

the rest of us. Coop, as she is affectionately known by her classmates, can be found slaving away at White Oak Conference Center where she has worked for the past two years.

While Cassidy is busy working, **Elizabeth** Schachner can be found sleeping or on her cell phone flirting with one of her guys. Although Elizabeth has never had one steady boyfriend, she is friends with almost everyone and can fit into just about any group. Because of her friendliness, she was voted Miss Congeniality at the 2002 Miss RWA beauty pageant along with Stephanie Hughes.

Although she is the newest edition to our class, **Stephanie** has had no trouble making friends. At the beginning of this year, she joined us from Dorchester High School. Not only did she leave behind many friends, but she also had to move away from her fiancé Wayne. However, we have had no problem welcoming Stephanie to our family.

Like Stephanie, **Brandi** Mattox is fairly new to our class. Brandi joined us from Ridgeview High School in the tenth grade and was quickly befriended by James. Even though Brandi doesn't say much, we have enjoyed having her in our class.

A few years ago, we discovered **Chris** Kinard's hidden talent- cheerleading. At pep rallies, while the football team was standing around the stage, Chris was in the spotlight cheering along with the cheerleaders. Every Valentine's Day, Chris brought a rose to each of the girls in our class. Not a day passed that Chris forgot to remind his favorite ladies what beautiful angels there were. One of his favorites is his Teeny Tiny Princess Ashley Arnette."

Although **Ashley** is little, she will not hesitate to tell anyone what she is thinking. Ashley has always been very loyal and is quick to take up for her friends. Anytime we have a dance, you don't have to look any further than the middle of the dance floor to find Ashley breaking it down with Elizabeth and Katie.

Not only does **Katie** McFadden have a love for dancing, but she is also passionate about singing. On numerous occasions, Katie has shown us her musical talent. For the past three years, Katie has sung solos at our Christmas programs and at the Rock Around the Clock festival. Katie won first place when Star Search came to Winnsboro in 2001. When Katie is not performing, she spends time with her close friend Lindsay Kurtz.

Because of her height, we all pictured **Lindsay** as a star basketball player, but we were wrong. Lindsay instead showed us her coordination and rhythm as an Eagle cheerleader. Lindsay is one of our Great Falls girls. Though she does not live there, she spends the majority of her time either in Great Falls or hanging out with her Great Falls friends.

Our valedictorian **Melissa** Walsh has always been a big fan of the Backstreet Boys. Melissa has been to every one of their concerts in South Carolina and the surrounding areas. This year Melissa's brand new fire engine red Toyota Celica has been the envy of our class. One time Melissa, Elizabeth, and Ashley went to Barn Express with Emily McLeod.

Unknowingly, **Emily** drank what she thought to be tea when, in actuality, it was Clorox left over from the cleaning of the tea pitcher.

Fortunately, everything turned out okay. When not drinking cleaning supplies, Emily is often kicking up her heels at the Skyline Club. Emily is the cowgirl of our class.

Voted Most Athletic, **Callie** Ladd has excelled in volleyball, basketball, and softball. Callie has participated in more all-star games than any other person in our class. Not only is she aggressive on the court and field, but once in kindergarten she strangled Naomi to keep her from taking her tire swing. Fortunately, she is not quite so forceful anymore. However, I still believe she could beat up any guy in our school. Even though Callie is the youngest member of our class, she is the only senior that has been at RWA since K-4.

Another athlete from our class is **Kevin** McDaniel. Aside from sports, Kevin has a passion for speed, cars, and big trucks. Last year at prom, Kevin was the uncontested champion of the race to the restaurant. When it is not broken down, Kevin often goes mud riding in his signature big, white monster truck.

Speaking of racing, Justin "D" Dixon is the racing fanatic of the senior class. In years past, D used to bring his Walkman to school in order to listen to the race. Nowadays, he shows his support for racing by putting Dale Earnhardt magnets on his truck. At a basketball game earlier this year, D noticed that one of his magnets had been stolen. He quickly began accusing everyone in sight of taking it. However, he never found it. By the way D, you might want to check under the passenger seat of Shock's car. D will be attending Presbyterian College in the fall along with his buddy Russ Pearson.

Russ is the only person I know who has had at least five cars in three years. Russ is also well known for his energy and enthusiasm. At the Spring Break baseball tournament last year, Russ woke up during the early morning hours, put a sheet around himself, and ran around the house yelling that he was Man-Bat. Russ's hyper-ness sometimes gets him into trouble, like the time he and Jarrod got into a spat over a spilled drink.

Jarrold Mills is the hunter of our class. "J-Rod", "the Rod", or "Hot Rod" as he is known by his friends, claims he killed eight ducks in one shot. Jarrod is well known for his outrageous hunting and fishing stories and is extremely proud of his new white Mustang.

Erik Wilson is also extremely proud of his car-"The Maxima". Erik is known for working at Wal-Mart and for the one word he knows best - I think we all know what that is. Though Erik is usually quiet and cooperative, he once got removed from the ASVAB testing for filling in answers after time was called. I guess that ruined any chances of Erik going into the military. Instead, he will be attending USC in the fall along with Edward Frazier.

Edward gave our class quite a scare last football season when he broke his femur at the Williamsburg football game. Fortunately, Edward recovered rather quickly and is still able to play his favorite sport, soccer. Because of his injury, Edward gave the school a good laugh when he won Miss Homelycoming by dressing up like an old lady with a walker. Edward is probably best known for his tardiness. Many of us often wonder if he will even be on time for his own funeral. Edward works at Skate World along with President Berry Mattox.

By dressing up as Bill Clinton, **Berry** was elected as "head of school" for the 2001-2002

school year. Berry is known for his unusual facts and made-up statistics. He once informed Mr. Taylor that 84.7% of statistics are made up on the spot. One time during our lunch break, instead of going to Gene's to eat, Berry and Marvin Morg went fishing.

Because they got back approximately 15 minutes late, this added to one of the many times that **Marvin** got removed from Mr. Micciche's physics class. On opening day of hunting season, Marvin skipped school to be sure that he would get an early start on his deer count. Marvin spends most of his time working at his favorite place, Dutchman's Creek Marina.

Another working member of our class is **Michael** Smith. Before soccer season started, Michael could be found working at the Strawberry Patch after school. Recently Michael got a new car, a Cruiser, which he loves to show off by cruising through town or parking at the Pig. Michael has also impressed us all with his dancing abilities, which he is not afraid to display.

Last but not least is **Cory** Shirley. Over the years he has showed his athletic ability by participating in soccer, basketball, and football. He is known for his sense of humor and can crack up anyone with his imitations of a crow, which he demonstrated when our class took a field trip to Biltmore. Watch out for Cory on the streets as his red Alero is recognized by many, especially enforcement of the law.

Over the years, the class of 2002 has shared many memories and unforgettable experiences. We have not only bonded as a class, but also as friends. As we all go our separate ways, we will forever have our memories and friendships that have helped us to become who we are today. May God bless each of us as we leave what we have known for the past 12 years of our lives and journey into the uncertainty of the future.

In closing, I would like to quote a sonnet from O.A.R.: "Well in the end, we can all call a friend, well that's something that I know as true. In a thousand years, and a thousand tears, I'll continue finding my original crew. 'Cause do me through eternity there is somewhere we are all welcome to go. I said it's something free that means a lot to me when I am with my friends I feel home."

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