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## 2 good 2 be true

By Jenny Askin and Roberto Garcia

*Oracle Seniors*

After two years at Irving, we entered WS as scared freshmen. After four incredible years, we now leave as strong, confident adults, ready to make our mark on the world. However, the things we accomplished at WS will never be forgotten. After all, we were 2 good 2 be true.

### FRESHMAN YEAR

We entered WS in the fall of 1998, and along with us came new administrator Joan Galdi.

That fall we celebrated our first homecoming, with Jenn Discati, Kat Kehler, Jared Butler, and Tejas Singh as our Homecoming representatives.

In early December, a squirrel electrocuted itself on a fuse box, cutting off electricity to the building. The school was left power-less for three hours.

Art turned explosive the following month when a sculpture in the parking lot was feared to be a bomb. The "explosive" was approached by a bomb detector robot and was found to be harmless.

In April, the nation was shocked by the fatal shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado. Students feared that the same could occur at WS, but the administration did its best to calm the student body.

In sports, Kara Lawson led the Lady Spartans basketball team to an undefeated record and state title. Then freshmen Selia Monroe and Leia Roach contributed to the outstanding season. In the spring, the girls soccer team also brought home the state championship, earning their fifth state title in eight years. Then freshman Emily Baskin represented the Class of 2002.

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

In the second week of our second year, Hurricane Floyd

forced school authorities to close schools for a day. However, the rain held off, allowing students to enjoy the day off.

In October we celebrated our second homecoming, with Jenny Askin and Jessie Bagnall on homecoming court and Bryan Sanford and Sam Jung on Mr. Spartan.

Soon after, WS had another bomb scare. This time, a phone call was made to the school warning of possible explosive devices. Students were evacuated to the stadium, where we sat for two hours while police and security staff searched the building. Nothing was found.

As 1999 came to a close, people braced for possible Y2K disasters. The fears, however turned out to be unfounded, and when we returned from winter break, everything was fine.

Upon returning to school, students and teachers learned the sad news of physics teacher Steven Van Brocklin's death. Although he knew of his lung cancer in the spring of the prior year, Van Brocklin continued to teach until the end.

After 27 years of coaching WS baseball, Ron Tugwell retired with a record 433-183. Students remembered him as a coach and a helpful guidance counselor.

### JUNIOR YEAR

The beginning of our third year at WS was somewhat marked in controversy. On the morning of September 8 we started pausing for a moment of silence.

Homecoming was celebrated with an Olympic theme. We were represented by Jessie Freer, Elisa Gonzalez, Nick Little, Jason McDonough, Dan Weinberg and Trey Jordan.

After a bitter election dispute our country elected George W. Bush to lead our country. That spring *The Oracle*

uncovered a budget battle story which received national attention. Several staff members allegedly asked students to forge their parent's signatures on federal survey forms.

The boys soccer program won its first state championship in school history. The team was lead by then juniors Jeff Carroll and Jeff Evans.

Convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh was put to death on June 11 by lethal injection.

### SENIOR YEAR

Finally, we had reached our fourth and final year at WS. As the orange and blue doors opened in September, our country was rocked by the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. Most of us watched the horror of September 11 as it unfolded during our classes.

This year's homecoming theme was "Once Upon a Time." We elected Leyla Jordan as Homecoming Queen, and Bryan Sanford as Mr. Spartan.

Our senior class council was able to persuade the administration to give us senior privileges. We had priority seating at Football games and we got to leave three minutes early every Friday.

This year the senior class council helped to bring back the Faculty Folies talent show. We raised over \$1000 for our prom. The school board decided to close schools two days early to reward underpaid teachers.

Maureen Hagan and Katie Freund led the 4x800 relay team to the state championship. The team set a new school record with a time of 9:15.

Years from now we will realize that the memories we made at WS were almost 2 good 2 be true.





# 2002 words of wisdom



"Do what you want and say what you please no matter what because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." *Dr. Seuss- Alicia Kirsch*

"Had a big crush on Kat Kehler in eighth grade. For four years, I just wanted to say hi or become better friends. I still haven't." *Alex Wu*

"There's more to life than being ridiculously good-looking, and I'm going to find out what it is!" *Zoolander- Lauren Chino*

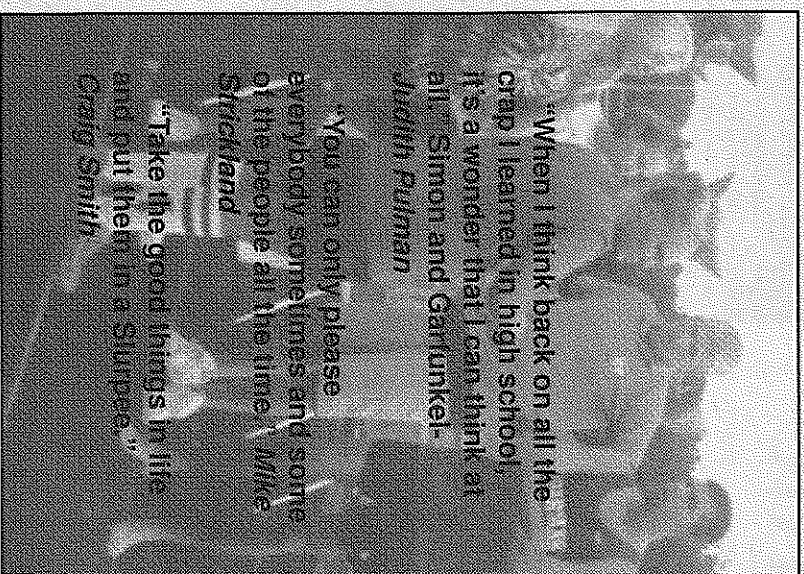


"Celebrate we will/ 'cause life is short but sweet for certain/ we'll climb on/ two by two/ to be sure these days continue..." *Dave Matthews Band- Jason McDonough*

"It is better to be hated for who you are than loved for who you are not." *Jessy Carter*

"Sometimes I feel like a nut." *Elisa Aherh*

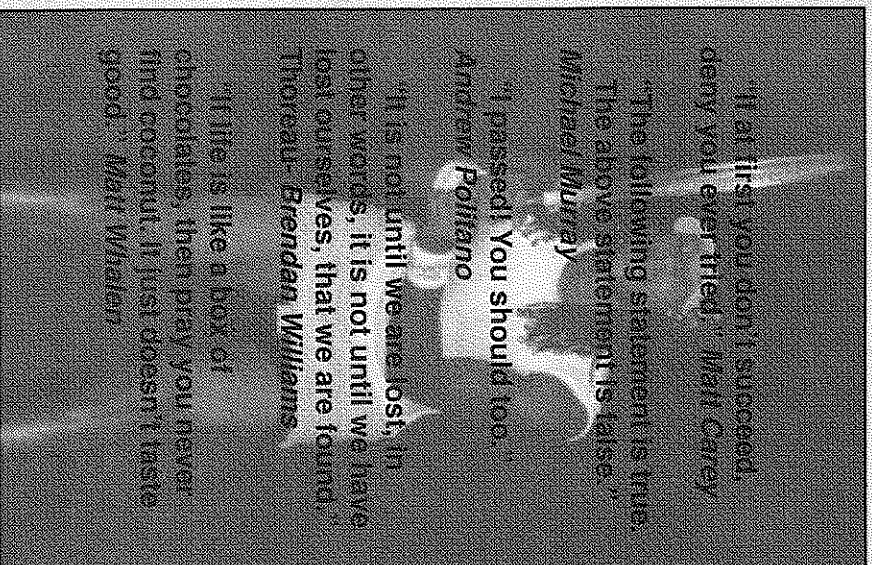
"Eagles may soar, but weasels are never sucked into jet engines." *Roberto Garcia*



"When I think back on all the crap I learned in high school, it's a wonder that I can think at all." *Simon and Garfunkel- Judith Putman*

"You can only please everybody sometimes and some of the people all the time." *Mike Strickland*

"Take the good things in life and put them in a Slurpee." *Craig Smith*



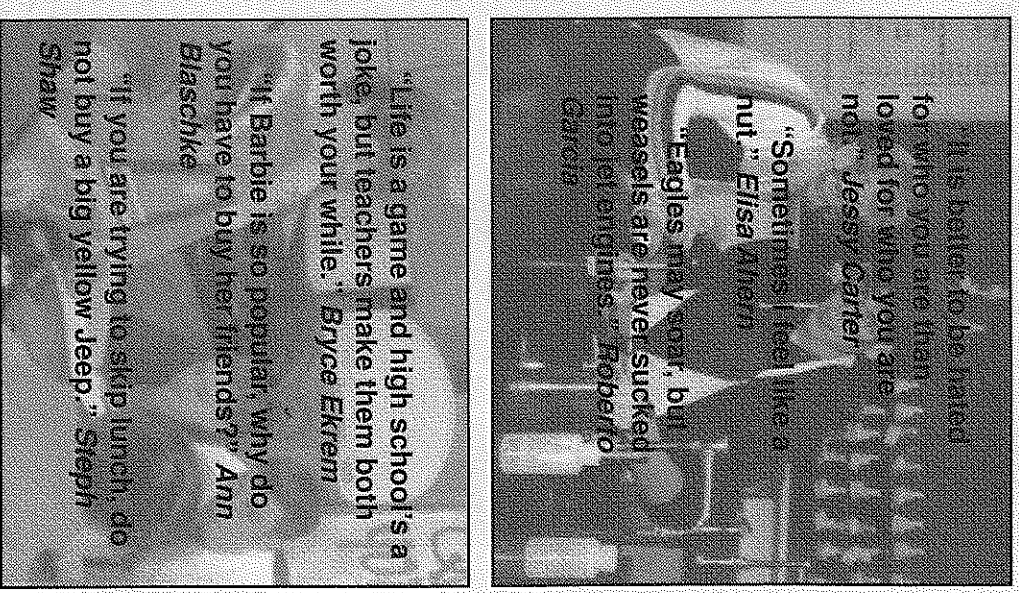
"If at first you don't succeed, deny you ever tried." *Matt Carey*

"The following statement is true. The above statement is false." *Michael Murray*

"I passed! You should too." *Andrew Polliano*

"It is not until we are lost, in other words, it is not until we have lost ourselves, that we are found." *Thoreau- Brenda Williams*

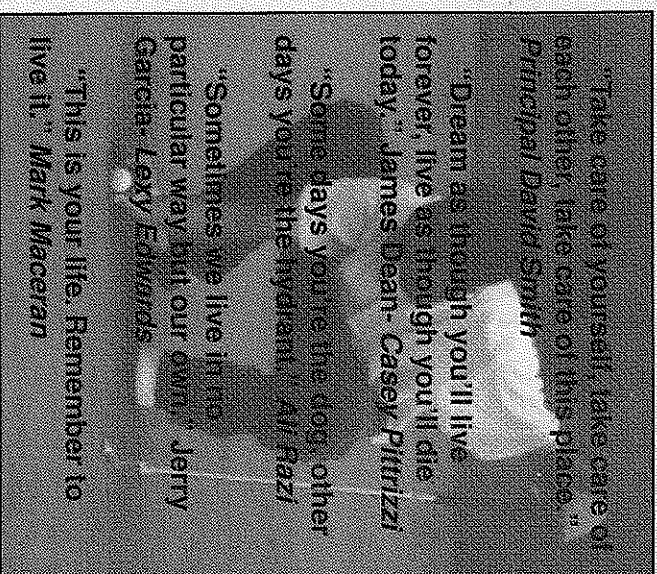
"If life is like a box of chocolates, then pray you never find coconut. It just doesn't taste good." *Matt Whelan*



"Life is a game and high school's a joke, but teachers make them both worth your while." *Bryce Ekrem*

"If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?" *Ann Blaschke*

"If you are trying to skip lunch, do not buy a big yellow Jeep." *Steph Shaw*



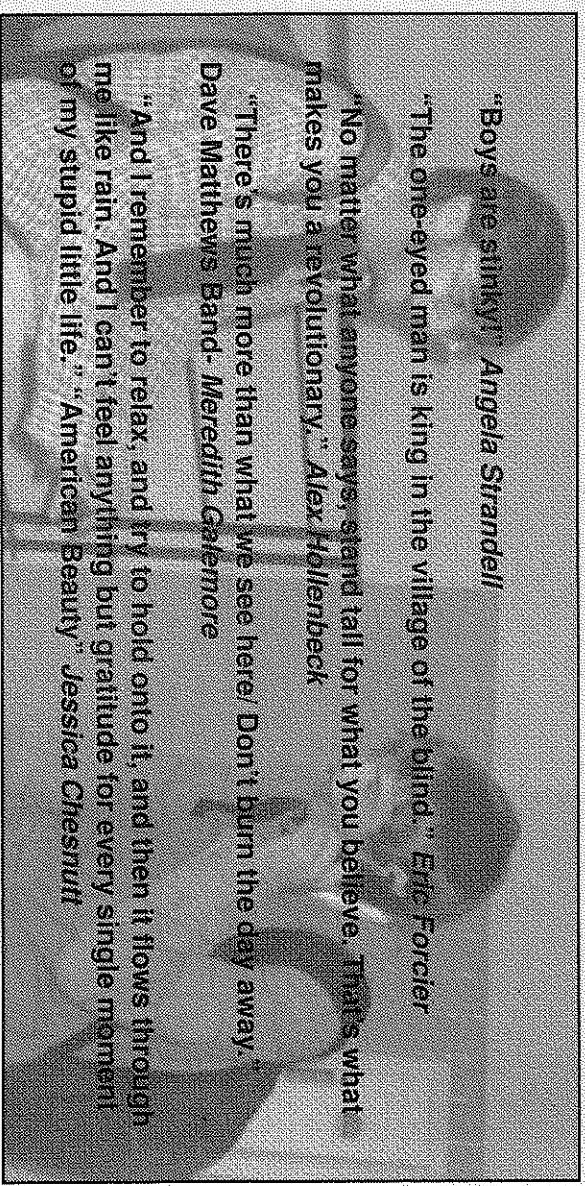
"Take care of yourself, take care of each other, take care of this place." *Principal David Smith*

"Dream as though you'll live forever, live as though you'll die today." *James Dean- Casey Pitrizzi*

"Some days you're the dog, other days you're the hydrant." *Ali Razi*

"Sometimes we live in no particular way but our own." *Jerry Garcia- Lexy Edwards*

"This is your life. Remember to live it." *Mark Maceran*



"Boys are stinky!" *Angela Strandell*

"The one-eyed man is king in the village of the blind." *Eric Forcier*

"No matter what anyone says, stand tall for what you believe. That's what makes you a revolutionary." *Alex Hellenbeck*

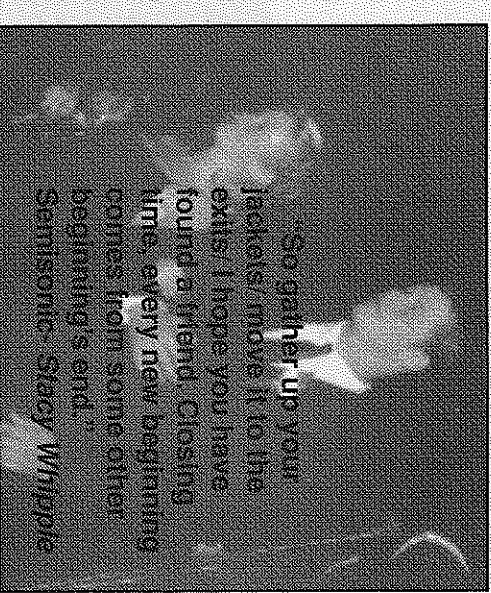
"There's much more than what we see here/ Don't burn the day away." *Dave Matthews Band- Meredith Galemore*

"And I remember to relax, and try to hold onto it, and then it flows through me like rain. And I can't feel anything but gratitude for every single moment of my stupid little life." *"American Beauty" Jessica Chesnut*

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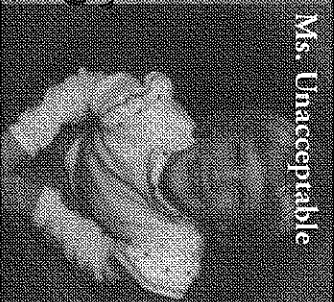
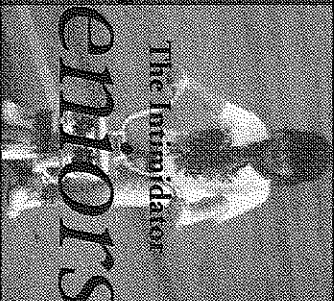
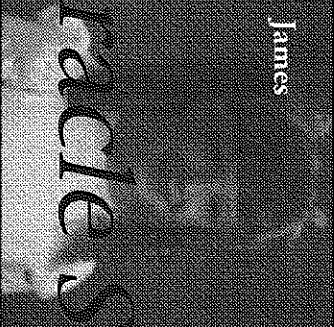
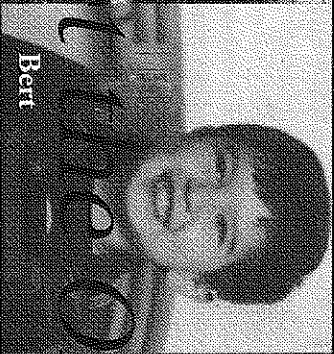
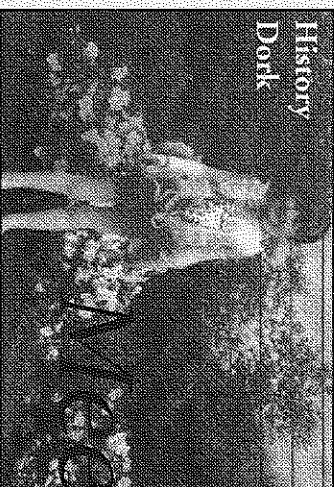
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"So gather up your jackets/ move it to the exits/ I hope you have found a friend. Closing time, every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." *Semisonic- Stacy Whipple*



History Dork



James

The Intimidator

Ms. Unacceptable

**Jenny Askin**

Big dog, little dog, Spanish dog and Irish dog, Dog Show! That's how it all started.

One-fifth of a score ago, Jenny and I made a joke. We didn't know each other, we were just little 14-year-old girls in Journalism I. We both watched Saturday Night Live weekly and we were amused by the Dog Show skit. We clapped, we sang the song and we even nicknamed each other Mr. Bojangles and Rocky Balboa.

Once on *Oracle*, we created this "club," called Los Diablos. We were the two little devils of *The Oracle*, and we sure as heck caused a lot of madness and mayhem. Over that year, we grew a lot closer. I knew right from the start

**Jen Berne**

"Roberto, honey, come help me!"

Whenever I hear this phrase being yelled across *The Oracle* room, I immediately know Jen Berne is having yet another Weekend section crisis.

Jen and I met while working on the Irving WISP in eighth grade. However, we didn't become friends until this last year, when we had Oracle and French together.

A joke quickly formed in between Jen and I concerning the show "Will and Grace." Whenever Jen needed a favor, she would come up to me, put her arm around me, and say, "Honey, can you help me with something?" Then she slips on her sunglasses, sits on the

**Melissa Lipman**

Melissa is "the intimidator" for her frequent editing with a scary red pen. But those who know her know she's not scary. After all, she is amused by words like grunted. She enjoys satire, squeaks when angry and admits Howard Zinn. When she's tired, Melissa mumbles incoherently, often sounding like Yogi Berra.

But that's why we love her. I enjoy her sardonic comments, her liberal ranting and her "punctual preference." She sighs when she sees "sad pages," words like utilize and Pryanka's passive writing. Melissa is the most dedicated staff member, often there on Friday afternoons and always the first person the printer calls.

We all have shortcomings, but Melissa has very few. She can't write poetry; she doesn't

she'd be one of those people that actually make it really far in life and believing in her made me believe in myself. Being the president of our class, being selected for homecoming court, playing varsity sports, getting good grades and just being the cool person that she is, motivated me and made me realize that great people like her are few and far between. Not only was I lucky enough to have met her, but I was lucky enough to have her as a close friend.

I think back now and I can't imagine what my life would be like without Dog Show, that measly little skit on Saturday Night Live. But even more, I can't imagine what it would be like without my very dear friend Jenny Askin.

—Angela Fiorino

*Oracle* couch and puts her legs up. One day last year, somebody noticed that this behavior was similar to that of Karen on "Will and Grace." We realized I'm Hispanic, just like Karen's maid, Rosario. From then on, Jen and Roberto were Karen and Rosario.

Over the past two years, Jen has become an incredible friend. Whether it be in the Oracle office, or during our French Club officers meetings, I find myself talking (and sometimes flirting) with Jen, slowly convincing her that we'll be married someday. We practically already are—people snicker when they see us fight like an old married couple.

Maybe one day, Karen will ask Rosario to stuff envelopes for their wedding.

—Roberto Garcia

like Steinbeck; she calls me "history dork" and other nicknames. But that's okay. She is a journalist through and through. She will fill pages and pages of her steno and ask the toughest questions. She is an intrepid reporter much more than me—and pound for journalistic greatness.

One day, Melissa and I will take a roadtrip to Boston. We won't be staff members, but I'll sure our conversation will turn to *Oracle*. We'll discuss our "Bernwood and Woodstein" status, our frequent involvement in the history department and all our after-school adventures—climbing out on the ledge, losing water bottles, being the only people here. I've spent much time with Melissa over the years. For an allegedly "non-spirited" person, Melissa is full of spirit. She's dedicated, honest, accurate and fun, and that makes me grunted.

—Laura Robinson

We've been through a lot together: foreigner classes, *Oracle*, and almost every senior event. Laura's much more responsible than I am. She's been my sticky note and personal bank, always reminding me of what I need to do and lending me money for the photocopier when I forget.

Laura's a passionate personality. She loves Gal Ripken, bizarre words and US history. I'd never have learned of the wonders of being grunted if not for her, and I know she's soon to replace David McCullough as America's preeminent historian.

So Laura, up for a roadtrip when the Red Sox play the Orioles? Every baseball fan should see Fenway.

—Melissa Lipman

**Amy McKeever**

Many readers love Amy's wonderful writing but cannot put a face to her name.

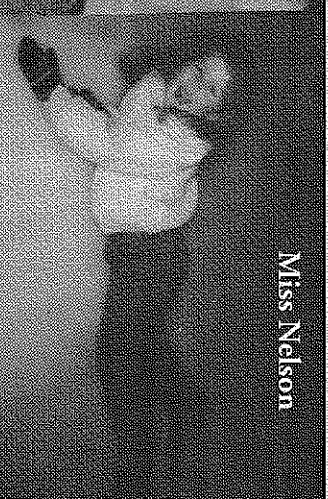
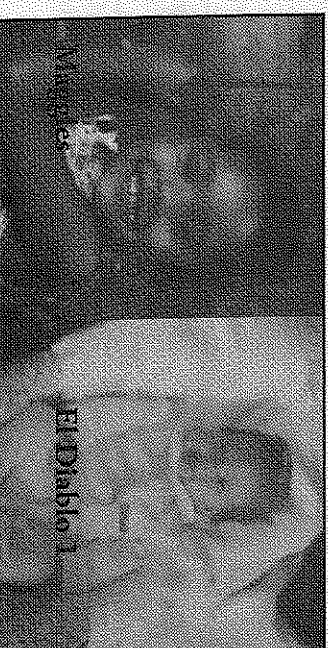
For those of you who do not know our barrel of fun, it's probably because you have been fooled. Amy is that girl who sits quietly during class and looks like she is pondering over E equals MC squared. Ha. Wrong. She is so quiet because she is busy thinking about things that I will not even dare to write on this page. Just when you think you have Amy

understood, and fit into the sweet, bookworm image, surprise. She will get up and start doing a dance right in the middle of class.

It is still a mystery where Amy gets her random outbursts of song and dance, but we love her anyway.

Maybe she has ants in her pants, or she is extra cool and can hear special music that no one else can hear....but maybe it is just that Amy carries with her something that everyone wishes for: *la joie de vivre*.

—Maggie Atteberry



History Dork

El Diablo 1

Karen

El Diablo 2

**Angela Fiorino**

El Diablo. No Doubt freak, hilarious, and energetic are all great words to describe my friend and fellow Oracleite Angela Fiorino.

I met Ang when I was a little freshman in Ms. Beach's journalism class. I soon noticed Angela's crazy personality and I knew we could be close friends. Over the next three years, while Angela and I climbed *The Oracle* ladder, we created a great friendship.

When I look back on the past four years I find myself laughing and smiling. It seems as though every year Angela and I have come up with a countless number of inside jokes, silly songs and phrases.

**Lauren Decot**

Lauren is *The Oracle* morale booster; she's constantly smiling and encouraging everyone ("You can do it, I know you can!"). Of course, she can't be tough too—the poor underclassmen tremble in fear lest Lauren deem their work "unacceptable." Lauren was great because she was always there to complain about anything people and frilly story assignments.

I really got to know Lauren sophomore year on the journalism field trip to Richmond. We had fun trick-or-treating around the hotel, talking to hot guys named Brett and trying to freak people out by following them around the hotel until they caught on. Of course, I had as much fun laughing at her that weekend as I

**Maggie Atteberry**

If Maggie walks in the room, you know it. Maggie never fades into the woodwork. I met her my freshman year in our French class.

She spoke the language so well and, unlike myself, was not afraid to share her talent. Over the rest of my high school years, I've realized this is true of Maggie in general, not just French.

Last year, Maggie and I joined *The Oracle* staff. Even though she has never been a "hard-core *Oracle*" kid, I think she's one of the most distinct people on our staff. She quietly eats her microwaved lunch in her cute outfits at the back of the room and calmly discusses the editorial. Maggie has opinions on everything, so half of our editorials are her ideas.

But through other activities, I've learned that

**Katie Walker**

I wanted to crawl under a rock the dreaded day in April when I received a rejection letter from UVA. But instead of doing that, I went online in an attempt to get my mind off of the sting of rejection. Fortunately, Katie was online. I don't think she realizes how much she made me feel better that afternoon. I can honestly say that, upon receiving that letter, I had hit rock bottom in terms of the way I felt about myself. But there was something Katie said that made me laugh out loud and put things in perspective. After telling Katie my tale of rejection, she said, "Lauren, don't cry! I love you! And Mike Dunleavy loves you!" Dunleavy, the gorgeous

**Roberto Garcia**

Roberto strolls into *Oracle* nearly everyday with a blank look. That's not uncommon for him as he usually has 101 tests to study for and homework he will attempt to complete before the end of fifth period. Not to mention that he was probably up until 4:00 am looking over *Oracle* stories and layouts. Just kidding.

Very rarely does anyone find Roberto, our editor, conducting "editor" duties. He delegates to the rest of us so he can work on his schooling

She is warm, sincere and she truly cares about her family and friends. Angela is incredibly easy to get along with and everyone I know respects her for who she is. In a few weeks Ang will be heading to the Coast Guard Academy and I wish her the best. I want her to know that I will always be there for her and that I'm only a phone call away.

Angela thank you for the funniest four years of my life. I will miss you, Angela, always remember to be true to yourself, follow your heart and only good things will come. Good luck in the future and please remember who you are and how wonderful you are. Los Diablos and Dog Show forever!

—Jenny Askin

had laughing with her—like when her chair fell apart in the middle of a quiet seminar. The best time though was when Lauren went swimming at the hotel pool and I stole her only bra that she had brought on the trip and hid it in the ice bucket. She returned to find a ransom note saying "Lauren, your bra is chilling in room 360." She freaked out and started running around the room like a crazy person. By the time she actually found it, however, all of the ice had melted and her bra was soaking wet. She looked herself in the bathroom for an hour with the blow dryer trying to dry it. I'd like to take this opportunity to tell Lauren I'm sorry for all the misery I've put her through, and say thanks for putting up with me.

—Katie Walker

Maggie is not just the calm, opinionated girl in *Oracle*. This year we were in the musical and Maggie was a choreographer. Maggie was always sweet and patient with all of us hopeless dancers, except when we talked too much. That's when we all feared the wrath of Maggie!

What Maggie really excels at in the theatrical world is acting. She had leads in two of the mainstage shows here. I went to both of these productions, and when Maggie is onstage she becomes her character handling comedy, drama and absurdity. Then in the spring musical, we had so much fun being the stinky numbered girls together—Girl #1 and Girl #3.

If you're ever in the same room as Maggie, you know what I mean; how she's the sweetest, funniest, most mature person at WS. If you never have, I hope you will someday.

—Amy McKeever

six foot, 10 inch Duke basketball player is my true celebrity crush. It sounds odd, but Katie's words completely changed my way of thinking. The hardest thing about college rejection was dealing with the fear of disappointing my family and the embarrassment I felt. But Katie showed me that Mike still loved me, and that of course my family and friends still love me.

Over the past three years, Katie and I have had great times together at places like Rolling Hills Swim Club and the VHSL Journalism seminar in Richmond two years ago. Thank you, Katie, so much for your friendship. I'll miss you next year. I hope you'll be online a lot this fall to remind me how much Mike loves me!

—Lauren Decot

which will better prepare him for his adventures at Northwestern University next year.

I'm being facetious. Roberto helped many times with layouts and all my other duties. He's my Rosario, my helper, my slave.

To Roberto I am his Karen. He takes care of me and keeps up with my wants and needs, meeting nearly all of them appropriately. Roberto has contributed long hours and myriad ideas to this publication for three years and I'm sure next year's staff will miss his blank stares.

—Jen Berne



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 Matthew Haines—NOVA  
 Meghan Halfhill—College of Charleston  
 Erik Halseth—University of Virginia  
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 Zohal Hamidi—Virginia Tech  
 Jordan Hamilton—Florida Atlantic University  
 Joseph Hans—University of Richmond  
 Jason Harris—Indiana University  
 Walter Harris—Undecided  
 Ahmed Hassan—NOVA  
 Sajid Hassan—Virginia Tech  
 Brian Hattori—Manhattan School of Music  
 Sheri Haupt—Longwood College  
 Jason Haviga—Virginia Tech  
 Elizabeth Hebda—University of Virginia  
 William Henline—Christopher Newport University  
 Caitlin Herman—Lynchburg College  
 Joanna Hernandez—Mary Baldwin College  
 Tyler Herndon—Undecided  
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 Christopher Heugan—University of North Carolina  
 Alison Highfill—James Madison University  
 David Hoecker—Entering the work force
- Ashley Hoffmann—Ithaca College  
 Jason Hoffstot—George Mason University  
 Charles Holl—NOVA  
 Alexander Hollenbeck—NOVA  
 Mary Holloway—Washington and Lee University  
 Aubrey Hooper—East Carolina University  
 Martina Hopkins—Mary Washington University  
 Megan Horan—Virginia Tech  
 Stephanie Hottell—NOVA  
 Ryan Houston—Longwood College  
 Brian Hrolienok—George Mason University  
 Jed Hudson—University of Virginia  
 Cynthia Hught—Undecided  
 Robert Hull—Virginia Tech  
 Kelly Humberson—Undecided  
 Lucy Hutchinson—James Madison University  
 Kevin Huttenbach—University of North Carolina  
 Seung-Hwi Hwang—Undecided  
 Daniel Ing—United States Coast Guard Academy  
 Elizabeth Ingram—NOVA  
 Jessica James—George Mason University  
 Saahid Jami—NOVA  
 Albert Jang—Undecided  
 Christopher Jang—Undecided  
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 Antayah Jennings—Virginia State University  
 Robert Jennings—Enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps  
 Hyunwook Ji—Undecided  
 Angela Johnson—NOVA  
 Scott Johnson—Middle Tennessee State University  
 Amanda Jones—Radford University  
 Christopher Jonnes—Virginia Tech  
 Candice Joo—Parsons School of Design  
 Leyla Jordan—James Madison University  
 Phil Jordan—Mary Washington University  
 Samuel Jung—Indiana University  
 Arash Kabirnavaei—Appalachian State University  
 Matthew Kaizt—George Mason University  
 Bora Kang—Undecided  
 Min-Hee Kang—George Mason University  
 Brian Kanlewski—NOVA  
 Jeremy Kapinos—Penn State University  
 Timothy Kawamoto—Christopher Newport University  
 Sarah Kaye—Wilson College  
 Brian Kee—University of Virginia  
 Kathleen Kehler—Virginia Tech  
 Kevin Kelbaugh—Virginia Tech  
 Paul Kenamer—Culinary Institute of America  
 Alison Kerestes—Christopher Newport University  
 Sean Kerndt—NOVA  
 Dianna Khair—University of South Carolina  
 Shamalia Khalid—Virginia Commonwealth University  
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 Hana Kim—George Mason University  
 Jennifer Kim—Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Ji Hyun Kim—Undecided  
 Roy Kim—George Mason University  
 Sung Kim—George Mason University  
 Yong-Soo Kim—Returning to Korea  
 Alicia Kirsch—University of North Carolina  
 Katherine Kloak—NOVA  
 Meaghan Kluttz—Radford University  
 Aaron Knight—Enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps  
 Artelle Koester-Williams—NOVA  
 John Kofalt—Virginia Tech  
 Natalie Kopstein—Radford University  
 Basavaraj Kori—NOVA  
 Katherine Kovar—University of Virginia  
 Candace Kramer—Virginia Tech  
 Carl Kruger—United States Military Academy  
 Jon Kunzman—Mary Washington University  
 Desiree Labria—NOVA  
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 Margaret Lewis—Mary Washington University  
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 Christine Mainord—NOVA  
 Claudia Maldonado—NOVA  
 Elizabeth Manning—Radford University



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 Mary Martin—Christopher Newport University  
 Willis Matousek—Coastal Carolina University  
 Michelle Mayer—York College  
 Michael Mazie—University of Miami  
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 Brian McElwain—Frostburg State University  
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 Paul Miller—West Virginia University  
 Ryan Miller—Messiah College  
 Sarah Miller—Mary Washington College  
 Steven Moffa—Salisbury University  
 Selia Monroe—Undecided  
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 Katelyn Murrdock—Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Michael Murray—Virginia Tech  
 Masood Naderpoor—Undecided  
 Haiden Nascimi—Virginia Tech  
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 Bilal Nazam—George Mason University  
 Peter Nelius—Undecided  
 Kristine Newton—Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Kevin Ngu—NOVA  
 Khanh-Vi Nguyen—Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Thanh Nguyen—Medical College of Virginia  
 Richard Nichols—George Mason University  
 Marisa Nomi—University of Delaware  
 Dennis O'Donnell—NOVA  
 Erin O'Hara—Undecided  
 Kelly O'Neill—NOVA  
 Laura Ogborn—Bloomberg University of Pennsylvania  
 You-na Oh—Virginia Tech  
 Alexandra Orellana-Bonilla—Undecided  
 Matthew Oster—University of South Carolina  
 Lia Ovelar—Virginia Tech  
 David Panczykowski—Clemson University  
 Mark Pangilinan—Christopher Newport University  
 Kevin Park—College of William and Mary  
 Stacey Parker—George Mason University  
 Daniel Patena—NOVA  
 Laura Pautler—Virginia Tech  
 Hunter Peacock—Radford University  
 Wendy Pedder—State University of New York at Fredonia  
 Jessica Penzari—City University of New York  
 Stephanie Perez—Colorado State University  
 Matthew Peters—Enlisting in the Coast Guard  
 Dat Phan—NOVA  
 Gabriela Pierre—College of William and Mary  
 Ian Pimentel—NOVA  
 Deron Pinchback—Virginia State University  
 Tara Pittman—Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Casey Pittirizzi—Lees-McRae College  
 Laura Plimpton—Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Chelsea Poling—Virginia Tech  
 Kristine Poling—Radford University  
 Andrew Politano—NOVA  
 Carrie Polley—NOVA  
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 Jessica Potter—American University  
 Deanna Powers—Radford University  
 Keela Prestonoto—Entering the work force  
 Brian Puentes—George Mason University  
 Judith Pulman—University of Virginia  
 Tanja Quinn—Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Nancy Rachlis—Penn State University  
 Homa Rahimi—George Mason University  
 Destiny Ramos—Virginia State University  
 Herman Ramos—Florida Tech  
 Gillian Ramsey—East Carolina University  
 Fatima Razi—Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Syed Ali Razi—George Mason University  
 Jonathan Rea—George Mason University  
 Jocelyn Reed—College of William and Mary  
 Matthew Reed—University of South Carolina  
 Jeffrey Reese—Colorado State University  
 Lauren Reiser—NOVA  
 Laura Revetta—Randolph-Macon Women's College  
 Kathleen Richardson—Syracuse University  
 Kathryn Rifareal—University of Virginia  
 Leia Roach—Undecided  
 Michael Roberts—Colgate University  
 Laura Robinson—Mount St. Mary's College  
 Karen Rodas—Undecided  
 Joel Rodriguez—Cornell University  
 Eve Rogers—Christopher Newport University  
 James Rogers—West Virginia University  
 Joanna Rogers—Christopher Newport University  
 Reehan Romney—Brigham Young University Idaho  
 Kelly Ronken—Concordia College
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 Kathleen Walker—University of Virginia  
 Michael Wan—Virginia Tech  
 Mitchell Wanggard—United States Air Force Academy  
 Michael Watson—Shepherd College  
 Lindsay Webb—Johnson & Wales University  
 Rebecca Weiner—Syracuse University  
 Matthew Whalen—College of William and Mary  
 Krystal Whetsell—Virginia Tech  
 Stacy Whipple—Virginia Tech  
 Brendan Williams—College of William and Mary  
 Robert Williams—Thomas Nelson Community College  
 Melissa Wilmoth—American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
 Todd Wilson—Towson State University  
 Blair Withee—George Mason University  
 Christopher Witsman—George Mason University  
 Bryan Witt—Brigham Young University  
 Suzanne Wong—College of William and Mary  
 Christopher Wood—West Virginia University  
 Eric Wrobel—Radford University  
 Alexander Wu—NOVA  
 Omar Yacoubi—DeVry University  
 Katie Yates—Concord College  
 Billy Yi—NOVA  
 Kon Yi—George Mason University  
 Hyun-Joo Youn—Virginia State University  
 Levi Young—NOVA  
 Thomas Yu—Johns Hopkins University  
 Marya Zia—NOVA



# SENIORS

## Mr. Linz ★

By Amy McKeever  
Oracle Senior

Thank you. You have been an amazing teacher for the past two years. I have learned so much and had fun, which is incredible because I never expected to like physics. But you are an amazing teacher so I couldn't help but like it just a little.

Thank you for making lessons interesting, like with why fat girls have more fun. Thanks for challenging your classes with "killer dog" tests and

## Mr. Percoco ★

By Laura Robinson  
Oracle Senior

Mr. Percoco is one of those few really special teachers. He loves history, trips, teaching and his students. For that, we love him.

I didn't have Mr. Percoco last year like most students in my Applied History class, but luckily I've developed a relationship with him this year.

Mr. Percoco makes bad puns and pokes fun at his students. But he can be completely serious. He calmed us all on September 11 and the days following, and we soberly discussed the tragedies of the civil

thank you even more for offering us extra credit to actually pass these tests!

Thank you for covering all of the material on the AP test so we didn't have to study so much. Thank you for always being there after school to help students. Thank you for your advice on what kind of guy I should marry—I'll try to find a rich man. Thanks for making fun of me and everyone else in your classes. We all take ourselves too seriously sometimes.

Thank you for being rights movement.

Through Mr. Percoco, we met authors, activists and veterans. We travelled to southern Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Gettysburg and Antietam. Seeing history for ourselves was amazing, but getting to know and learn from Mr. Percoco was just as important. He was fun with all his impressions and making fun of Kathleen.

But Mr. Percoco's legacy is more than that of just a neat teacher. He changed us. We got to see history for ourselves. In his class, history evolved from abstract facts to the concrete, exciting, complex mass that it really is.



# Inspiration

The senior Oracle staff members would like to express that there are so many wonderful teachers at WS and it was difficult to profile just these nine. Thank you all for your devotion.

## Mrs. Nelson ★

By Angela Fiorino  
Oracle Senior

My first year on *The Oracle* staff was pretty intimidating; our sponsor, Nelson, had so much power. I didn't want to make any mistakes so I did everything perfectly, though I did manage to make my mistakes.

I remember once Nelson gave me a detention. She never gives detentions. She made me come in, sit down, and then asked me what was bothering me. That's when I knew

she really cared.

I shaped up after that sort of Junior Year. Nelson was out of the room for a bit and I called 2104 to request a song. I told them that I was from WS and our teacher wasn't present so I asked the DJ to play, "Better Off Alone."

Not only did the DJ play the song, but we were all queuing up. We teachers just appreciated being there with her back to school and heard me. It got back to Nelson and she stopped me in the hall shortly after the incident to

## Mr. Mac

By Jen Berne  
Oracle Senior

straightforward when my grades that disappoint you. You never sugarcoat things and I really respect that. It makes me work harder so I don't disappoint you again. Thank you also for telling me when I've done a good job.

I did not have paid an AP physics course without a teacher who was willing to push me to do better and keep things interesting. I hope there are plenty of college professors out there like you, Mr. Linz, or else I'm not sure that I want to go.

## Mr. Herzig ★★

By Lauren Decol  
Oracle Senior

The very first assignment I received in Mr. Herzig's World History and Geography II class was to write a one-page paper on whether or not the earth was round. I don't believe me, but I did. Of course, the earth is round. I thought,

"But how can you be so sure?" Herzig would ask. And the class would respond with, "We've seen pictures from satellites." Herzig would then proceed to play devil's advocate and ask, "but how can you be so sure those pictures are real?"

But how can you be so sure those pictures are real?



Six months later was the second day of school and I sat in the front row of sociology, eager to meet the screaming teacher. As the bell sounded, the vivacious man came into the room. And right away he introduced us to his method, which he has used for decades. He has men in his class, but he uses a lot of water.

All of the underclassmen looked horrified, but I was fearless. I could see right through government and

## Mrs. Graf ★

By Maggie Atteberry  
Oracle Senior

Warm sugar cookies with extra sugar on top. The chewy kind that melts in your mouth. These come to mind when I think of Mrs. Graf.

I had Graf my freshman year. I was the new kid in town and Mrs. Graf could somehow always tell if I was having a bad day.

She was there to see me laugh, watch me cry, and give me a big hug afterwards.

Before Mrs. Graf, I had never met a teacher with such passion for teaching and her students. While speaking to us she would

sociology teacher John McMenamin. He was innocent, a little high strung, but brilliant at the same time.

Though sociology was only a semester, I learned so much. Mac's teaching style is not the norm, but that is precisely why he is a great teacher. He knows life and people and why they act the way they do. By the way, he won't take any lip. He can dish it out three times worse and you'll lose the war of words. He's the big "Mac."

She puts her whole heart into teaching and it really shows. I remember Mrs. Graf would always have old students who were either skipping or just walking around the halls come visit her.

The students would stop in to tell us how great Mrs. Graf is and how lucky we were to have her as a teacher. They were so right.

That one special year has given me enough inspiration to last a lifetime. Mrs. Graf has a gift, and I feel so lucky and honored to have been able to receive it from her.

## Mrs. Harris

By Melissa Lipman  
Oracle Senior

I hope Mrs. Harris never retires, or that she stays at least three years. I've learned so much from her. I really look up to her as a teacher and as a person. Have been motivated to work hard for the last two years and I've learned so much. In years to come, I know she will be one teacher I will never forget. She's someone everyone should have a chance to meet, so come by and say what's up.

## Mrs. Peduzzi

By Roberto Garcia  
Oracle Senior

When I got my class schedule last August, I was nervous to see that I had Mrs. Peduzzi for AP Government. I had heard horror stories—she was a strict teacher and she was full of sass.

When class began in September, Peduzzi was pointing her finger at us and slamming her ruler down on her table. I feared the rumors were true.



And in the Age of Political Correctness, there's something about a teacher who would make fun of her students now and then, who squints and whose favorite saying is, "We're going to hell in a hand-basket." Mrs. Harris is the only teacher I've had who throws erasers at people. Class is more exciting once the possibility of projectiles enters the picture.

But as the year progressed I realized that they were not. Yes she is a demanding teacher, but she pushes us to excel, but she also truly cares about us. Her goal was to assure that we all passed the AP exam, and she did. I've never read for a class before. Although Peduzzi has a tough exterior, we quickly began to see her caring, comical side showing through. Whether she was telling us not to play tiddlywinks with manhole covers, or teasing her male students about their unshaven faces, Peduzzi always had a way to make class more interesting.

In the spirit of Connie, Warrior Princess, I'll be brief, be brilliant and be gone. I want to let her know that during my exam I really did see her hand slamming down on my desk, telling me that education affects *whether* people will vote, while party loyalty affects *how* they will vote.

## Ms. Lam ★

By Jenny Askin  
Oracle Senior

I've had many outstanding teachers during my scholastic career, however, one seems to stand out from the rest. I met Ann Lam my first day of high school and I will remember her far beyond my high school years.

Freshman year I had the privilege of being in Ms. Lam's Biology class. I learned a great deal about science and how to apply

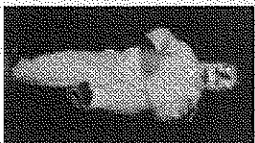
it to my life. She starts every day with a smile, even if she was up all night grading AP Biology tests. Her enthusiasm and love for her subject inspired me to come to her for help. Ms. Lam always cares about her students and at the end of class you can always hear them chatting up a storm.

Along with teaching biology, Ms. Lam has been our class council sponsor since we were freshmen. She has worked hard for

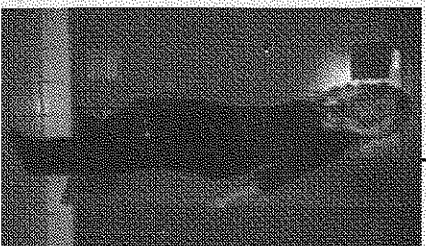
four years to ensure that our class would have a fabulous prom. All four years, she has guided the class officers in making various decisions. I'm grateful to have her as a friend. Over the years I have built a friendship with her that I'm proud of. She is my mentor and I truly appreciate everything she has done for me, for my class and for my school.



# Congratulations Olympian Seniors!



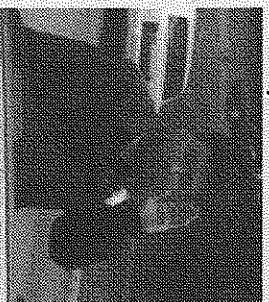
Natalie steps out.



Molly and Lisa



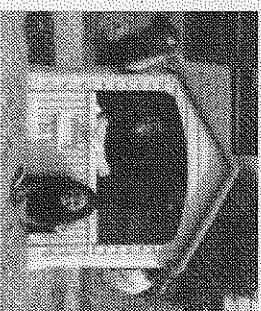
Finally, I'm out of here.



There's just something about that superman door.



Janna, TD, and Timbo in DA HOUSE!

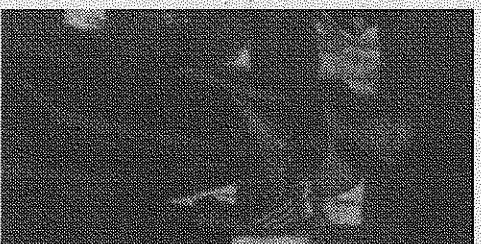


YB just makes you wanna pull out your hair...or others.



It's hard to say good bye to people who were able to make us smile in rain or shine. The bonds and friendship that were formed are unforgettable along with the "drama". *Gaby and Sam*-sorry Beth never told you about color and cropping. At least Becks and Jenn will know what to do. *Mary*-thanks for the brownies

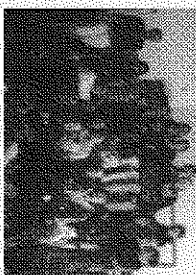
*Mags*-Becks there to hold p a p e r .  
*Nance*-thanks and editing *Fatma (Jatna)* us American joined together *Nat*-thanks for keeping up with tants. *Scottie*



for being true and original and of course for the french fry runs during yearbook. Monique's sister dropped them off remember. Oh yes, and make sure you don't fail next year! You have to prove yourself to BRN! *Amy*- we'll miss you so much and wish that you'd be on staff with us next year. But it's all good because you'll always be the beautiful queen of our hearts and you're going to reign all of Cali!  
~**WE'LL MISS ALL OF YOU!**~

## Your Fellow Olympianites

Love always,



Sr. boys leave a little something behind.



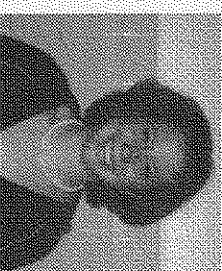
Scott w/ his blonde.



What's all that white stuff?



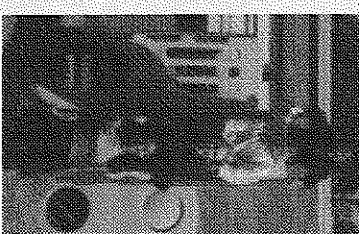
Miss. Maggie Moo shows her whites.



"I'm not a Frosh," screams Sam I Am.



I wanna be a ToysR'Us kid.



Maybe medicine won't work for you, Tara.





Things that didn't happen,  
*but would've been funny if they did.*

- Dr. Smith's car mysteriously appeared on the roof.
- Students began ritualistic pagan worship with Nelson's McDonald's toys.
- The county decided that we should have a uniform. Wait, Abercrombie already covered that.
- The library was actually open during both lunches.
- FHS, SHS and GHS started a war to figure out which country has a better anthem.
- The football team's inflatable helmet got loose and floated up into the air with all the football players stuck inside.
- The Spring Sports Awards Banquet was re-named the Spring Sports Awards Kegger.
- Mr. Perry won a Mr. Bean look-a-like contest.
- We formed a crime-fighting force with the main targets including Springfield Mall and the sports lobby.
- Starbucks closed down, leaving thousands of WS students homeless.
- The senior class ambushed Ms. Galdi with water balloons.
- The senior class gave Ms. Galdi a build-a-bear that sang the theme to "Popeye the Sailor Man."
- Ms. Harris threw someone out the window.
- Mr. Morris really, really liked working at McDonalds for the senior class, so he quit teaching to serve fries.
- Mr. Herzig went on tour with Dave Matthews.
- We started a vegan club.
- We started a meat-eaters only club.
- Our colors changed to pink and brown.
- We filled the parking lot with sand, as our senior prank, and had beach day.
- Ms. Galdi's key chain that holds virtually everything on it, (including her walkie-talkie) broke in the middle of senior hall.
- Ms. Ajello started her own clothing line.
- Someone turned the chemistry department into a drug-selling headquarters. They have scales and a lot of glass.
- Mr. Mac accidentally chopped a student's hand off with his stick that he slams on the desks.
- Ms. Galdi and Dr. Smith did a dance like Ms. Schlegel and Mr. McKinney's.
- Compiled by the seniors

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From the look on Chemistry teacher Maria Clayton's face, she appears to be having the time of her life admiring the art at the Senior Art Show held in Spartan Hall.

**We took care of ourselves,  
each other and this place...  
and it wasn't so bad**

This is the end. The end of the world. No, just kidding. It's just the end of high school.

We for one, will miss Lauren telling us that "This is unacceptable!" We will miss our *Oracle* love triangles, or lack thereof. We will miss Angela dancing in room 218. But that is all beside the point.

Despite our frequent cynicism here on *The Oracle* staff, we've enjoyed our four years at 6100 Rolling Road. We've relished clogging the hallways

during break, and making a mess of the cafeteria during lunch even though none of us eat in the cafeteria. No, no, seriously, we've enjoyed many wonderful teachers and tons of cool classmates. There's nothing quite like walking into Bagel Bakery at 7:00 am to find half the senior class inside; it's even better to find as many people in there at 12:30 pm.

We'll miss the mad dash out of the parking lot at 2:17 pm every day, not to mention the serenade of honks that fill the

air. We'll miss the chicken wings and other great cafeteria entrees and lunch with our friends.

We'll miss fieldtrips and "dentist appointments," especially on sunny afternoons.

We'll miss watching March Madness during classes, and even more, we'll miss playing tiddly-winks with manhole covers.

We'll miss Mrs. Nelson's crazy McDonalds toys and Ms. Lam's small zoo.

Our class may not be the most spirited, but we still had fun at a range of senior events. Even though we lost Penny Wars.

Thanks for reading *The Oracle*. We most enjoy it when you get mad about our editorials and columns and write us scathing letters. It makes us feel all warm and fuzzy inside. We hope you've had as much fun reading it as we've had writing it.

And now that our last *Oracle* editorial has come to end, all that's left for us to say is goodbye and good luck.

**Editorial**