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LCHS Teacher and Support Personnel of the Year

by Shannon Moore

The 1999 Limestone High School Teacher of the Year and Support Personnel Employee of the Year Award winners were voted upon during the week of April 12. On April 19, the two deserving members of these awards



Teacher of the Year Mr. Ken Johnson

were announced by school superintendent Dr. Sherwood Dees. The Teacher of the Year Award was given to Mr. Ken Johnson, and the

Support Personnel Employee of the Year was awarded to Mr. Jim Sprague.

Mr. Johnson has been working for LCHS for 33 years, and plans to retire at the end of the 1998-99 school year. He spent 21 years working as a counselor, 7 years as a guidance director, and 5 years as a biology teacher. "I consider this to be one of the greatest honors from my peers that I have received in my 33 years here at Limestone," replied Mr. Johnson. The LCHS guidance director never expected to win the award. "Being teacher of the year was not

what I was going for. I come to work to do what I have to do," said Johnson.

Mr. Sprague has been a

custodian here at Limestone for four years, and this is his first support employee of the year award. "I think it is a real honor. I never thought they would choose me over a lot of good people and I appreciate that," commented Mr. Sprague. Initially, Mr. Sprague came to LCHS after retiring from a position in management, but believes that, "you have to keep active all the time."



Support Personnel of the Year Mr. Jim Sprague

LCHS Loses A Mentor

by Rose Rickard

Mr. Steve Fairbanks has a wonderful sense of humor and an easy manner. His way with people makes him easy to talk to and trust. He keeps students entertained with his jokes and guitar. He came to Limestone in August of 1994, heart full of dreams and determination for reaching the students.

He has over 15 years of experience in Prevention Leadership and Youth Advocacy. For the five years, he has been at Limestone, he has been the Snowball Coordinator. Anti-drug, alcohol, smoking counselor, and Peer Mediation Director. Mr. Fairbanks has worked hard to get the students involved in programs such as

"Increase the Peace Week," broaden Black History Month, and support the All American Smoke-Out. He leads support groups for teens that want to quit smoking or drugs. He also helps teens to diffuse any anger they might be experiencing in their personal lives. He advises adults, who would like help talking to their

children about alcohol and other drugs.

Tie-dyed and funky, his office puts students at ease right away. His office door is always open to students needing help or to those who just need someone who will listen. He is a mentor to students who feel that they have no one else. "There will never be another office or



person like me at Limestone," says Mr. Fairbanks.

Before coming to Limestone, Mr. Fairbanks spent four years in Viet Nam on the aircraft carrier "Enterprise." When his tour of duty was over, he went to Illinois State University to study Mass Communication. He received his BA in 1983, and has been a professional youth advocate since 1984.

Mr. Fairbanks became involved in Operation Snowball in 1986 and has been working with some sort of snowball related job ever since. He wants the students to be leaders in these programs and to maintain a teen staff.

He had several interesting jobs prior to working at LCHS, one of which included being a newspaper reporter for the Daily Ledger in Canton. Off the job, Mr. Fairbanks spends time with his nine year old son, Evan, who enjoys playing the drums, roller blading, yo-yos, and Dr. Demento Music.

Unfortunately, Mr. Fairbanks will not be returning to LCHS next year, since he was asked to resign from his current position as Violence and Intervention Coordinator. The programs that he champions will have to

find mentors among the current staff because his position will be eliminated next year. "I'm not dying, I'm being reborn," stated Fairbanks. His future plans are not certain, but he knows he will be working with students. He will be remembered and missed by many students and faculty members.

New Gym Controversy Board of Education spending priorities raises community concern

by Shannon Moore & Joe Coffman

For years, students have expressed their interest and desire for more indoor athletic space at Limestone. Recently, the Board of Education and the school administration have been considering plans for a new gym to be built. This new facility would consist of two basketball courts, a wrestling room, two tennis courts, three volleyball, and six badmitten courts. According to Dean Alan Gresham, the new gym would also be big enough to hold football and marching band practices.

The expense for such an impressive edition could be frightfully large. However, "The school has the money to build this much needed facility," said Gresham. In a recent news release by the administration on LCHS's Internet home page, the estimated amount needed to purchase the new gym is \$800,000. The

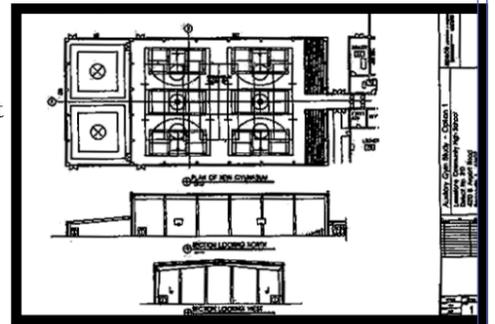
administration also stated in the release that there would be no need for tax increases to reach their goal.

Speculation has arisen concerning the cost of the gym facility and the concurrent cutbacks in faculty. The administration has stated that "although these two activities are being undertaken at the same time by the Board of Education, they are not related." Their statement continues to ensure that any reductions are being made to minimize debt within the Education Fund, and not to add to the Operation and Maintenance Fund, which will be used to build the new gym.

Many in the community are still concerned with the gym situation. One of the most noticeable voices of disdain is that of Brad Rager, parent of an LCHS student. He has posted a web page entitled, "Are You Aware?" that presents not only his viewpoint, but also up-to-date coverage on the plans for the new gym, including the \$977,000 price tag as estimated by the architect.

"In my opinion," he said, "taking these actions will be taking the short road to public distrust and higher class size in the future." Mr.

Rager feels that the Board of Education is making decisions without public consent and, in his opinion, the decisions are worthy of more discussion than what is currently taking place. Recently, the board has allowed public access to "previous revisions of the document *Possible Board of Education Cost Reductions Education Fund*." Rager attends all of the board meetings, and posts documents such as architectural plans for the new gymnasium and official statements made by the Board of Education. "Perhaps," he said, "we do not



need to consider building an additional gymnasium, until we have NO shortfalls in the education's budget."

Faculty and students alike have a variety of opinions on the plans for a new gymnasium. Business teacher Jill Warren said, "We shouldn't be spending a million dollars on a gym until we balance the budget." "I agree we need a gym with bathrooms, drinking fountains, locker rooms, and bleachers. If we are going to build the gym, we should build it right the first time."

An anonymous student agreed, "I am very displeased with the new gymnasium plans. I don't see how (the school) is going to afford this gym, when they already have a pretty handsome deficit." "I agree (with the plans for a new gym) for one reason only," said freshman Tina Clausen. "There will be more room for gym classes and athletics."

Principal Bill Beach said that, while the gym is not 100% sure, the school can afford it. He also states that everything that might be done is being studied first.

Are You Aware?
<http://pages.prodigy.net/bdr2.828/areyouaware.html>

Indoor Football

by Brad Clough

The Peoria Pirates and the professional Indoor Football League, or IFL, was welcomed to Carver Arena by 8,203 screaming fans. The Pirates opened their six game home schedule Friday April 2 against the Madison Mad Dogs and had a rare shut out of 36-0. Sedrick Robinson WR/RB scored 3 touchdowns for Peoria, and linebacker Carlos Brown was the force on defense with 21 tackles, 15 unassisted. Former University of Illinois quarterback, Jonny Johnson, threw for 179 yards. The average combined score for each game is 90 points, so to hold the Madison Mad Dogs to shutout on a fifty yard field is unbelievable. "In fact, it's only the second one I've ever heard of," said Peoria head coach Bruce Cowdrey. The second home



Carver Arena plays host to the Peoria Pirates Inaugural Indoor Football League game against the Madison Mad Dogs.

game at Carver Arena had a sold out crowd of 9,385 on their feet right up to the last 1.6 seconds when Peoria held the Green Bay Bombers on 4th down to beat them 38-32. The pirates stay the only undefeated in the IFL at 3-0. The IFL plays on a 50-yard field with 8-yard deep endzones surrounded by 4-foot high hockey dasherboard walls which serve as out-of-bounds, except in the end-zones where they are in play. The goalposts are 8 feet wide, 15 feet high and are suspended from the ceiling above each endzone. A touchdown is

worth 6 points and the point after may be converted by kick (1 point), run (2 points) or drop-kick (2 points). Field goals are worth 3 points and a drop kick field goal is worth 4 points. No punting is allowed. Teams have four downs to move the ball. Ten yards earn another four downs. Also, there are four 15-minute quarters, eight men on the field for each team, and the pay is \$200 per game, per player. The artificial turf was cut from NFL Indianapolis Colts RCA Dome field two years ago. "There's a list of 36 cities on my desk right now that have contacted us and want teams. We will, for sure, be a 16-team, 14-game league next year. Long range, our goal is 42 teams and an NFL- style rotating non-conference schedule" said IFL commissioner Keary Ecklund about the leagues future plans. For more information on the Indoor Football League check out www.indoorfootballleague.com

Dear Editor,
It's a sad, sad day indeed when our board of education places the playbook before the textbook in order of importance. We want our children to be safe, in addition to being well-educated. However, what can be said about an educational system that reduces faculty members to save money, and places more emphasis on a three-pointer than it does on a three-dimensional design? Well, let's take a true/false test, shall we?

- a. The architect's estimate for the new gym is \$177,000 more than the school administration's estimate (found on the LCHS homepage).
 - b. The deficit in the education fund is greater than the deficit in the education fund from LAST year.
 - c. The estimated cost of the new gym is greater than twice the deficit in the education fund.
 - d. 1200 students divided by 9 English teachers allows for more time spent with each student than 1300 students divided by 8 English teachers.
 - e. Eliminating a highly successful Violence Coordinator from a urban high school to save money is an incredibly bad call. Unless you've been hiding under a rock for the past couple of years, you should know that all of the answers to the questions above are. . . . TRUE! One last question (a chance to redeem yourself):
 - f. You should be in attendance at the next school board meeting to let your voice be heard. I think you know the answer to this one.
- Name withheld at my child's request**

Dear Editor,
I feel safe in our school, but to keep us safe, we need a prevention coordinator. If our school wants to keep us safe,

by Chad Day
Teens, as well as adults, know that stress plagues everyone's life. While each individual may have methods of coping with daily pressure, it exists nevertheless. For example, take the fears an incoming Freshman faces the summer before starting high school. Since they really do not know what to expect in high school, this can be very frightening time. Will I know anyone? Will I be accepted? Will my classes be hard? These are just a few questions freshmen ask themselves as they enter their new environment. As time rolls on, the stress level can either increase or decrease. It's up to each student to decide which way it goes. A freshman who maintains good grades and stays out of trouble will, in the end, have less stress. A person with low grades and a D-hall every Saturday will tend to have more stress. Seniors as well as underclassmen have a great amount of stress. First off, they have to set a good example for the underclassmen. Everyone is expecting them to know where everything is and what to do. Next, the decision of college may be stressful because it may determine their future. Leaving home and being semi on your own, knowing your parents will not be able to get you out of a jam, is sort of scary. The most recent display of stress is the horrific event that took place in Littleton, Colorado. Two high school students went on a bloody rampage at school and killed 15 people. Some reasons given by teachers as to why students would commit such a crime was that the students who did the crime were teased by others for being different. Getting made fun of can cause stress to build up and reach an intolerable level. Stress isn't always brought on by the person. Others can contribute as well. The stress and strain of going to school, knowing you are going to be made fun of, can wear someone down. In many of the recent school shootings, the shooters complained afterwards about being teased or harassed. To sum it up, stress is in all of our lives. It comes and goes while messing up the lives of everyone in it's path.

Why are we letting go of our prevention coordinator? Mr. Fairbanks is a big part of me feeling safe in this school. I know he is counseling kids to prevent violence from happening here at LCHS. I think letting go of Mr. Fairbanks is the worst thing to do at this point..

--Derek Pitzer

Regarding the Middleton Shooting Incident:
Dear Editor,
This school is just fine. This school is filled with stoners, and they aren't going to go crazy and kill people. Personally, I'm not scared of these shootings. There is no reason for me to worry about being shot; I'm too worried about my grades. This is the town of Bartonville. Nothing like this would ever happen here.

--Student's name withheld upon request

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editorial Staff,
My name is Brad Rager, and I am the proud parent of two Limestone graduates, one daughter soon to graduate, and two more children I intend to send to Limestone High School. I am writing to you today to express my concern over recent LCHS Board of Education actions relating to spending priorities. I was not surprised to recently discover that District 310 was suffering shortfalls in the Education Fund, for it is my understanding that this is a problem many school boards struggle with constantly. I was, however, shocked to hear the Board considering building a new gymnasium and, practically in the same breath, cutting teaching staff to make up for these shortfalls! I must commend the Board for what appears to be a long term commitment to looking at all the possibilities for solving the crunch in the education budget. I agree that all possibilities must be considered. Unfortunately, I fear the Board has come to the wrong conclusion. In my opinion, raising class size is perhaps the single most certain way of decreasing

the quality of education that students receive. I base this opinion, not on research or studies, but on my own experience. I am a graduate of Limestone High, Class of 1974. I remember large classes. I remember teachers not having time to devote special attention to students who were struggling. I remember teachers slowing down lesson plans to let students catch up from the year before. Worst of all, I remember teachers engaging in social promotion, because they knew there was a full class the next year and they couldn't handle one child held back. I don't remember Physical Education classes being any particular problem with enrollment being around 1500 students. Perhaps we do not need to consider building an additional gymnasium until we have no shortfalls in the education budget. Perhaps we do not need to let an English teaching position lie open in a time of increasing enrollment. Perhaps this Board has lost sight of the true goal of any Board of Education, to educate. Sincerely,
Brad Rager

It's Gonna Take FOREVER!

by Shannon Moore

I was talking with a group of girlfriends the other day about the significance of May 8, and the anticipated ceremony that will usher us into a world away from our LCHS home. Graduation, we decided, has long hovered in the air like the elusive Brigadoon that we never thought we'd reach. As kids, we would long for the day we'd walk across that big football field. We'd watch each graduating class member closely, our interest bordering on vicarious. At that time, it seemed nearly impossible to wait so many years, and so we'd leave the ceremony and forget about it, play with our Barbies or something closer to reality for a kid. However, I wonder what the child I used to be would say if she could see me now? Would she be astonished that it didn't take nearly as long as she thought? Well, I know I'll be thinking that very same thought as I hear "Pomp and Circumstance" begin.

Let's face it, Limestone has served us well. No matter how many times we have grumbled, "I hate school," as we unwillingly crawled out of bed, or rolled our eyes at the mass of cars in the parking lot at 3:00 p.m., in between, there were a lot of good times.

We entered high school revered as "The Last Class of the Century!" How exciting to think that after us, there were only zeros. We pitied the following classes for having to wear (in Mrs. Heisel's words) "Aughtity-Aught" on their jackets. We pitied the classes before us just because they weren't us, the "Last Class of the Century!" However, no matter how big we thought we were, we were only looking a few steps ahead. We reasoned it would take forever to leave high school, so we might as well make our mark while we were there!

Well, here we are...forever. Rather, four years from where we began. Personally, I don't know if I have any regrets. I don't know if anyone does right now. I do know that I'm ready to leave...then again, that could also change. Perhaps I'm in denial, and I'm truly scared to death of leaving the color-coded hallways, the big blue rocket outside, and the dozens of teachers and hundreds of students that have made a mark upon the last four years of my life. Whatever passes through my

mind the moment I reach out for that diploma, I know I'll remember that thought for a long time. I might never forget it. I might never forget Limestone.

I know what you're thinking; "Settle down, we'll be here in ten years for the next reunion!" or from some of my close friends, "We'll see each other every other month and every summer for the next four years!" Still, when we see each other, we will be the "high school friends" that parents always talk about. We can actually use the phrase, "Yeah, that's an old

exact moment. Please, don't look back and wonder how the memories could have been different, because they never will be. Just hold them close and keep walking. Turn back whenever you think the next mountain will take forever to climb. You've already been to forever and back, remember? What's another few to go? Good luck, everyone. I know that each path that leads from this school will take each member of the class of 1999 to something great and far beyond imagination.

Dear Seniors,

As we close this chapter in our lives, we dress in our blue and white caps and gowns. We strip away our individuality and stand unified as the Class of 1999.

During the past four years, our families, teachers, and faculty members have been our role models, showing and telling us what to do. Yet the people who have

Class President Bids Seniors Farewell

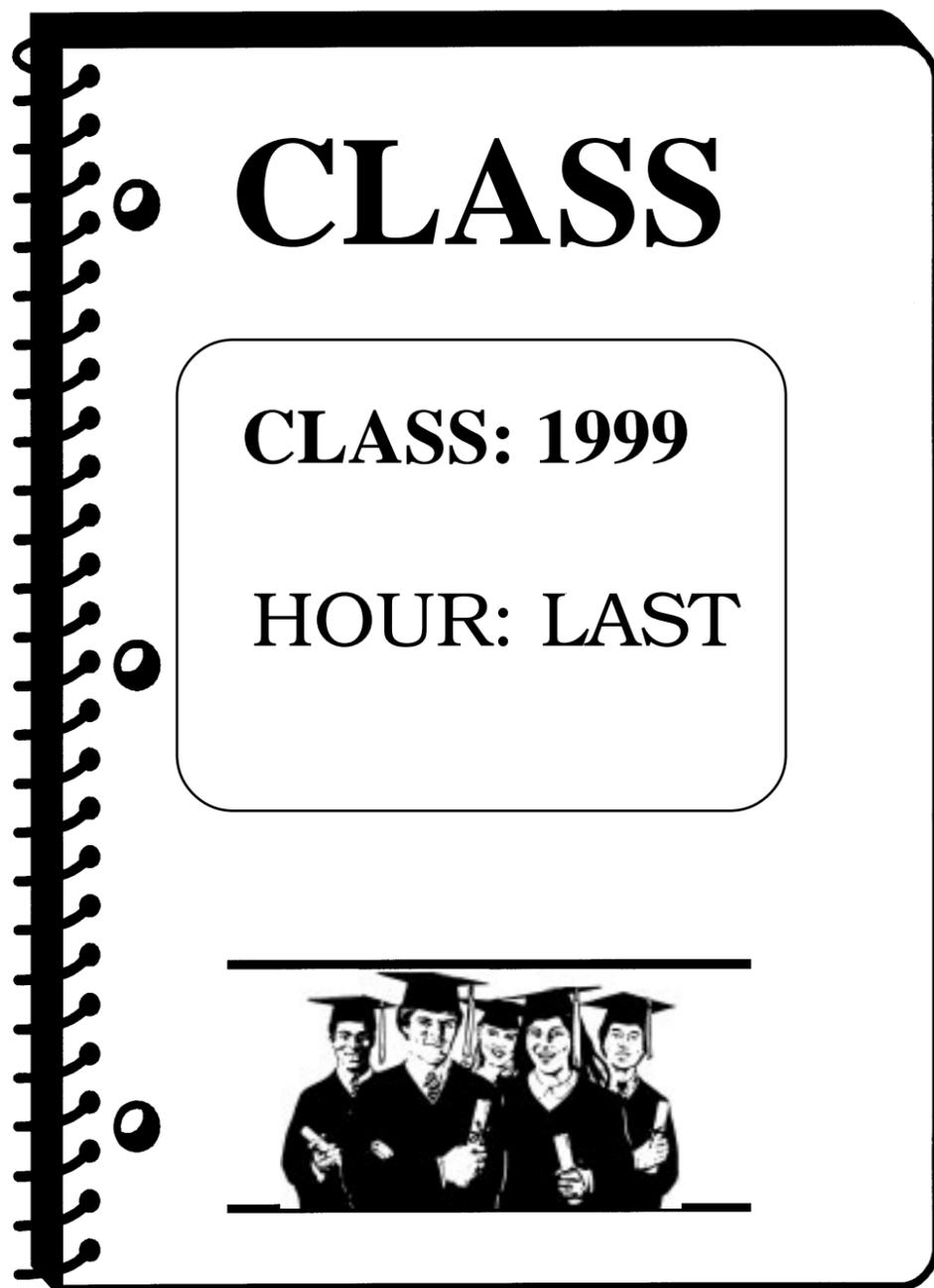
affected us most are those who we have been with every day at school. They are the ones who cheered for our team in victory and defeat, participated in musicals and band show, variety shows, and school dances. The same people that we fought with in class or in the hall are the people that shaped who we are today.

As we go through our Commencement, we will remember the friendships that were established during these four years. We will remember the moments of disappointment, the losses, but we will also recall our achievements.

Yet after we run away from the platform, and strip off our gowns and remove our caps, we strip away all that we have known. No longer unified as a class, underneath our cap is only one face. The clothes that we wear, the accomplishments we have made, or the friends that stand by our sides are no longer our identity. All the years of preparation and molding, the word of our role models fade into our past as we are pushed to center stage. The harsh spotlight, making us blink in realization, will show that our audience is not waiting for us to start. Each of them has his own stage. Each has his own spotlight.

To be heard, we have to start. People will take notice, if we make our voices known as we decide what our future laced with challenges will be. Good luck, and make your voice be heard.

Class of '99, Farewell.
Laura Bazhenow, President



friend of mine from high school." Neat, huh? Kinda scary.

The times, along with our lives, are definitely changing. I have a feeling, though, that the one place that won't change much until we see it again is Limestone. I mean, do you know how long we've had some of those textbooks? It's safe to say that our beloved high school will stay our beloved high school for years to come.

Students will come and go, as we have, and so will staff and administration. Within a memory, though, all of these things and all of those people stay just as they are at this

Words of Advice from an Entertainment Editor

by Joe Coffman

Graduation is always a wonderful time of the year for seniors. We are taking a step toward adulthood, and get closer to moving out of our parents house, and into one of our own. Graduation gives us a sense of accomplishment, but also a basis by which to have memories and cause for reminiscing.

I know that as each day passes and we get closer to graduation, I start to think about the past, and wonder about the future. The past brings many good and bad memories. You learn from the

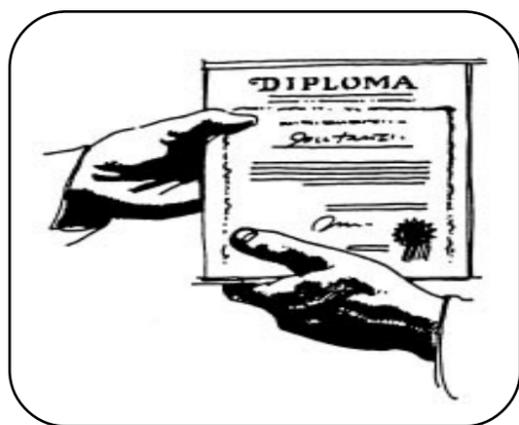
bad, and you cherish the good. The future is in our hands now, and only we can determine the outcome.

Many of us have plans for the future, but for one reason or another along the way, these plans change. You find out that the friends you made plans with when you were just freshmen, for after graduation, now have other obligations. You learn and see how people change and how they become different. In some cases, it is good and others it is not, but as long as the other person is happy, then it doesn't really

matter.

Graduation is just now hitting me. It is weird to think about school being optional after this year, and that you are kind of out on your own, except for the house rules your parents set for you, but they are there for your own protection.

As strange as this may sound, graduation means more to my mom than it does to me. I am looking forward to going on to school and getting a nice paying job. She is more excited about it than I am. I guess this is something you have to expect when you are an only child. Every aspect of your life is a big deal. These are my final words are for anyone who is an only child: If you have a parent who is going all out for you and you don't like it or wish they would tone everything down, just let them have their fun. Remember that you are their only child and they only get to go through parent child experiences once, so even if you don't think it is a big deal, they might.



CLASS OF 1999:

Nicole Brooks

Attending Western after two years at ICC
Working as a dermatologist and starting a family.

Sara Schick

Bradley University
A wealthy doctor.

Shannon Ward

ICC then ISU
Married with a family teaching elementary school.

Bethany Tiejn

Moody Bible Institute or Grace University studying
intercultural ministry
Married with a family working with underprivileged
children in Europe or Asia.

Jolene (Jojo) Slama

4 year university
Anchoring a news show in a big city.

Greg Flowers

ISU
Top ten richest people in the world.

Brooke Grafton

ICC
Dance teacher and married with a bunch of kids.

Kelly Anderson

ICC
I will be married to Ryan Westart, have 1 child, a white
cackatoo, and live in Chattanooga, IN.

Stephanie Kent

ICC for two years then NIU
I'll be married with 2 kids, 2 dogs, and living in Pittsburg.
I'll be a psychologist with my first novel out.

Terry Gruber

No college/Jmr 6 week class for realty.
Married, a realtor, and have a family.

Ryan McLaughlin

Notre Dame
Married, in the Midwest, broadcasting.

Rhiannon M. Simmons

Eureka College- Psychology Major
Married with 4 children.

Katie Ensor

ICC for 2 years then to ISU for 2 years
married with two kids and successful.

NAME:

**COLLEGE
PLANS:**

**IN
FIFTEEN
YEARS:**

Erin Murry

Undecided

Cori Warren

ICC for two years then U of I
I will be a 1st grade teacher, married with two kids.

Adam Devore

U of I
Paying off medical school loans.

Courtney Behrens

Attending ICC to get an associates degree
I plan on being married, working at caterpillar and having kids.

Michelle Plazzo

2 years at ICC- Law enforcement, transfer to Western
Undecided

Joe Coffman

ICC then transfer to a 4 year university
Undecided

Jeremy Jones

4 years at either U of I or SIU
Plan to have a house, a family, a job as a computer programmer,
and have a small shop to work on 4-wheelers and to make a little
money on the side.

Melessia Anne Slater

Cosmetology School
working in a high class salon or owning my own. Married, very
financially stable raising two children.

Keith Bloompott

Major in electronics at SIU
Working for a video company. Living in Denver alone.

Jessica Egan

Go to ICC and Parkland college -major in Vet. Tech.
Undecided

Barbara Brandenburg

UIC; theatre major
Married: about 80 kids and live far ,far away from here.
hopefully be on "Saturday Night Live".

Andrew Smith

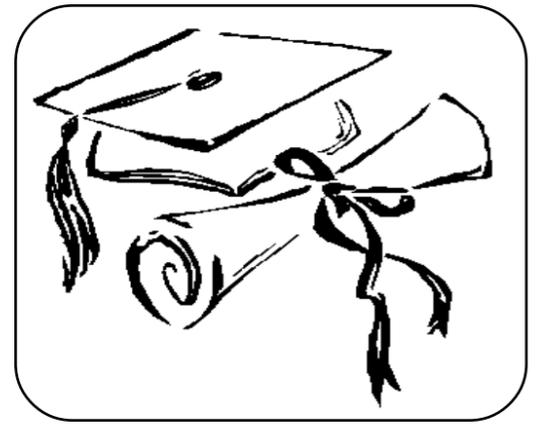
ICC
Hopefully be a rock star or something to do with the music
business.

Sandy Newell

Undecided



A Final Farewell



Staci Lynn Edwards
ICC then to a two year university
I hope to be a CPA and have a family.

Mary Rager
ICC SIUC-News anchor/ journalism
CBS 31, replacing Bob Larson

William Meuns
Undecided

John Howe
Undecided

Brooke McKavitt
ICC for two years in business management also go to
Cosmetology school
Own my own business and do hair for the rich and
famous of Bartonville.

Shannah King
ICC for 2 years
Good job and a family.

Dana Linn
ICC
RN and married with kids.

Kristen Kern
Western IL
I hope to be successful in my career and married to a
nice boy.

Any final words for Limestone? *****

“I had an interesting 4 years, there aren’t
many things I would change” **Kristen Kern**

“1. Give each other the benefit of the doubt.
2. Respect each other- even the less fortunate
than yourselves. 3. Live up the time you have
left, but don’t be stupid about it.” **Melissa
Slater**

“Figure out who you want to be in life and
stick with it. Decide who brings you down
and stay away from them. They will only bring
you down and away from your dreams.”
Barbara Brandenburg

“Thank you for all the help and I’ll miss you a
lot.” **William Meuns**

What is the biggest accomplishment of the Class of 1999?



“The \$23,000 we raised for
Easter Seals.” **Jeremy
Jones**

“I think our biggest
accomplishment is coming
together as one to achieve
our goals.” **Brooke
McKavitt**

“Our success at Easter
Seals.” **Shannah King**

“Easter Seals” **John Howe**

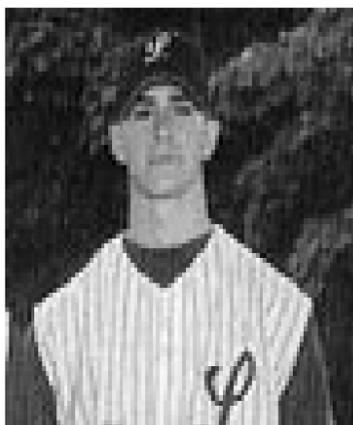


Vanessa Madison



Smith is still undecided
as to where he wants to
attend college. Colleges
such as Bradley, SIU, and
NIU are interested in
Smith for baseball.

Travis Smith



Which teacher influenced you the most and why?



“Ms. Hagenbuch- she saw
me as more than just a
student but as a friend.”
Brooke Grafton

“Mr. Morris- he never
settles for anything less
than perfect, and he made
me work for that
impossible goal.” **Ryan
McLaughlin**

“Mr. Kovalik- he is a kind
and loving soul and made
freshmen English fun.”
Jolene Slama



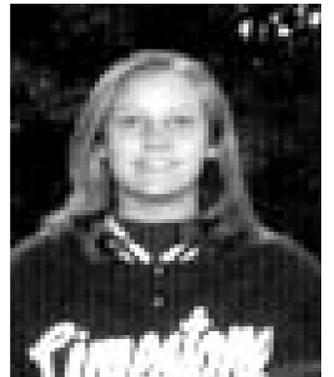
“Mr. Wassell- he talks from
the heart not from a book.”
Nicole Brooks

“Mrs. Millard, because of
her personality and way of
being a friend.” **Katie
Ensor**

“Mr. Veirs- he got to know
me as a person, not just as a
student and vice- versa.”
Adam DeVore

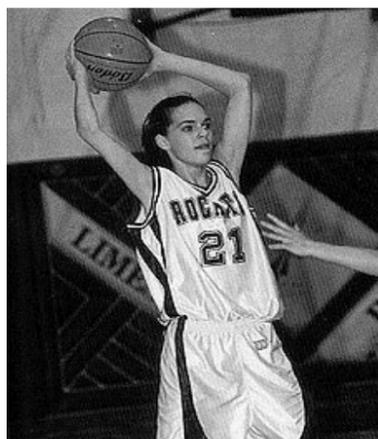


Jolene Slama



Madison is planning to
attend Mammouth College
to play volleybal, softball,
and basketball.

Slama is still undecided
where she should attend
college. Such colleges as
Eastern, Western, and
Indiana state are interested
in her softball talent.

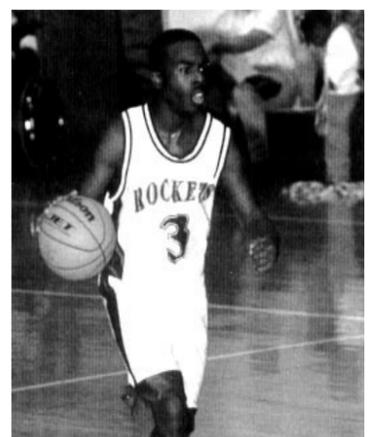


Trisha Van Oppen

Van Oppen has decided to
go to Lincoln College on a
scholarship for basketball
and softball. At Lincoln she
will be studying to be a
Dental Hygienist.

Flowers is still
undecided as to which
college he wants to
attend. He has received
letters from ISU, ICC,
and Eureka for
basketball.

Greg Flowers



We Saved the Best for Last.

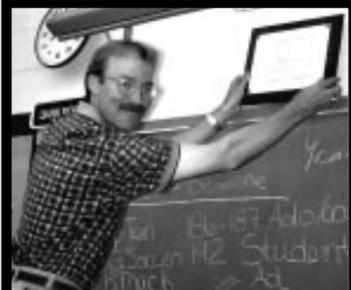
The Class of '99 are the last graduates before the millennium! They deserve great gifts, don't you think? We do too, so come to Hallmark, where you'll find



Nancy's Hallmark
1399 W. Garfield

Limelight Spanks Amulet 29-12!

On Sunday, April 25, the baseball gods were smiling down on the dusty softball diamonds at LCHS.



Limelight Advisor Mr. Doehler obtains the Publications "braggin' rights" from the Amulet.

"We got smoked," remarked Amulet Advisor Kris Tinnon.



Joe Coffman, Mike Troutman, Rose Rickard, and Brad Clough all help with the "updating" of the "braggin' rights" plaque.

The Amulet made a game of this annual grudge match and tried to keep the score close, but a 17 run sixth inning proved to be their downfall in the LIMELIGHT's 29-12 victory.



Team LIMELIGHT--Front Row: Ryan Closen, Rose Rickard. Back Row: Mike Troutman, Brad Clough, Joe Coffman, Mr. Doehler.

"If you're going to talk trash to my staff, be prepared to pay the price," replied LIMELIGHT advisor Mr. Doehler.



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Music News

Orgy hits Madison

Opening with *Dis-sention* sent the crowd in a frenzy right up until *Blue Monday* when the entire crowd turned into a mosh pit. Many fans were disappointed though when the band ended after only playing six or seven songs. "We will definitely be back," stated drummer Bobby Hewitt, who I spoke with after the show. The band plans to return sometime in July.

by Brad Clough

Woodstock '99

This is the lineup so far for Woodstock'99. Aerosmith, Bush, The Chemical Brothers, George Clinton, Collective Soul, Counting Crows, Creed, Sheryl Crow, DMX, Everlast, Fatboy Slim, Foo Fighters, Guster, Ice Cube, Jamiroquai, Wyclef Jean, Jewel, Kid Rock, Korn, Limp Bizkit, Live, Los Lobos, Dave Matthews Band, Metallica, Moe, Alanis Morissette, Willie Nelson, The Offspring, Rage Against The Machine, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Rusted Root, Brian Setzer Orchestra, Sugar Ray, and The Tragically Hip. The event is scheduled for July 23-25. Tickets are \$150.

by Brad Clough

THE MUSIC REVIEW



Brad Clough

Kid Rock dropped *Devil Without A Cause*, his fifth album, August 18, 1998. Kid Rock is out of Detroit Rock City with his nine-piece Twisted Brown Trucker Band. Kid Rock got his start at local talent shows. His first album, *Grit Sandwiches For Breakfast*, helped land him an opening spot on a 20 city U.S. Tour with Ice Cube and Too Short, when he was only 18. Other albums by Kid Rock include his second release, *The Polyfuze Method*, his third release, *Fire It Up*, his fourth album, *Early Morning Stoned Pimp*.

10 Things I Like About This Movie

by Chad Wys

I have to admit, from the previews, this movie looks like a waste of time, and too much like all the other "teen Hollywood" movies that have been hitting the theaters lately. "10 Things I Hate About You," comes theater with the other near similar films, "Can't Hardly Wait," "Varsity Blues," "She's All That," and the new, "Never Been Kissed." Even though it looks like the same high school love trip, it holds its own, and in the end, stands tall among the rest.

Going into the theater, I kept telling myself I'd rather be seeing anything else but this "teen bubble-gum-chewing" clone. I was soon proven wrong as the jokes started pouring from the screen. It was



KID ROCK

Devil Without a Cause

Recently, his second single off *Devil Without A Cause*, "Bawitdaba", debuted on MTV's "Spankin' New Music Weekend". His first single "I am the Bullgod" set *Devil Without A Cause* on its way. His song "Cowboy" is said to sum up his Run-DMC, corn-fed Lynryd Skynrd style. During MTV's "Spring Break", Kid Rock co-hosted "Say What" and "WCW Beachbrawl". Kid Rock is in Billboard's Top 200 at 63, the highest he has been, and is continuing to climb.



surprisingly not as cheap as I thought it would be. The jokes were well delivered and well crafted. The plot line by which the movie was based was not the highest point, and the "you suck," and the "you're so bogus" valley girl come-back lines do grow a little old after the twentieth time. However, the drop-



"10 Things" cast starts a match making frenzy.

dead, funny jokes pull you through, laughing all the way. Don't let that keep you from going to see this hilarious film, though. It's worth the money; however, I can't see how watching it on the big screen makes it any better. This a good "rent it on video" movie. It's worth seeing, whether in the theater or in your home. ☆☆
I give "10 Things" I Hate About You. "2 out of 5 stars. (keep in mind, Titanic" ia a 5.)



Chad Day

At a very young age, Daniel Johns and the rest of Silverchair became famous. At age 17, Silverchair released the LP *Frogstomp*, and the Australian band hit it big. Everyone all over was talking about the debut song "Tomorrow," and how it was such a great song for a band of such young age. *Frogstomp* went gold and even the band itself was stunned. Later came the LP *Freakshow*. The new CD showed that Silverchair was not a one hit wonder. "Abuse Me," was released and was also a big hit. Now, two years later, a new

MP3... Here Today, Gone Tomorrow?

by Chad Wys

MP3 could quite possibly be one of the biggest forms of modern technology to come from the Internet. First of all, what are MP3's? Simply put, MP3's are a way to listen to entire songs by way of the Internet. Standing for MPEG layer 3, MP3 is a way to compress full-length songs into a small amount of hard drive space, and still produce CD quality sound. The ever popular *RealAudio* works in very much the same way. Currently, one can click on a song and hear it instantly using *RealAudio*, however it only plays for about thirty seconds, and the quality is very poor. With MP3 and MP3 players, one is able to download entire songs and hear them as if they are being played directly from the CD itself. If a recordable CD machine is available, MP3 songs can be transferred onto a compact disc that can be played anywhere. As a result, people can create their own CD with the songs they like, absolutely free! Of course, the machine that records the songs onto a compact disc from a PC can cost anywhere from \$250 on up.

If wired properly, a PC and a stereo can be hooked up together. MP3 audio can be played loud and clear through the stereo's speakers. The hardest part of the MP3 revolution is finding the music. Independent music, by unknown artists, is extremely abundant through MP3 on the Internet. If someone looks hard enough, they are able to find the



Silverchair

Neon Ballroom

Silverchair CD, *Neon Ballroom* has been made and its quite a change from Silverchair's regular selection of music.

"Anthem for the Year 2000" is the first release and it is the traditional Silverchair rock. It has only been out for a short time and is already on the 99x Top 9 at 9:09. As for the new style of Silverchair, such songs as "Emotion Sickness," and "Miss You Love," use instruments like violins, maracas, a piano and believe it or not, a flute. The CD still rocks and the new style is brilliantly played into the album. The album is great.



Chad Wys

current hits they hear on the radio. Through sites like www.audiofind.com and www.allmp3s.com, one will be able to find much of the "name brand" music they are looking for. People can search through on-line search engines such as www.hotbot.com and www.lycos.com, to find certain MP3 titles. Unfortunately, MP3 has caused a storm of controversy. The debate centers around the songwriters, producers, and record labels that manufacture the music. The artists and composers of the music look at MP3 downloading as free publicity. Business professionals in the music industry, however, look at it as an invasion of copyright laws. New regulations are being passed each day on MP3's, so start downloading music now before there's nothing left to download.

The following are web sites that may help you in your MP3 search:

- www.isa-afe.com/mp3.htm
- www.mp3.com
- www.audiofind.com
- www.allmp3s.com
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- www.musicmatch.com



May / June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 Concert Choir to St. Pauls Cathedral 3:00pm Mother's Day	10 Computerized Keyboarding Proficiency Test BB(V) IVC (H) 4:15pm BB(F&S)@IVC 4:30pm GSoc(V&JV)@Dunlap 4:30pm SB(F)@IVC 4:30pm Aerobics Cafe 6:00-7:00pm	11 BB(S)@Normal West 4:15 GSoc(V&JV)EP(H) 4:15 BB(V)@Richwoods 7:00pm Bld Comm 7:00pm	12 CurrComm MtgLib 3:00 SB(V)@Lincoln 4:00pm BB(V)@Canton 4:15pm BB(F&S)Canton(H)4:15 SB(F)Morton(H)4:15pm Preschool Graduation Aerobics Cafe 6:00-7:00	13 BTN(V&JV)Manual(H)3:30 Tech PrepMtgRm13 3:00 SB(S&V)@Canton 4:15 BT(V&JV)@EP 4:15 GSoc(V&JV)@Morton5:00 Real World Simulation Tech Prep 4th-7thhr Gym	14 BB(F)Manual(H) 4:15pm SB(F)Richwoods(H)4:30 GT(V)SectionalTBA LAA DanceCafe 6:00-9:00	15 BTN(JV) @Wash 9:00am BB(S)ND(H) 10:00am GSoc(JV)@Met 10:00am GSoc(V)@Eastside 11:00 BB(V)@LaSalle Peru11:00 GT(V) Sectional TBA Armed Forces Day
16 Spring Band Concert Cafe 5:00pm Aud 7:00pm	17 BB(F&S)@Metamora 4:15 BB(V)Metamora(H) 4:15 Aerobics Cafe 6:00-7:00	18 BB(F)@Notre Dame 4:15 SB(S&V)Metamora(H) 4:15pm Brd Mtg 7:00pm	19 BB(V)@Washington 4:15 BB(F&S)Washington(H) 4:15pm Key Club SnackBar ar 7:00pm Aerobics Cafe 6:00-7:00	20 SB(S&V)@Washington 4:15pm	21 ITS Night of one acts Aud 7:30pm BT(V)Sectional TBA GT(V) State TBA BB(V)Spingfield HS(H) 5:00pm	22 BTN(V)Sectional TBA BT(V)Sectional TBA GT(V)State TBA
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30 Memorial Day	31 Memorial Day Observed No School	1 Semester Exams 1st, 2nd, & 3rd hours Pleasant Valley Graduation Auditorium 7:00pm	2 Semester Exams 4th, 5th, & 6th hours	3 Semester Exams 7th hour Faculty Reception 10:00am SB(V) Sectional TBA	4	5 BB(V)Sectional TBA
6	7 Monroe Graduation Auditorium 7:00pm BB(V)Sectional TBA	8 Brd Mtg 7:00pm	9	10	11 SB(V)State TBA	12 BB(V)State TBA SB(V)State TBA

NCAA BASKETBALL WRAP UP

by Mike Troutman

Final Top 25 Rankings:
1.UCONN 2.Duke 3.Michigan St. 4.Ohio St. 5.Kentucky tie 5.St.John's 7.Auburn 8.Maryland 9.Stanford 10.Utah 11.Cincinnati 12.Miami FL tie 12.Gonzaga 14.Temple 15.Iowa 16.Arizona 17.Florida 18.North Carolina 19.Okla-homa 20.Miami OH 21.UCLA 22.Purdue 23.Kansas 24.SW Miss St. 25.Arkansas.

After three exciting week-ends of college basketball filled with overtime games and huge upsets, but when it was all said and done UCONN was cutting down the nets after the championship game. Five double digit seeds made it in to the sweet sixteen which was a record. Even the championship game was an upset, UCONN came into the game as eleven point underdogs to Duke.

In other college basketball

news Duke star and college basketball's player of the year Elton Brand has decided to leave Duke for the NBA. This is rare at Duke considering most of Duke's stars like Grant Hill, Christian Laetner, and Bobby Hurley all graduated before heading to the NBA. Brand, on the other hand is only a sophomore. Brand will most likely be the number one pick in the NBA draft. Brand's teammate William Avey has also announced he will be leaving Duke to go to the NBA too.

Despite winning the college basketball championship bad news has hit UCONN. UCONN's star point guard Khalid El Amin was arrested for marijuana possession on Tuesday, April 13. El Amin was pulled over by a cop and was caught with three ounces of marijuana on him.

"Business Student Of The Year" Chosen

The business department of Limestone Community High School is proud to announce the winner of the Business Student of the Year award for the 1998-99 school year. Karen Jane Allsup was selected to receive this prestigious award.

Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allsup of 6715 South Hollis Road in Bartonville. Mr. Allsup is employed by Caterpillar Inc. as a storage control man, and Mrs. Allsup is employed by Hollis Park District.

Karen has successfully completed ten semesters of business courses while working a co-op job at Caterpillar Inc. in East Peoria. She received a "Who's Who Among American High School Students" award for two years and is currently a member of the National Honor Society. Karen plans to attend Illinois Central College in East Peoria and Bradley University in Peoria to major in accounting. She will continue working at Caterpillar Inc. while attending college.

The Husky Pup Rescue

On April 21, I had the pleasure of baby-sitting my daughter's husky puppy, named Dakota, while she was at school. My other daughter was a participant

in the junior high county track meet held at Limestone High School on that day. The events began approximately at 1:00 P.M. I took the husky puppy with me, but left it locked in the car in the student parking lot. When I returned to the car a short one hour later, the puppy was sitting on the roof of my car. Needless to say, panic set in...How did she get out of the car and who put her on the roof? Well, as it turns out, the students responsible for retrieving the small stuffed animal from the ground beside the car, and placing it on the roof, so I wouldn't drive off and leave it, were still in the car parked right beside mine. Like an idiot, I bumbled a "thank you" with tears in my eyes, knowing what the loss of this "pet" would have meant to my third grader, whom I was on my way to pick up from school. I neglected to get the girls' names. Shame on me! Their parents need to know what a perfectly magnificent thing these girls did in returning this puppy to my 8 year old. Parents...chin up...at least some of you are getting through. I can only hope my children display the same sort of decency when they become teenagers! And girls, and you know who you are, I can only hope your kindness is returned tenfold. MANY thanks!

Jody Lawrence

Drug Survey

Teenagers who use alcohol and other drugs most often use them when they are not in school. But a recent survey of LCHS students shows that within the last year, 12% of freshmen and 27% of juniors say they have used marijuana "on the way to school."

The survey also said that 5% of freshmen and 6% of juniors said they use alcohol on their way to school and 2% of freshmen and 4% of juniors say they have used alcohol during school hours.

The survey also showed that 13% of freshmen and 30% of juniors smoke half a pack or more of cigarettes a day and 24% of freshmen and 42% of juniors smoke on a daily basis.

Also, 8% of freshmen and 16% of juniors are multi-drug users and 5% of freshmen and 13% of juniors get drunk every week. Alcohol is the most accessible drug and 66% of freshmen and 81% of juniors said they have gotten drunk within the last year, while 44% of freshmen and 60% of juniors have gotten drunk in the last month. Also, 24% of freshmen and 29% of juniors say that their parents know of their alcohol use.

The survey reports that 2% of freshmen and 2% of juniors use alcohol daily, with 8% of freshmen and 17% of juniors use marijuana daily, and 30% of freshmen and 52% of juniors have used alcohol and marijuana together.