2004

Vergennes Union High School
Blue and White
John Barton
June 6, 1986

"Think you can, think you can't, either way, you'll be right."
-Henry Ford
Basketball 1-2, Golf 1-4

John,
Your perseverance makes us admire, your humor makes us laugh, your caring makes us happy. We love you and know you will have many great adventures and successes in the future.

Love, Mom and Dad

Jessica Jayne Beinhaur
January 7, 1986
Jess, Mecca, Jass

"One of the greatest things about being a teenager is the sharing, the closeness, and the great times you have with your friends because great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget."
-Unknown
JV Girls Basketball Manager 1-2, Varsity Girls Basketball Manager 1-4, Varsity Boys Basketball Manager 3-4, Prom Committee 3, Homecoming Float 2-4, Band 1-4, Drum Major 3-4

Mecca,
Your personality and determination will help take you to your goals. Follow your dreams and be happy with whatever you decide to do. We will always be here for you. Aloha!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Meredith L. Bessette
January 22, 1986
Merebear, Mere

VTLSP 3-4, Student Mentoring, Peer Mentoring, Soccer 1-2, Mom club 1-4
Meredith,
I admire your quiet elegance and the poise you have always exhibited even from a young age. Your ambitions will get you far, but your heart will guide you there. (This is from your little brother.) Whatever the future holds, I know you will be successful.

Love,
Mom, Lindsey, & Curtis

Lauren H. Billings
September 13, 1986
Tiny, Big Guy, Bud

"Life is like a card game... just shut up and deal."
-Ariel Rotax
Ferrisburg Volunteer Fire Department Cadet, Boy Scouts of America

We are both extremely proud of you for achieving this important goal. Way to go Bud! We are confident that you will find many opportunities to excel in life with your unique talents. Keep searching and be happy.

Love, Mom and Dad
Where have the years gone? Your life ahead is full of wonderful opportunities and many obstacles. Work hard, persevere, and above all, strive to be happy in whatever you do. If you have happiness, you'll have inner peace. We're proud of you.

Love Always, Mom and Dad

Caitlyn

Never doubt how proud we are of you. You have many adventures ahead. Always be true to yourself first, have fun, choose wisely, and remember- you can do anything.

Love,

Mom and Dad

"Dance like no one is watching, sing like no one is listening, love like you’ve never been hurt, and love like it's heaven on Earth."
-Unknown

Musical 1-4, 4-H, Track and Field, Little City Band, Band 1-4, Chorus 1-4

Laura Bowles
January 15, 1986

"Alice, Alice, I want to get up and jive. I want to wreck my stockings in some juke box dive."
-Joni Mitchell

Band 1-2, Chorus 1-3, Walden 3-4, Drama Club 1-4, One Acts 3-4

Caitlyn Claire Brash
May 31, 1986

“To acquire knowledge, one must study, but to acquire wisdom, one must observe."
-Marilyn vos Savant

Soccer 1-2 & 4, Golf 1-4, GYLC 1-2, RYLA 2, VTLSIP 2

Mark J. Bourdon
August 7, 1986
M-DAWG, Markus

Joseph Bolduc
Alicia Claire Bruso  
February 6, 1986  
Bug, Squash, Mop

"People take different roads to fulfillment and happiness. Just because they’re not on your road doesn’t mean they’ve gotten lost."

-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.
Soccer 1-4, Captain 4, Basketball 1, Cheerleading 2-4, NCA All-American Cheerleader ‘03, Softball 1-4, BIG Games ’01, Band 1-4, Districts 2-4, Band President 3, Prom Committee 3, Prom Court 3, Winterball Committee 4, Project Grad 4

The defender works her way up the field while the clock ticks away the minutes. As the crowd waits for this final shot, the referee hands her the ball and she steps up to the foul line. Her nerves are on edge. After all, the entire routine depends on this jump. The conductor raises her baton, and now the pitch... to be continued.

Allison E. Burlock  
January 23, 1986  
Frosh, Allie, Al

Track 1-2, XC 1-2, Indoor Track 1-3, VTLSP 1-4, Girls State 3, National Rep 4, NHS 3-4; President 4, Yearbook 1-4; editor 4, Governor’s Institute in China ‘02, Allison,

You have always attacked every challenge in life with a great determination and focus. Don’t ever lose the desire to succeed. I am very proud of you.

Love,
Dad

God sent you to us not too long ago; how fast time has gone. You are our daughter and friend. We held your hand as a little girl and now as a grown woman we will hold your heart. Keep God and the Lord Jesus with you at all times. Remember down under, Fragle Rock, Big Hairy J.R., Radishes, and (Booher). God Bless.

Love, Dad and Mom

Kyle D. Burkett  
May 8, 1986  
Bucket

"Did you hear about the rose that grew from concrete? Proving nature’s law is wrong, it learned to walk without having feet. Funny it seems, but by keeping its dreams, it learned to breathe fresh air. Long live the rose that grew from concrete, when no one else even cared."

-Tupac Shakur
Baseball 1-4, Captain 1-4, Basketball 1-2 & 4, Fall Ball 1-4, Band 1-4, Jazz Band 1, Recycling Team 4, Project Grad. 4, Homecoming Float 2-4

We look at you today Kyle, with great pride and much love. Soon we will be celebrating a graduation that seems to have arrived much too soon. While for us that brings a rush of mixed emotions, we know that you are ready for this day. Know that within you is all you need for a future that is happy and bright. Love, Mom and Dad

Gloria Ann Bushey  
September 29, 1985  
Glo, Gloworm, Gabber Butt

"I don’t think of the past. The only thing that matters is the everlasting present."

-W. Somerset Maugham
Track and Field 2-4, Flags 3-4, Yearbook 3-4, Project Grad. 4, Graduation Committee 4, Senior Video 4, Ski Club 1, Explorers 3-4

We look at you today Kyle, with great pride and much love. Soon we will be celebrating a graduation that seems to have arrived much too soon. While for us that brings a rush of mixed emotions, we know that you are ready for this day. Know that within you is all you need for a future that is happy and bright. Love, Mom and Dad

Allison my beautiful girl. I am so proud of you and I love you so much. I hope all the dreams you dream come true. And I know they will.

Love,
Mom

Ally we are going to miss you really bad. Love, Alex and Amanda
"Someday you'll cry for me like I cried for you. Someday you'll miss me like I missed you. Someday you'll need me like I needed you. Someday you'll love me, but I won't love you."
-Unknown

Soccer 1-3, Softball 1, Track 3-4, Band 1-4

Brandon Conrow Chamberlain
September 25, 1985

Bradley Lewis Castillo
September 22, 1985
Bradford, Udi, Odie

"Life's hardships are much harder to take when you don't know any swear words."
-Calvin & Hobbes

Boys State 3, Chorus 1-4, Chorus Manager 4, Commodore Singers 4, Musical 3-4, Track 1-4, State Meet 1-4, Meet of Champions 1-2 & 4, Meet of Champions 4 X 1 Champ 2, Indoor Track 2 & 4, Basketball 3

Brandon, Welcome to the wild, wild world! We know you can be successful at anything you do - go for your dreams! Remember to put God first and the rest will fall into place. Love, Dad & Mom

Brad, You have grown into such a wonderful young man, and we are so very proud of you. As you go through life, always remember to proceed as if you are wearing your "favorite rocketship underpants," as only, "You," can do. We love you very much, Mom & Dad

We can act if we want to. If we don't nobody will. And you can act real rude, or totally removed, and I can act like an imbecile."
-Men Without Hats

FFA 1-4

Justin Charlebois
Dearest “Tin”

You have developed into a wonderfully independent, caring, young woman. We know that you will be successful in whatever you put your mind to. The world is yours, go for it and be happy! Love, Mom, Dad, Stephanie, Kelly and Hailey

"I looked out this morning and the sun was gone. I turned on some music to start my day. I lost myself in a familiar song. I closed my eyes and slipped away."
- Boston
Drama Club 1-4, Chorus 1-3, Yearbook 1-2, Walden Project 4, Track 2-4, Chorus Districts 2, Fletcher Allen Explorers 2-4, Student Mentoring 2-3, Big Heavy World 3

Erica Lynn Counter
November 11, 1986

"Live well, laugh much, love often."
- Unknown
Band 1-4, Districts 1-2 & 4, German Exchange 4, Track 2-4, Swim Team 1-4, MedQuest 2, Advanced MedQuest 3, Fletcher Allen Career Explorers 2-4

Congratulations! May the future bring you everything you want and hope for. Love you lots, Dad and Alicia

Precious,
You've grown into a beautiful, intelligent, talented, young woman. Give faith a chance and remember you're part of a whole world. We're proud of you.
We love you! Mom and Denny

Shawn E. Combs
February 21, 1986
Combsy, Puffy, P. Diddy

"So close no matter how far, couldn't be much more from the heart. Forever trust in who we are, and nothing else matters."
- Metallica
Vergennes Fire Department, Vergennes Rescue, Cheerleading 3-4

"It's hard to believe you're graduating. You grew up too fast! We hope you never feel too grown up to have your parents by your side. You had us worried a few times, but your choices have made you who you are today, and we are very proud of you. Keep smiling and making other people smile. We love you very much! Now go out and show the world who Shawn Puffy Combs really is. Have fun. Love ya, Mom & Big Joe"

Nicole Leigh Couture
April 7, 1986
Nikki

"We travel through life on daydreams, to destinations far away, experiences unknown, imaginations untapped. Follow where your mind takes you, for once there, anything is possible, and every journey is an inspiration to the soul to make the dream real."
- Anonymous
Walden

"As you move on to a new phase in life know you are prepared. You have come a long way in the last couple of years and we are very proud. Stay focused and you can do anything. We know you will.
Love, Mom and Dad"
### Stephanie Culver
**September 5, 1986**

"Don’t tell God how big the storm is, tell the storm how big God is."
- Unknown

- Project Grad 4
- Grad comm. 4

Stephanie,
You have a great personality! We love you, and hope the very best for your future.
Love, Mom and Dad

### Darren Micheal Curler
**August 17, 1985**

Dar, DD, Bubba

"Forbidden fruit creates many jams."
- Unknown

- Soccer 1-4, Indoor Soccer 1-4: Champs 1-2, Homecoming Float 1-4, Addison United Soccer 1-2, Men's League 3-4, Student Council 4, Project Grad 4, SCRUBS 1-3

We knew you could do it.
"You’ve only just begun."
Love,
Mom and Dad

### Theresa Davis
**September 25, 1986**

There’s A

"If you judge others you may become vain and bitter, for there will always be a greater or lesser person than yourself."
- Unknown

- Softball 1, 2, 4, Cheerleading 1, German Exchange 4, Yearbook 1 & 4, Prom Comm. 3, YPAL Rep. 3, Project Grad 4, Student Council Secretary 4, NHS 4

Theresa: We are so proud of the young woman you have become, and how you have set goals and accomplished them. We wish you love and happiness in the future.
Love, Mom & Jeff

### Adam Desjardin
**July 3, 1986**

- Vocational 3-4

Adam,
You have worked really hard in all you have done. We couldn’t be more proud of you! We love you very much!
Love,
Mom and Dad

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8 Seniors
Kevin Desjardin

Kevin,

On our travel through the years, we have had many bumps and that is what has made you the great person you are today. We are so proud of your accomplishments. Remember you have a big supportive family.

Love, Mom & Dad

Brittany Lynn Devino

February 10, 1986

Britt, Britty

"Some people see things as they are, and ask why. I dream things that never were and ask why not."

-Robert F. Kennedy

Soccer 1, Track 1, Varsity Wrestling Manager 2, Homecoming Float 1 & 3-4

Britty: Remember those times in your life when you questioned yourself? We said, "You can do it." And every time, you did! Keep on going. You have the ability to achieve anything you want in life. We are all looking forward to watching you do just that. Love Ya,

Mom, Dad, AJ, Cassie, and

Kyle Desjardin

March 14, 1985

Puffy

Kyle,

We are very proud of all your accomplishments. You never give up and that will be your strength in the future. We love you very much!

Mom and Dad

David DiBiase

April 6, 1986

Dave, DiBi

"Not all who wander are lost."

-Unknown

Wrestling 1-2, Vergennes Fire Department 2-4, Vergennes Rescue 3-4, VT State Cadet Fire Fighter of the Year, Protective Services 2-4, Outstanding Completer 3, NOT Facilitator 4, OVX 3-4

David,

You have brought me many smiles and tears over the last 18 years. I wouldn't trade a single one. Remember, don't let your decisions, good or bad, be the definition of your life, but rather let them be a part of your life.

I love you Crockett,

Mom
Tacia Lee Eriksen  
February 16, 1986  
Taj

“THERE IS ONLY ONE SUCCESSFUL PERSON WHO SPENDS HIS LIFE IN HIS OWN WAY.”  
-Christopher Morley

Soccer 1-2; Addison County Youth Advisory Board 1; SCRUBS 1-2; VTSP 1; GYLC 1-2; Williams College Book Award 3; UVM Green & Gold Scholarship 4; Yearbook 1-3: Editor 3; National Honor Society 3-4; Student Council 1-2; Student Mentor 4; Peer Tutor 3-4; German Exchange 4

Tacia,  
You’re a bright, beautiful, successful young lady ready to take on the world. You will continue to do big things with your life. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Go forward, greatness will follow.

Ryan Matthew Donnelly  
November 11, 1986  
Backstreet, Donnelly, Ry-Guy

“SO WHAT, SO I’VE GOT A SMILE ON, BUT IT’S HIDING THE QUIET SUPERSTITIONS IN MY HEAD.”  
-John Mayer

Cheerleading 3; SCRUBS, Flat Stanley Member; Subside Member; 99.9 the Buzz Advance Homebrew High School Band Search Winner ‘02–’03; Ferrisburgh Fire Department; Cadet President

Ryan—  
We are very proud of you! Always remember that if you work hard and give it your best you will be successful in whatever you choose to do. We love you and will always be here for you.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Nick

Tyler J. Essex  
April 8, 1986

We know it has been a long road, but we knew you could get to the finish line.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad
Lucas Fairbrother

“What we do in life
echo’s in eternity.”
- Gladiator

Timothy Douglas Gould
July 22, 1986
Tim

“Drive it like you stole it.”
-Anonymous
Vocational 1-4, Vica
State Winner 3, Vica
National Competition 3

Tim,
Set your goals high and follow your dreams. You can do anything you set your mind to. Congratulations- We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Madelaine Alice Bodell Glassberg
March 3, 1986

“I have a heart with room for every joy.”
-PJ Bailey

Chorus 1-4, Student Council 1-4, Peer Mediation 2-4, Peer Mentoring 2-4, School Board Rep. 3-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Governor’s Institute 3-4, VTLS 3-4, SCRUBS 1-2, HOBY 2, Prom Committee, Winterball Committee, NOLS 4, Young Writer’s Conference 4

Thoughtful and perceptive
Living life, kayaking the lake, learning
Hiking the tundra, giving and creating
We hope you dance
Love forever and always,
Mom and Papa

James Gregory
July 25, 1985
Mr. James, Sir Gregory

Vocational Print Tech; 1-2

Congratulations James. We are so very proud of you. Never doubt yourself- we always knew you could do anything you set your mind to do. Remember we will always be here for you.
Love,
Dad & Mom
Sarah Baldwin Gullion  
March 21, 1986  
Sar, Saria, Spanish Mouse

"To’bak nori sull corum: ‘Till the roads wind us back home, you’ll always be in my heart.”  
-The Banned & the Banished

Band 1-4, Track 3-4, Rowing Crew 1-4, Drama Club 1-4, Musical 2-4, Drama Club Play 2 & 4, Summer Swim Team 1-4, Winter Swim Team 2-4, 4-H 1-4, German Exchange 2 & 4

Aim high, work hard, play every day, and be kind. Congratulations, Sarah. We are very proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Steve

Evan Michael Howard  
May 7, 1986  
Gilly, Guppy, Evana

"Freedom is too enormous to be kept behind a closet door.”  
-Harvey Milk

Vergennes Rowing Club 1-2 & 4, Peer Mediation 1-2

Dear Evana,

Evan you’re a thoughtful, compassionate, and sensitive person. You have brought sunshine to our lives. Your passion for others will help you to go far. We love you very much.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Tom Jaggars  
April 11, 1986  
Mick

“First you forget names, then you forget faces. Next you forget to pull your zipper up, and finally you forget to pull it down.”  
-George Burns

Football, Basketball

So proud of you and everything you have done. Welcome to a whole new world, where life will be your teacher. We love you!

Jeffrey Layne Kauffman  
February 26, 1986  
Jed

“When I was a kid I said to my father one afternoon, Daddy, will you take me to the zoo?” He answered, “If the zoo wants you, let them come and get you.”  
-Jerry Lewis

Boys State, Basketball, Track and Field: Captain, State Champion 1600m Relay

Jed,

As you step out of childhood into your future, it’s time to live what you’ve learned. Form godly convictions and stick with them. Make your time count for eternity. Remember who you are.

Dad and Mom
**Cassandra Louise Kennett**  
January 7, 1986  
Cassie, Cass

> “People say they wouldn’t change a thing, oh but I would... I’d done a lot of things different.”  
> -Kenny Chesney

| 4-H, Math League 1-4,  
Rowing 1-4, Eastern  
States 4-H Horse  
Show 1-3, Eastern  
National Horse  
Roundup: Horse Bowl  
1, Judging 2, Hippology 3 |

You can be proud of all that you have accomplished. You've put a lot of miles on your three horses. We wish you the best in the future. It is an honor to have a daughter and sister like you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Chad

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**Emily Collette Kipp**  
December 1, 1985  
Em, Kipper, Fin

> “You only live once—go big—be naked.”  
> -Anonymous

| National Honor Society 3-4,  
Student Council 1-4,  
Soccer 1-4: Captain 4,  
Basketball 1-4, Track 1-4:  
Captain 3-4, Swim Team  
2-4: High Diving 1,  
Nordic Soccer 2-3, GYLC,  
VT Student Athlete  
Leadership Conference,  
Prom Committee, Project  
Grad Committee, Senior  
Video, Not on Tobacco  
Program |

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**Andy Klopfenstein**  
February 16, 1986  
Hundey, Klopfenstein, China Man Jones

“I may look like I’m doing nothing, but at the cellular level I’m actually quite busy.”  
-Gabe (PA)

| F.O.D. 1-4, Musical 1-4,  
Band 1-4, Jazz Band 1-4,  
Soccer 2, Districts 1-2 &  
4, National Honor  
Society 4, All States 4  
Andy, our hopes and  
dreams have been poured  
out on you and you soaked  
them up and then some.  
We’re proud of what  
you’ve done and the man  
you have become. |

"May your rivers flow without end, ... where something strange and more beautiful and more full of wonder than your deepest dreams waits for you — beyond that next turning of the canyon walls." -Edward Abbey

All our love,

Mom, Dad, and John

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**Ashley Erin Kuhns**  
March 22, 1986  
Kuhnsie, Atchiekins

“Why should I live up to other people’s expectations when I have my own?”  
-10 Things I Hate About You

| Cheerleading 1-4: Captain  
3-4, All American Cheerleader 3-4, Miami Orange  
Bowl Pre-Game Show 3, VT Student Athlete  
Leadership Conference 2, Prom  
Committee 3, Softball 1-4,  
VSAC Leadership Commit­  
te 1-3, NHS 3-4, Winterball  
Committee 4, Grad  
Committee 4, Project Grad.  
4, Musical 1-4 |

Ashley,

We're so proud of you! You have accomplished so much. You are very special to us, and we love you very much. May all your dreams come true!

All our love,

Mom, Dad, Kristen, William, & Sean
Michelle L. LaBombard
May 27, 1986
Michellie, Lobo

"In the end I will be-
what I will be."
-The Two Towers
Soundtrack

Yearbook 1, Drama Club
Play 2, Rowing 1-4:
Captain 4, Walden 2 &
4, SCRUBS 1-4, Prom
Committee 3, Home-
coming Float 3, Drama
Club 1-4, One Acts 2,
New England Young
Writer's Conference 2-3

Michelle.

It seems like you just came
home. It's hard to believe
graduation is already here.
May you have a bright and
joyful future ahead of you.

Love,
Dad

Benjamin Laflam
October 29, 1985
Honkin', Benny

"Do what you want to
do, be who you want
to be."
-Unknown

Basketball 1-4, Home-
coming Float 2-4

Some people give more freely, touch
others lives more deeply, and share all
they have. They are always thinking of
others before themselves. You are one of
those special people. We are very proud
of you and love you very much. Good
luck in everything you do.

Love, Mom and Dad

Christopher Laflam
November 29, 1985

Vocational 3-4,
Baseball 2-4

Jason K. Lalumiere
July 2, 1986
JJ, JJ the Jetplane, JJ the Jukebox

"It's nigh impossible
to stop a man that
knows he's right and
keeps on coming."
-Unknown

Basketball; co-captain
2, Prom Committee,
Homecoming Float,
Big Brother 4

Jason,

Let your individuality shine, set
reachable goals, be the best you
can be while soaring to, and
achieving new horizons.

Lover, Mom, Dad, Jesse & Justin
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<td>Logan- We’re excited for the future that lies ahead of you. May your independance bring you happiness, and all your dream come true.</td>
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### Caitlin Elizabeth MacIntire
**December 19, 1986**
**Catie, Smiley**

> "Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been."
> - Mark Twain

Burlington Rifle and Pistol Club 1-4

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### Nicole McClay
**July 4, 1986**

> "Being grown up isn’t half as much fun as growing up. These are the best days of our lives. The only thing that matters is just following your heart and eventually you’ll finally get it right."
> - Ataris

Soccer 1-4

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**Dear Catie,**

We are so proud of the young woman you have become. You have proved that hard work always pays off. Keep Smiling.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Meg, and Jared

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**Daniel James- Edward McEnerney**
**February 13, 1986**
**Dan, Mac, Big Mac, Teddy Bear**

> "For all that I’ve blessed and all that I’ve wronged; and dreamed until my death, I will wander on."
> - Audio Slave

Track 1-4, Indoor Track 2-4, New England’s 3-4, Indoor New England’s 3-4, State Champions 2-4, Indoor 300 Meter State Record Holder, Band 1-4: President 4, Jazz Band 1-4, Districts 1, Boys State 3, VT Army National Guard 4.

> "...And if you listen very hard, the tune will come to you at last...where one is one and all is all, to be a rock and not to roll..." - Led Zeppelin

Love, Dad

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**Cameron Lee McMahon**
**February 4, 1986**
**Freaky, Squeegy**

> "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."
> - Mark Twain

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We are so proud of all that you are, and all that you’ve done. You are an awesome guy with strong determination and your future will take you far; know that we will always be behind you. We love you Baby Bubber!

Love, Mommy, Daddy Chet, Katie, Michael, Nathan, Colleen, and Carrie
Matthew Roger Palin
August 7, 1986
Matt

Adam Joshua Paquette
December 30, 1986

"When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the other ones which open for us."
-Alexander Graham Bell

Kindergarten Soccer Coach

We love you so much and we're very proud of you. You have set goals, met goals, and made plans that make you happy. Keep reaching for your dreams and know that we'll always be here for you.

Love you Always,
Mom, Dad, Heather, Aaron, Hailey, & Hannah

Jeremy Pidgeon
October 23, 1995

Samuel Mclean Pettibom
September 9, 1986
Spetton, Heed, Spett

"I think of a place, a time or a face, staring out at the stars in the sky. There's so many of them and we're driving by."
-The Bouncing Souls

Soccer 1-4, NEYWC 3-4, Student Council 3-4, GYLC 1-2, Prom Committee 3, Videographer, F.O.D. 0-12, Senior Video 4, Project Graduation 4, Ski Club, Skirders, Recyling Team 4

Dearest Samuel,

It's been amazing, little man. (But, we're not your real parents!) You've grown tall in every aspect of your life, leaving us in awe. Sam, you're our heart. We wish you happiness; follow your passion.

Love, Mom, Dad, Annie, and Cooper
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<td>We admire your commitment to the Fire Services Field and know that you will succeed in this area. Promise us to keep all doors to your future open</td>
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<td>(you never know what the future holds), participate in life (dance rather than sit), and talk (communication can be such a strong tool). We are always here for you. Love ya, Mom and Dad</td>
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<td>“Follow your dreams as long as you live! Never be afraid to go out on the limb to live up to your expectations. Always do things your way and always remember to have fun.” -Picabo Street. You’ve made us so proud- we love you very much. Mom and Dad</td>
<td>“She’s a devastating beauty!” As lovely on the inside, as you are on the outside. Shar-Shar, you’re an incredibly courageous young woman and I’m so proud of you. All you dream of will be yours if you always believe in yourself. (An Angel is smiling!) Love you always, Mommy Laurie Good luck. You’re the best. We love you! Dad &amp; Family</td>
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May you soar on a wing like eagles, may you run and not grow weary, may you walk and not be faint.

Now it is time to let you go and pursue your dreams. Through hard work and persistence you have achieved many accomplishments, with more to come. We are proud of you. Never let go of your dreams. We love you! Mom, Dad, and Jess

Cadden Rood
April 24, 1984

“Now to him who is able to do exceedingly more than all that we ask or imagine, according to the power that works in us, to him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ to all generations.”
- Ephesians 3:20-21

“Burn rubber, not your soul.”
-Biker Boys

FFA, Donkey Basketball

Watching you grow has been an incredible experience! You amaze us everyday with your energetic spirit. You are bright, creative, and destined for great things.

Kyle Rotax
October 10, 1986
Taxman, Taxer

“Life’s too short to sweat the small stuff, and it’s all small stuff.”
-Unknown

Ferrisburgh Vol. Fire Dept., Forestry

Good job Kyle, you’ve done it! We all are very proud of you, and your accomplishments. Good luck in the future, keep your chin up, and good things will come to you. After all we have been through, I’m glad we’ve become friends. You will always have a true friend here. -Dad

Together that it will feel more like a roller coaster than a road. Hold on to the certainties; the rest will slide by, visible only from behind. Remember, the mountains that are the hardest to climb will reward you with the greatest views. Keep going, persevere, and enjoy this ride called life! Mom and Dad
**William Rule**  
Birthday  
Nicknames

“What part of stay in line don’t you understand?”  
-Dale Earnhardt

Buddy, you’ve faced many challenges and you’ve grown because of them. Remember that you are connected to the whole world. We’re proud of you.

We love you,  
Dad and Diana

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**Sarah Rhea Saltus**  
October 29, 1986  
Salty, Gremlin

“I will remember the things I did for awhile, but the people I did them with I will remember forever.”  
-Unknown  
Drama Club, Walden, One Acts

May your years ahead of you be filled with as much happiness as you have given us.

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**Samantha N. Scott**  
September 16, 1986  
Sam, Shorty

“It’s not what you look at that matters, it’s what you see.”  
-Henry David Thoreau  
GMCC JC, River Watch, Chorus 1-3, Band 1, Big Brother/Big Sister Program

Sam- The years have gone by so fast. Just yesterday I remember following your bus to Kindergarten, so proud of you then, and so proud of you now. You are a wonderful and capable person. You have been a constant joy to us. Go forward knowing you have all our unconditional love and support.  
-Dad and Mom

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**Leah Marie Sears**  
March 8, 1986  
Leelee, Lee, Darv

“Dream as if you’ll live forever, live as if you’ll die today.”  
-James Dean  
Softball 1-4, Band 1-4, Musical Technical Crew 1 & 3, Vocational Culinary Arts I & II

Leah, Congratulations! We are very proud of you. You have become a beautiful young woman and we know you will make the world a better place. Always remember through good times and bad, Mom and Dad will always love you. With all our love and God’s many blessings, Mom, Dad, Tyler, and Andy
| Gordie E. Seavey | November 1, 1986 | Pocohontas, Bethy Number | NOLE, Soccer 1-4, Track 1-3, Girls State, Governor's Institute, Peer Mediation 1-4, Band 1-4, Chorus 1-2, Student Council 1-4, Prom Committee, SCRUNDS, Cheese Club, Rowing Club, Champlain Discovery, Addison United Soccer, Project Grad. Committee, Mom Club |  |
| July 15, 1986 | Gordo, Gordonius, Gordie |  |
| “Your hands and feet are mangoes. You’re going to be a genius anyway! A picture of nectar. FRIDAY NIGHT, you’re not going to get in. Saturday, you’re gonna try one more time. Sunday morning, just waiting for the afternoon so I can be a kid again.” -Duhyne Pehupa Baseball 1-4, Fall Ball 2-4, Prom Committee, Peer Mediation 4, Drum Major 4, Jazz Band 2 & 4, Denim Vest, F.O.D. 1-4, Senior Video, Band 1-4, Ski Club, Skidders, Project Grad. | Gifted, lucky, smart, good looks. I’d trade it all for you, cause you got heart! Bold, fair, yet sensitive. All that know you- benefit We were blessed Wow! Mom and Dad |  |
| Violet Smith | November 12, 1986 | Leanne S. Sorrell | Leanne- Words cannot express our love and how proud we are. You are truly a blessing and a joy. You have grown to be a responsible, caring, and independent young lady. The future is yours and we are confident you will succeed in whichever path you choose. Remember, we will always be here for you. We love you. Mom, Dad and Michaela | Leanne, Leannie |  |
| May 4, 1986 | Sorrelly, Leannie |  |
| “May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back, the sunshine upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.” -Irish Blessing Cheerleading, Miss VT Jr. National Teenager 02, Essay Winner, VT History Day 1st Place, Girls State Senator Pro-Tem & Outstanding Member of the Senate, Girls Nation Choir, Poms & Flips, Addison County Youth Coordinator, 247 Youth Band, History Club, Chorus, Student Mentor | “Dream as if you’ll live forever, live as if you’ll die today.” -James Dean Track and Field 2, Flag Team 3, Fletcher Allen Explorers 2-4, MedQuest 2, Graduation Committee 4, Vocational 4, German Exchange 4 |  |
| Dear Violet- Here it is, graduation time, and you are onto the next, into your dreams! With love, a happy heart, and big smile, Mom Dear Violet- May you always draw clear, loving guidance from the deep well of your brilliant spirit. May you always be surrounded by the simple joys of this life. Love Always- Dad | Dear Violet- Here it is, graduation time, and you are onto the next, into your dreams! With love, a happy heart, and big smile, Mom Dear Violet- May you always draw clear, loving guidance from the deep well of your brilliant spirit. May you always be surrounded by the simple joys of this life. Love Always- Dad |  |
| Gordie- You have been sunshine in our lives since you were born. We are so proud of you. Never lose your brightness, your heart, and your humor. Use your talents-there are great things ahead. Love, Mom, Dad, and Lizzie |  |
"So let's get to the point, let's roll another... and head on down that road to somewhere. I gotta go cause you don't know how it feels to be me."

-Tom Petty

Soccer 1-2, Drama 1-4, Student Director 4, SCRUBS 1-4, Student Council 1-2, Puzzle Club 3-4, NEYWC 3-4

Forget your lust for the rich man's gold, all that you need is in your soul. Go forth. Come home often.

-Your First Audience

Ashley E. Swenor
October 23, 1986
Ash

Vocational 2-3

Ashley, I am very proud of you. I will be with you now, forever, forever and always. You're the love of my life. Congratulations.

Love, John N.

Ashley, you have grown into such a beautiful young woman. We are so very proud of you. Take life seriously but find something to laugh at each and every day.

Love,
Mom and Dad

To a great kid, who we are very proud parents of. We are very proud to see Patrick graduate from high school. We would like to see Patrick make something of himself.

Love,
Mom and Dad

William James VanDeWeert
July 2, 1986
Bill, Billy, Willy

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.”

-Romans 1:16

Student Council 3-4, Peer Tutor 3-4, Youth Group 1-4, FFA 1-4, Farm Bureau 1-4, Prom Committee 3, Boys State 3, Homecoming Float 3-4, German Exchange 4, National Honor Society 3-4, Youth Leadership Conference 3, Washington Leadership Conference 2, Dialogue on Freedom 4, Rotary Rep 4

Billy,
We are so proud of you! Your possibilities are unlimited. May God always guide you every step of the way. Thank you for bringing so much joy into our lives.

With Love,
Mom and the old man
Maria Aleida Verburg  
October 31, 1986  
Ria

"Be very careful, then, how you live- not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of every opportunity."

- Ephesians 5:15-16

"Poet Next Door"
Group, Library Assistant, CRC Young Peoples, Who's Who in America

Dear Maria,
You are a wonderful gift from God to us! We are proud of what you do and who you are. We pray that our Lord will continue to bless you your whole life, as you walk closely with Him.

Love, Mom and Dad

Jonathan D. White  
August 7, 1986  
Whitey

"Embraced by dead leaves as the rain leaves trails of black down my face, I creep through the twilight to that hidden place beyond the lonely."

- Unknown
Drama 2-3, Musical 3-4, Swim Team 2, Cheerleading 3-4, Chorus 1-3, Commodore Singers 4

Jonathan- A Gift From God, Always be yourself, life's more interesting that way. Lead, don't follow, it smells better.

Love,  
Mom

Chad C. Volk  
June 5, 1986  
Chet, Chiad

"These three little sentences will get you through life:
1. Cover for me.
2. Oh, good idea, Boss!
3. It was like that when I got here."

- Homer Simpson
Peer Tutor 1

Chad- You were beating us at video games at age 2, and we haven't been able to understand your homework since you were in 9th grade! You, son, have never struggled to exceed our expectations. You are going to go far in this life. You are a special gift to us.

Love a very proud and thankful,

Mom and Dad

Seniors 23
The Greek Garden

King and Queen
Trevor Allen & Emily Kipp

Court

Dan McEnery, Andy Klopfenstein, Bill Vandeweert, Sam Pettibon, Kyle Burkhett, Trevor Allen, Emily Kipp, Madalaine Glassberg, Jessica Beinhaur, Alicia Bruso, Ashley Kuhns, and Sharrah Ploof.
The Road Not Taken
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;  
Then too the other, as just as fair,  
And perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear  
Though as for that, the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,  
And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.  
I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.
- Robert Frost
2004 Blue & White is dedicated to our principal:

Peter Coffey

He knew a path that wanted walking;
He knew a path that wanted drinking;
A thought that wanted further thinking;
A love that wanted renewing.

--Robert Frost

Devotion
The heart can think of no devotion
Greater than being shore to the ocean--
Holding the curve of one position,
Counting an endless repetition.

--Robert Frost
Mr. Coffey started at Vergennes as principal in 1998, the same year that the class of 2004 came to the high school as 7th graders.

Since then, Mr. Coffey has been more than a principal to us. He has inspired us to be great, coached us in soccer, drove our buses, got us involved in school affairs and just generally been a great friend. Thank you!! We will miss you next year!

--From the Senior Class

He is a pursuer.
He seeks a seeker who in his turn seeks
Another still, lost far into the distance.
Any who seek him seek in him the seeker.
His life is a pursuit of a pursuit forever.
It is the future that creates his present.
All is an interminable chain of longing.

--Robert Frost
under-
Classmen
Neil Abrahamson  
Andrew Armell  
Magen Baker  
Nicole Baldwin  
Kyle Barnes  
Dylan Barrows  

Hannah Barrows  
Craig Basol  
Heather Bedard  
Courtney Beinhaur  
Will Benton  
Curtis Bessette  

Scott Botala  
Scott Bourdon  
Amanda Brace  
Nicole Bradley  
Jesse Brigan  
Ben Bristow  

36 Underclassmen
Star Allen
Alison Austin
Halley Bagley
Joshua Baldwin
Amy Barrows
Matthew Benoit

Ryan Birkett
Kristen Bissonette
Jason Bosworth
Zachary Brown
Caitlin Bruce
Amanda Burlock

Daniel Cameron
Julianne Canty
Aaron Caum
James Conway
Jordan Cook
Kaylee Cota
Ava Lavigne
Sawyer Lecompte
Andrew LeGault
Gabrielle Mailloux
Charles Mangus
Megan Marcotte

Antonia Martell
Nicholas Miller
Shanta Miller
Tammy Miner
Ryan Moulton
Edward Nill

Andrew Nolan
Benjamin Osicky
Matthew Ouellette
Hannah Parsons
Evan Payne
Jacob Pecca

Lacie Pickett
Kayla Pixley
Alysha Plow
Jessica Prouty
Susan Provost
Amy Quinlan

Rachel Quinn
Andrew Recupero
Matthew Redmond
Jade Reed
Kelsey Reed
Jacob Ringer

Joseph Rivers
Kaleb Roberts
Christie Robtoy
Garrett Rochester
Melissa Ruggles
William Ryan

Julie Schoonmaker
Ryan Scott
Henry Shaw
Oliver Shea
Miles Shorey
Travis Simpson

42 Underclassmen
Matt Abare
Dan Adams
Tyler Andersen
Ross Arrnell
Elias Baldwin
Ashley Barnes

Justin Birchmore
Logan Blacklock
Bridgette Bolduc
Katrina Booska-Moulton
Amber Braun
Mandy Brunton

Chelsie Buck
Rachael Burmania
Ashley Bushell
Christina Cannon
Joseph Carter
Kyle Castillo

44 Underclassmen
Elizabeth McCarthy
Danielle McClay
David McClellan
Corey Melnick
Nathan Merrill
Joshua Miller

Chelsea Montani
Philip Nevins
Christopher Newton
Sonja Oosterman
Nydelis Ortiz-Rivera
Jessica Palin

Heather Paquette
Sara Partington
Christopher Payne
Jacob Phinney
Brendan Pierce
Kody Ploof

Aimee Plouffe
Matthew Pratt
Kimberly Prime
Michael Prime
Jessica Rochon
Steven Roorda

Arthur Rossetti
Shiloh Rosseau
Sierra Rosseau
Rachel Ruggles
Amanda Scott
Hilary Senesac

Elizabeth Seevee
Hanna Spencer
Kristen Steele
Danica Stetson
Brittany Strunk
Jason Struvevant

Mark Taylor
Wendy Torrey
Rebecca Trayah
Jacob Trombley
Lindi VanDeWeert
John Viscido

46 Underclassmen
Introduction To Academics
Mr. Karl Steen
2003-2004 Teacher of the Year

When did you know you would be a teacher, and how did you come to make that decision?
I made the decision from an intuitive place, really. It just seemed wrong not to do it. In addition to my parents, I have been inspired by Scott Gibson, a fellow educator and second cousin, my former AP English teacher, who sparked my critical engine and love for rhetoric; Andre Lachance, my cooperating teacher at Champlain Valley, who taught about what really matters in the classroom—the relationships with students; and Matt Schlein, who continues to remind me of what education should look like.

From where do you gather the inspiration to be a successful educator?
From the students. There is no other authentic source for such inspiration.

What are the guiding principles you take into the classroom each day?
One: Teaching is a human endeavor, irreducible to business metaphors, the scientific method or logic. Not objectivity, but subjectivity.
Two: Happiness is a choice.
My students are...
The most valuable and least valued resource in our community.

Taken from the Addison Independent
Central Office Staff
Back Row, L to R: Hilda Tallman, Carol Anderson, Tom O'Brien, Bob Owens, Kitty Oxholm and Donna Corcoran.
Front Row, L to R: Sally Bushey, Cecile Gebo, Betty Lewis, Alyson Cota and Carol Spencer.

Spotlight on Mrs. Bouteneff
Full name: Manya C. Bouteneff
Where she grew up: Just north of New York City
Most embarrassing moment: Spilling chocolate ice cream all over myself at a wedding reception.
If you were an animal, which would you be and why? A hippo, because they look so big and awkward, but run fast and enjoy swimming and mudbaths!
**Spotlight on Mrs. Cole-Levesque**

**Full Name:** Virginia A. Cole-Levesque

**Where she grew up:** Nebraska, New Foundland, Virginia, German and Massachusetts

**Favorite Color:** Blue

**Dream Vacation:** Australia and New Zealand

**Shoe Size:** 9
The Abbey Group

Spotlight on Mrs. Kuhns

- Family: Husband, two daughters and a son
- Favorite Food: Spaghetti
- Dream Job: Dressing up as Mickey Mouse at Disney World
- If you were an animal, which would you be and why? A dog, so I could sleep all day, be fed and have a squeaky toy to take my frustrations out on!
Spotlight on Mrs. Morse

Full name: Lenore Morse
Where she grew up: West Hartford, Conn.
Favorite Food: Shrimp
Favorite TV Show: West Wing
Past Jobs: English teacher, yearbook advisor, telemarketing sales, farm laborer, camp counselor, deli clerk and proofreader.
Full Name: Leo John Racht

Where he grew up: Chicago area and Essex Junction

High school: Essex High School

Favorite Movie: Gone with the Wind

Most embarrassing moment: Forgetting the cruise tickets on my honey-moon.
Spotlight on Mark Powers

- Family: A wife and two sons, age 14 and 18
- Favorite Movie: Lord of the Rings
- Dream Car: Porsche GT
- Past Jobs: Carpenter, mechanic, construction foreman, vocational teacher
Spotlight on Miss Kapsch

Full name: Megan Louise Kapsch
Where you grew up: Mansfield, Conn.
High School: E.O. Smith
Dream Car: Baha Rabbit GTI
If you were an animal, which would you be and why? Dolphin- nothing beats jumping around in the ocean.
I went to high school at St. Timothy's School in Annapolis, Maryland."

“My first real job was working on the docks at a marina during high school.”

“On good days, teaching history at VUHS is my dream job!”
Jeff Spencer

Full Name: Jeffrey E. Spencer
High School: BFA St. Albans
Favorite Color: Grey
Dream car: A Chevy Suburban that burns H$_2$O for fuel
Most Embarrassing moment: Just now remembering my most embarrassing moment.
If you were an animal, which would you be and why? I am an animal.
Spotlight on Mrs. Cook

- **Family:** Husband Ed., daughter Jalen, age 3, and son Quincy, age 7 months.
- **Where she grew up:** On a farm in Sheldon, VT
- **Dream Car:** 1964 Mustang
- **Dream Vacation:** Australia
- **Favorite Food:** Pizza
Pat Job: Wendy
Favorite Food: Creamed spinach
If you were an animal, which would you be and why? Capybara!
Favorite Color: Taupe
Most embarrassing moment: Realizing I own the worst car in EITHER parking lot
"If I was an animal, I'd want to be a golden retriever because of their great personalities."

"Before I started teaching, I was a pilot in the Air Force."

"My most embarrassing moment was meeting a former student at a bank, but forgetting her name!"
School to Work is a program individually designed for students who would like a hands-on work experience in a field in which they have a special interest. School to Work gives students who are college bound or planning to join the work force after graduation a chance to see what their chosen field is really all about.

The Challenge program is for students who want to be challenged beyond the typical classroom. Two teachers work with individual students to set up a learning experience that will challenge them in a particular area of the student's interest. Students may use resources both in and outside of the school building. An oral and written presentation is required at the end of the project.
Spotlight on Diana Clark

Full Name: Diana Clark

Past Jobs: Burger King Drive Thru

Hobbies: Kayaking, Hiking

Favorite Movie: A Fish Called Wanda

Dream Job: Game show host
**Spotlight on Edward Gebo**

- Past Jobs: IBM Emergency Control Tech, Fire Chief
- Hobbies: hunting, fishing, running Mr. Ed's Food Van
- High School: Vergennes Union High School
- Peanuts or Cashews? Cashews, but old age says not to eat them any more!
The Vergennes Girls Varsity Soccer team headed into the 2003 season as the two-time defending Vermont State Champions. They battled hard in every match and were very competitive with all of their opponents. The team played especially well in the post season and notched a good win in the first round against Fair Haven. Their reign as champions ended at Lamoille with a tough 2-1 loss.
Congratulations!


Front: L to R: Emily Kipp, Manager Courtney Beinhaur, Magen Baker, Beth Shorney, Alison Austin, Alicia Briso, Halley Bogley, Alicia Catchapaw and Kelsey Reed.

2003

9/3/2003 Montpelier
9/5/2003 U-32
9/13/2003 GMVS
9/17/2003 Middlebury
9/20/2003 Lamoille
9/23/2003 Rice
9/27/2003 Mt. Abe
9/29/2003 Springfield
10/1/2003 Middlebury
10/3/2003 Milton
10/7/2003 BFA Fairfax
10/9/2003 Lamoille
10/11/2003 Missisquoi
10/14/2003 Mt. Abe

Soccer 73
Coach Tim Lindemeyer was extremely pleased as a first year coach to work with a group of hardworking boys in varsity soccer. The team ended its regular season with a 5-9 record and was 2-5 in the league. During playoffs they were seeded 12th holding their own against Randolph, Montpelier and Milton. They finished in the semi-finals with a disappointing 3-0 loss to Burr and Burton. Overall, Coach Lindemeyer believes this was a good season. The team suffered several 1 point losses but played very well against some strong opponents.
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Congratulations!

Back L to R: Coach Tim Lindenmeyer, Ben Bristow, Joe Gallien, Will Glassberg, Pete Housekeeper, Brian Raymond, Ben Johnson and Captain Taylor Paul.

Front L to R: Andy Recupero, Morgan Costgrove, Will Benton, Justin Richardson, Dillon Barrows and Captain David Plankay. Not Pictured: Sam Pettibon and Sam Lange.
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Boys Junior Varsity

Soccer

Back, L to R: Anthony Yantz, Andrew LeGault, Jamie Watkins, Scott Bourdon, Henry Shaw, Matt Plankay, Kyle Castillo, and Miles Shorey
A new year, a new coach, a new team... The youthful girls' team, with only two seniors, expected to take some lumps this year, and, in the won/lost category, did. However, the team experienced tremendous growth in skill and execution over the course of the season. Certainly the defense was able to challenge some very skilled Division I teams. The team has learned what it takes to win. This year's hard work has been a preparation for much loftier goals next season.
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**Congratulations!**

Back: L to R: Caleb Pole Quinn, Hannah Crayson, Amy Barrows, Jess Jaggars, Heather Bedard, Courtney Flemming, Megan Greenbaum, Lindsey Callham and Manager Amy Flynn. 
Front: L to R: Alicia Latchayow, Carlin Magill, Emily Kipp, Lynsey Barrows, Mandie Scott and Amanda McRorie.

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Varsity Boys

Basketball

The boys’ varsity basketball team began the season with many new faces and a new coach, Mr. Mark Paradis. After struggling through a difficult first half, they went 5-5 in the Lake Division, including a home upset of Division I school Mississquoi! The return of several key players next year will give the team a solid basis for improvement. This year seniors were Jason Lalumiere, Kyle Desgardin, Ben Adams and Ben Laflam.
2003

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Congratulations!

Front: L to R: Josh Darragh, Will Benton, Judd Evans, Ben Laflamme and Mike Steadman.
Junior Varsity Girls Basketball

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2/12/2004  Middlebury
2/14/2004  Mt. Mansfield
2/18/2004  So. Burlington
2/20/2004  Spaulding

Front row: L to R: Bridgette Bolduc, Ellyn Webb, Kelsa Reed, Sarah Hodsdon and Tawny Doyette.
Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Back row, L to R: Coach Matt DeBlois, Will Glassberg, Nick Donnelly, Jade Reed, Sawyer LeCompte, Justin Richardson and Coach Ed Cook.
Front row, L to R: Mike Steadman, Kyle Jones, Joe Carter, Andy Nolan, Nate Merrill and Shaw Kipp.

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We had a very good season this year, our final record was 11-9. Our schedule was much harder this year than it has been in the past. The first half of the season was a bit rocky, but we pulled out wins against Middlebury and Colchester. The second half of the season we compiled an 8-2 record. All of our games were very exciting and the team never quit. I really enjoyed coaching this team and I am looking forward to next season!

—Coach Cook
The 2003-2004 Commodore cheerleaders scored big this year! They placed 2nd at the Central Vermont Cheerleading competition in Rutland, and took an awesome 3rd at the State Championship at St. Mikes. They competed at a higher level this year than they have in the past several years thanks to the hard work of all the girls, including seniors Alicia Bruso, Ashley Kuhns, and Jon White, and coaches Deb Hall and Robin Brigan. Coach Hall would like to thank the parents for all of their support during this exciting season. See you next year!
2003-2004
January 31st- Central Vermont Cheerleading Competition in Rutland

February 14th- State Championship at St. Mikes

Congratulations!

Back Row, L to R: Chelsea Vincent, Melissa Ruggles, Star Allen, Jim White, Dani Hausler, Kayla Pixley, Alex Larrive, Ashley Bushell and Coach Deb Hall
Front Row, L to R: Jessica Predom, Jade Denny, Alexa Brown, Ashley Kuhns, Danica Stetson, Kaylee Curtis and Lindsay Carter
Junior Varsity Cheerleading

Back: L to R: Elizabeth Goyette, Whitney Denny, Amber Braun and Megan MacIntire
Front: L to R: Kim Worley, Alexis LeBerge and Kristin Steele  Missing: Coach Theresa Smith

86 Cheerleading
The Middlebury Marlins swim team swims mornings and evenings at Mt. Abe's indoor pool. The Marlins are coached by Kevin Highfield and Sarah Broadbeck. The team consists of mostly Middlebury swimmers, but there are a few swimmers that are from Vergennes Union High School, as seen at left. The team is part of the New England Swimming Association.
Before this season Vergennes track was known for having a couple fast kids, but not really being a contender in the state. Well, after this record-breaking season, the secret is out. We overcame our share of injuries, difficulties, and challenging training environments to prove that any team that wants to lay claim to being one of the best in the state has to go through us first.

The girls all set personal best times and distances, while the boys finished second at states, breaking several state records along the way. It doesn’t get much better than that. To those coming back... the guantlet has been thrown. To those who will be leaving us, know that you have helped take indoor track in Vermont to a whole new level. And remember run fast, run free.
2003

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12/20/2003  UVM
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1/10/2004   UVM
1/17/2004   UVM
1/31/2004   Norwich
2/7/2004    Norwich
2/14/2004   States @
3/1/2004    Norwich
2/27/2004   New Englands
at Reggie
Lewis in
Boston

Congratulations!

Back: L to R: Matt Plankoy, Tom Juggers, Brad Castillo, Jeff Kauffman, Brian Raymond, Dave Plankoy, Dan McInerny, Coach Jim Becker, Mike Prime, and Seth Cowan.
Middle: L to R: Mike Sorell, Jake Ringer, Matt Benoist, Nathaniel Robtoy, Ryan Scott, Chad Rule, Alex McChuck and Kyle Castillo
Front: L to R: Chris Edwards, Sarah Gullion, Christina Cannon, and Jen Strong.

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Back, L to R: Amanda Jerry, Megan Marcotte, Alicia Catchapaw, Kristin Kuhns
Middle, L to R: Candance Swan, Ashley Plantier, Eliza Benton, Ashley Kuhns, Alice Bruno, Amber Hayes.
Front, L to R: Coach Lissa Gebo, Rumsey Bristow, Julie Hansjord, Lilah Ross
Varsity Baseball

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5/24/2003  Northfield

Back, l. to R: Coach George Ringer, Joe Rivors, Marco Samaritoni, Dan Sleeper, Eric Kauffman, Chris Laffam and Coach Dave.
Front, l. to R: Judd Evans, Caleb Roberts, Cody Prime, Morgan Cowgrove, Gordon Seeve, Kyle Burkett, Ian Burkett and Turner Royce.
Junior Varsity Softball

Spring 2003 Schedule
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5/24/2003  Northfield

Above: L to R: Haley Bagley, Hannah Parsons, Emily Parsons, Jen St. Jean.

THE TEAM
Top Row, L to R: Amy Quinlan, Adrienne Devino, Melissa Ruggles
Middle Row, L to R: Haley Bagley, Jen St. Jean, Hannah Parsons, Candance Swan
Bottom Row, L to R: Emily Parsons, and Alysha Sumner
Missing From picture: Erin Gutowski
2003 Spring Golf Schedule

4/20/2003 St. Johnsbury vs. SJ A, NCU, Rice

4/30/2003 Vt. National vs. MUHS, CVU, SJA

5/6/2003 Middlebury vs. MVU, Rice, MMU

5/9/2003 Basin Harbour vs. MAU, BHS, MHS

5/14/2003 Basin Harbour vs. NCU, MVU, SBHS

5/20/2003 West Bolton vs. BFA, BHS, NCU

5/22/2003 Essex vs. MAU, NCU, BHS

5/27/2003 Cedar Knoll vs. SHS, BHS, MUHS

The Team: L to R: Ben Bristow, Tyler Pierce, Coach Dana Cole-Levesque, Mark Bourdon, Matt Jackman, Will Benton, John Barton, Jason Howlager.
I'm sure everyone would agree that probably one of the best images from the season was every meet when the whole time would be lining that final turn screaming their heads off for our 4x4 relays. Or maybe it was running intervals in the snow at Middlebury. Or perhaps the one (yes, we did have one) sunny meet all year. Either way, we worked hard, played hard, always pushed and encouraged each other, and nothing stood in our way.

The girl's team was the largest it has been in years. We relied heavily on our seniors, however a whole host of new faces joined our ranks. With so many younger athletes just starting to realize their potential, girl's track will quickly develop into one of the top teams in the state. On the boy's side, Vergennes is now a name synonymous with fast runners, a trait that we proved time a time again, capping it off with the fastest 4x100 time in the state.

To all those track stars that have graduated and moved on to other things, the team truly thanks you for your contributions, and we will miss you. For all those returning veterans, the future looks bright. Combining you work ethic and dedication and the enthusiasm of our rookies is a recipe for new championships and titles. Let's get to it. Now, I believe you have some intervals to run.

-Coach Becker

Above Left: Sarah Gullion getting ready to participate in the discus event. Above Right: Look at Alex Melnick run in the relay! Go Alex! Bottom: Brad Castillo gives it all he's got in the long jump!
Schedule

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4/22/2003 Colchester
5/01/2003 Montpelier
5/08/2003 U-32
5/09/2003 Burlington Invite-Boys
5/10/2003 Burlington Invite-Girls
5/14/2003 Winooksi
5/20/2003 U-32
5/23/2003 Middlebury
5/24/2003 Hanover
6/07/2003 States: U-32
6/11/2003 Meet of Champs
6/14/2003 New Englands

Congratulations
Track!


Middle Row: L to R: Alex Mednick, Sarah Gullion, Theo Spencer, Michelle Mundin, Dan McInerney, Jeff Kauffman, Jake Ringer, Brian Raymond, Justin LeVison.

Spring Champions

Ben Bristow competes in individual with the Middletown Alpine team. He places 7th in division at the States Bowl and he also competed in a night race.

Keri Raymond: Tripl Jump Champion at the Meet of Champions.

Justin Livemson: Relay Champion of Champions.

Dan McNamara: Ryan Scott, Brian Raymond, Jeff Kaufman.
By ANDY KIRKALDY (From the Addison Independent)

VERGENNES- The Vergennes Union High School indoor track team continued its successful first varsity season by setting a state record this past Saturday at a major regional meet at Dartmouth College. The Commodore 4x400 meter relay team finished in 3:42.21, knocking 72 seconds off the former record of 3:42.93.

The runners were David Plankey, Jeff Katzman, Brian Raymond and Dan McEnery. Their performance thrilled Coach Jim Becker and the rest of the Commodore squad.

“That was big for us,” he said.

Becker said the Commodore boys' squad as a whole has consistently finished "second or third in every meet," even though nagging injuries and scheduling conflicts have prevented the boys from fielding their "A" team at any meet.

The Commodores are having "a great season so far" and believe they can overtake Essex and claim the state indoor title at the Feb. 14 state championships, Becker said.

“They're still very excited, very much looking forward to the state meet," he said.

The four sprinters on the relay team racked up individual points as well as scoring as a group.

“They're always first or second in their events,” Becker said.

Miller Theo Spencer, who recently finished in under 5 minutes, and middle-distance runner Mike Sorrell have also consistently boosted the boys' team, Becker said.

The Commodore girls lack the experience and depth of the boys' squad, Becker said, but have consistently performed well. Sprinter Rachel Burman and shot-putter Sarah Guillon have been steady scorers for the girls' team, and Becker said the squad's steady improvement bodes well for the future.

“Everyone is doing well,” he said. “The team is surpassing all expectations."
ACTIVITIES
The 2004 Blue and White was an effort of a small group of dedicated individuals. We all worked on each section together, dividing tasks up by who was skilled at what. This year was a rebuilding year, with only two or three returning staff members. We spent a lot of time working on the basics—how to use the publishing software Adobe, how to crop pictures, how to take pictures, how to write stories. We also focused on some basic concepts—like trying to have some continuity throughout the book. We paid attention to detail and celebrated with pizza parties when we completed our deadlines. This year we also decided to offer yearbook personalization and icons as a bonus. Next year will be even more of a rebuilding year—lots of enthusiastic new staff members will be needed!

—2004 Blue & White Editor, Allison Burlock

P.S. I hope you like the book!
2004 Blue & White Staff:
Allison Burlock- Editor
Theresa Davis
Ali Hodsdon
Stirling Gibbs
Nydelis Oritz Rivera
Ellyn Webb
Kara Grimes
Justin Brunet
Dustin Benning
Jessie Sturtevant
Mrs. McEneny- Advisor
Mrs. Coffey- Advisor

Honorary Staff Members-
(These people/businesses were not officially on the staff, but they contributed significantly)

Bethany Shorey
Addison Independent Dreammakers Photo
Tim Dula
Chris Brady
Lisa O’Brien
Angie Dykema

And a big thanks to our Jostens Reps, Barbara Miller and Stephen Sands, and our plant rep John Fletcher.
Our high school student council is a group of elected representatives from each class. We are dedicated to providing activities to increase student involvement in our school. We try to make our school a respectful but fun place to learn. We plan many student activities, among them dances, homecoming activities, and food drives. We currently have a recycling program in place. Get involved next year!

Pictured at right are the members of the executive council, President Bill Vandeweer, Vice President Courtney Bienhaur, Secretary Beth Shorey and Treasurer Sam Pettibon.

Senior Class Officers- President Emily Kipp, Vice President Madelaine Glassberg, Treasurer Andy Klopfenstein, Secretary Theresa Davis.

Junior Class Officers- President Taylor Paul, Vice President Sarah Cyr, Treasurer Maddie Russett, Secretary Jade Denny and Representatives Heather Bedard and Morgan Cosgrove.
Sophomore Class Officers- President Adrienne Devino, Vice President Ellyn Webb, Treasurer Jamie Watkins, Secretary Kristen Kuhns and Representatives Sawyer LeCompte and Nicole Curler.

Freshman Class Officers- President Amanda Scott, Treasurer Amber Braun, Secretary Sophie Larson and Representative Lizzie Seve and Lindy Vandeweer.
The Youth Alive Club is a Christian based club. They try to learn more about God and build a better relationship with him. They meet every Friday morning at 7:30 in room C15. All are welcome.
French Trip


Spanish Trip


German Exchange

Back Row; L to R: Maria Verberg, Brittany Devino, Logan LeCompte, Erika Counter, Jason Wilbur, Justin Richardson, Meredith Bessette, Andy Klopfenstein and Mr. Powers. Second Row; L to R: Sarah Cyr, Amanda McBride, Mrs. Minns, Alison Carmichael, Leanne Sorrell, Amy Partington and Jen St. Jean. Front Row; L to R: Caitlin Magill, Jessica Predom, Allison Myrick and Devin Bushey. Missing: Theresa Davis.
Math team is designed for students who enjoy doing math problems. We have five meet competitions throughout the year where we compete against BFA St. Albans, Burlington, Colchester, CVU, Essex Junction, Mt. Abe, South Burlington, and Rice. Twelve-minute tests are given in the areas of Arithmetic, Geometry, Algebra, and Advanced Math. There is also a team test, which five students have 20 minutes to complete. Every competition ends with milk and cookies!

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We all have stories to tell. This year the Otter Creek History Basin researched and presented stories on local and state history topics. Members were busy entering state and national competitions in research, writing and speech. To date this year we have three state championships and more great stories to tell. Come join us and explore the past and see its connections to now and the future.
The National Honor Society (NHS) is an organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

The object of VUHS's NHS chapter is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership and to encourage the development of character in students. This year students had done this by assisting students as peer tutors and collecting gifts for local children during the holiday time. Congratulations and keep up the great work!
Special Recognition

HOBY Award - Jamie Watkins

DAR Good Citizen - Bethany Shorey

Rotary Club Student Representative - William Van DeWeert

American Legion Oratorical Contest Winner - Elizabeth White
Special Recognition

Miss Vermont National Teen

Left- Miss Vermont Senior National Teen 2003, Lindsay Gallison.

Right- Miss Vermont Junior National Teen 2003, Elizabeth White.

School Board Representatives

Leslie Kinson and Madelaine Glassberg.

Girls State Delegates

Back Row; L to R: Sharrah Ploof, Allison Burlock.
Front Row; L to R: Violet Smith, Bethany Shorey.

Boys State Delegates

Left to right: Bill Vandeweert, Dan McEnerny, David Plankey and Brad Castillo. Missing: Jeff Kauffman.
8.

Winter Ball Committee

Back Row, L to R: Bethany Shorey, Sam Lange, Darren Curler, Sam Pettibon, Emily Kipp, Caitlin McIntire, Leanne Sorrell, and Theresa Davis.

Front row, L to R: Sharrah Ploof, Ashley Kuhns, Madelaine Glassberg. Missing: Alicia Bruso, Meredith Bessette, and Mark Bourdon.

Project Graduation Committee

L to R: Ashley Kuhns, Alison Carmichael, Bill Vandeweert, Bethany Shorey, Allison Burlock, Sam Pettibon, Gordon Sevee and Andy Klopfenstein.

Missing: Theresa Davis, Erica Counter, Leanne Sorrell, Stephanie Culver, Alicia Bruso, Meredith Bessette and Advisor Mr. Boyce.

Graduation Committee

L to R: Bill Vandeweert, Sam Pettibon, Sam Lange, Emily Kipp, Bethany Shorey, Theresa Davis, Ashley Swenor, Alison Carmichael, and Allison Burlock.
Back Row: L to R: Andrea Lalumiere, Nikko Baldwin, Maddie Russett, Jessica Flood, Amy Partington, Ben Johnson, Brian Raymond, Taylor Paul, Morgan Cosgrove, Justin Richardson, and Dan Sleeper.


High School Peer Mediators: Jason Fishwager, Meredith Bessette, Madeline Glassberg, Bethany Shorey, Gordon Sevec, Sophie Larson, Malt Abare and Bridgette Bolduc.


The peer mediators this year were a dedicated bunch from both the middle school and high school. These students were committed to mediation as a way to resolve conflict and worked hard to foster that idea here at VUHS. In addition to mediation within our school, they trained a group of students from Otter Valley High School and worked with students from VUES, hoping to pass along those skills to others. Thank you and good luck to all of our graduating mediators.
This winter Vergennes students had the opportunity to participate in several state-wide slopestyle competitions leading up to a state championship in March. We had a great turnout for our first year, with ten students (give or take a few), coming out to brave the cold weather, not to mention bus rides. With only one senior on the roster, you can be sure these groms will be honing their skills to come back and represent in 2005.

The Rowing Team had a great fall season! We practiced on Otter Creek and Lake Champlain, perfecting our teamwork and rowing skills in the Maritime Museum's pilot gigs. We welcomed lots of new members from both the high school and middle school. We successfully competed in the James Wakefield Rescue Row in Burlington. We traveled to compete in the Head of the Wall and the Icebreaker in Massachusetts and spent some time sightseeing and hanging out in Boston. We are looking forward to an equally successful spring season as soon as the ice melts! The team wishes the best of luck to our seniors in their future endeavors! Thank you so much for your contributions over the past four years! -Lauren Wright
Knitting Club

Knitting club is a fun time for all of us to get together, hangout, knit of course, and eat brownies. Thanks to Padge for supplying us with all the great goodies. It’s surprising how many guys have joined us this year! Oh, and to everyone reading this, come and join us next year. Learning how to knit is lots of fun, especially with friends. There will always be someone willing to teach you.

-Stirling

Recycling

Kyle Burkett, Josh Tallman, Brian Raymond and Sam Pettibon. Missing: Advisors Kelly Trahah and Ms. Wiger.
This year VTLS is proud to be the home of VTLS's National Rep. Allison Burke. Allison has traveled to Philadelphia and St. Louis representing Vermont, and also spoke in front of 600 people at a conference in Burlington this fall, as well as hosting many other events in the state for VTLS.
Back Row: L to R: Pete Houskeeper, Jason Bosworth, Kelsey Stetson, Corinne Cogger, Starr Allen, Jesse Stuttevant, Caitlyn Brash, Emily Parsons, Magen Baker, Hannah Parsons, Tim Taycar (Advisor) - Front Row: L to R: Miles Shorey, Jamie Watkins, Sarah Culhane, Michelle Lallombard
VUHS Winter Concert Program
Cast of Characters

Aunt Eller.................................Sarah Gullion
Curly........................................Brian Raymond
Laurey........................................Ashley Kuhns
Ike Skidmore..............................Jamie Watkins
Fred........................................Jason Bosworth
Slim........................................Will Glassberg
Will Parker..............................Jon White
Jud Fry..................................Andy Klopfenstein
Ado Annie Carnes.............Hannah Parsons
Ali Hakim..............................Theo Spencer
Grettie Cummings................Jade Denny
Ellen......................................Ava Lavigne
Kate.................................Sharrah Floof
Vivian.....................................Heather Nokes
Virginia..............................Gwen Delgadillo
Andrew Carnes......Nate Richard
Cord Elam..........................Brad Castillo
Mike...............................Peter Houskeeper
Joe....................................Matt Plankey
Tom......................................Eddie Griffin
Saloon Girls..................Kristen Kuhns
........................................Sarah Cyr
..................................Alycia Summer
....................................Jessica Preedom
Men's Chorus
Ryan Scott, Hugh Kennedy, Jordan Cook, Ted Houskeeper, Seth Cowan, Joe Chugg

Women's Chorus
Kristen Kuhns, Alex Larrow, Jessica Predom, Gabrielle Mailloux, Hannah Oosterman, Alycia Sumner, Katie Kayhart, Myra Smith, Shanta Miller, Alex Hall, Emily Curtis, Katrina Langer, Sarah Cyr, Maddie Russett
Chorus Officers: L to R: Ashley Kuhns, Sharrah Ploof, Sarah Cyr, Liz White, Anna Lavigne, Brad Castillo, Hannah Parsons

Above: Districts: L to R: Back Row: Seth Cowan, Nate Richards, Brian Raymond. Middle Row: Rachael Burmania, Shanta Miller, Kristen Kuhns, Gabby Mailloux, Sarah Cyr, Alycia Sumner, Hannah Parsons. Sitting: Alex Larrow, Sharrah Ploof.

Above: Commodore Singers: L to R: Sharrah Ploof, Kristen Kuhns, Shanta Miller, Katrina Langer, Brian Raymond, Sarah Cyr, Brad Castillo, Alycia Sumner, Nate Richards, Hannah Parsons, Jonathon White, Ashley Kuhns
Right: Jazz Band: Back Row: L to R: Gabe Enslin, Chris Edwards, Brian Raymond, Andy Klopfenstein, Gordon Sevee, Dan McInerney, Turner Royce, Craig Basol, Dan Muniz. Middle Row: John Klopfenstein, Jason Wilbur, Jeff Parfitt, Corey Melnick. Front Row: Nate Richard, Alex Melnick, Alex Hall, Devin Bushey, Amy Partington, Chelsea Vincent, Jamie Watkins and Taylor Paul

All New Englands: Devin Bushey

All State Tryouts:
Gabe Enslin, Amy Partington, Devin Bushey, Chelsea Vincent, Alex Melnick, Taylor Paul, Nate Richards
Forever
By Maddie Russett
Mountains,
Soaring Peaks,
Elevate beyond earth,
Always still
Forever.

Nature
By Maddie Russett
Noteworthy sheets of music forever playing
Always ready for whatever comes its way
Tougher than any man-made object
Uncontrollably beautiful to look at
Respectful to its inhabitants
Everything you need, nothing less.

Ars Poetica
By Sam Pettibon

Silent silence
that I’ve heard before,
tries to remind me of something that’s always been there,
When the feeling drips over and over,
tip-taping on my heart until it must run from me.
These are the sounds that need ears,
but still,
only
find our
sleeping
hearts...

Thoughts will crash like rain around my still feet,
making puddles across us.
“Notice, I feel, I love, what happened to us is not our fault...”
Everyone can see the puddles.
I just want to see my reflection.
In deference to all things respectable...

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The Musical

Conceived and performed by the third block Theater Arts class
January 2004

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Alexandra Larrow
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Alysha Ploof
Amanda McBride
Luke Lalumiere
Shawn Combs
Mattew Chase
Caitlin Magill
Bianca Dwy
Shiloh Rosseau
Kyle Castillo
Godron Seeve
Susan Provost
Andrew Legault
Kathryn Kayhart
Lindsey Carter
Roll the dice,
It must be nice.
To take the chance of life.
Fight tonight for the right,
The right of sight, sound and sin,
The sin you live in.
Kin the next in line to dine,
Dine on the hope and dream of thee.
Thoughts and feelings of innocence.
It must be nice to roll the cruel hard dice of life.

By David DiBiase

Confused
by Leanne Sorrell

Why does it have to be like this?
One day I am a radiant raven,
glorious, proud and ecstatic.
Free to go and do what I please.
And then the next I am trapped and alone;
I've become an onyx tinted beta-fish
in a dark and gloomy bowl.
A Speech, By Brian Raymond

My mom has a blown up picture hanging on the left side of her room, just across from her bed. This picture tells a lot. It reminisces—probably more for her than for me—of a time of complete innocence of mind and guiltless wonder in the world and all it encompasses. In this picture, a tiny boy, probably 3 years old, wearing a hat that slumps over his long eyelashes is squatting down with his butt hovering over the ground. He’s intrigued with curiosity at a simple white flower growing from the ground.

Looking at this picture, it’s hard to put myself back in those shoes and enjoy my life and its simple pleasures. It’s impossible for me to be intrigued by a flower sprouting from the ground. These are things that have become almost blind to me, I take them for granted, just as I take many things for granted. When I was 3 years old and playing in the dirt, leaving no rock unturned in my search for all the mystical creatures of the garden, I knew who I was. It was all so simple, I knew who I was, I just didn’t know anything about the rest of the world.

Today, my outlook has taken a bit of a U-turn. I find myself constantly in search of something, some sort of meaning to my life, some sort of hint to who I really am. I’ve become sort of selfish really. As with most folks my age, I think I know everything about the world. So now I need to focus on me. The ultimate intrigue no longer lies under “that rock,” but underneath my skin.

However, I’ve recently begun to realize that focusing all of my energy on “finding myself” by only looking in myself is completely paradoxical. I’ve become more open to educating myself independently as well as through school. I’ve taken great interest in literature and media and viewed each with a subjective point of view in order to think for myself. Now, the ultimate intrigue no longer lies under “that rock.” Now, the intrigue lies in the works of Steinbeck, Kerouac, and Thoreau, in the questionable competence of our leaders, in the effects of treaties like NAFTA have on the poverty-stricken citizens of North America, on choosing to be a blind consumer or to open my eyes, on making environmental conservation personal, on looking at all branches of government and authority with a subjective point of view. My rock has become the globe.

I like to say that I’m better off this way. I’m more apt to “find myself” by opening my eyes to everything. But what happened to already knowing myself? What happened to the simple life? I sometimes wish I could take myself back in the dirty shoes of my past to enjoy a flower for all it is, instead of wondering how many years it will be until the summers are too hot for flowers to grow. I sometimes need to be careful not to turn wonder into cynicism, because with cynical points of view towards everything, pessimism soon becomes impossible to avoid. I believe all the aspects of life that kids find delight in—picking flowers, running in the mud, playing in the rain, and swinging on the playground—should be enjoyed by adults as well. In no way should they be deemed unnecessary. A future of drudging around as a grumpy 45-year-old white-collar man and woman awaits us if we don’t take an opportunity to play in the rain.

Of course, as we mature into adults, society makes us open our eyes. If we spent every day on the playground, we’d end up uneducated in the gutter. So there needs to be a happy medium. I stress that as we grow up and become actual citizens in the world, we have to be aware of everything that’s going on around us. At the same time, every now and then, we need to step back and enjoy the simple pleasures in life instead of criticizing the basis of which we live.
The Dance

They are all out there
Having a good time
Enjoying themselves
They have no cares, no worries
Moving to the music
They have all the right motions
Enjoying their freedom of Expression

I cannot free myself of inhibition
Cannot lose myself in the rhythms
So I sit on the sides
Watching, and pretending
I say I am enjoying myself
Say it to empty air
While I sit drowning
Smothered in despair

A slow dance now
Couples together on the floor
Everyone else chatting and smiling
Still I sit alone
Waiting, but for what I do not know

At song's end I stand
And walk out the door, never to return
Unacknowledge fears still lingering,
Wondering why I came.
—CK

My Bike

Driving down the road
on my bike
To a gorgotten place
Watching the hills roll by
The road is long and windy
Like the old Mississippi River
The trees and shrubs in a blur
as they fly by me.
The wind blowing in my face.
What an amazing place.
The rolling rises of the range
where I ride
Seem to go by without a thought in mind.
That this ride is over
Because I am out of time.
Deer
Standing in a patch of grass
Aware of all her surroundings.
A bird breaks a branch and she lifts her head. She scans the ground with her colorless eyes looking for movement from a predator. She smells the wind become alert. She sees the angry shadow of a Coyote and gets ready to run. She raises her white flag to alert others and gently bounds into the trees.

Dawn of a Sunset
Fire glows from heaven
Warmth reflects, colors collide
Golden destiny.

Perfect Day
Bashful winds, smiling sun
Diamond clear skies rise above
Sparkling waters gleam.

Love...
Two hearts together
Love is air, seem to need it
Will you ever find this dream?

—Gloria Bushey
Dear Cow,

Why are you black and white? I wish you were blue and green, that would be so cool. I think that it would be awesome to be one of you. How do you feel when I pull on your teats? Does it hurt? I know sometimes you kick me, or the milker, but it’s okay, I would do the same. Well, got to get back to work, so milk ya later.

Sincerely,
Charlie
"The Color Red"
By Julie Schoonmaker

Red is the color of love,
Or showing that you care
It’s a sign of a cut from a child’s knee
From falling from a tree
Red is my favorite color and
It sure does show up a lot

Red can also be evil
But I don’t like to think of it that way
People go psycho and think of the devil
But that’s not the way to think
When there are so many better things
Red can show so much in life and
The only thing I have left to say is
Think of Red as a positive thing
Instead of it always negative

Reflection
Sitting in the middle of a field
With apple trees all around me,
I feel so peaceful and calm.
Sometimes I even lay down on the nice, soft grass and look up
At the sky and just relax and float away, like I’m
On a cloud just dreaming, thinking, and wondering what
next is going to happen in my life.
Then, after I come down from my cloud and look around and
see all of these apples,
So red, so beautiful, and so so juicy.
I pick one off the tree and take a big bite.
The Sphinx and the Milky Way
By Ava Lavigne

The sky is flowing like a dark ocean. A boring color but in so many shades, exciting.
The flowers bunched together make a blanket of color.
The night peaceful each piece fits together like a puzzle.
The dragonfly or butterfly it may be flaps its delicate wings over the sweet, scent filled blanket.
All is quiet and calm, the skies movements make shapes of all kinds. It's watching over the earth.

Artists Featured:

Top: Jessica Predom, Violet Smith, Stephanie Culver, and Jessica Beinhaur

Middle: Kaitlin Curtis, Tom Plantier, Thomye Poquette, Mike Russett

Bottom: Leslie Kinson
Kelley Barrows  Rikki Brunell  TJ Bushey  Cameron Gregory  Sean Hagen  William Larrow  Bobby Tompkins

Laurie Bissonette  Justin Knox  Lee Shorey
Bryan Andrews
Lea Armell
Kyle Benjamin
Sarah Bissionette
Tyler Bowles
Kristen Brown

Melissa Brown
Deanna Bushey
Kayla Chabot
Kelsey Chaffee
Hattie Childers
Keenan Clayton-Hall

Nathan Cohn
Lizzy Cota
Lydia Danyow
Andrew Darwin
James Elrick
Lance Fairbrother

Dillon Flynn
Chase Gallison
Lawrence Hall
Janah Hammach
David Hawkins
Leigh Higbee

Garrett Holler
Andrew Jackson
Kyle Karzmarczyk
Kelly Kayhart
Margaret Kennedy
Jesse Lalumiere
Millennium

Terri Cavoretto  Daryl Hatch  Sandra Isherwood

Sean Nary  Ron Nimblett  Jody Plankey

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Harley Eriksen
Mason Everts
Tara Exter
Caitlin Ferland
Samantha Flynn
Ryan Fortune
Arica Gevry
Charles Glassberg
Timothy Glassberg
Kara Goodman
Joseph Goyette
Kristen Grant
Christopher Griffin
Corey Haight
Belinda Hall
Christopher Holwager
Kate Housekeeper
Jennifer Johnson
Allyson Kilbride
Nathan LaFountain
Gracie Lange
Jon LeGault
Elizabeth Livingstone
Derrick Mardin
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Melissa Mertens
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Jasmine Parks
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Sarah Botala
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Colin Bristow
Justin Brunet
Kaitlyn Brunet

Cassandre Bushey
Dillon Bushey
Jason Cassidy
Joseph Chugg
Aaron Clodgo
Kelli Cogger
This year’s Middle School Student Council was an active bunch and got started right away planning an end-of-the-year bang at Button Bay. We also held a festive 80’s day during spirit week, and got the school into the Halloween spirit during the Pumpkin Pandemonium. I think we can all agree that this year was a blast! -Lily Allen, President
VKAT members began this year with a poster contest. Shortly afterward, Jacky Schoonmaker, Gracie Lange, Jasmine Parks, and Kelli Cogger joined Mrs. McEnemy for a weekend leadership conference at the Rutland Holiday Inn. On the day of the Great American Smokeout, over a hundred middle schoolers wrote letters asking celebrities not to smoke in the movies. VKAT members also performed Operation Storefront and Sting Operations, and several students brought the results to Montpelier for the Statehouse Rally in February. Gwen Delgadillo and Dani Raymond were prevention luncheon representatives, a Kick Butts Dance was held, and students performed skits for area elementary schools. Through all of these efforts and more, the Vermont Kids Against Tobacco met their goal of educating themselves and others about tobacco issues.
Top Row; L to R: Coach Kathleen Distasio, Amber Braun, Elizabeth Livingstone, and Elizabeth Goyette.
Second Row; L to R: Chelsea Montani, Kelli Cogger, Ashley Cousino, Kaitlyn Brunet, and Lindsay Delisle.
Third Row; L to R: Jordan Towle, Brittany Strunk, Hilary DeVos, Heather Regnaud, Kim Vincent, and Gena Hubbard.
Fourth Row; L to R: Megan Clodgo, Kelli Burkett, Kim Prime, Brittany Straley, and Jessica Palin.
Fifth Row; L to R: Lizzy Sevee, Rachel Ruggles, Danica Stetson, and Sophie Larson.

Top Row; L to R: Joe Chugg, Dylan Teer, Derrick Martin, Jonathon Opra, and Brendan Pierce.
Second Row; L to R: Andy Jackson, Ryan Devine, Rye Matthews, and Michael Prime.
Third Row; L to R: Coach Matt Deblois, Mitchell Jackman, Zane Leno, Dustin LeBlanc, and Robert Sokolowski.
Fourth Row; L to R: Allen Laberge, Dan Flynn, Corey Haight, and Tanner Price.
Boys SOCCER

Front Row; L to R: Josh Presson, Dan Flynn, Elias Gallien, Joe Chugg, Rob Webb, Tyler Bowles, Kyle Benjomin and Corey Haight

Back Row; L to R: Coach Dan, Adam Flynn, Tim Glassberg, Kelly Barrows, Joe Russet, Parker Russett, Parker Ryan, Charles Stinchfield and Ryan Fuller. Front Row; L to R: Silas Larson, Ben Chugg, Josh Carter, Tyler Birchmore, Aaron Paquette, Dillon Bushey and Jon-Taylor Vincent.
Girls Soccer

Back Row; L to R: Megan Scott, Brittany Nevins, Lily Maxham, Ashley Cousino, Gracie Lange, Alison Bourdon, Abby Benton, Lilly Allen, Livy Teer, Abby Plankey and Coach Lissa Gebo.
Front Row; L to R: Leigh Higbee, Elizabeth Paquette, Jordan Toll, Sarah Bissonette, Julie Edwards, Brittany Stratey, Mindy Nolan and Sarah Lucia.

Back Row; L to R: Kelly Kayhart, Belinda Hall, April Karzmarcyk, Kristin Grant, Samantha Flynn, Brittany Quatrocci, Krista Westinfeld, Kaitlyn Ferlind and Coach Betty Baker.
Front Row; L to R: Meghan O'Daniel, Janah Hammach, Hattie Childers, Kelsey Chaffee, Lydia Danyow, Erica Curtis, Avery Cook, Katie Curler and Alexandra Miller.
Girls Basketball

Back Row; L to R: Brittany Nevins, Kelly Burkett, Livy Teer, Ashley Cousino, Allison Bourdon, Kim Vincent, and Bethany Morris, Coach Kelly Trayah.
Front Row; L to R: Hattie Childers, Elizabeth Poquette, Lee Higbee, Mindi Nolan, Abby Benton, Erin Provost, and Brittany Straley.

Back Row; L to R: Sarah Andrews, Lydia Danyow, Bridgett Yantz, Krista Westenfeld, Katie Curler, Samantha Flynn and Coach Kelly Trayah. Front Row; L to R: Brittany Quattrocci, Deena Bushey, Avery Cook, Jolie Lavigne, Kelly Kayhart, and Lea Armell.
Boys O O O O BASKETBALL

Back Row: L to R: Coach Tim Nolan, Joe Chugg, Elias Gallien, Colin Bristow, Charlie Glassberg, Rye Matthews, Corey Haight, Casey Brigan, Cris Holwager

Back Row: L to R: John Taylor Vincent, Andy Martell, Dan Flynn, Adam Flynn, Justin Lalumiere, Cody Nary, Davis Lalumiere, Billy Northrup, Joe Goyette.
Front Row: L to R: George Richmond, Tim Bosworth, Kelly Barrows, Aaron Paquette, Jackson Lalumiere, Ben Chugg, Tyler Birchmore and Dylan Oulette.
WRESTLING
Sliver wings a dragon of the night. Flies over moon sea and sky. Sliver as the moonlight touching the ocean at night. An ancient animal of time. Looking at the sea or night sky you may see her fly in a shimmering light. On every full moon night when the moonlight touches the sky. Silver wings flys from the sea up to the moon light sky greeting her each night. No one knows when she comes or goes from the ancient sea her home Every full moon night she rises from the sea to fly in grace so easily up to the moon and stars and up to the horizon waiting to see what her day will be each full moon.
Haiku

Rivers
Quietly flowing
Winding to the big ocean
Flowing of water

By Brian Sawyer
Middle School art students worked hard throughout the year on various assignments and projects. They used several different mediums to create their art. Students made drawings in pencil, colored pencil, ink, charcoal, and pastel. They painted with tempera, watercolor, and acrylic. Students also had experiences using papier-mache, plaster, clay, and printmaking.

Students participating in the art exploratory also learned about master artists and created artwork that mimicked those styles, techniques, and/or ideas.

- Betsy Nelson
Wintertime
by Gwen Delgadillo

Wintertime brings lovely, soft blankets of snow
That sets gentle, golden hearts of love afloat
It falls so gently like white frosty crowns
And all you can hear is its soft gentle sound

Children make forts and angels out of snow
And make themselves snowballs for them to throw
Wintertime is truly the best time of year
Because everything about it is written right here

Soccer
by Caitlin Torrey

Out there on the field
Feeling the wind on my face
I’m getting out of breath
I’d better set a pace

The soccer jersey’s itchy
And the shorts ride up my butt
Hurry, run up to the ball
And give it a huge putt

A roar from the crowd
As the ball goes in the net
Finally, we’re unbeatable
And all my team’s minds are set
BAND

Dillon Flynn
Elias Gallien
Charles Glassburg
Kara Goodman
Kristen Grant
Belinda Hall
Jennifer Johnson
David Kauffman
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A Toast To Our Middle School Years

Raise your glasses to the
Sky with hopes and dreams held high.

Here's to the friends we lost and gained
And the people we will never know
By name, to the bonds we've made and the
Album filled with memories that fade but are never forgotten.

Here's to the phone calls filled with tears
And the hours spent talking away our fears
To the people we thought deserved our
Hearts who we now bash and rip apart.

Here's to the pictures in frames with stories
To tell, that we will be sure to pack when
We go away, to the basketball
Or soccer or baseball games we watched under the
Light and our cheers and chant drifting into the night.

Here's to the late nights we've spent studying for
Tests and coffee made up for the rest
To dances that took a month to create and the night
Before, worries that came too late.

Here's to the tears we know we'll cry to the people
And places we say good-bye
To the wild and bizarre things we've done that we
Will remember to be the most fun.

Here's to the letters we left unsigned may our
Identities be revealed all in time
To relationship we wondered how we would ever live
Without and crushes we look back and laugh about.

So now it's time to put our glasses down and
Put on our happy faces and say good-bye
To our middle school hallways and the teachers
Who kept us on our toes and made us work for our goals
So now we are ready to face our fears and move on to our
High School years

By Jasmine Parks
Dedicated to my favorite teacher Mr. Nimblett. He kept me on my toes the whole two years and if I started to fall he would be there to catch me. So thank you Mr. Nimblett. - Jaz
Congratulations, 2004 graduates!

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The Holy Bible, Proverbs 3:5-6

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President Bush becomes the first U.S. president to visit Iraq when he makes an unannounced Thanksgiving visit with troops stationed there.

The abduction of University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin, 22, results in the arrest of convicted sex offender Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50.

U.S. Forces capture deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein in a “spider hole” at a farm outside his hometown of Tikrit.

The economy shows signs of recovery when the Dow Jones Industrial Average tops 10,000 points for the first time in over 18 months on December 12.

The worst wildfires in California history claim 22 lives, destroy more than 3,400 homes and consume 750,000 acres of land.
The Center for Disease Control and Prevention declares obesity an American epidemic, with 64 percent of the population overweight.

Action star Arnold Schwarzenegger replaces Gray Davis as governor of California in a highly publicized recall election.

On August 14, the largest North American blackout occurs when three Ohio line failures leave more than 50 million people in eight states and Canada without power.

Americans rush to receive vaccinations as the country is hit hard by a new strand of the influenza virus.

President Bush signs a controversial bill calling for a $400 billion Medicare overhaul.

Scott Peterson stands trial on murder charges in the slaying of his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son.
Around the world, “flash mobs” — large groups of people recruited by anonymous organizers via the Internet — gather, perform a wild act and quickly disperse.

In a dramatic six-day ordeal, rescue workers save 44 of 46 Russian miners trapped in a water-filled coal mine.

Tens of thousands of Palestinians are cut off from family and livelihoods when Israeli soldiers erect a concrete barrier beyond the cease-fire line in an effort to curtail Palestinian terrorist activities.

On May 1, 43 days after the war in Iraq began, President Bush declares “major combat operations in Iraq have ended.” As hundreds of thousands of U.S. and British forces remain to restore peace and deliver aid to Iraqi citizens, more soldiers are killed in the months after the war than during it.

On December 26, a devastating earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale strikes the Iranian city of Bam, killing more than 41,000 people.

The World Health Organization reports that severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) infected more than 8,000 people in over 25 countries, killing 732.

An Economic Community of West African States policekeeping continues 14 years of fighting between Liberian rebels and government forces, exiling tyrant Charles Taylor into exile.

A European heat wave, in August, claims more than 19,000 lives, making it one of the world’s deadliest heatwave disasters.
During the summer of 2003, low-risk prison inmates help battle Southern California's wildfires for only $1 an hour.

At a St. Louis dog shelter, Cam, a one-year-old mutt, survives tranquilization and a trip to the gas chamber and is then adopted by the animal shelter owner.

Comedian Robin Williams travels to Baghdad to lighten the spirits of U.S. troops as he kicks off a holiday tour of U.S. bases in the Middle East.

Rapper P Diddy runs the New York City Marathon to raise over $2 million for the city's children's charities and hurricane victims.

Iranian lawyer Shirin Ebadi wins the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for human rights activism as she fights to improve the status of refugees, women and children in Iran.

Golfer Tom Watson donates his $1 million Charles Schwab Cup winnings to fund research for Lou Gehrig's disease, which has stricken his caddie, Bruce Edwards.
F ast food patrons can now get their food even quicker, thanks to McDonald's introduction of self-service ordering kiosks.

The Food and Drug Administration bans dietary supplements containing ephedra due to health concerns and warns consumers not to take products containing the stimulant.

The Food and Drug Administration mandates that nutrition labels disclose the amount of cholesterol-increasing trans-fatty acids.

In January 2004, the Mars exploration rover Spirit lands safely and NASA releases the first 3-D images and the sharpest color photos ever taken of the surface of Mars.

In October, China becomes the first country to travel in space when the admire's first successful taikonaut, Yang Liwei, returns to Earth after 21 hours in space.

In response to e-mail spam, the Can-Spam Act requires e-mail marketers to clearly label messages as ads and include an Internet-based opt-out button.

FluMist, America's first intranasal influenza vaccine, provides needle-wary patients with an alternative for the 2003 flu season.
North American trees are threatened by Asian longhorned beetles, which allegedly arrived in Chinese wooden packing material.

The strongest solar storms to hit the Earth in 11 years cause northern lights to appear as far south as Texas.

In August, Mars' orbit brings it closer to Earth than it has been in 60,000 years.

American scientists discover the deterioration of the atmosphere's ozone layer is slowing. The 1996 worldwide ban on CFC gases is credited for the improvement.

Keiko, star of the Free Willy movies, dies of pneumonia at the age of 27.
Girls get into breakdancing at events like the Queen B Breakgirl competition in San Diego, the country's biggest female breakin' competition.

With the resurgence of 80s-style rock music, '80s clothing styles make a comeback of their own.

The year's hottest foot fashion is the Australian-made Ugg boot, which stays cool in heat and warm in cold.

Celebrities like FOX's "That '70s Show" star Ashton Kutcher make the "truckin' hat" a fashion must-have.

The country goes low-carb diet crazy, with dieters demanding food products and menu items with fewer carbohydrates.

Popularized by music stars like Illustrious Rhymes and J.Lo, track suits are seen everywhere.

American teenagers take up knitting and form knitting clubs at many schools across the country.
The College Entrance Examination Board develops a revision of the SAT that tests for increased vocabulary and writing skills.

The pint-sized MINI Cooper, by Motorwerks, starts a European auto revolution on U.S. streets.

To improve lunch and vending machine nutritional values, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issues tougher regulations for American schools.

Avon, the world's largest direct seller of beauty products, introduces mark—a new cosmetic line intended for teens to sell.

In an effort to thwart counterfeiters, the U.S. Treasury releases a colorful new $20 bill with a background blend of blue, peach and green.

A new study reveals the Top 10 most dangerous U.S. occupations. Lumberjack tops the list.
Keira Knightley and Parminder Nagra get a kick out of breaking stereotypes on and off the soccer field in the British comedy *Bend It Like Beckham*. The two most anticipated sequels of the year, *Matrix: Reloaded* and *Matrix: Revolutions* turn out to be major disappointments for fans and critics alike. Tobey Maguire rides high in the successful summer flick *Seabiscuit*, nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture.
In February 2004, CBS airs *Survivor: All-Stars,* starring past *Survivor* winners and contestants.

In 2004, *Survivor* won the inaugural Emmy Award for Best Reality Program.

American bids farewell to the cast of "Friends" after the NBC sitcom's 10th and final season.

In September, Alias· star Jennifer Garner earns high viewer ratings for ABC TV and lights up the big screen in *13 Going on 30.*


Famous for "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," Bravo's "Three's Company," and TLC's "Trading Spaces." Shows such as TLC's "Trading Spaces" and Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" create a new niche for the home improvement TV genre.
The Neptunes' Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo receive three Grammy nominations as a production duo. Williams gets three more for collaborations with Snoop Dog and Jay-Z.

OutKast's genre-busting album Speakerboxxx/ The Love Below, featuring the infectious single "Hey Ya!," wins the Grammy for Album of the Year.

Country music legend Johnny Cash dies at 71, but wins three CMA awards posthumously, including Best Single for his remake of the Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt."

According to Nielsen SoundScan, 50 Cent's debut, Get Rich or Die Tryin', is 2003's best-selling album, with 6.5 million copies sold.

Songwriter John Mayer wins a Grammy in 2003 for the album Room for Squares and follows it up with Heavier Things.

Claiming that he has "had it with the rap game," Jay-Z, 33, retires after the release of The Black Album.

Coldplay claims the title of Spin magazine's Band of the Year, and the band's lead singer Chris Martin marries actress Gwyneth Paltrow.
Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, boasts the world's tallest, fastest roller coaster, the Top Thrill Dragster.

Hugh Jackman of X2: X-Men United showcases his singing ability on Broadway in The Boy from Oz.

On CBS's "Late Show" host David Letterman, 56, announces the November birth of his first child, a baby boy.

After the success of his best-selling fantasy novel Eragon, Inheritance, author Christopher Paolini 19, begins writing the much-anticipated sequel.
Sports

Led by MVP pitcher John Beckett, the Florida Marlins beat the heavily favored New York Yankees 2-0 in game six to win the 100th World Series.

Tennis pro Andy Roddick, 21, also known as Andy Murray's boyfriend, wins his first grand slam title at the U.S. Open in September.

In September, Kenya's Paul Tergat sets the world record in the Berlin Marathon, running the 26.2-mile course in just 2 hours, 04 minutes, 55 seconds.

Despite several crashes and severe dehydration, Lance Armstrong wins his fifth straight Tour de France by a mere 62 seconds.

Behind the defensive brilliance of goalie Martin Brodeur, the New Jersey Devils win the 2003 NHL Stanley Cup by going the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 3-0 in game seven.

High school phenomenon LeBron James, 10, is picked first in the 2003 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers and enjoys instant success as a pro.
Due to a lack of revenue, the Women's United Soccer Association gets the boot after just three seasons.

St. John's University coach John Gagliardi, 77, leads his team to an undefeated NCAA Division III Football National Championship while also setting the NCAA Football record for coaching victories with 414.

Death-defying tricks and thrills bring the extreme sports craze to new heights at the January 2004 ESPN Winter X Games VIII in Aspen, Colorado.

Champion surfer Bethany Hamilton, 13, loses her arm in a shark attack. Just 10 weeks later, Hamilton places fifth in her age group at a National Scholastic Surfing Association meet in January 2004.

Matt Kenseth claims the NASCAR Winston Cup Series championship after leading the standings through a record 33 races.

Freddy Adu, 14, becomes the youngest American pro team athlete in over 100 years when he signs with D.C. United of Major League Soccer.

League MVP Tim Duncan and David Robinson— in his final game— lead the San Antonio Spurs to the 2003 NBA title with a 4-2 series win over the New Jersey Nets.

The New England Patriots defeat the Carolina Panthers 32-29 with a field goal in the closing seconds to win Super Bowl XXXVIII.
In October, Mother Teresa of Calcutta is beatified by Pope John Paul II in Vatican City. This marks the final step before sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church.

America loses three entertainment icons with the deaths of comedian Bob Hope, actress Katharine Hepburn and actor Gregory Peck.

After winning 64 career titles, including 14 grand slam events, and a record six years ranked No. 1, tennis great Pete Sampras retires at the U.S. Open in August.

Teen star Hilary Duff tops off her successful movie debut, The Lizzie McGuire Movie, with a hit pop album, Metamorphosis, and a nationwide tour.

The Pentagon releases decks of 55 cards to U.S. soldiers that feature the most-wanted Iraqi leader, Dictator Saddam Hussein in his Ace of Spades.

After being abducted for nine months, Elizabeth Smart is rescued and returns home in March 2003. Her story is made into a TV movie that airs later in the fall.