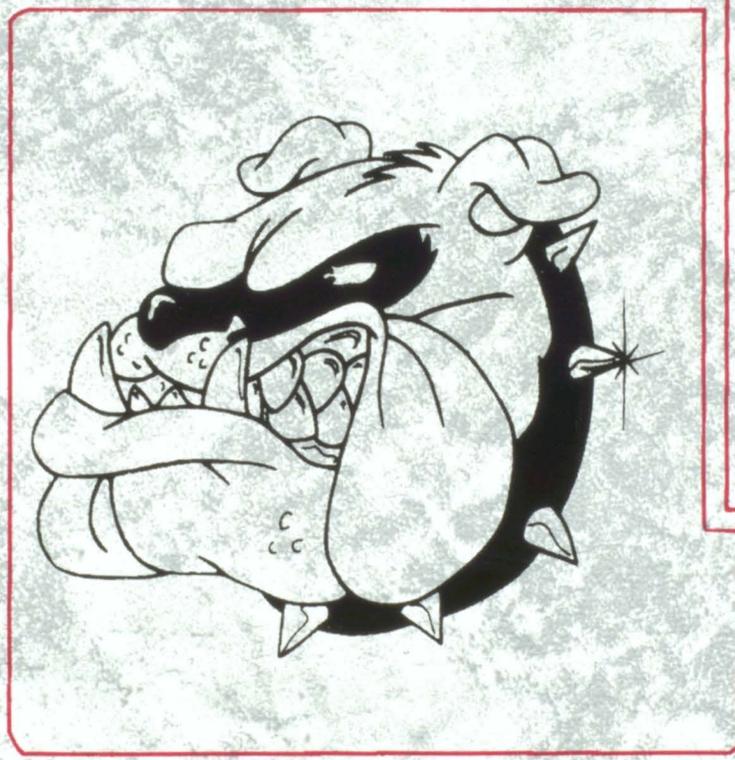


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Roll with the changes.....and we did. Everywhere we looked walls were being torn down and quickly rebuilt. Rooms were demolished, only to be replaced by newer, grayer versions. For the IRIS staff, there were fresh recruits and a new publisher. We were united by a common goal-the creation of the best possible year-book. Our entire staff hopes that you enjoy and treasure this book.

Scott Brave

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we have everything before us, we had nothing before us...."

*Tale of Two Cities*  
By Charles Dickens

Enormous reconstruction project:  
hammers, drills & hardhats

No more mustard-stained carpet: no more carpet

Cafeteria dishes out paper plates  
iMACs installed in all classrooms

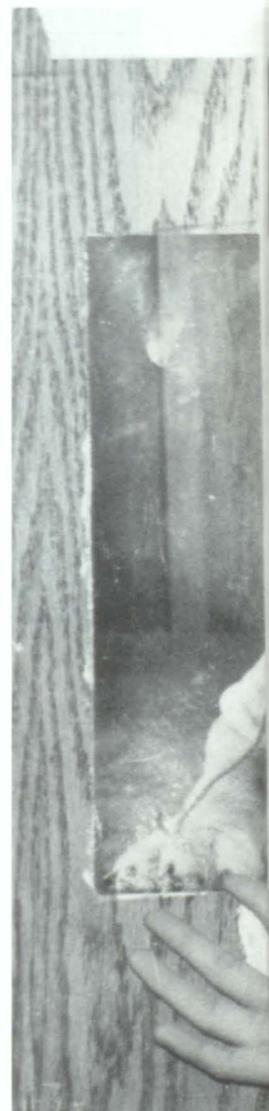
Homecoming Queen dumps dress for shiny platinum Wranglers

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# & Year

You

**Grab your masks**  
David Wyse , 10, playfully mocks the concern of the administration during the asbestos removal project. The removal of the asbestos was just one small part of the massive facelift of the school.



Library makes move

No track means no home track meets

Code Red causes teachers' lockdown

Seniors exchange Homecoming float

for trolley

Fire lights up AG room

Extended Christmas vacation is credited

to snow/sleet days

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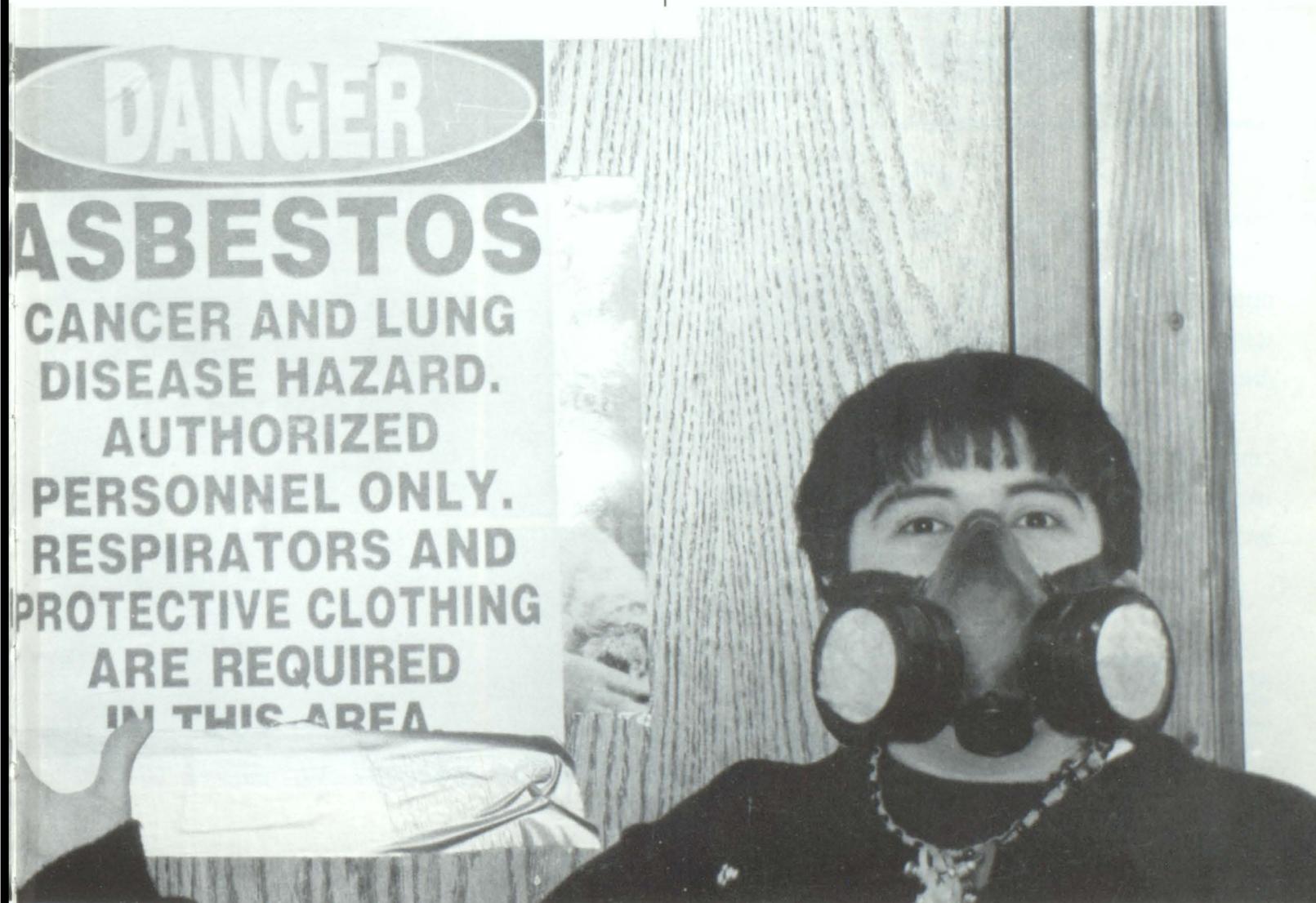
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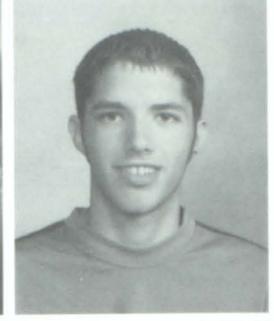
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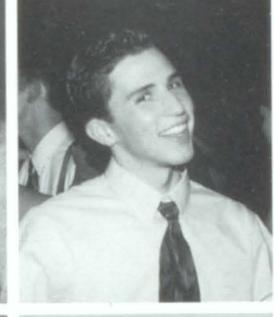
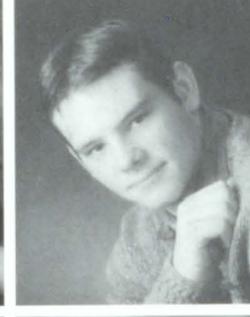
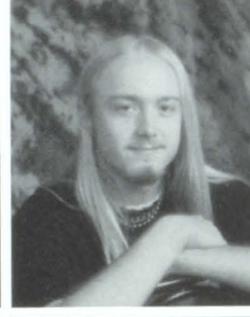
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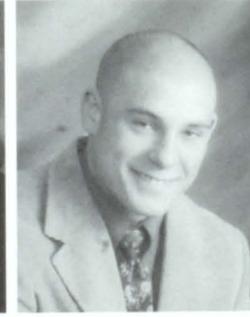
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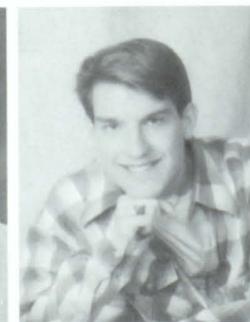
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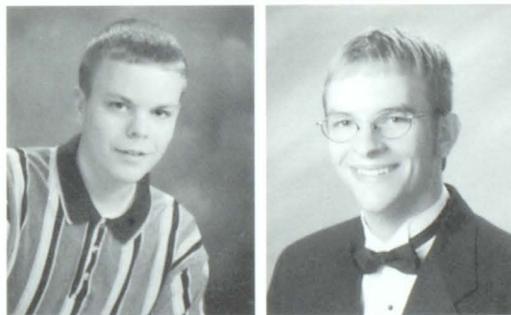
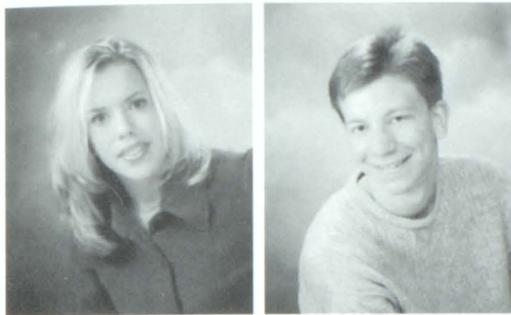
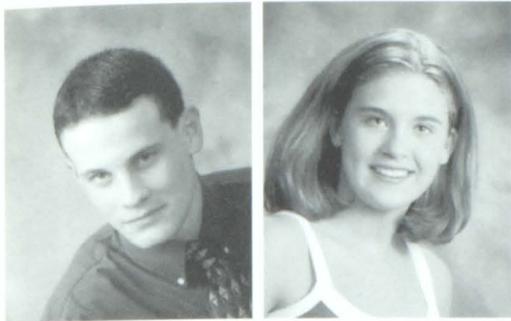


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## What Would You Say ?

### ?Question?



By the time senior year comes around, students have regrets concerning what they have missed out on or, unfortunately, did not miss out on. What do you regret the most or will miss the most about your high school tenure?

"I regret not trying as hard as I could have in the beginning of my high school career, but I do not regret all the good times I have had along the way. Those I will miss more than anything," **Aaron Durbin, 12.**

This is the end of the line---next stop?

### & Seniors said

# The end

### Geoff Siever, 12



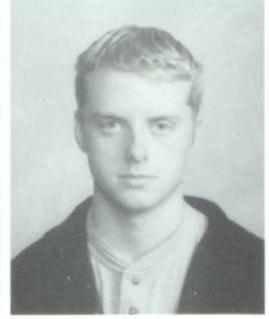
**G**eoff had a memorable start to his senior year that he will never forget-or quit feeling for that matter. He explains, "I hurt my neck really bad playing football for the varsity team, and it felt weird walking around the halls with my shoulders shrugged just to hold up my head."

**C**ollege, what an evil word when one has not even finished high school. The thought of college dangled in the back of all the senior minds as the year progressed. They got over it and moved on to enjoy their last year. After all, it was not so bad being the elder classmen of the school--- for one more year at least.



**Grid iron moves**  
**Julie Capelle, 12,** attempts to teach the varsity football team how to dance.

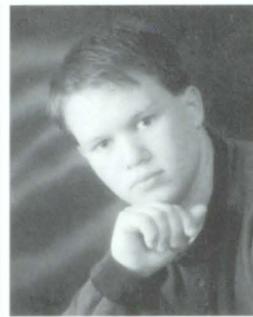
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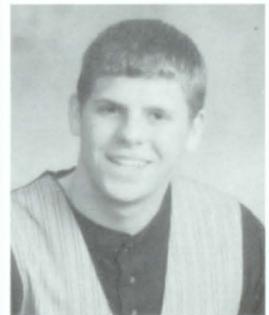
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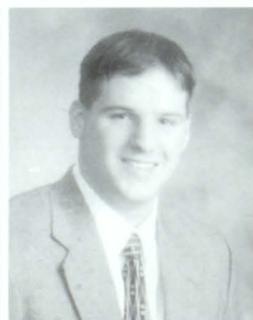
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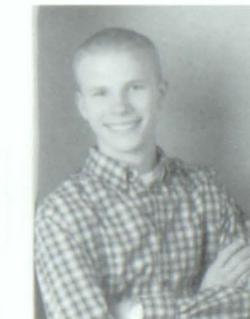
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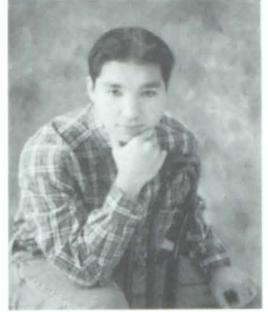


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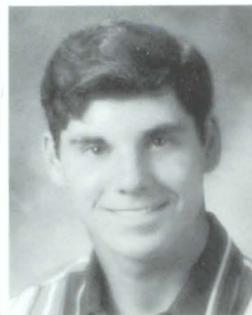
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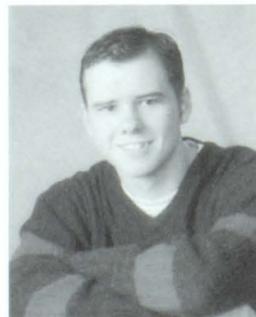
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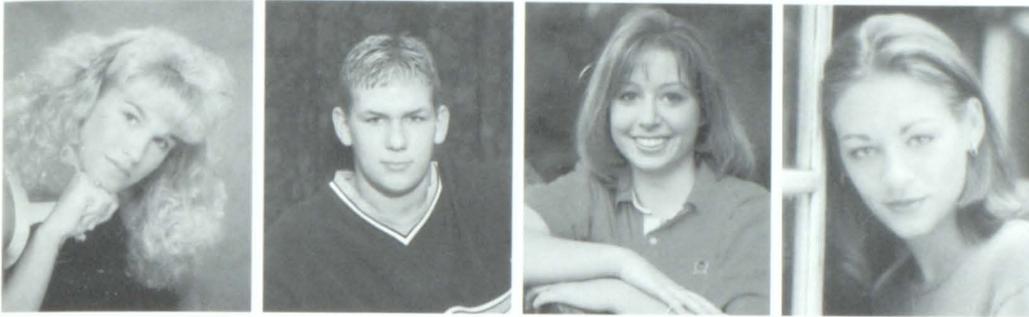


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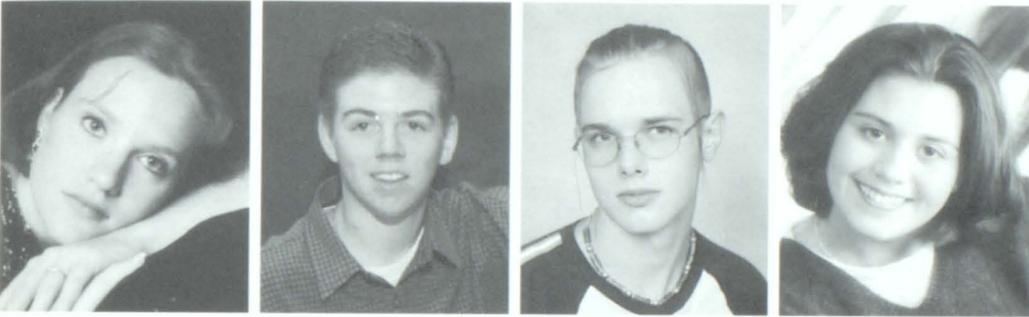
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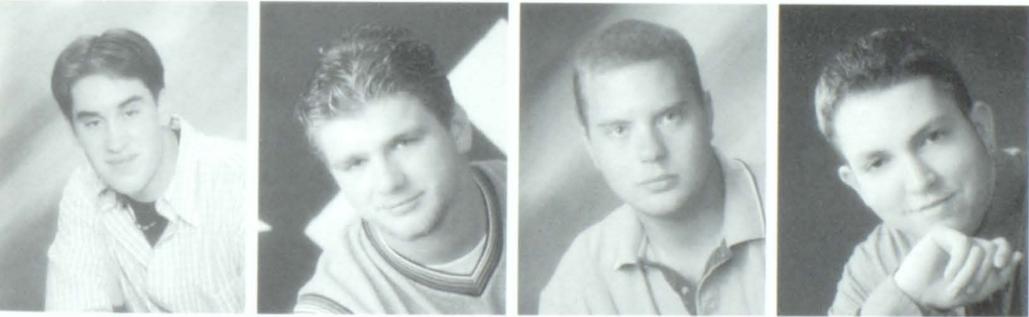
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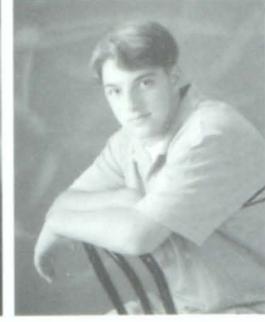


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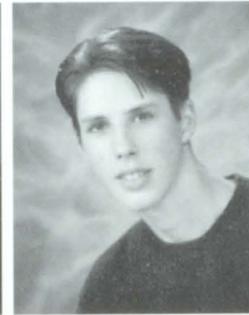
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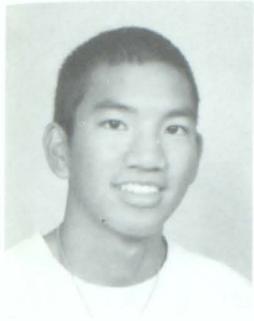


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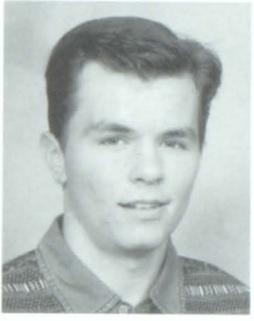


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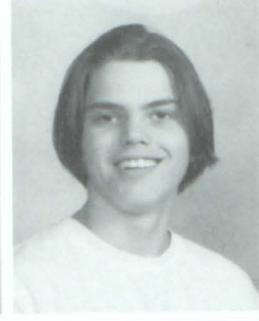


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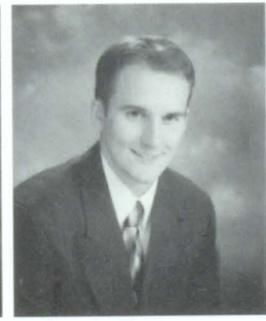
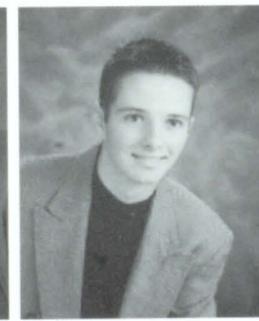
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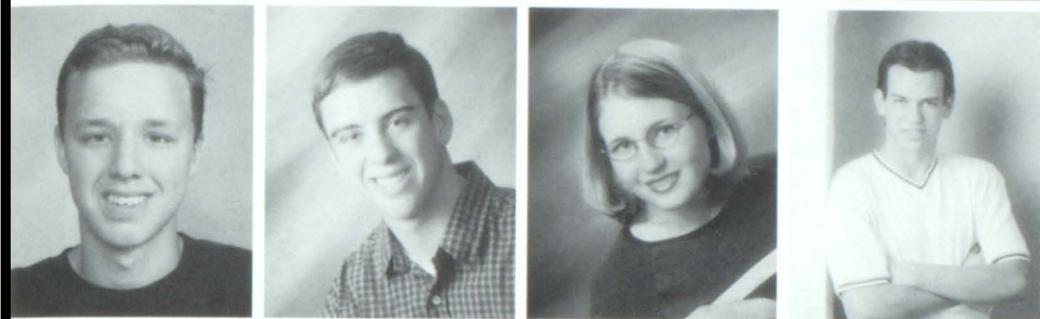


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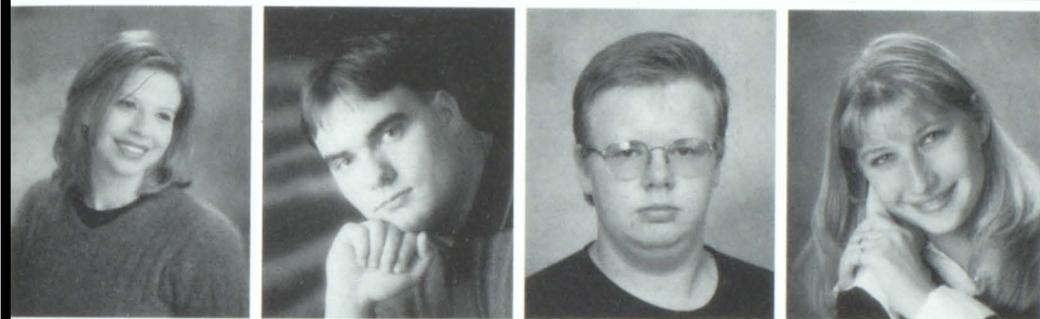




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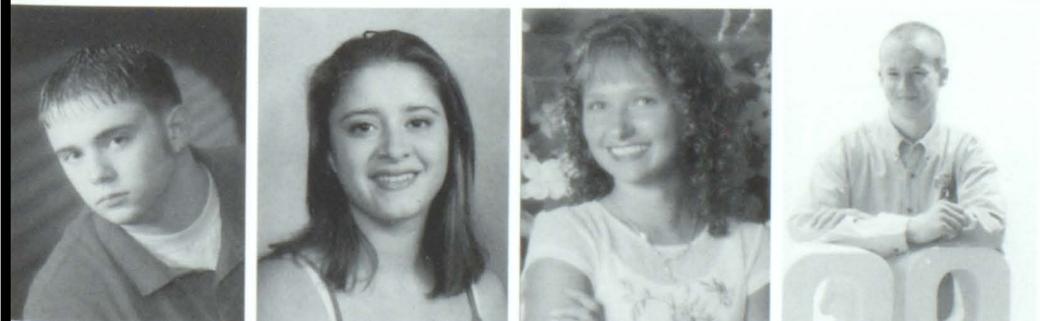
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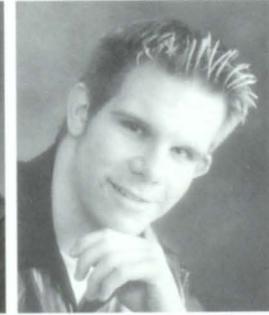
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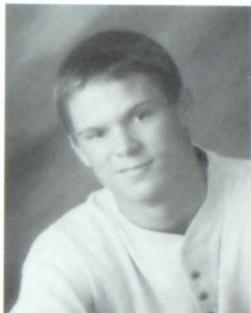


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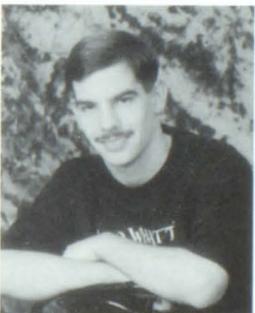
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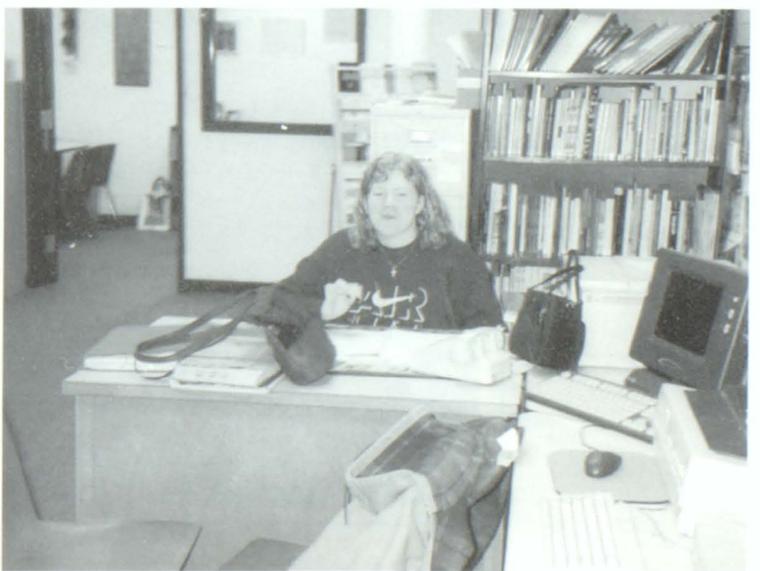
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**On the bus**

"I was exhausted, but then again I'm always exhausted when it comes to school," drones **Shawn Harvick, 11**



**Upperclass**

"It is great to be an upperclassman, but my schedule is very tough and time consuming," notes **Ani Herzberg, 11**



Junior year is a step closer to the real world

# Life's Trials

**H**igh school is a place where students consider the most important decisions of their lives, their career choices. Some students base their occupational choices on their hobbies and interests, while others are undecided. In any case, whether one is unsure or set in his plans, the future provides a wide range of opportunities.



"Just as I started singing, someone cracked a joke. I started busting up laughing. I had a lot of awesome times at practice, and I will never forget any of them."

**Kyle Ribbing, 11**



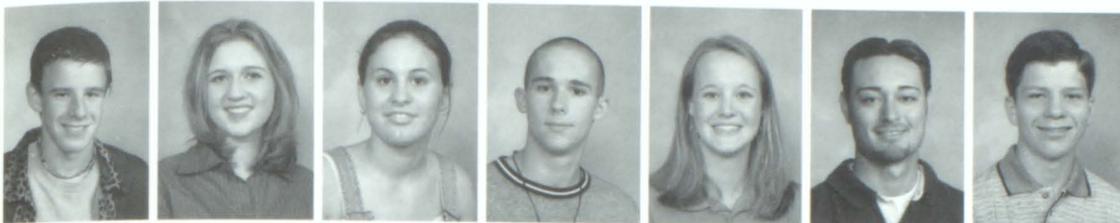
"Homecoming week was great. I lost in the arm wrestling contest. I fell on my butt in the limbo contest, but hey, I only have another year to go."

**Dena Tebbe, 11**



**The Play**

"My costume needed some extra TLC," comments **Leah Bennet, 11**



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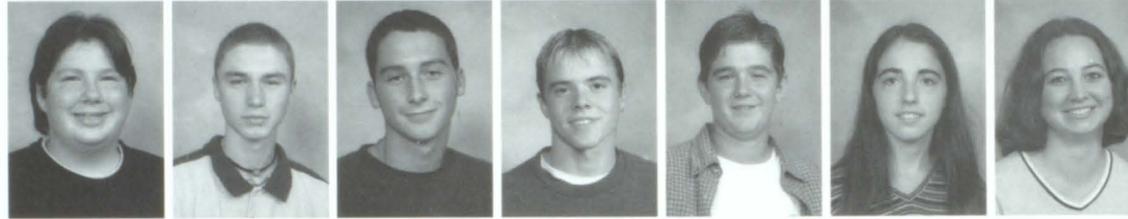
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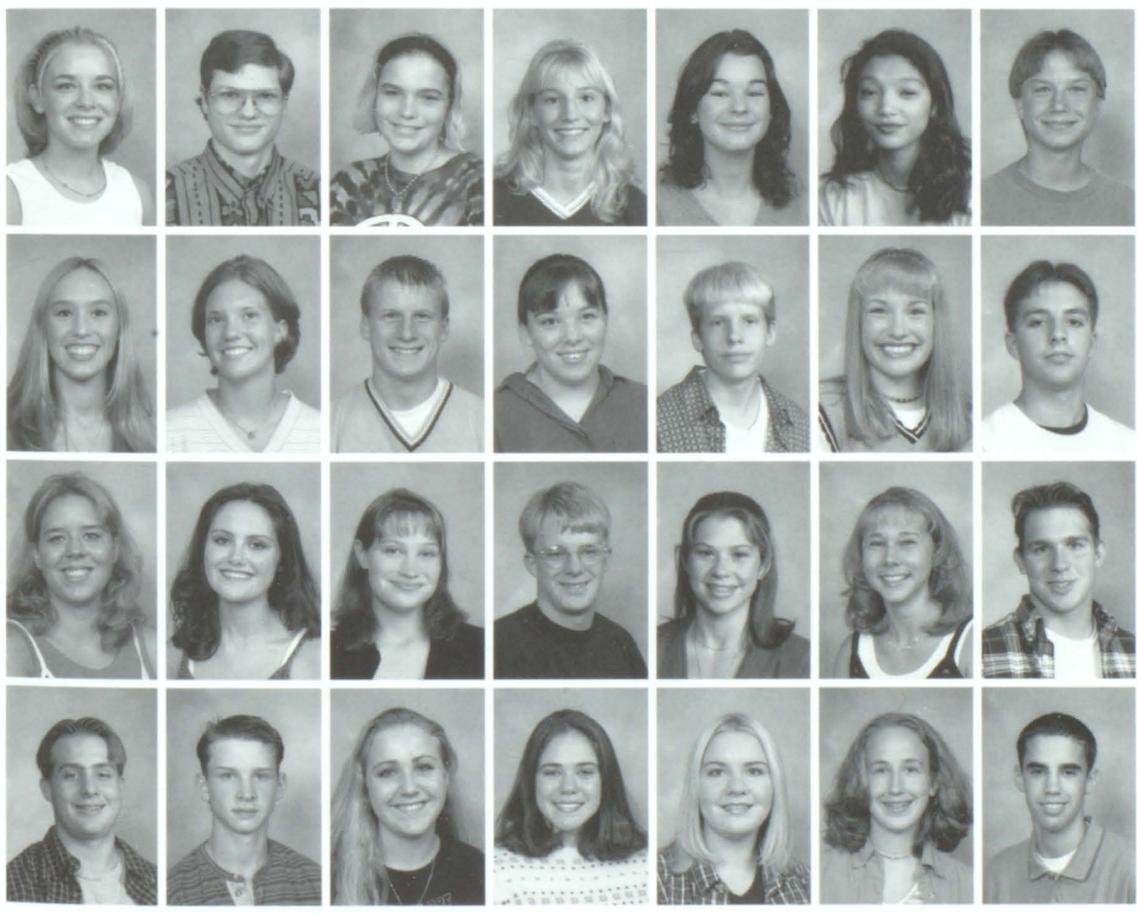
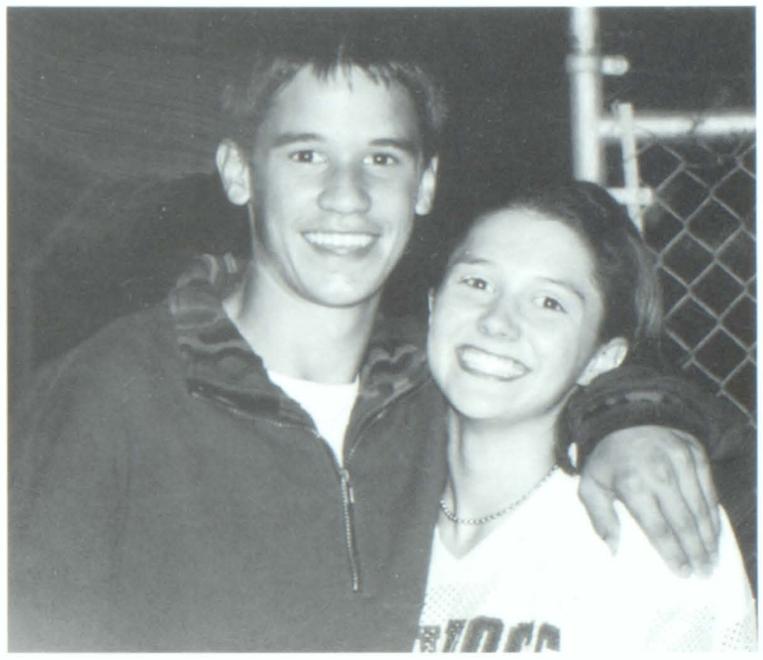


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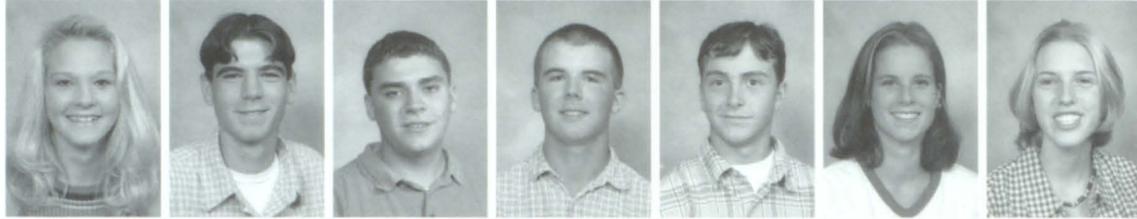
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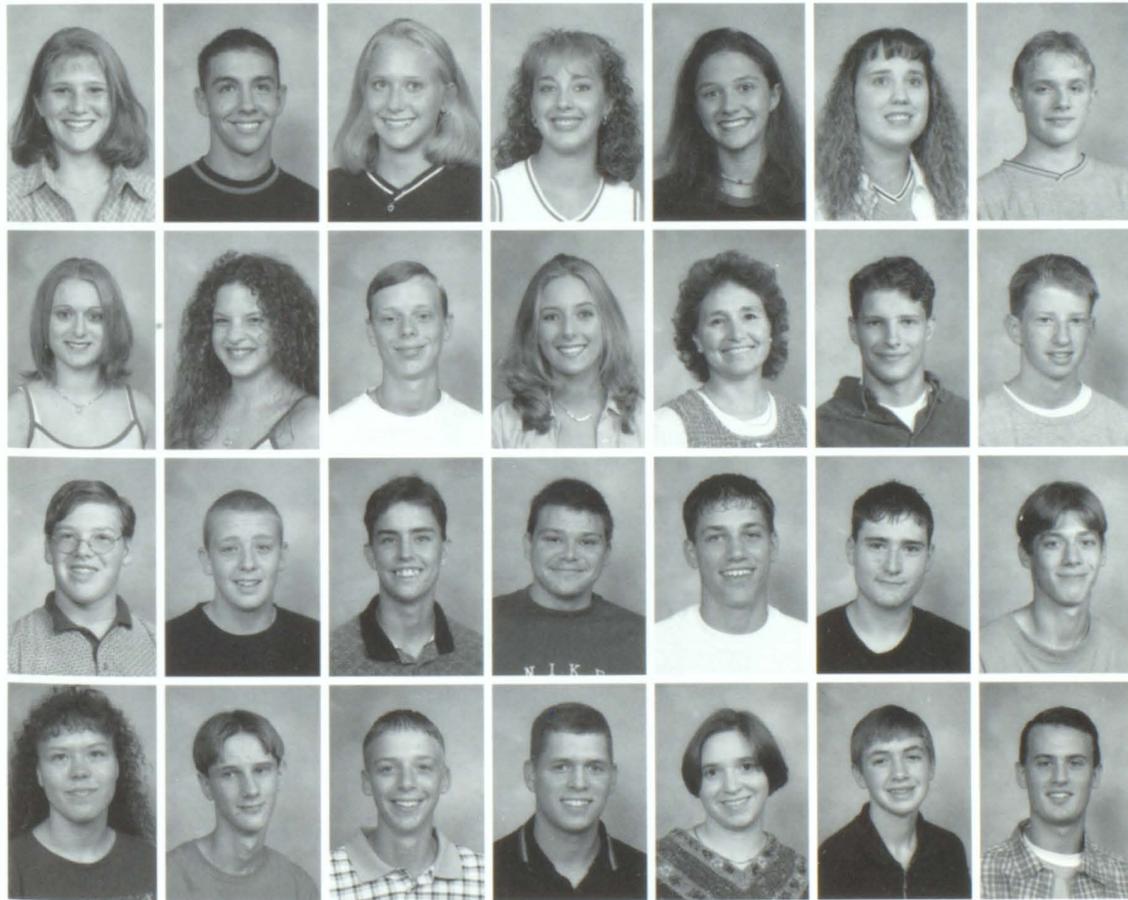


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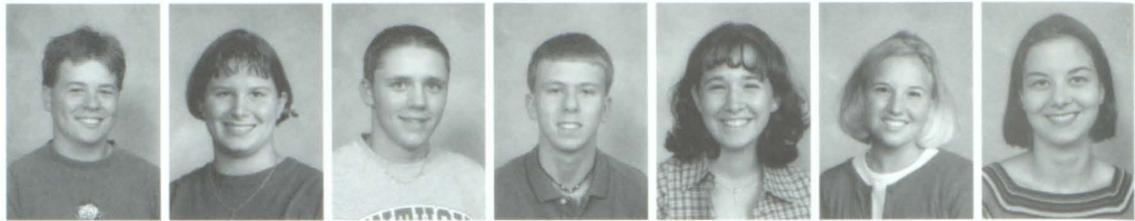
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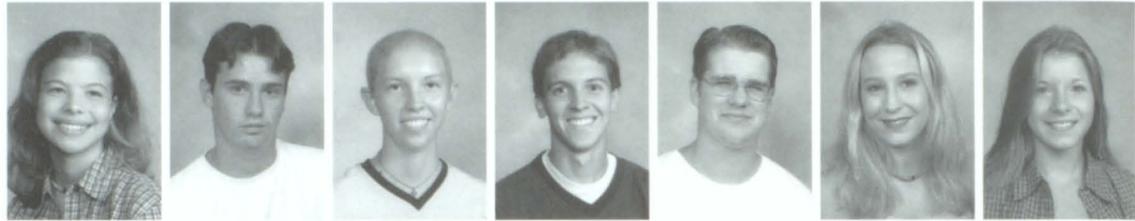
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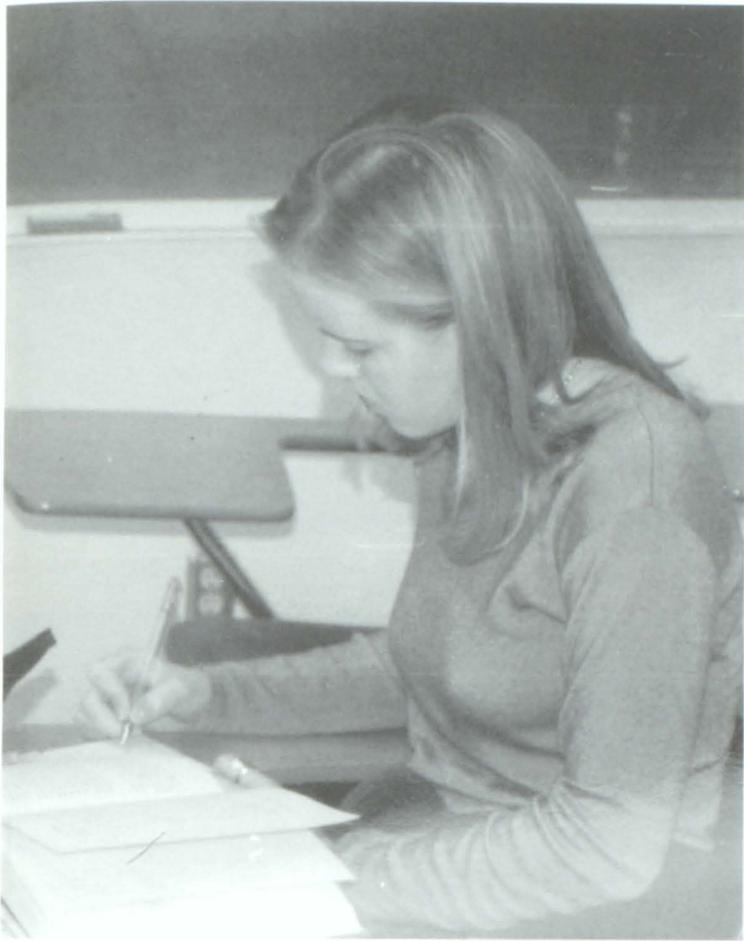


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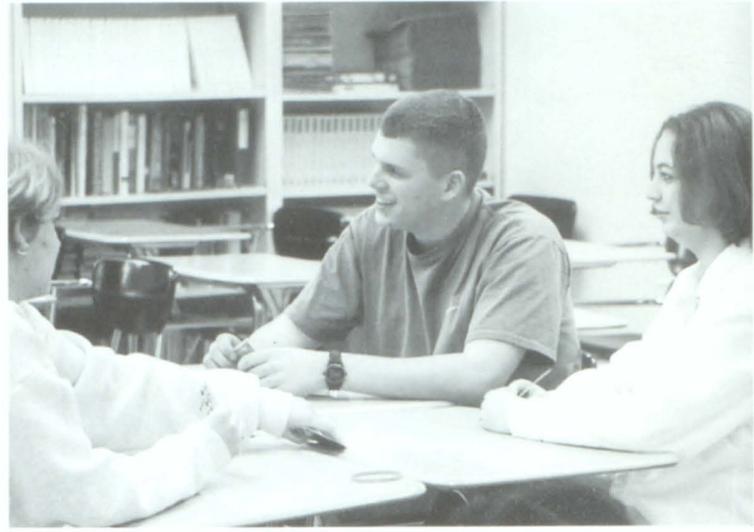
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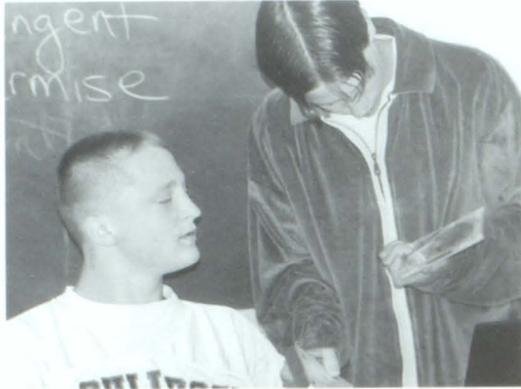


Julie Zurliene





**Woodstock**  
Friends and classmates **Dustin Witt, 10**; and **Andrew Ernst, 10**, enjoy Mrs. Martz's 60's day.



**Construction**  
**Shana Anderson, 10**, must study next to a temporary wall while construction proceeds on the new wing.



Sophomores are becoming upperclassmen

# Halfway There

**T**wo down and two more to go was the main thought in the minds of the class of 2001. The second year of high school brought drivers licenses, and for some, later curfews. Sophomore year opened up a whole world of opportunities.



**Tina Clark, 10**

"Sophomore year is better than freshman year. It is a lot more interesting, and there are more things to do."



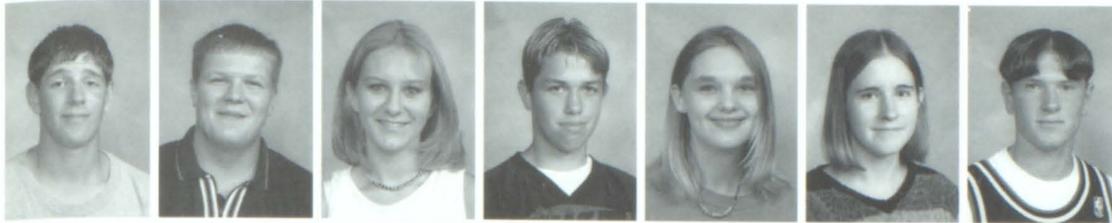
**Scott Schuetz, 10**

"My sophomore year I attended the IJASH symposium. It was a great opportunity, and I was honored with a silver medal."



**Pizza face**  
**Jennifer Miller, 10**, gets more pizza on her face than in her mouth as she is caught by surprise.

Sophomores &



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Shanna Anderson  
Michael Anglin  
Jenny Anna  
Jessica Arcynski  
Jamie Atchison



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Ty Barr  
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Matt Beck  
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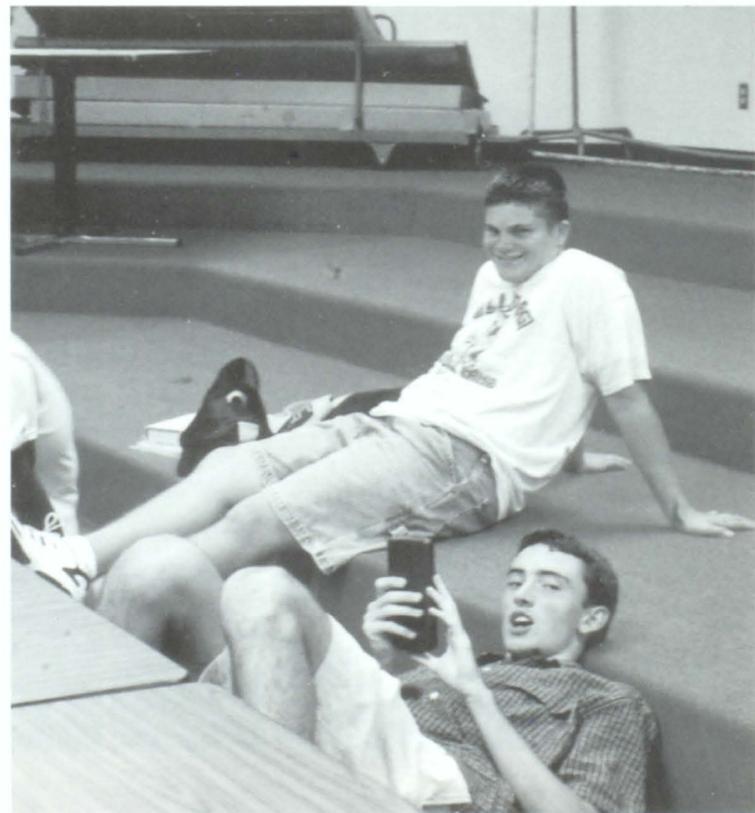
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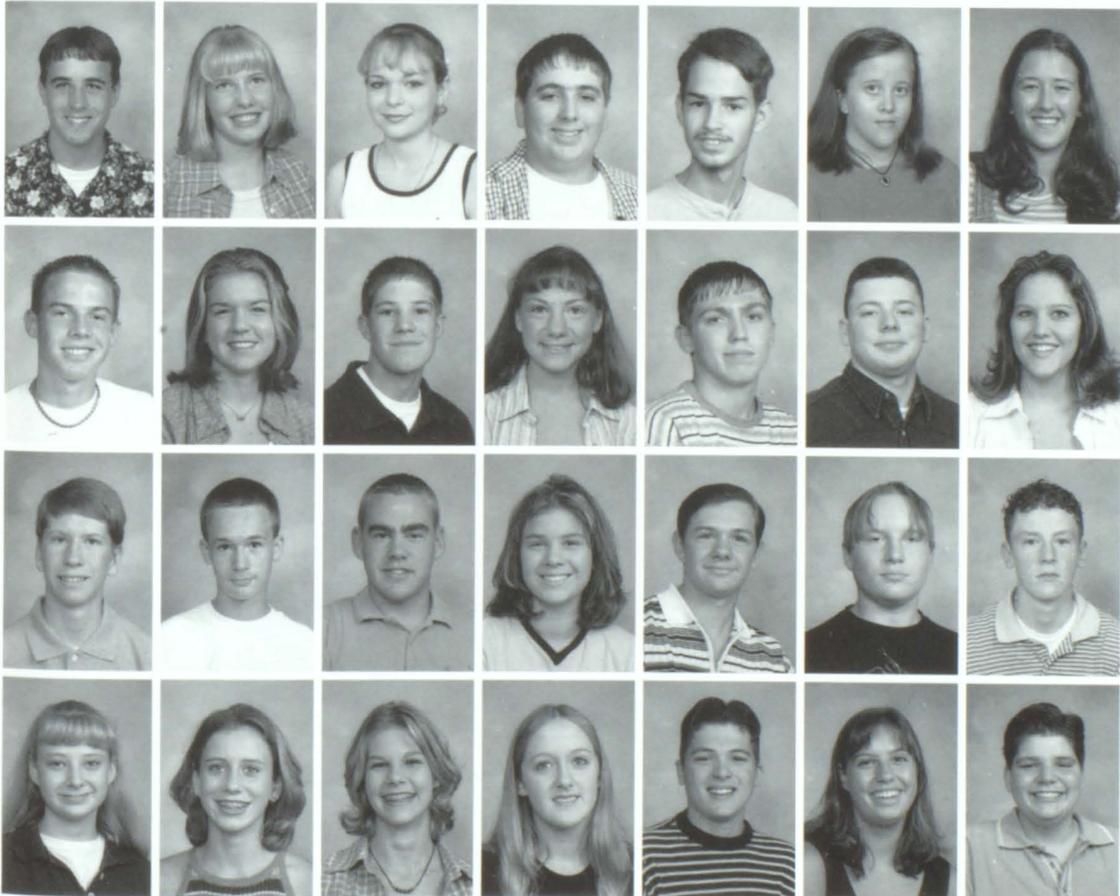


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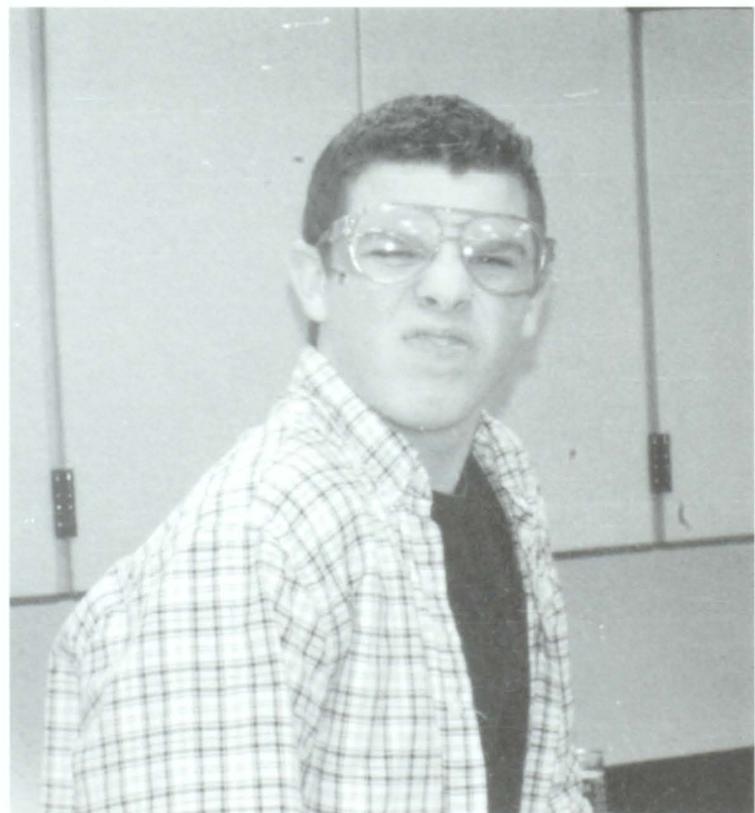
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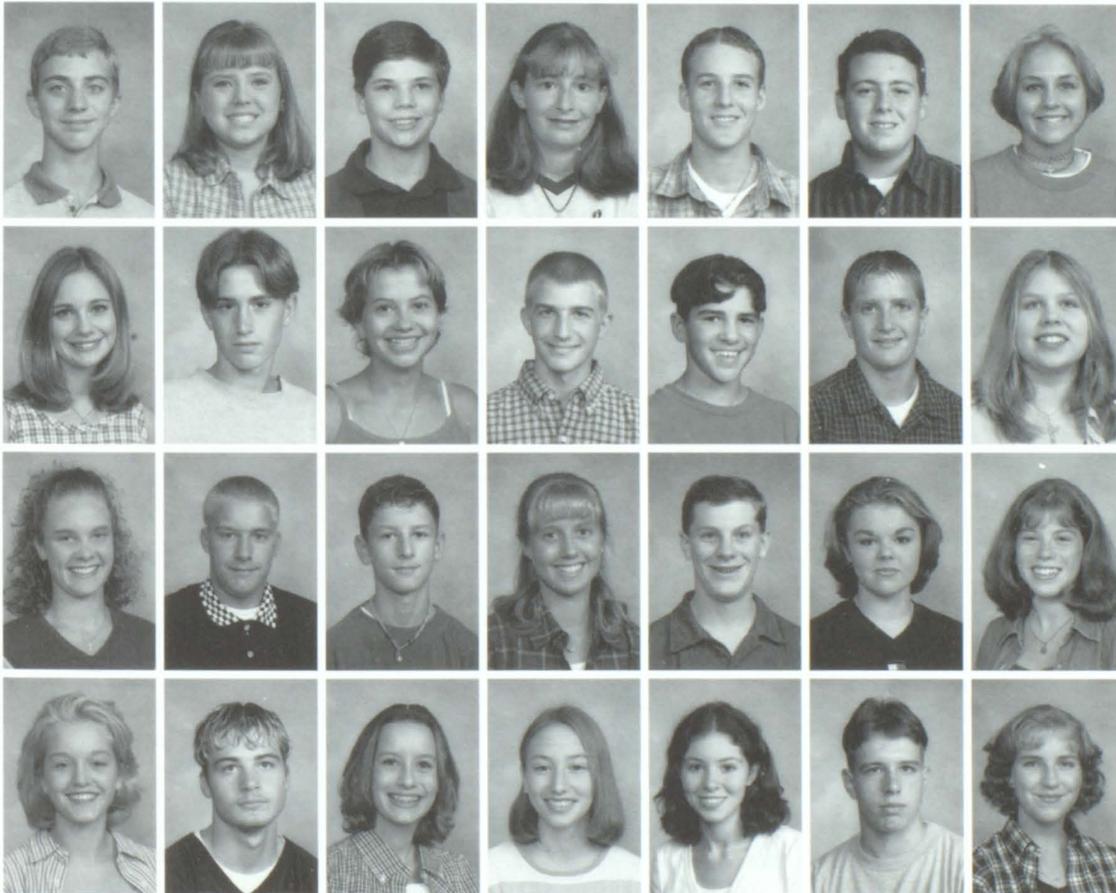


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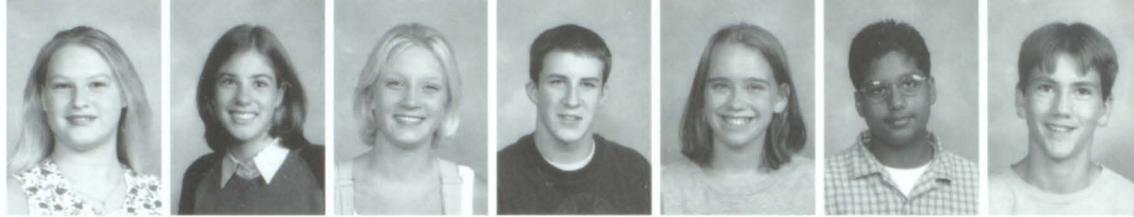
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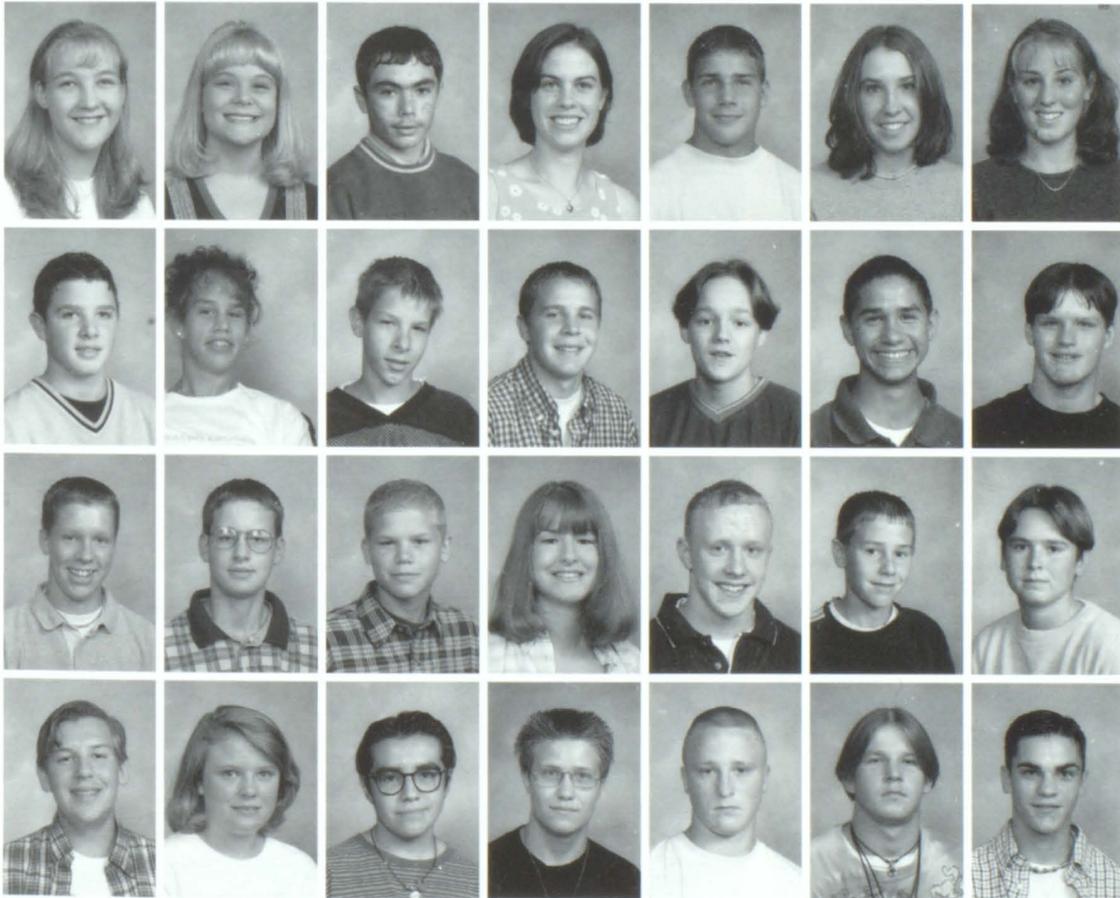


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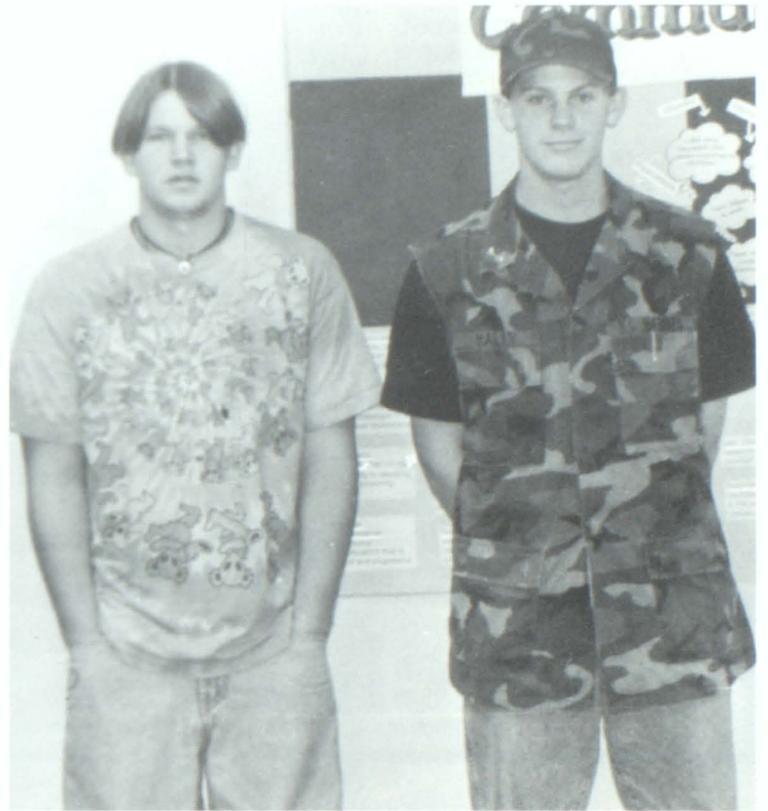
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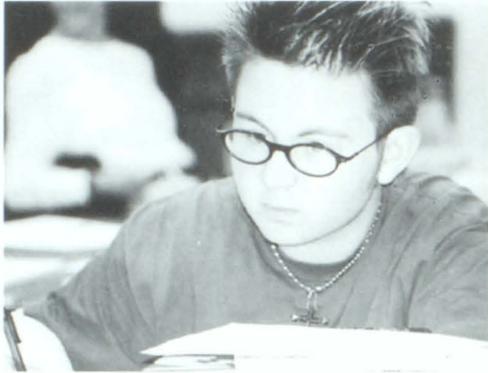
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**Taking notes**  
Taking notes is one way **Joe Crawford, 9**, prepares for a test.



**Kicking into action**  
**John Severs, 9**, clears the ball during a furious freshman game.



Freshman year is a journey into the unknown

# Uncharted

**F**or many freshmen, the year was filled with new adventures and experiences. They had to adjust to the new environment of a high school setting. Many exciting opportunities were placed before them. High school opened a whole world to search and explore.



**David Harvick, 9**

"Freshmen year is an adventure. Meeting new people and playing freshman football is just part of the fun. Making homecoming court can also be sort of cool."



**Brandy Funderburk, 9**

"I think high school is cool. It is fun to be in a larger setting with more people in the classrooms. It is also nice having longer passing periods."



**Under glass**  
A microscope can make a world of difference to **Brennan Stephenson, 9**.



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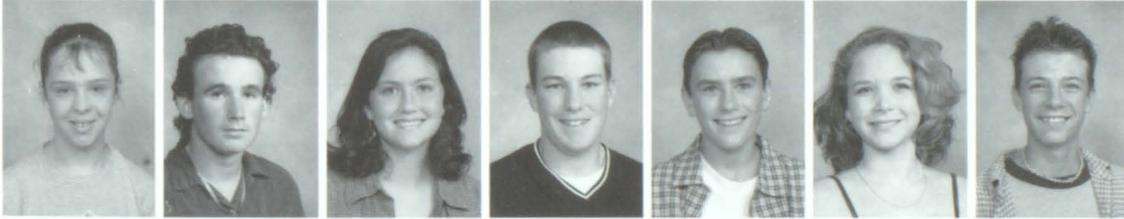
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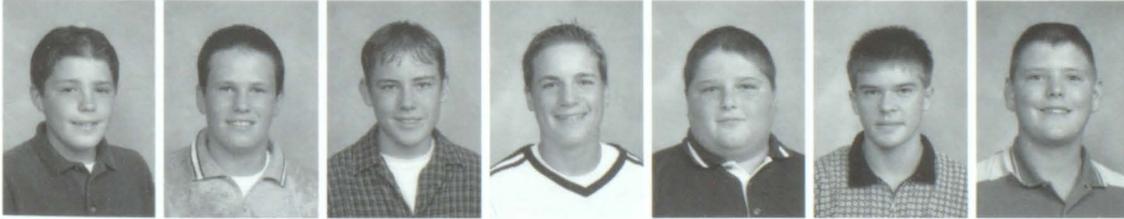
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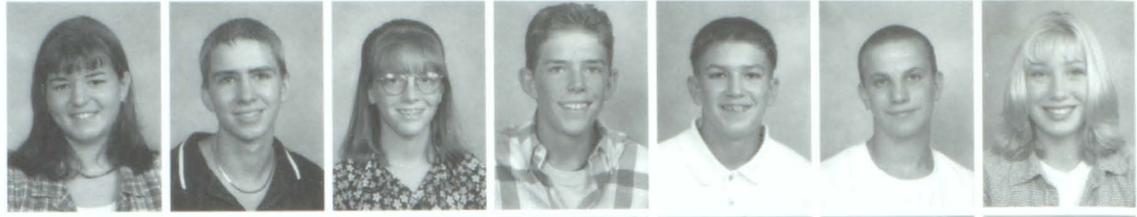


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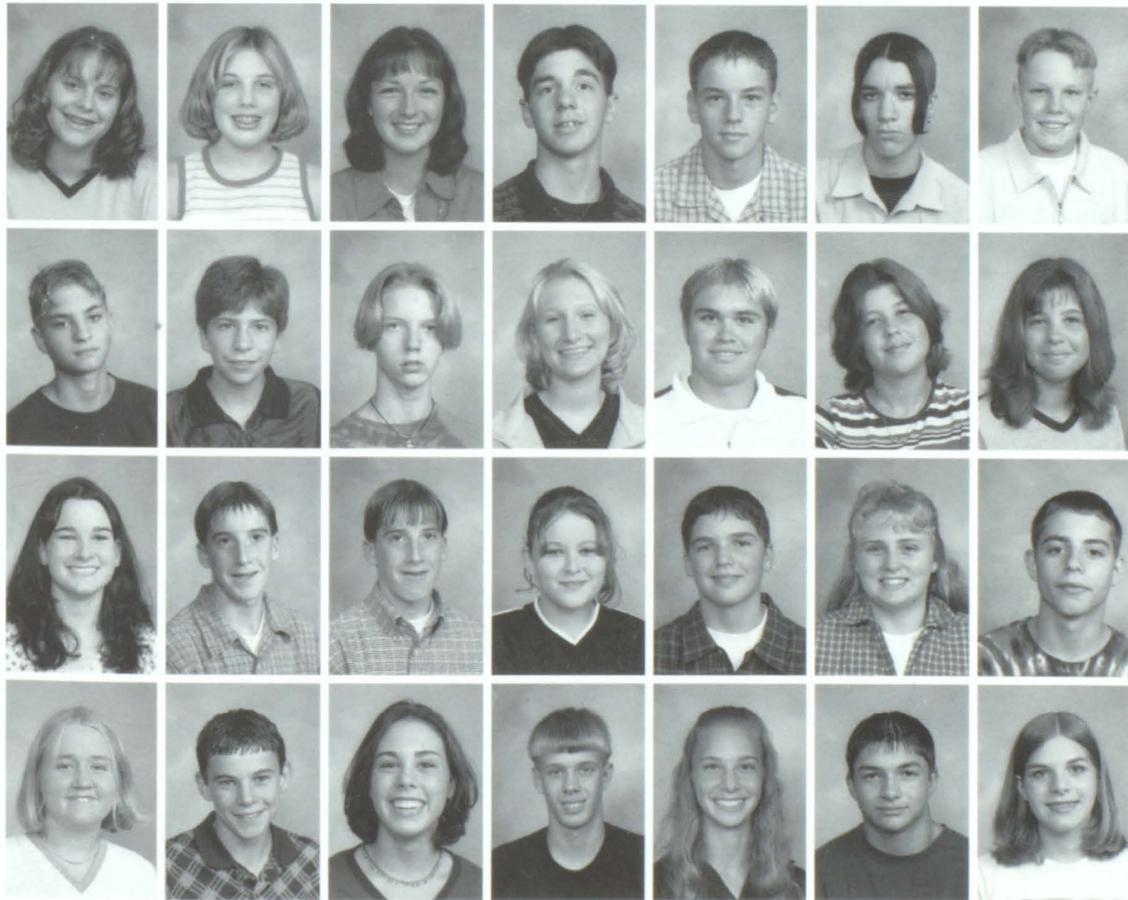
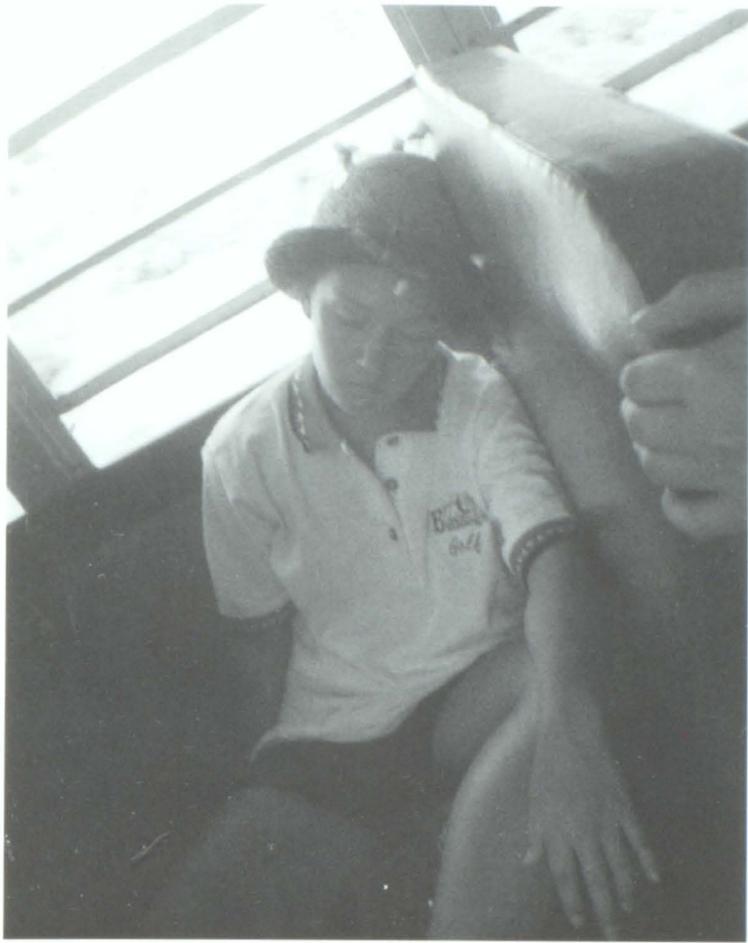


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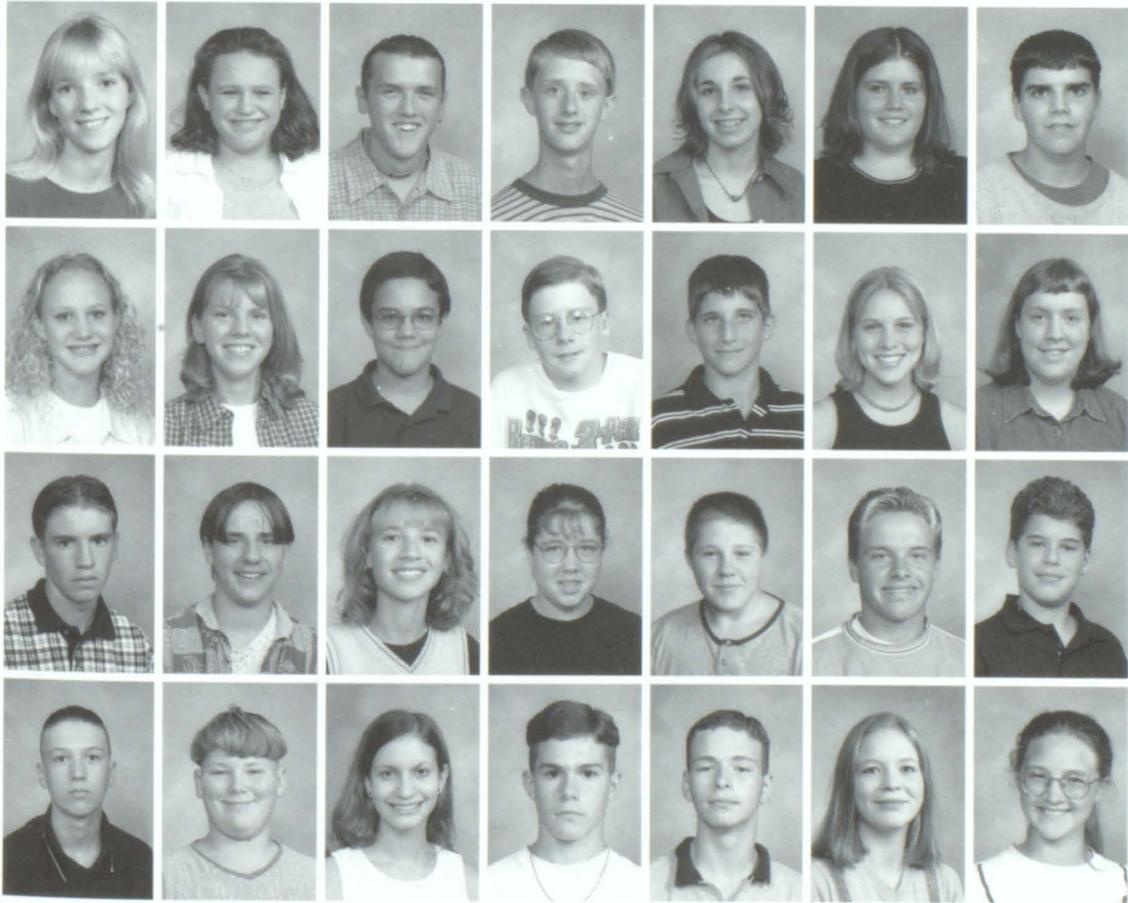


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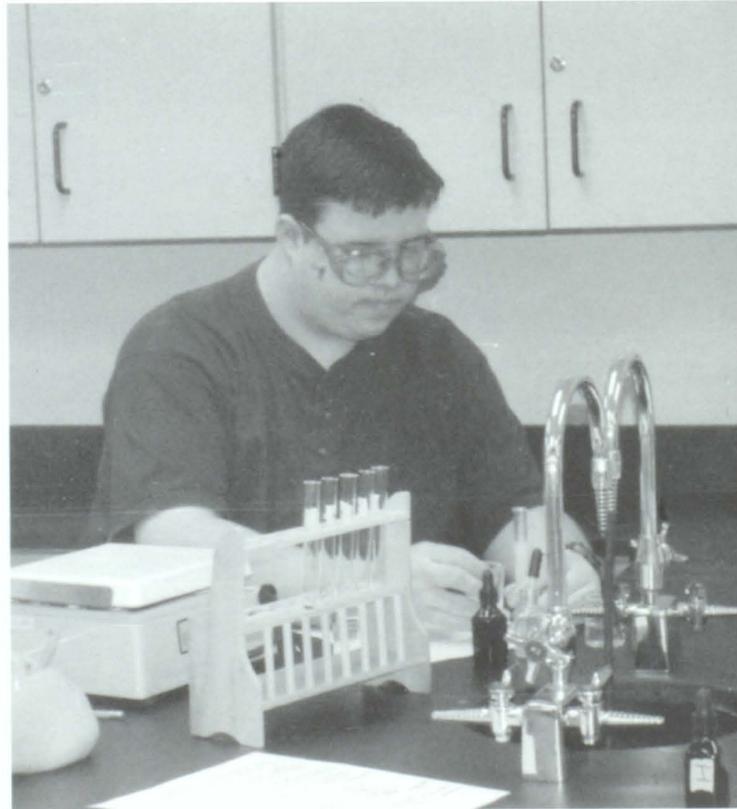
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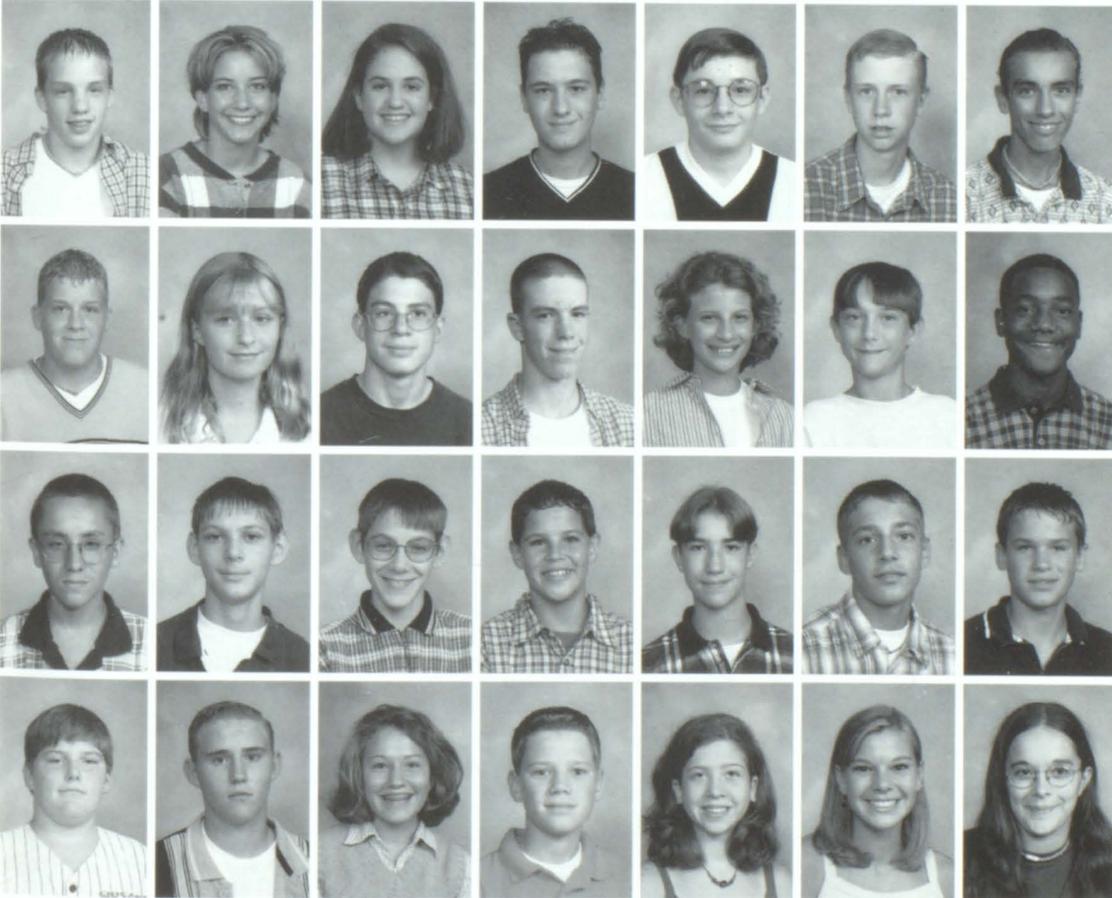
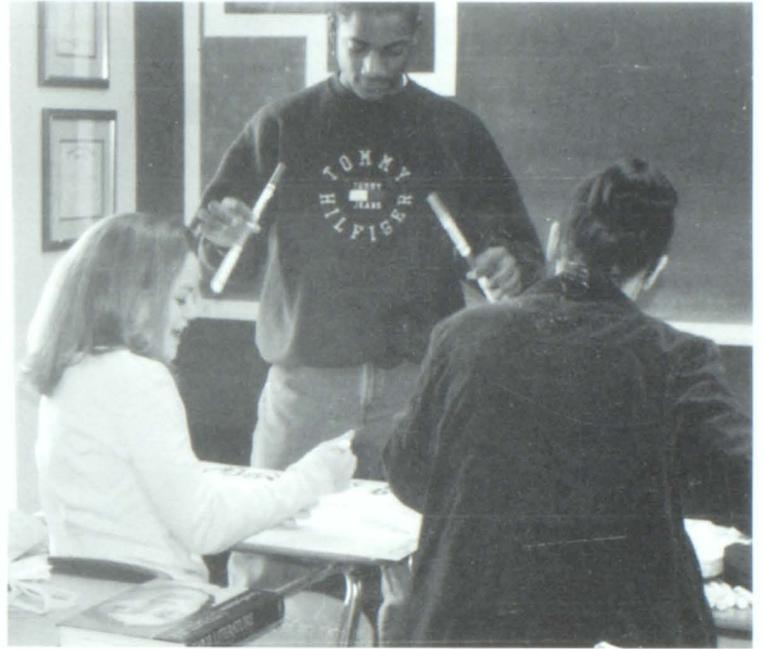


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### Pollution stinks

Hard working club member **Kirk Linenefelser, 12**, expresses his thoughts on pollution with other ecology club members at a convention in Peoria.



### Genius at rest

Computer whiz **Dane Kantner, 12**, puts his feet up after a long day at the University of Illinois with the Saturday Scholars.



## Student Life

By: Theresa Ames

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he halls were filled with the roar of students rushing from one club meeting to the next every thursday morning. Students had

the opportunity to become involved with everything from helping the environment to improving their acting skills. While students committed a great deal of their school time to these activities, they also spent numerous after school hours improving the community through club activities.

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# You



### We love trees!

An excited **Tom Timmermann, 12**, exemplifies the Ecology Club's motto to a "T."



### Pre-prom smiles

With prom hair in place, **Leann Hemker, 11**, **Kristin Johnson, 11**, and **Kim Frank, 11**, appear excited about the evening ahead.



### Trick or treat!

An enthusiastic group of SADD members celebrate Halloween in the traditional costume manner.

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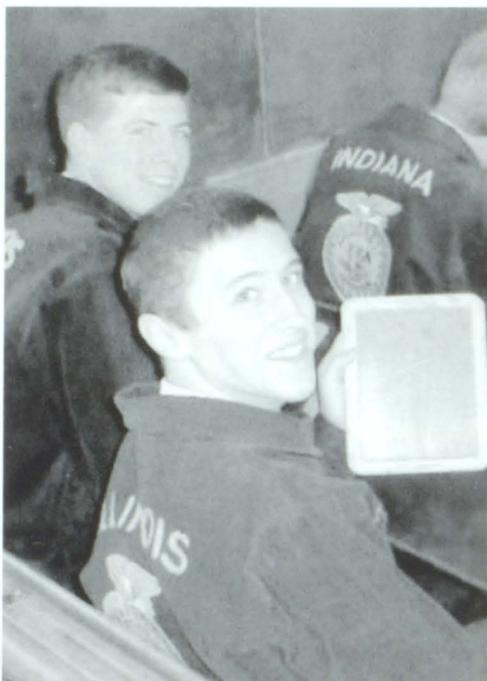
**Josh Kloss, 12**, and **Michael Robinson, 12**, avoid the flying debris of the new wing construction with their trusty hard hats.



**Schoolhouse rock**  
 While attending the national convention, **Dave Ernst, 10**, and **Bryan Ross, 9**, learn about the typical school day in the 1800's at a re-enactment in a old remodeled school house.

**Fruit for sale**  
**Amber Zurliene, 12**, and **Zach Schlecte, 11**, tend the checking, sorting and packaging of the fresh Florida oranges. The FFA sold over \$700 worth of fruit during the Christmas season.

**No competition**  
**Mary Schwarz, 11**, and **Cherie Rogier, 10**, show their appreciation for Mr. Jones and the many miles he drives to get them to competitions.



**& Your & FFA**  
**officers**

President: **Rene Mettler, 12**  
 V. President: **Troy Hollenkamp, 12**  
 Secretary: **Mary Schwarz, 11**  
 Treasurer: **Zach Knebel, 11**  
 Reporters: **Sarah Everett, 12**  
               **Cherie Rogier, 10**  
 Sentinel: **Marty Landmann, 12**



**Chowin' down**  
 FFA members arrive at school at 5:00 a.m. to serve over 100 faculty, staff and maintenance members. Members devour the food left over from the breakfast to fill the empty pits in their stomachs.





**Dancin' boots**  
 Lacey Randant, 12,  
 Dianna Hemann, 12,  
 Rene Mettler, 12,  
 Danielle Frueh, 9, and  
 Lindsey Fuqua attend a  
 dance at the National  
 Convention which had  
 over 700 FFA members  
 in attendance from  
 across the country.

## FFA finishes 20th century on positive note

# Millenium aggies

By: Rene Mettler



**Adam Vosholler, 9**  
 "My favorite part of the entire year was when we worked on the hanging baskets, and potting plants in the greenhouse."



**Joe Jackson, 11**  
 "My greatest experience was attending the National FFA Convention. It was amazing to see 25,000 FFA jackets roaming the streets of Kansas City."



**Barry Quade, 10**  
 "The Made For Excellence Conference was great. I learned a lot of leadership skills and met so many new people from other chapters."



**Jennifer Barth, 12**  
 "FFA week was wonderful, and my favorite experience. The support from the school and community is an incredible feeling."

It's the end of the world as we know it...so the senior aggies toiled from beginning to end to promote the FFA chapter more than ever. One-hundred and twenty members allowed the FFA to hit its all time high of membership recorded in the annals of the chapter. The members were put to work building many projects and promoting the chapter. Many awards, honors, and recognitions were received for the FFA's outstanding work and service to the school and community.

## Lifesavers

# Saving lives one by one

By: Kateri Shiffer

**L**ifesavers is a peer organization that tries to help people in many different ways. On Halloween weekend, students joined with Wesclin High School to learn facts about drugs, sex, suicide, and family roles. It was led by counselors Sherry Thomas, Cary Iftner, and Julia Daniels. The group also started a program called "The Yellow Ribbon Project" that focused on preventing teen suicide.



## Students Against Destructive Decisions What time is it?

By: Theresa Ames

**E**very fifteen minutes someone dies in an alcohol related car accident. This was a phrase uttered by the members of SADD as they did their best to remind us of the consequences of drinking and driving. "Every fifteen minutes" was a project that used facts about deaths due to substance abuse to encourage smart decisions concerning drinking and other harmful activities.



**Can't hardly wait**  
Students attending the annual fall retreat wait anxiously for the upcoming events of the day. The retreats are always fun.

**Dancing the night away**  
Katie Gause, 11, and Sarah Brueggemann, 11, are decked out and ready to party in poodle skirt attire at the SADD Sock Hop.



**All ears**

Erin McKenna, 12, and Nick Oswald, 12, listen attentively during an NHS meeting. NHS members met every couple of months to discuss upcoming events.



**Helping hands**

Sherri Koehnemann, 12, Kristin Voegele, 12, and Mrs. Iftner prepare punch and cookies for NHS members and parents before the induction ceremony.



**Awwwww....**

Father and daughter, Mr. Joe Switzer and **Jessie Switzer, 12**, share a special moment together. Mr. Switzer was the guest speaker at the fall induction ceremony, where he gave an inspiring speech to all NHS members.

## National Honor Society With honors

By: Janae Barker



**Pres. Rene Mettler, 12**  
"NHS is a great opportunity to work with very talented and bright people, and it was great to spend more time with my friends."



**VP Tyson Heisner, 12**  
"It was an honor to be in NHS. My lack of responsibility as vice president allowed me to interact with other members."



**Sec. Jessie Frey, 12**  
"Besides promoting school involvement, the banquets were a lot of fun, and we always had really good cookies at every meeting."



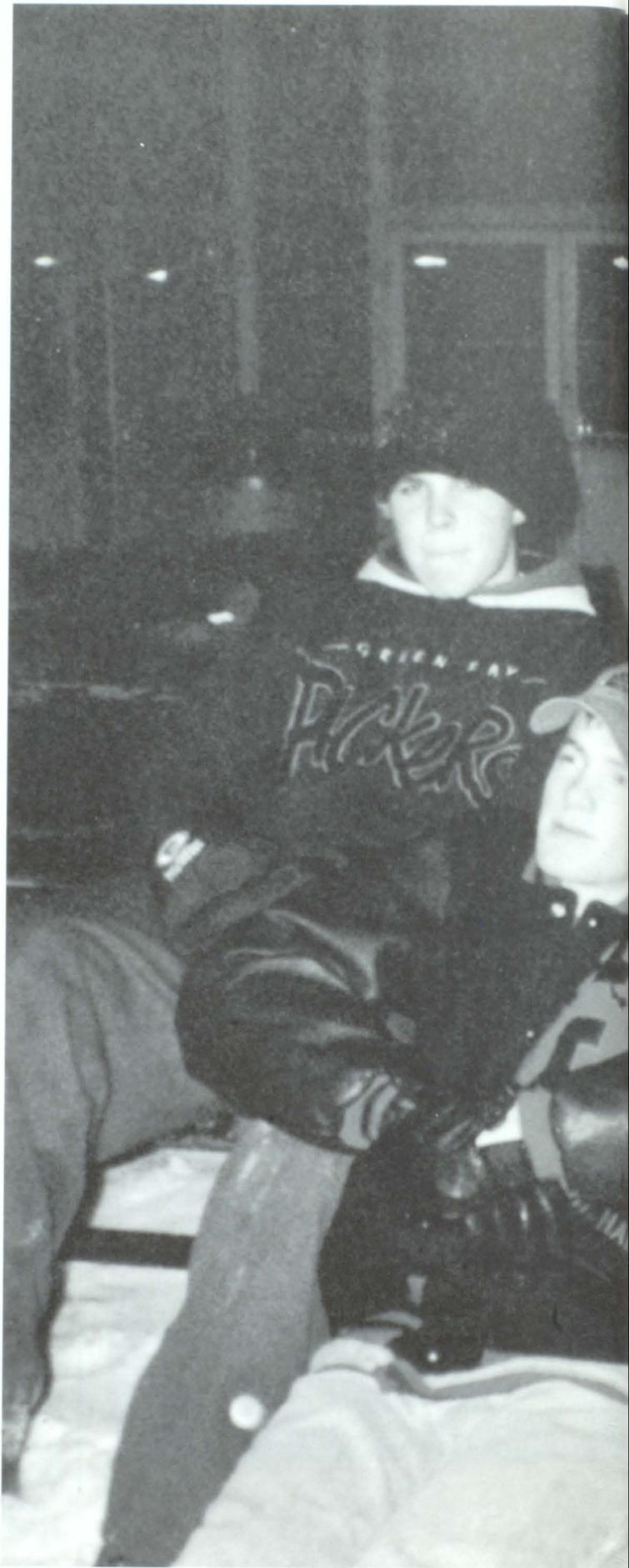
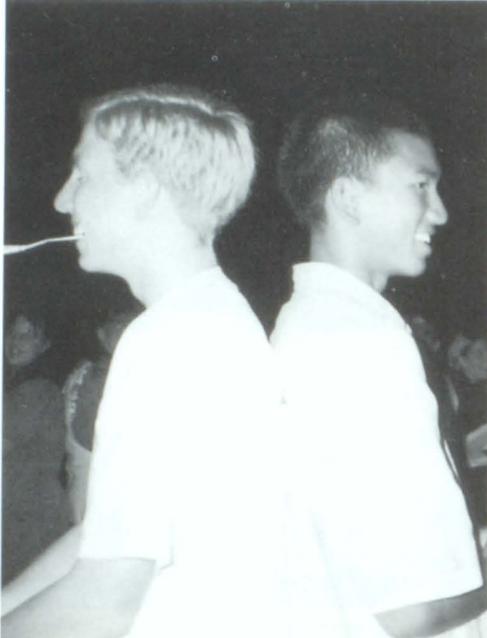
**Treas. Jamie Maedge, 12**  
"It was an honor to be selected for NHS. It was great to benefit the community through the toy drive we had each year."

**S**cholarship, service, leadership, character-- these are the four words that NHS members are all about. Sponsored by Ms. Schneider and Mrs. Iftner, NHS consisted of juniors and seniors who met specific academic and service requirements. New members were inducted in the fall, and at Christmas time, they led a toy drive for HIS KIDS. A spring banquet was held to honor all members and introduce next year's officers.

**The best man wins**  
 With straw in mouth, **Justin Cryder, 11**, partners up with **Sam Myint, 12**, in a grueling game of "Man, Bear, Gun." This was one of the highlights of the FCA Fall Kick-off Bonfire attended by about 75 people.

**Chillin' out**  
 Giving their legs a rest, **Tim Warnecke, 10**, **Michael Robinson, 12**, and **Matt Lewis, 10**, relax on a bench beside the Steinberg Ice Rink in Forest Park. Snow covered the FCA's night of skating.

**Spreading the joy**  
 Sharing their beautiful voices with the senior citizens at Faith Countryside Homes, **Danny Thomas, 11**, and **Matt Pople, 9**, sing a cheerful Christmas tune. In early December, FCA members went Christmas caroling at local nursing homes.



**Your & FCA officers**

Huddle Leaders: Janae Barker, 11, Justin Cryder, 11, Rachel Hooker, 11, Michael Robinson, 12, Cassie Sherman, 11.  
 Sponsors: Mr. Hawkins, Miss Daniels.



**Decorating divas**  
 With great pride, **Shauna Holcman, 11**, and **Linnea Sorge, 10**, display trays loaded with heart-shaped cookies. The girls held a Valentine's Day Cookie Party and delivered the tasty treats to boys and girls through HIS KIDS.





**Girls just wanna have fun**

After a stressful day at school, Girls FCA members relax with a "pajama party." For two hours, the girls filled Cassie Sherman's basement with smells of nail polish, stinky feet and raw cookie dough while kicking back and enjoying a movie.

Fun, food, fellowship

# All dogs go to heaven

By: Janae Barker & Michael Robinson



**Sarah Limestall, 11**  
"FCA is great! It gives you a chance to get to know people you go to school with, and to act differently than you would in school."



**Josh Thuene-mann, 11**  
"FCA is a fun place where you can go in the middle of the week to have a fun time and be with your friends."



**Jeff Weinacht, 9**  
"FCA allows kids to ask their peers questions about God. Also, you don't have to be an athlete to come, so everyone's invited."



**Heather Benitone, 11**  
"I had a great time at FCA. We learned some things, had lots of fun, and Rachel Hooker always brought really good Oreo cake."

**W**ednesday nights held lots of excitement for members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They enjoyed great food and discussed topics from stress to salvation. FCA's purpose was to introduce students to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The club hosted a fall bonfire, a Sunshine Mission project, Christmas caroling, ice skating, Thanksgiving dinners, a girls pajama party and a boys hamburger night. All these events combined to form an atmosphere of fun, food and fellowship.

# TSA has a shaky start after replacing VICA

## A building year

By: Rene Mettler

**T**echnology Students of America replaced the dying club VICA, and has had what many would call a building year. With four times as many members than the VICA club of old, the adviser, Mr. Baele, was looking for major improvements in the future. President, **Aaron Durbin, 12**, said, "Hopefully future members will attend contests and plan more activities to involve the school and community."

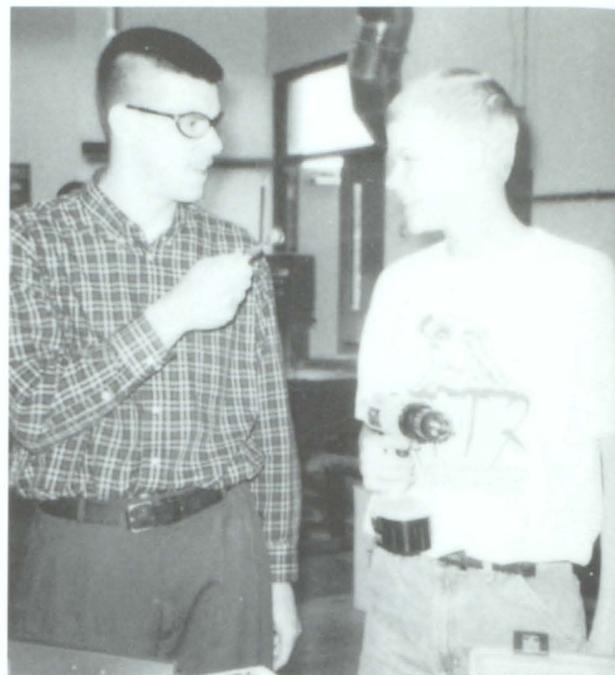


## Program has successful second year

# Leading the way

By: Amiee Bochantin

**T**he Jobs for Illinois Graduates Program's goals were to help students graduate and place them into post-secondary education or a solid career path. Activities the group participated in were the Leadership Development Conference at Allerton Park, the installation ceremony of members and officers, job shadowing, and the Career Development Conference.



**Join or else**  
Mr. Baele, adviser of TSA, jokingly threatens **Adam Weidner, 10**, with a ratchet if he does not join TSA.

**The game of life**  
**Joe DeGraw, 12**, and **Jason Leabo, 12**, play a board game that simulates real life experiences.



### New friendships

The members of Focus St. Louis and the seventh graders enjoy an activity packed day at the middle school gym.

### Hard at work

**Cassie Sherman, 11**, and adviser Ms. Heap begin to carry in refreshments and decorations for the middle school gym.



**Finishing touches**  
**Allison Campbell, 11** helps two of the seventh graders paint the last details on the mural they made at the "Free to Be You and Me" program.



Focus St. Louis

## Caring individuals

By: Natalie Ingram



**Jeff Schroeder, 11**  
"Focus St. Louis was a great experience and I had much fun with the activities we participated in!"



**Cathy Eley, 11**  
"I felt Focus St. Louis was a very innovative program that really sharpened my leadership skills."



**Allison Campbell, 11**  
"Focus St. Louis made me much more aware of the community. Plus, I loved the van rides! I never feared for my life...really!"



**Andrea Schatte, 11**  
"I am very thankful for Focus St. Louis because it gave me a great chance to develop friendships with more of my peers."

**F**ocus St. Louis was a program that allowed students: **Cathy Eley, 11, Jeff Schroeder, 11, Allison Campbell, 11, Andrea Schatte, 11, Natalie Ingram, 11, and Cassie Sherman, 11**, to build leadership skills. The community project for the year was a day at the middle school for seventh graders called, "Free to Be You and Me". The program promoted self-esteem and friendship building skills. Members also participated in charity events throughout the year.

# WYSE team garners many awards

## The power of the mind

By: Scott Brave

The Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering team was very successful in competition. They placed second in their division at regional competition and advanced to sectionals. Individual awards went to **Dane Kantner, Aaron Durbin, Jeannie Nagel, Melissa Timmermann, Bryan Boudouris, Blaine Touchette** and **Blake Mills**. **Blake** advanced to state.



## Math Team finishes the year strongly

# All in their heads

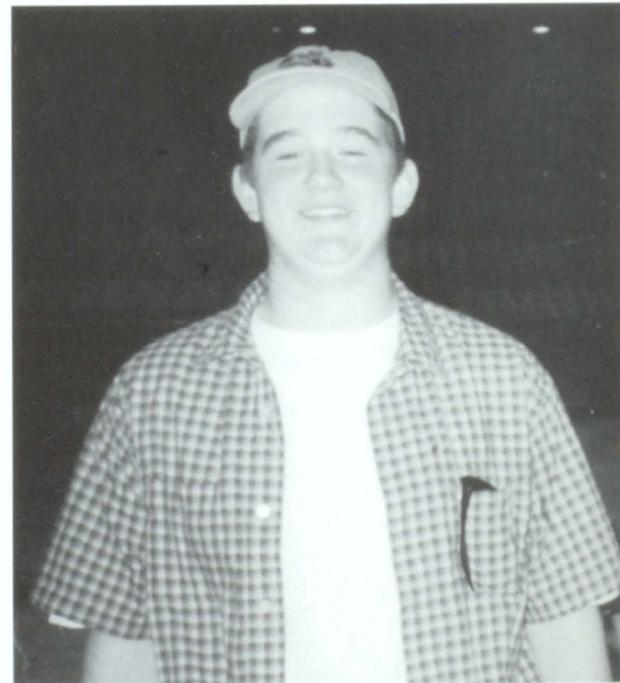
By: Julie Plocher

The Math Team began their season at the Southwest Math Conference contests at BAC. They then moved on to the Excellence In Math Contest in St. Louis. They finished at Math Field Day at SIU-C where **Melissa Timmermann, Zoran Tasic,** and **Stephanie Merkle** received honorable mentions for their scores. Coached by Pam Watts and Max Uhls, the team had 34 different participants compete .



**We are the champions**  
Aaron Durbin, 12, proudly displays the second place trophy the team earned at regional competition at Belleville Area College.

**Ready and waiting**  
Jonathon Halvorson, 11, shows his enthusiasm after sharpening his pencil in preparation for the Math Field Day exam at SIU-C.



**Strength in numbers**  
A terrified Nikki Williams, 11, is coached by Amanda Jimenez, 12, while giving blood.

**Cheerful givers**  
Mike Lawson, 12, David Brown, 12, and Tara Holzinger, 11, anxious to donate blood.



**Busy as a bee**  
Alisha Broniec, 12, is hard at work getting students registered to donate blood.

## A pint of blood is worth a pot of gold Future "ER" staff?

By: Theresa Ames



**Lauren Southwick 12**  
"FMCC has given me the opportunity to see the different areas of medicine that I could work in, and what type of work I might enjoy."



**John Schaefer 12**  
"In FMCC we have the to opportunity to interact with medical professionals and learn about the disciplines of the health care industry."



**Lacey Randant 12**  
"FMCC has had a productive year and has proved to be beneficial to everyone in the group. Mrs. Fisk is a great sponsor and we are lucky to have her."



**Christin Michael 11**  
"FMCC has allowed me th opportunity to discuss my future with people who are currently in the medical field, which has aided me in my carrer choice."

**T**he annual blood drive organized by FMCC was held on St. Patrick's Day in order to draw as many donors as possible. Future Medical Careers Club allowed students to help their community by donating blood and provided the members a chance to interact with people in the fields they hope to pursue. The club also gave the students the opportunity to tour local medical facilities and keep on the cutting edge of medical technology.

## Chess Club "Check" this

By: Aaron Durbin

**C**lub members met once a week after school to compete with other members. Team members worked on game strategies with Coach Phil Chapman of the Optimist Club in preparation for their competitions sponsored by the Gateway Chess League. Several team members competed in tournaments from September through March.



## Photography Club Exposed film

By: Aaron Durbin

**P**hotography enthusiasts were initially drawn to the new club by a new teacher, Ms. Melissa Grice. She started the club to rekindle and ignite the art of photography in students. The club took a field trip to Laumeier Sculpture Park in April for material to photograph and to broaden their photographic horizons.

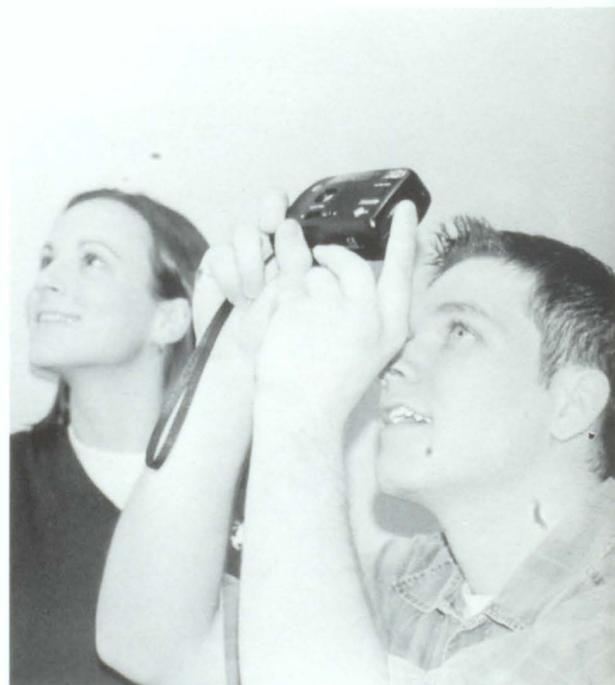


### Is something burning?

A new member of the chess club, **Sam Myint, 12**, ponders his next move during study hall.

### Snap it

**Kristen Voegele, 12**, looks on as **Josh Kloss, 12**, prepares to focus in his picture to be.



### Hola!

Sarah Tebbe, 12, Lauren Southwick, 12, and Erin McKenna, 12, stand in a doorway in the barrio trying to impress the people of Chicago.

### Monkeys in the trees

A group of senior Spanish and French students enjoy the tropical flavor of the Rainforest Cafe on their annual senior trip to Chicago. Beware of the monkeys!



### Where are my castanets?

After watching the flamenco dancers, Jared Goestenors, 11, decides the job is appealing.



## Spanish Club

# Encantamos Espanol

By: Rachel Plocher



**Kristen Johnson, 11**  
"I liked being in Spanish III. I really enjoyed making Spanish food for the class."



**Tami Jakel, 12**  
"Mrs. Deets made Spanish class fun and interesting. She was my favorite teacher."



**Jennifer Koishor, 12**  
"Spanish IV was a great asset to my education. I really enjoyed class."



**Jackie Kutz, 12**  
"I looked forward to coming to class every day. Mrs. Deets made Spanish a blast!"

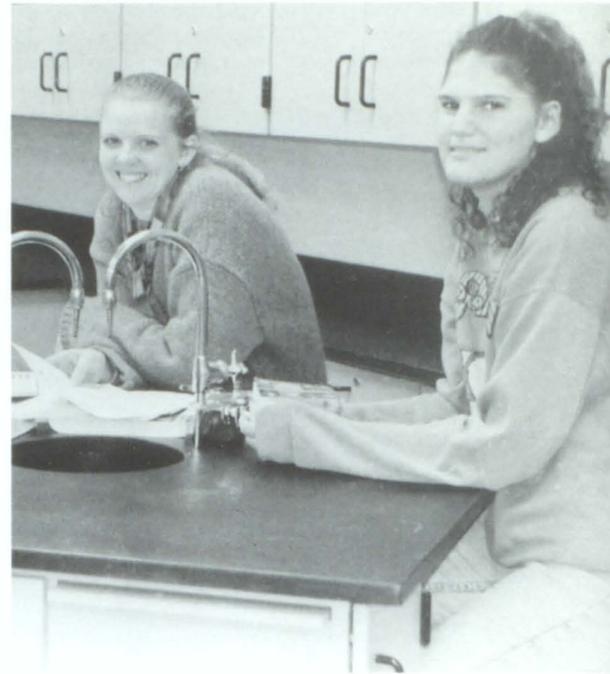
For those who have never taken Spanish, the above heading means "We love Spanish!" Spanish Club is made up of every student in the Spanish III and IV classes taught by Mrs. Deets. The main events in Spanish Club are field trips. The Spanish III class went to Columbia High School for a fun-filled day of watching flamenco dancers and eating Spanish food. The Spanish IV class went to Chicago for a whole weekend packed full of Spanish culture.

Science Club gets new sponsor

## Fresh faces

By: Dane Kantner

**T**he Science Club was headed by a fresh face. Mrs. Tammy Kohnan took over after the retirement of Mr. Brent Grodeon. The group met several times to plan a magic show for grade school students. The Science Club also took a field trip to a forensics lab in Fairview Heights.



**Sharing the wisdom**  
Planning a field trip, Mrs. Tammy Kohnan and **Jennifer Dauderman, 12**, put the finishing touches on their ideas at a meeting after school.

**Gutter balls**  
**Nick Zaloga, 11**, **Blaine Touchette, 11**, **Zach Michael, 12**, **Elizabeth Rinderer, 10**, and **Shaun Clayton, 11**, take time out from the bowl-a-thon.

French Club raises money for senior trip

## Allez au Chicago

By: Scott Brave

**T**he French club set its goal early in the year of raising enough money to fund the senior trip for years to come. They participated in the Optimist Bowl-a-thon, worked the concession stand and successfully applied for a grant to achieve their goal. In Chicago they visited the art museum and further enhanced their knowledge and appreciation of French art.



**Girls, girls, girls**  
Kirk Linenfelser, 12, and Zach Knebel, 11, get acquainted with the other schools at the Peoria convention.



**Ooh.....ahhh...**  
Bryan Boudouris, 11, enthusiastically presents his ecology project, while Devin Heisner, 12, shrugs his shoulders in confusion.



Thanks for the help Paul Scherschel, 11, does his part to help keep the earth clean.



## Ecology Club strives to give back what they've taken

# Helping Mother Nature

By: Tom Timmermann



**Josh Kloss, 12**  
"Most of the people in Ecology Club were there to help the environment. We do our best to take care of the Earth."



**Tyson Heisner, 12**  
"Being in Ecology Club has allowed me to become more aware of our environment and the things affecting it."



**Jennifer Dauderman, 12**  
"The part that I remember most about selling candy for ecology club was telling people that I had no change, that they'll just have to buy two."



**Michael Robinson, 12**  
"I'm thankful for the opportunity to be in Ecology Club. Being in Ecology Club has given me an awareness of the destruction we cause."

**W**ith two scheduled trips, a successful recycling program and nearly eighty members the Ecology Club did its share to give back to Mother Nature. In March, members prepared a display to be presented at an ecologically centered conference held in Peoria. However, what the Ecology Club was known best for was their recycling program. With all these activities flying around it was easy to see why the Ecology Club kept growing.

## Going out in style

# Speaking out

By: Tarra Arrington

**T**he Speech Team members bid farewell after deciding to dissolve. Ms. Iberg coached the team, and she will be missed by her outspoken speakers. Students and members, **Kara Gruenfelder, 11**, and **Jonathon Halvorson, 11**, recalled all the fun and excitement the team enjoyed at past activities and meets.



## Thespians

# Dramatic act

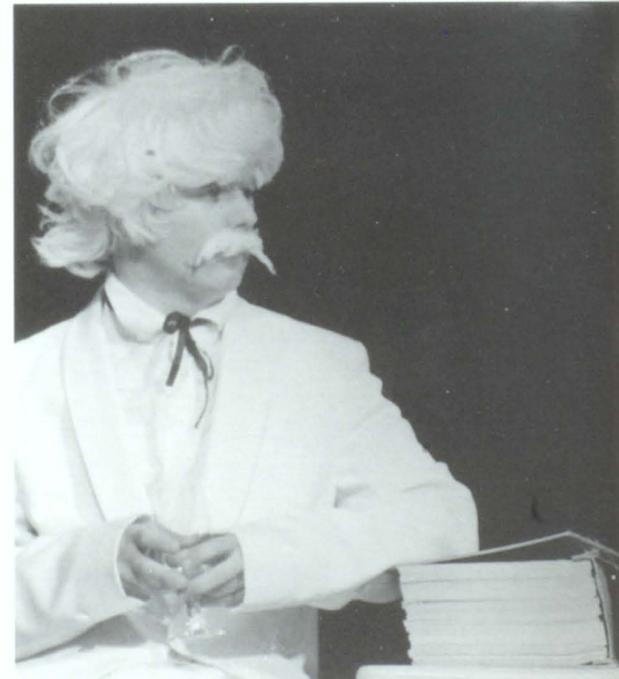
By: Tarra Arrington

**T**hespians listened to Mrs. Vogelmann teach the art and history of drama. The group of aspiring actors and actresses met and discussed upcoming events and attended workshops to strengthen their skills. Mrs. Vogelmann confessed that in the future, she definitely hopes to see more people interested in the group and the performing arts.



**Speech queen**  
**Tarra Arrington, 11**, delivers an extemporaneous dissertation on the importance of the smile.

**Is that Mark Twain?**  
**Andy Messerli, 11**, transforms himself into Samuel Clemens in the production of Twain by the Tale.



**Taking a break**

Smiling, Rachel Plocher, 11, Sherri Koehnemann, 12, Mrs. Jeanie Probst, Kristin Voegele, 12, and Allison Campbell, 11, think of the cheer they will bring on Christmas Day.

**Who would wear this?**

Rachel Plocher, 11, is repulsed at an outfit she sees hanging across the store. Rachel believes she has a keen eye for fashion and cannot believe the sight before her eyes..



**To buy or not to buy...**

Scoping the clothing racks at Wal-Mart, Sherri Koehnemann, 12, tries to decide what to buy. The Student Council helped a needy family by buying them Christmas presents.



## Yet another busy year for the Student Council Taking care of business

By: Dane Kantner



**Kristin Voegele, 12**  
"Student Council was a fun way to interact with others. It gave us a chance to accomplish things we couldn't before."



**Matt Pople, 9**  
"Many hours were spent working with the Homecoming committee. We worked as a group to get the job done. It was fun!"



**Nick Zaloga, 11**  
"I wanted to get to know people better after they were on my compatibility test. We should've gotten them before Homecoming; it would've been easier to get a date!"



**Sherri Koehnemann, 12**  
"My goal as a student council member was to represent my school with a positive attitude and accept the challenges provided."

It was business as usual for the Student Council in 1998-99. Led by sponsors Mrs. Probst and Mrs. Watts, the group started the year with its annual freshmen tours of the school. It went on to host another successful Homecoming dance, themed "Midnight Masquerade." The Student Council went beyond its usual scope and put on a "sexy legs" contest. Students from each grade level, as well as some faculty members, were stripped of their pants for the student body to see and pick their favorite. This fun-filled contest brought the Student Council's year to a successful close.

# Scholar Bowl team experiences change Quick on the buzzers

By: Scott Brave

**T**he Scholar Bowl team lost its coach, Mr. Naylor. Mr. Appel stepped in to take over the group and the transition was made quite smoothly. After a dismal performance at the Triad Invitational Tournament, the team reeled off a string of victories before succumbing to Triad and Mater Dei. They were summarily eliminated in the second round of regional play.



### I know it!

The team of **Julie Plocher, 12, Matt Nolte, 12, Jonathan Halvorson, 11, and Bryan Boudouris, 11,** pause their brains for the answer to a difficult bonus question.

**The orange and blue** Andrea Schatte, 11, Nikki Williams, 11, and Dale Sweetnam, 11, pause in front of the Alma Mater while attending the Engineering Open House.

# Saturday Scholars complete another year Smart weapons

By: Julie Plocher

**T**he Saturday Scholars once again braved early morning bus rides to O'Fallon High School. They listened to lectures concerning black holes, smart weapons, and ethics in journalism. The sessions ended with a field trip to the University of Illinois for the College of Engineering Open House. Led by Mrs. Probst, they finished yet another interesting program.



# Creativity for the mind

## Painting the future

By: Nick Hoffmann

**D**iversity was an important part of the Art Club. The club consisted of many different people who were all brought together by an interest in art. The art club was lead by Mrs. Burns, President **Nick Hoffmann**, and Vice-President **Cory Briggs**. Their activities consisted of t-shirt design, art displays at the cabaret, working concessions at basketball games and a field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago.



### Art memories

"What I remember most was sledding on paint trays when we moved to the new wing. I have to say, I will always remember conversations from the back room, too." **Terri Kohrmann, 12.**

### Card Catalogue

**J.D. Townzen, 11**, works diligently in the library on paperwork. It is not an easy task to keep track of all the books, overdue fees, and other components of the library system.



## Friends kept the library organized

# In the stacks

By: Amiee Bochantin

**T**he purpose of the Friends of the Library organization was to keep the library organized. During class/club time the organization stocked library supplies and handled the organization of books. Some of the other activities they participated in were the canned food drive, serving food for the teachers at meetings and working the concession stand.



**Hut... hike!**

The Bulldog defensive line prepares for the imminent call to battle with pushing, shoving, smashing, bruising, and pulverizing pancaking as their fate.



**Before fore!**

**Derek Herzberg, 10**, fumbles through his golf bag looking for just the right club to smack a little, dimpled white ball 300 yards.



# Fall Sports

By: Scott Brave

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he fall sports season was filled with triumph, heartbreak and at times comedy. Everyone did his best to show his spirit in an

attempt to lead the Bulldogs to victory. At the same time, it never hurt to have a little fun in the process. Fun was the root of all sports. Because pictures speak louder than words, the pictures told the story.

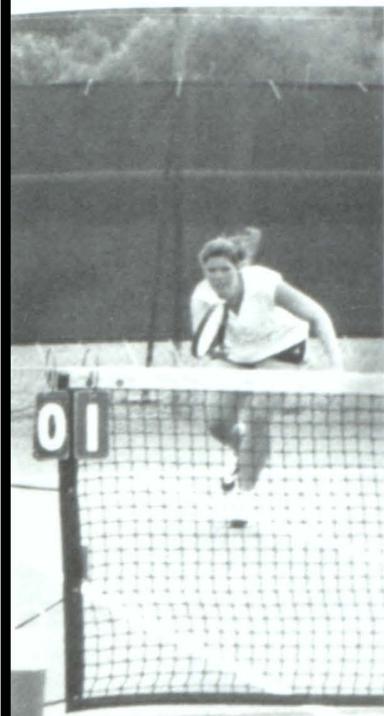
# & You



**Nap time!**

**Dale Sweetnam, 11**, takes a short siesta after a grueling cross country run.





### Reach!!!!

**Erin McKenna, 12**, stretches for that elusive little yellow tennis ball in an effort to return for a crosscourt winner.



### Blow Your Horn

**Bryan Boudouris, 11**, struts his stuff in the halftime field show of a varsity football game.

### #1 Fan

**Sam Myint, 12**, posts the sign of his support for the invincible, but slightly injured GOF.



**A triumphant victory**

After winning regionals, the smiling girls golf team proudly displays their award.



**Concentration**

Nonie Ehlke, 12, cautiously eyes up a birdie putt to help the Lady Bulldogs to another win.



**A long lasting rivalry**

The battle continues as another Knight bites the dust, compliments of Jami Potthoff, 10.





**Taking orders**  
Brooke Tally, 9, and Kristen Gianino, 9, listen attentively to their senior captains.



**In the swing of things**  
Before teeing off, Jami Potthoff, 10, takes a practice swing.



**Tiffany Jakel, 12,** "I think our major accomplishments were that we made it to state and Coach Hirsch made the journey there enjoyable."



**Shauna Clayton, 11,** "Coach would probably kill me if I say the season could have been better, but the only two matches we lost were by one stroke."



**Sarah Weiss, 9,** "The thing I remember the most about playing golf was going to state and coach getting us lost on our way to supper."

**& the**



**& Coach**

**Coach Gina Hirsch**



"We had several people who helped with the success of the team. The parents worked many long hours to help these girls

achieve. This group was the greatest bunch of individuals whom I have ever coached. Their love of the game and their work ethics made them successful."

**By: Aimee Bochantin**

## The girls golf team exceeds limits Driving motives

**L**ollipop, Lollipop... was the theme song for the successful 1998 girls golf team. No one predicted that the girls would ever make it to state, but the team set it's mind to achieving their goal. The team record for the year was 22-2. A few of the team's award winning accomplishments included: placing first at the Mascoutah Tournament, first place at the Mississippi Valley Conference, and first place at the IHSA Regional. The team also placed third at the Edwardsville Invitational, fourth at the IHSA Sectional, and fifth at the SHG Blazer Classic. Their season culminated in their thirteenth place finish at the State Finals.



**Girls Golf**

**Front Row:** Sarah Weiss, Jami Potthoff.  
**Middle Row:** Brooke Tally, Nonie Ehlke, Tiffany Jakel, Kristen Gianino. **Back Row:** Coach Hirsch, Dena Korte, Kristi Novak, Shauna Clayton.

**Camaraderie**

After a match, **Dale Porter, 11**, **Tim Nagel, 10**, and **Ben Giterstonke, 10**, discuss the day's events.



**Heads up!**

With intense concentration, **Justin Bolk, 11**, waits to see if his ball will drop on the green.



**Taking aim**

**Scott McCammon, 10**, takes aim at the hole from a great position on the fairway while his opponents look on nervously.





### Welcome fellow golfers

Just before the day's match, Coach Jeff Faulkenberg welcomes the visiting golf team from Roxana and wishes them good luck.



**Watch it**  
Chris Frey, 9, eyes up his next shot, with the look of determination characteristic of a seasoned golfer.

## Golfers are lean, mean, golfing machines In the swing of things

By: Andy Messerli



"Golf is a blast. I will never forget one match in which a dog stole the head cover of senior John Klaus during play," **Justin Bolk, 11.**



"Sectional play was out of our grasp by six strokes. We look forward to the post-season playoffs next year!" **Scott McCammon, 10.**



"Advancing to state as an individual was great. I hope that I can be fortunate enough to qualify again," **Chad Jakel, 10.**

### & the Scores

#### Tournament Scores

5th of 8 O'Fallon  
8th of 10 Greenville  
4th of 6 MVC  
5th of 12 Edwardsville  
7th of 12 Regional



#### & Coach

#### Coach Faulkenberg



"This young squad plays very well. I am proud of them all. I was surprised by just how close we came to advancing to sectional. We look forward to challenging for the MVC title and sectional advancement next year. I think all these young golfers have very promising futures."



#### 1998 Boy's Golf

**Front Row:** John White, Mike DeNap, Justin Bolk, Tim Nagel, Derek Herzberg.

**Middle Row:** Chris Schwend, Ben Gitersonke, CJ Weis, Chris Frey, Jared Zappia, Ryan Fulton, Brent Schwierjohn, Coach Jeff Faulkenberg. **Back Row:** Scott McCammon, Jason Zappia, John Klaus, Brian Drazen, Dale Porter, Chad Jakel.

**F**ore! The boy's golf team teed-off their opponents at several matches by blasting out of the narrow bunkers of defeat. The team's record was 17-8, and they were only 6 strokes away from advancing to sectionals. This quality performance could only have been reached by hours of practice. The golfers spent many months as a team, and as individuals, practicing at local courses like the Highland Country Club and Oak Brook Golf Course in Edwardsville.

**Game face**  
**Cassie Sherman, 11,** expresses her views on cross country. "I was really upset after my race. I was trying to take off my spikes and I asked Dustin to help me. He said that he wouldn't so I gave him a mean look. He took a picture."

**Setting your goals**  
**Daniel Strackeljahn, 9,** dicusses his scores with Coach Hyre. "Mr. Hyre is really helpful with our races. We discuss the good and bad of our run and set goals for the next race. I try to achieve each goal I set."

**Strength of the pack**

Right in step with each other, **Becka Shea, 10,** **Jenni Mitchell, 11,** and **Erin Strackeljahn, 12,** work to overcome their opponents. "Mr. Moore was at the top of the hill encouraging us. He told us to work together and stay together. It really helps to run with someone from your team," said Mitchell.





**Upper class pace**  
Working the start, **Dustin Talleur, 12**, and **Dale Sweetnam, 11**, try to get out in front. Coach Hyre wants the younger boys to have a good chance placing in their races. Many times the varsity race only has two runners in it.



**Keeping up**  
After working up the hill, **Joe Malisia, 10**, regains his pace and looks to ward the leaders. "I was very tired but I saw the leaders ahead and I knew I had to regain my energy for a strong finish at the end," says Malisia.

## Runners put one foot in front of other to achieve goals

# Mind over matter

By: Erin Strackeljahn

### & Coach Coach Brad Hyre

"The technical part of cross country is really rather simple....putting one foot in front of another as fast as you can. The challenge in racing is the battle between mind and body. Each member of the 1998 distance crew can be proud of every step they took throughout the season; all 585,000 of them."

## & the Scores

Boys	Girls
Quad Meet 4/5	Quad Meet 3/4
Granite City 11/14	Granite City 11/14
Wesclin Inv. 11/14	Tiger Classics 6/14
Jersey Inv. 3/6	Peoria Inv. 26/33
MVC 2/5	Wesclin Inv. 3/14
IHSA Reg. 7/9	E'ville Inv. 7/13
F/S	Hancock Inv. 19/25
Granite City 6/8	J'ville Inv. 3/6
Tiger Classics 10/14	Hazelwood E. 4/5
Madison County 1/3	Madison County 7/10
	MVC 2/5
	IHSA Reg. 5/9
	IHSA Sect. 16/20



**Jene' Klostermann, 12**, "What is most memorable about this year is that we went to Sectionals together. It was really fun with everyone there. I have grown close to all the girls in the past four years. I'm going to miss them."



**Dustin Talleur, 12**, "Respect makes this year different from last year. The fact that others look up to you for advice really makes the team pull together."



**Erin Strackeljahn, 12**, "The most memorable moment had to be the start for Sectionals. There had to be over 100 people there. When the gun went up for set it was dead silent. I will remember that forever."



### 1998 Cross Country

**Front Row:** Leyna Drazen, Erin Strackeljahn, Jenni Mitchell, Brandi Oljiver, Cassie Sherman, Tiffany Galbiati. **Middle Row:** Jennifer Rehberger, Jene' Klostermann, Becca Shea, Melinda Straube, Kathy Dauderman, Jamie Wildhaber, Andy Sauls. **Back Row:** Coach Brad Hyre, Ryan Pirok, Matt Nolte, Chelsey Kantner, Sarah Fite, Courtney Hochuli, Daniel Strackeljahn, Dale Sweetnam, Joey Kovach  
Back Row: Ian Grinter, Joe Malisia, Dustin Talleur

**JV girls tennis**

**Front Row:** Rachel Savas, Wendi Shimer, Lauren Campbell, Erin Remelius **Back Row:** Jessica Massey, Erin Clark, Charlotte Weiss, Courtney Winet, Vanessa Holtgrave

**The Golden Corral**

**Erin McKenna, 12 and Suzanne Rogier, 9,** get into a food fight at the Golden Corral following a match, but it does not take long for them to make up and become friends again.



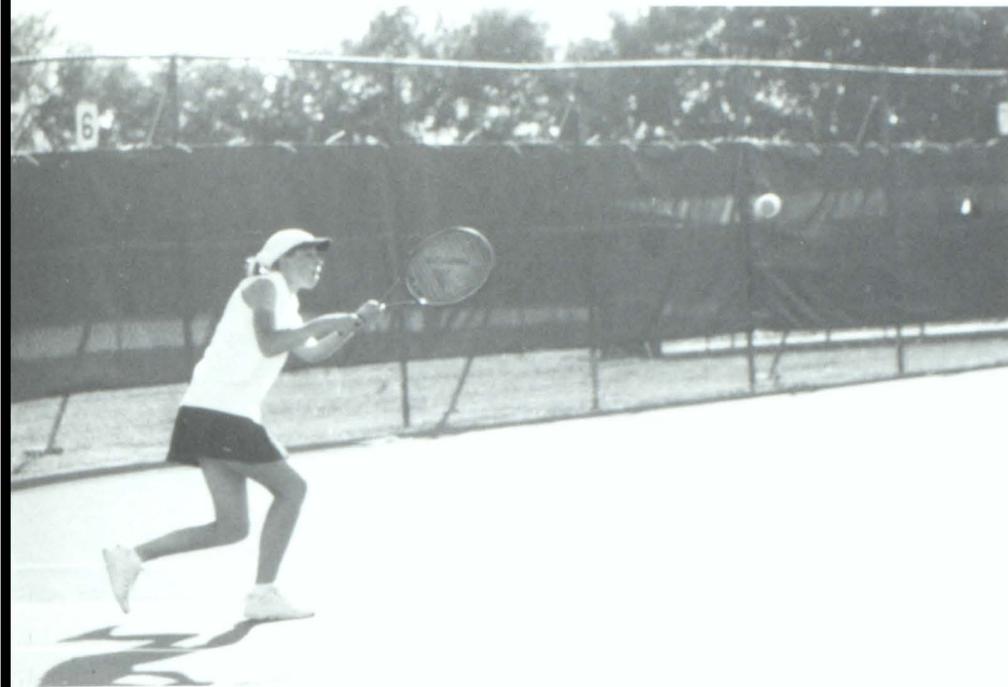
**Rainy days and mondays**

**Kristin Voegele, 12, Crystal Uhe, 11, and Becky Schreiber, 11,** prepare for another wet match. It seems the rain follows the girls wherever they play. An appropriate name for the team would have been the Rain Queens.



**& Girls Tennis**





**Successful volley**  
**Melissa Timmermann, 12**, successfully returns a volley. She enjoyed a spectacular season ending in first place at #4 singles.



**Do not look now**  
**Lindsay Hess, 10**, prepares to show off her new no-look return. Her anxious parents look on in the background at their talented daughter.



"I made the varsity team where Mrs. Plocher expects more of the players. I made many friendships that I hope will last for a long time."  
**Brittany Turner, 10.**



"While playing Queen of the Court, I lost my game. My punishment was to sit on the ground and bark at the varsity football players. It was embarrassing."  
**Lauren Campbell, 9.**



"We grew close and it was great to be the MVC champs. I will never forget eating at the Golden Corral!"  
**Jackie Kutz, 12.**

**& the** **Scores**

**Final Record 16-2**

- 6 O'Fallon 1
- 3 Greenville 4
- 6 Alton 1
- 7 Waterloo 0
- 7 Collinsville 0
- 6 Triad 1
- 7 Roxana 0
- 7 Granite City 0
- 7 Mt. Vernon 0
- 6 Mascoutah 1
- 7 CM 0
- 6 Jerseyville 1
- 5 Salem 2
- 2 Althoff 5

**MVC Conference Championship**

**First Place HHS Doubles Tournament**

**MVC Champions twice and running Love and aces**

By: Kateri Schiffer

**& Coach**

**Coach Brenda Plocher**



"It was an honor to coach this mature and experienced team. They proved themselves time and time again on the court. The great personalities on the team made the season fun. This is by far the best squad that I have ever coached, and the future looks bright for girls tennis."



**Varsity Girls Tennis**

**Front Row:** Jackie Kutz, Kim Byers, Allison Campbell, Leann Hemker  
**Middle Row:** Crystal Uhe, Becky Schreiber, Brianna Turner, Lindsay Hess, Yoshi Onishi  
**Back Row:** Kristen Voegele, Suzanne Rogier, Melissa Timmermann, Erin McKenna, Jennifer Klostermann, Lauren Southwick

**T**he girls tennis team faced a challenging season. The players went through tiring training sessions to build the strength and stamina necessary for a successful season. The hours of drills spent to improve agility and speed on the court were worthwhile for every player. For the second year in a row, the hard work paid off in another MVC Conference championship. All of the players agreed that the season could not have been any more enjoyable.

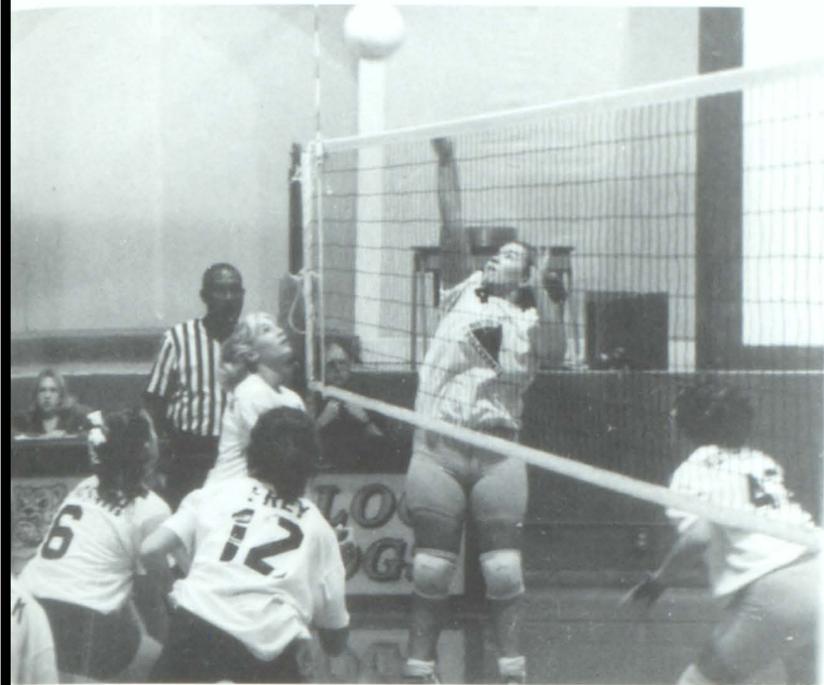
**Passing to perfection**  
**Amanda Gallatin, 9,** positions herself to make the perfect pass to her setter, proving once again that teamwork is one of the team's keys to a successful season.



**Frosh volleyball**  
**Front Row:** Beth Schrupf, Amanda Gallatin, Natalie Hoffman  
**Middle Row:** Jennifer Halvorson, Jackie Koerkenmeier, Jessie Koerkenmeier, Jennifer Harsy  
**Back Row:** Alicia Weiss, Erica Ross, Coach Jody Plater, Assistant Coach Jamie Murphy



**Approaching the attack**  
**Eileen Holthaus, 11,** steadies herself after making a low pass to the setter, while **Jennifer Harsy, 9,** begins her spike approach.



**Guarding the net**  
Defending their territory, the girls get into position to send back an aggressive attack.



**Taking a breather**  
Shauna Holcman, 11, prepares herself for the next play during a lull in the action.

## Commitment makes for winning season **Set & spike**

By: Natalie Ingram



**Eileen Holthaus, 11**, "The juniors and some of the underclassmen would practice with varsity. I was suprised at how well we did."



**Sarah Ulrich, 10**, "This year was a lot of fun! We continued to improve throughout the season and ended up as winners!"



**Jackie Koerkenmeier, 9**, "The coaches were always supportive, even when we lost. The JV and freshmen teams both played really well."

**& the**



**& Coach** Coach Jamie Murphy



"I thought we had a very good season. They all played very well as a team and put a lot of individual effort in as well. They were fun to coach, and I look forward to seeing all of them next season."



**JV Volleyball**

**Front Row:** Michelle Frey, Erica Ross, Eileen Holthaus, Alicia Weiss, Sara Ulrich, Natalie Hoffman, Beth Schrupf. **Middle Row:** Nicole Rezabek, Amber Heimsath, Jennifer Harsy, Amanda Gallatin, Jackie Koerkenmeier, Jessie Koerkenmeier. **Back Row:** Shauna Holcman, Kristin Johnson, Coach Jody Plater, Assistant Coach Jamie Murphy.

**A**s the new season unfolded, members of the JV volleyball team quickly realized the challenges they would face throughout the season. With only a few returning players and a variety of new talents, the girls knew they would have to push themselves to the limit. In the end, all of their work paid off. The freshman volleyball team worked on improving their weaknesses and perfected technique. Because they pushed themselves so hard, the team achieved a second place finish at the Jerseyville Tournament.

**Dynamic duo**  
Sisters **Jennifer Trame, 12**, and **Stephanie Trame, 11**, capture the moment on Senior Night. **Jennifer** notes, "I love playing with my sister. I've been playing with her all our lives and it makes me sad to think that this could be the last year we will ever play together."

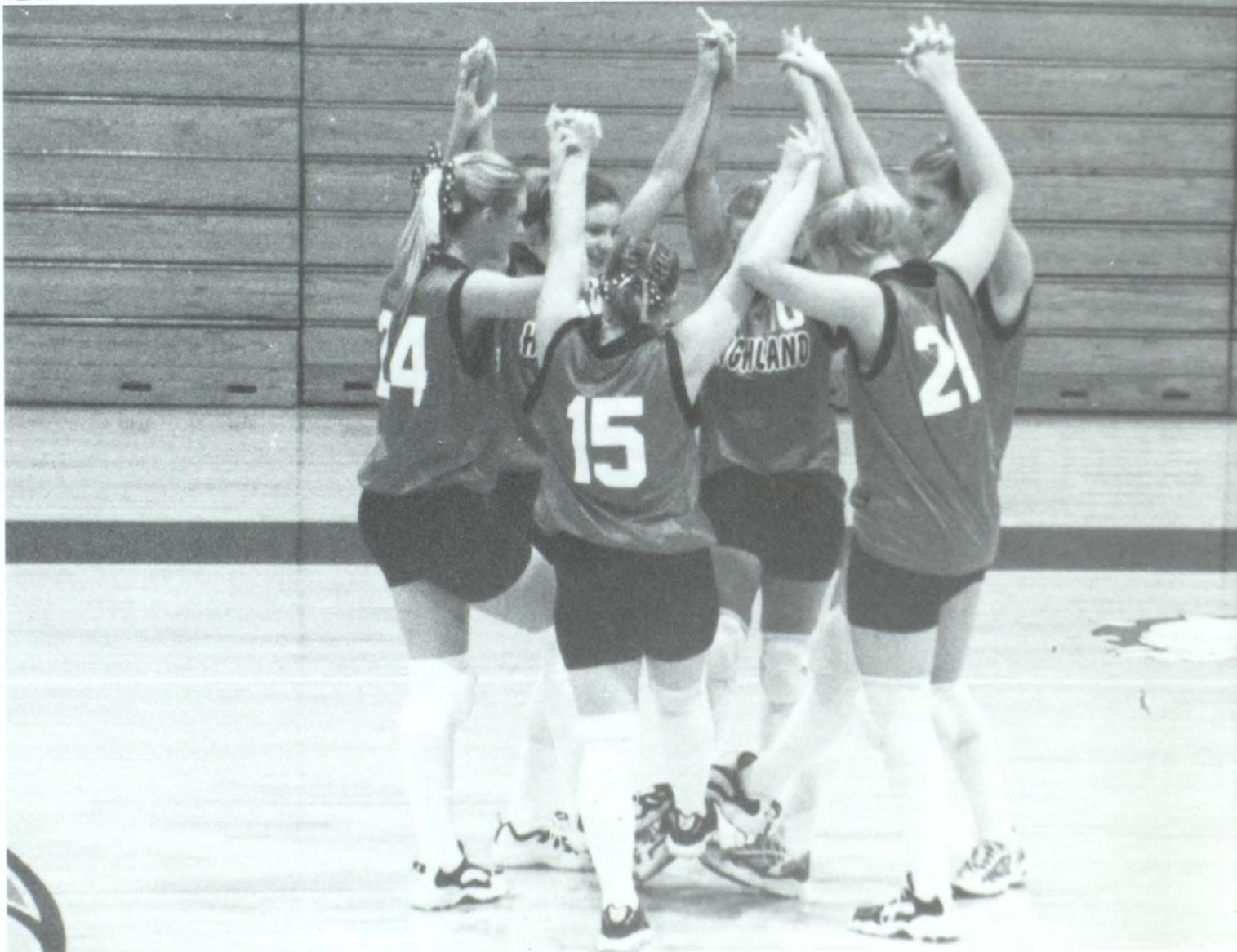


**Kill it**  
**Jessie Frey, 12**, stretches to make the kill, while **Jennifer Trame, 12**, and **Danielle Koishor, 12**, get low for hitter coverage. **Frey** was the receiver of the Miss Defense Award, **J.Trame** earned Most Valuable Player, and **Koishor** was given the 110% Award.



**Team effort**

The Lady Bulldogs huddle to boost energy and confidence during a tough match. **Rene Mettler, 12**, voted Most Supportive team member, remarks, "There are so many aspects to winning a volleyball game, and they are all summed up in one word -- TEAM!"



& Volleyball



**It takes a team**  
Raising spirits, the Lady Bulldogs display their enthusiasm for the game they love. The girls wore tee-shirts with "Ma nilo veth ega me" printed across the top, and after confusing many students, they explained that this phrase meant "Man, I Love the Game"



**Practice makes perfect**  
Warming up, **Jessie Frey, 12**, and **Jennifer Trame, 12**, perfect their spiking and blocking skills. Frey adds, "The highlight of my season was winning regionals. Since Triad beat us previously, it was the greatest thing to beat them for the regional title."

## Girls advance to first round of sectionals

# Setting high

By: Janae Barker



**Kristin Johnson, 11**  
"Starting out, one of our biggest problems was defense. We spent a lot of time working on it, and by the end of the season, we had remarkably improved!"



**Crystal Knackstedt, 12** "We had a great season! We played together well and got along great on and off the court. Best of all- we finally beat Mater Dei!"



**Danielle Koishor, 12**  
"Beating Mater Dei was great, not just because no other HHS team has ever done this, but the fact that we played as a real team."

**& the** **Scores**

2 Granite City 0  
2 Wesclin 0  
2 Civic Memorial 0  
0 Triad 2  
2 Jerseyville 1  
2 Waterloo 1  
2 Edwardsville 1  
2 Mascoutah 0  
2 Civic Memorial 1  
2 Jerseyville 0  
2 Collinsville 0  
2 Mater Dei 1  
2 Waterloo 0  
2 Mascoutah 1  
**Playoffs**  
2 Granite City 0  
2 Triad 1  
0 Edwardsville 2

**& Coach** **Coach Jody Plater**



"Wow! What a great season! It was difficult to step in as new head coach, but I was blessed with a tremendous amount of talent and a group who worked well together. The team was also very cohesive, which made coaching fun. I was truly satisfied to finish my first season with a 22-10 record and hope this will be a precedent."



**Varsity Volleyball**

**Front Row:** Danielle Koishor, Jessie Frey, Kristin Johnson, Shauna Holcmani, Eileen Holthaus.  
**Middle Row:** Jamie May, Stephanie Trame, Jennifer Harsy, Jennifer Trame, Michelle Frey. **Back Row:** Crystal Knackstedt, Rene Mettler, Coach Jody Plater, Coach Jamie Murphy.

**S**ix experienced seniors, having earned varsity playing time since their freshman year, led the Lady Bulldogs on and off the court. For the first time in HHS history, the team conquered Mater Dei in an intense three-game battle. Advancing to sectionals, the Lady Bulldogs ended their exceptional season with a loss to Edwardsville. Although they would have liked to prolong their season, the girls were very pleased with their remarkable 22-10 record.

**Freshman soccer**

**Front Row:** Brennan Stephenson, Bobby Watts, Jacob Post, Chris Wiegand, Ty Renko, Rob McDonald, Jonathan Elliot **Back Row:** Paul Morence, Eric Lengermann, Josh Yann, Chris Freimann, Jeremy Yann, Jason Luitjohan, Jon Severs, Mike Johnson, Coach Cryder

**Artful dodger**

**Nick Barnett, 11,** deftly maneuvers the ball through a maze of defenders, as he often did throughout the year.



**A winning move**

**Todd Luitjohan, 10,** sends his unworthy opponent flying after a collision. Todd splits his playing time between the varsity and JV teams.



**Fancy footwork**  
Jon Severs, 9, dribbles around his quickly approaching opponent as Jeremy Yann, 9, lingers in the distance.



**Keep your eyes open**  
Fending off an opponent, Eric Lengermann, 9, looks for an opportunity to complete a pass on his way down the field.

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## Stay tuned for the next generation of soccer Thrown into action

By: Tom Timmermann



"Our team was filled with talent, from the inexperienced younger players to the experienced elder players." **Nick Zaloga, 11.**



"I wish I'd played varsity soccer, but playing JV this year has been a great learning experience for next year," **Aaron Albrechts, 11.**



"It was a really good year, but next year when I'm a senior I look forward to playing more varsity time. JV is fun, but I can't wait to play varsity." **Nick Barnett, 11.**



**& Coach**

**Coach Jay Cryder**



"It was a pleasure to work with these boys. They are a talented group that ran into some bad luck this season with injuries. With a little work, they could all be quality players. I'm really lucky to have been able to coach a team like this. I wish them all the best at the varsity level."



**JV Soccer**

**Front Row:** Josh Thuenemann, Grady Richada, Cory Frey, Jacob Post, Josh Oswald, Adam Wilke, Brennan Stephenson, and Ty Renko. **Middle Row:** Chris Stahl, Bobby Watts, Nick Zaloga, Ryan Poss, Todd Luitjohn, Chris Schwarz, Danny Klaus, Michael Johnson, and Eric Lengermann. **Back Row:** Nick Barnett, Jonathan Morton, Ben Gallatin, Nathan McPherson, Aaron Albrechts, Phil Pender, John Severs, Tim Gould, Brent Knebel, and Coach Terry Marks.

It's safe to say that the future is in good hands with Terry Marks, the JV soccer coach. The JV Soccerdogs once again had a successful season; however, many of the JV players also doubled their playing time by also playing varsity soccer. Likewise many of the freshman players also doubled their time playing JV and freshman soccer. Given the talents and abilities of these two teams, stay tuned to the future of the soccer team.

**..aahh...refreshing..**  
Kirk Linenfelser, 12, enjoys a nice refreshing drink of Hi-C. Kirk says the most important part of his success is making sure the body has a vast supply of nutrients.



**Sideline support**  
Members of the varsity team watch their fellow players from the sidelines.

**Aggression?**  
T. J. Goeke, 12, and Matt Smart, 11, fight off an opposing player. The team works all year on combining stamina and aggression to get a winning combination.





**Footloose**

Using some fancy footwork, **Devin Heisner, 12**, helps his team defeat the opposition.



**Frustrated?**

During a tough soccer match, **T.J. Goeke, 12**, walks dejectedly off the field.



"Starting on the varsity soccer team since my freshman year has been such a great honor because I've gotten to play with or against such great players." **Justin Cryder, 11.**



"Same to be on the same team with my bro, Tyson Heisner (my bro, no one else, but mine) made sitting the bench and all the hours of practice worth it." **Devin Heisner, 12.**



"The past four years I've had the opportunity to play with such great players, and I'm glad I got to play alongside most of these guys" **Jake Gutzler, 12.**

**& the Scores**

**Final Record 13-6-3**

- 2 Gibault 0
- 4 Civic Memorial 1
- 1 Triad 5
- 5 Jerseyville 0
- 5 Roxana 1
- 1 Waterloo 1
- 9 Mascoutah 1
- 0 O'Fallon 1
- 5 Centralia 0
- 1 Althoff 1
- 0 Civic Memorial 0
- 1 Triad 2
- 3 Collinsville 0
- 3 Jerseyville 1
- 2 Waterloo 1
- 10 EA-Wood River 0
- 0 Althoff 1
- 3 Marquette 1
- 2 Alton 1
- 1 Mascoutah 0
- 4 Mt Carmel 0
- 0 Triad 1

Senior dominated team continues legacy of success

# Lightning strikes

By: Tom Timmermann

**& Coach Coach James Meyer**



"The high point of our season was the Alton Tournament, where we finished in a tie for first in our division. Tie breaker criteria forced us to play for third place against

Alton. We won 2-1 in a quadruple overtime. We had a good season that, with a few breaks, could have been a great season. I'm proud of the accomplishments of the senior dominated team, a team that always did their best," affirms Mr. Meyer.

**T**he Highland Soccerdogs have made a habit of making it to the playoffs, and the tradition continued this year. The team made the playoffs where they were unexpectedly defeated 1-0 in an overtime loss to the Triad Knights. However, the season was an exceptional one as a whole. All of the players trained diligently and played enthusiastically. Coach Meyer will have a tough task when he tries to replace this senior laden team; but one thing is for sure, the legacy will continue.



**1998 Soccerdogs**

**Front Row:** Devin Heisner, Justin Cryder, T.J. Goeke, Tyson Zobrist, Drew Neudecker, Cory Parker, Matt Smart, Chris Schwarz, Nick Barnett. **Middle Row:** Josh Sorge, Bobby Watts, Jason Wiegand, Mike Frey, Todd Luitjohan, Jake Gutzler, Nick Oswald, Kirk Linenfeler, Danny Klaus, Sam Myint. **Back Row:** Coach Jim Meyer, Nick Zaloga, Tyson Heisner, Tim Walter, Jared Lengermann, Jason Koerkenmeier, Dusty Barr, Tim Gould, Ben Gallatin, Asst. Coach Jay Cryder, Asst. Coach Terry Marks.

**Seniors rule!**  
Proud to be the only seniors on the squad, **Beth Bergman, 12**, and **Sherri Koehnemann, 12**, appreciate the events of Senior Night more than the rest of the squad.

**Building for victory**  
"Building formations is one of the best parts of the game," exclaims **Michelle Mugler, 11**. All the girls agree that formations are the most fun part of cheerleading.

**Rah! Rah! Rah!**  
**Stephanie Neudecker, 11**, **Beth Bergman, 12**, **Sherri Koehnemann, 12**, and **Kelly Johnson, 11**, break out their pompons to increase the crowd's enthusiasm.





**Standing tall**  
 "When I started topping it was really hard for me, but after two years, I got used to it. I wouldn't have it any other way," explains **Susan Mueller, 10.**



**Cheering buddies**  
**Casey Fields, 10,** and **Monica Cruthis, 10,** show their appreciation for each other's cheering.



**Teri Hammer, 10,** "Cheerleading was a valuable experience. It taught me how to get along with others, responsibility, and was really fun."



**Amanda Riechmann, 10,** "Cheerleading was a great experience for me. I had a lot of fun with it, and made a lot of great friends."



**Tara Frey, 9,** "I had a lot of fun at all of the games. We had a great squad and a great season. Everyone was very dedicated to the team."

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## Cheer with us! V-I-C-T-O-R-Y! Step above the rest

By: Rachel Plocher

**& Coach** **Coach Sheri Capelle**

"I had a lot of fun at all of the games this year. I think that we had a great squad and a great season. Everyone seemed to be very dedicated to the team. Good luck to everyone in the future."

**W**hether the game was home or away, the energetic football cheerleaders led the crowds of Highland fans in cheering on the team. They devoted many after school hours working on their cheering and gymnastic skills. Because of their hard work, they achieved their goal in helping the fans enthusiastically cheer the players on to victory.



**FB Cheerleading**

**Front Row:** Rebecca Blackwell, Stephanie Neudecker, Susan Mueller, Beth Bergman, Crissy Siever **Middle Row:** Teri Hammer, Michelle Hugler, Sherri Koehnemann, Christina Huelsmann, Barbie Klaus. **Back Row:** Monica Cruthis, Casey Fields, Amy Zbinden, Kelly Johnson, Tara Frey.

**Freshman Football**

**Front Row:** David Fetsch, David Harvick, Jeremy Reynolds, Brett Merkle, Jeff Weinacht, Mark Frey, Travis Navickas, Nick Keeven, Jeremiah Knackstedt, Matt Hoyt. **Middle Row:** Ty Small, David Grindstaff, Eric Sumner, Ryan Boxell, Beau Ohren, Phillip Edwards, James Head, Josh Beard, Jason Keilbach, Ryan Dumstorff, Adam Vosholler. **Back Row:** Nick Netzer, Justin Fieker, Mike Gragert, Jared Missey, Kyle Degroot, Andrew Walker, Eric Goldman, Louis Staley, Dustin Lubber, Nathan Robinson, Travis Hollenkamp.



**Field goal!**

Holder **Mike Warnecke, 11**, sets the ball for kicker **Todd Luitjohan, 10**, making a successful one point in the winning game against Waterloo.



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**Closing in**

**Aaron Meffert, 10, Kyle Troxell, 10, and Tony Ridgeway, 10**, close in on a Centralia running back during a winning game against the Orphan Annies.



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**Driving force**  
Led by a powerful block from a helping teammate, **Tim Warnecke, 10**, dashes for the end zone.



**Hit-and-run**  
**Tim Warnecke, 10**, opens a hole in the Centralia defense, leading Highland to victory.

JV and freshman teams prove good things are on the way  
**Full speed ahead**

By: Dena Tebbe



**Tim Warnecke, 10**, "I loved beating Triad, and I also liked being coached by Bae-ae-ae-le."



**Todd Luitjohan, 10**, "I really enjoyed kicking for football, and making unexpected tackles."



**Adam Weidner, 10**, "We all worked our hardest, and there were few unnecessary losses."

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**FOOTBALL**



**& Coach Coach Steve Lanxon**



"The coaching staff is very proud of our younger players. They continue to improve every time they step foot on the field. The future looks really bright for football."



**JV Football**

**Front Row:** Darrell Ferkel, Aaron Meffert, Paul Bickline, Kyle Warren, Dan Warnecke, Brian York, Joe Finley, Mike Anglin. **Middle Row:** Jet Singh, John Siegner, Chris Comrie, John Chapman, Dan Weakley, Tim Warnecke, Ryan Watts, Adam Weidner, Darren Gress. **Back Row:** Ty Barr, Tony Ridgeway, John Gaffner, John Altgilbers, Brendon Delaney, Robert Merwin, Kyle Troxell, Colby Schrupf, Mike Robinson.

Inspired by the screaming fans and proud parents, the freshman and JV football teams were successful due to an overwhelming amount of encouragement by the coaches and other players. With an outstanding record of 8-0, the freshman football team made an incredible first year comeback for freshman sports. The JV football team, not to be outdone by the freshman, played an excellent season as well with a record of 4-4.

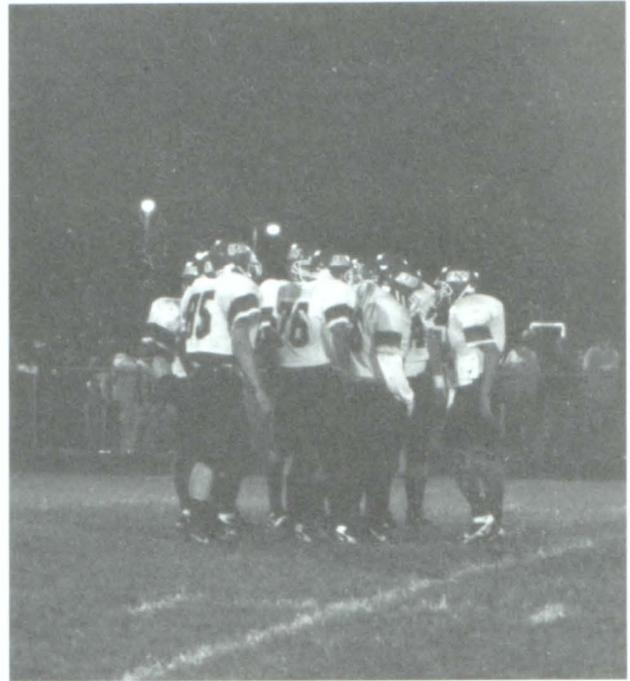
**Bulldog pride**

Linebacker **Dustin Gimmy, 12**, shares his soft side with the rest of the team before the bus arrives to take them into battle.



**On the road again**

On the road again in Jerseyville, quarterback **Dave Brown, 12**, relays a strategic plan of attack to the offense in the huddle.



**In position**

Quarterback **David Brown, 12**, calls the signals as the players flex their muscles to intimidate the much weaker Triad Knights at home on senior night.



**& Varsity FB**



**Teamwork**

After tackling an unsuspecting Knight player, **Matt Lewis, 10**, leads into the next position.



**Getting ready**

Senior defensive back **Mike Robinson, 12**, sets up in his spot along with the defense.



"The football season is just as much about life as it is about football. I have never felt so close to so many people. Each coach is just like a father to me," **Dustin Gimmy, 12**.



"There is a lot of dedication required to make it through the season. I think that everybody who participates in football grows up tremendously," **Justin Hart, 12**.



"My teammates are the most unselfish people I know. Whenever something goes wrong, all eleven guys take the blame for it," **Jason Remelius, 12**

**& the**

**Scores**

**Final Record 5-4**

- 28 Carlinville 0
- 27 Mt. Zion 13
- 32 Centralia 12
- 13 CM 34
- 22 Triad 13
- 14 Jerseyville 32
- 28 Waterloo 46
- 15 Mascoutah 8
- 14 Paris 31



The Bulldogs continue their winning tradition  
**Good Knight!**

By: Michael Robinson

**& Coach**

**Coach Joel Hawkins**



"Despite being short on natural size, strength, and speed, the team made it a quick and enjoyable season with the effort they exhibited on game nights. Hopefully, the players learned as much from their coaches as we did from them." remarks Coach Joel Hawkins.

The battling Bulldogs, despite their deceiving 5-4 mark, accomplished many accomplishments throughout the season. Coach Mike Hooker stated proudly that, "Anytime you beat those Triad people, you have a successful season." If that is the case, the Bulldogs had a very successful season. In addition to hammering their arch rivals, the Knights, on Senior Night, 22-13, they also beat the Mascoutah Indians at the homecoming football game. The team barely missed the playoffs due to a disappointing loss to the Paris Tigers.



**Varsity Football**

**Front Row:** Kyle Warren, Justin Weiss, Mike Warnecke, Brendon Delaney, Nathan Mezo, Casey Zbinden, Joh Byrd, Jared Goestenkors, Mark Blakey **Middle Row:** Tim Warnecke, Geoff Siever, Justin Fitterer, Michael Robinson, Brian York, Kyle Troxell **Back Row:** Brad Leitschuh, Matt Lewis, Dustin Gimmy, Dusty Witt, Justin Hart, Drew Rankin, Dave Duffin, J. C. Lairson, Josh Missey, Craig Manville, Matt Weidner

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### On one...

Coach Steiner rallies her troops for another tough game. The girls varsity team put forth much effort on their way to a respectable season.



### And two

Nick Barnett, 11, puts up a shot against a Waterloo defender. The junior split his playing time between varsity and junior varsity.



## Winter Sports

By: Scott Brave

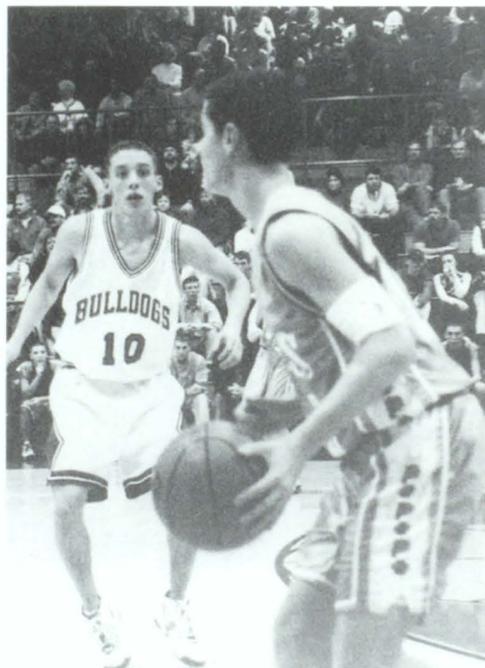
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he winter brought plenty of snow and plenty of action to the sports arena. The traditional powerhouse teams continued

their dominance, while others had what can be best described as rebuilding years. The theme of the season seemed to be the emergence of underclassmen in varsity sports, where they made their presence felt in virtually every one. It made for a very exciting season for the fans, coaches and everyone involved.

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### Full-court press

Tyson Zobrist, 12, fiercely defends against a down court pass from an opponent.





### Work it

**Tami Jakel, 12**, works out in the weight room preparing herself for those strenuous dance competitions.



### Tough day

**Matt Weidner, 12**, is caught sleeping in the hallway. He and his fellow wresiters had a very exciting season.

### Rise to the top

The varsity cheerleading team performs their routine to the cheers of the of the enthusiastic crowd.



**Purple what?**  
Imitating their rivals, the dance team strikes the pose after the Edwardsville regionals

**Hard at work**  
With a look of frustration, Tami Jakel, 12, Casey Mosby, 12, and Julie Capelle, 12, express their views on dance camp.



**Gotta have Faith**  
Pumping up before their regional performance, members of the dance team mosh to Limp Bizkit's rendition of George Michael's Faith.



& Dance





**Dancing to the top**  
 With precision and enthusiasm the dance team gives it their all at the State Competition. They placed higher than any of their predecessors in the aerobic-funk division.



**We own this dance**  
 With their eyes glued to the judges, Tami Jakel, 12, Janae Barker, 11, Dawn Davidson, 11, and Megan Tebbe, 9, show their moves in their pom/dance routine.

“Reach high, for the stars lie hidden in your soul.”

Pamela Vaull Starr

# Reach for the stars

By: Erin Strackeljahn



**Erica Voss, 9**

“I didn’t think I was going to make the team at first. When I saw my name on the list, I was ecstatic! It was the most fun I ever had!”



**Amy Kealey, 11**

“By being on the Dance Team, I learned how to work as a team. We accomplished our goals and had fun doing so.”



**Tiffany Parnell, 10**

“I hated rolling my hair! One night I had to walk around town with a pound of plastic on my head while everyone stared.”

## & the Scores

### Awards

1st place IL State Fair

2nd place dance category and 5th place pom category at Lindbergh HS

2nd place aerobic/funk and 4th place pom/dance at Althoff Regional

1st place aerobic/funk and 2nd place pom/dance at O’Fallon Regional

2nd place aerobic/funk and 5th place pom/dance at Super Sectional

3rd place aerobic/funk and 5th place pom/dance at State

### & Coach

### Mrs. Deets



“It was the most committed group of youngwomen I have ever worked with. They were a pleasure to coach and

to watch. All of them should be proud of the performances they turned in this year. I wish them all the best of luck, wherever they may be next year.”



### Dance Team

**Front Row:** Julie Capelle, Tami Jakel, Erin Strackeljahn, Casey Mosby  
**Middle Row:** Lindsey Austin, Tiffany Parnell, Christy Michael, Sarah Fite, Janae Barker, Amy Kealey, Dawn Davidson, Megan Tebbe  
**Back Row:** Suzanne Rogier, Erica Voss, Linnea Sorge, Danielle Schrupf

**T**he dance team began its season at the UDA summer camp. There, they received a first place for their routine and a Superior trophy for the highest overall score. At the Illinois State Fair, they received another first place for their pom dance. The dance team also attended many regional competitions to perfect their routine. Their dedication paid off in a third place finish at State in aerobic-funk, and a fifth place for pom-dance. Overall, they had the tenth highest score in the state.

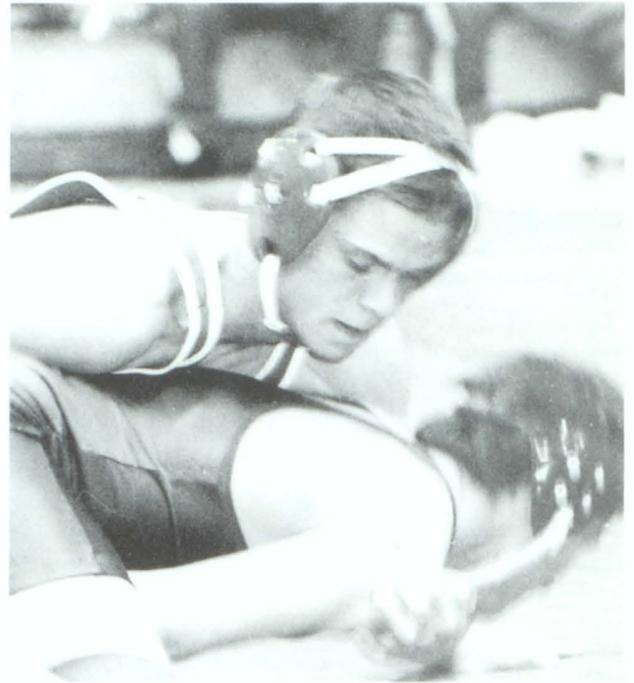
**No escape**

Waiting for the pin to be called, **Colby Schrupf, 10**, squeezes his opponent tightly. **Schrumpf** is often recognized for his ability to keep his opponents in a hold and also to attempt numerous holds to make the pin.

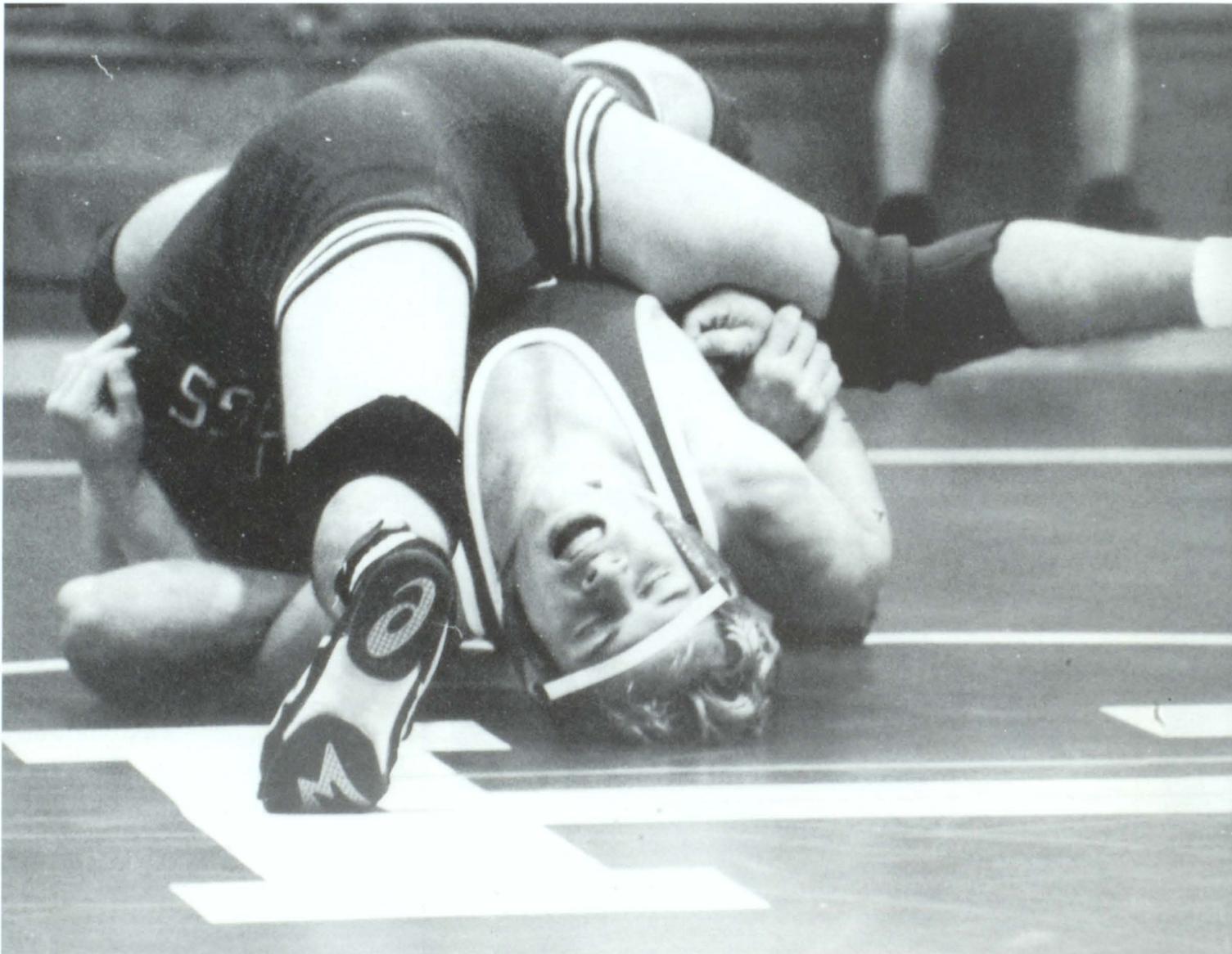


**Get a grip**

**Matt Weidner, 12**, makes his move on an opponent before finishing the job with a quick pin. **Weidner** also recieved awards as champion at the Shelbyville tournament and Mascoutah conference for his weight class.

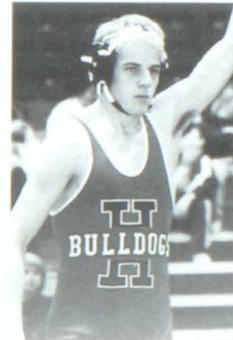


**Only the strong**  
**Travis Navikas, 9**, demonstrates the difficulty of wrestling when resisting defeat at the intersquad meet in Highland. **Navikas** has already made a name for himself through his skill and his first place finish at the conference held in Mascoutah.





**All tied up**  
103 lb. wrestler, **Andrew Ernst, 10**, gets into a tangle when attempting a hold at the Shelbyville tournament. **Ernst** went on to receive the title of tournament champion for the 103 weight class.



**Taking control**  
After a tough match in Collinsville, a frustrated **Drew Rankin, 12**, raises his arm proudly for his victory. Luckily, the meet was won and **Drew** was later sent to sectionals.

## Team wins MVC for first time in history **Reckoning force**

By: Dena Tebbe



**Matt Wiedner, 12**  
"I knew we could take conference if everyone stayed focused and we did."



**Andrew Ernst, 10**  
"It was the best season we ever had and I was glad to be a part of it."



**Ryan Gimmy, 10**  
"The team did well and we ran into a few problems, but we pulled it all together."

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**& Coach** **Coach Joe Michaelis**



"This was one of the best, if not the best team I have ever coached. In my 11 years as a coach, I know it was the most balanced team. A team cannot have that kind of success without outstanding young men."



### Wrestling

Front Row: Michael Lawson, Brett Merkle, Brian Ross, Kyle Warren, Andrew Ernst, Jason Kielbach, Jeremy Reynold and Travis Navikas and Kandace Britsch. Second Row: Tarra Arrington, Darrel Ferkle, Ty Barr, Daniel Lairson, Aaron Meffert, Andrew Walker, Jeremiah Knackstedt, DJ Gringstaff, Adam Wiedner, Andrew Salls and Kandice Britsch. Third Row: Kurt Haller, Dustin Witt, Todd Woodall, Kyle Troxell, John Signer, Nick Netger, Ryan Gimmy and Colby Schrupf. Back Row: Coach Joe Michaelis, Michael Gragert, Joshua Missey, Drew Rankin, JC Lairson, Matt Wiedner, Dustin Gimmy and Coach Chad Young.

**T**he wrestling team proved to be strong competitors in the MVC. They started off the season with an infinite amount of wins, pins and sticks. They finished victorious in winning the Mississippi Valley Conference for the first time in their history. It is safe to say that the Bulldogs were a force to be reckoned with. Individual achievements went to Captain **Matt Weidner, 12**, **Drew Rankin, 12**, **Andrew Ernst, 10** and **Kurt Haller, 11**.

**What it's all about!**  
Misty-eyed, **Jessica Conrad, 10,** and **Jackie Eilers, 10,** celebrate their victory at the state competition. Undoubtedly, the cheerleading season built many great friendships.

**Finally a break!**  
Swinging in the breeze, the JV cheerleaders take a break during a grueling day at camp. The cheerleaders took first place honors at the camp in the home cheer and best dance division.



**Only the best!**  
Smiling bright, the cheerleaders show off their first place trophy at the state competition in Springfield. The girls competed against 27 other squads from throughout the state.



& JV Cheerleading



**Going up!**  
Pushing hard to reach the top, the cheerleaders practice hundreds of hours throughout the year to perfect their pyramids and routines. They may go an entire month without a single day off.



**Not without dad**  
Amanda Riechmann, 10, and her father share a moment after the awards ceremony at the state competition. Cheerleading does not just involve the cheerleaders but also many hours of work by their parents behind the scenes.

## Junior varsity cheerleaders Gonna make you cheer!

By: Ryan Wegryzn



**Tricia Klaus, 9**  
"I will always remember competing at State, and how it felt to win. It was the most horrible, but most positively wonderful experience I have ever gone through."



**Renee Korte, 9**  
"Coming from a small school I wasn't prepared for the pressure of cheering at this level. It was stressful, but we pulled together in the end."



**Breanne Potthast, 11**  
"We were determined to bring home the state title. After months of work we were able to do so. I feel honored to have worked with such a sweet and talented group of girls.."

**& the**



**& Coach**

**Coach Cheryl Hasselhorst**



"The year was filled with challenges and strains, but the girls worked double hard and pushed themselves to their limits.

I was so happy watching the girls after winning (state). I can only smile when I look back on the year, because they made me proud, and I will never forget them.



**JV Cheerleading**

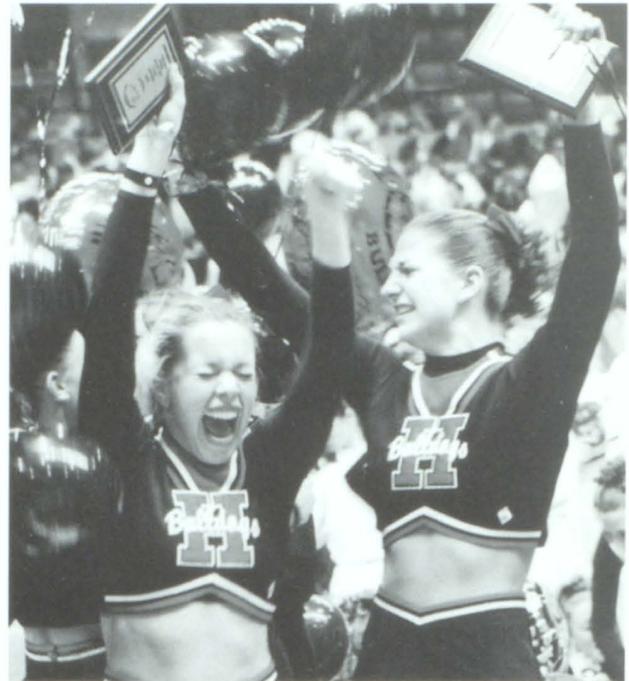
**Front Row:** Amanda Riechmann, Nicki Alexander, Renee Korte, Kim Zeisset, Brooke Tally **Middle Row:** Michelle Cruthis, Stacey Port, Emily Johnston, Breanne Potthast, Jackie Eilers, Amy Korte **Back Row:** Jessica Ribbing, Teri Hammer, Tara Frey, Amanda Gallatin, Tricia Klaus, Rachel Savas, Jessica Conrad

**T**wisting through the year, the JV cheerleaders worked hard to regain the state title after the disappointing loss of the previous year. The sixteen member squad spent countless hours every day perfecting their tumbling and stunting skills. All their determination paid off in the end with a flawless routine at the state championship in Springfield, bringing home the fifth first place trophy in the past six years.

**Eye of the tiger**  
**Shauna Holcmann, 11,** pumps up the crowd with her attitude and a smile. It is not all smiles and winks that make a good routine, but gritted teeth and fierce eyes that set it apart from the rest.



**Taking it again**  
**Beth Bergman, 12,** and **Amber Schwierjohn, 12,** explode with joy as the cheerleaders are named state champs for yet another year. The girls are happy to go out their senior years on top.



**Larger than life**

The cheerleaders execute their opening mount at the state competition. This pyramid is considered one of the simplest stunts in their routine.



**& Cheerleading**



**Just our luck**

The varsity cheerleaders share a moment with their fellow champion friends from Thornwood High School at the state competition.



**Staying together!** Sherri Koehnemann, 12, and Jami Potthoff, 10, give each other a hug at the state competition. The cheerleaders are a close group of individuals.



**Chelsey Kantner, 10**  
 "All I have to say is 'Pony-up, No Pony...DOWN!' enough said, but if I have to say something it would be, 'Think it, Perform it, Win it.'"



**Ryan Wegrzyn, 12**  
 "I had the time of my life. Winning state my senior year was just a little extra bonus! The best part was just chillin' out with the squad."



**Brandi Oliver, 11**  
 "Cheerleading was so much fun! It was an experience I will never forget. I wish I didn't have to to end, but I guess all good things must come to an end."

**& the**

Scores

**Awards**

**1st place ICCA State Championship**

**1st place NCA Windy City Classic**

**1st place Mater Dei Holiday Tourney**

**2nd place 1998 AmeriCheer Regional**

**3rd place 1999 ICCA Regional**

**& Coach**

**Coach Terry Aebischer**



"This year was quite different than any other year, but I enjoyed the journey. I have never worked with a group

like this one: strong, determined, willing, and fearless. The real credit goes to my seniors. The record shows that they did it their way.

Holy moly...  
**We're back again!**

By: Ryan Wegrzyn

**W**ith precision and enthusiasm, the varsity cheerleaders made their presence known at every event they attended. Throughout the year, the eighteen member squad strove to be the best at everything they did. The group practiced countless hours, going weeks without a single day off. They set their minds to a goal and refused to let anyone stop them. In the end, their blood, sweat and tears were small prices to pay for the I.C.C.A. state title.



**Varsity Cheerleading**

**Front Row:** Alisha Broniec, Sherri Koehnemann, Jessie Switzer, Amber Hemann, Erin Drees  
**Middle Row:** Kelly Johnson, Amber Schwierjohn, Ryan Wegrzyn, Beth Bergman, Brandi Oliver  
**Back Row:** Jami Potthoff, Crystal Uhe, Kim Byers, Britny Dillier, Stephanie Neudecker, Chelsey Kantner, Shauna Holcman, Kristi Novak

**Freshman team**

**Front Row:** Jessica Bohle, Courtney Winet **Middle Row:** Erica Ross, Coach Dawn Steiner, Coach Jill Cryder, Coach Theresa Tucker, Mindy Knebel **Back Row:** Crissy Harris, Jessie Koerkenmeier, Jennifer Halverson, Jackie Koerkenmeier, Jamie Wildhaber, Michelle Watts



**Timeout talk**

Coach Theresa Tucker explains her next plan of attack as **Jennifer Mettler, 10**, **Tara Holzinger, 11**, and **Heather Thole, 10**, grab a quick drink.



**On the run**

On her way to the basket, **Sarah Ulrich, 10**, speeds away from her trailing defenders.





**Team effort**  
Courtney Hochuli, 11, tries her best to prevent a pass from entering the lane as her teammate **Tara Holzinger, 11**, fights for defensive position on the block.



**Tough defense**  
Kathy Daudermann, 10, during a pre-game warm-up, guards **Courtney Hochuli, 11**, as she tries to pass to her eager teammates, **Ani Herzberg, 11**, and **Jennifer Mettler, 10**.



"I enjoyed being a role model on our team for the underclassmen. Throughout all the difficulties, I kept this in mind and enjoyed the season." **Tara Holzinger, 11**

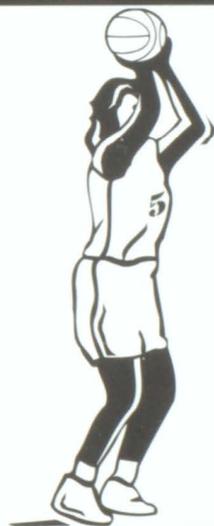


"We had a terrific season, though our record didn't show it. We had a great group of seniors and they will be missed. I can't wait until next season." **Jennifer Rehberger, 10**



"It was a real experience playing with the older girls. We had a lot of fun. I learned many fundamentals that I will carry with me for next year." **Jamie Wildhaber, 9**

**& the**



**& Coach** **Coach Theresa Tucker**

"I had a great group of girls. We had a really great season. The girls put their mind to winning and worked really hard to achieve their goals. I look forward to seeing them do well at the varsity level in the years to come."



**JV Girls B-Ball**

**Front Row:** Jennifer Mettler, Michelle Frey, Sara Ulrich **Middle Row:** Ani Herzberg, Jennifer Rehberger, Courtney Hochuli, Amy Henschen, Leyna Drazen **Back Row:** Coach Dawn Steiner, Coach Jill Cryder, Tara Holzinger, Kathy Daudermann, Heather Thole, Jessica Plocher, Coach Theresa Tucker

A learning experience

## The backup plan

By: Ani Herzberg

**T**he junior varsity basketball team consisted of a well-rounded group of athletes, including five juniors, six sophomores and ten freshman. The team demonstrated great leadership. With the goal of "just having fun," the JV team's purpose was to train the varsity team and bring them to their best level of play. The JV Lady Bulldogs ended the season with a 9-9 record.

**Ready to rebound?** Jamie May, 12, takes a deep breath and prepares herself for a chance to rebound. She later commented "We didn't do as well as I had hoped to this season, but I still had a good time!"



**Scary shots** Stacey Marks, 11, looks at the ball with exasperation and frustration before making her foul shot. Stacey says "I was just trying to concentrate and give it my all-just like all of the girls on the team."



**Ready or not...** The girls huddle in an attempt to intimidate their opponents and prepare themselves for an intense game.





**Slipping away**  
The ball escapes the grasp of **Jene Klostermann, 12.** Jene set numerous records this year, both personal and for the team.



**The perfect shot**  
Jennifer Koisher, 12, concentrates as she prepares herself for an intense foul shot.

## Girls have record breaking season Watch out WNBA!

By: Theresa Ames



**Ani Herzberg, 11**  
"I played with a great group of girls. Everyone knew her position and duties on the team. We stuck together and tried our best, which is all that matters."



**Jennifer Mettler, 10**  
"I was honored to be allowed to wear a varsity jersey as a sophomore. Every time I was out there I just gave it my all and played for the good of the team."



**Courtney Hochuli, 11**  
"I was excited that I had the chance to play varsity this year. I am confident now that I have had the experience necessary to play well next year."

**& the** Scores

**Varsity Final Record**  
6-5

54 CM 47  
53 Triad 34  
55 Jerseyville 60  
62 Waterloo 39  
43 Mascoutah 58  
47 Mascoutah 58  
49 Triad 57  
49 Jerseyville 69  
43 Waterloo 42  
51 Mascoutah 49  
46 CM 35

**& Coach** Coach Dawn Steiner



"Everyone says this a lot, but these girls are really great people. They are all hard workers who worked for the team instead of themselves, and they will be successful in whatever they attempt in life."



**Girls V. Basketball**

**Front Row:** Courtney Hochuli, Sara Ulrich, Stacey Marks. **Middle Row:** Leyna Drazen, Jennifer Mettler, Jennifer Koisher, Michelle Frey, Danielle Koisher, Ani Herzberg. **Back Row:** Coach Jill Cryder, Jene Klostermann, Coach Dawn Steiner, Jamie May, Coach Theresa Tucker.

**T**he Lady Bulldogs used talent and teamwork to set a number of team records this season. The new records for team rebounds, steals and blocked passes were a great accomplishment for the girls. The team finished with a record of 12-16 for both conference and non conference games, but was able to end on a positive note by winning the last two games. Next year with the return of at least seven varsity players, the team is guaranteed success.

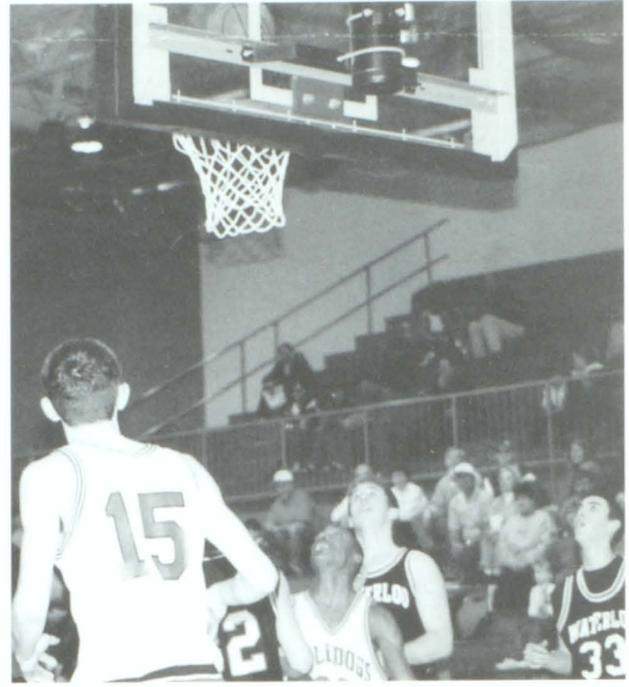
**Quick drive**

Plowing between two defenders, **Nick Barnett, 11**, drives to the hoop. By beating their opponents on the dribble, many opportunities were made for the offense to score.



**Rebound that ball**

Boxing out for a rebound **Louis Staley, 9**, awaits the outcome of the shot. Looking on, **Joe Malisia, 10**, also anticipates the shot, hoping for a rebound.





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Diving for the ball in a close game against Waterloo is **Louis Staley, 9**. With the combination of hustle and winning attitudes, the JV team pulled off another successful year.



**Looking for help**  
Louis Staley, 9, distributes the ball to an open teammate. Smart passes and heads up play gave the boys many opportunities to score.



**Nathan Mezo, 11**  
"We had an overall tough year. The team lost a couple games that we should have won, and our record didn't show how good we are."



**Ben Gallatin, 11**  
"With ending over .500, I thought that we had a great year. It gave us a chance to learn and work on our skills. Next year I hope for more playing time."



**Kyle Ribbing, 11**  
"It was fun playing JV. We had a winning season, and JV gave us more experience. One thing we need to work on is teamwork."

## & the

Scores

### Final Results

- 55 Wesclin 52
- 58 C. Glenwood 68
- 54 CM 66
- 39 Mascoutah 53
- 75 Triad 58
- 47 Salem 65
- 65 Waterloo 56
- 70 Central 62
- 67 Mascoutah 66
- 70 Althoff 77
- 32 Jerseyville 38
- 48 Edwardsville 54
- 73 Waterloo 48
- 57 Jerseyville 38
- 57 Triad 48
- 48 CM 46
- 41 O'Fallon 53

### & Coach

**Coach Jay Cryder**



"This was a productive and successful season. Many of our players showed improvement in their skills."

The team had much success after Christmas break. The junior varsity players will make up the core of the varsity team next year."

## JV team gains experience. Hoopin' it up

By: Ian Linenfelser

**T**he junior varsity basketball team improved their skills in hopes of competing at the varsity level next year. The players had many chances to develop the basketball fundamentals needed to compete. It also provided the opportunity for players to experience more time on the court. The team ended the year with a 9-8 record. With this .500 record, the Bulldog's Basketball program future is looking bright.



### JV Basketball

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**Closing in**

Junior guard **Nathan Mezo, 11**, holds the ball and looks for an open teammate to pass to. With Jerseyville Pathers approaching, he must make a quick decision and fly in for the score.



**Standing tall**

The varsity team gets into position for a loose ball. Several Jerseyville Panthers attempt to gain position to get to the ball first. Our team, however, beat them to the punch.



**Ball control**

**Tyson Zobrist, 12**, protects the ball as he is double teamed. With his body between the opposing players and the ball, he is able to kill the clock and retain the lead.





**Standing tall**  
**Brendon Delaney, 10**, is guarded by an opposing player while looking for an opening in the lane. Although the score was close the entire game, the team pulled through and beat the Warriors.



**Driving lessons**  
**Tim Gould, 10**, assesses the situation as he dribbles down the court. When he sees an opening in the lane, he drives to the hoop for an easy layup. Defenders watch as he flies past them.



**Brendon Delaney, 10**  
 "Although the numbers don't show it, I thought that we were not a bad team. The young players will have a lot more experience to draw on next year."



**Justin Rittenhouse, 12**  
 "I had three goals this season: win a game at the Mater Dei Holiday Tourney, have fun, and go above .500. Well, two out of three ain't bad."



**Tyson Zobrist, 12**  
 "Things could have been better. We worked hard but it never seemed like we won. I will always remember the fun I had with my teammates."

**& the**

Scores

Final scores

- 51 CM 50
- 34 Mascoutah 50
- 52 Triad 63
- 48 Waterloo 64
- 49 Mascoutah 52
- 55 Jerseyville 54
- 71 Waterloo 56
- 51 Jerseyville 54
- 74 Triad 67
- 48 CM 58
- 53 Mascoutah 56

## Plagued with inexperience, the team realizes.... **Winning isn't everything**

By: Michael Robinson

**& Coach**

**Coach Faulkenberg**



"This ballclub played very well against a number of good teams. We lost twice by 3 points to the conference champs (Mascoutah). The difference between having a poor record and being near the .500 mark is every minute. The coaching staff is looking for huge improvements in this team as they mature over the next couple of years."

**L**ed by Coach Faulkenberg, the varsity basketball team ended its season with a 7-19 record. Although their record wasn't astounding, the team had a number of achievements. For the first time in three years, the varsity squad won a game at the Mater Dei Christmas tournament. One of the most thrilling wins of the season was against Triad on their Senior Night. Even though the team didn't have much experience, they showed plenty of school pride by their hard work and determination.



**Varsity Basketball**

**Front Row:** Ben Gallatin, Matt Lewis, Tim Gould, Coach Cryder, Coach Faulkenberg, Coach Zost, Justin Cryder, Nathan Mezo  
**Back Row:** Denny Ammann, Jared Goestenkors, Joe Malisia, Kyle Ribbing, Nick Barnett, Justin Rittenhouse, Brendon Delaney, T.J. Cryder

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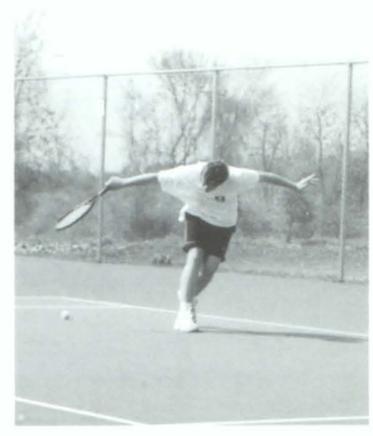
### Take a knee

The varsity baseball team huddles around Coach Hawkins as he gives them the words of encouragement before taking the field in the big home game.



### Groundstroke

Jonathon Halvorson, 11, nimbly makes a difficult shot during a hard fought tennis match. The tennis team was filled with talent that dominated the competition.



## Spring Sports

By: Scott Brave

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he spring sports season proved to be successful for the many teams and individuals that brought home awards for their

accomplishments. The boys tennis team was quite the stalwart once again, while surprises were many for the varsity baseball team. There were disappointments as weather conditions virtually destroyed the junior varsity baseball team's season. However, it did prove to be an exciting time for everyone.

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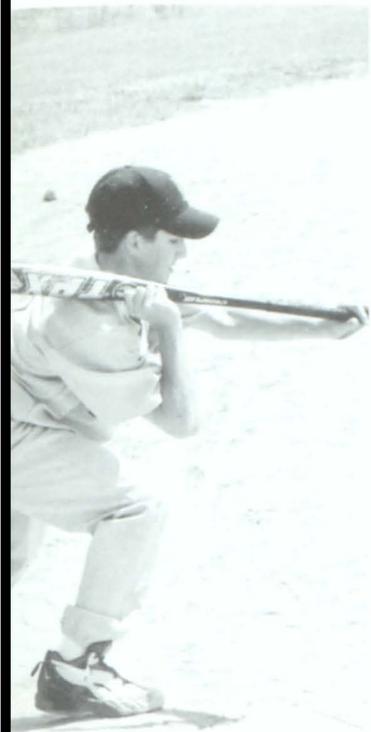
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### Soaked!

Jennifer Rehberger, 10, is quite surprised to be caught with her hair down.

& Spring Sports



### Drag bunt

Attempting to lay down a bunt, **John Messerli, 9**, squares up perfectly in his effort.



### Rock and fire

**Ben Gittersonke, 10**, rears back and lets it fly for the JV baseball team.

### Champions

**Sherri Koehnemann, 12, Danielle Koishor, 12, and Jamie Maedge, 12**, proudly display their tournament plaque.



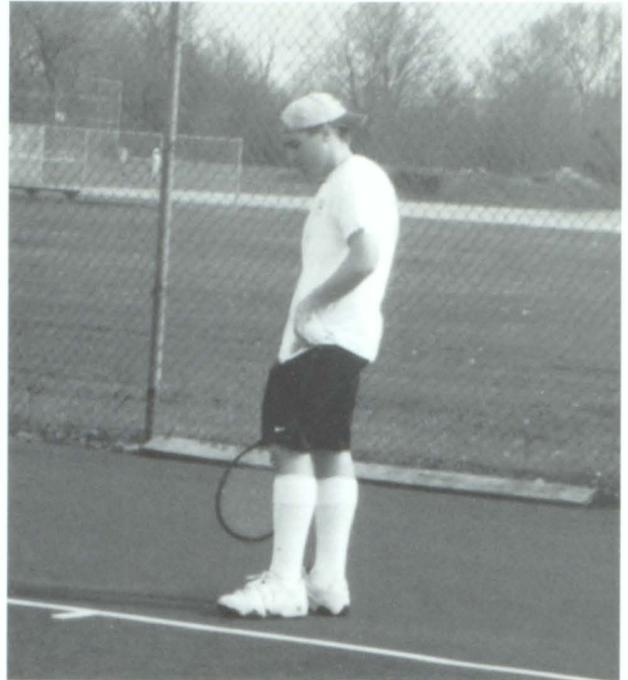
### Smooth swing

Following through with perfect forehand motion, **Devin Heisner, 12**, carefully watches the ball he has just sent sailing over the net. Heisner played #4 singles and finished second in the conference.



### Concentration

Taking a deep breath, **Bryan Boudouris, 11**, steps back a moment to contemplate his next strategic move. Boudouris finished first place in the #2 singles spot and second place in #1 doubles.



### Ready and waiting

With eyes focused on their opponents, **Drew Neudecker, 12**, and **Phil Zappia, 12**, prepare to attack any tennis ball hit their direction. Neudecker and Zappia won first place in the #3 doubles slot.





**Chillin'**  
Relaxing before their own matches, **Jonathon Halvorson, 11, Adam Fernandez, 11, Grady Richata, 12,** and **Kirk Linenfelser, 12,** support and encourage their fellow teammates from behind the fence.



**Holding court**  
With swift backhand action, **Tyson Heisner, 12,** soars the ball back across the net to an unexpected competitor.

## Boys tennis team crowned MVC Champs No love here!

By: Janae Barker



**Devin Heisner, 12**  
"I would like to thank Mr. Toennies for coming in as a first year coach and doing such a great job. With him as coach, The other seniors and I had a blast."



**Sam Myint, 12**  
"Let me hear you say '43in' ain't easy! This year we had a great season with a great coach. Conference champs, baby!"



**Phil Zappia, 12**  
"We had a really great year despite a few problems. Halvorson and Fernandez share a brain."

**& the** **Scores**

**Final Record 15-1**

Roxana **W**  
Jerseyville **W**  
Civic Memorial **W**  
Metro-East Lutheran **W**  
Mascoutah **W**  
Waterloo **W**  
Edwardsville **L**  
Greenville **W**  
Triad **W**  
Effingham St. Anthony **W**  
Collinsville **W**  
Vandalia **W**  
Hillsboro **W**

**MVC Champs- 27 pts.**

**3rd place at sectionals**

**& Coach**

**Mr. Keith Toennies**



"Statistically, this is one of the best teams I have seen in over 20 years. When speaking in terms of character, poise, sportsmanship and heart, the individuals on this team represent one of the best tennis squads in this school's history."



**Boys Tennis**

**Front Row:** Bradley Boudouris, Paul Scherschel, Devin Heisner, Drew Neudecker, Sam Myint, Schers Rachel. **Middle Row:** Kirk Linenfelser, Aaron Albregts, Bryan Boudouris, Adam Fernandez. **Back Row:** Coach Toennies, Nathan McPherson, Phil Zappia, Tyson Heisner, Jonathan Halvorson.

**P**roving to be true champions the boys tennis team served and volleyed their way through a phenomenal season. With new head coach, Mr. Toennies, in command, they continued a winning tradition with an outstanding 15-1 record. Due to their incredible athletic abilities, the team captured the MVC Championship, and went on to place third in sectionals. Team members, **Sam Myint, 12,** and **Bryan Boudouris, 11,** also advanced to the state level.

**Getting loose**  
**Michelle Watts,9,**  
**Rebekah Shea,10,**  
**Jessie Koerkenmeier,9,**  
**and Jackie Koerkenmeier,**  
**9,** stretch to avoid pulling  
 muscles in their race.



**Successful finish**  
 Keeping her balance,  
**Erin Strackeljahn,12,**  
 hits the sand landing  
 on both feet.



**Hop, skip, jump**  
 With momentum at her  
 back, **Jene Klostermann,**  
**12,** rockets high into the  
 air during the MVC  
 meet.





**Smooth sailing**  
Gliding effortlessly over a hurdle, **Dena Korte, 9**, hopes to catch her opponent at the turn.



**Faultless form**  
**Leyna Drazen, 10**, sports her perfect running style as she sprints to the end of her race.

## Track team sends three seniors to state

# Ready, set, go!

By: Ani Herzberg



**Stephanie Weiss, 12**  
"It has been a super season, I strived to meet my personal goals and succeeded when I qualified for state."



**Jenni Mitchell, 11**  
"We had a successful season, although our team was young. We will just have an even stronger team for next season."



**Sarah Wilkenson, 9**  
"Being a freshman the upperclassman had a big influence on me. They were a great group of girls, whom I will miss."



**& Coach**

**Ted Cipicchio**



As a whole we had a generally decent season. We had two outstanding team accomplishments. Our first success was we won eleven out of eighteen events MVC with a total of twenty-three gold medals. The second was that we qualified in six events to the state meet with three seniors.



### Girls Track

**First Row:** Lauren Campbell, Barbie Klaus, Carla Frey, Sarah Wilkenson, Michelle Watts, Carla Weis, Emily Munie, Rebekah Shea, Vanessa Deborge, Jennifer Rehberger, Jenni Halverson, Mandy Knebel **Second Row:** Dena Korte, Jamie Wildhaber, Jessie Koerkenmeier, Jackie Koerkenmeier, Stephanie Merkle, Kathy Dauderman, Coach Cipicchio, Coach Plater. **Third Row:** Linnea Sorge, Courtney Hochuli, Jenni Mitchell, Leyna Drazen, Ani Herzberg. **Back Row:** Jessie Frey, Jene Klostermann, Erin Strackeljah, Stephanie Wiess.

**T**he girls track team was composed of dedicated runners who continually tried to surpass their personal goals. Many returning harriers helped their new teammates to adjust to their grueling routine. Though most of the freshman had little experience, they demonstrated their individual skills in long distance runs, hurdles, and relays. Practices were held at Glik Park, the parking lot, and local neighborhoods because the track was under construction. Needless to say, there were no home meets.

### Moving right along

**Nathan Robinson, 9**, gets ready to take the handoff and run the next leg of the race. **Danny Klaus, 11**, finishes his leg in the 400 meter relay race.



### Staying cool

Some tracksters wait around for their events to begin. **Mark Blakey, 11**, shows his enthusiasm and uses his headphones to get him in a competitive mood.



### Off on the right foot

**Dustin Talleur, 12**, attempts to attain the lead in the beginning of the 1600 meter race. He knows that getting a good start is vital to how well he will finish.





**Poetry in motion**  
Chris Stahl, 10, and Danny Weakly, 10, leap smoothly over the hurdles at the Salem meet. Throughout the season these two and the rest of the team improved by leaps and bounds.



**Running for the finish**  
Freshman standout Daniel Strackeljahn, 9, runs steadily onward as he tries to endure the one mile race. Off in the distance, other tracksters watch and cheer for their teammates.

## Tracksters make the best of inexperience **Right on track**

By: Michael Robinson



"We were a young team this year, but through hard work, we built a great deal of strength. We hold a lot of potential which will insure a competitive season next year".  
**Dale Sweetnam, 11**



The experience that all of us younger guys got was great. We had an awesome season and I am really looking forward to next year".  
**Nathan Robinson, 9**



"I am really proud of this team. This is my last year, and I would have never thought this team would compete as well as they have."  
**Matt Nolte, 12**

**& the**



**& Coach**

**Coach Loren Baele**



"This team has really impressed me. Throughout the season they worked extremely hard. Although many of the other teams were much older and experienced than we were, we still competed with them and posed a threat in any situation. The future is definitely very promising for this young and now more experienced track team".



### Varsity track

**Front Row:** Mike Denap, John Gantner, Mike Beck, John Gaffner, Jason Keilbach, Jason Stoff, Joey Kovack, Eric Zobrist  
**Second Row:** Danny Weakley, Ty Barr, Danny Lairson, Matt Horstman, Nathan Robinson, Ryan Dumstorff, Daniel Strackeljahn, Jeremy Blastenbren  
**Third Row:** Michael Robinson, Jon Altgilbers, Dustin Luber, Lewis Staley, Christopher Comrie, Roger Lewis, Christopher Stahl, Danny Klaus  
**Back Row:** Coach Baele, Craig Manville, Dale Sweetnam, Geoff Sievers, Jason Remelius, John Sutton, Dustin Tailleu, Matt Nolte, Blaine Touchette, Ben Horstman, Coach Vogelman

**T**he varsity track team, led by coach Loren Baele, had a much younger look this year. The varsity squad lost eight seniors from last year's team, leaving only four seniors to lead the more than fifteen newcomers to the program. At conference, the team captured second place. **Daniel Strackeljahn, 9**, placed first in both the one and two mile races. Being this competitive in the conference proves that the future looks very bright for this young, energetic squad.

**Swingin' time**

**Kristi Drda, 10**, drives a knee high strike down in the dirt toward the first and second basemen for another base hit.



**Close one**

Backing away fast for the inside pitch, **Nicki Alexander, 9**, keeps a close eye on what is a strike and a ball.



**Down and dirty**

In a intense moment, **Nicole Rezabek, 10**, turns to tag the opposing runner out at third while **Kristen Gianino, 9**, and **Sarah Weiss, 9**, run in for quick backup.





**A long walk home**

In between innings, **Amanda Gallatin, 9**, runs in to get ready for another one, two, three inning while **Amy Henschen, 10**, walks in behind.



**Pitchin'**

In mid-motion, **Courtney Winet, 9**, aims precisely for the strikeout as **Kristi Drda, 10**, is down and ready for fast defense.



**Amy Henschen, 10**, "The most memorable thing was when Nicole was to crawl to third base to make an out as well as all the fun we had playing together as a team."



**Charlotte Weiss, 9** "One of the most embarrassing moments was when I was running home at the Roxana game and slipped and fell on my butt across home plate."



**Jessica Massey, 9** "I feel that for being such a young team, the JV team worked hard and accomplished many of their goals."

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New changes did not slow down the JV softball team  
**Heading for home**

By: Amiee Bochantin

**& Coach** **Coach Christine Ford**



"The JV team has shown improvements from the beginning of the season. With as young of a team as we had, I feel our record was respectable. The experience we obtained will help us out a great deal next season. The goals they achieved can be carried with them throughout their life: never giving up and sticking together through the hard times and good times."



**JV softball**

**Front Row:** Amy Henschen, Kristi Drda, Kristen Gianino, Nicki Alexander, Jessica Massey **Middle Row:** Sarah Weiss, Nicole Rezabek, Michelle Frey, Veronica Rickher **Back Row:** Coach Jodie Ramsey, Krissy Harris, Courtney Winet, Amanda Gallatin, Charlotte Weiss, Jennifer Harsy, Coach Christine Ford

**T**he JV softball team had a tough start to their season playing some of the best teams right off the bat. Losing some games by a close margin, the team was still driven to remain strong. With a record of 7-11 the young team, under the direction of Coach Ford, worked hard to pursue goals of winning and becoming better softball players. In the end, the JV softball team was able to overcome their problems and because of their dedication, they played effectively.

**And the pitch**

Aiming low, **Shauna Holcman, 11**, picks her angle and stretches out to reach an outside pitch.



**Homerun hitter**

Stretching out her shoulders, **Shauna Holcman, 11**, prepares to hit another one out of the park and show off her homerun stroll.



**Ready to play**

Looking on, **Eileen Holthaus, 11, Jennieen Branch, 11, Amiee Bochantin, 11, Sherri Koehnemann, 11, and Jennifer Mettler, 10**, watch their fellow teammates play hard at Glik park.





**Bench warmers**  
Standing outside the fence, **Jennifer Branch, 11**, and **Eileen Hotlhaus, 11**, enjoy yet another softball game in the sun.



**A little chat**  
Standing on the pitcher's mound, the girls huddle-up for a little pep talk from catcher **Danielle Koishor, 12**.

**& the**

## Varsity softball keeps it together all season **Major league**

By: Ryan Wegrzyn



**Shauna Holcman, 11**  
"I had much fun this year, I think we really played well as a team instead of just twelve individuals."



**Danielle Koishor, 12**  
"Being a part of the softball team has meant a lot to me the last four years. I am really going to miss all the girls and especially Coach Ramsey!"



**Michelle Frey, 10**, "I had a great time this year! Being one of the youngest players, I feel like the older girls accepted us with open arms."



**& Coach**

**Coach Jodie Ramsey**



"The girls worked extremely hard and pushed themselves to the end. I am truly proud of all of them; they stuck together and gave it all they had. For being such a young team they accomplished some amazing things."



**Varsity Softball**

**Front Row:** Shauna Holcman, Sherri Koehnemann, Jennifer Branch, Jennifer Mettler  
**Middle Row:** Eileen Holthaus, Michelle Frey, Danielle Koishor, Jamie Maedge, Sara Ulrich, **Back Row:** Coach Jodie Ramsey, Becky Shrieber, Amiee Bochantin, Rachel Hooker, Coach Chris Ford

**T**he way the varsity softball team played during practices determined the outcomes of their games. The team worked hard to master the ability to achieve perpetual glory and defeat all competition. Due to weather difficulties, the season started off slowly but picked up as the sun began to shine and dry out the ground. The qualities required to play the game well included confidence, tolerance and maturity. This team possessed all these attributes and they were able to capture many wins for themselves and the school.

### Freshmen

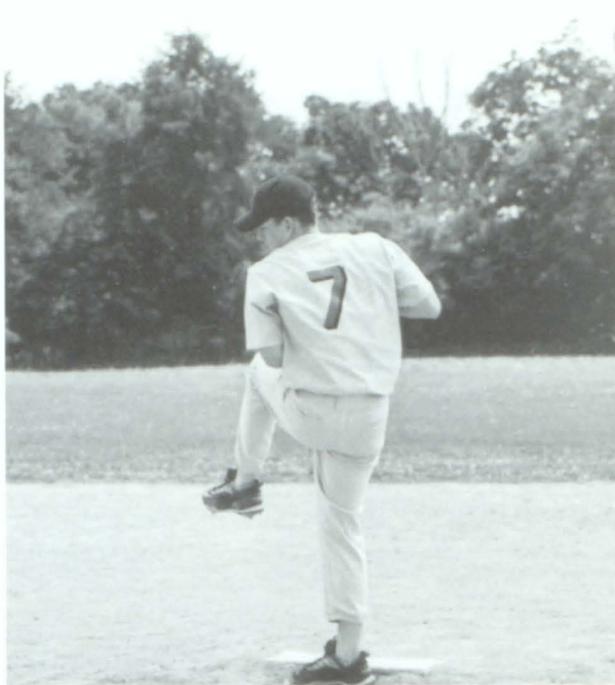
**Front Row:** John Messerli, Andy Sauls, Chris Harbison, Richard Porter, Dave Harvick **Middle Row:** Eric Goldman, Jeremiah Knackstedt, Matt Hoyt, Jonathan Elliot **Back Row:** Mike Gragert, Jared Missey, Kyle DeGroot, Jacob Post, Brian Drazen

**Keepin' em in check**  
Checking the runner at third. **Dave Harvick, 10**, winds up to throw some heat home.



### Fleet feet

Always on his toes, **Brian Drazen, 9**, hops up on the ball to fire it into second.





**Blast off!**  
Tim Nagel, 10, tries to make the play from deep right field by throwing a rocket into first base.



**Practicing practice...**  
Anticipating a grueling game ahead, **Todd Luitjohan, 10**, warms up by tossin' the ball 'round the horn a few times.



**John Messerli, 9**  
"I had a lot of fun my first year on the baseball team. Strike outs are hard to come by when your facing me at the plate."



**Jeramiah Knackstedt, 9**  
"Playing both freshmen and JV was a lot of fun. It was a new and great experience for all of us that played both."



**Kevin Fernandez, 10** "Some one once said, 'Baseball is a game that is supposed to be a challenge. If it wasn't a challenge, everyone would do it. "

**& the** **Scores**

- 4 Central 3
- 1 Mater Dei 1
- 3 Roxanna 0
- 1 Mascoutah 13
- 10 Waterloo 3
- 7 Greenville 6
- 9 Triad 4
- 5 Jerseyville 8
- 1 Mascoutah 4
- 26 CM 18
- 15 Taylorville 3
- 11 Taylorville 1
- 3 Waterloo 4
- 4 CM 3
- 5 Edwardsville 12
- 5 Triad 2
- 5 Central 3
- 7 Mt. Vernon 9
- 4 Mt. Vernon 7

Look at me, I can be, centerfield  
**Kings of swing**

By: Joshua Volz

**& Coach**

**Jay Cryder**



"I had a really young team this year with five freshmen starting. The lack of experience made things a little difficult but we managed to make it through the season. With hard work and determination the team gained a little bit of wisdom and strength to face next year with."

**B**oth the JV and freshmen baseball teams focused on each game as a learning experience. Many of the freshmen stepped up to the challenge of playing for both JV and freshmen teams. Each player's determination was tested time and time again but the teams pulled together to find wisdom in each other. Despite a few devastating losses, the teams put this season away with dignity and strength.



**JV Baseball**

**Front Row:** Dave Harvick, Jeramiah Knackstedt, Tim Nagel, Richard Porter, Colin Durbin **Middle Row:** Ryan Watts, Tom Chapman, Kevin Fernandez, Gino Paoletti, Matt Hoyt **Back Row:** Jared Missey, Brian Drazen, Andrew Buck, Kyle DeGroot.

**Determination**

With a grimace on his face, **Chris Frey, 9**, hurls another tough pitch toward the batter.



**Mixed personality**

**Dusty Barr, 12**, gets a break from his usual pitching duties to play first base.



**The next "Big Mac"**

A throng of Bulldog players congratulate **Mike Frey, 12**, on another great hit.





Turnin' two  
John Klaus, 12, and  
Dusty Barr, 12, practice  
their double play tech-  
niques.



O! cannon arm  
Jeremy Wildhaber, 11,  
plants and makes the  
long throw from the out-  
field in an attempt to  
head off the runner be-  
fore he advances.

Baseball team relies on each other for winning season

# Throwin' heat

By: Tom Timmermann



"Our team got along better than any one I've ever been on. We were like a family. What benefited us the most was my getting more massive every year." **Jason Wiegand, 12**



"I believe the guys on our team are the best kids in school. Everyone on the team cared about each other, and worked hard for a great season." **Mike Frey, 12**



"I really enjoyed my last year on the baseball team. I had much fun, and the season highlight was definitely beating Triad." **Jake Gutzler, 12**

## & the

Scores

### Final scores

- 3 Mascoutah 1
- 1 Waterloo 0
- 3 Triad 2
- 8 Jerseyville 0
- 1 Mascoutah 6
- 4 CM 12
- 9 Waterloo 4
- 5 Jerseyville 3
- 6 CM 8
- 1 Triad 9
- 10 Waterloo 0

### & Coach

Joel Hawkins



"This was a team that exceeded all expectations not only in results but also in the way they worked and fought together.

They won some games but I hope they learned more about being good at making decisions; hard work paying off; and about unselfish sacrifice for the good of the team."



### Varsity Baseball

**Front Row:** Justin Cryder, Chris Schmidt, John Klaus, Todd Luitjohan, Chris Frey **Middle Row:** Justin Barr, David Brown, Mike Frey, Jason Wiegand, Eric Nanny, Jake Gutzler **Back Row:** Nick Barnett, Jeremy Wildhaber, Joe Malisia, Tim Walter, Coach Joel Hawkins

**T**he boys baseball team enjoyed another successful season. The team included a variety of talented players. Pitcher, **Tim Walter, 12**, signed to play collegiate baseball before the season even began, and **Jake Gutzler, 12**, earned All Conference honors. The younger members of the team learned many skills from the elder members; however, it was the combined efforts of all the players that resulted in a winning season.

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### Ice cream!

Study Hall teacher and Ecology Club adviser, Mr. Toennies, strolls back to the bus at the conclusion of a field trip.



### A smile a day...

Mrs. Iftner finds time from the mounds of paperwork to still enjoy a laugh with her co-workers.



## Academics

By: Scott Brave

# T

he many academic departments offer diverse, educational and exciting programs for students. Seldom do students wishes go unfulfilled concerning the type of education they want to pursue. To top it all off, the faculty provides a tremendous source of wisdom and support. Each and every academic department enriches the life of the student body.

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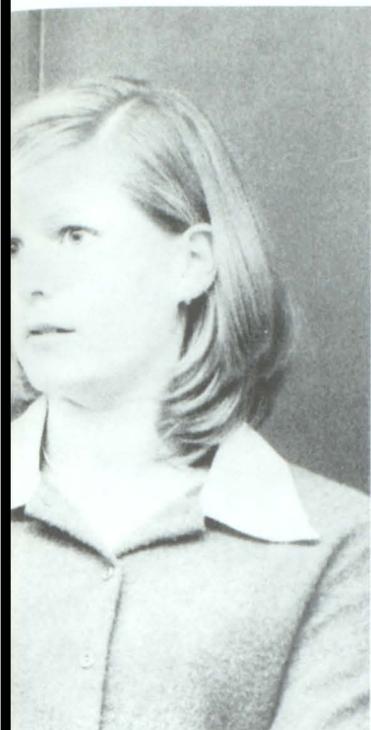
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### Sweet Chicago

Spanish students **Kristin Voegele, 12**, **Michael Robinson, 12**, and **Chad Predmore, 12** stand in amazement at the city.





### What?

**Theresa Ames, 12**, ponders what exactly she is hearing from a fellow journalsim member.

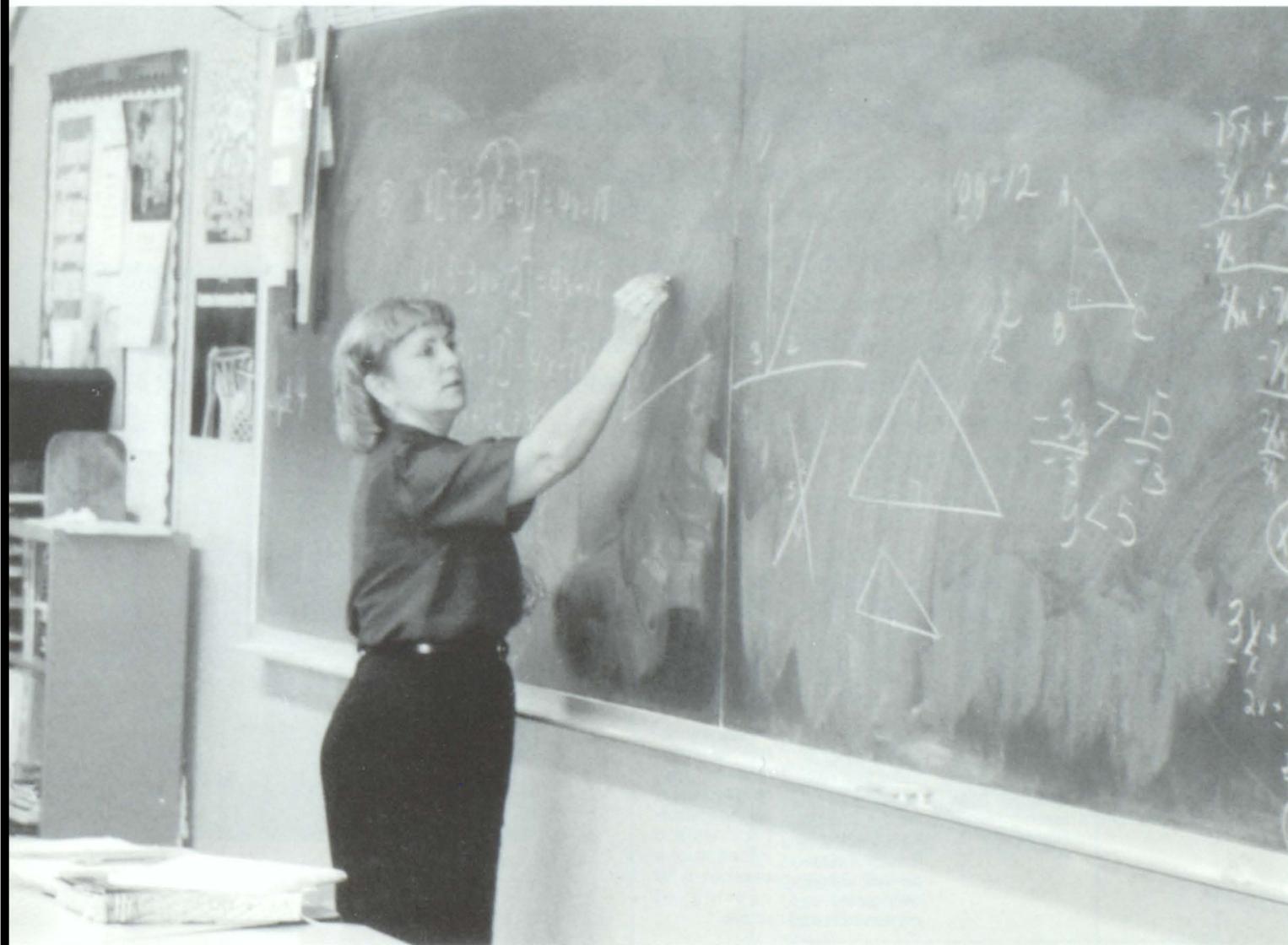


### Cool cats

**Kristin Foehe, 11**, and **Rachel Hooker, 11**, act out a scene from *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* in their English class.

### Geometry

Mrs. Massey works out a geometry problem for her students.





**Lord of the Flies**

Mrs. Fredrickson's class was so intent upon studying their novel that they didn't even flinch at the camera!

English broadens students' learning horizons

# The "write" stuff

By: Rachel Plocher

**T**he highly qualified teachers of the English Department made learning especially entertaining. The teachers used different activities in conjunction with novels, short stories, plays, and various writing assignments. The English teachers also had a certain knack for keeping everyone on their toes, and looking for new ways to learn from literature.



**Ms. Swank**

"I'm so much closer to my jewelry now that I am back and teaching in Highland".



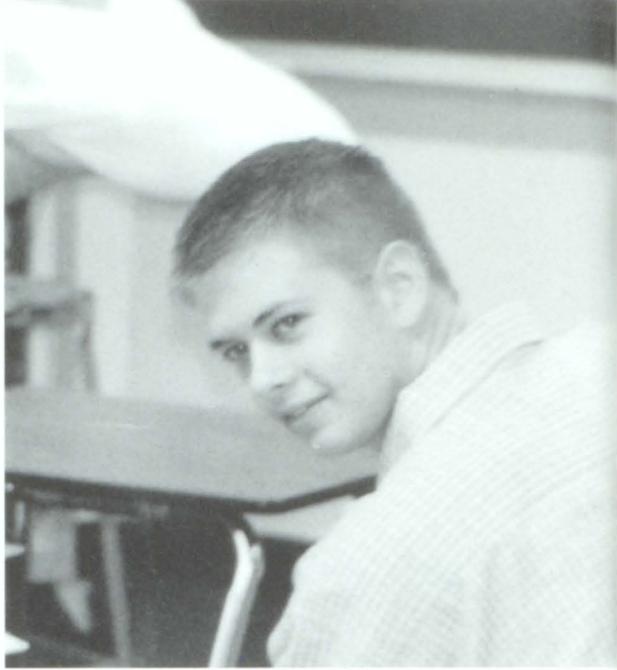
**Mrs. Martz**

"Being an English teacher is better than baking coconut pies for the professor. Sharing a hut with that superficial Ginger was getting on my nerves."



**Mrs. Meyer**

"Finally my career is revitalized. My new Hollywood gig is playing a beautiful and voluptuous teacher-type casting of course."



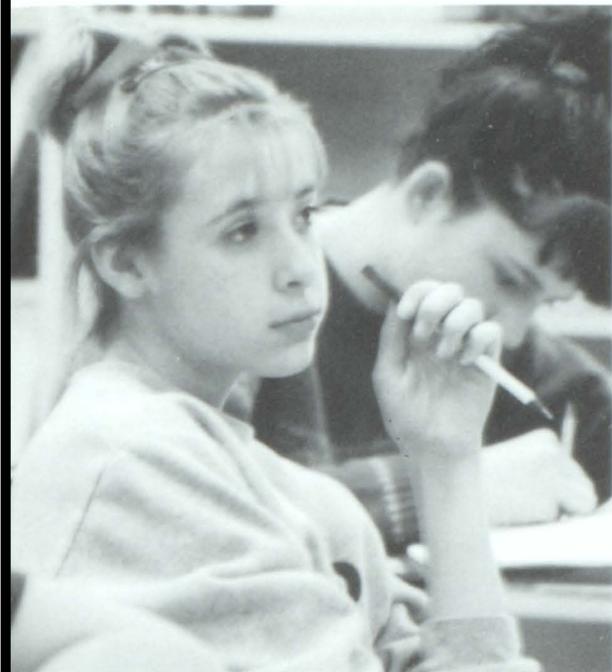
**Time out**

Blake Mills, 12, takes a break from his stressful AP English book so that he can talk to his friends.

**Lights, camera, action!**

Ani Herzberg, 11, and KT Landers, 11, make the play "Streetcar Named Desire" come to life.





**Some R& R**  
Danielle Frueh, 9, takes a break from the stressful demand of her math class.

**x+y...what?**  
Amy Roblek, 9, concentrates on the confusing basics of Algebra I.



**Sign language**  
James Head, 9, slips in a few moments of fun in hopes to relieve the intense atmosphere.

Students find math is essential in the technological world

## Square one

By: Joshua Volz

**K**eeping up with the constant changes of society, Math was an essential factor in surviving the fast paced technological world. Classes such as Sequential Algebra, algebra, geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus were offered. Many students exceeded the math requirement by taking three or more years of Math. A brave few students went on to take calculus and AP Calculus, and were rewarded by the opportunity to receive college credit for their efforts.



**Mr. Naylor**

"One memorable moment was when Yoshi Onishi was videotaping my class for her teachers in Japan. Now I will be the envy of all the teachers at Highland."



**Mr. Hawkins**

"I don't have one distinct memory. The kids this year were an interesting bunch."



**Mrs. Massey**  
"Geom-

etry is much more than triangles, circles, and rectangles. It's all around us."

**The joy of a new room**  
Mr. Meyer's students rejoice at the prospect of moving out of their open classroom into a room with a door.



## Exploring new frontiers H<sub>2</sub>O here we go

By: Natalie Ingram

**T**he science department benefited greatly from the expansion of the school. They were presented with new laboratories and equipment, along with larger classrooms. Mr. Parker was happy to finally have a lab of his own in which to conduct his top secret physics experiments. After years of juggling labs, students, and classrooms, all the science teachers finally have their own space!



**Mr. Parker**

"Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls. Cliff Parker is my name and physics is my business. Are you suprised?"



**Mrs. Mertes**

"New rooms, new labs and fantastic new experiences."



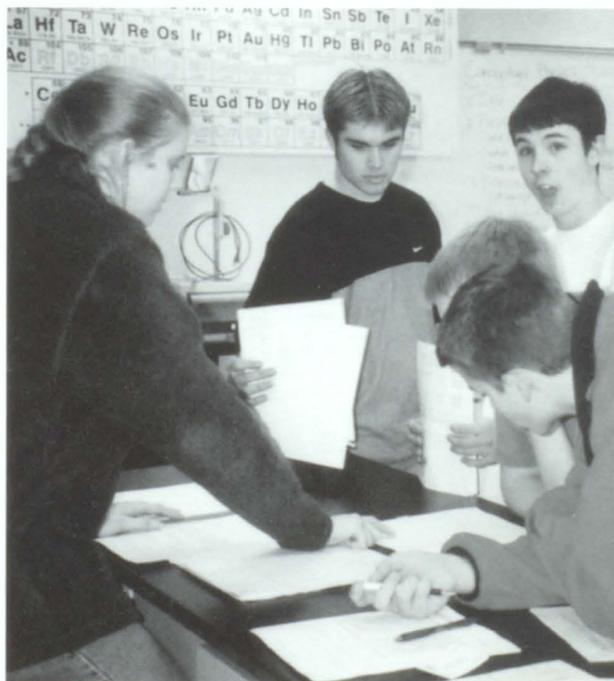
**Mrs. Ramsey**

"The spacious rooms give adequate cushion between myself and the freshman biology classes."



**Deep in thought**  
Anna Hansen, 9, and Brandi Boyer, 9, discuss the next step of their science experiment.

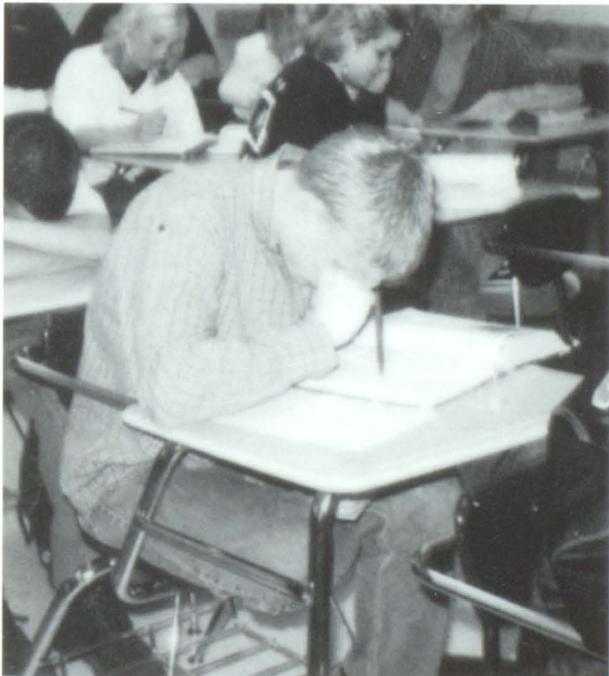
**Clowning around**  
While Ms. Kohnen tries to explain the homework assignment to Travis Hollenkamp, 9, Sam Stalhut, 10, tries his hardest to be the class clown.





**Teacher's aides**  
Jonathon Halvorson, 11,  
and John Byrd, 11, take  
time out of class to help Mr.  
Holt.

**It takes talent**  
Ben Horstmann, 11, prac-  
tices the delicate art of bal-  
ancing his head on a pencil  
in Mr. Holt's American His-  
tory class.



**Hmmm...**  
In deep thought is **Robert  
Merwin, 10**, a student in Mr.  
Appel's geography class.

Students enjoy new  
opportunities

## Making history

By: Theresa Ames

**T**he social studies department taught history and made history this year with its move to the new wing. The teachers and students had the pleasure of residing in rooms without duct tape and Ms. Kay finally had a door. Along with the addition of the new wing, the arrival of Mr. Appel provided new opportunities and experiences for the students who participated in his classes.



**Ms. Kay**

Ms. Kay is a true historian at heart, her quote "Give me history or give me death" proves she is a teacher to the core.



**Mr. Appel**

"I have had a great year. Many thanks to my students for giving one-hundred per-cent!"

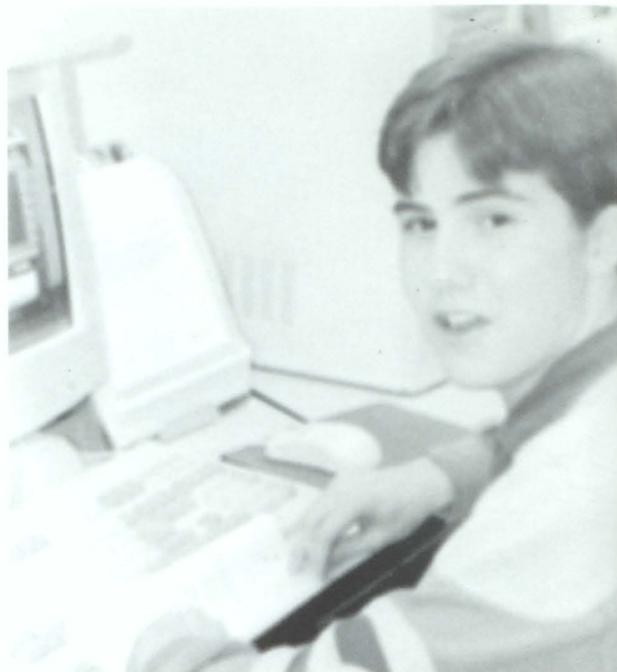


**Mr. Vogelman**

Mr. Vogelman gave us a way of perceiving history as a tool for the present by stating, "To teach history is to train the future."



**Business partners**  
Lacey Randant, 12, and  
Katie Mucklow, 12, have  
an excellent business rela-  
tionship.



**Computer training**  
Matt Pople, 9, works dili-  
gently on his computer con-  
cepts assignment. The  
new labs made work for stu-  
dents more enjoyable.

**A helping hand**  
Puzzling over a new busi-  
ness assignment, Renee  
Korte, 9, refers to her trusty  
computer for help.

## New computers give students a new outlook on **Risky Business**

By: Dena Tebbe

**A**ccounting, product marketing, info processing, and business law were just a few of the business courses offered by the business department. These classes allowed students to decide whether or not they wanted to pursue similar related courses in college or as a career. The majority of the business students were also members of Business Professionals of America, an organization designed to give students real life business experience.



**Mr. Cipicchio**

When asked about the business department Cipicchio stated that "We have fun learning modern technology here."



**Dr. Baker**

Dr. Baker gave us a spiritual outlook on business by saying "If your dream is your rainbow, you must have conviction of the heart."



**Mr. Faulkenburg**

Taking time from his busy jr. high schedule, Faulkenburg commented "Come join us to explore the future."



**Balancing act**  
Marty Landmann, 12, sits with ease on the beams for the roof of the housing project.

**Acrobats**  
Craig Henschen, 12, and Matt Weidner, 12, lend a helping hand high up on the construction site.



**Working man**  
Dressed in protective gear, Matt Workman, 9, welds together two pieces of metal.

## Hands-on activities provide educational experiences for students' futures

# And the sparks fly

By: Rene Mettler

**W**alk into Mr. Baele's room and the first thing that greets the visitor is a mass of computers, hardly something one would think of when visiting an industrial arts classroom. Mr. Baele has brought new life to the department, focusing on technology in his courses. Across the hall banging, clanking and buzzing is heard from Mr. Schaefer's room. Mr. Schaefer's courses teach the concepts of welding, torching and electricity. Teaching students through hands-on activities gave them an education useful for a future in industrial arts.



**Mr. Baele**

"We were trying to bring Industrial arts to new levels. Computers are becoming such an everyday thing and it is definitely a big part of our department."



**Mr. Jones**

"The class of 1999 has made major contributions towards this department. It will never be the same after the passing of the millennium."



**Mr. Schaefer**

"I would like to congratulate the class of 1999 and may your high school diploma be like a checking account with an endless supply of money."



**Look of perfection**  
 Scott Brave, 12, allows fellow French students to create a chic coif for him.



**Creative outlook**  
 With a steady hand, Erin McKenna, 12, writes her Spanish presentation, while Sarah Tebbe, 12, puts finishing touches on her map of Spain.

**Mapa de Espana**  
 Discussing the location of the Guadalquivir river Ben Gallatin, 11, Kristin Johnson, 11, and Amy Urban, 11, attempt to find the correct location.



## Students learn the fundamentals of other cultures

# Foreign affairs

By: Erin Strackeljahn

**D**iligently-Spanish students practiced with their professor, focusing on verbs. Interested-French students learned of a culture by speaking the language. Students in a foreign language class had the opportunity for a more diverse future. The faculty made their classes interesting by showing educational movies, reading bilingual books and occasionally cooking cultural foods.



**Mrs. Twyford**

"My Spanish I and Spanish II students are 'el mejor.'"



**Mrs. Thebus**

"La cre'me de la cre'me are the French students."



**Mrs. Deets**

"Only the best students appear in my class."



**Expression**

Nicole Jakel, 10, and Katy Kennedy, 9, are able to explore art and more about themselves with painting activities.

**A little messy**

Working with clay can be fun. Jason Keilback, 9, and Anna Hansen, 9, prove this as they complete their projects.



**A bird, a plane...**  
Neal Knebel, 12, takes time out for a little superhero fun in the art room.

Art in a new light  
**The mind's eye**

By: Nick Hoffmann

**A**rt classes are different from the everyday academic routine. Classes like drawing and design let students explore many different techniques, as well as experimenting with painting, sculpture, and graphics. The students can create any project imaginable, from the expected painting and sculptures, to outrageous outdoor sculptures and automotive interior design.



**Jim Holton, 12**  
"This water is very refreshing, but it just doesn't compare to art class."



**Joe Kustermann, 12**  
"I wonder what I can get away with next?"



**Kristin Walberg, 12**  
"Out of all my classes art brightens my day the most."



**Alcohol test**  
Jessica Plocher, 10, is given a blood alcohol test by officer Tom Anglin.

## The body is the mind tool P.E., health, and driver's ed.

By: Ani Herzberg

**M**r. Tom Anglin made visits to driver's education classes during DUI week to inform and warn the students about the dangers of drinking and driving. The students learned more about their own health, CPR, and first aid. Exercising what they learned in health class, the students put their knowledge to use in regular and conditioning P.E. classes. Different activities such as tennis, archery, and bowling made the class more enjoyable for the students.



Ms. Harrison

"True happiness comes when you can look at yourself and like what you see."



Ms. Plater

"The smallest good deed is better than the largest good intention."



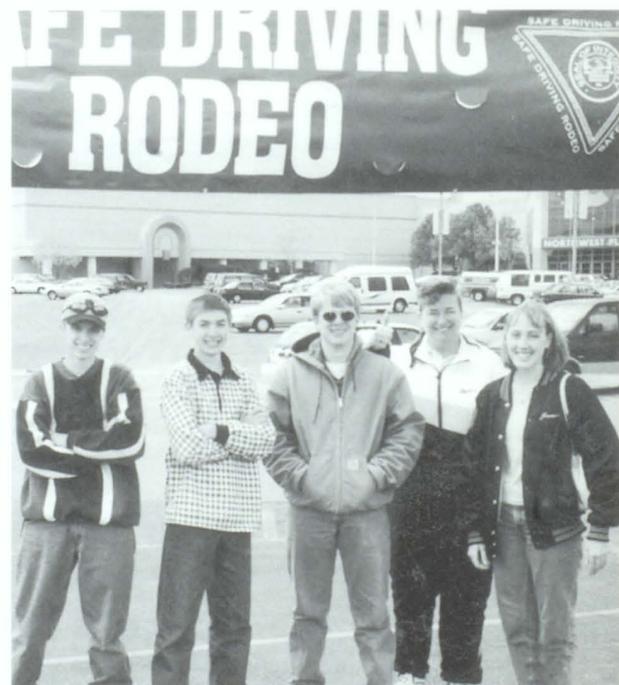
Mr. Kantner

"We had a good year. Students learned a great deal about themselves."



**Tennis anyone?**  
Ready to win their tennis match are Lindsey Boda, 9, and Kelley Miller, 9.

**Rodeo!**  
Derek Horn, 12, Paul Scherschel, 11, Joe Jackson, 11, Ms. Harrison and Jeannie Nagel, 12, were given honorees for their driving abilities at the Safe Driving Rodeo.





**Is it ready yet?**

Ryan Wegrzyn, 12, and Joe Wellen, 11, check the texture of their bread amidst the foods room chaos.

**Spring flour**

Things get a little messy for Sarah Rinderer, 9, and Christine Hulesmann, 9, during foods class.

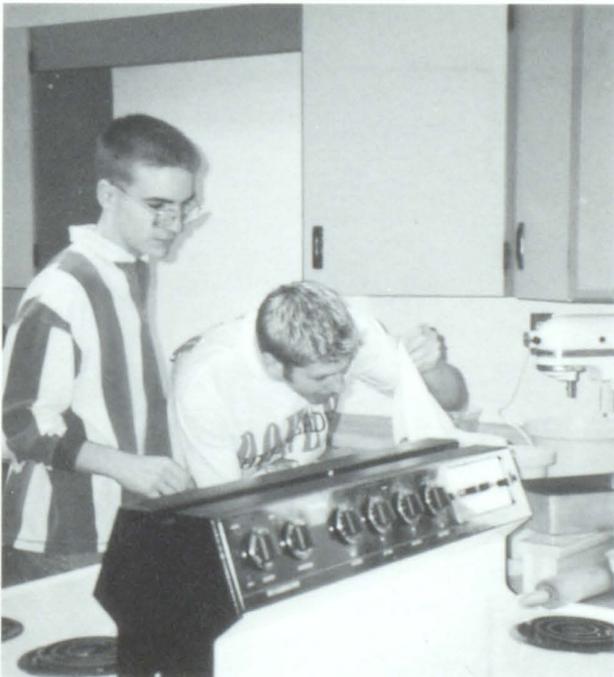


**Heatin' things up**  
Dave Harvick, 9, and Mike DeNap, 9, share conversation over the permeating smells of the foods room.

## Instructions for real life Homeward bound

By: Tarra Arrington

The home economics department was full of laughter, practicality and important life lessons. Students and teachers alike enjoyed the fundamental principles and hands on work of which the classes consisted. Instructions on subjects such as how to balance a checkbook, live on a budget, and life as a parent were all important parts of the core curriculum taught in home economics.



**Ms. Garcia**

"I hope every student takes the time to investigate his career before he graduates high school."



**Ms. Heap**

"I feel all students should take advantage of FCS classes to gain skills and knowledge needed for everyday living."



**Mrs. Bretzlaff**

"I like teaching foods because there are a wide variety of students and it's a hands on class."

### Success!

The Jazz Choir competes at a festival for the first time since the choir began three years ago. The Jazz took home a superior rating, and first overall.



**Monkeying around**  
Katie Landers, 11,  
takes her mind off re-  
hearsals by clowning  
around.



## Using music in everyday school life On a musical note

By: Ian Linenfelser

**C**horus classes provided an outlet for anyone interested in singing. As a group, they participated at many competitions, brought home several awards, and served as the entertainment for many events. Some of the students also competed at the Solo/Ensemble Contest and for spots at the Illinois Music Educators Association Music Festival. Through music, the students enjoyed worthwhile tunes while learning a few singing techniques.



**Pete Babic,**  
11

"Music - wow! What an impact its had on me. It is not as lame as everyone thinks; its fun. Give it a try! Everybody listens to music."



**Mrs. Ruebhausen**

"I've learned talent without discipline is like an octopus on roller skates. There is plenty of movement, but you never know if it's going to be forward, backward or sideways." Anon.



**Ian Linenfelser,**  
12

"Music is food for the soul. Without it, everyday activities would become boring. I hope to give the public the chance to love music as I do."



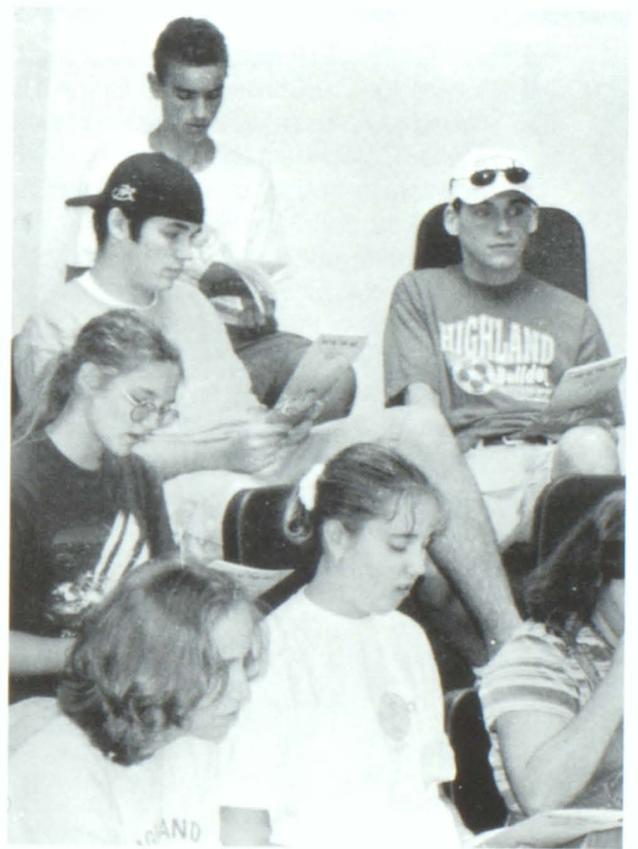
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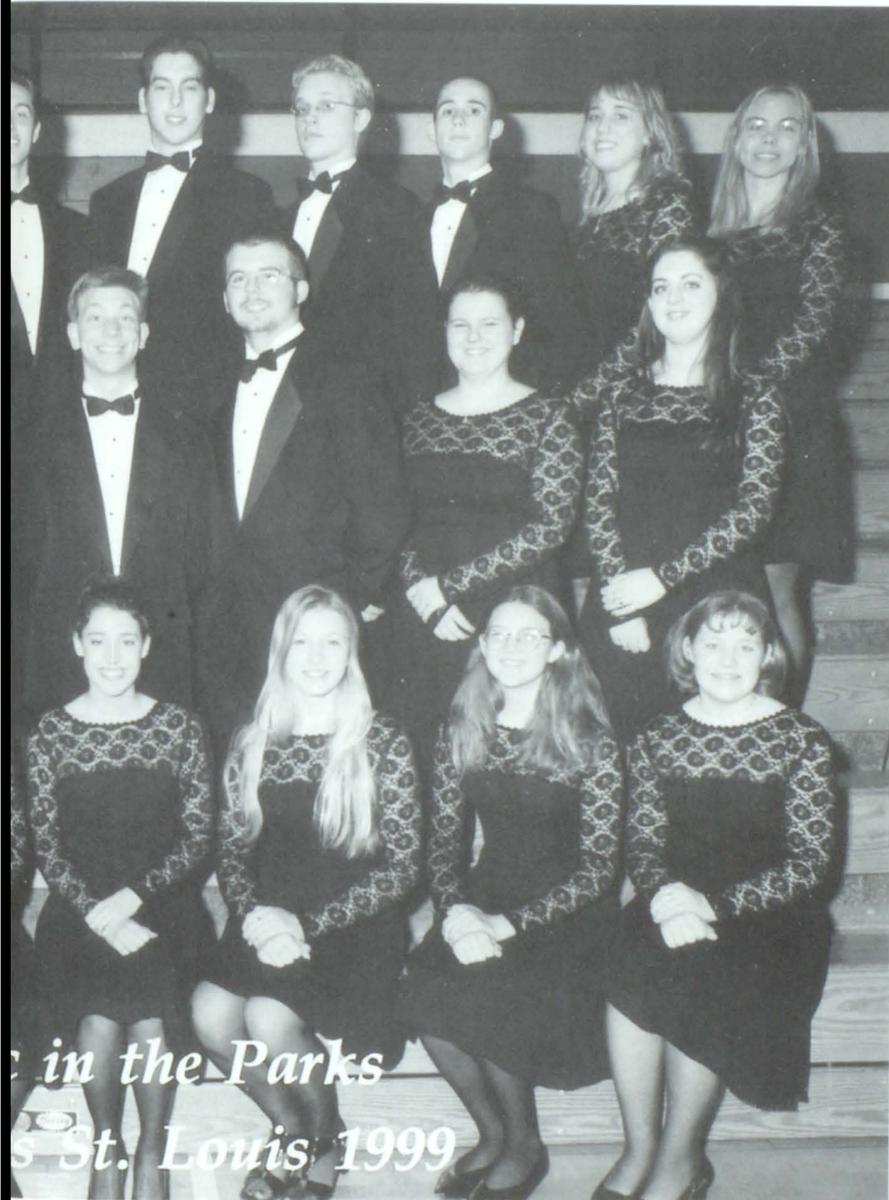
**Look at me**  
**Pete Babic, 11, and Jason Pike, 11,** entertain themselves after a strenuous rehearsal.

**Perfection**

Practice makes perfect, as some of the chorus students show us. Through hard work and dedication the choirs were able to achieve their goals.



**Ready or not....**  
 Hoping extra work will pay off, chorus students study a piece of difficult music.



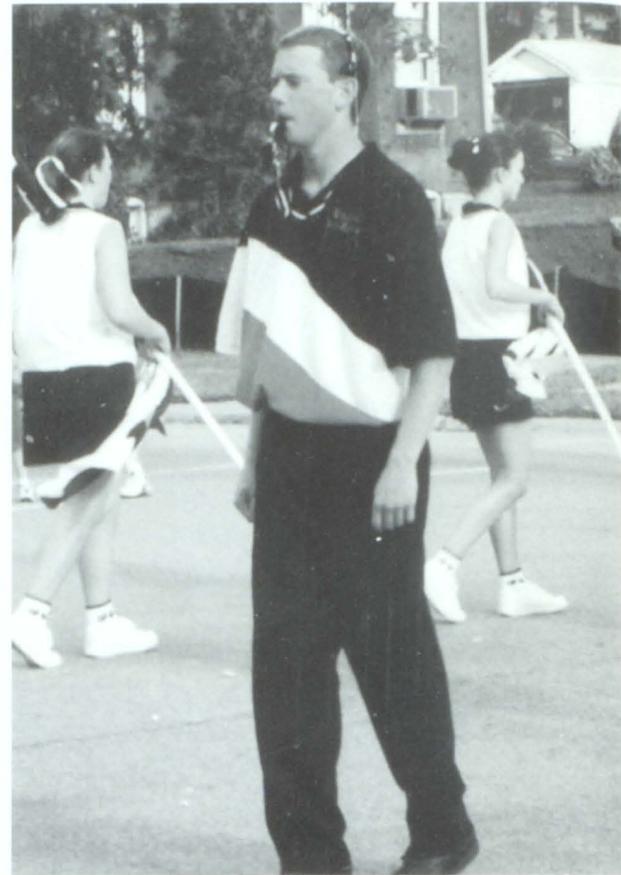
*in the Parks*  
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**Attention!**

Drum major **Drew Neudecker**, 12, blows his whistle to get the band's attention while marching in the Schweizerfest parade.

**Girl power!**

Kristen Walberg, 12, Jenny Poss, 12, Stephanie Voigt, 12, Jeannie Nagel, 12, Jamie Maedge, 12, Theresa Ames, 12, and Amanda Jimenez, 12 show their companionship after completing another halftime show.



## Band marches toward the millenium "Paws" for the music

By: Julie Plocher

The Marching Bulldogs progressed to many new levels, all thanks to director Jim Childers. With their fall field show consisting of the Broadway musical tunes, the band took 2nd place at both the Marion Octoberfest and the Newton Marching Eagle Classic. In addition to this, drum majors **John Schaefer, 12, Jeannie Nagel, 12, and Drew Neudecker, 12**, placed first at Marion. The colorguard, led by **Jamie Maedge, 12, and Amanda Jimenez, 12**, placed 4th at EIU's competition. Also, in a parade competition at Effingham, the band placed 1st.

To try something new, the band was split into the symphonic and concert bands. The symphonic band achieved a Division I rating at the IHSA state contest for the first time since 1993. The band ended with the spring concert and the annual Fine Arts Banquet in May. It was truly a year of accomplishments for a very deserving band.



**Mr. Jim Childers**

"The progress and growth over the past two years has been tremendous. The band's hard work has really paid off."



**Drew Neudecker, 12**

"Being a drum major has helped a lot with my leadership skills. I'm glad to have been part of such a successful band."



**Amanda Jimenez, 12**

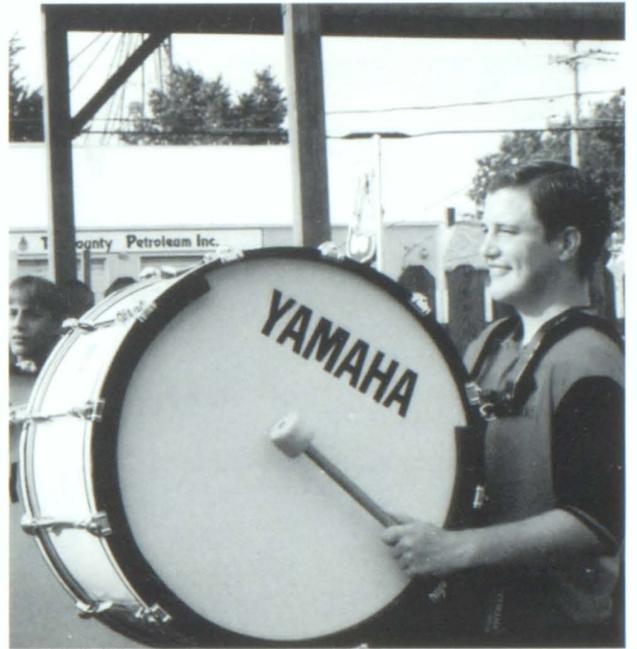
"It was a great honor to work with such talented girls. Being co-captain of the flags was a wonderful experience I will always cherish."





**Everybody swing!**  
The jazz band performs at the Fine Arts Banquet in May to the delight of the audience.

**The beat goes on**  
Daniel Strackeljahn, 9, and Kevin Thole, 12, wait impatiently with the rest of the drum line for the parade to begin.



**Drums at Appletime**

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### Sneaking out

An overworked and underpaid **Tarra Arrington, 11**, rushes out of school to run a Journalism errand.



### Shootin' the breeze

**Rachel Plocher, 11**, and **Ani Herzberg, 11**, spend one of their few spare moments relaxing and chatting with Mrs. Martz.



Iris puts forth extra effort for a good book

## Journalism

By: Theresa Ames and Scott Brave

**T**he Journalism staff had the pleasure of creating a new and unique yearbook that was different from past editions. This year's book focused on strait lines, traditional styles, and uniform layouts. The class was composed of mostly new members, and the Iris also signed on with a new publisher. These changes were often challenging, but with hard work and dedication the students produced a classic book that they consider a real award winner.



**Mrs. Martz**  
"I truly enjoyed working with all of my staff this year. They are a talented bunch of kids. This year's book is the result of a lot of hard work, especially on the part of my two editors."



**Scott Brave, 12**  
"Journalism has been quite an experience and quite a lot of work. Putting together a yearbook is a task not to be taken for granted."



**Theresa Ames, 12**  
"The changes in Journalism proved to be the root of our success, but also left us with a number of obstacles to overcome. All in all, we had a productive and fun year."



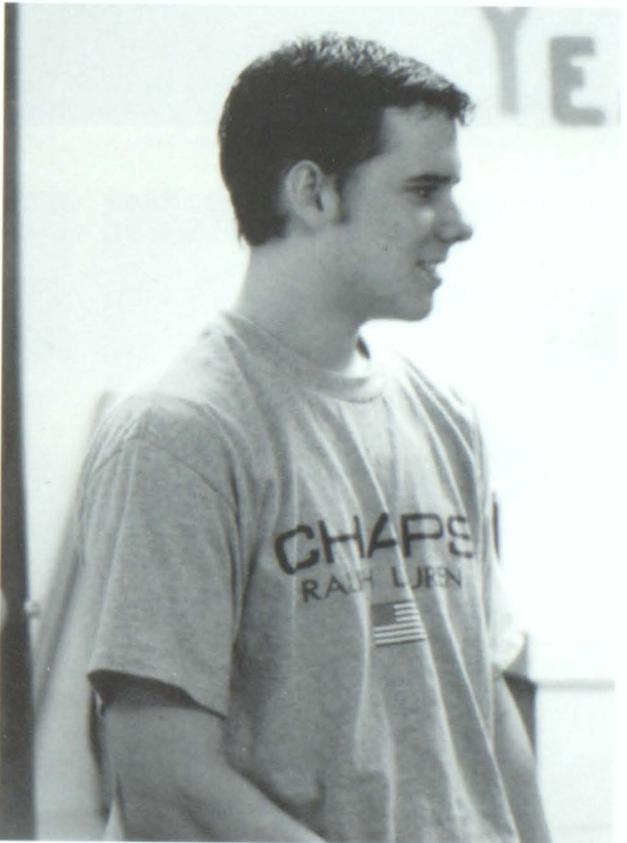
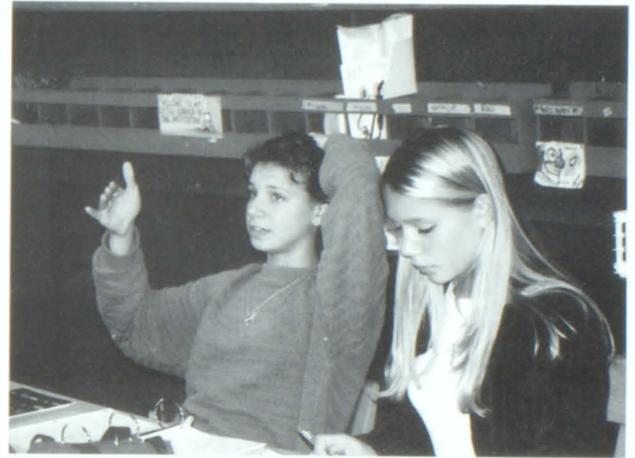


### IRIS

The IRIS staff shows its muscle helping out with construction of the new library. Don't they look tough?

### The queen speaks

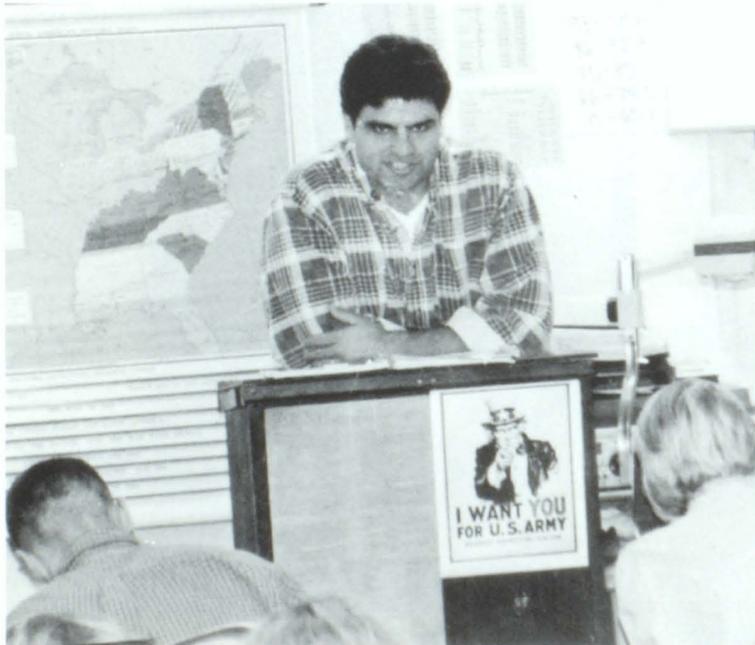
Words of wisdom from photo editor **Rene Mettler, 12**, keep students on their toes, as **Erin Strackeljahn, 12**, works on finances.



**Circle of friends**  
Amiee Bochantin, 11,  
Kateri Shiffer, 11, Rachel  
Plocher, 11, Natalie Ingram,  
11, and Ryan Wegryzn, 12,  
lounge after a hard day.

**Techie**  
Dane Kantner, 12, saves  
the day once again with his  
boundless computer exper-  
tise.







Schmitz



David Appel



Loren Baele



Arlen Baker



Becky Barker



Diane Barker



Marian Beyer



PJ Bolk



Gail Braundmeir



Erlene Bretz



Ruth Brusack



Dianne Buch



Vicky Buehne



Kathy Burns



James Childers



Ted Cipicchio



Susan Crawford



Jay Cryder



Julia Daniels



Michelle Deetz



Tina Diesen



Deanna Douglas



Margie Duncan



Jeff Faulkenberg



Dorcas Fisk



Sherry Fletcher



Terry Frey



Cynthia Garcia



Gail Geib



Nancy Gentner



Melissa Grice



Jody Harrison



Steve Harsy



Nicole Heap



Ron Holt



Carolyn Ittner



Larry Jones



Rich Kantner



Barbara Kay



Tamara Kohnen



Brenda Korte



Steve Lanxon



Susie Martz



Deborah Massey



Carol Meffert



Brenda Mertens



James Meyer



Suzanne Meyer



Steve Moore



Linda Nelson



Cliff Parker



Jody Plater



Lori Ruebhausen



Joe Schaefer



Kay Schmitt



Jackie Schneider



Sarah Stuckey



Patricia Swank



Barry Thomas



Sherry Thomas



Karen Twyford



Mas Uhls



Robert Vance



Henry Vogelman



Dianne Voss



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Cathy Weiss



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### Floating away

On the football homecoming float, the football players entertain the crowd with their antics.



### Music to my ears

Ian Linenfelser, 12, Drew Neudecker, 12, and Janae Barker, 11, act out a scene from the musical.



## Events

By: Scott Brave

# T

he special events that occur during a year always make the memories people reminisce about. Many memories were made

at homecoming, prom and graduation. Virtually everyone was impressed by some special moment. These moments are the ones that last a lifetime.

# &

# You



### Nice scarf!

Kevin Thole, 12, and Julie Plocher, 12, wait at Silver Lake for a group picture before making their way to the prom.



### What an outfit!

In his post-prom attire, **Drew Rankin, 12**, is content to sit back and relax after a night of dancing.



### Medieval

**Cathy Eley, 11**, and **Joe Crawford, 10**, adorned in their madrigal costumes entertain the throng of guests.

### Friends forever

Gathering at the prom are **Jennifer Zobrist, 12**, **Rebecca Thurman, 12**, **Nonie Ehlke, 12**, and **Amanda Beard, 12**.



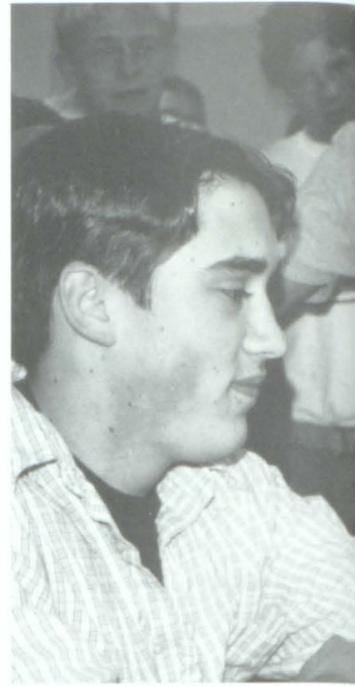
**All hail the king**

Mr. Jones's loyal subjects **Marty Landmann, 12, Jennifer Barth, 12, Craig Henschen, 12, Matt Frey, 12, and Derek Horn, 12,** prepare for the ceremonial procession of candidates for the faculty throne.



**Leader of the pack**  
**Dustin Luber, 9,** leads a pack of rowdy dancers parading around the floor at the dance.

**Only the strong survive**  
**Chris Lackey, 12 and J.C. Lairson, 12,** battle it out while arm wrestling during lunch.

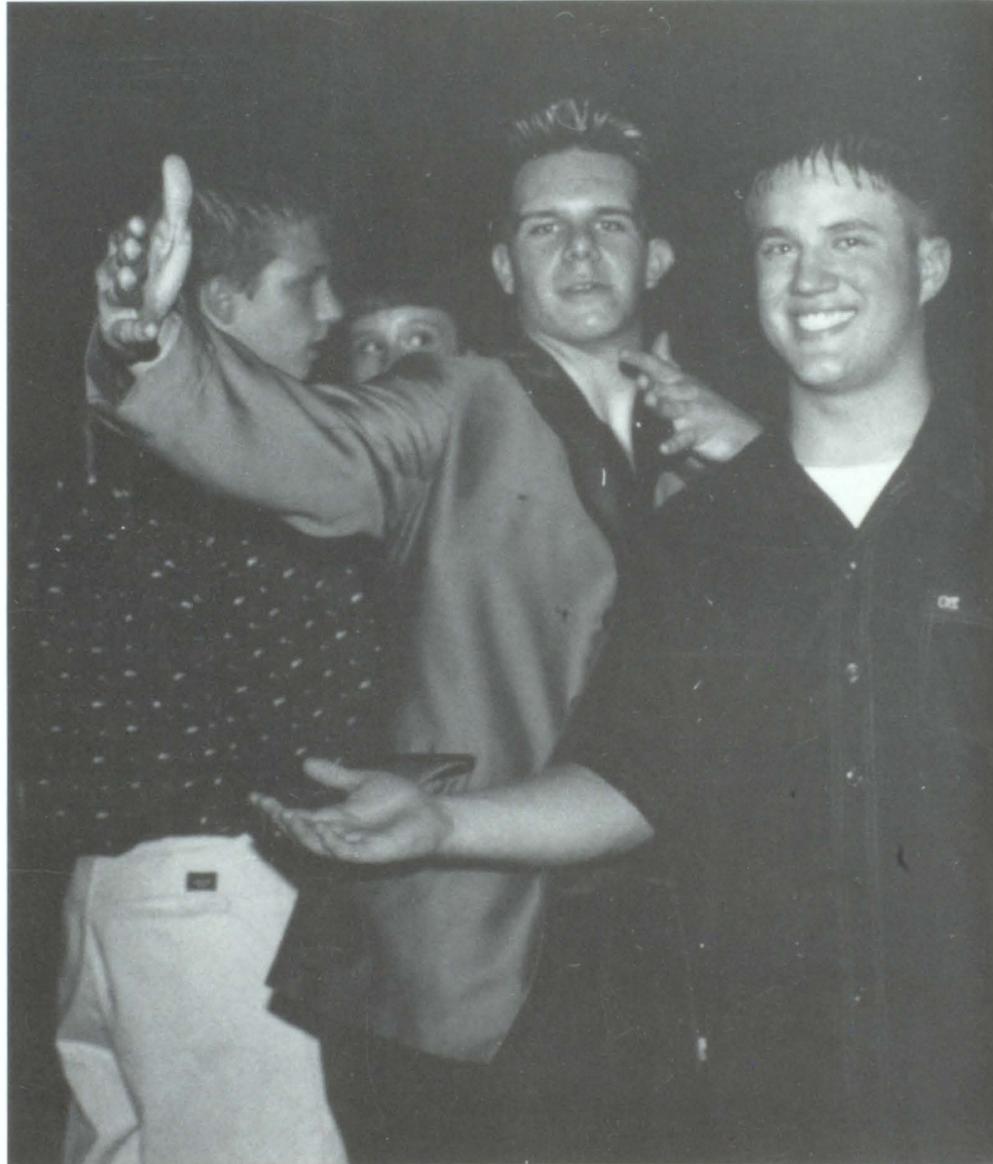


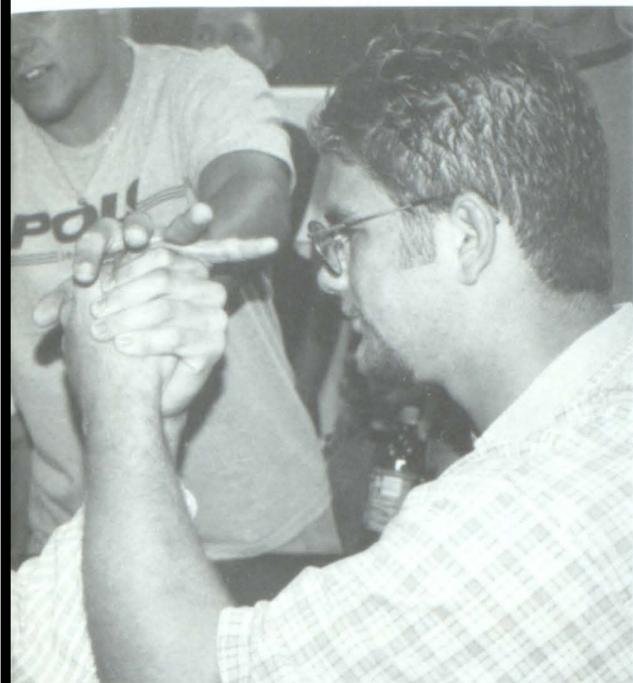
**Your highness**

King **Drew Neudecker, 12,** and Queen **Rene Mettler, 12,** dance around the royal throne following their coronation.

**Bring it on!**

**Kyle Vogt, 12, Casey Adolph, 12, and Mike Berne, 12,** roll play the three amigos as they wait for the dancing to begin.



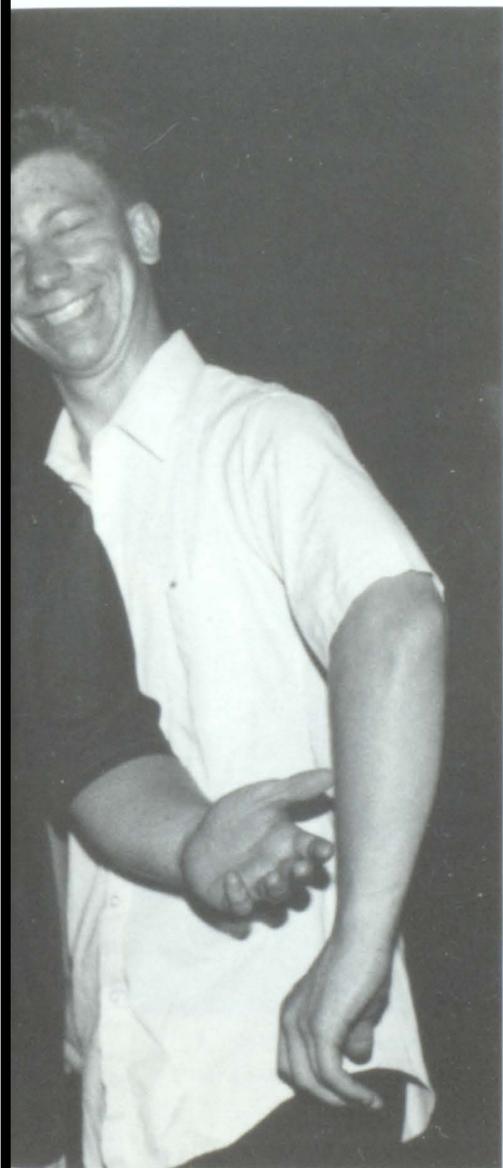


#### Dressed for success

Ms. Kay sadly admits, "It was a trying time for me to lose the crown, but I knew the time to pass on the duties of my throne had to come someday. I can still cry!"

#### No competition

Amy Henschen, 10, Becca Shea, 10, Jennifer Rehberger, 10, and John Gaffner, 10, model their legs. John proudly asserts, "I have the best legs."



## & the Dance



"Homecoming is a lot of fun. I enjoy the time I have to spend with my friends at coronation dancing and cheering for the court." **Brian Pye, 11.**



"I got to dance with Theresa Ames, I am the man! I am so blessed to dance with the queen of yearbook. Tonight is a good night to be Tom Timmermann." **Tom Timmermann, 12**

# Midnight Masquerade

No masks but memories made

By: Erin Strackeljahn and Rachel Plocher

### Danny Thomas, 11



"The best part about the pie-eating contest was shoving my face into the pie and getting it all over. I think

Justin deserved to win, because he obviously has the largest mouth! Also, I would like to say that the girls who participated in this contest deserve a pat on the back. I will be ready for the competition next year. Then, I will show everyone who the real pie eating king is. Justin Cryder better be training in the offseason, or else I will put him to shame."

**H**omecoming was a jam packed week of events that everyone got involved in. Sunday afternoon, students decorated floats for the homecoming parade. They then went to the Volleyball Tournament at Silver Lake. Other activities during the week included arm wrestling, pie eating, limbo and karaoke contests. Friday was the pep rally. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Twyford became the Faculty King and Queen. They looked on as the football team busted a move with the Dance Team in "Cool Rider." At the football game that night, the Bulldogs defeated Mascoutah 22-13. At the Homecoming Dance, Drew Neudecker and Rene Mettler were crowned King and Queen, and Crystal Knackstedt and Matt Frey were crowned Special Maid and Special Escort.

# Homecoming Court



## Freshman Court

Colin Durbin, Jamie Wildhaber,  
Lindsey Gilomen, Dave Harvick

## Sophomore Court

Chad Jakel, Jennifer Rehberger, Joe  
Malisia, Jessica Ribbing, Jackie  
Eilers, Todd Luitjohan, Kim Byers,  
Matt Lewis



## Junior Court

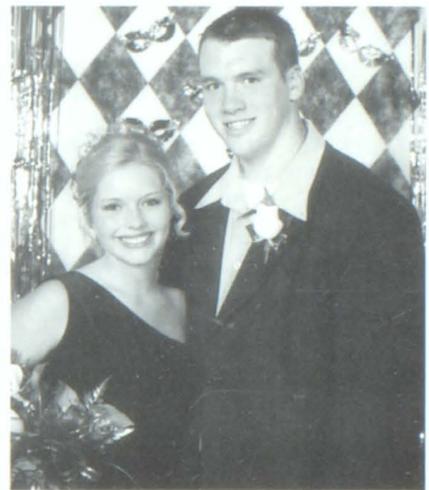
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Zaloga



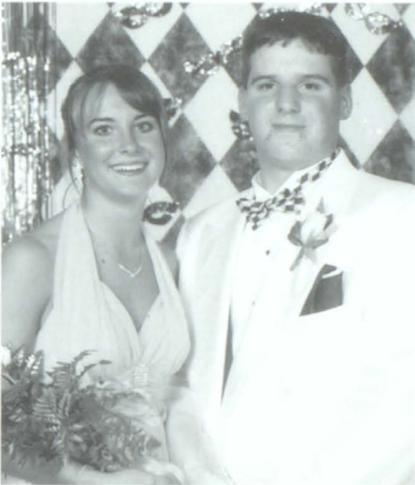
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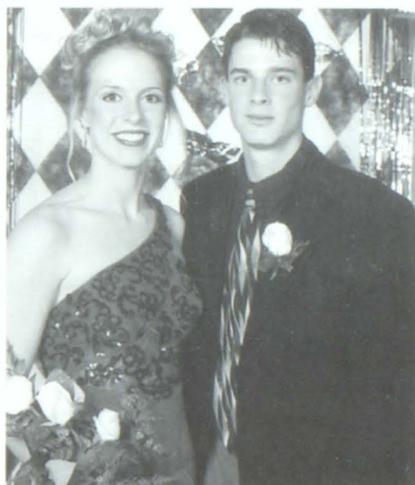
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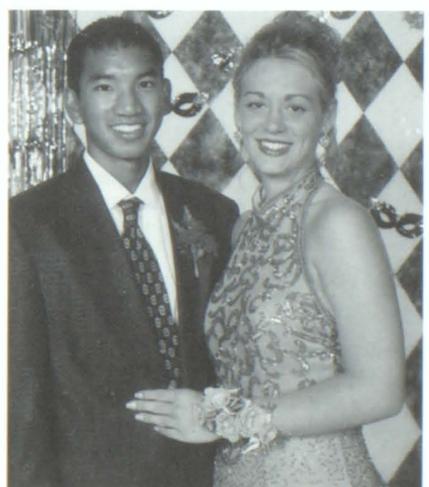
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Crystal Knackstead &  
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Jene Klostermann &  
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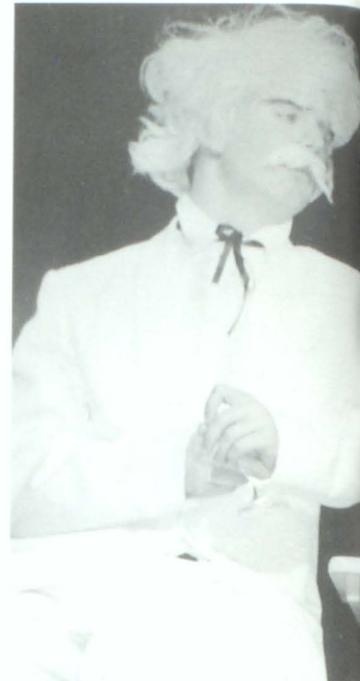


Master and Mistress of Ceremonies:  
Sam Mynt & Danielle  
Koishor

**The rain is coming**  
**Randy Pierson, 9,**  
 hammers away on his  
 ark as Noah, in Noah  
 and the Bureaucrat.  
 This is the first stage  
 production that Randy  
 has been involved in.

**The interview**  
**Cathy Eley, 11,** interviews  
 Mark Twain, portrayed by  
**Andy Messerli, 11.** Twain  
 confuses his interviewer  
 by giving her incorrect  
 dates and false stories  
 about his early life.

**Here kitty, kitty**  
**Andy Messerli, 11,**  
 looks "right stiddy"  
 into the eyes of a dead  
 cat, a cure for warts  
 according to Messerli's  
 character, Huck Finn.  
 Huck's counterpart is  
 Tom Sawyer, played  
 by **Colin Durbin, 9.**

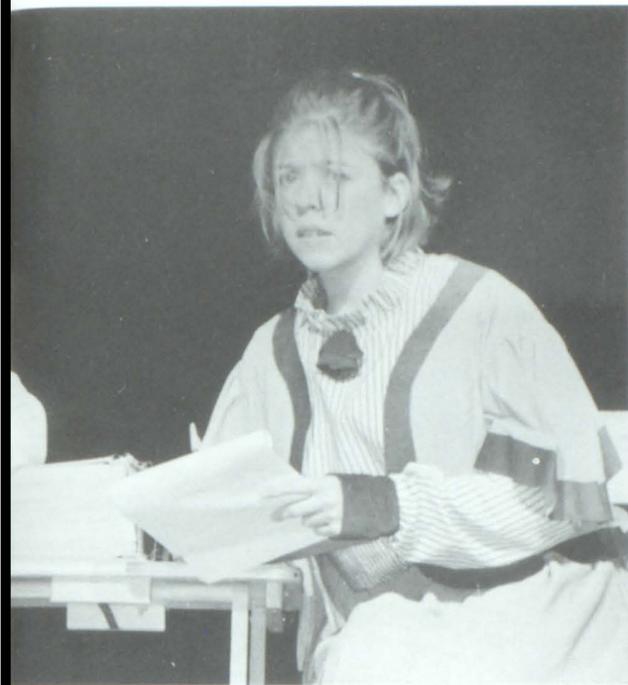


**Giddyup!**

**Cathy Eley, 11,** the jack-  
 ass, saves **Bryan**  
**Boudouris, 11,** the Ger-  
 manic prince, from cer-  
 tain doom in the dark  
 woods.

**The Cast**

**Front Row:** Brennan  
 Stephenson, Natalie  
 Schleper, Andy Messerli,  
 Cathy Eley, Bryan  
 Boudouris. **Back Row:**  
 Leah Bennett, Julie Pye,  
 Randy Pierson, Rebecca  
 Otis, and Colin Durbin.



**Advice to little girls**  
**Natalie Schleper, 9,** gives advice on how to be a good little girl. Although many of her plans would not work in the world today, they were still good for a laugh.

**Young love**  
**Colin Durbin, 9,** and **Leah Bennett, 11,** share a moment of romance with Tom and Becky. Tom's confession of a prior engagement to another girl wrecked his chances.



**& FALL** Play



**Randy Pierson, 9**

"In the fall play, I had a lot of fun. I got to build my own piece of scenery, Noah's ark. My favorite line in the show came from the drunk character. The line was 'To Hades With!'"



**Bryan Boudouris, 11**

"I enjoyed the play because I got to meet people and got to know Mr. and Mrs. Vogelman better. My favorite line was 'Keep all your eggs in one basket, and watch that basket!'."

# Twain by the tale

Mark Twain filled his life with interesting quotes and stories. In Twain by the Tale, these elements were combined to create a terrific show.

By: Andy Messerli

The fall play, Twain by the Tale, was a remarkable show filled with wit, wisdom, and insight to the days of Mark Twain. The show was filled with mostly newcomers to the stage. By the quality of acting, no one would have ever been able to tell. The cast had a unique bond and fed off each other's excitement. When one cast member was doing well, everybody shared his excitement and confidence. This helped lead to the success of another fall play.

**The Director: Mrs. Vogelman**



"Twain by the Tale" was a different sort of play than we usually do. Instead of one storyline, several sets,

and a set list of characters, this play consisted of a series of Mark Twain's stories adapted to skits. The actors did a wonderful job portraying several characters each throughout the play. Through quick costume changes and last minute script alterations, everyone kept a positive attitude (even while doing push-ups!). I had a great time and was proud of the cast and crew!

**A bunch of Static**  
Guitar players **Jake Gutzler, 12**, and **Scott Brave, 12**, pose as minstrels in their spare time between rock stardom and anonymity.



**Silent night**  
Captivated by the night's festivities, **Anne Emig, 11**, waits in awe as the night comes to a close.

**The royal family**  
King Stephen and Queen Suzanne rejoice at the arrival of the young Princess Sarah.



**Gypsy women**  
Adding their styles and dancing techniques to the dinner, **Linnea Sorge, 10**, **Julie Capelle, 12**, **Casey Mosby, 12**, and **Erin Strackeljahn, 12**, entertain a peasant crowd with their gypsy magic.

**Mmm mmm good**  
**Carrie Munie, 11**, and **Lindsay Hess, 10**, enjoy a delicious dinner. When asked about the food Munie commented, "The dinner is a wonderful way to relax our voices through the night."





**Lady in red**  
The lovely **Sarah Brueggemann, 11**, takes the arm of her prince at the head table. Sarah was an excellent addition to the head table with her sonorous singing and speaking abilities.

**Off with your head**  
**Matt Brown, 9**, looks on as **Pete Babic, 11**, "tortures" guest Michelle Messerli with a peacock feather after being forced into the stocks. The guests seemed to enjoy such ridicule.



**& the Madrigal**



**Scott Ammann, 9**  
"Madrigal was an awesome experience. It was an honor to be the only freshman among many talented, more experienced musicians. I made many new friends and it gave me a new perspective on singing that will stay with me forever."



**Ian Linenfelter, 12**  
"As a senior, I have spent a number of years in the madrigal program. In my opinion, it was the most enjoyable experience. I will certainly miss the madrigals. I hope the university I am going to has a program such as ours."

## Sing your heart's desire Sing and chant

The madrigal dinner enjoys success with a new and improved script that includes many new characters and singers

By: Adam Meffert

**S**tepping into King Stephen's castle was a real treat for everyone, actor or guest. Even with the "flattened" commons floor, the castle mural painted by **Cory Briggs, 12**, **Charlynn Struckhoff, 12**, and **Becky Stukenberg, 12**, made the setting come to life.

Strolling singers and festively decorated tables added to the holiday mood. The head table was one of the youngest tables ever. None the less, those who attended had a most enjoyable evening.

**Mrs. Suzanne Meyer**



"The head table was the best I've worked with. Their outstanding vocal ability and their acting was brilliant!

During performances, I can honestly say I was entertained and intrigued by their ability to remain in character. I know the audience enjoyed our incorporation of the Vogelmann's real life love story into our script. Finally, I have to thank all the students who "played the crowd" as beggars, thieves, acrobats, and dancers, making our castle come to life."

**Kadota**  
 Drew Neudecker, 12, guides Captain Warrington out to find Yellow Feather. Drew's antics as Fleetfoot, the Indian guide, often left the audience rolling in the aisles.

**Playing croquet**  
 The young ladies from Eastchester Finishing School playing a proper game of croquet in the lovely afternoon sun of Colorado.

**Tapping away**  
 The dancers added a certain flair to the show and served as an intricate part of the musical.



**Rocky love**  
 Lindsay Hess, 10, and Pete Babic, 11, share an evening of romance at the Colorado Inn.

**The cast**

**Front row:** Chrissy Siever, Kim Byers, Sarah Brueggeman, Amy Kealey, Danielle Schrumpf, Barbie Klaus, Julie Capelle **Second Row:** Josh Kloss, Janae Barker, Adam Meffert **Third Row:** Heaven Walker, Amanda Jimenez, Lindsay Hess, Stephanie Kerin, Jessica Linenfelser, Whitney Degge, Ian Linenfelser, Danny Thomas, Rene Mettler, John Schaefer, Cassie Sherman, Carrie Munie, Bethany Gauen, Allison Campbell, Amy Cook, Kate Cox **Back Row:** Joe Crawford, Ben Gitersonke, Scott Schuetz, Jason Luitjohn, Pete Babic, Sean Williams, Ben Horstmann, Scott Ammann, Mike Berne





**There's lots of men**

Miss Nancy, played by **Amy Kealey, 11**, flirts with **Ben Horstmann, 11**. Miss Nancy had a very bad habit of flirting with every Forest Ranger she met.

**Breathe deeply**

At Ernestine's request, **Janae Barker, 11**, **Sarah Brueggemann, 11**, and **Ian Linenfelser, 12**, all take a deep breath.



**& the Musical**



**John Schaefer, 12**  
"I really enjoyed performing with so many talented actors and actresses. I was suprised at the abilities of my fellow classmates."



**Mike Berne, 12**  
"The musical was the craziest three months of my life. It was fun and a chance to let loose and be crazy. Everyone should try out next year."

Little Mary  
**Sunshine**

Set high in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, the musical, *Little Mary Sunshine*, poked fun at the typical Hollywood melodrama

By: Andy Messerli & Adam Meffert

**Ms. Daniels**



"I am so happy that the musical was a huge success. The cast and crew worked hard together."

**T**he musical, *Little Mary Sunshine*, proved to be another outstanding musical. It had action, humor and even a bit of romance. The show, which featured **Janae Barker, 11**, as Little Mary and **Ian Linenfelser, 12**, as Captain Jim Warrington, appealed to audiences of all ages. The melodramatic show took place in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and poked fun at the olden day musicals. It lifted the spirits of all who attended, and recognized the talent and hard work of the students.

off and running. I am proud of the students. They worked well together and I feel they became a very close group. *Little Mary Sunshine* allowed the audience to laugh, smile, and to always 'Look for a Sky of Blue.' How could you possibly leave this show without feeling sunshiny and happy? That's the magic of *Little Mary Sunshine*."

**Walking the line**  
**Andy Messerli, 11,** tests his walking abilities at the site of the SADD "Mock Crash." The program was held prom week to promote positive decision making by the students attending prom.



**Ready for fun**  
 Three handsome young men, **Ian Grinter, John Gaffner, and Justin Bolk,** are dressed and ready for action!

**Feed me**  
 Sharing an intimate dining moment prior to attending the prom are **Stephanie Neudecker, 11, and Chris Schwarz, 11.**

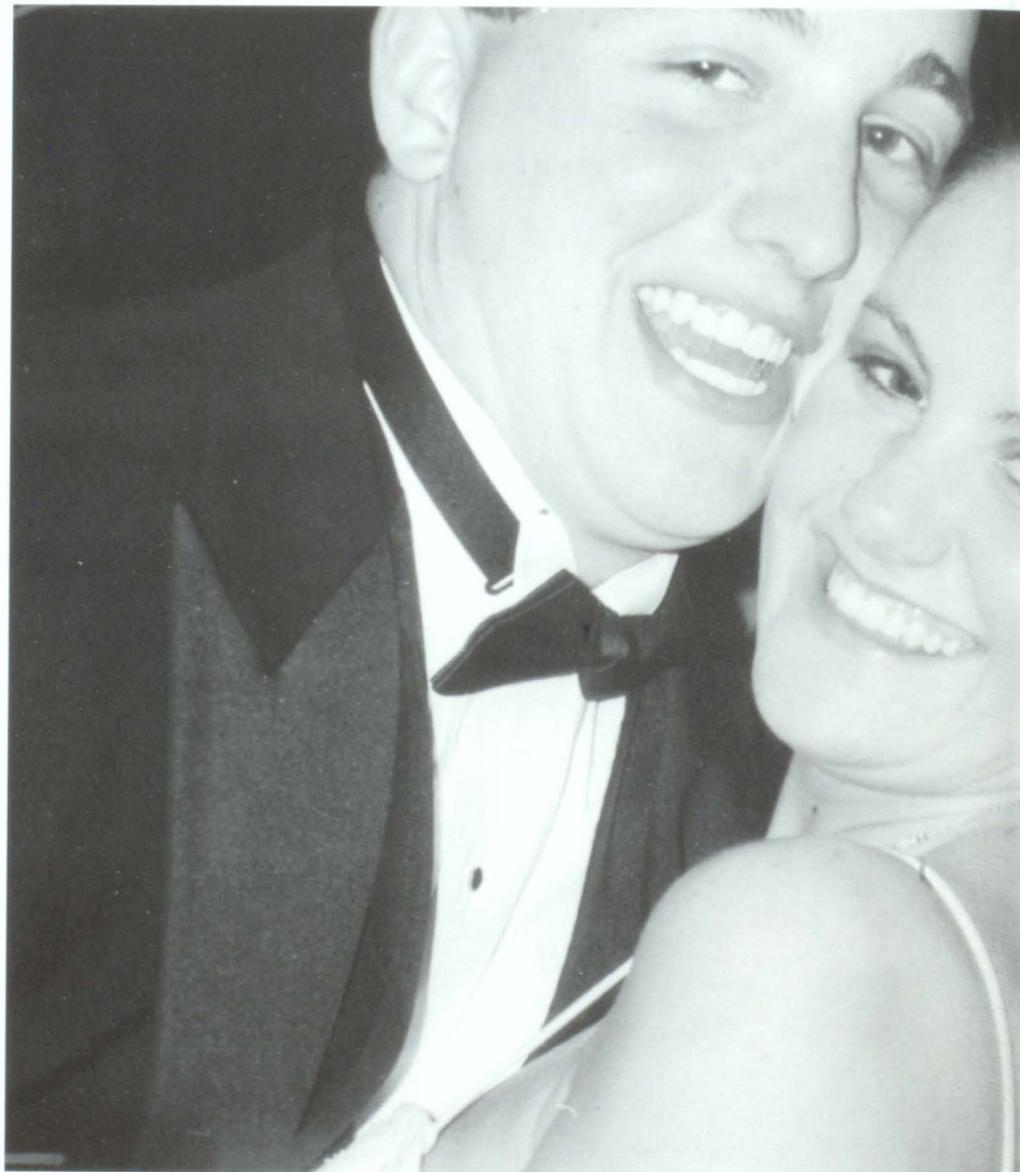


**& Prom**



**Summer lovin'**  
**Sarah Tebbe, 12, and Ryan Wegrzyn, 12,** dance the night away to the songs of "Grease."

**Let's get close**  
 Dancing cheek to cheek are **Gerami Henson, 12, and Natalie Ingram, 11.** The slow dances gave prom goers an opportunity to snuggle.





### Zoot suits again

The reemergence of the zoot suit proved to be popular at the prom. Zoot suiter **Andy Stahlhut, 10**, looks ready for anything that may come his way.

### Hey yo!

Looking very lovely and handsome at prom are **Kristi Parker, 10**, and **Nick Hoffmann, 12**.



## & the Prom



"I was actually ready to get out of there, but while I was there it was okay." **Anthony Hultz, 11**



"It was kinda fun, I wish they would've played some more country music, but other than that it was good." **Vanessa Lienemann, 11**

# Party like It's 1999

As evening fell, the sky filled with sparkling stars which cast their magical glow on prom goers below.

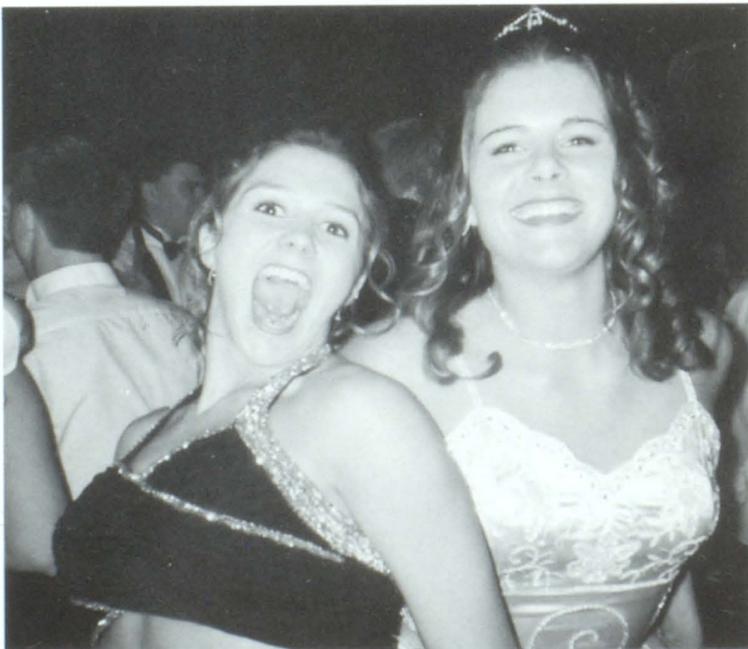
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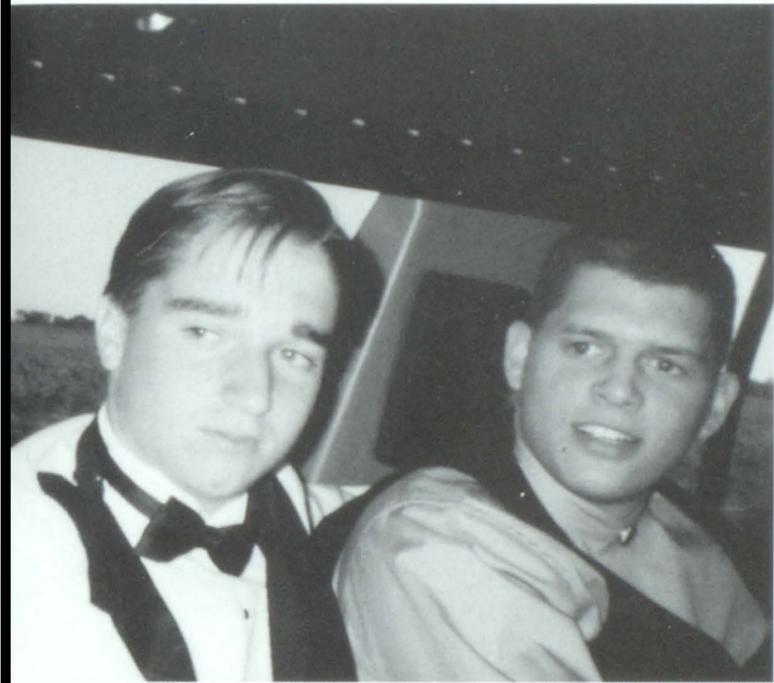
### Christin Michael, 11



"Prom was a lot of fun, and I had a great time. My date was a lot of fun and I danced the whole time. The DJ played a variety of music and the decorations were cool too!"

**G**uys donned classic tuxedos and danced next to lovely girls in shimmering dresses at the annual junior/senior prom. Most students agreed that prom was the most special dance of the year. This formal dance was put on by the junior class for juniors, seniors and their guests. It was an unforgettable evening for all who attended. Students danced into the night with the help of a talented disc jockey and his wide selection of popular music. A light show and double video screen also enhanced the electrified atmosphere. The students took the year out in style with the theme of "Party like its 1999."





**Moment of truth**

Amid audience smiles and applause, **Terri Zobrist** accepts her diploma from Mr. Burgett.



**Student voice**

Valedictorian **Melissa Timmerman** speaks to her fellow graduates about their past, present and future.

**Graduation day**

Pondering the future, this group of graduates seems to be lost in their own thoughts --perhaps of what tomorrow might bring--during the graduation ceremony.



**Whew!**

**John Schaefer's** expression reveals his relief and pleasure at this very special moment.

**Next row please.....**

Rows of graduates move at a steady pace. After all, they are receiving the proof of four years of hard work.





**Sing on**  
Playing to a "hot" crowd, **Jake Gutzler** strums the popular song, *The Time of your Life*.

**Anticipation**  
Waiting patiently to receive their diplomas are **Tim Walter, Dane Kantner** and **Sandy Wilson**.



**& the** grads



**Rene Mettler, 12**

"I was honored to be class president and I will always remember my high school years. There will be many memories to cherish in the years to come."



**Scott Brave, 12**

"Being a valedictorian was a very special honor. Although I will miss high school, I am excited about the future. There are many people here who influenced my life and I will not forget them."

Ladies & gentlemen

# Graduation 1999

By: Mrs. Martz

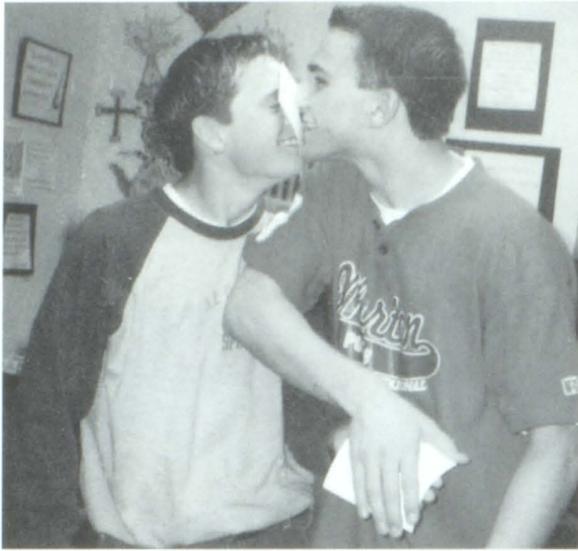
## Address to the class



The class of 1999 was a special group. Many students earned gold cords and there were eight valedictorians and three salutatorians. The valedictorians were **Scott Brave, Tammy Ernst, Jessica Frey, David Gunning, Jene Klostermann, Jamie Maedge, Melissa Timmermann** and **Jason Weigand**. Salutatorians were **Matt Nolte, John Schaefer** and **Terri Zobrist**. Above, **Tammy Ernst** gives her speech to the audience.

**T**he setting for graduation was the gym and the climate was very, very hot! Tears of happiness mixed with droplets of perspiration as the class of 1999 received diplomas from Superintendent Jim Burgett. Instead of a guest speaker, the students who were honored gave inspirational speeches to fellow class members.

Class president Rene Mettler also spoke to her peers, and Josh Kloss and Jake Gutzler entertained the crowd with a song.



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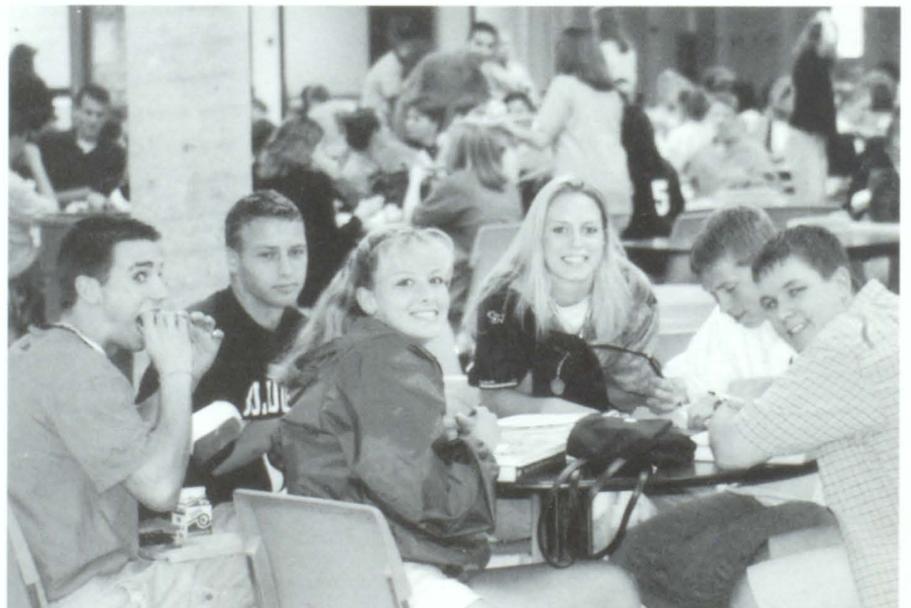
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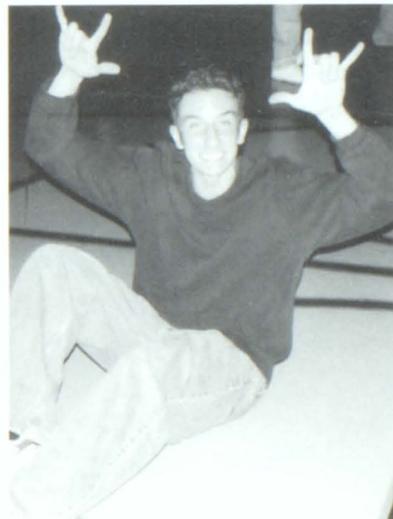
There's been so many changes  
It seems so strange to go  
I wonder if I've really learned  
All I ought to know

I've learned that people change  
It's one thing I must accept  
And things just don't stay the same  
That way, I've taken a step

I can't believe it's over  
There's more I wanted to do  
So much I wanted to say  
Before I was forgotten by all of you

Though the year's been full of changes  
Just remember changes come and go  
Sometimes they have to happen  
Sometimes we have to let go





As the last bell rang and students exited the building, their lives changed forever. For some the thoughts of college loomed in the future; for others job training or a career with immediate beginnings.

No matter where students were going, the memories of the past would follow. The times spent together were priceless while the lessons learned provided the basis for better futures and brighter tomorrows.

Theresa Ames

"For yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well-lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."

*Salutation to the Dawn*

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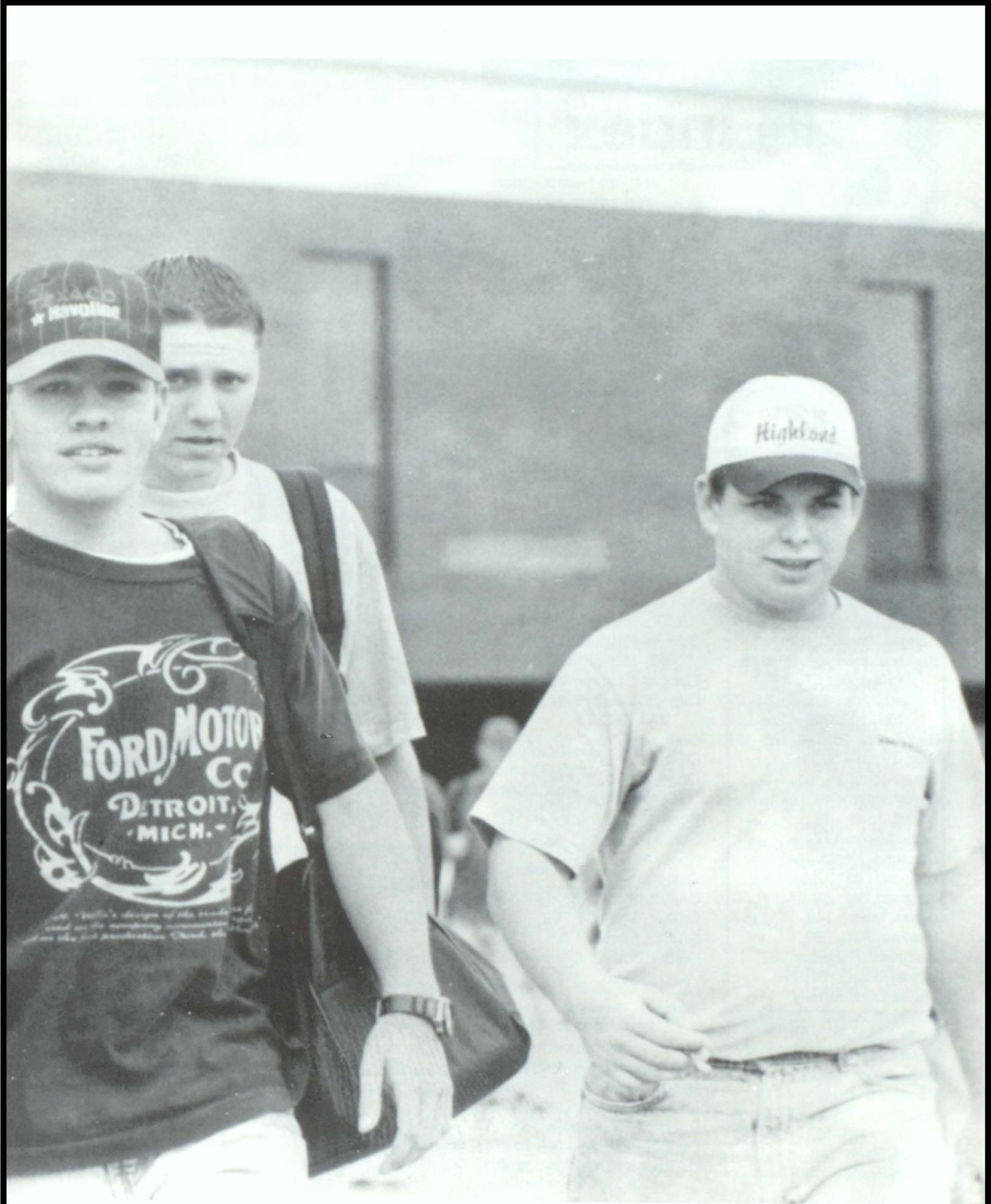
*The Sanskrit*

It was the

# & Year

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The end has come  
Kyle Warren, 11, Jeff Schroeder, 11, and Bill Hock, 12, say farewell as another chapter of life comes to a close. For some it was just another mundane year, while others had the time of their lives.





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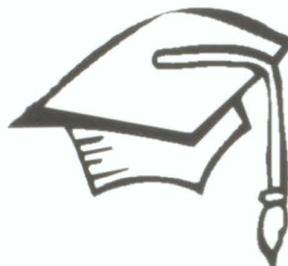
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Congrats Brandon!

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