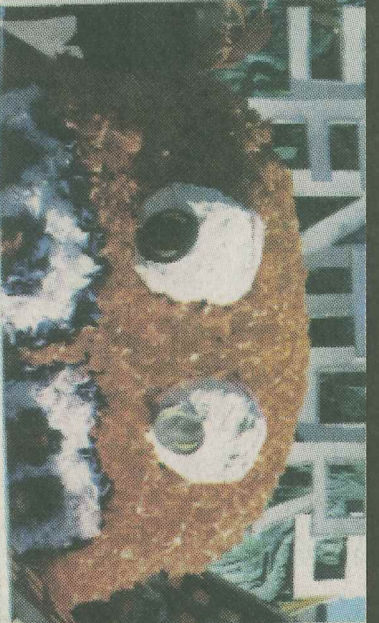


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By Sue Moon
News Section Editor

WS seniors graduate *Class of 2000 stops to hang around one last time*

Our high school experience is quickly coming to an end and so much has occurred within these four years that it is hard to remember all the significant newsworthy events that shaped our education and our lives.

Freshman Year

Not only did we have to adjust to a new environment, but WS as a whole had to reconcile with the departure of Principal Glynn Bates, who left for Hayfield Secondary School.

Dr. David Smith officially took her place November 16. November 8, the stadium was dedicated to Ronald J. Mobayed, a WS graduate from the Class of 1986 who died in a helicopter crash in October 1995.

Our class also had its share of diversions from schoolwork. A bomb exploded outside by the cafeteria courtyard in May. Broken glass resulted and as a precaution, students were evacuated out of the school to the stadium and left basking in the sun for over an hour. Further investigation later led to the arrests of two WS students.

In June, Fairfax police and school resource officer Jeffrey Hand was arrested and charged for a bank robbery. Hand reportedly stole \$71,000 from a Burke Central Fidelity Bank branch.

Sophomore Year

After successfully completing freshman year, the return in the fall to a familiar school and to familiar people was a welcome sight.

When driving was one of the responsibilities we earned, we

were reminded to be careful. Jonathan Hanretta, a 1996 WS graduate who died in January of an automobile accident was memorialized with a sign in the main parking lot that reads, "Please buckle up Spartans, in memory of Jon Hanretta, Class of 1996."

Junior Danielle Houston was critically injured in a car crash September 6, suffering from severe head trauma. Her situation also served as a cautionary warning for all teenage drivers. She returned to school and will graduate with our class.

We thought our four years at WS would pass by slowly, but sophomore year passed by and then we graduated to become upperclassmen. We anticipated the year when the college search really started, the schoolwork load increased, and AP exams and SATs became another thing to worry about.

Junior Year

Parking has always been a problem at WS, but the obstacle elevated as only 16 of the 300 spaces were left for us, the seniors having taken most spaces.

The Lady Spartan Basketball team ended a perfect season as State Champions. The team's 60-38 point win over the Robinson Rams in the final round of the State Championships at Norfolk's Scope Stadium was celebrated by the school spirit of the Spartans. Students packed gymnasiums and basketball courts to watch the girls play. The Girl's Soccer team also defeated Robinson for another State title.

Senior Year

We watched our friends

graduate in the Class of 1999 and realized it was now our time to complete the journey that is high school.

Unfortunately, one classmate's journey ended prematurely. Former WS student Miguel Saenz was killed in a car accident in the early morning of August 7 on Rolling Road. Saenz had stopped attending WS and enrolled in Mountainview Alternative High School the spring of our junior year. An empty seat will be left at graduation in his memory.

Parking created problems again this year when the administration announced that 30 spaces would be reserved for juniors on the basis of need. Seniors rushed during lunch to secure their places in line for a permit.

This year we took another trip to the stadium. In November the main office received a phone call that informed the office attendants that there was a bomb in the school. Fifteen minutes later the whole school was ushered outside to the stadium while officials once again searched for a possibility of a bomb.

WS lost another member of the community when Physics teacher Stephen Van Brocklin died of lung cancer on January 9. Although he joined the school the year before, he quickly became an important part of the faculty and was an inspiration to students inside and outside the classroom.

We learned, formed lasting friendships, showed our Spartan spirit, and matured from timid teenagers to confident young adults, while making the school uniquely West Springfield.



things we won't miss about WS...

1. Just using cold water to wash our hands
2. Vending machines never on when we want them
3. Fulfilling honor society point requirements
4. Lack of climate control in classrooms
5. The freezing *Oracle* darkroom
6. Watching people leave for co-op
7. Parking permit lines
8. Parking permit prices (Where does that \$100 go?)
9. **Dressing out in PE**



So this is it. Fourteen issues, 14 editorials. We did our best to express our feelings on the going-ons at WS. And now we're moving on to bigger and better things. Yes, we said better. Believe it or not, there is life after high school.

But don't get us wrong, we had our good times. High school is such a unique experience. Never again will we live a life so routine and familiar. This is the first time we can accurately say that a chapter of our lives is ending. And from here, the future is uncertain.

Four years came and went, sometimes they dragged and other times they flew by, but the memories and experiences we take from WS, both good and bad, will not soon be forgotten.

As freshmen, we came in both nervous and ex-



10. AP Exams
11. Closed campus
12. The smell of the cafeteria
13. 20-minute runs in PE
14. Crowded hallways
15. Drivers Ed dashboard project
16. PE Archery
17. Our ever-changing mascot (Garfield, Hobbes...?)
18. Saturday School
19. Tardy sweeps
20. Getting out of the parking lot
21. Traffic on the way to school
22. 7:30 a.m.
23. Short lunches
24. Administrative Lunch duty
25. Lunch Lines
26. "The library will be closed during both lunches today."
27. Tri-School Training
28. \$.10 for printing in the library
29. Water fountains that don't work
30. Bathroom doors that don't lock
31. No toilet paper in the bathroom
32. Using whatever toilet paper there was for tissues
33. Smelly bathroom paper towels
34. Assembly audience behavior
35. Bad pep rallies

our last editorial

cited about what some said would be "the best years of our life." We made friends, did pretty well in school, and got rides from our parents to the football games.

Come sophomore year, we knew a little more. We were starting to find our niche but still uncertain about

where we fit in.

Then as juniors, we thought we knew it all. We could drive and we'd been around long enough to know how things went. Once we got through junior year stress we thought we'd be prepared for anything.

Little did we know, senior year is nothing you can

things we will...

1. Onis Spunkmeyer cookies
2. Matlabl in PE
3. Snow days
4. 2-hour delays
5. Good pep rallies
6. The Step Team
7. Mrs. Peduzzi
8. Music on the morning announcements
9. Homecoming week
10. Drunk goggles
11. Dr. Smith
12. Krispy Kreme donut sales
13. Break
14. Teacher workdays
15. Lady Spartan Basketball
16. Spanish Fiestas
17. Field trips
18. Sociology
19. Spring Musicals
20. Mr. Natale's Wall of Fame
21. Water gun fights in Mrs. Harris' class
22. Float building
23. Bleacher painting



36. The pledge of allegiance
37. Chemistry goggles
38. Attendance policies
39. Seeing other people wear the clothes you just bought

40. **The bus**
41. Jammed lockers
42. Cafeteria food
43. Friday afternoons at the *Oracle*
44. Gossip
45. Monday mornings
46. When one person is sick, everyone gets sick
47. Slippery hallway floors
48. Final Exams
49. SATs
50. No Planner, No Potty

prepare for. We looked back and saw how much we had changed in only four years, and we marveled at the unpredictability of the high school experience.

By the time we were seniors, everything seemed to fall into place. Most of us were starting to figure out who we were, or who we wanted to be, and we were more comfortable with everything. There was a sense of relaxation, and we enjoyed life as much as we could.

Sure, we complained and griped about how the end of the year dragged on forever, but deep down, it was because a little piece of each of us didn't want it to end at all. But the prospect of college and a fresh start was enough for us to realize that four years was enough.

We each came in as one person, and we'll each leave as another, but the Class of 2000 no doubt left its mark at WS and for that, this is what we will remember.

25. Assemblies
26. Sun bathing on the bleachers during bomb threats
27. Back-to-school shopping
28. Starbucks/Bagel Bakery trips
29. Candy sales
30. *Oracle* pizza parties
31. Senior Art Show
32. Sadies
33. 2:15 p.m.



34. **Football games**
35. Eating lunch outside
36. Going out on the roof
37. Creative prom invitations
38. *Olympian*
39. Power walking trips to Bagel Bakery
40. Spring Break trips to Europe
41. Spirit days for sports
42. Sports Awards Banquets
43. Wall murals
44. FCA
45. Fire Drills
46. Class on the bleachers
47. Being a senior
48. *Oracle*
49. Faculty Drill Team
50. "Ourselves, each other, this place..."

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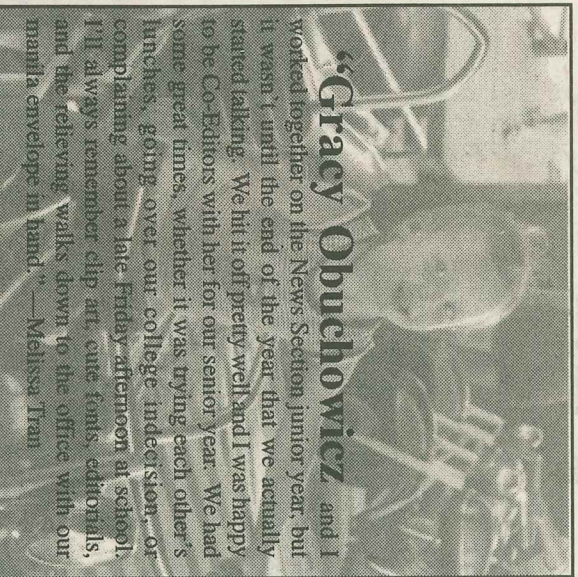
24. Car Washes

—Compiled by Gracy & Melissa

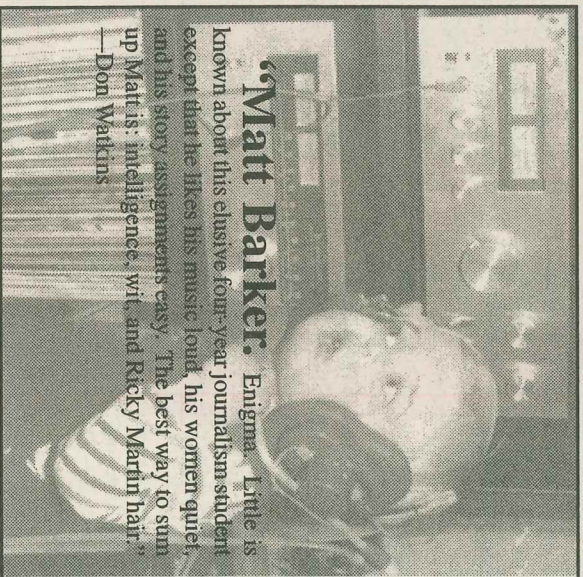


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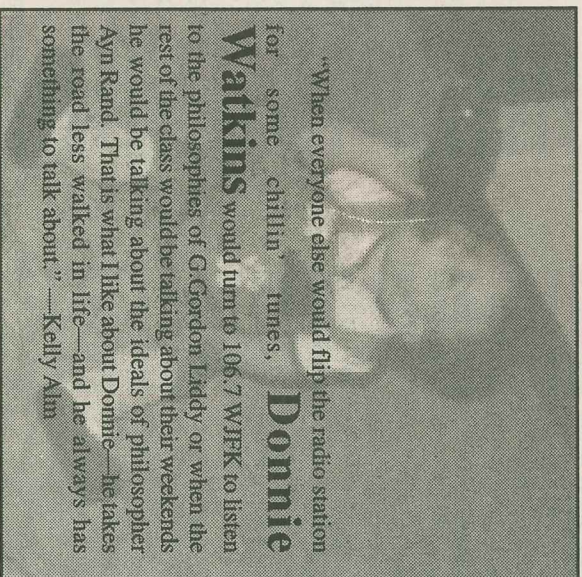
and these are the memories that we have about each other. We've created the pages that you've read all year and now you get to read about us.



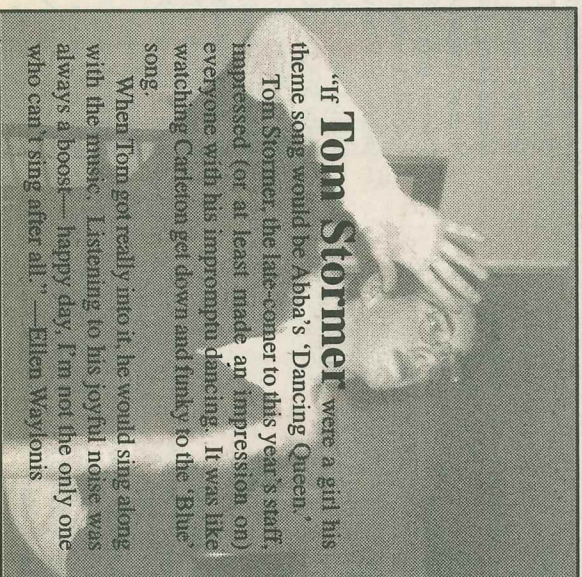
“Gracy Obuchowicz and I worked together on the News Section junior year, but it wasn't until the end of the year that we actually started talking. We hit it off pretty well and I was happy to be Co-Editors with her for our senior year. We had some great times, whether it was trying each other's lunches, going over our college indecision, or complaining about a late Friday afternoon at school. I'll always remember clip art, cute fonts, editorials, and the relieving walks down to the office with our manila envelope in hand.” —Melissa Tran



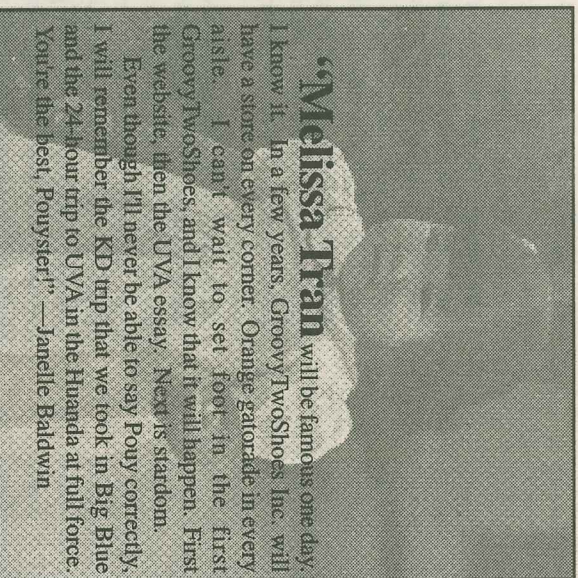
“Matt Barker. Enigma. Little is known about this elusive four-year Journalism student except that he likes his music loud, his women quiet, and his story assignments easy. The best way to sum up Matt is: intelligence, wit, and Ricky Martin hair.” —Don Watkins



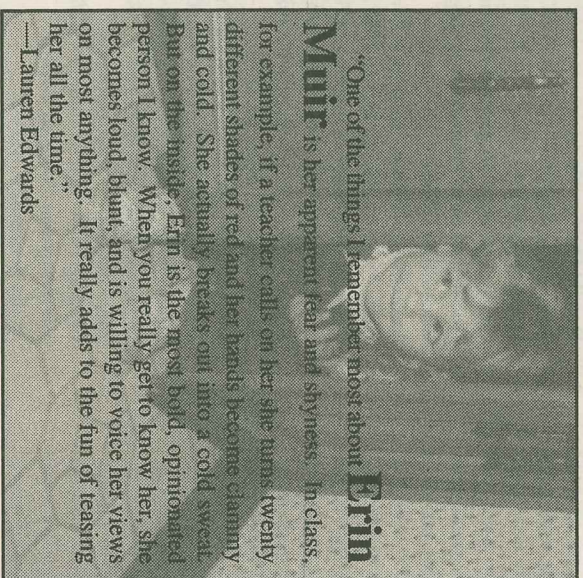
“When everyone else would flip the radio station for some chillin' tunes, **Donnie Watkins** would turn to 106.7 WJFK to listen to the philosophies of G. Gordon Liddy or when the rest of the class would be talking about their weekenders he would be talking about the ideals of philosopher Ayn Rand. That is what I like about Donnie—he takes the road less walked in life—and he always has something to talk about.” —Kelly Alm



“If **Tom Stormer** were a girl his theme song would be Abba's 'Dancing Queen.' Tom Stormer, the late-comer to this year's staff, impressed (or at least made an impression on) everyone with his impromptu dancing. It was like watching Carleton get down and funky to the 'Blue' song. When Tom got really into it, he would sing along with the music. Listening to his joyful noise was always a boost—happy day, I'm not the only one who can't sing after all.” —Ellen Waylonis



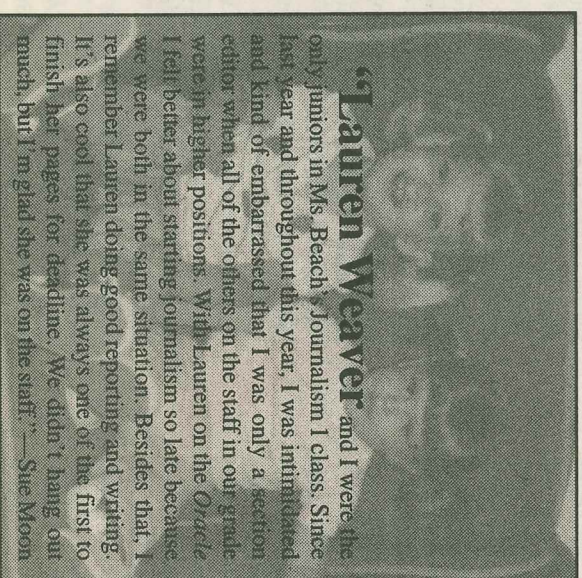
“Melissa Tran will be famous one day. I know it. In a few years, GroovyTwoShoes, Inc. will have a store on every corner. Orange gatorade in every aisle. I can't wait to set foot in the first GroovyTwoShoes, and I know that it will happen. First the website, then the UVA essay. Next is stardom. Even though I'll never be able to say Pouy correctly, I will remember the KD trip that we took in Big Blue and the 24-hour trip to UVA in the Huanda at full force. You're the best, Pouyster!” —Janelle Baldwin



“One of the things I remember most about **Erin Muir** is her apparent fear and shyness. In class, for example, if a teacher calls on her she turns twenty different shades of red and her hands become clammy and cold. She actually breaks out into a cold sweat. But on the inside, Erin is the most bold, opinionated person I know. When you really get to know her, she becomes loud, blunt, and is willing to voice her views on most anything. It really adds to the fun of teasing her all the time.” —Lauren Edwards



“**Sue Moon** and I got to know each other last year because we were the only seniors in Journalism I. Sue always worked hard, and had fun, in I doing anything we were assigned whether it be advertising french fries, writing articles, or being the sportscaster on our news show. It was nice to know that Sue would also be joining the *Oracle* staff as a senior. She is creative and artistic and puts these qualities to work as she designs pages. She has done a great job this year on the *Oracle* staff as the editor of the front page.” —Lauren Weaver



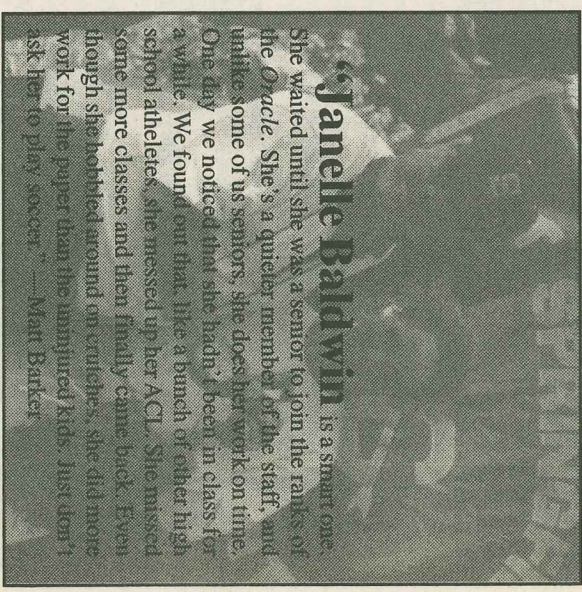
“**Lauren Weaver** and I were the only juniors in Ms. Beach's Journalism I class. Since last year and throughout this year, I was intimidated and kind of embarrassed that I was only a section editor when all of the others on the staff in our grade were in higher positions. With Lauren on the *Oracle* I felt better about starting journalism so late because we were both in the same situation. Besides that, I remember Lauren doing good reporting and writing. It's also cool that she was always one of the first to finish her pages for deadline. We didn't hang out much but I'm glad she was on the staff.” —She Moon



“My favorite thing about **Ellen Waylonis** was her first car, a powder blue 1985 Oldsmobile Brougham. It was the ugliest car I had ever seen. She plastered on a few bumper stickers, pinned up the collapsing fabric covering the ceiling, and cruised around with the radio blasting. The air conditioning was dead, the steering wheel covered in zebra stripe fabric, and the dashboard adorned with Happy Meal figurines. It was hysterical. After the Brougham died, she got a Tercel. How boring.” —Erin Muir



“**Kelly Alm** always has the best lunches. I've always made my own lunches, so they are never as appealing as ones that other kids have. I guess the lunch bag is always browner. Kelly brings these pesto-cheese sandwiches in her lunch and, geez, they are good. I don't know what exactly makes them so wonderful, but whenever Kelly would give me half of her sandwich, it would just make my day. I tried to make my own, but it's like everything in life—the imitation is never as good as the original.” —Gracy Obuchowicz



“**Janelle Baldwin** is a smart one. She waited until she was a senior to join the ranks of the *Oracle*. She's a quieter member of the staff, and unlike some of us seniors, she does her work on time. One day we noticed that she hadn't been in class for a while. We found out that like a bunch of other high school athletes, she messed up her ACL. She missed some more classes and then finally came back. Even though she hobbled around on crutches, she did more work for the paper than the uninjured kids. Just don't ask her to play soccer.” —Matt Barker



“**Lauren Edwards** introduced me to the *Oracle* just 6 months ago. I really don't remember the first time we met, but I do remember that she was just there, there always listening and giving you advice. She's been a very sensitive individual to others but always able to speak and give you her mind. I guess she's been the most honest and direct person I've met. She's a great photographer and it's been wonderful experience working with her. She's shown when one has set one's minds to something, anything can be achieved.” —Tom Stormer

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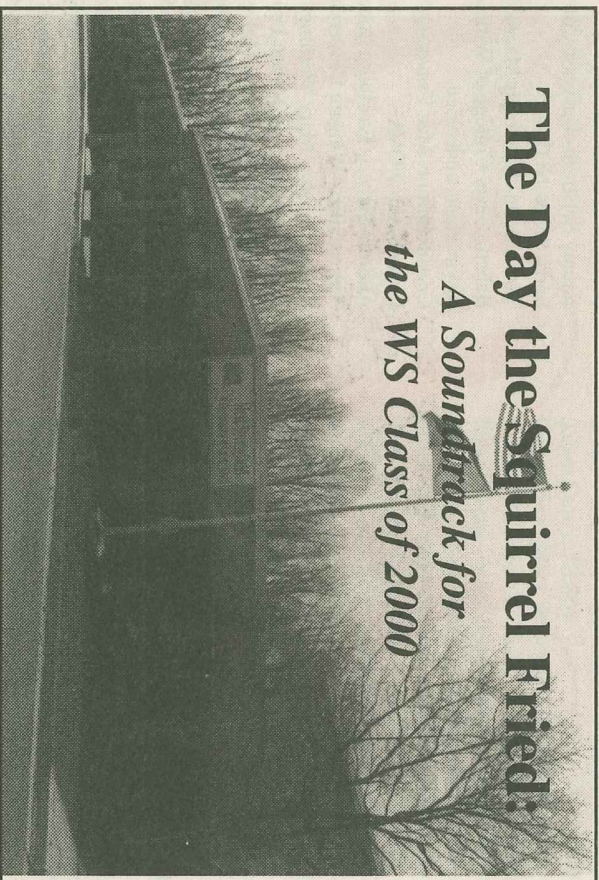
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The Day the Squirrel Fried:

A Soundtrack for the WS Class of 2000



Even if we do complain that nothing happens in Springfield, things do happen. Some of them were funny. Some weren't. Some will be in 20 years. But here is the soundtrack for it all. If you're feeling especially nostalgic, you can download them off MP3 and make a CD. But skip the Metallica. They sue.

—Compiled by The Oracle seniors

For Officer Hand: "My Own Prison" by Creed
Everyone loves a corrupt cop, and a school police officer who robs banks in his spare time is pretty impressive.

Aerosmith, "Dude Looks Like a Lady"
To all the guys brave enough to put on a skirt, and all the girls who sacrificed life and limb for our entertainment. Too bad Powder Puff got banned. But we rebels without a cause fixed that.

Led Zeppelin, "Stairway to Heaven"
For all those guys (and girls) who sit in the halls and strum their guitars for hours on end. Can you play it yet?

Metallica, "Fuel"
Forget crazy behind-the-wheel teachers, the embarrassment of stalling at a major intersection, and your dad sweating and screaming from the passenger's side.

Getting your driver's license was one of the best parts of high school.

Iron Butterfly, "Tina Tadda da Vida"
The longest song in the history of rock music for the misery of three-hour AP exams. Both are painful, both are pointless. And with any luck, we will never have to suffer through either again.

"The Electric Slide"
For the valiant, unnamed kamikaze squirrel who so willingly sacrificed his coporal self for the noble goal of giving us long-suffering students at WS a few hours without power. His soul will live on.

Beck, "Loser"

For the girls' basketball and soccer teams. Must be tough, living with that legacy of winning everything. Better luck next time.

Queen, "We Are the Champions"
WS football rocks! (By the way, isn't it ironic that all of these macho sports songs were written by Freddy Mercury, a gay icon?)

Bryan Adams, "Don't Drop That Bomb On Me"
I have never heard of the song before, but the title seemed appropriate to our bomb-scare happy student body. At least they're usually fake. Or art projects.

Lynyrd Skynyrd, "Free Bird"
We loved, we lost. Goodbye Mr. Natale, we won't forget you.

"Skip to My Lou"
For Deeney, the guy who never deserted his golf-cart post, nabbing scores of Starbucks-happy kids in the process.

Sisqo, "Thong Song"

Mmmm. Beach Week.

3 Minute Hero, "Trailer Park"

An ode to those very classy trailers behind the school: "Single-wide, double wide/ up on bricks/ single-wide, double-wide/ in the sticks."

Captain and Tennille, "Muskrat Love"

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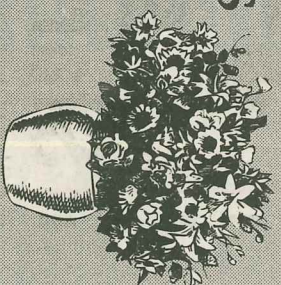
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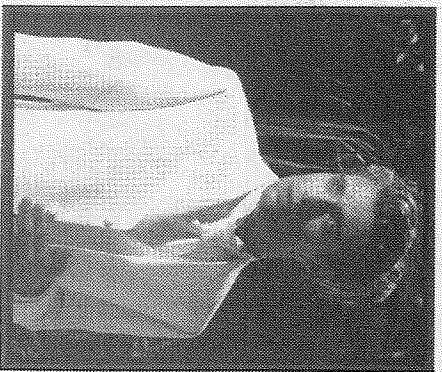
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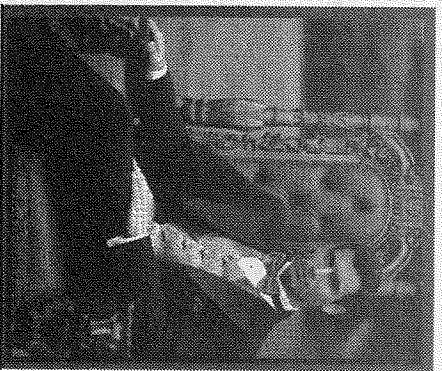
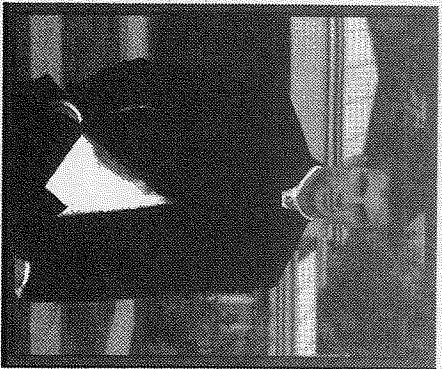
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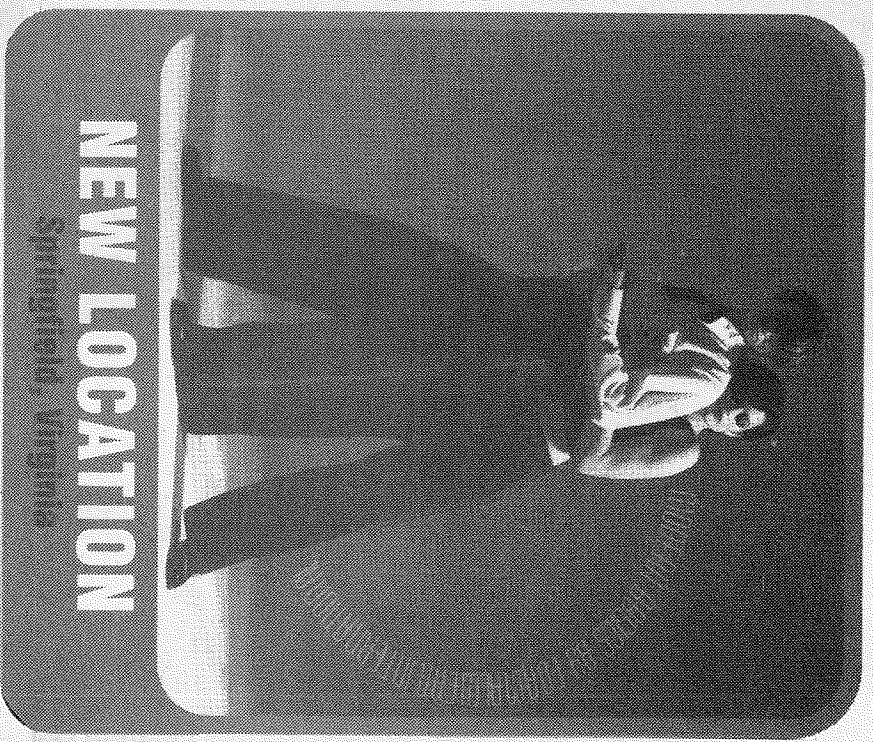
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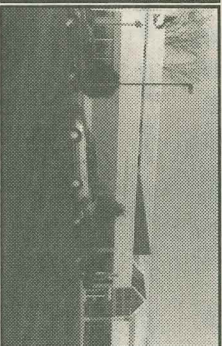
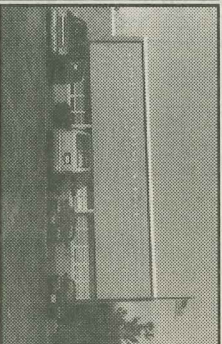
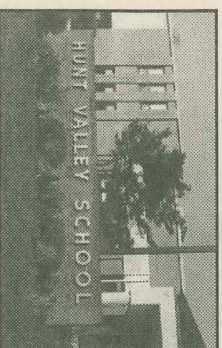
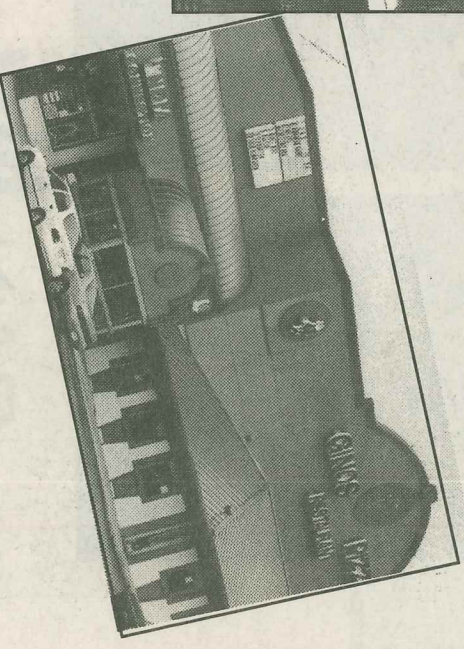
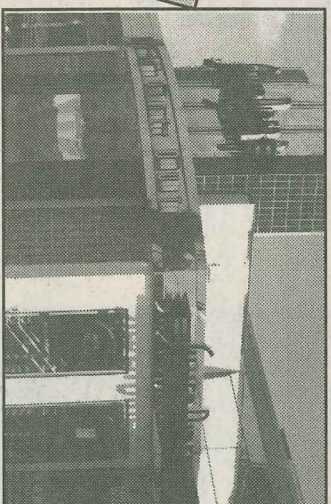
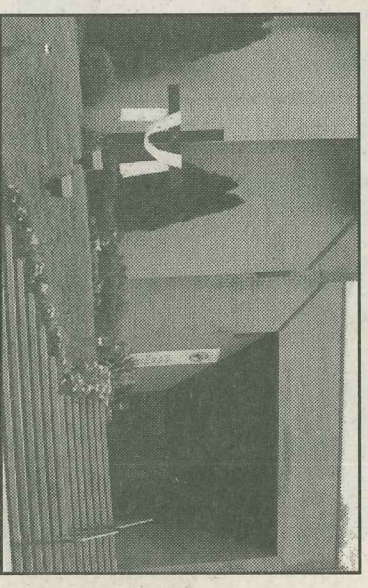
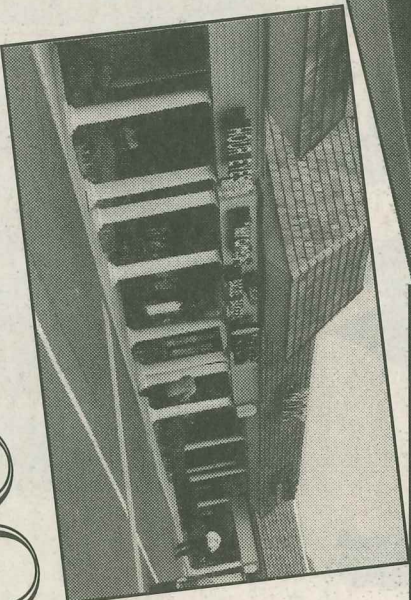
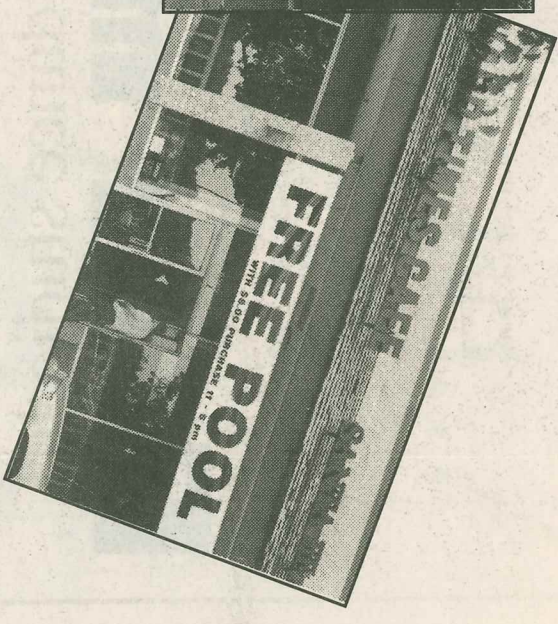
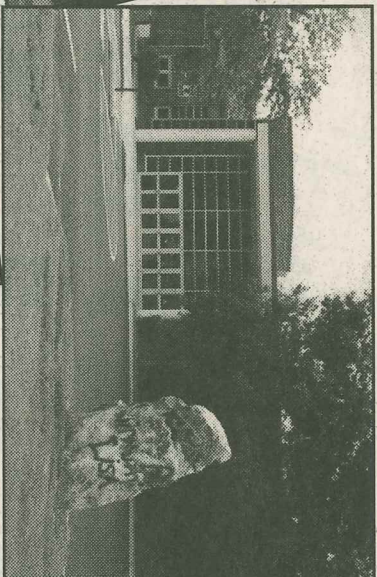
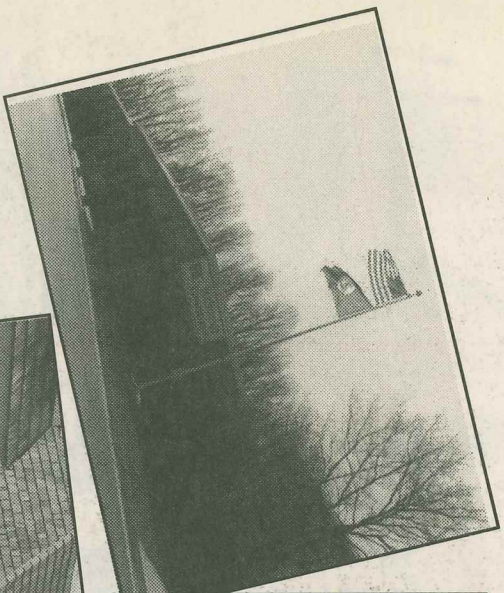
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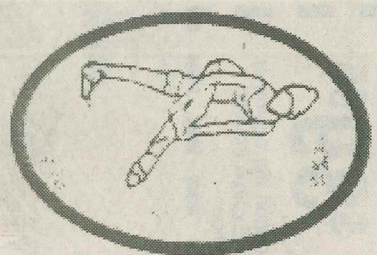
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