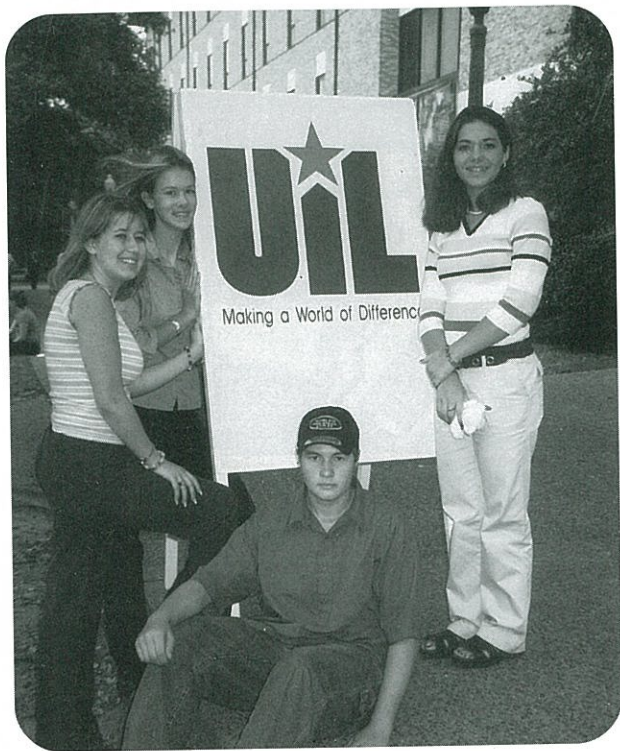


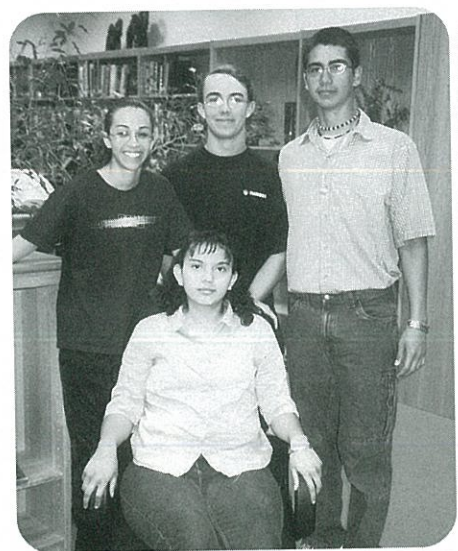
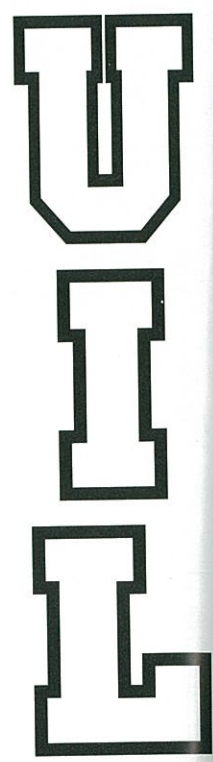
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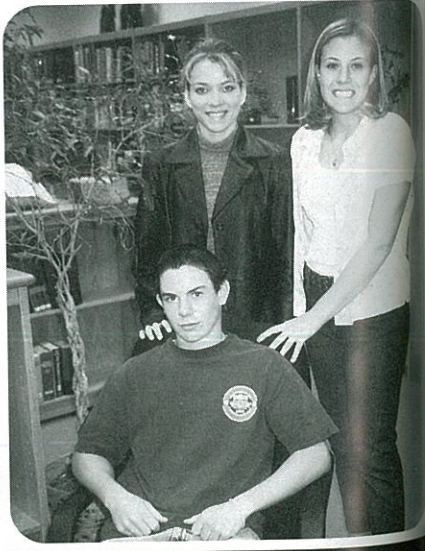
UIL Academic competitors scored 411 points, and in doing so, captured the district crown for the eighth consecutive year. The district team consisted of nine seniors, ten juniors, twelve sophomores and five freshmen. From this group, seventeen advanced to the Region I Meet at Levelland. From there, four earned their way to the StateUIL Meet.



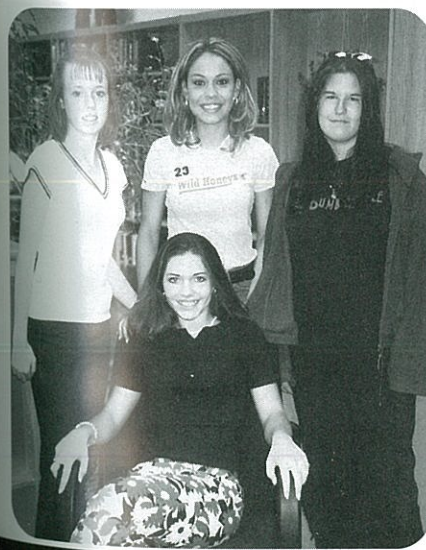
UIL State Qualifiers
Dessie York, spelling; Kendra Casteel, Kelli Benham and Daniel Shirey, number sense



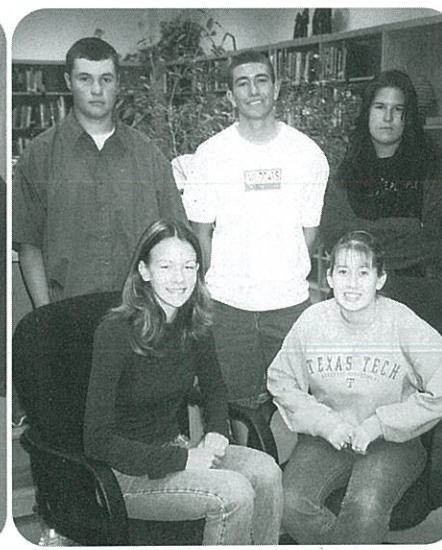
Current Events Team
A. Abila, C. Garratt (alt.), J. Valencia & N. Hernandez



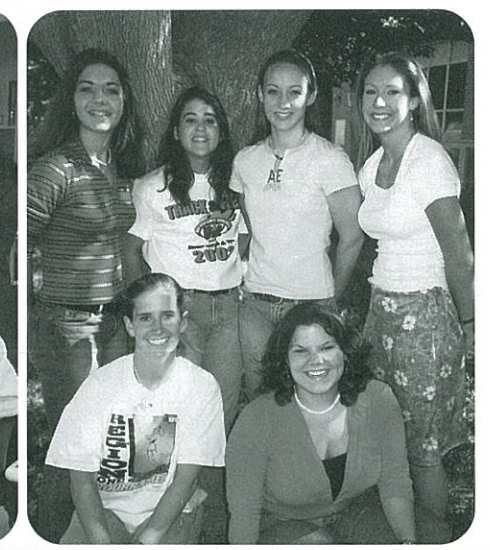
Journalism Team
R. Ancira, M. Bryan & D. Gray



Spelling/Vocabulary Team
E. Bazzrea, A. Dodd, V. Leatherwood & D. York

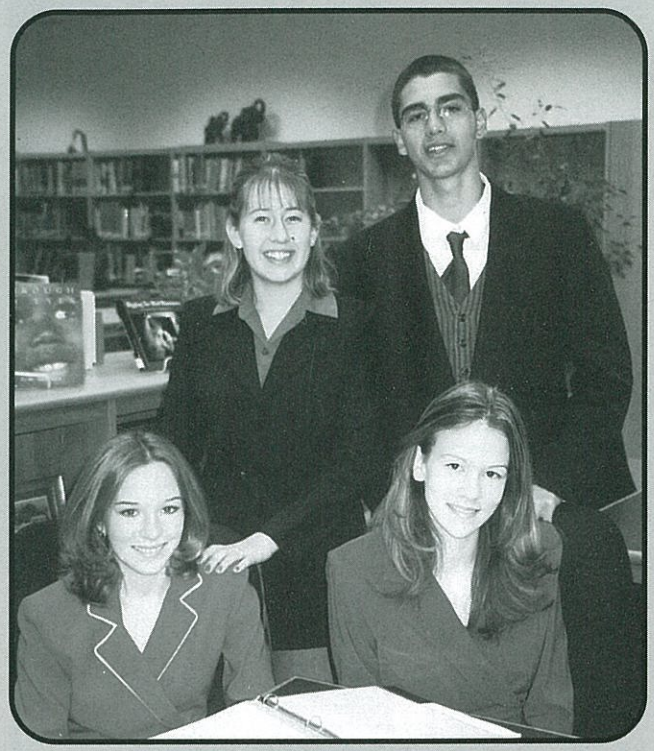


Math Teams
D. Shirey, G. Wolf, V. Leatherwood, K. Benham & K. Casteel



Speaking Events
D. York, D. Thomas, M. Golden, E. Fernandes, K. Gunn & S. Burrows

C-X Debaters take their case to State



C-X Debate Teams
Kendra Casteel and Jonathen Valencia
Courtney Redwine and Kelli Benham

Cross-examination debaters Kendra Casteel, Jonathen Valencia, Kelli Benham and Courtney Redwine began their year early at a two week debate camp at West Texas A & M in Canyon, during the summer of 2001.

The topic of this years debate, *Resolved: The United States Federal Government should establish a foreign policy significantly limiting the use of weapons of mass destruction.* This broad topic made research difficult and time consuming. The two teams met this challenge, and their determination allowed the team of Casteel and Valencia to finish as the third place team in speaker points at the district meet while Benham and Redwine held on to the title of district champions that they had captured in 2001 and again advanced to the state competition.

After the first day at State, the team's record stood at 3-1 which was good enough for them to break to the second day's octofinals. Although they did not break past this level, being in the top sixteen in a competition that began with fifty-five teams left the two juniors with a desire to advance even further next year.

As a bonus, Kelli Benham was awarded a *Silver Gavel Award* which is presented to the debater with the second highest total of speaker point.