner spend the day displaying their matching mum and garter.

Homecoming Queen 2010 Hilary Garcia returned home from Texas State in San Marcos to crown the Homecoming royalty. Hilary was escorted by her brother Christian Garcia, junior.



Cousins Ana Maldonado and Jarred Roy



Junior Miranda Campos and Senior Jasmin Diaz discuss the game



Long-time bestfriends Tess Bates and Jeremy Hunt

# Homecoming in our eyes:



Sr-Annie Nguyen: Nerd Day

"I used to feel like dressing up is overrated, but it's not. As a senior, I feel I needed to make my last year at PHS the best. I needed to show my school spirit; which includes dressing up as a ridiculous nerd"



Soph- Andrew Popham: Nerd Day

"I enjoyed the pep rally and the game because I got to play the drums..Everyone was extra pumped up which made being with the band fun. "



Jr-Marsh Lara: Kid Day

"My favorite spirit day will always be nerd day. I dress up because not only is it fun, but you can act silly and everyone looks at you."



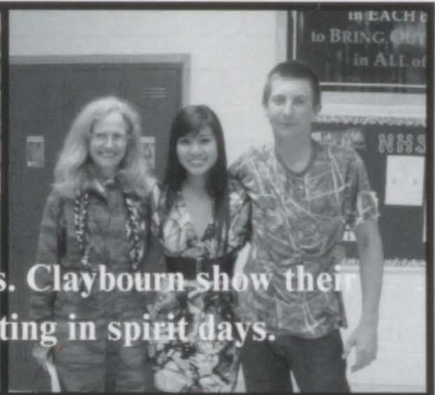
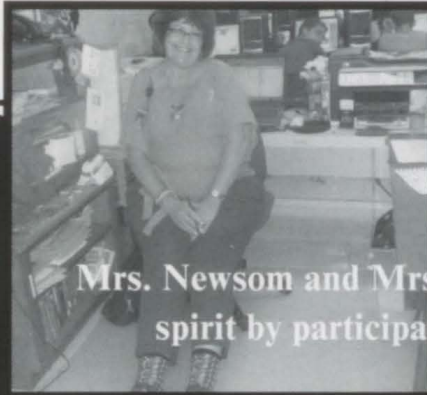
Sr- Juan Luis Zepeda: Jersey Day

"The only day I dressed up for was Jersey Day. I love the Spurs and ths Sharks, so I was able to support both teams. "



Soph-Paige Sturhenburg: Nerd Day

"I am a cheerleader so I love showing spirit. That is my job. I especially like dressing up for nerd day"



Mrs. Newsom and Mrs. Claybourn show their spirit by participating in spirit days.

The rush of excitement hit the school on September 10, 2010. Homecoming came a little early this year because of complications with volleyball dates, "It was early and we didn't have much time to prepare, but of course that didn't stop us from dressing up and having fun," said Marsh Lara. Lupita Reyes and Jarred Roy were announced 2011 Homecoming Queen and King. They were accompanied on the field by their court :(Freshmen)Richard Nguyen, Mindy Nguyen. (Sophomores)Andrew Popham, Celeste Garcia. (Seniors) Ana Maldonado, Jeremy Hunt, Tess Bates, Vincent Garcia, Kim Mcrae, Jarred Roy. (Juniors) Chelsea Slaughter, John Turner. (Seniors) Lupita Reyes, Juan Luis Zepeda. "I'd like to thank PHS for bringing me to the TOP," said Homecoming King Jarred Roy. When asked about how she felt that night, Lupita said "I am so honored that I was able to represent my class every year on Homecoming court and being Queen my Senior year."



"One of the best proms in years " was the constant saying about the 2011 prom on May 21 at the usual place --the Rec Center.

Elaborately decorated, Ismael Lara, class president, with the help of his fellow officers Keri Isbell and Chelsea Slaughter and ever hard working head sponsor Mrs. Rita Martinez, put on a fantastic prom.

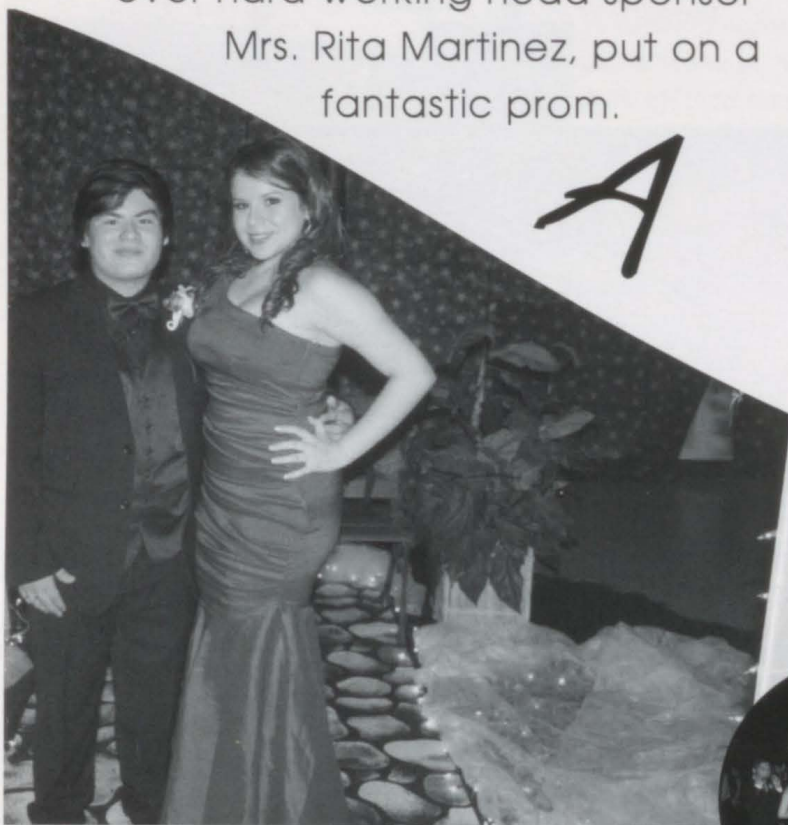
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At the beginning of the night, seniors and dates were introduced in the Grand March.

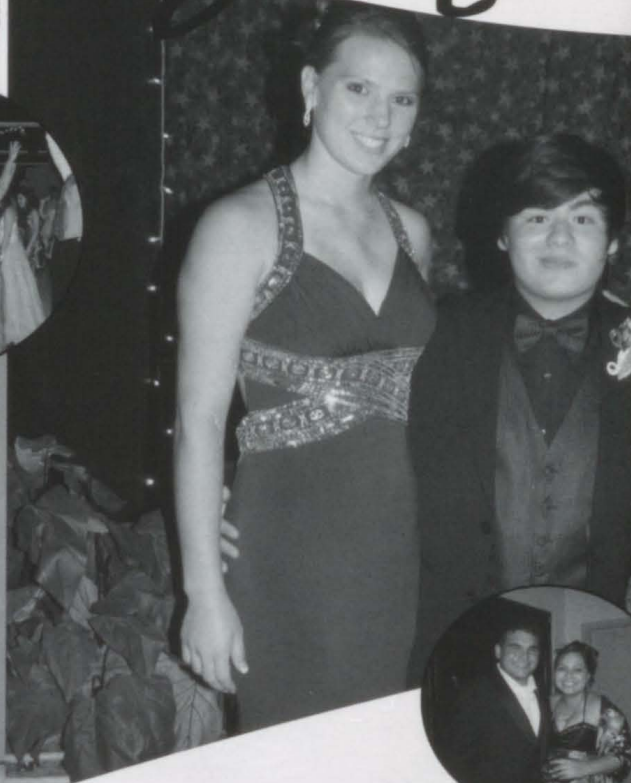
Door prizes were given throughout the night, courtesy of area businesses.

The prom court consisted of six boys and six girls vying for the coveted spot of Prom Queen and King. Girls wore sashes and boys wore badges.

Liem Tran and Lupita Reyes were awarded Prom King and Queen.



Night



May 21, 2011



# Paris

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Alicia Torres and Ismael Lara, best friends, enjoy their night in Paris.

The Prom Court lines up, ready to see who will win Prom King and Prom Queen

The Junior Class Officers made Prom the best one yet. Beautiful decorations, a good DJ, and gave the seniors many memories that will last a lifetime.

Liem Tran and Lupita Reyes were crowned Prom King and Prom Queen.

Liem Tran, Tan Nguyen, Alan Nguyen and Duy Tran pose for a quick picture before heading back to the dance floor.

Lauren Garcia, her date, Tess Bates and her boyfriend, Alicia Torres and her date Lam Nguyen meet at the park downtown to capture the evening.





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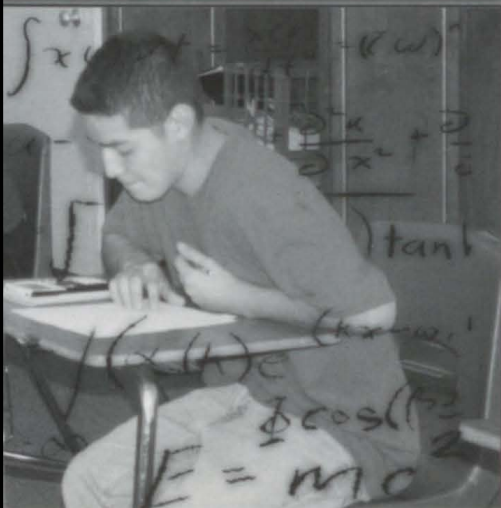
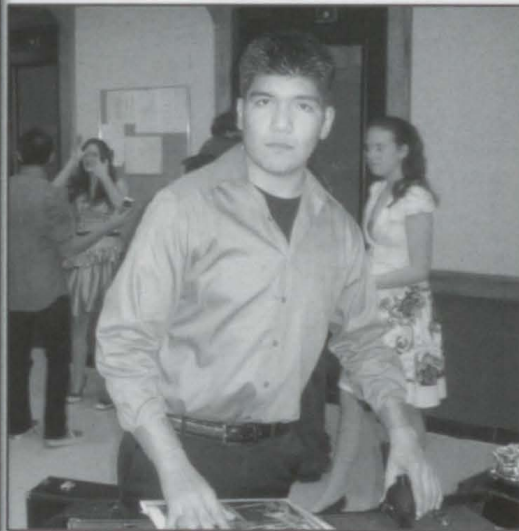
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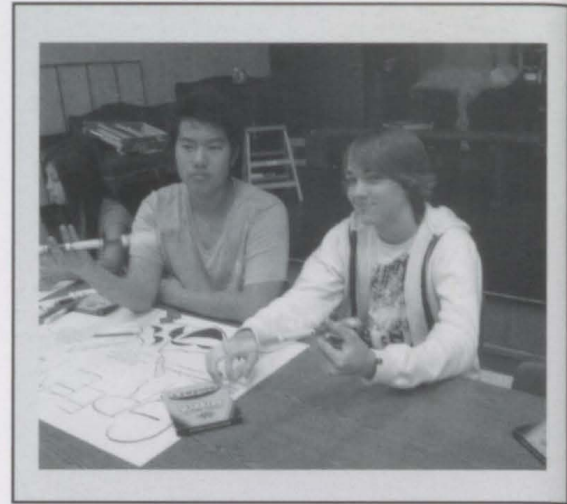
"I'm the best there is at what I do"

Wolverine

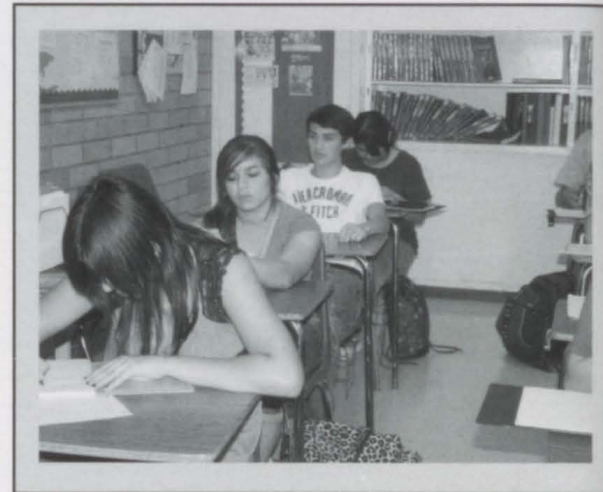


# The Fantastic 4

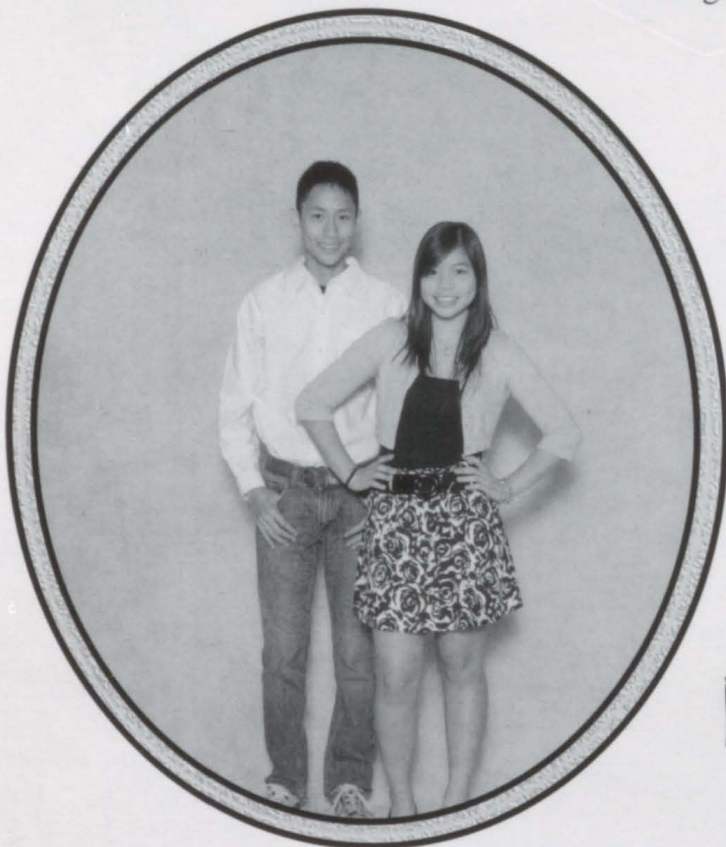
Friends Nathan Nguyen and Charles Winfield make a poster in theatre class during the history of theatre project.



Working hard in Business Information Management, formerly BCIS, Jordan Stuhlam learns the latest techniques in Microsoft Word.



In Spanish II, Valissa Garcia learns new verb conjugation.



Demonstrating how to pitch correctly, Jordan Sanchez gives his "how to" speech outside the Fine Arts Building.

**Class Favorites  
Richard Nguyen &  
Mindy Nguyen**



# Class of 2014

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Priscella Acevedo  
 Mohammad Ali  
 Breana Alvarez  
 Axel Amaro  
 Eric Anzaldua  
 Alfred Aparicio



Rhianna Aparicio  
 Tommy Au  
 Cristian Ayala  
 Efrain Ayala  
 Charles Baker  
 Alexis Cano



Mayra Carrillo  
 Courtney Carrizales  
 Thomas Castanon  
 Adrian Chavez  
 Dylan Cink  
 Enriqueta Cruz



Graciela Cruz  
 Christopher Deleon  
 Austin Diaz  
 Christy Diaz  
 Irvin Esquivel  
 Marissa Estrada



Yasmine Flores  
 Andrew Fuentes  
 Samuel Fulton  
 Alicia Gaona  
 Amairani Garcia  
 Ariana Garcia



Benito Garcia  
 Christopher Garcia  
 Elijah Garcia  
 Jaime Garcia  
 Kenneth Garcia  
 Nicholas Garcia



Patric Garcia  
 Valissa Garcia  
 Selena Garza  
 Ana Gonzalez  
 Juan Gonzalez  
 Jessica Grimes



Luis Guevara  
 Darren Harvey  
 Daniel Hernandez  
 Karim Hernandez  
 Diem Phuong Ho  
 Anthony Holbrook



Kolbe Huffman  
 Bryson Huitt  
 Jade Hunter  
 Kellie Hunter  
 Savanah Hunter  
 Liliana Jaime



Despicable Me

Jessica Jimenez  
Olivia Juarez  
Tristan Kruse  
Tam Lam  
Michael Latapie  
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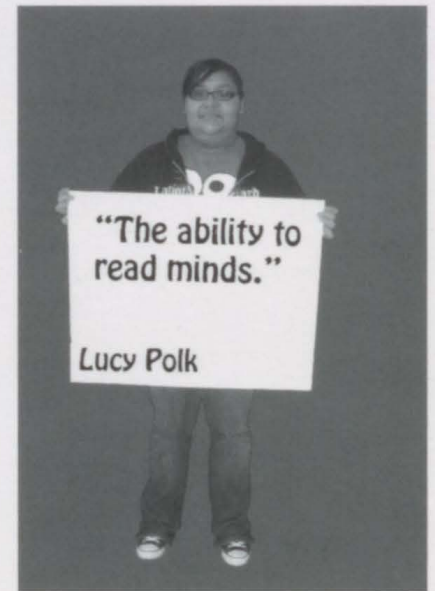
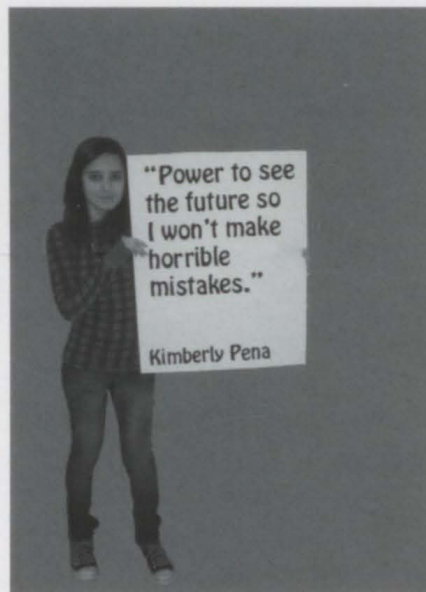
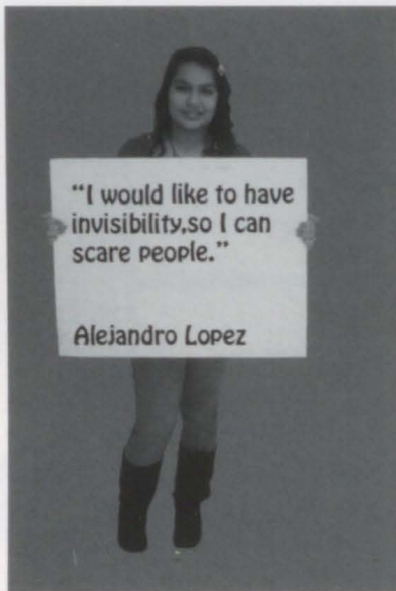
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Nathan Nguyen  
Paul Nguyen  
Richard Nguyen  
Tammy Nguyen  
Thu Tuyet Nguyen  
Joel Paniagua



### What superhero power would you like to have and why?



Geneva Perez  
Kimberly Perez  
Leah Perez  
Lorenzo Perez  
Nelia Perez  
Chester Perry



Kaylea Peterson  
Khanh Phan  
Iris Polk  
Lucy Polk  
Lacey Ramirez  
Eduardo Ramos



Breiana Real  
Ariel Robins  
Felipe De Jesus Rodriguez  
Cristina Rosales  
Kylie Rose  
Nereida Rubio



# SETTING THE STANDARD

## TWO FRESHMEN ACHIEVE VARSITY

### BENNY GARCIA

"I have enjoyed playing on the same field along with my older brother Michael Garcia," Freshmen Benny Garcia, 15, said.

He has been playing sports since the year 1999, starting off with tee-ball. Over the past few years he has been working hard being inspired and motivated by his brother and his father, in order to achieve great accomplishments.

His favorite coach is Ron Arnesen "for working me so hard during practice," Benny said.

Did he ever think about quitting; if so what motivated him not to quit?

"No, I never thought about quitting, it's never an option for me," Benny said



Joshua Rush  
Andrea Ryan



Jane Ryan  
Felicitas Salinas



Robert Sanchez  
David Scott



John Shelby  
Iridian Sifuentes



Alexis Solis  
Jordan Stuhman  
Victoria Terrasas  
Isaiah Thomas



Kevin Tran  
Toyisha Triplett



Caleb Valdez  
Gesika Valdez



Mauricio Vega  
Nicholas Vu



Charles Winfield  
Eliseo Zamora  
Marco Zamora  
Sergio Zamora

14 year old Geneva Perez played varsity volleyball her freshman year and helped lead her team to the playoffs.

"I really enjoyed my first year on varsity volleyball. It was a lot of fun, and we had a great season," Geneva said.

She also plays softball. "It is my favorite sport. I love it, and I'm really good at it", Geneva said.

She has been playing sports since the age of six.

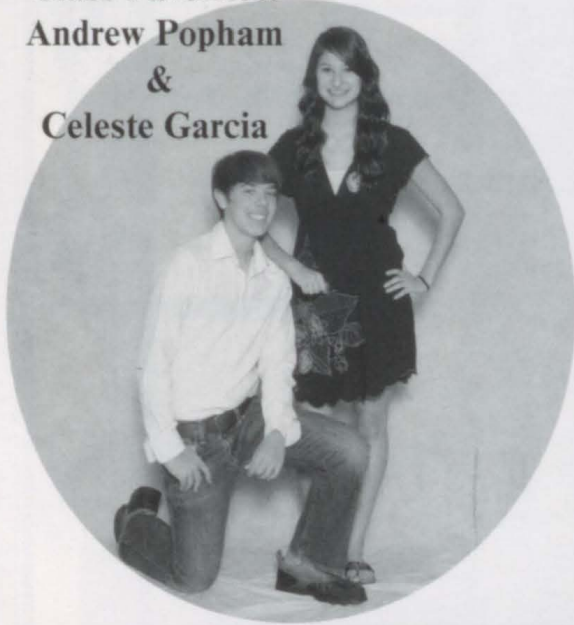
Her inspiration for playing sports is Natasha Watley who plays short stop for the USA's softball team.

"The seniors" were her motivation for doing the best she could, Geneva said.

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# Terrific Thirteen

Class Favorites:  
Andrew Popham  
&  
Celeste Garcia



Ariel Martinez becomes a Mummy as RJ McRae wraps her at "The Blackout" pep rally.

Couple Ariana Galvan and Randy Pena catch up on school gossip between classes.



Freshmen



Sophomores

"The ability to read minds, so I'll know what everyone is thinking."  
  
Marrisa Uu

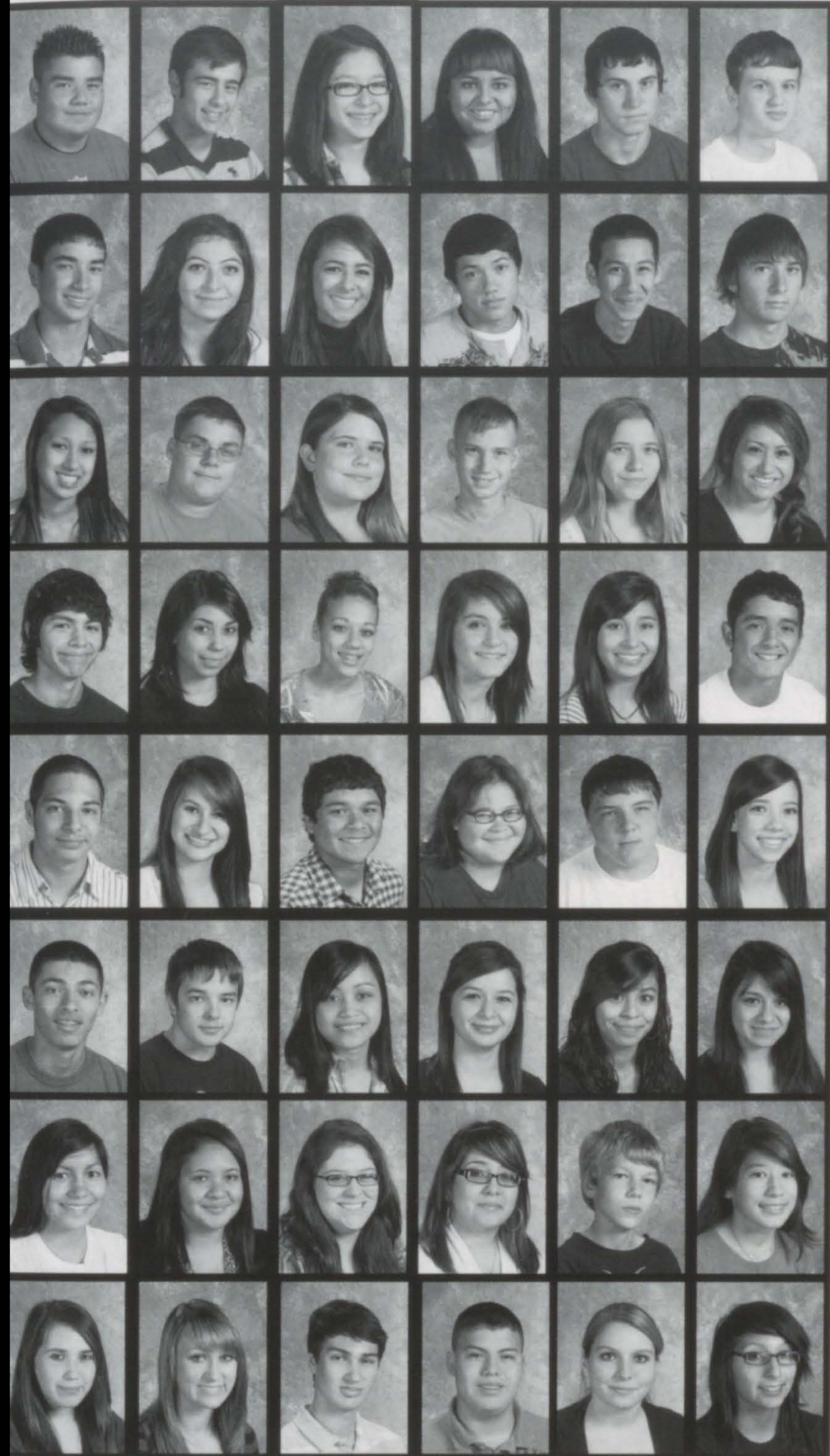
"Invisibility, so I can pull pranks and no one would know it's me."  
  
Randy Pena

"ESP, so I can control things with my mind."  
  
Marie Castanon

What superhero power would you like to have?

# Class of 2013

# S O P H O M O R E S



Juan Amaro  
David Aparicio  
Veronica Aparicio  
Krystal Arroyo  
Haely Beaty  
Martin Blair

Dylan Brune  
Katherine Cantu  
Marie Castanon  
Gerry Constancio  
Mario Contreras  
Tyler Critendon

Karina Cruz  
Edward Dipasca  
Melissa Durham  
James Kaelann Earnhardt  
Ashley Escovedo  
Alexandria Espindola

Craig Flores  
Maria Forcado  
Mallorie Ford  
Heather Fort  
Ariana Galvan  
Anthony Garcia

Brandon Garcia  
Celeste Garcia  
Israel Garcia  
Ivette Garcia  
Michael Garcia  
Victoria Garcia

Zachery Garcia  
David Georgi  
Krystle Glowka  
Amanda Gomez  
Cecily Gonzales  
Alondra Gonzalez

Ann Marie Gonzalez  
Juana Gonzalez  
Ma'shelle Guerrero  
Nicole Guerrero  
Christopher Hamm  
Darion Haney

Stephanie Harris  
Jessica Hebel  
Joshua Hebel  
Justice Henry  
Hannah Hinds  
Stephanie Holbrook



Ja'lyn Polk 'Socks it to drugs' with her crazy socks during Red Ribbon Week.



Krystle Otto shows off her homecoming mum.



Molly Hubbell Kassandra Hudbell Jordan Hunter Guadalupe Hurtado Jesus Hurtado Dylan Irwin						
Jose Jimenez Joshua Lindley Marcus Lieferino Brendan Lopez Francisca Lopez Samuel Love						
Gilberto Mancera Jose Cruz Mancera Mayra Mancera Ariel Martinez Sergio Martinez Amado Mata						
Ryan McRae Rafael Morales Joseph Morton Mynda Morton Alvin Nguyen Jason Nguyen						
Jonathan Nguyen Mindy Nguyen Sharon Duyen Nguyen Tien Nguyen Whitney Nguyen Michelle Olmstead						
Destiny Olsovsky Krystle Otis Rebecca Palacios Randy Pena Nathan Perkins Dat Pham						

## It Just Comes Naturally to a Popham

Beginning drumming at age three, Andrew Popham, 15 and sophomore at PHS, is an outstanding drummer and has won numerous high awards for his drumming talent.

The son of PHS band director Jim Popham, Andrew grew up watching his dad's band perform. "That's what inspired me to play. The sound of the drums sounds like the beat of my heart," Andrew said.

Music is all around him. Besides his dad, his mother is the color guard director and his sister can "Play the flute like a beast," Andrew said. He was born to be a musician.

"I chose the quads because it's a very different drumming technique than any other drum," Andrew said.

Andrew has never thought about giving up on playing the drums. "Drumming to me is like a brainwash machine. It clears my mind," Andrew added.

Andrew plans on continuing playing the drums until graduation and also in the future. "I would not trade my skills for anything in the world," Andrew said.



# S O P H O M O R E S



Jocelyn-Suong Pham  
Lindsey Phillips  
Ja'lyn Polk  
Andrew Popham  
Dominic Ramos  
Jesus Rios



Gabriel Rojas  
Gisela Sanchez  
Monica Sanchez  
Noah Seaman  
Emmanuel Serna  
Garret Shimek



Caitlyn Slaughter  
Jonah Solis  
Dakota Stolz  
Paige Stuhrenberg  
Amy Vacek  
Urbano Vasquez



Marissa Vu  
Jasmine Washington-Davi  
Matthew White  
Jeffrey Wygal  
Anita Zamora  
Joaquin Zamora



Maria Zamora



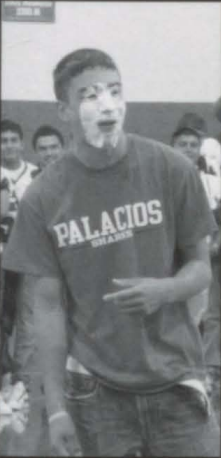
Marie Castanon dressed up as Bat Man and won the contest for best costume during Super Hero week.

Jessica Hebel shows her school spirit by dressing up as Bat Woman on a Friday game day.. The theme was "Cape the Bulldogs"



Darian Haney dressed up as Wonder Woman during the Choir Monster Concert in October.

Eliseo Zamora, Sam Love and Gilberto Mancera chit-chat before school starts.

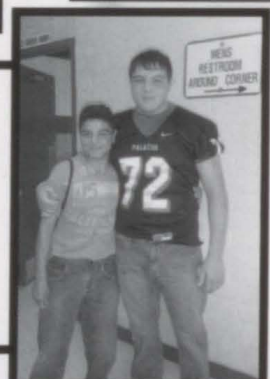


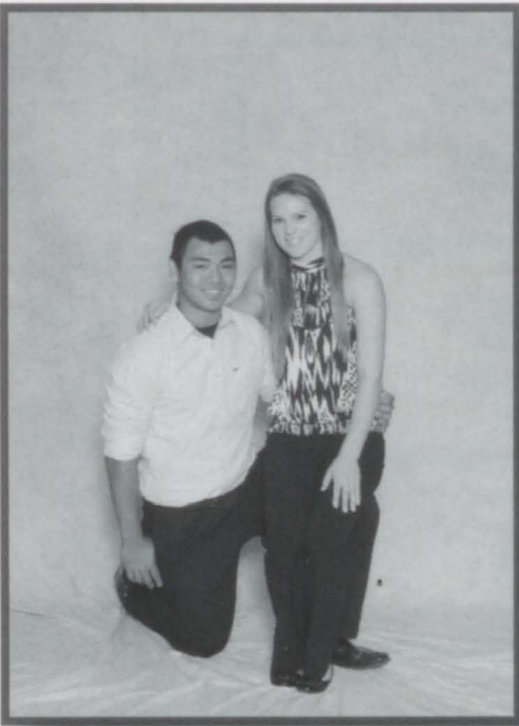
Dylan Brune shows off his white face after playing the game where four students looked for gummy Sharks in a plate full of whip cream.

David Aparicio, Anthony Galvan, Senior Greg Sexton, and Dylan Brune show off their Sharkette Spirit by creating the "Shirtless Crew" who never missed one of the volleyball games.



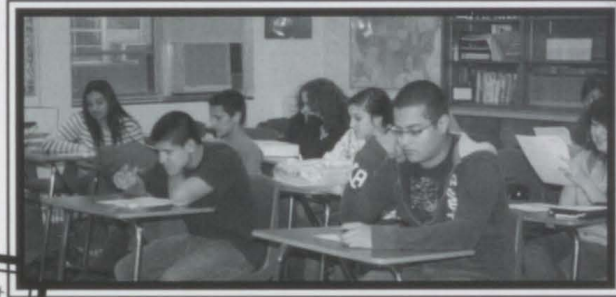
Michael Garcia shows the brothers bond , hugging his little brother Bobby before going to the pep rally.





# 2 Infinity & Beyond

class favorites  
Dai Pham &  
Chelsea



Looks like we're hard at work



"We're the only fire that  
can live in the rain."  
Vanessa Ruiz's favorite  
quote

"It's better to do  
something and get it  
wrong, than to never  
attempt to try."  
Jessinia de Jesus's  
favorite quote

"You never know if  
you never try."  
Fernanda Sifuentes  
favorite quote



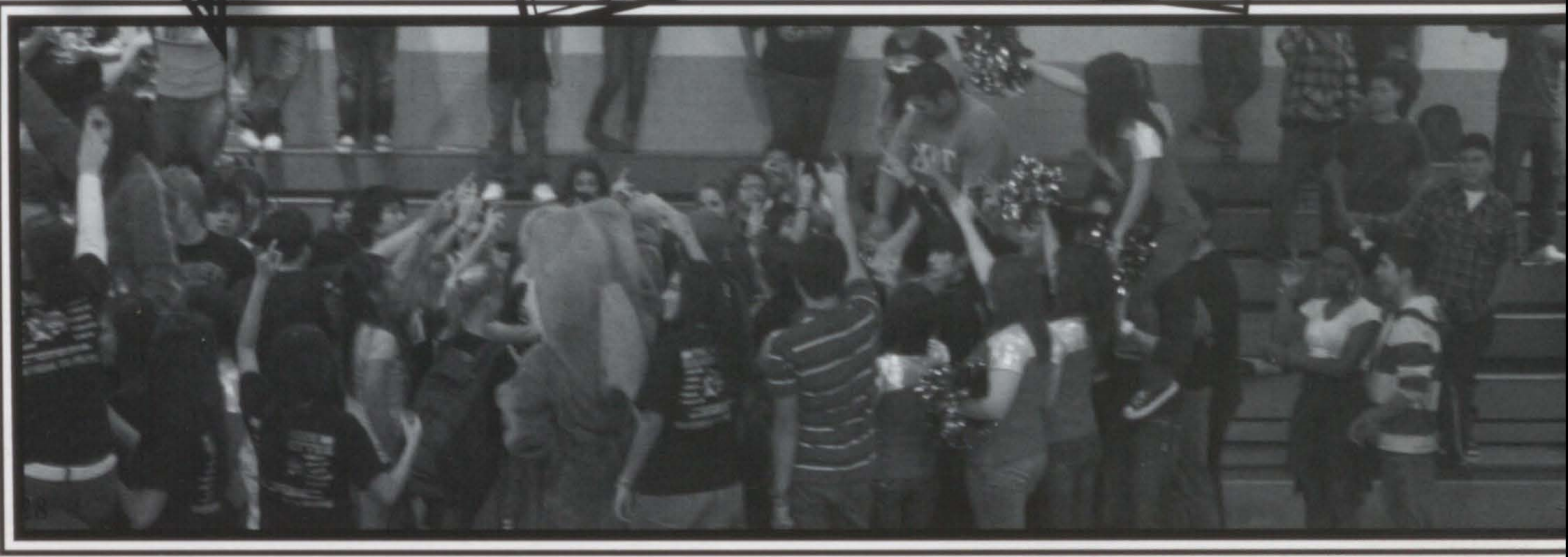
"i can not do  
everything, but I  
can still do  
something"  
Josh Buckley's  
favorite quote



Juniors get together  
at the end of a  
pep-rally



Class of 2012





# J U N I O R S



Juan Acevedo  
Marisa Aguilera  
Rocky Aguilera  
Eduardo Alanis  
Salvador Arteaga  
Adam Aucoin

Brandon Baggett  
Dustie Bain  
Miguel Betancourt  
Joshua Buckley  
Ashley Bui  
Ameec Bumgardner

Miranda Campos  
Christina Cantu  
Leeah Childers  
Nicholas Christiansen  
Cayce Collinsworth  
Stacie Constancio

Jessenia De Jesus  
Mariah Diaz  
Diana Dinh  
Marissa Dunn  
Andrew Duran  
Christian Garcia

Lauren Garcia  
Sara Garcia  
Hannah Gomez  
Luz Gonzalez  
Ashtin Grange  
Rosa Gutierrez

Jesus Hernandez  
Hector Hurtado  
Manuel Hurtado  
Keri Isbell  
Rachel Jackson  
Luis Jaime

Ismael Lara  
Desiree Ledesma  
Gabrielle Ledesma  
Danielle Llanes  
Juan Lopez  
Ricardo Lopez

Roberto Lopez  
Shirley Maldonado  
Juan Mancera  
Arturo Marquez  
Haylee McKissick  
Israel Muniz



"My biggest fear is not being successful in life."  
Diana Dinh

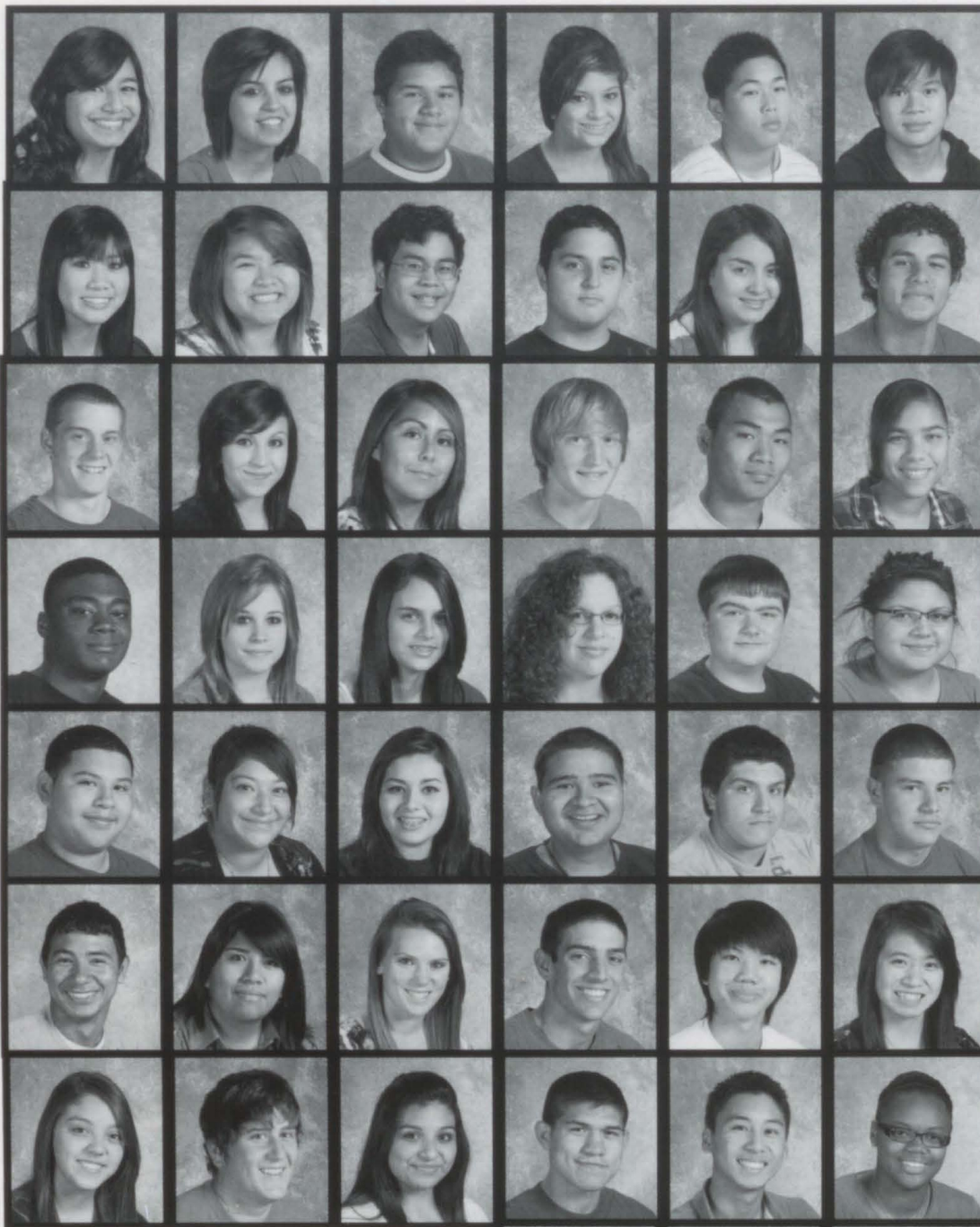
"The dark, because it plays tricks on me."  
Luz Gonzalez

"Bugs because they're ugly and creepy."  
Brianna Rankins

**What is your biggest fear?**



Keri Isbell mourns Tom's death in the fall play Tom Sawyer.



Teresa Muniz  
Brittany Munoz  
Jesus Narvaez  
Taylor Negrete  
Brian Nguyen  
Matthew Nguyen

Mimi Nguyen  
Tan Nguyen  
Van Nguyen  
Ernesto Ortiz  
Natalie Ortiz  
Jesus Paz

Kevin Pense  
Bethany Perez  
Brenda Perez  
Dustin Peterson  
Dai Pham  
Devon Polk

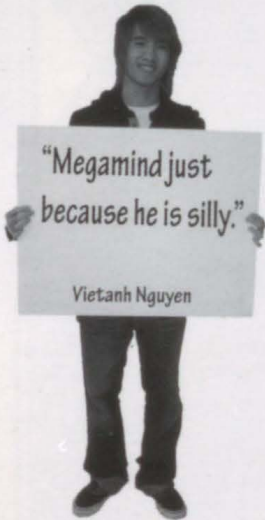
Scott Polk  
Mary Elizabeth Ramsey  
Brianna Rankin  
Amanda Reeder  
Ricky Rhoades  
Paulette Rodriguez

Gabriel Rubio  
Vanessa Ruiz  
Ivana Saldierna  
Arturo Salinas  
David Salinas  
Leonel Sanchez

Ramiro Sanchez  
Fernanda Sifuentes  
Chelsea Slaughter  
Dustin Tedder  
Duy-An Tran  
Mary Hong Ngoc Tran

April Tristan  
John Turner  
Stephanie Uribe  
Jose Venegas  
Doan Vu  
Mary Watson

Stephanie Williams  
Anthony Zerrato  
Cesar Zumaya



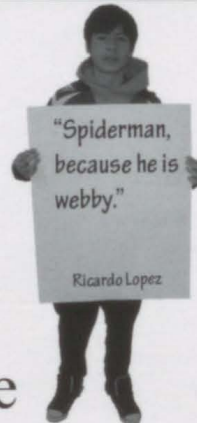
"Megamind just  
because he is silly."

Vietanh Nguyen



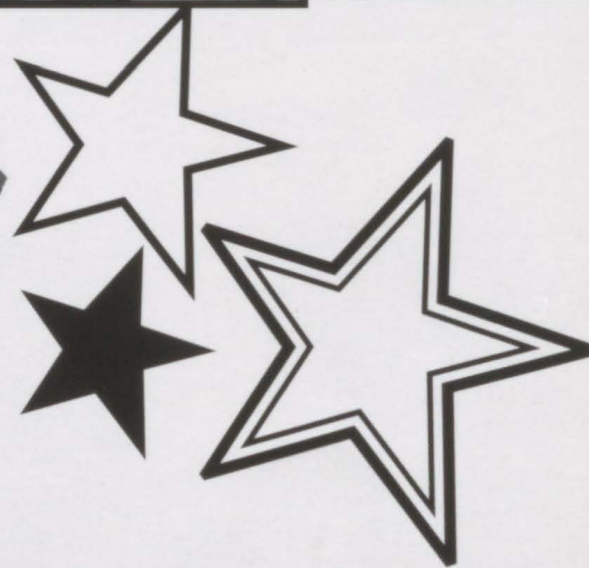
"My mommy,  
she's epic!"

QTan Nguyen



"Spiderman,  
because he is  
webby."

Ricardo Lopez



Who is your favorite  
superhero and why?



## Batmobile

Driving a cool car to school is always everyone's dream and juniors Alan Nguyen and Christian Garcia get to live their dreams.

### Alan Nguyen

Alan drives a white four door sedan luxury car. Although he would have rather have had a 2011 Mitsubishi Evo, he was very shocked when he got his little "cloud". He would like to make a few changes such as the headlights to Halogen angel headlights, but he is still very content.

### Christian Garcia

"Maybe I can get to meet Megan Fox" was one of Christian Garcia's first thoughts when he saw his scarlet red with black stripes 1967 Camaro. He also believes his car has potential to turn into a giant fighting robot "but I'm still waiting for that".

He sees himself getting a different car but as for this one "I won't sell."

## Trotting with Began, Seabar, and Jack

### Haylee McKissick

For the past nine years, Junior Haylee McKissick has been a member of the Thundering Hooves, the Matagorda County Champion riders.

Thundering Hooves is like a varsity team. Only the best riders who can handle their horses going full blast and perform various and very difficult, dangerous maneuvers are members.

And what made Haylee want to be part of this prestigious riding club? "I saw the B-team Texas thunder perform at the Rodeo Queen contest, and it was love at first sight," Haylee said.







# Seniors 2011

# SENIORS



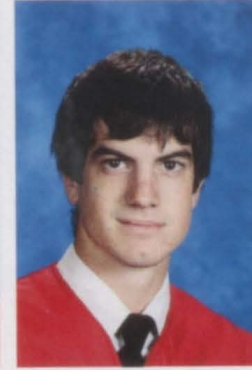


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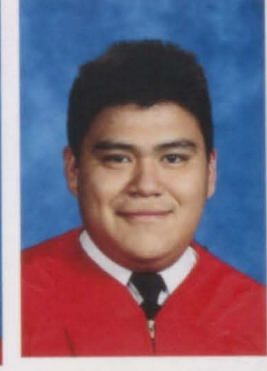
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Tess Bates



Kimberly Betancourt  
Mikey Betancourt  
Nathan Biffle  
Mayra Cambray



Henry Cano  
Articia Castro  
Elizabeth Chavez  
Gustavo Contreras



"Being an officer has definitely been a challenging

experience. I look forward to reconnecting with my Senior class later."

Laura Martinez

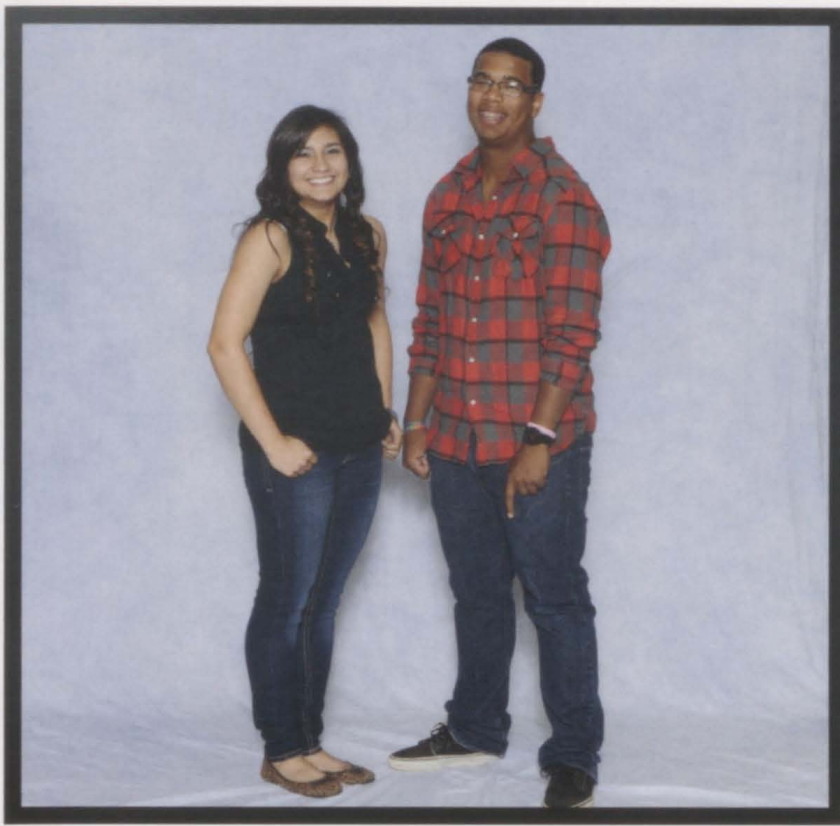

Leah Longoria

"I'm so glad I am a senior class officer. I love that I get to keep in touch with my fellow classmates!"



**Class Officers:** Leah Longoria, secretary; Ta'loria Young, president; Marie Muniz, treasurer; Laura Martinez, vice-president



"I'm honored to be class favorite. It is definitely something I'll never forget."

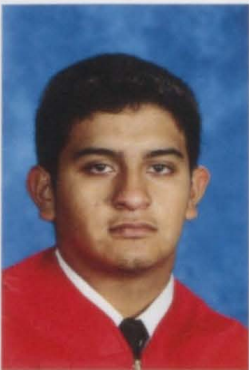
Lupita Reyes

"I feel good looking, so fresh, and so fine knowing I am class favorite. I like knowing I represent the seniors."



Jarred Roy

## Class Favorites



Edgar Corona  
Adriana Cruz  
Gabriela Cruz  
Tiffany Cruz



Brandon Davenport  
Juan Carlos Delafuente  
Jasmin Diaz  
Eyra Fernandez



Brandon Flores  
Bryan Flores  
Spencer Fort  
Jacob Frausto



Kim McRae

"One quote I feel relates to my Senior year is.. 'No matter what we get out of this, I know we will never forget it.'"



Jason Nguyen

"Best part of my senior year is going to library nights and studying with my friends. Yeah, I'm a real nerd."



"We've been waiting for the year 2011 for our entire lives"--Liem Tran

Pete Garcia  
Vincent Garcia  
Christy Grice  
Kristy Guillen



John Mark Hafernick  
Tracie Harris  
Cody Raye Hubbell  
Jeremy Hunt

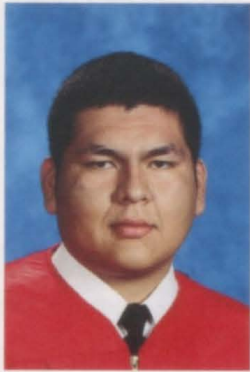


Brenda Hurtado  
Kayla Isbell  
Stephanie Jaime  
Justin Janise





Ashlan Kacer  
T. An Le  
Clarissa Llanes  
Leah Longoria



Michael Longoria  
David Lopez  
Julio Lopez  
Taylor Machacek



Jennifer Mack  
Ana Maldonado  
E. Damaris Martinez  
Laura Martinez



"Wow! I have been waiting for this since I was a little girl. We made it! I'm going to miss yall!!!"



Erica Serna



For seniors Mallory McCauley and Liem Tran, school is not about focusing on playing sports or participating in extra-curricular activities, but it's about working everyday in the job market.

Mallory, 17, works at the Prosperity Bank from 2:30 until 5:30 as part of the Co-op program at PHS..She began working in July before her senior year.

"I was about to apply at Sonic when my friend Kole Brune mentioned his mother's bank was needing a Co-op student. I applied and within a few weeks was working up there," Mallory said.

Mallory works from 2:30 to 5:30 and on Friday until 6 p.m. , occasionally working on Saturdays.

Her job description....." I file paper work, answer phones, transfer, verify, and count money, switch money from the ATM, get papers signed and take mail," Mallory said.

"It's a very good hands on experience, and it helps me get a little skill on everything. It has made me more responsible. I also like the money," Mallory added. "I pay my own bills and learned how to handle my money instead of blowing it all on pointless stuff."

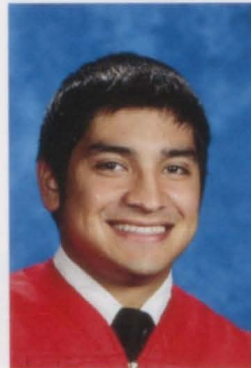
Mallory comes from a background of banking and handling money for businesses. Her mother is vice-president of City State Bank in Palacios, her sister is in college for accounting and handles the Senior Citizens Center with her grandmother.

"I'm kind of following in their footsteps," Mallory added.

Mallory is looking into a future in banking and hopes she can continue working at Prosperity Bank in Austin when she goes to college.

"It has taught me a lot on the "real world." Mallory said. "I'm more responsible and respectful now."

Vincent Martinez  
 Juan Mata  
 Mallory McCauley  
 Amanda McKenzie



Kimberly McRae  
 Marian Medrano  
 Lauren Mills  
 Mariela Mujica



Marie Muniz  
 Jason Murphy  
 Ann Nguyen  
 Jason-Quoc Nguyen





Mylien Nguyen  
 Thao Nguyen  
 Theresa Nguyen  
 Vuong Nguyen

## Taking Care of Business

Liem, 17, has been working at the restaurant Tran's for a year and a half. Securing the job, Liem "simply just asked my aunt, who is the owner. Thankfully she needed someone, and the rest is history," Liem said.

Liem's typical day is going in after school, prepping for his shift, waiting on tables, taking orders, being cashier, packing to go orders, bus and wiping down tables.

"Working has taught me that it is indeed hard to earn a dollar. Being a waiter I have learned to be more patient with people," Liem said, "also learning responsibility, keeping up with school, and becoming a hard working person."

As far as his social life, working has definitely affected it.

"I don't have much free time during the week, so I can't attend school functions as much I'd like. It has also made me more tired," Liem said. "I really don't have time for friends on the weekdays either."

Liem's future plans are to go to college at "either A&M or

Texas State with my partner in crime Alicia Torres."

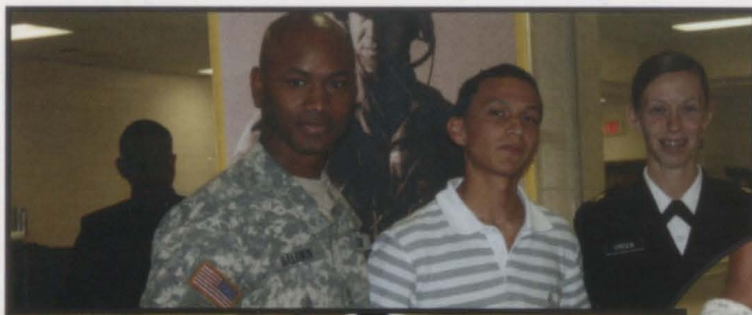
He is not sure of what career path he will choose. "I know by working at my aunt's restaurant it will help me with my future career because I will be working with people either way," Liem said.



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 Ana Paniagua  
 Kayla Quinney  
 Jessica Ramon

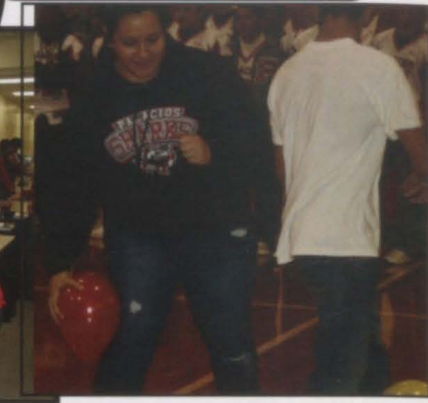


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 Brett Ringo  
 Danielle Rivas



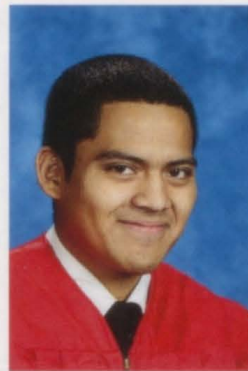
"We love when we finish all of our work; we get a chance to bond over card games. We play every chance possible!"

Kimberly Tran & Truong Vu



(top/bottom): Angel Zamora visits with the Army recruiters; Annie Nguyen, Kimberly Tran, and Carlos DeLaFuente stop at the UT table. All are pursuing the futures represented in the photos.

Veronica Rivera  
Ernesto Rodriguez  
Gabriela Rodriguez  
Hillary Rodriguez



John Rudy Rodriguez  
Jarred Roy  
Eduardo Ruiz  
Caleb Rush



Nicholas Salas  
L. Alexis Sanchez  
Amanda Scantlen  
Erica Serna





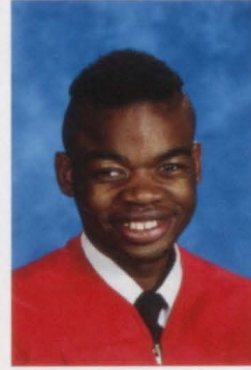
Gregory Sexton  
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Alicia Torres  
 Kimberly Tran  
 Liem Tran  
 M. John Tran



Duyen Truong  
 Taylor Turner  
 Elizabeth Vargas  
 Raquel Vasquez



Felipe Vega  
 T. Jonathan Vu  
 Truong Vu  
 Christopher Wygal



Ricardo Yanez  
 Ta'loria Young  
 Angel Zamora  
 JuanLuis Zepeda

# MR & MISS PHS



**Jarred Roy & Lupita Reyes**



**Most Influential Teacher-** Mr Pierce (Substitute)

**Favorite Movie-** Nacho Libre

**Favorite Food-** My mom's nachos

**Favorite Song-** *Neighbors Know my Name* by: Trey Songs

**Favorite Hobby-** Skate boarding with my home boy

Bwayne

**Activities he participates in-** Football, Basketball, and my own cool club.

**What's your favorite thing about Palacios?** "When you can go get popcorn and hot chocolate at the Luther Hotel before Christmas."

**How would you like to be remembered?** "By my beautiful bronze skin, and my sexy voice, oh and how I had so many hand shakes with different people."

**Jarred Roy**



**Lupita Reyes**

**Most Influential Teacher-** Mrs Wollam

**Favorite Movie-** Nacho Libre

**Favorite Food-** Chicken Enchiladas

**Favorite Song-** *Iris* by: Goo Goo Dolls

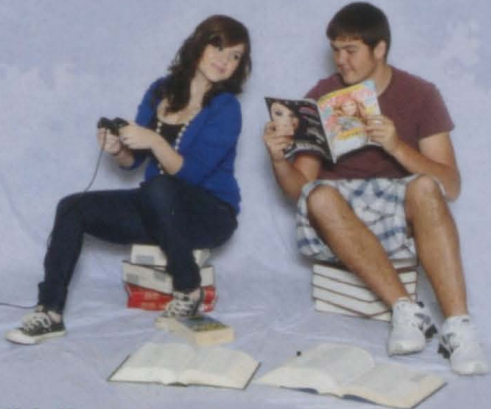
**Favorite Hobby-** Drawing and listening to music

**Activities she participates in-** Varsity Cheerleader, Varsity Volleyball and Basketball, and TAFE

**What's your favorite thing about Palacios?** "I love living in this small town, and being able to know everyone I go to school with. I pretty much like everything about our town."

**How would you like to be remembered?** "As someone who could make you smile, even when you didn't want to. I like to make people happy."

Biggest Procrastinator



Alicia Torres

Jacob Frausto

Most Talented



Annie Nguyen

Cody Stahlecker

Class Gossip



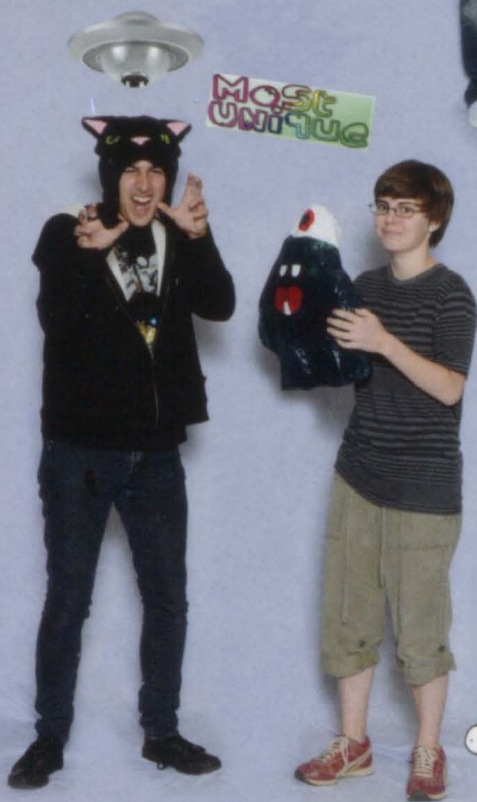
Liem Tran



Leah Longoria

# Who's Who

Most Unique



Nick Salas

Jennifer Mack

Biggest Flirt



Vuong Nguyen

Jasmin Diaz

**Worst Driver**



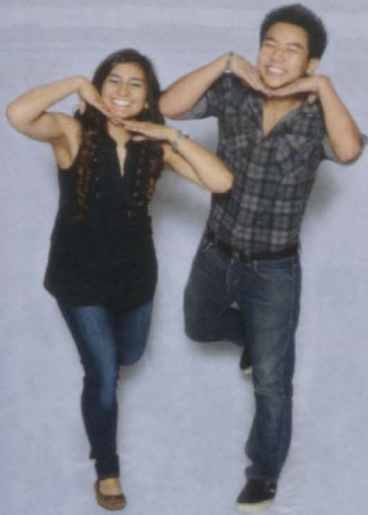
Ashlan Kacer  
Hunter Shimek

**Friendliest**



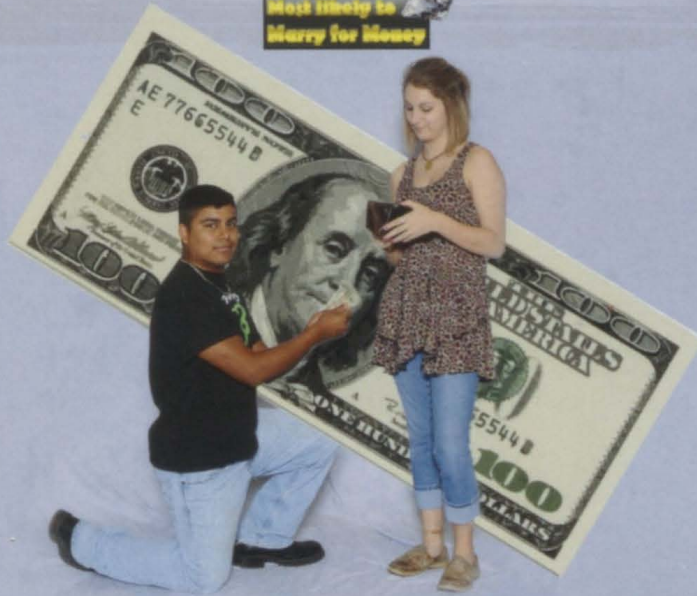
Juanluis Zepeda  
Amanda Mc Kenzie

**Prettiest Smile**



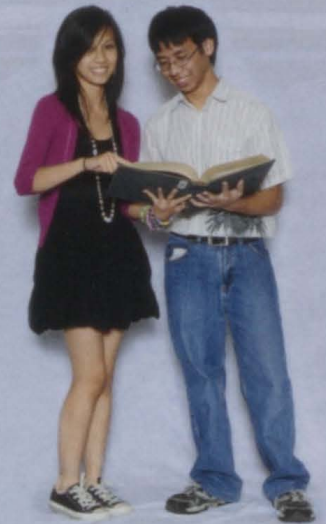
Lupita Reyes  
Vuong Nguyen

**Most likely to Marry for Money**



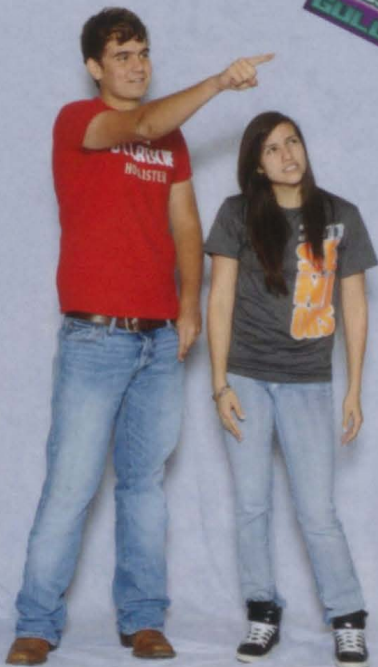
Vincent Garcia  
Kimberly Mc Rae

**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**



Annie Nguyen  
Jason Nguyen

**MOST GULLIBLE**



Taylor Turner  
Erica Serna

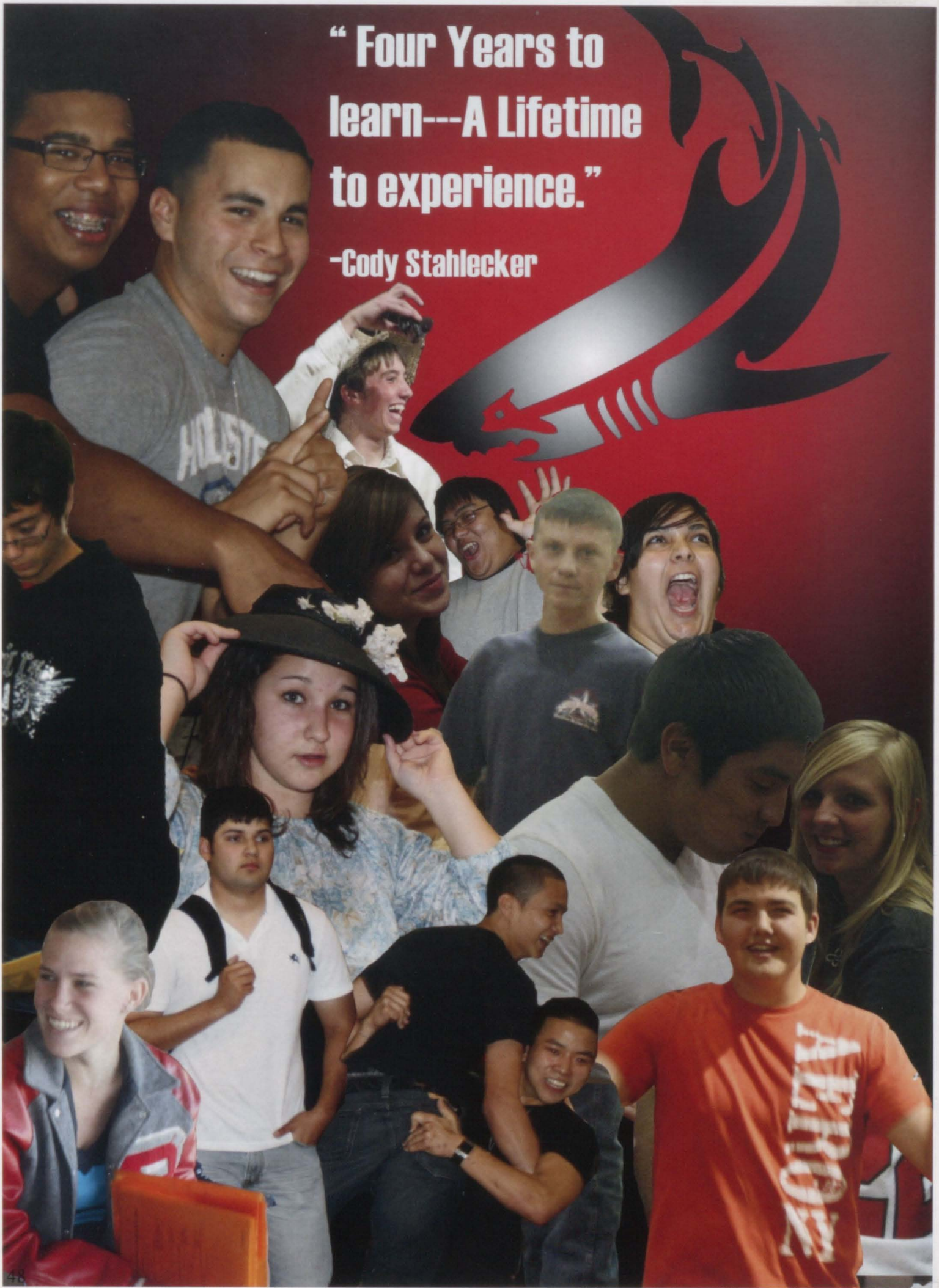
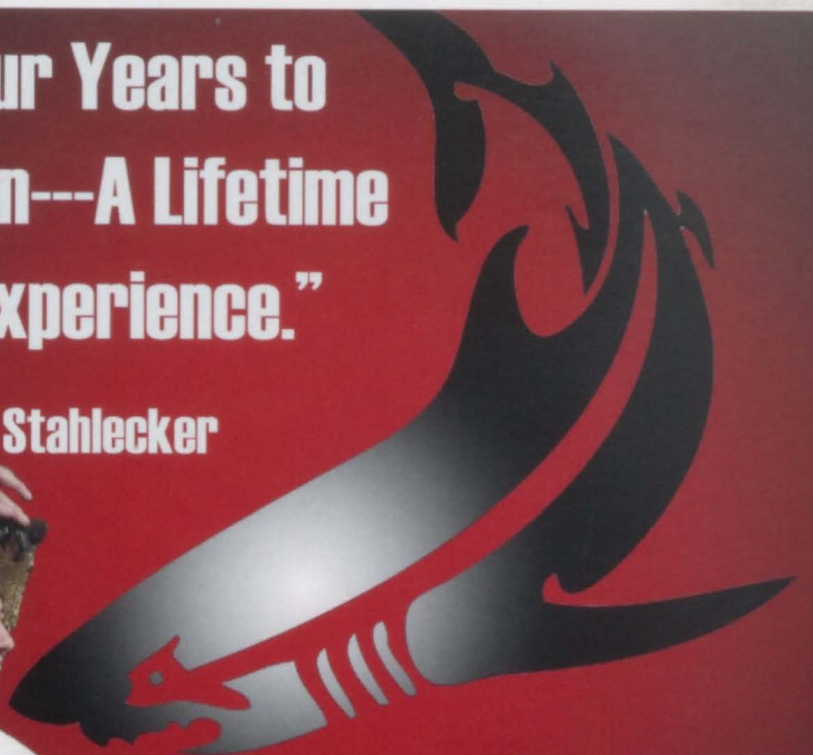
**MOST LIKELY TO BE A REALITY STAR**



How Star  
Amanda Scantlen

**“ Four Years to  
learn---A Lifetime  
to experience.”**

**-Cody Stahlecker**



# Senior Parties

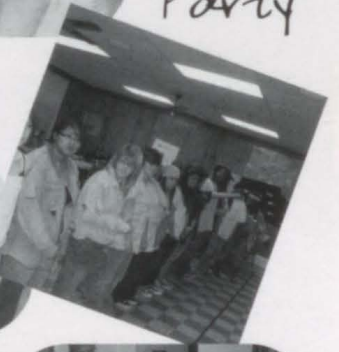
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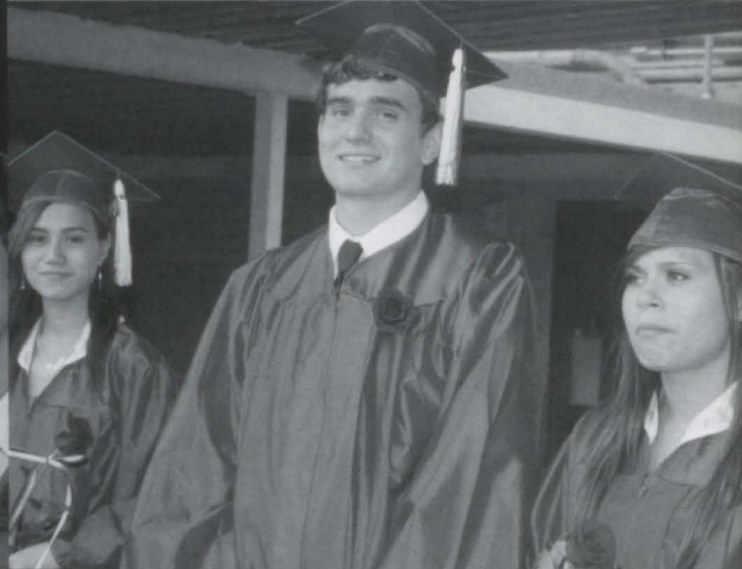
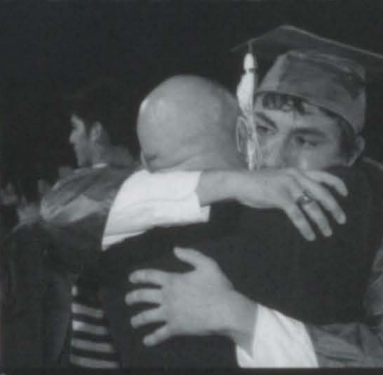
80's Party



# Let's Make the Best of Tonight,



## Class of 2011



Friday May 27th at 8 pm  
Shark Stadium.

Class Song: "September"  
by Daughtry

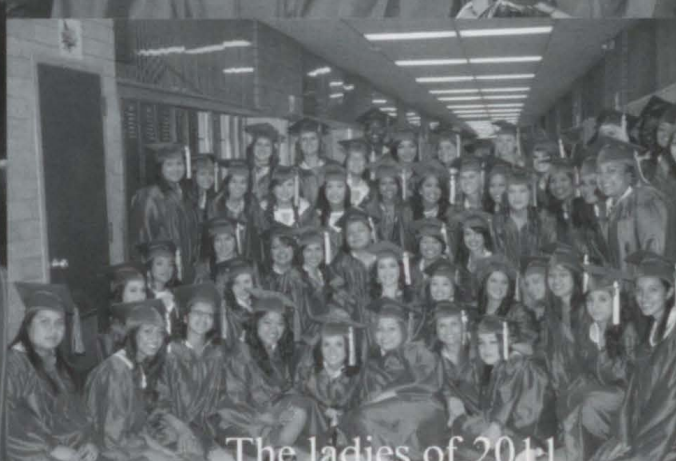
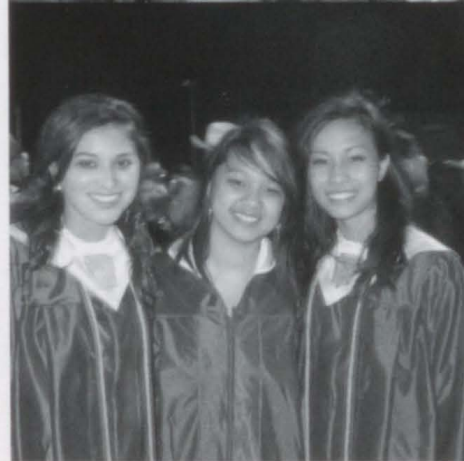
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Red/Black/White

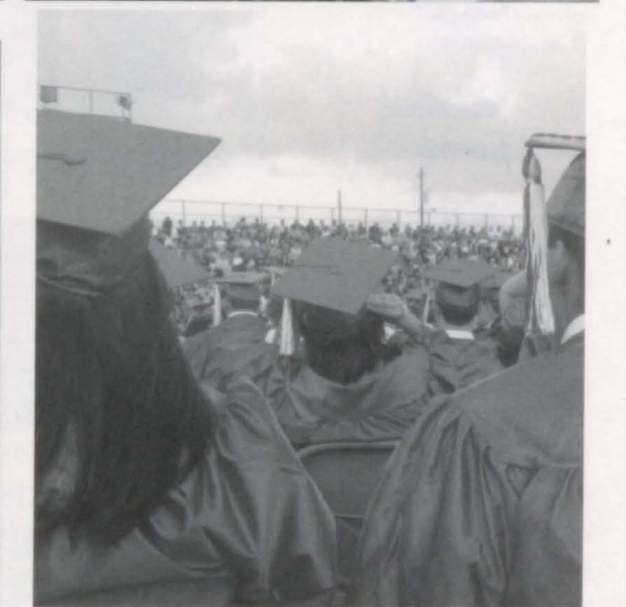
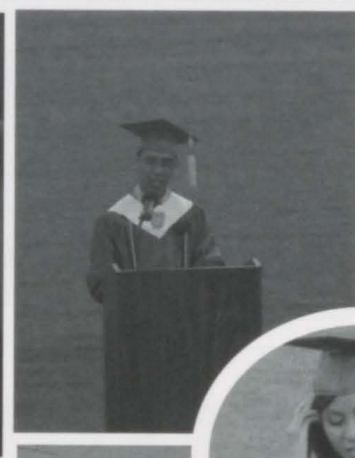
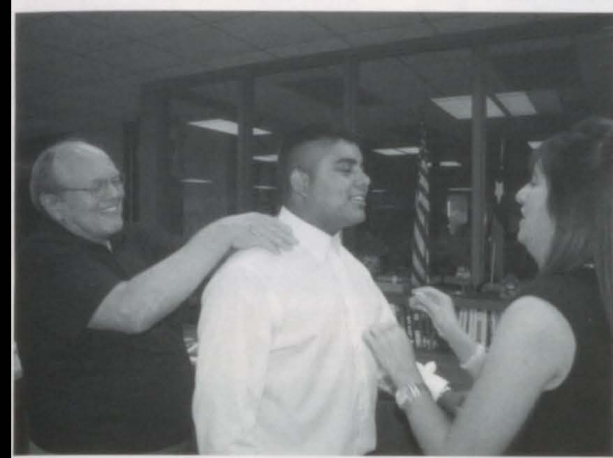
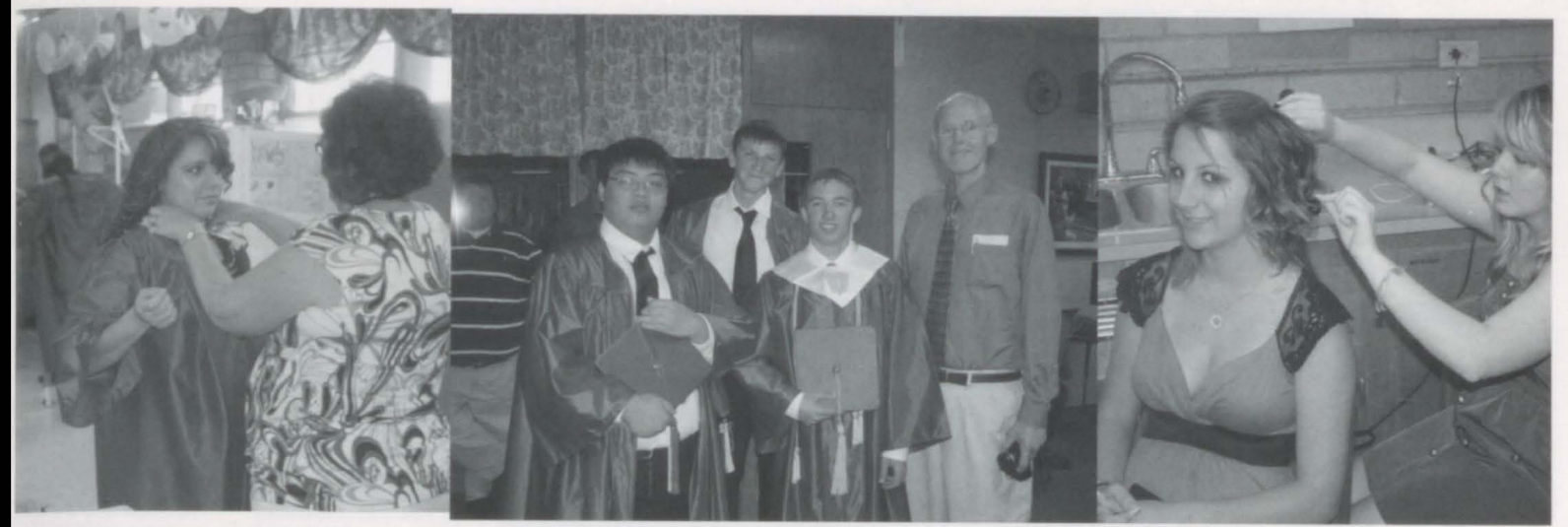
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Class Motto:

"Our lives are before us,  
our past is behind us, but  
our memories are forever  
within us."



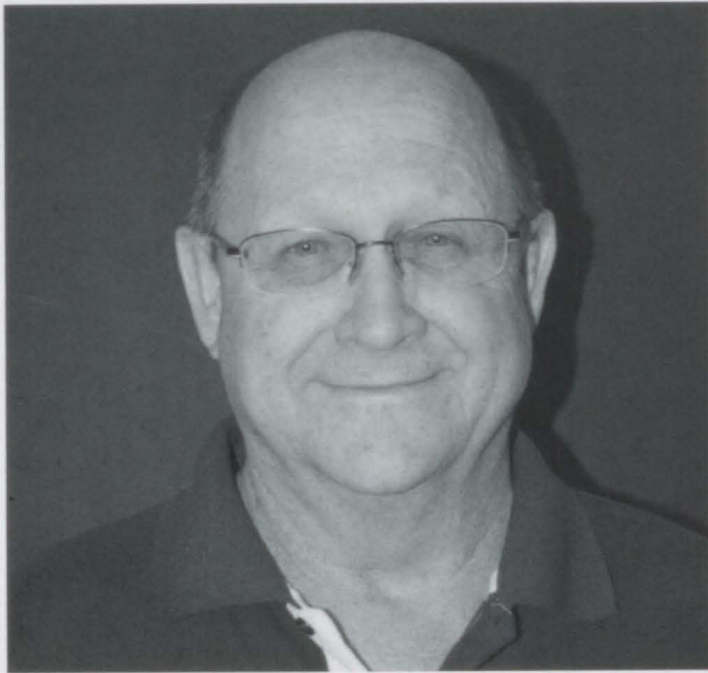
The ladies of 2011



**Here Comes the Rest of Our Lives**

# Superhero Support

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Stephanie Garcia



Zoleiada Garcia



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Lupe Gonzales



Mark Grimes



Luis Gutierrez



Becky Hernandez



Coach Valdez and Mrs. Flores take a breather from instruction in physical education class.



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James Janacek



Cindy Johnson



Lucy Kirby





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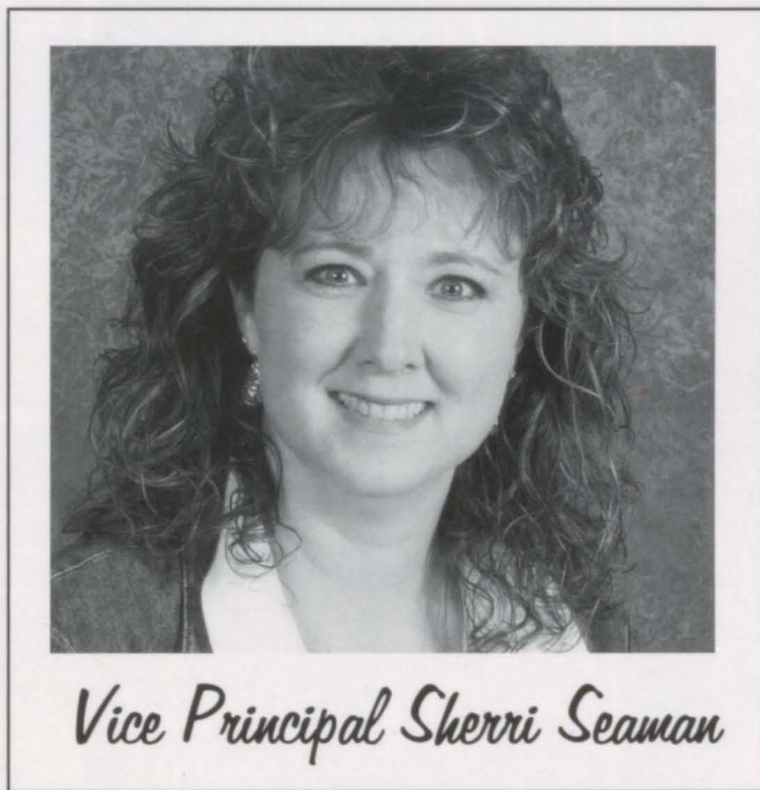
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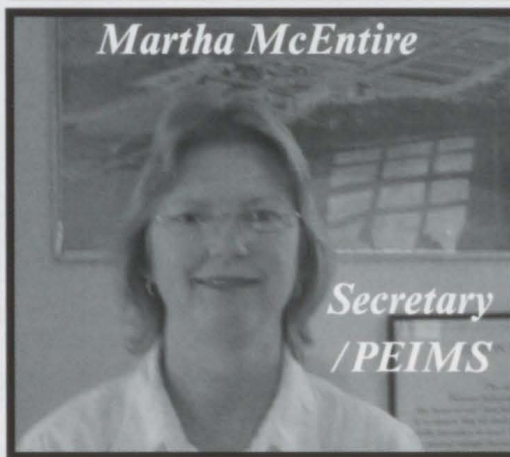
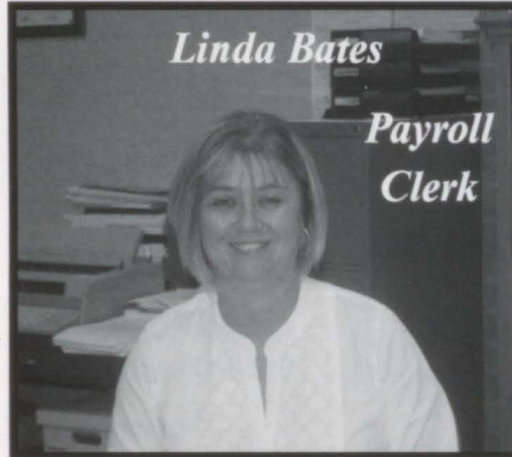
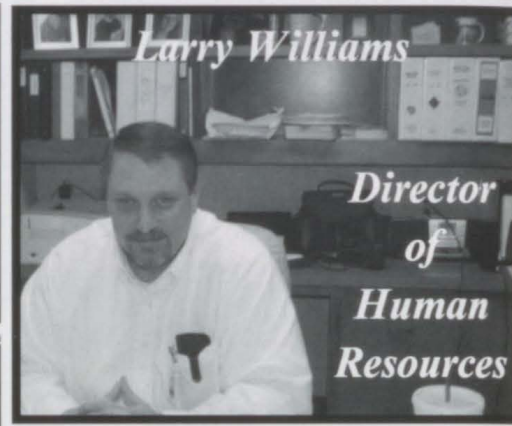
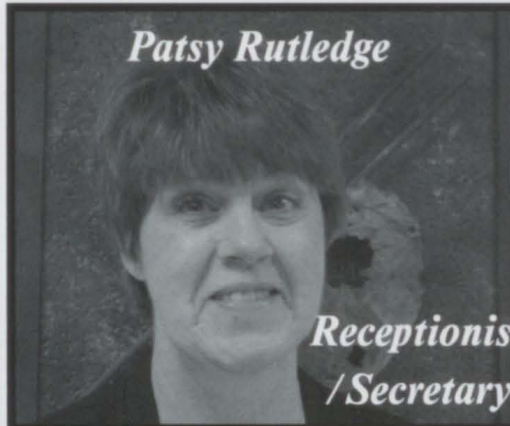
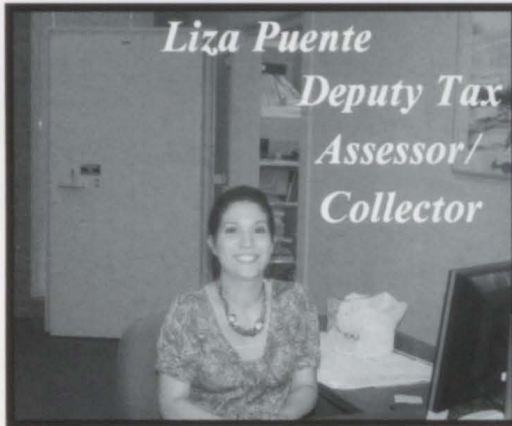
Mr. Chandler lends a hand to the band with his tuba playing during a pep rally. He began playing as a student in 1989.

Athletic director Mike Treybig receives the 2010 UIL Sponsor of Excellence from the UIL State personnel and Superintendent Adams in January. In receiving the award, Coach Treybig received a plaque and \$1,000 cash gift. Recipients are nominated by their school principal and the award is based on outstanding



coaching in UIL. Only fifteen teachers a year are selected from all UIL academic and athletic coaches as well as music and theatre directors in the entire state.

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# RUNNING By The Bay

## **Q: When did you start running?**

**A:** I ran in high school but ran sprints. I started running again when I was a junior in college because I had gained weight. Then I started doing all lengths of runs just for the fun of it.

## **Q: What is your typical running week?**

**A:** A typical week is running 3 or 4 miles daily starting at about 5:15am with the two dogs. Then on weekends and holidays, anywhere between 4 and 15 miles a day depending on the weather and how much time I have. Occasionally, when training for a full marathon, I will run for 4 to 5 hours.

## **Q: Have you kept a journal of your runs. If so, do you know the total marathons and other runs you have completed?**

**A:** I have not kept a journal. I have only run 4 full marathons but probably 10 - 15 half marathons. I have not missed a day of running for over 13 years.

## **Q: Why do you run?**

**A:** I started running for weight control but now it is because I am addicted and enjoy it. I also know it is good for my heart and a great stress reliever. Plus my dogs need exercise, especially the younger one. They are the reason I rarely use a treadmill.

## **Q: Name a few famous marathons you have run.**

**A:** I have only done the Houston Chevron Marathon. When I retire, I would like to run every marathon or half-marathon in the Rock-n-Roll series. Since they are all over the United States, I want to plan vacations around them.

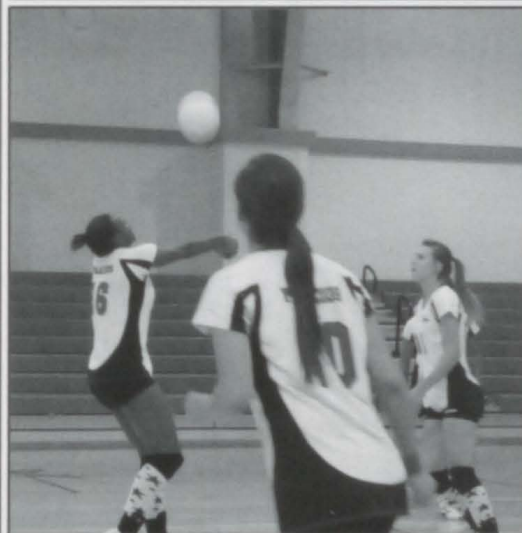
*"I have not missed  
a day of running  
for over 13 years."*

*Vicki Adams-Superintendent*



# S P O R T S

"I wasn't scared  
in the least"  
Batman



# BOYS OF FALL

"I would have liked to win more games, but I was proud of the kids effort," Athletic Director and Head Coach Mike Treybig said about this year's football team.

Coach Treybig's goals this year were to be a family and play together as a team. "We are Family" was the theme for this year's sport at Palacios High School.

The most exciting moment this season was when PHS won the Goliad game. "We came from behind in fourth quarter," Treybig said.

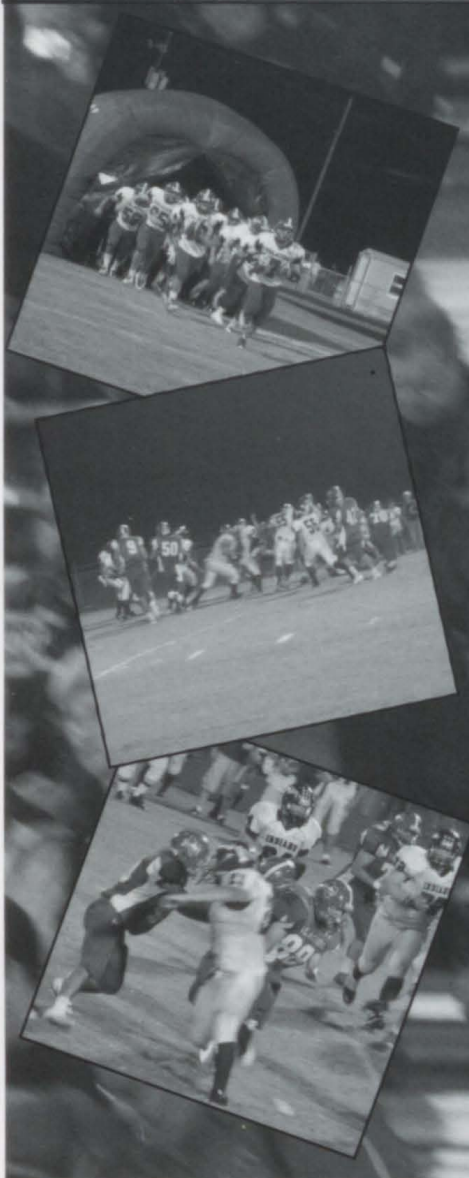
First team All-District honors went to Jesus Hernandez, Greg Sexton, Michael Garcia, and Orlando Zumaya.

Second team went to Anthony Garcia and Dai Pham.

Honorable mention went to Carlos Delafuente, Vincent Garcia, Spencer Fort, Leo Sanchez, Eddie Alanis, Taylor Turner, Jacob Frausto, Dat Pham, and Vincent Martinez.

All-Matagorda County went to Greg Sexton, Michael Garcia, Orlando Zumaya, and Leo Sanchez.

Red Zone Player of the year for Palacios was Greg Sexton.



"Win or lose we are always a 'Family'," A. Garcia, sophomore, said.



"I wish I could've of been there for my team more. I was out 4 of the 10 games," D. Pham junior said.

"If I could change one thing this season, it would be to be more successful," V. Garcia senior said.



"It's not a penalty unless you get caught," J. Frausto, senior said.



Boling  
L: 45-10

Tidehaven  
L: 48-21

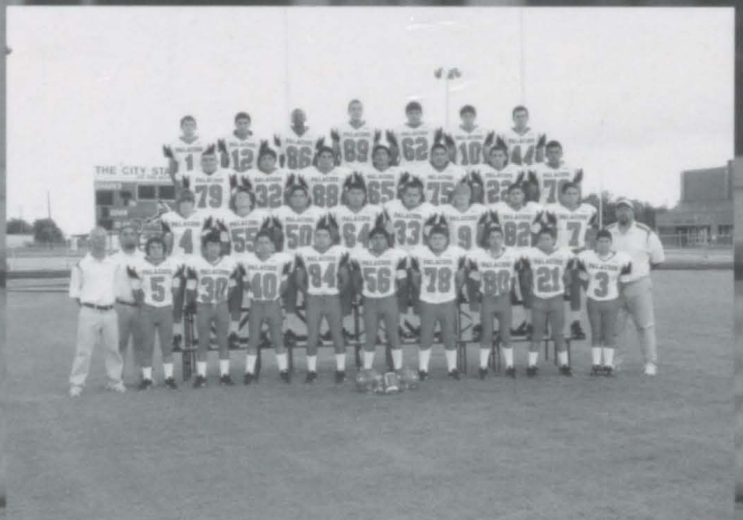
Brazos  
W: 38-10

Hallettsville  
L: 40-10

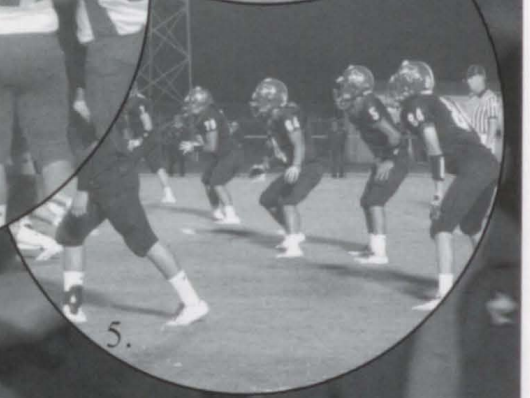
Goliad  
W: 25-18



Top: J. Paz, D. Peterson, C. Delafuente, J. Turner, T. Turner, D. Tedder, J. Frausto, A. Garcia, G. Sexton, Z. Garcia, D. Pham, S. Fort, M. Garcia, D. Brune, J. Roy, Coach Bates, E. Corona, J. Mata, D. Aparicio, V. Garcia, P. Garcia, V. Martinez, Coach Weixelman, Coach Overton, J. Contreras, A. Nguyen, O. Zamaya, Coach Treybig, E. Alanis, J. Hernandez, L. Sanchez, Coach Figueroa, Coach Arnesen, Coach Fort



Top: N. Garcia, B. Garcia, I. Thomas, N. Christiansen, J. Sanchez, C. DeLeon, H. Beaty, A. Fuentes, P. Garcia, J. Hunter, A. Hollbrook, D. Pham, S. Garcia, R. Mata, J. Shelby, N. Seaman, E. Ruiz, I. Muniz, R. McRae, M. White, K. Garcia, C. Garcia, Coach Bates, Coach Figueroa, J. Rush, M. Latapie, C. Perry, J. Jimenez, B. Lopez, G. Shimek, A. Aparicio, C. Garcia, E. Garcia, Coach Arnesen



- 1) J. Contreras going for the goal.
- 2) S. Fort blocks the opponent from getting the ball.
- 3) V. Martinez leads the team running with the PISD and the American flag.
- 4) The boys getting together, huddling, and talking about the game plan.
- 5) The boys warm up before the game begins.

Ganado  
L: 41-7

Sweeny  
L: 41-20

Columbia  
L: 53-0

Needville  
L: 40-7

Wharton  
L: 29-26

# FIGHTING THE CHALLENGE



Mrg.M.Watson, R. Lopez, M. Hurtado, J .Hafernick, J. Mancera, J. Tran, L. Hurtado  
Mrg.M .Mancera, G.Cruz, L. Ramirez, S.Holbrook  
A. Bumguardner, M. Medrano, B. Perez



Daniel Vega



Jose Mancera



Brenda Perez



Taylor Machacek



Cross country started the rough road in the blazing heat of July. August came quickly, and the heat got worse.

Three weeks left for the big meet in Palacios, and the team was more than ready to kick off the season. Two months of grueling pain went by and the peak of district came upon the team.

Both varsity girls (2nd in district) and boys (3rd in district) made their ways toward regional at San Antonio.

"This cross country team is like a family because every person is unique and has their own great personality," Brenda Perez, junior, said,"

Perez was hitting a P.R at regional, and medaling at every meet. Running at regional with only 50 meters left, she finishing 9th place, and heading towards state, but two girls passed her up, and she finished 12th place.

August 28 September 2 September 11 September 18 September 25

Palacios

Lamar

Moulton

Sweeny

Needville





" We are Family." Mayra Mancera



"I ran a 14:58 on my first varsity meet." Lacey Ramirez



" Running a forever long distance." Kolbe Huffman



" My cousin Brenda inspires me to run' because we ran together during the summer." Kristy Guillen



" Coach Arrendondo inspires me to run because she goes on the course telling me I can do it." John Tran



J. Hafernick, R.Lopez, M. Gatica, M.Hurtado , J.Tran, F.Rodriguez, L.Hurtado, D.Vega, Mgr. M.Waston  
Mgr. M.Mancera, A. Cruz, K.Huffman, A. Gonzalez, K. Seaman, L. Ramírez, S. Holbrook, K. Guillen, G. Cruz, M.Medrano, B.Perez, A.Bumguardner J.Mancera



" My team are great runners, they never give up and they always keep me running." Ameer Bumguardner



" My parents inspire me to run --they are always there for me." John Hafernick



" I kept going no matter how hard the meets were." Liliana Jamie



" I never liked running before , but now I do I might join again next year ." Ana Gonzalez



"Coach Arredondo inspires me to keep on running because she believes that I can go farther than I ever ran and pushes me to go faster and be a better runner". Marian Medrano



"My mom inspires me to run. No matter what she goes through she never gives up --that's why I look up to her because she is the strongest person I know . Coach is always there to support me too." Adriana Cruz



"This year I ran with the varsity girls at regional and I can't wait for next year. I will try my best throughout the 3 years." Graciela Cruz

October 2    October 9    October 16    October 25    November 6

Bay City    Round Top    Industrial    Round Top    Regionals

# A KILLER SEASON

No volleyball plays can begin without a serve, and the serve is the only technique that is totally under a player's control.

The serves of the PHS Sharkettes proved to be powerful as the team finished with a 31-10 record, 6-2 in district, and not only advancing to the playoffs but going three deep.

" We really came together as a team, more of a family, and that really made a difference", Lupita Reyes, senior, said.

The coaches inspire me to keep on fighting", Mallorie Ford said.

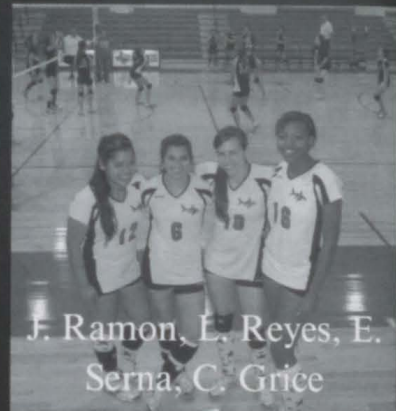
Chelsea Slaughter, junior, agreed about the family atmosphere. " We had a saying such as 'Pick your head up', 'It's

not over yet" " Keep your head up, don't give up, and play with your heart."

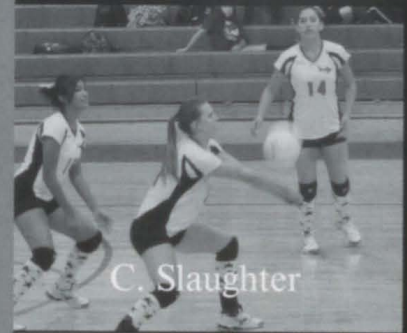
Estella Gutierrez felt Coach Arredondo was a major influence. "Coach Arredondo inspires me because she tells us to never give up and keep pushing till the end, " Estella said.

Winning 31 games was definitely exhilarating. "After winning a game I feel so excited and it the best feeling ever. But when we lose a game I feel disappointed that I didn't do my best but I keep my head up high," Maria Gutierrez said.

Under the direction of the Head Coach Schuetz, his motto for the girls was "TPW" -----Tough Players Win.



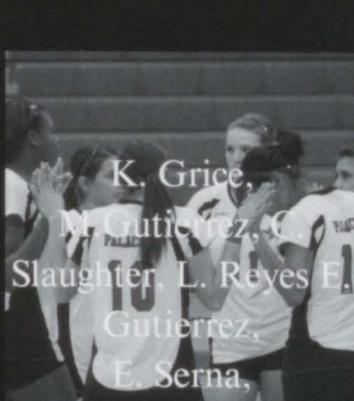
J. Ramon, E. Reyes, E. Serna, C. Grice



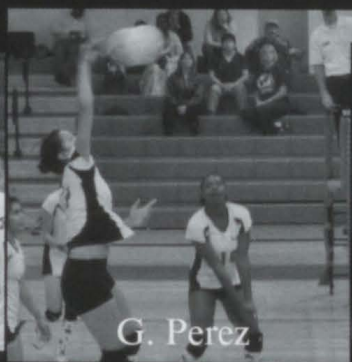
C. Slaughter



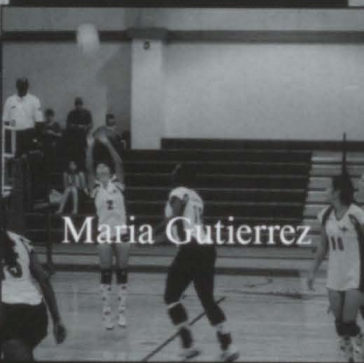
Erica Serna



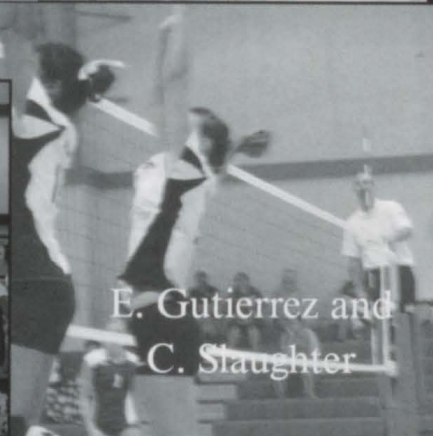
K. Grice,  
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Gutierrez,  
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G. Perez



Maria Gutierrez

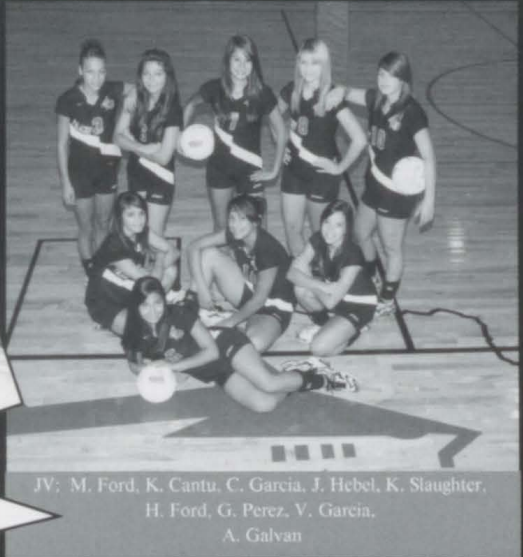


E. Gutierrez and  
C. Slaughter

District - Needville (L) Sweeny (W) Wharton (W) Colubia (W)  
Playoffs - Ingleside 25-22, 9-25, 19-25, 26-24, Zapeta-25-18,



V: E. Gutierrez, K. Grice, Coach Schuetz, C. Slaughter, J. Ramon  
D. Polk, E. Serna, M. Campos, L. Reyes  
M. Gutierrez

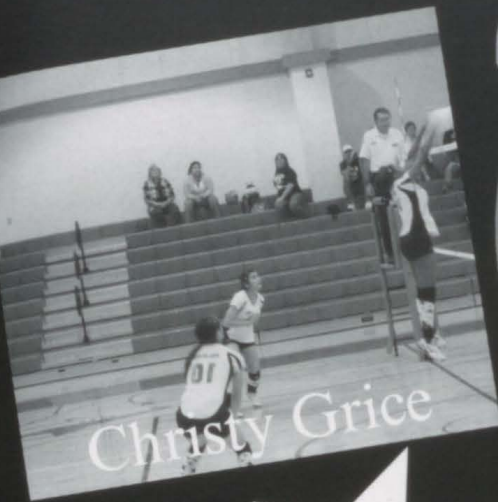


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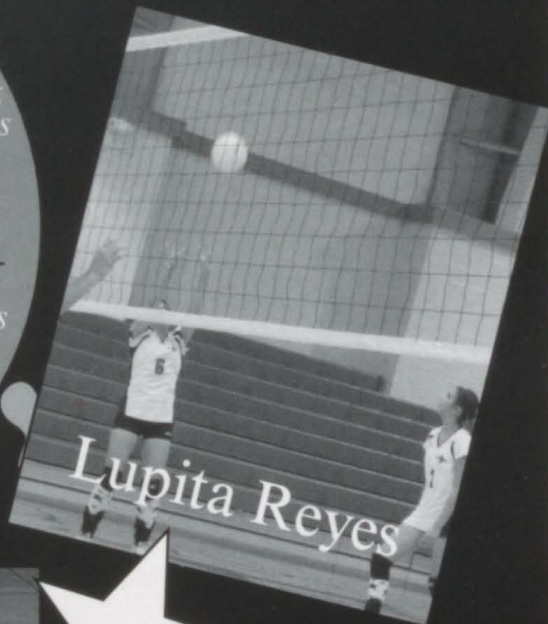
*"We had a very well rounded team this year and the girls got along great". "I believe our hard work and determination is what got us as far as we did".*  
Jessica Ramon

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*" We played great as a team --it's like we read each other's mind and we trust each other."*  
Erica Serna



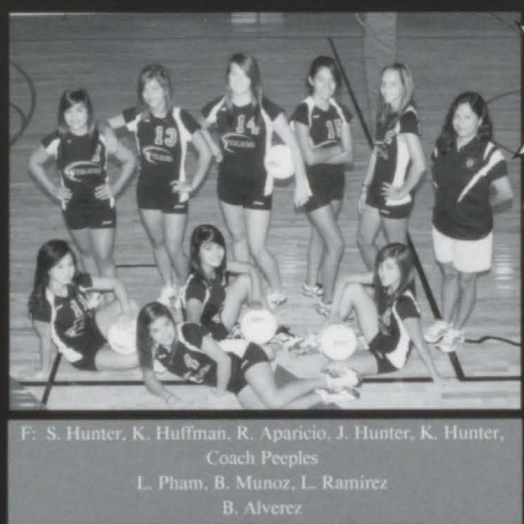
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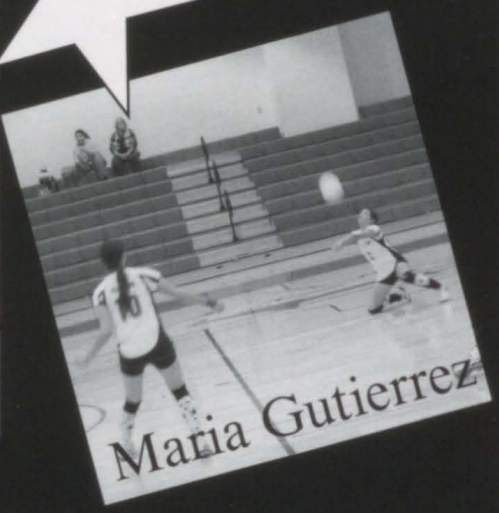
Lupita Reyes



The team



F: S. Hunter, K. Huffman, R. Aparicio, J. Hunter, K. Hunter,  
Coach Peoples  
L. Pham, B. Munoz, L. Ramirez  
B. Alvarez



Maria Gutierrez

Needville (W) 29-27, Sweeny (W) 25-14, (W) Sinton- 26-28, Wharton (W) 27-25, 17-25, Columbia (W) 25-14, 10-15 (L)

# TIME FOR SOME ROUND BALL

The Palacios Sharkettes had a new district this year which caused to girls to play more competitive opponents. They went 2-6 in district and 16-9 overall.

"I thought we played well together and played our hardest every Tuesday and Friday night," Coach Wollam said.

One of the most exciting moments was "playing the championship game during one of our tournaments," said Coach.

Reaching playoffs is always a main goal, not only in basketball, but in every sport. The girls came so close to reaching this goal but fell short in the game that counted the most by 13 points, according to Wollam .



Top: Coach Wollam, K. Quinney, C. Grice,  
C.Slaughter, E. Gutierrez, J. Diaz  
Middle: J. Ramon, E.Serna, D. Polk  
Bottom: L. Rayes, M. Gutierrez

"Lupita Reyes and Erica Serna were the standouts," Wollam added.

Lupita Reyes was named to second team all district Victoria area all-star, and Offensive MVP for Matagorda County. Erica Serna and Maria Gutierrez were named honorable mention. Maria was named first team Matagorda County.



Top: C. Slaughter, S. Constancio, M. Watson,  
C. Garcia, A. Kacer  
Middle: T. Machacek, H. Fort, J. Washington-Davis  
Bottom: V. Ruiz, M. Ford



Top: J. Hunter, L. Ramirez, R. Aparicio, G. Perez, J. Molina, T. Triplet, J. Grimes,  
Middle: B. Munoz, L. Phan, K. Huffman, T. Nguyen

Sweeny  
(L)

West Columbia  
(L)

Wharton  
(W)

Needville  
(L)



1. Mallory Ford going up for a shot over Needville.



2. Marie Gutierrez is going in for the steal from Danbury.



3. Erika Serna goes up for the shot over two of Danbury's defenders.

4. Christy Grice going up for the shot over Needville.

5. Erica Serna going up for the shot.



Sweeny  
(L)

West Columbia  
(L)



Wharton  
(W)

Needville  
(L)

" My biggest accomplishment was growing so close to my team and playing basketball like it should be played, with heart and intensity . Whether we won or lost we were always ready to play again as hard as we could. "

# ALL EYES ON ME

The Palacios Sharks basketball team tried their best at every game, but they ended up with an 8-17 season and 0-8 district records.

"I was very pleased with the performance of such a young team. Of course I would have liked to win more games but there's always next year," said Coach Weixelman.

"I was very pleased with the overall performance of the team. We only returned with two starters off last year's team, and at one point started three sophomores this year," Coach said.

One exciting moment of the season was placing third in the Bloomington tournament.

Dustin Tedder got first team and Jeremy Hunt received honorable mention in the All District selections.



Varsity  
 Top: Coach Weixelman, D. Tedder, N. Christiansen, J. Nguyen,  
 Bottom: J. Hafernick, G. Rojas, D. Brune, J. Hunt



Freshmen  
 Top: I. Thomas, J. Sanchez, D. Harvey, A. Hernandez, C. Delion  
 Bottom: R. Pena, J. Shelby, G. Shimek, B. Valdez



Junior Varsity  
 Top: H. Beaty, H. Hurtado, D. Salinas, Coach Grimes  
 Bottom: J. Solis, B. Flores, J. Jimenez

West Columbia  
 (L)

Needville  
 (L)

Wharton  
 (L)

Sweeny  
 (L)



1. Jarred Roy goes up for a basket while two defenders attempt to block his shot.



2. Dustin Tedder is unstoppable when he goes in for the dunk.



3. John Mark Hafernick stops an opponent from making a shot.



4. Dylan Brune goes up for the lay up.



5. Gabriel Rojas goes in for the lay up unguarded.



6. Dai Pham jumps into the air to get the ball back for the Palacios Sharks.



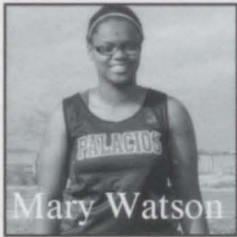
7. Jason Nguyen goes in for the lay up against Sweeny.

West Columbia  
(L)

Needville  
(L)

Wharton  
(L)

Sweeny  
(L)



"If I could have changed one thing this season it would be hitting my head and having a concussion."

"Coach Arredondo inspires me because she always gave us encouraging words."



Brooke  
Munoz



Victoria  
Garcia

"I enjoy Coach Arredondo's homemade Gatorade after practice."

"We all worked together and never gave up this season."



Mallorie  
Ford



Brenda Perez

"I enjoy track a lot because there was never a dull moment with the team."

"I enjoy feeling the energy rush as I run around the track."



Anee  
Bungardner



"I enjoy supporting the team and talking pictures for coach."

# LEADING THE WAY

Girls Track had an outstanding season with eight advancing to the Regional meet in Corpus Christi. All three relays advanced.

"There were many events where the girls had PR's (personal best)," Coach Barbara Peeples said.

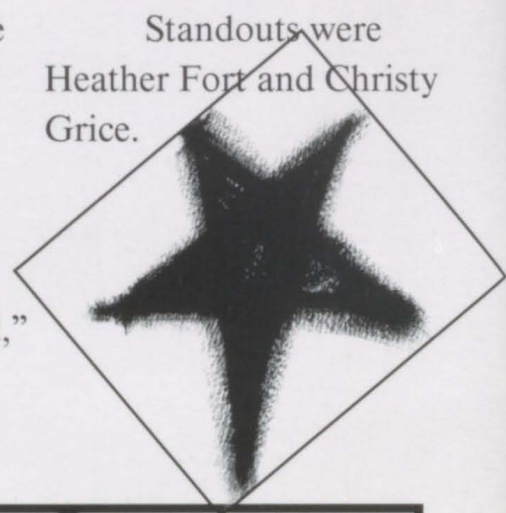
"We were competitive at most meets, despite the injuries," Coach Luz Arredondo said.

Injuries plagued the group season--- "everyone took their turn being injured," Arredondo added.

The most exciting moment in the season was at district when the 1600 mile relay ran 4:10, according to the coach.

"I thought they worked hard and were very competitive this season," Coach Barbara Peeples said.

Standouts were Heather Fort and Christy Grice.



Regional Qualifiers: Back Row: C. Slaughter, H. Fort, C. Slaughter, C. Grice, M. Ford, L. Reyes Front Row: B. Perez, B. Alavarez, L. Phan, and V. Aparicio

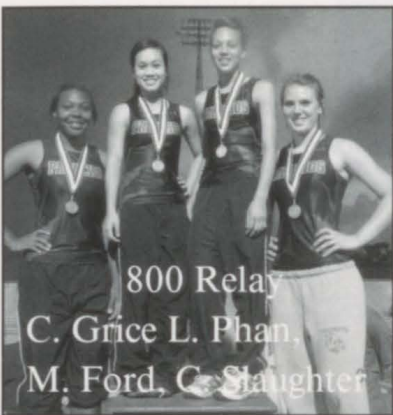
District 3rd of 5 teams      East Bernard 3rd of 7 teams      Tidehaven 3rd of 5 teams  
Palacios 3rd of 16 teams      District: West Columbia      Regional: Corpus Christi- Calallen



# TO THE FINISH LINE



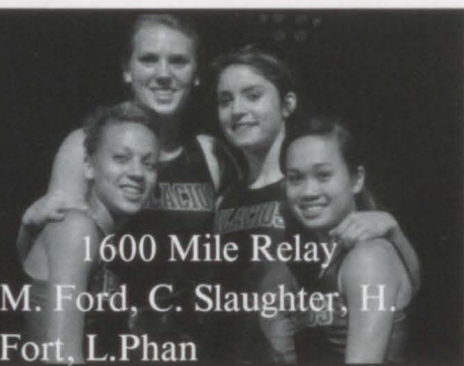
Girls team: Back Row: C. Slaughter, B. Munoz, M. Watson, C. Grice, G. Perez, R. Aparicio and L. Reyes Middle Row: V. Aparicio, B. Perez, L. Ramirez, H. Fort, V. Garcia, and M. Ford Front Row: L. Phan, S. Holbrook, K. Huffman, A. Bumguardner and B. Alavarez



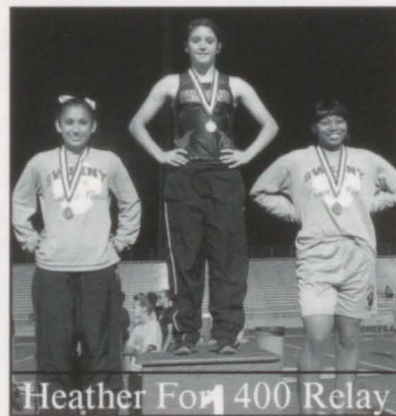
800 Relay  
C. Grice L. Phan,  
M. Ford, C. Slaughter



Regional Girls



1600 Mile Relay  
M. Ford, C. Slaughter, H.  
Fort, L. Phan



Heather Fort 400 Relay

"I'm going to miss the fun times I had with my teammates making me laugh and having a good time."



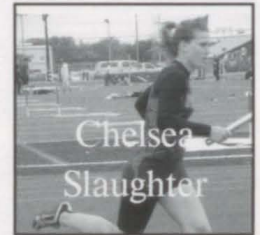
Christy Grice



Ly Phan

"With all the support from my coaches and teammates, it motivates me to keep on running my hardest."

"My biggest accomplishment was running a 60 in the mile relay."



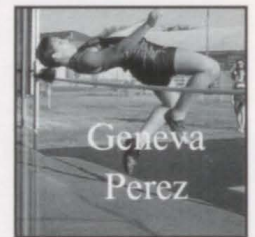
Chelsea Slaughter



Breana Alvarez

"My biggest accomplishment was being able to attend regionals."

"My biggest accomplishment this season was coming in 1st place in high jump."



Geneva Perez



Heather Fort

"I'm proud of myself that I made it that far and hopefully make it to State next year."

"I enjoy being a manager because I'm able to be around everyone and get to know everyone."



Lupita Reyes

Industrial 6th of 12 teams

Calhoun 6th of 12 teams

Edna 4th of 10 teams

# Boys Track

“The boys did very well considering they were very young and inexperienced. Nine boys qualified for the regional meet,” Coach Bill Fort said.

Anthony Garcia set a new school record in pole vault.

Goals set for the season were one; be competitive at district; two, qualify kids to regional; and three, increase the number of participants.

A unique fact in pole vaulting this year was all three contenders advanced to regionals, and all three boys were first cousins.

“The season was good. We exceeded the expectations of a lot of people,” Fort added.

Standouts were all regional qualifiers.

MVP: Jason Nguyen  
Fighting Heart: Michael Garcia



Back row: M. Hurtado, J. Nguyen, S. Fort, M. Garcia, J. Sanchez, I. Thomas, N. Garcia, Z. Garcia, and G. Sexton  
Middle Row: J. Hafernick, A. Garcia, E. Alanis, B. Garcia, C. Flores, D. Aparicio, C. Garcia, J. Mancera, and J. Hunter  
Front Row: M. Nguyen, J. Garcia, J. Jimenez, J. Shelby, C. Garcia, A. Nguven, and A. Aparicio

“I would have liked better preparation between District and Regional.”

**Coach Fort**

“If I could have changed one thing this season, it would be how I threw in regionals for discus because I didn't throw too good.”

**Michael Garcia**

Edna: 6th place    Tidehaven: 4th place    Palacios: 5th place    East Bernard: 3rd place  
Regional: CorpusChristi- Calallen



Back row: N. Garcia, J. Hafernicks, Z Garcia, M. Garcia, and Coach Fort  
 Front Row: M. Hurtado, J. Mancera, and J. Nguyen.

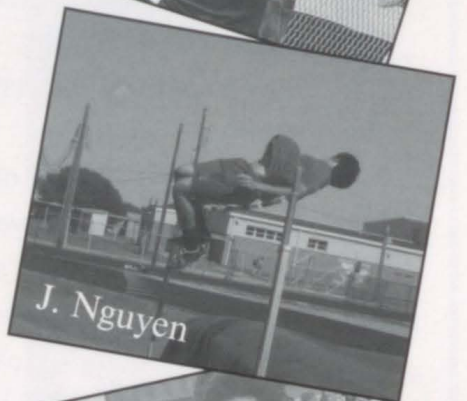
“Coach Treybig, Coach Arredondo, and Coach Peebles inspire me to run because they yell at me to run harder and stop waving.”

**Manuel Hurtado**



“My performance this year made me feel more successful and the hard work really paid off.”

**Jason Nguyen**



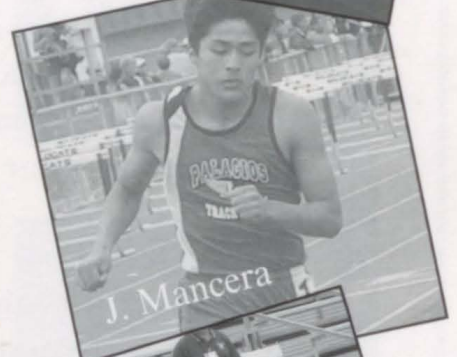
“My best track meet was when I got my personal record for pole vaulting.”

**Joseph Garcia**



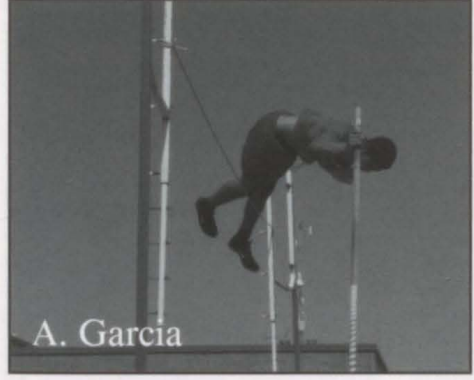
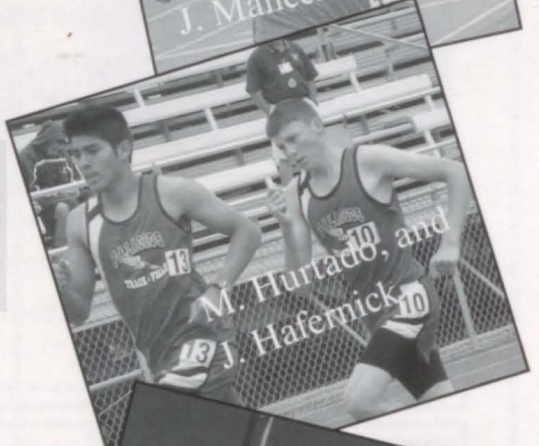
Pole vaulters:

A. Garcia, C. Garcia, and J. Garcia



“What goes through my mind when I’m running is that I have to beat the guys that are in front of me (if there are any) to get 1st or improve.”

**Benny Garcia**



A. Garcia

“My biggest accomplishment was breaking the Palacios record and going to regionals.”

**Anthony Garcia**

“My biggest accomplishment was making it to regionals.”

**John Hafernicks**



C. Garcia

Industrial: 5th place

District: West Columbia: V: 3rd place



# KICKING IT UP ALL SEASON LONG

Girls' soccer had a tough season but the newcomers got needed experience.

"My opinion of the performance of this year's team is a year served as a learning experience for many of our freshmen," Head Coach Amy Morales said.

Assistant Coach Jeri Garcia agreed they had a tough season because they had a very young and inexperienced team.

Throughout the season the girls kept on kicking those

balls -- four freshmen, three juniors, three sophomores and ten freshmen on the field.

Practices after school were long and when it was time for game days, the girls were more than ready to play.

"The team never gave up and kept trying each game," Coach Garcia said.

The District 47-4A Girls All-District Awards received were first team; Marian Medrano and Kayla Quinney; second team Ana Gonzalez and Maria Forcado

with Honorable Mention going to Haylee McKissick and Kristy Guillen.

District Academic awards were given to Marian Medrano, Nataly Garcia, Brenda Perez, Ashtin Grange, Iridian Sifuentes, Cruz Mancera and Enriqueta Cruz.

"The most exciting moment of this season was when we won against Stafford on parent's night", Morales added.

**Coach Morales**

"My biggest obstacle I faced this year was adjusting to the loss of a key player and leader on the field - Kristy Guillen."

**Coach Garcia**

My standouts were Kristy Guillen until she got hurt and definitely Marian Medrano! And of course our super managers!



"My sister Marian is my inspiration because she really loves soccer and is dedicated to it," Nataly Garcia said.



"I think my team played very well but we still need more improving," Graciela Cruz said.



"I enjoy being manager because I like to cheer the girls at every soccer game," Mayra Mancera said.



"My biggest accomplishment this season was playing with the Sharkette's soccer team," Ana Gonzalez said.

District: Round 1 Feb. 11 Brazosport (L) Feb. 15 El Campo (L)

Mar. 4 Brazosport (L) Mar. 8 El Campo (L) Mar. 11 Angleton (L)



Celene Z.

The team

Haylee M.

the girls

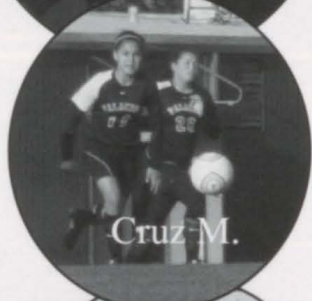


(Front row) C.Zamora, N. Garcia, S. Holbrook, G. Cruz, L. Perez, A. Cruz, (Middle Row) T. Hernandez H.McKissick,B. Perez, I. Sifuentes, K. Guillen, C. Mancera, M. Medrano, (Back Row) J. Jimenez, M. Castanon, A. Garcia, A. Gonzalez, E. Cruz, A. Grange, and M. Forcado

"Even though the season flew by the memories were everlasting I will always remember my team they are known as my family", junior Brenda Perez said.



Natalie O., Juana G., Mayra M.



Cruz M.



Iridian S.



Enriqeta C.



"My advice to the girls next year is for them to be tough and not be afraid of their opponent and always try their best and have fun."

Marian Medrano



"I stopped three man on man penalty shots ---to me it was a great accomplishment."

Jessica Romon



"The advice I would give to my team players next year is always have fun as we did this year; it was always fun time no matter what the outcome of the game, and remember 'pass it to the white girl!'"

Kayla Quinney



"My biggest accomplishment this season was when I made a goal for the team."

Ashtin Grange



"My best soccer moment was when we won against Shiner on parent's night; it was a good way to start the season."

Maria Forcado

"Life gives us challenges and If there weren't any obstacles in life, I wouldn't become the person I am today," Kristy Guillen said.



Feb. 18 Angleton (L)      Feb. 22 Bay City      Feb. 25 Columbia (L)      Round 2  
 Mar. 15 Bay City (L)      Mar. 18 Columbia (L)      Designed: Natalie Ortiz

## Coach Overton

After the area playoff game win, the Sharks cool off Coach Overton.



*"I am proud of their performance. They worked hard all year."*



"It feels great to do something when everyone doubted us throughout this season."

O. Zumaya

"My inspiration is my mom and God because without them I don't know where I would be in my life."

E. Alanis



"Although I would have liked to advance further in the playoffs, this will be clearly a season to remember for all of us."

J. Hernandez



Varsity members before the pep rally : (Back row) M. Hurtado, A. Nguyen, A. Cano, G. Sexton, J. Rios, H. Cano, O. Zumaya, C. Flores, G. Rubio (Middle row) J. Contreras, J. Hernandez, E. Alanis, R. Lopez, E. Corona



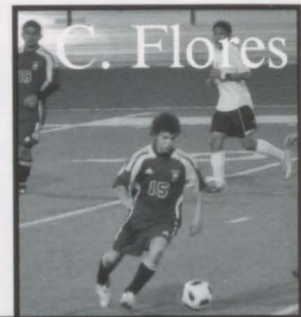
The Team



J. Contreras



G. Sexton

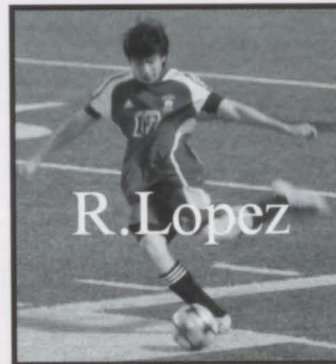


C. Flores



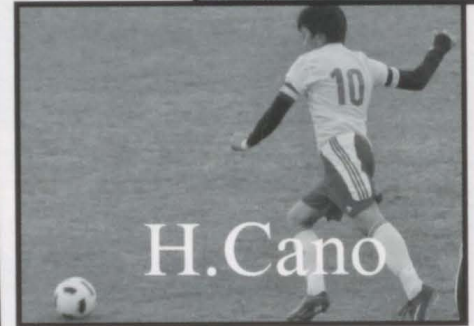
M. Gatica

"My best soccer moment was the final buzzer ringing and knowing the first time in Palacios history we won our first playoff game."



R. Lopez

"I can't wait till next year because I want to see how much farther we can make it next season."



H. Cano

"It feels good knowing that I'm graduating and that we made it to the playoffs for the second time in history."

Feb 11 Brazosport (Tie) Feb 15 El Campo (W) Feb 18 Angleton (L) Feb 22 Bay City (L) Feb 25 March 15 Bay City (L) March 18 West Columbia (W) Playoff Games:: March 28 Lamar (W) 1-0

Soccer proved to be the exciting sport at PHS. Not only did the boys play in a predominantly 4A district, they proved to be champions by making the play offs and being area champs in 2011.

"We started slow, but were able to finish strong and do what no other Palacios soccer team was able to do," Head Coach James Overton said.

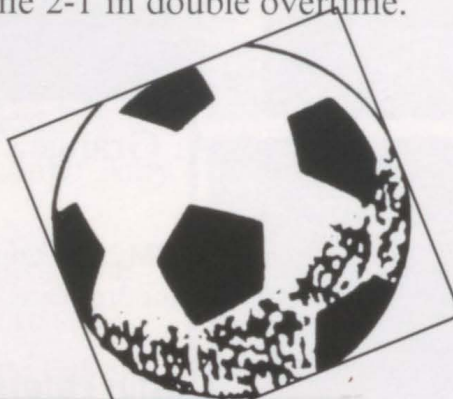
Standouts for the season were captains Henry Cano and Eddie Alanis as well as Jesus Hernandez and Mark Gatica.

Both assistant Coach Valdez as well as Overton said a disadvantage was the lack of numbers on the team.

"Definitely numbers; I wish we had a few more kids playing," Overton said.

Awards went to Cano, District Co MVP, Alanis, Gatica and Hernandez, First team All District; and Greg Sexton, Ricardo Lopez, and Juan Contreras, Second Team All District.


Soccer boys fought hard until the end, losing their playoff game 2-1 in double overtime.



Junior Varsity: (Back row) A. Marquez, D. Vega, Coach Valdez, I. Esquivel, I. Garcia, (Middle row) R. Nguyen, C. Ayala, T. Castanon (Front row) S. Arteaga, M. Zamora,

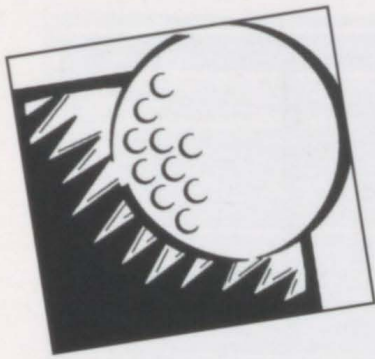
**Coach Valdez**

*The most exciting moment of this season was we tied with Brazosport.*



A SEASON TO REMEMBER

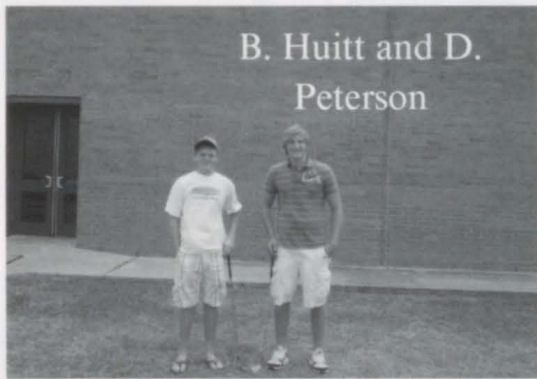
West Columbia (W) March 4 Brazosport (W) March 8 El Campo (L) March 11 Angleton (Tie) April 1 Foster (L) 2-1 OT



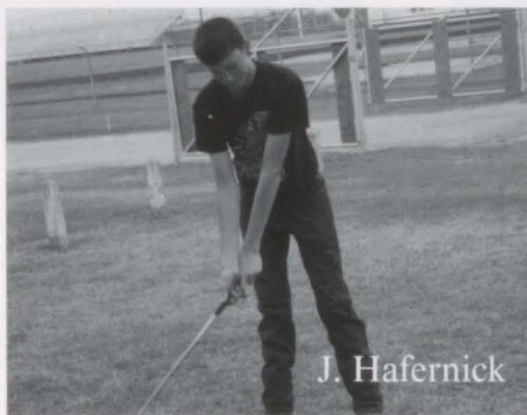
# SWINGING ON THE GREEN



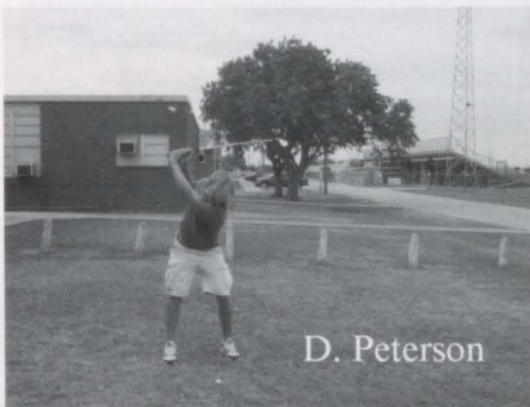
B. Huitt



B. Huitt and D. Peterson



J. Hafernick



D. Peterson



A. Grange, T. Machacek, T. Bates and J. Hebel

"My best tournament was Palacios when I shot an 89 and tied for 3rd place."

Dustin Peterson

"This year I shot the best I could have. I could've practiced more than I did, but it still turned out to be a good season."

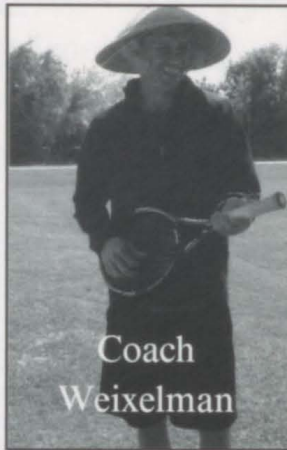
Tess Bates



Back row: D. Peterson, J. Hafernick, H. Shimek, Coach Figueroa Front row: N. Biffle, and B. Huitt



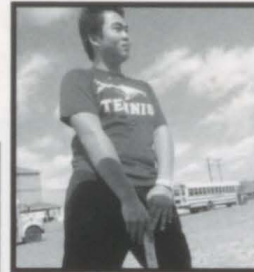
# SERVE IT UP



Coach Weixelman



"Tennis is an extravagant experience. There's a lot I learned from. But I believe the most important is your heart too besides your game face," S. Sifuentes said.



"Tennis is an individual sport but my team is very supportive and helps me when I need it," D. Pham said.



"The most exciting moment this season was every time I was at a meet my whole team supported me no matter if I was losing or not," L. Garcia said.



"The things I will miss most are the laughs we had at practice and at the tournaments. We always had such a good time and everything was fun," A. Kacer said.

Back row JV: J. Frausto, J. Zepeda, M. Blair, S. Sifuentes, D. Pham, and Coach Weixelman  
Front row: V. Rivera, A. Vacek, K. Hudson, S. Garcia, A. Gonzalez

"The team performed very well in the majority of the tournaments that they entered," Coach Trent Weixelman said about the tennis season.

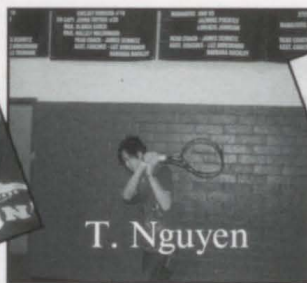
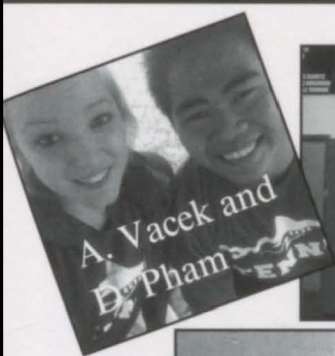
experience because we have a great coach and everyone played their hardest," Sophomore newcomer Amy Vacek said.

In the district it was "tough" but the Junior Varsity did well, according to Weixelman.

Weixelman said he would have liked to see more players come out and play.

"Playing tennis was new for me and a great

Standouts were Jeremy Hunt and Tien Nguyen.



"Although tennis is an individual sport, I believe, in my opinion, that our tennis team lacked the spirit and the drive to win matches (only a selected few really wanted to win matches)," A. Nguyen said.



V: Coach Weixelman, M. Muniz, J. Hunt, L. Garcia, and T. Nguyen

"My most exciting moment was when we won our match at district and we played 22 games. I'm going to miss the tournaments; the excited feeling you get when you're about to play your opponent!" J. Zepeda said.

"I think my overall performance was pretty good, but I know I could have done a little better," T. Nguyen said.

"I'm going to miss all the crazy kids who were in tennis and every year you meet new ones, but I have to say this year's batch was my favorite", V. Rivera said.

# "It's clobbering time" - The Thing

## Powerlifting

"I felt this season of powerlifting was a great success," Coach Ron Arnesen said. "My kids performed at the highest level possible, both as individuals and as a team," Arnesen added.

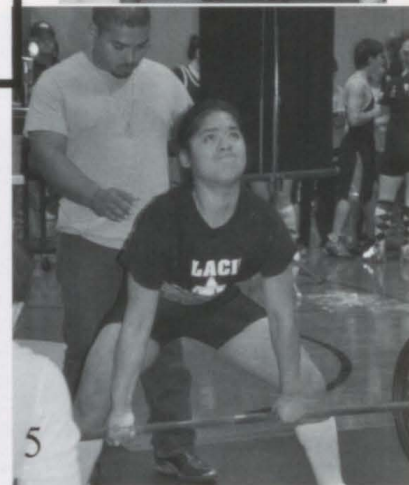
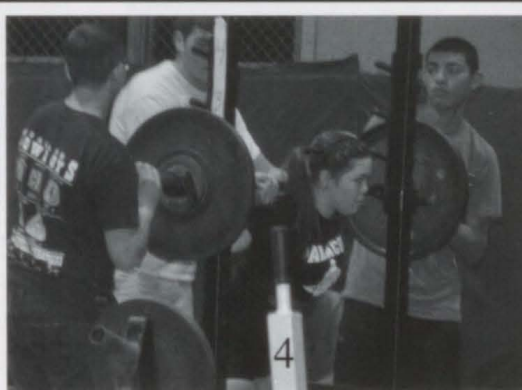
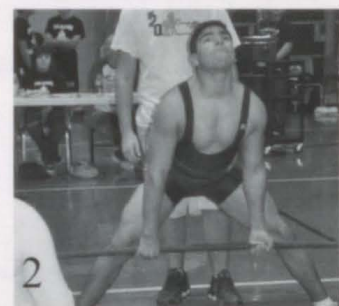
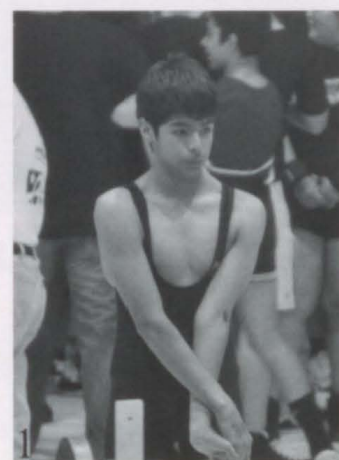
The most exciting moment of the season was when the boys won their second consecutive

regional championship, according to Arnesen.

Boys standouts were Adam Aucoin, Greg Sexton, Matthew Nguyen, Micheal Latapie, Micheal Garcia, and Jose Jimenez.

Girls Standouts were Jessica Ramon, Ta'loria Young, Hillary Rodriguez, and Ameer Bumguardner.

Boys		Girls	
Meets	Placed	Meets	Placed
Chaves	Did not place	Chaves	2nd
Palacios	1st	Palacios	1st
Palacios	Didn't go	Palacios	1st
Splendora	1st	Splendora	Didn't go
Palacios	Didn't go	Palacios	1st
Smithville	3rd	Smithville	Didn't go
Palacios	1st	Palacios	1st
Needville	2nd	Needville	3rd
Hitchcock	Didn't go	Hitchcock	1st
Goliad	1st	Goliad	Didn't go
Palacios	1st	Palacios	2nd
Regionals	1st	Regionals	2nd



1. Marco Zamora is getting ready to do his bench press.

2. Brendon Lopez starts his deadlift with intense concentration.

3. Mathew Nguyen is pushes himself during a

squat at one of the meets.

4. Jessica Ramon concentrates hard as she deadlifts at a meet.

5. Senor Leah Longoria competes in the squat at one of the many powerlifting meets.

"Hulk is not afraid. Hulk is strongest one there is." -  
The Incredible Hulk



**Boys Team** Top: M. Nguyen, B. Garcia, J. M. Lopez, M. Gracia, N. Garcia,  
G. Sexton, Coach Arnesen  
Middle: N. Seaman, J. Tran, A. Morton, M. Zamora, A. Aparicio  
Bottom: J. Jimenez, A. Aucion, B. Lopez, M. Latapie



**Girls team:** Top: Rhianna Aparicio, Enriagueta Cruz, Ta'loria Young, Ana Gonzales, Stephanie Jaime, Coach Arnesen  
Middle: Ameer Bumguardner, Hilary Rodriguez, Jessica Ramon, Mariela Mujica  
Bottom: Nelia Perez, Keri Isbell, Savannah Hunter

# 2011 Results



**Girls Regional Qualifiers**

Top: Ameer Bumguardner, Hillary Rodriguez, Coach Arnesen, Ta'loria Young, Jessica Ramon



**Boys Regional Qualifiers**

Top: G. Sexton, M. Nguyen, M. Garcia, A. Aucion, Coach Arnesen  
Bottom: J. Jimenez, B. Lopez, A. Aparicio, M. Latapie



**Girls State Qualifiers**

H. Rodriguez, Coach Arnesen T. Young, J. Ramon



**Boys State Qualifiers**

G. Sexton, M. Nguyen, Coach Arnesen, A. Aucion, M. Latapie

# Hit it out of the park

Coach Sam Zimmerle was the new head baseball coach this year. According to him "youth and inexperience" were the two biggest obstacles to a winning season.

The most exciting moment of the season was the 9-0 win over Needville, according to Zimmerle.

"The season did not begin as hoped, but we then started playing as a team," Senior first baseman Carlos Delafuente said.

Standouts this year were Pete Garcia and Carlos Delafuente, according to Zimmerle

Garcia was MVP and Delafuente won fighting heart.



Top: C. Deleon, L. Sanchez, Carlos Delafuente, D. Tedder, D. Brune, Z. Garcia,

Middle: S. Garcia, B. Garcia, P. Garcia, V. Martinez, J. Solis

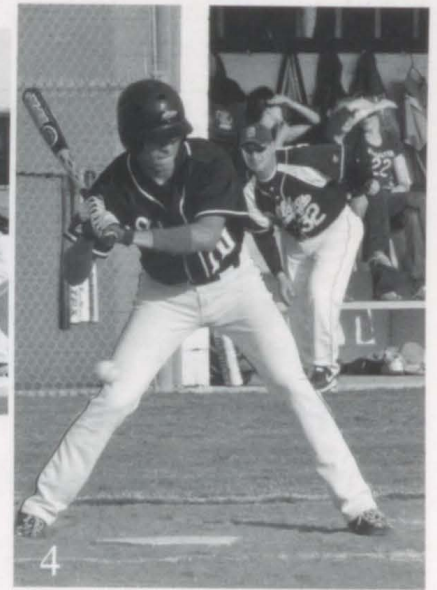
Bottom: E. Garcia, G. Shimek, J.R. Shelby, K. Garcia

West Columbia  
(L)

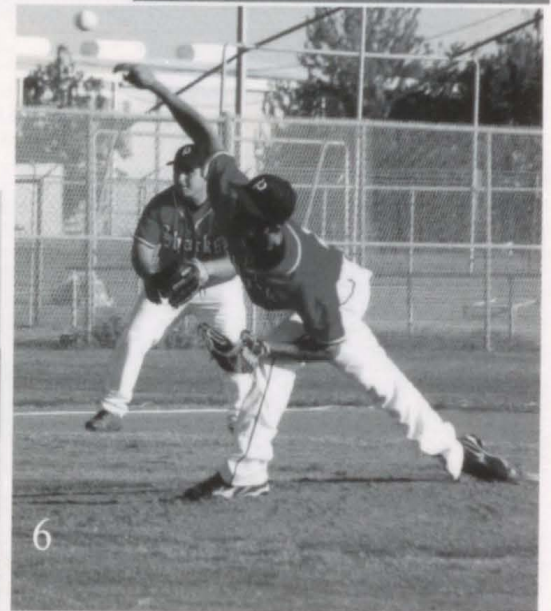
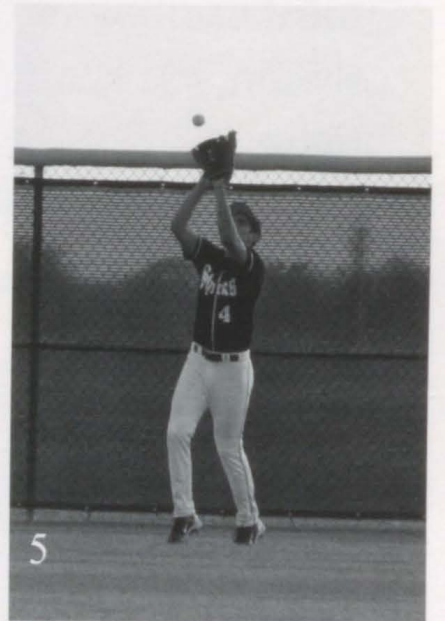
Needville  
(L)

Wharton  
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Sweeny  
(L)



1. Leo Sanchez swings for the ball, but swings just a little below.  
 2. Dylan Brune tags number 21 one for the out.  
 3. JR Shelby slides safely to second base, on a bunt by Dylan Brune  
 4. Zach Garcia concentrates on the ball.  
 5. Dustin Tedder get under a fly ball to get the out.  
 6. Anthony Garcia throws a fast ball off of the mound.  
 7. Jonah Solis gets the ball deep in the hole at second base and throws it to Juan Carlos Delaunte at first base.  
 8 Zachery Garcia gets frustrated after not hitting a single pitch.



West Columbia  
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Needville  
(L)

Wharton  
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Sweeny  
(L)

# HITTING IT HOME



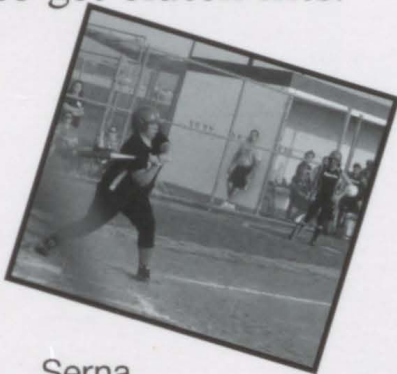
"I was very pleased with how much progress the younger players made," Coach Adkins, new softball coach, said.

According to Adkins, the most exciting moment of this season was beating Tidehaven twice.

The biggest obstacles this year were consistency and ability to get clutch hits.

"We need to be more consistent and more mature. We have got to get better at responding to adversity. Our future goals are to become more disciplined and mentally tough," Adkins added.

Standouts were Erica Serna, Maria Gutierrez, Estela Gutierrez, and Marissa Estrada.



Serna



Erica

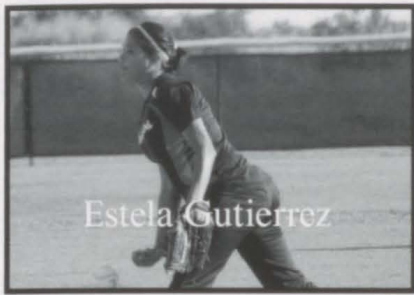


"It makes me really sad, because I love playing for the SHARKETTES! All my 4 years of high-school I know we have played hard. We work hard and are dedicated and we have the heart for it! I'm going to miss all of my teammates who were with me through the 4 years of playing! Softball was one of my favorite sports. I'm glad I had a great time for my senior year! We not only won our last game, but we run-ruled them and had a fun time demolishing them!"

District: March 18 Sweeny (L)    March 22 West Columbia (L)    March 29 Needville (L)  
April 15 Needville (L)    April 19 Wharton (W)

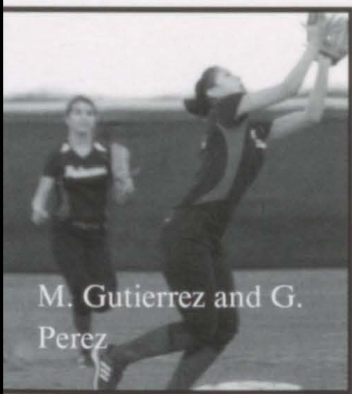


Back row: Coach Adkins, E. Serna, J. Molina, G. Perez, E. Gutierrez, R. Aparicio, and Coach Grimes  
 Middle Row: M. Gutierrez, J. Hunter, D. Polk, L. Ramirez, and L. Espindola  
 Front Row: M. Estrada, K. Huffman, and T. Nguyen



Estela Gutierrez

“My best softball game was trying to catch a pop fly, and it went past her head and she ran into the fence!”



M. Gutierrez and G. Perez

“Playing with my team is playing with family; I’m always able to trust them and hearing their support lets me know they believe in me and that I can play to my best ability,” Maria Gutierrez said.

Geneva

Perez



“We played all right this year; we had good times and bad but we stuck together, and I accomplished a home run.”

Rihanna

Aparicio



“We were all just a big family, we didn’t win a lot of games, but at the end of the season we started to come together as one.”

Lexie

Espindola



“My team did really good this year; we may have lost all of our district games except our last one, but I know we played the best we could. Next year will be a new season and we can’t wait.”

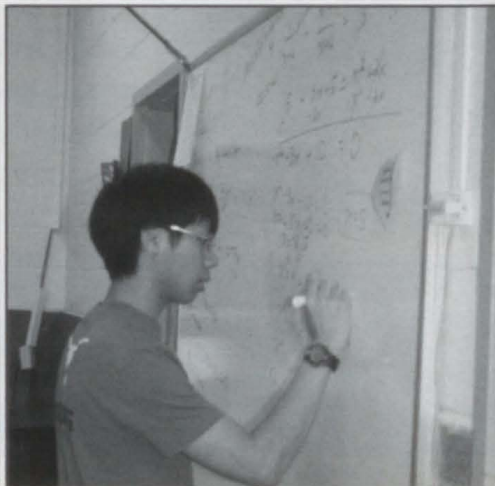
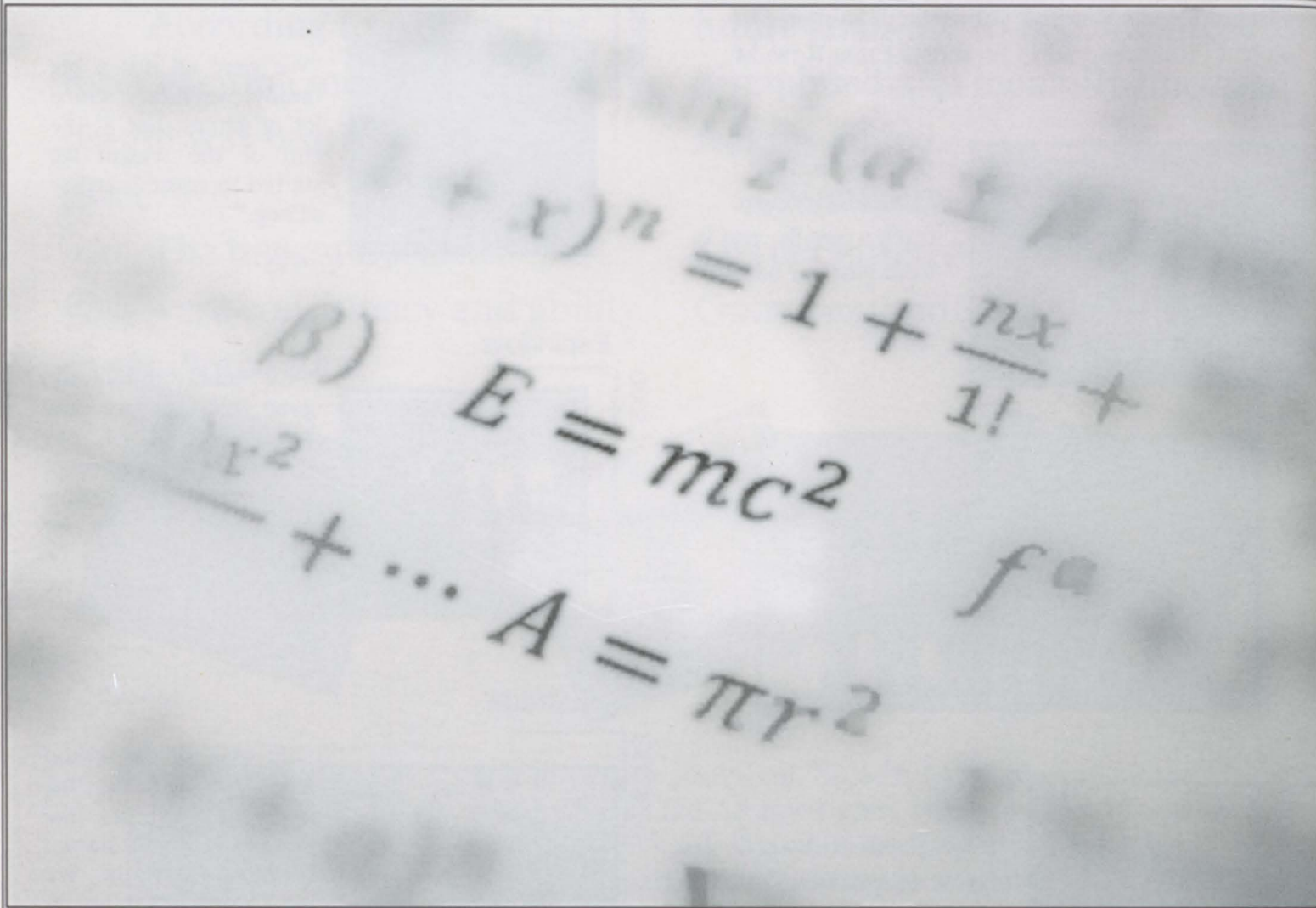
Marissa

Estrada



“At the start of the season everyone wasn’t on the same page, but as the season went on we started to become a family. We began to progress more as a team; we all had our own duties on the team, and when we all did our own part, we did damage.”

April 1 Wharton (L) April 8 Sweeny (L) April 12 West Columbia (L)

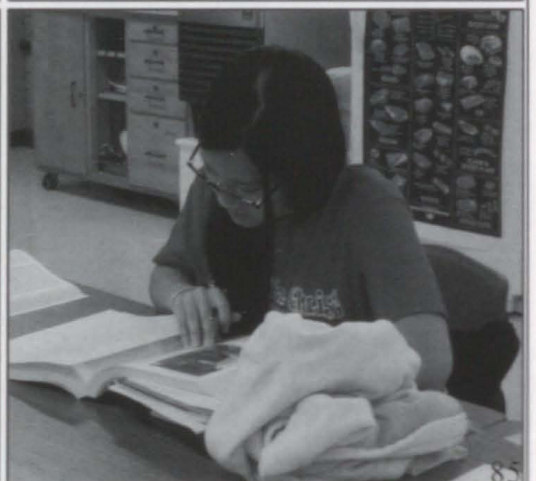
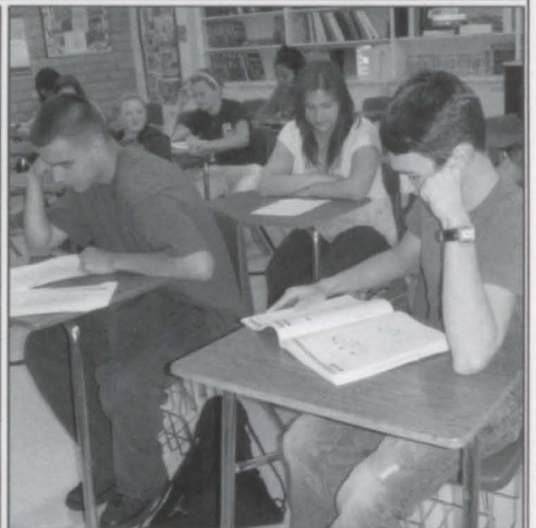
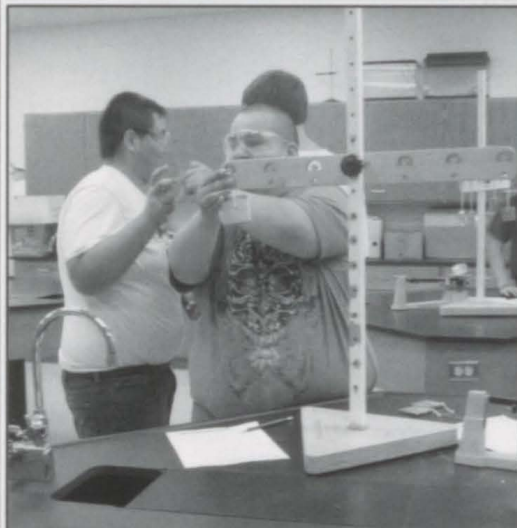




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**"Anything I see in my mind,  
I can create..."**

**Hal Jordan (Green Lantern)**



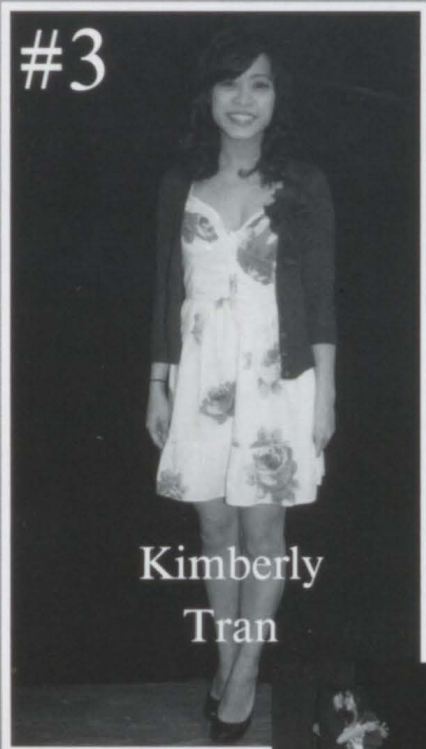
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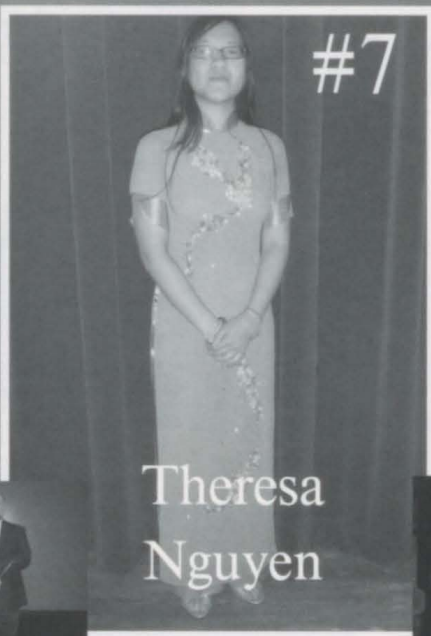


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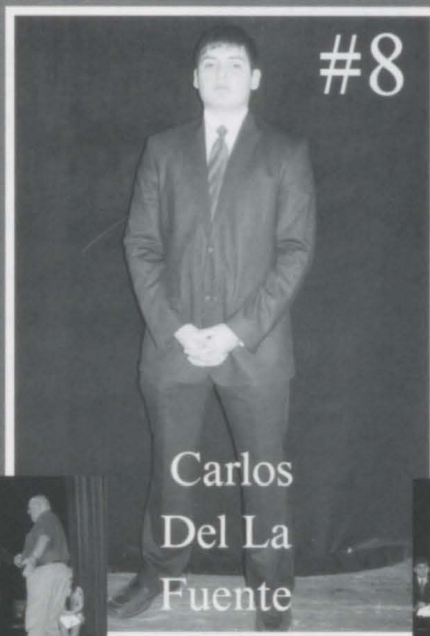


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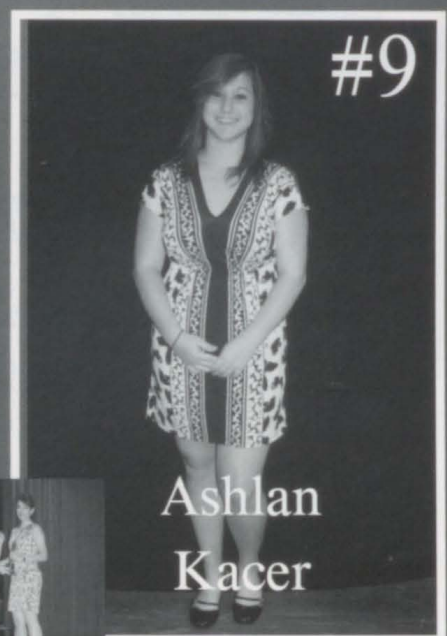




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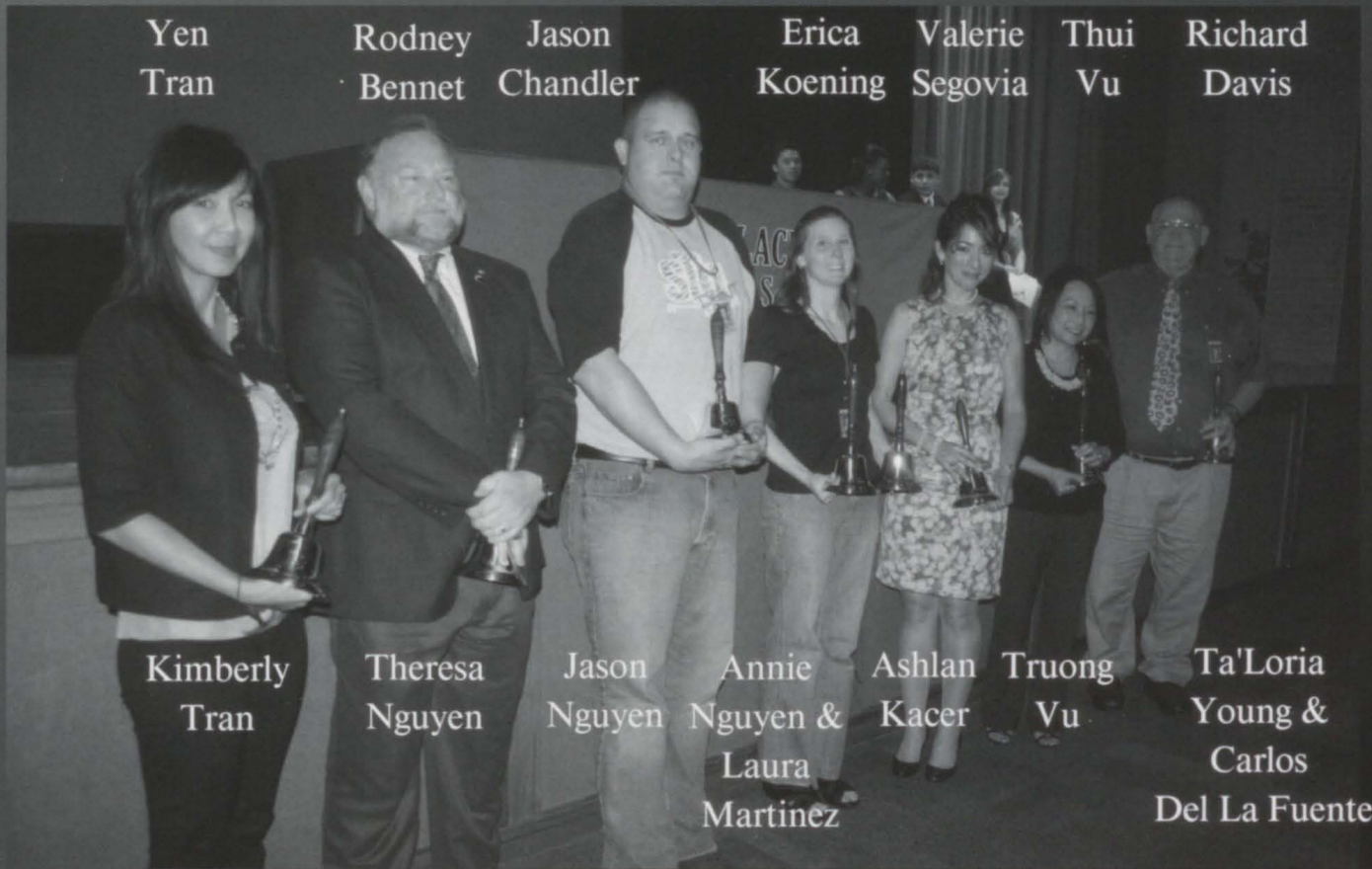
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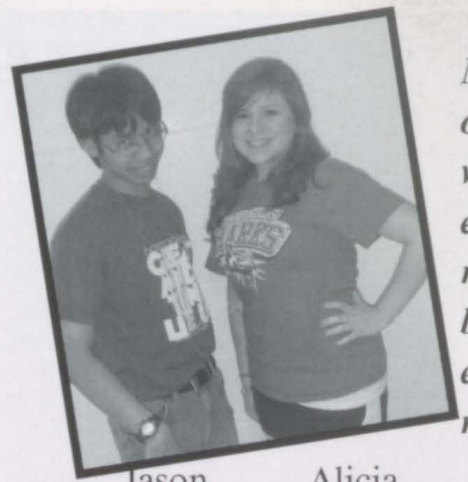
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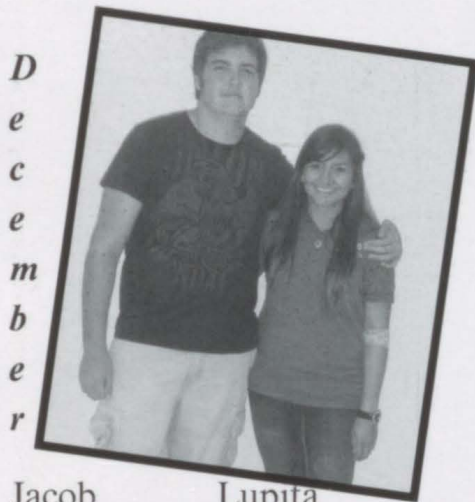
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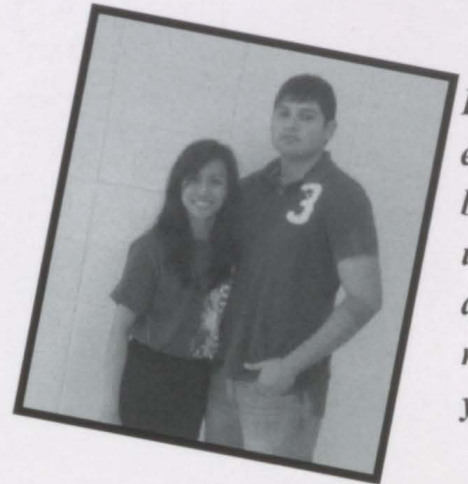
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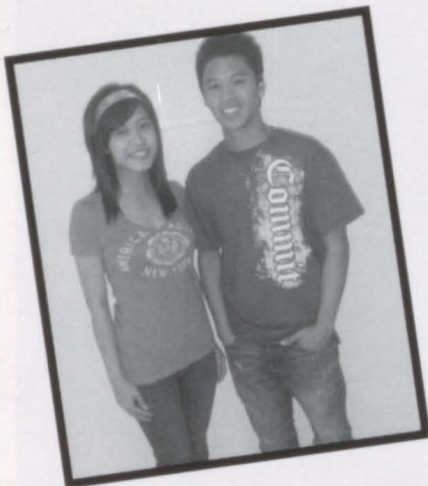
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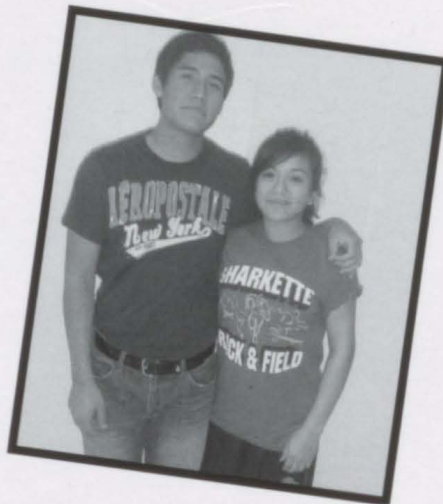
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# Students of the month

# "Sometimes a Different Point of View is Enough"- Catwoman

About his debate team, Richard Davis said, "This group of young people were as fine as we have ever had. They were outstanding!"

The students competed at many invitational tournaments as well as district and regional UIL competitions.

Success included finishing as the

second overall speech team of the district UIL Spring meet (including extemporaneous speaking, prose and poetry interpretation).

According to Davis, the biggest challenge for the debaters is "finding time to work together."

His advice to debaters: "Stay eligible, be at school, and focus your efforts."



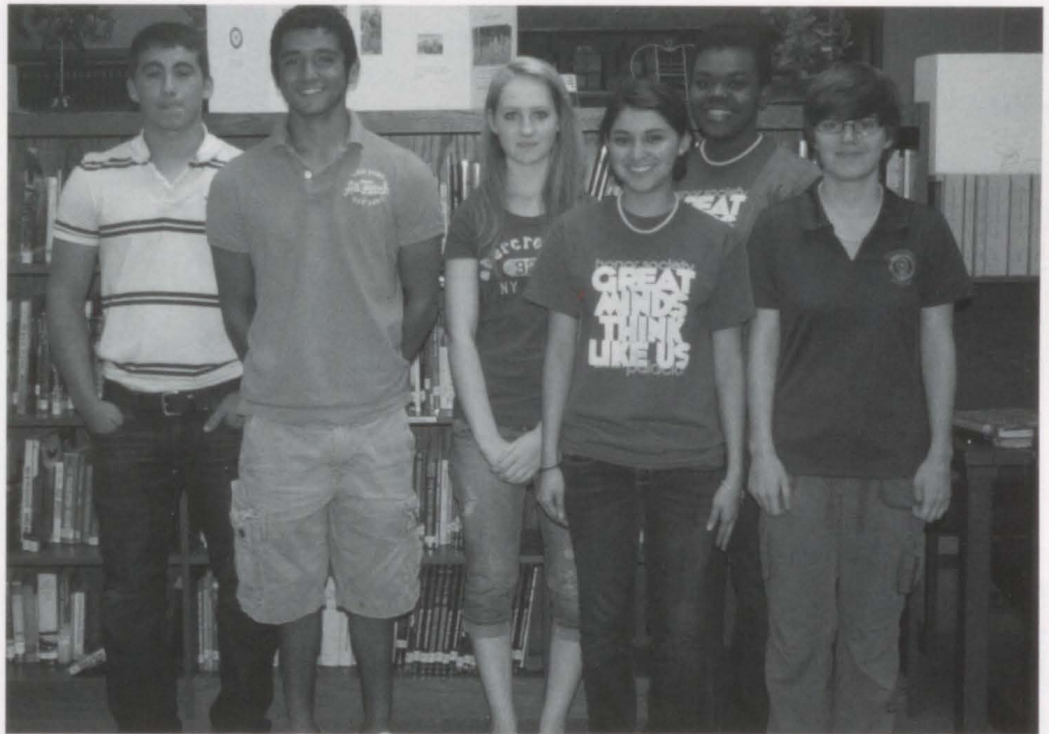
1. Jennifer and Jordan were partners in CX. Here they plan last minute strategy.



2. Christian Garcia placed 3rd at the West Columbia tournament.



3. LD'ers Anthony, Chris and Christian sit and discuss their past debate rounds.



LD members are Seth Garcia, Anthony Garcia: 2nd at District, Jordan Stuhlman-CX; 4th at District, Laura Martinez, Ta'Loria Young and Jennifer Mack-CX; 4th at District. Not pictured is LD:Christopher Garcia, Christian Garcia, and Damaris Martinez.



4. The duo of Jennifer and Jordan placed 4th at the West Columbia tournament.

# "I'm the best there is at what I do" - Wolverine

To participate in Academic Decathlon you need to have character, to be the best you can possibly be and never give up. The team consists of Honors(A), Scholastic(B), and Varsity(C) members. The members are selected by taking a series of tests testing their knowledge and skills.

"This year's theme was THE GREAT DEPRESSION, which was

filled with fun, teamwork, and valuable learning," said sponsor Mr. Warren Morris. Acadec meets 4-5 times a week. Mr Richard Davis was also a sponsor.

"Having all members meet in study groups on a consistent basis" was the biggest challenge for Morris. The regional competition was held in Katy in January. The team placed fourth.



**Front Row:** Courtney Carrizales, Kimberly Tran

**Middle Row:** Warren Morris, Tam Lam, John Tran, Stephanie Jaime, Annie Nguyen

**Back Row:** Ja'lyn Polk, Richard Nguyen, Damaris Martinez, Amy Vacek and Richard Davis

**Literary Criticism:** Kolbe Huffman, Cody Stahlecker, Ashtin Grange



# UIL

**Ready Writing:** Courtney Carrizales and Jackie Molina



**Poetry&Pose:** Victoria Garcia, Tess Bates, Ismael Lara, Laura Martinez, Taylor Aoughsten Not Pictured is Alicia Torres

**District Medalists:** Front Row: Marissa Dunn;3rd in Headling Writing, Laura Martinez; 3rd in Prose Interpretation, Taylor Aoughsten; 5th in Poetry Interpretation, Tess Bates; 4th in Poetry Interpretation, Kimberly Tran; 5th in Calculator Applications, Jennifer Mack; 1st in Current Issues and News Writing Back row: Christian Garcia; 3rd in Persuasive Speaking, Anthony Garcia; 2nd in LD debate, Ismael Lara; 2nd in Prose Interpretation, Alicia Torres; 2nd in Poetry Interpretation, Ameer Bumguardner; 5th in Headling Writing, Paige Stuhrenberg; 5th in Informative Speaking, Thao Nguyen; 4th in News Writing, Jason Nguyen; 3rd in Science & 6th in Computer Science, An Le; 6th in Computer Applications, Van Nguyen;2nd in Spelling and Vocabulary

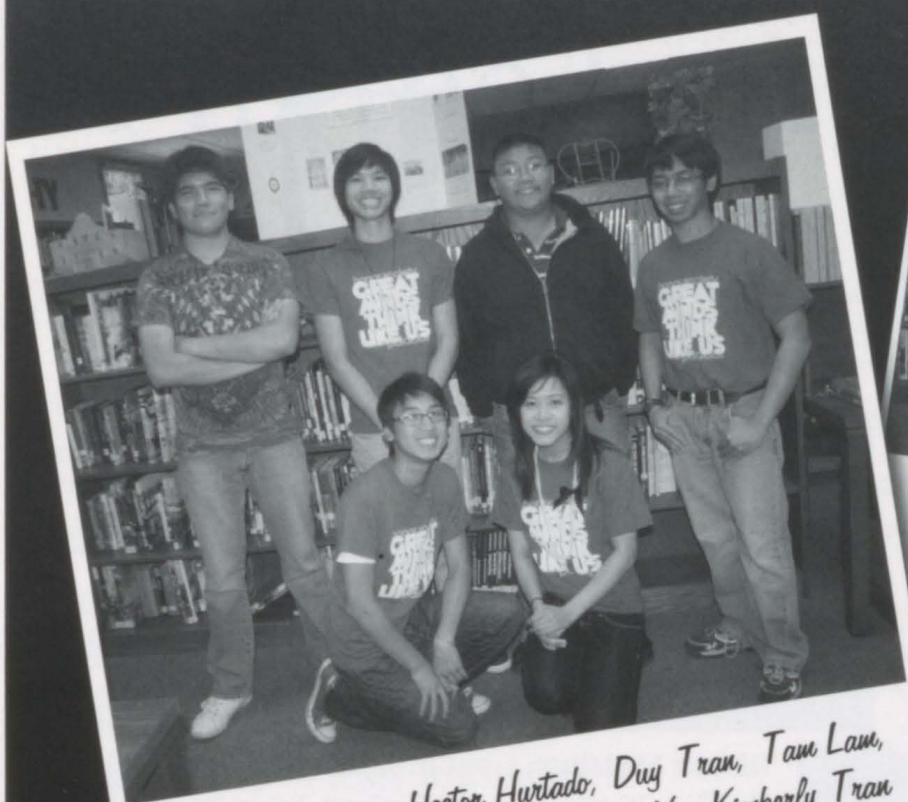
District Medalists

Regional Qualifiers

**Regional Qualifiers:** Front Row: Christian Garcia, Laura Martinez, Jason-Quoc Nguyen, Jennifer Mack, Van Nguyen  
Back Row: Anthony Garcia, Marissa Dunn, Alicia Torres, Marsh Lara

Regional Medalists

**Regional Medalists:** Left to right: Marissa Dunn;6th, Ta'Loria Young;3rd, Alicia Torres;3rd  
**State Qualifiers:** Ta'Loria Young & Alicia Torres



Science: Back row-Hector Hurtado, Duy Tran, Tam Lam,  
Front row- Jason-Quoc Nguyen, Doan Vu, Kimberly Tran



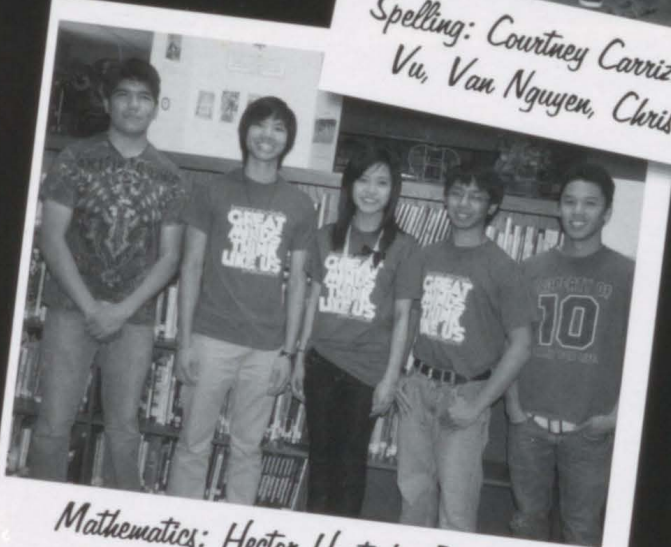
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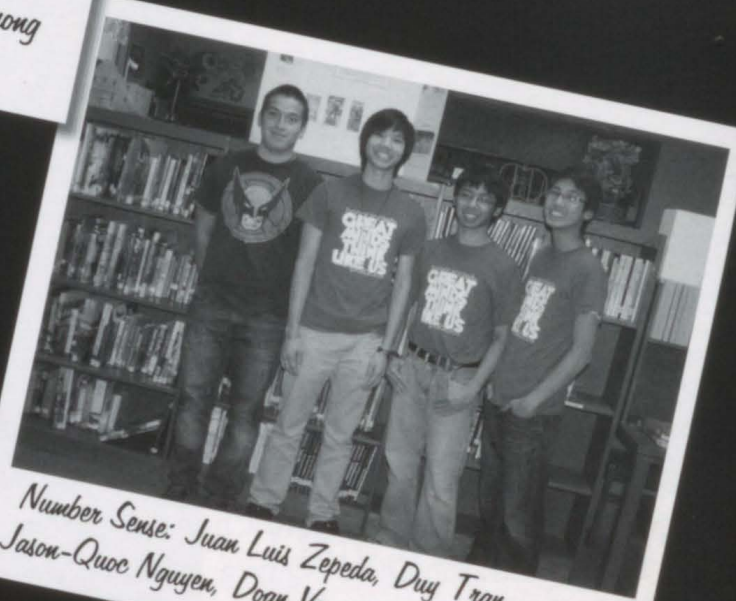
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Not pictured: Teresa Nguyen



Spelling: Courtney Carrizales, Truong  
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Mathematics: Hector Hurtado, Duy Tran,  
Kimberly Tran, Jason-Quoc Nguyen,  
Alt-Truong Vu



Number Sense: Juan Luis Zepeda, Duy Tran,  
Jason-Quoc Nguyen, Doan Vu



# University Interscholastic League



*Current Issues & Events: Jacob Frausto,  
Jennifer Mack Taylor Turner*



*Calculator Applications: John Turner, Ashley Bui,  
Kimberly Tran, Juan Miguel Lopez*



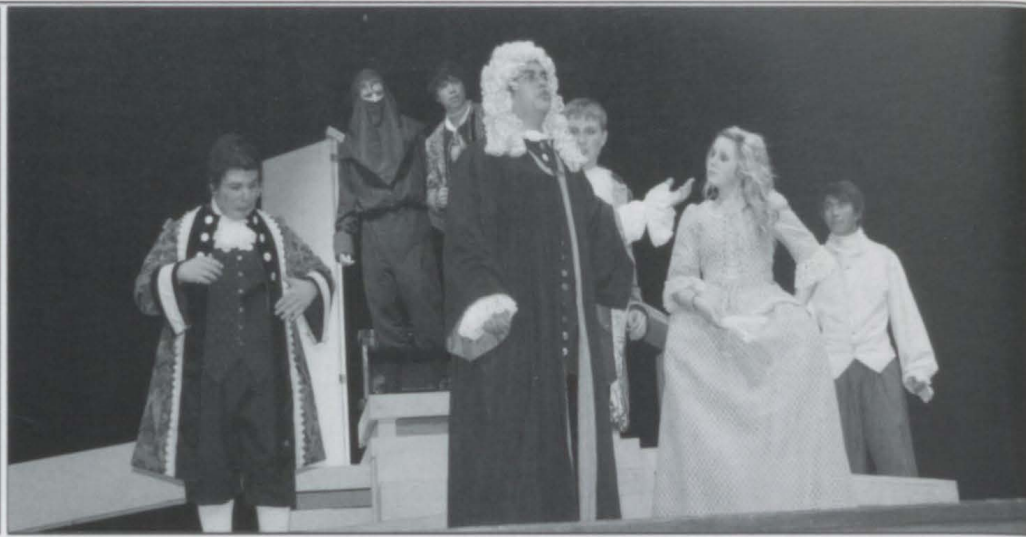
*Computer Applications: Tam Lam  
and An Le; 6th place*



*Social Studies: Jacob Frausto, Taylor  
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*S Journalism: Jennifer Mack, Alt-Annie Nguyen, Ta'Loria  
Young, Veronica Rivera, Marissa Dunn, Anee Bungardner*



## Performing Arts Results 2010-11

### **CHOIR:**

**Sweepstakes (first time since 2005)**

**15 All District Choir, 9-all Region choir,**

**4 Pre Area Choir; I-Area (Cody Stahlecker)**

**35 I Rating Solo and Ensemble Contest**

**8 State Qualifiers**

### **THEATRE:**

**District 29AAA One Act Advancing Play,  
Area Qualifier**

**Best Actor: Ismael Lara**

**(sixth district advancing play since 03)**

### **BAND:**

**2 Concert and Sight Reading, Marching Contests**

**7 Region Solos-I Rating**

**Area Qualifier - Andrew Popham**



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"We have to astonish them."

Cyclops



# MARCHING OUT VILLIANS

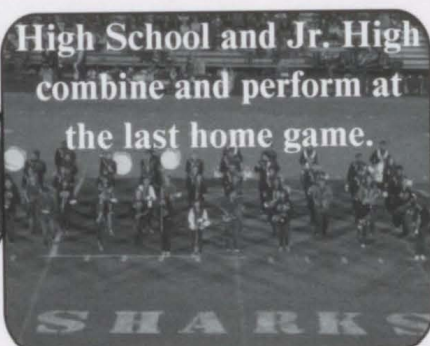


Front Row: W. Nguyen, C. Wygal, A. Popham, D. Vu, T. Nguyen, S. Garcia, N. Perkins, M. Watson, C. Flores, L. Longoria. Second Row: T. Vu, K. Tran, A. Nguyen, C. Llanes, M. Nguyen, A. Reeder, T. Nguyen, K. Rose, A. Kacer, D. Aparicio. Third Row: B. Lopez, J. Hurtado, N. Vu, J. Lindley, D. Harris, A. Scantlen, M. Zamora, T. Au, B. Real, T. Lam. Fourth Row: Mrs. Popham, A. Duran, T. Critendon, A. Morton, R. Nguyen, S. McKissick, J. Vu, H. Hurtado, J. Shelby, B. Huitt, S. Williams. Back Row: Mr. Popham, T. Nguyen, S. Nguyen, S. Maldonado, T. Nguyen, G. Sanchez, D. Haney, K. Ibarra, E. Fernandez, and Mr. Schurtz

## Drumline jamming out.



Saying goodbye to the senior band mates.



High School and Jr. High combine and perform at the last home game.



Here comes the drumline led by Thao

### What did you enjoy most about band?



"The football games because all the band members go crazy. We'll be dancing and swaying around just trying to have a good time even if we're losing."

John Tran

## Drum Major: Thao Nguyen



Playing the mullets during the school song.



Mr. Chandler helping the band out with his tuba playing skills.



The PHS Shark band was a very active organization in the 10-11 school year participating in the marching contest, UIL concert and sight reading contest, football games, pep rallies, parades, region band, solo and ensemble, and jazz band.

"Our spring concert was the highlight of the year. We added the jazz band which was a big hit, and the concert band played with a lot of style and energy," Director James Popham said.

Students practiced everyday during first period and Monday nights during football season.

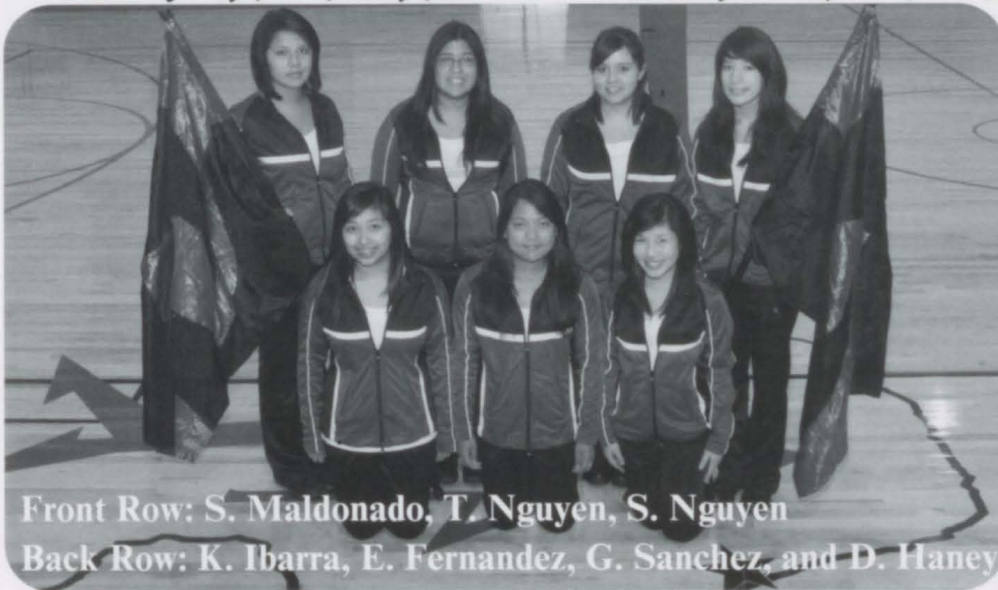
The motto for the band is to keep a positive attitude and always work to make the group the best it can be.

"Our band far exceeded my expectations for the year. They really improved and did a great job for me," Popham added.

High School assistant band director and junior high head director was Mike Schurtz.

Andrew Popham won top honors in maramba by earning a I in his State solo and advanced to Area this year.

# SPINNING UP AND AWAY



Front Row: S. Maldonado, T. Nguyen, S. Nguyen  
Back Row: K. Ibarra, E. Fernandez, G. Sanchez, and D. Haney

The PHS Color Guard started off their season by going to camp, the first week of June in Bay City.

"It was pretty intense in the beginning but got better towards the end," said Shirley Maldonado.

After school began, they worked very hard every Monday night trying to get their UIL routines down and memorized. After all their after school practices came the day of Pre-UIL contest in Edna.

"It was nerve racking! I was very nervous," said Tuyet Nguyen.

They continued to practice until they were ready for the UIL contest in El Campo.

"We did the best we could. I think we did great," said Darian Haney.

After all the stress of UIL, the Color Guard could then concentrate on the Halloween half-time show. They created a bag routine.

"Yes, I liked dancing inside the green bags. It was a lot of fun and everyone really liked them," said Elva Fernandez.

Sponsor was Mrs. Maria Popham.

"Mrs. Popham had so much patience with us and she is a great person with a big heart. I love her. She helped all of us out in a different way each."  
Elva Fernandez



Elva

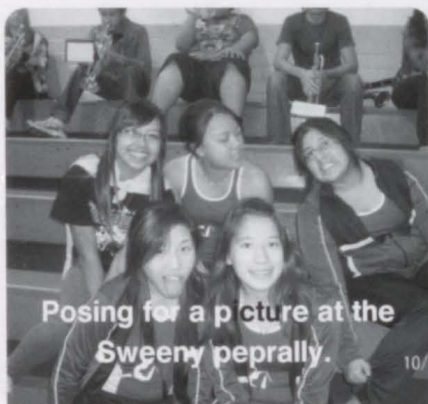


The "Guard"

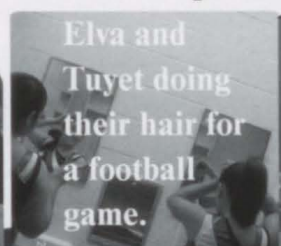


Elva and Tuyet working on the flags for the UIL show.

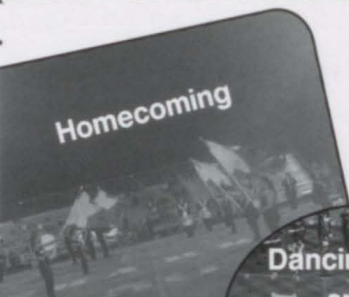
Are the routines hard to learn?  
"Sometimes if you really don't pay attention."  
Shirley Maldonado



Posing for a picture at the Sweeny pep rally.



Elva and Tuyet doing their hair for a football game.



Homecoming



The girls talking on the way to the Idenhaven game.



S. Maldonado



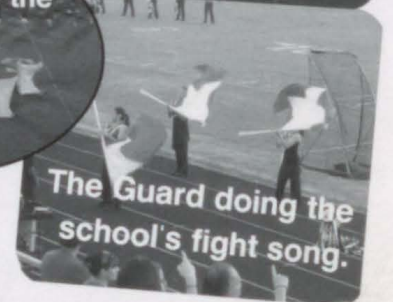
Green Bags Walking!



Dancing for the crowd.

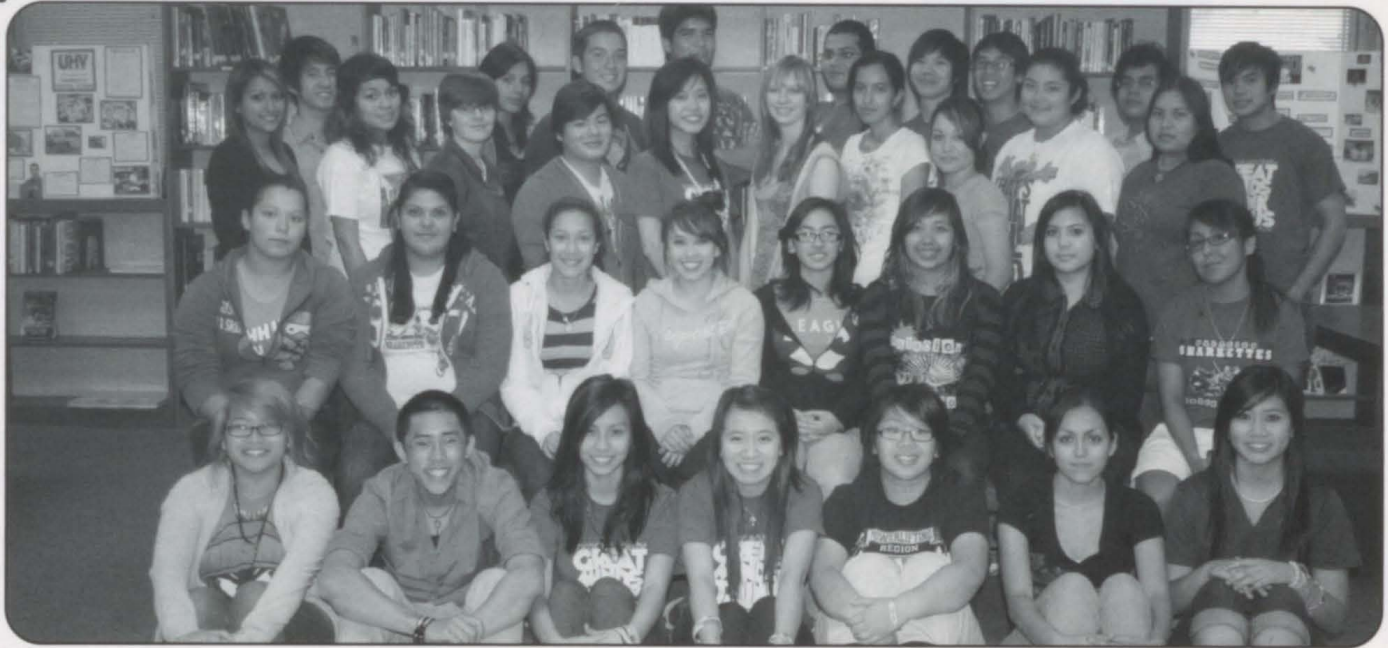


The Color Guard on their way to march around the track.



The Guard doing the school's fight song.

# ★ ART ATTACK ★



Front Row: Q. Nguyen, J. Tran, A. Nguyen, M. Tran, M. Nguyen, S. Jaime, M. Nguyen.  
 Second Row: E. Cruz, A. Garcia, G. Cruz, J. Diaz, M. Nguyen, S. Maldonado, A. Bui, B. Perez.  
 Third Row: T. Cruz, V. Rivera, J. Mack, M. Lara, K. Tran, P. Stuhrenberg, A. Paniauga, C. Ortiz, A. Gonzales, M. Cambray.  
 Back Row: A. Nguyen, G. Cruz, L. Zepeda, H. Hurtado, J. Lopez, D. Tran, D. Vu, V. Nguyen, and M. Nguyen.

Art Club made personalized Christmas cards for a fund raiser for the spring trip to Houston museums.

Mr. Keith Garnett has been sponsor for the past eight years.

"My favorite part of Art club is the interactions with the students," Garnett said.

Theresa Nguyen was president, Damaris Martinez, vice-president, and Mathew Nguyen was the secretary of the club.



Art club students browse through the Houston museums in May.



**What's your favorite part about art club?**

**" I absolutely love everything about art club. It's something new every time you join, but I do have to say my favorite part of all time was when we got to help decorate for the community because then you really do get involved and have fun with it."**

**Shirley Maldonado**

# SUPERHERO MELODY

PHS Choir made a splash this year by winning Sweepstakes and best in class in the Sound wave competition at Schlitterbahn.

"Get ready! We have started a tradition of excellence and we are going to uphold it," Perry Dean, director, said.

The choir had five concerts and also participated in TMEA contests and solo and ensemble competitions( eight made it to State) as well as UIL competition in the spring.

The highlight of the year was winning sweepstakes, according to Dean. It had not been attained since 2005. "These kids are awesome to work with and we've had a great year!".

Students ended the year competing at the State UIL Solo/Ensemble contest on Memorial Day.

Winning medals were Michelle Olmstead (I), Van Nguyen (II), Cody Stahlecker, (II in piano and vocal soloes), Amanda Gomez, (II).

**"Through these Doors Walk the Best Choir Students Around"**



Front Row: M. Sanchez, K. Cantu, A. Gomez, C. Stahlecker, G. Rodrigez, G. Sanchez, A. Bumguardner, S. Holbrook. Second Row: T. Harris, C. Miller, L. Phillips, D. Irwin, K. Earnhardt, V. Nguyen, L. Garcia, E. Morton, J. Stuhlman, A. Garcia. Back Row: M. Olmstead, D. Flores, H. Hinds, K. Arroyo, C. Cantu, T. Nguyen, D. Ledesma, D. Dinh and Mr. Dean





The Choir at UIL posing after winning sweepstakes!



What's the most memorable thing about this year's choir?

" Getting a Sweepstakes BABY!!!"

Tracie Harris



Relaxing before the Halloween concert.



Halloween Concert



Veronica dresses as a ghost for the Halloween concert.

Section leaders were bass, Cody Stahlecker; tenor, Van Nguyen; soprano, Katherine Cantu; and alto, Diana Dinh.



Cody sings Phantom of Opera



Kaylea sings a song from Twilight at the Halloween concert



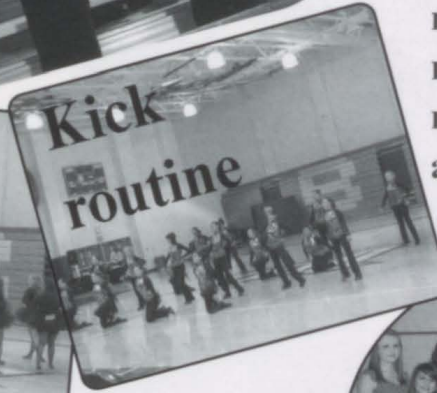
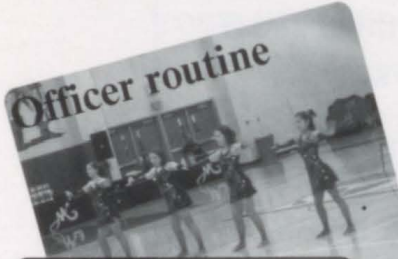
The Choir singing the Star Spangled Banner at the Homecoming game



What do you like about being an officer?

"You have more duties and your more confident and independent."

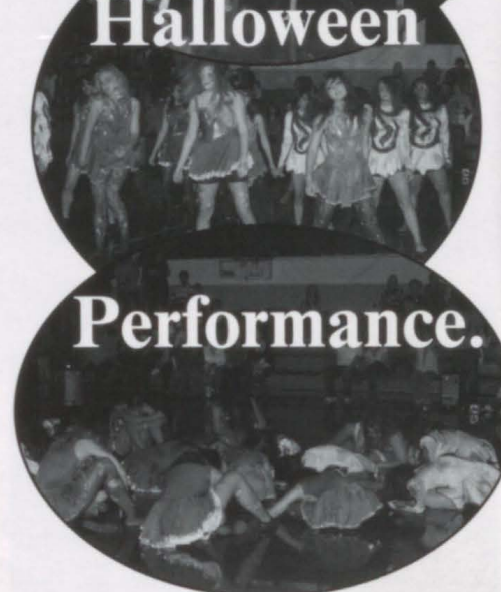
-Lauren Garcia



What was your biggest challenge this year?

"Keeping up with what dance to do that Friday for the pep rally. It also was looking into the empty stands at the last home game. With all the memories running through my mind and knowing I will never sit there again. Once an angel always an angel."

-Taylor Aoughsten



Front row: H. Gomez, 2nd row: J. Diaz A. Gonzalez, M. Morton, B. Munoz, 3rd row: R. Vasquez, B. Rankin, L. Garcia, T. Aoughsten, B. Munoz 4th row: A. Gomez, A. Vacek, D. Polk, C. Cantu, I. Polk, E. Vargas, G. Perez, J. Polk, K. Peterson.

# DANCING IT UP



Girls line up to welcome the Sharks, a game tradition



Seniors, Taylor Aoughsten, Racheal Vasquez, Jasmin Diaz, Elizabeth Vargas.

The Sharky Drill Team did the usual, practiced hard the fall semester and performed at pep rallies and games. But the unusual was, the season did not end when the new semester rolled around.

In December the drill team performed at regional and ended up qualifying for State. The season usually ends in December, but it lasted until the State contest in February. Members practiced as early as 7 a.m. since they had no class the second semester.

Drill team is all about performing. "I love performing because it is a rush and just an unexplainable feeling," said Taylor Aoughsten, senior, and drill team captain.

The halloween dance was a favorite of the girls. "We got the chance to wear old torn up drill team costumes and have wild hair to present ourselves as zombies," said Elizabeth Vargas, senior.

Led on by Drill Team advisor Mrs. Tess Flores, the girls danced their way to State and also earned at regional the following: best office routine, one superior; best choreography in modern kick, and contemporary, and high points.

At State the girls received Super Sweepstakes and high point for Kick and Contemporary. They traveled to Austin to compete the day after the Winter storm, with the weather clearing up just in time for them to compete.



Drill team cheering on the Sharks



Sharky's waiting for the Sharks entrance



Jasmin Diaz and Miranda Campos chit chat before the game starts



What's different about this year's team than other years?  
 "Things cost more every year for one thing. Also, this year they know the feeling of winning because it has been six years since we have made it to State."



The girls performing the first day of school pep rally



One Act Play

Area Qualifiers



# Going for the Gold

Sharkspeare theatre had a big surprise on the first day of school with the return of Ms. Peggy Charlton as teacher.

"It was a great year to come out of retirement. I had such a super group of kids," Charlton said.

21 sixth period advanced theatre students put on two outstanding productions - *Tom Sawyer* for Fall play, and *The History of Tom Jones*, for the OAP.

"Tom Jones was the most difficult play I have ever directed. With the farcical nature, period costumes,

English accents, it was a huge amount of work. The kids came through as usual and we won district and advanced to Area," Charlton said.

The spring plays presented in May were *Showtime for Oscar* (fourth period) and *America's Next Top Model Student* (first period).

"It was a great year. I will miss my three senior girls tremendously -Laura, Tess, and Taylor. After spending four years with them, it will be tough to let them go. And of course Cody is irreplaceable," Charlton concluded.



# One Act Play



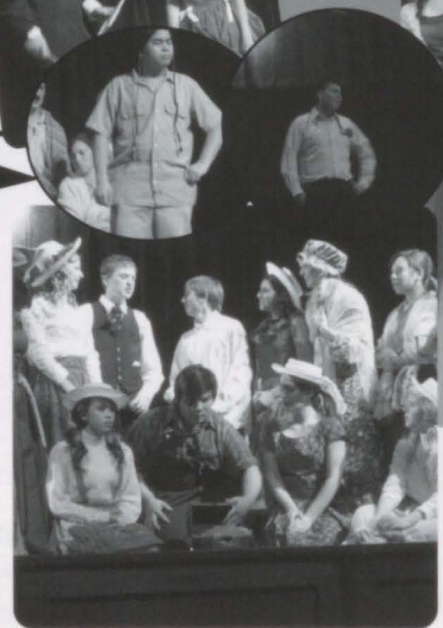
# Tom Sawyer



Top: Greg S., Craig F., Justice H., Andrew P, Cody S., Paige S., Alvin N. ,Lauren G., Stephanie W., Middle: Jonathan N., Ismael L, Dai P.,Nathan P., Laura M., Tess B., Bottom: Martin B., Van N., Taylor A., Ashlan K., Not Pictured: Victoria G. & Keri I.



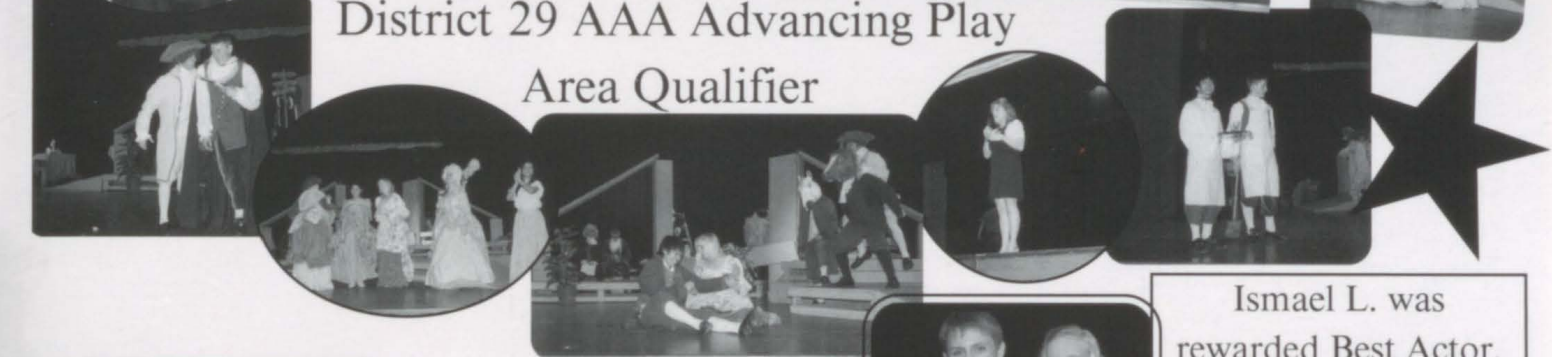
Top: Cody S- Vice President, Taylor A-Treasurer  
Tess B-Secretary, Bottom: Ismael L & Laura M-  
Co-Presidents



# The History of Tom Jones



## District 29 AAA Advancing Play Area Qualifier



"This year was the highlight of my teaching career. The level of talent, excellent attitude and work ethic was far superior of any students I have ever had as a group."

Ms. Charlton

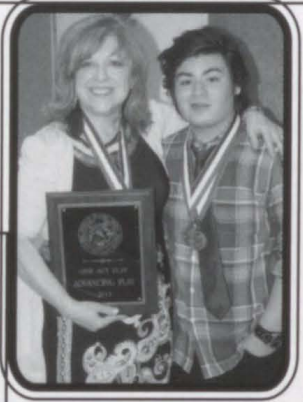


Cody S and Jonathan N. received All Star Cast.



Nathan P. and Tess B. received Honorable Mention

Ismael L. was rewarded Best Actor.



Ismael Lara

"The night of district when I received Best Actor and our company advanced to Area. That was the highlight of my OAP season, because we worked so hard."



1st Period Spring Play: *America's Next Top Model Student*



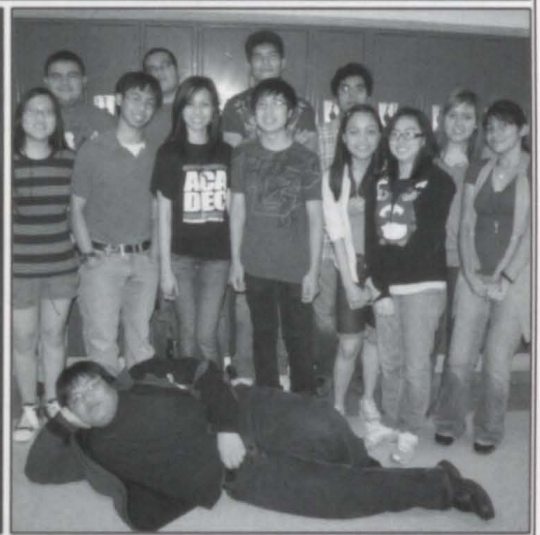
4th Period Spring Play: *Showtime for Oscar*



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**“Not everyone is meant to make a difference. But for me, the choice to lead an ordinary life is no longer an option.”**

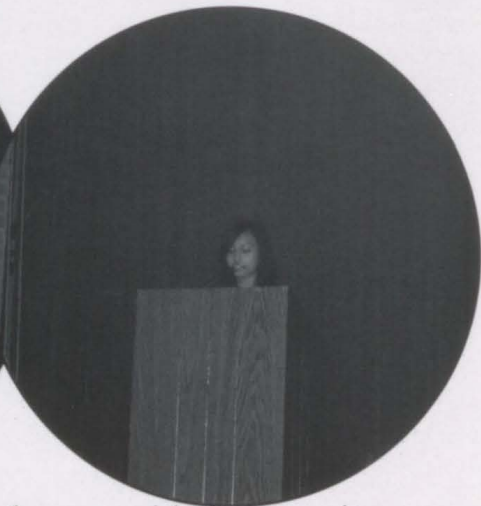
**Peter Parker**



**Powerset**



# VOLUNTEERING IS SHARING AND CARING



Student Council meets once a month with Mr. Chandler, sponsor for the past six years.

"We had a great group this year, our biggest ever," Mr. Chandler said.

"It is a great club that gives me a chance to interact with my friends," Hector Hurtado said.

Club activities included Veteran's Day assembly, sold candles, Breast Cancer awareness month assembly, and blood drive. "I enjoy helping the kids work on projects to better the world," Chandler said.

"I liked the assembly because it informed us how important it is and it gave us stories of how people's lives were affected," said Mayra Mancera about the Breast Cancer Assembly.

"I thought it was a great way to open our eyes, about this killing disease, and how much harm it can do," said Luz Gonzalez about the Breast Cancer assembly.

"The end of the year trip was really fun," said Mathew Nguyen about the trip to Fiesta Texas in San Antonio.



Breast Cancer Awareness Day

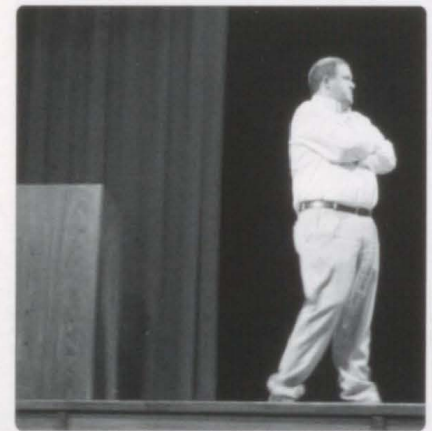




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Megan Diaz, 19, was a brave woman when she came to PHS to talk about her fight against breast cancer. Unfortunately, Megan passed away several months later, but her story was a huge inspiration of a hero and will always live on in our hearts.



What was the highlight this year?

"Breast Cancer Awareness Assembly"

Mr. Chandler, sponsor

By: Juana Gonzalez

# GREAT MINDS THINK LIKE US

National Honor Society, sponsored by Mrs. Koenig, is the organization on campus with strict grade and citizenship requirements. Students must maintain a high grade point average, take three advanced classes per year, and have excellent behavior at school and in the community. "I enjoy working with the top students of the school," Mrs. Koenig said.

To be part of this prestigious organization, students need to start preparing their ninth grade year taking advanced classes, doing community service, and following school rules, according to Koenig.

"The highlight of the year was seeing students interact with NHS members from all over the Region at the group convention," Koenig said.

The organization's projects included Salvation Army Bell ringing, blood drive, and working in varied volunteer work. "We had an outstanding group of officers and dedicated members," Koenig added.

NHS had monthly luncheons for the teachers. "They were fun because I got to hangout with my friends," said Msrian Medrano.

Mrs. Stephanie Garcia was also a sponsor.



By: Juana Gonzalez

## OFFICERS

President- Laura  
Martinez

Vice President- Annie  
Nguyen

Secretary -Alicia  
Torres

Student Advisor- Tess  
Bates



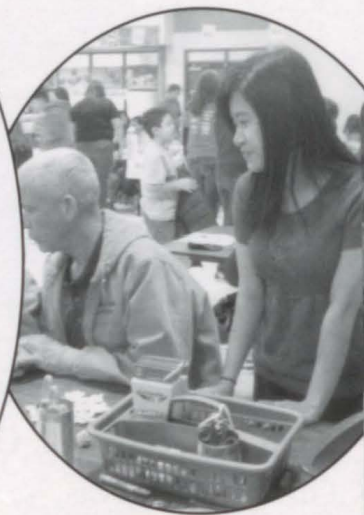
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**What was the highlight this  
year?**

"Seeing students interact  
with NHS members from  
all over the region at the  
group convention".

Mrs. Koenig



# WE FACE FUTURE, COURAGE, HOPE

FCCLA made and presented Christmas cards and Easter eggs to the nursing home residents for their two main projects for the year.

Under the direction of Mrs. Tess Rose, new teacher at PHS, students met once a month. "The highlight of the year was our trip to Schlitterbaun," Rose said.

Doing activities for

others and seeing how much they enjoyed receiving them was the most enjoyable of being FCCLA sponsor, according to Rose.

"I appreciate the students who were dedicated and would like more students to be serious about attending meetings and more committed to FCCLA," Rose added.



## Officers

President-Mimi Nguyen  
Vice President-Keri Isbell  
Secretary- Adrianna Cruz  
Treasurer- Liem Tran



Bottom 1st row: C. Ortiz, J. Hebel, K. Isbell, M. Tran, D. Dinh, S. Nguyen, M. Nguyen. 2nd row: A. Paniagua, D. Pham, A. Vacek, M. Mujica, S. Jamie, A. Cruz, K. Otto. 3rd row: J. Jimenez, C. Garcia, K. Guillen, D. Rivas, T. Cruz, T. Nguyen, J. Pham. 4th row: M. Cambray, R. Yanez, J. Vu, J. Lopez, H. Hurtado.

By: Juana Gonzalez

What do you enjoy most about being the club sponsor?  
"When we do activities for others and service projects and see how much they enjoy receiving them."

Mrs. Rose, sponsor

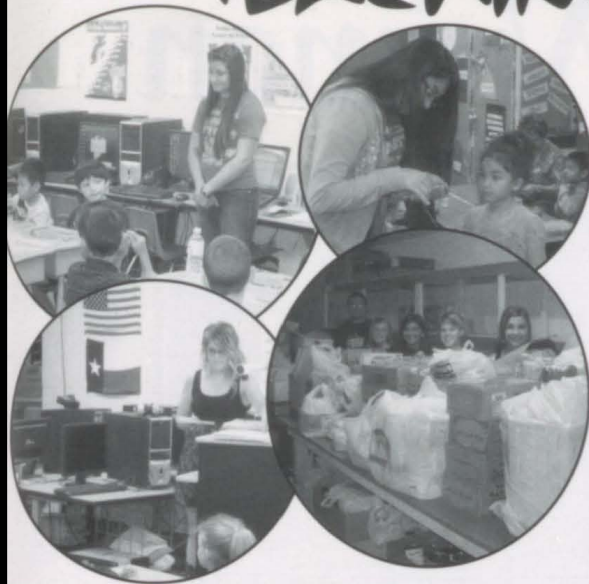
# TEACHING THE SKILLS

TAFE meets once a month with Mrs. Wollam, first year sponsor. "I was blessed with an amazing group of students. 99% of them were active in every activity, they were dependable, and they had positive attitudes. I'm very grateful to have them in my organization," said Mrs. Wollam.

sold breast cancer t-shirts, had a food drive, and visited Central elementary.

"I can't pinpoint one activity because I believe everything was a success. From students attending morning meetings to our fundraiser, to our community involvement to our end of the year celebration. I love my members", said Mrs. Wollam.

Their activities included Operation Santa Claus, they



## Mrs. Wollam

What do you enjoy most about being the club sponsor?

"Getting to know the students and forming a bond with them. I also have enjoyed seeing the hard-work, self-motivation and effort given by these students, gives me hope for the future."



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### Officers

Teacher of the year leader- Jonathan Vu

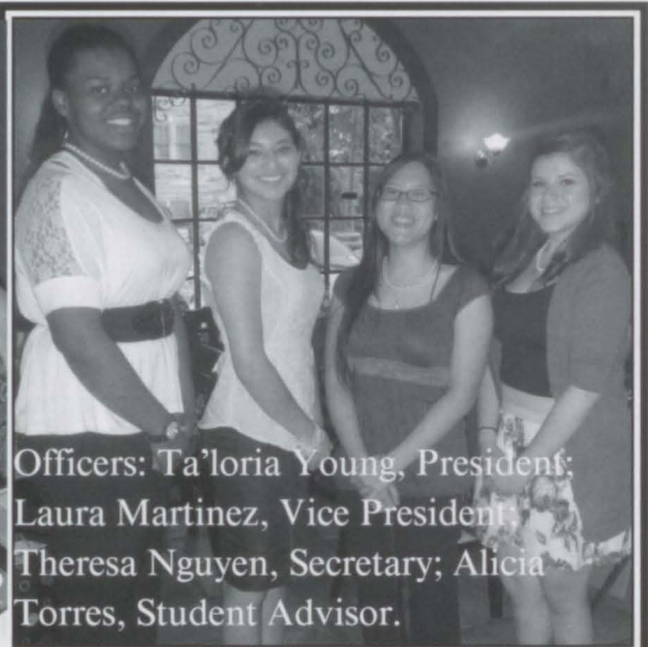
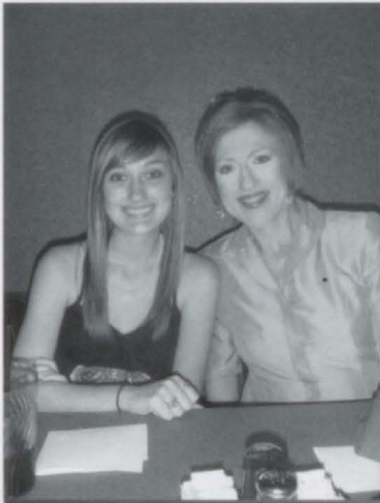
Teacher Appreciation Week- Natalie Ortiz and Kayla Isbell  
Spring Community Project leader- Victoria Garcia

Fall Community Project leader - Keri Isbell

Teacher snacks leader- Mayra Mancera

TAFE President- Damaris Martinez.

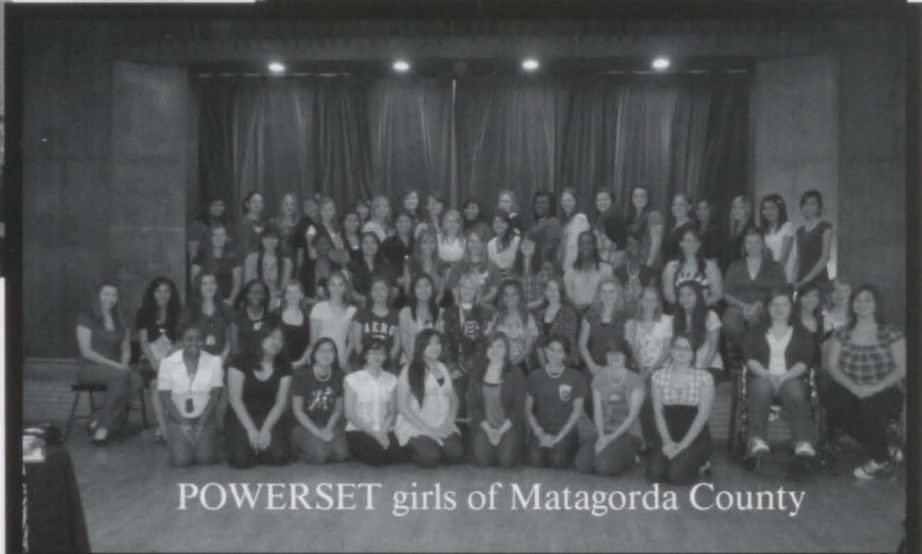
# Wonder Women



Officers: Ta'loria Young, President;  
 Laura Martinez, Vice President;  
 Theresa Nguyen, Secretary; Alicia  
 Torres, Student Advisor.



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POWERSET girls of Matagorda County



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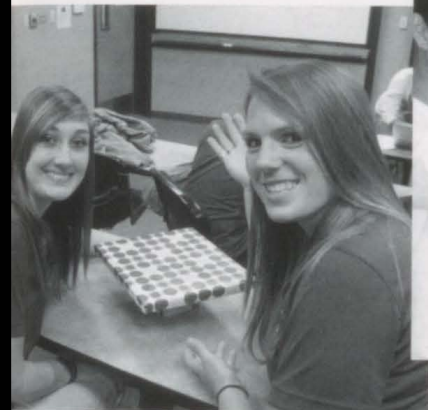
# ...in Training

The young ladies are provided with exclusive opportunities granted to them because of their membership to the club.

In the third year of Powerset's PHS existence, it has reached surrounding Matagorda county schools. Many more girls were able to wear the clubs signature pearls and call themselves official powerful women.



Ashlan Kacer, Jennifer Mac, Marian Medrano, Theresa Nguyen, Ta'loria Young, Alicia Torres, Laura Martinez, Annie Nguyen, Kimberly Tran, Marissa Dunn, Chelsea Slaughter, Ashley Bui, Mimi Nguyen, Ameer Bumguardner, Luz Gonzales, Victoria Garcia, Michelle Olmstead, Katherine Cantu, Ariana Galvan, Lindsay Philips,



The state capitol at Austin

For the seniors who were in the charter group three years ago, this year was extra special. The club takes many educational field trips, are mentored by fabulous ladies from STP, and also mentor girls themselves in fourth through sixth grades. The girls are a key part of PHS's elite.

# Flying High with a Team Effort



all the years that we stood there on the sidelines

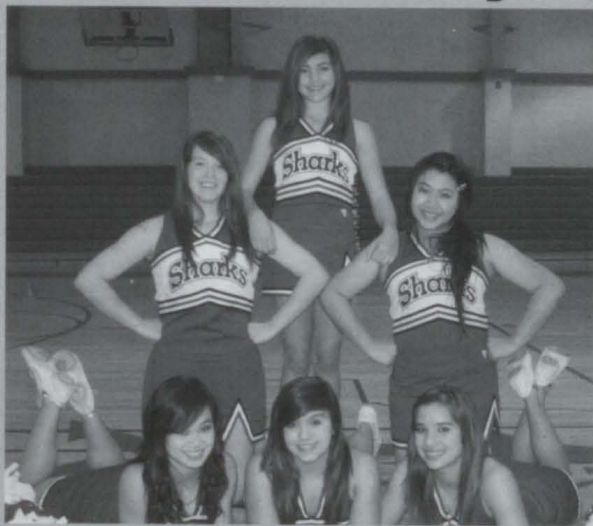
Go Sharks go! Go Sharks go! This was the phrase you would hear at every sporting event. Stunting, jumping, and smiling through the game is only part of what cheerleading is about.

The cheerleaders had the challenge of adjusting to a new sponsor this year--Mrs. Dianne Rojas, after Mrs. Michele Struhenberg stepped down.

Two senior cheerleaders have the distinction of being cheerleaders since seventh grade. Laura Martinez and Captain Tess Bates have cheered together for 64 games.

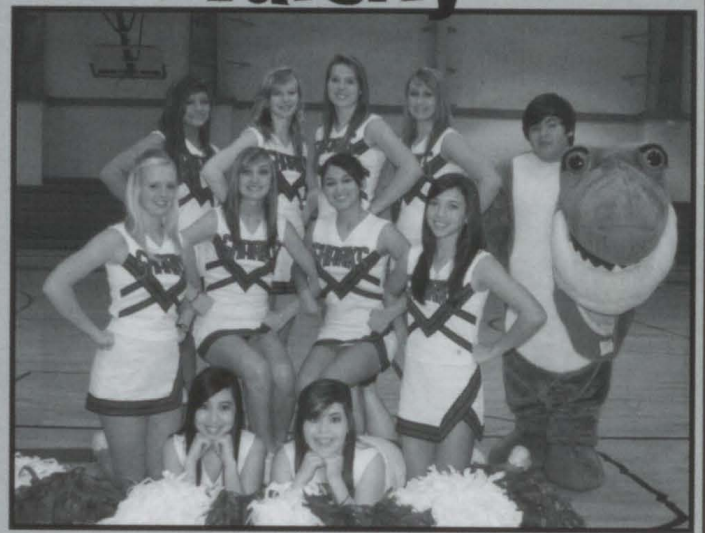
"I could never put a price on all the memories I've had with the squad for these six years and especially my best friend Tess. The squad showed me the motivation, dedication, and passion you have to have in order to keep a crowd at its best," Laura said.

## Junior Varsity



Top Row: Lacey Ramirez. Middle Row: Rhianna Aparicio, Phoung Ho. Bottom Row: Ly Phan, Savannah Hunter, Breana Alvarez (Co-Captain).

## Varsity



Top Row: Taylor Negrete, Paige Stuhrenberg, Chelsea Slaughter, Jessica Hebel, Ismael Lara (Mascot). Middle Row: Tess Bates (Captain), Marissa Dunn, Laura Martinez, Victoria Garcia. Bottom Row: Marissa Vu, Leah Longoria (Co-Captain).







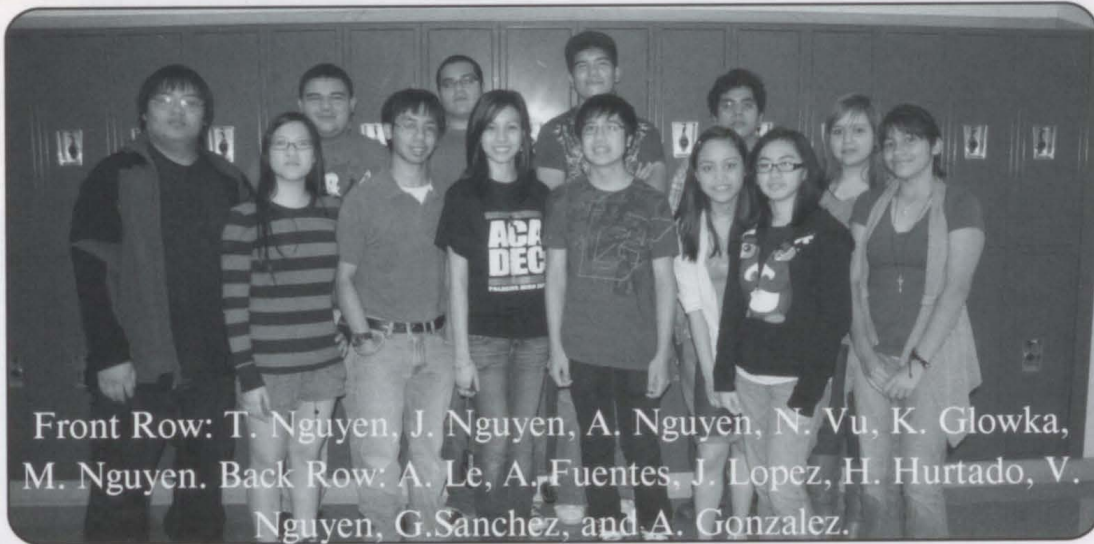
## Captains Corner

*"Leading the cheerleading squad was hard, but I learned a lot from the girls. I enjoyed cheering for Sharks with them as well, and I would not take it back!!"*  
 Tess Bates, -Captain



*"Leading the squad this year was challenging yet fun and I wouldn't change it for the world, I LOVE MY GIRLS!!"*  
 Leah Longoria, Co-Captain

# ROBOTS TAKING OVER



Front Row: T. Nguyen, J. Nguyen, A. Nguyen, N. Vu, K. Glowka, M. Nguyen. Back Row: A. Le, A. Fuentes, J. Lopez, H. Hurtado, V. Nguyen, G. Sanchez, and A. Gonzalez.

Robotics is a new club at Palacios High School. Robotics mission is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

Mr. Warren Morris began the new club which required students to spend five and six hours a week building the robot to compete at a convention in the summer.

"Students who are interested in the club should read the Robotics handbook before school begins. They should also build their own binder with their robotics specialities," Morris said.

The highlight of this year was getting the sensors programmed and operational in "atomonous" mode, according to Morris.

"I enjoyed seeing the wide-eyes enthusiasm when the robot performed its task. This was our first year and everyone was motivated," Morris added.



Why did you join Robotics?

"Forceful request and it's interesting"  
Krystle Glowka

Krystle, Ann, Hector and Mathew sleeping on the way to San Antonio.



Robotics competition



What's the best thing about Robotics?

"Hanging out with friends and designing robots."

Ann Gonzalez



Group photo at the May competition.



# WORKFORCE ASSEMBLE

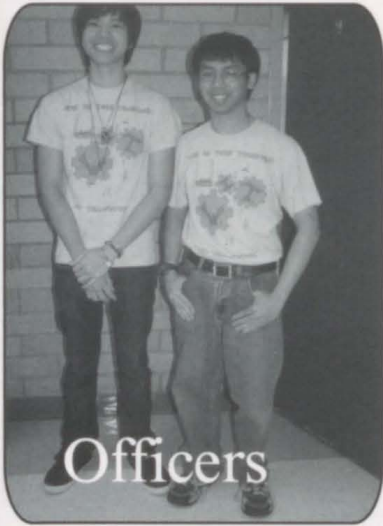
WIT was a new club formed at PHS this year. WIT stands for Workforce Industry Training.

The purpose of this organization is to target high school female and male students who have the desire to pursue a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) career and have an interest in one or two-year technical degrees or certificates.

Sponsors were Mrs. Cindy Johnson and Mrs. Marilyn Phillips.

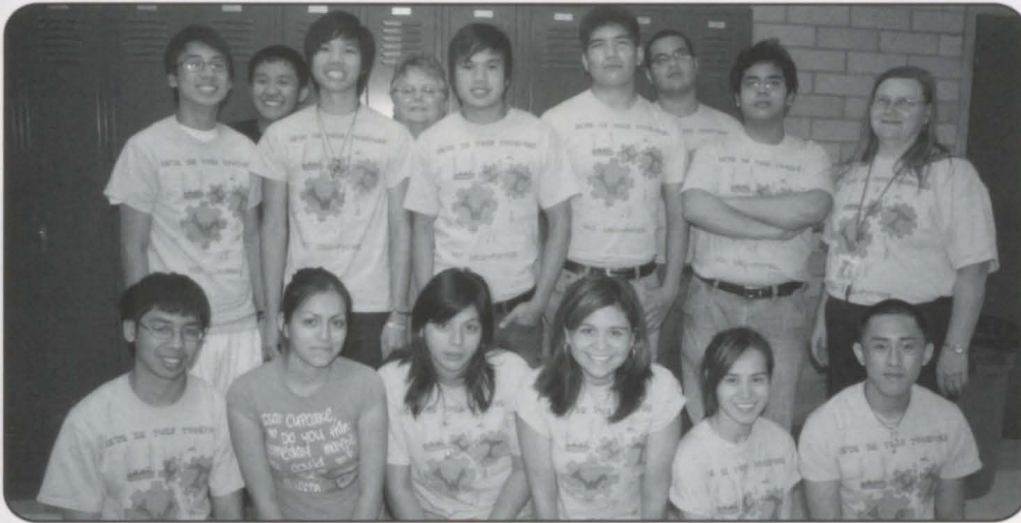
Students visited TAMU, TAMU Kingsville, TAMU Corpus Christi, Brazosport College, and attended a career fair at Conoco Phillips and STP.

"This club is very informative for seniors who are not sure what they want to do," Johnson said.

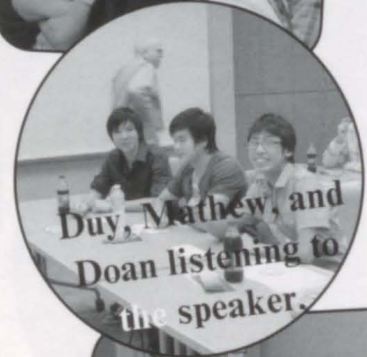


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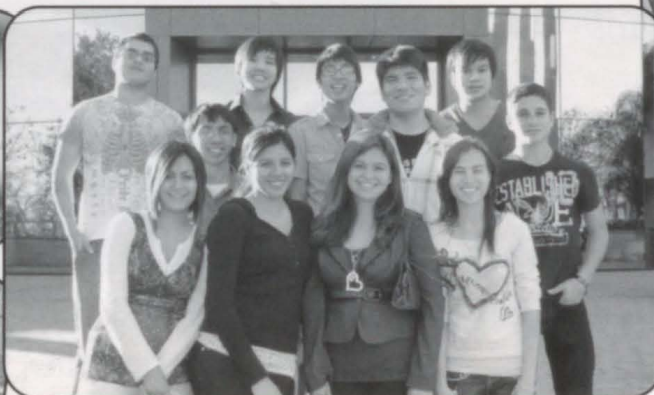
President- Jason Nguyen  
Vice President- Duy Nguyen



Front Row: J. Nguyen, S. Jaime, G. Cruz, K. Guillen, D. Troung, J. Tran. Back Row: D. Vu, L. Tran, D. Tran, Mrs. Johnson, M. Nguyen, H. Hurtado, J. Lopez, V. Nguyen and Mrs. Phillips



Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Phillips



WIT at the TAMU trip.

# EXPERIENCE THE BUSINESS

## Mrs. Newsom

What do you enjoy most about being the club sponsor?

"Student achievement"

BPA, sponsored by Mrs. Shelley Newsom, is a very active organization meeting twice a week.

Their activities included two fundraisers-- custom scarf and World's chocolate, donating to Operation Santa Claus toy drive, and to FCCLA by matching funds to Martha's Table and Pet Pals, decorating the school Christmas tree, and attending the region, state, and national

contest.

"The highlight of the year was having a state officer Christian Garcia and going to Washington D.C. National contest," Mrs. Newsom said. Theresa Nguyen also qualified for national contest in accounting.

The seniors were an outstanding group. "Five will graduate; I will miss them all", Newsom added.

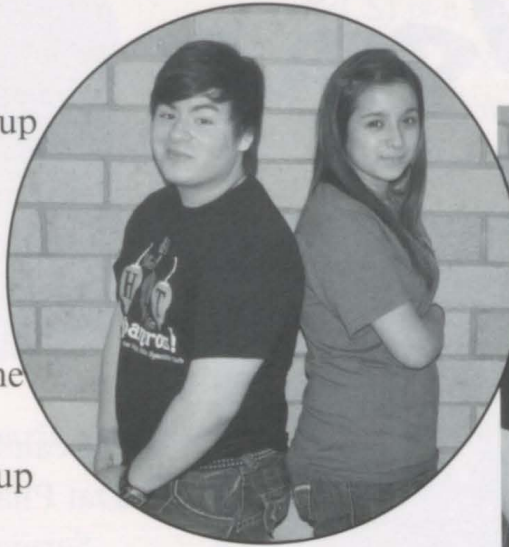


Officers  
 President-Damaris  
 Martinez,  
 Vice President-Ta'loria  
 Young, Secretary-Danielle  
 Aparicio, Treasurer-Theresa  
 Nguyen,  
 Parliamentarian- Jason  
 Nguyen, Reporter-Darian  
 Haney

Front row: T. Nguyen, J. Nguyen, A. Aparicio, D. Aparicio, C. Carrizales, B. Real, L. Mills, M. Nguyen, S. McKissick. 2nd row: A. Le, N. Salas, J. Vu, T. Young, D. Martinez, K. Otto, D. Ledesma.

# EXPANDING THE CULTURE

Spanish Club, sponsored by Mrs. Rita Martinez, meets monthly and "are a wonderful group to work with," Mrs. Martinez said.



The club's two projects were the blood drive in December and the food drive in November.

"I enjoyed the group growing as a family and helping the community," Martinez added.



Front row: J. Ramon, I. Lara, F. Lopez, D. Aparicio. 2nd row: E. Cruz A. Gonzalez, G. Cruz, A. Garcia, C. Mancera, M. Carrillo, K. Arroyo, J. Lopez, A. Chavez.

## Officers

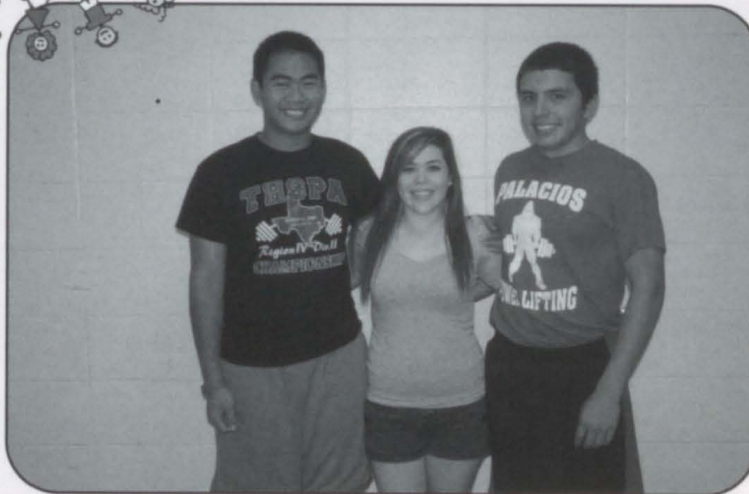
- President- Ismael Lara
- Secretary- Jessica Ramon
- Historian-Fransisca Lopez
- Vice President- DanielleAparicio

## Mrs. Martinez

What do you enjoy the most about being the club sponsor?

"I enjoyed watching the group grow as a family and helping the community".

# CLEAN UP SAVES THE WORLD



**Club Officers:**  
**Dat Pham, Leah Longoria,**  
**and Jose Jimenez**

Interact is the service organization at PHS, a miniature Rotary Club, sponsored by Mrs. Cindy Johnson. It meets once a week.

Leah Longoria was president and Dat Pham was vice-president.

Service projects were helping with the Miss Palacios Pageant and picking up trash on South and East bays.

"I enjoy the most working with the students," Mrs. Johnson said.



Front Row: A. Galvan, L. Longoria, V. Garcia, K. Cantu. Back Row: Mrs. Johnson, R. Aparicio, C. Garcia, J. Jimenez, and D. Pham

# HAVING FAITH



## Club Officers:

Ta'loria Young, Damaris Martinez, Carlos Delafuentes, and Ma'shelle Guerrero



Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS) is a new organization at PHS meeting weekly with a focus on "being able to fellowship with students of all faiths," Sponsor Mrs. Martinez said.

" I am so proud of them. They have grown spiritually as well as in their friendships. I'm so glad to see how they are walking," Mrs. Martinez added.

The group had bake sales and taco sales to buy Bibles.

" The highlight for me was each time a member would recognize how the Lord had been working in his/her life," Mrs. Martinez said.



Front Row: D. Aparicio, C. Wygal, K. Huffman, B. Perez.  
Back Row: Mrs. Martinez, T. Young, D. Martinez, C. Delafuentes, M. Guerrero, and B. Garcia.

Why did you join FCS?

" I joined FCS because I believe and still do that it's a great way for Christian students to be active in their faith at school."

Brandon Garcia

# FARMERS UNITE

Future Farmers of America meets every third Monday of the month. Mr. Steffek (three years) and Mr. Janacek (five years) are advisors.

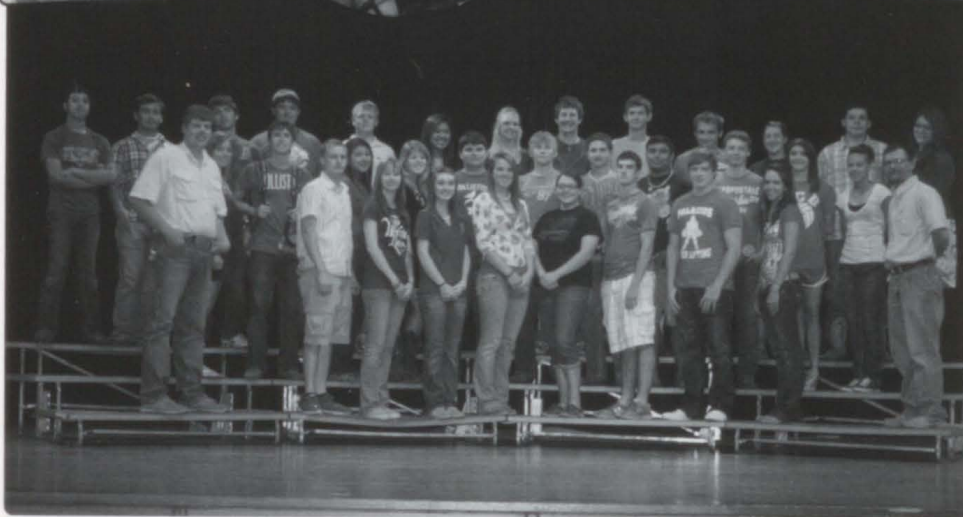
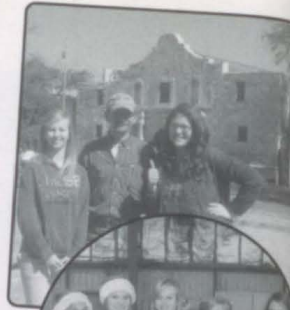
Students competed in various Leadership Development Events (LDE) and judging contests.

Fundraisers included meat and fruit sales, and concession stand at the football games." I enjoyed all the fun meetings and trips that we made with the FFA throughout the year,"

Steffek said.

A group of Ag mechanic students competed in competitions at the San Antonio and Houston rodeos and received blue ribbons.

Officers and advisors attended the State convention in July at Corpus Christi. "One of the highlights of the year was seeing Kellie Hunter and Ashtin Grange participate in the calf scramble at the Houston Livestock Show. Another highlight was watching our students sell their animals at the fair," Steffek added.



## Officers

- Secretary-Paige Stuhrenberg
- President-Jeremy Hunt
- Vice President-Nathan Biffle
- Jr. Advisor-Taylor Machacek
- Treasurer-Marrisa Dunn
- Sentinel-Chelsea Slaughter
- Reporter-Ashtin Grange

## Mr. Steffek

What activities has your club done?

"Many members raised animals for stock shows and built Ag mechanic projects."

Front row: Mr. Steffek, J. Hunt, P. Stuhrenberg, M. Dunn, C. Slaughter, A. Grange, N. Biffle, G. Sexton, K. Hunter, Mr. Janacek. 2nd row: T. Machacek, E. Aparicio, R. Vasquez, K. Isbell, T. Kruse, M. White, C. Perry, V. Martinez, N. Seaman, H. Fort, M. Ford. 3rd row: J. Garcia, D. Aparicio, P. Garcia, J. Sanchez, B. Huitt, J. Ramon, T. Bates, J. Hart, S. Fulton, R. McRae, C. Slaughter, D. Stolz, M. Guerrero.



# SKILLS USA

Skills USA is composed of students who are in the cosmetology and building and trades classes taught by Mrs. Rojas and Mr. Ortiz. When Mr. Ortiz stepped in as transportation director, Mr. Pierce

was teacher for the second semester.

Both classes competed in Skills USA district and state competitions. "The highlight of the year was when Tiffany Cruz received Best of Show for her nail project at the district contest," Rojas said.

The biggest challenge was having the time to do everything that needed to be done, according to Mrs. Rojas.



Front row: G. Ledesma. 2nd row: T. Cruz, M. Aguilera, K. Bentancourt, C. Ortiz, A. Paniagua.



**Officers**  
 President- Tiffany Cruz  
 Vice President- Ana Paniagua



Front row: F. Vega, S. Sifuentes, R. Sanchez, J. Paz, S. Arteaga. 2nd row: Yanez, L. Hurtado, J. Mancera, D. Salinas.

# CAPTURING HEADLINES

Is it fun creating pages for the yearbook?

"Yes, because you put your own creative ideas to the page."

Natalie Ortiz



"Being editor is fun. I didn't know everything about the program but it was a learning experience for everyone. Organization

was my best :D"

Tess Bates



Front Row: C. Stahlecker, T. Nguyen Second Row: J. Gonzalez, G. Sanchez, K. Arroyo Third Row: A. Torres, D. Martinez, N. Guerrero, N. Ortiz, and T. Bates

The yearbook staff enjoying lunch after a hard day of selling ads.



Tess



Juana



Tien



Alicia



Gisela



Natalie

Yearbook started off the year by going to Bay City on September 30th and October 1st to sell ads and spending two weeks in Palacios.

"It was fun selling ads with Nicole, but scary because you're asking random people to buy ads," Krystal Arroyo said.

Then after all the hard work of selling ads, the yearbook staff got to work on creating the yearbook.

"The students did a wonderful job. Most had no experience," said Ms. Peggy Charlton advisor.

They had a few computer problems to deal with, but they managed to keep working to make their deadlines. In the spring they had their yearbook selling campaign.

"It was hard selling yearbooks because when I asked some people they would say yes and wouldn't have the money so I had to keep bugging them," Juana Gonzalez said.

After a few bumps down the road, the yearbook staff still kept working hard to create an unforgettable yearbook.

"The last week was tough for them but they got it done," Charlton said.



Krystal



Nicole



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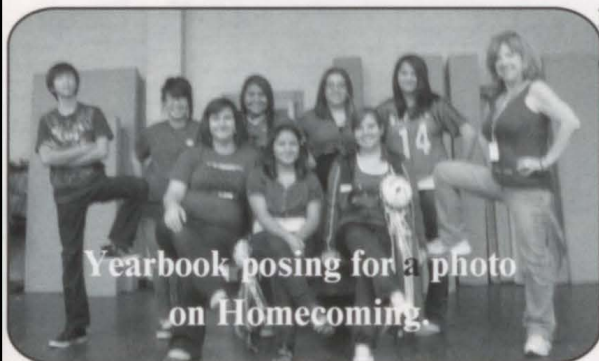
Damaris

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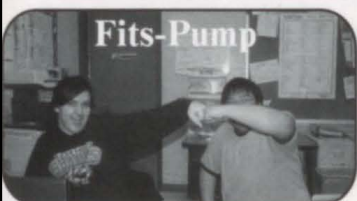
"When a deadline is approaching I feel very frustrated and I tend to lose my mind & HAIR."

Damaris Martinez

Yearbook posing for a photo on Homecoming



Fits-Pump



I don't hear, see, or speak to you.




The Yearbook having a little fun while trying to finish their yearbook pages.



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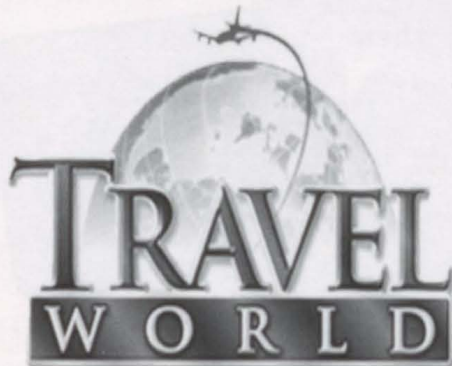
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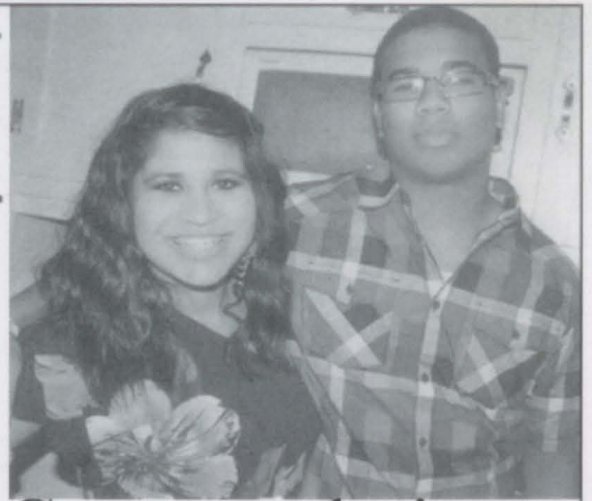


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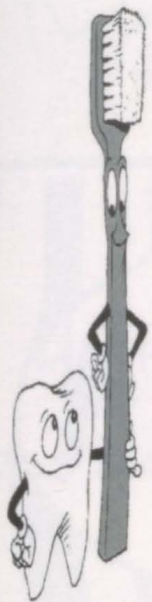
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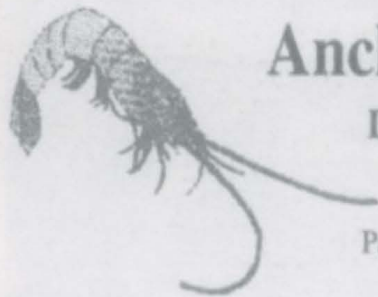
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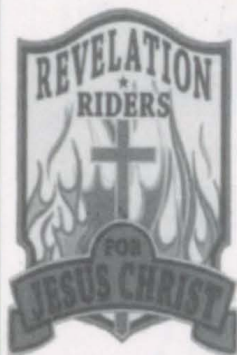


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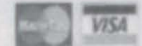
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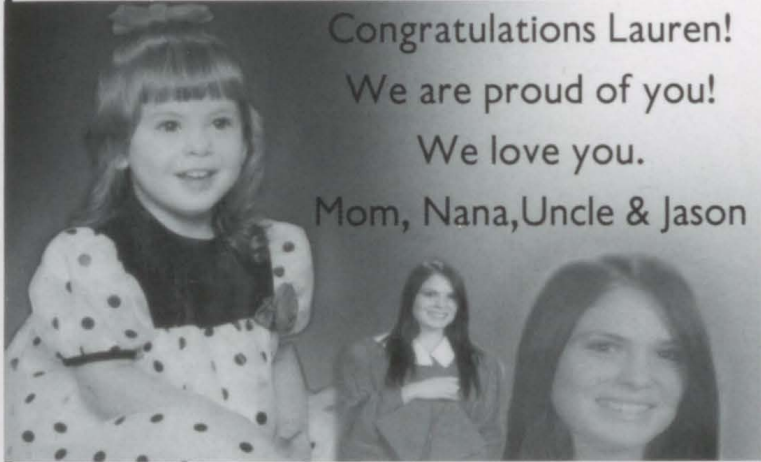
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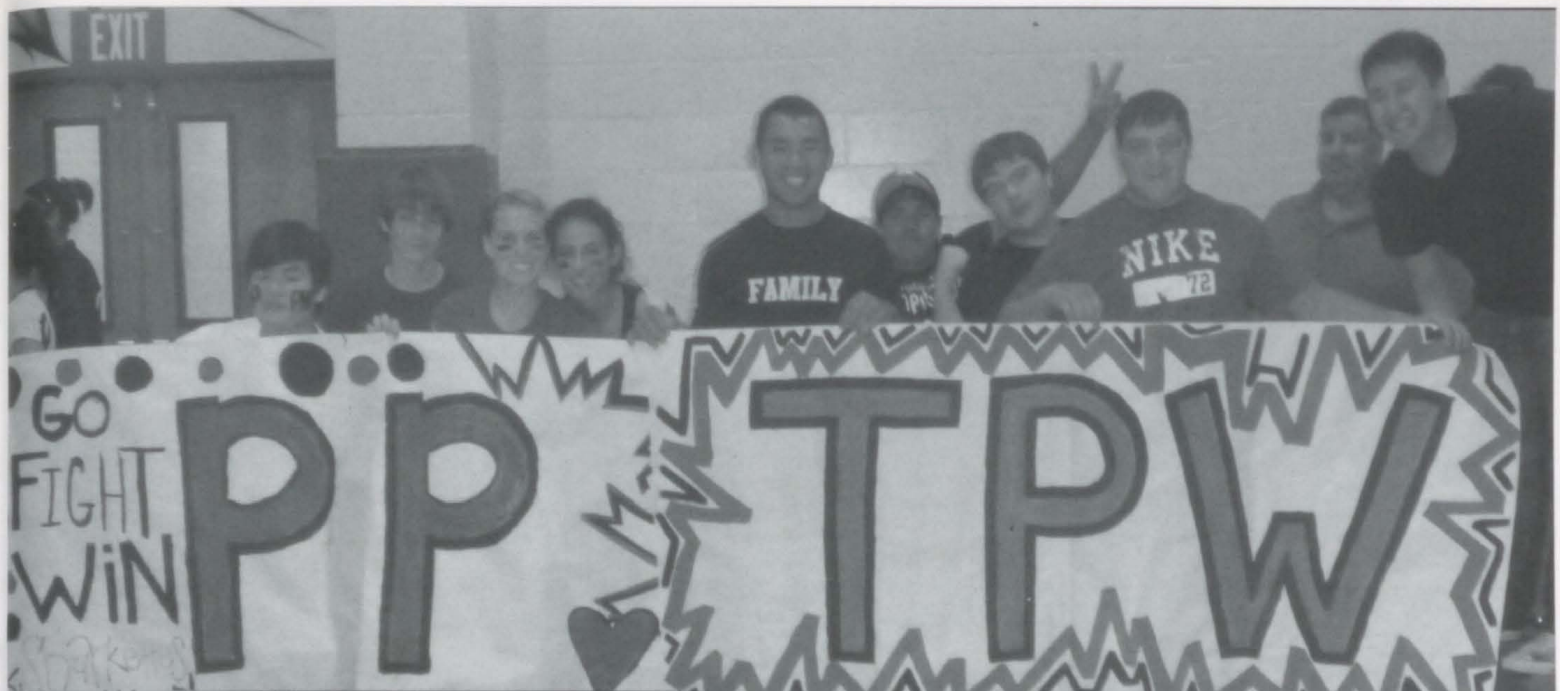
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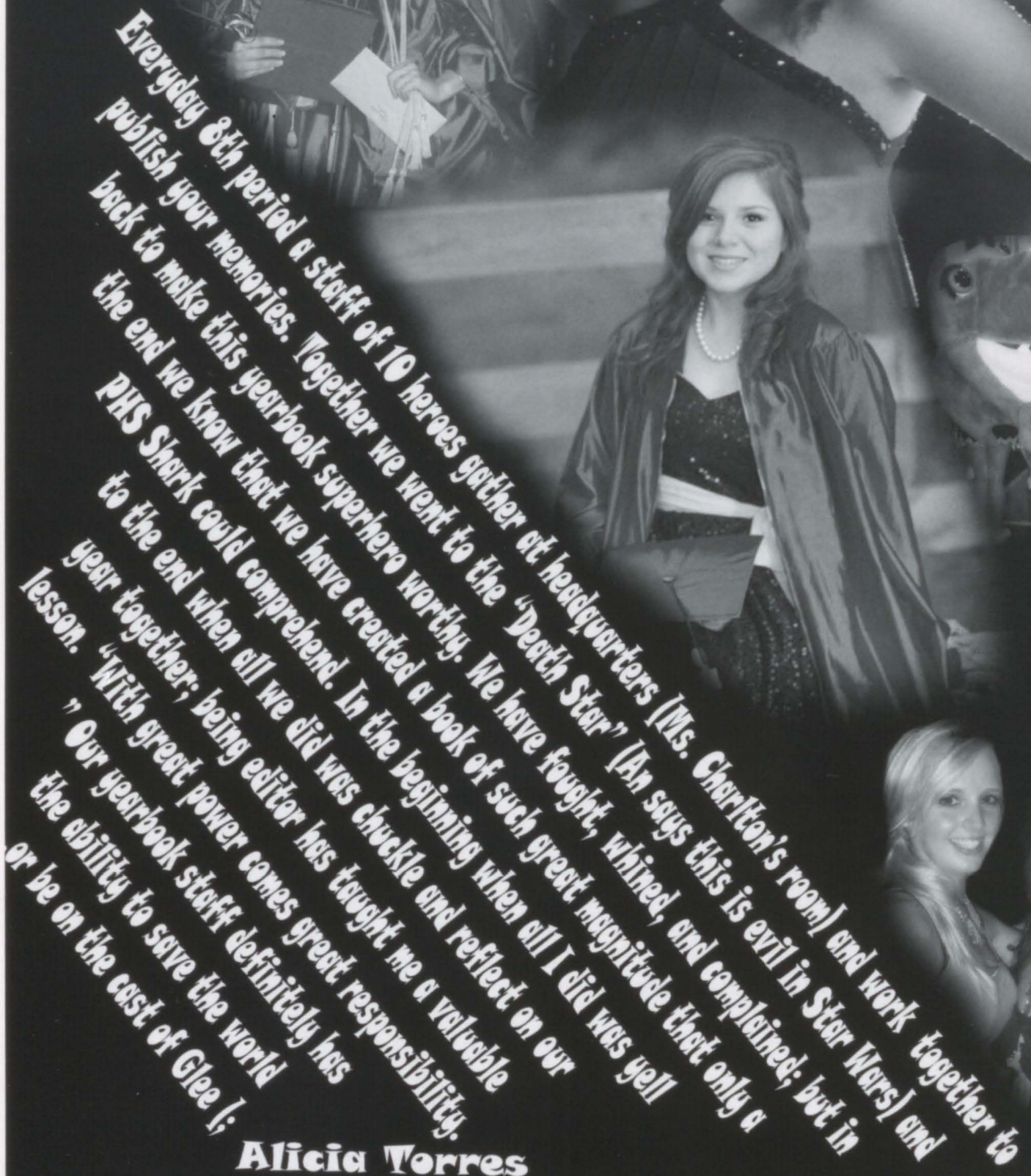
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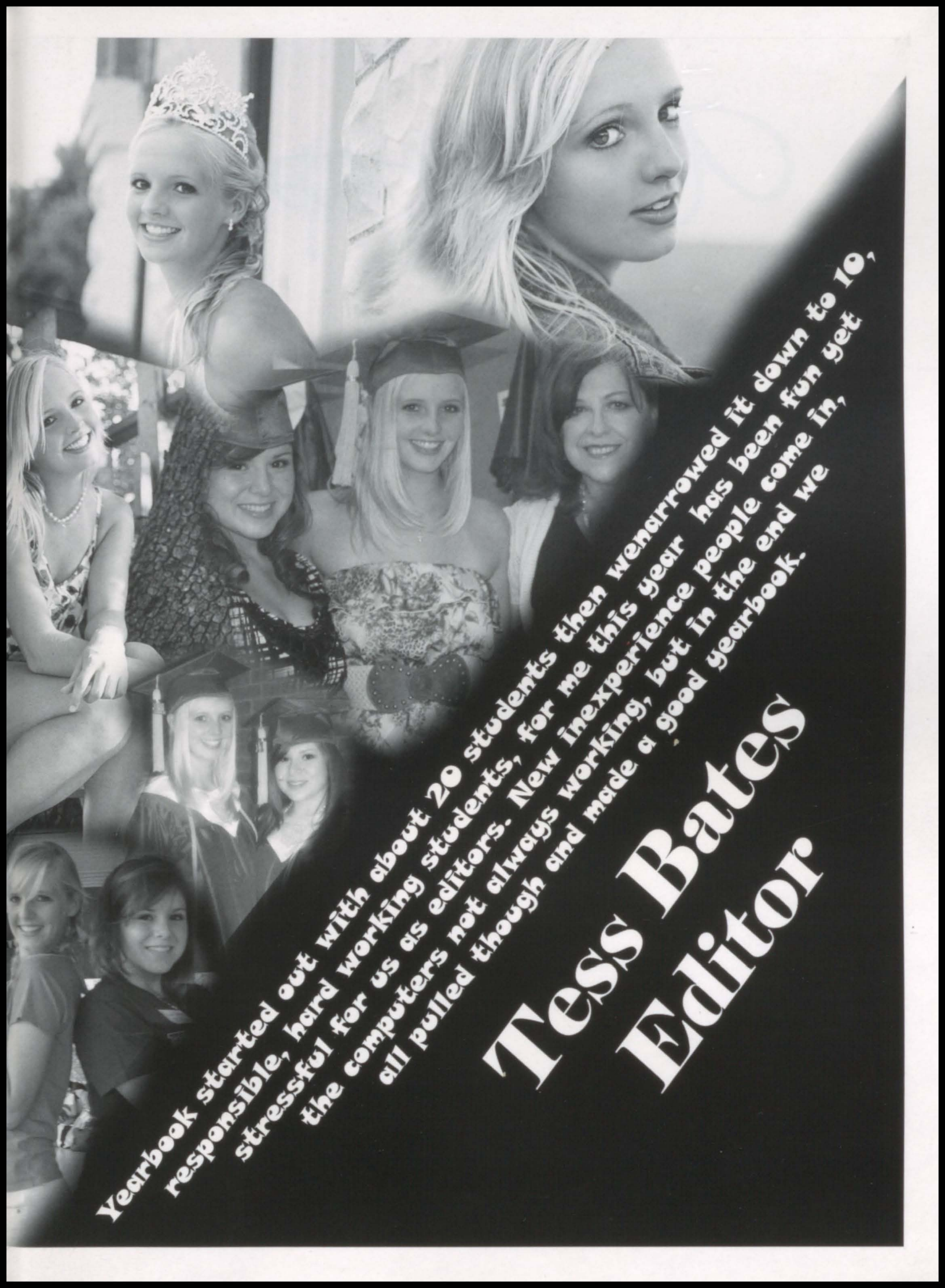






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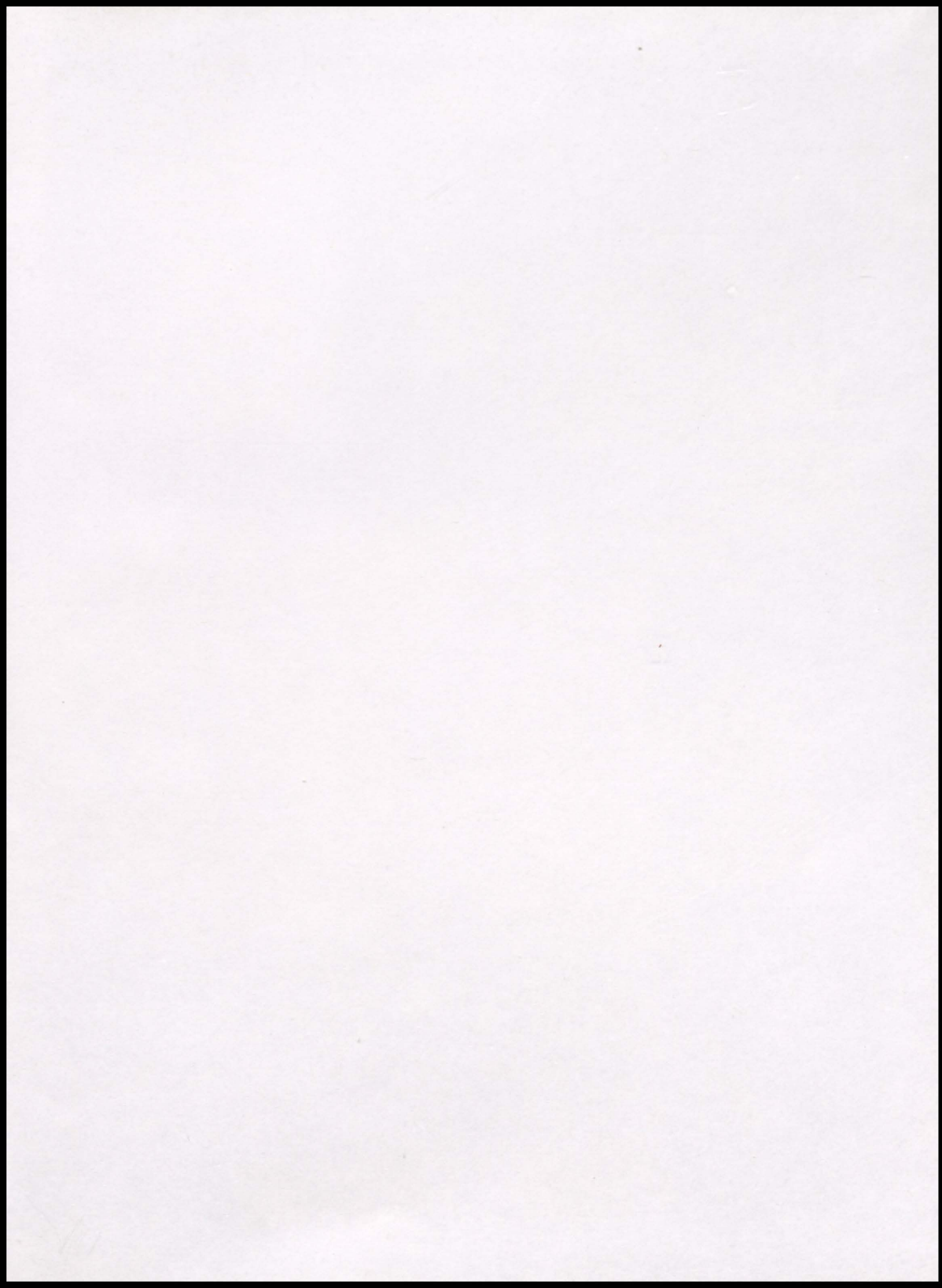
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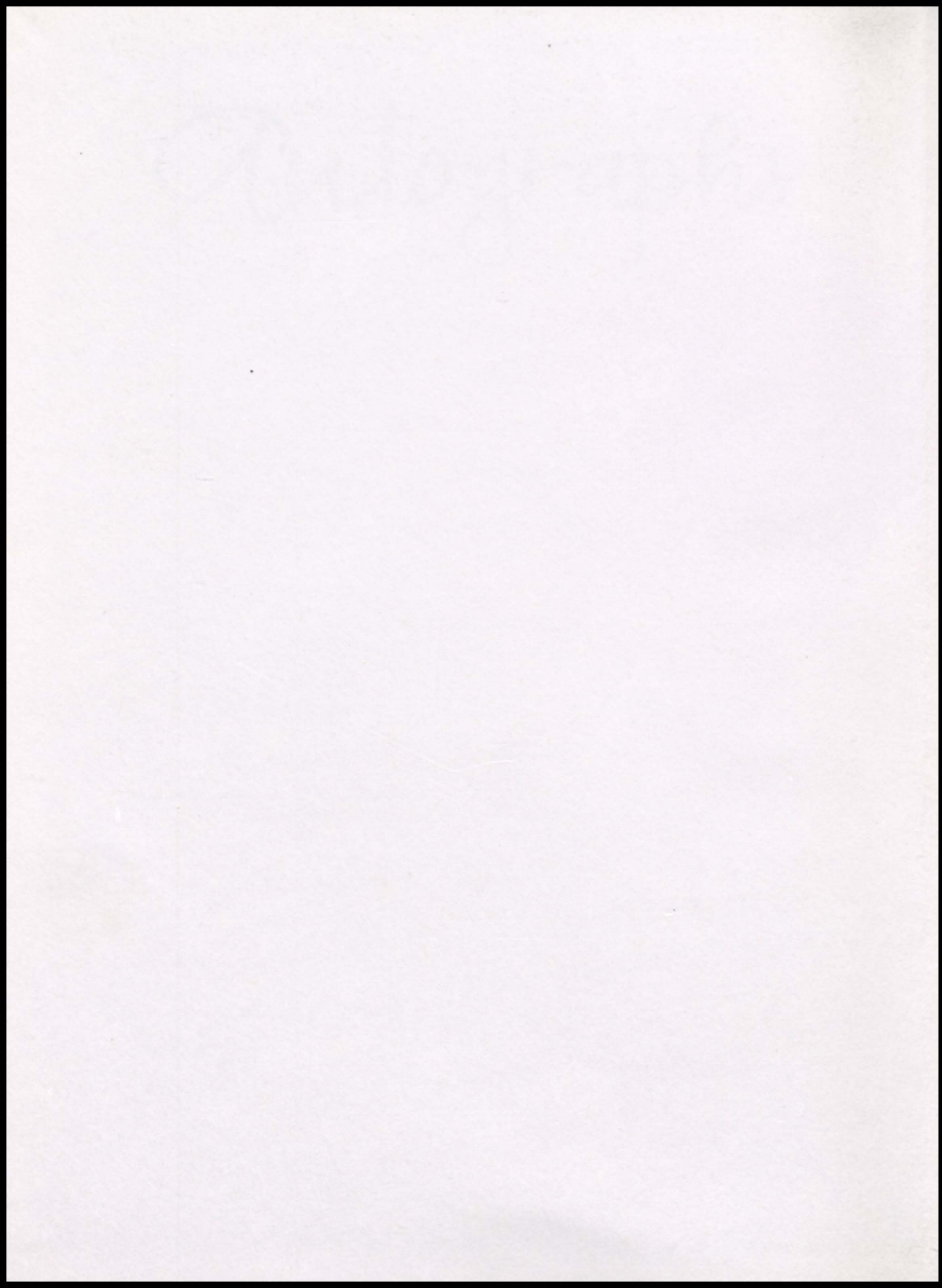


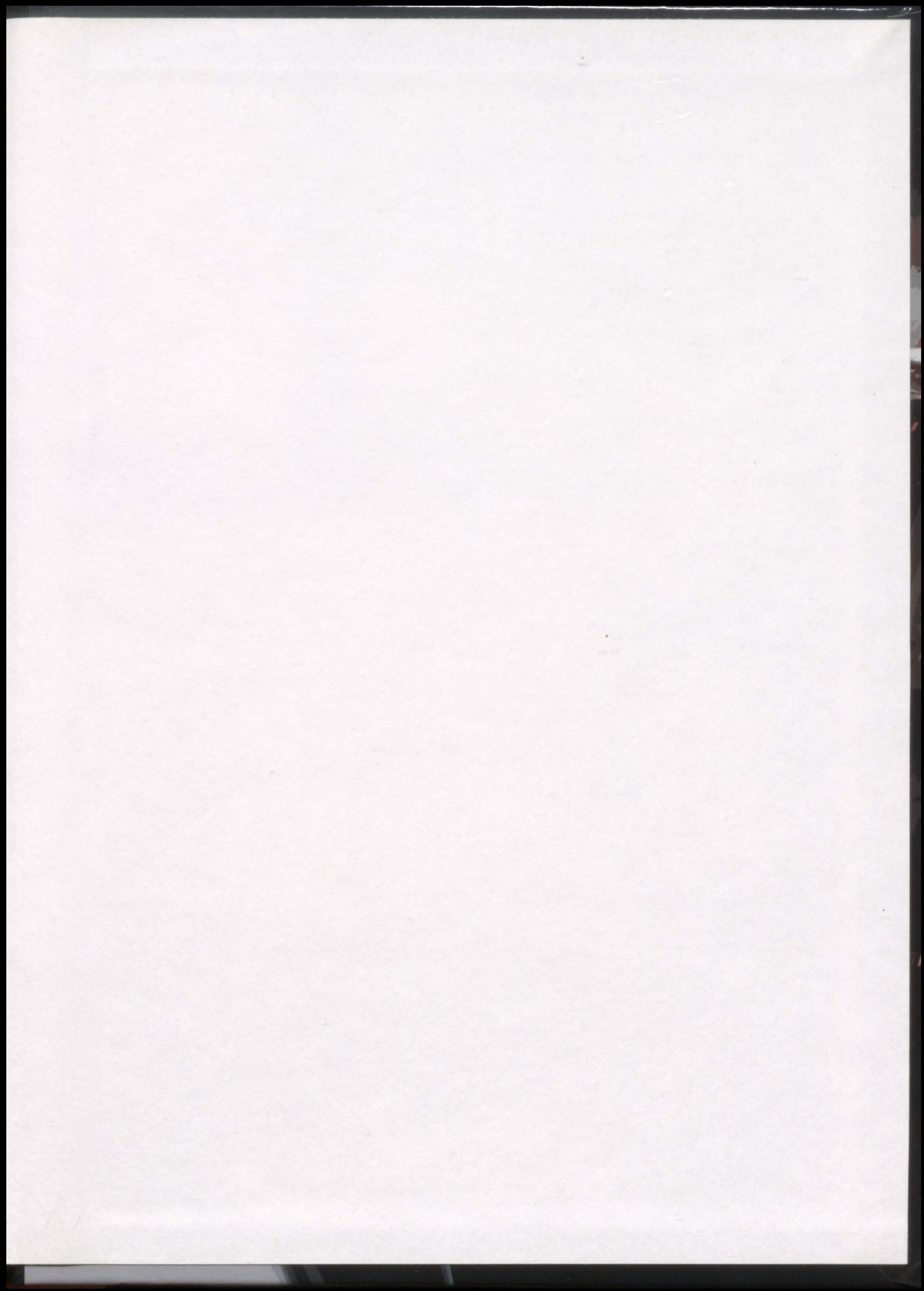
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