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## CHS mourns Kevin Johnston

by Steven Zahn  
Co Editor-in-Chief

On Wednesday, April 22, 1998, Columbine High School's Kevin Johnston passed away after he suffered a massive heart attack while exercising at the Lakewood Athletic Club. He is survived by his wife, Gail, and his two children, Molly, a freshman at Green Mountain High School, and Paul, a fourth grader.

Johnston, a Columbine Spanish teacher for the past three years, was 52 years of age at the time of his death. He also taught at Carmody Middle School, Evergreen Middle School, as well as Deer Creek Middle School during his teaching career.

Funeral services were held at the Evergreen Lake House on April 27th as many students, friends and family gathered to remember his life. Foreign Language teacher Ann Mocchi states, "It was very touching to see so many of Senor Johnston's students at the service. I know it meant a lot to his family to see how much those kids loved him."

However, to most of the students at Columbine who knew Johnston, he was more than just a teacher. Junior Casey Stoner explains, "Senor Johnston was a kind man. He was like a friend, not a teacher, and he wasn't afraid to have fun and try new things. I'll really miss him."

Johnston became a friends to

most people who met him, not just students who were in his class. Senior Abby Hoganson reflects on the personality that made him a "great guy." She says, "I remember him every day in the hall on my way to Spanish class. He would say 'Hola, como te llamas' (Hello, what's your name). He always wanted to get to know our names and get to know us better."

Recently, Johnston ventured on his first trip to Spain with Columbine students over Spring Break. Senior Brette Schell says that the lessons he taught were worthwhile. She states, "One can always try to describe Senor Johnston with words, but no words in the human language would do him justice. He taught me more in 2 weeks than I've learned in 18 years."

Memories of Johnston on the trip will last a long time, according to Junior Mindy Haney. She explains, "I'm so glad that I had the chance to meet Senor Johnston on the Spain trip. He was a very special person to me. Even though I really only knew him



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Amy Stiger



**Remembering**—(Above, from left) Foreign Language teachers Kevin Johnston, Ann Mocchi and Candice Birch-Sterling pose for the camera before dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe in Madrid. (Bottom) The Spain students gather for a picture after flamenco dancers performed for the class. Johnston, bottom left, traveled to Spain for the first time with Columbine and touched many students' lives.

for 2 weeks, I have so many memories of him that will last a lifetime."

To make donations or send

gifts to the family of Kevin Johnston, contact the administration for the address of the family.

## Columbine to host summer school program

by Lindsay Blevins  
News reporter

On June 15, Columbine will be hosting the Summer School Program for all Jefferson County students.

Columbine hosts a six week summer school program from June 15 to June 24th. Summer school is a remedial program for

students who have already taken a course and failed. Columbine's summer school program offers the following classes: math, earth science, biology and language arts. Summer school offers no electives.

Class sizes are small, usually only 22-25 students per class, which increases the teacher attention given to each student.

Students may take up to two summer school classes. These classes are two hours blocks, and the teacher emphasizes the main points of the program in condensed sessions. Summer school lets students can make up needed credits for

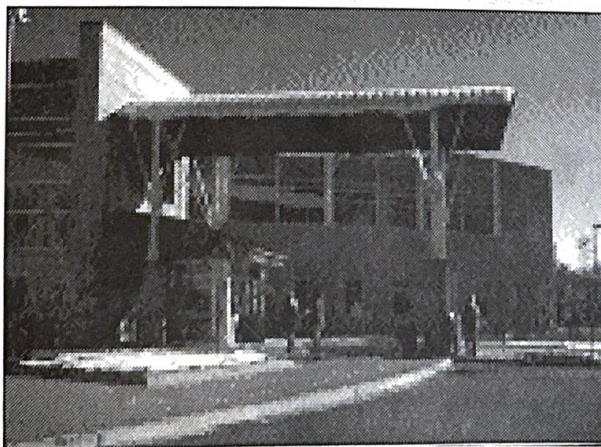
Attendance for summer school is more strict than the regular school year. If a student misses more than three classes, either excused or unexcused, they can't continue with the program.

Registration for summer school is on June 11 and 12. Each class costs \$125. The attire for summer school is more casual than during the regular school year, but must be appropriate for school. Students can wear of shorts and tank tops if they so desire.

Assistant principal, Richard Land, will be the principal during summer school. Students need to meet similar expectations and obey similar rules, to that of the regular school year. Each student must also meet the individual course requirements for each class.

The district picks the teachers for summer school by application and pays them for the amount of time they put in. Jefferson County bases the amount of staffing on the student enrollment. States Land, "The motivation factor is different for students during the summer. They need this class to graduate."

Jefferson county holds summer school at different locations every year. The country also offers summer school three other locations. Columbine hosted the summer school program two years ago.



Courier file photo graduation.



## PSSC supply falls short of demand —ninety students turned away from physics

by Kim Blair  
News reporter

Out of 240 students that applied for PSSC Physics for next year only 150 were able to enter the class.

Only next year's seniors will be able to enjoy PSSC physics.

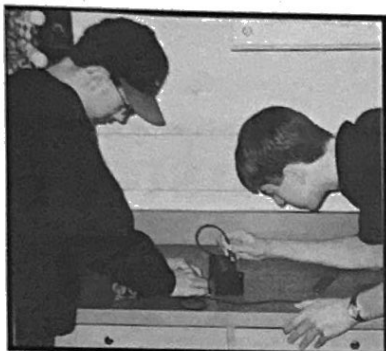


photo by Brett Jackson

Students who have not been accepted will be able to take the class their senior year.

"Next year's seniors have the priority because this is their last chance to take the class," comments Troy Manuella, PSSC Physics teacher. PSSC has been offered at Columbine since 1991, although this year it has become a very popular choice.

The class itself has more hands on experiments than other physics classes. In the first semester students worked with motion and the force of movement. Second semester is focused on electricity and optics. Students seem to enjoy the active involvement of the class and how it applies to their lives.

One lab the class has recently worked on was called Reflection Lab. In this particular lab students needed to obtain rays of light through light sources and conduct certain experiments on the light. This was done by shutting off all the lights in the room and the students turning the light sources on.

From here students used mirrors to manipulate where the light was traveling. The amount of light was controlled by small black pieces of plastic with slits in them. From here students put color into the light by using special transparent rectangles with certain colors on them.

Students in the class seem to enjoy these labs and learn a lot about light. Students in the class also interact in the class constantly. "Mr Manuella is the best thing that has ever happened to Columbine," adds Senior Greg Hyde.

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## Private school vs. public school debate Colorado Academy and CHS are worlds apart

by Mollie Weksler  
News Reporter

What is better than going to a school with a maximum of 15 students per class? How about school that has no bells, and students don't have to be in class on time all the time? Colorado Academy is a private school where this is the case, but students don't have any motivation to be truant; they want to be in school.

Colorado Academy (CA), located at 3 800 South Pierce Street in Denver is quite different than a typical public high school. After one spends a day at Colorado Academy they will be amazed at how different it is from Columbine.

At CA, classes start at 8:20 a.m. Unlike Columbine's mass confusion in the hallway where students rush to class, Colorado Academy has a very comfortable atmosphere in its quiet hall. Colorado Academy is such a small school, they only have one hall.

In Spanish class everyone sits in their seats and quietly waits for the class to begin. In terms of difficulty, some of the classes at CA are more intense and difficult. Spanish II at CA is equivalent to the level of Spanish III at Columbine. The students receive a lot of attention due to the small class size. Unlike classes at CHS, teachers at CA go around the class with the homework and make everyone answer even if the student does not have their homework done. The classes at CA combine creativity with education. The classes themselves were not boring, but more focused yet relaxed because the reduced class size.

The Spanish teacher at CA seemed less busy than Columbine teachers, who are often overworked because of their busy schedule and the higher number of students they have to deal with.

In World Futures the students were very friendly. After a few minutes another teacher came in the room to announce that the teacher was absent that

day. At CHS, students in the class would cheer about not having class, believe it or not, the students at CA went out to the main hallway and studied. This is not unusual. When a teacher is absent on short notice the class is canceled for the day.

In literature class the learning was fun. Students were learning about how to describe things in different ways. The teacher made learning fun by blindfolding a female student, putting an unknown object in front of her, and having the rest of the class try to describe the object to her without giving away the item. The idea was to improve the students' description skills.

The photography class is in the basement of another building on campus. The darkroom is much larger than Columbine's and the atmosphere is relaxed because there are no tables, just chairs and couches to lounge in. This class was a lot of fun as students were involved in their own projects and there really was no formal teaching going on that day.

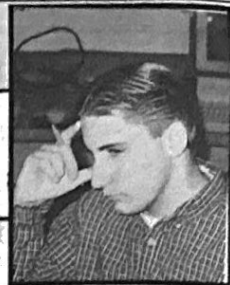
After the photography class all students have Advisory, a class similar to homeroom class in public schools. Advisory is a time to study, take a break, or go ask a teacher for help in one of their classes.

The disadvantages of CA would be if some students didn't like small class sizes where the student to teacher ratio is 13:1. Classes at CA demand more from the student and are more focused on higher learning. Different learning styles and the friendly attitude of all the students at CA make it a valid, yet expensive alternative to Columbine. Tuition at CA is approximately \$10,000 per year. Columbine's education is free to students, although property taxes paid by homeowners and businesses provide the revenue for public schools to operate. Could a school like CA work with public dollars? Or could Columbine change and adapt some of CA's educational directives? Only time will tell.

## TALES FROM THE TIRE SWING

"The secret of life is  
enjoying the passage of  
time."

—James Taylor



Andrew Anderson  
News Columnist

Simple things. Elementary and yet all too eventually complex situations that consistently enter our worlds on a daily basis. What does the passage of time mean to you? Are you open-minded enough to recognize the smaller details in life and use them? If you could define a small moment in time, what kinds of adjectives would you use?

It was kind of funny, not too long ago I attended a Rockies game with a friend, I guess a baseball aficionado of sorts, one of the many obsessed and fascinated by the game, not that there's anything wrong with that. We always try to make as many games together as possible during the spring because the weather is just amiable enough to enjoy such an occasion, a hot dog, and a cool smoothie; that is when its not raining, of course. Although in the spring, as many know or have recently discovered, school life can be just a bit more loaded and trying than usual, making it more difficult to attend such splendid moments in the life.

We drove to the game, anticipating the match-up and the experience as well as opportunity to get out of the house on a Friday. The afternoon of the game we attended was clear as the sun rolled gently across sky, glistening its final, delicate touches on the mountains. The air possessed a distinct smell of baseball, you know; hot dogs, beer, grass, as well as all varieties of perfumes and colognes, if any at all. When we arrived at the endless block of parking lots, we chose to drive around closer to the field in order to find the closest space available for the least amount of money. After driving around the lower downtown area for fifteen minutes, we found a large man holding a dirty sign extending a \$15 parking offer for the duration of the game. Almost hitting the Cadillac in the dark alley in which we were directed to enter, needless to say, we were both uneasy about the situation. And, of course, leaving my wallet within full view in my vehicle wasn't a calming factor either.

Throughout the entire game, we were both afraid as to the outcome of our already adventurous evening, and couldn't wait to get home. After the eighth inning when we left to challenge the dark alley that beheld my vehicle, we realized that its moments in life like those, whether positive or negative, large or small, that bring people together, and make life just a little more less ordinary.

And J. Allen

## Thursday morning late starts axed for 1998-99

by Ross Lambert  
News Reporter

late start Thursday schedule which teachers use to meet as departments also set aside staff development days on the calendar to ensure that departments can meet and discuss issues.

Due to a new ruling by a Jefferson County committee, there will be no Thursday late start next year.

Assistant Principal Karen Stendenka explains that Jefferson County mandated an increase in the number of required student contact days per semester. To fulfill this requirement, Columbine will remove the regular



Teachers will be expected to work on lesson plans during their planning periods to make up

where I could sleep in and recuperate from the first half of the week," comments Junior Matt Friedman.

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## Student Body President: Greg Hydle



To the Senior Class of 1998,

The time has finally come to where it is our turn to pack up the bags and leave.

We have spent the past four years preparing ourselves for this moment and the events that are about to take place.

It is amazing to me how fast the past four years at Columbine have blown by. Just yesterday it felt like we were freshmen, working our butts off to make the grades. Now that we are seniors, things have definitely changed: Our identity, our

surroundings, our school and perhaps, maybe our work ethic. We have grown up together as one and we have raised the expectation for future classes to live up to.

Not only are we the class of '98, but we are also the last class in CHS history to have any recollection of the old school and how it operated: One way halls, shared lockers, a central library station, the marvelous dirty orange carpet, senior hall and freshman hall. We are the last ones left to have had this memorable experience and it should never be forgotten.

We have picked up our caps and gowns and we have planned all the graduation parties. The announcements are out and the big day is only two weeks away.

I would like to wish you all best of luck in the future and with the choices that you are about to make. Remember that nobody is perfect and no one expects you to be perfect on any path that you choose.

It is time to look back on the memories but more importantly it is time to look forward at the possibilities.

Greg Hydle ☺

Have A Nice Day!!

Greg Hydle

## Principal: Mr. DeAngelis



Dear Seniors,

As you spend your last few weeks as Columbine Rebels, I encourage you to cherish the time. Enjoy the remaining days with your classmates as your high school careers come to an end. This will be one of the most memorable times in your lives. During this time, I encourage you to thank your parents, friends and teachers for their continued support and encouragement.

Thank you for the leadership you provided during your senior year, which would not have been successful without your hard work and

example! Your commitment to excellence over the past four years set the standard for students to follow into the 21st Century. Thomas Wolfe stated, "If a man has a talent and cannot use it, he has failed. If he has a talent and uses only half of it, he has partly failed. If he has a talent and learns somehow to use the whole of it, he has gloriously succeeded, and won a satisfaction and a triumph few men ever know." You had talent as you entered the doors of CHS four years ago, and you used it to the fullest.

As you prepare to leave Columbine, I encourage you not to rest on your laurels. I believe that you are ready to travel the next road in life's journey. Many challenges lie ahead. Strive to achieve because the greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it. What you do, what you accomplish, where you go and what you become depend upon your willingness to aim for a goal and utilize your talents. Pursue your dreams throughout life with vigor and tenacity. The key to success is within you; no one can give it to you or take it from you. You hold your destiny and our future in your hands.

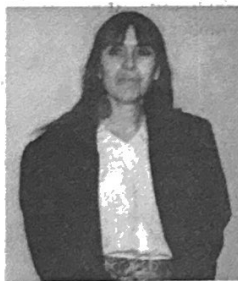
The accomplishments of the Class of 1998 have certainly contributed to our total program excellence. Your success in the classroom is second to none. Your participation in extracurricular activities has brought many accolades to CHS. You have represented yourselves and Columbine High School well, and I am truly proud and appreciative. As you leave Columbine High School, I wish you continued success and happiness.

Sincerely,

Frank DeAngelis

Frank DeAngelis

## Class Mom: Joyce Jankowski



Dear Class of 1998,

I am deeply honored to have been selected as your Class Mom. Although it was just a few short weeks ago that I learned of this honor, I have felt like your Mom for a very long time.

Through the years I have watched and reveled in your growth. I have been so proud of your achievements in academics, athletics and the arts. As I see you each day, I am reminded not only of your accomplishments as a class, but of individual moments and impressions that will never be forgotten- a

frenzied day in the pub, a quiet talk after class, an abstract sculpture in the LMC, the sound of Christmas carols in the halls, a beautiful patchwork quilt, a simple hello and a smile that warms my heart. As a class you leave your collective record, and as individuals you each leave a part of your indelible spirit.

You are all very special to me and have been since you were freshmen. Many of you I have had the privilege of knowing very well and our friendships have endured through the years.

As you begin a new phase in your life, fulfill yourselves, strive to attain your goals, never lose sight of who you are and, above all, be kind. For true worth lies not only in our deeds but in the scope of our compassion.

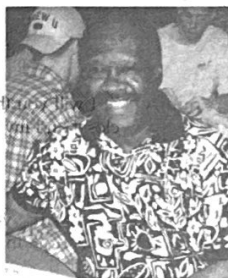
May you know that your family back here at CHS will always be with you.

Joyce Jankowski

With love and best wishes,

Joyce Jankowski

## Class Dad: Ivory Moore



The Class of '98

When we arrived at Columbine High School four years ago, I warned you that your time would be short lived. At that time I advised, and in some cases, coerced many of you to get involved with a club organization, a team, or sporting activity. We were so excited and enthusiastic about being a part of the Columbine Rebel family, that you took my advice. Today, your involvement is what makes CHS the best.

I have received a number of honors and awards, but few can compare to the Class of '98 honoring me as your Class Dad. Individually, your accomplishments are numerous, but together there are no comparisons for the standards you have set for future classes. Few can boast of seeing the maturation of a class from pre-adolescents to pre-adulthood; I can. Your growth and development has been phenomenal, Undoubtedly, there will be times when things may appear to be overwhelming; don't give up.

As the Class of '98 you have proven that with scholarship, perseverance and uplifting your fellow classmates anything can be accomplished. You certainly have left your impressions on our school community.

It is my hope and wish that you will continue to impress and always remember, "WE ARE COLUMBINE!"

Ivory Moore

Sincerely,

Ivory Moore



## Pranks crank staff and students

by Andrew Anderson  
News Editor

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches and graduation creeps closer every day, practical jokes become more a common part of a typical school day.

Whether it be fire alarms or insects in the commons, the rules and regulations established within the school Code of Conduct forbid the current senior pranks, where results can be punishable anywhere from community service to felony charges.

Many students feel that certain pranks are important because they are



photo illustration by Chris Bingle

**It wasn't me!**—One Columbine student dumps his aggression over the commons in the form of trash.

meant to leave a legacy of the class behind, such as the "Blizzard Blimp" of the class of 1995.

Despite the legacy of pranks, many of the pranksters who are unfortunate enough to be

identified are kept on police charges files for future reference.

Many students, teachers, and administrators agree that it is an expectation of students to know and follow the rules of the district. Whether it be a senior prank or a typical troublesome situation, the goal of the district is to provide a safe environment for students to learn and staff to teach.

Senior Student Body President Greg Hydle believes, "Senior pranks are okay, as long as students use good judgement and don't hurt anyone."

## Junior Escorts guide senior class down aisle and into the future

by Lindsay Blevins  
News Reporter

On May 23, Columbine's Junior Escorts will lead the class of '98 to their seats and their graduation destiny: Fiddler's Green.

Columbine selects junior escorts by their GPA averages. The number of escorts needed depends upon the number of graduating seniors. This year, approximately 409 seniors are expected to graduate. There is one junior escort needed for each row of graduating seniors.

Junior escorts are responsible for directing their row of seniors. They are responsible for the entrance, exit and acceptance of their diploma. Each junior escort is assigned to a faculty member escort who also escorts the senior section along with them.

Faculty members are chosen initially by their willingness to participate. Faculty members that do not

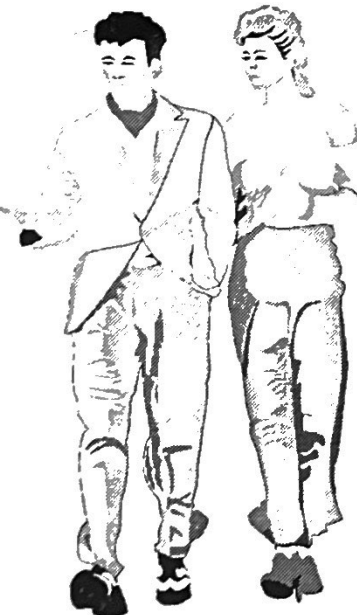
audience or sit in rows behind the seniors.

The announcements for junior escorts will be made before the end of April. Pat Patrick, assistant principal, is in charge of the selection process. "To become a junior escort is an honor. It is a chance for these students to receive recognition," adds Patrick.

Although being a junior escort might be considered an honor, it does require some commitment. Patrick states, "It doesn't take too much commitment, just practicing a few times." Junior escorts practice on class day with their row of seniors. Escorts must also wear formal attire. The girls wear matching dresses, while the boys wear matching formal tuxedos. Junior Angela Poleschook comments, "I am

wish to be student escorts attend the graduation ceremony as members of the

really excited about becoming a junior escort, it should be fun."



## CHS honors retiring teachers

by Andrew Anderson  
News Editor

Approaching the denouement of the 1997-1998 school year, three teachers will submit their last graces after years of teaching dedication at Columbine High School.

Math teacher Dean Rockwell will retire at the end of this school year, after more than 33 years of teaching, 20 years devoted in faithful service to Columbine and another 13 spent at North Arvada Jr. High and Eagle Valley High School. Besides teaching within math departments, Rockwell also taught computer classes for five years.

"I have always enjoyed working with young people," comments Rockwell. "The satisfaction of teaching comes with seeing a light come into students' eyes, knowing that they finally understand."

Science teacher George Sneddon, after officially retiring last summer, will be honored at a retiring teachers banquet for his 12 years of devoted teaching at Columbine. Sneddon's career consisted of 37 years spent teaching Earth Sciences at such schools as Lakewood, North



photo by Brett Jackson

**Lean on me**—Columbine veteran teachers Dean Rockwell (left) and George Sneddon exchange their gradebooks for a life of leisure and relaxation.

Arvada, and O'Connell Middle Schools as well as Western Illinois University. Sneddon believes, "I am a better person for having the students, just as I hope they feel better for having me as a teacher."

Social Studies teacher Mike Mathis will also retire from teaching after over 33 years of teaching. Mathis has suffered from health problems for most of the 1997-1998 school year. His efforts will also be honored at the retiring teachers banquet.

## CHS shares musical talents while sunning in Florida

by Shannon Johnson  
News Reporter

107 students in the Columbine High School Rebel Marching Band traveled to Orlando, Florida on April 23 to compete in the All American Music Festival.

The band members were accompanied by five staff members, including band director Bill Biskup, Assistant Principal Kevin Land, and seven parents for supervision. They departed in the early morning from Denver International Airport on April 23.

The group stayed at the Disney All Star Resort during their six day stay in the "Sunshine State." Over the course of these days the band had a very busy schedule. CHS was involved in three band competitions that exposed CHS students to other bands' styles from around the nation. The winter guard, marching band and wind ensemble also performed at these

competitions.

In the 4A division of these competitions, marching band took first, winter guard took first, wind ensemble took third and concert band took second place, in their relative competitions.

The band also planned many enjoyable activities. They visited the Magic Kingdom, EPCOT Center, Universal Studios in Orlando and Busch Gardens in Tampa. "The most memorable part of the trip for me was marching through EPCOT with all of my friends by my side and having hundreds of people from all over the world watching us," notes Junior marching band member, Alex Dudik. They also scheduled exciting dining plans, including trips to Planet Hollywood, Hard Rock Cafe and Medieval Times Dinner show.

On Wednesday, April 29, the group traveled to Clearwater beach, located on the Gulf of Mexico.

After spending four hours in the sun, many students returned with severe sunburns.

Biskup had been planning the band trip for over a year. He first entered the school in the competition by submitting a recording of the CHS band.

Two weeks after submitting their entry, CHS received a letter notifying them that they had been one of 80 bands selected from over 125 entries. The school board later accepted the trip with the final decision coming from the Jefferson County Superintendent, Jane Hammond.

The final cost for the trip was \$96,345 for 107 students. Individual costs for students were approximately \$900 which included round trip airfare, six days at Disney's All Star Resort, entrance to Disney Resorts, festivals, and all ground transportation costs.

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## Senior tourists say "adios"



On the road again—A CHS student puts a suitcase into his trunk in preparation to take a trip, just as many seniors will be doing on May 28 as the band to the airport for the senior trip—final destination: Puerto Vallarta.

photo illustration by Chris Bingle

by Angela Neese  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

On May 28 nearly 80 members of the senior class of 1998 will depart for Puerto Vallarta on the annual senior trip.

The vacation, which lasts eight days, with students returning on June 4, cost \$583 for those making their \$200 deposit before November, and \$615 for those paying the deposit after the November deadline. The cost of trip includes airfare, a hotel room, and the expenses of certain planned activities.

The senior trip is a not a school sponsored event and no chaperones will be traveling with the students, however, travel staff will be provided by the travel agency. Although there is no code of conduct that seniors are required to follow while in Puerto Vallarta, the trip features organized activities that are not

supposed to promote drinking. The schedule of optional events that have been planned throughout the week includes volleyball, nights out at restaurants, snorkeling, a sunset cruise, and a "foam fest" dance.

All Columbine students will be traveling together on a charter plane to Puerto Vallarta, and they will all be staying together in the Continental Hotel for the duration of the trip.

Several members of the senior class, including Megan McGinley, Heather Husband, Nate Kugler, and Ryan Ray, planned and organized this year's trip. They began by getting students interested in the trip and have since had to collect the money for the trip. McGinley states that "contacting everyone to get the money" was the main frustration that she faced in organizing the trip. Now that the hardest work is behind them, McGinley and

Husband agree, "The trip is going to be the time of our lives!"

This year marks the first year for students to travel to Puerto Vallarta, as past senior classes have traveled to such destinations such as Mazatlan and Cancun. The decision to take to trip to Puerto Vallarta was made by members of the senior class, after a group of seniors met with both USA Travel, the agency used for the senior trip in previous years, as well as Get Travel, the agency chosen by Dakota Ridge High School. The decision was finally made to plan the trip through Get Travel.

Dakota Ridge, Chatfield, Arvada West, Green Mountain, and Pomona are among other local high schools traveling to Puerto Vallarta with CHS through Get Travel. Students from California, Arizona, and Texas will also be on the same trip.

## Earth Day birthday

by Sarah Allison  
News Reporter

April 22, 1970. Vietnam, power to the people, marijuana, and social upheaval. When America began trying to solve most of the troubles it's still coping with today. Yet that year, 20 million people—then over 10% of America's total population—gathered not for the cause of race or war, but the quickly vanishing natural environment. Earth Day was born.

In 1998 Earth Day is alive and well at Columbine High. German teacher Amy Börnertte taught her classes environmentally sound vocabulary words. "Tieren sind Menner auch!" means "Animals are people, too!" Classes watched German videos relating to cleaner air and water.

Earth Day, April 22, marked the beginning of social awareness of imminent environmental disasters, as well as the continuing debate over the importance of the issue and the methods of coping with it.

Opinions on the topic vary widely, even on the extent of the damage. The International Panel on Climate Change, a UN sponsored panel of 1500 experts from 60 nations, has used computer models to calculate the effect of the greenhouse effect over the next century—finding a total increase of about 6°F.

This is the equivalent of the temperature change which ended the Ice Age. This would cause the sea levels to rise about three feet—displacing over one million people living in coastal areas—and an increase in overall rainfall, dramatically increasing flooding in areas already prone to it.

On the other hand, The George C. Marshall Institute monitored the atmospheric temperature of the earth since 1980. It found an average rise of .06°C—which means a temperature rise of only half a degree over the next 100 years.

Just about everyone agrees that the rain forests should be preserved. Only 12% of

the earth's surface houses over half the world's species.

One possible solution is to establish international incentives which would increase protection and conservation while restricting the logging of threatened timber species.



photo illustration by Chris Bingle

Hug a tree—A Columbine student demonstrates her affinity for Mother Earth.

Some ecologists believe in using the market to preserve the rain forest, through pharmaceutical discoveries. They believe that the demand for new, effective prescription drugs could prove a valuable trade.

Ecotourism is another way to take advantage of today's market, providing environmental protection as well as an opportunity for natives of the area to make a decent living.

None of this debate would have been possible on that first Earth Day. It simply was not yet an issue. It was the first time millions met for concerts, lectures, and rallies to recognize the problem, although certain conservative groups tagged it as "thinly veiled" support of Communism, since April 22, 1970, marked the centennial of Lenin's birthday. Hayes rebutted that it was also St. Francis of Assisi's birthday—the saint who preached to the birds, the ultimate environmentalist.

The celebration never again enjoyed so much publicity, though a revival of sorts took place in 1990, when 3 million turned out to celebrate.

The environment is still an important issue—which kids today know well. The first generation to grow up feeling weird throwing away an aluminum can must show its support for this dying effort to save our planet.

Another earth-friendly holiday was Arbor Day, celebrated Friday, April 24. The first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872, in the nearly treeless prairie state of Nebraska.

People were encouraged to plant trees for the noble causes of shade, more fertile soil, and a lovelier landscape. That day, over one million trees were planted in that state.

## Motive in local shooting undetermined

by Carly Witt  
News reporter

An April 21 shooting in the Dakota Apartment Homes near South West Plaza resulted in the death of one man, 19 year old Jesse Lee Webb, and the injury of another, Antonio Charles Lontine.

According to the Columbine Community Courier, the first call to 911 at about one o'clock am came when another resident of the apartment homes called explaining that a man had knocked on his door then staggered in and died on his floor.

A second call came three minutes later when another man knocked on another resident's door with minor injuries.

Later that day, investigators arrested 21 year old Eric Laurson, also a resident to the apartment homes with two counts of murder, and confined a 17 year man to the

Mountview Juvenile Detention Center.

Laurson was located in an Arapahoe Court House for an unrelated charge. Investigators are currently determining the reason for the shootings.

Many people around the community indicated that the murder might have been a result of a drug deal gone bad. Chatfield junior Vanessa Alvarado dated Webb a month previous to the shooting.

Alvarado describes Webb, "He (Webb) was really nice and took the time to make sure you were happy. He would go out of his way." She continues to describe Webb saying that later in his life he "changed for the worst." Alvarado believes that the shooting was drug related although police have yet to release information about the actual motive.

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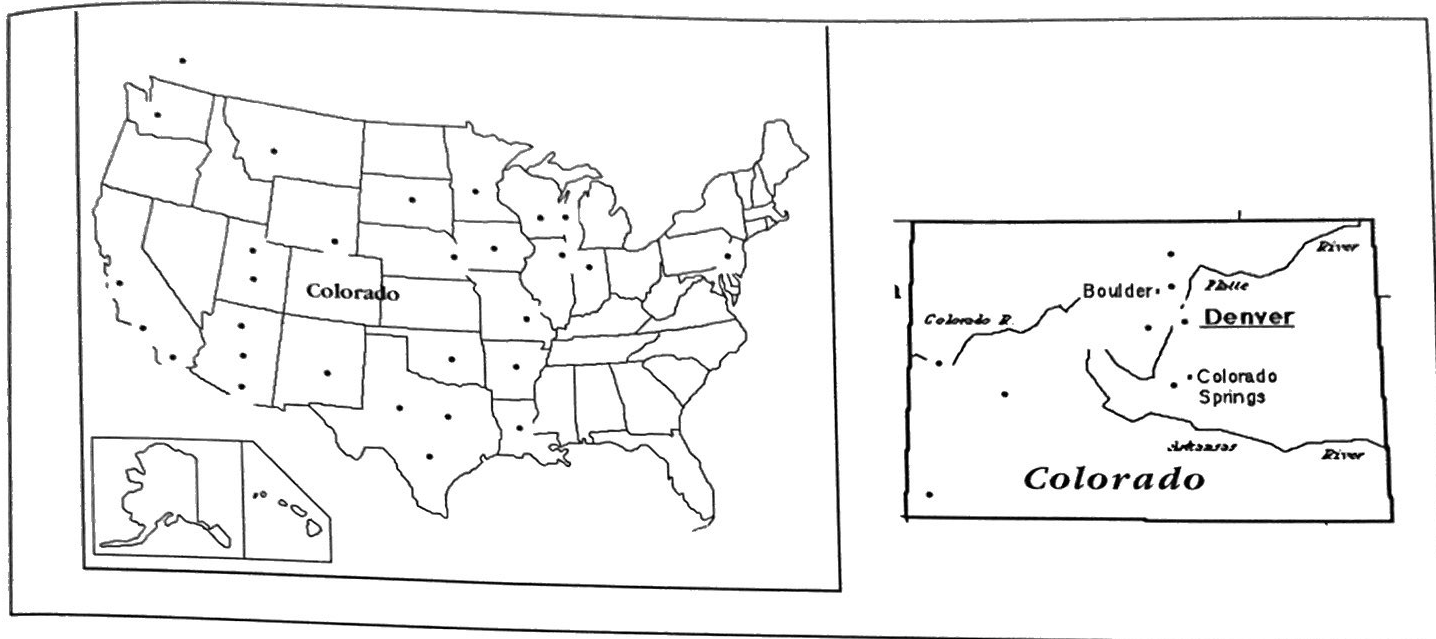
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<b>Work.....</b>	<b>5</b>	Valparaiso University.....	Valparaiso 1
<b>Undecided.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>IOWA</b>	
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Please note: Not all seniors responded to this survey



# Seniors Last Will and Testament

## "Words once spoken, can never be recalled"

—Wentworth Dillon

Rachel Goodwin

I will you my wonderful "U" position on the volleyball team.  
—Lindsay Bath

Jessica Hughes

I will you all the freshmen (soon to be sophomore) trumpet players who make band so much fun.  
—Matt Brown

Dirbags

I will you all my responsibility of being the mom, I am always here but now we're on our own.  
—Queen B

Alana

I will you the saxophone section in band. Good luck!  
—Amber

PG's

I will you my peep for special occasions, such as visiting me at my grave.  
—Julie

John Flemming

I will you everything you saw in me to make you think I was so cool!  
—Brett Honeycutt

Andrew

I will you a kind heart, Harry Connick Jr., lots of laughs, falling asleep on the phone, and, of course, my Peeps! With love,  
—Amanda

The Girls of 2000

I will you the Cherry Creek guys, and my Abercrombie & Fitch clothes. May your high school days be full of joy!  
—Cara Kaier

Kim

I will you Littleton Blvd. to "Get Jiggy With It" and an awesome "Wonderful Tonight"  
—Mandy

Jenny Gentert

I will you my collection of shoes and my dog Snoopy.  
—Claudia Dudik

Shannon J.

I will you my amazing ability to humiliate myself in public. Use it wisely.  
—Marisa

Abby

I will you my fabulous tasting peanut butter cookies with the homemade recipe I put together especially for you. I also will you all of my boyfriends because I always have enough to go around. And of course, my good singing talent.  
—You know who

Sarah Allison

I will you the loud voice needed to be heard above the roar of the crowd. Who knew honor students could be so loud?  
—Angela

PC's

We will you to have more fun times and many happy retreats without us.  
—Love, Steve and Megan

Jack

I will you my good looks, God knows you need them.  
—DJ

To all underclassmen

I will you all my incredible work ethic, my honorable attitude and the ability to get things done.  
—Paul Leonard

To underclassmen athletes

I will you all my athletic talents.  
—Paul Maten

Andrew

I will you the right to recruit new members and expand "the club."  
—Angela

Erika

I will you my luck and best wishes at CSU.  
—Jason

Ben Price

I will you my beautiful parking spot.  
—Nick Mearsha

To the '98-99 Cross Country Team

I will you all lots of laughs, good times, and super speed. Have fun next season, and take care of Capra's baby for me. I'll miss you guys.  
—Alicia Rippen

Erika and Jamie

I will you white snake, lunches, steak escape, boys, my thanks and my friendship.  
—Samantha

Samantha Hinchey

I will you all the yellow Bugs in Littleton.  
—Libby Robinson

Colleen

I will you my lasting memories of our trip to Hawaii.  
—Julie

Seniors of '99 involved in Dramatics

I will the rubber chicken sandals in the Fall and Spring Play! May the chickens live on!  
—Angie Klapper

Joel McCormick

I will you my video capabilities for next years assemblies.  
—Greg

Richard

I will you my WOW CD, my curfew and my locker and of course, kitty. Just joking  
—Colleen Colbert

Jackie

I will you "England's Gold"  
—Kim Croft

Freshman girls

I will you darker lipstick and less of it.  
—Senior girls

Erika Schmidt, Jen Veiman,

Brooke Skinner, Paige Allison  
I will Rogaine, the Cherry Creek guys, some odor eaters, lots of paper towels, worm killer and a really good diet.  
—Boys of '98

Dusty Hoffsneider

I will you my CAN, charming personality, and the rights to M.C.  
—Shawn Flaherty

Pork, Snarf, Beef

I will you the little black ball-o-fun, and the broken pieces of my toy  
—Merf

"K"

I will you my heart and my soul.  
—S"

Jon

I will you the mattress in my closet and my "Poker Mug."  
—Nico

Angela

I will you that darn reflection in your bathroom mirror  
—Jenny

Courtney

I will you the rights to choreography with the little cousins.  
—Nikki

Ben

I will you many Totinos party pizzas.  
—Wolf

Claudia

I will you to watch over Snoopy when I'm gone  
—Jenny

Pam

I will you the right to be just as beautiful as you are now, and the sense to believe that you are.  
—Brett

Beth

I will you my Cherry-merry muffin personality! Smile for "one!"  
—Kristu

Sandy

I will you my Kent Family Chronicle books.  
—Sarah

Monica Schuster

I will you uncle Troy, freshman bowling, washing lockers, and all the sleep I gleaned from my classes.  
—Beetle

Emily "E" Gardner

I will and wish for you to be my best; "Treat her like a lady/goddess," friends forever.  
—Natalie Gardner

Leann

I will all the construction workers in the world.  
—Jackie

Jessica Smalley

I will you all the memories that April and I had with you at Red Robin, the mints, Gabe, birthdays, and the Chinese fire drills. Good luck next year.  
—Alycia Ahlin

Libby Robinson (Billy)

I will you Wendy's and Chili's, yellow Bugs and red ones too. Are you choking?  
—Samantha Hinchey

Linsi

I will you the midnight rides  
—Kim Croft

Selena

I will you the picture to Abbey Road.  
—Kim Croft

'99 Yearbookers

I will you all toys at camp, comfy couches, "leany," flinging shoes, fun meters, Mr. Friesen's kids Chip, Flip, Skip and Jane, and great success with next year's book. Good luck and have fun! And never let Friesen walk his dog in winter.  
—Senior Eds

Color Guard

I will you the luck of winning, and the chance to have fun, remember the memories we had (Red Robin, mint basket) and keep them with you forever.  
—Alycia Ahlin

Craig, Sarah and the Cohens

I will amazing Thursdays and getting into trouble at the musical.  
—Kathy Howe

Barbara and Christine

I will my good luck in car accidents  
—Michelle

Alex

I will all my Sci-Fi and fantasy books because I have no time to read anymore.  
—Sarah H.

Sarah Allison

I will you the power to choose lunches and get passes out of class.  
—Colleen Colbert

John and the thespians

I will the rubber chicken legacy.  
—Michelle

Justin Lee

I will the memories of all the kind lunches I had with you and "I dank you very much."  
—Justin Spahlinger

Jessie Walling

I will the Boat Guy and ice cream, talks and early dismissals.  
—Colleen Colbert

Jamie

I will you friday night elephant's and CD's  
—Erin

Carey Cecil

I will you my History notes for you to use next year  
—Amber Ciavella

Desirée

I will you my sailor's mouth, it will come in handy someday  
—Candice

Michelle Markert and Carly Witt

I will you boldness, patience, gentleness, humility and the greatest Love.  
—Colleen Colbert

Riesbee

I will you the million dollar donkey and the water bottle moonlight swimming  
—Airbear

The Student Body

I will you to all Have A Nice Day!!  
—Greg Hydle

Pub dwellers

I will you my stylin' orange and brown floral couch. Treat it with love and affection  
—Angela

Michelle and Pam,

We will you the right to take care of this piece of crap, and don't ever forget that Meier is the man!  
—Ang and Steve



# Ten seniors cross the finish line with all A's

—High achievers seek ultimate honor as finals and graduation near

by Steven Zahn  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

To err is human, but to some Columbine seniors, a mistake is not part of their vocabulary.

As the class of 1998 graduates, 10 students will do so with the highest of honors, class valedictorians. This is the highest number of 4.0 grade point average students ever at Columbine High School.

**Lindsay Bath's** aspirations after high school soar above many students goals. Planning to attend the Seattle Pacific University, Bath wishes to use her interest in science to become a pediatrician to continue to help children. Biology II has been Bath's most enjoyable class, even though she believes it may be the hardest. Bath also challenges herself by taking Advanced Placement Calculus and is involved in the community through Peer Counseling. She claims, "The thing I will remember the most about high school is the people I have met. Not only my close friends, but everyone I have encountered has given me great memories for the future."

Fellow Biology II student **Nicola Bulled** plans a career as a physical therapist and seeks to achieve this opportunity by

attending Colorado State University. Bulled has achieved her perfect 4.0 through classes such as Advanced Placement English as well as upper level German. However, the achievement is not as important as what she has learned. She states, "Grades aren't that important-like in life-no one is grading you, it is what one gets out of life that makes living worth while."

National Honor Society Treasurer **Wesley Che** plans to become a pediatrician after college. Che will attend the University of California at San Diego in the coming fall and will study to achieve his doctorate. Woodworking is Che's choice as his favorite class in high school. He holds the position of Vice President in Key Club and also plays in the orchestra in school. Che explains, "What I like most about Columbine High School is the people I meet. They are diverse in attitudes, personalities and the things they do."

**Tracy Crowley** plans on attending the University of Colorado at Boulder next fall though her field of study is undeclared. Crowley is a member of the yearbook staff and is involved Advanced Placement English.

Heading to the northwest like Bath, **Kathy Howe** will attend the University of

Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, in the fall. Howe jokingly states "I plan to become a self-employed kite flyer", but really plans to study music or English in college. Advanced Placement English and "T. Dawg's" Government Economics class top the list of Howe's favorite classes. She holds a spot in Columbine Blue, plays the piano for contests and for fun and is also a member of National Honor Society. Her favorite part about high school has been "the musicals."

"I just love dying my hair grey with shoe polish so I can be a true old lady."

Tennis and Basketball star **Kristin King** is also a candidate for valedictorian. King is involved with National Honor Society and takes 3 Advanced Placement classes: French, English and Calculus occupy much of King's time outside of school. King plans on attending Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana and will study business administration.

Planning a career in anthropology, the study of bugs, **Daniel Livesay** will attend the University of Colorado at Boulder in the fall. Livesay keeps a 4.0 through classes such as Advanced Placement English, Calculus and French as well as PSSC Physics.

**Lisa McCormick** is a possible valedictorian as well, but could not be contacted for information.

Yearbook Editor **Alicia Rippen** heads to the "Show Me" State of Missouri to attend the University of Missouri at Columbia. Rippen spent many hours in the Publications room as Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook (her favorite class) and as section editor as a junior, which will help her in pursuing the field of magazine journalism. Activities of Rippen include being a member of Key Club and National Honor Society, as well as a member of the Cross Country team. Rippen's "favorite times in high school include working overtime on the yearbook with the FAB FOUR editors my junior year."

Former soccer captain **Eric VanDeman** heads to sunny California this fall on a soccer scholarship to the University of San Diego. Other than playing soccer, VanDeman jokes by saying that "I plan to study women." His real major has yet to be determined. VanDeman schedule involves Advanced Placement Calculus and Spanish, but states, "My favorite part of high school was playing soccer last fall. It was the funnest of times playing with all my friends."

## Seniors look back on eighteen years of history

by Angela Neese  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Each generation is defined in its own way, remembered for specific fashions and music, but most of all for the events that shaped the lives of people around the world.

The 1960's are remembered for the Vietnam War, man landing on the moon, the Civil Rights Movement, riots and anti-war protests on college campuses around the country, and the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mention the 1970's and people recall Saturday Night Fever, the Watergate Scandal, the resignation of Richard Nixon and the fall of South Vietnam.

As the Class of 1998 looks forward to graduation, they also look back on 18 years of history. The members of this years graduating class were born at a time when values in the United States were changing rapidly and Americans were becoming more and more concerned with money and proving ones own financial status. Since that time the values of the country have continually been revised.

In 1981, America suffered the devastating realization of the existence of the AIDS virus, followed in 1985 by the introduction of crack cocaine into U.S. cities. Among other events of the '80's sure to make it into the history books are the assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan, the Iran-contra scandal, the explosion of the Challenger, and the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The '90's, to present, have have brought the Gulf War, the LA riots, the bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Center, the O.J. Trial, the Clinton scandals, and the death of Princess Diana.

The technological advances made since the '80's have altered the way in which students are educated. Among the first students to experience the advantage of having a computer in every classroom, this year's graduating class is not only computer literate, but also adept at surfing the world wide web.

How the generation will be defined is yet unknown, but it can be predicted that certain events and cultural aspects will someday be read in the history books.

Seniors Speakout  
What event since 1980 will be the most remembered by future generations and why?

"I think that the most important event since 1980 that will be remembered by future generations will be the fall of the Berlin Wall because it symbolized the collapse of communism clearing the path of freedom to spread throughout the land."

—Mike Carlston

"The O.J. Simpson trial because he was someone many people looked up to, and really was guilty and everyone knows it."

—Abby Rogerson

"I believe that the event which will be the most remembered by future generations will be the death of Princess Diana. She was seen by everyone, worldwide as a great leader, but more importantly as a great person. Her death was a true tragedy."

—Becky Hunt

"Jerry Seinfeld definitely had the biggest impact on our generation."

—Jesse Newberry

"Zippergate...it's the first time that the president's personal indiscretions have been publicized to such a degree, and have actually threatened his position."

—Sarah Marxhausen

"The Oklahoma City Bombing because it was such a tragic, horrifying event that is not easy to forget."

—Sandy Comstock

"I believe that the Challenger explosion will be remembered because it was a small mistake with a tragic end."

—John Davidson

"I believe the fall of the Berlin Wall will be remembered for generations because it was a symbol of the end of the cold war."

—Sara Hilschweiler

"The O.J. trial will probably be remembered for generations. It spawned great conflicts between race relations, faulty police procedures and Jay Leno jokes."

—Wes Che

—Compiled by Angela Neese

## Graduation Calendar

May 13, 1998	May 14, 1998	May 22, 1998	May 23, 1998	May 26, 1998
Senior Finals Periods 4, 5, 6	Senior Finals Periods 1, 2, 3	Class Day Practice- Gym 8:00-10:00 a.m.	Graduation Practice	Pick up diplomas in Commons
		Class Day Gym 2:00 p.m.	Graduation at Fiddler's Green 10:00 a.m.	8:00-11:00 a.m.



Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.

—Will Rogers

**Rebel Yell**— '98, you are the most awesome! We'll miss your inspiration and example as you journey through life after CHS...what we're really trying to say is, "Thanks!-- for the parking spaces."

**Rebel Hell**—Hey seniors, thanks a lot for spreading that horrible disease, Senioritis, to the Juniors. We too are now going to start slacking.

**Kicking some ball**—Hey, soccer, your record is going platinum--keep it up!!! And, Columbine, a little extra fan support never hurt anyone.

**Did you ask your Mommy?**—Isn't prom for Juniors and Seniors? We thought freshmen had a 7 pm bedtime

# Radical Rebel

The moment we have all been waiting for...—The yearbooks are in! I know that we are all waiting to see that one moment when the camera

caught us with a booger hanging out of our nose.

**The whole world will be watching**—With only one more Seinfeld left what are we going to watch on Thursday nights? The Learning Channel is having a special on homework strategies for the illiterate!

**The top ten possible senior pranks for 1997-98**

10. Gluing all of Mr. DeAngelis's office furniture to the ceiling of his office.

9. Set off the fire alarm during second hour. That's original.

8. Turning our lovely trophy case into a sea aquarium.

7. Grease-a-pig and let it loose in the hall. Watch the fun begin!!!! (Manuello, this is for you)

6. Saran-wrap® a classroom of pre-pubescent freshmen and watch them cry for their mommies.

5. Flush all the toilets at the same time and see the school blow!

4. Set off the fire alarm during fourth hour. Bring your lunch.

3. Replace all the real soda pop in the machines with Josta®, a spicy, worldly drink.

2. Kidnap RNN anchors and replace them with Crusty the Clown.

1. Call the Junior students and parents and tell them that graduation in 1999 will be held in the gym. Abhhhhhhhhh!

## Apology

To the Columbine Community:

This year Jefferson County Public Schools has reviewed Columbine High School's process for selecting cheerleaders for the 1997/98 squad. The purpose of this review is to insure that no candidates have been excluded from participation on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, age or disability. The selection process was reviewed and the scores were re-computed. Due to an inadvertent miscalculation of the scores two individuals, Tina Chavez and Lindsay Butcher should have made the 1997/98 squad. Columbine High School's sincerest apology for this inadvertent error goes to Tina and Lindsay.

**Comments?**—The Courier welcomes any appropriate suggestions or comments in the comment box located now at the Rebel Corner (school store). As the intent of the paper is to be an expression of the students, the editorial staff values outside opinions.

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## Senior Retrospective

As the senior editors of the Courier, each of us looks back on the high school years as a whole and reflect on how Columbine High School has made a difference in our lives. The Courier would like to extend their congratulations to the Class of 1998 and wish every member good luck in the future.

—In the last four years, the most important thing that has happened to me has been all the friends I have made that I will not forget about no matter where life after college will take me. From freshman baseball to long nights in the Publications room working on this edition of the paper, from my first Key Club party with area schools as a sophomore to retreats and parties with the Peer Counselors, this has been the best time of my life. To Brett, Cameron, Angela, Kim, Lindsey W and the rest of the fellow PCs, thanks for making these years the best ever.

Steven Zahn

—High school has been such a learning experience, and I don't think that I could have every made it through without the help of my friends. Through newspaper, Key Club, and National Honor Society I have had the chance to get to know so many more of my classmates. From the many late nights spent in the Publication Room to the Key Club Conventions, and the AP History study sessions, my greatest education has come outside of the classroom. To Ben, who I've known since fourth grade, who I became friends with last year, and who is now the not only my boyfriend but also my best friend, thank you for everything! To Steve, who has been the one constant part of my life since 7th grade, thank you for all the support that you have given me and for all of the memorable moments—good and bad! To all of the others, who there is not enough room to mention here—you know who you are, you have made these four years a time I will never forget.

Angela Necse

—My friends have also made a big difference in my life. The friends that I made in tennis over the years—Jason, Swany, Lucas, Behner, Little Jakey, Sean, and everybody else. I also made so many friends in Newspaper. But, my greatest friendships have developed outside of school. Steve and Cameron, you guys have been a part of so many of my memories. And of course, Pam; you may be my girlfriend, but you are also my friend. You three have been the most important friends ever in my life. There are so many people that I am probably leaving out, and I am sorry (sounds like an Oscar acceptance speech). Those of you that I am close to, I hope that we can keep up our friendships for the rest of our lives, because without you guys my life would be empty.

Brett Ciner Jackson

—Dear CHS, Thanks for allowing me the space to grow and the acceptance and friendship that followed me throughout this challenging journey.

Colleen Colbert

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## For What It's Worth

*This is a youth-oriented society, and the joke is on them because youth is a disease from which we all recover.*

—Anonymous



Graduation the count down is well under way with only five days remaining of what we have always been told is supposed to be the best years of our lives. Yet graduation cannot seem to come soon enough. What is it that we are really counting down to anyway? For the majority of us who are college bound, we certainly are not counting down to days free of homework and tests, because, let's face it, the toughest years of school are still in our future. What most people really seem to be counting down to is a greater sense of independence.

For the past year I have heard my peers speak of their desire to leave home and be free of their families (or as free as they can be while their parents still pay the bills). I, on the other hand, will miss my family next year, but I look forward to freedom from the confines of high school. I look forward to the independence that will allow me to be me, without the judgment of peers who have known me, in some cases, since forth grade. I encourage everyone to strive for this independence.

In high school, or more accurately, for the past thirteen years, much of our lives have been influenced, even dictated, by our classmates. School is more than an education, it is a struggle to fit in. We are all constantly judged, and judge others, based on superficial values. The

clothes we wear and our physical appearance often standing in the way of learning anything more substantial about one another. We gain much of what we think we know about one another from what others say and what little you can learn about a person while sitting across the room from them in a class. We come to accept that this is the way we are judged and do our best to mold ourselves to the image that we believe is expected of us. Throughout all of this, we, at some point along the way, learn to judge ourselves in this way as well. We become self-conscious of our appearance, constantly comparing ourselves to others and wonder how we stack up.

We come to accept others opinions of ourselves as the truth, forgetting that only we have the power to determine our identities. For many years, probably still today as far as many people are concerned, I was labeled as quiet, shy, and passive. It took me until half way through my sophomore year to realize that just because that is the way others view me, it is not the way I have to view myself. I began trying to express my opinions, of which I have many, and I began trying to take on more roles of leadership within the school. By this, my senior year, I would say that I have accomplished my goals quite well. In the eyes of most people, however, I remain shy and

passive simply because not many people take the time to know any differently.

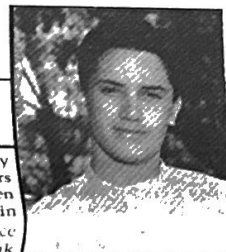
I look forward to moving on next year and having the chance to be who it is that I want to be without the judgments of those who think I am, or should be, something different. Although I know that I will always be judged—all of us will always be judged—in superficial ways, I look forward to being independent from the past thirteen years of judgments that at many times have held me back. I no longer want anyone to remember me as they viewed me in forth grade, or seventh grade, or ninth grade. I think that the most important first step that we all must make as we go our own ways next year is to take advantage of our independence by taking the initiative to be who we want to be, not who others think we are or should be.

Angela Newe

## Observing the Obstacles

*The savage bows down to idols of wood and stone, the civilized man to idols of flesh and blood.*

—George Bernard Shaw



Here we go! Only 5 more days until school is out for seniors, but whose really counting. It's time to be sad and remember the good times and it's time to be nervous and anxious as we all embark on a new territory for next year well, seniors at least.

But if there is one thing that I am going to miss next year, it has to be my family. Yeah, I want to get away from home and take some responsibility into my own hands for a change. I am reminded of a Home Improvement episode in which Brad, the oldest son, wants to go sking for the Christmas Holiday and causes turmoil in the family on Christmas Eve. It just makes me think the opposite of Brad in that every opportunity I have, I am going to wish I could come back to visit, but it will be really hard.

Sometimes I am a jerk to my parents, more so my mom and I do not even realize it. I think I know everything in the world when I probably do not even know 10% of what each of my parents do. But in the end, all my success, all my accolades and tributes must be credited as much to my parents as they have been to me.

Mr. "T Dogg" Tonelli told me that my dad should know how I felt about him and he has every right to know. My dad has every ounce of respect from me that I own. He

went from unemployed to owner of a struggling liquor store to a successful manager/owner/accountant for the store at which he spends less time there and more time with his family. He knows his values and sticks to them. He fought for his family and tried his hardest without giving up, putting in late hours and long nights trying to find himself a job. One instance will stick in my mind forever. He was offered a job in Uruguay shortly after purchasing the retail store and had the opportunity to take guaranteed pay and job security over a shaky business. The rest is history.

His determination and hard work to find that job and save his family really showed me what is important in life. Money is not, but values are.

As for my mother, there is not enough space in my column to begin to describe the things she has done for me. From working second and third jobs to help pay for my braces to driving to the school late at nights to pick me up at 10:30 p.m. from working on the newspaper when I do not have my car, she has done it all.

She always keeps my spirits up and manages to point my wandering mind in the right direction. For the past few weeks, I would sit up in my room, look at my college

catalogues, read my scholarship rejection letters over and over again when my mom would walk in and put a smile on my face or at least let me think about the bright side. She never yelled at me, though I did to her when I was frustrated about the entire college idea, but she never held a grudge against me. Like the Bible says, when you get slapped in one cheek, turn the other and that is what my mom did, in a figurative sense of course.

Life will never be the same. I will have to start visiting my parents and not actually live with them. But right now, my goal is to one day have a family and be able to raise them the same way my parents raised me successfully.

Steven M. Zahn

## ALL IN PERSPECTIVE

*We are the people our parents warned us about.*

—Graffiti



Many people view high school as the end of life as they know it. However, it can be said just as truly that the end of high school is the beginning of the rest of life. From now on, we are the people that we always imagined being. We will soon be the people that we always saw working at businesses. We are no longer practicing for society, we are part of society.

Having said that, what will we remember twenty years from now at the twentieth high school reunion (assuming that it is organized)? Will we remember the classes? Will we remember the friendships that we had? Sadly, we will probably remember the people we do not like just as much or more than the people we do like.

I do not look forward to seeing the people that were mean to me throughout my school career. Maybe they will become nice people by the time reunions come around. In the same respect, I will see people that I have been mean to. Hopefully they will forgive me after that many years.

In the movie *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion*, the main characters, although not accomplished, are the happiest and thus most successful at their reunion. The same will apply for our reunion. No matter how rich

somebody is, the happy people will be the most successful. What would you rather be? Would you rather be the CEO of a large corporation but completely unhappy, or would you rather be the happy person with the low paying job. Many people would like to be a bit of both.

What will your life be like at these reunions? Many of us will be married, and many will have children. Many will still be good looking. Many will have respectable jobs. Unfortunately, many will of us will also be divorced, balding, sagging, unemployed, or dead.

What will I remember about high school? The memories. Four years of high school and many more memories. I can honestly say that I have learned a lot in high school, both in classes and outside of class. The people I met, the great friends I made, my wonderful girlfriend, the outstanding classes I had, these things will forever be with me. For the teachers that inspired me, thank you. For the people that took the time to get to know me, thank you. I can think back to the class of 1998 in elementary school and junior high. The students are the same model, just a different size. I remember getting through freshman year in the old building. The construction, the extremely crowded halls

(like the area between the English and Math halls everywhere in the school). The opening of the new building, learning a new school for the second straight year.

Since I played tennis for four years at CHS, I will remember the good times I experienced both on the court and off with the team. I will remember three years of working on the school newspaper, where I met a group of individuals that I consider the top of Columbine. I will remember chemistry with Donar, a difficult yet enjoyable experience with which many can relate. I will remember school dances, specifically Proms. Why do many of these experiences stand out? Because I shared them with people I care about. So, as parting words of advice for life, I suggest that you spend time with people you care about. This makes everything so much more enjoyable. Thank you class of 1998 for years of experiences and years of many more memories.

Brad Poston



## Life, Love, and Other Mysteries

**"Death is more universal than life; everyone dies but not everyone lives." — A. Sachs**

Recently, I realized how I have taken many things for granted in my life, instead of cherishing the little things. I began to think about the small things in my life that make it more enjoyable. Just waking up every morning and being able to open my eyes and walk around is a blessing. People need to start focusing on the things in their lives that make everyday special and worthwhile to be alive. When people look back over their lives, some special events may stand out, but times spent with family and friends that touched their lives are more prominent.

My parents were chaperones on the band trip to Florida this April. Some students came up to me and told me how nice my parents are and how lucky I am. I have always known God blessed me with a good family, but someone else telling me this made the fact even more real for me. Sometimes, I do not realize how good I have something until I see it through someone else's eyes. I need to start cherishing the people in my life and not take their friendships for granted.

As I walked into school and saw some of the CHS students dressed all in black pretending to be dead for the prom assembly, I started to think about my life. I did not think about my death but more about my life. Death is a very real fear in many people's minds, but life needs to be the main thing that we think about. I started thinking about the influence that my life has on the people around me. Sometimes I wonder if my life has any affect on the people that I see everyday. Once in awhile, I have pondered how people would react if I were to die today. Sometimes, I think about the last thing I have said to a person that day and wonder if that is the way he or she would remember me. I recently read a story about a man who saw a friend from high school whom he had not seen in a long time. This man's friend reminded him of how he used to tease a boy in their class. The man was disturbed by the way that his friend remembered him. He was not remembered for his good deeds in high school, and this upset him. I want to be remembered for my good deeds and who I am as a person. The choices I make today will carve me as a person in the minds of the people around me.

Michelle Markert

Bread and butter  
Toast and jam

**"The 'teenager' seems to have replaced the Communist as the appropriate target for public controversy and foreboding." — E. Friedenberg**

Teenagers are often faced with many preconceptions and stereotypes that adults hold because of what they read in the newspapers and see on television. I faced many of these stereotypes when I traveled with a group of band students to Florida. With the exception of one cute little freshman who was warned that she would be forced to leave Disney World for punching Goofy in the nose, we were a great group of students.

Despite our overall good behavior, I noticed that often times adults who had never seen us before, would meet us with suspicious glares. At one point a few friends and I were looking at a big display rack of jewelry at one of the theme parks and an employee hovered over us watching as we tried on the inexpensive jewelry. Although none of us had the intention of stealing, we were a group of teenagers and therefore she felt it her responsibility to make sure we were not taking anything. I was very offended by this. Just because this woman may have once read in the newspaper about a teenager who committed some sort of crime, doesn't mean that we are all mischievous delinquents.

A second instance that upset me was when we got on the plane to return home. As I walked down the aisle, the flight attendant warned me and others to behave themselves or else. Or else what? Would they stop the plane mid flight? As it turned out, none of the band members caused any problems on the plane, but it was the drunken man behind me who yelled out profanities during the entire flight. The flight attendant probably didn't tell him to behave himself.

I know that there are some teenagers that truly do cause problems and give some of us a bad name. I also know that the majority of teenagers are well behaved and just want to have fun. It is unfortunate that we all have to deal with the stereotypes that many adults hold, but until the newspapers and T.V. start to publicize good things that some of us do rather than plastering the news with the bad things, we will all have to learn to deal with such prejudices.

Early M Witt



## Eloquent

## Verbs

*I thank my God every time I remember you.*

Philippians 1:3

There are moments that move you. They pick you up by your pants and hit you harder than living. Nothing compares to this reality, nothing. It's crazy how you can go on for so long thinking you understand life and people, religion, sports, poetry and love, but sometimes it takes the shock of a moment to kick us into humility, realizing that life keeps growing.

I wish I could share with you all what I've seen. I wish I could open so many eyes to the source of my joy. I will never believe what the world tells me. A fellow editor told me to write about my advice for all of you. But advice is taken so lightly, and I believe that silence grows in the heart. Let me leave Columbine with something to think about... life is a matter of faith. I believe that we have to trudge through this vast world to find a solid rock to build upon. I can't tell you that I know what my life will have in store for me, but I can tell you this:

Love is real when it feels like home. Nights become alive with a hot cup of coffee in your hand. People will never frown if you smile at them. No matter how strong you think you are, you are still dead center in a world that constantly changes. No matter how hard you fight, you will never be able to control this world's chaos. The sunset is more than a landscape, tears

are gifts, humility is gold and faith is a flower.

The truth is that we have all had a calling. We all know of what there is to hold on to. And if you want to know, I have chosen Christ. So much of me is afraid, but so much more of me is bold. I know that I have made mistakes, I know that I have strayed, but I know that my faith is real. So in this last issue, I have one last opportunity to share my voice. What I stand for is joy, hope, faith and love. It's not that I try to ignore the negative moments in life, but I risk living to avoid dying. Not in the physical sense, but in the spiritual sense. I encourage everyone to dig past the trash in this world and struggle to find life in the undying love, that comes from Jesus Christ. There is nothing else I can offer you; this is what I have lived for and it will not end here. Please don't let your high school years pass and leave your soul behind. Thank you for reading and hopefully responding in some way. It's up to us to live to risk dying. If I could tell you how to remember me, I'd tell you to remember a smile. I hope you see someone who lives differently or at least someone who tries. Thank you for many moments. They have changed me and I am so excited for the future!

Colleen M. Colbert

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## This is my column

"We owe almost all our knowledge not to those who have agreed, but to those who have differed." —Charles Caleb Colton

As high school students, we have many choices to make that will directly affect our futures. Throughout my first three years at Columbine, my grades have been fairly good. I have taken some hard and easy classes, but that does not matter. The most important thing to me is that I am expanding my mind and enjoying the classes that I have taken. Going into my final year at Columbine, I have many options for what classes to take.

In my class there are many students fighting for the right to be valedictorian. I am glad that I am not in their position. They have to decide if they want to take an easy class to preserve their four point average or take a tougher class, for example, AP English which could jeopardize their unearned grades. In my case, all I have to worry about is keeping my grades good enough to get into the college that I have chosen. This allows me to mix up my schedule and take many interesting classes. Like other juniors in my position, I have not been able to take many art, music and video classes during my stay at Columbine. My senior year gives me a chance to explore these regions and see if they please me.

I would rather be recognized as the student who wrote that amazing story in creative writing, got a new look on life in Advance Placement English, although he got a B, and learned the ups and downs of the stock market in business class. The classes we take in high school usually foreshadow the classes and jobs we choose in our future. Grades should not determine what classes you decide to take, no matter if you get an A, C or F you are learning a new subject which will help make you a more interesting person. High school is just trying to give you an insight on fields that you can go into. The more varied classes you take the easier it will be to narrow down what field you plan to go into. Even if you decide not to continue with a certain field, you may have found a new love for it, and might include it into your free-time. You also may learn to hate the subject you studied, at least you'll know that is not a field you plan to pursue.

Many high school students think they have a good idea of what they want to pursue past college. When they enter college, they have their major set and add the proper classes for it. Then after taking one class regarding that subject they learn that it isn't that appealing to them anymore. Many college students change their majors a couple of times, taking different types classes will help you get a start on what majors you might look into.

This just doesn't pertain to classes, it's the same for sports and clubs, you may be very good in a certain sport if you tried out for the team, or you might find out that you want to help people or the environment for the rest of your life from the time you helped in a club.

My advice is don't try to take the easy route, take some challenging classes, you could stumble onto something truly enjoy.

Chris Bingle



## MOON DAYS

In extreme youth, in our most humiliating sorrow, we think we are alone. When we are older we find that others have suffered too.

—Suzanne Moarny

Prom. It's a word that either makes people excited or sends people into deep depression. What is it about people that make them askable or not? What does he/she have that I don't? It is an age old question that teenagers have been asking themselves for generations.

For all those people that had a wonderful time at prom, great. But this is for the kids who sat at home, watched television, and drowned in the tears of their own misery.

As my friends and I were driving around on prom night, we saw limos drive by, wished we were the ones on the inside, and made a few observations.

One friend commented that when upperclassmen girls become older, they become less desirable to their male counterparts. While pondering this question, I found this to be absolutely true. Why do senior guys decide to "rob the cradle" and ask freshman and sophomore girls when half the senior girls don't have dates to the dance of the year? Every girl hopes of going to her senior prom, yet underclassmen who are just embarking upon their high school journey often take their places instead. Why is it that so many underclassmen go to prom?

Male students at Columbine may have their reasons to justify their asking underclassmen girls, but why? Male upperclassmen have two or three underclassmen grades to which they may find a willing female to accompany them to prom. While, senior female students only are able to ask men who are older than themselves, or so it seems. There has been an unfortunate tradition passed on over the years where men often date and marry younger women. Yet, women usually don't date and marry younger men. Now, this is not to say that such behavior has become more acceptable in the 90's, some girls ask younger guys to dances, but the number is few. Upperclassmen guys find it easier and less stressful to ask underclassmen girls because the chances of being rejected are smaller. Hey, how else are these freshmen and sophomores going to prom? But if one is a smart, mature, young lady, the chances of going to prom are slim and none. Guys figure these girls can't have fun when taken out, or else their lives must be school.

Some people try to come up with excuses as to why they couldn't go to prom because they were too busy or some other clever excuse. Come on, let's just face the facts. We weren't asked and it stinks! It's awful to have to listen to friends talk about how excited they were to go, to listen to their description of their dresses in full detail, when one wishes it could have been them. Now, Prom is not like Homecoming or Sadies, it's Prom, "the big one", the dance that is etched into the memories of high school students for years to come.

The only way to justify not getting asked, is to tell yourself that there was no one good enough for you, or to just tell others you're going to Highland Ranch's prom with "Jim what's his name," yeah. Of course, there is always next year.

—Lindsay Blevins



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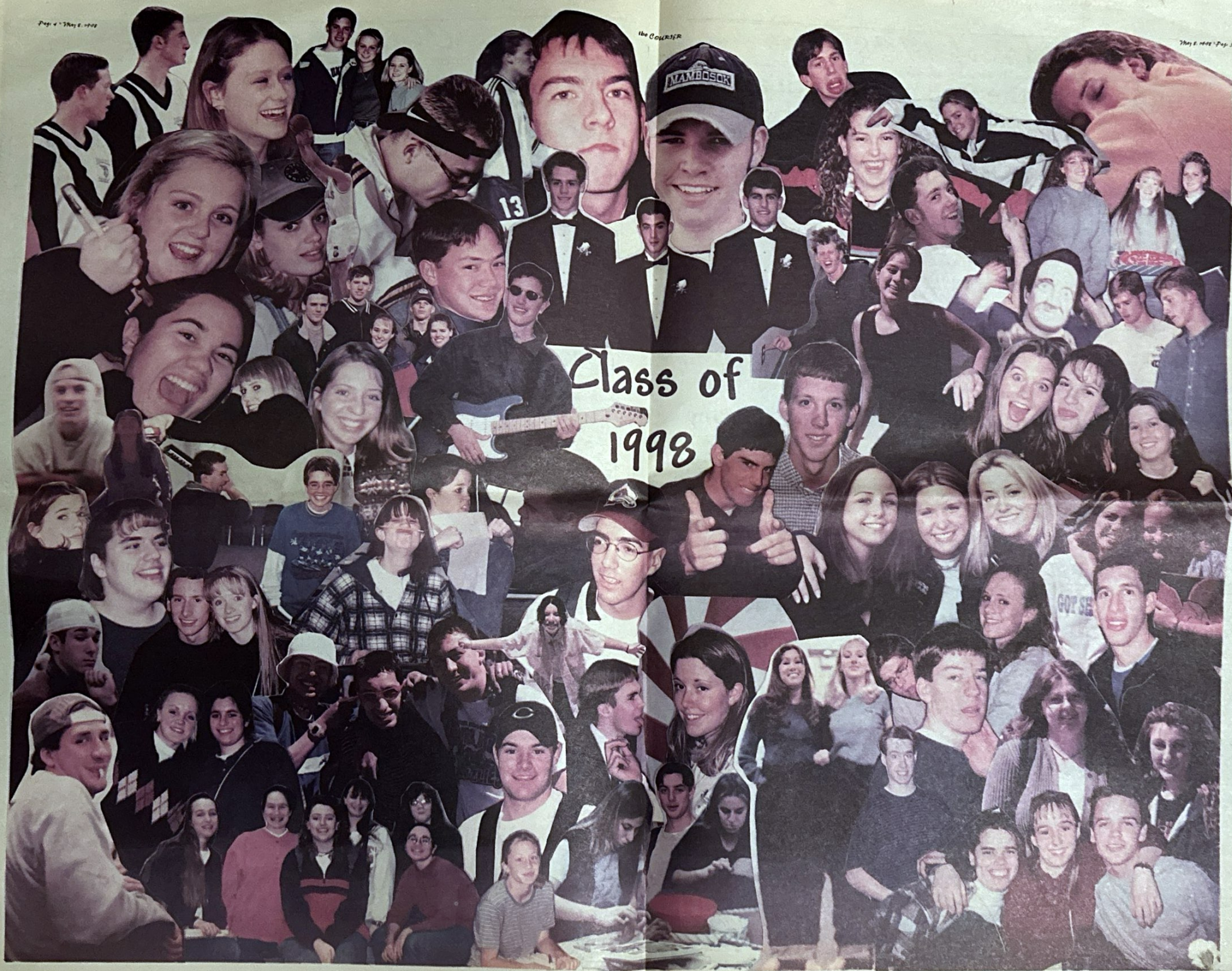
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## Juvenile crime raises change

Rising crime rates in the area give CHS students something to think about

by Melanie Thorsen  
Center Writer

Though compared to many high schools, CHS does not have to deal with crimes directly. The reality of rising crime rates is an rising issue that the students of the 90s will continue to have to face.

According to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 2.3 million people under the age of 18 are arrested each year and since 1965 the arrest rate for juvenile crimes has more than tripled. Overall, young people are arrested the most for behavioral crimes such as disorderly conduct, drunk driving, drug violations, prostitution, and curfew violations.

The juvenile arrest rate for violent crimes such as murder, robbery, aggravated assault, and weapons violations are rising. From 1985 to 1994 the arrest rate for murder, among juveniles increased 150 percent, for weapons violations the increase was 103 percent, for aggravated assault the increase was 97 percent, and for robbery the increase was 57 percent. Juveniles commit 13 percent of all violent crimes. Sophomore Christine Bell comments, "Juvenile delinquency is becoming such a problem. Some teens claim it's because they're bored, some because they want to rebel against their parents, or society."

One of the biggest problems in juvenile delinquency is alcohol abuse. According to the PRIDE survey of 141,000 students alcohol was found to be the first choice drug. Seventy percent of

students admitted to drinking in the year prior to being surveyed. According to the Annual Teen Drug Survey 74.8 percent of seniors drank alcohol in the year prior to being surveyed, up from 72.5 percent in '96. Sophomore Penny Burton says, "I think substance abuse is becoming more and more predominant over the past two years." Junior J.P. Hevert adds, "Kids drink as a means of acceptance and/or to escape from the 'tragedies' of their lives."

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Another increasing problem in juvenile delinquency is the use of illicit drugs. According to the National Household Survey 9 percent of teens used illicit drugs in the month prior to being surveyed. This survey also showed that among teen 12 to 17 years, 7.1 percent used marijuana the month prior to being surveyed. According to the Annual Teen Drug Survey 5.8 percent of seniors use marijuana daily. This same survey showed 17 percent of sophomores tried stimulants, and 16.5 percent of seniors tried stimulants. This survey also showed an all time high of 2.1 percent of sophomores and seniors tried heroin, and 8.7 percent of seniors tried cocaine. Junior Jared Foster

explains his beliefs on why teens do drugs, "People do drugs because it's lots of fun and it feels good." Sophomore Lori Miyashiro adds, "I think students do drugs more now because everyone is against it and they want to rebel against what people say."

Though CHS doesn't have to directly deal with many of these issues the fact is that juvenile crime and substance abuse rates are rising and it's a problem this generation is going to have to deal with. Sophomore Lynsey Hansen remarks, "I think juvenile crime and substance abuse have risen over the years. It is just something people have to deal with."



**Are you kidding?—the arrest rate for juveniles has increased 150 percent since 1985!**

## Changing times create controversy in teen decisions

As the nineties progress, freedom and opportunities change also, making decisions tough

by Carly Witt, Jenny Wallick and Melanie Thorsen  
Center Writers

Teenagers at Columbine are forced to make important decisions every day. Many of these choices will affect their lives for many years to come, and at this stage in a teen's life it is crucial to make the right choice. But what is the right choice? Here are just a few of the different issues that teens are facing today:

### To drink or not to drink?

According to Campus Supervisor Steve Rodgers, alcohol is the number one drug among teenagers. "It is easily accessible," he continues explaining that many teenagers can find alcohol in their own home.

Rodgers remarks that peer pressure, one parent families, and the need to feel secure with friends are some other reasons that teenagers are tempted to drink alcohol. CHS counselor Joe Cunningham explains his beliefs on the reasons teenagers do drugs, "it's peer pressure and drinking is 'the thing to do.'"

Senior Angie Klapper comments, "The youth of our suburb is very limited and controlled [curfew]. We don't have many places to go out, so I think kids get together at a houses to share in a common pastime."

Sophomore Alise Williams son adds, "I think some people drink because everyone else does. Some people do not feel good about

themselves and think they have to drink to feel better." "I think it has a lot to do with the popularity standards that are set by some students and the publicity they get," states Junior Tiffany Typher.

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### Further Education or...FUN?

Despite many preconceptions about education in the suburbs, the graduation rate and college admissions rates of Columbine High School have remained somewhat consistent over the last few years.

According to counselor Joe Cunningham, CHS has a very stable population, opposed to schools with kids who are transferred in the middle of their high school career. This contributes to one of the reasons why CHS has one of the highest graduation rates in the state.

Freedom, career, money, success and enlightenment are many of the reasons why many choose to go to college.

Cunningham also feels that, presently, it is the community expectation for young people out of high school pursue college, and become successful.

Senior Becca Weingartner explains why she chose to further her education was "because the job I want requires a college degree." She also continues by saying,

"college isn't for everyone, and some may choose to work right away or do something else with their lives. Everybody is different."

### To have sex?

The question of being sexually active is one that has many consequences for teenagers to consider. Some of these consequences are pregnancy, STD's including AIDS and Herpes, relationship separations, tension with families and financial dilemmas.

Pregnancy forces many girls to do poorly in school and possibly to even drop out. Pregnancy also gives girls the choice of abortion, adoption or a new family.

Sexually transmitted diseases are becoming a serious danger to sexually active teens. Teens that risk to become sexually active must take on the responsibility of protection, birth control, maturity, financial burdens and moral dilemmas.



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**So many choices, so little time!—Education, families, sexual activity, habits, careers, morals, beliefs and dreams are many of the choices that teens battle in the nineties.**

Senior Sarah Markhausen explains some of the confusion that many teens face, "What are we suppose to think? The mass media tells us it's the most important thing in our lives and our parents warn us 'I better not catch you!'"

Besides the physical dangers of sexual activity, moral issues hold a key role in the decision of becoming sexually active.

With so many options, problems and freedom, the nineties offer the idea the one must choose for themselves, Sara Hirschweiller agrees, "I don't care if other people have sex."

### Think, think, think...

Society has definitely changed, giving teens the freedom and opportunity to sculpt their futures. There is a strong hope that everyone will be able to dig through the mud of making decisions and find the treasure of a beautiful future.

## Culture

### Then and now

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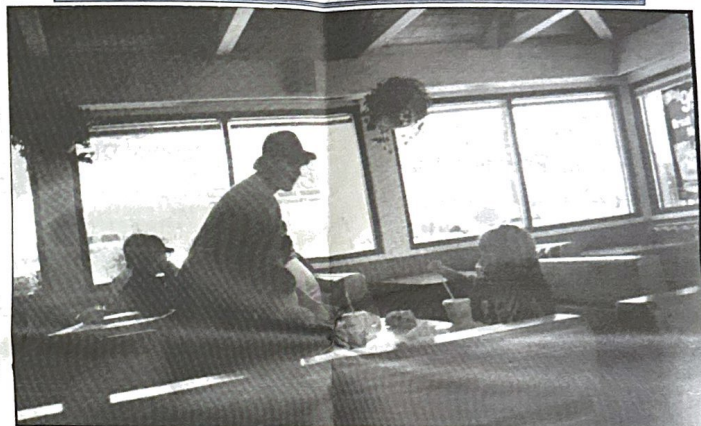


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## Family values: A thing of the past or present?

by Michelle Markert  
Layout editor

The family structure has changed in many different ways over the last few years, not only in the structure of the family, but also the values these families hold.

The age that people are getting married has not changed much in the last 100 years. According to *The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1993*, the median age that men were getting married was 26.1 years and women were 22.0 years old. In 1990 these numbers remained fairly constant. Men were getting married at 26.1 years, and women were 23.9 years old. While, the common belief remains that people get married at a very young age one hundred years ago, these statistics prove that the marriage ages are about the same.

The divorce rates have had a dramatic rise over the past 100 years. In 1895, there were 620,000 marriages and 40,387 divorces. In 1990, 2,448,000 people got married, and 1,175,000 of these marriages ended in divorce.

The couples who are getting married has drastically changed just within the past ten or twenty years. In 1980, 167 couples out of 49,714, were a black and white couple. By 1990, there were 211 black and white couples out of 53,258 couples. These numbers show how the view of interracial marriages has changed in the United States. Many of these marriages

would have been frowned upon, but now they are widely accepted.

Women's roles in families have seen many drastic developments. Women have become major contributors to the working class and are now financially supporting their families. Day care centers have sprung up around the country to

parent has also increased. Because of these changes, many families no longer have an adult at home during the day, and the demand for day care has risen.

Some men are beginning to feel the stress of their work and family responsibilities. Their bosses pressure them to stay at work longer while their wives pressure them to spend more time with their families. Men feel just as stressed as working mothers. Some companies are starting new father policies at work and allowing them to take off time to be with their families.

The overall structure of today's families has also undergone some major changes. Now, many families are so busy that they do not eat dinner together. Many families spend less time together and do not form very strong family bonds with each other.

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## Self-expression adapts to the times

by Ross Lambert  
Center Writer

With changing times and changing attitudes, styles of American teenagers begin to change as well. Body piercings, hair colors and overall unique physical expressions are representative of the changing styles of the 90's culture.

More and more teenagers are deciding to get body parts pierced. Despite the health risks from diseases and problems such as AIDS, staph bacteria, serious infection and metal ingestion, young adults across the country still feel that piercing their noses, tongues, eyebrows or navels will prove them to be unique. Kristi Filling, a Junior who has multiple ear piercing and had her navel pierced in Hawaii during the summer of 1997, says, "It just looks cool and is a good way to express your individuality."

Many students use their heads to find and display their self expression. Many students change their hair color slightly, or even dramatically with bright colors in order to be individual looking. Junior Kerri Weaver feels that "hair color" is an expression of how they feel, and it's their choice. The choice to change

one's hair color is often a more dramatic, yet less painful and shorter lasting alteration than getting body piercings.

Rather than physically changing their appearance, many students opt to change their wardrobe. An ensemble of all dark or all bright colors may be representative of a person's personal style or particular mood or attitude.

While these changes are sometimes a form of self expression, students do not always intend to make a statement about their style. Freshman Ryan Miller got one ear pierced just because he felt like it. He wants to get another ear ring, plus two tattoos, and explains the culture changes by saying, "we are becoming weird in the 20th century."

Though many teens use changes in physical appearance or wardrobe as a form of self expression, they do not always have an effect or make an impression on others. As Junior Jeanna Park expresses, "I really have no opinion about it."

Despite the superficial importance of changing appearances through the use of body piercings, wild hair colors or unique clothing styles, they too will fade away with the trends and fads of years past.



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## Are we on the same planet or a different world?

by Sarah Allison  
Center Writer

Teenagers will be teenagers, world without end, amen. However, the experience of adolescence is greatly affected by the surrounding environment. How do cultures differ and how does that work in the lives of the kids who are brought up there?

The school systems differ greatly from country to country. One Columbine junior, Amalia Fernandez, is spending the semester in Australia, and notes several differences. "School in Australia is almost opposite our school. We don't realize how good we have it, how relaxed our school is, how we have our own freedom. We have heating, air conditioning, and no uniforms."

American influence can be found almost everywhere. The film, *"Titanic,"* for example, swept box offices not only nationally, but globally—showing the spread of American pop culture. The growth of the fast food industry is another instance of American influence. McDonald's has spread across the world, with a few local refinements. In India, for example, Hindus who avoid beef for religious reasons may purchase a beef-free version of a Big Mac.

An interesting problem which arises from the contemporary global community is the stereotypes. When the Australian exchange students were here at Columbine, they were asked if they rode kangaroos to school and had pet koalas. For those who asked the questions, they don't. On Junior Mary Glass' ten month stay in Australia, she was most frequently asked, "Do you know a movie star?" The second most common question was, "Are you in a gang?" Interesting.

The legal drinking age can greatly affect the way a society views alcohol. Drinking and driving is less of a problem in countries with good public transportation. If there is a convenient, safe bus to take home, there is no

need to get behind the wheel. Glass explains the difference between the US and Australia, where the legal age is eighteen. "Here it's a bad thing. They view it as just something to do on the weekends."

Students also spend their time outdoors in crazy ways depending on where they live. Instead of mountain biking and hiking like in Colorado, Australians can go scuba diving, surfing, jet skiing, and dolphin watching. The Rockies are great, but so are the Alps.

Society affects the people who live in it, and people who live in a society define it. The relationship between the individual and the society, that society and other societies, is fascinating in its great possibility. The differences keep cultures unique even as they mesh and come together into a global community our generation must define.



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alter arrangement suddenly, make an experiment or indulge in a whim. The home is the one tame place in a world of adventure; it is the one wild place in a world of rules and set tasks.

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## Summer flicks to fizzle or sizzle?

by Ross Lambert  
Features Writer

The summer of '98 proves to be a time of blockbuster movies following in the tracks of *Titanic*, *Lost In Space*, and *The Man In The Iron Mask*.

**Deep Impact** opens today with two asteroids headed for earth. This is the first of many disaster and survival flicks of the summer. Touchstone's web page teases that "Oceans will rise. Cities will fall. Hope will survive."

Touchstone Pictures and Robert Redford bring the love story *The Horse Whisperer* to the big screen on May 15. Robert Redford plays the horse healer, Tom Booker, who helps Kristin Scott Thomas after her 14 year old daughter suffers a riding accident. Touchstone's web page indicates, "While Tom works to rebuild all the lives that have been shattered by the accident, love blossoms between the gentle horseman and the up-rooted sophisticate—a love with both wonderful and tragic consequences."

On May 20 Columbia

Tri-Star unleashes its blockbuster movie **Godzilla**. Godzilla is an asexual monster who rises on the Western Coast of America after French nuclear testing creates mutations. Without the help of the oceanographer who first warns of the mutation problems, Matthew Broderick, Godzilla's hundred eggs may hatch and spill into the Pacific Ocean for world domination.

**Almost Heroes** from Warner Bros tells the comic tale of the "true" explorers who searched the land of the Louisiana Purchase. Opening May 29, "the true history of the race to express our manifest destiny from sea to shining sea can finally be told" with Matthew Perry in Chris Farley's final movie.

Touchstone Pictures presents Harrison Ford, Anne Heche and David Schwimmer in the romantic adventure film **Six Days, Seven Nights** which opens June 12. Ford plays a cargo pilot, whose plane crashes in a storm while taking Heche to Tahiti after a romantic vacation. Touchstone's

web site says, "Danger and romance ensue as the two castaways are thrown into a series of adventures not found in any vacation brochure."

Disney's new animated feature, **Mulan**, "chronicles the adventures of a young Chinese woman whose irrepressible spirit clashes with her tradition-bound society," say Disney promotions. The cast of character voices has Eddie Murphy, Harvey Fierstein, and Ming-Na Wen as Mulan. Mulan is due out in June.

Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler star in Paramount Pictures' **Armageddon**. Opening July 1, the movie concentrates on the perils of a Texas-sized asteroid which is headed for earth.

Also watch for **The 13th Warrior** with Antonio Banderas as a rogue warrior, Warner Bros' first fully animated feature film **Quest for Camelot** opening May 15 with a dragon and love story, and Jim Carrey in the odd-ball comedy **The Truman Show** in early June.

## Seinfeld leaves a huge gap in television lineup

by Brett Jackson and Mollie Weksler  
Features Writers

"Hello, Newman." "No soup for you." "Hey buddy." "Get out." "Moops. Moors." Signature lines such as these have long characterized the popular sitcom Seinfeld, but starting next year viewers will only hear lines such as these on the shows' syndicated reruns. After nine years and 180 episodes, Seinfeld will call it quits after this season.

The show, created by actor/comedian Jerry Seinfeld and friend Larry David, has been the National Broadcasting Company's (NBC) strongest sitcom for many years now. Although the show started out slowly, and changed time slots often, it eventually reached its full popularity after moving to its current Thursday night time.

Losing Seinfeld will significantly weaken NBC, as the show has not only been among the top five shows weekly for many years, but helps build popularity for many other shows that NBC places before or after Seinfeld to gain viewers. The enormous amount of money that NBC makes off of Seinfeld became evident when Seinfeld alone was offered five million dollars an episode to continue the show, up from one million an episode this year.

Some fans wonder why Seinfeld would walk away from five million dollars an episode, equal to 110 million dollars for the year. Senior Sean Stevinson criticizes, "I think that its crazy to offer somebody five million an episode, but I also think its crazy to not accept it. I don't know if any show would be worth five million, but if there would have to be one it would be Seinfeld."

The truth is that Seinfeld already has plenty of money. He makes nearly ninety million dollars



a year on the syndication alone. Also, as quoted in Vanity Fair, Seinfeld is tired of working on weekends. Cast member Jason Alexander agreed with Seinfeld in a recent issue of Seventeen, saying that the one positive about ending the show would be that he would be able to relax on weekends.

While many shows deal with a life that most people cannot relate to, Seinfeld deals with life itself. Often characterized as a show about nothing, Seinfeld looks at the little things in life that everybody experiences but does not stop to ponder, let alone create a show about. The eccentric character Cosmo Kramer is based on a real life Kenny Kramer who lives in New York City. With his own web site, and through traveling around the country, Kenny shares his uniqueness with many people. Similarly, the character of George Costanza is based on David.

## Summer a "mission" for some students

by Michelle Markert  
Layout Editor

While many students hold jobs, take vacations, or relax during the summer, others go on missions trips with local churches. These trips require hours of preparation for the work needed to enter another culture and help less fortunate people with their spiritual and physical needs.

Freshman Mandy Bowen will go to Jamaica with St. James Presbyterian where they will build houses for deaf Jamaicans. The church held an auction which raised almost \$10,000 for the trip.

Sophomore Alise Williamson traveled to Juarez, Mexico with Foothills Bible Church last summer. They built a house on this trip. Williamson explains that she went

trip to help other people around the world.

Freshman Kim Dottenwhy of Foothills Fellowship will go to California and Missouri this summer. She is going on these trips "to help people and tell them about God." She adds, "In Missouri, we'll (her church) be doing work at a ranch. In California, we'll be running a week long camp for fourth, fifth and sixth graders."

Freshman Elisa Zahn is traveling with St. Philip Lutheran Church to Juarez, Mexico to lead a vacation Bible school. She comments, "We (our church) had a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the trip. The church also held a dance with music played by local bands to earn money.



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**On the range**—Ken Caryl Baptist Church will be returning to a Native American Indian reservation in Asbland, Montana to lead vacation Bible school for local children.

## Break brings hot summer activities

by Lindsay Blevins  
Features Writer

During summer break, students involve themselves in many diverse activities to spice up those hot summer days.

For those students lucky enough to travel outside of Colorado, the world has no limits. Many seniors at Columbine often go on a "Senior Trip" with their friends. This ritual often creates bonding among friends and a time to reminisce about past memories, while preparing them to embrace the future and leave their childhood friends and their familiar way of life behind.

Other members of the student body usually remain home. Many earn

money by working or relaxing by the pool and soaking in the sun. Others are a bit more adventurous. Junior Dave Proctor is planning on taking a 110 mile canoe trip to keep himself entertained this summer. Proctor says, "When I take this trip I will learn how to navigate on water and self reliance." Many students spend their summer fun away from home, but not away from their family. Sophomore Sarah Piscaro comments, "Every year I go up to Ft. Morgan, to Lake Empire, with my friends and family, and go water skiing and tubing." Some parents take advantage of summer holidays by taking their kids on trips to hot spots like Disney

World or the Caribbean. Sophomore Cora Lininger is going to Young Life Camp, a camp held for teenage Christians. Lininger reveals, "This is going to be a great way to spend my summer. These retreats teach us a lot about ourselves." Most of these types of trips that occur during the summer months are a great way to meet other teens and have fun.

While some students are having fun, others are planning their academic futures. Many juniors will be busy visiting campuses to select prospective colleges. Other juniors, will be taking the ACT and SAT college entrance tests for their first time.

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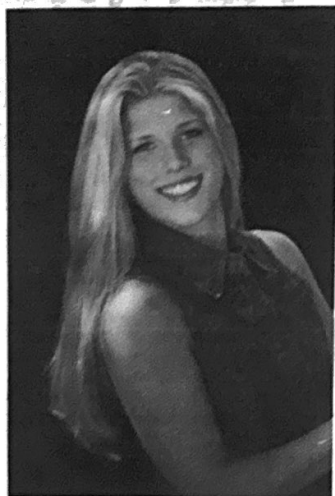
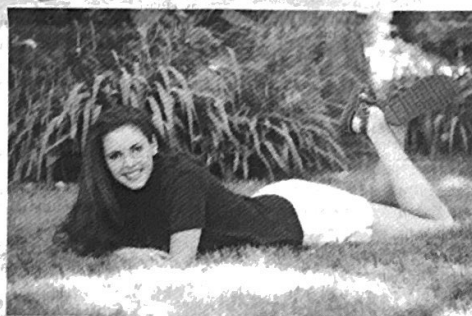
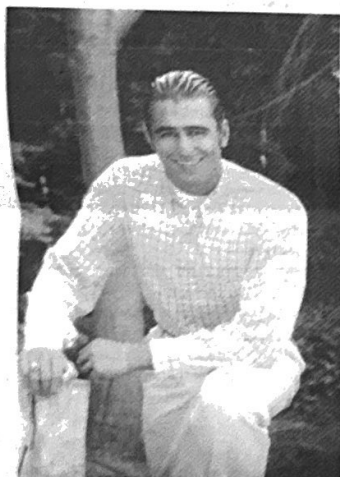
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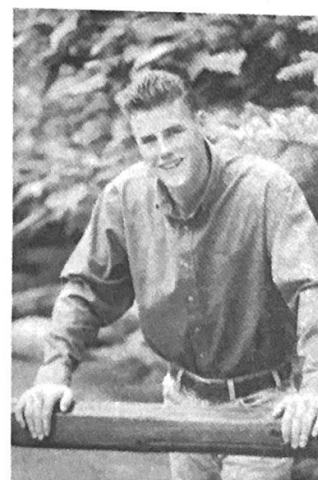
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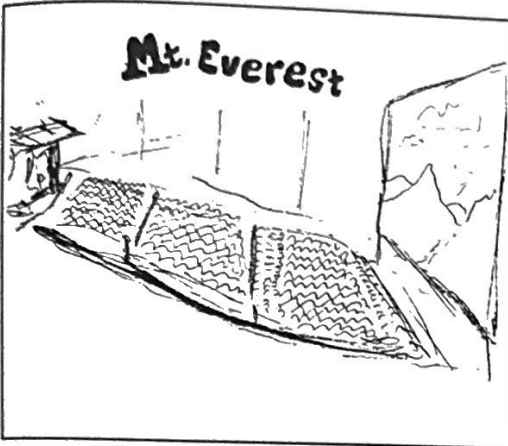
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# IMAX theater thrills crowd with showing of Mt. Everest



by Shannon Johnson  
Features Writer

The new movie, Mt. Everest, now showing at the IMAX is one that is guaranteed to thrill viewers and keep them on the edge of their seats.

The movie is an actual documentary of three mountain climbers. Ed Viesturs, Jamling Morgay and Araceli Segura and their quest to reach the top of the highest mountain in the world,

Mt. Everest, located in Nepal, standing 29,028 feet tall.

The IMAX show lasts nearly an hour and invites viewers to enjoy the triumph as well as relive the tragedy which took place on May of 1996. It replays the team's challenge to survive in the most unexpected, fierce storm to ever hit Mt. Everest. The tragedy claimed the lives of eight climbers.

The movie also shows what the dangers

were for the other climbers on the mountain. This includes a heartbreaking conversation that takes place over a two way radio between Ed Viesturs (who was at base camp with the rest of the team) and Rob Hall, a close friend of his, who was trapped at the top of the mountain during the disastrous storm.

The flick also shows actual footage of the helicopter rescue of Beck Weathers, a doctor who survived a night in the harsh conditions of the storm who was so severely frostbitten that he lost his right hand and all of the fingers on his left hand. The movie takes the audience to the top of the world and the depths of death.

The IMAX show also makes the audience feel as though they themselves are climbing the mountain. Amazing,

brehtaking shots of the Himalayas flash across the screen as the climbers give detailed reports on weather conditions as well as their physical and mental fatigue forced upon them by the arduous climb.

The movie can be seen at the IMAX theater in the Denver Museum of Natural History through October 8. Daily shows are 11-4 on Monday, 11-8 Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday and 11-9 on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$6.00, and \$4.00 with a student ID. Due to the extreme popularity of the show, students are advised to purchase tickets in advance, with a credit card over the phone. For more information, call 370-6300.

Everest is a movie of triumph and tragedy. It is a unique movie that holds viewers attention to the very top. For an unforgettable experience take a trip to the IMAX and experience the ultimate climb for yourself.

## 'Angels' delivers

by Mollie Weksler and Ross Lambert  
Features Writers

What do you get when you combine Nicholas Cage and Meg Ryan in a plot of angelic magnitude? You get a movie that asks the question, "Are there really angels out there?"

City of Angels, one of the most poignant new films of the year, stars Nicholas Cage and Meg Ryan as two people who fall in love. Cage plays the part of an angel named Seth, while Ryan portrays his love interest Doctor Maggie Rice. Seth falls in love with her when he finds her trying to revive a patient which he is assigned to take to heaven. Seth claims that Maggie was looking straight at him when she lost the patient, even though nobody can see the angels unless they wish to be seen. Seth can't feel anything that humans can feel, but Maggie's beauty is so overpowering that Seth somehow feels human. There is only one thing that Seth can do to become mortal and be with Maggie. The film focuses on Seth's choice, his action, and the effects of his decision.

It explores the extraordinary beliefs of people, their fears, what they cry about and what they laugh about. These qualities make the film personable, relatable and touching. Cage does a fantastic adaptation of an angel with speech and integrity that make him very believable.

One memorable aspect of City of Angels is, fittingly, the angels and their interesting characteristics.

The angels often sit on the high ledges of buildings and street signs. They wear black clothing, and every time an angel passes a person it can hear that person's most inner thoughts.

Seth explains during the film that every morning and every night the angels stand on the beach and watch the sun rise and set. This incredibly powerful scene, touched with beautiful backgrounds and symphony music, is guaranteed to bring the viewer to tears.

City of Angels is one of the most emotionally powerful and spiritually enchanting films in many years, a must-see movie for 1998!



## DMB explores new techniques

Before These Crowded Streets  
Dave Matthews Band  
RCA/BMG

After the hit album *Crush*, and their *Live from Red Rocks* album released last year, Dave Matthews' Band is back with a new album to try to please their audience. The name of their fourth album, *Before These Crowded Streets*, was released April 28.

The band as always explored new music techniques on their new album. In *Before*, the band added a variety of new sounds to their artillery. These included backup singers, banjos appearing in a few songs along with electric guitar riffs throughout the album. Alanis Morissette heads the group of backup singers, by singing on such songs as *Don't Drink the Water* and *Spoon*. Bela Fleck's banjo helps give the band a new feel on a few songs.

Tim Reynolds a close friend to the band lent his excellent guitar playing ability to the new album. Reynolds can be seen touring with band or along side playing with Matthews when the band is resting. When Matthews and Reynolds get together there is no stopping their musical genius as seen on the album *Live From Red Rocks*.

Unlike other albums, the band didn't test their new songs before their audience at concerts. On other albums, this helped them to decide which songs to include on their album and whether they should spice them up a little more.

One thing that does disappoint is how the band used back up singers, which they have never really done in the past.

The first song, "Don't drink the water" hopes to top the charts with a very dark sound compared to the bands typically more upbeat songs.

One of the best songs on the album is "Crush" with its catchy base line which evolves into a nice, soft melody as Matthew's strong voice completes the tune.

Concert dates for Dave Matthews Band have been set for May 24 and 25 at Red Rocks Amphitheater. Unfortunately the shows sold out in twenty minutes. Showgoers will now have to pay a premium price for tickets from ticket brokers or scalpers.

The band has created such a strong fan base that they can now venture into different sounds and rhythms and most followers will find


something to enjoy among the various tracks.

Overall, *Before These Crowded Streets* is a divergent album that doesn't rank up there with *Under the Table and Dreaming* or *Crash*, but it does display the band's usual great music blend. The album displays a variety of music styles.

- Chris Bingel



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## Meldrum sets sights on BYU

by Kelli Brown  
Features Editor

Senior Cameron Meldrum will soon be leaving only the memory of his talents at CHS, as he ventures to Brigham Young University (BYU) in late June.

Meldrum will be attending the summer session at BYU on June 22. Meldrum states, "I want to be a sophomore in college before I leave." Meldrum is leaving in November on a two year mission trip with his church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. It is a custom for the younger members of this church to go on a mission trip when they turn 19 years old.

Meldrum participates in Freight and Blue, which are the male and co-ed singing and dancing groups at CHS. Meldrum has also performed in many musicals such as "Bye, Bye Birdie", and the "Music Man".

Meldrum comments that he first got into theater when he was in elementary school, he played in the choir musical Tom Sawyer. Then in high school Leeland Andres convinced Meldrum to join choir, Meldrum has been in choir classes ever since.

Meldrum is also in AP History and AP Calculus as well as participating in National Honor Society. Meldrum spends close to 15 hours a week on school related activities

and he is currently holding a 3.85 GPA.

Outside of school Meldrum participates in many activities with his church. Meldrum states, "Once a week we have an activity night at my church, where the youth get together." Meldrum often plays basketball and volleyball with his youth group.

During the summer Meldrum works at Armor Coatings Inc. where he fixes asphalt. Meldrum states, "(We) make the cracks bigger (in the asphalt) and fill them with crack seal and cover with slurry." Meldrum spends close to 60 hours a week during the summer working on asphalt.

Meldrum sees himself conducting eye surgery, as an Optometrist, four days a week, and golfing on Wednesday in 20 years. He wants to live in Arizona or Washington, and driving a sports car. Meldrum also wants a family with four to six children and a big house.

Meldrum is looking forward to college, he states, "At the start of my senior year I was a little scared, but now I am excited to try something new."



photo courtesy of Cameron Meldrum

## Sykora dances and sings the night away

by Brett Jackson  
Features Writer

Senior Holly Sykora may balance school, singing groups, musicals, church activities, school organizations, friends, and work, but according to one friend, she stands out for another reason. He states, "She's probably the nicest person I ever met."

With a grade point average of 3.98, Sykora considers AP English one of her favorite classes because "You learn so much. It's a totally valuable experience."

One of Sykora's passions is singing as she participates in both Concert Choir and Blue. She reveals, "I love singing. I'm always singing. In the car, at home."

Sykora has also danced all four years in Columbine's musicals. The last two years she choreographed all the dances and had parts in the musicals as well. She concedes, "I love performing. It's fun to be able to be on stage." She lists her favorite high school memory as "Put on a Happy Face with Tim (Pinkham) in the musical last year."

Besides being a member of National Honor Society, Sykora has been involved in Senate for three years. She says, "I like organizing things and planning activities. I like being a leader." This year, Sykora acts as the Freshman executive officer, which puts her in charge of the freshman

senators.

Out-side of school, Sykora spends a lot of time with friends. She is also involved with her church and youth group. She proclaims, "God is the most important thing in my life."

Sykora plans to attend Pepperdine University in Malibu, California and study either nursing or psychology. She would like to become a nurse because "I like science and I like caring for people and helping people and making a difference in people's lives." She adds that Psychology interests her because she is "fascinated by how other people's minds work. I'd like to do counseling or something."

These careers demonstrate Sykora's care for others. Sykora describes herself, "I love people. I respect people and who they are individually."



photo courtesy of Holly Sykora

## 97-98' editors deliver this year's yearbook with promise of 'More to Come'

by Carly Witt  
Features writers

The annual release of the yearbook is one of the most highly anticipated events at CHS. Every year editors, claim that the book will be better and larger than the last years.

Editors and the yearbook staff put months of preparation into creating an effective and creative book for the student body. The staff attends a camp in the summer where they decide on themes and layouts. They provide the printing company with the first half of the book by November, then continue to work on the supplement and other sections of the yearbook for the rest of the year.

Senior Caley Horan, currently one of two editor-in-chiefs, has participated on staff for three years, helping the editors and participating as a section editor.

Horan states, "I like yearbook because it's a fun class, you get to put out a product that people enjoy and pay for." She continues, "Mr. Friesen's rad and yearbook has really cool people."

Senior Alicia Rippen, also an Editor-in-chief, designed endsheets and the student life section throughout the year. She also edited stories and layouts as well as writing captions. Rippen came onto staff as a sophomore and was "bumped up Editor-in-chief because her experience."

Alicia explains that her favorite parts of yearbook were, "designing layouts and working with all the people." She continues, "I enjoy getting to see the whole book come together. You meet such a diverse group of people."



photo by Chris Clary

Senior Sarah "Otto" Marxhausen participated as the Performing Arts editor on the yearbook staff this year. She explains, "As a yearbook editor, you learn a lot about design and delegation of authority, which means getting writers to do everything you don't want to do." Marxhausen feels that this year's book is different from years past because of different layouts used. She states, "We did some new layout things we'd never tried before that really turned out well."

Senior Lindsay Reder held the position of editor for the Senior Section this year. Reder comments "The book this year not only has more pages but more variety. As a staff we bonded early and worked together well." She continues

"Mr. Friesen allowed the staff to be creative and try new things with the book."

Senior Talcen Maranian worked as the Academics section editor this year. Maranian enjoyed, "being in charge of one thing (section) and helping others with their sections." She also enjoyed working with a new advisor who was open to new ideas. Maranian thinks that this year's book stands out from others because "It's non traditional, the layouts are different and we tried new things that we've never done before."

Senior Megan Stirling participated on this year's staff as the photo editor. According to Stirling, the photo editor is in charge of organizing photos, making sure everyone takes assigned photos, buying film, and cropping photos. Stirling states, "I love photography in general." She continues to explain that she enjoyed setting up division pages and "incorporating more creativity into the book than there's ever been." Stirling plans study photo and art. She explains, "I think yearbook gives me a really great background as far as photojournalism."

Senior Jenny Laufenberg has been on yearbook staff for two years. She applied because of an interest in writing and journalism. Laufenberg enjoys working on the book because everyone appreciates it at the end and "it looks cool." Changes to this year's staff included many more editors than usual. Laufenberg explains "there was so much creativity and we all got along really well." She is considering a future career in either communications or advertising.



Mike Zakhem 1997 Senior

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I'd like to encourage all the parents of my friends at Columbine High to vote for my uncle Sam Zakhem. Uncle Sam is an awesome guy. He is a great leader and has been a true inspiration to me. Good luck to the Senior Class!!

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With the craft of the bush

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Some clear, many spotted with stars,  
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Driving shadows from the dark.

Written by  
Natalie Person

## Guard places third in state Growing Pains



Photo by Jerry Wallick

**Where am I?**—Color Guard practices at the Rocky Mountain Color Guard Association with blindfolds.

by Michelle Markert and Carly Witt

### Features Writers

This year's Columbine High School's winter guard experienced a successful season that included bringing home a third place finish from their state competition and placing first in their competition in Florida.

Winter guard is a class during the second semester that also holds practices outside of school. This sport involves dance, theater, performing and the spinning of sabers, rifles and flags. According to Guard Instructor, Kenny Bailey, the only difference between winter guard and the other sports offered at

CHS is the use of their equipment.

A typical winter guard rehearsal includes a body warm-up with stretching, spinning flags, and sabers to warm up muscles, performance games and practicing the show for the remainder of the rehearsal.

At Saturday competitions, area and out-of-state high schools come together to perform shows for an audience and a panel of judges. "These shows are judged by a series of experts and nationally known individuals on the subject of winter guard," explains Bailey.

Winter guard captain, Junior Rachel Erbert comments, "I think that winter guard is one of the most intricate sports there is. It takes just as much dedication as any other sport, if not more. I think it's a lot more fun because all of us become like a family."

This year's show, titled *Insomnia*, is based on Bailey's personal experiences designed so that all audiences can relate and be

entertained. Bailey feels, "The high point for me was to take my thirteen people and mold them into a professional performing ensemble where everyone understood their roles and characters."

Many guard members believe that winning third at the state competition was a high point for the year. Catherine Nelson adds, "It (getting third) made everything worthwhile."

Next year, the winter guard carries high goals for the season. Bailey explains, "We plan, as an ensemble, to train extremely hard for the following year because we will be competing at the grand national championships for winter guard called The Sport of the Arts."

Freshman Emily Stewart expresses, "I think that the guard is a really hard working group, and they don't get the recognition that they deserve."

Bailey has trained color guards for the past six years. He has been teaching in Colorado for three years at different schools in the area. He comments that he chose this career because guard is "entertaining for people to watch." His mother and sister also instruct guards and he says that this career has been passed through his family.

## CHS presents 'Arsenic and Old Lace' as Spring play

by Kim Blair  
Features Writer

Students performed Joseph Kesselring's, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, this year's Spring play, on April 24 and 25 in the CHS auditorium.

This was a classical comedy with memorable characters. The play begins with Abby and Martha Brewster, and their nephew, who believes he is President Theodore Roosevelt. The aunts, portrayed by Angie Klapper as Abby and Kathy Howe as Martha, poison old men to put them out of their misery. Their second nephew Jonathan Brewster played by Andrew Lagerborg, is a psychotic criminal and comes to his aunts house for a hideout. Einstein is Jonathan's sidekick and played by John Savage. Brooks Brown portrays Mortimer Brewster, who tries frantically to keep the household in peace while trying to keep his fiancée Elaine Harper, played by Sarah Bay, from finding out about his psychotic family.

The show itself is a comedy, but "the character interpretation done by all of the actors is hilarious," states Director Sue Caruthers. Lagerborg comments, "My character is very evil and psychotic, he adds to a family of psychos."

The people that went to the play commented that it was a great show. However, most of the student body unfortunately did not attend the show.

This was Sue Caruthers's last year in directing the spring play at Columbine. "It was difficult, but I've been directing three plays for twenty-three years, I just can't do it anymore," adds Caruthers.

Scheduling problems with the cast posed as a problem early in the rehearsals. Actors and actresses had already made certain commitments and were not able to attend some of the practices which made it difficult to make everything ready for opening night.

Though some took more time than others there was, "An incredible amount of energy the last two practices, it was magical," explains Caruthers.

*"As men, we are all equal in the presence of death."*

—Publius Syrus

There are many different people in this world, those who care and those who don't.

It is sad to hear that the majority of today's people have become so used to the violence on the streets that they have forgotten how to be compassionate.

I read in the newspaper a week ago that a Latino man was run over six times before someone stopped to see what they had ran over in the road. The man was crossing the street during the evening hours as someone hit him and continued driving, not stopping to see if he was alright. If that wasn't bad enough, five more cars continued to run over the man's body, never stopping to check what they had run over. Finally, the sixth car stopped and called the police. The man died instantly of trauma to the head and massive internal bleeding. He was so disfigured that the police could not positively identify the body. In the man's pocket, the police found a green card with the man's name and where he was from.

How could someone run over a man's body and then leave it in the road for five more people to run over? This society has become so afraid of consequences that they cannot take responsibility for their actions. If it was an accident, someone could have at least come forward to own up to killing a man.

I cannot comprehend how his family feels. Their son, husband, brother, and friend came to America to find a job and is brutally run over by six cars and left to die in anguish. This is a mortifying instance that has been happening for a very long time.

People no longer care what happens to their fellow human beings. They are too worried about getting caught and the consequences of their actions to show compassion for the people that they hurt in the process.

I hope that people will someday realize that it could be them or someone close to them that is being hurt. Maybe people will begin caring again for everyone, not just themselves.

The world should be made up of compassionate people who treat everyone with equality and care. If everyone treated others with love and compassion the whole world would stop fighting and be more open to new ideas.

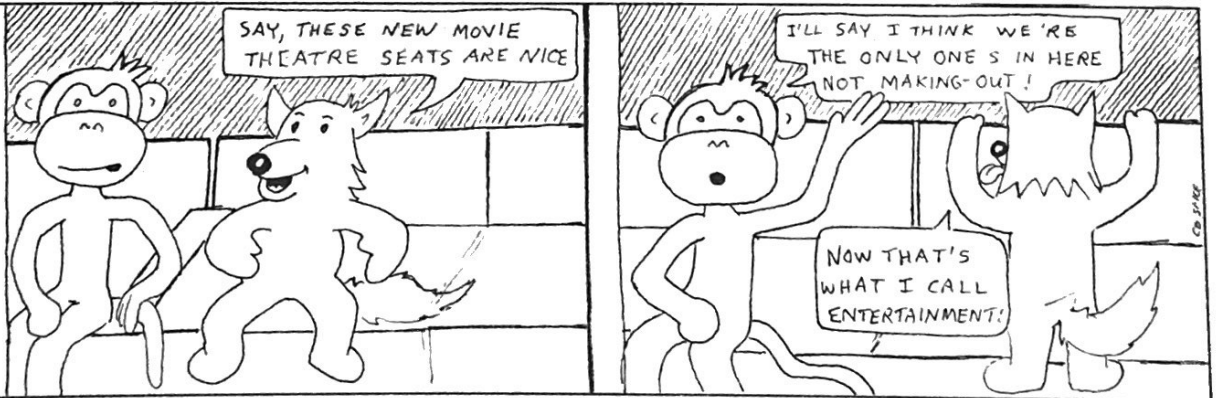
Maybe then in this perfect world people would be equal in life as well as in death.



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Features Editor

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## Class of 1998

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### Ten seniors cross the finish line with all A's

—High achievers seek ultimate honor as finals and graduation near

by Steven Zahn  
Co Editor-in-Chief

To err is human, but to some Columbine seniors, a mistake is not part of their vocabulary.

As the class of 1998 graduates, 10 students will do so with the highest of honors, class valedictorians. This is the highest number of 4.0 grade point average students ever at Columbine High School.

**Lindsay Bath's** aspirations after high school soar above many students' goals. Planning to attend the Seattle Pacific University, Bath wishes to use her interest in science to become a pediatrician to continue to help children. Biology II has been Bath's most enjoyable class, even though she believes it may be the hardest. Bath also challenges herself by taking Advanced Placement Calculus and is involved in the community through Peer Counseling. She claims, "The thing I will remember the most about high school is the people I have met. Not only my close friends, but everyone I have encountered has given me great memories for the future."

Fellow Biology II student **Nicola Bulled** plans a career as a physical therapist and seeks to achieve this opportunity by

attending Colorado State University. Bulled has achieved her perfect 4.0 through classes such as Advanced Placement English as well as upper level German. However, the achievement is not as important as what she has learned. She states, "Grades aren't that important-like in life-no one is grading you, it is what one gets out of life that makes living worth while."

National Honor Society Treasurer **Wesley Che** plans to become a pediatrician after college. Che will attend the University of California at San Diego in the coming fall and will study to achieve his doctorate. Woodworking is Che's choice as his favorite class in high school. He holds the position of Vice President in Key Club and also plays in the orchestra in school. Che explains, "What I like most about Columbine High School is the people I meet. They are diverse in attitudes, personalities and the things they do."

**Tracy Crowley** plans on attending the University of Colorado at Boulder next fall though her field of study is undeclared. Crowley is a member of the yearbook staff and is involved in Advanced Placement English.

Heading to the northwest like Bath, **Kathy Howe** will attend the University of

Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, in the fall. Howe jokingly states "I plan to become a self-employed kite flyer", but really plans to study music or English in college. Advanced Placement English and "T. Dawg's" Government Economics class top the list of Howe's favorite classes. She holds a spot in Columbine Blue, plays the piano for contests and for fun and is also a member of National Honor Society. Her favorite part about high school has been "the musicals. I just love dying my hair grey with shoe polish so I can be a true old lady."

Tennis and Basketball star **Kristin King** is also a candidate for valedictorian. King is involved with National Honor Society and takes 3 Advanced Placement classes: French, English and Calculus occupy much of King's time outside of school. King plans on attending Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana and will study business administration.

Planning a career in entomology, the study of bugs, **Daniel Livesay** will attend the University of Colorado at Boulder in the fall. Livesay keeps a 4.0 through classes such as Advanced Placement English, Calculus and French as well as PSSC Physics.

**Lisa McCormick** is a possible valedictorian as well, but could not be contacted for information.

Yearbook Editor **Alicia Rippen** heads to the "Show Me" State of Missouri to attend the University of Missouri at Columbia. Rippen spent many hours in the Publications room as Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook (her favorite class) and as section editor as a junior, which will help her in pursuing the field of magazine journalism. Activities of Rippen include being a member of Key Club and National Honor Society as well as a member of the Cross Country team. Rippen's "favorite times in high school include working overtime on the yearbook with the FAB FOUR editors my junior year."

Former soccer captain **Eric VanDeman** heads to sunny California this fall on a soccer scholarship to the University of San Diego. Other than playing soccer, VanDeman jokes by saying that "I plan to study women." His real major has yet to be determined. VanDeman's schedule involves Advanced Placement Calculus and Spanish, but states, "My favorite part of high school was playing soccer last fall. It was the funnest of times playing with all my friends."

### Seniors look back on eighteen years of history

by Angela Neese  
Co Editor-in-Chief

Each generation is defined in its own way, remembered for specific fashions and music, but most of all for the events that shaped the lives of people around the world.

The 1960's are remembered for the Vietnam War, man landing on the moon, the Civil Rights Movement, riots and anti-war protests on college campuses around the country, and the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mention the 1970's and people recall Saturday Night Fever, the Watergate Scandal, the resignation of Richard Nixon and the fall of South Vietnam.

As the Class of 1998 looks forward to graduation, they also look back on 18 years of history. The members of this year's graduating class were born at a time when values in the United States were changing rapidly and Americans were becoming more and more concerned with money and proving ones own financial status. Since that time the values of the country have continually been revised.

In 1981, America suffered the devastating realization of the existence of the AIDS virus, followed in 1985 by the introduction of crack cocaine into U.S. cities. Among other events of the '80's sure to make it into the history books are the assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan, the Iran-contra scandal, the explosion of the Challenger, and the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The '90's, to present, have brought the Gulf War, the LA riots, the bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Center, the O.J. Trial, the Clinton scandals, and the death of Princess Diana.

The technological advances made since the '80's have altered the way in which students are educated. Among the first students to experience the advantage of having a computer in every classroom, this year's graduating class is not only computer literate, but also adept at surfing the world wide web.

How the generation will be defined is yet unknown, but it can be predicted that certain events and cultural aspects will someday be read in the history books.

Seniors Speakout  
What event since 1980 will be the most remembered by future generations and why?

"I think that the most important event since 1980 that will be remembered by future generations will be the fall of the Berlin Wall because it symbolized the collapse of communism clearing the path of freedom to spread throughout the land."

—Mike Carlston

"The O.J. Simpson trial because he was someone many people looked up to, and really was guilty and everyone knows it."

—Abby Hoganson

"I believe that the event which will be the most remembered by future generations will be the death of Princess Diana. She was seen by everyone worldwide as a great leader, but more importantly as a great person. Her death was a true tragedy."

—Becky Hunt

"Jerry Seinfeld definitely had the biggest impact on our generation."

—Jesse Newberry

"Zippergate...it's the first time that the president's personal indiscretions have been publicized to such a degree, and have actually threatened his position."

—Sarah Marxhausen

"The Oklahoma City Bombing because it was such a tragic, horrifying event that is not easy to forget."

—Sandy Comstock

"I believe that the Challenger explosion will be remembered because it was a small mistake with a tragic end."

—John Davidson

"I believe the fall of the Berlin Wall will be remembered for generations because it was a symbol of the end of the cold war."

—Sara Tiltschweiler

"The O.J. trial will probably be remembered for generations. It spawned great conflicts between race relations, faulty police procedures and Jay Leno jokes."

—Wes Che

—Compiled by Angela Neese

## Graduation Calendar

May 13, 1998	May 14, 1998	May 22, 1998	May 23, 1998	May 26, 1998
Senior Finals Periods 4, 5, 6	Senior Finals Periods 1, 2, 3	Class Day Practice-Gym 8:00-10:00 a.m.	Graduation Practice	Pick up diplomas in Commons
		Class Day Gym 2:00 p.m.	Graduation at Fiddler's Green 10:00 a.m.	8:00-11:00 a.m.



# King triumphs in sports, academics

by Pam Glazner  
Sports Editor

Students will remember Senior Kristin King as one of Columbine's greatest because of her academic excellence, exceptional basketball skills, extraordinary tennis moves and a personable personality.

King moved to Colorado from Newton, Kansas during her sophomore year when her father faced a job transfer. She feels happy at CHS and notes, "I miss my friends there (in Newton), but I like the environment here," referring to the school.

In her sophomore year, King used the skills she has worked on since she was in fourth grade as a varsity basketball forward. King has also been playing tennis for seven years, including four years on the varsity tennis team— one year in Newton and three years at CHS. She currently plays number three singles on this year's team.

King says that, "tennis is my favorite sport to play, but I love the team aspect of basketball." As far as watching a particular sport, King enjoys hockey. She comments, "I like watching the fights."

Before a match or game, King finds that Wheat Thins® and Sunny Delight® supply her an ample amount of energy. Otherwise, strawberries top King's list of favorite foods.

To describe her schedule outside of school and extracurricular activities, King asks, "What free time?" Then continues by explaining that she finds pleasure in taking walks, and rollerblading with her peers. Basically, she likes, "just hanging out with (her) friends."

King currently maintains a 4.0 grade point average, but says that this has not been easy. She admits, "I've done some late night studying." Her favorite classes this year are Advanced Placement English and Government Economics, "because of the teachers."

King says that her favorite television show is *Home Improvement* and her favorite movie of all time is *Top Gun* because she has watched them for years.

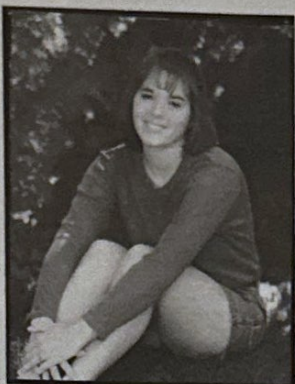


photo courtesy of Kristin King

When King looks back she says, "The dances are always good memories," although she cannot recall a specific event that stands out in her mind.

Next year, King plans to attend Notre Dame where she wants to major in finance or engineering and minor in French. Her ultimate goal is to one day become a Chief Finance Officer (CFO). She likes the business world and a CFO position is the highest a person can go in business.

In parting with her senior class, King's advice to her peers is to, "follow your dreams and always do what makes you happy."

# Tennis hits excellence

by Chad Laughlin  
Sports Reporter

The women's tennis team concluded another superb season last week and competed in the Regional Competition where the team finished third.

Sophomore Melinda Feinmore finished fourth in the number one singles spot and Senior Vanessa Coria finished thirs in the number two singles slot.

In the number one doubles spot Freshman Lauren Bonin and Junior Sunnee Hoppe took third place. At number two doubles, Seniors Tracy Crowley and Sarah Langham lost the championship match to Cherry Creek to finish second. The number four doubles team of Sophomores Paige Allison and Sara Lutes captured the second place title for their position. Since the top four finishers advance to State, Columbine looks to compete in the State Tournament.

Feinmore finished the season undefeated in the conference at the number one singles spot on her way to attempt to win state as a sophomore. "The team this year has been really fun and we are all looking forward to regionals," claims Feinmore.

The team finished second in the Jefferson County League as far as their record. The team has a serious shot at winning the conference.

"The girls and I are hoping that the 1998 women's tennis season brings CHS the conference title. The last time the girls team claimed the title was five years ago and this year we plan to do the same," states Head Coach Mark Chomko.

Among league leaders are Bonin and Hoppe at number one doubles, Crowley and Langham at number two doubles. Finishing undefeated at number three doubles are Sophomores Briar Goldberg,

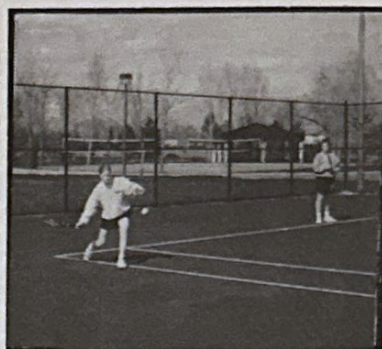


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**Smack!**—Sophomore Melinda Feinmore practices to perfect her forehand swing for their match as Senior Kristin King looks on.

and Alana Knudsen. Also a part of 5A leaders are Allison and Lutes at number four doubles. The team is set for a future success with the abundance of lower classmen currently playing on the team. The experience they gain will help them in future years.

Season records mean nothing at regionals. Every player from every team can advance to state based on their performances at the Regional Competition. Columbine girls records suggest that each position proves likely to qualify for the State Competition. Statistics of the State Tournament were not available at press time.

"The team has displayed their talent and their closeness on the court and that makes the matches a lot of fun to watch," comments Assistant Coach Judy Ray. The team lost depth from last year's team, returning only six girls from last season. Last year's team finished 11-0. Now, the team is soaring and filled with young players for the future.

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## Sports

## Lacrosse controversy fueled by equity issue

by Pam Glazner  
Sports Reporter

Within the past six months, the President of the Board of Directors for the Columbine Boys Lacrosse Team Brian Panckboner, along with representatives from the Wheat Ridge and Golden areas, has been trying to convince Jefferson County (Jeffco) to sanction boys lacrosse as a Jeffco high school sport.

Panckboner believes that the issue of gender equity seems to be the primary cause for Jeffco boys not having the opportunity to play lacrosse other than at the club level. In 1992, a citizen complaint was filed against Jeffco because there was a disproportion in high school sports where eight percent more males were participating in sports than girls. So, in 1993, the United States Office of Civil Rights found that high school boys had more opportunities to participate in sports than girls.

Jeffco Assistant Superintendent John Vidal says the county has been trying to remedy that disparity by signing the Corrective Action Agreement that ensures that the disproportion between the boys' and girls' participation does not go above 4.4 percent. This percentage was established when the United States Office of Civil Rights said that the county was in compliance with the agreement at 4.4 percent. Thus, the county has been trying to level the playing field by adding more girls sports than it has added boys sports. Last year, the district had a 1.7 percent disparity, but Vidal says the district does not want to exceed 4.4 percent. The director of the district's athletic program Chris Bullard states, "Ultimately we would like,

obviously, to have equivalent opportunities for boys and girls."

Now, in order for a boys' sport to be sanctioned, another, less popular sport must be discontinued. She says that the reason boys lacrosse has not been sanctioned is "not a simple answer." She suggests that to fully understand the reasoning behind not sanctioning boys lacrosse, one should consult the district's policy concerning the addition and deletion of sports. Bullard comments, "the policy is there to guide the district - it provides the framework (for the decision making)."

In addition to the equity issue, Panckboner says that the county will not add lacrosse because the financial obligation would be too great. He notes, however, that the three club lacrosse teams in Jeffco "have been paying all along and will continue to pay" if lacrosse were sanctioned as a sport. Bullard says that, "It is not appropriate" for the lacrosse players and parents to privately fund the sport unless they fund the team as a whole, including the players who cannot afford the expenses. She notes that the lacrosse players and parents can support the team through fundraisers, but cannot privately fund a sport that has been sanctioned by the district. Vidal notes that, "we are in a big bind in our school district because we do not have sufficient funds."

Bullard believes that funding for lacrosse "is certainly one of the components," but that the district must also look at a number of other aspects. These deciding factors include facilities, coaches, qualified officials, interest, and abilities.

Currently the three area representatives are trying to

create a proposal to the school board which would allow enough teams to support the number of interested lacrosse players in Jeffco, beginning in the 1998-1999 school year. Panckboner comments, "Anyone in the county could do lacrosse in one of these three schools." Panckboner hopes to have teams in the three current club areas with which any player in Jeffco can play. Then, he says, the financial problem might not be as great and the gender equity issue might not be such a problem. The problem Vidal sees with this is that, "there are not enough players to sanction lacrosse district-wide."

According to Panckboner there are about 150 players in the Columbine-Chatfield area, grades second through eighth, who hope to play lacrosse in high school. Right now there are only enough high school players in Jeffco to support three to five teams. "It's lacrosse still in a stage of growth in terms of people finding out about it," Panckboner states.

One reason players in Jeffco want lacrosse sanctioned, rather than it being a club sport, is that as of now, there are only three teams that can play each other. However, if lacrosse became a sanctioned sport, teams from Jeffco could compete with the other sanctioned teams in the state. There are sanctioned teams in other districts which would give players more competition.

Even though there are not entire teams in Jeffco, players can play for any other team at any other school in the state, provided the player makes the team through a try-out. However, Panckboner says that Jeffco teams will be beneficial to lacrosse players because "the more teams that are available, the more slots that kids can fill."

## Track racing to State at full speed

by Sarah Allison  
Sports Reporter

Racing towards the end of a highly successful season, the Columbine High School Varsity Track Team prepares for the state meet on May 16 and 17, which will be held in Colorado Springs at the Air Force Academy.

The regional meet will be held tomorrow, one week before state. The top nine competitors in each event will attend. Everyone on varsity gets the chance to qualify for state. The girls four by eight relay team, made up of Junior Heidi Munger, Junior Annie Ford, Sophomore Kristi Mohrbacher, and Senior Emily Sloan, has owned the last two tournaments, breaking the school record set in 1992 in the meet held April 29.

Leigh Kamens currently ranks third in the state for the high jump and has also consistently placed well in hurdles. The girls 1600 meter relay team, then made up of Freshman Ashley Berner, Ford, Mohrbacher, and Sloan, took first place at the League Meet on April 9. On Tuesday, the 1600 meter team consisted of Senior Jessica Nuncio, Sophomore Tamara Pollard,

Ford, and Sophomore Cheryl Dale, who not only took first in their heat, but came within seconds of topping the school record with a time of 4:12

at Littleton on Saturday, April 26. The medley consists of two 200 meter dashes, a 400 meter, and then an 800 meter run. The team consists of Senior Jesse Newberry and Junior Chris Myers, who sprints the 200 meter, Senior Ben Whitney, who runs the 400 meter, and Senior Jack Patten III. The 3200 meter relay team also ruled the meet on Tuesday. Whitney, Patten, Senior DJ Hinchey, and Freshman Josh Brinkley took first place with a time of 8:34.

Coach Terry Havens decides what events runners will run, and the only limit to the number of races in which one runner can compete is "what he feels you can do and still be successful," according to Whitney. The schedule is decided three or four days in advance and is subject to change.

Practice involves splitting up into categories, where "we focus on what we do," as Newberry puts it. Havens works with the distance runners, Coach Dave Sanders takes care of the jumpers, Coach Ivory Moore supervises the sprinters, and Coach Tom Tonelli advises the throwers.



photo by Jenny Wallick

**Fancy footwork**—Some track members show their running skills at a meet.

Sloan feels that the steepest competition this year will come from Chatfield and Bear Creek. In fact, Bear Creek only beat CHS by half a point at League Relays—the closest finish in the history of the meet.

The boys varsity team has placed in the middle of the pack at meets, but is a force to be reckoned with in individual events. The 1600 medley team won the Liberty Bell meet held

## Golf a swinging success

by Dan Centner  
Sports Reporter

The Columbine Womens Golf Team is off to an excellent season once again. As of April 27, the girls were ranked first in their league, and all five members of the team were in the top 25. Sophomore Lindsay Conwell ranked third in the league, while Junior Carri McCormick ranked fifth.

The varsity consists of Conwell, McCormick, Freshman Lindsay and Emily Wyant, and Senior Lindsay Haviland. The girls are coached by Dean Rockwell, who is currently in his fourth year of coaching.

The season consists of two different aspects, league and invitational tournament play. While competing in league play, the Rebels send five players as opposed to four for invitational tournaments. So far the girls have played six tournaments in all.

The team finished fourth in the statewide Ashley Forey Tournament, led by Conwell, who finished tied for fifth.

The team was scheduled to compete in a tournament at Indian Tree Golf Course, but it was cancelled due to the snow.

The team also played a tournament on April 20, The Greeley Invitational, where they finished fourth out of 34 teams from around the state.

On April 21, the Rebels finished second by one stroke to Green Mountain in a league tournament.

The team still has a over a week to prepare for state, which will be held May 18 and 19 at Boomerang Country Club in Greeley. "Hopefully we can send a whole team to state this year, not just individuals," Conwell says. In order to qualify as a team, the girls must finish in the top four in the team competition at Regionals, the week before state. Last year the Rebels sent Conwell and McCormick to the state competition.

Goals at the beginning of the year included sending as many people as possible to state, and winning the league tournament, states Conwell. So far the Rebels are doing very well in their pursuit of these goals, and have a good chance of accomplishing them.

Highlights thus far include a team low 81 shot by McCormick, excellent scores by all members of the team, as well as the fourth place finish at the Ashley Forey Tournament.

Strengths of the team include their consistency. Rockwell states, "All the girls shoot between 40 and 42," and, "All five players strike the ball very well, and never have any really bad holes."

The team practices five days a week, weather permitting, at Raccoon Creek Golf Course, located near Pierce and Bowles. At practice, the team works on driving, chipping, putting or plays a round, says Rockwell. The team begins practicing in February and practice continues through May.

## Soccer to compete as second seed in State

by Jill Vidal  
Sports Reporter

With an overall record of 12-1-1, The Women's Varsity Soccer Team has captured the second seed in the league to play in the State Tournament.

Beating Fort Collins, Smoky Hill, and Palisade Grand Junction, the team took home the first place trophy in the Arapaho Tournament.

The players devote their minds, hearts, and enthusiasm to dedicate themselves to prepare for the State Tournament. Coaches Pete Horvath and Dave Smith expect the team to play in the semifinals of the tournament, but their goal is to play in the final game on May 19, only this time take home a win! With leading scorers Sophomore Laura Hershenow, Junior Kerri Weaver, and Junior Shelby Vosbrink, CHS should be one of the top teams favored to place high in state.

On April 8, Columbine defeated Arvada West. Senior Heather Husband and Hershenow each scored one goal,

Weaver scored two goals, and Junior Angie Portincaso scored one goal off of a header, leading the team to a win of 5-0. Senior Kari Edstrom states, "We came together in this game. Everything started working for us."

On April 13, CHS slipped on their race to the top. In a rough game vs. Green Mountain, Columbine could not put the ball in the back of the net. Fortunately neither could Green Mountain. The game ended in a tie of 0-0 placing CHS with a record of 10-0-1.

In a heart wrenching game against Chatfield, Columbine seemed to lose control of the game after Senior Lauren Whiteside of Chatfield scored the only goal of the game forcing Columbine to their first loss of 1-0.

Adding a loss to a perfect record was hard for the team, but this pushes them even harder to fulfill their ambitions. Sophomore defender Jamie Norwood comments, "We are having a really good season and I think we can go all the way if we set our minds to it."



photo by Jenny Wallick

**Out of my way**—Senior Molly McDonald fights an opponent for the ball in a game against Chatfield, where the Rebels lost their first game this year 1-0.



# Newberry races hard in track, school and life

by Brett Jackson  
Sports Reporter

Columbine students may recognize Senior Jesse Newberry's name or know who he is, but many CHS students do not know the extent of Newberry's achievements. Newberry is not only successful in track and football, but is a standout student as well.

Newberry played varsity football the last two years, as a safety his junior year, and a running back this past season. Newberry's passion for football came when he began playing ten years ago. He explains, "I love football. It's probably the funnest sport. It's always been a thrill for me."

Besides football, Newberry has been a varsity runner and jumper on Columbine's track team for four years. He participates in the 100 meter and 200 meter runs, relays, and the long jump. The past three years, he received All-Conference recognition the 4 x 100 relay, and as a freshman he also received All-State recognition for the same event.

Newberry's success in track almost never happened. He explains, "I got into track on accident." After a sixth grade teacher told him he was too slow to run in a track meet and would not give him an entry form, Newberry wanted to prove his

teacher wrong. He got the entry form from another source, entered the meet, and won. He admits, "I had always been considered slow." Nonetheless, Newberry remained successful, and in the summer following eighth grade he went to Nationals in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

While Newberry likes to play football because of the competition and team unity, he also likes the individual aspect of track. He states, "I like knowing that I've done my best." Newberry likes "winning, because it doesn't happen often."

Besides his athletic achievements, Newberry accomplishes a lot academically. He currently holds a 3.9 grade point average and challenges himself with Advanced Placement Calculus. Newberry was also the male Student of the Month in March. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Young Life. Young Life provided one of Newberry's favorite high school memories. For two summers, Newberry went to Frontier Ranch with Young Life, an experience that he considers "One of the funnest things I've ever done."

Outside of school, Newberry likes spending time with his

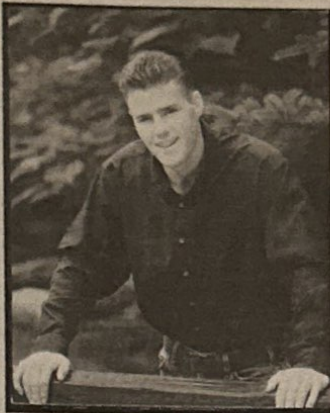


photo courtesy of Jesse Newberry

girlfriend and his family. He also likes cars and participating in high school drags at Bandimere Speedway. He explains, "that's a rush."

Newberry received an appointment to the Air Force Academy, and plans to attend school and play football there next year. The appointment fulfills a life-long dream for Newberry. He explains, "It's something I've wanted to do since I was eight years old."

Newberry dreams of becoming a fighter pilot. He stresses, "My dream was to get into the Academy. I couldn't have asked for more."

## Mountains rock CHS

by Matt Edgar  
Sports Reporter

As the nights grow longer and the weather warms, more and more outdoor enthusiasts are flocking to the mountains. While the higher elevations are still covered with snow, the lower mountains and foothills are prime for mountain sports, such as hiking, biking, and rock climbing. "The weather is perfect for mountain biking right now", says Sophomore outdoorsman Chris Friesell.

Although many people are still spending their weekends on the slopes skiing or boarding, mountain bike rentals have been on the rise. Once the snow melts off the slopes of the ski resorts, the trails will be ridden by throngs of mountain bikers.

Adventure Cycling owner Dennis Ocondi says, "I have seen a definite rise in the amount of bike sales and rentals the last month or so. Once the snow clears off the mountain trails there will be even more of a rise, but most of the people who rent bikes just use them on local trails." The cost of renting a bike runs about 15 dollars for four hours, and 25 dollars for a day.

Another sport that has gained popularity is dirtboarding. Dirtboards are similar to skateboards, except they have large, tire-like wheels with shocks. This sport is most

popular, but not limited to, skateboarders and snowboarders. The Ski8 Shop rents them out for 25 dollars for half a day, or 45 dollars for a whole day.

Rock climbing is another sport that many people find exciting. The most popular place for rock climbing is probably around the Red Rocks area. However, if one wants to take a piece of rock climbing



excitement without much experience, indoor rock walls, such as Thrillseekers, are popular spots. Sophomore Nathan Vanderoe says, "Rock climbing is great. It is really physical."

Finally, for those who love the beautiful outdoors, but do not want to spend a lot of cash, hiking is the answer. This sport can be done almost anywhere around the foothills or mountain areas. However, Bear Creek Canyon, Waterton Canyon, and Roxborough Park are all extremely popular places to hike.

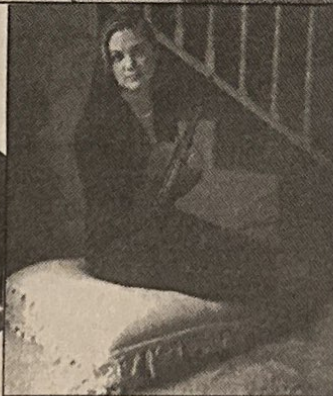
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## Sideline Signals

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

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For hundreds of years, women and especially feminists have fought for equal rights between men in women in the workplace, home and sports. Now, however, the wave of gender equality seems to have washed ashore another type of discrimination.

Recently, a controversy arose concerning why a boys lacrosse team will not be sanctioned in Jefferson County while there is a sanctioned team for girls. Both sides agree that the main reason a boys team has not been sanctioned is because there would be more boys competing in sports than there are girls. So, if more boys are interested in sports than girls, why not let the boys play? This where gender equity has gone too far.

What does this amount to ultimately? Reverse discrimination. How strange this seems considering women have been fighting against a male dominated world, but now the males are fighting to play a sport that they have played for years. Unfortunately for these high school boys, they are being discriminated against even though the majority, if not the whole, of the group has not personally discriminated against females. Yet they are being punished for the mistakes of others.

Not only does this reverse discrimination affect the boys' opportunity to play for their high schools, but this may hinder many of their chances to go to college. There are scholarships awarded for excellence in lacrosse and some of these hopefuls in Jefferson County will never have the chance to benefit from these opportunities through high school participation because the county will not sanction lacrosse for boys. This is unfair considering the dedication and hard work many of these players would contribute to lacrosse and the community if only given the opportunity to play at higher levels.

There are many boys who enjoy lacrosse and would jump at the chance to play for a high school team that is not simply at the club level. Granted the club level may offer adequate competition, but generally speaking, high school level sports offer better competition and more opportunities.

Adults in the community often complain about the inactivity among youths, but if these same adults stop sanctioning sports which give students an activity to keep them out of trouble, how can they complain about the crime and student apathy. Obviously, more student involvement yields less free time to cause destruction, such as vandalism, in the community.

Hopefully, the officials who are hindering these players chances will reconsider, and allow boys to play a sport they love. Then, ultimately, some tension in the sports community as well as in the community in general will decrease.

Pamela E. Glazner



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Sports Columnist

## Boys' baseball blasts off

by Jill Vidal  
Sports Reporter

Columbine's varsity baseball team looks to be a contender for one of the top three spots in league. With an overall record of 9-6 and a league record of 8-5, CHS has kept their spirits up throughout the season.

With an powering win over Wheat Ridge, 12-1, CHS offense looks powerful. Columbine dominated with three home runs by Senior Caleb Smeltzer, Senior Dan Wells, and Sophomore Matt Wells. "Pacher Jacob Cary threw one of the best games of the year!" states Sophomore M. Wells.

In a game against Standley Lake, the Rebels took control of the game. Senior Tyson Liverant had a clutch hit to help lead the team to a final score of 5-3.

The game against Golden was another one full of CHS home runs. Seniors Mike Kraft and Dan Wells both homered to lead Columbine to a victory of 6-5.

After trailing 13-3, on account of five plus errors, and a poor defense, Columbine made tried to comeback and beat Pomona. Making a late inning charge, Columbine came back to score eight runs including two home runs by Matt Wells. The Rebel's power was consistent throughout the final innings of the game but they ran out of time and still lost 14-11.

With an incredible score of 13-3, CHS took only five innings to defeat Green Mountain due to the ten-run rule. Columbine's bats had a big day as hits came easy. Junior Bobby Strobel had a grand slam, Matt Wells had a home run, D. Wells went 2 for 3, and Ryan Ray went 2 for 2. "This has been a fun year. If we work hard, we may go to state," comments Strobel.

Columbine baseball standout, Senior Dan Wells, has been forced to reconsider his expectation of going to a small community college in Texas. Opportunity is knocking at Wells' door as in the past two weeks, over 15 different Major League teams have scouted and interviewed Wells. There has been

talk of Wells possibly being drafted right out of high school and into a major league farm system.

Varsity Coach Robin Ortiz's first season as head coach positively demonstrates the strength of baseball in the Columbine area. Assistant Coach Jason Webb also sees great things in Columbine's future this year and next.

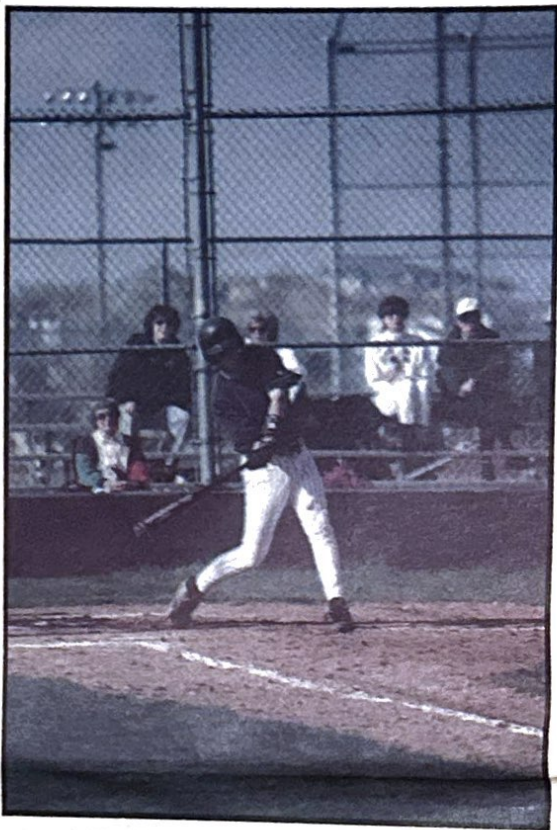


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**Batter Up**—Sophomore Matt Wells shows his hitting skills in a game vs Green Mountain at home. The Rebels defeated the Rams 13-3 in five innings. Junior Bobby Strobel launched in a grand slam and M. Wells counted a home run. Senior Dan Wells and Ryan Ray also showed exceptional hitting skills in this game.

## Lifeguarding provides fun and money

by Dan Centner  
Sports Writer

With summer almost here, many Columbine students choose to spend much their time at the local pool. Others spend their days on the job. Some students creatively combine these two options and work as lifeguards.

To some, working as a lifeguard may seem like an easy job, but it can prove to be very demanding. In order to be certified as a lifeguard, several different requirements must be met. A course in Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation must be completed as well as a lifeguard training course and a First Aid class. The classes cost about 110 dollars altogether.

A lifeguard must be an excellent swimmer, as well as strong enough to pull people out of the water. Sophomore Beth Klepper has been a lifeguard at the Normandy area pool for the past year, and says that a lifeguard must always

pay attention to the pool to make sure that no one is drowning. Klepper says that the only accident she has seen was last summer, "when a little kid fell off his (water) noodle and fell underwater. He had to be pulled out of the water." While the job

"I also like the people, and working with my friends."

Working at the pool, the lifeguards meet many different people. Lifeguards often have to discipline rowdy kids for dunking, splashing, or not obeying the pool rules. If people cause too much trouble, they get thrown out of the pool. Other people (mostly guys) try to hit on the lifeguards while they're working, adds Klepper. About the only other time something interesting happens is when the pool must be cleared for lightning. Bierbach says that "I enjoy being a lifeguard and will keep doing it."

Lifeguards earn around six dollars an hour and get to swim for free. There are several pools in the area that lifeguards can work at in nearly every neighborhood. Dutch Creek, Normandy and Governors Ranch all have public pools, and there are also a few private pools in the area.

can be stressful, it can also be fun. "I like being a lifeguard because it is a fun way to earn money, and I get to check out all the guys," says Sophomore lifeguard Amy Bierbach. She adds,



## CHS Alum catches biggest lake trout in state history

Story by Dan Centner and Matt Edgar  
Sports Writers

Many CHS students are familiar with Todd Park Mohr of Big Head Todd, but how many people remember Jerome Vinet, class of 1995? Vinet launched himself into the history books on Thursday, April 16 when he caught the largest lake trout in Colorado history.

Vinet had been fishing at the Blue Mesa Reservoir since 6 a.m. and had caught a 10 and 15 pound fish when he felt his rod jerk sharply around 9 a.m. After a 35 minute struggle, Vinet finally managed to reel in

"the Big One," a 38 pound, 6.5 ounce lake trout. "It put up a really good fight," Vinet says. After reeling in the monstrous trout, Vinet continued to fish for a short while longer before heading into Gunnison to verify the fish. "I drove around for a while looking for someone to weigh it," Vinet adds. After verifying the fish, Vinet drove around town

to show off the gigantic trout. Finally, he brought the huge fish to the taxidermist to get it mounted as a wall decoration and reminder of his historical event.

Vinet has been fishing since "he was old enough to know how." One of Vinet's former English teachers, Steve Meier, says "I knew Jerome when he was in my video productions class three years ago. He made a demonstration video about trout

fishing in the South Platte River. Jerome didn't catch anything that day, so he spliced in a segment from cable t.v.'s Fishing Channel. He (Vinet) proved me wrong. I guess he really can catch the big one."

Vinet, a junior at Western State College in Gunnison, was using a Shimano reel with white sucker meat for bait. His catch eclipsed the previous record by 1.5 ounces. Although he is now famous among the fishing crowd, Vinet says that the giant fish hasn't helped him attract any more attention or fans than usual.

