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We Share The Memories

By Natasha Byrd

When we walk across the stage the night of graduation, memories of Megan Cummings will be with us. On February 23, 1991 of our sophomore year, she was taken from us in a tragic car accident. Her death has left a void in our lives that will never be replaced.

Megan and her smile are inseparable in my mind. Her smile could brighten your whole day. Mrs. Burleson's English class will never forget Megan and Jeremy's mythological interpretation of "Chariots of Fire". Megan's graceful clumsiness was loved by every senior. Eating microwavable nachos, cereal without milk, and fried toast is how several friends will remember her. Megan could make her chin quiver and would crack up the Algebra II class. In Mr. Shaw's Biology class Megan would always hum her favorite song "Puff the Magic Dragon". Megan often imitated Julia Roberts character in *Pretty Woman*. "I've got a runner in my pantyhose!" Thank goodness we have such wonderful memories of Megan. Sometimes the memories of her are so vivid and clear in our minds we feel like we can reach out and almost touch her.

One of Megan's best characteristics was her personality. She stood up for what she believed in and did not care what people said or thought. Megan was a kindred spirit. She will live in our hearts and memories forever.

Friendships Made To Last

By Courtney Brown

With recent death of Jeremy Kennedy, we feel it is appropriate to reprint an editorial written by former editor Courtney Brown. In this editorial, Courtney expresses the importance of human life and relationships. Jeremy's memory will remain in our hearts forever.

Events of the past few years have made me aware of many things but none are more important than the beauty and brevity of human life. Through the course of my high school life, I have matured both physically and mentally and learned many valuable lessons. But during these last four years my eyes have been opened to the unfairness and hard times life dishes out.

If I were to offer a point of advice to all underclassmen, it would be to treasure the friendships you've made. All too many times we wish our life away by saying things like, "Man, am I ready to get out of here!" or something to that effect. The high school and college years are probably the high point of an individual's life, but because of human nature or some other mysterious force, people never realize it. Friendships are one of the most valuable possessions a person can have. Never take friends for granted, because your time with them is limited. Separation among friends is inevitable whether it be due to college, death or just a gradual growing apart. Every year in high school, a precious life of one of my peers has been taken-Allison Stiller, Jane Talbert, Megan Cummings, and now Leah Hill. It all seems so very unfair, but it is comforting to know that these individuals are in a place of divine peace.

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Do you believe in animal powers?

By Wendy Smoak

Are you a superstitious person? Do you often catch yourself knocking on wood or "x"-ing out the path of a black cat? Maybe you do or maybe you don't, but either way many people believe wholeheartedly in superstitions. Some of the most intriguing superstitions are those concerning animals.

Everyone knows a rabbit's foot is suppose to bring good luck and if a black cat crosses your path you are cursed with bad luck, but what about the other animals of the world? What magical powers do they possess? If you carry the heart of a frog under your right arm you can become invisible. The eel has the power to bring the dead

to life and the appearance of a snake on your doorstep will cause a death in the family.

Sometimes a particular religion or group have their own superstitions. The ancient Hebrews believed if a woman wanted a man to fall in love with her she just needed to find a male mole and hit it on its right foot. Some Navaho Indians believe a squirrel's tail tied to a cradle will protect their baby. Also, people in the Ozarks think if a cardinal flies across a girl's path she will be kissed twice before nightfall.

You may not be the kind of person to go for stuff of this kind, but don't knock it til you try it!

Working Away The Summer

By Laura Smith

As the summer approaches, more and more students search for activities to replace the long tedious school days. Some will waste their days in pursuit of the perfect tan while others search for perfection in their favorite summer sport. However, many responsible young adults decide to seek gainful employment. The types of work students seek are many and varied from fast food and grocery stores to baby sitting and construction work. A few of the most popular summer jobs are listed below.

Kim Biggers - Standard Office
Ester Hamra - movie theater
Rob Bailey - K-Mart
Melody Buiwe - Wal-Mart
Billy Lowder - Food Lion
Jill Smith - Revco

Matthew Allison - Ingles
Leslie Morgan - Morgan Motors
Jason Phibbs - Golden Coral
Kevin Sides - Yadkin Valley
Kevin Garrison - Veterinarian's assistant
Ashley Swanner - Tooey's
Mandy Horton - Winn Dixie
J.R. Creswell - the man with the slow/stop sign on the side of the road
Courtney Rogers - JC Penny
Michelle Smith - Belk
Sallie Calloway - Blockbuster
Christy Brooks - Babysitting



Leslie is getting a head start on her summer job!

HOW SUN-SMART ARE YOU?

By Wendy Smoak

Spring is here and summer is on the way. And when these two seasons comes the inevitable desire to experience the outdoors. Whether you are playing ball or lying out you are exposing your skin to the sun, but are you aware of the dangers of the sun?

Skin cancers are the fastest-increasing cancers in the world and almost all of them are caused by the sun. Sunscreen should be worn all year round and applied more heavily to your sun-sensitive areas such as the face and shoulders. Don't be fooled by the myth that you are "young and indestructible" I believe "young and vulnerable" is more appropriate. An estimated 80% of all sun damage is done before the age of twenty. Sun damage shows up in ten to twenty years in the form of leathery skin and wrinkles, and who wants to look like leather?

For those of you who think summer life can't go on without a tan but have tried alternative ways—be warned. Tanning beds have proven to be just as dangerous as laying out and tanning pills are simply not safe. They dye your skin, blood, and internal organs orange, can be toxic enough to be fatal, and some are illegal. You may be wondering "Is there any safe way to darken the color of my skin?" Answer: yes! Self-tanners and bronzing products seem to do the trick.

Some of you may want to check out are Max Factor's California Bronze line, Ralph Lauren's Safari Climate Response Collection, and Lancome Gel Natural in rouge and ambre. If this is not your style, then take the time to use sunscreen. It can reduce your risk of skin cancer up to 78%. I promise in the years to come you will be thankful.