

# UIL excellence

## Competitors take Region I title

UIL competitors began the spring season by winning third in the sweepstakes race at the Andrews invitational meet and then coming in first at both McCamey and Monahans. Then they strolled through district claiming their sixth championship in a row. Finally, the team won Region I and qualified nine contestants for state in seven events.

State Representative Gary Walker welcomes Vonda Warren, Kelsey Brown, Stephanie Tankersley, Abigail Azima and Dana McVay to his office in the capitol during a reception for State UIL competitors and coaches.



Marci McCallister accepts the fourth place medal for editorial writing from Randy Vonderheid, state director for UIL journalism events. Marci, qualifying for state in three events, also won individual medals in spelling (3rd) and computer applications (6th) as well as a first place team medal in spelling.

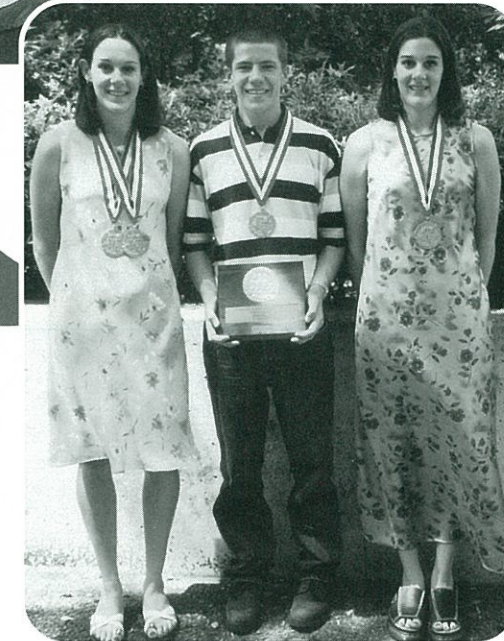
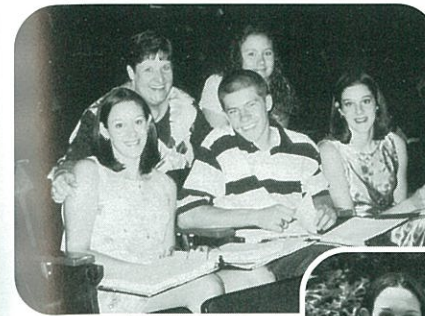
The number sense team relaxes after their 8a.m. contest at the state meet.



# Champions

## times 3

### Spellers Win State!



The spelling and vocabulary team made it to state for the fifth consecutive year and took first place for the third straight time. In doing so, Mandi McCallister placed first individually, Marci McCallister tied for third, and Derrick York had the sixth highest score.

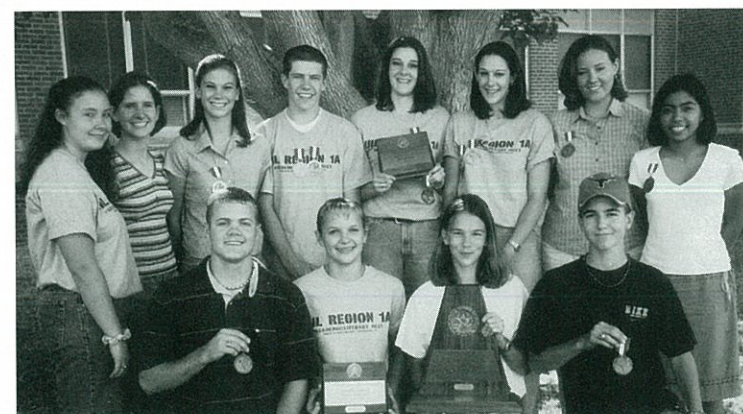
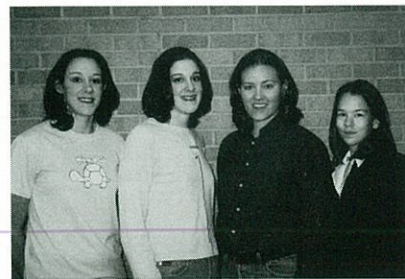
*The victory at state marked the twentieth consecutive time in which Wink spellers have won a UIL meet when entered as a team.*

Spelling coach Cheryl Blair and team alternate Kathie Shirey wait for contest results with spellers Mandi McCallister, Derrick York and Marci McCallister. Later the team poses for a picture for *Champions*, a UIL publication.

## operating on

### McCallisters reach quarter-finals in State C-X debate

As usual, the district C-X debate contest was a hard fought battle between Wink and Rankin. When the dust settled, Marci and Mandi McCallister were headed back to state for the third straight year, and veteran debater Kelsey Brown and her partner, rookie Kelli Benham were in third place.



**State UIL qualifiers:** back - Kathie Shirey, spelling team alt.; Keli Gunn, first alt. prose; Dana McVay, poetry; Derrick York, spelling; Marci McCallister, spelling, computer applications, editorial writing; Mandi McCallister, spelling; Kelsey Brown, feature writing; Abigail Azima, L-D debate; front - number sense team of Casey McCallister, Ashlee Canon, alt., Kelli Benham and Kevin Benham

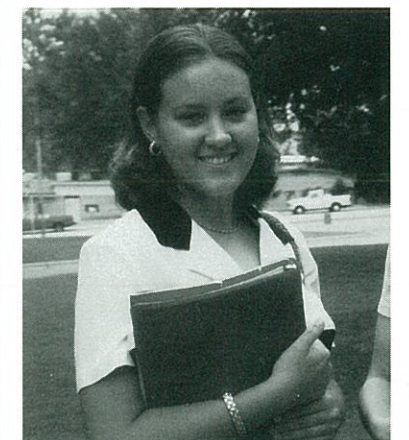
## brainpower



The current issues and events team of senior Patrick Voyles, sophomores Marlayna Moore and Ashley Abila and junior Ben McGehee finished the district contest tied for first place team and earned a trip to the regional meet in Levelland.



**Regional Journalism Event Qualifiers:** Kathie Shirey, news, editorial, feature, headline; Justin Josselet, news; Kelsey Brown, feature, headline (ready writing), Marci McCallister, editorial; and Mandi McCallister, headline



Kelsey Brown is ready to enter the Thompson Conference Center on the campus of the University of Texas for her feature writing contest at the State UIL Meet.