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Above: Kent Walls and Jaimie Seaman pose at Jr./Sr. while Dan Pierre patiently awaits Jaimie's company.

# Unforgettable Evening

By: Joe Faber

As the new leaves begin to blossom on the spring trees, the plans of the future turn into the memories of the past. There are often many memories that are lost or forgotten. With the passing of Jr/Sr the outlook of the future looks like one of great change for the seniors and the juniors as graduation approaches.

On May 7, Open Door held it's annual Jr/Sr banquet. The theme of the dinner was "Unforgettable", and to many it was just that. 'I enjoyed it because I had the chance to socialize with all my friends," Brian Mezey

The night started with pictures taken outside just before dusk, then dinner. Immediately following was the entertainment - a movie that presented the juniors answering questions about seniors on a mock Jeopardy show. "I felt that the entertainment was well thought out," Sam Moes said. "I thought it (the entertainment)

was a better quality than last year." The entertainment was a movie that was created by the Junior class of 2000. The movie gave a humorous view on the lives of the seniors.

Brian Mezey also remarked how he enjoyed the feel of the evening, "I felt that we had something in common, a bond between our classes, something that we did not have with the class of '98'."

"I feel that our senior class next year will be a little different," Reuben Nodal said. "I will miss a lot of my friends that are leaving."

Though the end of Jr/Sr brings the (see JrSr pg 16)

### SHIPS AHOY

By: Jenny Dorsey

Saturday May 1, 1999, ODCS held the first annual auction.. "The main point was to get people not in the community of Open Door interested in our school,"said Mrs. McAulay who hosted the show.

This event consisted of dinner, a talent show, and the auction all for the purpose of raising money for ODCS. People from the community, business leaders, friends of ODCS were invited, and staff and faculty.

Parents in ODCS were told about the auction but it was designed to have people spend money who were not already responsible for tuition payments, the Work-a-thon, and everything else that parents are supposed to support.

Many people went out to friends and businesses and asked for donations for (see AHOY pg 16)

# SPORTS

Linda Tanner & Jenny Dorsey

### This Year's Sports in Review

#### Swing into action with Golf

(Statistics not available) When Tom Simon was asked about his view of golf he responded, "Golf has taught me patience which helps me with school, my brothers, and when I am talking with God."

#### Learn, Persevere, and Run with Cross Country

(Statistics not available) Cross Country Captain Jessica Merrill said. "This year was so exciting for me because the team worked together and always encouraged each other no matter how good or bad we did. I learned that everything is in God's hands."

#### Swing with Baseball

(Statistics not available) "We have a lot of talent and were finally able to put it together" replied Joe Faber 16 wins 14 losses when asked about his thoughts on this year's baseball scall

Run Away with Track

(Statistics not available) Senior track star Tom Pycraft is looking forward to regionals and running for the team at Grace College next fall.

#### Fly high with Softball

(Statistics not available) Jenny Linder learned to "trust God and know that He'd give us His strength to

#### Spike it with Volleyball

Alison Wilms liked volleyball because. "I learned that I can do much more than I thought possible with the Lord's help." Laying it up with Basketball

Varsity Volleyball 31 wins 22 losses 53 games

8th Volleyball 30 games

J.V. Volleyball 2 wins 34 losses 36 games

7th Volleyball 9 wins 5 losses 14 games

#### Kicking it with Soccer

"Our team was very spiritual because even when we lost, we praised God," said Katlin Wilkinson

> Varsity Soccer: 9 wins 8 losses 1 tie 18 games J.H. Soccer: 5 wins 5 losses I tie

11 games

Sam Hughes learned a lot in basketball this season. He learned, "God is the only one who has the power to judge and we shouldn't put other people down for their faults."

> Varsity Basketball Girls (boys not available); 6 wins 14 losses 20 games (see Sports, pg 16)

### Baseball



### Fever

By: Lisa Pierre

If you have been to any of the boys' baseball games this season, you will know that the Open Door team takes this sport seriously.

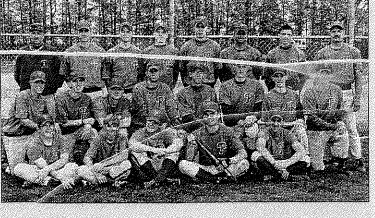
As the season closed on Saturday the 15th with a double-header at Monroeville, the guys were strong till the end.

Last years' record of 11-10 is a slight contrast to the 11-9 record achieved this year with the new varsity coaches. "This is our first year with new coaches, I think it will take a few years to really produce a team of very high caliber." stated senior firstbaseman Jared Riley.

Open Door welcomed coaches Steve Bennet, Dave Dennis, and Roger Lutrell as the coaching "team" for this years' season. "The new coaches were the best thing that

happened to Open Door." stated varsity outfielder Joseph Faber. Nearly the whole team feels that the new coaches were a great asset to the team. "They made us work hard and focus as a team." Joseph Faber added.

On the other hand, some players were not as happy as they could be. "The season was very disappointing." said Mike Bletsch, Junior star Josh Smith



added that the team was full of talent but didn't accomplish what he had hoped.

The '99 baseball season set high hopes for next year when the team will lose this years' seniors and gain next years' freshman.

The team's improvement in staffing and unity already this year is a great accomplishment, while establishing an excitement for the 2000 season.

# Playa of the Year...









#### ON THE FIELD

Playa: Debbie Dobson Height: 5' 7" Weight: 216 lbs.

Sports Played: Softball,

Basketball

Position: Pointguard, centerfielder, catcher Favorite Gatorade Flavor:

grape

Favorite Deodorant: Secret powder fresh

#### OFF THE FIELD

Can be Found: relaxing at the lake

Playa Status: boyfriend Perfect Date Idea: for a guy to pick her up in his car, go to dinner then a walk by the

Future Plans: Go to MVNC, play sports, and become a missions physician.

#### ON THE FIELD

Playa: Mike Garcia Height: 5'10" Weight: 165 lbs.

Sports Played: Baseball Position: Shortstop, second

base

Favorite Gatorade Flavor:

blue kind

Favorite Deodorant:

Old Spice

#### OFF THE FIELD

Can be Found: with friends getting wild.

Playa Status: is currently involved with 3 people Sweetest Thing He's Ever Done for a Girl: he once made a girl dinner and took her out for a night on the town.

Future Plans: college, for elementary education.

#### ON THE FIELD

Playa: Patty Towner Height: 5'9" Weight: 78 lbs.

Sports Played: Volleyball,

Basketball, Track Position: Middle Hitter

Favorite Deodorant:

Secret

Favorite Gatorade: grape

#### OFF THE FIELD

Can be Found: eating, laughing, and smiling. Playa Status: is currently involved with her future husband, Sam Moes. Sweetest Thing She's Ever Done for a Guy: packed a

special lunch for Sam, full of his favorite food on her open campus.

Future Plans: college, marry Sam, have kids.

Left:

#### ON THE FIELD

Playa: Kyle Wlkinson

Height: 6' Weight: 155 lbs.

Sports Played: Soccer, Basketball, Baseball

Position: guard, midfielder, short-stop Favorite Gatorade

Flavor: fruit punch **Favorite Deodorant:** 

Right Guard

#### OFF THE FIELD

Can be Found: spending quality time with friends. Playa Status: undecided Perfect Date Idea: going to dinner then a walk or nice boat ride.

Future Plans: go to college, get married, have lots and lots of kids.

### A Crew That Cares

By: West Newbrough

A long time ago someone developed a sport some say is for the real men and women or the world: skateboarding. Skateboarding is a big part in many student's lives, including eighth graders, sophomores, and a junior at ODCS.

Justin Kincaid, Eric Kincaid, Fred Miller, Fritz Dengle, and Steve



Justin Kincaid practices with fellow **JEFFS** men in an empty parking lot in Elyria.

Leimgruber started skating together a while ago and have become a close-knit group of "brothers."

Once while the band of boarders was skating, they decided to name themselves. One of the guys thought up "JEFFS" which is made up of each of the member's first names. Everybody liked the proposition and a

(see JEFFS pg 15)

# FEATURES

### Adios Senora Muck!

### We Will Miss You!

By Heidi Tybee

'There is too much job stress that doesn't leave me enough time for home," said Mrs. Muck. This is the reason why one of our fine Open Door teachers is moving on to the next step of her life. Mrs. Randi Muck, High School Spanish teacher and friend of many students, is leaving ODC when the 1998-1999 school year ends

Mrs. Muck has accomplished many things in her life, other than touching the hearts of hundreds of students. When Mrs. Muck was a High School freshman she traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico for an in depth study in Spanish. She lived with a family that had many exciting times

Being in spanish class, myself, for three years has given me some time to



hear many of the stories of her time spent iü Mexico. Mrs. Muck telling stories has helped all of us learn to appreciate her time in another culture.

Mrs. Muck is not leaving teaching. She hopes to substitute teach and just enjoy her time with her children.

"We will definitely be playing more sports and more sports," said Mrs.

Muck who has two sons, Brandon age 7



and Seth age 3.

When act is about her favorite memory at ODC, she said she will

"What I am going to miss most are my students. All the time in class has been really fun!"

-Sra. Muck

"never forget Tony Wall's graduation speech." Wall, Class of 1995 and daughter of guidance counselor Mrs. Jaudon, had thanked her mother for all that she had done. Mrs. Muck hopes she "can be as good as mom as Mrs. Jaudon."

Plans at the moment? Muck said

with a smile, "None, for the first time in my life!"

Mrs. Muck will be missed by all her students and friends here at Open Door. Her enthusiasm for teaching and her students will never be forgotten.

Left: Muck with a few of her students.

# Students Words for Sra. Muck And Thoughts About Spanish Class

"I love when you make fun of Brian Mezey in Spanish and he doesn't even know what you are saying." -Patty Towner.

"The games we played this year were funny, like us yelling "date." But the best was in Spanish II when the whole class got into arguments and Adam, Jared, Diana and Mabel all ended up in corners." -Tara Wilms

"My fave was when Mrs. Muck and I had an ongoing prank war. She emptied my locker, and she and Jared emptied my book bag in the guidance office. But most of all when Jared and I duct taped Diana to a chair."

-Mabel Jones

"It has to be the two years I spent making fun of Mrs. Mucks socks." -Brian Mezey

"When we were in Europe and Mrs. Muck got more than she expected at the Eiffel Tower. And how Mrs. Muck had a heart attack every time I ever did something." -Reuben Nodal

### Calm In Chaos

By: Laura Ponusky

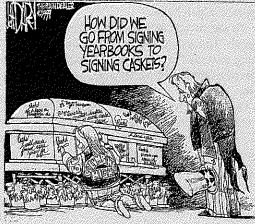
1,390 miles away from our small private school, lies a town that is attempting to regain a normal existence. Many have heard of the tragedy that has befallen the suburban town of Littleton. Colorado. The Columbine massacre has increased anxiety and fear, especially in the public schools.

The question I ask is, "What about our school?" After the incident, an onslaught of copy-cat threats has followed. The Lorain area has been littered with bomb and siege warnings. Elyria High, Keystone, Admiral King, and Southview, are just a few area schools that have felt repercussions of the mass

Generally, ODCS students have not felt affected by the tragedy. One student commented, "It hasn't really affected

me, even though I believe it should."

655 students, kindergarten through twelfth grade, spend each day in this small school surrounded by exceptional teachers, volunteering parents, and



church staff. It is extremely easy to take fear. We need to trust God, because no for granted the benefits that we enjoy. Currently there are students all over Lorain County that are afraid to go to school, even four weeks after the massacre.

According to a letter sent to parents. a bullet was found in a stairwell at Elyria high. Once the word got out. rumors were sparked by terrified students. I personally have a friend who was falsely told her closest friend had been shot to death.

With the violence practically on our front doorstep, why are we not affected by the same fear and chaos that has held schools across the nation? If we have our trust in the fact that this is Open Door and everyone knows everyone else, we are simply establishing a false sense of security.

There are students who walk the halls with complete confidence in their security. They have their trust in more than familiar faces, they trust God. Mrs. Scarbrough, the elementary secretary stated, "People cannot live in

one is promised tomorrow." I believe that is the best attitude to have in light of the times in which we live.

## School Lunches

### The New Frontier for the New Millennium

By: Missy Norris

What do you think of the lunch menu? This is one question was asked to forty students last week about the changes this year in our cafeteria.

This year the lunch staff has decided to eliminate the Monday spaghetti and bread sticks and have soups and salads. They have also added hamburgers this year on Thursdays. All these changes makes some people think about, what could change for next year?

Fifty percent of the students polled year have liked the changesthis year. Thirty percent haven't liked them and the other twenty percent are indifferent to the changes.

Students also replied that most

would not take advantage of a morning breakfast program between 1st and 4th period.

Most of the students would also get rid of the taco day on Wednesday. Fresh Fruit was a suggestion and ninety percent of the people asked loved the idea of it being served.

The top five things that people would like to see next year were: french fries, ravioli, chicken strips, more variety of subs and ice cream everyday. They would also like to see the food vary from week to week.

Students seem to hope that with the coming years the variety in the lunchroom will ever be on the increase.

### MRS. O'NEAL **UPDATE**

By: Amy Schuster and Lisa Pierre

No, Mrs. O'Neal has not had her baby yet. That is probably the first question that comes to mind when addressing Mrs. O'Neal, Open Door's previous French teacher.

O'Neals' due date is June 17, and she is very excited. She and her husband have already decided on the name of their new baby girl, Devany

Mrs. O'Neal said that the doctor was satisfied with her progress so far. "I am in the safety zone," she stated. This means if she was to have the baby anytime, it would be perfectly

Mrs. O'Neal is still planning on coming back to Open Door next year. and she recently helped Mrs. Muck grade the Language Fair.

# Elementary and more...

# Student of the Month

By: Missy Norris

Jimmy McNamara has attended Open Door for the past two years. He previously attended school in New Jersey. He said, "I like private school better than public school because we are able to pray in the classroom here."

Next year he hopes to play soccer and run track as a seventh grader. Right now he is involved in the band and Jimmy also learns French from Mrs. Clark. This year he placed third in the Lego Olympiad.

The thing that Jimmy misses most about living in New Jersey is that he and his family univeled to New York every once in awhile because the food manyor can only get in New York such as, Manhattan pizza. Jimmy describes Cleveland as a "miniature New York City."

Jimmy and his tamily now reside in Avon Lake. He enjoys playing soccer and other games with the children in his



neighborhood.

Jimmy enjoys private school a lot more than public school. He also plans to attend Open Door for the rest of high school.

### Art fair or Not fair? Open Door sweeps it up

By: Joe Faber

On May 5, Open Door's art department went to the 10th annual A.C.S.I. Art Fair. Over 15 schools participated in the art fair and 15 students were chosen to represent Open Door.

All the art was individually judged according to the category in which it was placed. The art was judged by a point system. The top award being the "superior" rating next the "excellent" and finally the "honorable mention". There is also offered a rare award which superceeds the "superior" award, and that is the "best of show" award.

Open Door, took home seventeen superior, and thirteen excellent awards. "They worked really hard and deserved what they got," Steve Wallace said. "Last year we received the highest prize that was offered. We received three best of show awards and are looking forward to the summer to see if we will receive some from this years A.C.S.I."

Mr. Wallace was well pleased with the total effort and work that was done through the year. He is looking forward for the same dedicated work in the years to come.

#### Superior

Steve Smith-2 Christina Davis-2 Mitch Rivas Travis Gift

Mike Howard Susanna Smally Brad Beller-2 Robert Kinas-2 Amanda Taylor

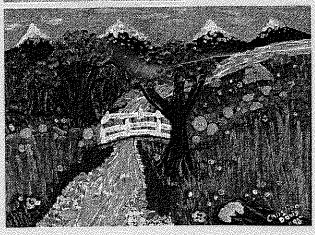
#### Excellent

Sam Moes-2
Mike Boardwine
Travis Gift
Megan Jablonski
Erica Schaser
Josh Liles
Mike Wensel
Fred Miller
Susannah Smalley
Yvonne Phillips
Terra Bittner
Heidi Baxter



Left: Mitch Rivas uses an airbrush to create a space-like effect which earned him a superior at the A.C.S.I. Art Fair.

Below: Christina Davis uses acrylic paints to portray a beautiful landscape somewhere in the mountains, by a stream and a river.



# ADVICE

### Christian Conscience

#### Christian Conscience:

My boyfriend is pressuring me to go farther than I want to go. He says that he loves me, but if he really does why is he so insistent on going where I don't want to go? I want to stay with him but I don't know what to do! HELP!!

#### Dear Pressured:

It says in the Bible to be fruitful and

multiply, but one should only multiply while saw her. I want to say something to her but married. If your boyfriend really loves you he will understand that you don't want to go do? that far and will back off. If he keeps pressuring you, don't hesitate to break up with him because he obviously is selfish and lacks self control and integrity.

#### Christian Conscience:

I went shopping at the mall yesterday with my best friend. While we were there she stole something, but she didn't think I I am afraid she'll get mad. What should I

#### Dear Witness:

The best thing you can do for your friend is tell her you know. Not only is her crime against the law, it is against the Bible! If she knows that others have seen her steal, she will probably stop. If she continues to steal you should turn her in to her parents or the store owners. I know this would be hard, but it is the right thing to do.

### it's time to be **BOLD**

This is a devotional excerpt Michael W. Smith's book it's time to be Bold.

#### You'll Never Make It Alone: The Importance of Christian Friends; The View from the Cross:

The man who was executed outside Jerusalem was exactly like us-and nothing like us. In Jesus, we have a friend who is able "to sympathize with our weaknesses...one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are"(Hebrews 4:15).

When you're betrayed by someone you thought you could count on and you're not sure you'll ever be able to trust anyone again, He understands. He was first betrayed by a kiss, then denied three times.

your best friend and you feel that your heart is broken beyond mending, He understands. Ten of His closest companions were murdered within a few years of each other for the singular crime of believing in Him-and He watched it all happen.

Max Lucado calls Him the God who came near. "For thirty-three years He would feel everything you and I have ever felt. He grew weary. He was afraid of failure. He felt weak. He was susceptible to wooing women. He got colds, burped, and had body odor. His feelings got hurt. His feet got tired. And His head ached." He understands. He was a man. He was exactly like us.

Still, in an important way, He was nothing like us: "tempted in every way, just as we are-yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15, emphasis mine). You and I are a lot alike. At our best, we take a few steps forward and slip one back. Jesus is different from us. He was tempted to lie, but He told the truth. He was tempted to envy, but He chose to encourage. Jesus may have always been able to understand our weaknesses, but until He faced death, When He who knew no sin became sin for us, there was something about us that He couldn't understand-what it felt to be guilty.

Although He lived as a man, He was the One who came to open blind eyes. cleanse lepers, and ultimately give His life to give us eternal life. There is no When you stand beside the coffin of greater miracle than the fact that he knows us completely and still chooses to call us His friends.

#### Live The Life

Another thing you and I have in common is that we both need friends. If you can think of me as one of yours, I've got some great advice for you. Work on your most important friendship. There are friends who pretend to be friends, but "there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24). Like any friendship, yours with Christ will not happen overnight, even though He's more than willing. It's just that it usually takes most of us some time to finally believe that He loves us as much as he does.

#### Look for friends who will hold you accountable.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Prov. 27:17). You'll never make it alone. Whether it's your pastor, parent, or friend give those you love permission to walk around inside you and help you get an honest picture of yourself.

#### Hang out consistently with at least one solid Christian friend.

"Two are better than one... If one falls down, his friend can help him up"(Ecc. 4:9, 10). There's a reason Jesus sent His disciples out in pairs. You were never meant to make it alone. You'll never make it alone. God knows that just one or two other friends that share your faith is enough to encourage you and help you defend yourself against the pressure you

#### Don't be afraid to reach out to others.

"Keep yourselves in God's love" (Jude 21). Being a friend is the most natural way to influence people, and it seems to be God's favorite strategy for reaching the would with His love.

The fact is that we have a compassionate, merciful God. It's time for us to be bold enough to show people who don't know Him that they don't have to perform to get His attention. Neither do they have to work to earn His love. He loves them exactly the way we should-just because He loves them.

# The 1999 Innocent Bystander A Median

# **ODCS Elections 1999**

### 1999-2000 Student Council Elections

By Heidi Tybee (former STUCO member)

Electing your class officials may not be on your top list of priorities, nevertheless it should be. People you choose to make decisions for you in the upcoming year can and will impact your life here at ODC. Take a look at the following candidates and see where they stand on the issues and find out the reasons for their bid for candidacy.

#### Senior Candidates



Reggie Rice

Rice for Senior Class President "The decision of running for Class President came as a result of the encouragement [ received from friends, family, and especially God. He has placed a deep desire in me to make a difference for him, and I feel as Senior Class President I will be in a position to do that. I'm the new guy on campus. I have fresh ideas and new insight that can benefit our school. I feel in my heart that God wants Open Door to be a place that radiates Jesus Christ through everything we do. It's our final year. We have the choice to either coast through and party, or make a difference and set a new standard in our school (and still party, of course)."



Kent Walls

Walls for Senior Class President "I have been Class Prez the last 3 years and I have worked hard. I have done many different things for the school and my class. The main reason why the voters should vote for me for my ideas and what I could do next year. 1) Senior Lounge, it is critical for our class to have it if we want to stay close. 2) Sadie Hawkins Valentines Party, it would be sweet having the girls ask the guys. It would be tons of fun. 3) More class activities and competitions. 4) Cedar Point Sneak, whatever happened to it? I think we need to get it back. 5) More exciting entertainment at Homecoming and Jr/Sr. 6) Chapels, time to get them extended and just keep them awesome... Our Senior year will be sweet!"



Dominic DeMaria

DeMaria for Senior Class Vice President "I'm in NHS. I have some experience in STUCO. VP would be the best position for me since I can perform my best there. I bring my ideas, also my friendliness to everybody. I would make sure that erypedy would get a voice if they have a suggestion to me. Just vote for whoever you think would fill the position, but remember, "DD for VP."

Buchanan for Senior Class Secretary "I decided to run for STUCO because I think

it would be a great experience to use my

look and get the job done."

leadership skills to better others. Over the 98-99 summer, I attended an intense National Leadership Conference. During this period I learned skills on how to lead groups effectively. I will bring a fresh new

Dubois for Senior Class Representative

I have always wanted to be a class officer,

and make up ideas and lead our class. I will

change the lunch menu to consist of healthy

food, such as fruit, better salads, etc. I have a

personal attribute that people are looking for

in their class leaders. I'm creative, a leader,

and I love to talk. 2000 rocks!"

give my class what they ask for. I want to



Pam Fletcher





Dave Irimies

Fletcher for Senior Class Vice President "I have enjoyed being VP this year. I like being involved in planning events for our school. I feel like I am a good leader who cares about our class and our school. I feel ] have many good ideas to make our Senior year enjoyable and fun. I would like our class to grow closer next year with different activities. If you vote for me as your VP I promise to work hard and do my best to make our Senior year the best year yet."

LaFleur for Senior Class Secretary

experiences in STUCO. I'm Jug. One word:

"I enjoy being in STUCO. I have past



Irimies for Senior Class Representative I want to be more involved in the activities ODC has to offer and I want to serve the school. I see STUCO as an opportunity to do that. I will do everything in my power to create more and better events for our class and provide our class with more welldeserved rights. You're cool if you vote for me, and I'll give you a high five.'



Diana Buchanan

Abbie Dubois

# **ODCS Elections 1999**

#### Junior Candidates



Logan Quan

Quan for Junior Class President
"All the leaders are female in my grade.
(That isn't a bad thing.) But I would like to
make my class more diverse in the
leadership roles. I have previous leadership
experience in Band. I've also learned how to
debate ideas in Mock Trial. Jesus is who I
live for. If elected, I will try my hardest to
serve as He did. 'But among you, the one
who serves you best will be your leader.'
Luke 22:26"



Kelly Wilkinson

Wilkinson for Junior Class President
"I enjoy being in STUCO and I feel that I
can get the job done! I have experience!
I have been in STUCO for the past 3
years. I have a creative mind. I really
care about my class. I want to make it a
good year and one of our best. Please
take your vote seriously and strongly,
consider voting for me. I promise to work
hard and take into consideration any ideas
you have! Thank you!"



Alison Boaz

Un-opposed for Junior Class Vice President

"I've been in STUCO for 3 years and I've really enjoyed it and want to be on it again. I have experiance and good ideas. I am qualified, I enjoy STUCO, and I like doing things for my class and the shool. I will work hard for my class, I will do what I can for my class, and I will do my best to represent my classmates."



Jenny Linder

Un-opposed for Junior Class Secretary

"I ran for secretary 'cause I didn't want to beat people I'd like to be on STUCO with. I'm organized and I'm involved in school and extracurricular things. I will listen to everyone's suggestions and attempt to make school more enjoyable. I will serve the to-be Junior Class to the best of my ability."



Betsy Fairchild

Un-opposed for Junior Class Representative

"I just think being in STUCO would be fun. I get good grades and I am a good student. I have good leadership abilities and I can get along with people."

### Electing Officials for YOUR Student Council and What Student Council Means to You

By Heidi Tybee

Choosing a class officer may be as easy as checking by your friends' box on the ballet, but should you take it so nonchalantly? Will your friend be serious, responsible and a hard worker for you? Be wise as you cast your vote.

Electing the candidate with the most experience is usually a safe bet, if you like what they have done in office for you in previous years. Candidates who know what STUCO, short for Student Council, is all about can work to your advantage. These candidates already have the rules down. Thus, real work can be started right at the beginning. No period for learning new policies or going over old regulations, they start on the issues just like any other meeting they have attended.

People who want to change the way STUCO runs are called the challengers. These students usually have new ideas to replace those of the incumbents before them. Challengers apparently do not have the experience, but may

be skilled in other clubs and organizations which give them a leadership role. They know what they want to accomplish for you. All they need to get started is your vote.

What actually goes on in STUCO meeting? As a STUCO member of four years, I can say a lot of hard work goes on to keep student activities rolling. Activities such as Spirit Week, Homecoming and Junior Senior are each planned by STUCO. STUCO members also are a part of the Annual Student Welcoming Committee. This years STUCO had a chance to give the school what no other STUCO has before: shorts! Many ideas and conversations are thrown around the room, but all in all, STUCO meetings are about what Student Council is working on for the student body.

On Monday, you have the chance to take your STUCO into your own hands. Remember to vote responsibly and please, vote wisely.

# **ODCS Elections 1999**

#### **Sophomore Candidates**

Only Four Candidates Can Be Elected



Matt Alaksa

Alaksa for Soph. Class Representative
"A few of my fellow students have told me
that I should run. I think that I would make
a pretty good leader in the Class of 2002.
My class should vote for me because I think
I can do the job responsibly. If I get elected I
will do my best in office and I will work
hard to get what they want."



Danielle Davis

Davis for Soph. Class Representative
"I decided to run for this position because I really enjoy having a say in Homecoming and other school activities. I have been in STUCO for two years. I am friendly and try to talk to everybody, so I think I would do a great job representing my class and their opinions. If elected I will give my absolute best effort to do a good job."



Andrea Moore

Moore for Soph. Class Representative "I decided to run for this position because students were approaching me to run for it. I have participated in organizing student activities and coordinating youth ministry functions. I have a desire to help our school be great and to bring a strong, Christ centered unity in our class. I'd like a chance to make a difference."



Yvonne Phillips

Phillips for Soph. Class Representative

"I was in STUCO this year and really enjoyed it. I know what is expected of me. Also, I like to be a leader and not a follower. I will do everything in the best interest of the student body. I promise to do my best."



Daniel Riley

Riley for Soph. Class Representative "Last year I wanted to run and I was too late in turning in my application. I was in JH STUCO and I believe I am well liked by my classmates. I believe they all agree I am the best candidate. I have a high GPA and have gone to ODC since preschool. I know how it works. Please vote for me on Election Day and I will make the Class of 2002 proud."



Kasey Urbansky

Urbansky for Soph. Class Representative
"I want to be in STUCO, again, because I
like being included with my class and
helping plan special events like
Homecoming. If anyone has a problem with
STUCO, they can always come to me. If reelected I promise to try my best to present
the needs of my class."

#### **Freshmen Candidates**

Only Three Candidates Can Be Elected



Amy Bischoff

Bischoff for Frosh Class Representative
"I ran as an eighth grader and found it to be
really enjoyable. I hope to find it just as
rewarding this year. I hope to help plan a lot
of fun things and I will listen to what the
voters want to relay to the STUCO. I hope
to make this year a lot of fun. 2003 Rules!"



Tim Carmany

Carmany for Frosh Class Representative

"I enjoy making decisions. I have a rather high GPA, I am used to being a leader. The voters should vote for me because they can trust me to make the right decisions. The Class of '03 Rocks!"



Sam Hughes

Hughes for Frosh Class Representative
"I think I will be a good spokesman for my
class. I think the voters should vote for me
because I will help the class in a positive
way. Final words: vote for me and you
won't be sorry. For voting for someone else



Ali Miller

Miller for Frosh Class Representative
"I have been in JH-STUCO for two years. I
do what I am told, listen to others and I stay
close to God. I just want you to vote for me
because I'll try hard and take comments
from other people that aren't in STUCO."

# ENTERTAINMENT

# SENIOR'S MOUTH

We are leaving it up to you. We decided to let the Seniors speak out on how they thought this year has went and speak whatever their little hearts desired. So here are the responses from your classmates.





"All and all, it has been a good year. Through all of the struggles I have had to go through this year I have managed to keep going. Probably the best thing that has happened this year has been knowing God is there and the family I have gained. Evening earning the nickname "DIESEL". Some words of advice for the juniors, work your hardest and try your hardest to keep the -Jacob Mackeigan (DIESEL)



"This year has been fairly good, but I am glad it is almost over. I am looking forward to attending Grace College in the fall.' -Tom Pycraft



"At the beginning of year I was so excited that

this was my last year of high school and that soon

I would be at Asbury College. Now that time is

actually graduating, but come August 19, I will

begin the next step of my life. I will miss all of

coming closer and I can't believe that I am

you dearly, good luck in the future."



-Beth Cooksey



"I had a great Senior year!!! I made lots of friends and I hate to leave them. But I am still glad to be going. Oh, and one more thing - - -Walker and I are not a couple!! Thank you, thank you very much! (That's for Kyle and Josh Smith!) I love all of you guys!!!"

-Elena Rodriguez



"This year was a year of lessons. It began with losing a good friend, to gaining many new friendships. This was a year to learn. A year where I fought till the end to graudate. As I look back on this year, I see things I loved and Things I hated. Heave with good thoughts of loving my class. It's been a blast with everyone. Whether it was an athletic event or the Europe trip. This year was great. Most of all I give thanks to God above, then my class. You have all influenced me in one way or another. Good bye and good luck! "99" SEMPER FT" -Mitch Rivas



"This year has went perty fast . . . and I think that it is gonna stink to leave school for the last time. . . I think that most of all the Seniors are gonna miss school.'

-Sam Moes





"This year has been packed full of great memories. I have grown so much not only in my friendships, but also spiritually. I plan on attending Abbe Road Technical Institute (LCCC) and maybe become a RN. I will miss all of my friends dearly. I will be around, though." With Love-Travis Gift (NAKED)

"I'm definitely ready to graduate and be done with school. I know I will miss some people, but the time has come." -Matt Carmany



As the founders of the Senior's Mouth we would like to say thank you to all who participated in our little section. We too will miss all of our classmates as we all graduate and go our own ways. Our hope is that the 'Mouth' will live on and next years Seniors will make us proud. Good luck to the Journalism class of 1999-2000. It is worth all the work!!!

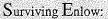
-Erin Brook Alloway & Heidi Tybee Baxter

# ENTERTAINMENT

With finals on the way, T.I.B would like to share some studying tips for a few of the faculty members. One should take these to heart because they could help you along the way. Finals from these teachers have been experienced by various members of T.I.B. staff and passed with honors. Good luck!!!

#### Surviving Greenwood:

Don't worry about studying the book. All you need is located in your notes, that is, if you kept them. Look over once or twice and you will be fine. Oh, and don't forget the Pepsi and donuts. A little extra added help.



Study the book deeply, osmosis does not work.



know your assonance, alliterations, VOCAB, and structure of an essay. You cannot weasel your way in la clase de Enlow.

#### Surviving Conner:

Once again, know various vocab from stories read throuhout the year. If you have news about anything on the ODC campus, tell her! She loves to talk and will ramble on about anything. Get her going and she could even blurt out some answers. Listen Carefully!



Surviving Muck:

If you are in Spanish II-IV, remember everything from Spanish I, day one. Vocabulary is necessary to know, because the number seems to multiply each year. All we can say is STUDY YOUR NOTES! This is one of the toughest finals to ever be taken Surviving Rhodes:

All you need to do is listen to what he says. Mr. Rhodes doesn't jump around with the facts! You need to know plenty of them and he is very straightforward. You will finish in plenty of

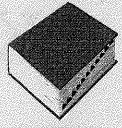
time to catch some sun if you're smart and listen to exactly

what he has to say.



Surviving Russ:

This plaid-suited jester is nothing to worry about. If you listened to everything he has babbled about this year, then you'll be lost. You only need to know the key words. His tests are mostly fill-in-the-blank. All you really need to think about are the bolded words on your worksheets. Brownie points can be achieved by a cup of coffee every morning and maybe a new CD.





# SENIORS



With the school year close to its end the T.I.B. staff has deciced to devote a section to some of the great memories that the Seniors have of each other like our nicknames and the silly words that are always being said, and even just key phrases that describe us. So see if you can figure out what the answers are by the following clues.

### Unscramble these key Senior phrases & words:

1. tyha

6. fshieerdmoen

2. eghegtrreu

7. dnkae

3. lweah

8. deud

4. hcwoeras!!

9. riish

5. psuhtu

10. sogrs

### ??? Whose Nickname???

Bulldog\_\_\_\_\_ Diesel \_\_\_\_\_

Naked WalkerStalker\_\_\_\_

WarmCheese \_\_\_\_

PoohBear\_\_\_\_\_

Puppy\_\_\_\_\_ Wakski

Spaz Tybee \_\_\_\_

Willie \_\_\_\_\_

Sugar \_\_\_\_\_ Porky \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Weasel \_\_\_\_\_

6. Freedom shrine 7. naked 8. dude 9. hi sir 10. gross Answers: I. yhat 2. treehugger 3. whale 4. whocares!! 5. shutup

Erin Alloway, Mitch Rivas, Mike Wenzel Brian Mezey, Walker Mack, Sarah Sharp, Adam Hignett, Heidi Baxtet, Kyle Wilkinson, Answers: Jacob Mackeigan, Travis Giff, Elena Rodriguez, Laura Ponusky, Jared Riley,

# CLASSIFIEDS

SADIE HA WARTY
SADIE HA Party

SENIOR AROUNGE

# KENT WALLS

for SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

"CHANGES WILL HAPPEN"

"SENIOR YEAR WILL BE SWEET!"

Morring Crass

Cedar Point Sneak back

# CLASSIFIEDS

### **FOR SALE**

Puppies for sale. Lab/Collie mix, 3 females and 5 males. They have had shots and been wormed. \$30.

Call 967-2917 or see Amy Brown for details.

### Don't Forget

SENIOR vs. Faculty softball game on Thursday May 20th. Don't miss all the fun and excitement. Come cheer on the two rivals and watch the SENIORS lose! Don't forget! (some people forget who the final editor is of this paper! Remember, focus on the bold words

#### **COMING IN JUNE!!**

seniors....JR)

CD release of Forecast by After Dark with 11 songs including Ancient of Days, Forecast, Consuming Light, Oneness and more. Musicians include Travis and Trevor Gift, Christy Davis, Jeni Russ and more!!!

### Words to Live By

When it comes to college, it is not just your GPA and test scores. You need to show them your entire package.

### Words to Live By

Coming Out on Top

"If you think you are beaten, you are.

If you think you dare not, you don't.

If you'd like to win but you think you can't, it's almost certain you won't.

Life's battles don't always go to the stronger of faster man But sooner or later the man who wins

Is the man who thinks he can."

Brian is AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!!!

Love is the accepting of someone's greatest faults and the celebrating of their greatest moments.

SENIOR year does <u>not</u> end after the term paper!!!!

(from **JEFFS** pg 3) new skateboard team was born.

Justin Kincaid said, "It's (JEFFS) a crew-brothers. We're the best kind of friends you could have."

Sophomore Fred Miller added, "We're a team, we pretty much take care of each other. If someone needs something we don't hesitate to help them out.'

Fred Miller's words were put to the test on April 29 when Justin Kincaid fell while skating and was rushed to the hospital with a fractured skull. Once Justin was able to see visitors, his crew was there with him.

Justin said of the incident,
"Accidents happen all the time and
you just never know what might
happen. Just because you get hurt
doing something you like, doesn't
mean you quit doing it. You learn
from it and keep going.

I was skating and I don't remember what happened during the accident, before the accident, or even the ride to the emergency room. I do remember the x-rays and CAT scan but I kept going in and out of consciousness. After I was at the emergency room for about an hour they life-flighted me to Metro Health. I hit my head around 8:30 p.m. and was being prepped for surgery by 12 a.m. After surgery I stayed in the ICU for about twelve hours and then they moved me to the pediatrics where I stayed for the rest of my visit. My speech was slurred from the accident and I was nauseous when I moved. By Sunday I was walking, drinking, and eating and they let me go home. Now I get very tired after I do anything. Going to the greenhouse with my grandpa still wears me out and it has already been twelve days. I get bad headaches too, but I keep getting better. Thanks for my great friends, all the cards and letters everyone has sent, and especially thank you for all of your prayers."

The "JEFFS" crew has been through a lot together. Fred Miller, Steve Leimgruber, and Eric Kincaid all shaved their heads to make Justin feel more comfortable. Maybe everyone should take a closer look at the skateboarding faction and learn something to live by.

# AND SO ON ...

(from Sports pg 2)
J.V. Basketball:
3 wins 9 losses
12 games

8th Basketball Boys & Girls: 12 wins 12 losses 24 games 7th Basketball Boys & Girls; 4 win 11 losses 15 games

(from JrSr pg 1)

final activity that these classes will see together, also brings with it a chance to excell and grow. "I feel that it's time to move on," Daniel J. Pierre said. "I will miss a lot of people, but I feel that my time here is up."

As that day of graduation approaches, and the seniors prepare to embrace their future, it leaves a void in the school; a space not easily filled. With all the changes that are taking place, sometimes it may be hard, but that is a lesson learned a lesson taught by time and life.

(from AHOY pg 1)

the auction. Beautiful jewelry, pictures, photography, baskets of items donated by the students, tickets to events, yard equipment, Beanie Babies, clothing, plane rides, dinner certificates, car care and pet care items, framed art, bird and doll houses, sports memorabilia, pre-made dinners, and a Kawasaki motorcycle were among the many items donated for the auction. Over two hundred items, plus the services of ODCS were donated.

The Auction brought in over \$25,000 dollars including donations and they are still coming in. The money will go into the general fund which pays for everything in the school from the light bill to the teacher's salaries. There was also a cruise give-away and Bill Sharp, father of Steve and Sarah, had the winning key. Mrs. McAulay said she's not sure if there will be another auction next year, but the staff members said they had a good time. Everyone is "just thanking God for this year's success."



# National Day Of Prayer



Thursday May 6, 1999 was the 48th annual National Day of Prayer. The sky was grey, the air was chilly, birds were singing, and cars were buzzing by. Most everyone was preoccupied with their daily schedules. All that is, except some students at Open Door Christian School. Many students were gathered around the flag pole for a time of heart-felt worship and prayer for the nation, youth, leaders and communities.

Similar to "See You at the Pole," the purpose behind this event can be easily missed. According to the National Day of Prayer Society, people need to pray for this country because of what God promises in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked way, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

According to the National Day of Prayer Society, it is important to pray for leaders because they are under pressure to make wise decisions. When making these decisions they need to have a clear mind and God's direction to make wise chaites.

The National Day of Prayer Society feels that it is important to pray for communities. This is important because of what Jesus said in Matthew 18:20, "Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." If there are Christians in every community that come together in God's name then, God is with them. If God is in the midst of the communities of America, His will will be accomplished.

After a few prayers for the nation Reggie Rice led the students in worship with the songs *Make Us a Prayer*, *In the Secret*, and *All in All*. This time of worship was followed by another moment of prayer. Students began praying for themselves and for other youth. Rice prayed, "I so badly want to be as Paul [the apostle] said, 'imitate me as I imitate Christ'." Ben George prayed that he would have "the want and desire to tell others of Christ."

Come Let Us Worship was sung, then a time for adoration took place. The students took this time to shout praises to God. They did this by completing the sentence "Lord you are..." Some of the characteristics that were shouted were: hope, love, Father, best friend, Savior, and strength.

The song *Be Glorified* closed out the hour of prayer and praise, bringing closure to this school year. This school year began in September with students around the flag pole for "See You At the Pole." Now it is ending with students gathered at the same flag pole for the National Day of Prayer.