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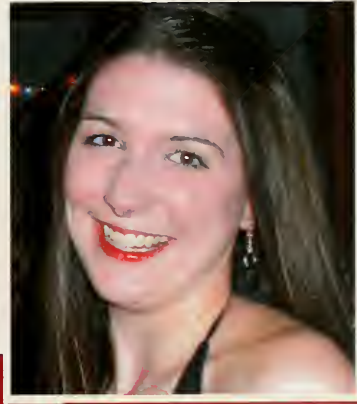
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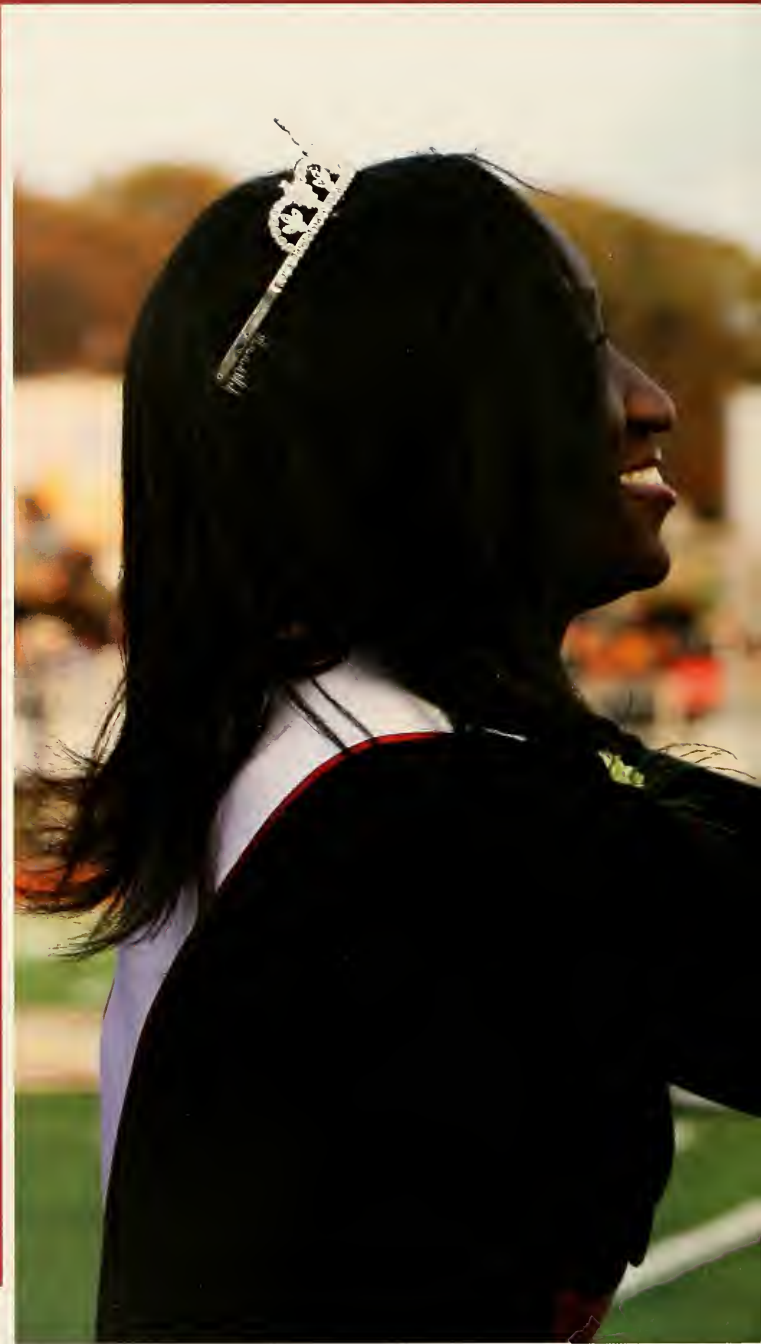
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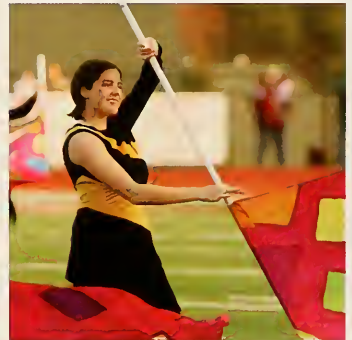








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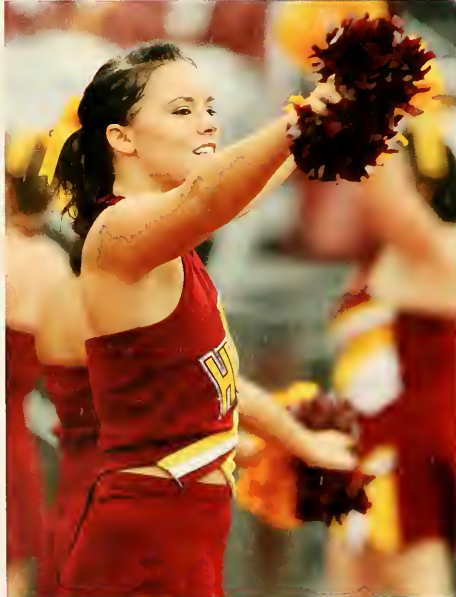


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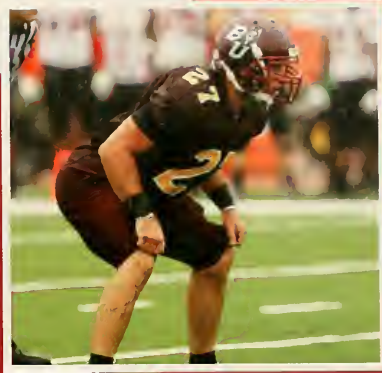
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## football













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## *field hockey*













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## *mens x-country*













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## WOMENS X-COUNTRY













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## *mens soccer*













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## WOMEN'S SOCCER







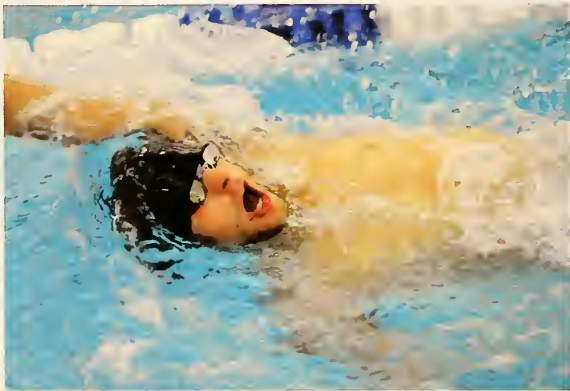






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## *mens swimming*











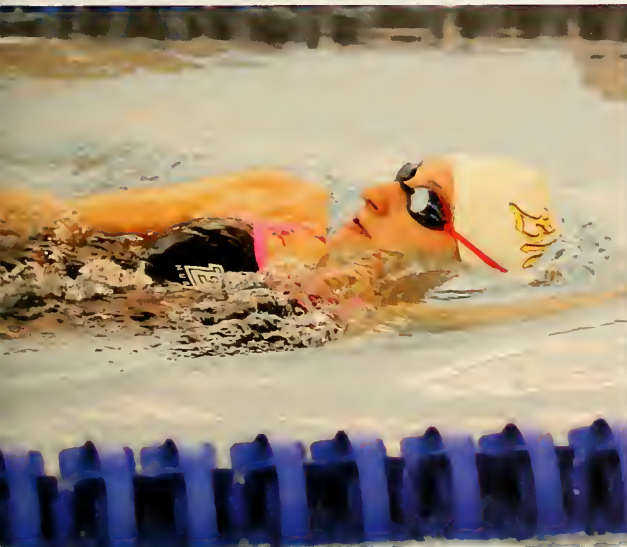


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## women's swimming













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## *mens basketball*













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## womens basketball











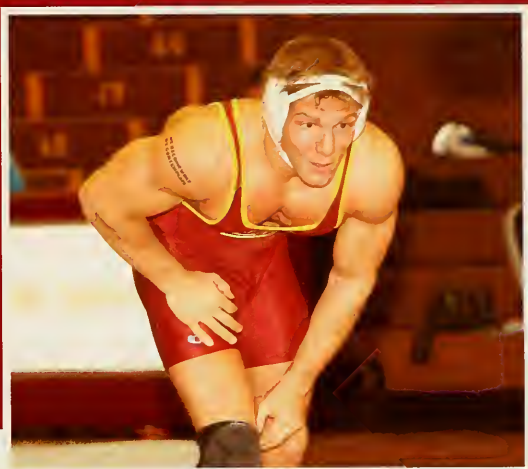


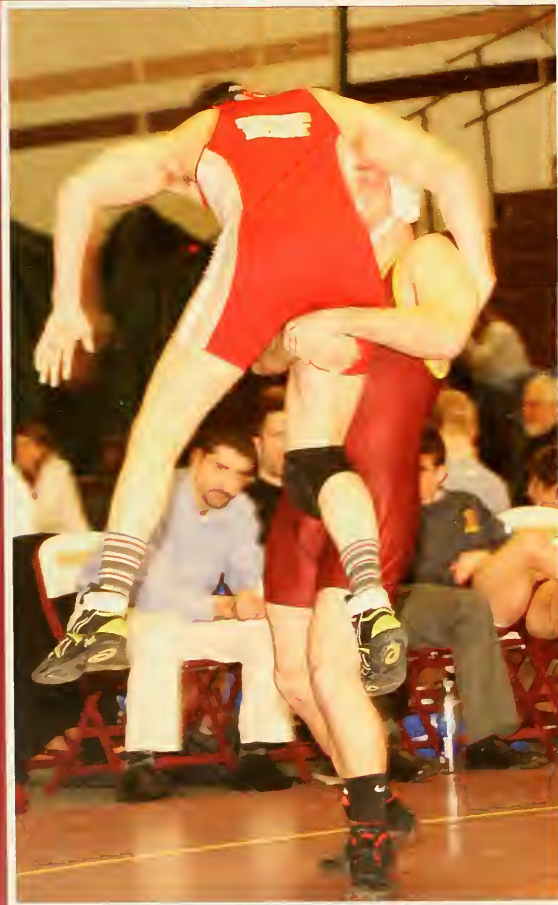
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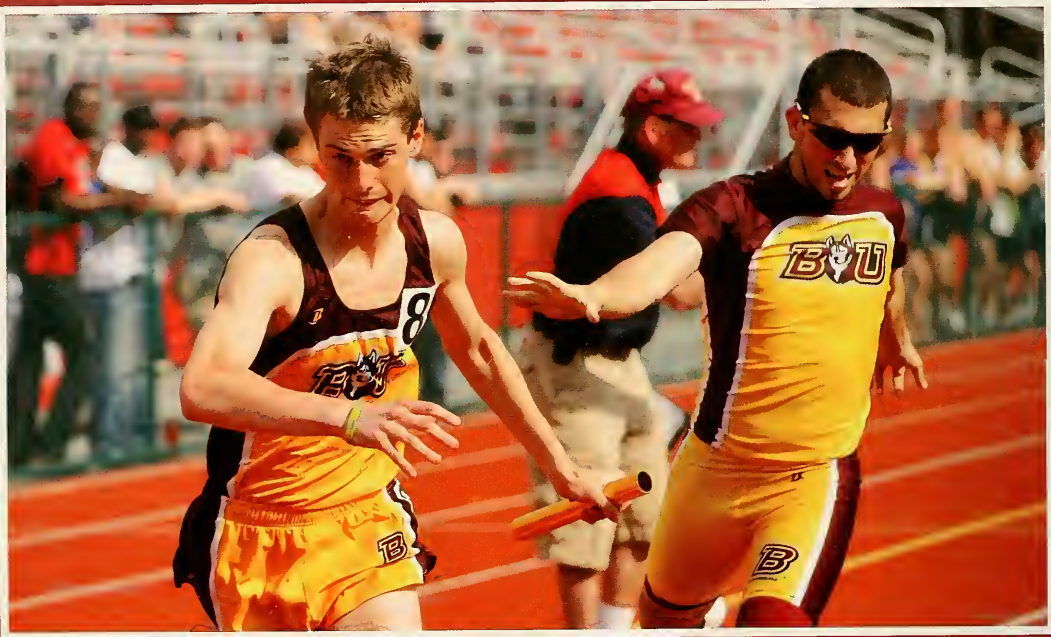






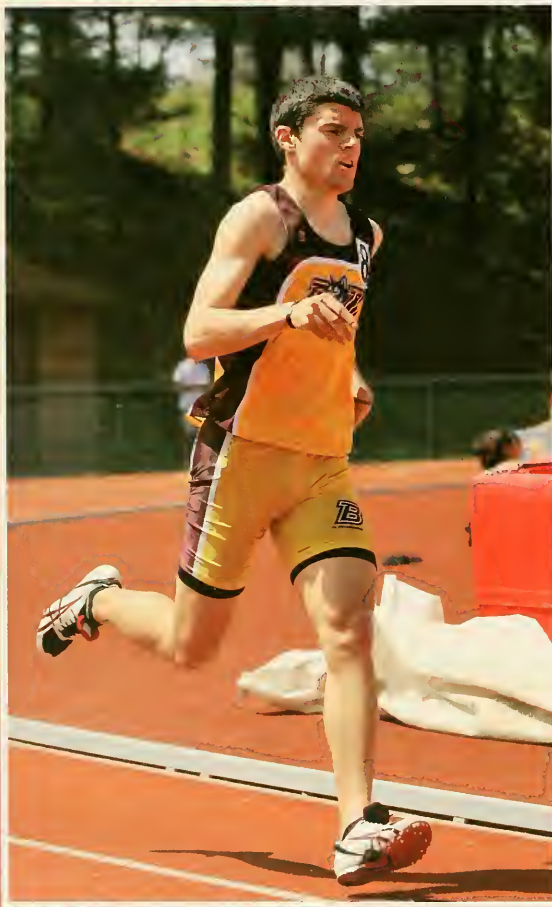
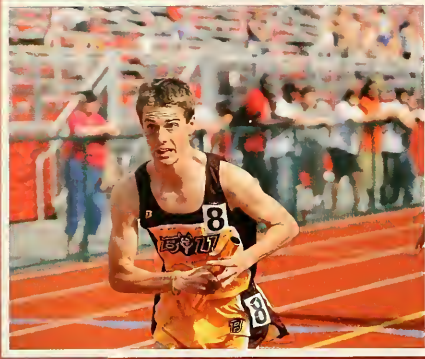
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## *mens track*













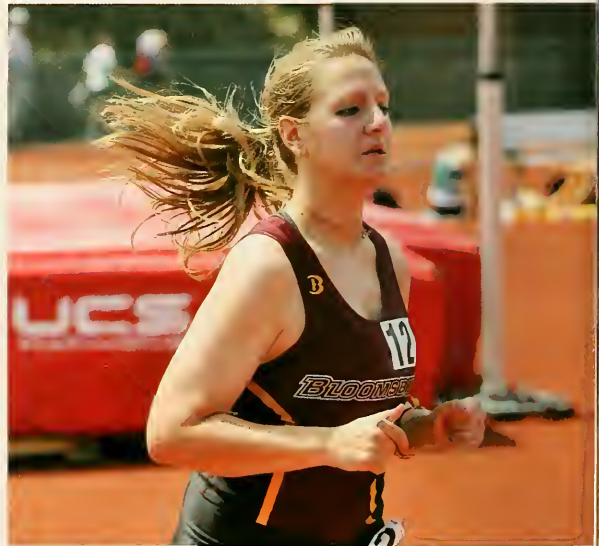
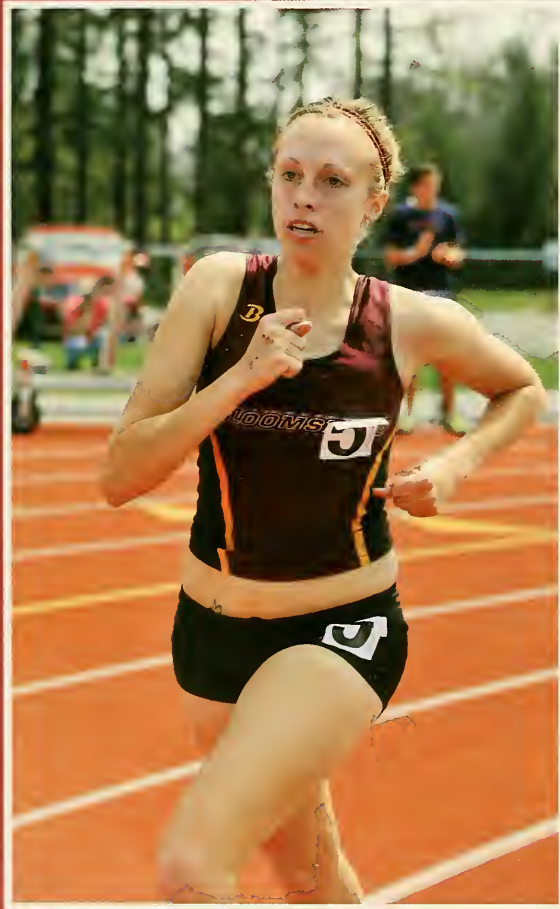
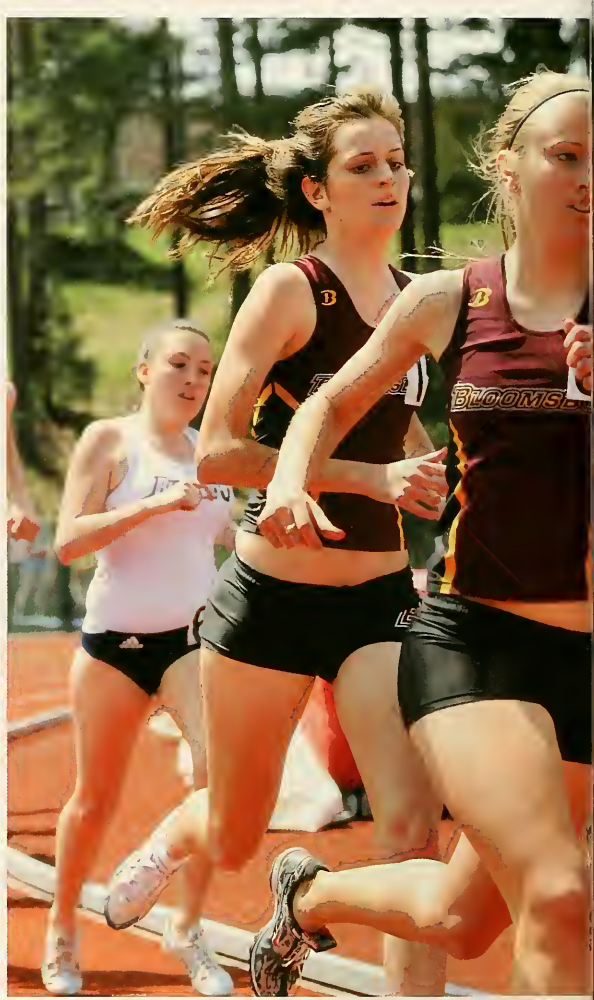
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## womens track

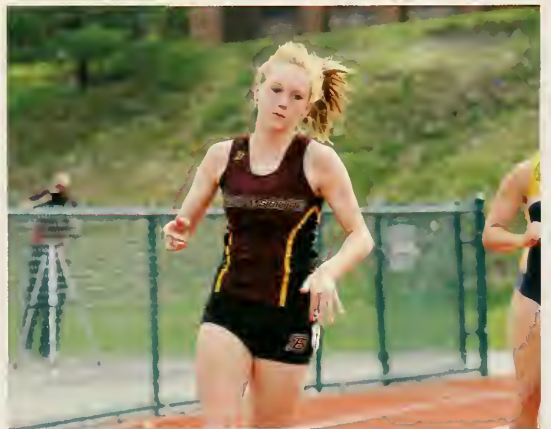












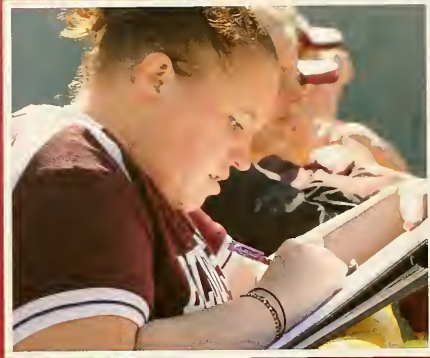
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## womens softball













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## *mens baseball*













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## *mens tennis*













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## *womens tennis*













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## *Lacrosse*







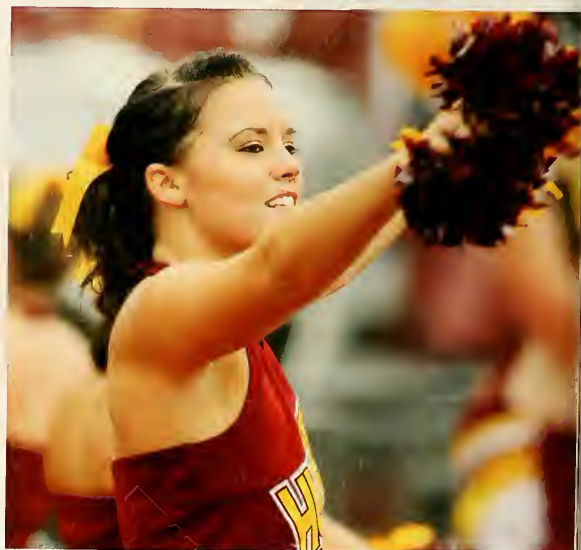




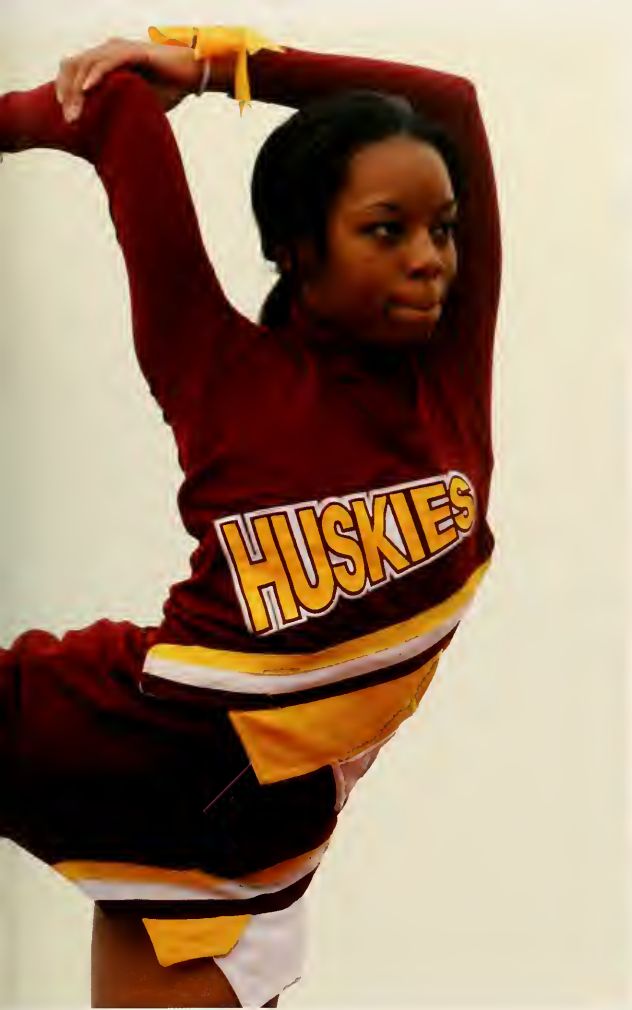


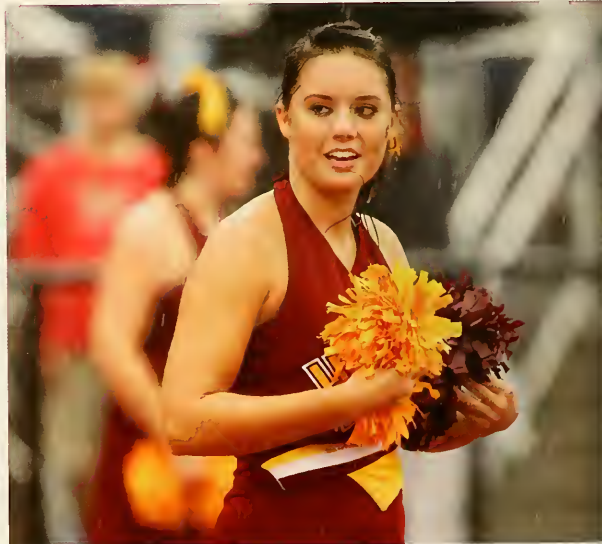
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## *cheerleading*











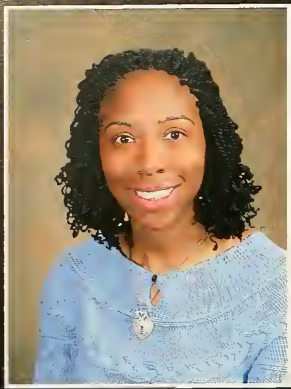








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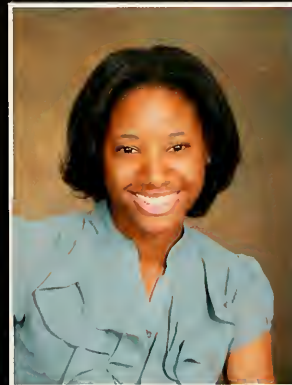
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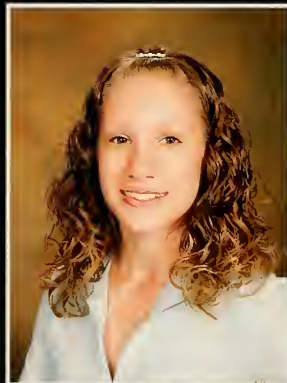
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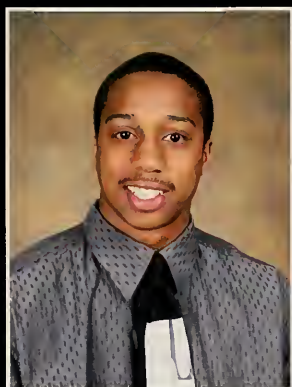
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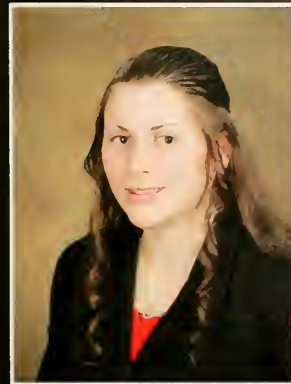
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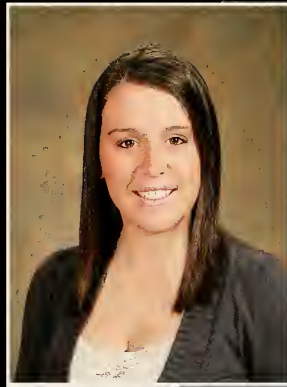
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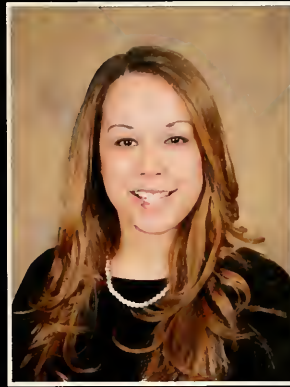




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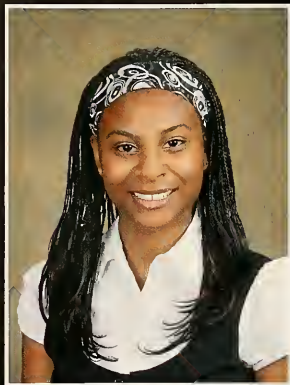
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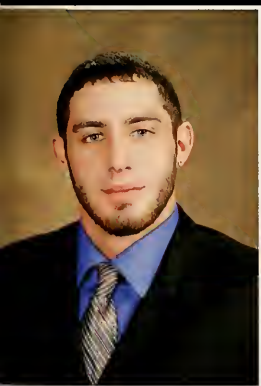
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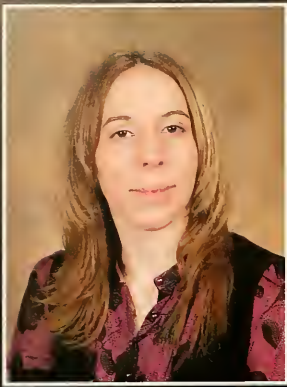
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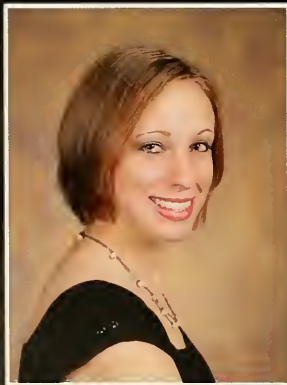
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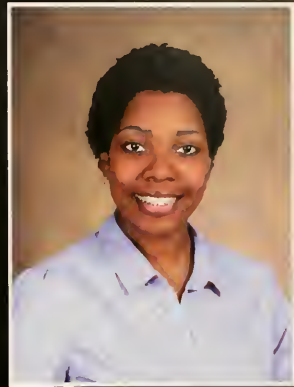
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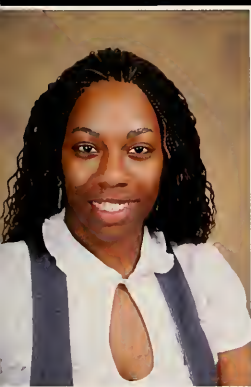
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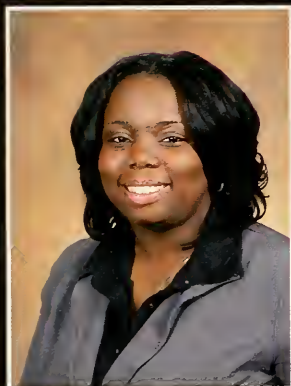
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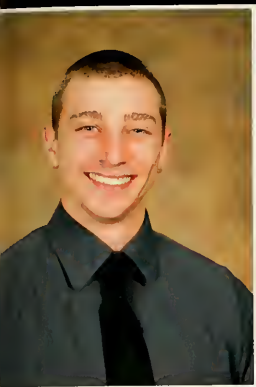


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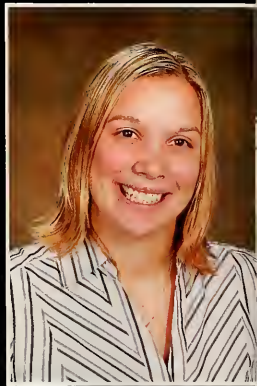
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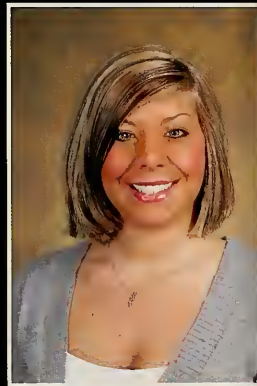
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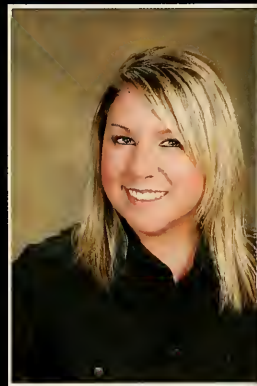
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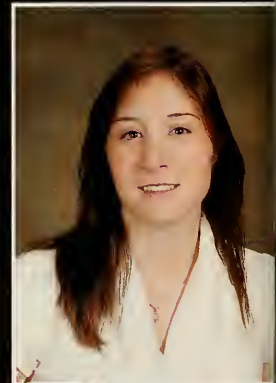
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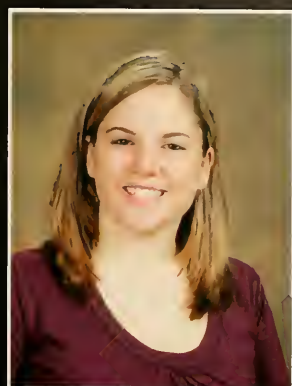
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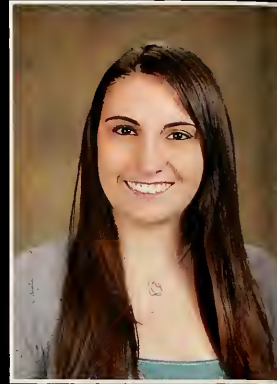
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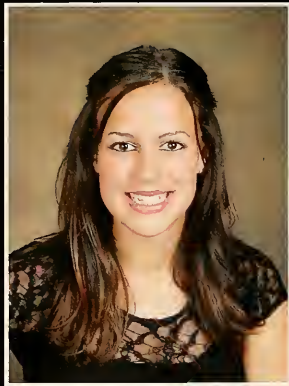
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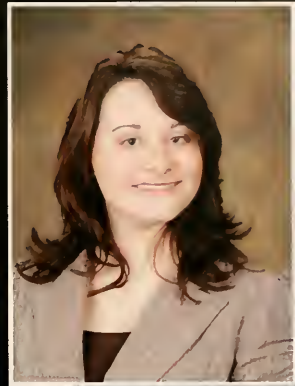
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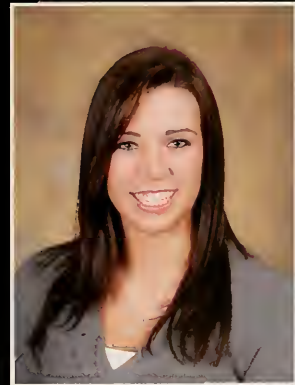
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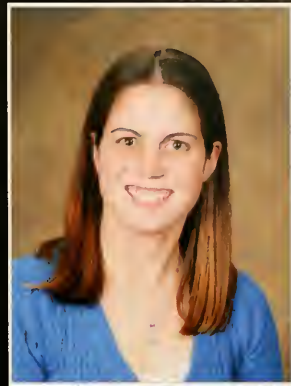
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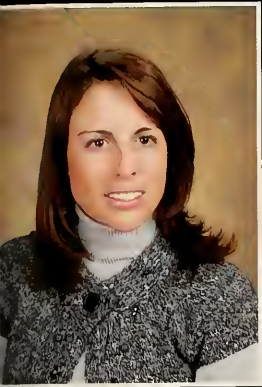


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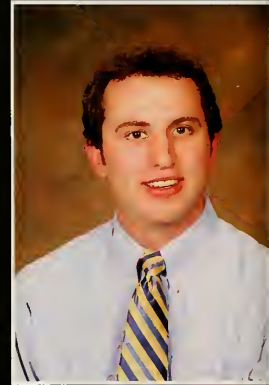
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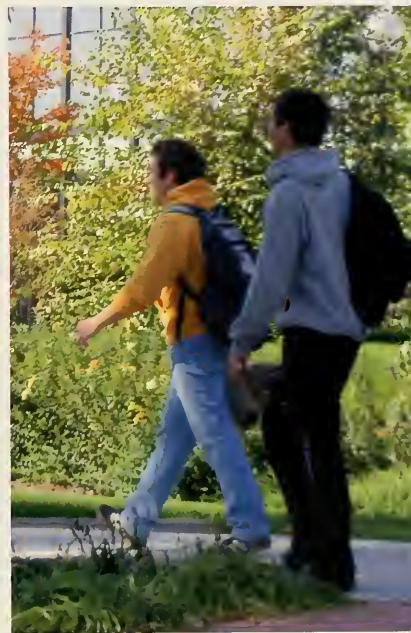










































*Graduation*













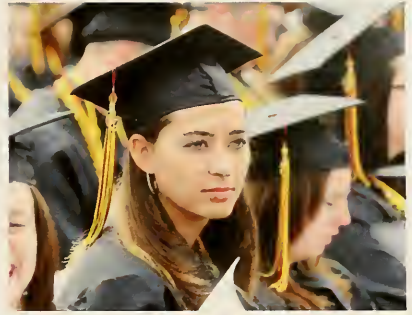


















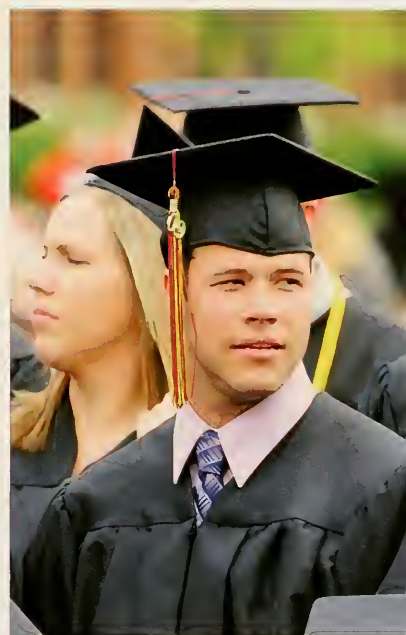
























# *Patrons*

# Ashley L. Weaser



Ashley,  
 Congratulations! We are so proud of you. You've achieved your goal - You're a college graduate. You're going to make an excellent teacher. Good luck in grad school! Our girl with the winning smile.



Love - Mom, Dad, Anthony, Amy and Precious

## Kristen Marie Suolos

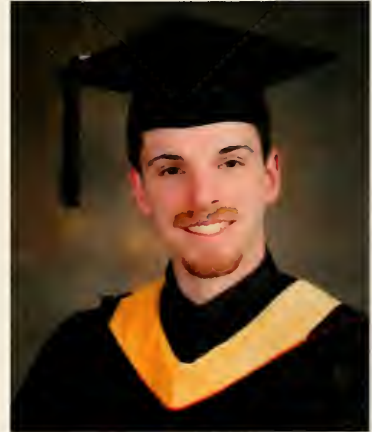
Always know how much we love you  
 and how proud we are of you.

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Nicole + Jon

Hope you dance Forever Young

## Congratulations!

# Jason R. Elsinger



We are so proud of your accomplishments and dedicated hard work. Congratulations you're a college graduate. You've achieved your goal. Wishing you the brightest future.

Love - Mom, Dad and Katie

## Cara McLaughlin

You have worked so hard to get here. Keep up the hard work and you will have a great future. We are proud of you!

Love Always,  
 Dad, Mom and Christopher



Congratulations!

## Ashley Marie Nelson



Dear Ash,

"Who you are makes a difference!"

We are so proud of you. You have worked so hard through the years and continue to succeed in all you do. You have become such a beautiful young woman. Congrats on your acceptance to grad school. As always, we wish you the best!

We love you Bird - Mom and Family

Congratulations!

## Melanie Ann Daly



Dearest Melanie,

We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished! As we rise and give applause, be sure you don't forget that learning is not over as your future plans are met. May you always be a listener & learn from all you meet. Always keep a student's spirit & your life will be complete.

Good luck in Grad School!

God Bless Always - Mom, Dad and Tiffany

Congratulations!

## Heather Logie



"You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself any direction you  
choose."

- Dr. Seuss

Your success is no suprise to me!  
Make your happiness a priority.

Love - Mom

Congratulations!

# Nydia Ann Erney



Nydia - We can not express just how proud you have made me and your father. Your hard work paid off and you graduated college. W.T.G. May your future be happy and bright. And may you be happy where your life takes you. Your personality will take you far.

We love you so much! Mom and Dad

Nathanael A. Werntz

"Nate"

We are proud and honored by your accomplishments!  
God bless you with Faith, Love, Health, Happiness and Success as you persue your dreams.

All our love,  
Pop Pop, Mom Mom and Nana

Debra L. Jacobs

Debbie,  
Congratulations! We are so pround of you. You have been such a blessing to us. I know God will make you a blessing to all the children he puts in your path. Out of your life may Jesus shine..

We love you  
Mom, Dad, Mary, Kathy + Michael

Congratulations!

# Andrea Gregory



Annie,  
Best "Two Dolla' Fifty Cent" Ever Spent!

We love you and are proud of you!!

Mom & Dad

Congratulations!

# Albert Alicea



Albert - you are my shining star!

I knew you could do it! Look at what you have accomplished because of your preseverence. We are so proud of you. Ph 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strength me."

Love - Mom, Frank and David



# Michael Geoffrey Dalton



Congratulations Mike!  
We are all so proud of you and  
what you have accomplished.  
You have run the race and won!  
Wishing you the brightest future  
in all your hopes and dreams.

"Fly on eagels wings"

Love - Mom, Dad, Matt, Nana & pop-pop.....and "The Snookster"

## April M. Parker

Congrats!!  
We are so proud of your  
accomplishments. You have worked  
very hard to get to this point in your  
life. We wish you the best of luck. We  
love you very much.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, JR, Angel, Amy

## Nicole Najpauer

Cum Laude Graduate!!

Congratulations Nicole! You did it! You are a college  
graduate! With your determination and dedication you  
have accomplished so much in your years at  
Bloomsburg! What an exciting time in your life it has  
been for you! We are so very proud! We wish you all  
the best in all you do!

Love Always,  
Mom and Dad

## Congratulations!

# Stephanie Schuster



Congratulations! We are so proud of you and what  
you have accomplished. The hard work and  
dedication you have achieved you have made it.  
You are a college graduate! We know you will do  
great things in the future and meet your future goals.

Love - Mom, Dad, Pop Pop and Squishy & Snuffy

**Congratulations!**

## Allison Kester



'Ali'

Finally, the first of many goals has been reached.  
Congratulations!!! Way to go!  
Best of luck in all future endeavors.  
We are very proud of you!

With all of love and support - Mom, Dad & Jill

**Marko Vucajnk**

We congratulate you for graduating  
and we wish you a lot of success  
in the future.

Dad, mom, brothers Andrej and Igor  
with families!

## Stephanie Leilani Gima

Steph - We are very proud of the capable, thoughtful,  
intelligent and beautiful woman that you have become.  
You have worked extremely hard and have truly earned  
your degree with honors. You deserve all good things, and  
the students deserve you - your passion, caring and  
dedication. You'll be a great teacher - whether it's now or  
after grad school! Congratulations!

Aloha nui loa,  
Mom, Dad, Mary and Anthony

**Congratulations!**

## Rachael Wunderlich



We are so proud of you and what you have  
accomplished! "Wherever you go, no matter what  
the weather, always bring your own sunshine."  
Wishing you the brightest future!

We love you - Mom, Dad, Matt and Carly <3

**Alli Downs**

Congratulations on another  
accomplishment! Once again you  
have made us so very proud to be  
your parents. Good luck in grad  
school. We love you!

Mom and Dad

**Tim Rauenzahn**

Congratulations on your college graduation  
and best wishes for every success through  
the years to come.

We are so proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Andrew and Amanda



Congratulations!

# Lorraine N.S. Joseph



Congratulations!

We are very proud of your accomplishments so far. May God bless you and keep you safe always.

Love and best wishes from: Mom, Mitch, Cecil Jr, Cecil III, Adney, Aunt Patsy & Uncle Algernon, Nephews, Nsilo, Addis & Aiden.

Best wishes from Morline, Uncle Aubrey & family.

**Alyssa Lauren Abrohms**

Congratulations!  
You are a college graduate!

You are graduating with honors and a double major. We are so very proud of what you have achieved.

All our love,  
Mom, Meg, Aaron Joshua, Rich

**Emily Sanders**

Dear Em,  
Never stop believing in yourself!  
You will be an amazing special  
education teacher.

Congratulations

We love you - Mom, Dad, Richie + Twinkie

Congratulations!

## Bethany Allison Schwing



Congratulations on your college degree! Four years of hard work and dedication plus your leadership and athletic accomplishments have made an amazing college career. You will make a difference in your chosen field of study! I am so proud of you.

Love - Mom

Congratulations!

# Michael C. Bath



Congratulations in obtaining your Bachelors's Degree in Computer Forensics. You did it in 3 years in spite of having to work 22-38 hrs a week and keeping up with assignments.

We are so proud of your determination and accomplishment. The best is yet to come.

God bless. Love Mom, Dad, Jessica, Alanna and Ray.

## Amanda Knouse



Congratulations on your accomplishments. Your hard work has paid off.

We are so proud of you.

All our love,  
Dad. Brandon. Jessica, Ryan and Jenny



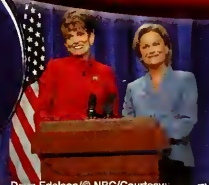




▼ Arizona Senator John McCain wins the Republican nomination for president and names Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate. Palin is the Republican Party's first female nominee for vice president.



# Waves of Change



Politics in pop culture

Dana Edelson © NBC/Courtesy: Everett Collection

THE KOBAL COLLECTION/NBC-TV/EDELSON, DANA



▼ Democratic Senator Joe Biden of Delaware becomes the 47th vice president of the United States. A member of the Senate since 1973, Biden brings long-time Washington experience to the Obama administration.







# Get out the vote!

Campaign volunteers

VOTE

I Voted

First-time voters

Obama's grassroots organization and innovative Web campaign is credited with inspiring young and first-time voters to participate heavily in the election.

EARLY VOTING

The values, fashion and personal vitality of the Obama family resonate with Americans. Public interest in the first family rivals that of the interest in the Kennedy family in the 1960s.

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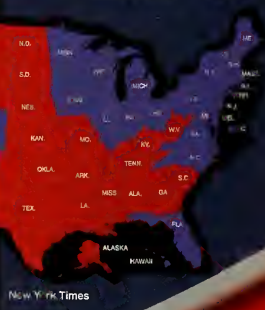


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▶ Barack Obama makes history as the first African-American to win the presidency of the United States. The former Illinois senator promises an era of change that captures the imagination of voters nationwide.

**Electoral Votes**

<b>Obama</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>McCain</b>	<b>173</b>



New York Times

# Obama Wins



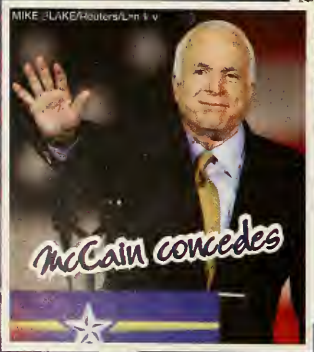
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AP Photo/Markus S. May

▶ McCain/Palin run a strong campaign, winning 22 states. But they are defeated 53 vs. 35 percent in the general election and by a substantial margin in the Electoral College.



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## Celebrations around the world

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# Obama's Cabinet nominations

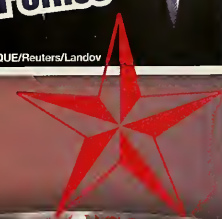
REUTERS/Landov



In January 2009, president-elect Obama attends the ultimate power lunch in the White House, meeting and getting advice from President Bush as well as former Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

# Getting prepared for office

KEVIN LAMARQUE/Reuters/Landov



# Souvenirs

# The inaugural parade



# Inauguration 1-20-09



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During the inauguration ceremony, Malia Obama captures the moment from a unique point of view.



PAT BENIC/UPI/Landov

Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States before millions in Washington, D.C. Obama's inaugural address calls for a "new era of responsibility" in the face of economic decline and a pledge to choose "hope over fear."



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"We have chosen hope over fear..."



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Stocks plummet as years of excess in the U.S. housing market and lax supervision of financial institutions contribute to the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.



MITCH ZUMKE/Reuters/Outlook

Unemployment rate hits 16-year high in January 2009

# Economic Crisis

With buying power declining in the consumer marketplace, companies nationwide are forced to lay off workers. The national unemployment rate hits 7.2 percent in December and is rising steadily. The hardest hit states are Michigan, Rhode Island, California and South Carolina.

# World News



Specialty coffee sales drop

Credit cards

Helen King/Corbis

FancyNest/Corbis

For Sale  
RE/MAX  
800-800-8000

For Sale  
L. GIBER  
800-800-8000

Exclusively  
Windermere  
Global Realty  
Windermere  
Global Realty  
AP Photo

# Housing Foreclosures



Photo by Larry W. Smith/Getty Images

Detroit's struggling "Big Three" automakers, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, request and are eventually offered a bailout package of just over \$17 billion in December.





# GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

MIKE SEGAR/Reuters/Landow



Many retailers are forced to file for bankruptcy or go out of business after being unable to rebound from the harsh economy and a very disappointing fourth quarter of 2008.

## Teens work part-time

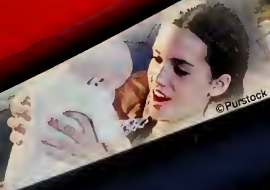


MITCH DUNKER/Reuters/Landow

## Gas prices up and down



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The world's "hot spots" center around the Middle East. Israel mounts a major offensive against Hamas in Gaza, the United States continues to oppose the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq, and in August, Russia attacks its southern neighbor, Georgia, in a dispute over western influence in the area.



## Support our Troops

K21 PFAPPEN/CH/Reuters/Landow



AP Photo/Arifin F. Idris

## "Miracle on the Hudson"

GARY HERSHORN/Reuters/Landow



In January 2009, after both engines fail due to icing, US Airways Flight 1549 ditches in New York's Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew members are saved, thanks to the skill and courage of pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger.





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## Reusable bags

# Changing our World



Environmentally conscious consumers use items such as reusable cloth shopping bags and Klean Kanteen water bottles that don't leak harmful chemicals like BPA.

## HYBRID SYNERGY DRIVE



Tight money and high gas prices push auto manufacturers to investigate super fuel-efficient and electric cars. The Chevrolet Volt is an early contender and the tiny "Smart" car is already on American roads.



## Chevy Volt

Public bicycle sharing systems, already popular in Europe, roll into American cities like Washington, D.C., to help fight traffic congestion and reduce pollution.

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# CLEAN ENERGY

Photo: by Eileen Miller/Getty Images



▶ In September, Google and General Electric partner to develop clean technologies. Modernizing the national electric grid to enable wider deployment of wind, solar and geothermal energy will be an early priority.



**Environmentally friendly MacBooks**

Courtesy of Apple, Inc.



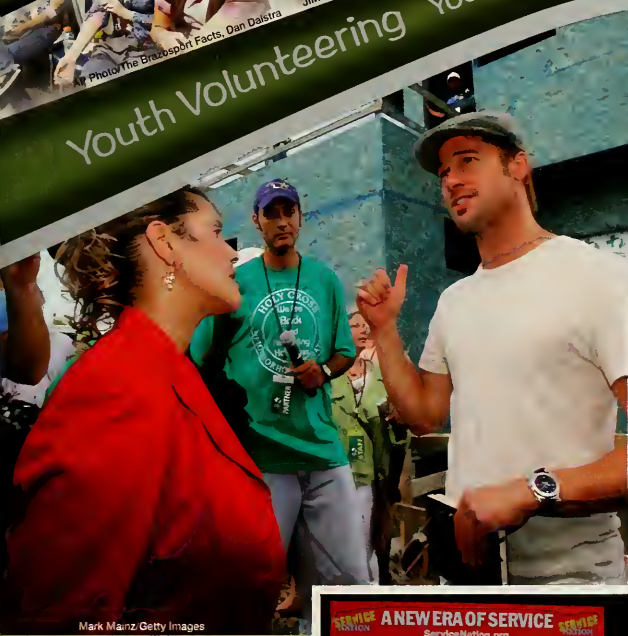
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▶ The green cleaning movement gains momentum nationally as environmentally safe non-toxic cleaning products are used in many homes, as well as state and city institutions.



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Michael Tom/Getty Images

▶ Brad Pitt launches the "Make It Right" project to build 150 green-sensitive new homes in the New Orleans Lower 9th Ward, which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Pitt contributes \$5 million to the project.

▶ President-elect Obama asks all Americans to volunteer their time on the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, January 19, and to continue throughout the year. More than 12,000 service projects take place across the country.

**National Day of Service**



▲ American swimmer Michael Phelps makes Olympic history with eight gold medals. Phelps sets three world records in his five individual wins.

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# Summer Olympics

The Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics showcase some of the most amazing performances in Olympic history.



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**Usain Bolt** Fastest MAN EVER!

# Sports

The Olympic Opening Ceremony



**Cristiano Ronaldo**

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**Tiger Woods**

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**Karen Jones**

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**Red Wings win 2008 Stanley Cup**

AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar

## World Series



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▲ The Philadelphia Phillies win their second World Series with a five game victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. The fifth game takes three days to complete after a rain delay.





▶ The Chinese gymnasts take the team title, but Americans Shawn Johnson (floor exercise) and Nastia Liukin (all-around) take individual gold medals for the U.S.

# Gymnastics



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Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford

Venus and Serena Williams

Brock Lesnar



BCS National Championship MVP Tim Lincecum

Pádraig Harrington

MANDY WRIGHT/Detroit Free Press/MCT/Landov



## Super Bowl XLIII

Scott Boehm/Getty Images



## Boston Celtics 2008 NBA Champs

Rich Donnelly/Agence France Presse/Getty Images

▶ MVP Santonio Holmes makes a tip-toe catch in the corner of the end zone with 35 seconds remaining to lead the Pittsburgh Steelers past the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII.



Jimmie Johnson captures the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship for the third straight year in his famous #48 Lowe's Chevrolet Impala SS.



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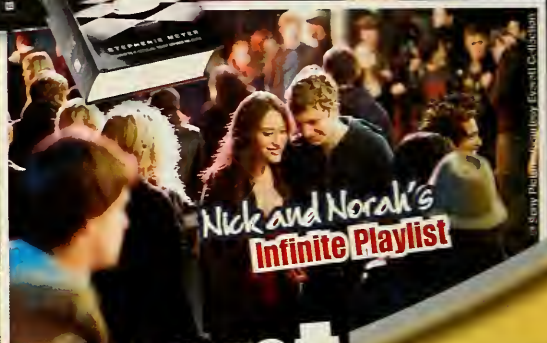
Stephanie Meyer's runaway best-seller, *Twilight*, becomes a hit movie starring Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart as Edward and Bella.



Tina Fey



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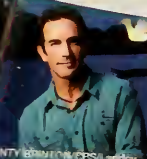
Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

A New Line Production/Courtesy Everett Collection

# twilight Entertainment



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Reality TV

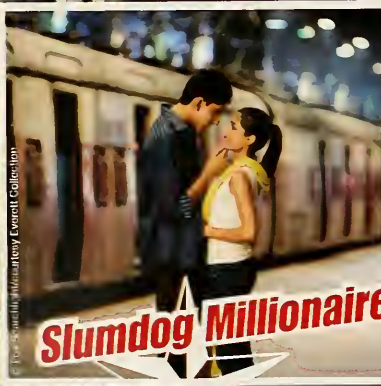


Grey's Anatomy

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Slumdog Millionaire

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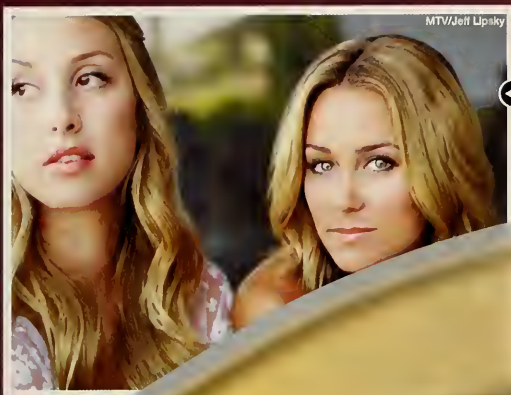


The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

*Slumdog Millionaire*, a surprise entry from India about teen life in Mumbai, and Brad Pitt's *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, about a man who ages backwards, monopolize Academy Award nominations with a combined total of 23.







MTV/Jeff Lipsky



MTV spins off the reality show *The Hills*, following Laguna Beach star Lauren Conrad and her friends to Los Angeles.



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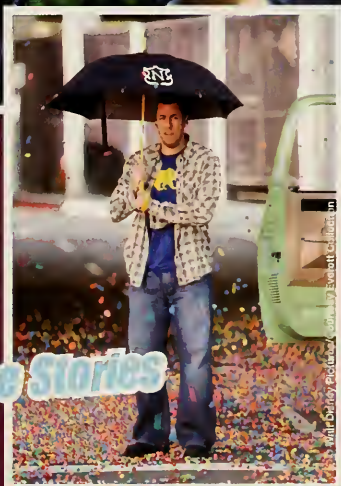
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Australian Heath Ledger, in his last film role as the Joker in the Batman epic *The Dark Knight*, wins a posthumous Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama.

# Paul Blart: Mall Cop

# Bedtime Stories



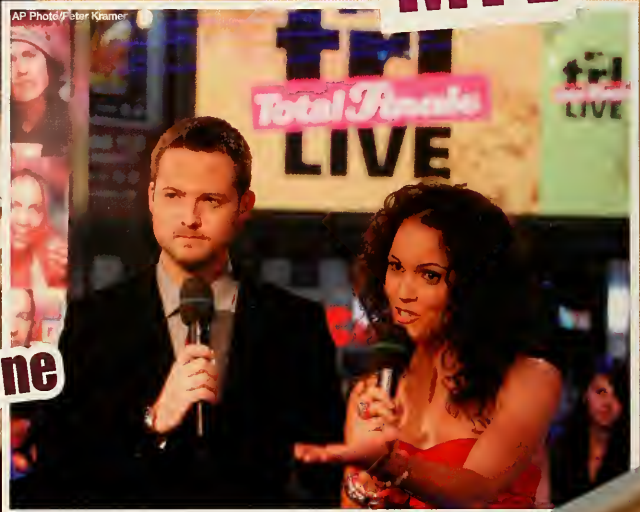
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Lil' Wayne

▶ Rapper Lil' Wayne takes home four Grammys, including Rap Album of the Year for *Tha Carter III* and Best Rap Song.



▶ Due to low ratings, MTV's flagship show *Total Request Live* shuts down in November after a 10-year run.

# Music



Jordin Sparks



Bon Jovi



Leona Lewis



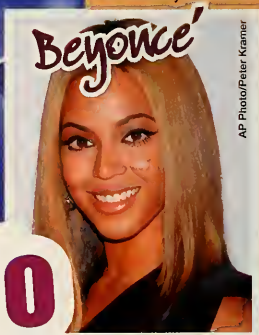
Fall Out Boy



▶ Britney Spears rebounds from years of personal challenges with her fifth No. 1 album, *Circus*. She becomes the only act in Nielsen SoundScan history to have four albums that debut with 500,000 or more copies sold.



Ne-Yo



Beyonce

▶ R&B singer/songwriter Ne-Yo brings out his third album, *Year of the Gentleman*, which debuts on the *Billboard* 200 at No. 2. The album garners six Grammy nominations.

AP Photo/Peter Kramer





The video for William's song "Yes We Can" gamers more than 1.3 million hits on YouTube and becomes an anthem for young voters during the presidential campaign.

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# Classic Rock



Alicia Keys

Jones Brothers

Pink

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Fox's *American Idol* adds a fourth judge to the popular show. Grammy-nominated songwriter Kara DioGuardi joins regular panelists Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell.



# Taylor Swift



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# David vs. David



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▶ Rocker David Cook, with 58 percent of the fan votes, beats balladeer David Archuleta in the 2008 finals of Fox's *American Idol*.





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cha cha**

Texting becomes the new writing. Teens everywhere learn to double-thumb miniature keyboards and invent a new language of abbreviations and signs.



**Digital TV**

The nation converts to all-digital TV in 2009. The Department of Commerce offers government coupons to make the conversion more affordable.



**Social Networking**

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# Lifestyle

*Slippers to wear every day*



**Argyle & Plaid**



THE CANADIAN PRESS/Andrew Vaughan/AP

CONVERSE



**Designer Purses & Shoes**



**Big Sunglasses**

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Top style trends this year include baggy pants, oversized sunglasses, designer purses, black nail polish and plaids.

**Black Nail Polish**



**jostens**











