From Start To Finish

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The first day of school at Linn State Technical College brings

The Welcome Bash!!!

Pull...Pull...Pull...
The faculty & staff team tries to get a jump on the student team in the tug-o-war games.
"Who needs a tanning bed"

"Bless you!"
We welcome you...

We feed you...

and then we want your blood...

Remember this!
Payback time... someone got ahold of Cindy's camera while she was "STUCK" in the middle of something.

Some people will do anything to get a cookie...
LSTC FALL SOFTBALL

Championship Team - The POW's

(Front row, L to R) Curt Pendleton, Ryan McCoy, David Hays, Jake Williams, and Nathan Block
(Back row, L to R) Bobby Kinsley, Cory Pascoe, Aaron Lackman, James Hake, Steve Hayden & Jason Brandow

Striiiiike...
Batter up...

The 1st place team, the POW's received t-shirts and a pizza party from Linn's Pizza.

The Horticulture Team came in 2nd place and were given LSTC cool cups and treated to tacos from Taco Bell.

HEO came in 3rd place.

Good game...good game...good game...
3rd Annual PTA Job Fair held on July 9, 1998

The second year Physical Therapist Assistant students took advantage of the opportunity to meet and talk with potential future employers.
COMMERCIAL TURF & GROUND JOB FAIR

Held at the Osage County Community Center on December 3, 1998

1st & 2nd year students get a chance to talk with representatives from nurseries, garden centers, landscaping businesses, and local resorts about future employment and internship possibilities.
The Phi Theta Kappa club sponsored the Halloween Dance on October 29. Several members carved some very interesting pumpkins for the occasion.

Unfortunately, some were so interesting that they were stolen before the dance was over. Shame on you!!!
Students participated in a bubble gum blowing contest at the Welcome Bash. Sorry, no room left on the Welcome Bash page.
The SGA officers adopted a family for Christmas and went on a shopping spree. Christy Lynn, SGA treasurer, delivers the packages to the HDC office.

Students at “The Hut” line up for the 3rd annual carry-in Christmas dinner on December 10, 1998.

Leona and Lucille provide the basics and the students fill in with the rest of the goodies. No one goes away hungry on carry-in day!

Tina Rubel was presented with the annual Weeks Scholarship on December 2, 1998. Dr. Claycomb, Becky Nilges and Mr. Weeks were all present to congratulate her.

Sarah Graham unloads a bike and a truck load of toys that the Horticulture Club collected for needy children in Osage County.
The LSTC Christmas Choir entertained at the employee Christmas party on December 18.

Who's this? Kate-dolph the red haired reindeer?

Sandy, Leona, Lois and Carol anxiously wait to see who their Secret Santa is.

Vicki and Bernadette had a laugh when Vicki found out Bernadette had her name all along.
CASINO NIGHT

CASINO FIRSTS
First time I’ve ever seen the wave at the blackjack tables.

Levi and Shawn greet students at the door with $5,000 to start their night off right!

First time I’ve ever seen sit-down roulette. I think these guys are in for the night.

Sponsored by the Electricity Club
ONE THOUSAND, TWO THOUSAND, THREE...

Students count their winnings and check out the prizes to be auctioned off by Dan Griffin & Sons. (Paul, Grant and Tim)

"Who'll give me $10,000 for this fishing pole?"

LOOK OUT AUCTION, HERE I COME!

Todd Cook from Heavy Equipment Operations was the big winner of the night with over a million dollars. He used it to buy the grand prize VCR at the auction.
Fitz Fitzgerald, a Heavy Equipment Operations instructor, works to develop a powerlifting team at Linn State.

He and John Slicker, a 1st year Electronics Engineering Technology student competed and won at the Missouri Valley “Raw” Powerlifting Championship in Osawatomie, Kansas.

Fitz took first place and captured Missouri state records in the bench press with a 315 lb lift and the squat with a 385 lb lift. His three lift total was also a state record of 1160 lbs.

This was John’s first competition, but he also took first place and set records in the bench press at 290 lbs. and squat at 385 lbs.

Fitz and John show off the 1st place trophies they received on October 24, 1998 at the Powerlifting Championships in Osawatomie, Kansas.

Congratulations guys!!!
Pick Up!

Phi Theta Kappa members pick up trash along Highway 50

Governor Mel Carnahan recently proclaimed March 30 to be Phi Theta Kappa Day in Missouri. To help promote Phi Theta Kappa Day, members of the Alpha Phi Omicron Chapter at LSTC wore their Phi Theta Kappa t-shirts, jackets, pins, etc. Oh, and don’t forget, to really be seen on that day, they wore bright orange vests. As part of their community service project, several members picked up trash on highway 50 between the east and west campuses. It was quite a mess when they started, but looked much nicer by the time they were done. Thanks to everyone who helped out!!!

Students from the east campus headed west and students from the west campus headed east and picked up over 40 bags of trash in just that mile and a half stretch. Shame on the litterbugs!
Valentine Dance
Sponsored by the Phi Beta Lambda Club

Oops, there goes another one...
Robert, Christina and Kelly attempt to get more balloons on the wire then are on the ceiling.

Wendy, Stacy and Dan work on the set for the Valentine Court.

Now that David, Stacy, Stephanie and Dan are done with their decorating duties, they're plotting their plan to win all of the door prizes!
LSTC Valentine Court

Valentine Court from left to right are Doug Peters & Laura Jarboe; Clint Hays & Stacy Lipskoch; Jason Brandow & Amanda Ashby; Trent Beers & Wendy Jobe; Mike Ehlenbeck & Tina Ruble; and Eric Green & Missy Leppert.

Students voted at the dance and crowned Clint Hays and Wendy Jobe as the LSTC 1999 King and Queen.

"Traaain, Traaain, take me on out of this town."

Stephanie and Josh and Mike and Tina got off the train long enough for a slow song.
Electricity Club

Sponsored by Dan Griffin

ELECTRICITY CLUB OFFICERS

Brian Layman, Paul Stuart, Dennis Woodcock, Tim Straatmann, and Eric Haberberger.

New member or mascot?

Some of the guys trying to show their best side for the picture. Boys will be boys...
Jason, Guy and Chris try their luck at the roulette table while the guys below are busy counting their winnings.

The Electricity Club sponsored the fall casino night as well as an MU basketball game and the Professional Bull Riders Bud Light Tour.
Horticulture Club

Commercial Turf & Grounds students compete at State PAS Conference.

Travis Bates, 2nd year Commercial Turf & Grounds student, shows off his 1st place certificate for the Landscaping/Nursery Interview contest.

And the winners at the State PAS Contest are...

1st place - Landscaping/Nursery Interview - Travis Bates
1st place - Career Planning - Floriculture - Jenny Young
2nd place - Career Planning - Turf & Lands - Keith Christ
2nd place - Career Planning - General Mgmt. - Jon Conover
2nd place - Agribusiness Admin. Interview - Terry Doerhoff
2nd place team - Landscaping/Nursery - Richard Davis & Doug Peters
3rd place team - Landscaping/Nursery - Jessica Anderson & Jenny Young
Outstanding Achievement - Prepared Speech - Kim Jacobs
Ben Schrader was elected Vice Pres. of State PAS Officers

Some of the LSTC winners from left to right are Ben Schrader, Keith Christ, Jessica Anderson, Travis Bates, and Kennedy Mallya.

Pictured below at the National PAS Conference held at Joplin in April are Sarah Graham, CTG instructor; Jenni Young; Ben Schrader & Jessica Anderson. Jenni & Jessica took 1st place in the Ornamental Horticulture Specialist Award category.
Fundraiser time...

Members of the Horticulture/PAS (postsecondary agriculture society) cook up “burgers for cash”. The club members sold hamburger plates and mums in September to raise money for their club.

Looks like Ben is telling everyone about the big one that got away.

Doug, Amanda, and Laura take time out to sample some of the merchandise.
Members of the yearbook committee from bottom to top are Lisa Rutledge, EO; Renae Perkins, MO; Pete Elya, DD; Wendy Jobe, CP; Brandi McIntire, MO; Tina Rubel, EO; Tonya Doyel, EO; Katie Page, EO; Katie Hinton, CNT; Cindy Heseman, Editor, Stephen Hayden, CP and Ivy Rachal, AM. Picture courtesy of John Oitdman.
Yearbook committee members Ivy Rachal, Pete Elya, and Stephen Hayden find out that one of the first duties of the new yearbook committee is to mail out the yearbooks from the year before.

The next duty is to fill out the paperwork for all of the yearbook pages. Don’t look so thrilled, Tina.

And finally, the good stuff, getting to look at everyone else’s picture before they do.
PBL Club Officers
President - Robert Watkins
Vice President - Dan Sparks
Secretary - Stacy Lipskoch
Historian - Stacy Keener
Publicist - Tina Rubel
Treasurer - Wendy Jobe
Parlimentarian - Trent Beers

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT...

Sheriff Carl Fowler arrests Corey Paris for "impersonating a computer programming instructor" (Just kidding Corey)
Phi Beta Lambda Club

The PBL Club kept busy this year with a trip to the St. Louis Zoo and Science Center, a Jail & Bail Day, the Valentine Dance and Spring Casino Night.

Left) Stacy, David & Stephanie try to recruit a new PBL member at the zoo. Mr. Ells Mr. Lemmel wanted Missy's head on a platter after being late for the bus at the science Center.

"Dirty Dog Dan Griffin"  "Fork It Over Fitzgerald"
# LSTC 1999 - 2000

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At the end of the year, the old and new officers get treated to a nice dinner courtesy of SGA. This year's pick was Ruby Tuesday.

Some of the outgoing officers, David, Nathan, and Jake help out with the fall blood drive and Christy Lynn works at the registration table at Open House.

Tracy Kempker and Dori Knernschild help out at the craps table at the spring casino night.
International Honor Society of the two year college
Alpha Phi Omicron Chapter

Phi Theta Kappa

Fall Induction Ceremony

53 new members are inducted into the Alpha Phi Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the November 4, 1998 ceremony.

\[\Phi \Theta \Kappa\]

"Eye" see you...

Ed, Justin, Nathan, Jake and Wes all look pretty happy that....they made it!!!!!!!!!!
1998-99 Officers

Darby Hart, Treasurer; Missy Ieppert, President; Amanda Ashby, Vice President; Cindy Heseman, Advisor; Rhonda Buschmann, Secretary; and Richard Bequette, Jr., Public Relations.

Officers in action at one of the Phi Theta Kappa meetings.

Shawn Reading volunteered to serve cake and punch to the new members and their guests.
Marlene Medin from the Physical Therapist Assistant program talks with a prospective student at the Open House held on Sunday, April 18, 1999.

Dave Lenzi was on hand to discuss the Integrated Manufacturing Technology program in Mexico.

David Phillips and Linda Bowen talk to a couple about the Electronics program.
Future Heavy Equipment Operator???

Sarah Verman sells a plant to a customer at Open House.

Edgar and Ken speak with visitors at the registration tent and Dawna, Darrick and Mandy man the display table for the Networking Systems Technology program.

Bradley Green gives a demonstration of the palletizer program he wrote.
The Fabick booth is always popular with the HE & MHT guys.
Manfred Johnson from Automotive Technology speaks with Chuck Wright at the Legend Automotive display. Chuck was a past graduate of the Automotive program.

Kim Chillington from HEO checks out MoDot.

Sheila, Katie, Stephanie and Tiffany look for prospects in the Computer Technology and Networking Systems Technology fields.

Mike Borgmann, James Buschmann, and Kevin Sticht from Heavy Equipment Technology talk with Ron Crowe from Cooke Sales and Service Company at the LSTC Job Fair held on February 24.
Accounting

Missy and Amanda, along with Darby Hart from EDS, pose at the Phi Theta Kappa Founder’s Day celebration at Stephen’s College in Columbia in November.

Robyn heads up the conga line at the Valentine dance, but doesn’t look quite as thrilled in the classroom.

Missy and Amanda, president and vice-president of Phi Theta Kappa.
Administrative Office Mgmt.

Tonya Doyel
Linn
Darla Maxey
Linn
Melissa Mroczowicz
Salem
Catherine Page
Belle
Angela Racherbaumer
Rosebud

Tina Rubel
Linn
Lisa Rutledge
Hermann
Shanna Schebaum
Hermann
Christina Vernon
Linn

Executive and Medical Office

Brandi McEntire
Jefferson City
Renae Perkins
Holt's Summit
Lacy Pethal
Hermann

Not Pictured
Tammy Gamblin, EO
Leslie Horstmann, MO
Renzi Russell, MO
Erica Werdehausen, EO
Automotive Collision Repair

Phil Wideman receives his medal at the VICA State Competition.

1st Year

Not Pictured
Drew Busch
Tim Connell
Michael Currie
Landon Freeman
Kerry Mahaney
Cory McMunn
Wesley Pierro
Ryan Stanford
Roy Williams

Jim Canaday
Jefferson City
Joe Embry
Boonville
Joel Lucas
Jefferson City
Bryan Medley
Bixby
Jason Meek
Grant City

Bobby Parrack
Boonville
Billie Redel
Freeburg
Josh Thompson
Brookfield
Travis Ward
Vandalia
Phil Wideman
Perryville
Automotive Collision Repair

Charles Brightwell
Marshall
Tyler Chisholm
Linn
David Courtway
Ironton
Laren Cox
Eagleville
Jeremy Flaherty
Columbia
Jerry Gibbs
Ironton
Doug Harrison
Sturgoen
Douglas Lindley
Glenallen
Steven Maddox
Columbia
Joshua Murray
Fulton
Jason Neel
Middle Brook
Justin Poindexter
Martinsburg
Jeremiah Scull
Wentzville
Shawn Soil
Columbia
Benjamin Worley
Columbia

Jason Neel picks up his medal at the VICA District Competition.

2nd Year

DuPont always treats the collision repair students to an end of the year BBQ each year.

Did we get your good side, Shawn?
Automotive

Daniel Allen
Farmington
Kyle Anderson
Columbia
Paul Arney
Fulton
Eric Bennett
Ashland
Eric Brandt
Linn
Adam Brinegar
Columbia
John Case
Purdy
Gavin Crane
Columbia
Cory Eymann
Macon
Brian Forck
Holts Summit
Trent Ginter
Franklin
Cliff Gossage
Saint Louis
David Greenwall
Leslie
Nathan Hasse
Pierce City
Justin Harvey
Holts Summit
Jeremy Hausman
Fenton
Joshua Hogan
Bee
Glen Holterman
Freeburg
Brian Hunter
Jefferson City
Bob Jenkins
Holts Summit
Manfred Johnson
Jefferson City
David Keilholz
Chamouis
B.J. Kemper
Chamouis
Aaron Kincaid
Jefferson City
Mark Knight
Tipton

Owen Baker and Nathan Haase received Missouri Moonshiners Street Rod Club Scholarships in December.
Technology

1st Year

Matt Kramer
Buffalo
Derek Kuda
Vandalia
Mike Landreth
Columbia
Cliff Lawrence
Columbia
Sam Marcum
New Franklin
Aaron Moeller
Jefferson City
Marty Peavler
LaPlata
Jared Phillippe
Columbia
Jim Phillips
Freeburg
Daniel Place
Wentzville
Mike Riley
Bledgett
Anthony Saunders
Columbia
John Schmid
Linn
Adron Sharp
Mendon
John Skouby
Catwissa

Glen Holtermann and Ivy Rachal
receive 1st & 2nd place VICA
District medals from
Dr. Claycomb.

How long do I have to hold this car up
on one shoulder?
Automotive

Brad Adams
Jefferson City
Owen Baker
Verona
Jeff Bolton
Bowling Green
Andrew Buckner
Wright City
Nathan Hinton
Monticello
Scott Kane
Chamois
Ivy Rachal
Jefferson City
Tracy Scott
La Grange
Bryan Short
Union
Dan Thornburg
Jefferson City

James Vaughn
Lincoln
Jason Walling
Linn
Justin Wilcox
Columbia
Ryan Winborn
Jefferson City

2nd Year

Not Pictured
Josh Bacon
Stephen Baker
Roger Blank
Joseph Dickens
Adam Feltrup
Adam King
Bryan Moran
Jeffrey Nichols
Michael Riechers
Aaron Spoor
Kary Wolfe
Owen having a "brain cramp" during a final?

Ivy and Dan on clean-up detail. (Not from Owen though)

Members of the Tech Team from left to right are Owen Baker, Brad Adams, Jason Walling, Adam Feltrop, and sponsor, Jim Brandon.
Aviation

Jerry Adams
Desoto
Greg Bates
Boonville
Erik Buckwalter
Columbia
James Courtis
Desoto
Arthur Davis
Jefferson City
Matt Duncan
Crocker
Steve Johnson
Robertsville
Jea-Hum Joun
Seoul Korea
Joo-Won Lee
Seoul Korea
William Moeller
Jefferson City
DeWayne Redel
Fulton
Kyun-Hyop Rho
Seoul Korea
Josh Roberts
Edina
Scott Rose
St. Peters
Mike Siedler
Troy

1st Year

Sam Stoner
Hurdland
Chad Tillinghast
Holts Summit
Derak Whitworth
Macks Creek

Not Pictured
Michael Sanford
Maintenance

Jun-Han Cho
Seoul Korea
Jimi Davis
Linn
Chang-Won Hong
Korea
Heui-Jung Hong
Seoul Korea
Dong-Hwi Jho
Seoul Korea
Chong-Bok Kim
Chungju City
Bon-Kyung Koo
Seoul Korea
Kye-Sun Lee
Seoul Korea
Hong-Jin Park
Seoul Korea
Eric Redman
Linn

Sung-Ho Seo
Seoul Korea
Jason Windmann
Warrenton
Not Pictured
Young-Chul Yoon

2nd Year
2nd year students must identify hundreds of types of weeds as part of their final exam.
Computer Programming

Casey Ashmore  
Bonnets Mill  
John Bernard  
Dixon  
Michelle Godron  
Linn  
James Hutinger  
Jefferson City  
Robert Kinsley  
New Bloomfield  
Stephanie Kliethermes  
Linn  
James Lawson  
Holts Summit  
Stacy Lipskoch  
Jefferson City  
Darren Meudt  
Jefferson City  
Curtis Pendleton  
Jefferson City  
Ben Ritter  
Linn  
Lisa Schlempers  
Linn  
Patrick Schmitz  
Freeburg  
Stephanie Schmitz  
Loose Creek  
Jacob Steen  
Iberia

1st Year

Brandi Sullivan  
New Florence  
Tonya Wright  
Chamois

Not Pictured  
Dorothy Hagedorn  
Jesse Peters  
Laine Quick  
Corey Stephan
East meets West

Thanks to Dan Davis and the maintenance crew, signs were finally put up to find the west campus. Yeah!!!!

If you feed them, they will come..

And it didn’t take long for the east campus to find their way over to the west campus when PBL put on a free BBQ.
Computer

Jeff Arnold
Jefferson City
Justin Baker
Centertown
Trent Beers
Linn
Nathan Block
Jefferson City
Stacey Carlson
Linn
Kim Dudenhoeffer
Jefferson City
Mike Ehlenbeck
O'Fallon
Christina Falter
Freeburg
Ed Funk
Jefferson City
Jessica Garrison
Thayer
Betty Hafner
Gasconade
Stephen Hayden
New London
Clint Hays
Monroe City
David Hays
Monroe City
Shona Hoffmann
Montgomery City

2nd Year

class of 1999
Technology

Ed Funk, Tracy Kempker, and Stacy Carlson show off their plaques won at the LSTC Speech Competition.

Now there's a line-up if I ever saw one...
Design

Wendy Ahlstrom
Holts Summit
Janell Backes
Bonnots Mill
Mark Cummins
Stover
Matt Derickson
Brookfield
Debra Disser
Holts Summit

Peter Elva
Jefferson City
Scott Fluegel
Jefferson City
Michael Hare
Russellville
Michael Klug
Vandallia
Charles Lane
Moberly
Jeff Laughlin
Linn
Craig Leivian
Linn
Rusty Morris
Vandallia
Tim Murphy
Pacific
Thomas Olgischlaeger
St. Elizabeth

Tim Olgischlaeger
St. Elizabeth
Mike Rice
Jefferson City
Caleb Turner
Columbia
Jeremy Vuillcot
Linn
Matthew Wilde
Jefferson City

1st Year

Not Pictured
Jeffrey Colvin
Jeffrey Madole
Drafting

Rhonda Buschmann
Mount Sterling
Corey Case
Owensville
Craig Cramer
Hermann
Chad Green
St. Elizabeth
Donn Hastings
Jefferson City
Robert Henson
St Thomas
Patrick Kremer
Bonnets Mill
Janice Liesman
Gerald
Beverly Markum
Jefferson City
Charles Markunas
Houston
Scott O'Toole
Columbia
John Ruengert
DeSoto
Eric Schneider
Sedalia
Jeremiah Schubert
Meto
Joshua Shumaker
Novinger

James Stogsdill
Columbia
Calvin Vaughn
Paris
Chad Wallace
Vandalia

2nd Year
How many monkeys can you fit on a pole?

1st Year

Not Pictured
Shawn Buhr
Matt Corum
David Cuppy, Jr.
Edward Foster
Garth McCracken
Adam Seaver
David Wright
Systems (a.k.a. Pole Monkeys)

Andrew Buschjost
Jefferson City
Kendall Chitwood
Ellington
Mike Coleman
Osceola
Michael Dittmer
Syracuse
Kelly Garreau
Linn

Ryan Hackman
Linn
Darby Hart
Eugene
Brian Layman
Lebanon
Craig Moeller
Linn
Grant Petree
Tipton

Not Pictured
Jim Klouzek

David Srite
Smithville
Paul Stuart
Jefferson City
Steven Whithaus
Hermann
Lance Williams
Jefferson City

2nd Year
Electrical Technology

Seth Baker
Ellington
Josh Brakefield
Cuba
Guy Lanphere
Columbia
Derrick Pringer
Jefferson City

1st Year

Shawn Everhart
Jefferson City
James Hake
Bonnets Mill
Paul Kirsch
Jefferson City
Shawn Reading
Vandalia

2nd Year

Not Pictured
Austin Chinn
Robert Vaughn
Electronics Engineering

Nathan Ashby
Rolla
Gary Biere
Blind
Dean Breithaupt
Columbia
Neil Brueggemann
Union
Wesley Cooper
Salem

Jason Correll
Linn
Eric Eichholz
Russellville
Adam Fehr
Jefferson City
Ryan Gray
Bowling Green
Jesse Haller
Freeburg

Dustin Hathaway
Floto
Sebron Jones IV
Waynesville
David Koenig
Linn
Tim Kopp
Jefferson City
Shannon Luebbering
St. Thomas

Jason Nichols
Fulton
Keith Phillips
Russellville
Mark Prenger
Jefferson City
Matt Pritchard
Jefferson City
Mike Shelton
Jefferson City

John Slicker
Jefferson City
Jim Weis
Columbia

Not Pictured
Jason Cooper
Merrill Thurman
Anthony Wright

1st Year
The team of Willie Wright, Tim Moore, Robert Bussone, Daniel Swaim, T.J. Mears, Les Lake, and William Mason demonstrate their final project.
Technology

Eric Jourdon, Aaron Lackman, Amy Forsee, and Scott Guse’ ready their final project demonstration. Cory Pascoe and Alan Wekenborg, not pictured, were also members of the team.

Will the train fly???
What are these guys looking so billy goat gruff about?
Heavy Equipment

Josh Alig
Pleasant Hill

Clay Baker
Palmyra

Paul Basler
St. Genevieve

Josh Bland
Winona

Paul Bramel
Belle

Brent Brooks
New Franklin

Jerme Burn
Rolla

Jeremiah Carron
Bloomdale

Kim Chillington
Linn

Todd Cook
Rocheport

Ryan Crowe
Bonnots Mill

Brian Cuno
Sullivan

Chesley Daniels
Vichy

Jeff Dykstra
Canton

Alvin Griffin
Harrisburg

Jason Gunnell
Downing

Brian Heimericks
Henley

Andy Helenschmidt
Festus

Chris Heuman
Holts Summit

Jason Hughes
Raymondville

Brian Irvin
Farmington

Craig Kamper
Argyle

Jason Ketcherside
Vienna

Brad Lenk
Jefferson City

Matt Lottes
St. Genevieve

Canin Mizner
Gray Summit

Chris Moallankamp
Linn

Randy Mobley
Fulton

Kris Moran
New Haven

Brian Nickles
Rocheport

John Niekamp
Jefferson City

Jeff Peters
Linn

Mark Reagan
Grandview

Steven Reese
Brookfield

William Rulo
Berger
Operations

Matt Rutledge
Macon
Meagan Satrang
Warsaw
Anna Schmid
Linn
Allan Schokker
Holts Summit
Mike Shirley
Auxvasse

Brad Singleton
Louisiana
Les Stockman
Jefferson City
Jerod Street
Piedmont
Jared Tarpening
Marceline
Todd Taylor
Laclede

Rick Turner
Jefferson City
Brian Unnerstall
Washington
William Verman
Bonnots Mill
Andy Welborn
Moberly
Chris Wetrich
Linn

Curtis Wiles
Dixon
Ian Williams
St. Genevieve
Chris Zika
Edgar Springs
Not Pictured
Andrew Seaver
Heavy Equipment

Kyle Adkins
Hallsville
Travis Almond
Lawson
Matt Althoff
Fenton
Matt Bremer
Bourbon
Doug Brune
New Haven

Seth Clemons
Columbia
Scott Clover
Linn
Gabe Conner
Jefferson City
Ross Dugan
Butler
Chris Eckhoff
LaMonte

Joseph Eikermann
Holts Summit
Anwar Frazier
Benton
Joel George
Columbia
Brent Gilmore
Centralia
Jack Hall
LaMonte

1st Year
Technology

Chad Humphrey
Leslie
Andy Martin
Ashland
Adam Morton
Ellington
Mark Mueller
Columbia, IL
Mike Nation
West Alton

Josh Oldham
Valles Mines
Cletus Rademacher
Bland
Josh Schulze
Wintfield
Nick Smith
Valley Park
John Smith, Jr.
Jefferson City

Dan Strope
Car
Chuck Stull
Jefferson City
James Thurston
Jonesburg
James Volkerting
Marthasville
Jason West
Steelville
Heavy Equipment Technology

Joseph Backues  
Vienna
Keith Borchering  
Mexico
Mike Bergmann  
St. Louis
James Buschmann  
Mt. Sterling
Mike Dewert  
Union

Curtis Gilmore  
Butler
Adam Hampton  
Ellington
Sam Layton  
Ironton
John Mahnken  
Frohner
Ronald Perkins  
Gravois Mills

Todd Reckamp  
Wright City
Josh Reveille  
Sullivan
Jason Russell  
Brookfield
Cody Sassman  
Owensville
Fritz Schnarr  
Centralia

Brian Schweigert  
St. Genevieve
Steven Shramek  
Middletown
Kevin Sticht  
Altenburg
Brandon Taylor  
Russellville

2nd Year

Not Pictured  
John Filipi

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Representatives from Fabick; Caterpillar; Dean Machinery; the LSTC Foundation; and Linn Tech faculty, staff, and administration pose for a check presentation at a fish fry hosted by John Fabick Tractor Company on October 21, 1998.

Jim Rudolph of Dean Machinery (left) and Don Mercille of John Fabick Tractor Co. (right) present scholarship awards to Kyle Atkins, Mark Mueller, Joel George, Josh Schulze, and Cletus Rademacher.
Industrial Electricity &

Josh Bohnert
Portland

Chris Brown
Turners

Brandon Davidson
Mexico

Eric Haberberger
Villa Ridge

Willie Hendricks
Lynchburg

George Hummel
Jefferson City

Jason Hutchinson
Fayette

Matt Jarrett
Eldon

Eric Kemna
Jefferson City

Andy Martin
Belle

Branden Martin
Fulton

James McInnis
Steeleville

Jason Morff
Jefferson City

Justin Mosley
Linn

Mike Picker
Belle
Industrial Maintenance

Jason Ragland
Jefferson City
Justin Robinson
Linn
Nate Runyan
Jefferson City
Craig Russell
Linn
Wesley Schulte
Eugene

Danny Slizewski
Fulton
Thomas Weis
Columbia
Matt Winingear
Fulton
Richard Zielke
Union

Mike Buschjost
St. Thomas
Matt Long
St. Thomas
Chad McKee
Jefferson City

Not Pictured
Charles Clifton
Brad Starke
Dumian Thies
Travis Whitlow

INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE

1st Year
Industrial Electricity & Maint.

Marcus Bast
Cuba
Shawn Blocker
Washington
John Chesser
Monroe City
Grant Clemens
Gerald
Bill Coleman
Jefferson City

Brooks Crawford
Jefferson City
Brian Crowe
Linn
Chad Eichholz
Russellville
Bradley Green
Davisville
Eric Green
Mysta

Matt Hale
Henley
Joey Hawkins
Boca
Matt Hellman
Gerald
Ben Hilgedick
Hartsburg
Tim Mehrhoff
New Bloomfield

Matt Santhuff
LaSalleville
Brandon Skyles
Rolla
Brandon Snider
Salem

2nd Year

Not Pictured
Jason Brandow
Craig Bryan
John Cmekovich
Steven Gilboney
Robert Hanks
William Hayes
Jared Jackson
Anthony Mackey
Mark Potts & Levi Young

Troy Chapman
Fayette
Matthew Curtman
Owenville
Troy Engelbrecht
Gerald
Brad Perkins
Gerald
Steven VanLeer
Rosebud

INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE
Technology

Kevin Brautigam
Russellville
Lance Duffie
Williamsburg
Steven Honse
Belle
Jeff Innes
Halleville
Roger Klauser
Quincy, IL

Chris Kuhlmann
Holts Summit
Adam Menz
Owensville
Ryan Micke
Owensville
Boyd Railton
Fayette
Philip Schmidt
Jefferson City

Nate Schoonover
Clarence
Scott Simpson
Fayette
Chris Traub
Hermann
Joe Welch
Mexico
Allen Wohlschlaeger
St. Louis

Not Pictured
George Buckner
Robert Hager
Dennis Houchins
Clifford Meyer
James Payne
Daniel Townsend

2nd Year

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Medium/Heavy

Alex Burrell
Newburg
David Cottingham
Rolla
Aaron Forck
Jefferson City
Thomas Hall III
Independence
Nick Lansford
Union

Tina Mitchell
Viburnum
Melvin Robuck
Macon
Jeremy Romine
St. James
Charles Scheer
New Haven
Kurtis Schlottog
Bland

Robert Schnarr
Arnold
Jared Struzick
Strasburg
Nick Towers
St. Louis

1st Year
Truck Technology

Robert Benchic
Newburg
Brian Bleckman
Rolla
Joe DeBoeuf
Owensville
Robert Fleck
Farmington
Billie Garner
Cassville

Tony Heppermann
Foristell
Geoff Kruvant
St. Louis
Chris Rice
Columbia
Noah Sankovich
Doolittle
Nick Wilburn
Linn

2nd Year
Networking Systems Technology

Keith Armbruster
Berger
Melissa Baker
Russellville
Timothy Berry
Jefferson City
Sheila Campbell
Linn
Kevin Christ
Linn
Darrick Davis
Brinktown
Joe Hafley
Belle
Dawna Hill
Morrison
Katie Hinton
Linn
Jesse Hollandsworth
Linn
Jason Jungmeyer
Jefferson City
Valerie Jungmeyer
Jamestown
Tracy Kempker
Henley
Adora Knernschild
Jefferson City
Larry Lewis
Perry

Mandy Mebruer
Freeburg
Justin Mitchell
St. Thomas
Tiffany Peters
Linn
Javan Sturdy
Bucklin

1st Year

Not Pictured
Jessica Vogel
Leanne Amsinger
Eldon
Jill Appleton
Columbia
Shonna Burns
Doolittle
Cary Calkins
Waynesville
Levi Kelly
Kirkville
Carolyn Luebbert
Jefferson City
Christina Lympus
Jefferson City
Jamie Massman
Westphalia
Shawna Morrison
Fulton
Paula Mullins
Columbia
Laura Stiefermann
Jefferson City
John Tate
Columbia
Chris Teel
Centralia
Karen Williams
Sedalia
Janet Wools
St. James

“Squeeze harder!!!”

“No, no, no more, I promise I’ll be good!”

“Look at those muscles!!”

1st Year

“Did bigfoot go thru here?”
Physical Therapist

K.D. Berrey
Columbia
Teresa Collins
Jefferson City
Mark Cummings
Jefferson City
James Deem
Jefferson City
D. Duane Dimmitt
Columbia

Leneta Dixon
Columbia
Diana Embry
Tipton
Amanda Garrison
Jefferson City
Marsha Grieshaber
Columbia
Jason Hoemann
Washington

Gaylen Hoover
Jefferson City
Holly Irwin
Iberia
Julianne Lewis
Columbia
Linda McKinney
Jefferson City
Shane McKinney
Jefferson City

They looked so calm and dignified before...the PTA graduates of 1998 get silly!
Assistant

Christy Walkenbach
Jefferson City

Amy Williams
Kirksville

Jessica Wolfe
Linn

Melissa Morgan
Jefferson City
Sarah Pondrom
Sullivan
Michele Porter
Jefferson City
Cricket Sanders
Cole Camp
l’Esha Shelton
St. Charles

2nd Year
Employees at LSTC are walking advertisement in their free t-shirts.
Don Gelven
Karen Gentges
Jim Gerding
Herb Gleize
Ima Gleize
Sue Gove
Sarah Graham

Gaylene Harms
Lenny Haslag
Roger Haslag
Tony Heckman
Cindy Heseman
Earl Hodgen
Robert Holtmeyer

Donna Hoskins
Tesuk Im
Glenda Jordan
Ralph Keener
Larry Kendrick
Donna Kirkland
Dean Klouzek

Lois Koelling
Darwin Kraenow
Sandy Krimmel
Todd Kroll
John Lemmel
Dave Lenzi
Mary Light

This is how John feels about having to pay for them.
Dr. Claycomb presents a copy of the book, *Missouri on the Eve of the Twenty-First Century*, to Tesuk in the library as Diana, Donna, Gene, Sue, Kevin, Rick, and Carla look on. LSTC is featured on pages 252 and 253 of the book.
More Faculty & Staff

Chapman Rackaway
Jody Relford
Randall Rice
Rusty Robinson
Mike Sadler
Karen Sankey
Richard Schenherr

Margaret Scheulen
Don Schluter
Vicki Schwinke
Lowell Shelton
Lucille Sieg
Joe Soucie
Bernadette Spurgeon

Kim Staley
Rita Starnes
Marie Thompson
Ellen Velie
Audrey Vogel
Matt Voss
Robin Ward

Kevin Wheeler
Harold White
Rocky White
Scott Whitting
Jerry Whittle
Jim Wilson
Pat Wolf

June Wolfe
Glen Woods
Cheryl Zimmer

'THE ROCK' (the one on the right) and Roberta at their going away parties.
LSTC Speech Competition

Over a dozen students competed in a speech contest sponsored by the communications department on November 23, 1998. Students competed in Extemporaneous and Prepared Speech categories.

First and second place winners in both categories were awarded with plaques and savings bonds. 1st and 2nd in Extemporaneous Speech were Ed Funk and Tracy Kempker. Bob Jenkins and Stacey Carlson were 1st & 2nd in Prepared Speech. Jason Walling was awarded Honorable Mention.

Ed Funk
Computer Technology

Bob Jenkins
Automotive Technology

Stacey Carlson
Computer Technology

Tracy Kempker
Networking Systems Tech
Don Claycomb, Rick Hollandsorth, Don Gelven, John Klebba, John Thorne, and John Scheulen pose with a cake signifying the $100,000 scholarship/partnership between Trans World Express and Linn State Technical College.

Erik Buckwalter

James Davis

Steve Johnson

DeWayne Redel

Eric Redman

Mike Siedler

Sam Stoner

Chad Tillinghast

Eight students from the Aviation Maintenance program were presented $1,000 scholarships by Rick Hollandsworth from Trans World Express at a ceremony and BBQ on November 17, 1998.
Phi Theta Kappa

Spring Induction Ceremony

Fifty-six new members rode out the storm on April 8, 1999 and were inducted into the Alpha Phi Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

It was quite an exiting evening with the induction starting at 7:00 p.m. and the tornado hitting town at 7:15.

As luck would have it, the inductees had their candles lit when the power went off and were able to continue the ceremony by candlelight.

Congressman Ike Skelton, a fellow Phi Theta Kappan was scheduled to be the guest speaker at the induction, but, unfortunately do to weather conditions was unable to land his plane.

Dr. Don Claycomb, president of the college and Nathan Block, president of the student government association were kind enough to step in at a moments notice to fill the agenda.

Rhonda Buschmann, chapter secretary, reads her part of the charge to new members as inductees in the background prepare for the storm.
Dan Sparks, Computer Technology, took over the treasurer position in the spring semester.

And here it is...ceremony by candlelight while Mother Nature plays havoc outside.

Ed helped serve cake and punch to the new members and their guests along with Nathan, Mike & Cody.
Vocational Industrial Clubs of America

VICA officers, Bob Jenkins, Justin Baker, Seth Clemons, Grant Petree, and Ross Dugan discuss a fundraising project with VICA club members.

Pete Elya, Wendy Ahlstrom, Josh Schulze, Jared Phillippe, Bob Jenkins, and Seth Clemons were kind enough to volunteer to paint the award podiums for the VICA District Competition.

Ross Dugan presents 1st prize cash to Derek Kuda and Tim Murphy at the VICA pool tournament fundraiser.
Koo, Steve, and Mike took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Aviation Maintenance and Billie, Sam, and John took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Diesel Equipment Tech Info.

1st Place State VICA Winners

BonKyoung Koo - Aviation Maintenance Tech.
Joey DeBoeuf - Diesel Equipment Technology
Tracy Kempker - Extemporaneous Speech and Job Skill Demonstration
Zak Taylor - HVAC Tech. Info. (tie for 1st)
Tim Wilson - HVAC Tech. Info. (tie for 1st)
Shawn Reading - Industrial Motor Control and Industrial Electricity Tech Info
Wendy Ahlstrom - Leadership Essay

(Above left) Tracy was a national qualifier in two events. (Above right) 1st place winners: Koo, Billie, Shawn, Robert, Tim, Wendy, Tracy, and Joey. Sal Coombs and Zak Taylor are not pictured.

Koo, Joey, Tracy, Sal, and Shawn will advance on to the national competition in Kansas City, June 28 - July 2.

We also had 19 second place winners & 6 third.
The moment 279 graduates have been waiting for...
Friday, May 7, 1999, 7:00 p.m.

GRADUATION '99
Look at all of the happy faces!!!
Mr. DeWayne Rakes was the commencement speaker for the 1999 graduation ceremony. Mr. Rakes began his career with Linn Technical College in 1968. Before holding the office of president for 10 years, he was Dean of Student Services, Recruiting, and Financial Aid as well as a counselor and basketball coach. Mr. Rakes told graduates that when Linn Technical College began back in 1960-61, tuition was $15.00 down and $15.00 a month. Oh, for the good old days!

Some of the 61 Phi Theta Kappa graduates.
Students receiving diplomas from Dr. Claycomb, Tom Dinkins, and Norma Clayton are Joe Backues, Heavy Equipment Technology; Troy Chapman, Industrial Maintenance Technology; Brian Layman, Electrical Distribution Systems; Rhonda Buschmann, Design Drafting; and Anna Schmid, Heavy Equipment Operations.
**Perfect 4.0 G.P.A.**

Students who received a perfect 4.0 throughout attendance at LSTC are John Filipke & Curtis Gilmore from Heavy Equipment Tech.; Shawn Reading, Electrical Technology; Bradley Green, Industrial Electricity; and Ed Funk, Computer Technology. Not pictured are Willie Rhoads, Commercial Turf & Grounds; Craig Moeller, Electrical Distribution Systems; Paul Kirsch, Electrical Technology; John Crnkovich, Industrial Electricity; & Robert Hager and Dennis Houchins, Machine Tool

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**Outstanding Student Awards**

- **Accounting**
  - Melissa Iepert  
  Administrative Office
- **Leslie Horstmann**  
  Auto. Collision Repair
- **Justin Poindexter**  
  Automotive Technology
- **Owen Baker**  
  Aviation Maintenance
- **Eric Redman**  
  Commercial Turf&Grounds
- **Willie Rhoads**  
  Computer Technology
- **Ed Funk**  
  Design Drafting
- **Rob Henson**  
  Electrical Distribution
- **Paul Stuart**  
  Electronics Engineering
- **Amy Forsee**  
  HVAC/R
- **Sal Coombs**  
  Heavy Equipment Oper.
- **Craig Kampeter**  
  Heavy Equipment Tech.
- **Kevin Sticht**  
  Industrial Electricity
- **Bradley Green**  
  Machine Tool Technology
- **Dennis Houchins**  
  Medium/Heavy Truck
- **Geoffrey Kruvand**

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**Dean’s List Students**
Family Pride!!
Congratulations to the 1999 graduates of Linn State Technical College...the last of the millennium!

1999 President’s Award

The President’s Award is given based on the student’s demonstration of leadership, citizenship, character, and service to the college. This year’s recipient possessed all of those qualities.

The President’s Award for 1999 was presented to Nathan Block by Dr. Don Claycomb. Nathan is a graduate of the Computer Technology program.
World News

- A total collapse of the Russian ruble sends world markets into chaos. Boris Yeltsin asks Viktor Chernomyrdin to head the government to help restore political and economic stability.

- French high school students demand more teachers, better equipment and buildings and a lighter course load in an October protest in Paris. The French government designates $40 million annually over the next four years, as well as 1,000 new teaching posts.

- After a U.N. drug summit in which 150 countries endorse an anti-drug campaign, the U.S. vows to spend an estimated $1 billion over the next five years on anti-drug advertising, corporate and civic partnerships and promotion.

- In a dangerous escalation of hostile feelings in the area, India begins nuclear bomb testing in response to Pakistan's testing of the Ghauri missile.

- A memorial commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed is put on display in London's Harrods department store, which is owned by Dodi's father.

- On September 2, Swissair Flight 111 crashes in the sea in Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia. Canada, killing all 229 passengers and crew aboard. A cockpit wiring fire is the suspected cause of the disaster.

- A discotheque fire in Goteborg, Sweden, kills 67 teens and injures several more, making it the deadliest fire in modern Swedish history. Arson is the suspected cause of the October fire.
On August 7, powerful bombs explode outside the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killing 248 people, including 12 Americans, and injuring more than 5,000.

The remains of Czar Nicholas II and his family, killed in 1918 in Central Russia and buried in a mass grave, are exhumed and laid to rest in St. Petersburg.

President Clinton becomes the first U.S. leader to visit China since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Many criticize Clinton for his apparent leniency toward China's human rights restrictions.

The worst summer flooding in China since 1954 kills 3,000 people, destroys 17 million homes and affects one-fifth of the country's population.

Hurricane Mitch ravages parts of Central America and kills more than 10,000 people, making it the second deadliest storm in the region's history.

After months of negotiations, Swiss banks and Jewish groups reach a $1.25 billion settlement in a lawsuit filed by thousands of Holocaust survivors to recover lost savings.

On January 1, 1999, the euro debuts as the new currency in 11 European Common Market countries. It will be three more years before euro coins and cash are officially put into circulation.

John Hume and David Trimble, Northern Ireland's two main political party leaders, win the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the violence that has plagued the British province for three decades.

After a stop in Mexico City in January 1999, Pope John Paul II arrives in St. Louis, Missouri, and celebrates Mass with over 100,000 people in attendance.

In January 1999, an earthquake that measures 6.0 on the Richter scale hits Colombia killing over 1,000 people.

King Hussein of Jordan, 63, dies on February 7, 1999, of lymphatic cancer. Hussein's 47-year reign made him the Middle East's longest-serving leader.
**National News**

- Convicted killer Martin Gurule escapes death row and is later found drowned in a nearby river. Gurule is the first Texas inmate to escape death row since 1934.

- President Clinton becomes the second president in history to be impeached. The House of Representatives charges him with two counts of obstruction of justice and perjury. The Senate acquits Clinton after a five-week trial.

- The U.S. Treasury unveils a new $20 bill designed to be much harder to counterfeit and more capable of withstanding heavy abuse.

- President Clinton declares the entire state of Florida a disaster area after fires burn over 300,000 acres and damage or destroy 150,000 homes.

- A massive Millennium Clock in New York City garment district counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds to the year 2000.

- After 50 years of work, the face of Crazy Horse is revealed at the South Dakota monument. When completed, the memorial, carved out of a mountain, will be the largest sculpture in the world.

- Sixteen of the 24 glass beads that historians believe were used to buy Manhattan Island from Native Indians in 1626 are donated to the Indian Museum of North America located at the Crazy Horse Memorial.

- In June, African-American James Byrd Jr., 49, is chained to the back of a truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas, by three men, two of whom have ties to white supremacists.
Mentally unstable Russell Eugene Weston Jr. charges into the U.S. Capitol building on July 24 and fatally shoots Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut.

A Titanic exhibit tours the U.S. featuring over 200 artifacts and displays chronicling the fateful ship's maiden voyage and tragic sinking.

Northwest Airlines pilots strike for 17 days in August and September, causing more than 27,000 canceled flights and a loss of $338 million.

In response to family pressure, DNA testing confirms that remains buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns are those of Michael J. Blassie, an Air Force pilot shot down in Vietnam.

Reform Party candidate Jesse Ventura shocks the nation when he wins the race for governor of Minnesota in November. Ventura is a former Navy Seal, pro wrestler and action movie actor.

In summer 1998, North Texas temperatures exceed 100 degrees for 45 days. The state's heat death toll climbs to 192 and fires burn over 344,000 acres.

In September, Hurricane Georges crashes through the Florida Keys and Mississippi. The killer storm causes the largest mandatory evacuation in Florida history, and Mississippi victims receive over $131 million in aid.

Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old gay student at the University of Wyoming, dies five days after being brutally attacked in an apparent hate crime. Vigils in his memory are held across the country.

In August, General Motors Corporation and United Auto Workers reach an agreement that ends an eight-week strike.

President Clinton announces the federal government ends the 1998 fiscal year with a budget surplus of $70 billion, the first surplus since 1998.

More than 250 colleges now admit some or all of their applicants without regard to SAT or ACT scores. Many schools say the system improves the academic quality and diversity of their student bodies.

DNA tests determine that Rebecca Chittum was unknowingly switched with Callie Conley at a Virginia hospital after their births three years ago. This case prompts a national debate on the need for stricter hospital procedures.
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The FDA withholds medical approval of St. John's Wort, the popular herbal supplement widely believed to relieve depression. However, American consumer demand has led to its use in everything from lipstick to potato chips.

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Lifestyle News

A USA Today investigation reveals that many of the nation’s safe drinking water regulations are not being enforced. The report reveals that even the worst violations have just a 1 in 10 chance of drawing legal action.

Lovejoy, a palm-sized matchmaking device, is the latest craze with Japanese teenagers. When it comes within 15 feet of another Lovejoy, high-pitched beepers go off, lights flash, and the “love detectors” display whether the users’ preset interests match. It’s now available in the U.S.

PlayStation’s “Crash Bandicoot: WARPED” supersedes its popular predecessors. Also new is Crash’s sister Coco who gallops along the Great Wall of China and cruises through enemy-infested waters.

Furby, the year’s must-have interactive toy, has a vocabulary of 200 words in both English and its own language, “Furibish.” Furby knows when it is being petted, when the lights go out, when music starts, and if there’s another Furby in the room.

WildEyes contact lenses feature several designs, including a starburst, black eight ball and cat’s eyes. The $165 lenses come in prescription and non-prescription and don’t interfere with eyesight.

Appearing in malls in 33 states, job kiosks dispense employment opportunities for interested applicants. Job seekers enter their skills and ambitions and the machine scans its database for a match.

Consumer groups demand the recall of Olestra from the market, or at least the adoption of strict guidelines as to its use, after thousands of people become sick from eating the popular fat substitute. However, studies suggest that chips made with Olestra do not cause greater stomach problems than regular chips.

I WANT YOU

for the U.S. Army
ENLIST NOW

In December, Selective Service activates online registration. Eighteen-year-olds can now register instantly instead of filling out forms at the post office that take two to three months to process.
As the need for toll-free numbers greatly increases, the 887 prefix joins the 800 and 888 prefixes already in use.

A sleek, redesigned version of the '60s Volkswagen Beetle enters the market. Despite a May 1998 recall for wiring problems, the New Beetle is wildly popular.

Butterflies and dragonflies are the hot motif in the fashion world appearing on everything from clothes and bags to hair accessories and jewelry.

For $20-30 a day, trained professionals at dog and cat day cares will play with, feed and pamper pets in their care.

Mr. Payroll is the first ATM that can cash a check— even for someone without a bank account. The machine "memorizes" facial features and matches them with a social security number to verify the user's identity.

Pilates, a low-impact form of exercise that uses unique equipment and deep stretching techniques, becomes popular with men and women.

Cargo pants invade stores and become the must-have piece of apparel for teens across the nation.

In hopes of reducing the divorce rate, the Florida legislature passes the nation's first law requiring that high school students be taught marital and relationship skills.

In the wake of grim automobile accident statistics, California is one of several states to pass stricter teenage licensing laws.

Spurred by fierce competition, colleges and universities are going online to offer students a new way to get an education. Florida State and New York University are a few jumping on board.

The average home Internet user spends 25 hours a year waiting for web pages to load.

Rollerblade introduces durable, all-terrain in-line skates that can traverse dirt paths and rocky trails. The large-wheeled skates retail for a cool $600.
Heartthrob George Clooney announces 1998-99 will be his last season on NBC's award-winning television drama, "EK."

NBC's "Frasier" makes history by winning its fifth consecutive outstanding comedy series award at the 50th annual Emmy Awards. Kelsey Grammer, in the title role, wins his third Emmy as best comedy actor.

In November, ABC's "Spin City" star Michael J. Fox, 37, reveals he has Parkinson's disease. Fox underwent brain surgery in March 1998 in an attempt to relieve severe tremors.

Tom Hanks stars in Steven Spielberg's Saving Private Ryan, an authentic recreation of World War II's D-Day. The film receives 11 Oscar nominations.

Trail Burner, a hand-held mountain bike racing game, uses motion sensors to turn corners and jump hills and water pits. Crashes make the handlebars vibrate.

Adam Sandler stars in the surprise hit The Waterboy, which earns a record $39.1 million in its November opening weekend.

Britain's best Scrabble players commemorate the popular board game's 50th anniversary in October by playing in London's Wembley Stadium using letter tiles the size of dining tables.

Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman face off in a World Championship Wrestling tag-team match. The event pits Rodman and Hollywood Hulk Hogan against Malone and Diamond Dallas Page.
Walt Disney's A Bug's Life is one of at least 15 animated feature films that will flood the nation's theaters in the next two years.

In June, Keiko arrives in his native Iceland to begin his assimilation to his new surroundings. The movie concludes a four-year campaign to release the five-ton star of the movie Free Willy.

The wildly popular stars of The WB network's "Dawson's Creek" hit the big screen, filming eight feature films during hiatus. Magazine covers by TV Guide, Seventeen and Interview fuel the craze.

Actor Rick Schroder replaces Jimmy Smits on ABC's "NYPD Blue." The fate of Smits' character in his last episode -- he dies when a heart transplant fails -- became a source of nationwide speculation.

Taco Bell's talking Chihuahua becomes a favorite teen advertising icon and sparks a surge of interest in the breed.

Megastars Bruce Willis and Demi Moore announce their separation in June after almost 11 years of marriage.

The American Film Institute rates the top 100 movies of the 20th century. The top ten include: Citizen Kane, 1941; Casablanca, 1942; The Godfather, 1972; Gone With the Wind, 1939; Lawrence of Arabia, 1962; The Wizard of Oz, 1939; The Graduate, 1967; On the Waterfront, 1954; Schindler's List, 1993; Singin' in the Rain, 1952.

Fans flock to theaters to see the two-minute trailer for Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace and many leave without staying to watch the main attraction. The prequel to the wildly popular Star Wars trilogy opens in May 1999.
Music News

- Singer and actor Frank Sinatra dies at the age of 82 on May 14, 1998.

- Thanks in part to their 42-city tour, The Backstreet Boys' self-titled album sells nine million copies making it the third best-selling album of the year.

- Alanis Morissette's new album, *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*, is released in November and vaults to No. 1. The album sells 469,000 copies in the first week.

- In January 1998, the group 'N Sync wins Favorite New Pop/Rock Artist at the American Music Awards.

- The Dixie Chicks' *Wide Open Spaces* is the fastest-selling debut album by a country music group. The group wins the Vocal Group of the Year award from the Country Music Association.

- Nineteen-year-old Usher is named Billboard Music Awards' Artist of the Year and R&B Artist of the Year. Touring with Janet Jackson and making television and movie appearances has heightened Usher's popularity.

- Sharp and Sony introduce portable MiniDisc recorders. This digital alternative to audiocassette records customized music compilations and doesn't skip when bumped.

- Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, better known as Ginger Spice, announces in May 1998 that she is leaving the popular group for creative reasons.
Musinews

Swing dancing makes a big comeback with the help of music from bands like Cherry Poppin' Daddies (shown) and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.

Shania Twain wins the Favorite Female Country Artist award at the American Music Awards and receives six Grammy nominations.


Natalie Imbruglia wins Breakthrough Artist honors at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Her album, Left of the Middle, features hits "Torn" and "Wishing I Was There."

Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," from the movie Armageddon, becomes the group's first single to hit No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 charts.

Flash

Psychologists discover a connection between musical training and verbal memory. Children trained to play a musical instrument grow up to have 16 percent better word memory than other adults.

Movie soundtracks account for nearly half of the Gold and Platinum certification. Some of the top soundtracks include Titanic and Return to Titanic, City of Angels, Armageddon, Hope Floats, Dr. Doolittle and The Wedding Singer.

Whitney Houston's My Love Is Your Love is her first studio album in eight years. The album includes the hit duet with Mariah Carey entitled "When You Believe."

Actor/rapper Will Smith wins three American Music Awards, including Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Soul/R&B Album and Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist.

In November, Garth Brooks' new album Double Live enjoys first-day sales of over 500,000 copies, the industry's best one-day tally. Brooks makes special TV and Wal-Mart closed-circuit TV appearances to promote the release.

Monica is the only artist in 1998 with two No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100, including "The First Night" and "The Boy Is Mine," a duet she sings with Brandy.
Sports News

- Sang Lan, China's 17-year-old gymnastics champion, breaks two vertebrae during a vault at the Goodwill Games in July, leaving her paralyzed from the chest down.

- Skiboards, short skis with twin tips that allow forward and backward jumping, made debut in competition at the 1998 ESPN Winter X Games.

- Jeff Gordon wins the NASCAR Winston Cup for a second year in a row. Gordon, 27, is the youngest driver to win three Winston Cup championships.

- In March 1998, ESPN launches a large-format sports magazine, ESPN The Magazine, to compete with Sports Illustrated.

- On January 4, 1999, Tennessee beats Florida State University 23-16 at the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona to win the national championship. It is the first year of the Bowl Championship Series, created to ensure that the highest-ranked college teams nationally meet in a bowl game.

- ABC's Lesley Visser becomes the first woman to report from the sidelines during "Monday Night Football," the 1998 Super Bowl, the NCAA Final Four and NFL playoff games.

- Defending champion Detroit Red Wings win the 1998 Stanley Cup championship, beating the Washington Capitals 4-1. Defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov, severely injured in a car accident after last year's Stanley Cup win, joins the celebration.

- Flamboyant sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner (FloJo) triple gold medalist at the 1988 Olympics, dies at age 38 in her sleep, of suffocation during an epileptic seizure.
In July, France beats Brazil 3-0 to win its first World Cup soccer title. During celebrations, a motorist drives through the crowd on the Champs-Elysées and injures 60 people.

Lindsay Davenport, 22, defeats Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open in September and becomes the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits home run number 62 on September 8, breaking the record set by Roger Maris in 1961. McGwire ends the season with 70 home runs.

On September 13, Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs also breaks Roger Maris’ record with his single-season 62nd home run. Sosa ends the season with 66 home runs.

On September 20, Cal Ripken Jr. ends his 16-year streak of 2,132 consecutive baseball games played by withdrawing himself from the Baltimore lineup for that night.

NBA owners impose a lockout on July 1 that causes almost half of the ’98-’99 basketball season to be lost. The labor dispute is settled on January 5.

Tennis star Pete Sampras wins his fifth Wimbledon title and remains the world’s No. 1 player for a record sixth straight year, breaking Jimmy Conners’ mark for consecutive seasons on top.

The NFL season is plagued with controversial and incorrect calls. Instant replay is not reinstated, but coin toss procedures are implemented.
Miss Virginia Nicole Johnson is crowned Miss America 1999 in Atlantic City. The 24-year-old diabetic wears an insulin pump on her hip and plans to spotlight diabetes awareness during her reign.


Seventeen-year-old Katie Hinda is named Chatfield Senior High School's Homecoming Queen as well as starting kicker for the varsity football team. The No. 1-ranked kicker in the state of Colorado, Hinda hopes to play Division I college football next year.

After dropping out of the third grade in 1982 to care for her 11 younger siblings, retired nanny and housekeeper Eugene Garside finally receives her high school diploma at age 88.

NBC's "News Radio" star and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Phil Hartman dies from a gunshot wound inflicted by his wife in May 1998.

Hirofumi "The Tokyo Terror" Nakajima (right), reigning world hot dog eating champion, eats 19 hot dogs and buns in 12 minutes to win the annual Nathan's Famous Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest.

Beloved puppeteer Shari Lewis dies of cancer on August 2. Her creations include her trademark Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse.

Canadian Tobin Belanger escorts a mannequin to his high school prom. He names her Jen, picks out her dress and corsage and arrives in a limousine.

Olympic gold medalist figure skater Tara Lipinski takes part in an anti-tobacco rally with area school children on Capitol Hill in May 1998. The rally is sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Minnesotan David Weinlick "advertises" for a wife and chooses pharmacy student Elizabeth Runze from 23 hopefuls who travel to the Mall of America in Minneapolis for the event. Runze and Weinlick marry the same day.