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Cathy Magrin

Izmir High School



1999 • 2000

Welcome to a new millenium from Izmir American School

This Year the students of Izmir, along with the rest of the world, welcomed the coming of a new, and sometimes debatable, millenium. There were some claims within the school that the "true" millenium didn't begin until the year 2001, but this didn't prevent anyone, even those making the claims, from celebrating.

As the ball dropped and the clock struck twelve on New Year's Eve 1999, an amazing thing happened; the lights stayed on. With the coming of the millenium, also came the threat of a worlwide technological crisis. The "Millenium Virus" or "Y2K bug", was a glitch which computer experts warned would cause computer shut downs which would affect the world's power plants, defense systems, banks, phone companies, and any other facilities that used computers. One of the biggest fears of the average citizen however, was not that the stock market might crash, or our national security be threatened, but instead that their personal computers would become useless because of the programming error and they could no longer check their email.

The Y2K bug, however, proved disappointing. It was as many computer experts and even some Izmir students suspected, a big fuss over nothing. None of the major "shut downs" occurred, and, except for a slot machine incident in Iowa, there was nothing much to be reported. The incident did, however, prove to many that computers have become an ingrained part of our society and are things of the "future".

The millenium was not the only thing new to the Izmir 1999-2000 school year. They also welcomed a new principal, Mrs. Cathy Magni, to the school. Mrs. Magni, who came to Izmir from London, England, was replacing Dr. Allen Davenport. She quickly settled into

life in Izmir to set the school off and rolling on a very productive year.

The first item on Mrs. Magni's list of things to take care of was the High School Student Council. The problem: there was no High School Student Council. Due to lack of sponsorship, the possibility of having a Student Council looked bleak. Mrs. Magni, however, rose to the challenge of finding a sponsor, and elections were soon held. An all upperclassmen cabinet was elected, comprised of three seniors and a junior, and the school quickly caught up on all the dances and activities it had missed the first few months of school during the absence of the Student Council.

The new principal also worked closely with this year's Senior class. The Seniors, numbering only ten at the beginning of the school year, and shrinking down to seven by the end, collaborated with Mrs. Magni in the planning of graduation, and also in gaining a few extra "Senior Privileges". The first of these privileges was a "Seniors Only" lounge in the cafeteria, and permission for the class to paint over their uniform blue lockers and make them more personal. After months of debate within the School Advisory Committee, the Seniors were also granted open campus lunch during the fourth quarter. Mrs. Magni was also involved in the planning



of the commencement ceremonies.

Changes also took place in the middle school this year as well. For the first time since the opening of the new school building in 1997, the middle school students did not have the same schedule or lunch period as the ninth through twelfth graders. The middle school, now only including sixth through eighth graders, rather than fifth through eighth as it was last year, had a special schedule and "Wheel" classes which enabled them to experience a number of different elective courses, such as band and computers, throughout their school year. The over crowded cafeteria scenario was eliminated as well with the middle and high schools separated, lunches were served quickly, and everyone had a little more room to breathe.

Although they no longer changed classes together or shared a lunch period, this did not alienate the middle and high schoolers from each other. Middle school students were still permitted to attend all high school sponsored dances and other activities such as pep rallies. This new schedule gave the middle and high schools stronger identities, and helped create an atmosphere that the two groups were connected, but still had enough separation between them to make them both unique.

Despite its small student population, Izmir School was not lacking in potential or ability. Eighth grader Justin Carr placed first in the DoDDS Europe MathCounts competition and went on to place in the top forty percent in the national MathCounts Competition held in May. Justin was not the only person to achieve based on academic merit; junior Lianna Scharff was selected to represent Izmir at the Presidential Classroom in Washington, DC. Sophomores, Natalie Carder and Melissa Ozkurt, and Juniors, Deniz Beveridge and Jessica Wood, were all selected to attend Creative Connections in Germany. Melissa Ozkurt returned to Germany a second time for the Honors Band festival in which she earned second chair clarinet out of all the European candidates. Necat Akman, a freshman at IHS, also made headlines when she competed in the European DoDDS

Tennis Championships and won first place. Izmir's wrestlers also showed off their athletic skill when Danielle Mace and Andrew Simes competed in the European DoDDS Wrestling Championships and each placed in the top ten of their respective weight groups.

The school and community became involved in humanitarian efforts this year as well. In August a tragic earthquake shook Istanbul, killing thousands and damaging millions of homes. Feeling the strong aftershocks as far away as Izmir, people realized the magnitude of the crisis and pulled together to send aid, in the form money, food, and clothing to the victims of the natural disaster.

Izmir American School was also the recipient of community kindness and generosity. Many programs and events were made possible through the volunteer efforts of community and faculty members alike. A school decorating committee, which added color and vibrance to the schools halls, was a program that involved community, faculty, and students. The annual hosting of the Sultan Olympics also relied heavily on the support of faculty, community members, and members of the student body. The Adopt-A-School program was also very successful in its second year of operation. Students and parents alike in turn expressed their gratitude by hosting the "Teacher Appreciation Week" and preparing food, posters, and presentations thanking the faculty of Izmir. The people of Izmir showed that although we are a small school and community, we can still accomplish what we wish.

"It's interesting to leave a place, interesting to even think about it. Leaving reminds us of what we can part with and what we can't, then offers us something new to look forward to, to dream about", said by Richard Ford, sums how many of us at Izmir feel; people come and go and the city changes, but the memories will never leave.

Sativa Young

Co-Editor

Izmir Senior Class of 2000

On the dawn of a new horizon stands a unique group of students. They are the first class of the new millenium, the leaders of a new generation.

Izmir is home to a group of these pioneers of the future. This year's senior class had eight members. Although small in number, the ambitions of the class were quite the opposite. Wanting to achieve both class and personal goals, Izmir's class of 2000 was full of determination and perseverance.

The class had an impressive showing in extra curricular activities with participation ranging from sports, to yearbook, to newspaper, and Student Council Office. We do not like to boast, but three of the four Student Council officers were seniors, seniors comprised the entire executive newspaper staff, and half of the yearbook staff was seniors. With the exclusion of one senior girl, who was busy with many other activities, all seniors participated in at least one sports season, with many participating in multiple sports throughout the course of the year.

This year's class included Caroline Haas, Melissa Holiman, Danielle Mace, Laury Rakes, Maurice Scott, Rita Schmitz, Andrew Simes, Sarah Swisher, and Sativa Young.

The first to grab her diploma is Caroline Haas, the class's red headed (sometimes blonde) "okie". With her most frequently used phrase being, "It wasn't me, Mr. Wood!" Caroline was not the quietest member of the class. Vivacious and up for anything, her presence was greatly missed when she departed Izmir during the first semester.

Melissa Holiman, a newcomer to Izmir, had no problems fitting in. She became active in school activities immediately, being chosen as class secretary and Student Council secretary. She was also on the volleyball team and captain of the girl's basketball team. Her Turkish speaking abilities came in handy many times throughout the year in class dealings.

Danielle Mace, the class Valedictorian, was one of the most active Seniors. Acting as SCA president, and stepping in as class treasurer after Caroline's departure, kept her busy enough, but on top of that she was also on the newspaper and yearbook, and played sports every season. Her plethora of activities did not, however, prevent her from enjoying herself. Always up for a laugh, she could be seen singing show tunes and dancing in the hall, or messing around with her friends in the computer lab.

Now we come to the perpetually late Senior, Andrew Simes, who, after four years of attending IHS, still couldn't remember what time school started. Andrew, who has lived in Izmir his entire life, was the only male graduate in the class. Claiming his British heritage, Andrew was always ready to quote a Scottish poet or wear a skirt that's being passed off as a kilt. He excelled in sports and was an active school leader.

Sarah Swisher, the "mother" of the class, and also the oldest Senior, has spent the second longest amount of time consecutively in Izmir, next to Andrew. Earning her title as "mother" of the Senior class was not easy for Sarah because like a real mother, she had to put up with a lot. Always knowing how to clean up a stain, deal with a crisis, or keep the unruly in line, Sarah was the voice of reason in the Senior class.

Sativa Young, Class President extraordinaire, kept class affairs in line. Known as one of the more sarcastic members of the class, she always had a word or two to say; especially, it seemed, in Mr. Wood's class.

The class, a medley of personalities and differences, still pulled together when it was time to get things done. Together the class set

up a very successful table at the annual AHGI Holiday Bazaar, hosted the popular Mardi Gras Spring Formal, and held a host of other fundraisers and community service related activities. Some of their volunteer efforts included assisting at the Sultan Olympics, helping with the base Easter Egg Hunt, and creating a slide presentation for Teacher Appreciation Week. The class received many thanks from the community for their hard work and efforts.

The Seniors were not ones to stay at home and do nothing, which proved rewarding for them when they won the Spirit Point Competition by a huge margin and received a day off from school to go to Cesme.

The Seniors also worked hard at getting themselves a few extra privileges. Much to the protest of the Junior class, was the turning of the Junior/Senior Lounge into a "Senior Lounge". They painted over the chipping blue paint of their lockers, showing they were not a group to have their creativity stifled. This was illustrated when a few Seniors decided to decorate the Lounge by hanging Christmas lights on the ceiling, covering the windows in candy wrappers, stapling plastic six pack rings to a chair, and suspending a latex glove attached to a root beer can from the ceiling. They also were the first to secure an open campus lunch for seniors. The productivity of the class would not have been possible were it not for the insight and guidance of their sponsor, Mr. Simpkins, whose ideas were crucial to the workings of the class. Mr. Simpkins allowed the class to do things "their way" (within reason of course!), instead of doing things the "usual" way. His flexibility allowed the class to be creative and tailor their activities and graduation the way they wished it to be - original for a once in a lifetime group of students, the first class of the millenium.

The Seniors had a great year full of memories that will stay with them eternally. They would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to all those who helped them on their way to adulthood. Without many of the influences received in Izmir, many of them probably would have turned out "normal" instead of the unique individuals they are. While many of them are bidding farewell to Izmir and dispersing to the winds of the future, their times in Izmir will not be forgotten.



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Caroline Haas:

Melissa O. - all of my three-quarter length shirts and Tortilla chips and cheese in a jar

Nandor M. - An endless supply of Mr. Goodbars and "muddled memories"

Kayla W. - all of my pictures and all of my "fun drink"

Lindsey G. - my old beggar guy (iki ani beautiful girls) and the power to attract others like him when walking down the street.

Zach W. - the wreath from my front door, the one that you always wore on your head.

Melissa Holiman:

Jessie W. - I leave you all the great memories and the colorful shot glasses.

Deniz B. - I leave you a booster seat for your boyfriend.

Rita S. - I leave you my boxing gloves for the next trip to Ankara.

Andy M. - I leave you my Jet Ski.

Jeanine H. and Lara B. - I leave you guys my talents with the whip cream.

Dennis - I leave you my room and my love.

Mom and Dad - my love!

Danielle Mace:

Lily A. - A pants leg, the Blue-eyed stud, my Spanish food recipes, and my flamenco dancing shoes

Sarah S. - My yellow shoe laces, Jeff and his brother, and some new sandals

Sativa Y. - A prescription for Prozac, the promise of a bright and sunny day, and a free week of instructive lessons at "Mercedes's Impressionist and Folk Dancing School"

Keri M. - Once I finally hit my growth spurt, you can have all my clothes, all the CD's and make-up of mine that you've already taken

Geneva Y. - My mad skills for opening bottles on trashcans, the Ankara studs, and my caramel colored cords.

Weeda S. - Cartwheels in that guy's backyard and toilet paper

Andrew Simes:

Moria S. - My CDs and anything you can find of interest in my room

Mom & Dad - A bottle of Bordeaux '66 to celebrate with when I leave

Elliot (a.k.a Donald) R. - The potentially good time with Mr. Dickinson

John H. - All my hacking programs and GI Joe collection

John S. - All my potato chips, coke bottles, and flashlight

Laura N. - I leave you the memories and my Arsenal shirt!

Sarah Swisher:

To myself I take a picture along with the love of my family & Ed and my teddy bear Holly

Mom - Most of my hippie clothes and computer knowledge

The rest of my family - whatever you want that you know I wouldn't mind you having

Trish C. - My friendship, sense of humor, love, and weirdness.

Sativa Y. - The rest of my hippie clothes, and a big bag of pistachios

Daniele M. - My cool socks, the really bad sandals and Bear (but only if mom says ok)

Marcella A. - All the punch buggies in the world

Sativa Young:

Geneva Y. - All of my Dr Martens, cool socks, and my optimism

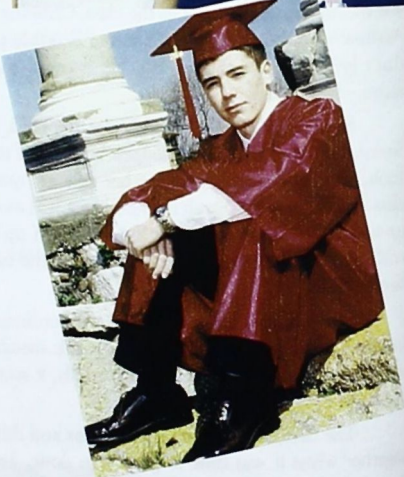
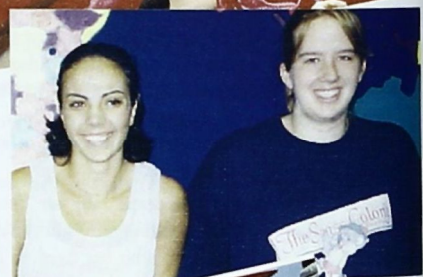
Danielle M. - the Gonzo sheet, a bottle opener, concentrated orange juice and gasoline

Jennifer from Poland - Bananas, a Burger King crown, and keys.

Sarah S. - Ferry tokens, my free lovin' hippie ideals, new sandals

Lilian A. - American food

Mr. Wood - My "Aggression"



Caroline Haas

"This above all: to thine own self be true."

Shakespeare



Melissa Holiman

"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives
the test first, the lesson afterward."

Unknown



Andrew Times

"Do not follow where the path may lead.
Go instead where there is no path and
leave a trail."



A color photograph of a young woman with dark hair, wearing a dark sweater and a necklace, sitting in front of bookshelves. The photo is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the page.

*"It all comes down to this...health, home,
hard work, family, friends and love."*



Jim Morrison



SENIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Carolina Haas

Varsity Track and Field
Varsity Soccer
Varsity Basketball
Active Member of Youth Group
Student Council Representative
Junior
Senior
Stage Manager: "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
National Social Studies Olympiad
Honor Roll
Key Club
Newspaper Staff Member
Salutatorian

Danielle Mace

Drama Club member
Most Outstanding Drama Freshman
Most Outstanding Drama Sophomore
Member of the National Thespian Society
Drama Club Executive Board Member
crew: "Into the Woods"
crew: "Politically Correct Fairytales"
crew: "Godspell"
crew: "Forever Plaid"
cast: "Midsummer Nights Dream"
TV Production Club
Robinson Varsity Soccer
Varsity Wrestling
Wrestling Co-Captain
Wrestling MVP
DoDDS Championship 7th place
Varsity Track and Field
Varsity Tennis
Varsity Soccer

Senior Class Treasurer
Student Council President
Yearbook Co-Editor
Homecoming Senior Princess
Newspaper Staff
Honor Roll
Mason's Award for Highest GPA in 11th grade
Valedictorian

Melissa Holiman

Rookie of the year (Softball)
Varsity Softball
Varsity Basketball
Captain
Coach's Award
Varsity Volleyball
Class Secretary
Alabama Sports Festival XVI (Basketball)
Student Council Secretary
Newspaper Staff Member
Prom Queen

Laury Rakes

Cheerleader
Homecoming Queen
Swim Team
Dance Team
Student Council Representative
Made nice friends

Rita Schmitz

Varsity Volleyball
Co-Captain
MVP
Varsity Basketball
Varsity Soccer
Student Council Representative
Drama Club
Thespian Society
AP Spanish
Spanish Honor Society
cast: "Little Shop of Horrors"
Newspaper Staff Member



Andrew Simes

European Championship in Cross Country,
 Wrestling, Soccer
 Varsity Soccer
 Captain
 MVP
 Coaches Award
 Varsity Wrestling
 Captain
 MVP
 Coaches Award
 Varsity Track and Field
 Varsity Cross Country
 SCA Treasurer
 Junior Class Secretary
 Yearbook-Photography Editor
 Newspaper Technology Editor
 Technology Editor
 Homecoming Prince
 Homecoming King
 Prom King
 Student of the Quarter

Sativa Young

Concert Band
 Newspaper Staff Member
 Editor
 Literary Magazine Editor
 Xerox Award for Social Studies and Humanities

Senior Class President

Yearbook Co-Editor

Honor Roll

Sarah Swisher

Junior Varsity Volleyball

Varsity Volleyball

Co-Captain

Coach's Award

Newspaper Staff Member

Layout Editor

Senior Class Vice-President

Yearbook Staff Member

Izmir American School Decorating Committee

Student of the Quarter

Honor Roll

Published in the Stars and Stripes





Underclassmen

JUNIORS - CLASS OF 2001

The Junior class this year was made up of a majority of Izmir old-timers which is rare and was kind of odd considering every other class had a basic makeup of about fifty percent returning students. Another significance in the class was the girl to boy ratio, which started out at about fourteen to one at the beginning of the year and it ended at twelve to ZERO! Though the class was lacking in testosterone, it CERTAINLY wasn't lacking in stamina!

Despite the harder classes and all the preparation for upcoming college, they were ever present throughout all sports seasons and many school clubs. Many also got in some extra traveling by attending Creative Connections, Presidential Classroom, or ACDE Conferences. It was definitely a busy year for all of them, yet with a lot of class cooperation the goal of putting on a memorable prom was still met.

Everyone's excited about the upcoming summer break but even more excited about finally becoming seniors! This class has a lot of individual potential as will be seen when most of them are again reunited for their graduation year.

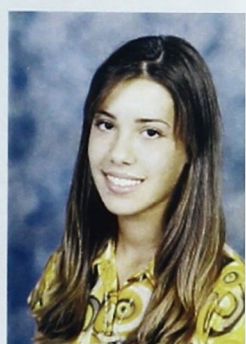


President Deniz Beveridge, Vice President Janine Harper and Treasurer Lianna Scharff. (Not pictured) Secretary Jessica Wood.



Oh, those crazy sports trips...

Lilian Anariba
Deniz Beveridge



Raechel Connors
Starr Gordon
Lindsey Gustaitis
Janine Harper

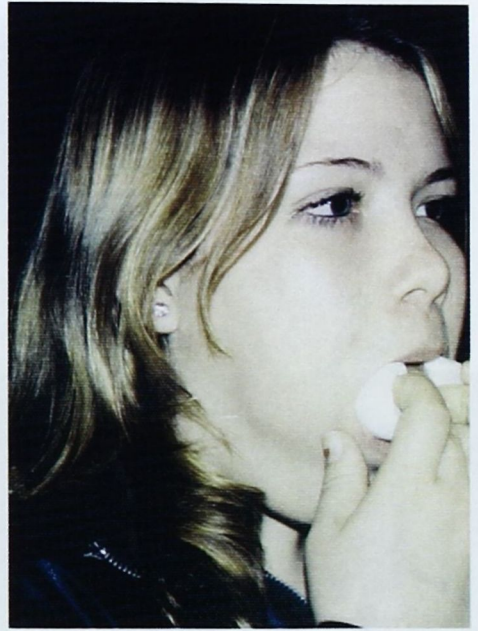




Please Mrs. Stanton, No More Suicides!



Lianna and Asli scan the dance floor



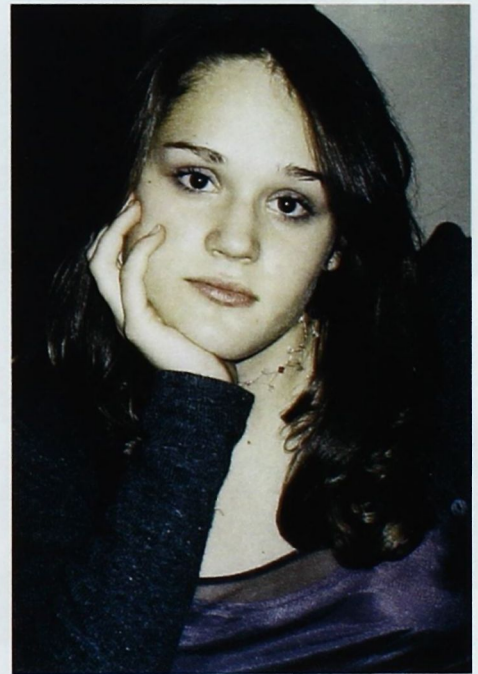
Janine Harper - "I can't stuff anymore in!"



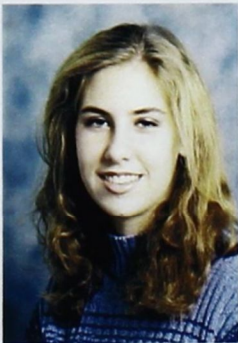
Small but powerful - the Class of 2001



Asli Houser
Yvonne Lonien



A penny for your thoughts Lindsey



Marcus Randel
Lianna Scharff
Jasmin Teufel
Jessica Wood

SOPHOMORES • CLASS OF 2002



Class President Crystal Martin, Vice President Lawrence Peterson, Secretary Melissa Ozkurt and Treasurer Andy Mitrocsak.

The sophomore class was up and rolling all year, with the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance, Santa pictures at the AHGI Bazaar, selling popcorn at the Sultan Olympics, and much more. The Sadie Hawkins Dance, held at the Prestige Hotel, proved to be a great success, by adding a sizeable sum of money to the classes treasury and creating many smiles.

The classes riskiest endeavor was their "Dirty Deeds Auction". They placed themselves on the auction block and at the mercy of those who "rented" them. Their assigned tasks could include anything from cleaning to tutoring.

Environmentally aware, the sophomores also took a Service Learning trip to a local beach for a beach cleanup. They did, however, manage to enjoy themselves immensely while they helped the environment.



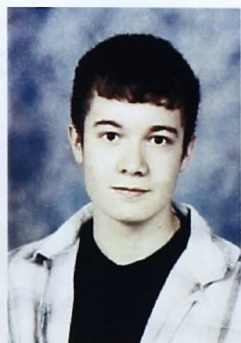
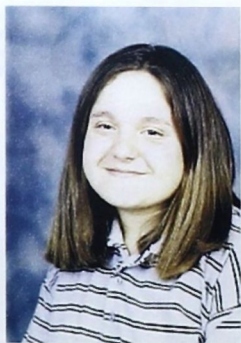
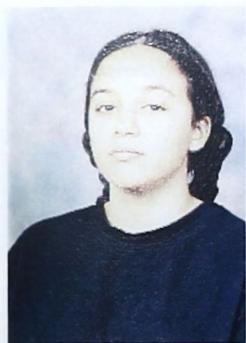
Surin aren't you supposed to be playing Volleyball?



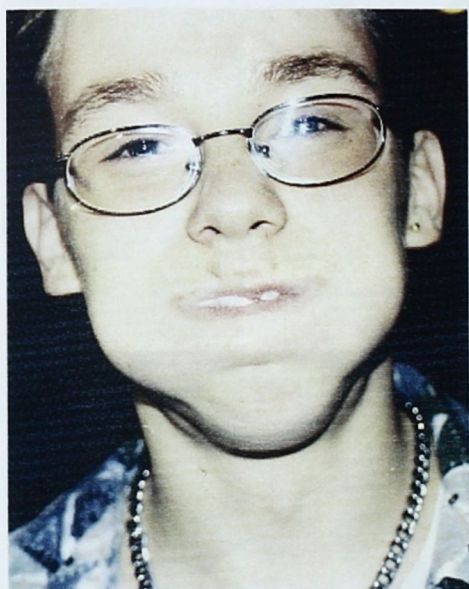
Natalie, Bridget, and Senem came to support Desiree at the Spring Concert

Candace Allen
Lara Borchers
Jayson Brooks
SuRin Campbell





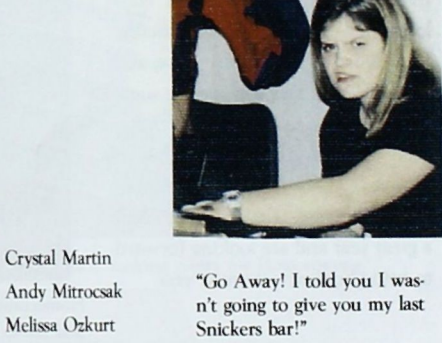
Natalie Carder
Senem Chereskin
John Hernandez
Michael Hughes



"No, I swear I didn't eat the last marshmallow!"

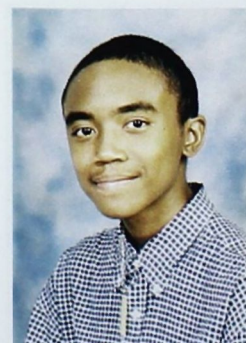


Mike and Crystal shoot for spirit points at the pep rally.



Crystal Martin
Andy Mitrosak
Melissa Ozkurt

"Go Away! I told you I wasn't going to give you my last Snickers bar!"



Lawrence Peterson
Bridget Smith
Chris Strong
Cindy Stauffer

FRESHMEN • CLASS OF 2003

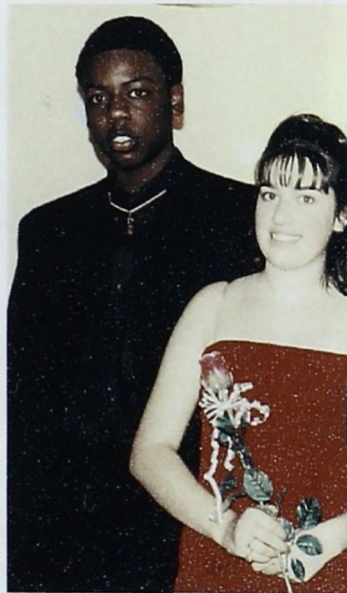
Freshmen, commonly known as the underclassmen in high school, showed everyone at Izmir American School what they could do when they surpassed what many thought was their limit. Not only did they keep up academically, they also held a Halloween Dance, made a school banner, and held a bake sale. Throughout the year many of the ninth graders also kept busy by working on the yearbook staff, newspaper staff, volunteering at the Sultan Olympics and being inducted into the National Honor Society.

The freshmen class was sponsored this year by Ms. Shelly Swanson, but was led by President Laura Neuenswander, Vice-President Necat Akman, Secretary Amanda San Antonio, and Treasurer Julia Mitrocsak. They excelled in what they set out to achieve. But let's not forget their SCA representatives, Tamara Blickisdorf and Ryan Robbins, who went to every meeting to ensure things got done when it concerned their class.

Even though the Freshmen class lost a few of their fellow classmates, Kent Ballard, Lindsey Connors, and Dilara Venus, they did receive some new additions to their ever growing class : Chris Lawson, Rebekah Howard, John Sola and Morgan Espana. Overall, the Freshmen had a great year and are looking forward to being Sophomores next year.



President Laura Neuenswander, Vice President Necat Akman, Secretary Amanda SanAntonio and Treasurer Julia Mitrocsak

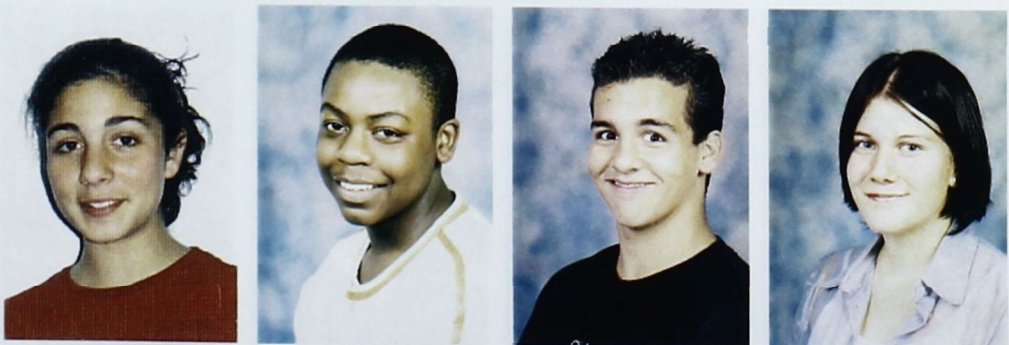


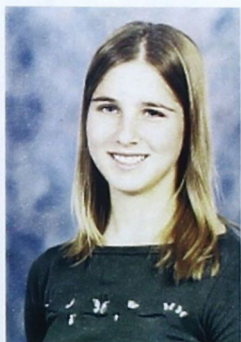
Homecoming Court Amanda SanAntonio and Blake Alston



Ryan is having fun at the NHS Dance

Necat Akman
Blake Alston
Kent Ballard
Tamara Blickisdorf





Sydney Carder
Lindsey Connors
Antoinette Decker
Darryl Donaldson



Morgan Espana
Rebeka Howard
Chris Lawson
Julia Mitrocsak



What is she doing?



Julia putting her best foot forward!



Ryan and Shameice, looking pretty for Homecoming



Ahh...Those Service Learning Field Trips!



Is that my Gatorade she's drinking?



Mykh and Blake chillin' after school.



Laura Neuenswander
Ryan Robbins



Elliot Roberts
Amanda SanAntonio
James SanAntonio
John Sola



Dilara Venus
Mykhael Walker
Shameice Williams
Geneva Young

Teachers and Faculty

"Our past is our wisdom to use today...Our future is our wisdom yet to experience. Be in the present moment because that is where life resides."



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Students,

Memories and the future are the meaning of the pages in this book. Memories are dear now and more precious as the years to come make this the "past". The past is a well from which each of you can draw the water of memories. The future is built on the past. The "good old days" with their mistakes, successes and knowledge are contained in this book.

I wish you wisdom in your future, whatever it may be, and the ability to look back without regrets and forward with joy and anticipation.

Thank you for making my first school year at the Izmir American School exciting, challenging, and rewarding.

Cathy L. Magni
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



This has been a wonderful year! Our new principal Ms.Magni, has helped us all celebrate our accomplishments regularly. Everyone loves all the warmth which comes from the colorful mobiles, new tiled entrance, and the class banners. Many students have distinguished themselves in academics, the arts, and sports. We are very proud of Melissa Ozkurt and her musical talent, Justin Carr and Schyler Carbone for their Mathcounts achievement as well as Danielle Mace and Andrew Simes for their wrestling prowess, and Lianna Scharff for her Presidential Classroom Participation. Our middle school was off to a marvelous start this year! Thanks to an enthusiastic and committed middle school faculty who were responsible for fun "team-building" days at Bayraklı, great dances, and an all-round successful experience for our young teens. The younger children in kindergarten through fifth grades enjoyed getting to know several new faculty members and will look back fondly on their class plays, recess at Bayraklı Park, and interesting field trips. We are fortunate to be able to share this wonderful city of İzmir and country of Turkey with such motivated and kind students of all ages.

Dr. Susan Simmons
Assistant Principal



Bonnie Swisher



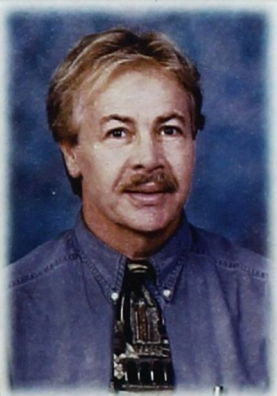
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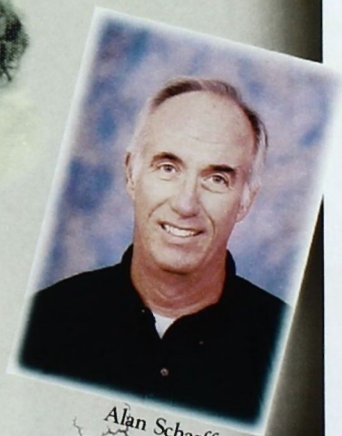
Dale Thompson



Shelley Swanson



Diane Hewitt



Alan Scharff





Gilma Okbinoglu



Joan Çobanlı



Martha Stanton



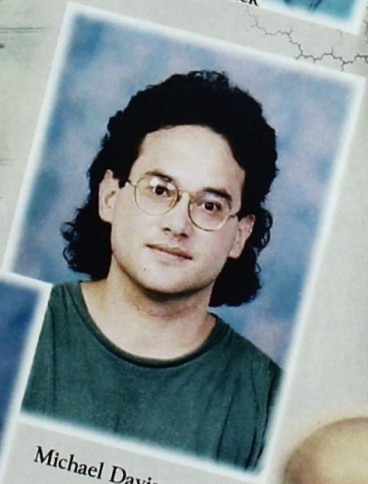
Yusuf Odabaşoglu



Louisa Pollack



Bill Wood



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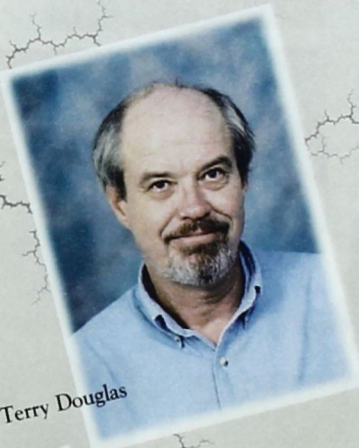


Judith Driesen





Rosie Uluer



Terry Douglas



Theresa Chandler



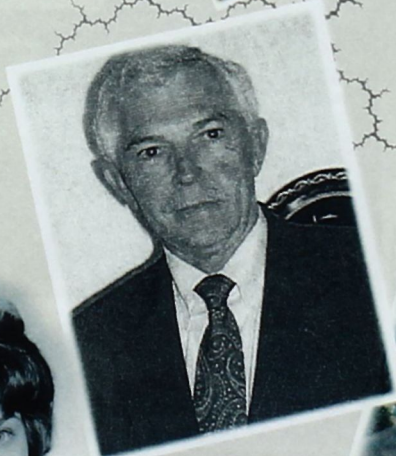
Tanju Varlikh



Donna MacBean



Geri Shimabukuro



Don Fowler



Betty Reswick







Middle School

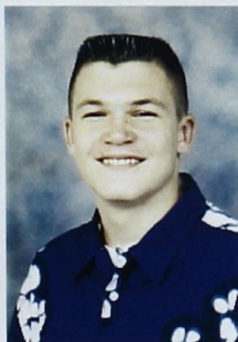
8TH GRADE • CLASS OF 2004

Here we come!

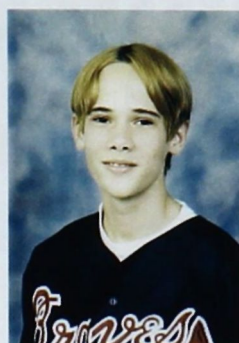
This year the eighth grade class has been involved in many of the SCA's, as well as their own, activities. We were involved in the science EXPO for Ms. Fenderson as well as learning CPR and many aspects of first aid in health. We also put together a newspaper for History and planned one of the best Bayrakli team building days of the year. Alison Hutton and Marc Steinbuchel served as Middle School SCA officers this year and our Class Representatives were Sara Rivera and Justin Carr. As a class, we had a bunch of parties that included an awesome end of the year party along with a field trip, which we had at Ms. Fenderson's house.



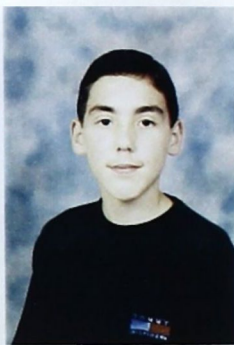
Enrico, AJ, and Michael are ready to attack!



Josh Alberstadt
Sergio Anariba
Lauren Belflower
Justin Carr



Jennifer Calvery
Michael Byrd
Pasha Eisele
Sheena Everette



Glen Ford
Alison Hutton
Enrico Leshner - Martignago
John Lucynski



Anthony Naiman
Aliya Postell
Sara Rivera
Frank Salminen



8th Grade Prince
and Princess
Sheena Everette
and Sergio
Anariba



Marc and Michael after a soccer game against the High School



Moira and Lauren are having too much fun in PE!



Angels? Yeah right!

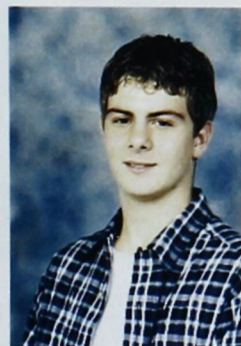


"Help! I can't walk anymore!!!"

Frank and Marc - hang in there! (right) Justin and Alison are being inducted into the NJHS



Chris Sams
Alan Schmitz
Moir Simes



Marc Steinbuchel
Gretchen Smith
Andrew Swisher
Chantel Wilson-Jenkins



Akin Akman
Shantel Arett
Josh Ballard
Bianca Blickisdorf

7TH GRADE • CLASS OF 2005

Seventh grade lost a few of their fellow pupils throughout the school year, but also gained new friends in the process.

Math is often simply known as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. But there is more than meets the eye. This year, Ms. Hewitt's math students received a new series of books, which many have greatly enjoyed. The seventh grade has learned how to work out fractions, integers, areas, percentages, graphs, and much more. Maybe someday a student will fulfill Ms. Hewitt's dream by becoming famous and saying, "Ms. Hewitt was my teacher."

World Geography, taught by Ms. MacBean, allowed the seventh graders to let their minds travel all around the world. Through World Geography the class learned more about the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, Europe, and the Caribbean. One activity they enjoyed was March's Mexican Food Fair, where each class member was assigned a dish to make and bring in for the whole class to taste.

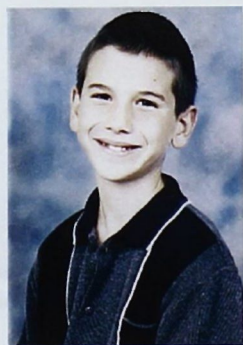
Environment, creatures, chemicals, reactions and experiments are some of the basics Ms. Fenderson has taught her students in seventh grade. To draw people's attention to all the problems in the world and ways to prevent these problems, they drew posters of the consequences of what happens when one does not take care of the pollution they are creating. Expo this year was a great success. Ms. Fenderson, as well as her students, put in numerous hours and hard work.

Every morning, as the seventh grade walked into English class, they were greeted by Mr. Swinestein's daily dose of interesting facts or by Ms. Swanson's famous line, "Well, I'll be a bowlegged skunk!" In English the seventh graders learned many new things from complex spelling words to proper grammar, and always had an abundance of writing assignments.

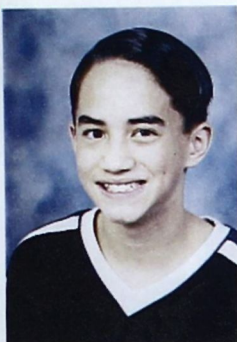
The seventh graders had a fun filled year and learned valuable lessons and information to better prepare them for the eighth grade.



The seventh grade girls somewhere in Turkey



Chanel Bosh -
Hardy
Schyler Carbone
Ashley Chandler
Sera Chereskin



Margot Davis
Keo Guevara
Jeff Fotakis
Alexandria Goddess



Alexis Harper
Octavia Harris
Aubrey Hill
Octavia Jackson



David Jennings
Tanya Kenney
Emily Leshner
Jessica Lawrence



Well, let's call it modern art?



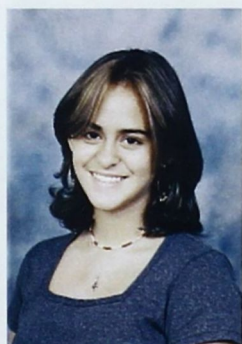
Keri, Nicole, Brandon, Emily, Bianca, Tomris, and Ernestine enjoy the night out with the high schoolers



The Seventh graders demonstrate what teamwork is all about!



Keri Mace
Shawna Mason
Brandon Mayer



Corey McGuire
Ernestine Nieto
Tomris Ozkul
Elena Reyes



Dane Roberts
Nicole Tudor
Patricia Weaver
Karen Wing

6TH GRADE - CLASS OF 2006

Loud and Rowdy!

Such a busy year the sixth graders have had! In science, they studied the Animal Kingdoms, Weather and Climate, Electricity, Magnetism, Forces at Work, and the Solar System. They have also been working on a project for the annual Science Exposition.

This year in math the class tackled Geometry and kept busy with fractions, decimals, and integers. Ms. Hewitt made sure to keep them on their toes!

In Social Studies, they learned about ancient civilizations, including Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Ancient China and Ancient Rome. They were given assignments on each civilization and did many reports and projects.

In Language Arts and Reading they learned study skills, how to summarize, and grammar usage. Ms. McBean helped the class tremendously with their units.

A new system was added to the sixth grade schedule: the wheel. The wheel is a period in which middle schoolers had an opportunity to rotate certain classes such as band and chorus. Other activities the sixth graders experienced were Physical Education, Art,

Computers, and Home Economics. Ms. Stanton kept the class physically fit with games like "pickle ball", volleyball, and hockey. In art class they learned perspective and mask making. Their fingers were kept busy in Mr. Simpkins computer classes which improved their computer skills with PowerPoint presentations.

The sixth grade had a very busy year and had a great time doing it.



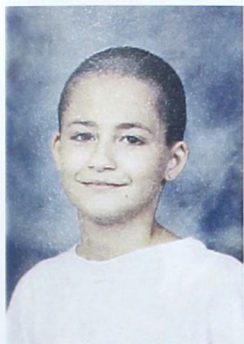
Miss Donna McBean and her sixth grade class.

Michael Beuckens
Adam Beveridge
Jordan Carder
Jessica Carr

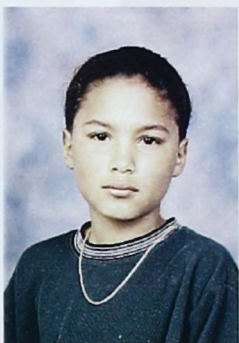


Steven Chandler
Scott Crawford
Wignelia Cruz
Amanda Frisby





James Garcia-Langley
Christopher Garen
Melissa James
Nicholas Mitrocsak



Amanda Neuenswander
Lorena Peterson
Miguel Ramirez
Amanda Rakes



Karl Reyes
Zach Reynolds
Denis Rivera
Dennis Sabatino



Homecoming Attendees Jordan Carder and Jessica Carr.



Melissa shoots for Spirit Points



Rachael, Lenora and Angelica take notes on a study trip



The sixth grade boys look lost



The Sixth Graders
visit nature!
(Right) "Ms. F, can
I take this home?"



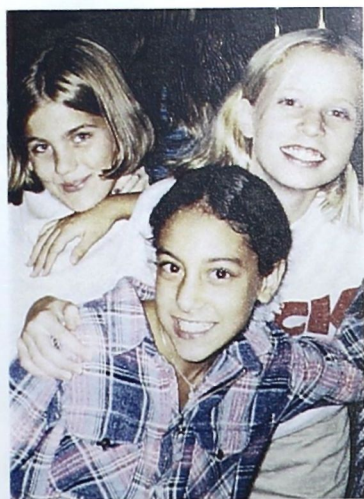
Lenora Shaw
Heather Strong
Laura Thacker
Angelica Thomas



Tomas Tuma
Rachael Turnbull
Alexandria Vanwinkle
Victor Williams



Activities and Organizations



HALLOWEEN



Deniz and Jessie...



Rachel and Lindsey...



Antoinette Decker
"She-devil"



Ryan, Senem and Bridget having a good time.



Our very own beauty Queens - Julia and Amanda



Dude looks like a lady!



The 2000 Homecoming Court and Col. James Chamberlain.

Homecoming this year was a very big event. The theme "Ocean of Dreams" many got into the spirit by wearing Hawaiian leis and dancing "under the ocean". The decorations this year went beyond the norm of streamers and brightly colored cutouts. The room was magically transformed into a tropical beach, complete with palm trees, and an ocean full of fish. The decorating committee, headed by Danielle Mace, received many of their underwater inspirations from outside sources, such as major contributor Sativa Young. Homecoming was held in the Hotel Ismira. The large attendance, consisting of sixth through twelfth graders, made Homecoming a night to remember. This year the SCA also decided to make the dance even more memorable by giving out souvenir wineglasses and Hawaiian leis.



Mr. Simpkins and Mrs. Fenderson enjoying the night out



Senior Class Princess Danielle Mace, King Andrew, Queen Laury and Col. Chamberlain.

This year's elected court consisted of King, Andrew Simes; Queen, Laury Rakes; and Princess Dainielle Mace. The outer court consisted of princes and princesses from 11th grade: Marcus Randel and Deniz Beveridge, 10th grade: Andy Mitrocsak and Crystal Martin, 9th grade: Blake Alston and Amanda San Antonio. The Middle School Court consisted of princes and princesses from 8th grade: Sergio Anariba and Sheena Everett, 7th grade: Brandon Mayer and Margot Davis, 6th grade: Jordan Carter and Jessica Carr. Along with a medley of music and food, there was a good time to be had by all.



MARDI GRAS



Mrs. Magni crowns Prince Ryan



King Lilian and Queen Necat



Asli, Deniz, Tamara and Bianca - all dressed up!

Every year millions of people gather in New Orleans to take part in the celebration of Mardi Gras. This year the senior class decided to bring the spirit of Mardi Gras to Izmir, Turkiye, by throwing a Mardi Gras themed spring formal. This idea, new to the Izmir dance scene, was thought up by the creative and ingenious officers of the senior class who wished to bring more flavor and variety to Izmir's dances. To make the experience more authentic, the senior class embellished the dance with feathered and sequined masks, beads, and doubloons, coins that are thrown from the floats at Mardi Gras, and bare images representing

the celebration.

The room, which had a beautiful view of the waterfront, was decorated in the official Mardi Gras colors of green, gold and purple, and decorations were completed with huge painted masks, which were made by the seniors themselves.

Many hours of planning went into the dance, with numerous trips to Konak for supplies, and anxious visits to the post office in search of the accessories that were ordered and did not arrive until the morning of the dance. The seniors, however, do owe a lot to the Youth Director, Mr. Eddy Mentzer, for his role in the planning. His contributions added greatly to the suc-

cess of the dance. He not only helped with many of the last minute details, but also added many of his own ideas to the decorating and planning of the dance.

It was made evident that "girls rule" at Izmir school when all classes nominated females for their court which consisted of King, Lilian Anariba; Queen, Necat Akman; Prince, Ryan Robbins; and Princess, Melissa Holiman.

The dance was a great success and it has been said that the idea will definitely be used again in the future. This, of course, was not surprising to the seniors, since they already knew their idea was great.



What's your secret?



Rita and Deniz smile for the camera



Having a blast!



Jessie and Pasha - What more can we say?



Senem and Jim just chillin



What's Michael doing with all those High School girls?

PROM 2000

On May 13, 2000 the annual Junior/Senior Prom took place. The Juniors and Seniors, along with their invited guests arrived at 1888 restaurant to find "Heaven on Earth".

The week before Prom proved stressful for the junior class, who were fearful that all of their decorations and souvenirs wouldn't arrive on time, but luck shone down on them; most of their items arrived, with some of it coming in that morning. Prom was an elegant event, and included a select group of sixth through eighth graders who were fortunate enough to be invited by their upperclassmen friends. Dancing to the music provided by DJ Eddy Mentzer, the students of Izmir school filled the garden of 1888 restaurant with laughter.

The night was completed when the crowning of the court took place. Andrew Simes won the title of Prom King, Marcus Randel, Prom Prince, and Melissa Holiman was elected Prom Queen with Jessie Wood as Prom Princess



Prom Court; Prince Marcus Randel, Princess Jessica Wood, Queen Melissa Holiman and King Andrew Simes



A night to remember!



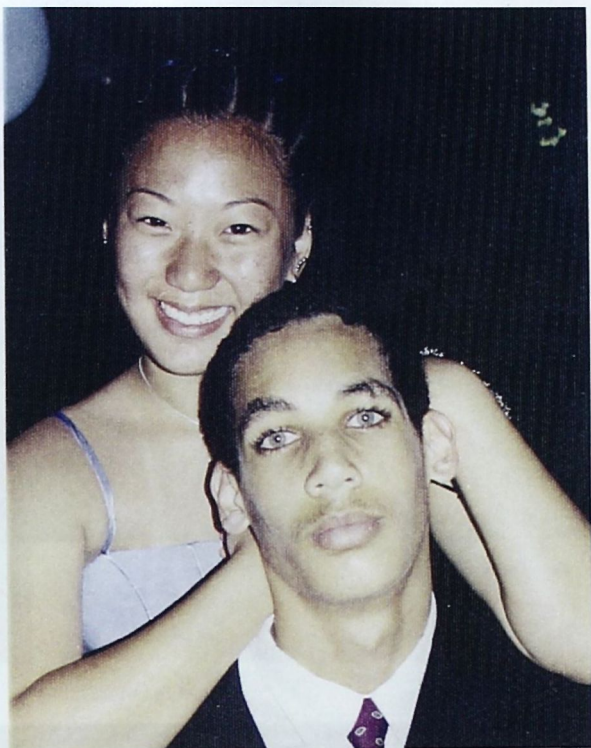
Belly dancing maybe?



Lilian and John strike a pose, but what are those two doing?



Cindy, Janine, Laury, Starr, and their dates



Don't they make a cute couple?



The Young Sisters



Mr. Douglas, Dr. Simmons, and Mrs. Magni enjoying the Prom



That better be juice, Frank!



MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCES



Beatuties and the Beast



Ms. Fenderson dancing the night away



Show those Pearl-Middle Schoolers!



The Vampires strike at night!



Best Dressed

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCES



Those Middle Schoolers just go wild when they see a camera



Café? Oui! Merci!



What have you been up to Tomris?



Scott, Justin, and Marc - Checking out the girls!



Satan and Charlie Chaplin



The student vs. teacher game



Check out those sexy legs!



SPIRIT



Sativa and Andy show school spirit



And the winner is.....

Pop Bullies

High School SCA



From left: Danielle Mace, Melissa Holiman, Andrew Simes, Rita Schmitz, Tamara Blickisdorf, Lara Borchers and Asli Houser



President Danielle Mace, Vice President Jessica Wood, Secretary Melissa Holiman and Treasurer Andrew Simes

At the beginning of the year, the future of the high school Student Council was uncertain. Much to their anger and disappointment, students were told that because of the lack of a sponsor, there would not be a high school SCA. This decision was overturned however, when this year's first sponsor, Mrs. Michelle Bartz, accepted the position in November.

Once officers were elected the SCA jumped straight into action and threw a dance-a-thon/lock-in in the school gym. This proved to be a huge success bringing in funds to support the SCA's future activities and providing the students with an eventful weekend. Under the guidance of President Danielle Mace, they also gave the very successful Homecoming Dance in January.

As things were beginning to get settled, and the group accustomed to working with each other, another problem was thrown in the path of the SCA. Mrs. Bartz had to return to America, and they were once again left without a sponsor. Mrs. Magni took over temporarily until a new heroine emerged to save the SCA from their distress: Mrs. Ganece Mace.

This year's SCA was a hard working team that was successful in everything it persevered in. They helped make this school year a memorable and enjoyable one by representing their student body to the best of their ability.



From Bottom Left: Alison Hutton, Sara Rivera, Sera Chereskin, Amanda Rakes, Alexis Harper, Brandon Mayer, Jessica Carr, Marc Steinbuchel and Bianca Blickisdorf



Secretary Sera Chereskin, President Alison Hutton, Treasurer Bianca Blickisdorf and Vice President Marc Steinbuchel

The Middle School SCA for 1999-2000 was off to a good start and sponsored many activities which were enjoyed by the Middle School students. In change this year were President Alison Hutton, Vice President Marc Steinbuchel, Treasurer Bianca Blickisdorf and Secretary Sera Chereskin. The greatest goal achieved by the Middle School SCA was supporting a child through the Christian Children's Fund. They raised money by selling Candy-Grams, Flower-Grams, and hosting numerous dances in order to provide schooling, food, and shelter for their adopted child. Thanks to the students and advisors who worked hard all year to make the Middle School SCA a success. Their end of year projects included school beautification by planting flowers and a boat trip at the end of the year to Çeşme.



Sponsors Ms. MacBean and Ms. Fenderson show the Middle Schoolers how to party!

National Honor Society



From the Bottom: John Lucynski, Moira Simes, Emily Leshner, Sara Rivera, Alison Hutton, Laura Neuenswander, Melissa Ozkurt, Lindsey Gustaitis, Janine Harper, Mrs. Uluor, Justin Carr, Tamara Blickisdorf, Andy Mitrocsak

This year's National Honor Society members worked diligently toward the goals and ambitions they set for themselves during the school year. The officers were Jessie Wood as President, Melissa Ozkurt as Vice President, Janine Harper as Secretary and Tamara Blickisdorf as Treasurer. Through the course of the year, they dedicated many of their weekends to fundraiser projects, like bake sales, and they still found time to take a field trip to the Karşıyaka Orphanage, which was a real eye-opener to them.

Not only did they raise money to support a child in Africa, they also had to raise money for the induction ceremony, which was held on March 24, 2000 at St. John's Cathedral. The new National Junior Honor Society Inductees were Justin Carr, Emily Leshner, Brandon Mayer, Elena Reyes, and Alison Hutton. The new National Honor Society Inductees were: Andy Mitrocsak, Melissa Ozkurt, and Cindy Stauffer.



Jessie, Melissa, Tamara, Deniz and Andy get ready for the Induction Ceremony



Col. Chamberlain and Mrs. Magni congratulate the new Inductees



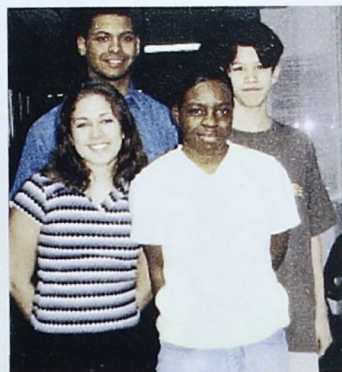
Lindsey gives her speech on the Eternal Light of Knowledge

Student of the Quarter



Students of the first quarter were

Melissa Ozkurt
James SanAntonio
Sarah Swisher
Andrew Simes



Students of the Second quarter were

Jessie Wood
Marcus Randel
Crystal Martin
Andy Mitrocsak



Students of the third quarter were

John Hernandez, Tamara Blickisdorf, Denise Beveridge, and Lindsey Gustaitis

Student of the third quarter were



Melissa Holiman



Starr Gordon

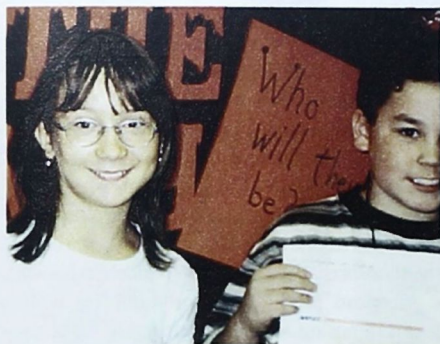


Lawrence Peterson



Laura Neuenswander

Student of the Month



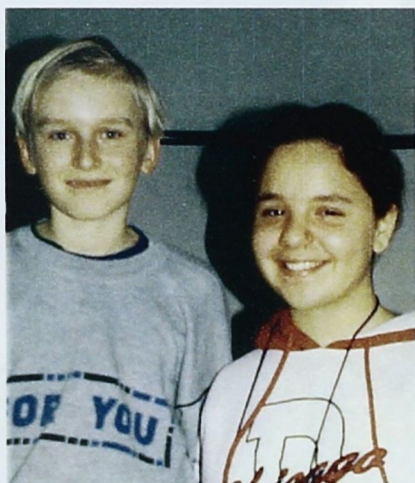
September Emily Lehner (7th) and Karl Reyes (6th)



October Glen Ford (8th) and Nicole Tudor (7th)



November : Alison Hutton (8th) and Jessica Carr (6th)



December : Tomas Tuman (6th) and Sera Chereskin (7th)



January : Justin Carr (8th) and Bianca Blickisdorf (7th)



February : Moria Simes (8th) and Sheena Everette



March : Sara Rivera (8th) and Ashley Chandler (7th)



April : Jeff Fotakis (7th) and Alphonso De Leon (6th)

Yearbook Staff

It is to a small group of dedicated and hard working individuals, the 1999-2000 yearbook staff, that you owe a huge "Thank you" for we are the people that selflessly put countless hours into the production and perfection of your yearbook. The staff, much smaller than last year was comprised of seven; Co-Editors, Danielle Mace and Sativa Young along with Sarah Swisher, Lilian Anariba, Layout Editor, Tamara Blickisdorf. Lindsey Gustaitis and Andrew Simes.

The staff had a colossal task laid before them when they assembled in October: not only did they have to compile a hundred page yearbook, they also had to raise enough funds to have it published. For months, the staff spent their weekends roaming through Konak and the shops of Izmir asking merchants if they would like to purchase yearbook ads in order to pay for the publication. This in itself was not an easy task considering the language barrier the staff faced. They became bold in their sales pitches, attained their goal, and raised the necessary funds.

The staff would have been lost, however, without the help of volunteer advisors Mrs. Ganece Mace and Mr. Tanju Varlikli. Mrs. Mace, who devoted countless hours to the yearbook, served as the backbone of the yearbook staff and encouraged the staff to go on, even when they thought

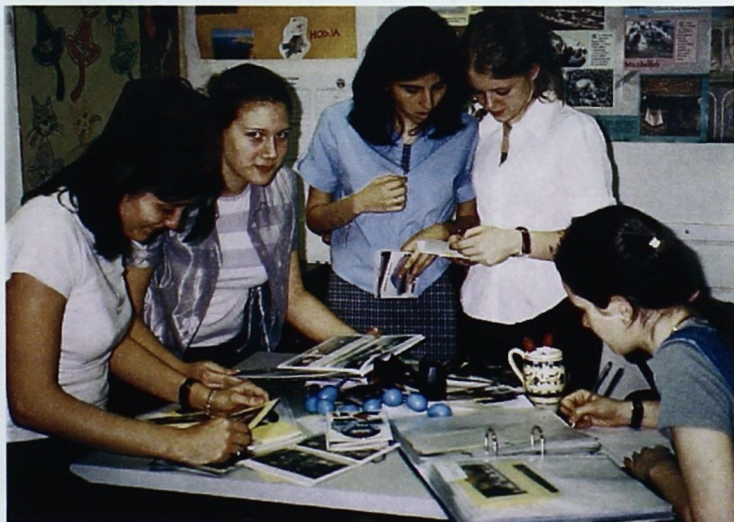
they'd never get the yearbook completed. She led the way by reaching out into the community and gaining support. No community organization was left unscathed; all were asked, "Would you like to buy a yearbook ad?" She also kept the staff to their deadlines and made time in her already busy schedule to attend all after school, weekend, and lunch time meetings. Without her help, the production of this yearbook would not have been possible. Mr. Varlikli, who previously sponsored yearbooks in Turkish schools, learned about American productions and came up with some interesting fundraising ideas by connecting them to Turkish holidays. A special thanks goes to Tamara Blickisdorf for her hard work as layout Editor. Without her, the yearbook would not have gotten put together. Without Sativa and Sarah, there wouldn't be the words of wisdom. Lilian and Danielle skipped many sports practices to help in the task of creating this yearbook. The staff had their good times and their bad times, but somehow they made it through it all. This staff now has a greater appreciation for anyone who undertakes such a timeconsuming job. The yearbook staff is proud of all its hard work and achievements and hopes you enjoy the memories within these pages.



Cute hats!



Our tiny little darcers



Yearbook Staff



"You can leave your hat on"



Mr. Varlikh



Ganeece Mace



The Yearbook staff working diligently



Taking a Pepsi break



The Sultan Times



Left to right (bottom to top)
 (row one) Sativa Young
 Sarah Swisher (row two)
 Jeff Fotakis, Geneva Young,
 Danielle Mace, Natalie Carder
 (row three) Emily Leshner,
 Chanel Bosh Hardy,
 Moria Simes, Melissa Ozkurt,
 Melissa Holiman,
 John Hernandez, (row four)
 Mr. Simpkins, Jessie Wood,
 Lindsey Gustaitis, Rita Schmitz

Without the help of the paper's Assistant Editor, Caroline Haas, who moved after the first semester, Editor, Sativa Young, and Layout Editor, Sarah Swisher, had no small task when handling the large staff of the Sultan Times. With twenty-four staff members to track down to turn their assignments in by deadline, the paper was completed in what always turned out to be an all too hectic day. they soon found other alternatives to tearing their hair out to relieve there pre-publication stress.

The Times wrote an array of articles ranging from updates on class business and sports to interviews with important visiting government officials. The Times also had a cover artist, something absent from the staff of last year's Sultan Times. The very talented Natalie Carder adorned the front cover of the Sultan Times with original artwork, adding an extra festive feel to the Christmas issue and a romantic quality to the February issue, and bringing the covers of the other issues to life. Besides having a cover artist, another position was added to the staff of the paper, Technology Editor. Andrew Simes filled this position.

Under the guidance of sponsor Mr. Simpkins, the staff managed to meet most of their deadlines, although there were one or two late issues. This was not too big of a problem however, because the publication of the paper was always a greatly anticipated event.



Sarah Swisher, Mr. Simpkins,
 Sativa Young

Drama

After last year's success with Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and our teaming with Maltepe Askeri Lisesi (Maltepe Military High School) to make it, we tried again with "Robin Hood".

"The PLAY is the thing!" said Shakespeare, but that is not always the case. In this instance, the PLAY was the VEHICLE. The vehicle to support and promote Turkish-American relations, to provide a common project that is complicated, difficult and celebratory for students of widely divergent cultural and linguistic backgrounds aiming toward a convergent goal... making 'the play the thing'. The cultural differences are monumental, encompassing at least four different cultures: Turkish culture, American culture, Turkish military culture (decidedly different from Turkish culture), and American military culture (ditto the previous).



Check out the Merry Men



The Robin Hood Cast



Maltepe Askeri
Lisesi

Raif AKBAŞ
Staff Colonel



Izmir American
School

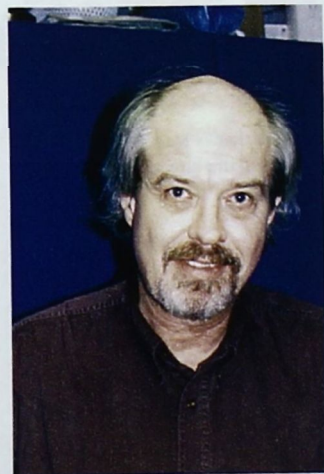
Cordially invites you to the
Maltepe Military High School and
Izmir American School
Production of

Robin Hood

21-22 April 2000 at 20:30 hrs
Maltepe Military High School Theatre

Maltepe Askeri Lisesi : 234 24 90
Izmir American School : 3290/ 425-1680

In "Robin Hood" we tried to combine the talents of as many students as possible, including the multicultural combinations of IAS students (DoDDS students have been located in many different places), equally multicultural combinations of Maltepe cadets (they come from all over Turkey and two of our cast and crew are Albanian), and, to add spice, a couple of Americans who are presently home schooled. Our satisfaction with this production cannot simply be measured by the success of the Maltepe cadets with the difficult English, the convergence of both Turkish and American students in costuming and setting the stage, the endless travel and late nights, the stage combat (sword fighting, quarter staff and unarmed) or the 300 or more audience members who watched the production. The light strikes more brightly on friendships made, on shared experience, on jokes made backstage, and the realization that we are more alike than different.



Our very talented Mr. Douglas

High School Band



The High School Band: Tamara Blickisdorf, Lawrence Peterson, Melissa Ozkurt, Ryan Robbins, Crystal Martin, Necat Akman, Desiree Bevely and Geneva Young

Even though this year's band was smaller than usual, and almost could have qualified as an ensemble, they did an outstanding job putting on various concert performances. Due to the band's small size, they were able to receive help from the local Symphony's head trumpeter, Conservatory students, as well as community members. All of this support made the Spring Concert a memorable one. Pieces such as "Lean on Me", "La Bamba", and "The Superhits of the 70's" were enjoyed by both the band members and audience.

The band also had a great opportunity to travel to Incirlik and participate in the TSI (Turkey, Spain, Islands) District Music Festival. At the festival they had a chance to perform with fellow band students from Ankara, Incirlik, Lajes, Rota and Bahrain.



Melissa thanks Ms. Shimabukuro after the Spring Concert



The High School Band performs at a Concert



Mr. Vern, Tomris, Chantel, Justin and Asli concentrate on a piece of music



The Middle School and High School Choirs perform at the Christmas Concert



Asli surprised us all with her beautiful voice

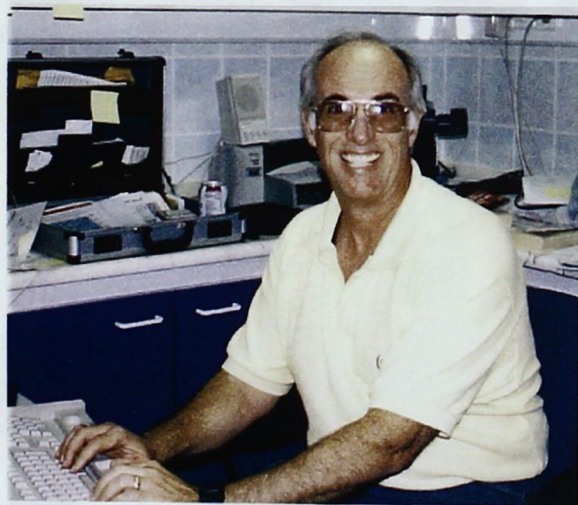


The Middle School band relax after a performance

Mathcounts



Bianca Blickisdorf, Schyler Carbone, Justin Carr and Michael Byrd



Coach Scharff prepared for another day of MathCounts

On March 22, 2000 the Izmir American School Mathcounts team competed in the DoDDS State Mathcounts Competition in Germany. The team which is made up of only seventh and eighth graders, included Bianca Blickisdorf, Michael Byrd, Schyler Carbone, and Justin Carr. The high school math teacher, Mr. Alan Scharff, served as the team's coach and prepared them for the competitions by teaching them high school and SAT level math. The team's aptitude for math was demonstrated in the State Competition, when the team ranked first in the Turkey, Spain district and eighth in all of DoDDS. The team also displayed outstanding success in the personal competition where Schyler Carbone ranked as the top seventh grader in the competition and Justin Carr ranked first place for eighth grade in all of DoDDS worldwide! He had the opportunity to compete in the Nationals in Washington D.C. where he ranked in the top one hundred.

Overall, the team had a great time competing in Germany and would like to extend their appreciation to Mr. Scharff, Lt. Col. Mallery, Lt. Col. Mitrocsak, and Lt. Col. Rakes for all of their teaching, patience, and support!



This is the proof that math is not the only thing on their minds!

SHINING STARS



Justin Carr is an eighth grader this year. Justin was born in Tacoma, Washington on January 31, 1986. Before he moved to Izmir he lived at Edwards AFB, California, for four years. Here in Izmir he joined the MathCounts team and along with the Izmir team he traveled to Wiesbaden, Germany, where he competed in the State Competition and made first out of all of DoDDs Europe. As captain of the DoDDs Europe Team, he and three other students traveled to Washington D.C. to compete at the National Championships. Justin and his family were so excited about his success and determination. Justin finished ninety-second out of two-hundred and twenty-eight people. This experience has been great for Justin and he has enjoyed it very much.

As a newcomer to the annual DoDDs European tennis finals in Wiesbaden Germany, 14-year-old Izmir freshman, Necat Akman, quickly made her presence known. On Friday, October 15th, Akman faced the number two seed, Sarah Houthuys, of International School of Brussels. Though she was angry when she lost the first game, Akman kept her composure.

"I was mad," Akman stated, and channeling her aggression into the game, she slugged the ball deep into the corners, moving Houthuys all over the court, which resulted in the first victory match for Izmir. Akman confidently rode her ferocious forehand to a 7-6 (7-4) 6-3 victory over her taller, 18-year-old opponent Yasmine Blanco of AFCENT, Germany on the second day of the matches.

"I stayed back and hit the corners," Akman said of her game. On her way home, now with a medal, a first ever trophy for an All-European competition won by an Izmir student and the title of Number One in DoDDs Europe, Necat Akman felt proud and ready to compete again next year.

Since she has been playing tennis for six years under the training of Francisco Montoya, there is no question about how she became such an excellent tennis player. Every summer for the past four years, Akman has attended a tennis camp in Florida to develop and refine her skills. Akman has played internationally and in Turkish competition, ranking third in the country. She still isn't sure of which college to attend, but she knows that she wants to go somewhere in the United States, and she hopes to earn a tennis scholarship.



SHINING STARS



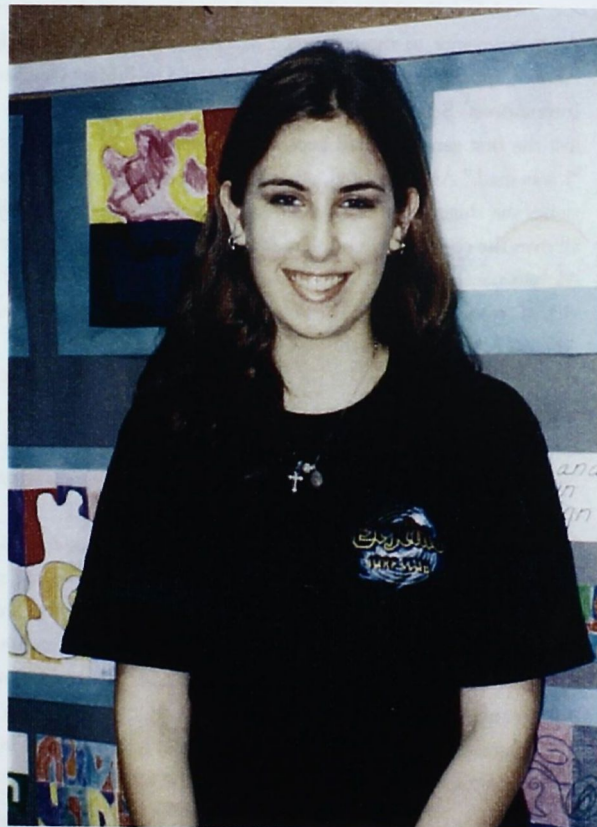
While most students were getting ready for the Mardi Gras dance, Melissa Ozkurt was working hard practicing challenging music for the all-European DoDDS Honor Music Festival, which was held in BadKissingen, Germany. About 300 students auditioned for both band and chorus and 120 were chosen. Band and Chorus/Members were selected through a tape audition, judged by a board of music educators across Europe. Melissa ranked 2nd out of the 30 clarinet applicants. Approximately 90 chorus and 60 band members were selected for Honor Band 2000. For three days, March 19-22 band and chorus practiced separately, and practiced long hard hours from 8 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon, and on the evening of March 23, joined together to perform the final concert. The band played a variety of music, including Ravel's Bolero, and the choir also sang Les Miserables. The finale piece was the combined Honor Band and Choir who performed Beethoven's 9th Symphony (Finale). Good work Melissa!

Lianna Scharff had the honor of being selected to represent Izmir American School at the annual Presidential Classroom, World Leaders Summit, in Washington DC, during the week of March 19-25, 2000.

The Presidential Classroom is a program that allows high school students from all over the world to observe the federal government at work through a series of seminars and discussions. Students have the opportunity to discuss government and politics with members of Congress, Presidential appointees, journalists and other experts in the field of politics and democracy.

Chosen from a group of five Izmir Junior and Senior applicants, Lianna was sponsored by the PTO and other community organizations for the funding of her trip. Through her experience at the Presidential Classroom, Lianna believes that she has gained a better insight on the way in which our government works and the workings of peoples and cultures.

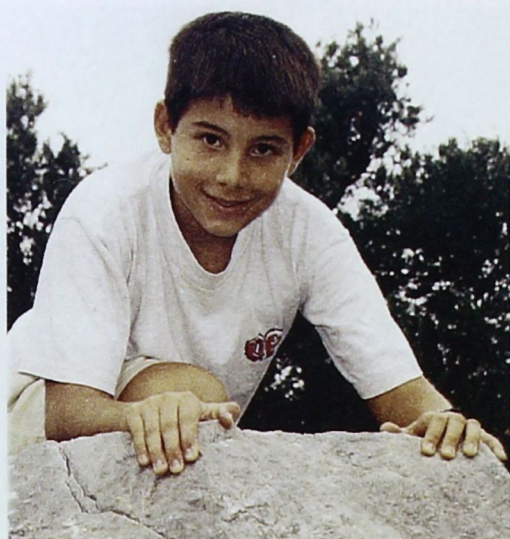
Congratulations Lianna on your achievements in Washington and good luck in all your future endeavors!



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Like mother, like daughter



Adam, the adventurous explorer



The gang's all here

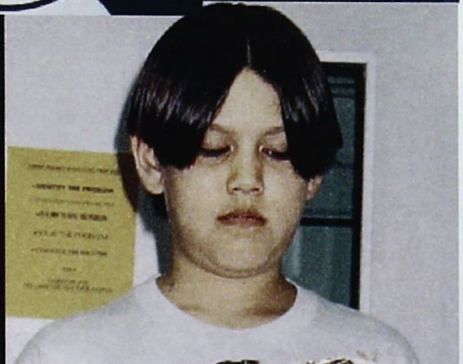
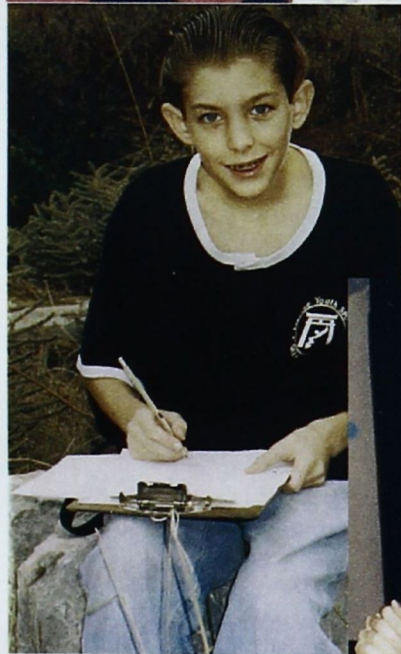


Margot and Elena, just hanging out



The fortune tellers

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Everyone say "Cheese"



Group shot Homecoming



Akin's new look



What's wrong Justin?



Finally we get to rest



Three beautiful beauties

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What do you mean? I always dress like this.



Alan, she said, "Stand up not hands up!"



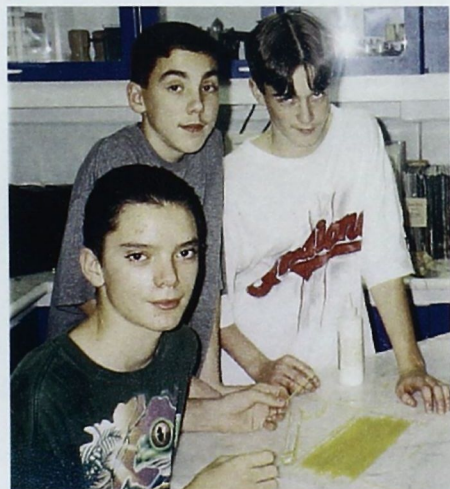
Sheena looking beautiful



Karen Wing and Aubrey Hill



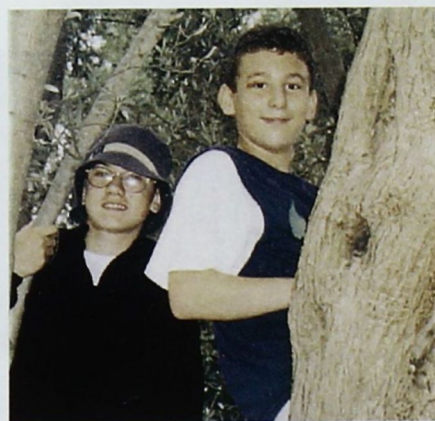
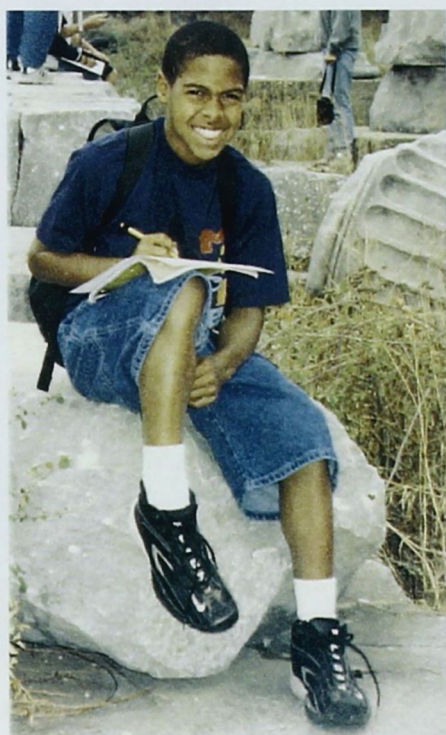
What's growing in your fridge this week?



Of course we're having fun, Ms. Fenderson!

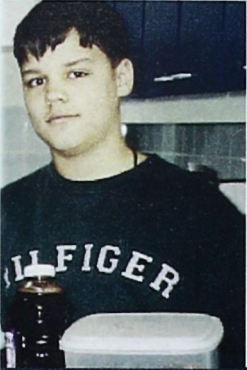
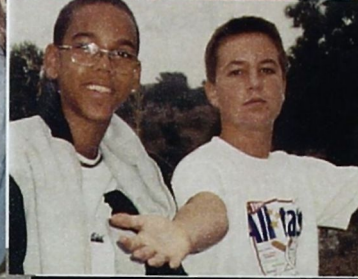
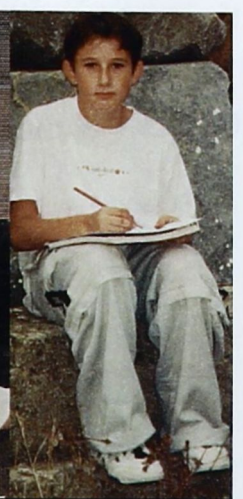
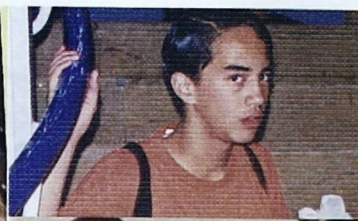


Girls just want to have fun.



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Best Friends



Deniz Beveridge and Jessie Wood



Laura Neuenswander and Amanda San Antonio



Keri Mace and Kristen Miner



Allison Hutton and Moira Simes



Chris Lawson, Mykhael Walker, Darryl Donaldson and Blake Alston



Melissa Holiman and Lara Borchers



Necat Akman and Ryan Robbins



Laury Rakes and Starr Gordon

Best Friends



Lilian Anariba, Lindsey Gustaitis and Danielle Mace



Melissa Ozkurt and Tamara Blickisdorf



Sara Rivera, Sheena Everett, Octavia Jackson, Octavia Harris and Denis Rivera



Geneva Young and Lindsey Connors

*"Best Friends
are those who walk in when
everyone else walks out"*



Lianna Scharff, Yvonne Lonien and Jasmin Teufel



Bridget Smith and Senem Chereskin

Remember When...



Patrick and Starr Gordon



Sarah and Andrew Swisher



Lindsey, Jordan and Justin Gustaitis



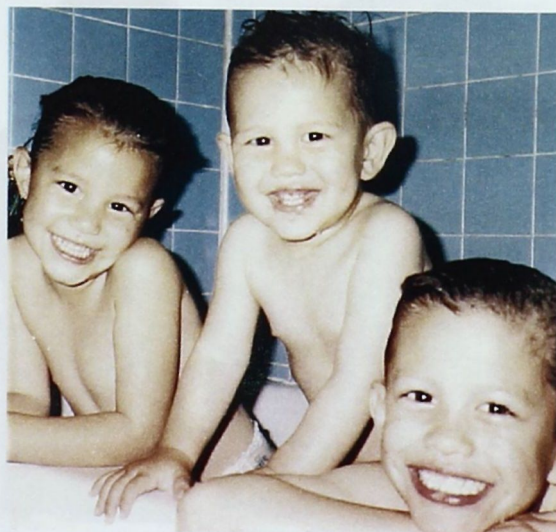
Justin and Jessica Carr



Deniz and Adam Beveridge



Danielle and Keri Mace



Andy, Julia and Nick Mitrocsak

Siblings



Andrew and Moira Simes



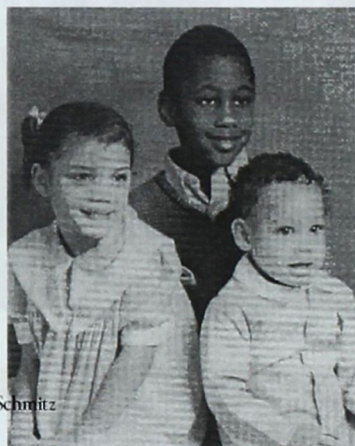
Senem and Sera Cherskin



Sergio and Lilian Anariba



Amanda and James San Antonio



Rita and Alan Schmitz



Amanda and Laura Nemenswander



Bianca, Tina, Tamara Blickisdorf

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Sports

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From bottom left: Geneva Young, Melissa Ozkurt, Sarah Swisher, Senem Chereskin, Amanda SanAntonio, Asli Houser, Lindsey Gustaitis, Melissa Holiman, Ryan Robbins, Tamara Blickisdorf, Jasmin Teufel and Starr Gordon.

The Lady Sultanas were very productive this year, and sent the school into an uproar at a home game when they won a match against Incirlik, 15-3. The team below feared the balcony of the Sirinyer gymnasium would collapse as the fans of İzmir shook the foundations of the building with their cheers. The Varsity team consisted of Co-Captain Rita Schmitz, Co-Captain Sarah Swisher, Lindsey Gustaitis, Melissa Holiman, Asli Houser, Jasmin Teufel and Jessie Wood. The Junior Varsity was Co-Captained by SuRin Campbell and Melissa Ozkurt. But they were not the only shining stars on the team, so were Tamara Blickisdorf, Senem Chereskin, Starr Gordon, Amanda San Antonio,

Bridget Smith, and Geneva Young.

At the beginning of the season not every player wanted to put all their effort into the practice, but soon they saw other teammates trying their hardest and decided they, too, could give it a shot, helping us put together a real team. Even though they did not win their games, they learned many new things about the game of volleyball, self-discipline, love for one's self as well as love for one's team. By the end of the season, everyone had greatly improved thanks to the help from coaches Mr. Tom Markwaratt and Ms. Stanton.

The coach's Award went to Sarah Swisher while MVP went to Rita Schmitz.

The Spiking Queens



Geneva and teammates enjoy a time-out



"Go Izmir"



Ms. Stanton that's your shopping list you're showing us!



The casual Lady Sultanas



"Humble Pie"

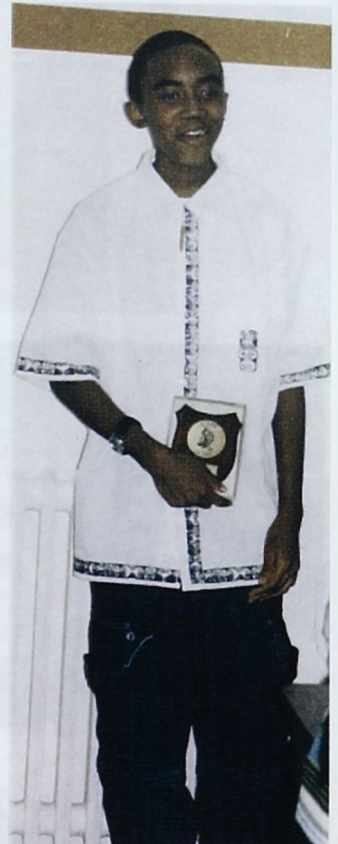
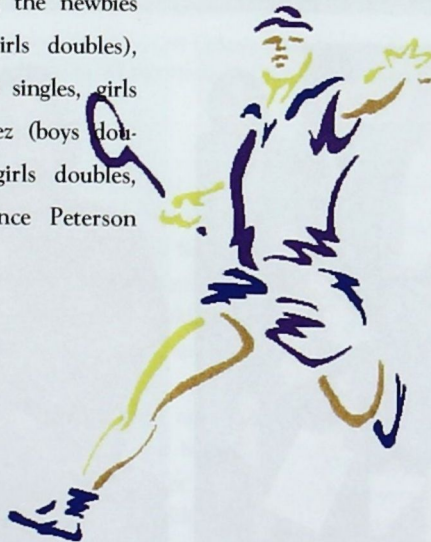
Tennis



Coach Baldemor, Necat Akman, Lawrence Peterson, Andy Mitrocsak, John Hernandez, Deniz Beveridge, Lilian Anariba, Janine Harper and Danielle Mace

This year's tennis team was a unique mixture of returning players, those who enjoyed watching tennis, and those who had never touched a racquet in their lives. With instructions from first time coach Oscar Baldemor, and jumping rope, the team became a close knit group of lean, rambunctious, tennis players. This year's returning players were Andy Mitrocsak (first boys doubles) and Deniz Beveridge (first girls singles, 2nd girls singles); the newbies were Lilian Anariba (girls doubles), Janine Harper (2nd girls singles, girls doubles), John Hernandez (boys doubles), Danielle Mace (girls doubles, mixed doubles), Lawrence Peterson

(boys doubles), and Maurice Scott (2nd boys singles, mixed doubles). New to the team but not the game was Necat Akman (first girls singles). Even though the season was cut short by a meet, and there were only about five practices before the first meet in Ankara, the team had a great season.



Lawrence shows off Coaches Award

Tennis



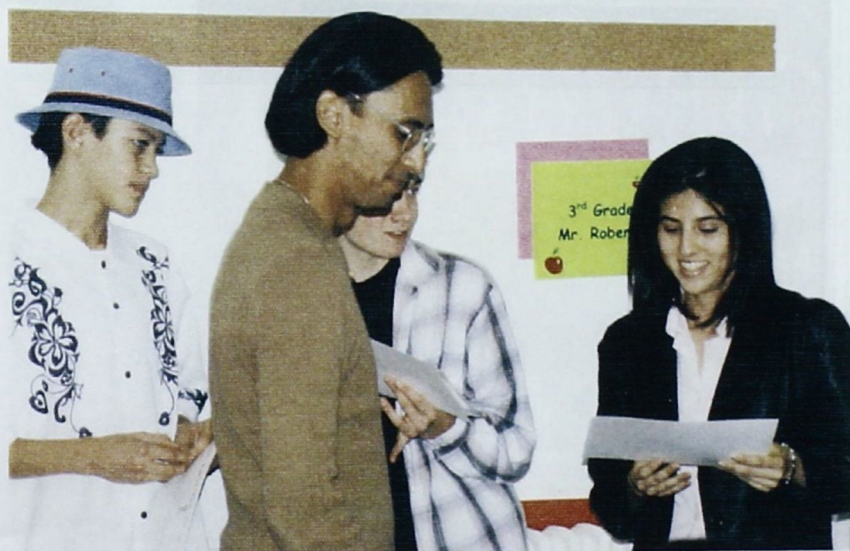
Necat receives her Gold Medal



Andy smiles for the camera



That's what tennis does to you



You mean I really got it?

Cross Country



Lianna Scharff, Andrew Simes, Julia Mitrosak (bottom row) Laura Neuenswander, Yvonne Lonien and Coach Scharff



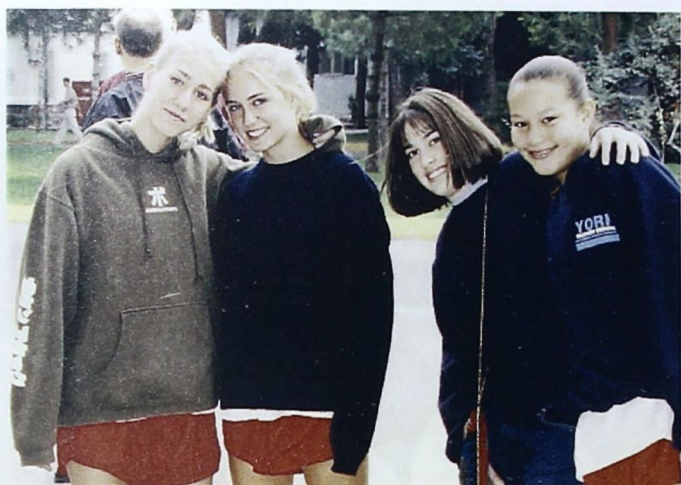
The Sultans get ready to run

Some people create with words, or with music, or with a brush and paint. This year, Izmir's cross-country team wanted to create something beautiful when they ran their five kilometers. Cross country is more than merely a race, it's a style. It's doing something better than anyone else. The Sultans did as they said and did not just go out there and run. They gave the people who were watching something exciting to look at. Under the coaching of Mr. Scharff, the team competed in the high altitudes of Ankara, the boiling heat of Incirlik, and in the chilling temperatures of Izmir. They trained hard and ran as a dedicated team. The dedication and hard work paid off for the team, and one runner, Andrew Simes, even qualified for the DoDDS European Championships in Germany.



Dilara shows off her medal

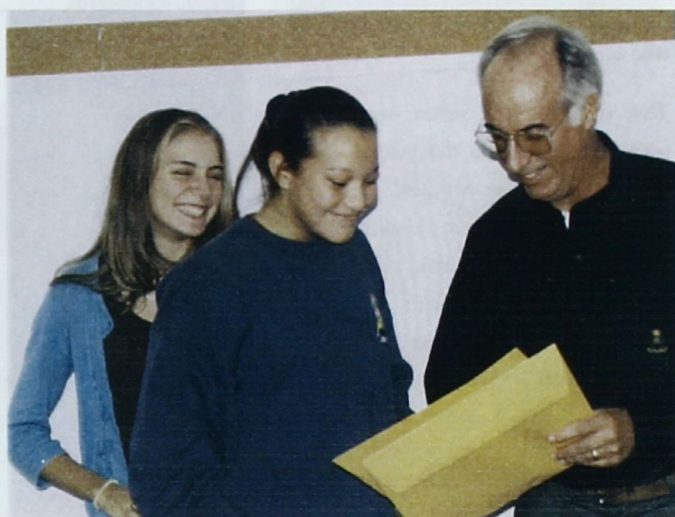
Cross Country



Allright now, take the picture! We have a race to run!



The Sultans are off to a good start!



Julia receives her award banquet



The Cross Country Team goes crazy when they see a camera

Sultan Power on the Mat

Wrestling is of the mind and body. Only the wrestlers can possess the power to achieve their goals. Becoming one with the mat is the ultimate relationship. With that there is no other. Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing. Victory never comes to those who ever fear losing.

That is how every Sultan wrestling team member thought this year. With the help of sponsor Mrs. Reid, Coach Lenny Christensen and Coach Brad German, the team consisted of seven qualifying wrestlers with future prospects. The team consisted of captains: Danielle Mace and Andrew Simes, followed by Kent Ballard, Jayson Brooks, Natalie Carder, Dilara Venus and Geneva Young. The promising wrestlers of the future, who were too young to compete, were eighth graders Anthony Naiman and Moira Simes, and sixth grader Dennis Sabatino.

Running several flights of stairs, calisthenics, mat work, and spinning drills, are just a few of the torturous exercises the mighty Sultan wrestlers had to endure. With the exception of the captains, everyone was a first year wrestler. Several wrestlers moved before the end of the season, such as Kent Ballard, Anthony Naiman, and Dilara Venus. This did not stop İzmir from placing high in the final standings; Danielle



Coach Brad Fierman, Andrew Simes, Natalie Carder, Coach Reid (front), Danielle Mace and Geneva Young

Mace and Andrew Simes were both ranked first in their weight classes; Geneva Young placed second in her weight group, as did Natalie Carder in hers and Jayson Brooks placed third in his weight class.

Danielle Mace and Andrew Simes went on to compete in the European Championships. Danielle Mace wrestled in the 103-weight class and proved a strong opponent and threatened to unseat a boy from Bitburg when she immobilized him in a Head and Arm hold. This move made everyone sit up and take notice. She was pinned in this match, but went on to defeat the third seed by pinning her in the third period. Danielle made a DoDDS record by gaining the highest position ever achieved in

the DoDDS Championships by a female wrestler. She placed seventh overall in her weight class.

Andrew Simes surprised a number of coaches who were certain that the wrestlers from Turkey did not present a threat. He won his first match by pinning his opponent in 2:54, which sent the crowd reeling. He also placed seventh overall in his weight class.

Andrew and Danielle also won something else at the European Championship. Their performances were so impressive that other small schools in Europe have promised to include İzmir in their tournaments next wrestling season.

Wrestling



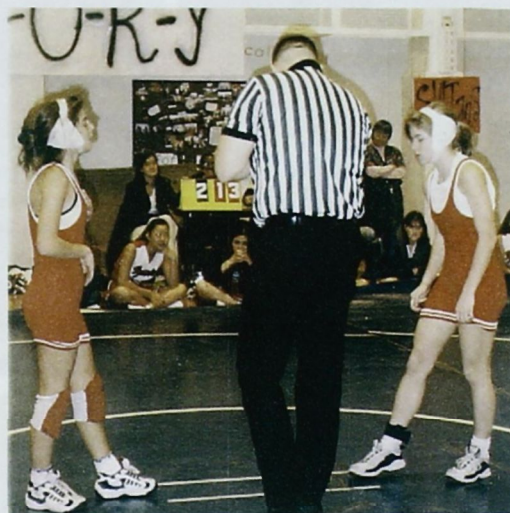
Sponsor Ms.Reid & Coach Brad German award Andrew & Danielle with awards from Germany



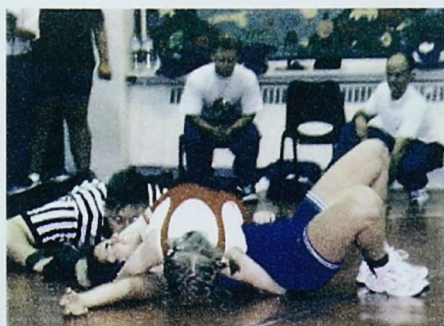
Jayson works his way out of a disadvantage



Natalie gets ready to wrestle her opponent.

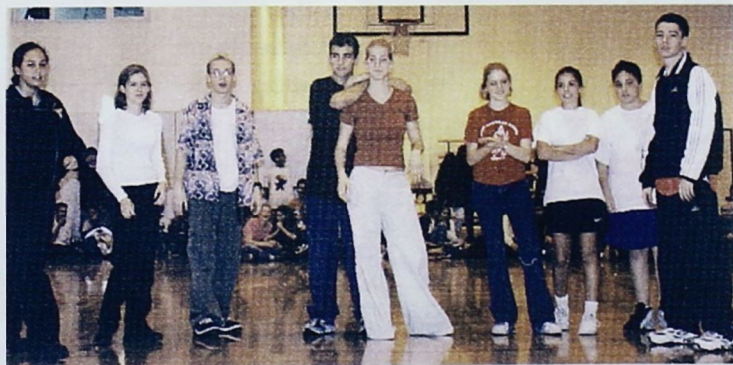


Moir and Geneva - Battle of the little sisters



Danielle pins Jessica.

The wrestling team assembled at the Pep Rally.



Girls Basketball



1999-2000 Team (left to right/front row)

Melissa Ozkurt, Candace Allen, Sydney Carder, Melissa Holiman (back row) Tamara Blickisdorf, Rita Schmitz, Julia Mitrocsak, Senem Chereskin, Coach Gustafarro

LADY SULTANS

Fifth grade teacher, Mr. Jim Gustafarro, along with the help of Tyra Toms, coached this year's Lady Sultans Basketball team. The team consisted of returning players Senem Chereskin and Caroline Haas. The newcomers were Necat Akman, Tamara Blickisdorf, Sydney Carder, Melissa Holiman, Julia Mitrocsak, Melissa Ozkurt, Rita Schmitz and Jasmin Teufel. The Lady Sultans were cheered, coached, and supported by their Captain Melissa Holiman and Co-Captain Rita Schmitz.

At the Championships in Incirlik, the Lady Sultans had only four players left on the court due to injuries. They

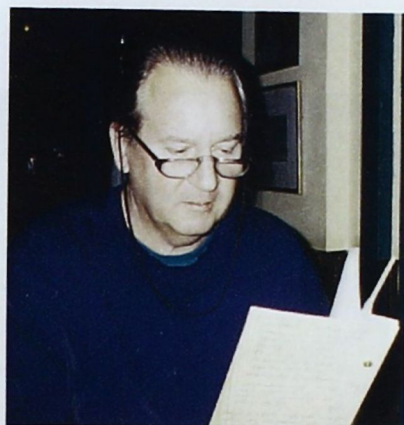
didn't win this match, but they played hard and showed much improvement in their game and teamwork. That's true "SULTAN SPIRIT."

Rita Schmitz received MVP in all tournaments (way to go Rita!) while Melissa Holiman received the famous Coach's Award.

Girls Basketball

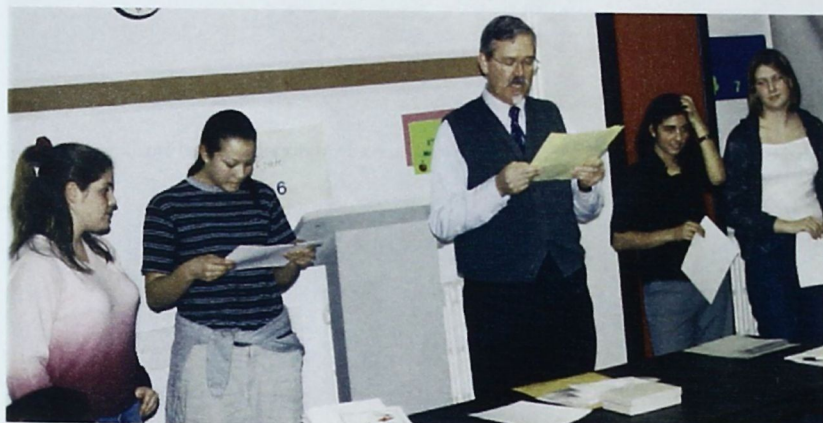


Sports Banquet Awards



Thanks Mr. Gus for all you've done for the team.

"Two Points!"



All that hard work deserves "A night on the town"



Boys Basketball



(Left to right) John Hernandez, Elliot Roberts, James San Antonio, Mykhael Walker, Blake Alston, Andy Mitrocsak, Michael Hughes, Darryl Donaldson

Blazing Hoops

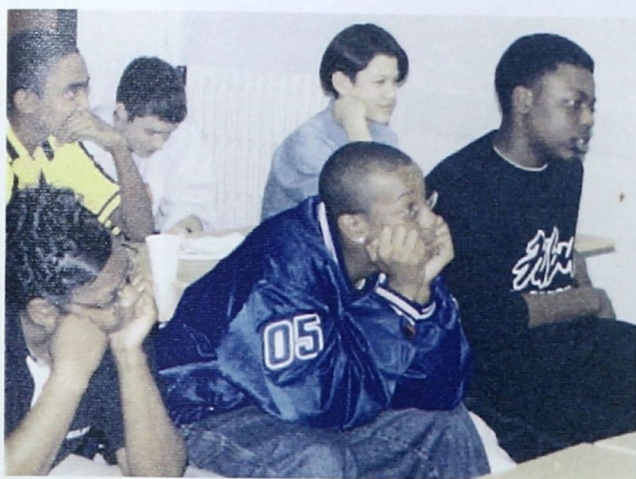
This year's boys basketball team had non-stop practices of suicides, laps and sprints. The Coaches for the boys' basketball team were Mr. Jackson, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Stamm. Mr. Thompson sponsored the team.

The team captains were Mike Hughes and Andy Mitrocsak, who were also the only two returning players. With a team of first time athletes consisting of four freshman, four sophomores, and one junior, the boys put up a good fight and played hard as a team. The freshmen on the team were Blake Alston, Myke Walker, Elliot Roberts, and James San Antonio. The sophomores consisted of Mike Hughes, Andy

Mitrocsak, Lawrence Peterson, and John Hernandez. The team's one and only junior was Marcus Randel; who, until this season only played football, but still showed a little skill on the hardwood. The team's highest scorers were Andy Mitrocsak and Myke Walker. Andy also received the All-Tournament Award in Incirlik and MVP for the season.

Marcus Randel and Blake Alston received the coach's award for the basketball season. The boys are looking forward to bringing the trophy home next year. We congratulate them for this season and wish them luck for next year.

Boys Basketball



It's going to be a long night.



Oh wow, I get one too!



Hooray Andy!



Steady, shoot!

Coach Jackson gives a speech at the sports banquet

Cheerleaders



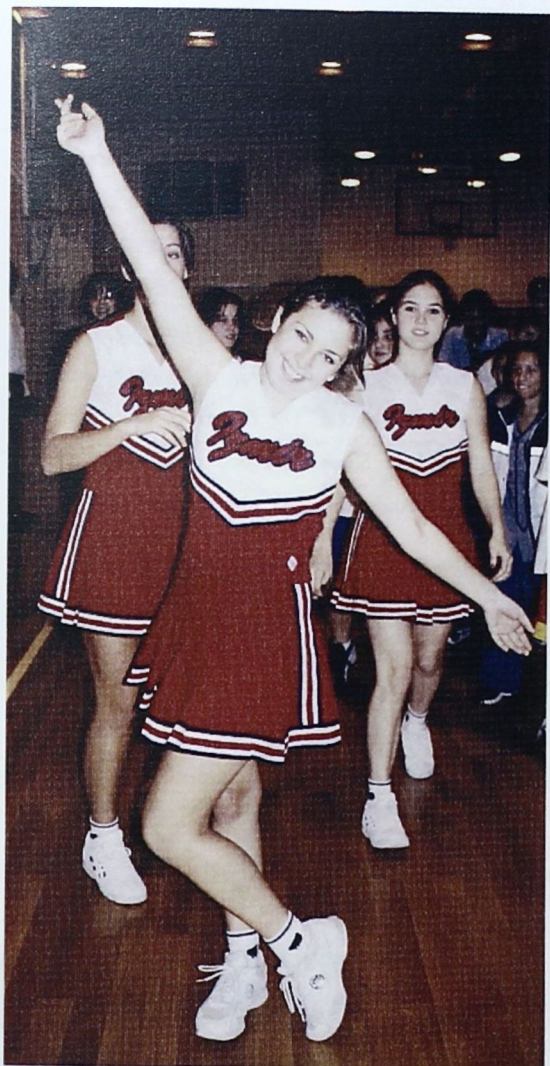
This year's cheerleaders were a highly spirited group.

They were always pumped up and ready to go whether it was for practice, a pep-rally, or just for fun. They were a very supportive and cooperative group, always helping their friends. Some of the activities the cheerleaders did this year to raise money was a pie in the face contest and a bake sale. Though they would not tell the student body how much money they made, we soon figured it out when they bought new personalized warm-ups. While at competition in Incirlik our cheerleaders gave their all and received second place. Way to go Lady Sultans!

Ms. Mason-Kimborough and Ms. Carder coached this year's Sultan Cheerleaders along with the help of members in our community. This year's returning squad for our Sultan cheerleaders were Deniz Beveridge, Lindsey Gustaitis (Co-Captain), Jessie Wood (Co-Captain), and Bridget Smith. As for the rest of the team they consisted of Laura Neuenswander, Laury Rakes, Ryan Robbins, and Amanda San Antonio.

Overall, our cheerleaders did a really good job this year and we wish them the best in years to come.

Cheerleaders



Jessie shows off her cute cheerleading outfit



The cheerleaders surprised us with many new stunts and dance routines

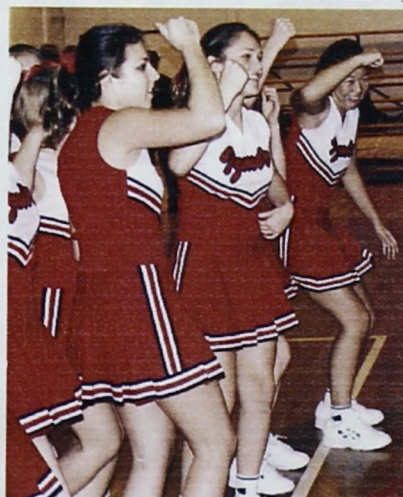


Ms. Mason-Kimbrough and Mrs. Carder were this year's coaches



Always in perfect rotation

"VICTORY - that's the Sultans Battle Cry!"



SOCCER

Fifth grade teacher, Jim Gustafarro, and Assistant Coach by Jon Crowe coached this year's 1999-2000 Izmir Sultan soccer team. Neil Turnbull and Aries Gibson also volunteered and assisted with the team. They added their soccer expertise to practices.

The team consisted of twelve players: Lilian Anariba, Lindsey Gustaitis, Danielle Mace, Andy Mitrocsak, Laura Neuenswander, Lawrence Peterson, Elliot Roberts, Rita Schmitz, John Sola, and Geneva Young.

Although the team was made up of mostly new players with

the only returning team members being Andrew Simes and Andy Mitrocsak, it made a lasting impression on the opposing teams. Through the season the team improved greatly and gave their opponents some of the toughest competition in the championships. Being the only team to score on Ankara in the championships and watching Incirlik get the mercy rule in their last game against Ankara let the Sultans end the season feeling proud. The top scorers were Rita Schmitz and Andrew Simes with two goals each and Danielle Mace and Andy Mitrocsak with one goal each.

MIGHTY, MIGHTY SULTANS

(Left to right/top to bottom) Lawrence Peterson, John Sola, Elliot Roberts, Andrew Simes, Laura Neuenswander, Amanda San Antonio, Julia Mitrocsak, Danielle Mace, Lilian Anariba, Rita Schmitz (bottom row) Geneva Young, Lindsey Gustaitis, Andy Mitrocsak



SOCCER



Sultan vs Hodja



Smile Geneva



Words of Wisdom from Coach John Crowe



(above) Is he playing soccer or flying



Huddle up



TRACK AND FIELD

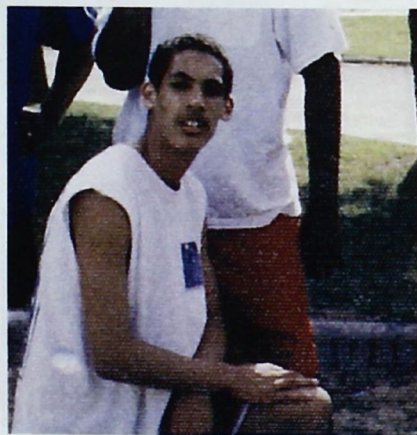
Track and Field was sponsored by Mr. Eddie Grant this year. Although, the turnout for this season was low Mr. Grant hopes that more students will participate next year. Mr. Grant would like to thank Mykheal Walker and Blake Alston for their effort this season. Both Mykheal and Blake took second place in their opening track and field meet in Ankara. Mykheal ran in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.5 seconds and Blake threw the shot put a distance of 29 feet 4 1/2 inches. A special "thank you" goes to Alan Schmitz for his hard work and determination although he was ineligible to travel this year with the track team.



Blake Alston, Coach Eddie Grant and Mykheal Walker at the Ankara Meet



Mykheal at the starting block for the 100 m dash

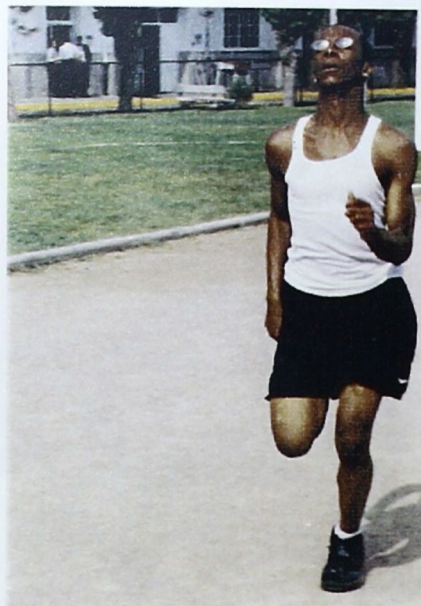


Alan Schmitz



Get ready, get set...

TRACK AND FIELD



Man, I wish I'd taken my glasses off!



Yes, Blake your leg will bend in that direction.



I wonder if I can hit the photographer from here?



The tortoise and the hare.

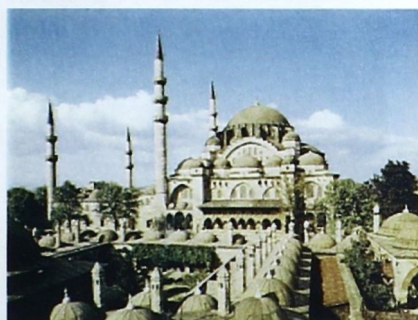


Oh no, here comes Mr. Grant again!

TURKEY



Atatürk Circle. First Kordon, Izmir. Atatürk, pointing to the Mediterranean, proclaimed to his soldiers "Your first target is the Mediterranean. Let's go!".



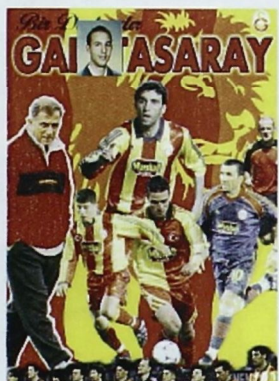
Istanbul. The former capital of three successive empires- Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman, is a fascinating city with a mixture of past and present, old and new, modern and traditional. It embraces two continents, one arm reaching out in Asia, the other in Europe.



Ephesus, one of the most famous places of the ancient world. The Virgin Mary lived here after the death of Jesus Christ.



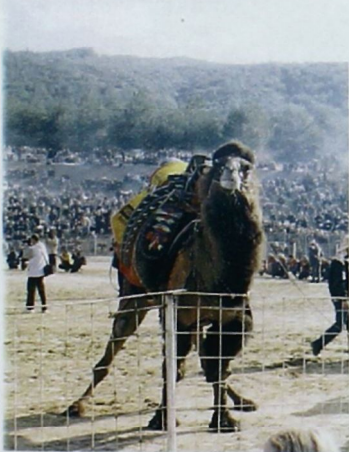
An old rural woman selling her hand made socks. "The peasant is the master of the country". Atatürk



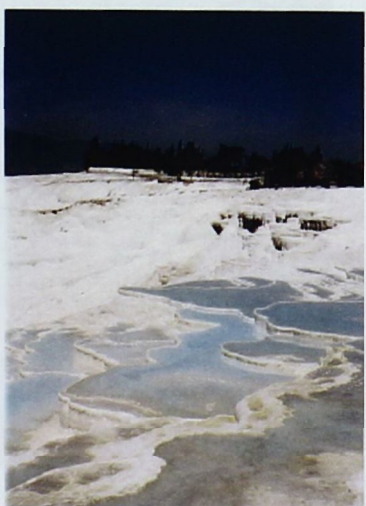
Galatasaray. The Champion of the UEFA Cup of the year 2000. The Lions won their match against Arsenal, the second best team of England, after defeating Manchester United and made history in Turkish football.



Cappadocia, one of the rare regions in the world, has a spectacular surrealistic landscape of capped pinnacles and fretted ravines in colors that range from warm reds and golds to cool greens and greys.



Camel wrestling, still a popular sport in southern Turkey.



Pamukkale the "Cotton Castle", is a natural wonder of mineral-rich waters cascading over travertines formed over the centuries set amidst historic ruins.

A DAY IN A STUDENT'S LIFE



Finally made it!



Middle school girls on the loose.



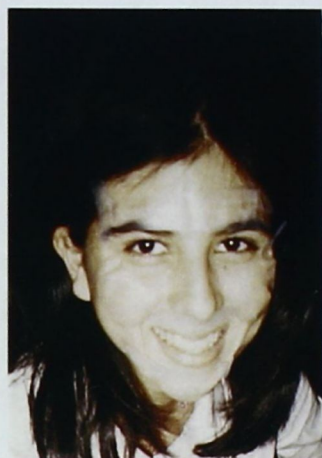
"I'm so cold my hands are about to fall off!"



"What in the world are you doing?"



Stop torturing the underclassmen Danielle!



Tape face



Sophomore Andy Mitrocsak shows off his creativity.



Another one of those "Study Trips"

A DAY IN A STUDENT'S LIFE





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Who we are: The American Hospitality Group of İzmir began in 1950 with a small group of American wives attempting to aid incoming military families living in Turkey on business. Through the years, AHGI has developed into a 50-member group boasting many international members, including native Turkish women. Today's organization continues to provide support for the İzmir military community and for the local Turkish community through various welfare projects and funding.

AHGI welcomes everyone for membership, active-duty member or spouse.

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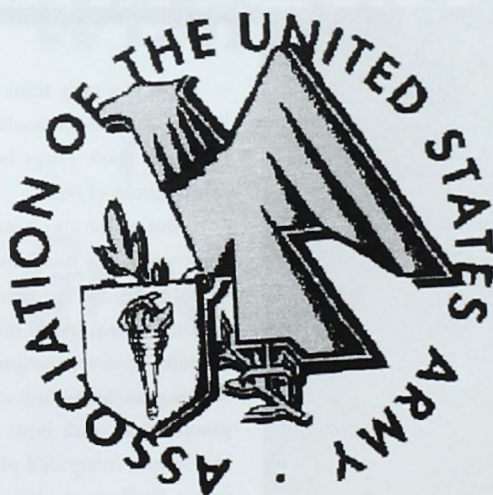
Danielle on all that you have accomplished. We are so proud of you! We hope that you find what you are looking for in life. Always remember that we love you and are always here for you.

You will be embarking on a brand new life in the coming months. Don't rush through it. Enjoy each and every day because this time will never come again.

Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma, and Grandpa

Danielle,
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Always, Keri



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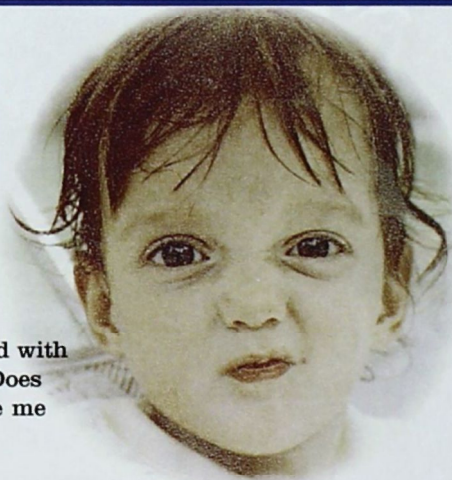
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this say Bite me
or what?



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BLAST OFF!! And up you go...
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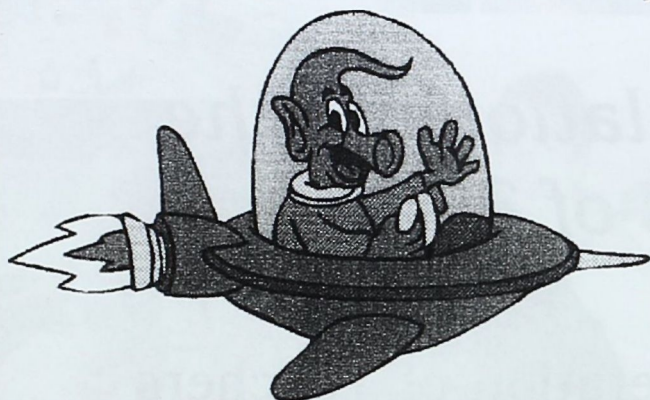
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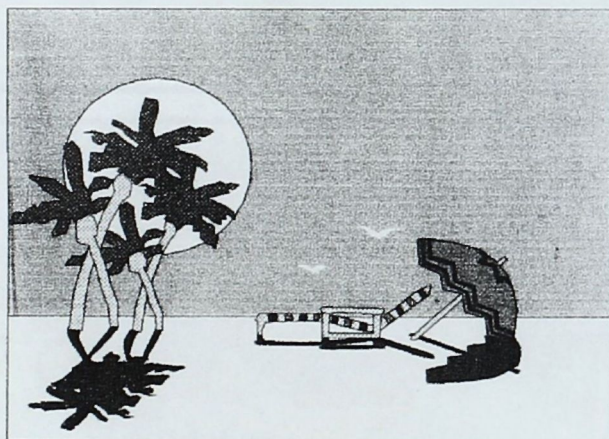
You may think
you're grown. But
you'll always be
our baby girl. We
love you!

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Bye to the class of 2000. May you excell
into the future as you have here
in the Izmir Community.



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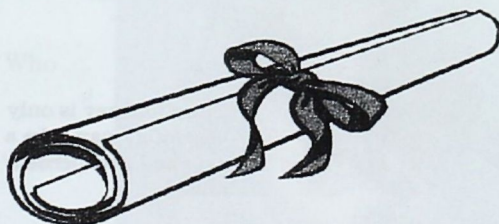


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Mommy and Daddy

To my brother and best friend,
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Your sis, Moira



Dear Sarah

*Congratulations on all you
have achieved. May all
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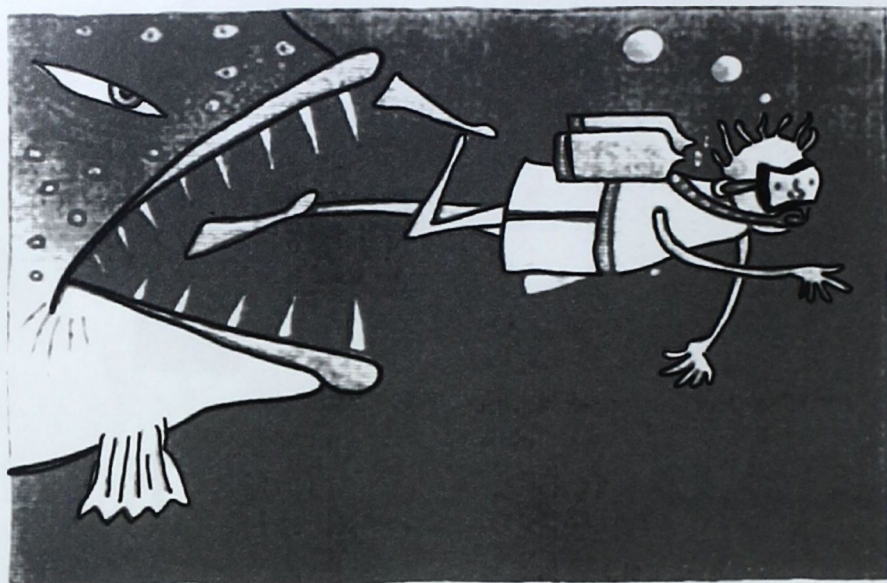
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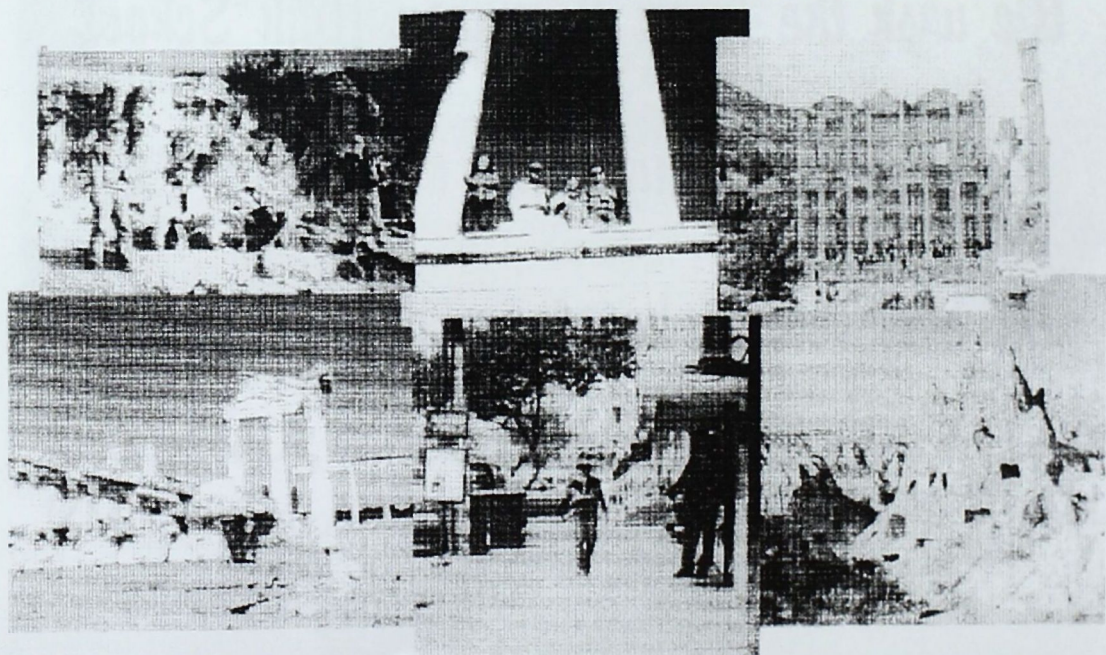
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