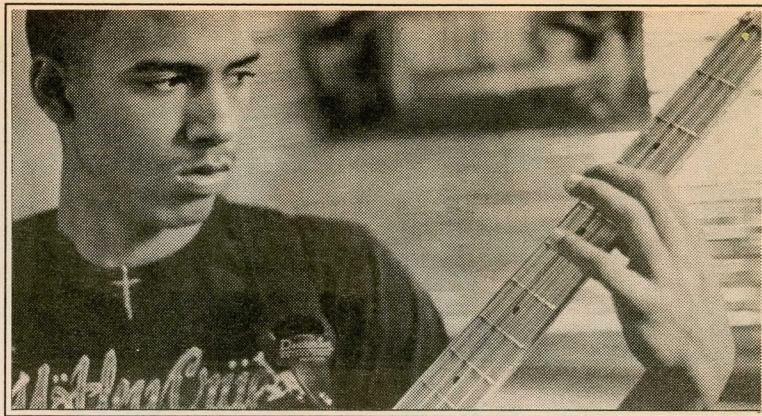


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## Dusty Leslie

Tacoma Technical High School

Dusty Leslie is no ordinary 17-year-old. While many students her age are in high school talking about the prom, cheerleading and what college they plan to attend, Leslie is training to become a dental assistant. When she graduates this spring with the class of 1990, she will be ready to find a job.

Leslie has her G.E.D. (general equivalency diploma) and is enrolled at the Bates Tacoma Technical High School. She will receive a diploma from Mt. Tahoma High School. And she also will be a certified dental assistant after she passes the national dental examination this summer.

The mature, directed senior said she likes to work and does not miss the normal high school activities enjoyed by other students. While most of her peers at Mt. Tahoma include cheering on the football team in their high school agendas, Leslie is working on her career. She has a job after school working for a local dentist. At school she is studying courses like microbiology and x-ray radiography.

Leslie enjoys science as well as working and helping people, which is why she decided to become a dental assistant.

Today microbiology and x-ray radiography are her favorite subjects.

After graduation she plans to get a good job in the area, but work isn't her only interest. Leslie plans to get married and have children.

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Family, however, will not hinder her plans to work.

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Oakland School

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## Emmanuel Augustin

Wilson High School

Last July, when he came to Tacoma from Haiti, Emmanuel Augustin could speak only French. But he isn't letting that get in the way of his goal to become a doctor.

Today the Wilson High School senior carries a full load of academic classes. He greets classmates in the hallways with newly learned English that has a decidedly French flavor.

Many hours spent poring over books and paying close attention to his teachers is the secret behind Augustin's grasp of English, he says. Everyday he adds more words to his vocabulary. He goes to his teachers for extra help and also uses dictionaries, encyclopedias and other reference books to increase his understanding of his new language.

"If you are studying, you can get a little bit (more knowledge)," he says. "I just put it (knowledge) in my mind."

"All my friends tell me I study so hard, and that I don't have to be like that," he says.

But he doesn't take their advice.

His time spent studying is leading Augustin to his goal of being a doctor, a dream he has had since he was a boy.

Now he is taking classes in school that will help him get into college. Next fall he plans to enroll in Tacoma Community College.

Augustin says there is a need for more doctors. He feels advances in medical knowledge make new doctors vital to curing disease.

"The money (a doctor earns) is not really interesting," he says. "I want to help people."

## Matt Chapman

Stadium High School

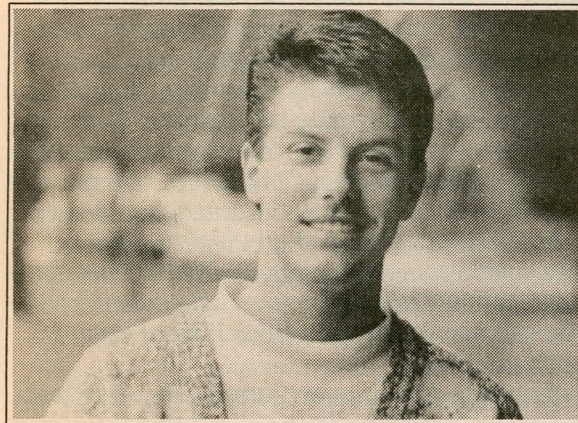
Instead of concentrating on what he wants to be after he graduates from high school, Stadium High School senior Matt Chapman is in a "comeback" stage of his life.

The 18-year-old's views on life took an abrupt turn about two years ago after he underwent unexpected back surgery. He went to the doctor after his younger sister noticed an unusual lump on his back. Although he had no pain and only some stiffness, x-rays showed he had a broken back.

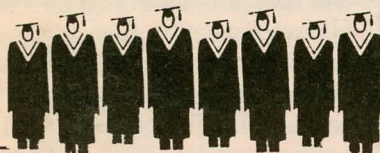
"I had a choice: either spend my life in a wheelchair or have surgery," he says. "I had the surgery."

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Photos Patricia Fridlund



*Joel Rohrs dreams about playing baseball.*



## High School Graduation Schedule

Please note Wilson and Oakland's new commencement dates.

<b>Mt. Tahoma</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Tacoma Dome</b>
<b>T.T.H.S.</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Wilson</b>
<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>June 12</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Tacoma Dome</b>
<b>Foss</b>	<b>June 12</b>	<b>8 pm</b>	<b>Tacoma Dome</b>
<b>Wilson</b>	<b>June 13</b>	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>Tacoma Dome</b>
<b>Stadium</b>	<b>June 13</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Tacoma Dome</b>
<b>Oakland</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Oakland</b>

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"Girls aren't the thing. Money's not the thing. I want to be a doctor," he says. "I see it as a perfect way to get a high seat in society and then help people."

"After everything (his career) is in place, I want to be a human rights leader," the 19-year-old says. "Another Martin Luther King. We need another one because human beings need to come closer."

Carson already is working to help people. As a member of the Washington Youth Initiative, he has spoken in public and on television about how to avoid drugs and gangs.

He also is working toward his goal as a doctor. His favorite classes in school are science because "it expands my mind. That's why I chose what I want to do. I like to think."

He is interested in the human brain and how it operates. His novel, a personalized story about his life, takes a look at how the mind thinks.

"I look at this book as a practice before I go to college," he says.

His immediate plans are to continue working for a Tacoma landscaping company and to save money for college. He is applying to Pacific Lutheran University for fall quarter.

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