

"It was really fun seeing all the coaches get their turn in the dunk tank. Not one of them walked away dry."

—Senior Chuck Moubray,
Varsity Football Boosters Carnival

"It will create new jobs for students and be a nice addition to Holt."

—Junior Shelley Willems, Holt Courtyards

"The cookout is an outstanding community gathering which promotes a sportsmanship climate."

—Principal Brian Templin,
Education Fund Cookout

eyond the realm

Beyond the realm of Holt High School was the community who supported it. Composed of diverse groups, the support came in many forms from booster organizations and the Education Fund to parents present at games, events, and Board of Education meetings. As the year passed, problems arose, and accomplishments were recognized. Looming before the community and school district was a budget crunch which demanded swift thought and action. The first community pep rally and NHS dunk tank were staged, and the swim team boosters turned the cafeteria into a pie factory. Students took more notice of the outside world with their mock 'Election Tuesday' and responses to the the top ten news events of the year. Senior Brian Ngo got a closer glimpse of the chief executive after his essay was selected by the *Lansing State Journal* as one of the best describing education today. He met President Clinton upon his arrival to Lansing at Capital City Airport with other area students who widened their experiences beyond the realm.



Recognition

Showing off her first medal won at a Forensics tournament to a smiling dad and the camera is sophomore Megan Abbott. The tournament was hosted on March 13 by Holt High School. The Forensics team had their best season yet winning four out of five trophies at the event.



Building a Dream

Sharing information about how a student was doing in his class with a parent is Business teacher Scotty Shimnoski at the spring conferences.

Community members, parents and staff gather in the Education Center Board room for the April Board of Education meeting. It was the scene of much interest and involvement this year with financial issues and other educational and extracurricular concerns.

Catching up on what was happening at the Education Fund annual barbeque are Ingham County Sherrif, Gene Wigglesworth, Board of Education President Alton Granger and community members.

Taking on the mind-boggling and dusty job of turning out pies in record numbers for a fundraiser are the combined Boys' and Girls' Swim team boosters. Swimmers with parents' help operate the dough roller in the assembly line production.

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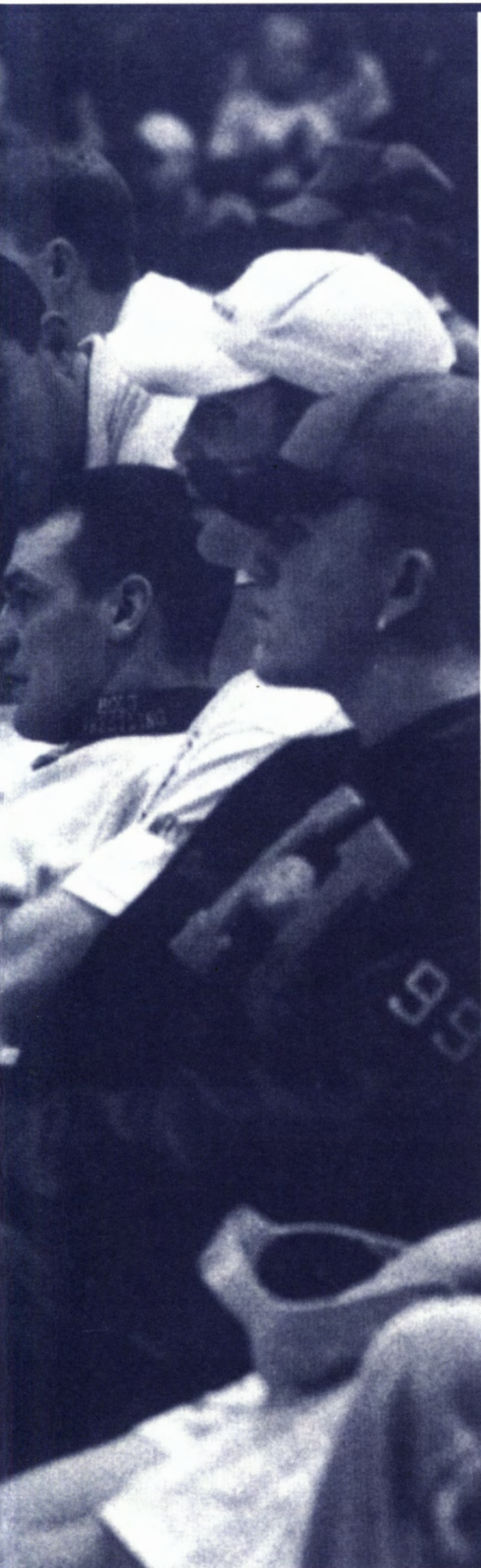
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"Defeating Eaton Rapids was a big confidence builder on the road to winning our second, back-to-back state championship. The win told us that if we came together as a team, we could accomplish anything we tried to do."

—*Senior*

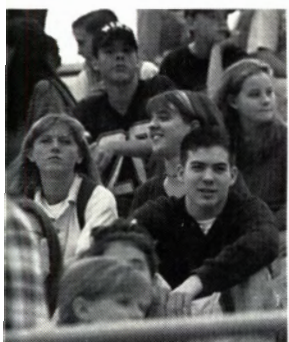
Brandon Hannasch

Members of the 1997 State Championship Wrestling team including; Joe Forquer, Assistant Coaches Jeff Felice and Chris Leyer, Devin Lambert, Alex Redman, and Pat Whitford watch intensely the home meet with Eaton Rapids. The Rams defeated the non-conference competitor 26-23 at home before a packed gym enroute to their CAC and State titles.

REDEFINING the



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FRESH PRINT... "The mural was a fresh start. We decided it was time to bring in the new," selected project chairperson Betsy Jenkins about the updating of the 'C' hallway mural by National Honor Society members including Jami Grant, Emily Reamer, Robin Barker and Ed [unclear]. (Middle) Taking in the Varsity Football game against Okemos are juniors Sonya [unclear], Brian Sherry, Becky Corr and Katy Crews. Coming off the previous year's state championship, it was a time for upperclassmen to redefine the year according to their own [unclear] and dreams. (Top) Practicing sixth hour on Troost Field are Marching Band members Michelle Dalton, Brandon Conley and Todd Gray. Michelle noted, "Senior year I realized not to take things too seriously because you might miss something fun!" (Bottom) photos by [unclear] fer Spock

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“Redefining the dream was difficult. We had to find our way for ourselves. It took courage to say who we were and to do our own thing and not get caught up in last year's expectations.”

—Senior Jennie Wilbur



RUNNING RAMS

Running the ball against Warren DeLaSalle is sophomore Brandon Cooper who noted, "We had a great JV season going undefeated and winning the CAC Championship."



MAKING THEIR

MARK

THE FACTS

Discussing the upcoming events of German Club with senior Joel Bush are senior T.J. Fritts and junior Courtney Parker during Activity Fair. The new opening day agenda was a way to advertise clubs and activities to students.

Left holding the dreams of last year's graduating class, students came together to build a new dream for the school, their sports teams, clubs and the community. Finishing last year with state Football and Wrestling championships, the Capital Area Conference All-Sports Trophy, and many academic awards, raised people's expectations and hopes. Students wanted to show that they had minds and wills of their own and would make their own mark. It was a time to redefine past dreams to fit their own needs as well as create new ones. From the first day to the last, whether they were living their dream as a senior, chasing their dream as a junior, or dreaming on as sophomores, the common goal was making the year their own.

Opening day was greeted with excited confusion as a new

Activity Fair and picture day were crammed into one afternoon. Clubs advertised their group's offering of activities and a new Guitar Club and Women's Study Group took form.

National Honor Society took their creative talents to task designing a new international theme for the 'C' hallway. Also putting their talent to work was the newly created Set Design class

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WICK BACK

Relaxing during competition are senior Sarah Pohlonski and freshman Claire Morrisey. Sarah broke four school records during the season enroute to a CAC title and college scholarship.

BEAT OF A DIFFERENT DRUM

Taking the field for the first pregame show are juniors Tazi Pruitt and Justin Pool. Tazi commented, "My dream this marching season was to help the band become the best it has ever been."

RECASTING the

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REPORT

under the leadership of teacher Leanne Schnepf. They got an early start on creating an underworld abode for the Fall Play, *The Hobbit*.

In late September seniors returned to their childhood for their Spirit Week theme of Dr. Seuss, and the Cat's red and white striped hat reigned supreme. Then students all grew up a little when the newspaper staff held a mock presidential vote on 'Election Tuesday', with student ballots mirroring the general election results. And most of the students got experience selling one thing or another as groups took on fundraising and Student Council opened a new school store.

The Wrestling team again defined their dream as State Champions and brought home the gold for the second consecutive year from Battle Creek. The Girls' Varsity Basketball team captured their dream of a Capital Area Conference title, along with the Girls' Swim team, Gymnastics team and JV Football team. It was a year of believing that one could redefine the dream according to one's own cast and script. ■

—Jennifer Hidwell

FIRED UP!

Showing their spirit at the Homecoming Pep Assembly are seniors Carrie Butterfield and Nicole Gray. During the day seniors donned their Dr. Seuss theme hats and made their newspaper signs to display their class domination.



WAITING, WATCHING... Taking a breather during their under the lights game is the JV Soccer team. Sophomore Scott Dane noted, "When I first came we had losing seasons, but this year we turned it around ending 9-9-1."

HELP ME... Putting their heads together with teacher Eric Pulver are seniors Kris Doerr and Sandy Hayes. Kris revealed, "I took Physics because I want to be an engineer and I knew it would help me in college."



“The Homecoming Pep Assembly was great. As always it's more fun for the seniors. In the end, **SENIORS RULE!**”

—Senior Carrie Butterfield



TOSS IT IN... Up for the basket is senior Meghan Devlin against the Waverly Warriors. The Girls' Varsity Basketball team finished their season 21-3 and first in the CAC. Senior Andrea Shippy noted, "Nobody expected us to go that far, but we showed that we were winners!"

What was your favorite fashion look?

What was the most important news event of the year?

What will you remember most about *The Hobbit*?

reaking the mold

Breaking the mold, students picked up the pieces of last year's dreams and put them together in a new definition. Taking up their leadership position, seniors kicked off the Homecoming spirit followed by an especially enthusiastic sophomore class. During Spirit Week, seniors sang their ABC's with Dr. Seuss and filled classrooms with the famous red and white stripes of that "Cat in the Hat." Juniors flew to Bedrock with the Jetsons, while the sophomores hung out with those heros in the half shells, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

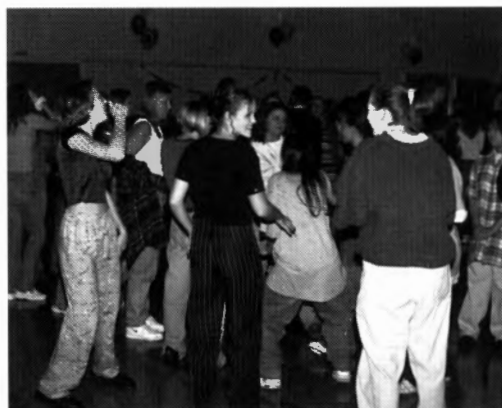
In other fashion trends, students stuck with the basic denim or classic khakis while others remained in grunge or donned the sleek, sophisticated look. The Fall Play took a different fashion plunge dressing up the set and cast in the threads and habitats of dwarfs and trolls. Students got all painted up to play the parts of Gandalf, Thorin and Bilbo the Hobbit himself. Students didn't stop until they had designed the year for themselves and broke with the image of the past.

—Jennie Wilbur



Dream On

Getting into the characters of trolls and elves are senior Mandy Crafton and junior Katie Stachlewitz for the Fall Play, *The Hobbit*. Katie admitted, "It was a real challenge to cast aside me and become male for awhile. I had a good time, but I could have done without the beard!"



Break Time

Students heat up the cafeteria floor during the Homecoming Dance, Friday, September 27.

Literally breaking the mold on their candle making project for Consumer Economics class are teacher Bill Savage and seniors Kori Vaive and Anne Rampe. Kori commented, "Making candles was such an outrageous idea. I don't think we would have gotten up for anything else on a Saturday morning!"

Finding a little shade for a timeout from fifth hour



band practice are senior Mike Sode and juniors John Adams and Matt Crockett.

Striking a pose are members of the fall Drama class, David Novak, Katie Stachlewitz, Laurie Miller, Evan Caldwell, Sheila Brody, Matt Miller, Don Jory and Hillary Unbehaun. About the group, Evan shared, "I didn't feel I had to keep my expressions and actions inside because the people I was with didn't care. We were all there to have fun."

Photo by Nakia Betz



TIME TO REFUEL

Waiting for lunch at the Paris Hard Rock Cafe are Jami Grant and Corey Crabtree. Students enjoyed occasional American food breaks on their trip.



SPANISH VISTAS

Touring the sites of Toledo including a cathedral which housed a famous El Greco painting are Mike Shunn, Stephanie Ewald, Erin Wenglekowski, Brad Clugston and junior Nick Brady. Nick commented, "My favorite part was the sightseeing. We visited a lot of neat, interesting places."



FUN IN THE SUN... Playing on a beach in Spain are seniors Emily Reamer, Erin Wenglekowski, Jami Grant, Mike Shunn, Brad Clugston, Karl Wyble, and Stephanie Ewald.



Excursionize...

PARIS SIGHT

Atop the Eiffel Tower, seniors Emily Reamer and Karl Wyble share a hug while the group takes in the view of Paris. The group traveled to Europe in June.



Cedar Point, or the Florida beaches, basketball camp, or Lake Michigan, the list of places that students went during their summer break varied. However, possibly more exciting was what a group of students from the French and Spanish classes did. Not surprisingly enough, they went to France and Spain.

One of the first things that struck them was the imitation of the U.S. "Everyone was trying to be American over there," noted senior Emily Reamer. "They wore American T-shirts and even advertised in English."

In the 'daily grind' of work the two cultures definitely differed. They got up about the same time for work every morning but, around 1:00 p.m., they took a two-hour nap or 'siesta.' Many adults worked fairly late as the stores reopened around 5:00 p.m. The traditional longer lunch and extended night life of the French and Spanish people were one of the reasons why clubs, bars and discos were so prevalent.

According to several of the students, the hotel beds were small and not especially comfortable. Shower curtains were not an ever-present item and some bathrooms were barely able to fit one person. Outside the hotels, however, they managed fairly well. Accompanied by teachers Sandra Bernier and Juanita Grew, the students completed their itinerary which took them to popular sites including

the Eiffel Tower, Giverny, Monet's gardens, and the cathedrals of Notre Dame and Chartres. Toledo, Segovia and Madrid were among the Spanish cities they visited. Senior Karl Wyble reflected, "The trip was very exciting. The experience of being in a foreign country and seeing all the things in person that you normally would see in pictures was an awesome feeling."

Although the trip may have left them with an appreciation for the conveniences of home, the students enjoyed their encounter with another culture. If any felt they hadn't profitted from the adventure, they needed to reconsider what most other students did—hung around LA (Lansing Area). Not many ever got the chance to see France or Spain. ■

—Joshua Carpenter

BULLS ON THE RUN

The streets of Pamplona are the scene of the running of the bulls, American style.

Stephanie Ewald, Corey Crabtree, Emily Reamer, Jami Grant and Erin Wenglekowski join in the fun as the la toros group while another busload of students were the toreadores.



SIGHTSEERS

Top Row: N. Brady, J. Leeak, K. Wyble, E. Reamer, E. Wenglekowski, J. Grant, B. Clugston, N. Brady, M. Shunn, B. Bernier. Bottom Row: C. Spisak, M. Spisak, M. Mitchell, S. Ewald, C. Crabtree, E. Hoffman, C. Benston.

Spirit Week...

CARTOONS

TAKES FLIGHT

WELCOME TO BEDROCK!

Decked out as Wilma of the Flinstones, junior Emily Mutty along with Emily Argue and Kym Brydges practice French in Sandra Bernier's class.

The excitement of Homecoming returned once again on September 27 and like every other year, the events would always be remembered by students, especially seniors. As usual, there was Spirit Week, class themes, the football game, the traditional Homecoming court and dance. Cooperating for the most part was the weather. "It didn't rain this year! The past two years it poured and was so messy. This year everything went smoothly," observed senior Katy Samuelson.

Student Council sponsored the week's events and along with a new adviser, Sue Kenney, new features were added including a community pep rally and Class Color Day. The pep rally was held after the Homecoming Parade on Holt's practice field. Pom Pon performer, junior Camelia Guerra commented, "I really enjoyed performing the routine we learned at camp to the song *Scat Man*. We worked hard to look good."

Spirit Week played out a total of four days, one less than the usual with a Monday holiday. On Tuesday, September 24, the popular Hat Day was back and Wednesday was Theme Day. Imagination took flight with television cartoon characters. The freshman chose the age old classic, Winnie the Pooh, while the sophomores hung out with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The juniors got a bit more creative with their Flinstones meet the Jetsons theme, and the seniors fondly looked back to Dr. Suess. On Thursday, everyone went retro with Hippy Day, and finally, on Homecoming, it was Class Color Day. Sophomores showed up in red, juniors wore blue, and the seniors wore white.

Class competition got redefined with underclassmen stealing away the awards from seniors both in hall decorations and float building. "The sophomore hall naturally won because really creative people put their ideas together and made the final project outstanding. The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle theme helped bring underclassmen out of our 'shells' and showed that even though we were the newcomers, we triumphed," claimed sophomore Liz Walker.

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IN WITH THE OLD!

Showing her junior spirit on Hippy Day is Keisha Vowels in Art class. She stated, "I dug stuff out of my mom's closet from her high school days to find just the right things for my outfit. It really made Spirit Week fun, but the highlight was when the junior float won."

FINISHING TOUCHES

Making the SADD banner for the club's hall decorations is senior member Amanda Taylor. This was the first year SADD participated in the hallway decorations.





STRAUTTIN...

Performing a routine to *Scat Man* at the Homecoming Pep Assembly are members of the Pom Pon squad.



LOONEY TUNES

Showing her senior spirit for their Dr. Seuss theme is Liz Perez while juniors Becky Corr and Elyse Puruleski prove to everyone that the Flintstones and the Jetsons really can come together.



COMFORT RULES

Showing off their hats during Dave Foy's Integrated Science class on Hat Day of Spirit Week are senior Alex Redman and juniors Andy Snyder, Allen Elliott and Brian Sherry.

Homecoming Combines...

CRAZY DAY WINGS NIGHT

Also putting in the effort were the juniors. "I think it was neat that some of the kids in our class dressed up as the Jetsons and Flintstones. Becky Corr's costume was so cool. But I was disappointed that there was no Get Up and Go Day. I live for that day!" admitted junior Stephanie Smiley.

Enjoying their theme, but lamenting their placing in the competition were the seniors. "I remember going over to Christina Dietz's house to make Dr. Seuss book covers for the senior hall. We had Corey Mead drawing all of the pictures for us. We had a lot fun coloring them and looking at all of the old books we grew up with," noted Serenity Hayes. Racking up the most participation in dress up days was some solace to seniors. Kathleen Keen recalled, "It was really funny seeing so many seniors walking around with two feet tall hats on. Our hall was done pretty cool, even though we took third place. Our float started off pretty well, then it got ruined in the rain just days before the parade so we had to make the best of it."

The court presided over the parade and halftime coronation with freshmen representatives Tonia VanEvery and Nate Vandlen, and sophomores Cherraline Doerr, Joe Durfee, Nicole Tews and Cedrick Ford. The junior representatives were Elyse Puruleski, Gerald Fenby, Joanie Smith, Ben Wahl, Jessica Swan, Andy Snyder, Katie Wilkerson and Mike Maxey. Last, but not least, the senior representatives were, Jami Grant, Tom Shaver, Emily Reamer and Tom Welsh. Prince and Princess were Amanda Taylor and Robert Picken, while Kellie Clisch and T.J. Wulff reigned as King and Queen. Kellie revealed, "I was shocked and overwhelmed by the response I received from people during the night. It was so nice!"

The dance was held Friday night after defeating Everett for the Homecoming victory. Changed from previous years' Saturday night event it brought students more informally to the dance floor. Student Council Adviser, Sue Kenney concluded, "Homecoming was fun and exciting. We changed a few things, and I feel our changes worked out well. One of our goals was to make it a community event and we were successful in doing so. I loved working with the kids. They were fun to be with and worked very hard." ■

— Beth Potvin, Jennifer Wilbur

JETSONS MEET THE FLINTSTONES

Representing their favorite Flintstone and Jetson characters at parade time are juniors Evan Caldwell, Julie Galambos, Becky Corr, Katie Stachelwitz and Rachel Troisi.

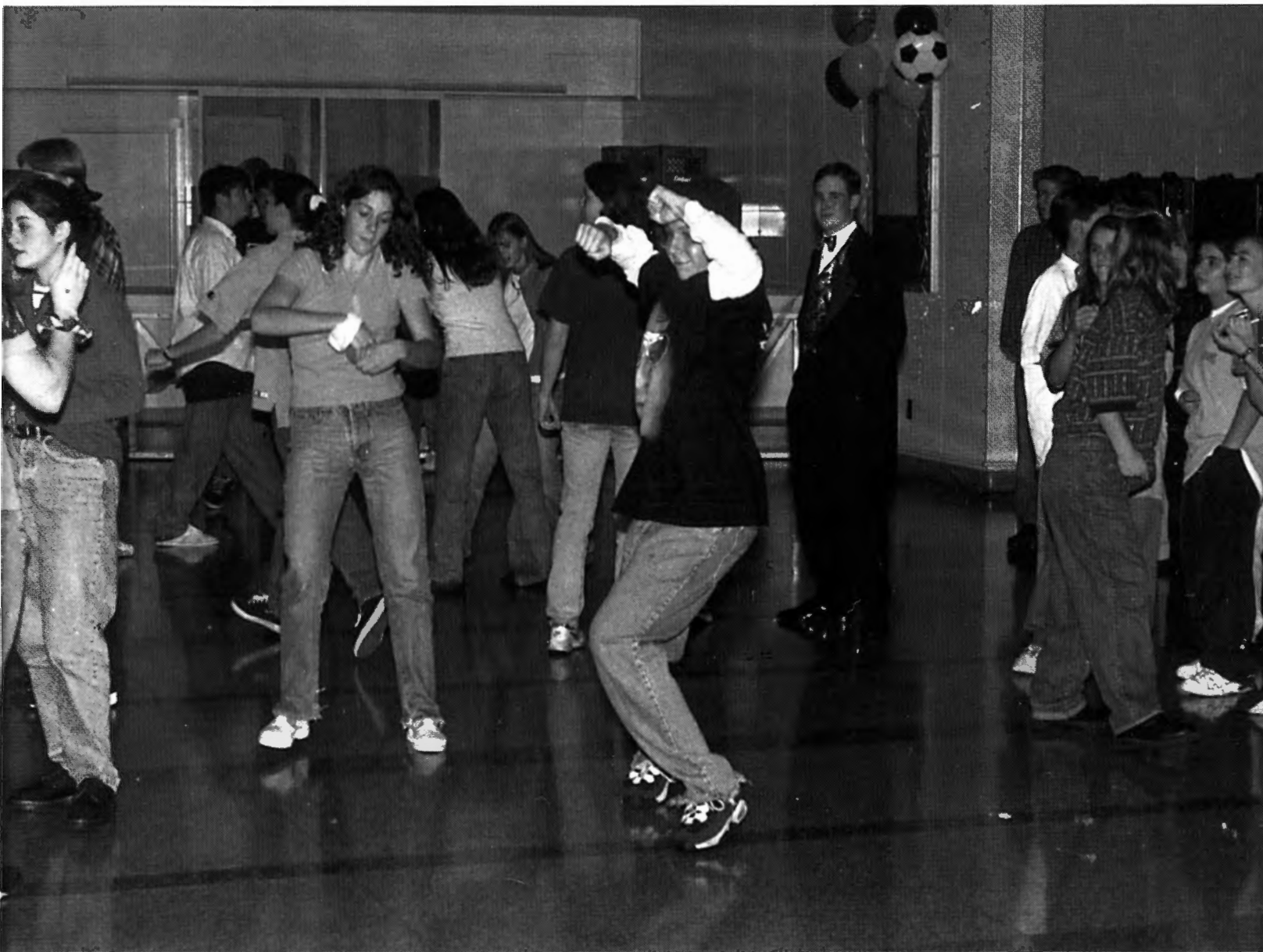


GETTING HIS GROOVE ON...
at the Homecoming Dance is junior Joey Warren along with junior Katie Skoczylas. He commented, "I liked having the dance after the game. It was more relaxed and fun."



HONORING ROYALTY

All smiles during the coronation are King T.J. Wulff and Queen Kellie Clisch. T.J. reflected, "I felt honored to be chosen by my classmates. I try to live my life with good Christian morals, be positive and be who I feel God wants me to be."



PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHARMING

Entering Troost field for the coronation are Senior Court members Amanda Taylor and Bob Picken.

A SPECIAL MOMENT...

Congratulating Homecoming Queen Kellie Clisch is friend, Daniel Palino.

BEDROCK SPIRIT

Gathering around the Junior Class float are Jenny Johnson, Jessie Ranes, Kelly Kamm, David Novak and Sonya McClane. Among others on the float committee, Jenny and Jessie worked hard all week on the Jetsons meet the Flintstones theme.

Sleek and Comfortable

FROM THE BURNING

RELAXED LOOK

Enroute to school, sophomore Kareem Everett kicks back in the comfortable 'sag' look popular in Saginaw where he used to live.

Diversity was definitely the all-around word to describe student fashion trends. The most important way students expressed their personality was by the clothes they wore. Their dress expressed not only who they were on the outside, but who they were on the inside as well. "Becoming an individual has become the trend. Some people are obsessed with being different which may not necessarily be themselves. I try to be both," commented junior Becky Corr.

From day one, students poured into the building with the latest hair styles, clothing and even gadgets that defined the trendy look. They sported corduroy, denim shirts, leather, bright colors, zippers, and anything designer, whether it was prep, sports, alternative, retro 70's or just plain grunge. Some girls wore everything shiny from shoes to hair accessories and carried small box purses, while many guys fell into the trend with loose fitting corduroys and leather jackets. Brand names like Tommy Hilfiger, Polo Sport, Calvin Klein and Union Bay were worn regularly.

But then there were the more daring people who let a different personality show through. "Whatever I like I wear it. It doesn't matter to me if it's in style or not. Whether it came from a name brand store or a second-hand one, it doesn't matter. All that matters is that I like it," commented senior Andrea Albutus.

Some students had other sources of inspiration. "My dog inspires my taste in clothes," joked junior Evan Caldwell. "Like me, he has an independent spirit and acts like himself," claimed Evan who was counted among the more unique fashion trendsetters. Others based their style on movies, sports, music and friends. "If there's a movie that I like, then I'll wear a shirt or hat that has something to do with it," stated junior Jeremiah Long.

The stores where people shopped reflected their taste in styles. American Eagle, Eddie Bauer, The Gap, and Contempo were popular as well as, others like Splash, Chios In-Flight and Route 66. "I shop at Chio's in East Lansing and Splash whenever the prices are reasonable. But a lot of the time I shop at second-hand stores or thrift shops because you can find one of a kind clothes that are cheap," revealed junior Janell Gingas, noted for her unique fashion look.

In today's world, students sought through fashion to show the world who they really were and express the individual inside them. ■



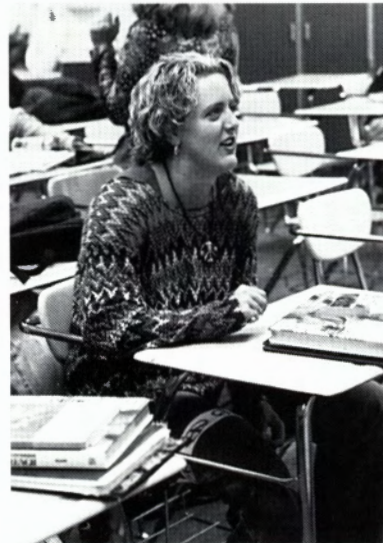
COLOR COUNTS

Commenting on her fashion look in French class, senior Erin Wenglekowski revealed, "Color is very important to me. I love bright colors especially orange, yellow, and green. The clothing I wear often reflects my mood each day. I like to be dressy, but in an interesting and less conservative way."

— Serenity Hayes

SPIFFY

Dressed up for game day, sophomore Tim Parks creates with clay in Constructions class. He commented, "Dressing up shows pride, respect and team spirit."



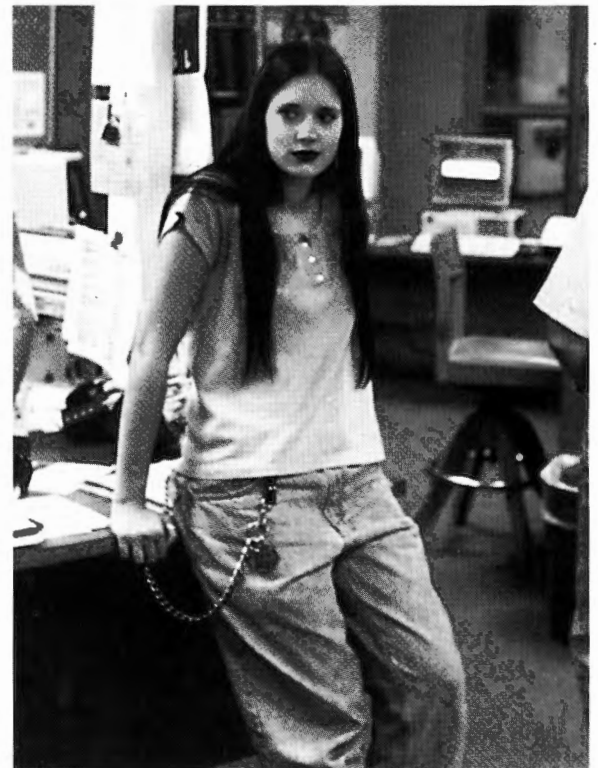
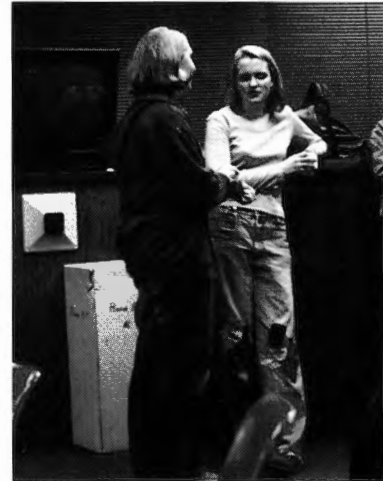


FASHION DUO

Showing their spirit on Twin Day of Winterfest, senior pals Jason Dutcher and Bob Picken sport the flannel look. Bob stated, "I dress uniquely at times and like variety in my wardrobe."

DRAMATIC TOUCH

Two for fashion are junior Katie Stachlewitz and senior Andrea Alburtus at the drama club, Act Too, meeting. Getting practical, Andrea admitted, "I just wear what I want and don't see the point in spending a lot of money on clothes."



FASHION HUE

Paused in the Library is junior Kristen Colley on Class Color Day. Juniors selected blue for their class color, an easy one to match up with Levis and the comfortable look. Kristen also added the popular chain look to her wardrobe.

Part-Time Jobs...

CASH

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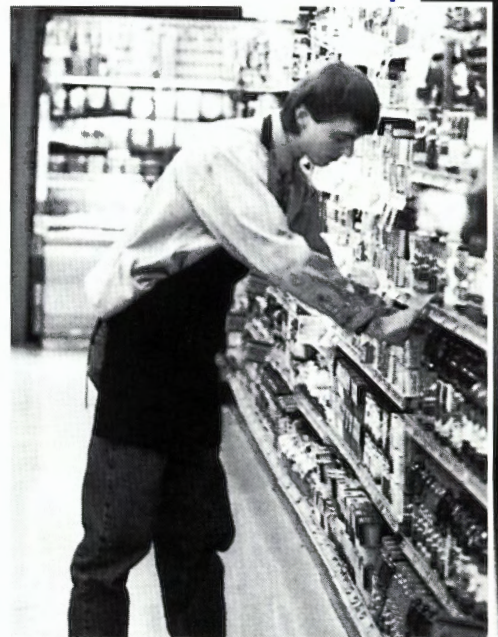
On average, many students' day began at 6:00 a.m. and didn't end until 11:00 at night. They spent the first part of their day rushing to classes, chumming with teachers and working on class assignments. The other part of their busy day was spent at their "second home," their job. Many high school students got part-time jobs for one reason or another, but the principal one was CASH. Students spent money on cars, saved it for college, or bought things their parents wouldn't pay for. Out of 812 students surveyed, 422 held jobs. Of those who reported having jobs, 67 percent worked to pay for the upkeep or purchase of a car, while 54 percent indicated they bought clothes with their earnings. Senior Amanda Taylor's motivation fit the picture as she explained, "I have a job because it gives me a sense of responsibility; and besides, I have to put gas in my car!"

Other students had jobs just because they wanted pocket change. Senior Mandy Crafton commented, "I work because I like making my own spending money for things I want or to go out with my friends. Besides, I have fun while I am at work."

The time students spent at a job varied, usually from 5-20 hours a week. "I work most on weekends and put in about 15 hours. This gives me the week to focus on school and hang out with friends," commented senior Ed Gifford. Other students like senior Deron Thomas worked both weekdays and weekends. He noted, "It's hard trying to manage your time during the week. You have school to worry about and sometimes you find yourself pushing less important things to the side."

Students who participated in sports found their job even more time consuming. Some had to quit their job during the sport season. "I find it very hard to keep my grades up when I am working and it's even harder when I'm playing a sport too. There is no way, however, that I would give up soccer for my job, even though paying for college is my main goal," reported senior Jen Spock. For students who held jobs, most agreed that it was hard to maintain a social life, school and their work schedule. However, students toughed it out to pay for things both needed and wanted. Part-time jobs were the beginning of the road to the real world. Managing time and gaining a sense of responsibility were just two of the first lessons. ■

—Jennifer Wilbur



STOCKING UP

Putting in time at Shop-Rite stocking shelves is senior Jason Hall. "Working is a big experience for me. Being a bagger, then a cashier has helped me learn responsibility. It also helped me meet new people. I really enjoy my job," revealed Jason.

WORKING HARD OR HARDLY WORKING?

Keeping busy at Wendy's on Cedar Street is senior Lance Davis. "I am an assistant manager in training and I like working, but only when dealing with nice customers," explained Lance.





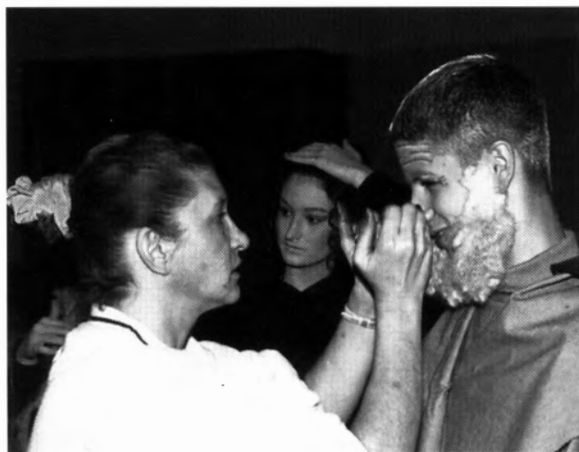
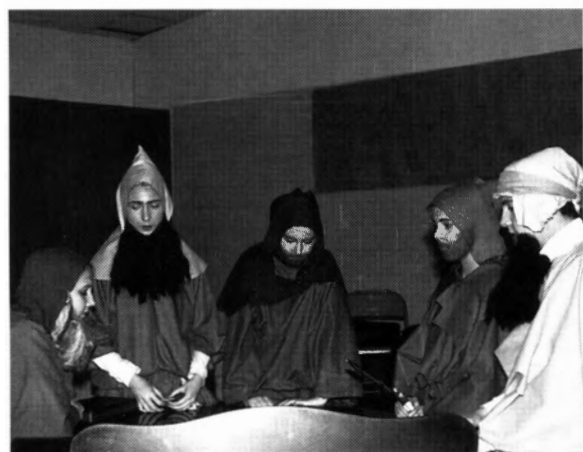
WOULD YOU LIKE FRIES WITH THAT?

Filling an order at Wendy's is junior Janelle Stevens. Janelle worked part-time, usually running the register. She stated, "I like making sandwiches the most and mean customers the least."



CLEAN UP DUTY

Sprucing up a work area at Wendy's is senior Matt Stine. Several Holt students worked part-time at the fast-food restaurant.



PLAY PALS Having a chat before the big production are juniors Katie Stachlewitz, Julie Galambos, and sophomores Erin Tobey, Michele Smith, and Sherman Horn. "I have always loved play people, so I was once again thrilled at the thought of hanging out with them again," Katie recalled.

STAY STILL! Backstage of *The Hobbit*, Evan Caldwell receives help with his make-up from Kathy O'Hara. "Playing a dwarf was a big highlight for me," reflected Evan.

Meet the Dwarves For the first time Bilbo (Justin Pool) led by Gandalf (Nancy Quasarano) encounters the dwarves. "We spent two months working on the play and getting into our characters," Nancy stated.

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR? Scared of elf voices in a suspenseful scene are dwarves Michele Smith, Sherman Horn, Erin Tobey, Tinita Bode, Rachel Troisi, Katie Stachlewitz, and Evan Caldwell.

Fall Play...

ALL ABOUT HOBBITS

Dwarves, trolls, goblins, and dragons . . . no, these were not creatures in nightmares, they were characters in the Fall Play, *The Hobbit*. The volunteer thespians worked hard to bring the characters to life, devoting hours of their time so everything could be perfect opening night. "We spent **A LOT** of time practicing for the play every day after school, and some nights!" exclaimed sophomore Michele Smith who played the part of the twin dwarf Kili.

The Hobbit was about the popular fantasy by J.R.R. Tolkien. The play centers around the hero hobbit, Bilbo Baggins played by junior Justin Pool. Bilbo's life was changed after the wizard Gandalf, played by senior Nancy Quasarano, and 13 dwarves, led by Thorin (senior Ben Bowers), convinced him to help them defeat the dragon, Smaug. The group, armed with a map and a key to the mountain, set off on their journey. After meeting dangerous encounters, Bilbo finally killed Smaug, and everyone split the treasure. Bilbo and Gandalf returned to their home in the western lands after a job well done.

The highlight of the play for senior Ben Bowers was the dwarf and goblin battle at the end of Act I. "It got the audience really into the play," he observed. Sophomore Triniti Bode, who played a dwarf, explained, "I enjoyed rushing around the moments just before going onstage. We were all hurrying to make ourselves look and sound as good as we could to fit our character." For junior Erin Hoffman the highlight was a humorous one. "On closing night the lines that controlled the dragon got tangled. They had to reach out in view of the audience and pull its head down," she chuckled.

Making the play the best it could be included supporting one another through hard times. Senior Nancy Quasarano recalled, "A week before the play I came down with bronchitis and got very sick. The rest of the cast helped me through the many hours of rehearsal when I felt like I was going to pass out. They were great!"

Along with loyalty, many students found new friends. "Meeting new people was what I enjoyed most about the play. I also loved being able to show off to other people everything we did as a group. It was like being on the inside of a secret," reflected Triniti.

Another part the actors needed help with was costuming, hair, and make-up. According to junior Evan Caldwell these included, "a lot of old age wrinkles, white sidechops and latex." "We had a lady come in to teach us how to put on our make-up because a lot of us wore beards, which were hard to keep on," added sophomore Michele Smith. After her conversion to Gandalf, Nancy joked, "Even my own grandmother didn't recognize me!"

Despite some challenges with hair and make-up, the play went smoothly, thanks to director Debbie Childers and student director Erin Hoffman. Triniti explained, "Mrs. Childers added depth to the play. She encouraged us to be the character and think about what the he/she would do. She helped us do things in the play that we never would have thought of." Senior Ben Bowers added, "The directors allowed freedom of expression. They let us work through our own mistakes and do the scenes how *we* thought they would work best."

Finally, the play would not have been as successful without the set designers and those who handled the lighting mainly senior Arren Wetzel and sophomore John Whitford. Overall, the students concluded the play was one to be proud of. "I think we did well," assessed Triniti, "especially when a lot of the people hadn't been in a play before. We all interacted well together which made the ending a success."

—Lesley Gottschalk

ON A QUEST

Explaining the quest to Bilbo, played by Justin Pool, is Gandalf, played by Nancy Quasarano. Nancy observed, "It was interesting to play a man but it was also hard to get my voice deep enough."



Bearded Ladies

Dressed up as dwarves are Erin Tobey and Michele Smith. There weren't enough guys for the parts so girls had to be good sports and paint on beards.





TIN MAN

Demonstrating his creativity on Tin Foil Day of Winterfest week is senior Terry Goddard. Many students took the opportunity, like Terry, to show their weird, creative side.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Seniors Christopher Doerr, Nancy Quasarano, Brian Ngo, Monica Matteo, Joseph Corr, and Gail Booren appear during half-time of the basketball game. The Winterfest court was elected by teachers and students.



BOBSEY TWINS Showing off their Twin Day styles are juniors Jenny McNamara and Ted Spencer, seniors Christina Dietz and Lisa Wise, and senior Casey Swagler with junior Nick Baxter.

Festival Creates Some...

WINTERFEST



SHADIN' THE FLASH...

is senior Brandon Hannasch, with his tin foil hat and sunglasses during Spirit Week. Hats and sunglasses usually weren't allowed in school, but special exceptions were made during Spirit Week.



With Homecoming long past and the first signs of Spring long to come, Winterfest arrived with good cheer. The activities of the festival were a simulation of Fall Homecoming, with Spirit Week, Court and a dance. Despite the similarity between the two activities, there were a couple of new twists to the the winter version sponsored by Student Council.

One of the biggest differences was the selection process of the court. Teachers were given the upper hand. Two males and two females from each class were selected by the faculty to appear on the ballot. Then students voted. Seniors Nancy Quasarano, Chris Doerr, Gail Booren, Brain Ngo, and Joey Corr were selected, while Tim Wise, Whitney Hoagland, Mike Laur, and Pam Smith were the chosen juniors. Sophomores Alyssa Kenney and Jeff Beard also made the final cut. Tim Wise, admitted, "I enjoyed receiving the recognition from both the students, as well as, the teachers. Homecoming, however, is more traditional and still means more to me."

The new selection process sparked differences of opinion among students. In a Ramparts survey 60% of the students responding disapproved of the new process. This raised the question of whether Winterfest Court represented the school, and better than Homecoming. Of the students surveyed 79% said no. Sue Kenney Student Council adviser revealed, "I don't feel Winterfest was as popular as

Homecoming because of the lack of floats and the traditional game hype. However, Winterfest was not designed to be as popular as Homecoming. It was popular for what it was intended to be, a Winter Festival."

The winter Spirit Week proved interesting in its dress-up days. Themes consisted of Spirit Day, Twin Day, Summer Day, and of course the rather bizarre Tin Foil Day. It was interesting to see where people found places to put the thin aluminum wrap. Although only 7% of the students surveyed admitted to participating in the "aluminum activity," those who did were very original in their new clad. Many people created tindrelocks, metallic shoes, and hats, as well as, wristbands. Sophomore Ryan Bredin commented, "Before I saw kids wearing the foil, I didn't really know what they expected us to do with it!"



Winterfest was wrapped up with a weekend dance held Saturday, February 1, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Sophomore April Decker recalled, "I really enjoyed the dance, except it was very crowded in the cafeteria."

So whether it was the theme days, dance, or court, Winterfest proved more interesting than the normal school week. Many agreed that it brought some cheer to a bleak winter week.

—Michael Smith

TIN CLAD

Showing her school spirit in a shiny way is senior Kristy Eding in Brenda Lynch's English class. Tin Foil Day was a new and unusual way to show spirit.

Winter Play Brings . . .

ACTING DEBUTS

PLEASE DADDY!
Pleading to her father, Silas played by Travis Evenson, is young Martha, played by Erin Tobey. Of Erin's performance, Travis claimed, "She was the bomb! Not only was she a good actress, but an excellent guitarist."

Picture a New England farmhouse, with Travis Evenson and Nancy Quasarano as the heads of the household. For a little spice, toss in a headstrong Stephanie Ewald as Travis' daughter, and Jake Boyd as the villain. Add Mike Potts as an Irish bartender and Erin Hoffman as a tipsy, washed-up actress. Mix it together and you have *Adrift in New York*, the Winter Play.

Adrift in New York, a play in three acts set in both New England and New York City. It incorporated many more new actors and actresses than any previous production. Many of these newcomers such as seniors Travis Evenson, Lance Davis, and Mike Potts earned leading roles. "This was the first play that I was in. It was hard for me to be serious and older. A lot of time and effort went into making this play," said Travis. Cast members were surprised with the abilities of the new cast. "Travis especially shone," said veteran actress, senior Amanda Whitehead who had the role of Lillian Morrison. "I didn't know he could act so well."

Reminiscent of a twenties melodrama, Francis Desmond, played by senior Jake Boyd, seduces an innocent Nellie Weston played by senior Stephanie Ewald. Desmond convinces Weston to try her hand at singing in New York City. Where she winds up is quite different from the bright lights of Broadway. Fogarty's Bar, with Maggie Clancy, played by junior Erin Hoffman, and Monty, a money laundering friend of Desmond's, played by junior Evan Caldwell, is anything but what Weston had expected. "I really enjoyed this play," reflected Caldwell, "I especially liked singing in the Bronx accent. I also liked my part because it was strictly a character role."

Like any other play, this one had its problems. Infighting and tension built among the cast, but that all went away when the curtain went up. Junior Katie Stachlewitz, a Bowery dancer, summed it up best, "I liked getting to know some really cool people because there were so many new faces. It wasn't strictly the same crew who had been in past productions."



—Jennifer Spock

A FRIENDLY WARNING

In the Bowery scene of the Winter Play, *Adrift in New York*, Sadie (junior Emily Mutty) warns Nellie (senior Stephanie Ewald) about the villain, Desmond played by senior Jake Boyd.

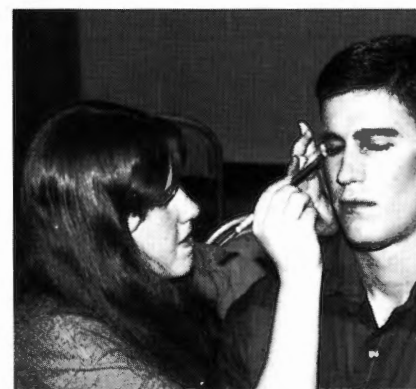


A TIPSY SINGER
describes the character junior Erin Hoffman portrayed in *Adrift in New York*. Erin noted, "The fun part about Maggie was that she was loud, overbearing, obnoxious, and everyone had to love her."





TAKIN IT EASY . . . after dress rehearsal is Evan Caldwell, Sherman Horn, Director Pam Klimenko, and Jake Boyd. Sherman recalled, "The hardest part about playing Burk was talking with an accent all of the time."



MAN IN MAKE-UP Getting his make-up done in preparation for the Winter Play is senior Lance Davis. "I played the part of Jack Merriwell, the hero of the play. His dramatic body language was the most difficult," Lance admitted.

VILLAINOUS PROPOSAL Proposing to Nellie (senior Stephanie Ewald) is Desmond (senior Jake Boyd). "Being a villain wasn't easy. I'm always laughing," Jake reflected.

Spring Musical Brings Lights of

BROADWAY

PEP TALK
 Conversing
 with Choir
 Director
 Monty Bishop
 before her
 final
 performance
 is veteran
 actress,
 senior Nancy
 Quasarano.



Believe it or not, students had their own Broadway at Holt High School. Every spring, a sensation amazes audiences in Pernert Auditorium. This year known as the Spring Musical the production was *Mame*. Senior Amanda Whitehead was cast in the lead role of Mame Dennis, a liberated woman of the late 1920's and quite the partier. She was joined by senior Nancy Quasarano as Vera Charles, Mame's best friend, and Erin Tobey and Eric Braid as the younger and older Patrick Dennis, Mame's nephew. The story is about family life but with much pizzazz added by the main character and her friends.

Since this was a musical, naturally more time and effort went into getting the songs and dances just right. The cast members had fun, however, in the process. Amanda Whitehead commented, "The best song and dance scene was 'That's How Young I Feel.' Everyone seemed to look forward to that number. Plus, I got to do a feature section with Evan Caldwell which was fun."

There were so many highlights the cast members had trouble deciding which ones stood out. For Amanda and Nancy it was singing "Bosom Buddies" together, for senior Sarah Clarkson it was "seeing the moon rise," and for most, if not all of the cast, it was all the happy times behind the scenes to bring the production together.

The bonding behind the scenes created special memories. Amanda recalled, "I'll remember Julio, Emilio, and Enrico (the Spaniards), Rob Wadell trying to walk, talk, and keep his hands in his pockets at the same time, working all day with Rachel to finish the program, and dealing with the blasted stairs and the wretched moon." Junior Heather Elmore noted "I'll remember how a lot of people cried during the curtain calls of the last show—even some of the guys." Evan Caldwell revealed, "I won't forget the great inside jokes, like, 'I think I'll have another,' and 'Please don't talk.'" Senior Sarah Clarkson added, "The cast parties on Friday nights were unforgettable!"

Of course, it was not without appreciation for the directors, Monty Bishop and Kelly Hodges, who devoted long hours and their talents to the show. Evan noted, "Mr. Bishop could always see images of how things would look, and they always seemed to work." Heather concluded, "I enjoyed working with the directors because of their professionalism and how well they got the play together when it seemed like it would never get done." In the end, professionalism from directors and students alike was the key to bringing the look of Broadway to Pernert Auditorium.

—Lesley Gottschalk



DAB IT ON
 Getting help
 with her blush
 from a friend,
 is senior
 Amanda
 Whitehead.
 Several
 volunteers
 including
 Amanda's
 mom helped
 with make-up,
 as well as,
 other aspects
 of the musical.

TA DAH! ITS MAME!

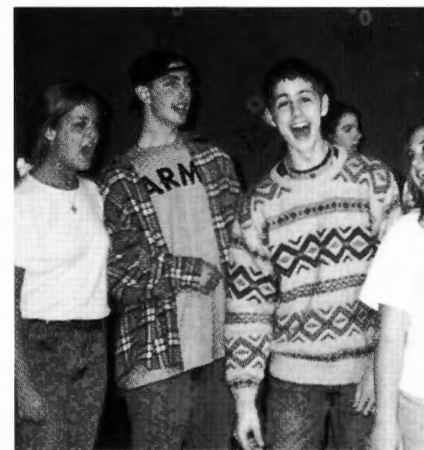
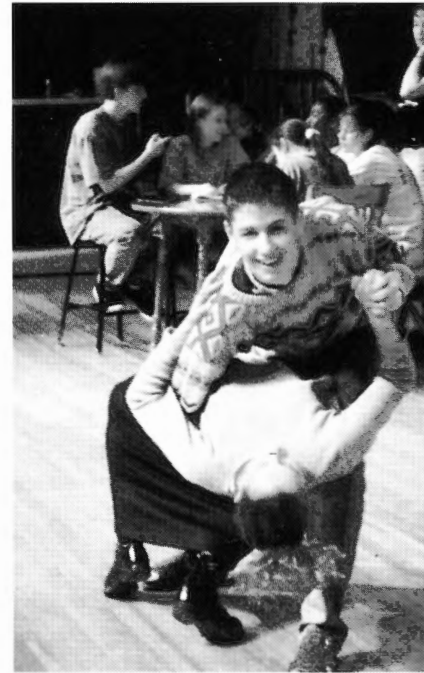
Finishing a song and dance scene, senior Amanda Whitehead as Mame, steals the spotlight. Junior Eric Braid, who played the older Patrick, explained, "Nancy, Amanda, and Emily were cast perfectly. For some of the minor characters, it was less of a fit. But it didn't matter because the main characters were cast so well."





TWO TO TANGO

Dipping junior Whitney Hoagland in a practice dance of "Open a New Window" is junior Evan Caldwell. Evan enjoyed the number, but his favorite was "That's How Young I Feel." He reflected, "It took a long time to get it together, but once it was finished, it was great!"



A CHORUS LINE

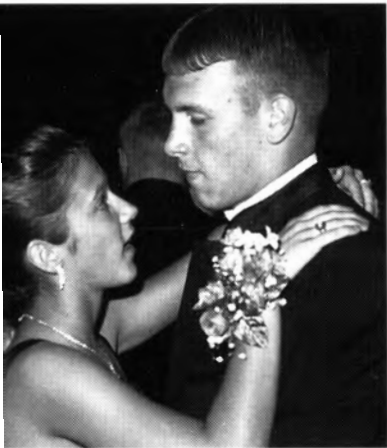
Practicing a song for the musical are chorus members junior Kendra Dunham, sophomore Tom Parks, junior Evan Caldwell, and senior Sarah Clarkson. Sophomore Tom Parks reflected, "I enjoyed being part of something I know was being done by choice, by everyone."

Getting It On

At the Junior - Senior Prom are juniors Jessica Heeg and Lyndsay Cook agreed that, "One of the best parts about the dance was seeing all of the seniors dressed up one last time before they left."

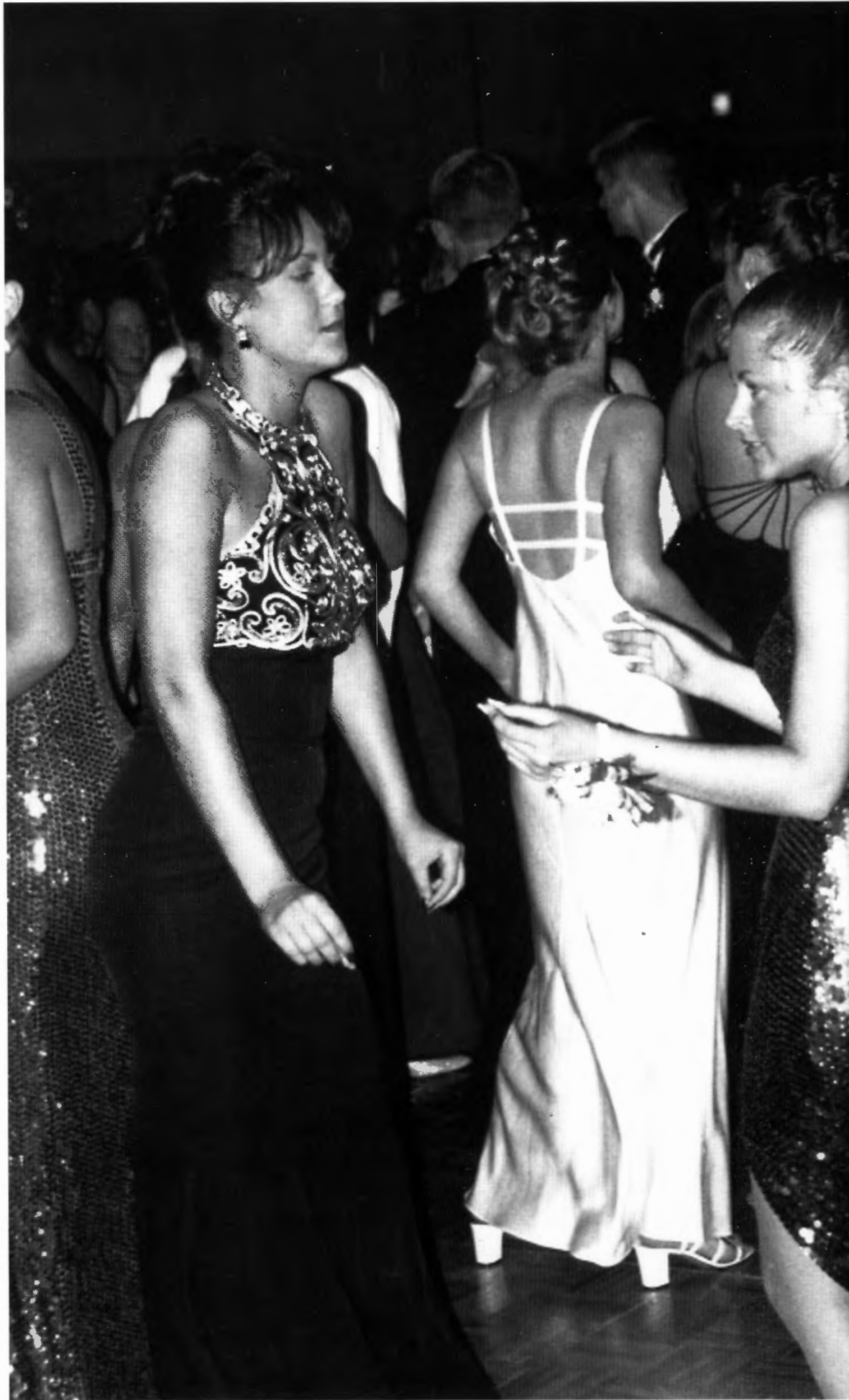
Dance Floor

Enjoying a slow dance at Prom are sophomore Danielle Smythe and junior Charlie Alana. The deejays played a handful of slow songs, but mostly catered to those who liked to fast dance with a medley of dance mixes.



Having a Blast

On the dance floor at prom senior Andrea Alburus and a friend from Okemos share some fun. Many felt it was their dates that made the night fun and special.



Elegant Evening . . .

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The memorable night of high school took place on Saturday, May 24, when juniors and seniors arrived at the Lansing Center for Prom. Many arrived as couples and some arrived as just friends. The dress ranged from top hats and canes to fancy jewelry and elegant dresses. But no matter who people arrived with or how they were dressed, everyone was there to have fun.

For many students the night started out with dinner at an elegant restaurant. They ranged from Dusty's English Inn to Mountain Jacks and everywhere in between. Some students chose a restaurant for its glamorous atmosphere and some for its great food. "A group of friends and I went to the Radisson and it was good, but I wish there would have been different things on the menu," replied senior Lisa Wise. "I went with a group of friends to Hershey's for an early dinner. We had prime rib and lobster. It was really good," recalled senior Derrick Zenker.

Others chose more casual places to go and some decided to stay at home. "We ate dinner at home because we didn't want to get out in the crowds. We had a candlelight dinner to make things romantic," explained senior Beth Boertmann. Some of the casual restaurants attended were Clara's, Cheddar's, TGI Friday's, and Olive Garden.

After dinner everyone arrived at the Lansing Center and entered a room full of plants, purple and white decorations, and tables decorated with glasses, streamers and balloons. "This was my first prom and it was a lot of fun because we went with a lot of our friends. My date, Norm, made it really special," revealed junior Tricia Spencer. For others it was their last prom. "I had a really good time. I wouldn't have wanted to go with anyone else but my boyfriend. He made my last prom special and memorable," reflected senior Katy Samuelson.

After prom, many students attended the party at Trippers where they played games, danced and mingled with friends. Others went to friends' houses, started on their road trips, or went to parties. "After prom, I went to Joey Corr's house with my date and sat in the hot tub. Then we tried to get all of the pins out of Nikki Aaroz's hair which was really fun!" remembered senior Heather Chernawski. Others ended their gala weekend on a road trip. "We got up early Sunday morning and drove to Cedar Point in the pouring rain. When we got there, we decided not to stay. On the way home we got lost, but we found a map and our way back," reported senior Heather McNamara.

Some students finished their fun weekend by going on small vacations. "I went to Mackinac with my boyfriend, Nick Morehouse, and Melisa Robinson. The further we drove, the nicer the weather got. It was a blast!" revealed senior Amanda Taylor. Prom was a wonderful opportunity to get dressed up in fancy dresses and tuxedos and a time to mingle with friends. No matter how they dressed or who they went with, everyone will remember prom as a special time in their lives.

—Sarah Wolfe

Caught by the Camera

Enjoying a quiet moment at the Lansing Center during prom are seniors Nicole Schoenfelder, Heather McNamara, Justin McLellan and juniors Ted Spencer and Jennifer McNamara.



Afterglow Fun

Playing a challenging game of air hockey at Tripper's is junior Jenny Tunney. Thanks to the generous sponsors of Afterglow, free pop, subs, pool, a deejay, and tons of fun were enjoyed by students.



Graduation . . .

SENIORS TAKE FLIGHT

FEELING EXCITEMENT

Talking during the commencement are Jami Grant and Chris Carr. After graduation, it was off to the University of Michigan for Chris, leaving high school life behind.

Two hundred and eighty-six graduating seniors lined the corridors of the Jack Breslin Student Event Center on June 8. They waited anxiously for the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" to start while parents, family and friends filled the empty arena seats.

The graduates talked of memories from elementary school to the last day of high school. Those who attended Baccalaureate at the High School just a couple hours earlier spoke of the ceremony while others talked of college and the upcoming summer.

Statements like, "It seems like yesterday," or "How time flew by," were common on this Sunday afternoon. It was the day seniors had dreamed of for so long, the day they would walk together one last time as a class at their commencement.

Just a week before, the last day of high school was a time for reflection. "The day gave me a reality check about my future. I realized the little things we took for granted were going to be the major things I missed about high school. Needless to say, I fought back tears all day," recalled Da'Ryl Smith.

Emotions were high on May 30. Seniors were anxious, excited and sad. "The day was confusing for me because I had to worry about getting all my books in, finishing all my art projects, and wondering if the day was ever going to end," explained senior Kelly Noecker. For Sarah Wolfe it was slightly different. "I was sad on the last day of school because I knew that this was going to be the last time my friends and I would really be together. However, the day was also very exciting because I realized that it was also a new beginning."

As the day came to a close classes sat waiting, and staring at the clock, as the last 10 seconds came around. There was a slight chant heard from the halls, then 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, WOOHOOO!!! The halls were filled with hugs, laughter, and tears. Seniors had completed their last day of high school. —Jennifer Wilbur



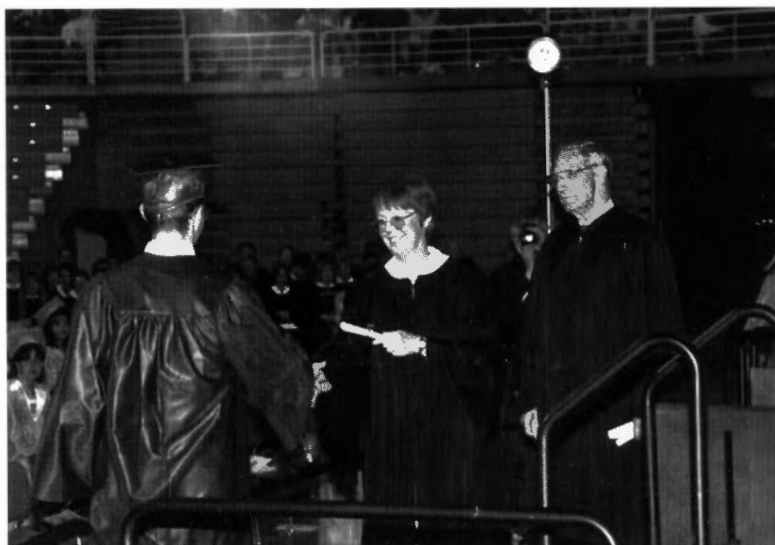
ALL SMILES ...

is graduate Christina Dietz entering the Breslin Center middle section at Commencement. Two hundred and eighty-six excited graduates marched through the arena to "Pomp and Circumstance" for the last time as a class.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulating a student at Commencement is Board of Education member Deborah Roeske and Board President, Alton Granger.

Many seniors thought the day would never come when they walked up the platform to get their diploma.





LOOKING BACK . . . and to the future during her Commencement speech is senior Emily Reamer. She was chosen by the faculty to speak after trying out for the honor.



OH HAPPY DAY! Posing for one of many pictures on Commencement Day are seniors Jill Rinkel, Nicole Araoz, Kristen Dietz, and Heather Cherniawski. The ceremonies took place at the Breslin Center on June 8.

DANCING QUEEN Performing a dance at Baccalaureate is senior Jennifer Mayes. Jenny danced in various local productions throughout high school, including the Nutcracker Ballet at Wharton Center.

Of what value is this knowledge?

How can I use what I have learned?

In what situations is this learning applicable?

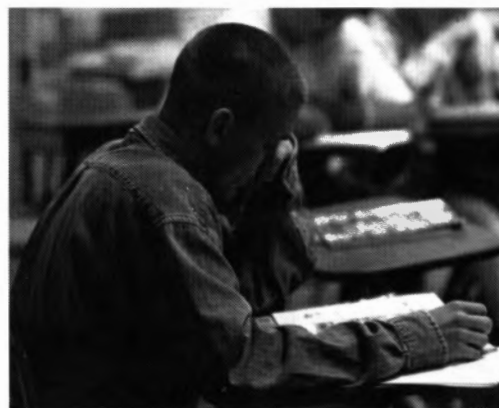
Making it real

Students spent the academic year making it real—applying new knowledge to practical situations. Setting aside traditional methods in some classes, teachers put the emphasis on applying knowledge to everyday life. Questions like, "Of what value is this?", "How can I use this?" "Where is this applicable?" were heard more often. In an effort to retain knowledge better, students were required to assemble their own textbooks in certain math classes, while some social studies classes took more analytical approaches. Filling a need to get sets designed and constructed for plays and musicals, the new class Set Design took form. Changes arose from more practical considerations including another look at revising the master schedule. Teachers worked on school improvement goals to improve writing and discussion skills, make students more responsible for their own learning, as well as create a more learning-centered school environment

—Jennifer Wilbur, Jennifer Kidwell

Stay Focused

Taking notes in Nancy Lamphier's Parenting class is junior Hillary Unbehaun. Mrs. Lamphier made every effort to give students practical knowledge and experience raising children including quality videos on discipline and childcare, simulation dolls, and a nursery school lab.



Get Real

Reading quietly in Peter Kressler's Perspectives on Living class is senior Mike Sode. The Life Skills class was a new twist for Mr. Kressler who teaches Social Studies, and he brought a different perspective to the subject.

Getting help from intern Ms. Hruska to prepare for a debate on psycho-sexual stages in Jerry Gillet's Psychology class is Brooke Johnson.



Learning some creative cutting skills in Meal Management from teacher Beth Frazier is senior Gary Williams. They put the finishing touches on their veggie project, whose objective was to practice cutting techniques for later labs like stir fry.

Recording data for a lab experiment in Barbara Neureither's science class is senior Courtney Parker. The hands-on learning of labs was appreciated by many students as a most effective way of learning.

Photo by Lisa Wise



School was back in session and it was time to equip oneself with the latest in gadgets to get you through the year. Students started their prep with pencils, pens, notebooks, pencil sharpeners, and even lunch boxes. However, lunch boxes were defined in a different way with girls sporting them as purses. Coming in all different colors, and sizes, they could also be found in one's favorite super hero designs.

Super hero's were also displayed on day organizers, nifty mini-planners to help students keep track of day-to-day homework assignments and those important school dates. They varied in colors and designs ranging from Mickey Mouse to favorite sports

teams. Their creative look, however, left an average student's pocket \$20 emptier.

"Basics like pencils were nothing short of usual for the regular #2 lead varieties. Others chose to stand out with foil-wrapped fashion pencils in psychedelic designs that ran for about a dollar. But mechanical pencils were preferred two to one by high school students. Students also expressed a color preference with pens. Junior Carrie Collin explained, "I like my pens either bright or splashed in neon colors. They make a statement like, hey, I'm unique." If fashion was of no concern, a package of 10 blue or black ballpoint pens running 80 cents could get you through the year. Se-

nior Matt Allen took it one step further as he joked, "My favorite pen writes invisible, but most teachers don't buy it."

Backpacks also hit big as students continued to lug them to class because of the crowded hallways. More and more students became the well known 'baggers,' or students who carried their books all day in their backpacks. Students favorite choices were Jansport and Eastpack coming in a variety of designs and patchwork, and their prices ranged from \$15 to \$65. Another nifty item students sought were the simple drawstring nylon packs that you could decorate with cool and funky little patches.

On the practical side, calculators were also popu-

lar necessities. "I'd never want to be without my calculator; I'd never survive Algebra II without it!" exclaimed sophomore Kelli Clem. Calculators were made by many different companies, however, many students stuck with the basics purchasing Texas Instruments, Casio, and Canon namebrands in either scientific or graphing models.

With so many nifty gadgets, students could get off to a great start in classes and make their own personality statement. Whether it was the clothes they wore or the tools they used, students and their gadgets were what defined the academic year.

—*Jennifer Wilbur*

down to business

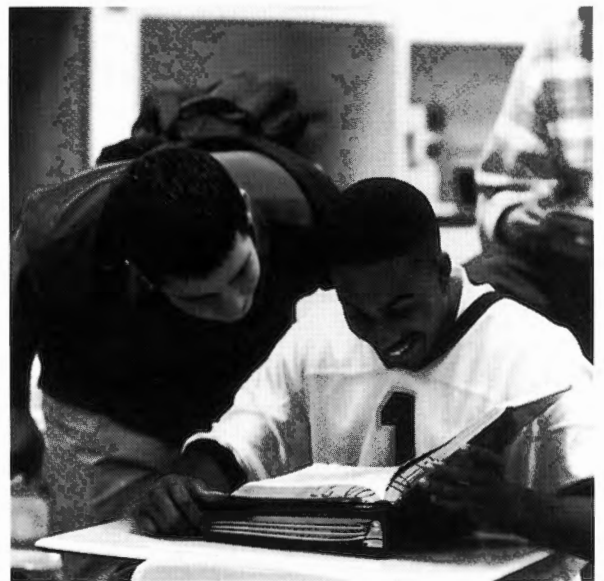
Getting serious about her class work is sophomore Kylie Reich. Students also got serious about school supplies and equipment, everything from glasses to backpacks and pencils to get them through the day.





Nifty Gadgets

*“My favorite pen writes invisible ink, but most teachers don’t buy it.”
—Senior Matt Allen*

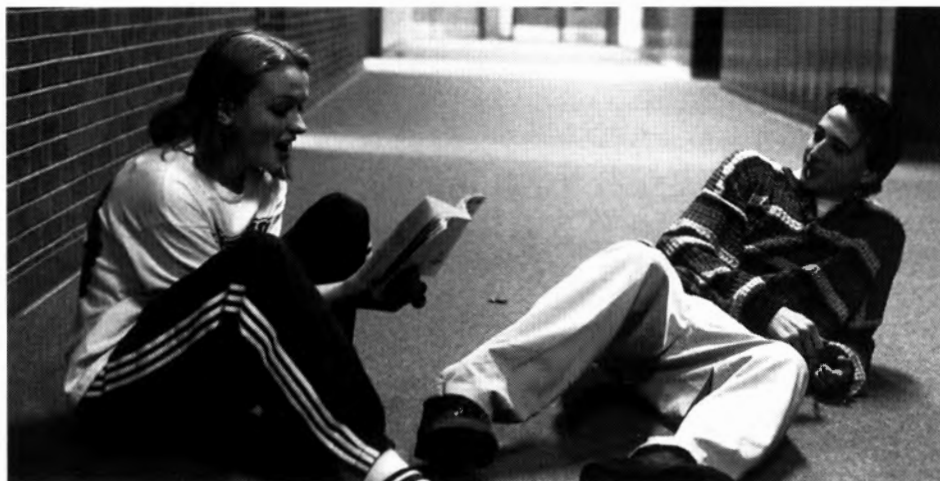


taking a break

Reading the Ramparts on a break from schoolwork are juniors Keisha Vowels and Joanie Smith. Both were equipped for the year, with pens, notebooks and calculators.

play practice

Escaping the distractions of a noisy classroom to go over their lines are seniors Andrea Alburus and Jake Boyd. Some students took advantage of quiet hallways to concentrate.



books are fun

Absorbed in text books are junior Frank Spedoske and senior Donald Lee. As the first few days of school went by, more and more books were added to the load of supplies students had to carry around.



Computer Savvy

"The internet has gotten a lot more use this year. Some students have looked and found exactly what they needed and some have looked for an hour and found nothing. That's the way the internet is."

—Librarian Mary Gray



surfin' the net

Taking advantage of the internet on a library computer is junior Chris Fuller. "The internet helped me a lot with my Global Studies project," Chris noted.



techno whiz

Doing extra credit work for Bill Savage's fifth hour Consumer Economics class are seniors Matt Smith and Don Murphy. "Computers are cool when you have extra time and a desire to stare at a little screen," Don joked.

lightning fingers

Typing her resume and cover letter for the School to Work program is senior Kristina DeRosa. "Computers help me prepare and present my work neatly," she explained.

What would we have done without computers? We wouldn't have been able to type papers, communicate with people, or entertain ourselves. Face it, our lives would have been difficult and boring. Sure we could write papers out by hand, talk on the phone, and watch TV, but computers made things easier and fun.

Everyone had their favorite activities. "I write, play games, talk online, and browse the web. I enjoy talking online the most because you meet new people and can act however you want," reported sophomore Scott Larson.

Depending on their favorite activities and computer capabilities, the

time students spent on computers ranged from one to as many as 15 hours a week. "I spend two to three hours at a time and four to six when I work on journals for Mr. Kressler's class," informed sophomore Brooke Reich.

Sophomore Kristy Apostol explained, "I use encyclopedias and the internet to research and get different ideas on topics. I type papers and use graphics for all of my assignments."

Computers were also great for fast communication. "I like to use e-mail; it's a lot easier than post office mail!" joked sophomore Darren Kelly.

Computers have changed greatly over the last few years providing more programs, features, information, and memory. Sophomore Eric Hansen

noted, "They have become faster, more powerful, and better connected in the past couple of years."

New programs and features weren't just added automatically, however. If someone wanted every new one available, constant upgrading would be necessary. "If I could change or upgrade my computer, I would get a new modem, a faster processor, a CD-ROM, and more memory," stated junior David Bajor. After thinking about it some more, he added, "Maybe I'd just get a new computer!"

For some, internet access was the latest upgrade. It opened up a new world of communication, entertainment, and information. "I use the internet to make new friends," sophomore DeJuan Parker revealed.

Junior Frank Spedoske noted, "I use the internet to look at sports websites such as ESPN and NBA Sportszone." Other websites were also popular including hobby sites and then there were the weird ones.

Sure computers were fun, especially when surfing the net, but there were times when they weren't. They froze up, crashed, and documents were lost. It all seemed to happen at the worst times too, like late the night before a paper was due. Sophomore Katie Sohn remembered, "When transferring a long assignment from a lap-top to our computer with a printer, everything was lost."

Losing documents wasn't the only problem. Computers got bugs and viruses that

caused malfunctions and expensive damage. The internet and web themselves had disadvantages. "You could get a virus or meet weird people," stated sophomore Byron Vince. Other disadvantages were that people could possibly get your account number and charge things to your bill, and that children had access to inappropriate material and dangerous people.

In spite of the disadvantages, we wouldn't have lived without them and we appreciated them immensely for all the things they did for us. They helped us get through our high school years with a little more ease and a lot more fun. —Lesley Gottschalk



never a dull moment

Sharing an amusing moment in Nancy Elliott's second hour Computer Applications class is junior Brian Tripp. "I like computers so the class is fun for me. Some people like it, and some people don't," Brian commented.

You got your homework assignment in the book from the teacher, you went home and did your homework. You came back to class the next day and either went over the homework or went on to the next lesson. Then it started all over again. Sound familiar? It was the traditional math class, the one your parents and grandparents went to. But that was then and this was now, and the answer to the question, "What's up with math lately?" is that it has changed and in some ways a lot.

Traditions such as thick books, lengthy homework and brutal final exams, were passe in many math classes. Now classes were geared up for group work, class discussion, and making their own textbooks. Learning from experience was stressed, as opposed to read-

ing from a textbook. Teachers worked on techniques that would help students understand not only the problems, but the functions behind them. Consequently, teachers such as Marty Schnepf, Bruce Larner, Michael Lehman and Sandra Bethel concentrated on ways of explaining concepts and calculations which would help students understand and retain information better. Marty Schnepf commented, "I like to teach in such a way that the students won't forget the next week." The strategy he most commonly used was to make students figure out what to do on their own instead of just telling them the answer. It was thought that if the students put more effort into trying to figure out what to do, they would retain the knowledge longer.

Math was not a spectator sport and any student in Sandra Bethel's first hour Algebra class could attest to that.

Her students learned the basics of Algebra with a little twist. It wasn't the fact that students worked almost entirely in groups, or on more personalized dittos, it was the cameras that recorded the class in action. These students were part of a project that allowed other teachers in schools around Michigan to see how Holt teachers taught math. For a few weeks during the school year, a video technician from MSU taped some lessons.

"First the teachers gave us a topic or term and then they asked us what we knew about it," explained sophomore Kristina Robie. "We discussed the term and worked on examples. We did dittos, group work and took minor quizzes until we knew the material. At the end of the unit we made a concept map of the work that counted as a test grade."

Another feature of the class was the teacher population.

The two main team teachers were Sandy Bethel and Kelly Bachman. Also helping was special education teacher Gordon Bieske and intern Andrea Dickie. They tried to provide a multi-perspective approach to math. "We had a lot of fun. The teachers made math more fun and life-like so it was easier to learn," sophomore Anna Gevorkyan observed. Everyone wanted to find out how many hours of work it took them to buy a car or radio, or worked harder when the ditto had their name in a problem. It was also motivating when the conjecture they came up with was hanging on the wall.

But some students found it hard to leave conventional math techniques at the door and venture into the unknown. Sophomore Kyle Yerrick recalled, "When this class started, I wanted to leave. It was unnerving not to have a book and nothing to look back on." "It

took a few weeks for everyone to get settled with the process," added sophomore Jenny Maloney, "but after awhile we got used to it."

Another method used to reinforce learning was keeping a journal to summarize what students had learned. In the process they had to re-think it, explain it and show the teacher that they had actually understood the material. Other teachers used computers to help with drill and practice with longer story problems.

The year was a learning experience for many math classes. Students were taught by new techniques, and teachers learned what worked and what didn't. And most everyone involved learned that math can be fun, practical, and easy.

—Emily Sawyer,
Jennifer Kidwell

new environment

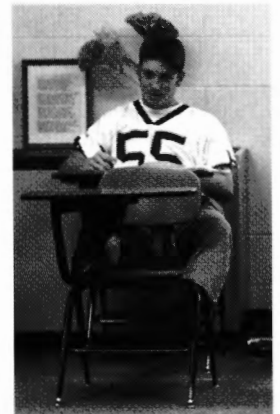
Allowing juniors Evan Caldwell, Jesse McCabe, Erin Carslake and other students in his class to do their math work in the quiet atmosphere of the 'B' hallway is teacher Dave Hildebrandt.





Redefining Tradition

*"The teachers made math more fun and life-like so it was easier to learn."
—Sophomore Anna Gevorkyan*



my dog ate it

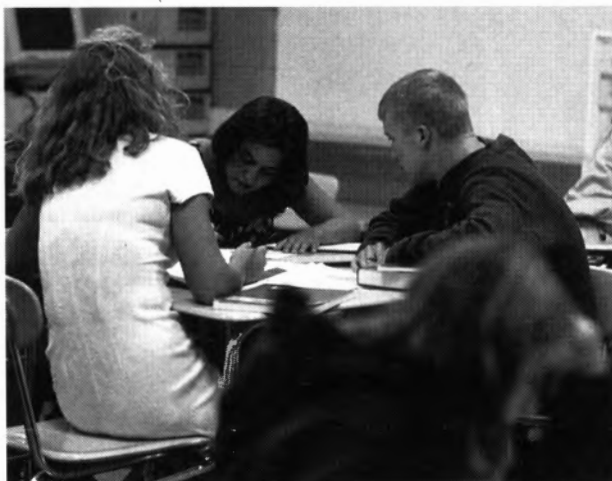
Catching up on homework in Algebra II is senior Brian LeRoy.

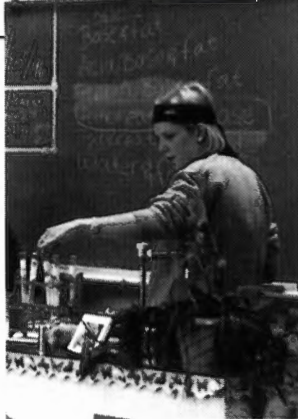
stuck on homework

In Mrs. Ebaugh's pre-calculus class senior Tamika Thurman works on an assignment. Teachers gave students time in class to get started on homework.

kicking in calculus

Working on a class project are seniors Karl Wyble and Brooke Johnson, with junior Emily Mutty. "Working in groups made math easier than when I had to try and figure things out by myself," Karl explained.





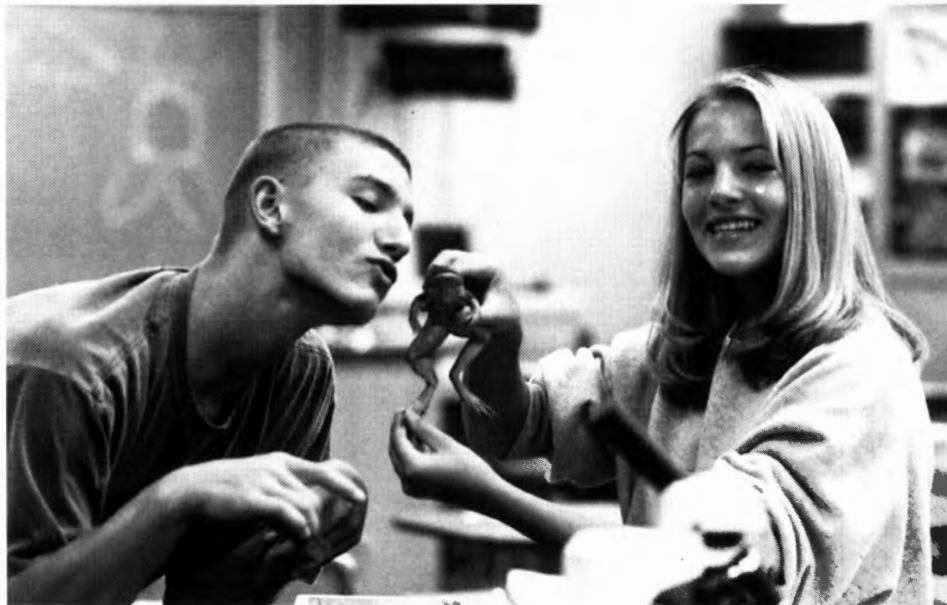
A World to Explore

*"The high point of Biology was the labs, especially dissection."
—Sophomore Josh Ray*



hands-on exploration

Joking around with teacher Eric Pulver during a physics experiment are seniors Kelly Roberts, Beth Boertmann, and Danielle Redburn. Many students agreed that the best part of science class was the "hands on stuff."



fun with frogs

Ready to dissect their frog are sophomores Lysle Smith and Sara Mapes in Larry Burgess' fifth hour Biology class. The dissection was meant to give the students hands-on experience with the digestive system.

team effort

The junior foursome of Chad Johnson, Jessica Swan, Erin Kleiman, and Phil Rosenman get assistance from teacher Dave Foy on a heat vaporization experiment.



Now you've got to hear the words," teacher David Foy told his third hour Integrated Science class. He looked at them, then walked to the board and drew another line across the chart to start over again.

The class was constructing two different combinations of a copper and chlorine compound using fasteners and rings as models. In experimental time, they used beakers, Bunsen Burners, and often tweezers to handle the material. "I liked the format of the class," commented junior Laura Russell.

Similarly, Sally Beauchine's ILC Chemistry class worked with the properties of ele-

ments. They constructed their own periodic tables using 20 cards, one for each of the elements chosen. The exercise was then used to lead into a lesson about the person who constructed, in the space of a day, the modern periodic table, Dmitri Ivanovich Mendeleev. As far as mixing chemicals went... "I liked watching the movies where things blow up," remarked junior Kendra Horstman.

During the year, Physics classes enjoyed the childhood privilege of rolling marbles around. In a study of momentum, students rolled the smooth spheres down a ramp set at different angles each time to collide with it's target—another marble. Thanks to the laws of momentum and in-

ertia, the moving ball forced its target to catapult off at an angle. "The hands-on stuff, and the way Mr. Pulver teaches it is what I like about Physics," responded senior Rich Bogle.

On the opposite branch of science, biology classes were studying cells. One hot topic in Larry Burgess' class was converting sugar into usable energy. The nucleus, or 'brain' of the cell instructed the amino acids what to do. Often, that involved structural aspects of the cell. Cholera served as the starting point for many biology classes. The disease as well as how it spread was part of an in-depth study for the sophomores.

In Mary Kay Boulanger's biology class,

how cells get the nutrients they need was discussed. Another unit was on osmosis, where students learned why they should never water their plants with salt water. The year provided many high points for students. "It was fun looking at cells through the microscopes," noted sophomore Francisca Garcia.

Organelles... students couldn't see most of them with the equipment at school, yet they learned they were essential to their lives. With an election-campaign-like format, Heather Neiswonger's biology class learned why organelles are so important and what functions they serve. Sophomore Josh Ray reflected, "The high point of Biology class for me was

the labs, especially dissection."

What was the difference between a genetic disease and a genetic trait? Barbara Neureither's Human Genetics class found the answer and explored controversies surrounding topics like genetic selection. Students even engaged in several labs that would reflect back on these issues.

Science classes gave students the freedom to explore science and relate it to their own world.

—Holly Rotman



it's a group thing

The lab was called "How Water Handles Energy" and juniors Mike Andrick, Todd Greene, Jamie Green, and Nick Saraiva were the experimenters in Dave Foy's Honors Chemistry class. Students used beakers, Bunsen burners, and other science equipment for their experiments.

Most anyone can enter the business field, but what does it take to succeed? "People who are good with details," answered senior Lisa Yang. Junior Shelley Willems responded, "People who are ambitious, headstrong, and goal oriented," while senior Kris Doerr thought, "People who are very independent and have great ideas."

No matter what the prerequisites, planning for a business future was a big thing in the minds of some students and many of them took business classes to plan for it. Two of the largest enrollments were in Business Management and Business Law.

In Business Management, students learned about marketing with the focus on the complexities and challenges faced in a business setting. They studied procedures, problems, and decisions needed to run a business successfully. Senior Ginger Goddard took the class because, "I want to manage a hardware retailing business sometime in the future," while junior Jaime Simonson hoped, "to major in International Business in college and start my own business after that."

Business Law familiarized students with the various aspects of the legal system including contracts, lawsuits, and the courts.

How did students think this class would affect their future? "I am going to use the information we learned in this class in my law enforcement career," reported senior Jason Dutcher. "This class taught me my rights so that I can't be taken advantage of," answered junior Corey Reynolds.

Were business classes any different from other classes? The response was mixed. "In Business Management you learn more about the economy," noted senior Tracy Luedtke. "They seem to apply more to life than say Trigonometry or Chemistry," observed senior Angela Wibert. Senior Josh Tice commented,

"Business Management is easy to learn and exciting, but oftentimes it isn't really different." For others like senior Lauren Huffman, "Business classes weren't any different."

A number of students felt that much of the learning in business classes related to the real world in one way or another. Students learned what it took to succeed in the business field, how to manage their own business and how the legal system applies to them in a business setting. The skills they acquired made the road clear to the bright future. —**Ross Bemrose**

Working with Mr. N.

Working on geometry homework in Steve Neureither's math class is sophomore Ryan Anderson with a little help from his teacher. The class used computers and Ryan noted, "I liked doing geometry better on the computers than by hand."

Neureither team taught with Beth Berwald a Geometry class which had a more applied focus for students interested in a jump start on career application.





Down to Business

*"People who are ambitious, headstrong, and goal oriented are successful in the business field."
—Junior Shelley Willems*

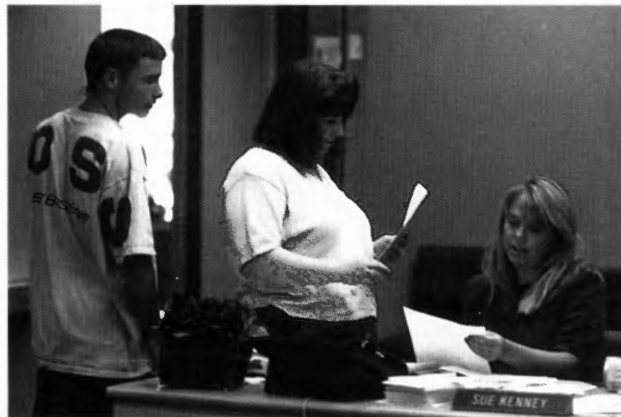


working hard

Leading a work session in Business Math is teacher Dan Ernst, while Carrie Carter, Charlie Adado and Eli Birchmeier pay attention. Ernst shared, "My favorite class is Business Law because kids like the hands-on aspect of it."

next in line

Waiting his turn for a counselor is junior Chris Tupper, while Mrs. Benson confers with secretary Sue Kenney. "I want to become an auto mechanic and go to LCC," revealed Chris.



listen up

Leading a meeting for students interested in the Co-Op program are business teachers Anne Kressler and Dan Ernst. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the rules and regulations.



On Your Own

"Meal Management class was very beneficial to me because I learned how to prepare different types of foods so I can cook for myself when I'm on my own. I also enjoyed making the apple crisps because they were luscious!"

—Senior Tom Shaver.



play time's over!

Wrapping up a day of fun and learning in Nancy Lamphier's nursery lab are seniors Nikki Araoz and Amy Hill. "It was fun having daycare in parenting class because it gave us a chance to learn about children's behavior and to observe their actions," reflected Nikki.



say cheese!

Preparing an omelette in Meal Management class are seniors Monica Mazuca and Melissa Hatt. Students made a variety of omelettes ranging from Western to French.

messy but fun

Cutting out Play-Doh cookies in the nursery lab are juniors Debbie Franklin and Heather Elmore.

Life Skills classes prepared students for the real world and life situations they would encounter, everything from independent living and meal management to parenting. In Parenting class students learned about child development and how to raise children. Two updated "Baby Think It Over" dolls were added to the class which provided a simulation of caring for a real baby. They could be switched to different stages of crying ranging from very often to very minimal. If the baby cried for a long period of time a light came on to signal that the baby had been abused. Each student became a parent of this doll for a two day

period. It was like having to care for a baby day and night including feeding, holding and changing. "I took this class because I wanted to learn more about children. I'm not a very patient person and if God ever grants me children I need to learn how to take care of them. I believe that students concerned about being a good parent generally take this class," revealed senior Stephanie Craft.

The class held a week of nursery school so students could interact with children. "The most important thing that I got from the class was learning how to treat children and understand them more. I learned what's right and wrong, how to appropriately discipline and what to expect with babies and children," junior Heather

Hulsebos explained. Sophomore Leslie Taylor felt, "Parenting class is mainly for learning about children and what happens to them when they go through emotional, physical, mental, and sexual abuse. The most important thing I learned was that infants cost a fortune and one has to be prepared to take on the responsibilities for a child as they grow."

Perspectives on Living covered the social issues of family, relationships, love, communication and personal problems. The class also dealt with goals, planning, problem solving and real life situations. "I enjoyed playing gender games where girls and guys asked questions of each other to clear up misconceptions. There is more of an open

discussion and you can state your opinions," noted senior Amanda Taylor.

In Independent Living students learned how to set goals, manage money and eat nutritiously. "We studied good ways to use our money and how to live on our own," reflected sophomore Arlo Ely. The students also learned how to cook, sew, write checks and balance a checking account. "Before I took this class, I knew nothing about managing finances. Now I have a pretty good idea of it, and won't get into financial problems when I go to college," stated junior Lesley Gottschalk.

Meal Management class taught students how to eat nutritiously following the Food Guide Pyramid. "I took this class because I

want to be a chef. I found the importance of what is in the food, and it will help me in the future to buy foods based on their nutritional value," explained senior Karl Wyble.

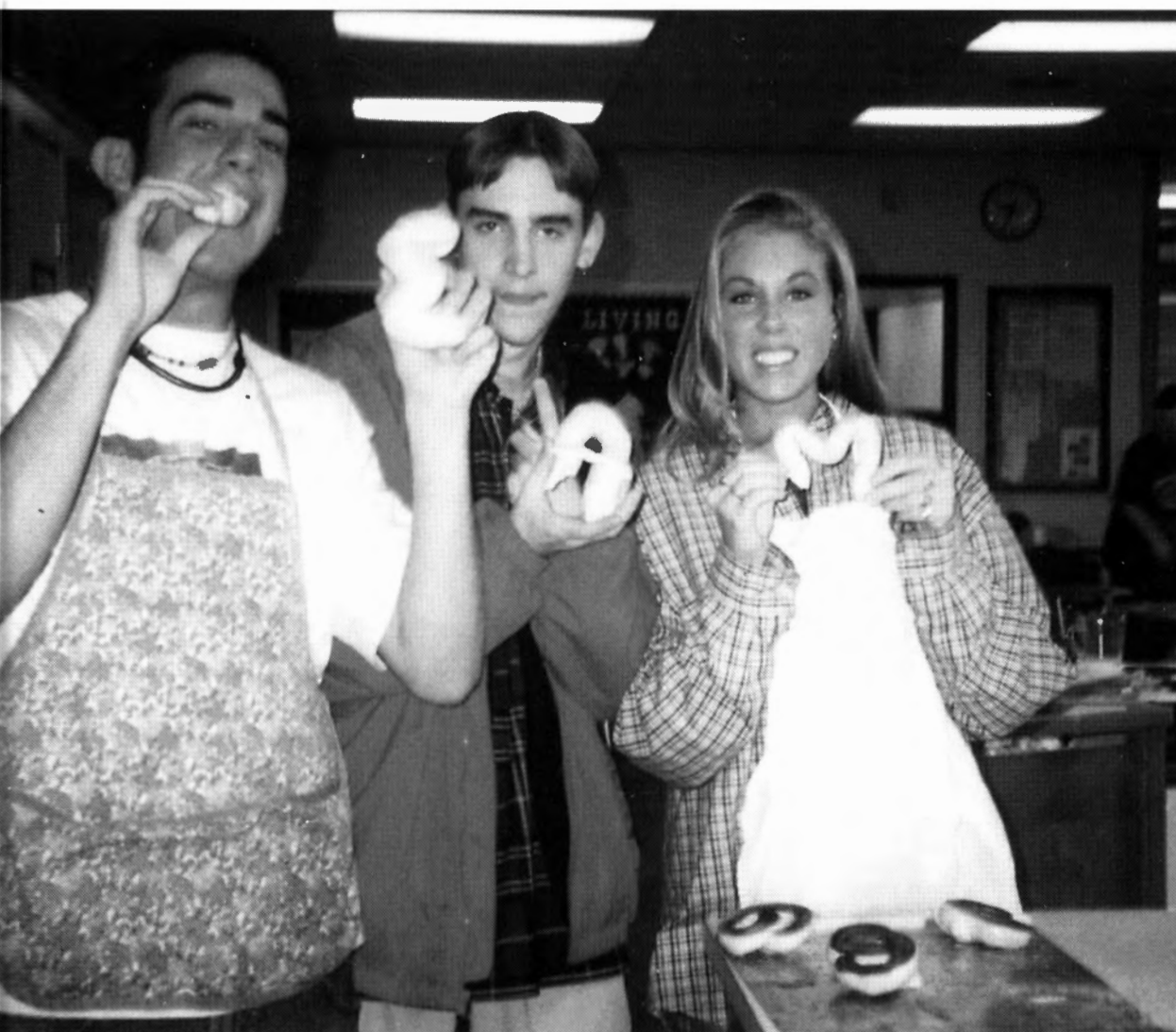
The classes made a variety of foods from ice cream to stir fry and for many students eating was the appeal. "This class was very beneficial to me because I learned how to prepare different types of foods so I can cook for myself when I'm on my own. I also enjoyed making the apple crisps because they were luscious," noted senior Tom Shaver. "We did a lot of food labs where we cooked different types of foods and rated them on their taste, texture and appearance. My favorite lab was the Thanksgiving feast," remembered junior Chad Johnson.

"Life Skills classes are relevant to student's futures no matter what their career plans are. Hopefully, students will make wise and healthy choices when they are on their own," stated teacher Beth Frazier. Most students found the classes a fun and welcome break in their academic day.

—Melissa Smith

the frugal gourmet

Showing off their pretzels are senior Ed Gifford and juniors Andrew Snyder and Melissa Robinson. They learned how to work with yeast and to make the pretzels in Beth Frazier's Meal Management class.





Culture Connection

*"I would choose to go back and live in ancient Egyptian culture because it's so mysterious and their art is beautiful."
—Sophomore Danielle Cantin*



consumer candles

Dave Foy's classroom was full of wax on a Saturday morning during first semester as teacher Bill Savage and seniors Anne Rampe and Kori Vaive made candles for Consumer Economics class. When asked how they were made, Kori replied, "Very carefully!"



head of the class

Responding to an article they read in Guil Northrup's Government class are Kim Clisch, Elaina Truman, Mike Swanson, Ben Wahl, Pam Smith, Josh Himebauch, and Steven Ayers.

hot debate

Discussing global warming are seniors Brian Burley, Chris Carr, Brian Dunn, Wesley Long and teacher Jerry Gillett.

The most interesting culture I have ever studied is the Japanese because their sense of loyalty to their country is amazing. The population is also very bright and hard working," commented sophomore Adam Craig.

Different cultures and civilizations was a much studied topic in Social Studies classes, and after students looked at different ones throughout time, favorites stood out. Senior Angie Watters stated, "Out of all the cultures I have studied over the years, I like ours the most because we have so many good things that we take for granted. One

of these is our human rights. Most of us have never lived elsewhere so we don't really know what it's like not to have rights. We also have the best living standard and job opportunities. I just feel our culture is the greatest."

Students had different reasons for why they liked a certain culture. Junior Shawn Geiger explained, "I find Germany the most interesting because they tried so many different ways to take over the world."

Along with national cultures, different time periods were also selected. Senior Tom Shaver felt, "I'd like to go back to the 1800's to live out west and be a cowboy. They didn't have to pay taxes and they just lived off the land." Also liking the

frontier was Adam Craig. He explained, "I like the westward expansion period because life was simple and time wasn't money."

Moving backward in time, sophomore Erin TePaste stated, "I like the Victorian age when dresses were beautiful, romance was great and guys were polite." Going back further, sophomore Danielle Cantin chose ancient Egyptian culture because, "it's so mysterious and their art is beautiful."

But others chose to stay in more recent periods. Sophomore Kyle Wilkins was one. "I would definitely go back to the 60's. I like the music, fast cars and it seems like it would be lots of fun." Also wanting to go back to the 60's was sophomore

Kirk Ballard who reported, "I would like to find out who assassinated President Kennedy."

Students reported enjoying their Social Studies classes because they were often more in-depth. Junior Tina Hunter noted, "I learned something interesting everyday." Whether it was different personality disorders and psychotic illnesses in Psychology or the Civil War period, students all found something unique and interesting to learn, and they all had different reasons for liking their Social Studies classes.

—Lisa Wise



'how much have you gotten done?'

Checking with Danielle Shaull as she works in the Library during her Sociology class is first-year teacher Kim Reichert. She commented, "Teaching has been great. It was my first year and I really loved it."

Was English students' favorite subject? Most agreed it wasn't, but some found their English classes quite interesting. With many different electives, students could find variety in their offerings. Deciding which English class to take, however, was harder than it appeared. Senior Lance Davis commented, "In Pacesetter we did some acting which was fun and I also enjoyed the class discussions, though I don't really understand Shakespeare."

Students who liked to express themselves through creative writing took Bruce Kutney's Writing Explorations class. "We've written

mainly short stories and poetry. I am learning a lot about poetry, but I still don't like writing it," admitted senior Amanda Whitehead

One senior, Jill Rinkel, knew that she wanted to take one more year of English for college, but she also wanted to learn about other cultures. She found a happy medium in World Literature class. "We had to research and present myths and it taught me about all different parts of the world and their cultures." Senior Jennifer Mayes added, "We also researched Greek theater, read mythology and the plays of Sophocles. I really enjoyed the Oedipus trilogy."

One class student continued to hesitate taking was Death in Literature. But the

students who took the course agreed that it wasn't as 'creepy' as it sounded. Senior Cyndi Perkins recalled, "We had to create a collage comparing life and death which showed different views, and wrote many papers analyzing how we personally felt. The class was more informative than typical English classes because we actually learned things that would pertain to our lives." Other students in the class also found that the reading and writing helped connect the subject to their lives. Senior Jeff Keller explained, "Writing about an experience that was close to me helped to open up my feelings more."

In the required classes, English 10, and 11 and American Studies, an as-

signed reading sustained some students' interest. Sophomore Scott Dane commented, "I really liked reading *Fallen Angels* because it told about everyday life in VietNam," while Cherraline Doerr noted, "I had fun reading the play *West Side Story* because it was funny and kind of old fashioned. It was much different than more recent plays." Some were quite thought-provoking. Senior James Cole felt the most interesting book he read was *Raisin in the Sun*. "It made me realize what racism and discrimination really feel like."

In Bruce Kutney's English 10 class another project also caused students to think, this time about procedures. Their project was

to find some procedure that they do regularly, write a manual for it and present it to the class. Everything from Dan Kitchen's instructions on his Super Nintendo game and Brooke Reich's plea and shashma in ballet to Don Jory's, how to make a MacDonald hamburger, was learned by the class.

Though many students did not claim English as their favorite subject, many could see that they could find a variety of interesting topics and a class to expand their writing and reading skills that was sure to fit their needs.

—Christina Dietz

making a long story short

Trying to think of the best line, teacher Pamela Klimenko helps Billy Jo Poufcas and Kurt Lumley finish one of the scripts they had to create in Media and Society class. Kurt recalled, "Dressing up like a woman for one of the roles was the best part of the class."





Something for Everyone

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—Senior Jennifer Mayes

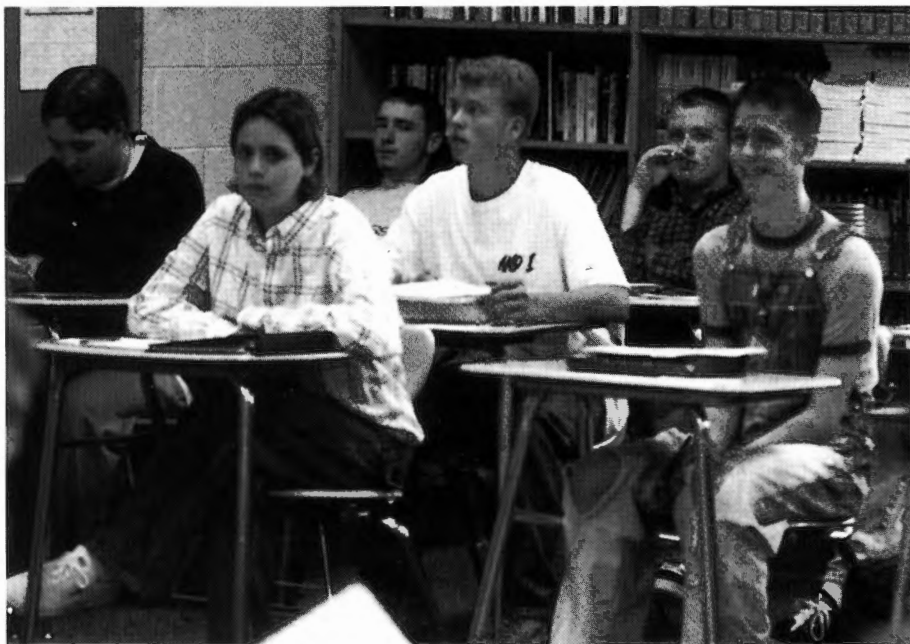


shape it

Peeling an orange for part of his demonstration in Bruce Kutney's English 10 class is sophomore Larry Conarton. The project was to think of a procedure you do regularly, write a manual for it and present it to the class.

testing the waters

Getting help from teacher Georganne Withey in Death in Lit class is senior Mandy Crafton. Mrs. Withey commented, "The renewed interest in my death class is surprisingly nice. I can have a class every year now instead of every two.



getting an earful

Listening to instructions in Amy Galligan's English 11 class is Michael Maxey, Chris Tupper, Nate How, Nick Brady, Tricia Spencer, and Evan Caldwell. Evan recalled, "My favorite book was *To Kill a Mockingbird* because of the subject and language used in it."

In what way did you live your dream?

Who would you most like to meet?

What will you remember most about high school?

Dreaming As One



Dream On

Refueling for the rest of the day in the newly renovated cafeteria is senior Angela Watters. Reflecting on her dreams Angie shared, "I would love to visit Australia or Hawaii on spring break. Then after I graduate, I plan to go to LCC and transfer to MSU, but I don't know yet what my dream job will be."

Whether it was working in groups, gathering with friends, or kicking up spirit, students were often dreaming as one. They strived to make their dreams come true, not only in academics, but in clubs and sports as well. "Never before have I been so involved with school spirit and working with my class. Maybe it's the reality that this is our last year together," explained senior Taja Dahl. While upperclassmen reflected on how they lived their dream, juniors were chasing theirs. "My dream is to become the first woman president of the United States. I've already started shaking hands and kissing babies," claimed junior Kim Strampel. And sophomores getting their first taste of high school dreamed on. "Making it through Mr. Kressler's American History class with an 'A' would have to be my greatest accomplishment," concluded sophomore Libby Smieska. In concert or solo, most students' goal was to live their dream.

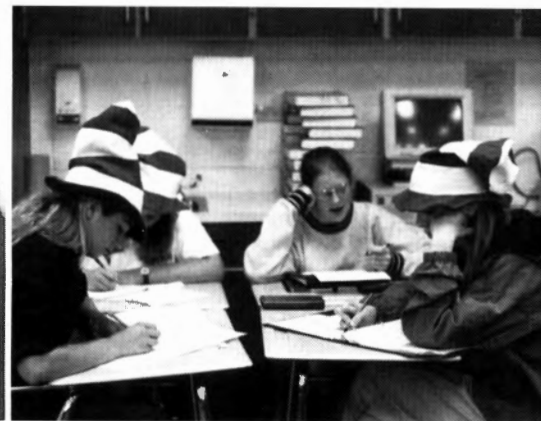
—Jennie Wilbur



Get It Together

Encircling the flag pole in prayer are Sandy Fisher, Jamie Greene and Chad Pennington during the twelfth annual "See You at the Pole" observance.

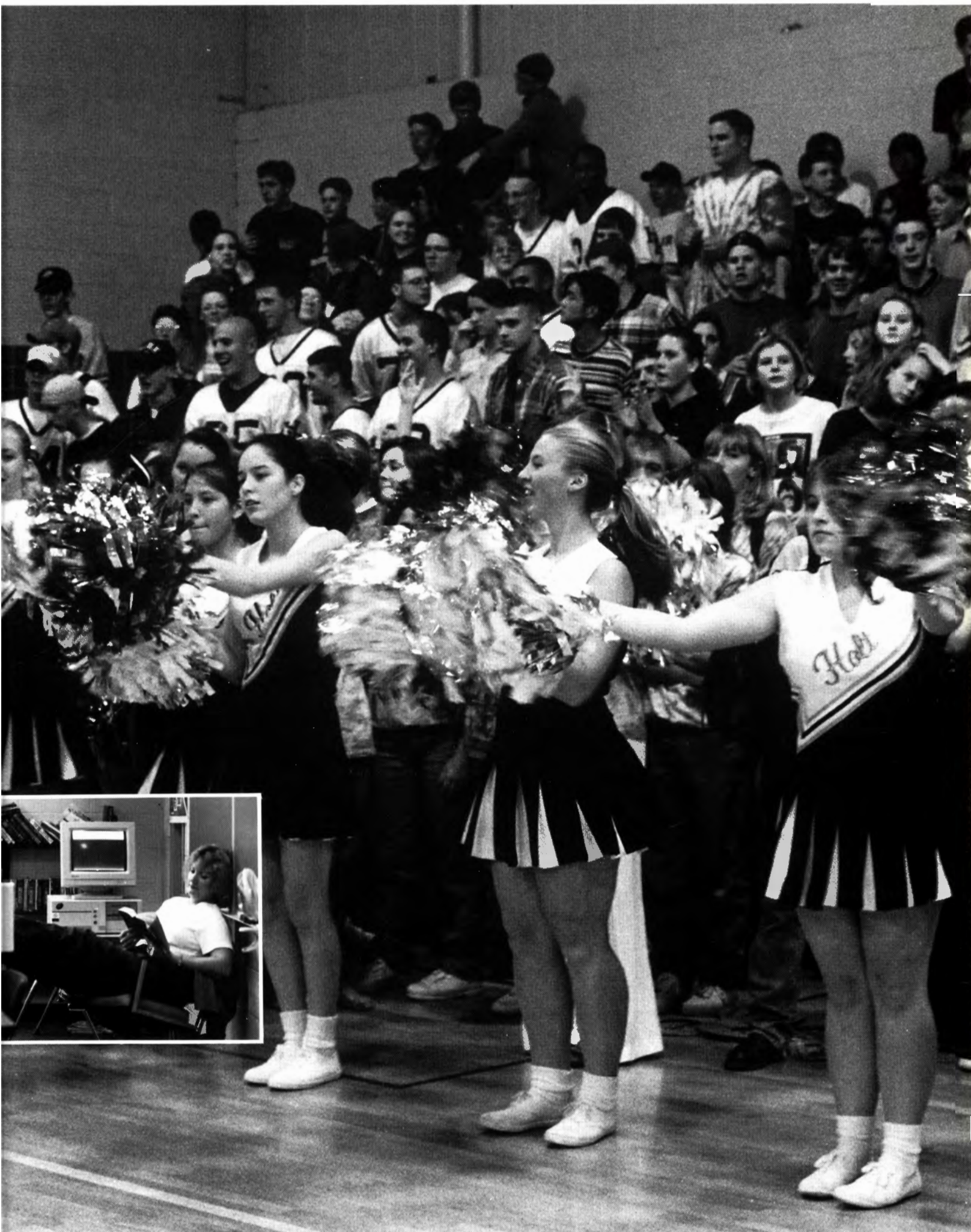
Completing a class project in Marty Schnepf's Calculus class are seniors Jami Grant Emily Reasoner, Sarah Clarkson and Kelly Bowker.



Kicking back in her fourth hour English class, Teacher Ann Kast settles with a good book.

Performing at the Homecoming pep assembly are Pom Pon squad members junior Tammy Dotson, Jeannie Gibbs, Camelia Garcia-Guerra, Angelica Garcia, Jamie Huddleson and Tricia Spencer.

Photo by Jenifer Spock



How did you live your dream

CLASS OF 97

Colors

Deep Metallic Purple
& Iridescent White

Flower

Orchid

Song

"I Get By with a Little
Help from My Friends"
--The Beatles

Motto

"We came, we saw,
we conquered."

Senior year was the last chance students had to live out their high school dreams and aspirations before going out into the real world. So, in what way did you live your dream during the year?

"One of my dreams came true already; I got a new truck. Now I just have to go to the Grand Ole Opry to make my second dream come true." —**Mike Sode**

"My real dream in life is to have a positive effect on people's lives. I love helping people. I've been told I have already helped quite a few and have been a good influence." —**T.J. Wulff**

"The summer after graduation, I plan to travel around the country in my truck. It will take a long time to do, but that's my dream." —**T.J. Fritts**

Dr. Seuss on the Loose

Sporting their theme on the back of their float, seniors take off down Sycamore Street in the Homecoming Parade.

Photo by Christina Dietz

"I already made my dream possible. I enlisted in the army. It will be a lot of hard work and discipline, but I know I'll be able to do it." —**Tim Tyrell**

—**Lisa Wise and Christina Dietz**



A Dream Come True... Posing for cameras are Senior Homecoming Court members, King T.J. Wulff, Queen Kelly Clisch, Princess Amanda Taylor and Prince Bob Picken.
Photo by Jenifer Spock



Time to Day Dream... Creating a design with their names in clay during Leanne Schnepf's Constructions class are junior Erin Carslake and senior Heather Cherniawski.



Looking Back

Sporting her 'Cat in the Hat' fashion while working in the Library on Theme Day is senior Jessica Baker. She reflected, "I have great memories of my high school years. But everything ends, and now it's time to prepare for the real world."

Photo by Lisa Wise

Hippie Livin'

"I bought my clothes at Scavenger Hunt especially for Hippie Day. I liked the colors, tie dye and wild patterns of the outfit. I had my wig from Halloween two years ago complete with a headband and love beads. The era symbolizes the Viet Nam War for me and Hippie Day gives us a chance to express love towards one another."

Josh Himebauch

Designer Fashion... Striking a pose in Graphic Design class are seniors Tom Welsh and Josh Himebauch on Hippie Day of Spirit Week. The day brought the most participation as seniors had fun putting together their own interpretation of the popular 60's garb.

Hip Advice

Getting information on Hispanic heritage for Spanish 3 class, are senior Elizabeth Fleckenstein and junior Keisha Vowels on Hippie Day. Elizabeth advised, "It's your last year; have some fun but pace yourself. Time goes by really fast and once it's gone it's gone forever. Senior year only happens once."



Photo by Lisa Wise

My best advice is

Finally seniors had their chance to rule the school. They were in charge and thought they knew it all. However, as the year wound down, it was time to step aside and let the juniors take over. But before they left, seniors had some advice.

"Stay out of the first parking lot. It's SENIOR territory!"

-Erin Wenglekowski

"Do your homework, otherwise it will catch up with you in college."

-Nikki Araoz

"Have some fun and play around with your schedule so you get all the classes you want. Stay to the right in the hallway and out of seniors way!"

-Jenny Thomley

"Learn how to drive."

-Leah Wawro

"Stay out of trouble and keep up your grades; they are what get you into college."

-T.J. Fritts

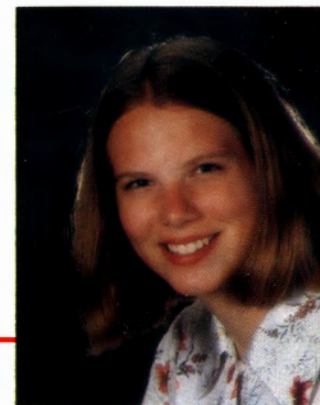
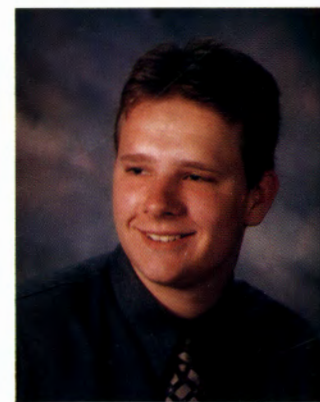
"Have fun while you still can; it doesn't get any better than this."

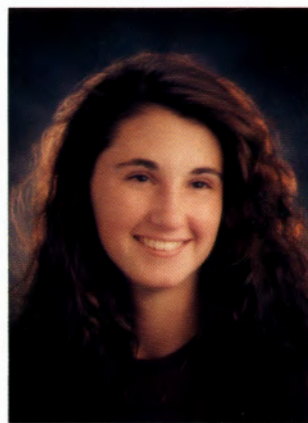
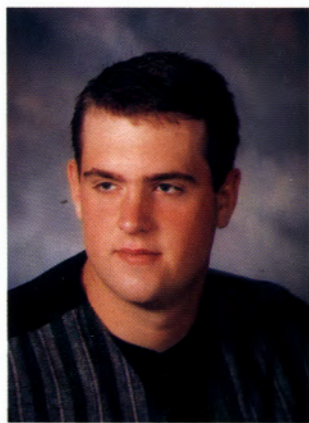
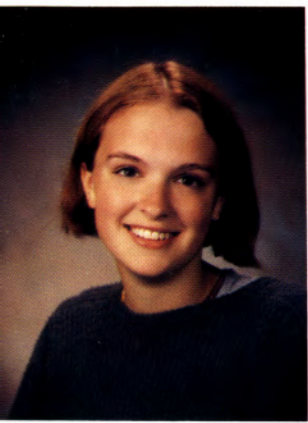
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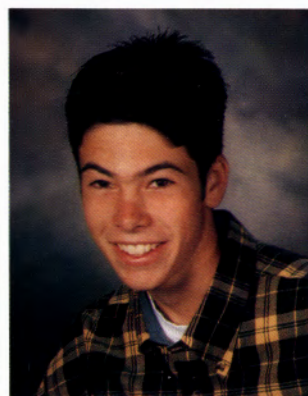
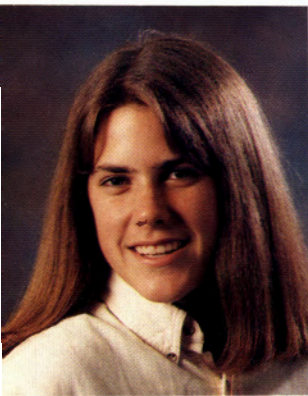
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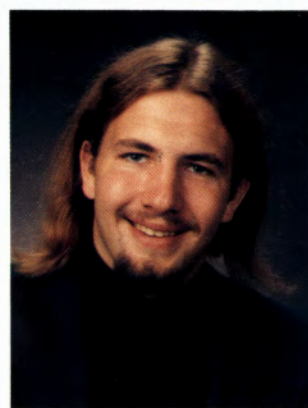




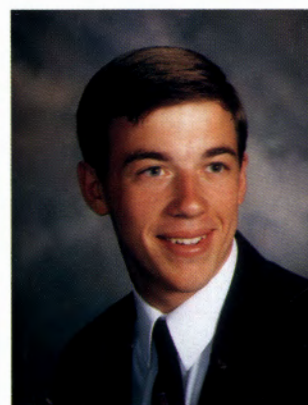
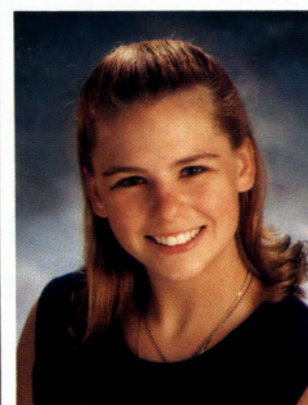
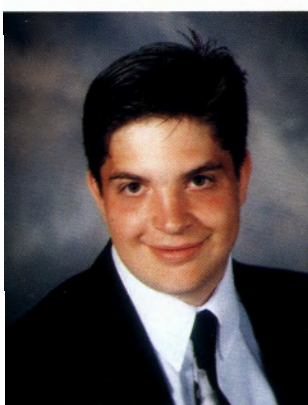
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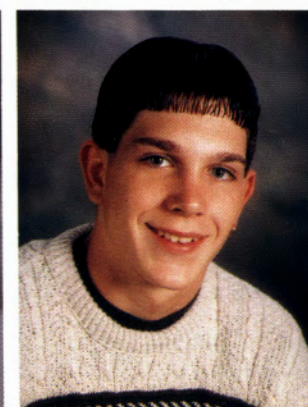
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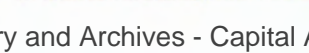
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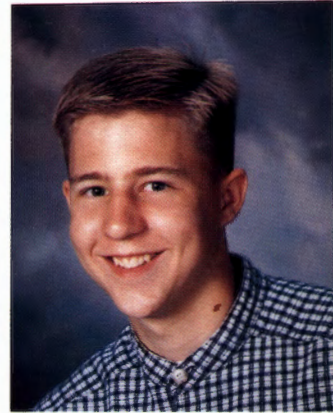
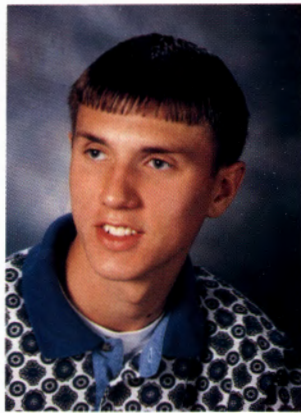
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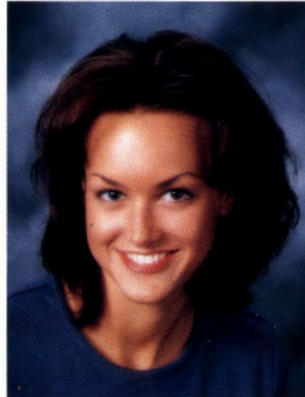
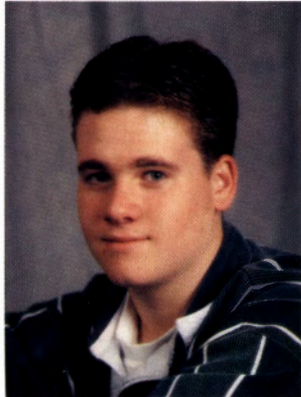
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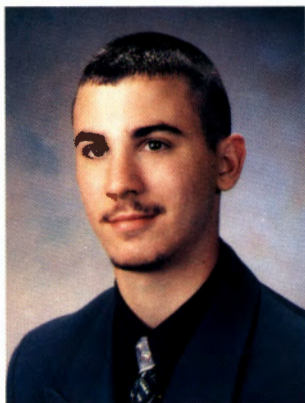
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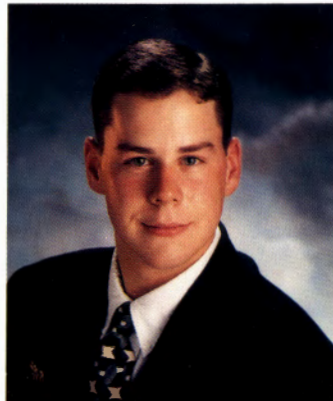
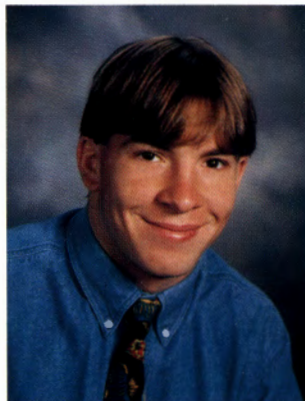
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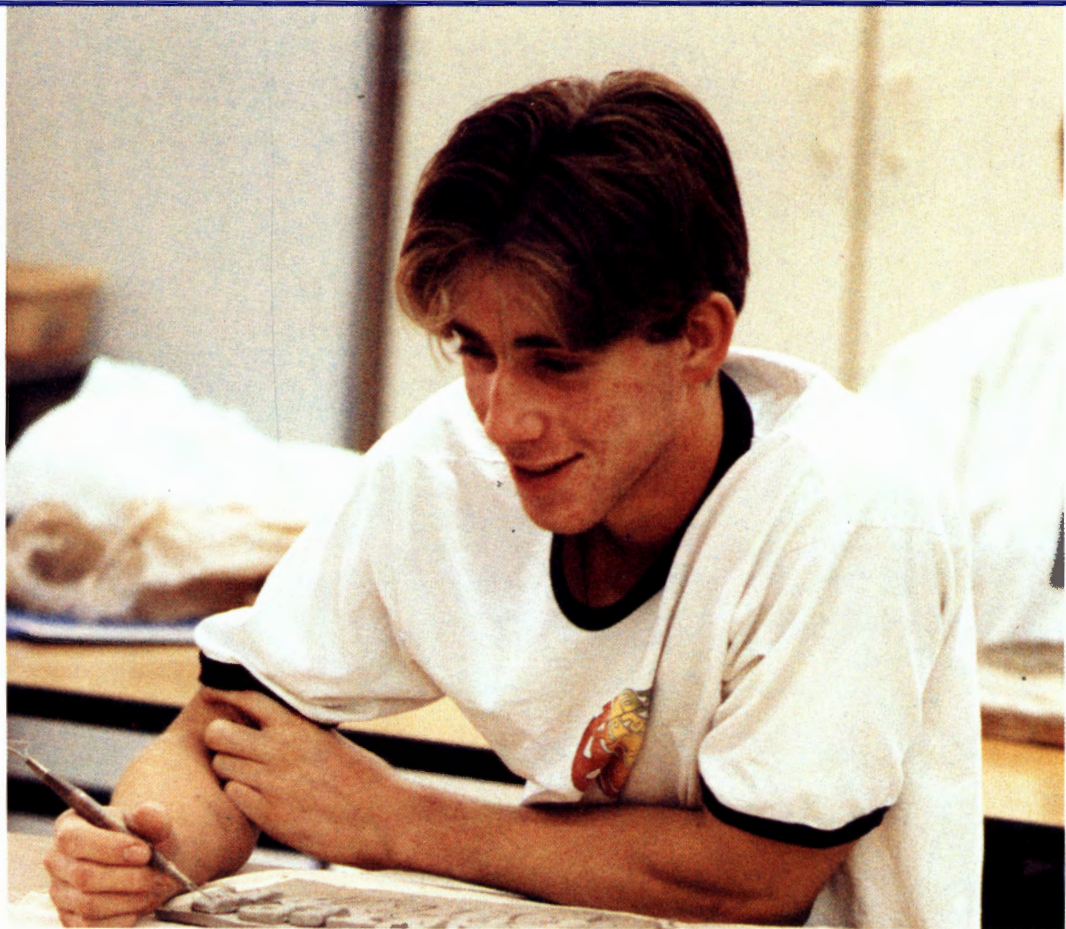


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Get Creative

"The one person I would like to meet is my future wife. I would like to see who she is, what she is like and how I could make her life better," contemplated senior Brian Killian while working on a clay project in Leanne Schnepf's Constructions class.

Who would you most like to meet

Everyone had a dream of meeting a certain person in their life, though some were more realistic than others. Whatever the case may be, who was that one person above all others you most wanted to meet?

"I would like to meet George Strait because he is an awesome country singer."
—**Mike Sode**

"I would definitely like to meet Troy Aikman because he is so hot and I know I am going to marry him someday."
—**Jodie Fulk**

"I would like to meet Edgar Allan Poe to find out if he was really depressed or just psycho."
—**Aleasha Parrish**

"I would like to meet Phoebe from "Friends" because my mom said that we are just alike."
—**Lauren Huffman**

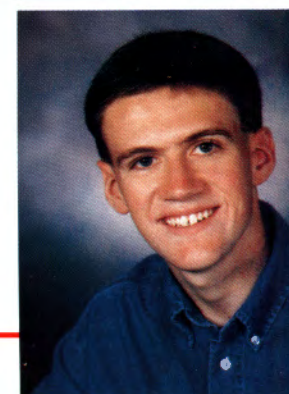
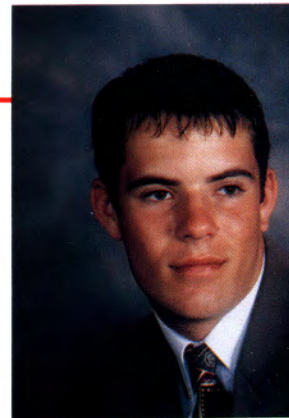
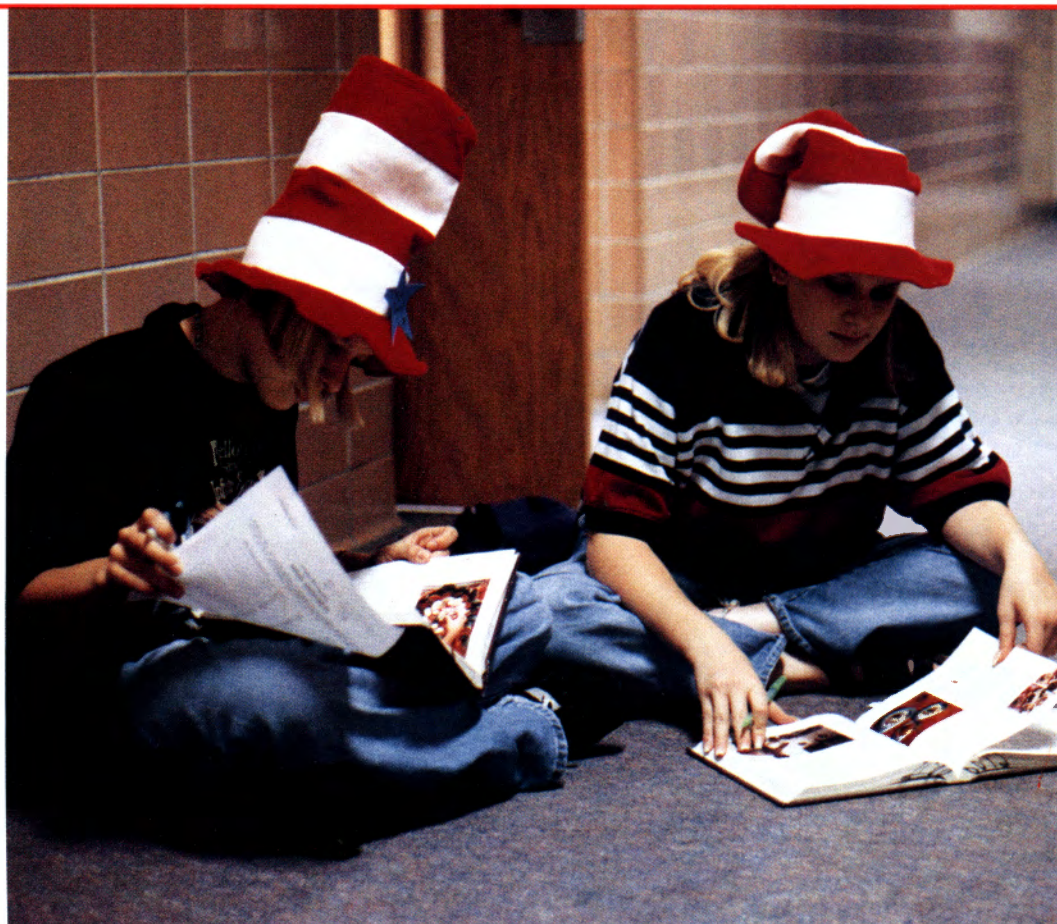
"I would like to meet Monet because I like the way he painted. He created beautiful things from paint and was very creative."
—**Kori Vaive**

"I would want to meet Frank Shorter who is my idol. He is an awesome runner."
—**Tim Tyrell**

—**Sarah Wolfe**

Remember When

Working on an assignment for Meal Management class are seniors Billie Jo Poufcas and Taja Dahl on Theme Day of Spirit Week. About her high school years Taja commented, "I will remember getting up at 5:30 a.m., being on Poms because it took a lot of my time, and all my cool friends."



My best memory is

Most seniors had memories of their first day of kindergarten, becoming a teenager, their first date, and first love. However, after they were all 'grown up', seniors realized there was one memory of high school that would stand out forever.

"After high school I won't see my friends very often and my memories will be of them, football games and Spirit Week which was a blast. Junior year was also great when the football team went to the Silverdome."

-Heather McNamara

"My memory of high school will be of all the homework teachers gave."

-Curtis Bilow

"I'll always remember being part of the Cross Country team and running 1,000 miles one summer!"

-Tim Tyrell

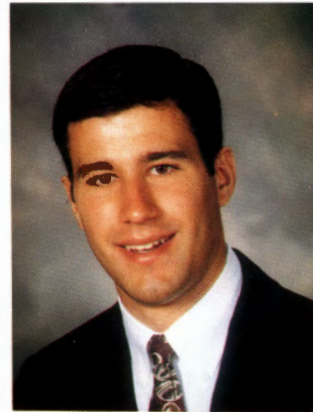
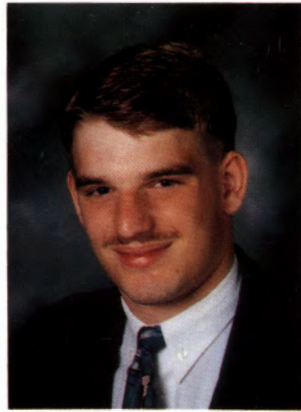
"I will most definitely remember the winning football season, going to the Silverdome and watching my boyfriend play in the games. I will also remember walking around and around the school in the morning with my friends."

-Sarah Wolfe

"The highlight for me was the football game at the Silverdome, then all my teachers and close friends and lastly, the Wednesday mornings off. That was great!"

-Erin Wenglekowski

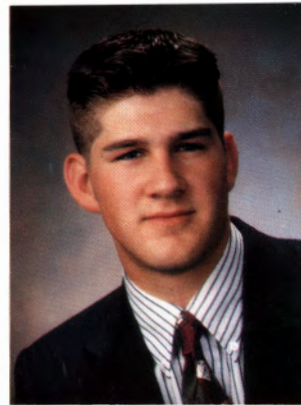
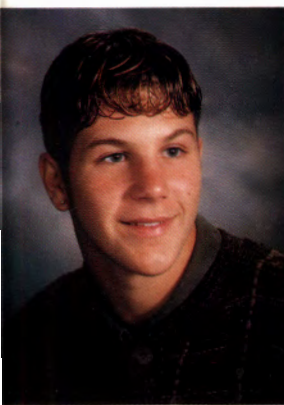
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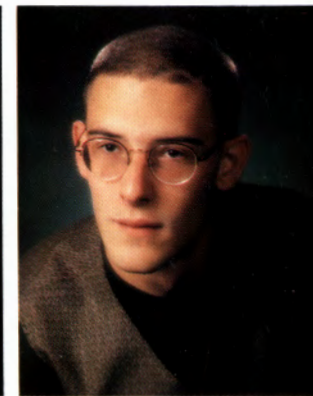
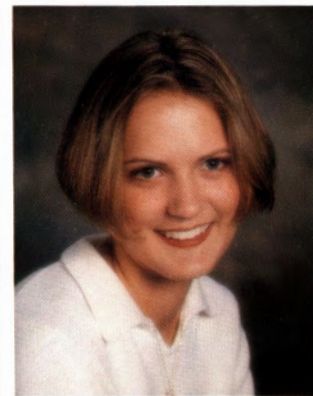
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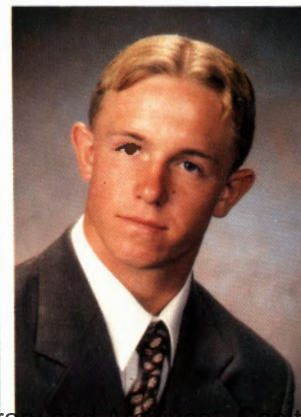
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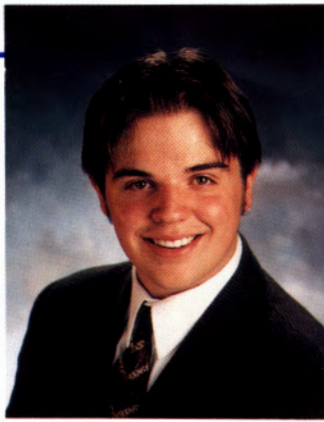


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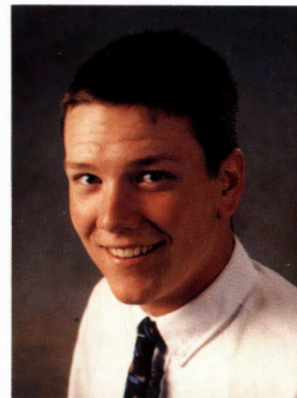
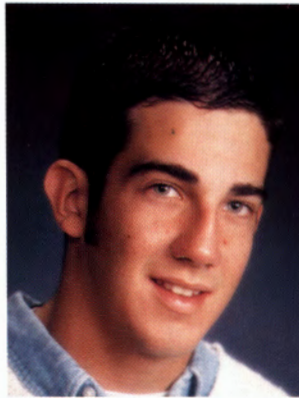


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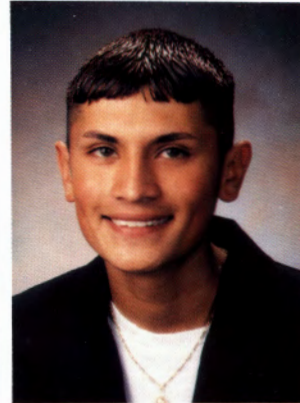
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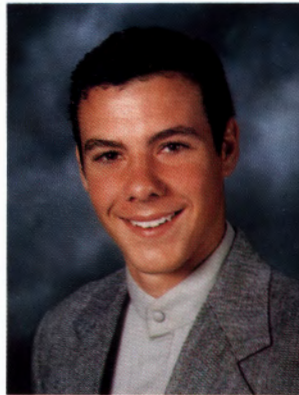
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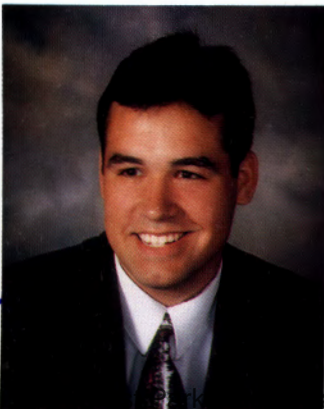
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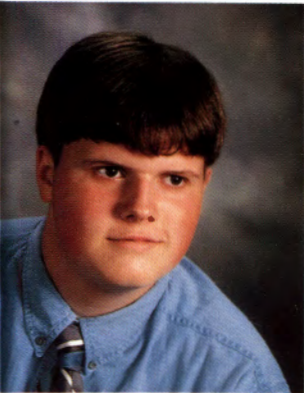


Photo by Christina Dietz

A Crazy Side

Getting a little crazy with Rooty the Ram after a home Cross Country meet are seniors Tim Tyrell and Jason Dutcher. In a crazier moment Tim joked, "I would like to sit on the White House lawn in a hole during a lightning storm with metal sporks taped to the top of my head. I'm invincible!"

That one crazy thing

The secret whispers between friends and the notes passed in class somehow always seemed to have a crazy side to them. The plotting and planning of all the crazy things you always said you would do before leaving were what made high school so zany. So seniors had no trouble finding the answer to that one crazy thing they always wanted to do.

"I think it would be crazy to jump out of an airplane. I have always wanted to go sky-diving."

—**Jessica Baker**

"I would really love to go to Europe and experience the European way of life." —**Samantha Amburgey**

"I would wear my birthday suit to school and maybe if I was in a really crazy mood I'd wear cowboy boots."

—**Ken Day**

"One day I want to jump in a car with all of my closest friends and drive across the country in search of the 'perfect' man."

—**Jenny Thomley**

"Honestly, I can't think of anything crazy left to do. I think I have already done just about all of the craziest things I will ever do before I graduate."

—**Amy Rawley**

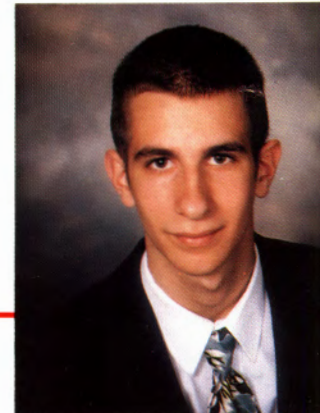
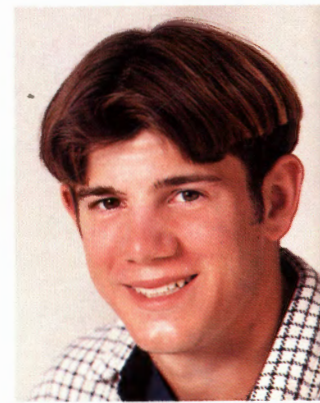
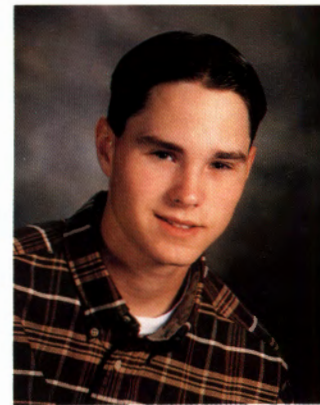
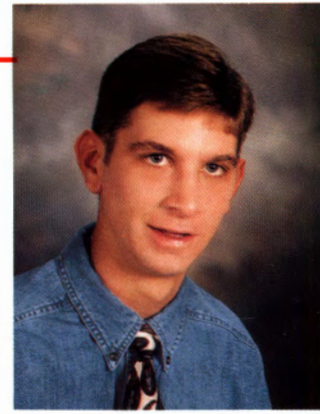
—**Elizabeth Walker**

Golfer's Dream

Teeing off at home course, El Dorado is senior Ryan Franklin. An avid golfer, Ryan earned All-Area honors. About his favorite place to live he answered, "Phoenix because of its warm weather and they have the number one ranked college golf team at Arizona State University."



Photo by Serenity Hayes



Most exciting place to live

As some seniors neared the end of the year, one thing they dreamed about was where they wanted to live. From Arizona to Australia, a variety of answers came forth as to the most exciting place to live.

I visited Paris before and I want to live in Europe. The people and their different way of life is what makes it so beautiful."

—**Kori Vaive**

"Australia because it's awesome. I like the tropical weather and you can get away from everyone and just be alone."

—**Jason Richter**

California because I would be closer to Pamela Lee."

—**Craig Matheson**

Arizona because it's hot!

—**Sarah Heathman**

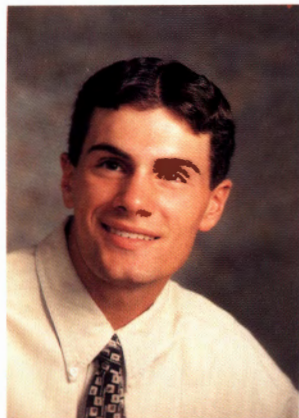
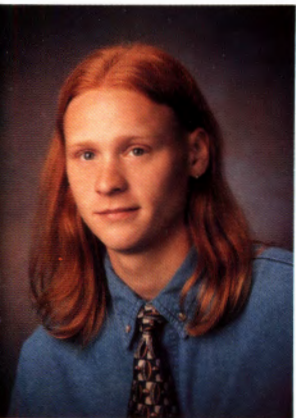
"Missouri because that is where my dad, brother and everyone else lives."

—**Walter Cooper**

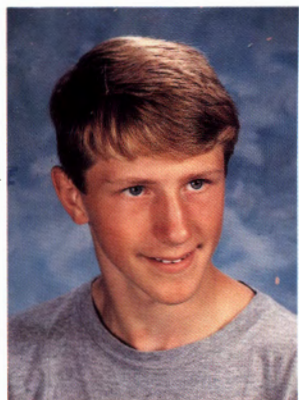
Hawaii because it's awesome. I don't have to put on my snow pants to go out in the middle of the summer."

—**Billie Jo Poufcas**

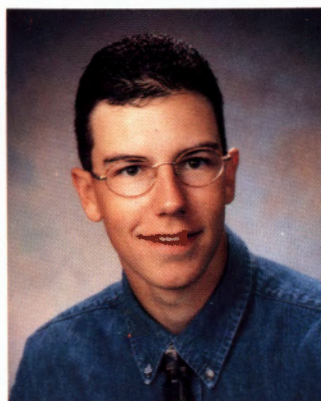
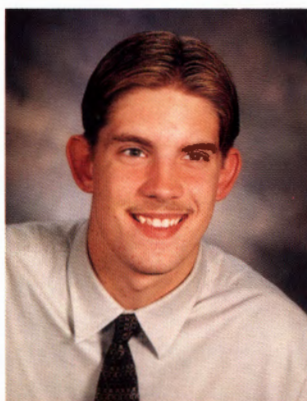
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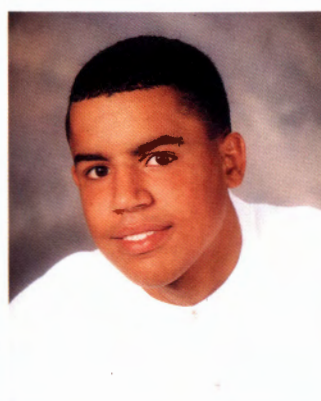
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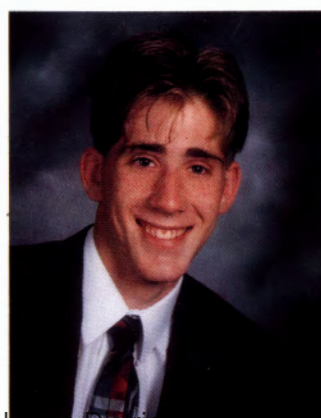
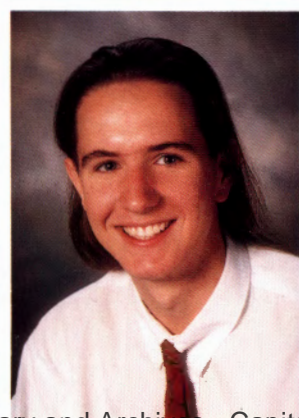
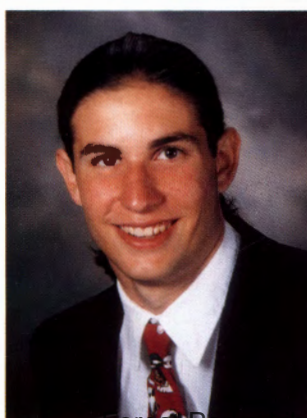
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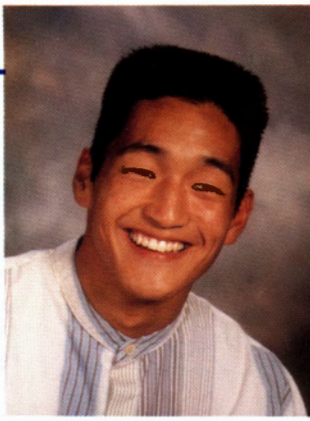


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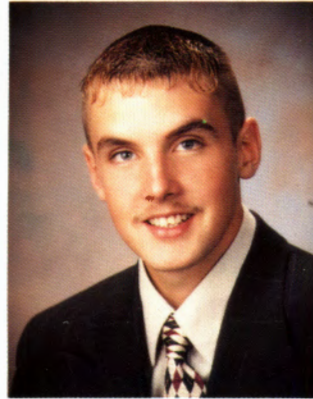
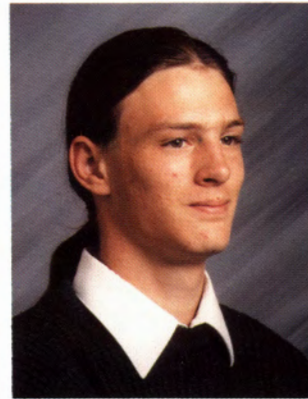


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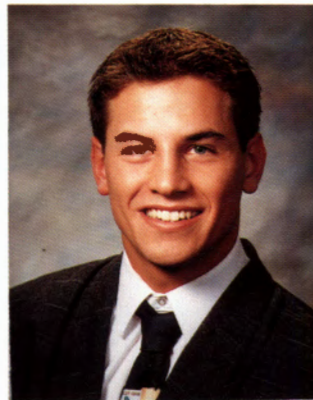
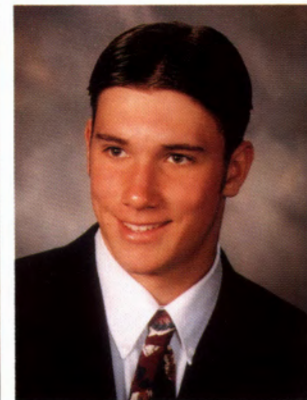
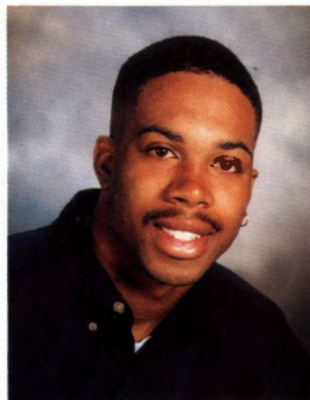
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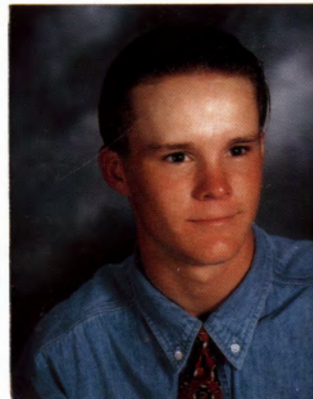
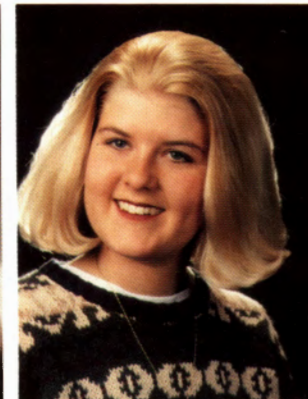
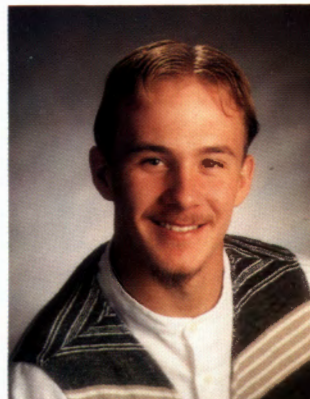
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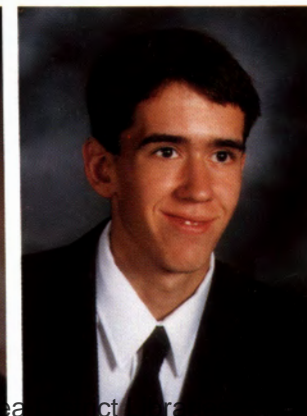
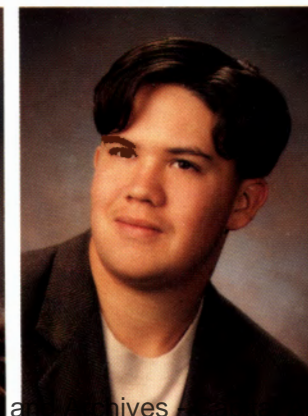
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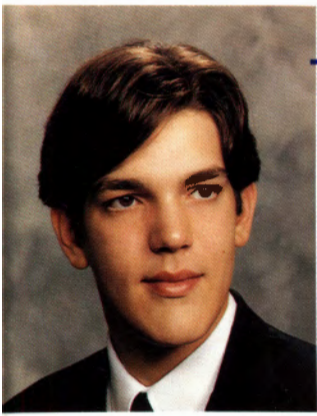


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Dals for the Hour

Working on clay projects in Constructions class are Chrissy Richter with art pal, Samantha McKay. Chrissy shared, "I have a lot of close friends, but there's no contest when it comes to choosing the person who's been by my side through it all. Gennie Ray has always been there to help me sort out my problems. She's easy to talk to and she really knows how to have fun."

That one special person

They laughed with you; they cried with you. They were your best friends. It took consideration, reliability, and understanding to have a good friendship. That is why it lasted so long. From as far back as kindergarten to the last days of high school, friends came and went, but usually there was at least one who was by your side through it all.

"That would have to be Laura Russell. She knows things about me that no one else knows because I feel I can trust her explicitly. No matter what I do, she always understands and will stand by me through good times and bad."

—Lance Davis

"Josh Mitchell is a very good friend. He cares more about the other person than himself."

—Pat Giyan

"Walter Cooper is like a brother. We've been through everything together. He's there for me, I'm there for him, we've got each other's back."

—Pablo Fajardo

My closest friend is Annie Hargrove. She's always there when I need her even through the worst experiences.

—Asia Cribbis

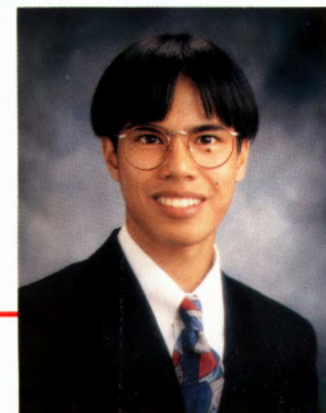
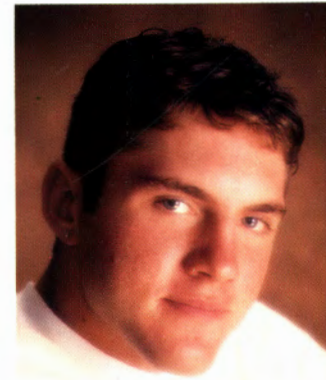
—Lesley Gottschalk

**Winner
or Loser**

Waiting for parade time are senior Chris Maurer and members of the Varsity Soccer team. About pick up lines, Chris noted, "It is better to just introduce yourself. Pick up lines never work."



Photo by Jenifer Spock



Best & worst pick up lines

Throughout their entire high school career many seniors tried to get "hooked up" with that one person they liked most. And you had to say something to break the ice and impress them. So here were the words of wisdom on the best and worst pick up lines.

Best

"Do you have 25 cents? My mom told me to call her when I fall in love."
—**Craig Matheson**

"I don't believe in love at first sight; can you walk by one more time?"
—**Kori Vaive**

"Are you tired, because you've been running through my mind all day."
—**Mike Sode**

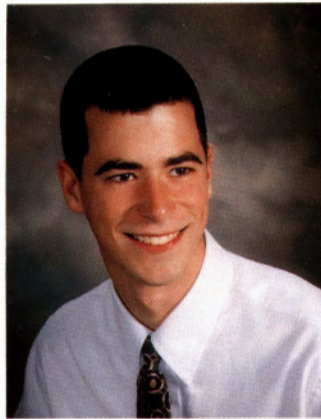
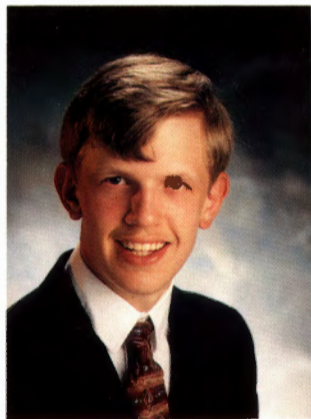
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"If I could change the alphabet, I'd put U and I together."
—**Krystie Eding**

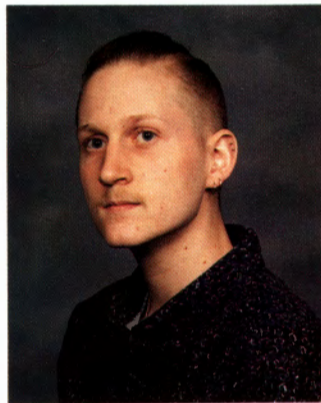
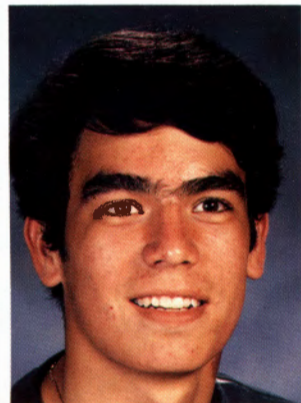
"I lost my phone number; can I have yours?"
—**Kori Vaive**

"Hey baby, what's your sign?"
—**Greg Sharp**

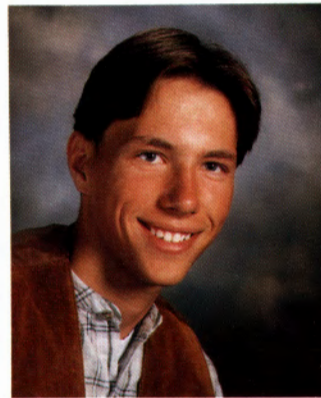
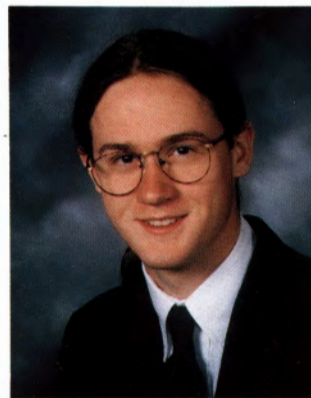
"Don't I know you from somewhere?"
—**Wesley Long**
—**Christina Dietz**



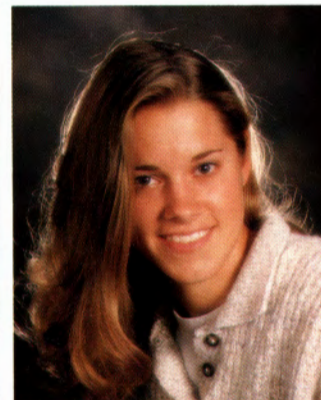
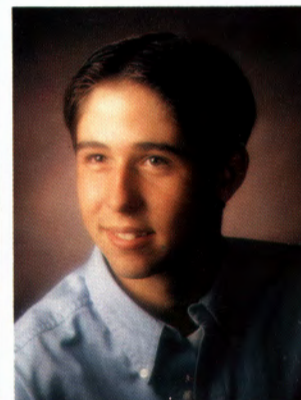
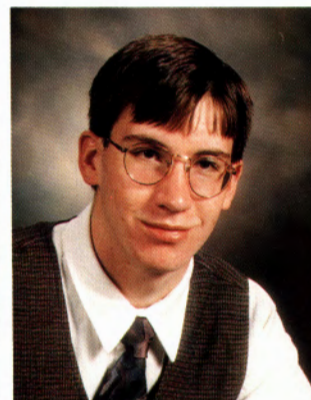
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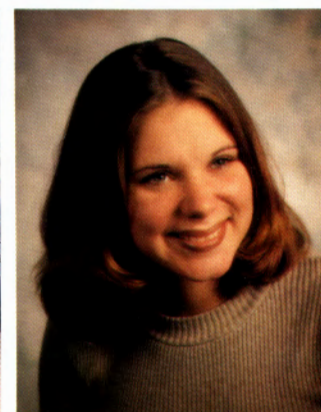
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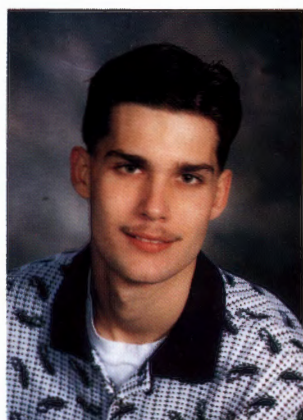
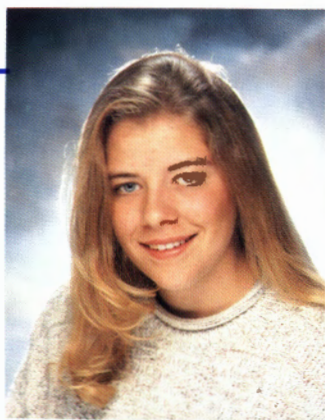


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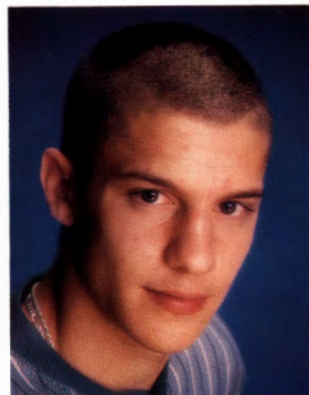


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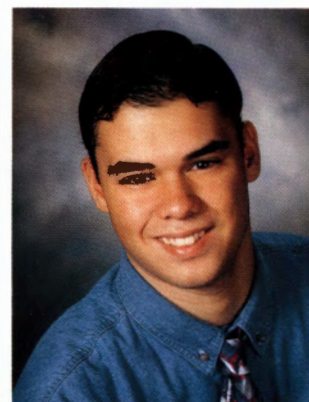
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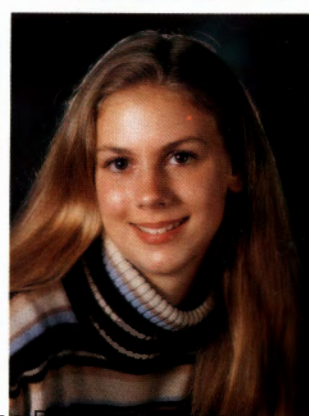
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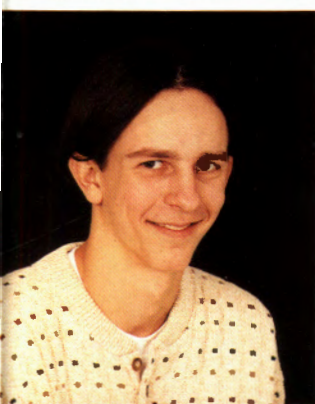
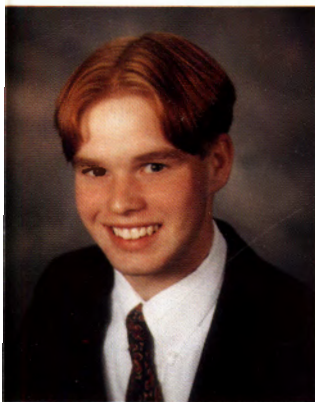
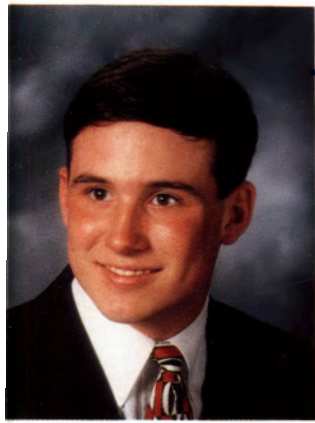


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All About Spirit

Cutting out decorations for the Cheerleading and Pom Pon hallway during Spirit Week is senior Liz Perez. Of her most memorable year she noted, "Sophomore year stands out because that was the year I tried to find out who I was, who my friends were and who I could trust. People who you thought were your friends sometimes really weren't."

Best year above all

Growing up together through the grades, through all that seniors accomplished and the dreams they shared, it seemed that the years flew by. But even after 13 years, one stood out from all the rest as that most memorable one.

"With all of the events that junior year had to offer, I would say that it was definitely the most memorable. We all accomplished many goals, not only in sports, but also in academics."

—**D.J. Lee**

"The most memorable would have to be my sophomore year. So many things changed and high school had so much to offer—new friends, football games, Homecoming, plays and the musical. Everything was new and it was more fun and exciting."

—**Michelle Bryan**

"My senior year has been the best. Never before have I been so into school spirit and working with my class. Maybe it's the reality that this is our last year together."

—**Taja Dahl**

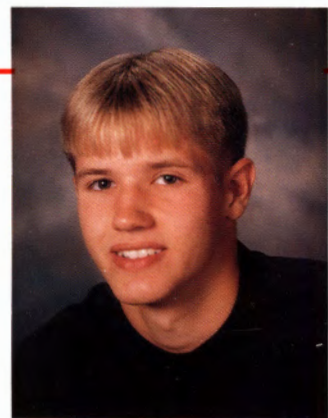
"After looking at the past 13 years, I would have to say kindergarten was the best. Think about it. All we had to do was play nice, get along, say our ABC's and take a nap. It was easy and fun."

—**Jason Griffith**

—**Jennifer Wilbur**

Movin' On

In step to the beat are seniors Jill Newberry, Michelle Dalton, and members of the Marching Band. Michelle commented, "I feel excited about the end of high school approaching, but I'm kind of nervous too. It's wonderful that it's my last year of band. It's a lot of fun, but it takes a lot of dedication."



Making the end of high school

Everyone experienced going to a new school, however most seniors felt the greatest difference would be between high school and college. Some felt it would be a blast, but others had their reservations.

"The end of school is exciting to me. I can't wait! I think it's going to be scary because I'm out on my own away from everything familiar.

—Jill Newberry

"I'm ready to be out of high school. I've been waiting to go to college since I was a sophomore."

—Julie Vanlerberghe

"I'm happy to move on with my life and experience new things like college and a career."

—Baylen Cervantes

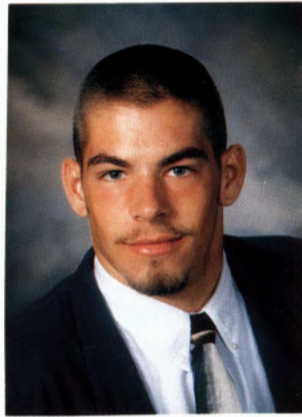
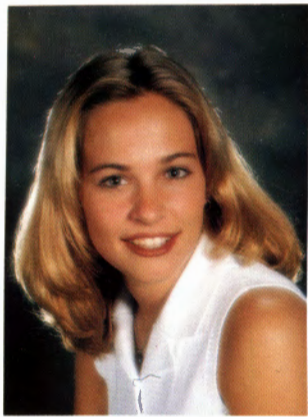
"I can't wait to get out of high school. I'm going to miss a lot of people and the athletic teams, but I'm excited to go to college and get away from these crowded hallways."

—Joey Corr

"It's kind of scary because it's going to be a reality check. I'm going to have to go out in the real world without any of my friends around."

—Nikki Araoz

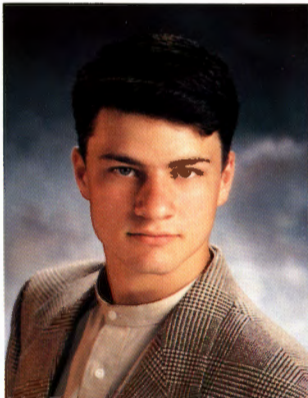
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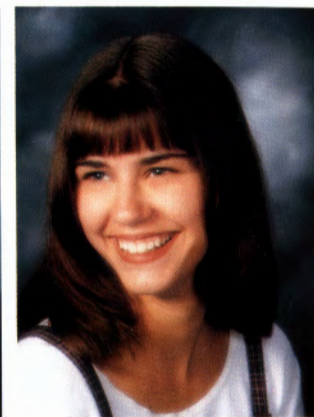
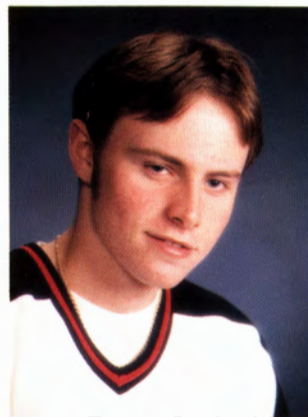
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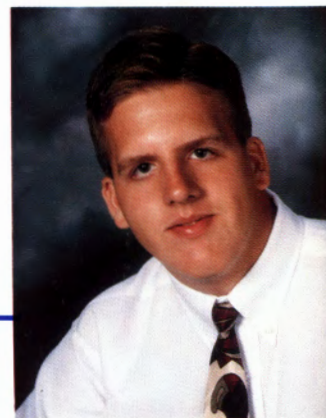
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Catching On

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About
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would seek to
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commented, "I
would make
people less
selfish and
more giving;
not just
around the
holidays, but
all the time."



How would you impact the world

Most seniors dreamed of becoming famous in their lifetime or achieving a worthy cause for humanity. But the dreams took many forms in answer to the question, "How would you impact the world?"

"I would want all children to have a decent home and not live in drug areas. I would also try to instill family values."

—**Mandy Crafton**

"I would want more people to be happy. I would take the negative and sad things out. It's sadness that hurts most."

—**Kelly Noecker**

"I would help women who were abused or treated unequal to stand up for their rights."

—**Sarah Clarkson**

"I would try to find a cure for AIDS."

—**Sarah Wolfe**

"I would lead everyone to Jesus Christ by praying and preaching."

—**Monica Matteo**

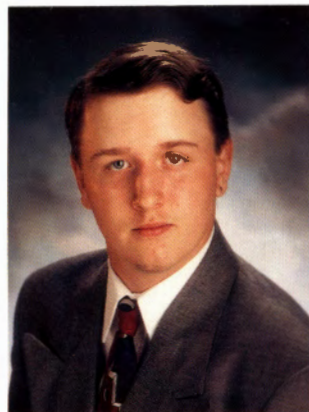
"I would actually do one of the things that many people talk about, like feed the children. There has to be a way to do it all at once."

—**Kathleen Keen**

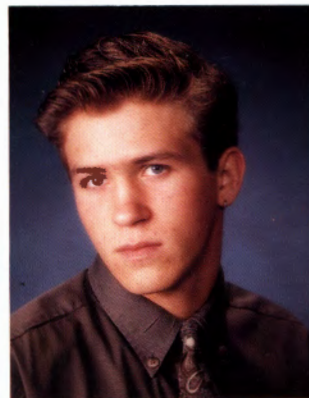
"I've already impacted the world. I'm here!"

—**Jodie Fulk**

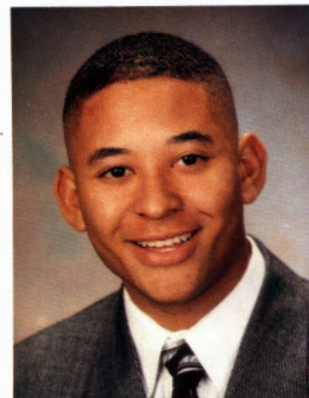
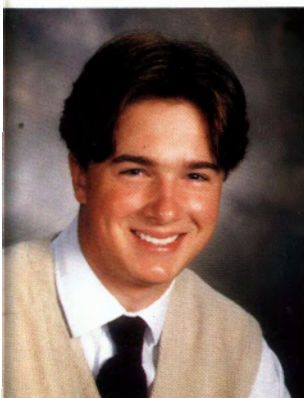
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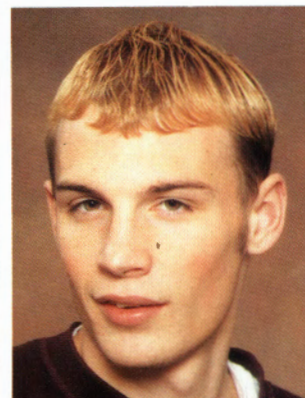
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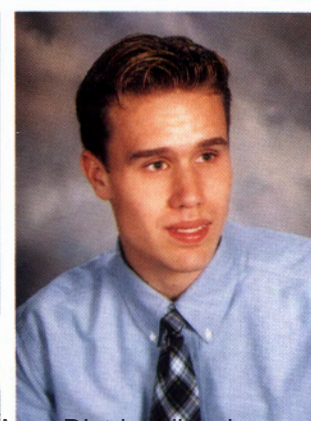
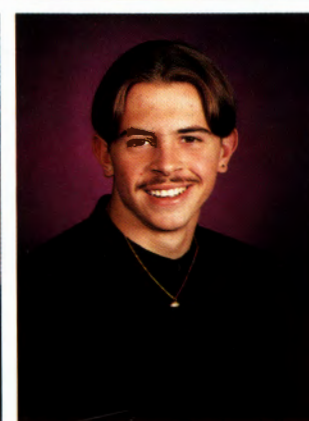
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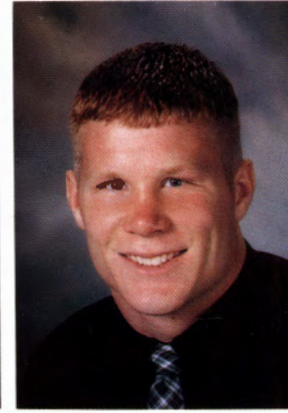


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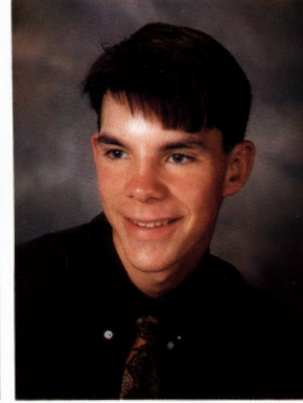
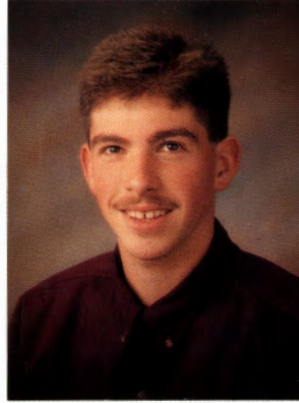


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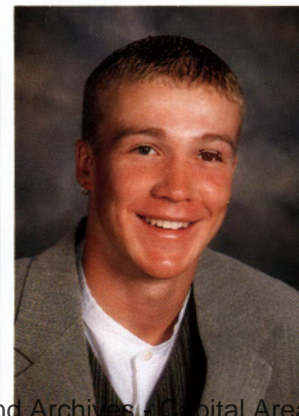
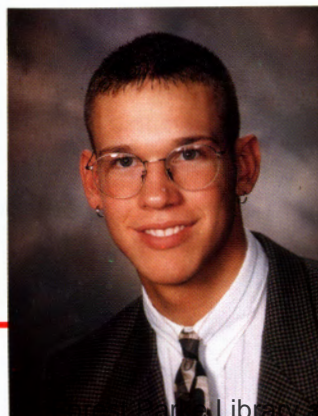
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Seniors

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Jodi Southwell
Matthew Stine
Matthew Strang
Ann Szalay
Thorin Taylor
Heidi Wheeler
Erin Younglove



Change of Scene

Smiling for the cameras are senior court members, Tom Welsh and Emily Reamer. As he looked beyond the secure times of high school Tom reflected, "I'm looking forward to attending WMU to study sports training and to being on my own. Most students are guided through high school by parents, teachers and coaches; now I'll have to guide myself."

Changes in lifestyle

Senior year was a time of looking back on the past and forward to the future. Graduation not only signaled the end, but also the beginning of a new road to the rest of seniors' lives and the changes in lifestyle it would bring.

"I anticipate my life will be more career oriented. I want to attend the University of Michigan and study electrical engineering. I will be more serious about life and school because it will be more important to me."

—Chad Pennington

"I am going to college in Arizona, so things will be a lot different. I will not know anyone so I think I will be able to do better and stay more focused."

—Asia Cribbis

"I will change because I will be studying harder. I will not have any sports to worry about. I will be more independent and my hair will be shorter." —Erin Wenglekowski

"I think my attitude toward school will be different because it will be my choice to be there and I will be doing what I want to do. I know I'll have to study more to make the grade, and I'll meet all kinds of new people." —Katy Samuelson

—Kathleen Keen

Chase Your Dream

Everybody is after a dream, a personal dream that was silent and private or the American dream of hope and prosperity. Juniors dreamed big; they dreamed of jobs, college, girlfriends and boyfriends, an end to proficiency tests and changing the world. But as grand as those dreams were even the smallest dream was worth chasing. What was your dream?

"My dream is to live life to the fullest and to back down to no one."

—**Jamie Green**

"My dream is to become the first woman president. I've already started shaking hands and kissing babies."

—**Kim Strampel**

"I want to be true to my faith, my school and myself to accomplish all my life dreams."

—**Kristen Brown**

"My dream is to be able to say, do and wear whatever I want with-

out having to worry about dress codes or detentions"

—**Erica McGraw**

"I dream of finishing high school and getting on with my life."

—**Angela Diro**

"I dream of getting a career where I can rollerskate on Wednesday and listen to country music."

—**Kelly Walsh**

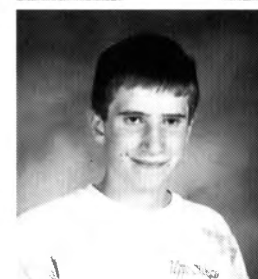
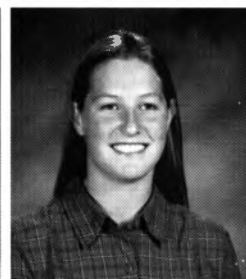
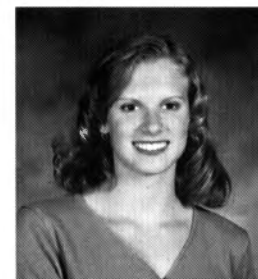
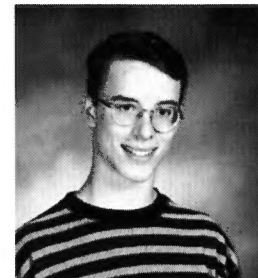
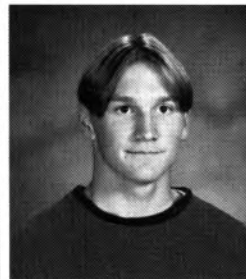
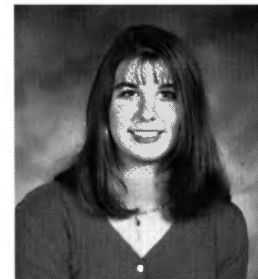
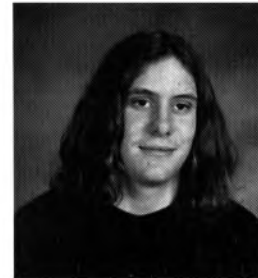
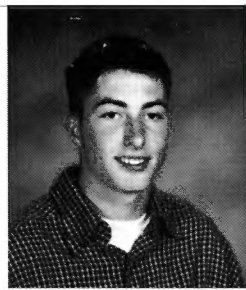
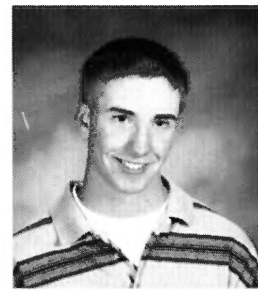
"My dream is to finish high school as soon as possible."

—**Dung Dao**

—**Jennifer Kidwell**

Star Struck

Strolling down midfield Homecoming night are Junior Court members Katie Wilkerson and Mike Maxey. Mike shared, "I'm taking classes that will help me fulfill my dream of becoming a psychologist, while Katie noted, "I'm trying to keep my grades up so I can go into medicine."





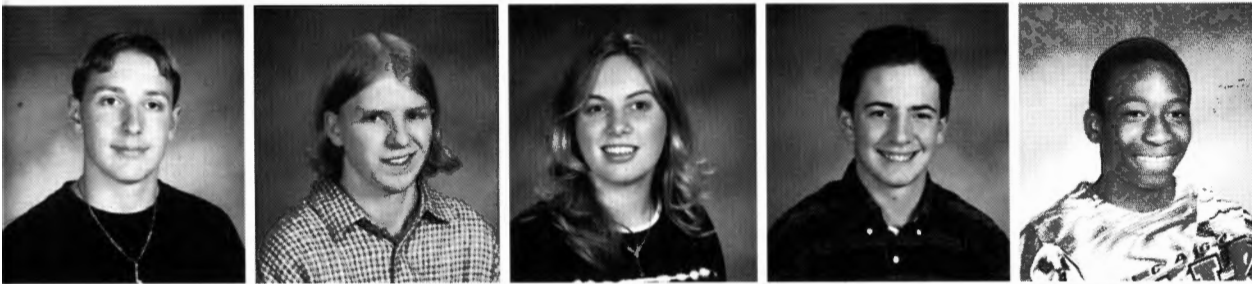
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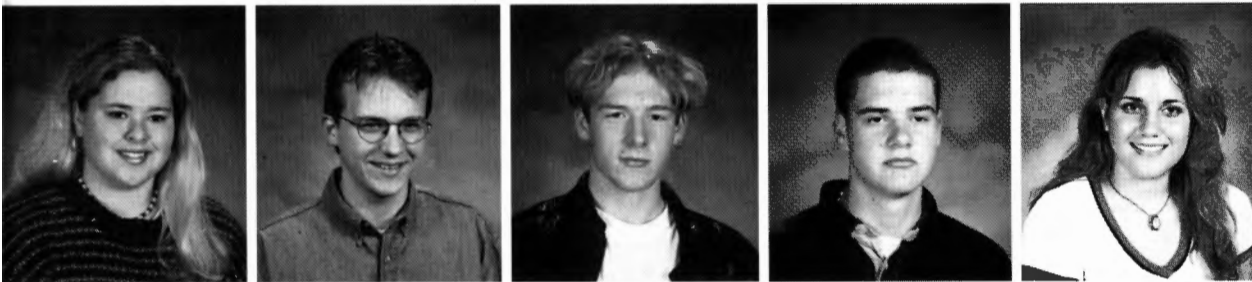
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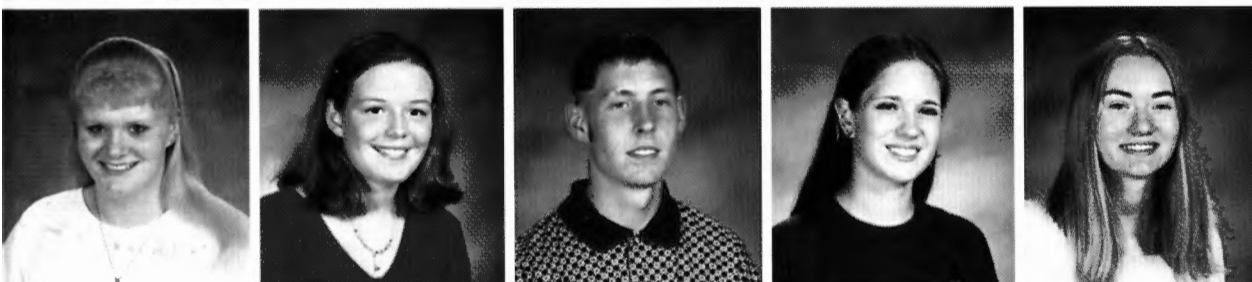
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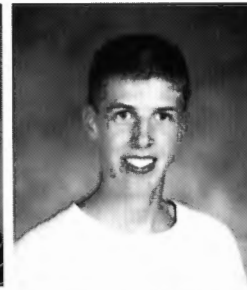
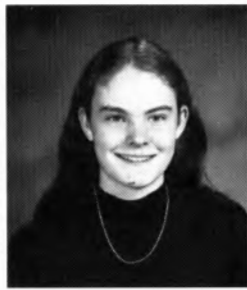


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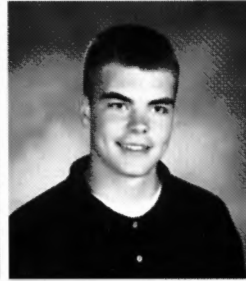


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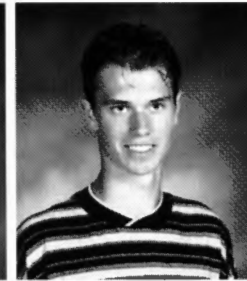
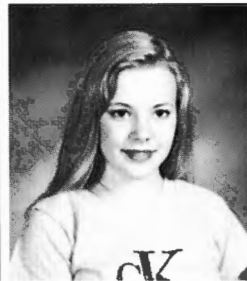
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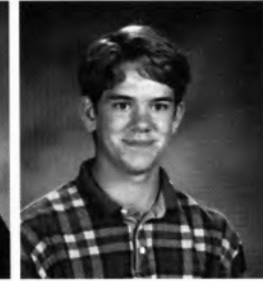
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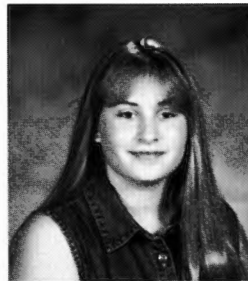
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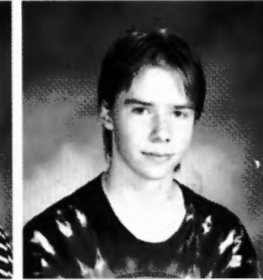
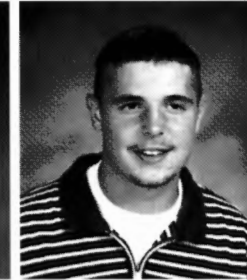
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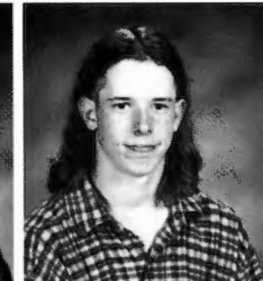
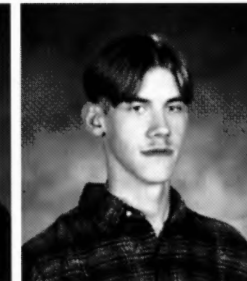
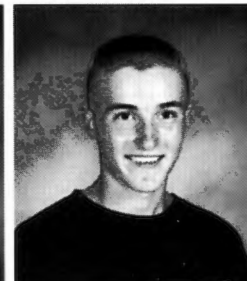
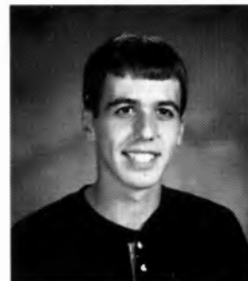
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What's Different?

Junior year was often considered the toughest in high school with increased responsibilities, homework and the pressure to do well. Students worried about where they would go to college and what they would do with the rest of their lives. First though they had to get through it which required different priorities and outlooks. How was junior year different?

"The classes weren't too much harder, but I was no longer a junior wanna-be. I moved up to a senior wanna-be. Oh well, there's always next year!"

—**Tammy Dotson**

"It was a lot more crowded!"

—**Jeanine Gibbs**

"It was pretty much the same. There was a small change in the curriculum, but it wasn't that hard."

—**Shane Reitz**

"School was the same this year. I've been in school so long it seems like nothing ever changes!"

—**Matt Roberts**

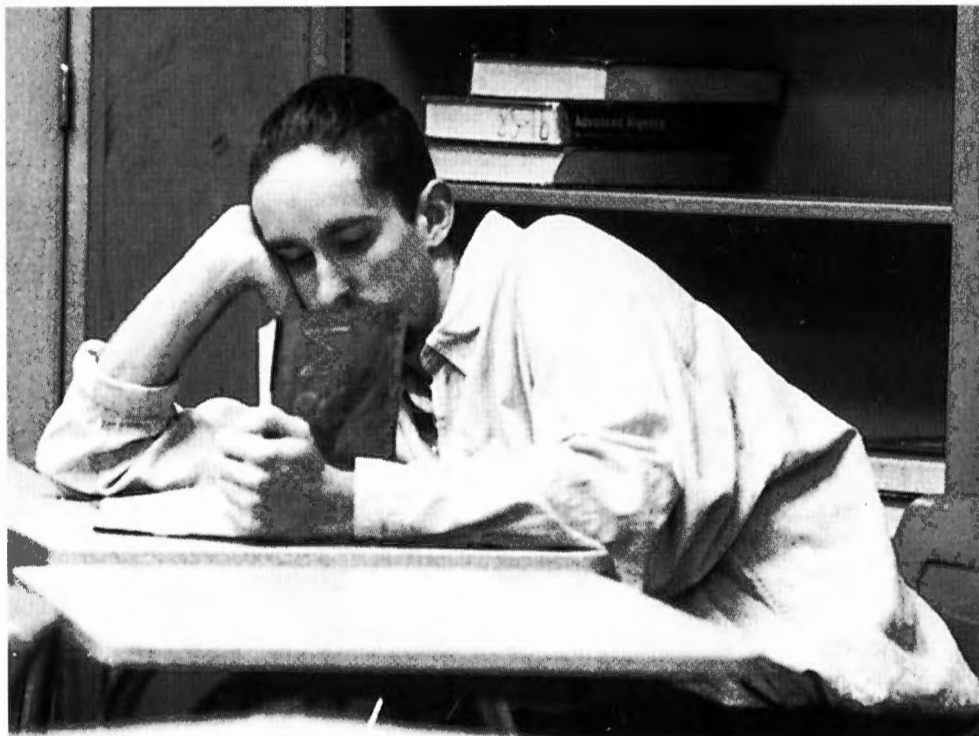
"School was a little bit harder. I challenged myself more in the classes I'm taking, so realistically, I guess that was why."

—**Charles Miller**

"People have changed. A lot of them grew up who I never thought would. It's kind of weird."

—**Derek Biersbach**

—**Kathleen Keen**



Geometry R & R Taking a lesson in fiction from John Grisham instead of one in Geometry from teacher Dave Hildebrandt is junior Nic Cunningham. "This year is easier because I get along with the teachers and security guards better," commented Nic.

All-Time Favorite

Some were boring, some were kind of weird, but others stood out, and you would probably never forget them. Who was your favorite teacher of all time and why?

"I'd have to say Mr. Hildebrandt because he's pretty cool. His hair is cool too!"
—**Jenny Fry**

"Mrs. Neureither in Genetics because even though I didn't always do well in her class, she always made sure I understood things."
—**Evan Caldwell**

"Gym was so awesome. It was my friend Lesley Gottschalk's and my favorite class. We looked forward to it everyday. Half the time we just talked and hung out in the weight room. Even though we were called slackers, we still got A's!"
—**Allison Fowlks**

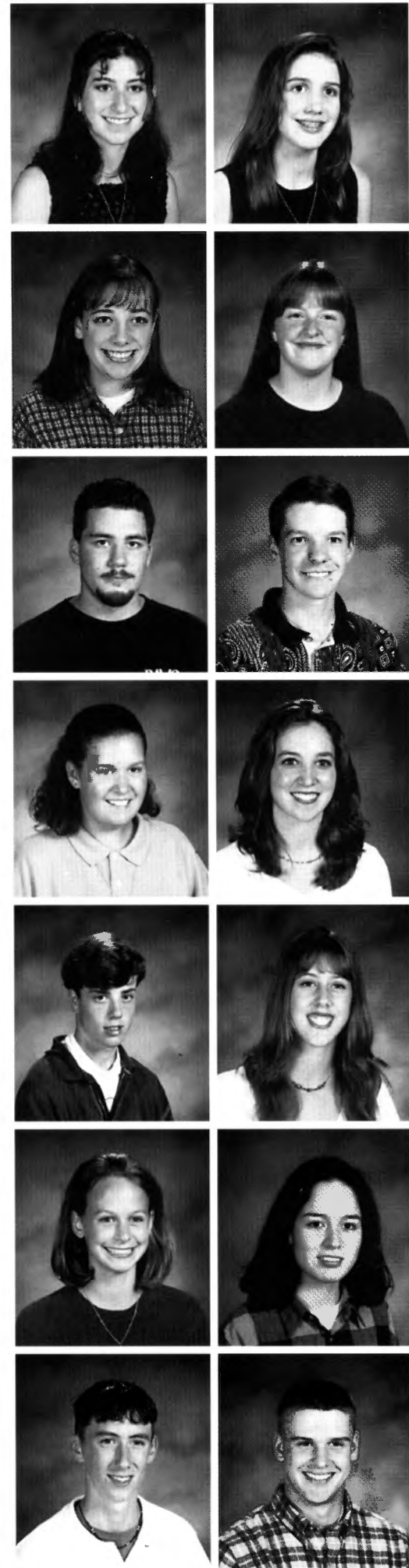
"Mr. Woolston for tenth grade U.S. History was my favorite. He always had some corny joke, story, or statistic to tell the class."
—**Mike Maxey**

"My favorite teacher was Mrs. Lynch. I think she cared about each individual student. You weren't just one of her 31 kids."
—**Anne Veltema**

"Frau Peters because she was a really fun teacher and she made the whole hour exciting. It was never boring."
—**Brian Dunn**
—**Lesley Gottschalk**

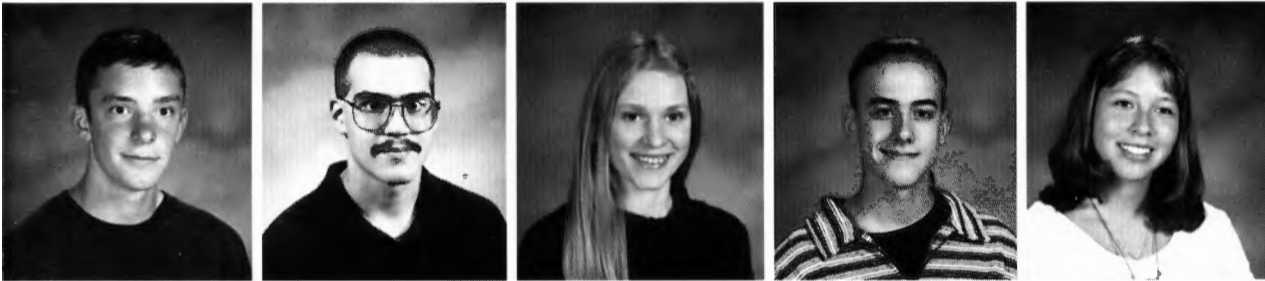


Story Time Reading *Goldilocks and the Tree Bears* to a child during the Parenting classes' nursery school session is junior Debbie Franklin. "My favorite class of all time would have to be Choir because I want to study music in college and become an elementary school music teacher," revealed Debbie.

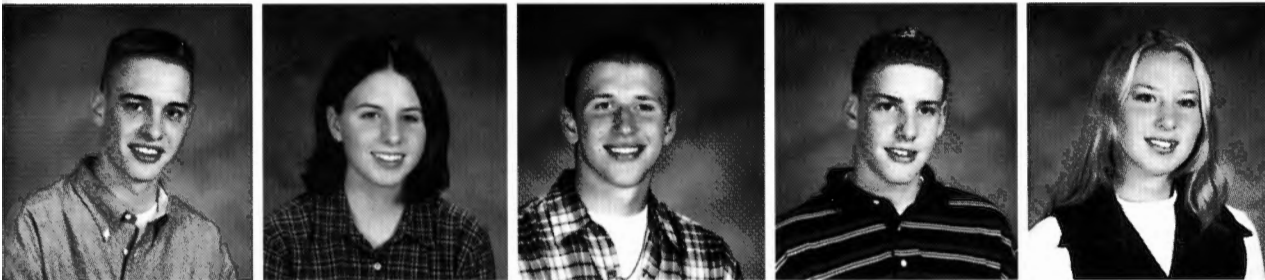




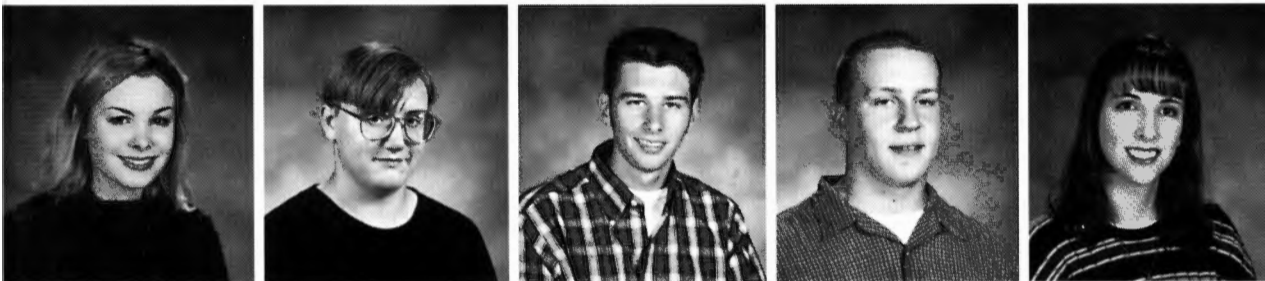
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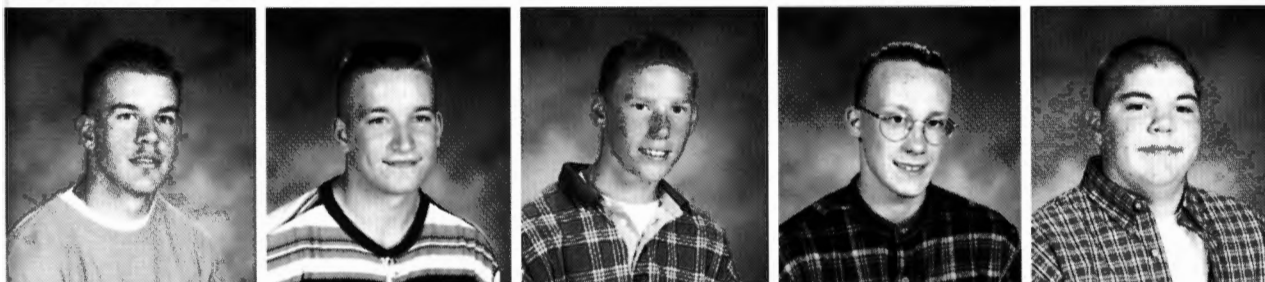
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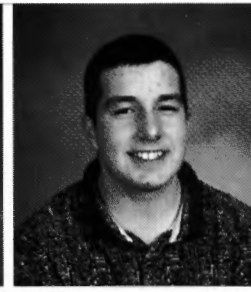
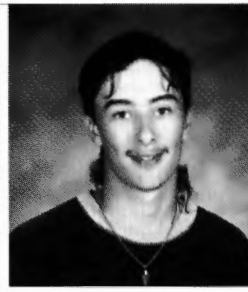
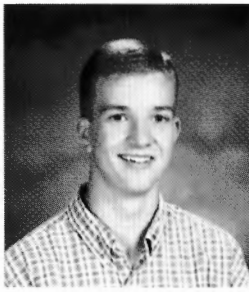


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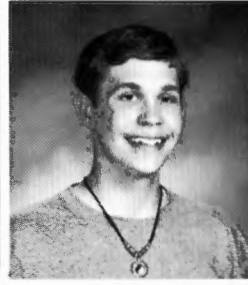


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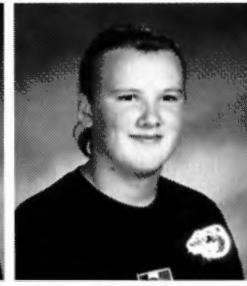
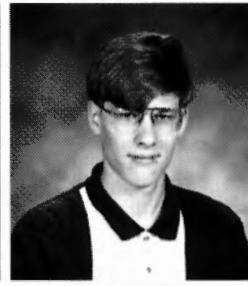
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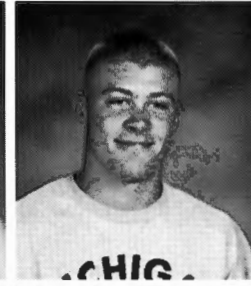
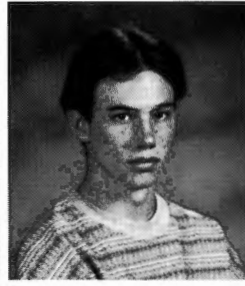
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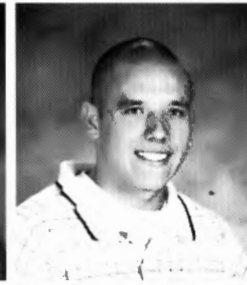
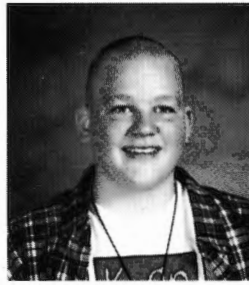
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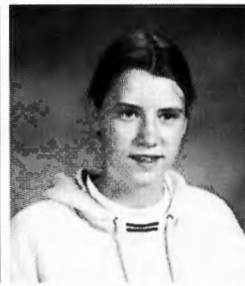
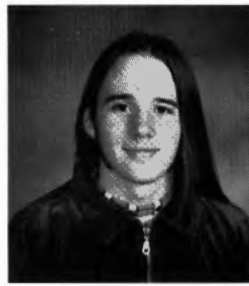
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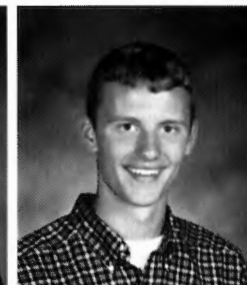
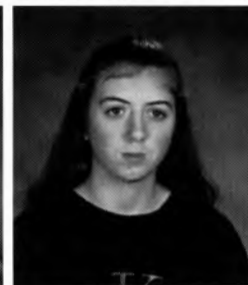
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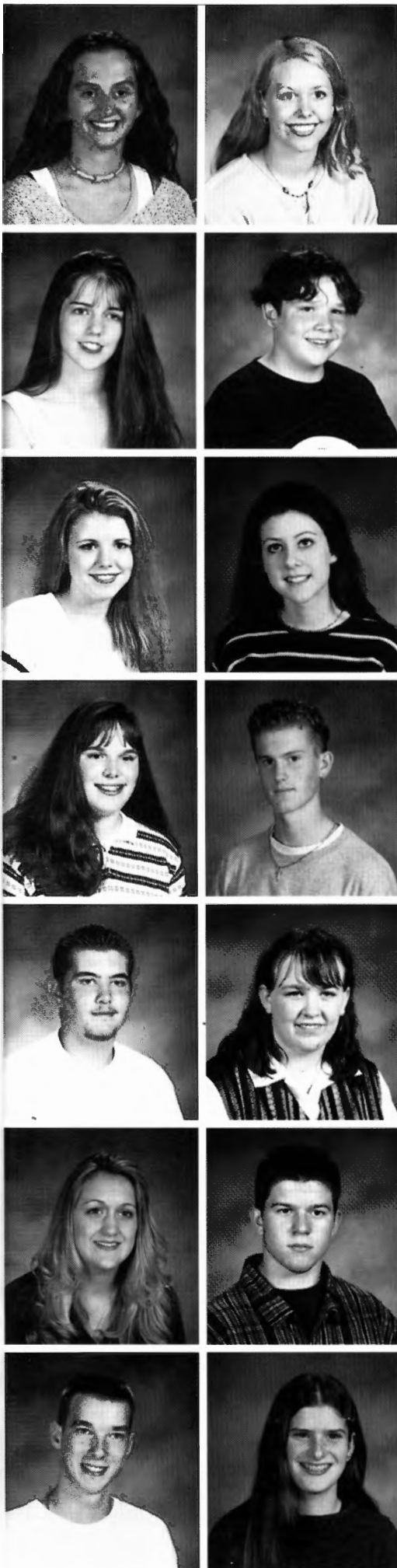


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Ideal Prom Night

The biggest night in high school took a lot of planning. For girls, it was finding the perfect dress and for guys saving up enough money to pay for the evening. Students had different ideas about what the perfect night was like. What is your ideal prom night?

"I would rent a limo to ride around in and then eat at Schuler's Restaurant. Once I arrived at prom, I would want to dance to the song, *Lady in Red*."

—**Bob Picken**

"My ideal prom night would be for Troy Aikman to take me to the dance in a big stretch limo."

—**Jodie Fulk**

"My boyfriend and I would first go everywhere for pictures. We would eat in a nice restaurant and afterward, cruise the town in a nice car. Then we would go to prom and afterward to a party or

a friend's house to hang out."

—**Stephanie Smiley**

"First I would pick up my date and bring her flowers, then go to dinner at a cool place like Coscarelli's. After prom we would hang out with friends."

—**Brian Kendrick**

"My date and I would go to Mountain Jacks for dinner, then on a long walk in a park and wait for a limo to pick us up. We would head out to prom and afterward a party and get home around 6:00 a.m."

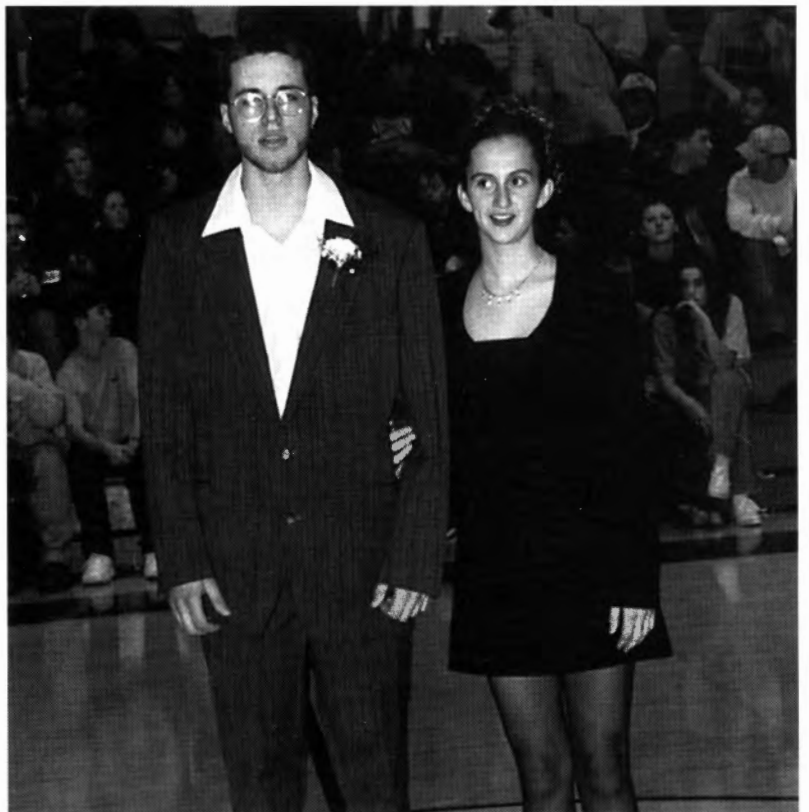
—**Aleasha Parrish**

—**Sarah Wolfe**

Lookin' Good

Dressed in their formal attire at the Winterfest halftime are Junior Court members Tim Wise and Whitney Hoagland. Tim explained his ideal prom night as, "First I'd put on my big blue suit with my ruffly shirt underneath.

Then I would jump into my family funster, pick up my date, go party a little then go to prom. Afterward I would drop my date off and party some more. Then later I would pick her up at her window and watch the sun come up."



Best Cafeteria Meal

Everyone spent some time in the cafeteria. Some didn't like the food, some tolerated it and some found things they liked. But no matter how often or how infrequent they ate there, some students had their favorite foods.

"I like the salad bar because it's very good for the body. It provides protein and minerals that the body naturally needs."

—**Heather Hulsebos**

"I love the salad bar because it's a lot healthier than all of the other calorie-loaded food."

—**Lynn Gilreath**

"I like the regular lunch line. You stand there for about three hours and by the time you get to the front of it, you'll eat just about anything."

—**Erin Carslake**

"I like the salad bar because you can actually tell what the food is!"

—**Tammy Dotson**

"I've only eaten in the cafeteria once and I had the salad bar. It was really good, but other than that, I have no clue as to what the food is like."

—**Nakia Betz**

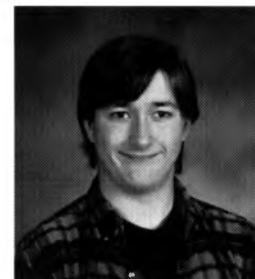
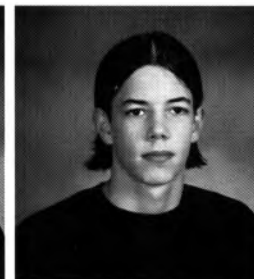
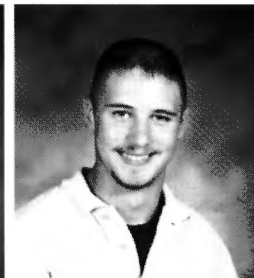
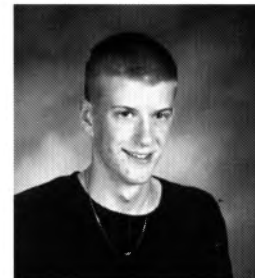
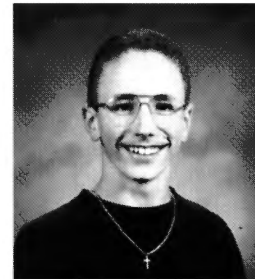
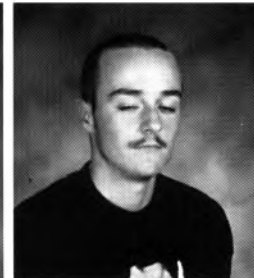
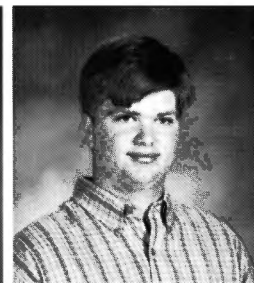
"I was running late once, had not eaten all day and was starving. I jumped in the convenient fries line and quickly got a snack. That has been my total experience with the school cafeteria!"

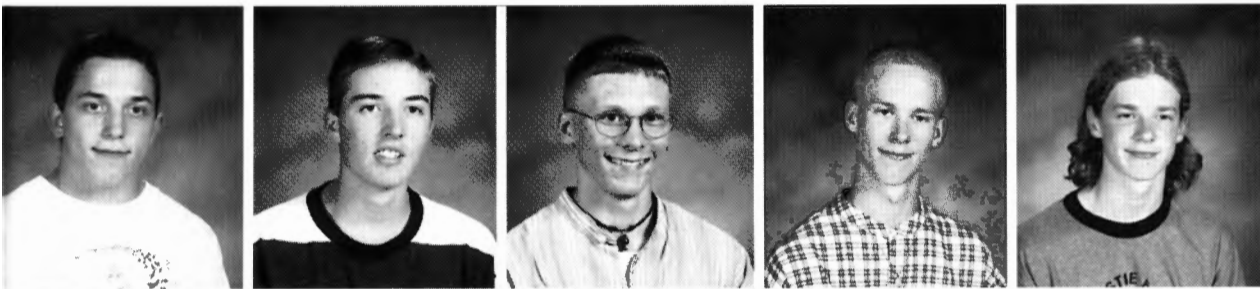
—**Nikki David**

—**Emily Sawyer**

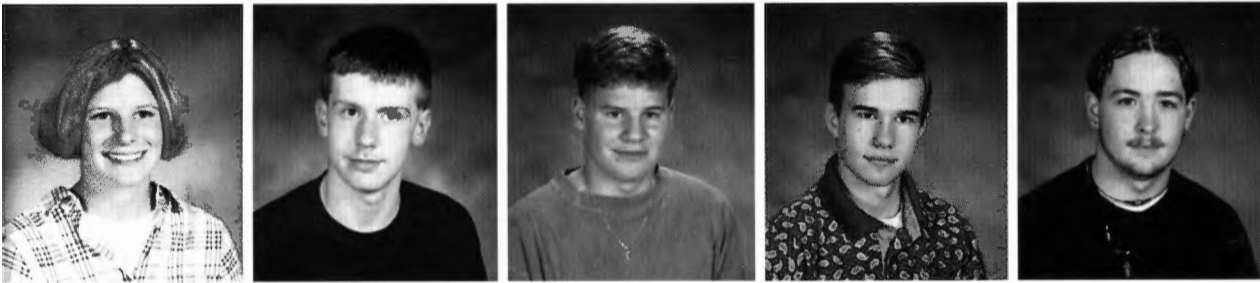


Lunch Bunch One of the many students who decided to stay in rather than brave the streets or the student parking lot at lunch time is senior Jenni Mayes eating in the cafeteria with some friends. "Normally I stay in and have a bagel or animal crackers. People are just too crazy at lunch," commented Jenni.

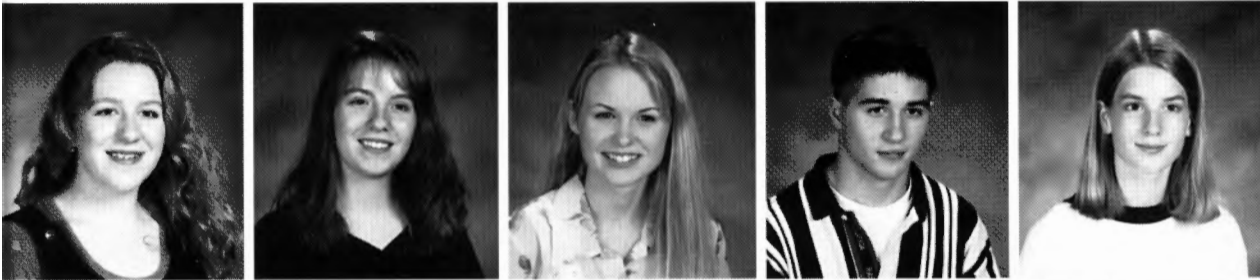




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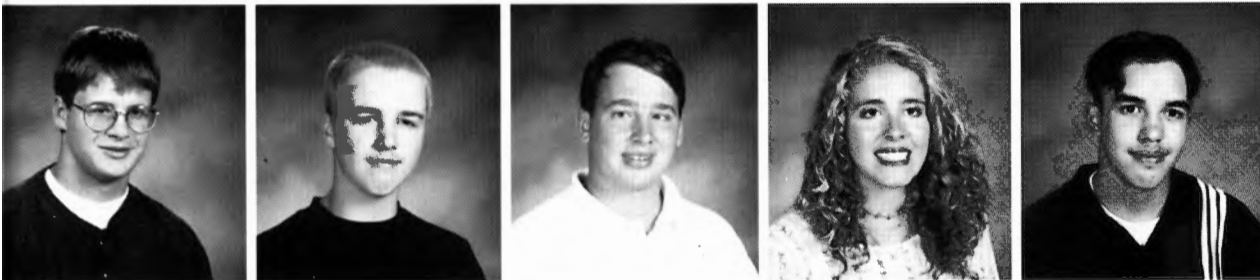
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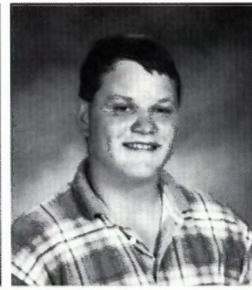
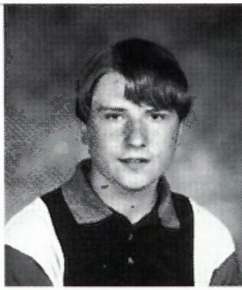


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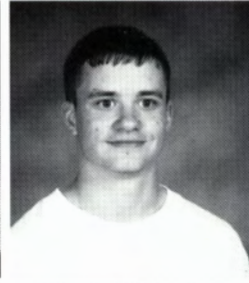
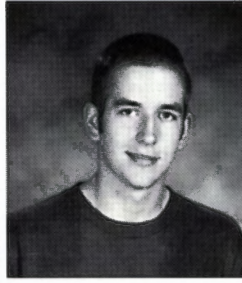
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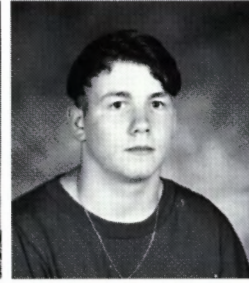
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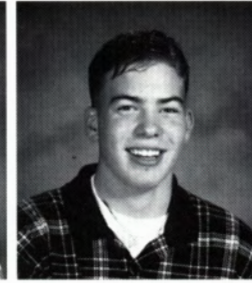
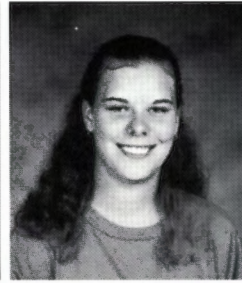
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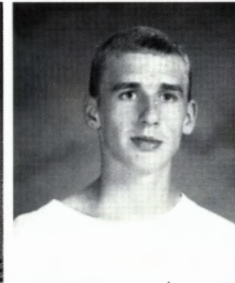
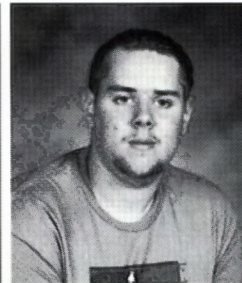
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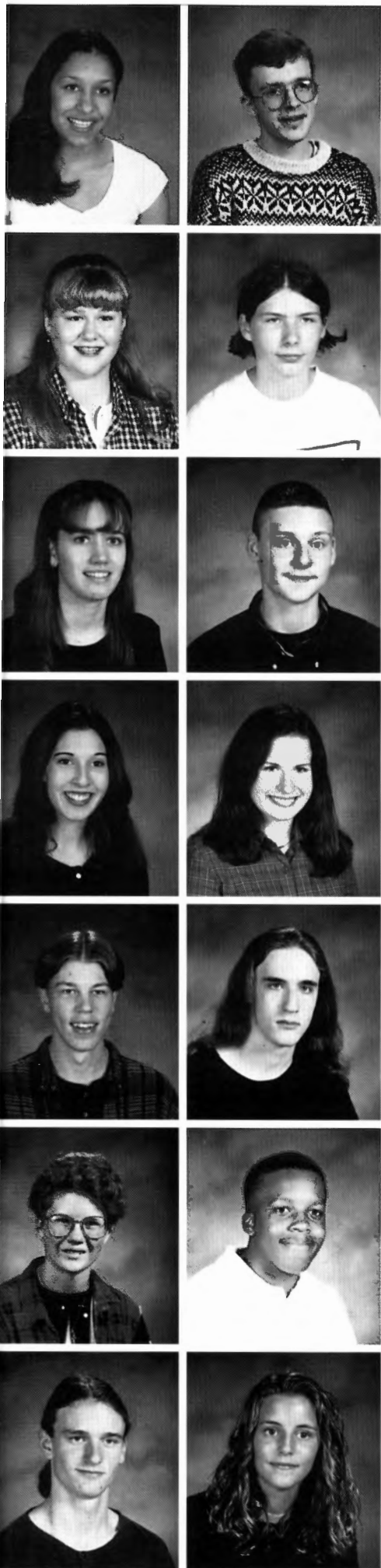


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Too Much Affection?

Hugs and kisses...what was the big deal? Everyone liked to show their boyfriend or girlfriend they cared, but how much was too much and when did simple affection cross the line of offending others? Was it appropriate in school or should people have limited the affection they showed in public places?

"Well, I don't approve of it because it makes others feel uncomfortable."

—**Angelica Garcia**

"I think it's fine to a certain point, but it can get carried away."

—**Paul Tuttle**

"They wouldn't want to see me and my boyfriend kissing, so why would I want to see them."

—**Monica Matteo**

"I think it's pretty inappropriate. There is a time and a place for

affection and the mall and school are not the places."

—**Brian Dunn**

"Within reason it's okay. Beyond that it's not."

—**Anne Veltema**

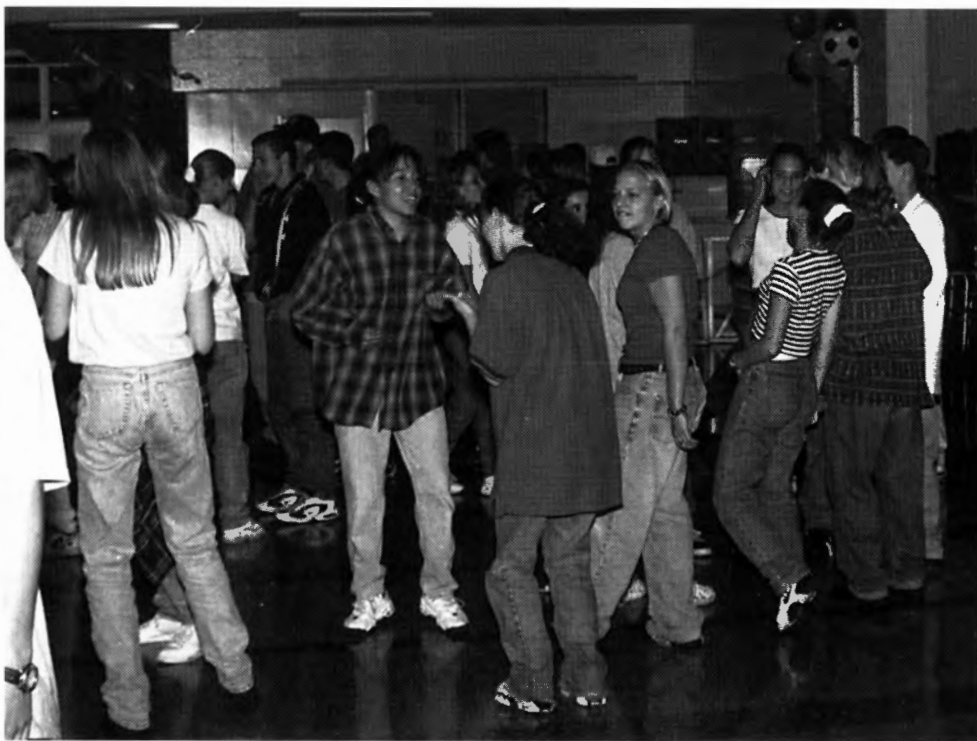
"I feel that as long as it's appropriate and not too explicit, it's okay."

—**Kevin Fowlks**

"Kissing is fine, but the touchy-feely stuff has got to go."

—**Jennie Wilbur**

—**Camelia Garcia-Guerra**



Dance the Night Away Having fun with friends at the Homecoming Dance are seniors Maresa Burton, Erin Younglove and Taja Dahl. "I think public displays of affection are okay if they are tactful," commented Maresa.

Test Your Patience

Everyone at one time or another has been frustrated. It was one thing to get mad, it was another to take your anger out on other people. Juniors pointed out the things that tested their patience most.

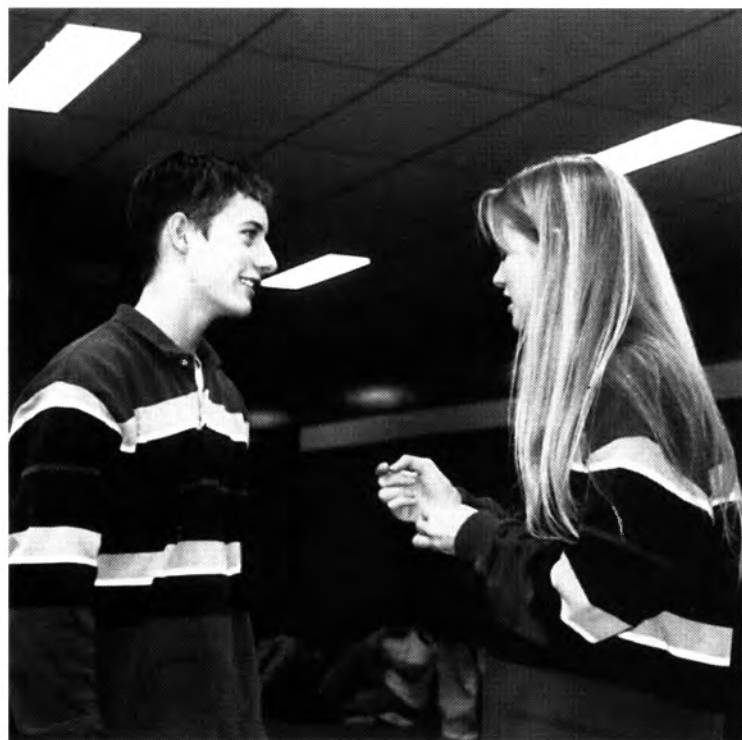
"The hallways definitely got to me because people need to learn how to walk and talk at the same time!"
—Jeanine Gibbs

"My chemistry class really tested my patience because it was hard to understand. We had to memorize a lot of definitions for quizzes, and we had three quizzes in the first week of school!"
—Stephanie Smiley

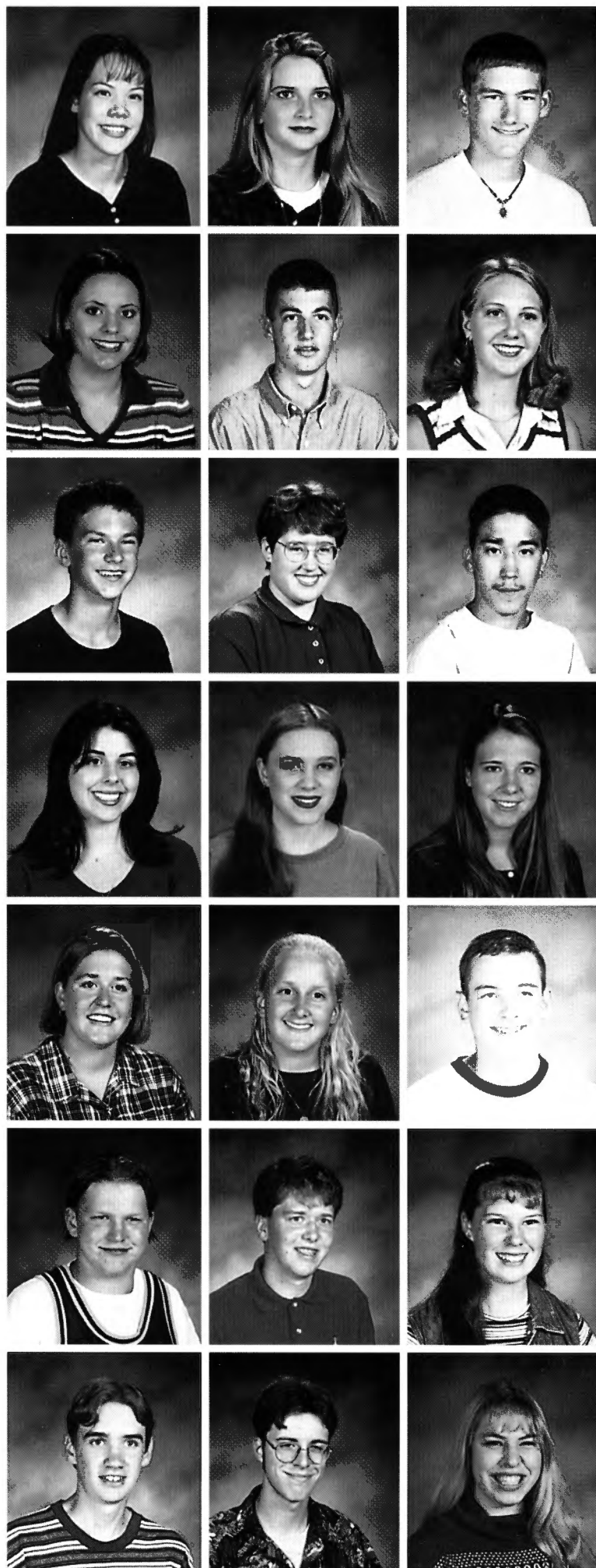
"Teachers that gave tests right after the chapter without reviewing really tested my patience. I didn't have time to prepare for them."
—Nicole Zenker

"Teachers that marked me absent even when I sat in the front of the class tested me. Almost everyday I got marked absent and had to go to the attendance office."
—Angela Diro

—Melissa Smith

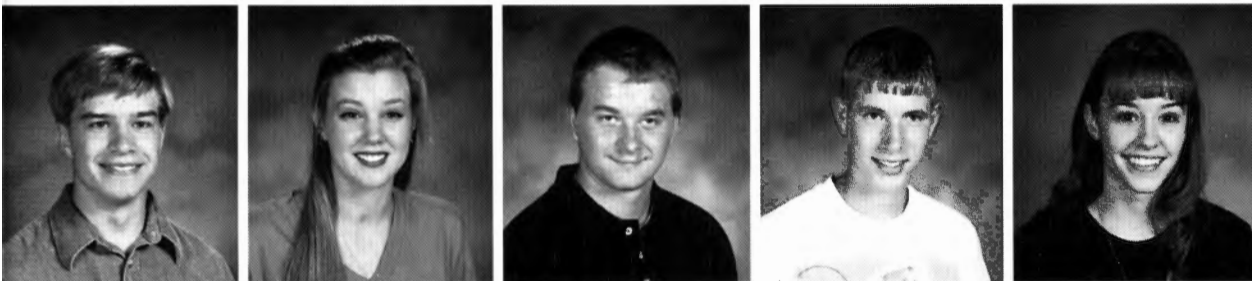


Talking It Out... Discussing teachers with her boyfriend Ted Spencer is junior Jenny McNamara. "The intern in my English class tested my patience most this year because he loaded huge projects on us and all the papers had to be typed and a minimum of three pages long," stated Jenny.

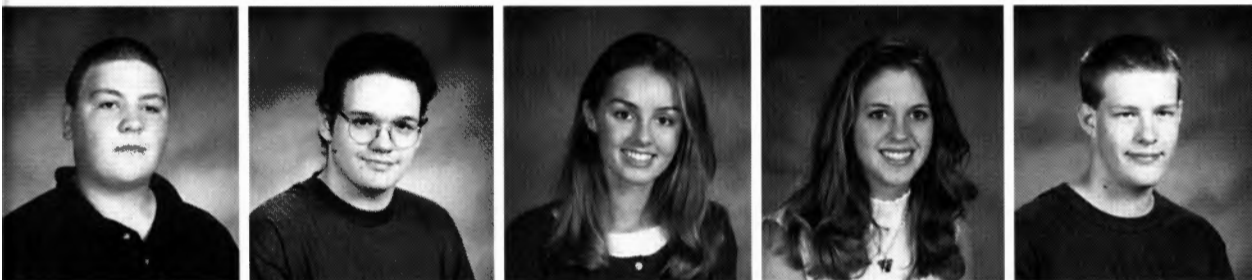




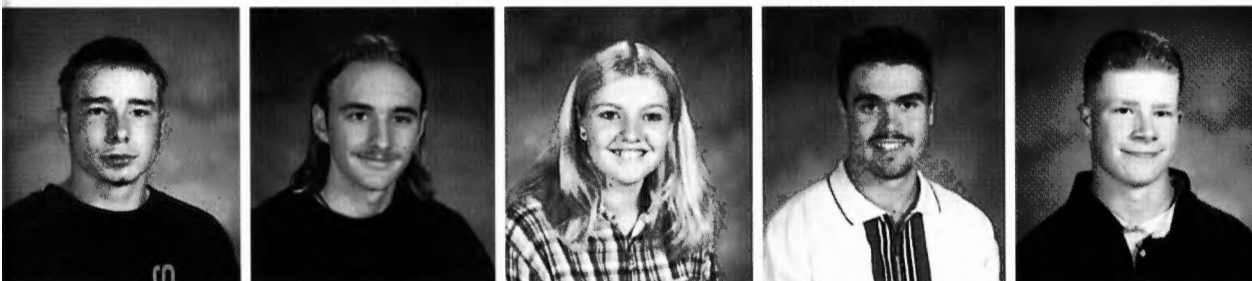
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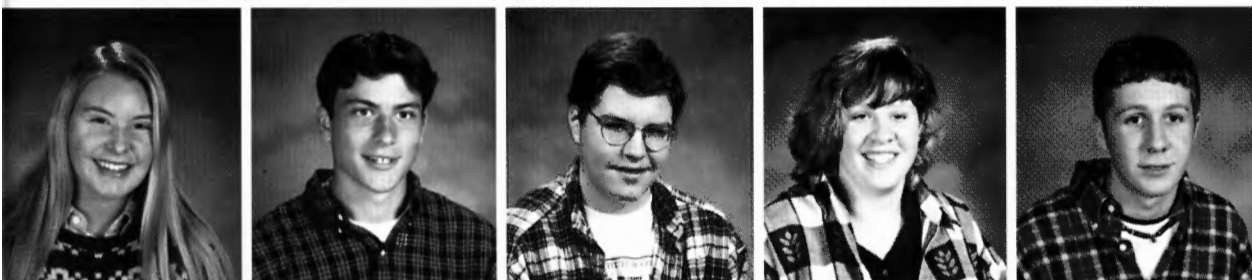
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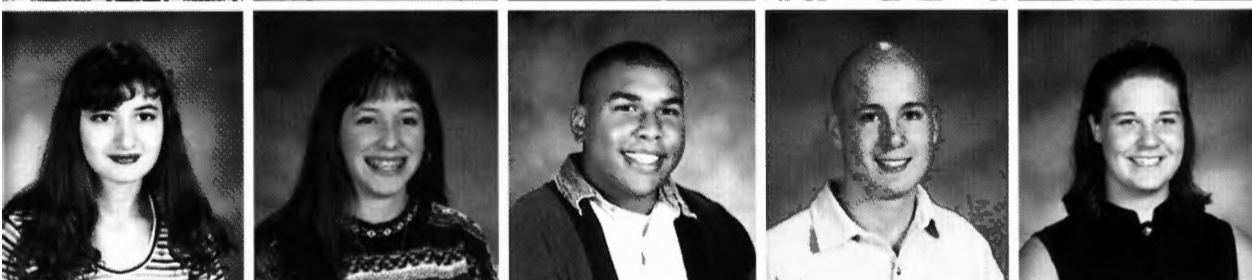
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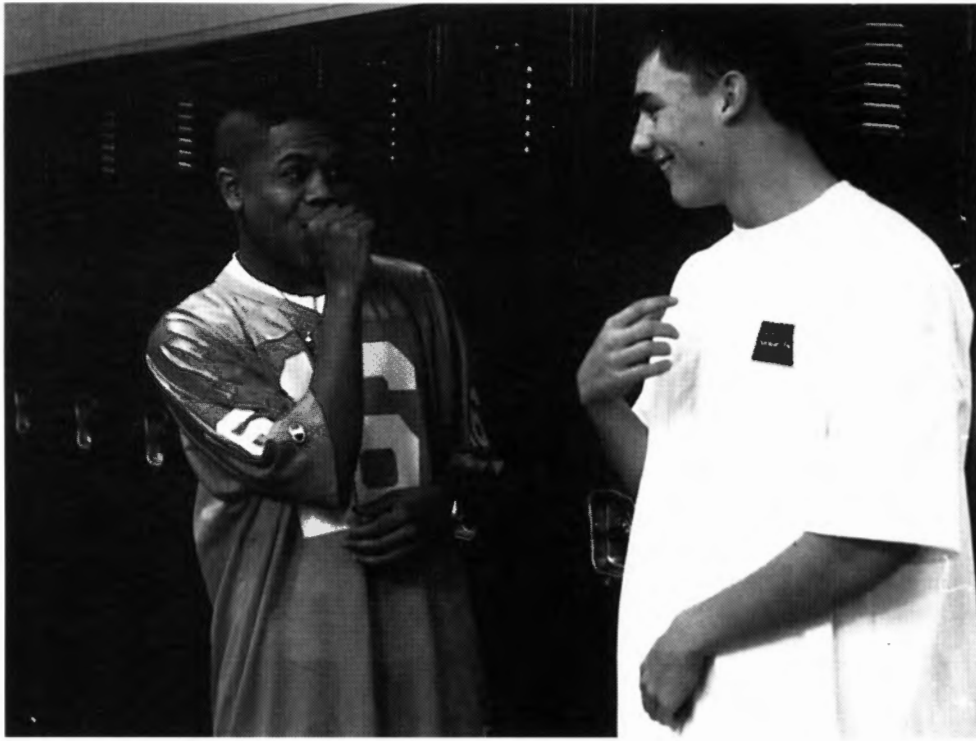
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Good for a Laugh Sharing a laugh in the hallway are sophomores Mike Reich and Ken Day. "In some ways high school is what I thought it would be, but in others it was different. I thought it was going to be weird having classes with upperclassmen and their treatment of us worse, but it hasn't been bad," commented Mike.

Up To Expectations?

Throughout school our goal was to make it to the high school, and we all thought we had an idea of what it would be like when we finally got there. When we entered the building, however, some of our visions were right, but others were completely off track.

"High school is a lot different than I thought it would be. We have a lot more homework and there are too many people in the hallways. Also there was a high expectation for football players this season."

—**Brandon Cooper**

"Overall, the high school is the same as the junior high. The only difference is that the staff gives you more freedom and they allow you to carry your bags to class."

—**Scott Stuible**

"High school is really cool. We are given a lot more freedom and are treated like adults."

—**Troy Smith**

"At high school, teachers lecture more often, and even though the length of class hasn't changed, the amount of time in class seems longer."

—**Lysle Smith**

"High school is basically like I thought it would be. Even though classes are harder, the teachers goof around with you and relate to you as an adult, not a child."

—**Jeff Beard**

"The high school is larger and it's harder to find your way around because of the number of people and how the building is designed."

—**Kraig Martiin**

—**Christina Dietz**

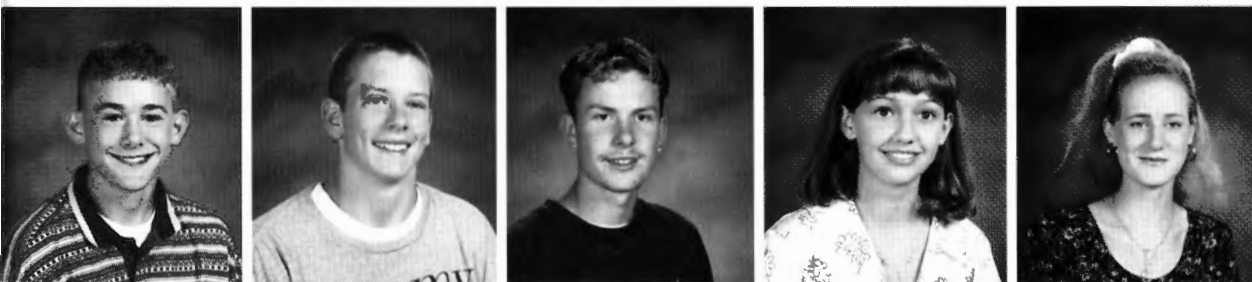




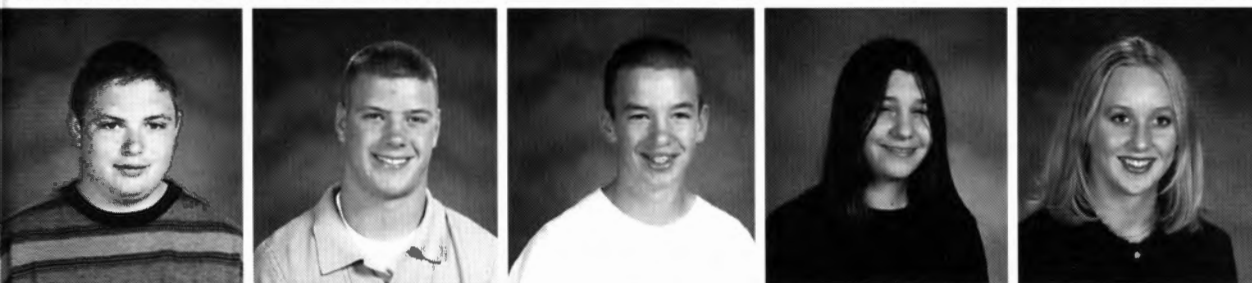
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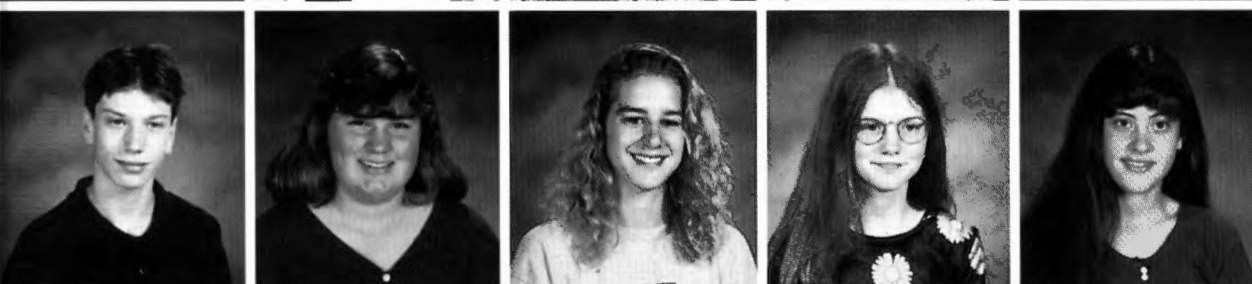
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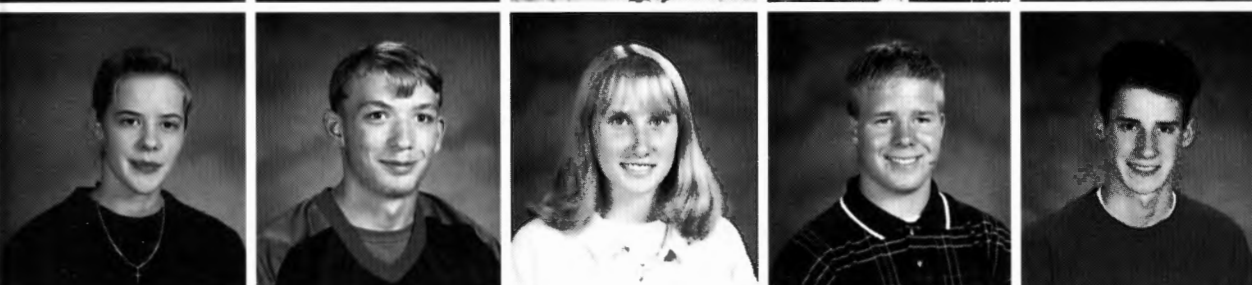
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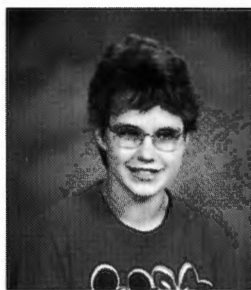


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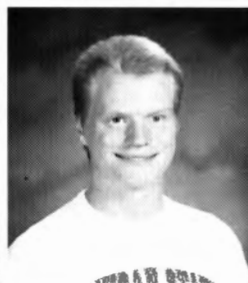
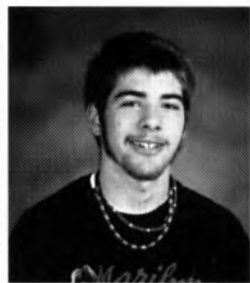
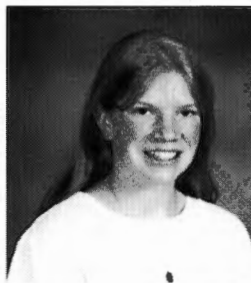
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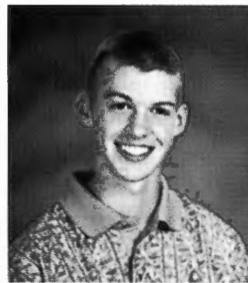
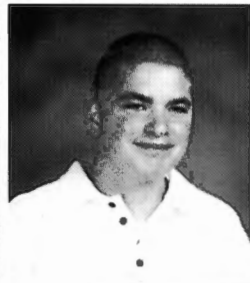
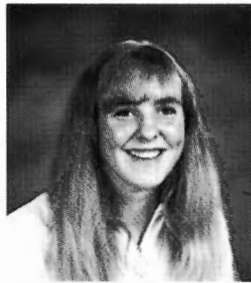
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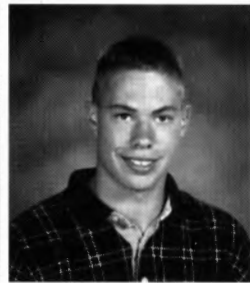
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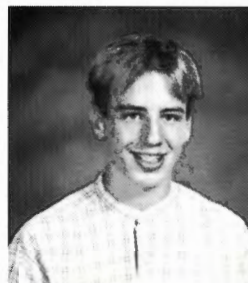
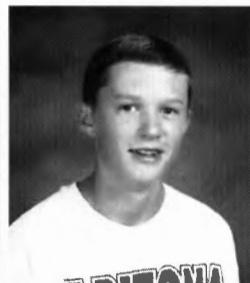
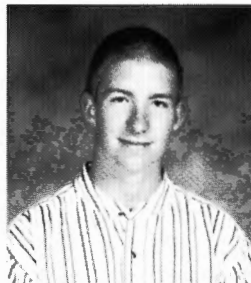
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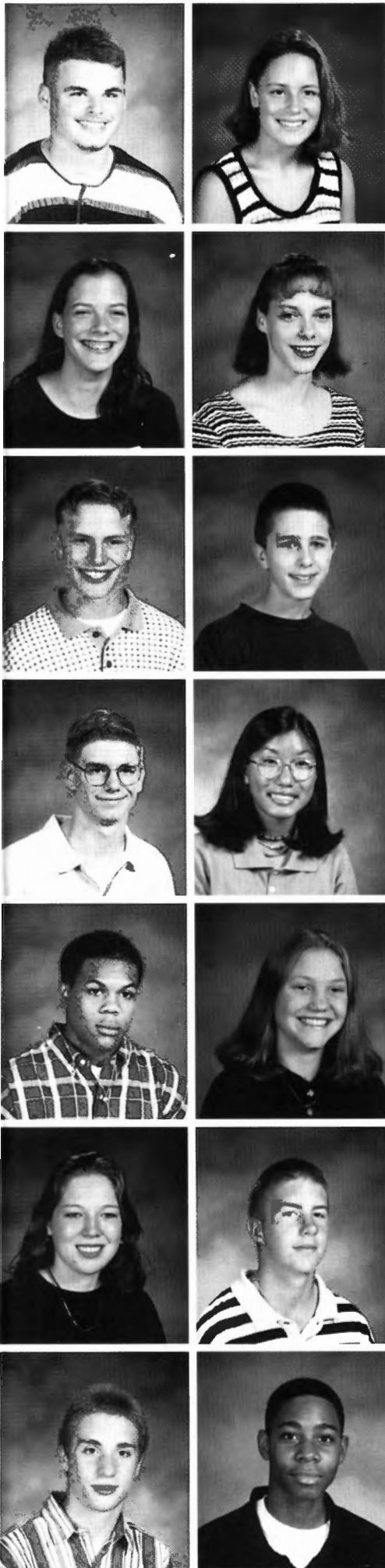


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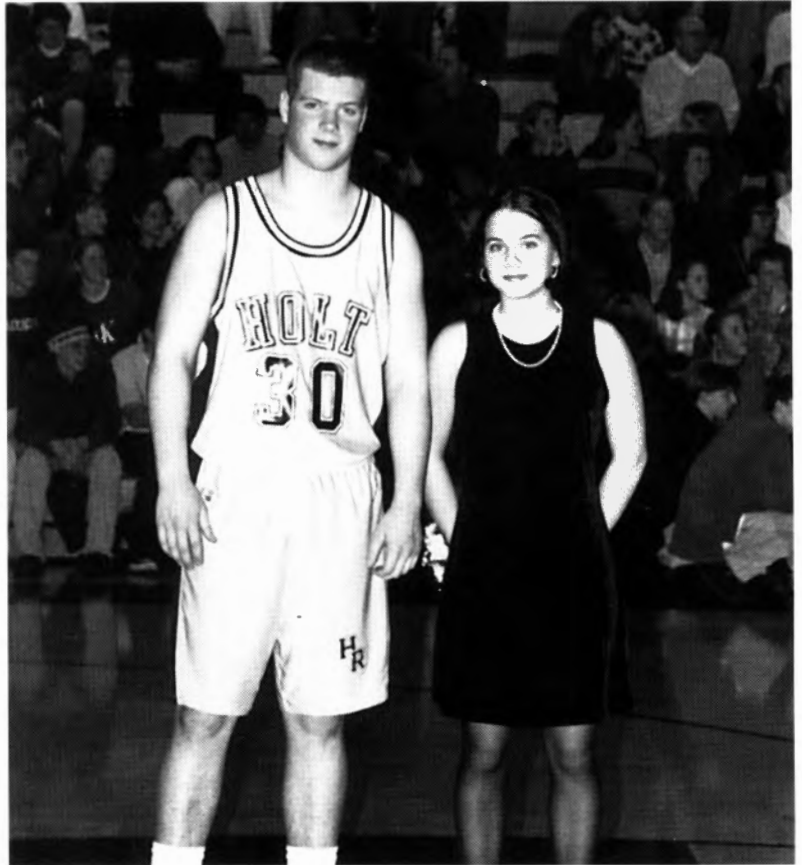
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**Center
Court**

Sophomore Winterfest Court members Jeff Beard and Alyssa Kenney are presented at the Varsity Basketball game halftime ceremonies. About his goals for the year, Jeff shared, "I wanted to win a state championship in football and get good grades."



Best Accomplishment

Sophomores started the year a bit on the confused side. As they found their way around and got the hang of high school, they began to dream of what their years would bring and what would be their most important accomplishment in high school?

"I want to get a scholarship to college and score more in basketball and football."

—**Mike Woulf**

"Getting my varsity letter in hockey, football and baseball are my goals. Then when I'm older, I can look back on all the memories."

—**Troy Smith**

"My most important accomplishment will be to maintain a 3.5 GPA until my senior year so I can get into a good college."

—**Stacie Hall**

"My dream is to win a state championship in football."

—**Jareb Mower**

"My dad and I have a dream that I will play volleyball good enough to get a college scholarship."

—**Emily Sawyer**

"My goal is to make it through Mr. Kressler's History class with an A!"

—**Libby Smieska**

—**Nakia Betz, Camelia Garcia-Guerra**



Just Like the Big Kids Lifting up two and half year-old Mick in Parenting class is senior Stephanie Walimaki. The nursery lab allowed students to interact with young children and learn about their care and development. Stephanie commented, "It was a lot of fun. The kids followed us around and copied everything we did."

Who's your role model?

Everyone had someone they looked up to whether it was a famous figure or simply a close friend or family member. Sophomores spoke out about who their role models were and why.

"My role model is Barry Sanders because he's a great athlete. He doesn't have the best offensive line, but he works with what he has. He also takes success very well."

—Ken Day

"Matt Cook is my role model because he used to be my babysitter. He was elected Homecoming King, was a member of PAL's and Student Council and also did a little bit of acting."

—Matt Lonsberry

"Dawn Staley, a member of the Women's U.S. Olympic Basketball Team, is my role model because she is a sweet basketball

player. She also overcame a lot of adversity as a girl growing up."

—Andrea Shippy

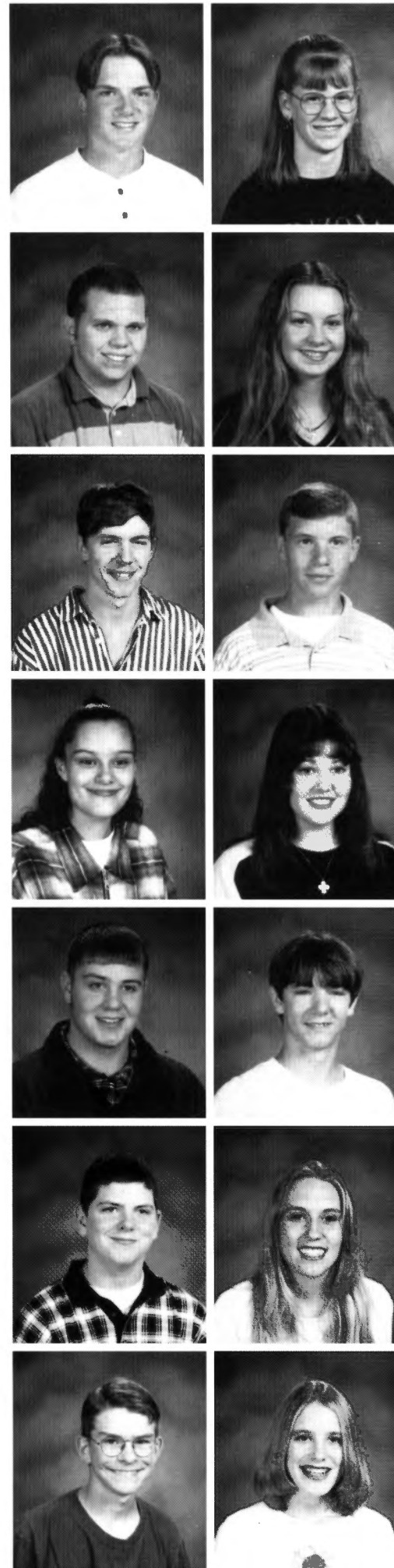
"My role model is my sister Amanda Schram because she accomplished a lot of good things. She got good grades and earned a scholarship to college. She is also a good athlete."

—Meredith Schram

"My freshman teacher Mrs. Marshall is my role model because she gave me a chance at things and helpful advice. I guess you could say she was there for me when I needed someone."

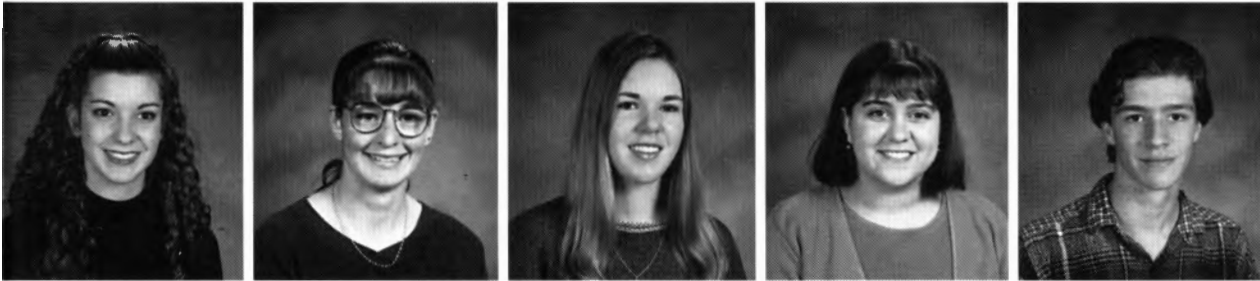
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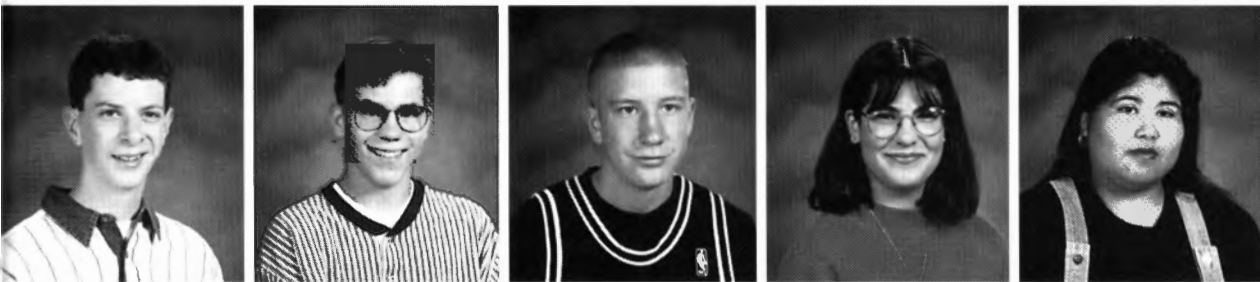




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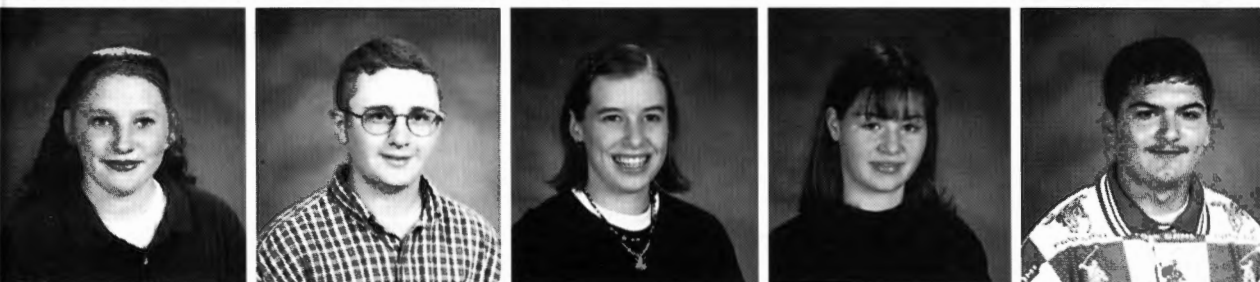
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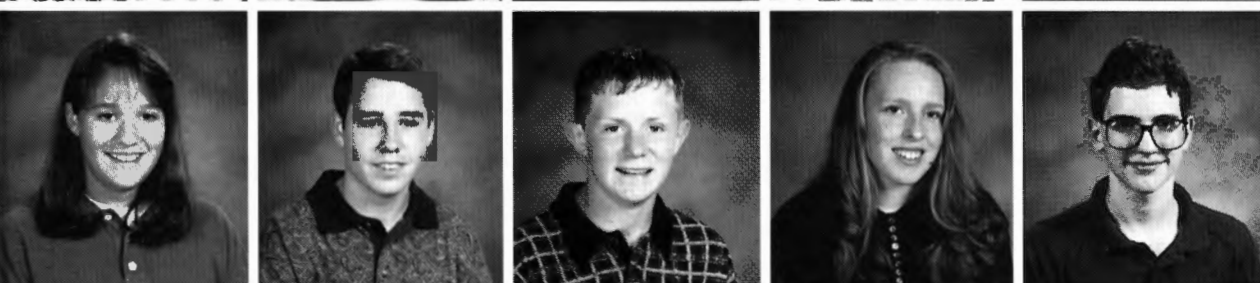
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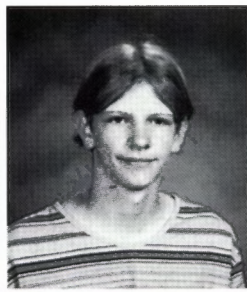


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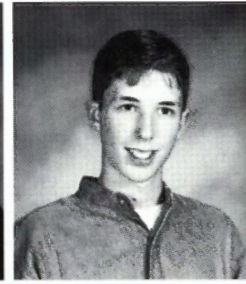
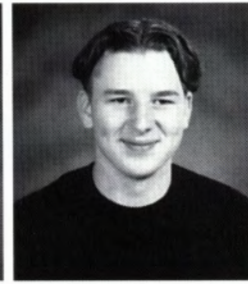
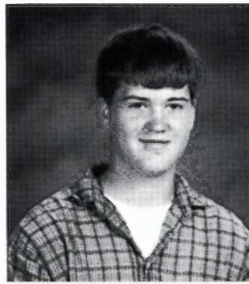


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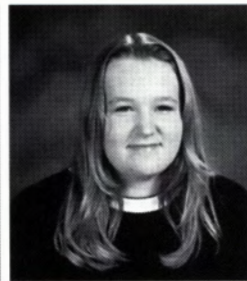
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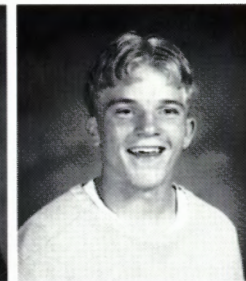
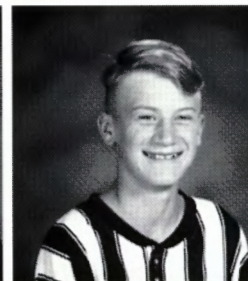
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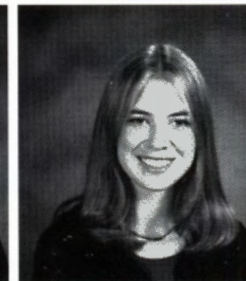
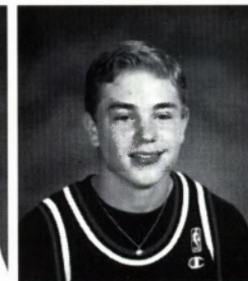
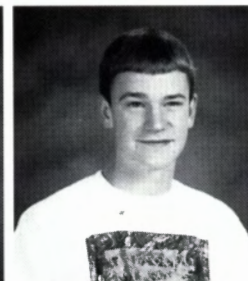
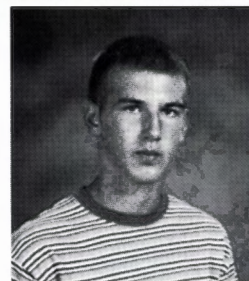
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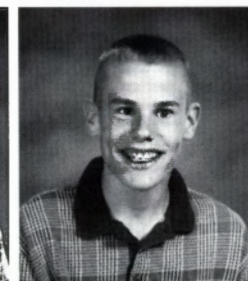
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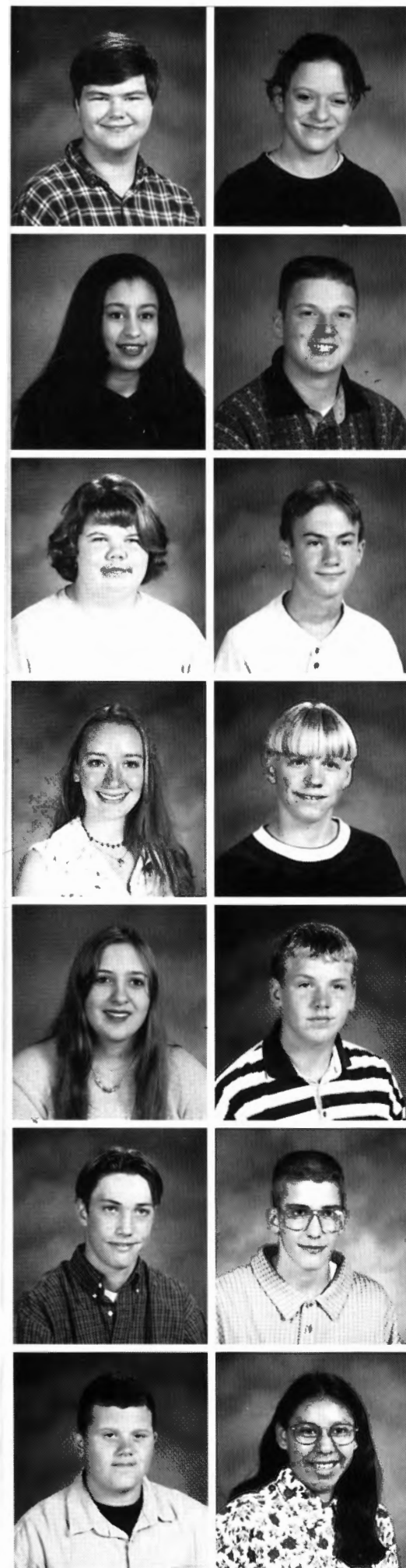


Photo by Serenity Hayes

Caught in the Lunch Line Paying for his food in the pizza and fries line is sophomore Jeff Beard. He commented, "My favorite pizza toppings are pepperoni, anchovies and oysters. Too bad the school only serves pepperoni and sausage."

Favorite Toppings

Everyone had their own opinion when it came to what toppings tasted best on pizza. Most people didn't have to think long to answer the question and some came up with strange or at least unusual combos.

"I love strawberries on my pizza. They make it sour and I just love strawberries period!"

—**Josie Dunham**

"I love pineapple and chicken on my pizza. Why? Because it tastes good, that's why!"

—**Jareb Mower**

"I love mayonaise, mustard and ranch dressing on my pizza, but not all together, of course! It tastes different and I like things that are different."

—**Molly Fourman**

"I love hot sauce on my pizza because it gives it a twisty, tangy flavor."

—**Ken Day**

"I think ranch dressing tastes really good on pizza. I eat it on every pizza I order."

—**Angie Holmes**

"I like tomatoes on my pizza. They are so yummy. My favorite combination is tomatoes and ham."

—**Jaime Murphy**

"I hate cheese on my pizza and also the sauce. Forget toppings, I basically like just the dough."

—**Kate Hall**

—**Emily Sawyer**

**He Says,
She Says**

Accepting their sophomore Homecoming Court honors are Cedric Ford and Nicole Tews. About what attracts them most in the opposite sex, Nicole commented, "personality", while Cedric noted, "the face." He added, "I notice people who are pretty."



What attracts you?

Besides finding out what classes they liked, where to go for lunch and how to succeed, sophomores thought more about what attracted them to the opposite sex. They had their pick of traits to consider about what they found most attractive.

"For me it's muscles and cool hair. It's important for guys to look good."
—**Jesse Novello**

"Personality is the most important because looks can change."
—**Corey Babbitt**

"What I consider is whether they have a good sense of humor and are intelligent."
—**Kristena Robie**

"The most attractive guy is someone who is funny, smart and who isn't looking in the mirror all the time."
—**Jennifer Maloney**

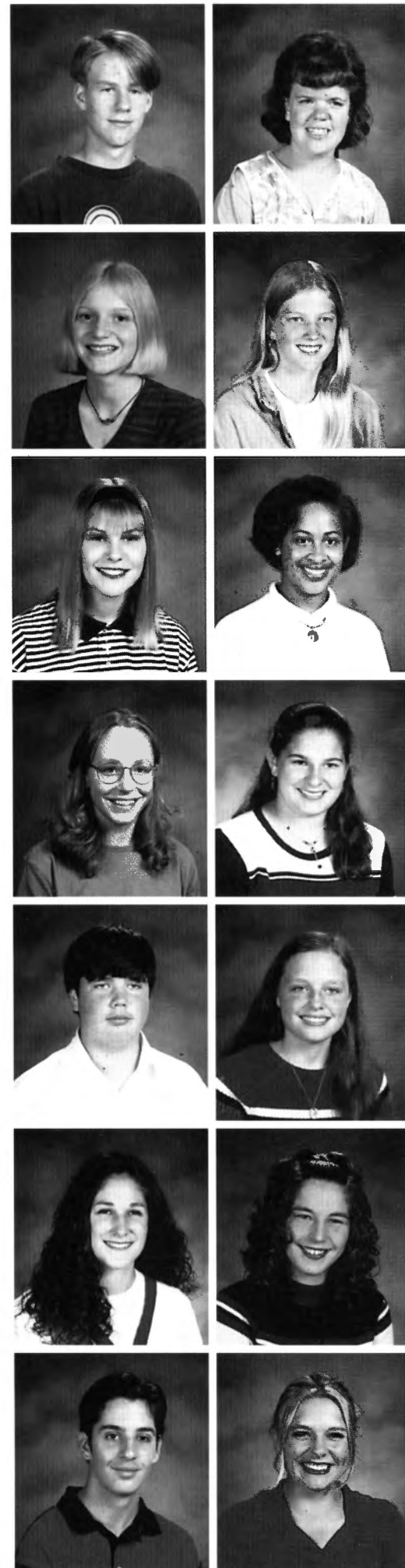
"I like a smart, pretty girl who likes me!"
—**Brian Rodriguez**

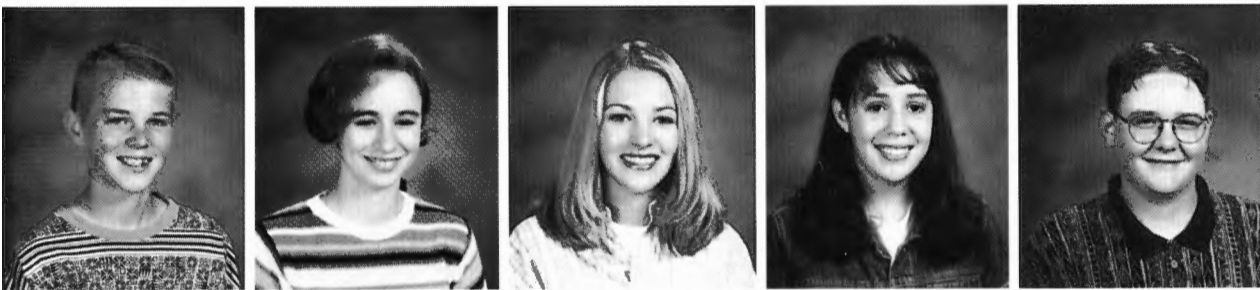
"What I find most attractive is a guy who is interested in you and pays attention."
—**Jessica Jones**

"I want a woman who likes *Welcome Back Kotter* and will watch it with me."
—**Dan Reinecke**

"I look for a sweet, smart guy who's fine."
—**Jennie Mannino**

—**Serenity Hayes**

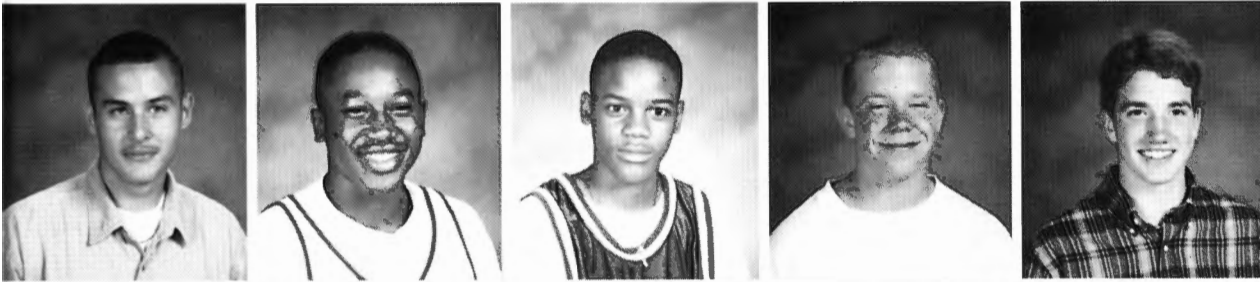




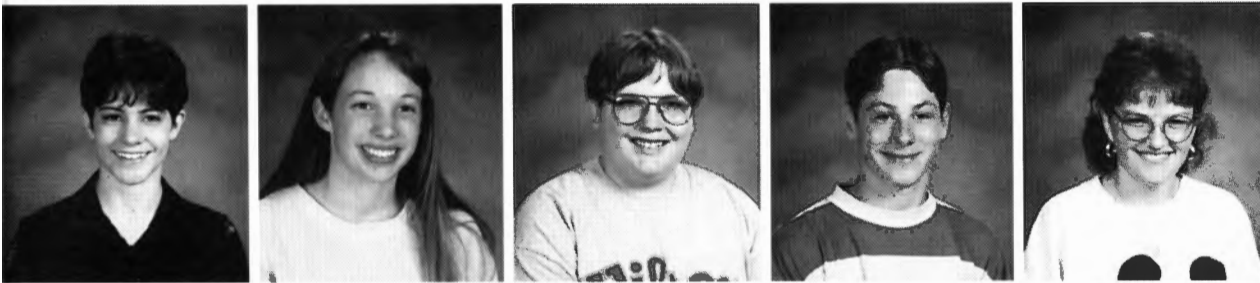
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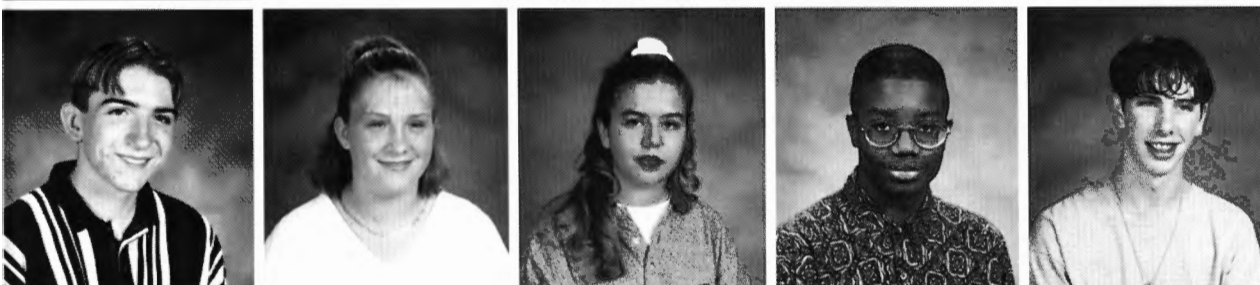
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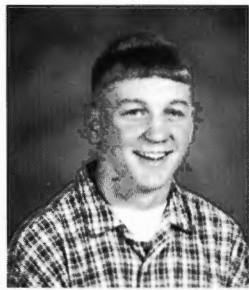
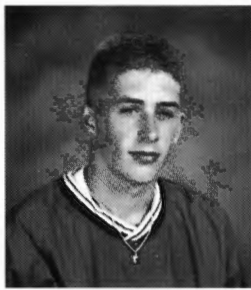


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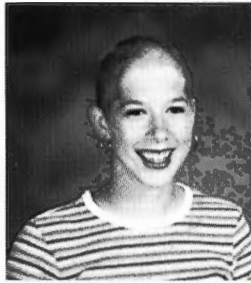


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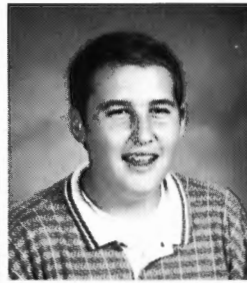
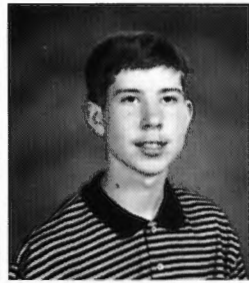
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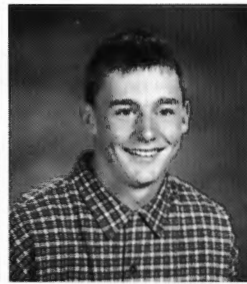
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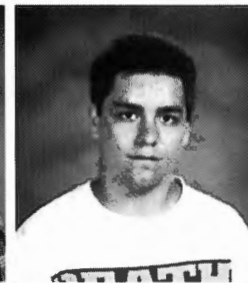
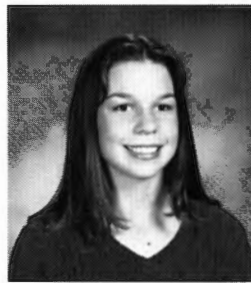
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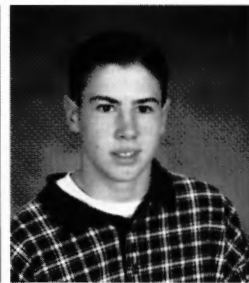
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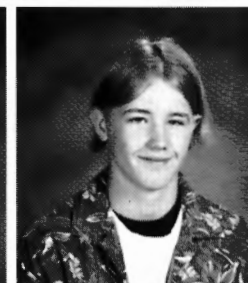
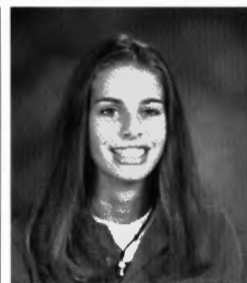
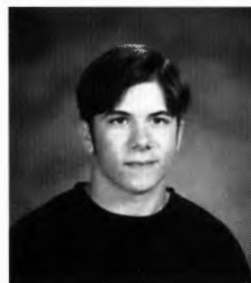
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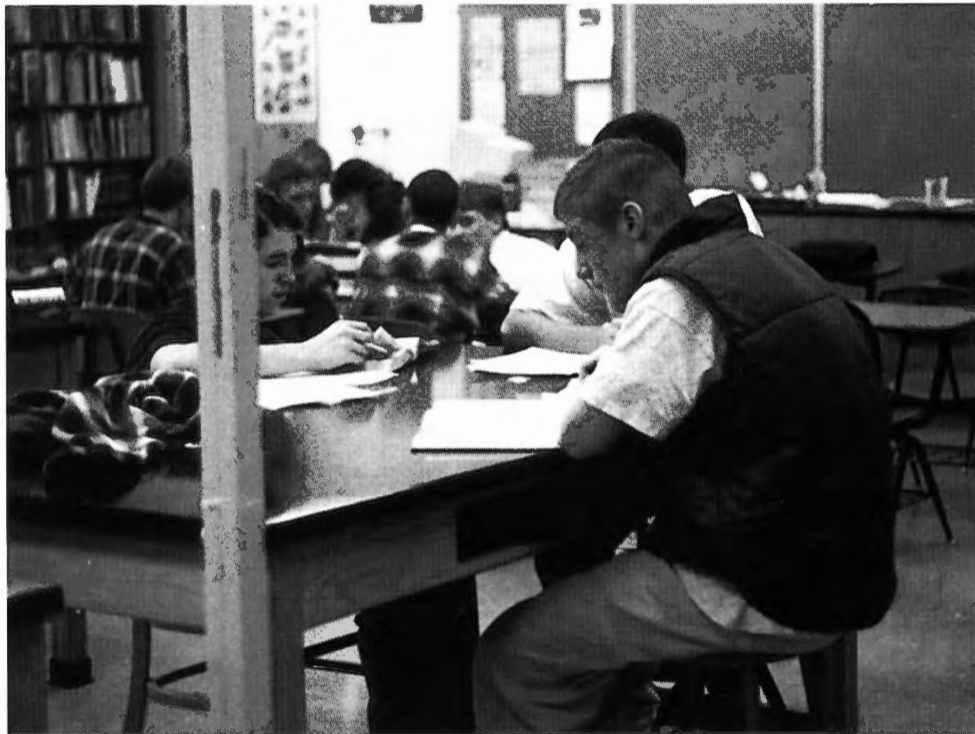
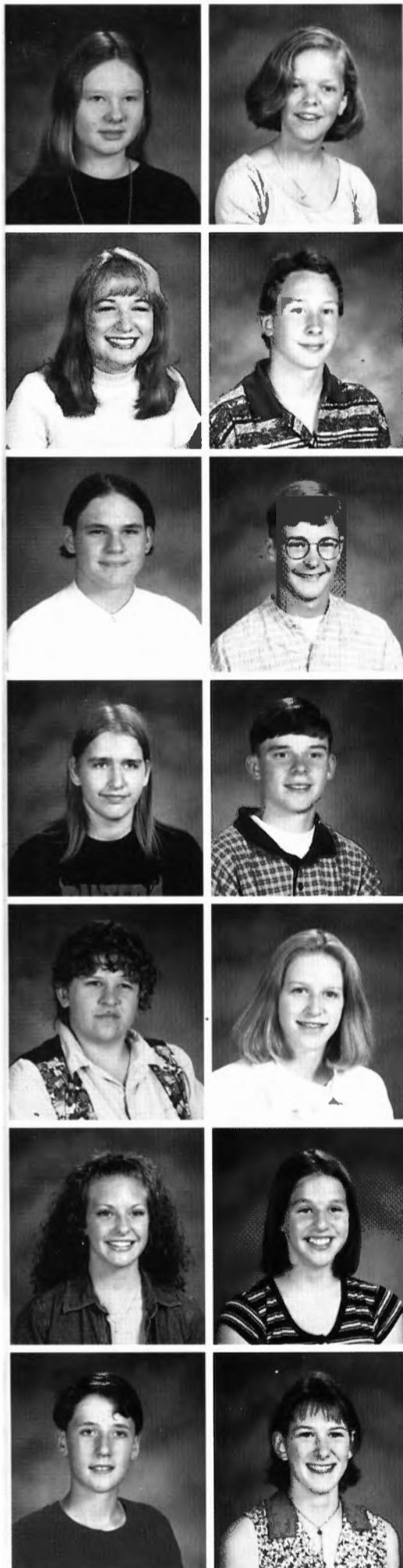


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Not Just Daydreams Working on a chloroplast lab in Barbara Neureither's Biology class is sophomore Darin Ross. He commented, "My dreams are coming true. I'm getting good grades and making a lot of friends."

Dreams Come True

We all have dreams. Some of them are just that, a dream, and some we actually accomplish. Some of us dream of a good paying job, a big house and all the money we need. Some of us dream a little smaller and just want to be able to get through life.

"I would like to become drum major of the band and chart my own show for the marching season. I also want to get a scholarship to college and remain on the Varsity Soccer team."

—Jason Rees

"I want to get good grades and a state endorsed diploma. I also want to letter in a varsity sport."

—Kirk Ballard

"I just want to have fun. I'm going to make the best of it and live it up."

—Marcelle Pereault

"I want to keep my GPA up and pass the proficiency tests so I can get my state endorsed diploma. I

also want to get my varsity letter in basketball."

—Jeana Johnson

"My dreams right now are to go to college, get a scholarship and be the state champion in wrestling."

—R. J. Eding

"I want to do well in my classes and get my varsity letter in cheerleading and soccer."

—Kristin Sheehan

"I want to be involved in school activities, participate in sports and have fun. I also want to succeed in school academically."

—Allison Meyers

—Katy Samuelson

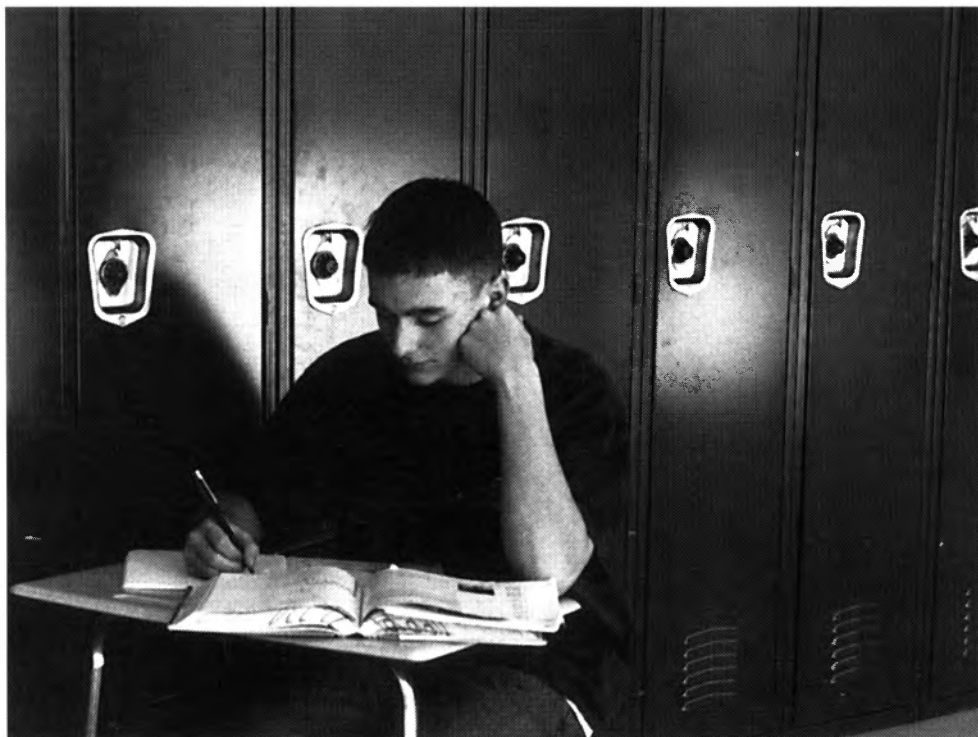


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Hitting the Books Working on an assignment in Geometry class in the D hall is sophomore Mike Reich. About his fears, he commented, "My phobia is spiders! Ever since I was a little kid I have always hated them, especially in Illinois where there were jumping spiders. I can remember once when I was sleeping, one jumped on my face and bit me five times. One bite was above my eye and it caused my eye to swell shut."

Overcoming Phobias

Finally they were headed to high school, yet sophomores worried about the experience. But their fears weren't limited to their first day on new turf. They could identify any number of phobias that plagued them, some serious, and some less overwhelming that they could laugh at.

"My biggest phobia is drowning. I went to Florida last spring break and my sister and I went into the ocean. I wouldn't go out past my waist. My sister still won't let me live it down and she tells everyone about it."

—**Jessie Hargrove**

"My phobia is rumors. So many of them go around. I'm always afraid one is going to start about me or someone I'm close to."

—**Tracy Hill**

"I don't have any real phobias. I guess I might have a few fears, but none of them really overwhelm me, so I guess I'm set."

—**Amy Cassidy**

"My phobia is being in high school for three years and then college for four more. Already it seems like I've been in school forever. Oh well, it's okay as long as I have a good life."

—**Kristin Harding**

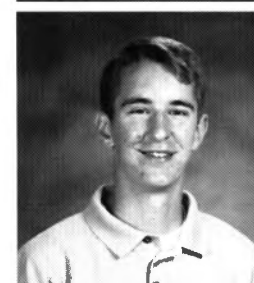
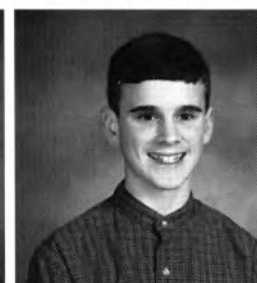
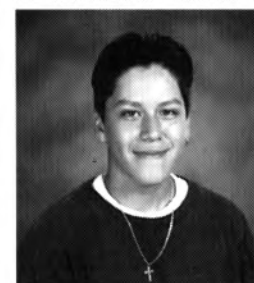
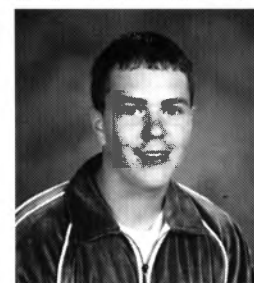
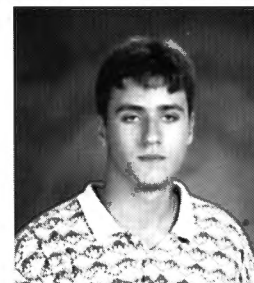
"I'm worried about my future. I've got three more years of school and these are the most important ones."

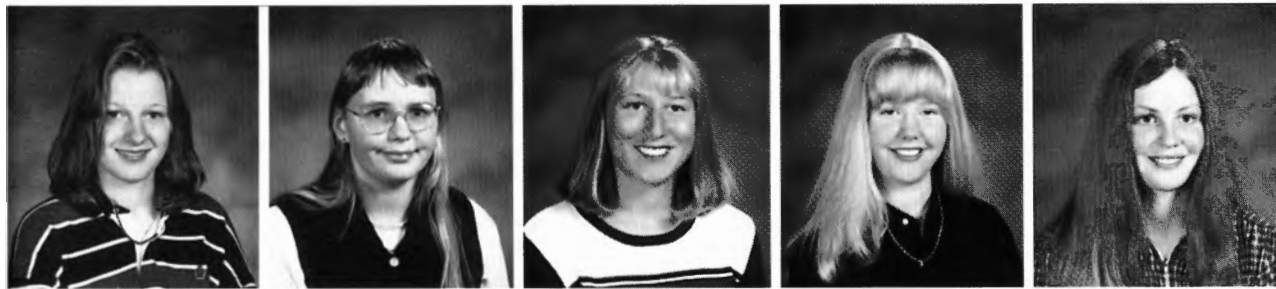
—**Tanya Kneuppel**

"I'm not really afraid of anything. I've been through so much, whatever comes up I can see myself laughing at it."

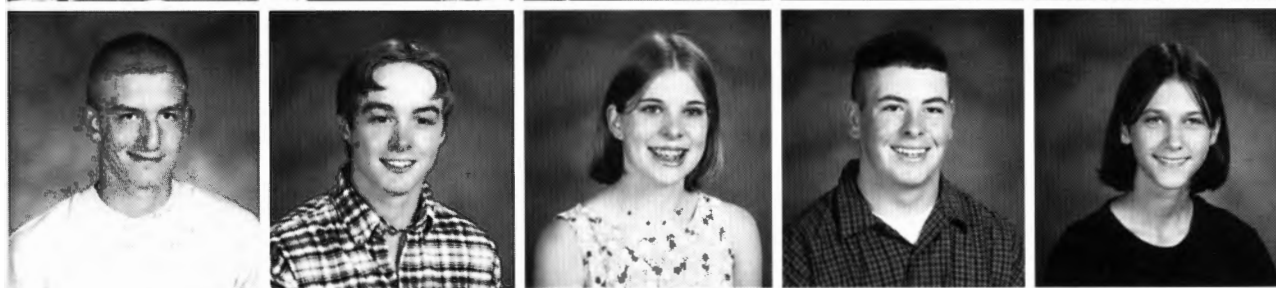
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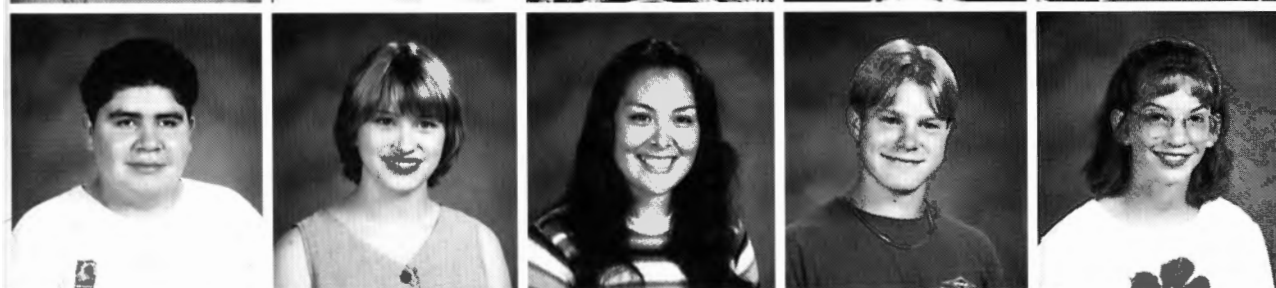
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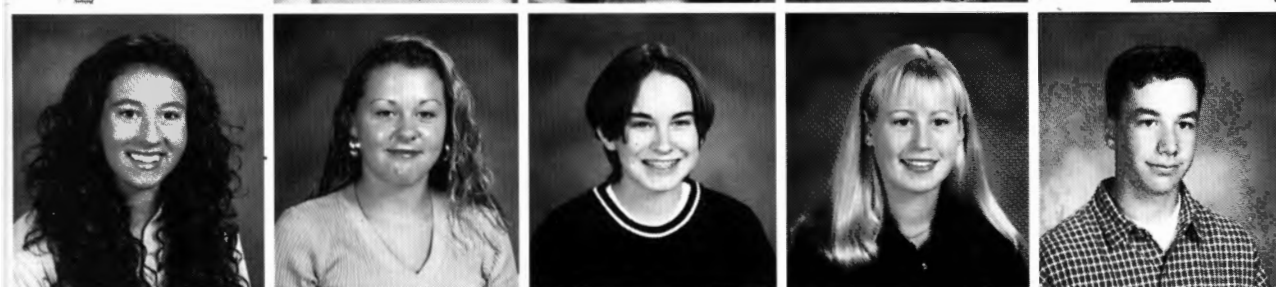
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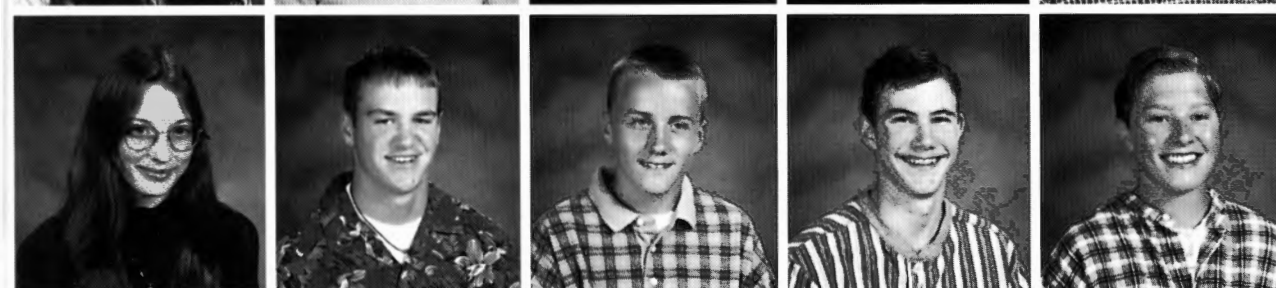
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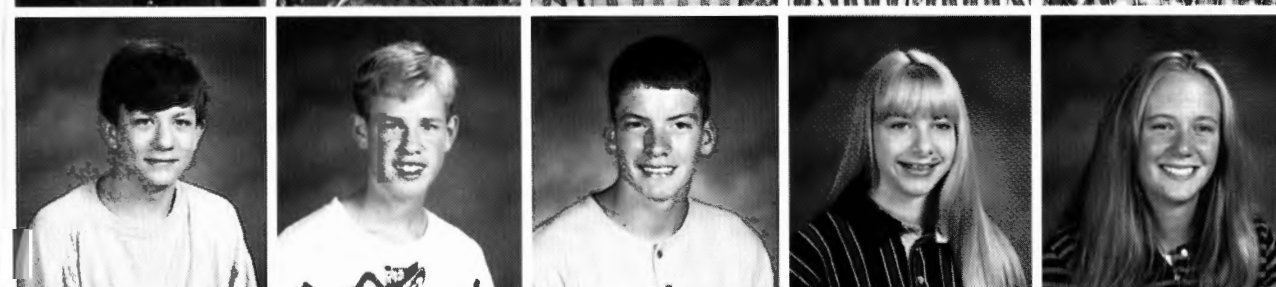
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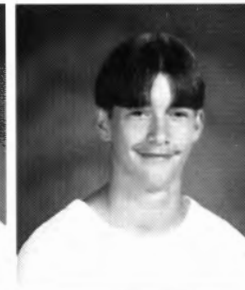
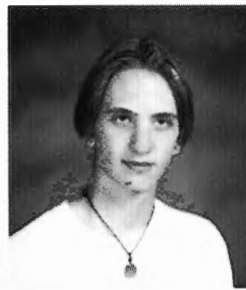


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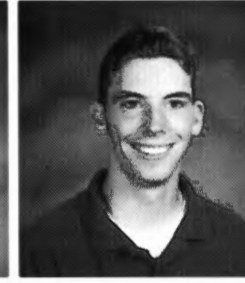
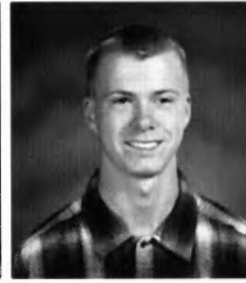
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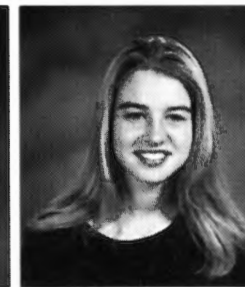
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Sister Spirit Getting into the spirit at the Homecoming pep assembly are Marcie Stambaugh, Jessica Grenawalt, Sarah Langham, Nikki David, Lindsey Gilreath and Shawna Lyons. About her brother, Sarah commented, "I liked having him here. I showed him respect when I passed him in the hallway. It was neat because he was always looking out for me."

Photo by Jennifer Wilbur



Sibling Rivalry Dressing up as twin sisters during Spirit Week are Sarah Clarkson and a friend. About her sister, Sarah shared, "It was fun being here with her and it allowed me to have a ride to lunch. When we passed each other in the hallway we would wave and say hello like we were just friends."

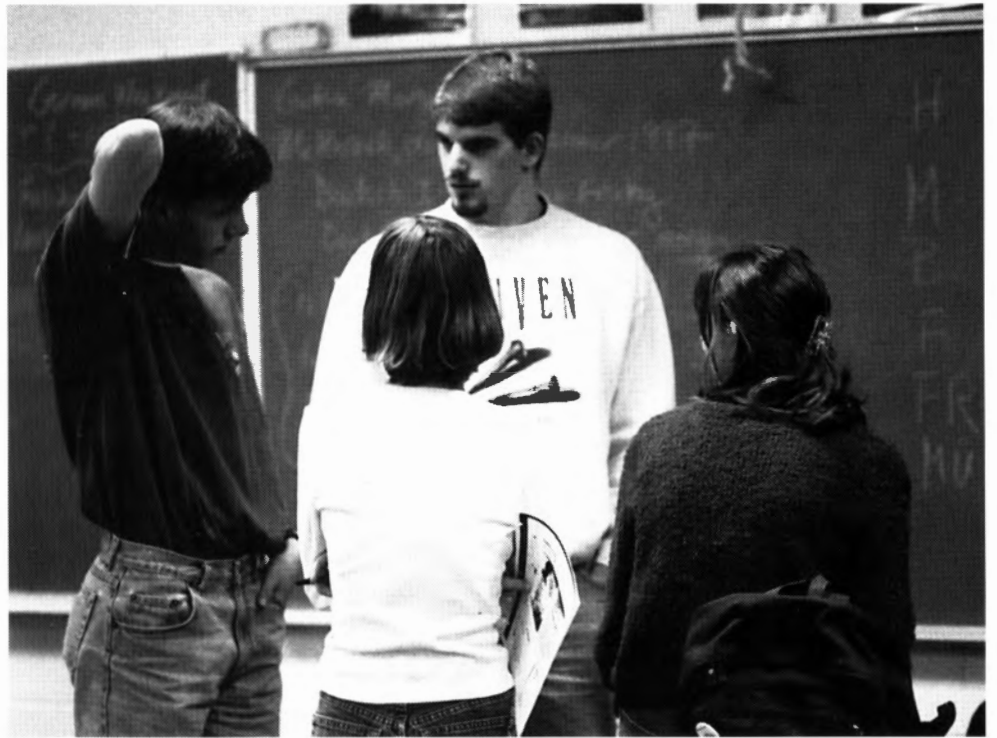
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Willie Brooks	Elizabeth Rapp
Erin Carslake	Ryan Reedy
Carrie Carter	Matt Roberts
Adrian Castellanos	James Robins
Russell Clark	Melisa Robinson
William Denike	Jennifer Savage
Gina Elfenbein	Amanda Shock
Charles Foresman	Carmen Sorenson
Clela Gray	Amber Taylor
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Kathleen Longberry	Brian Tripp
Shawna Lyons	Sandy Vergason
Jimmy Manuel	Brian Wiley
Shannon Mathews	

Sophomores Not Pictured:

Kathryn Alward	Melissa Powe
Frank Ayers	Luis Rodriguez
Brian Ballard	Alon
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Anna Isnardi	
Meredith Johnson	
Jamie Murphy	
Melissa Plumridge	



Upperclassman Brother Talking with other students in German class is senior Ben Davenport. About his sister, Sarah, Ben noted, "Having a sister here has been a hassel; you're never alone. But it also has been fun because there is always someone you know that cares."

Siblings Pro and Con

You share bathroom space and perhaps clothes. You see them all the time and some even at school. For those brother and sisters who shared the same school, there were pros and cons to the experience. Some found friendship while others cited some rivalry.

"Having a sister in the same school is definitely a plus because it gives me someone to ride with, whether it's to school, to lunch or the trip home."

—**Jessica Apostal**

"I like having a brother at school. We can really relate because we know exactly what is going on whether it is with other students or teachers. We can share the inside scoop."

—**Aaron Bolden**

"You always know somebody and you always have your sister to talk to. Plus I get along with her friends."

—**Ann Hargrove**

"At times its good, but at times it's bad. In the beginning going to lunch together was fine, but then I got tired of it, as well as her trying to act cooler than me. That really got on my nerves."

—**Kristen Beckner**

"It's good having a brother here because he looks out for me and makes sure guys treat me right."

—**Cherraline Doerr**

"We're just a normal brother and sister and it is easy being here together. It's been this way since first grade so we're used to it."

—**Christina Richter**

—**Elizabeth Walker**

Fu Charge Screaming their loudest, teachers try to win the Loudmouth contest over students during the Homecoming pep assembly conducted by teacher Dan Ernst. Heather Neiswonger admitted, "If you think this is bad, you should see me during a Spartan game!"



Great Escape

Helping sophomore Danielle Cantin with her poetry, English teacher Bruce Kutney. "Danielle attends poetry readings at MSU and has learned a lot from the experience," observed Kutney.



What if...

Discussing ideas about a Constructions project are sophomore April Speight and MSU intern Stephanie Sherman. Ms. Sherman worked with Art teacher Leanne Schnepf during second semester with her Constructions and Set Design classes.

Best Laid Plans

They were the artists of the school, the dedicated lot that molded the minds and hearts of students, giving them the power of knowledge to create their own futures and dreams. The faculty, however, were not without dreams of their own youthful aspirations that guided them into the positions they hold today. Many dreams from high school form careers, and the teachers at Holt were no exception. What was your high school dream?

"I always wanted to become a teacher, I just didn't know what field to teach in. It took awhile before I decided on Home Economics at the high school level."

—Beth Frazier, *Life Skills*

"My dream in high school was to become a teacher, to immerse myself in the joys of adolescence and to delve into psychology. I've gotten to do all three."

—Michelle Hruska, *Intern*

"I dreamed in high school of surviving a thermonuclear war. It didn't come true—no war!"

—Bill Savage, *Social Studies*

"Acting was number one, but I realized the acting scene was too competitive so I chose to teach theater instead."

—Pamela Klimenko, *Communication Arts*

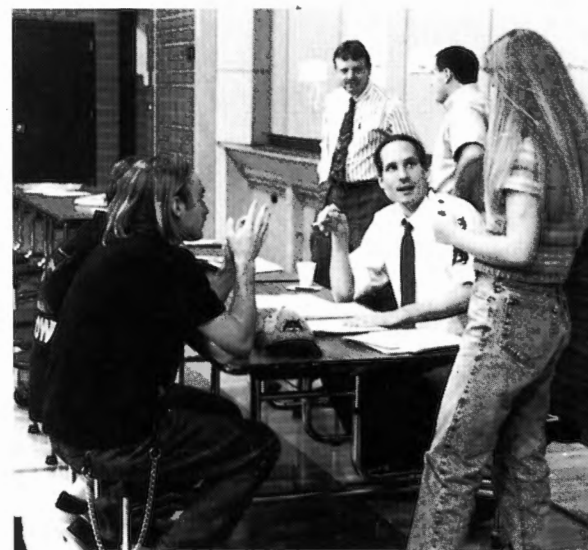
"My dream was to become an emergency room doctor. Judge for yourself whether it came true!"

—Dave Foy, *Science*

"My dreams were simple—go to college, get married, raise four kids and travel. I've had the chance to do all of them and a lot more."

—Janet Wilson, *Counselor*

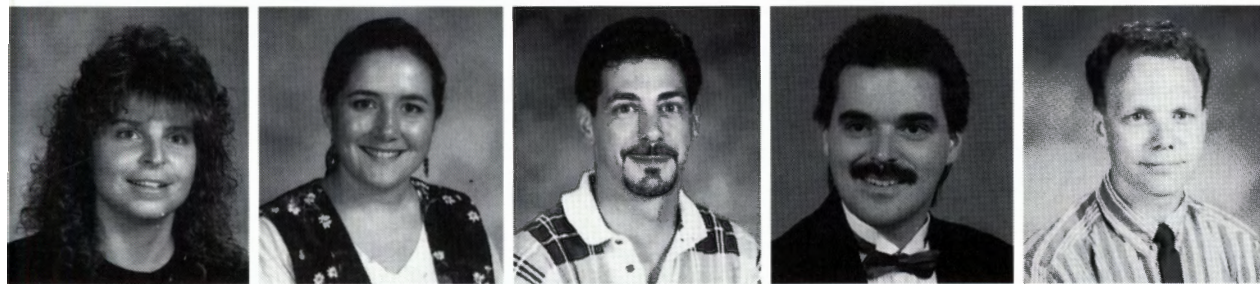
—Christina Dietz



Can we talk? Fitting in a little break at conferences, Math teacher Dave Hildebrandt talks to Paul Tuttle and Kendra Dunham about the best and worst times in class. "I enjoy talking to former students about how they did in my class. It is interesting to compare classes," he noted.



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Sandra Bernier
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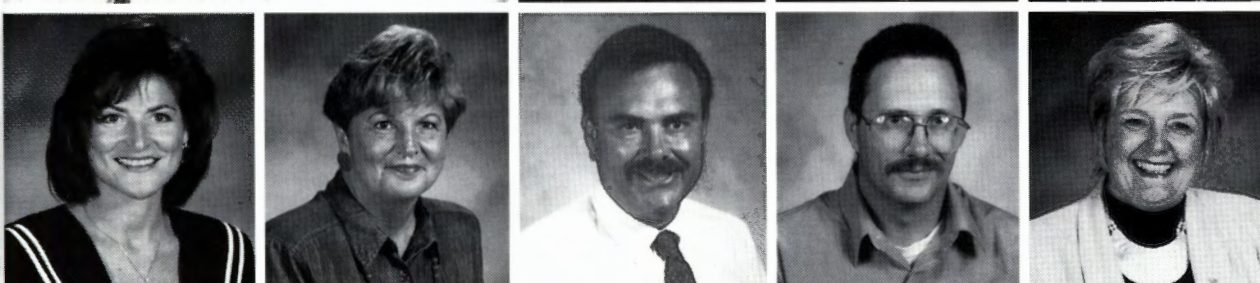
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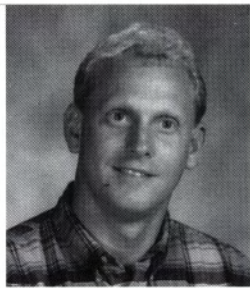


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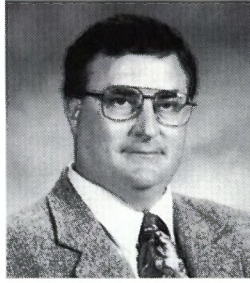
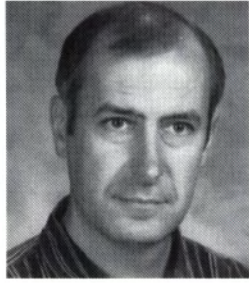
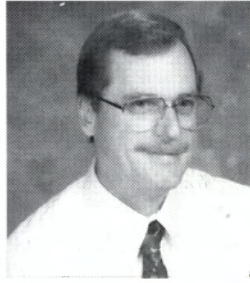


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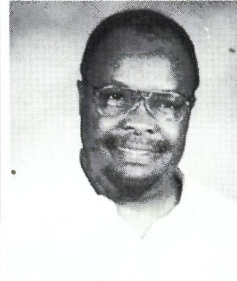
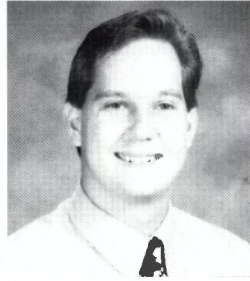
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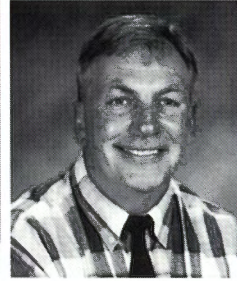
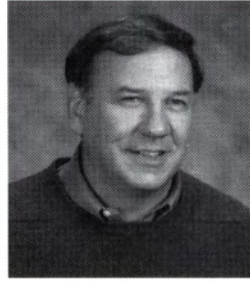
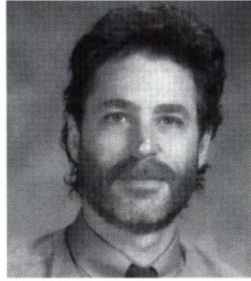
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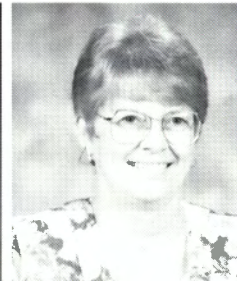
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Here we go again! Starting a new lesson in French class is teacher Sandra Bernier. "The most important issue in the classroom are students taking responsibility for their learning. We can encourage this responsibility through our teaching practices."

School Improvement

Wednesday morning, students got to sleep in, catch up on schoolwork and other activities. Teachers reported at 7:30 a.m. to work on school improvement committees and projects that, hopefully, would improve instruction. The goals were chosen by the faculty and they could work in their area of interest or concern. What improvement goals did you work on and why?

Listen Up!

Teaching students about global warming is Librarian Mary Gray who co-chaired the North Central Outcomes Accreditation Process with Jeanne Tomlinson. She team taught the Global Studies class with Jerry Gillett in addition to her work in the Library.

"I worked with the student responsibility group because of its importance. The end result of education is for the individual to be a life-long learner. In order to be one, the learner has to be self-disciplined and responsible. Responsibility is also central to the role of a citizen."
—Jerry Gillett

"We tried to decide what an exemplary student organization meant and looked at case studies of classrooms where students are at the center of learning. We discussed whether the schedule promotes student learning. I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss and learn what other teachers do in their classrooms."
—Sandra Bernier

"I was involved in writing improvement. As a math teacher I found that writing assignments have forced students to make connections and formalize their thinking. I wanted to become more effective at using writing in my math classes."
—Kellie Bachman

"The most important issues that we face are to make the school a place where everyone wants to be engaged in learning and where students successfully achieve the outcomes we have determined, as well as, those that the state is asking for."
—Mary Gray

"I was involved with the writing group because I was concerned with students' performance on the Proficiency test in writing. It needs a school wide effort to improve. I think it's also important for standards to be consistent and challenging to motivate students."
—Brenda Lynch

"I am concerned about the number of students who sit in a classroom and yet, don't seem to want to learn. I also have the opposite concern of challenging students who need it."
—Amy Kilbridge

—Katy Samuelson
Sarah Wolfe



Got it? Teaching the finer points of voice to his Choir class is Choir Director Monty Bishop. He worked to expand and improve Choir and offer the more challenging Chorale class to the program.

New Horizons Learning English as a second language with teacher Tyrone Robinson is Sabina Yeghiazaryan, Yovani Pupo from Cuba and Kenichi Mizuno, an exchange student from Japan.

Administrators Face Challenging Year

Like any other year, administrators started off with many hopes and dreams which they refined as they went along. Charged with running the district, many challenges were before them including budget issues, state testing, and curriculum.

Three issues identified by Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz on which the district focused were the High School Proficiency Test area, the district's assessment process and the strategic planning process.

The area of finances and budget was on the forefront during the year. The administration took action immediately with a budget freeze followed by cutbacks. One area of cutback was the hiring of substitutes. To reduce expenses, the administration pitched in to sub at least one day a month. High School Assistant Principal Dean Manikas commented, "Being back in the classroom was a lot of fun. It is where most administrators started. The only downfall we found was that all our other work would be waiting when we got back, and we'd have to

find time either staying late or coming in on weekends to finish it."

Dealing with the issues caused one to reflect, and many realized that despite the changes, one constant remained, teachers and administrators were key to helping students shape their dreams and futures. Assistant Principal Dan Plunkett reflected, "When I was in high school I wanted to become a jet pilot and travel to other countries. I thought about living on some exotic beaches in the Caribbean." His life route, of course, led him to a different job and responsibilities than that of his dreams reinforcing the point that dreams sometimes get redefined.

Students got to know administrators better when principals took over their classes. They did have the crazy dreams that many high school students whip up, and though they have seen many changes, dreams still remain that constant that they work with.

—Jennifer Wilbur

Sam Lo Presto's Career Serves District Students

After almost 20 years with Holt Public Schools, Sam LoPresto plans to move on to the next arena of his life. Graduating from Hillsdale High School and the University of Michigan with his bachelor's and master's degrees, he joined the district in 1978 as the Principal of Sycamore Elementary. He served briefly at Hope Middle School before assuming the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Elementary Education position.

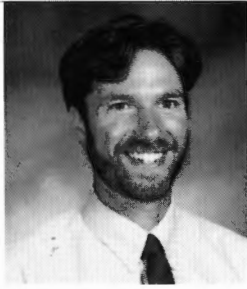
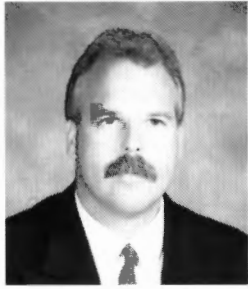
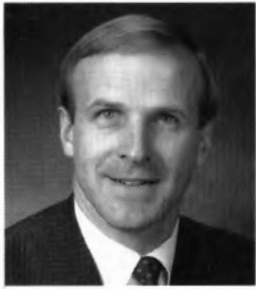
His work over the years centered on the Curriculum Strand and the district's Testing and Assessment Program. Navigating challenging educational waters, he reflected, "The issue that concerns me the most is the lack of educational achievement of many students in the urban areas of Michigan. Education is the key to employability and the personal success of young people. Uneducated citizens become the responsibility of all of us, especially if they are supported through the state's family assistance or correction's program." Touching the lives of many students directly and indirectly over the course of his career, he worked to raise the educational achievement of all students in the district.



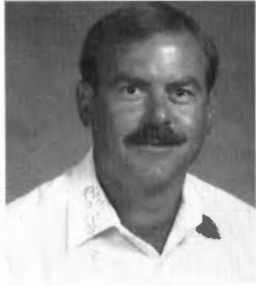
Fire Up the Grill Tending the grill at the Education Fund Cookout before the Varsity Football season opener against Okemos is Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz and High School Principal Brian Templin.



Meeting of Minds Officials from two arenas, athletics with Del Cory and instrumental music with Tim Parry meet on the sidelines before the game with Okemos.



Superintendent
Mark Maksimowicz
Assistant Superintendent
Thomas Davis
Principal Brian Templin
Assistant Principal
Dean Manikas
Assistant Principal
Dan Plunkett



Athletic Director
Del Cory
Attendance Officer
Jan Milbourn

Working Through the List

Tackling his 'to do' list is Principal Brian Templin. Prioritizing the challenges of the year was a challenge in itself as he dealt with curriculum, discipline and budget issues.



Board of Education:
John Malatinsky, Deborah Roeske, Margaret Livensparger, President Alton Granger, Jacqueline Wood, Leon Hank

Down to Business

Conducting the April Board of Education Meeting is Supt. Mark Maksimowicz and Board President Alton Granger.



Friendly Greeting Enjoying the fun side of students at Prom is Assistant Principal Dan Plunkett. On duty he handled the discipline and attendance issues.

Ready to go? Finding themselves together many times during the year, graduation being just one, are Supt. Mark Maksimowicz, Asst. Supt. Tom Davis and Principal Brian Templin.



Jim Mutch...A Unique Public Servant

Many remembered Jim Mutch as a great person who loved life, his family and people in general. Some remembered him as an all-around nice guy who had the knack for understanding students and the patience to teach them. And everyone agreed that he was a true role model and born teacher. Consequently, he was missed when he passed away from leukemia last summer.

"Jim was a great educator who loved life, his family and students. He had a great sense of humor and brightened my day on many occasions. I will always miss Jim's friendship and support," confided Assistant Superintendent Tom Davis.

Colleagues appreciated his integrity, dry humor and talents. Teacher Bill Savage recalled, "Jim was the penultimate professional and one of the best-dressed teachers ever. He loved to tip waitresses with Susan B. Anthony dollars because they thought they were quarters. His cunning in financial dealings was legendary, and he was a good husband and father."

Born in Michigan in 1946, he graduated from Standish-Sterling High School in 1964 and earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from Michigan State University. In 1967 he moved to Holt and lived in the community for the next 29 years. In 1969 he joined the faculty at Holt High School as an Industrial Arts teacher. A few years later he added Drivers' Education to his schedule and in recent years made the transition to a Technology Education teacher.

Jim had the natural ability to find the good side of any situation and worked hard to have all his students be successful. He was able to get the ultimate potential out of each and every student who set foot in his classroom. "He always pushed me to make quality things. If you did anything wrong he would use pig latin to correct you. I will never forget that great teacher," shared senior Matt Smith. Junior Joey Warren agreed as he noted, "He was about the most fun teacher I have ever had. He was always trying to pick up people's spirits, and he was one of the best motivators. He would never let anybody fail. He always walked into class and yelled at the top of his lungs, 'Hey you bunch of characters!'"

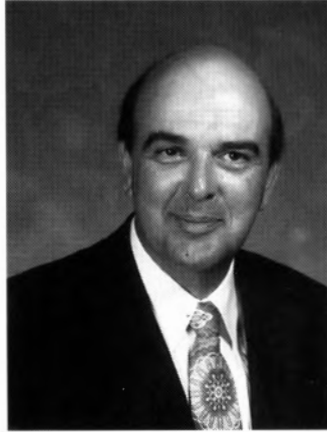
Recalling other funny moments was senior Taja Dahl who related, "I remember how he used to stand in the middle of the parking lot wearing that goofy fishing hat, teasing us about every mistake we made. He knew how to teach Driver's Education that's for sure!"

His love for his subject rubbed off on some of his students. "Having his shop class, in ninth grade was a great experience," junior Dan Janetzke recalled, "he inspired me to go into a more hands-on career."

After his death, wife Addie Mutch, daughter Misty, and other family members and friends put together a scholarship fund in memory of his career. It will be awarded to a graduating senior who plans to further his or her studies in technology education. The fund reflects his philosophy that "everyone has something to give."

His wife, Addie, shared her insights about her husband. "He had great patience and was very good at setting limits. He was always concerned about safety, and his pet

peeve was students off-task and distracted especially around equipment. He always made sure they understood there was a time and a place for fun. He had a keen ear for music, played keyboard and loved the outdoors. His favorite vacations involved fishing and hunting."



Jim's friends also remembered him for his legendary bright and happy face. "I could always count on one of his humorous remarks to lighten the mood in any setting. His smile was special," recalled teacher Juanita Grew. And sophomore Fae Stuttman added, "Mr. Mutch was a very jolly man. He could always make me laugh with his remarks and huge smile."

In an age which has seen a renaissance in the value of a technology and industrial education, Jim Mutch proved to be ahead of his time in personifying the concept of life-long learning. The man who brought laughter to people and who thought of others before he thought of himself was irreplaceable in his unique caring and dedicated service to the students and community of Holt.

—Camelia Garcia-Guerra



Like Father, Like Daughter Daughter Misty Mutch receives the coveted car keys from her dad on the driving range. Dolores Cornelius noted, "It was a pleasure to watch the look of pride cross his face whenever anyone referred to Misty as 'Little Jim.'" There was never any doubt that she was the joy of his life and that his family was most important to him. Misty ended up also teaching Driver's Ed.



Special Times

Jim Mutch in the role he dedicated his life to, teaching and working with students (top); and as a valued and respected colleague receiving one of the famous birthday hugs from then High School Principal Tom Davis (left).

"Nancy and I spent a week in New York City together about five years ago. I suggested that we take a bus tour so she could get an overview of the city. We ended up talking so much about our lives that we missed all the sights and the tour guide had to reprimand us for talking too loud," recalled art teacher Dorothy Anderson Grow. Dorothy's experience with Nancy echoed that of many others. That's the kind of person long time Life Skills teacher Nancy Lamphier was, a person easy to talk to, a great listener and at the same time full of great insights.

An open person, Nancy ran a class where students felt comfortable opening up and sharing their feelings and opinions. "Mrs Lamphier's classes had discussions on topics that students can relate to," noted Brandy McKimmy. And they learned some valuable information that was relevant to problematic social issues. Brandy continued, "I discovered in Parenting class that babies are way too much responsibility for anyone my age. When a doll that simulated a real baby cried every three hours, I eventually took out the batteries and returned the doll."

Nancy Lamphier explained her instructional priorities: "I deal with issues that are really important to young people's lives and society. I liked all the subjects I taught for different reasons, but Perspectives on Living and Parenting were my favorites. I feel if you don't have successful relationships and if you don't succeed as a parent, what else in life matters? Families are the core of our society and a society cannot be any stronger than the families we create."

The Legendary "Nice Person" .. Nancy Lamphier

Nancy Lamphier's effect was felt even when students only knew her through her work with the Multicultural Club which she advised. Junior Camelia Guerra, an active member in the club, stated, "She is one person who truly fits the description of a really nice person." French teacher, Anne Hope, who had attended some of the meetings added, "Nancy is a great listener and really cares about kids."

Twenty three years ago Nancy began her teaching career at Perry Middle

School. In the fall of 1977 she came to Holt and has taught at the high school ever since. She majored in Human Ecology at MSU and minored in Consumer Education. The first few years at Holt she taught Consumer Education most of the day. She began teaching the Life Skills classes, and besides Perspectives and Parenting, she taught Meal Management and Independent Living.

Beyond teaching students how to be successful in relationships and good, effective parents, Nancy strived to make students realize that they could plan and set goals for their personal lives as well as plan for a career.

—Melissa Smith



Playing Her Role Naturally

Saying good-bye to her nursery school toddlers is Nancy Lamphier (right) and discussing an assignment with students in her class (above).



Gifted and Loyal... Dolores Cornelius

"Her blood runs brown and gold!"

During the last few weeks of the 1968-69 school year, the main office secretary had to take off work because of a family illness. Dolores Cornelius was called in to fill the position until school was over. She did such an excellent job, that Principal Chan Nauts asked if she could work over the summer and the beginning of the next year. Dolores remembered, "I had never really thought about working full time before, but when this opportunity arose, I grabbed it and have been enjoying myself ever since."

For 28 years Mrs. Cornelius has worked for Holt Public schools. She has helped the staff and students in countless ways, staying long hours, helping with after school activities and athletic events. She worked hard to make Holt High School a good place to be. In her position as secretary of the main office she handled work permits, bus passes, answered phones, was the bookkeeper, accountant, and receptionist. "She was the front line, a person's first encounter with the high school, and she made a very good impression. Her kind, efficient, very competent and professional personality put people at ease immediately. No task or request was too taxing, and her memory was proverbial. She was amazing at remembering details and keeping things straight, even amid a ton of paper!" noted teacher



Manning the Ship

A familiar sight greeting students, staff and the community is a smiling Dolores Cornelius amid her desk full of paperwork and phone calls.

and yearbook adviser, Ann Paul.

Because of the many jobs she handled, many staff members expressed concern at finding someone to fill her position. Assistant Principal Dean Manikas noted, "I'm not sure how we will manage without her. So many things go through her, the position is crucial." Students took note of her skill and personality too. Senior Mandy Crafton commented, "She was so kind and thoughtful. If a kid had a

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Jan Wilson... Mentor of Students



Helping Hand

Helping students out with their word processing (below and far right) is Business teacher Anne Kressler. She also chaired the department and coordinated both the Cooperative Education program and the Student Assistant program.



Music Man

Performing with colleagues Tim Parry and Pamela Klimenko at a Holiday assembly concert, Pete Kressler enjoys some lyrics and bars on the trombone.



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Dave Foy recalled, "Jan was very involved with the students and their activities. She was always one to take up the slack. If a group was without a teacher to lead them, she would step right in."

As NHS adviser, she put a lot of energy into the job. At the spring NHS induction ceremony, she gave a heartfelt description of all the great times she had with the students. As the year drew to a close she reflected,



"It's hard to leave, so hard to leave." The most important aspect of working with students is to enjoy yourself, and it was obvious that Jan Wilson loved the students she worked with over the past 17 years. Bob Bower, who worked with her the past five years observed, "Jan will leave part of herself forever with the spirit of Holt High School, but yet, she is eager to adventure beyond her experience here to a whole new world. That is the ultimate challenge of life."

—Scott Dane

Colleague, Mentor, Adviser Portrayed in her various roles is counselor Jan Wilson. Jan checks the time with colleague Tim Parry at graduation, counsels a student in her office, and helps organize the graduation entrance at the Breslin Center.



In March of 1980, Jerry Everett called Jan Wilson and asked her out on a date. He told her to meet him at Lake Lansing to go sailing for the afternoon, an adventure that Jan had never dared to explore. Seventeen years later and married, they were ready to embark on another sailing trip, this time for two years in the Atlantic Ocean.

Confidence, greater ability at problem solving and most importantly a sense of freedom was what they anticipated gaining. They planned to begin with a visit to the Statue of Liberty. "For some odd reason, it's really important for me to sail past the statue," explained Mrs. Wilson. Then it's down the Atlantic coast, into the Gulf of Mexico and through the Panama Canal, though "nothing is really set in stone," revealed Jan.

Jan Wilson came to Holt from Haslett where she was a guidance counselor and teacher for 13 years. During her tenure there, she counseled at the High school and taught physical education and health at Haslett Junior High. At Holt she counseled at the High School and advised NHS for 10 years.

"When I first came to Holt I had two mentors, Dave Oegema and Sue York," remembered Jan, "they taught me how to counsel kids." Now that her career was coming to a close, she reflected, "Sue Kenney, Rachel Votruba and Bob Bower have been wonderful to work with." The fearsome foursome "took up each other's slack when one was feeling overwhelmed," shared Jan.

Jan helped students with college admissions and career counseling. Her interest in helping students get into college led to her membership in the Michigan Association of College Admissions Counselors. In her position she talked to many parents and recalled, "I remember so many wonderful parents. I can't mention any in particular because I'm sure to forget some I shouldn't leave out."

She was one to volunteer where

The Kresslers Strived To Make a Difference

"I enjoyed dealing with young people and watching them grow in their knowledge and experience," reflected Anne Kressler. After teaching for 32 years, Mrs. Kressler had decided it was time to retire with her husband Peter Kressler. "My career meant self-satisfaction, independence, accomplishment and knowing I played a role in the future development of young people," she summarized.

Anne Kressler taught in the Business Department and served as chairperson. She taught Keyboarding, Word Processing, Business English and Machines and Shorthand. She was a dedicated teacher who coordinated the Cooperative Education program and Student Assistant program. She also advised the German Exchange program along with Mr. Kressler, NHS, and played a part in planning proms earlier in her career.

Students who had Anne Kressler for a teacher, reported she could be pretty tough. Sophomore Jesse Collins admitted, "Mrs. Kressler can be quite a stickler for the rules, but I admire her teaching style. She taught me responsibility and how to get things done on time. I will miss her standing behind me in Keyboarding class, correcting my mistakes." Sophomore Emily Sawyer enjoyed another side of her personality as she noted, "Although Mrs. Kressler has strong opinions about certain things, she is a very fun and interesting person to talk to.

"What I will miss most about teaching at the high school is the activity and the intensity," revealed Social Studies teacher Peter Kressler about his decision to retire. Pete Kressler definitely contributed to the school's activity and intensity. In his 32 years teaching, he educated students in the subjects of American History, Government, Sociology, Geography and World History. His last year he went beyond his discipline and picked up a section of Perspectives on Living. The course name fit for one of his greatest contributions, students often reported, was his perspective on living

and especially learning. He challenged students to think and figure out what it was they believed and why. He would answer a question with a question and have students look at an issue from many different perspectives. "Mr. Kressler was a truly unique teacher. His up-front, no-holds-barred teaching style was all his own. He was the kind of teacher who everyone respected," recalled sophomore Mike Smith. Junior Jessica Heeg added, "He always had some insight or comment on anything that happened. In his class he didn't just give you book facts, but skills you could use, and he prepared me for many of my other classes. Another thing about Mr. Kressler was that he knew more stuff than almost anyone else I know."

Besides teaching, Pete was involved in a variety of sports and clubs. He coached the football team from 1965-70, the J.V. Boys basketball team from 1966-86, J.V. Girls tennis from 1986-97 and golf in 1985. He advised the Ski club, German Exchange with Mrs. Kressler and was a class adviser. In assessing his career and what it meant to him, Pete concluded, "It allowed me to make a difference."

The Kresslers were involved faculty members who shared a sense of humor with colleagues. Mr. Hildebrandt recalled one humorous occasion, "I was in the teacher tech room working on a computer next to Mr. Kressler who was word processing something. Mrs. Kressler happened to come by for something, watched Mr. Kressler typing for a few seconds, then shook her head and said, 'Peter! Use the homerow!'" On a more serious note, he reflected, "What I will remember best about the two of them was their professionalism combined with their sense of humor. They knew when to take things seriously and when to laugh. I think that their years of experience gave them a unique perspective on what it was like to teach—what was the big stuff and what was the small stuff you shouldn't sweat. And they were both very open and candid about how they felt."

Working with teacher education and preparation, they served as models and mentors to younger faculty members. Given their unique talents, they made the contributions only they could make with dedication and often a little joke as Anne Kressler was quick to quip, "I am looking forward to not setting my alarm for 5:30 a.m. ever again!" —**Lesley Gottschalk**

Classic Kressler Poised with the answer, Pete Kressler challenges students in his social studies class. "I enjoyed teaching American History the most because I like sophomores and the subject of history," he reflected (left). Talking to a tennis player with Varsity Coach Pat Somers is JV Coach Pete Kressler (upper right).

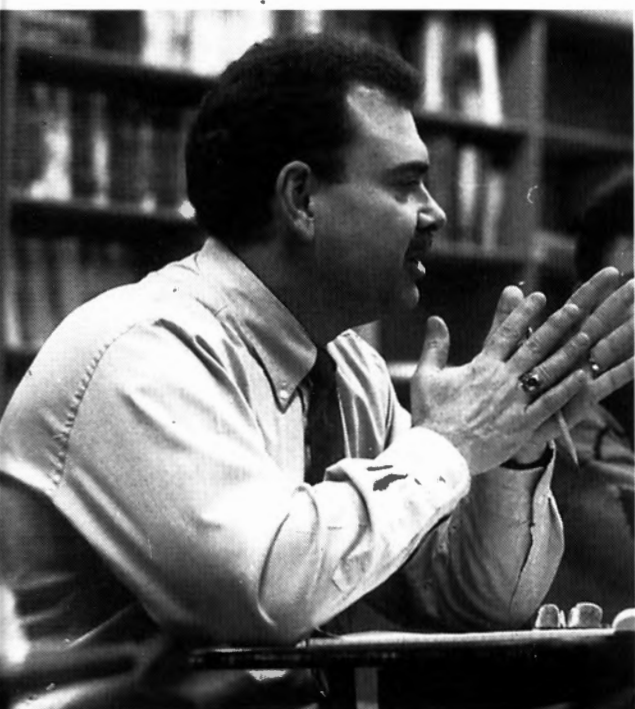


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problem she would listen and always remembered what it was the next time she saw you. She made it a point to ask about you and how everything was going." Junior Elyse Puruleski added, "Mrs. Cornelius had a great impact on the school, staff and students. She won't be forgotten."

Her loyalty was also unforgettable. "Dolores has served the public, the staff and students of Holt in an unselfish way and with a giving spirit for a very long time. She is one of the most loyal employees and public servants I have ever known," reflected Counseling Center Secretary Sue Kenney. Secretary Camille Esch captured her Ram spirit as she concluded, "Dolores bleeds brown and gold. A true Holt team member, she will be hard to replace." Ever present and ready to serve, Dolores was a dedicated worker who always showed a keen interest in athletics, academics, clubs, and the health and welfare of Holt Public Schools. She is a true Holt Ram.

—**Jennifer Kidwell**



"We knew we could take it all the way to state."

—Senior Gary Williams, Varsity Wrestling

"It was a magical season. The team came together like family."

—Coach Tim Currin, JV Football

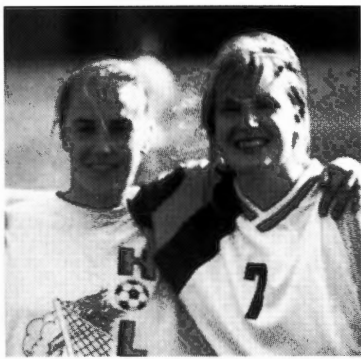
"Everyone on this team had potential and used it."

—Junior Nicole Roeske, Varsity Gymnastics

Dare to dream

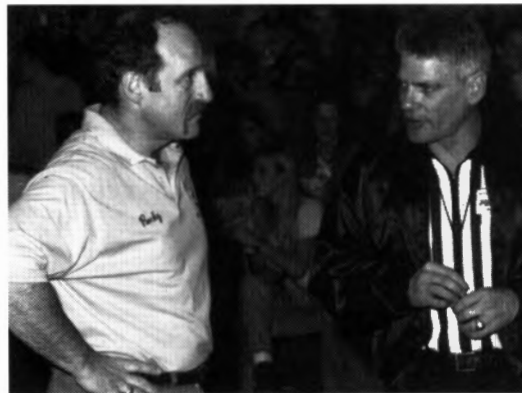
Daring to dream and more was the Varsity Wrestling team. Working their way to a second consecutive state title, the wrestlers were on cloud nine. The Girls' Varsity Basketball team had a similar goal in mind. Although they didn't make it as far, the girls accomplished dreams not touched in a long time with a conference title, and a first place at districts. The Gymnastics team wiped out their competition, ending 8th place in the state, while the Girls Swim team lived their reoccurring dream, winning the league title for the fifth season in a row. Remembering the accomplishments of last year, the Varsity Football team dreamed of a repeat appearance at the Silverdome. Their dream was shattered with a 5th place finish in the CAC. Also anticipating a dream season, the Varsity Baseball team headed south to hone up their skills over spring break only to end up also with a 5th place finish in the conference. Nevertheless, the Rams dared to dream and for the Girls' Golf and Boys' Varsity Tennis teams who were league runners-up, their winning season dreams came true.

—Stephanie Smiley



Up the Rank

Caught by the lens on the sidelines of an away game are Natalie Kladrowa and Michelle Dalton. Michelle noted, "Spring Break allowed us a small rest after an exhausting training period to refocus on our goals." The team dreamed of going up in rank in the Mid-Michigan Women's Soccer League which they accomplished and they moved up to third place in the CAC.

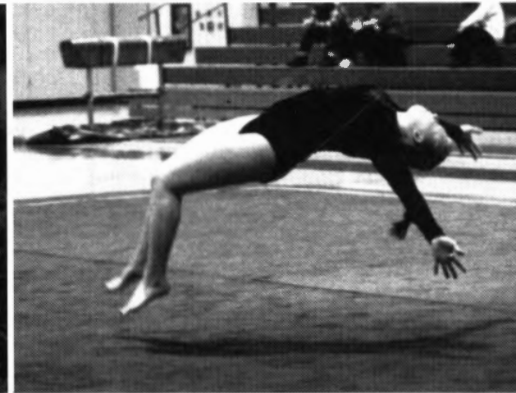


Dreams Fulfilled and More

Having a pre-meet talk with referee Ronald Glass is Varsity Wrestling Coach Rocky Shaft. Rocky led his team to their 31st consecutive winning season and a first time ever in state history, back to back state championship defeating Rockford at Battle Creek.

Performing her floor routine in the meet against Eastern and Sexton is Lucy Gatteri. The gymnasts racked up an undefeated season in their quest for a third consecutive CAC title and placed 8th in the state.

Running out of letters in placing yet another Sara Pohlonski record on the scoreboard is Swim Coach



Sean Donegan. The powerhouse Girls' Swim team blew their opponents out of the water to claim their fifth consecutive CAC title and Sara broke four school records during her champion senior season. Sean noted, "Sara is the best male or female swimmer in the history of Holt. She is cool and is going to be a good college swimmer."

At the tip-off against Waverly is MVP senior Meghann Devlin. The Rams beat their conference opponent enroute to the CAC and District titles fulfilling a long-awaited dream.



RAMS DOMINATE

Wrestlers Unite for 31st Winning Season and CAC Title

The Varsity Wrestlers started the season hoping to follow in the footsteps of last year's team. On the mind of all the coaches and players was the key word "dominance." They were striving to go undefeated for another year.

They started off the season with a win, but then came up against Rockford. They knew that they were going to have a tough time, but they didn't count on the loss that went on their record for the rest of the year. It was, however, the catalyst to gain more control and unity. They became more of a family and acted as a team instead of individuals to win their meets. "We were pretty close, but I think that there were a few cliques. We all went to Ryan's Steakhouse as a team which brought us together though," stated senior Tom Shaver.

To gain the team unity they needed they also worked harder at practices. Every day for several hours after school the team strived to be the best. "Practices were very hard. There was a lot of drilling and conditioning during the regular season. When we were preparing for

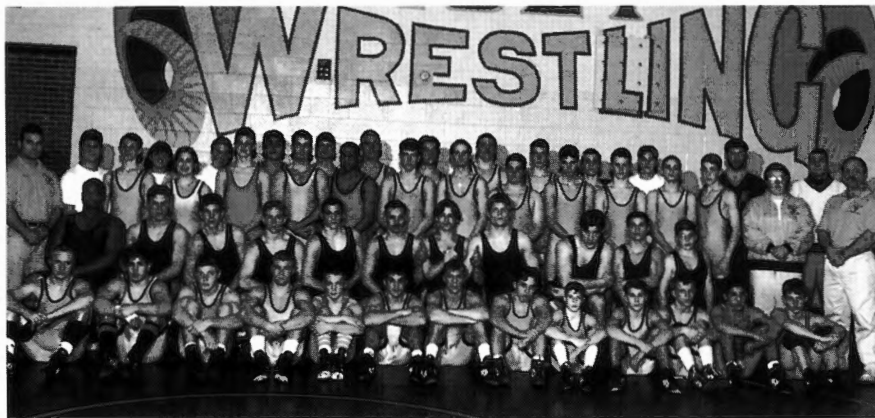
states we spent most of the time learning how to counter the moves from the other team," explained senior Joey Corr. "Practices were intense, but only if you wanted them to be. You could slack off, but not many people did," added Shaver.

Though most of the time was taken seriously, there were also the funny moments. Senior Jon Bowles recalled, "I can remember Eric McGowan after practice running down the hall screaming 'my liver, my liver,' but all it ended up to be was a cramp."

The team shared some laughs when they went out to eat together, and there was the old tradition of making fun of seniors at the end-of-season banquet. Joey Corr recalled baking senior Alex Redman with a picture of him in a pink bunny costume when he was about eight years old.

But the most rewarding memories for the team was the undefeated conference season, the CAC title and their second back-to-back trip to state competition.

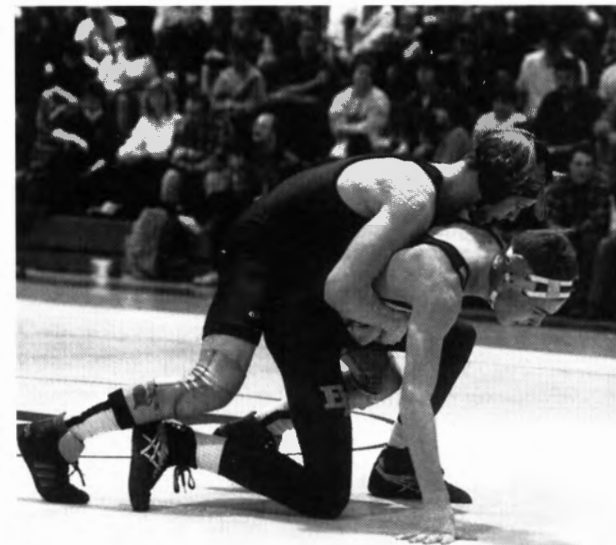
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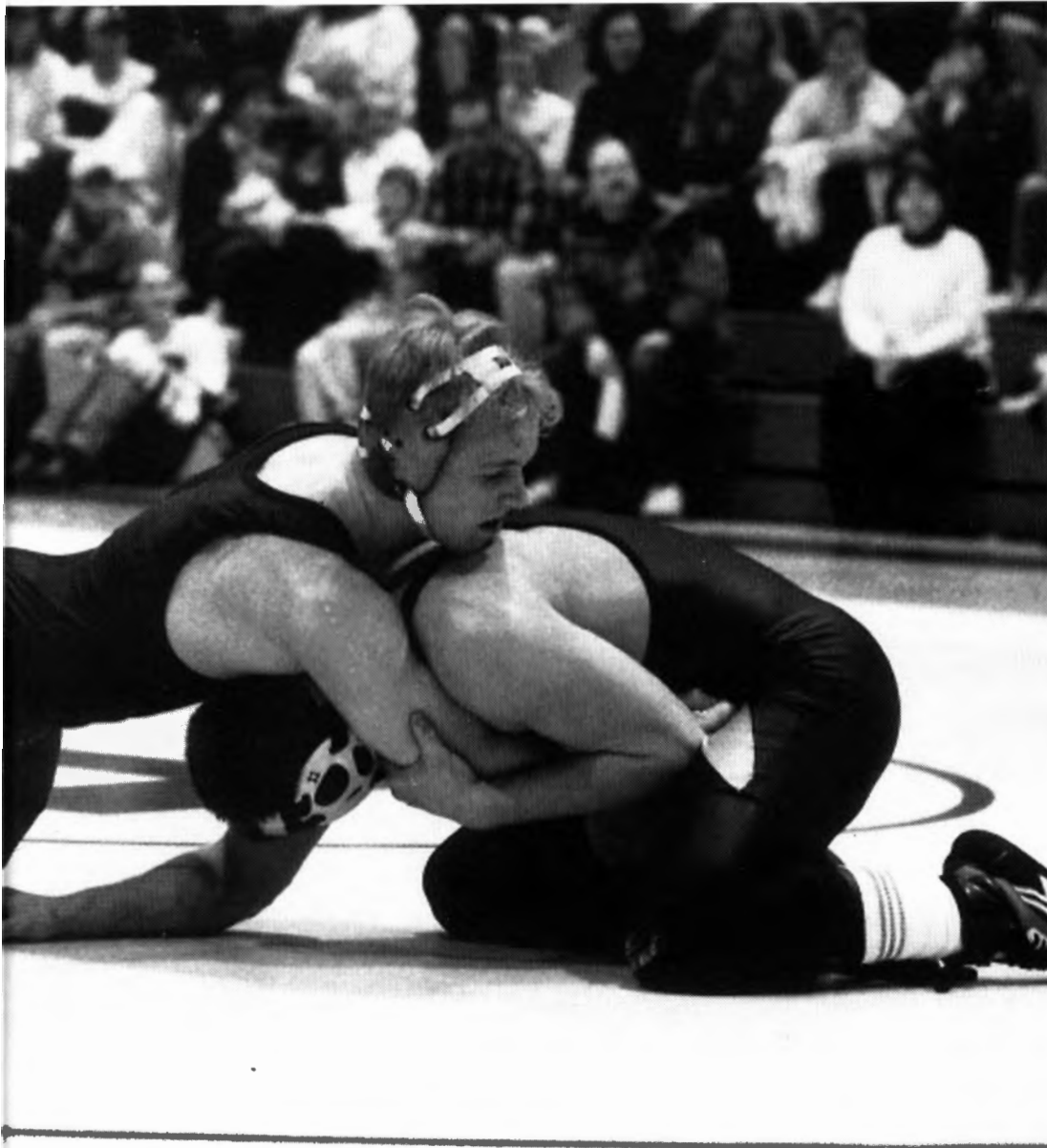
WRESTLING TEAM: TOP ROW: Mgr. B. Corr, G. Sarkisov, J. Moral, B. Kendrick, J. Kolonich, K. Schutte, Cummings, B. Knott, M. Sharp, Coach P. Whitford. ROW 2: Coach Dyer, Coach J. Felice, J. Zolni, A. Clark, R. Czubak, K. Day, R. Eding, S. Malone, J. Bliesener, J. Whalen, T. Mulvaney, D. Reinecke, Mgr. S. Shaft, Coach R. Shaft. ROW 3: C. Ford, B. Cooper, J. Bowles, J. Forquer, B. Hannasch, T. Shaver, G. Williams, T. Welsh, A. Redman, W. Long. BOTTOM ROW: T. Shaver, J. Durfee, D. Ross, C. Johnson, G. Parrott, J. Corr, R. Clark, J. Long, A. Poirer, J. Cassler, E. McGowen, M. Garcia.

GET THE PIN!

Wrestling his Eaton Rapids opponent is senior Joe Forquer at a home meet. The team defeated the tough non-conference competitor enroute to a CAC title and qualified for the State meet.



"Practices were intense, but only if you wanted them to be. You could slack off if you wanted to, but not many people did."
—Senior Tom Shaver



Varsity Wrestling
 16 wins, 1 loss

East Lansing	61-18
Big Rapids	71-5
Rockford	30-33
Grand Ledge	42-29
Everett	60-18
Sexton	50-24
Eastern	50-12
Waverly	78-4
Jackson	70-10
Eaton Rapids	26-23
CAC	1st
Districts	1st
Regionals	1st
Quarter Finals	1st
Semi-Finals	1st
States	1st

AII-CAC

First Team

Russell Clark
 Brandon Cooper
 Joe Forquer Greg Parrott
 Alex redman Tom Welsh

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2nd Team

Darin Ross Tom Shaver
 Gary Williams

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3rd Team

Wesley Long

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Honorable Memion

Jon Zolnai

Most Improved

Joe Forquer

Most Valuable Player

Tom Welsh

Spark Plug

Gary Williams

Coaches' Award

Jon Bowles

Brandon Hannasch

Captain's Award

Tom Shaver



CONTROL... Taking on an Eaton Rapids opponent is senior Gary Williams. "It wasn't much of a challenge but it was a big meet because it got the whole team moving."

WAY TO GO!

Congratulating teammates after a win over Eaton Rapids is senior Tom Welsh.



ON THE MAT

Holding down his Jackson opponent while gasping for air is senior wrestler Jon Bowles. His dedication for the pin paid off in a win.

WINNER TAKES ALL Waving fans the victory sign is senior Gary Williams after winning his last high school match over Rockford's Andy Kolecamp at the State Championship meet in Battle Creek. His contribution helped the team go all the way and earned him the Spark Plug award all four years.



"We weren't the same team as last year and we needed to define our strengths and potential. We did that by the third meet and went on strong through the season. We came together to win the CAC title and knew we could take it all the way to states. We weren't necessarily supposed to do it again but we did. The year started off kind of rough with a loss to Rockford which bumped us down in the rankings, but it's where you stand at the end that counts."

—Senior
Gary Williams

State Qualifiers

Russell Clark
Brandon Cooper
Joe Forquer
Tom Shaver

State Placer

Tom Welsh (2nd)

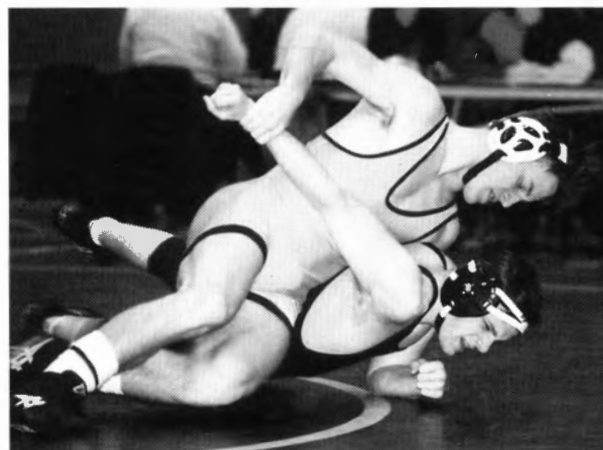
Regional Qualifiers

Jon Bowles
Joey Corr
Wesley Long
Greg Parrott

GO RAMS!
31st Consecutive
Winning Season
Back-to-Back
State Champions



JOIN TOGETHER In a show of team unity the Varsity wrestlers join Head Coach Rocky Shaft in pre-match pep talk.



PULLING THROUGH Pulling his opponent back for the win and to qualify for states is sophomore Brandon Cooper.

Sweet Victory!

Wrestlers Are Back-to-Back State Champions

They may not have been as strong as last year's team, but they did it again. Down in Battle Creek the Rams won the Division I State Championship for the second year in a row. They defeated Roseville in the first round, Rochester Adams in the second round, and in the finals they pinned a tough Rockford team who had beat them earlier in the season. It was the first time a back-to-back state title had ever been earned by any Division I team in Michigan's history.

At the beginning of the season the picture wasn't so clear as to whether they had a chance to repeat or not. Senior Tom Shaver said, "I was sure we were going to be state champs, but it was going to take a lot more work than last year." Most of the wrestlers reported that the potential was not as good as last year's team who won the state championship by a score of 57-3. "That would be hard to accomplish; last year's team was the best the state has ever seen," explained junior Russ Clark.

The Rams went through the CAC undefeated though plagued by injury. Another factor affecting their performance was team unity. "But when it came down to a meet, they pulled together to win. In a non-conference meet against Eaton Rapids, the team pulled together to form the 'family' that was so strong a year ago. "We had to fight through a lot of adversity, but the love kept us together," stated senior Alex Redman.

Another thing that kept them together was the committed coaching staff of Head Coach Rocky Shaft, Assistant Coaches Jeff Felice, Chris Leyer, John Dyer, and a new addition, Pat Whitford. Sophomore Cedric Ford said, "The coaches made it easy to learn. Their relationship was more like a friendship."

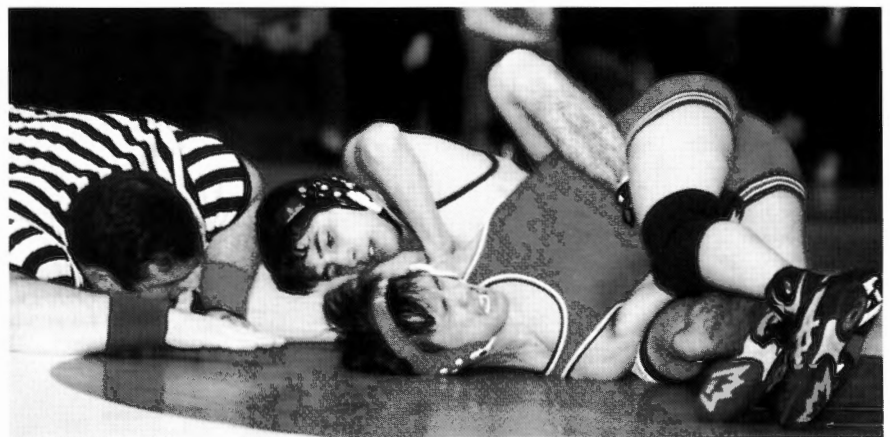
It took a lot more, however, to win a state championship. The Rams practiced five days a week, with extensive running, conditioning, and a lot of one on one wrestling. At practices and during meets there were always guys who kept every one up. "Seniors Tom Shaver, Tom Welsh, and Gary Williams seemed to be those guys who kept the team a family and made sure everyone was giving their all," Greg Parrott recalled.

Of course, there were the big matches throughout the season. The first was between Clark and D.J. Waters of Eaton Rapids, who at the time was ranked number three in the state. Clark beat Waters by a technical decision (a win by 15 points). Another big match was when Joe Forquer beat Rob Dickson from Charlotte who was the defending state champion.

Coaches, players and fans concluded it was a very rewarding year with a back-to-back, second-to-none victory at Battle Creek. Senior Tom Shaver summed it up in a few words that said it all, "What a season it was!" —**Michael Maxey**



SHOWING SPIRIT Supporting their team at States are dedicated fans Amanda Taylor, Stephanie Smiley and Derrick Zenker.



DOMINANT STRENGTH Using all his might to bring his Everett opponent to the mat is freshmen lightweight Manuel Garcia.

Defense, Determination

Keys for Varsity Soccer Team

With David Hornak taking over for Henry Rojas as Head Coach, the Boys' Varsity Soccer team had a new chance to prove themselves. "Coach Hornak brought a different perspective of soccer to us. We learned to have fun and work hard," reflected senior Colin Janetzke. The team had very high expectations," noted sophomore Byron Vince, "I thought we would be a great team." They finished in fifth place in the Capital Area Conference with 8 wins and 11 losses overall. And despite the goals they achieved, many players expressed disappointment with the team's overall performance. "I expected this year to be great, but it just didn't come together at the right time," assessed junior David Novak.

One of the speed bumps along the way was perennial powerhouse East Lansing. "We did better this year, because they couldn't figure out our game plan," explained junior Sean Cullimore. The Rams lost by less than two goals, each time that they took on the Trojan squad.

In the challenge of district play, they wound up with a bye during the first round. They faced soccer power Okemos in their first district game, and although the Chieftains outscored them, they didn't outplay them.

The team consensus was that defense was their greatest strength. "Our starting defense was one of the best in the league," noted Chris Maurer. Another valuable asset was the determination of the squad. "We didn't give up easily. We stuck it out to the end," reflected senior Travis Evenson.

The main themes of the season, hard work and determination, however, were not reflected on the scoreboard. But their efforts were rewarded in post season honors for seniors Colin Janetzke, T.J. Pipkens and Jason Gauna who earned All-CAC Honorable Mentions. "This was the second year that I received an honorable mention, and I was happy to get it again," commented Jason.

Coach Hornak identified Colin Janetzke's work ethic and leadership contribution, as well as T.J. Pipkin's strong foot and speed. He noted, "We were a team all the way through the season and competed in every game. The players felt good and I felt good about the season." After his first year as head coach he concluded, "The players and their families made our season. Our fans outnumbered other teams and showed great support. I liked the opportunity to interact with the players and share my knowledge."

— Jenifer Spock



VARSITY SOCCER TEAM. Top Row: Coach D. Hornak, Mgr. K. Kamm, J. Mills, T. Pipkens, B. Wahl, J. Lamb, T. Evenson, D. Novak, N. Baxter, N. Brady. ROW 2: J. Gauna, A. Snyder, C. Maurer, B. Ranshaw, C. Janetzke, J. DeWitt, J. Rees, Coach B. Rees, Coach D. Nourse. ROW 3: S. Cullimore, J. Graham, L. Minetto, B. Vince, R. Cullimore, M. Stafford Bottom Row: C. Fuller, R. Cramer.

YOUNG ONE

Successfully evading a Jackson defender is sophomore Byron Vince. He was the only full-time sophomore on the Varsity Squad.



KEEP AWAY

Working his way around a Jackson defender is T.J. Pipkens. He earned all-area honors for his efforts.



LINING UP

Moving down the line for the Rams is junior David Novak during the traditional announcement of the starting line-up.

"We were a team all the way through the season and competed in every game. The players felt good and I felt good about the season."

—Coach David Hornak



Varsity Soccer
8 wins, 11 losses

B.C. Lakeview	0-1
Eastern	3-5, 2-3
Mt. Pleasant	3-2
St. Johns	1-4
Waverly	0-2
Sexton	5-2
Grand Ledge	0-4
Jackson	0-3
East Lansing	1-2
Swartz Creek	5-1, 4-1
Everett	3-2
Jackson	3-2
East Lansing	0-2
B.C. Harper Creek	4-0
Flint Carman	0-2
Hartland	2-3
Okemos	2-4
CAC	5th

**All-CAC
Honorable Mention
First Team**

Jason Guana
Colin Janetzke
T.J. Pipkens



**RUNNING
ROBBER**

Trying to rob a Jackson defender is senior Josh Lamb. Although they lost the game by a score of 0-3, they later went on to defeat Jackson during the CAC tournament.

SLIDE TACKLE

Sliding into his Eastern defender is senior T.J. Pipkens. The Rams dropped both games to Lansing Eastern 5-3, 3-2.

"There were a lot of expectations for the team this year after last year's championship run. We worked hard but it wasn't quite enough to get us there."

**—Senior
Matt Cooper**

Varsity Football
4 wins, 5 losses

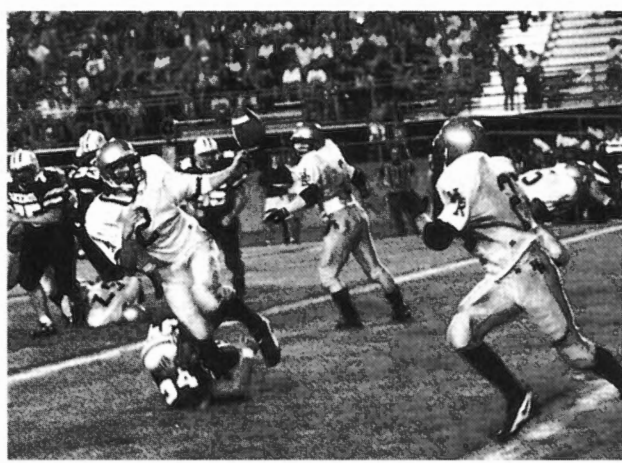
Okemos	7-0
Warren DeLaSalle	6-12
Sexton	14-20
Everett	42-6
Jackson	35-7
Eastern	14-24
Waverly	22--3
East Lansing	7-33
Grand Ledge	18-35
CAC	5th

**All-CAC
First Team
Matt Cooper**

**All-CAC
2nd Team
Kris Doerr
Alex Redman
Norm VanAlstine**

ONE MAN TO BEAT

Breaking out into the open with one Viking to beat is senior tailback Chuck Moubray during the Homecoming game against Everett. Chuck played in every game at running back and at times on defense.



TIMMBERRR... Pitching away the ball as an Okemos opponent trips him up is senior quarterback Jeff Keller. Jeff replaced injured quarterback Allen Elliot for the year following the Okemos game.



CALLING THE SHOTS
Using the coaching skills that have led the Rams to a 21-10 record, Coach Mike Smith gives Jeff Keller the plays to run.

Tough Season

Ends Dream Early for Varsity Football Team

As memories of the Silverdome and the CAC championship faded over the summer, the 1996 football team was preparing for a repeat performance of a year ago. But the famous battle cry of "play with your hair on fire," had been all but extinguished by the long summer. The team returned one offensive and three defensive starters from last year. As the season opened, the focus once again was on Grand Ledge, Sexton and East Lansing.

The Rams opened the season against Okemos and dominated on defense holding the Chieftains out of the endzone and off the scoreboard. Unfortunately, the team went on to lose two in a row to Warren De LaSalle and Sexton before defeating Everett in the annual Homecoming trounce 42-6.

The team then traveled south to Jackson and Withington Stadium where they defeated Monroe in the state semifinals a year ago. With trips to Warren and Jackson, the Rams racked up some miles on the road. "The trips to Detroit seemed like they took 20 hours. We got lost somewhere in the ghetto I think, and when we finally arrived at the stadium, the game was scheduled to start in 15 minutes," noted senior tailback Chuck Moubray. But senior Tom Welsh looked at it differently. "I think the change in schedule gave us some variety. It was a good experience playing someone new."

The team then played Eastern, the surprise team in the CAC, coming in undefeated and ranked eighth in the state. Holt gave a valiant effort, but came up short 24-14. The team then traveled to Waverly, and came home with what would be their last win of the season. Trailing 3-0 at halftime, the offense exploded in the second half with

22 unanswered points for the 22-3 victory. Senior tailback Chuck Moubray rushed for 130 yards and scored a touchdown in the win.

The team then faced East Lansing and Grand Ledge. Their combined record was 13-4, and Grand Ledge gave East Lansing their only loss earlier in the season. The team faced a strong play-off bound East Lansing and was defeated 33-7 despite Moubray rushing for over 100 yards again. Senior wide receiver Matt Cooper scored the only Holt touchdown on a reverse.

Next for the Rams came senior night and the Comets of Grand Ledge. The 35-18 loss finished the Rams season at a disappointing 4-5 record and fifth place in the CAC. A highlight in the Grand Ledge game was senior back-up quarterback John Girdwood. Girdwood scored his only and last touchdown of the 1996 season late in the fourth quarter.

"We had an impressive start to a long season. Injuries really hurt us and we had a lot of ups and downs," assessed senior Alex Redman. The CAC handed out its annual post season awards, and the only Ram to receive a first team award was Matt Cooper.

The season saw the start of a tradition playing Warren De LaSalle for the first time. The Rams beat Okemos starting a new streak at two. The bright spot for the football program was the memory that the last time a Holt team had a four and five record, they went on to a 9-0 CAC championship, three impressive wins in the play-offs and the first ever trip to the "AA" state finals in the Pontiac Silverdome. Sometimes it takes a little disappointment to fuel a new momentum.

—Matt Allen



BENT OUT OF SHAPE

Intercepting a Chieftain pass is senior defensive back Kris Doerr. The Ram defense stifled Okemos, 7-0.

VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM: TOP ROW: Coach P. Booth, C. McDonald, B. Kendrick, J. Hall, N. VanAlstine, S. Gieger, J. Beard, M. Laur, M. Cooper, J. Cornelius, A. Redman, B. Davenport, C. Steer, T. Pipkens, C. Curry. ROW 2: Coach F. Ford, Coach Greek, R. Handziack, J. Young, C. Moubray, M. Allen, T. Wise, D. Zenker, T. Welsh, N. Haines, J. Marrow, K. Wyble, J. Girdwood, Coach Roberts, Coach M. Smith. ROW 3: J. Griffith, J. Hofbauer, B. Burgee, J. Coker, C. Johnson, R. DuRuchie, C. Alana, J. Richter, J. Forquer, E. McGowen, R. Ranshaw, B. LeRoy, Mgr. Dunham. BOTTOM ROW: T. Shaver, R. Czuback, A. Elliot, R. Clark, D. Lee, K. Doerr, J. Corr, B. Cohoon, A. Bolden, J. Keller.



"It was a magical season. This team came together like family. I'm extremely proud of them."

—Coach Tim Currin

"For the tough games we pulled together, and we wound up on top. We knew when we could have fun, and when it was time to get the job done."

*—Sophomore
Joe Durfee*

JV Football

9, wins, 0 losses

Okemos	34-7
Warren DeLaSalle	23-13
Sexton	13-0
Everett	40-0
Jackson	49-0
Eastern	44-7
Waverly	49-20
East Lansing	21-7
Grand Ledge	29-19

JV Soccer

9 wins, 8 losses, 1 tie

B.C. Lakeview	0-3
Eastern	4-0, 3-1
Mt. Pleasant	2-0
St. Johns	1-1
Waverly	0-5
Sexton	2-0
Grand Ledge	1-2
Jackson	0-1
East Lansing	1-7, 0-7
Swartz Creek	1-4, 2-1
Everett	10-2
Jackson	1-0
Harper Creek	2-0
Carmen	3-1
Hartland	0-3



FRIENDLY ADVICE

Providing some strategy to quarterback Ryan Anderson is JV Coach Tim Currin who led the Rams to an undefeated season.



JV SOCCER TEAM:

TOP ROW: Coach D. Hornak, Mgr. K. Kamm, D. Burwell, M. Crockett, J. Adams, B. Delaney, B. Fudge, N. Vosovic, P. Harrison, T. Hamilton, M. Ewen, Coach B. Rees, Coach D. Nourse. **BOTTOM ROW:** J. Bussard, B. Strayer, S. Walsh, J. Troisi, R. Allen, C. Smith, R. Savage, K. Avis, T. Hawks. **FOREGROUND:** M. Friedrich. J. Lazar.

DOWN LINE

Sending the ball down line is sophomore Justin Lazar against Eastern. The team went on to defeat Eastern 3-1 on home turf.

OFFENSIVE POWERHOUSE

Handing the ball to sophomore running back Keith Allen is sophomore quarterback Ryan Anderson in the game against Warren DeLaSalle. The Rams finished 9-0 and CAC Champs.



Touch of Magic, Hard Work

Yields Winning JV Football, Soccer Seasons

True to Holt JV Football tradition, this year's team conquered every team that they faced on the gridiron. Their success story was proven by their 9-0 record and their first place finish in the Capital Area Conference. "For the tough games we pulled together and we wound up on top. We knew when we could have fun, and when it was time to get the job done," noted sophomore Joe Durfee.

When it came to the biggest rivalry of all—Grand Ledge, once again, the Rams defeated the Comets by a score of 29-19. "I look forward to this game every year," said Deven Lambart, "we beat them last year, and we look forward to beating them every year."

Ram spirit was the deciding factor in many games. Team morale pulled together both the defense and offense in potentially dangerous situations. Coach Tim Currin summarized, "This was a magical season. This team came together like family. I'm extremely proud of them."

The JV Soccer team finished their season on the plus side as

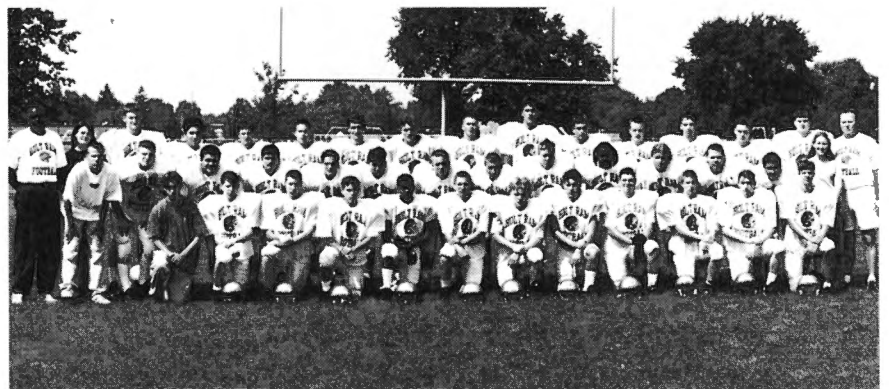
well, with an overall record of 9 wins, 8 losses, and 1 tie. They finished with a 5-5 record in the CAC.

This was the second year in a row that the JV team worked with new coaches, and Brad Rees and Don Nourse filled the positions. "Brad was demanding. He wanted our full effort all the time," commented sophomore Nick Vosovic. Freshman Chuck Smith added, "It made me a better player with Brad pushing me as hard as he did."

The team's key strengths were their defensive talents, and goalkeeper Mark Fredrich. The main weakness according to sophomore DeJuan Parker, was "the unequal playing time, which resulted in tired, worn out players."

The high point was the game played against Jackson. "We were the underdogs, and we still won," recalled sophomore Kenny Avis. The Rams shutout Jackson 1-0 on a goal scored by sophomore DeJuan Parker. "Our defense really held up well, and that led to our good finish for the season," concluded sophomore Justin Lazar.

—*Jenifer Spock*



JV FOOTBALL TEAM: **BOTTOM ROW:** S. LeRoy, M. Lonsberry, C. Gnass, J. Fuller, K. Day, R. Anderson, D. Lambart, J. Durfee, T. Smith A. Duling, A. Page, C. Ranshaw. **ROW 2:** Coach B. Rogers, B. Looney, D. Ross, C. Babbitt, C. Guardiola, E. Ewald, P. Belsito, K. Allen, L. Smith, W. Burnmeister, W. Moore, M. Schultz, J. Mowers, R. Rahme, Mgr. H. Clarkson, Coach T. Curin. **ROW 3:** Mgr. M. Garland, N. Wigginton, G. Sarkisov, M. Woulf, D. DeMay, D. Fratzke, B. Cooper, T. Parks, S. Stuible, M. Reich, T. Shaver, B. Wood, A. Viele, E. Holm.

Beating the Rankings

Varsity Basketball Team Captures CAC, District Titles

Experience and teamwork told the season's story for the Girls' Varsity Basketball team. Ending with their best record in 17 years, the girls won the Capital Area Conference title with a 13-1 CAC record and the District title. "We stuck together the whole time, through everything. We were more experienced this year and played great defense," noted senior forward Julie Vanlerberghe.

Right from the start, Holt was considered just a threat in the CAC. It took over half the season for the girls to be recognized as state competitors, and by mid-season to be voted honorable mention in the *Lansing State Journal* rankings. After that, they slowly worked their way up to eighth place in the state. "The early season rankings really didn't bother us. We actually liked being ranked low. Then we showed everyone how good we really were," stated senior forward Erin Wenglekowski.

Working their way to an overall season record of 21-3, their motto was one game and one goal at a time. They had their heart set on a winning record, a CAC title and a District title. They met these goals, getting by their key rivals Grand

Ledge and Eastern. "Grand Ledge has always been our arch rival. In the past, they have always beaten us, but this year we were gunning for them. We defeated them twice in the regular season and once in the district tournament. It felt awesome," noted senior guard Jill Newberry.

The girls beat Kalamazoo Central to participate in the Regional finals against Howell. However, their season ended in a heartbreaking 27-29 loss. The team was sad to see it end, but they were proud of their accomplishments. "It felt great," reflected junior guard Katie Skoczylas.

Besides friendship on the court, the team had fun off the court and some wild memories. Through the highs of CAC and District titles, the main aspect of their experience that held them together was teamwork.

Winning post season honors were Julie Vanlerberghe, Stephanie Smiley and Andrea Shippy as All-League players, while Jill Newberry and Meghann Devlin earned All-League Honorable Mention. Coach Doug Harkema also was named CAC and Regional Coach of the Year.

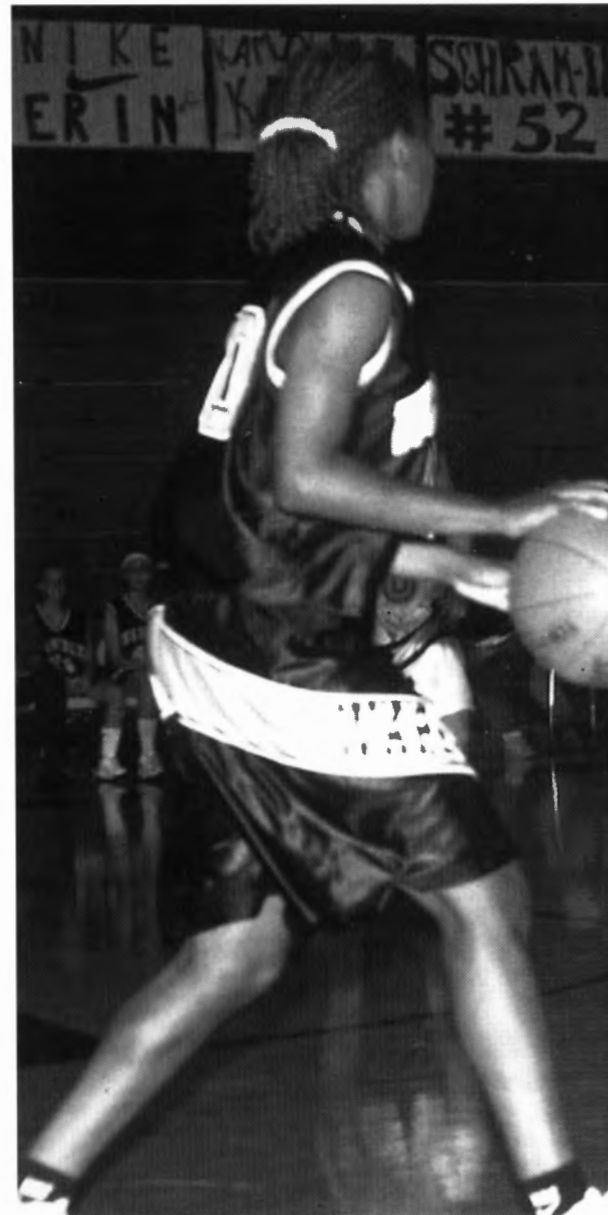
—Stephanie Smiley



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM: M. Devlin, M. Schram, S. Smiley, E. Wenglekowski, E. Reamer, J. Newberry, Coach D. Harkema, A. Shippy, K. Skoczylas, K. DeRosa, A. Roberts, J. Vanlerberghe, E. Argue. Not Pictured: P. Smith.

DEFENSE!

Playing against Waverly at home is sophomore guard Andrea Shippy. Her effort contributed to the team's win and she was honored as an All-Area player and an Honorable Mention for the *Lansing State Journal* Class A Team.



TAKE A BREATHER... Talking to his team during the game with Waverly is Coach Doug Harkema. After leading them to CAC and District titles, Harkema was named CAC and Regional Coach of the year.

"The early season rankings really didn't bother us. We actually liked being ranked. Then we showed everyone how good we really were!"

—Senior

Erin Wenglekowski



Varsity Basketball

21, wins, 3 losses

Williamston	63-35
Eaton Rapids	53-26
Mason	56-45
Waverly	49-42, 65-45
Swartz Creek	55-48
Okemos	60-61
Jackson	75-34, 73-12
East Lansing	49-32, 74-46
Everett	61-34, 69-28
Grand Ledge	59-43, 65-58
Sexton	42-38, 51-61
Eastern	67-51, 67-57
St. Johns	70-62
CAC	1st
Districts	1st
State	8th

All-League

Julie Vanlerberghe
Stephanie Smiley
Andrea Shippy

All-League

Honorable Mention

Jill Newberry
Meghann Devlin

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CAC Coach of the Year

Regional Coach of the Year

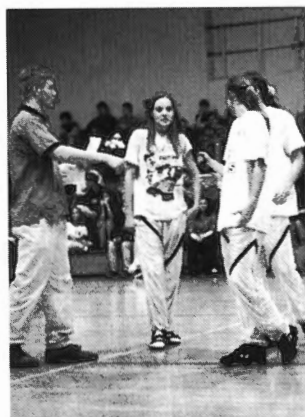
Doug Harkema

Team Honors

Winner of Williamston Tip Off
Tournament

Winner of TV 6

Team of the Week



RECOGNITION

The Girls' Varsity Basketball team is honored during a pep assembly prior to the Regional final game. Representing the team are captains, Jill Newberry, Stephanie Smiley and Julie Vanlerberghe.

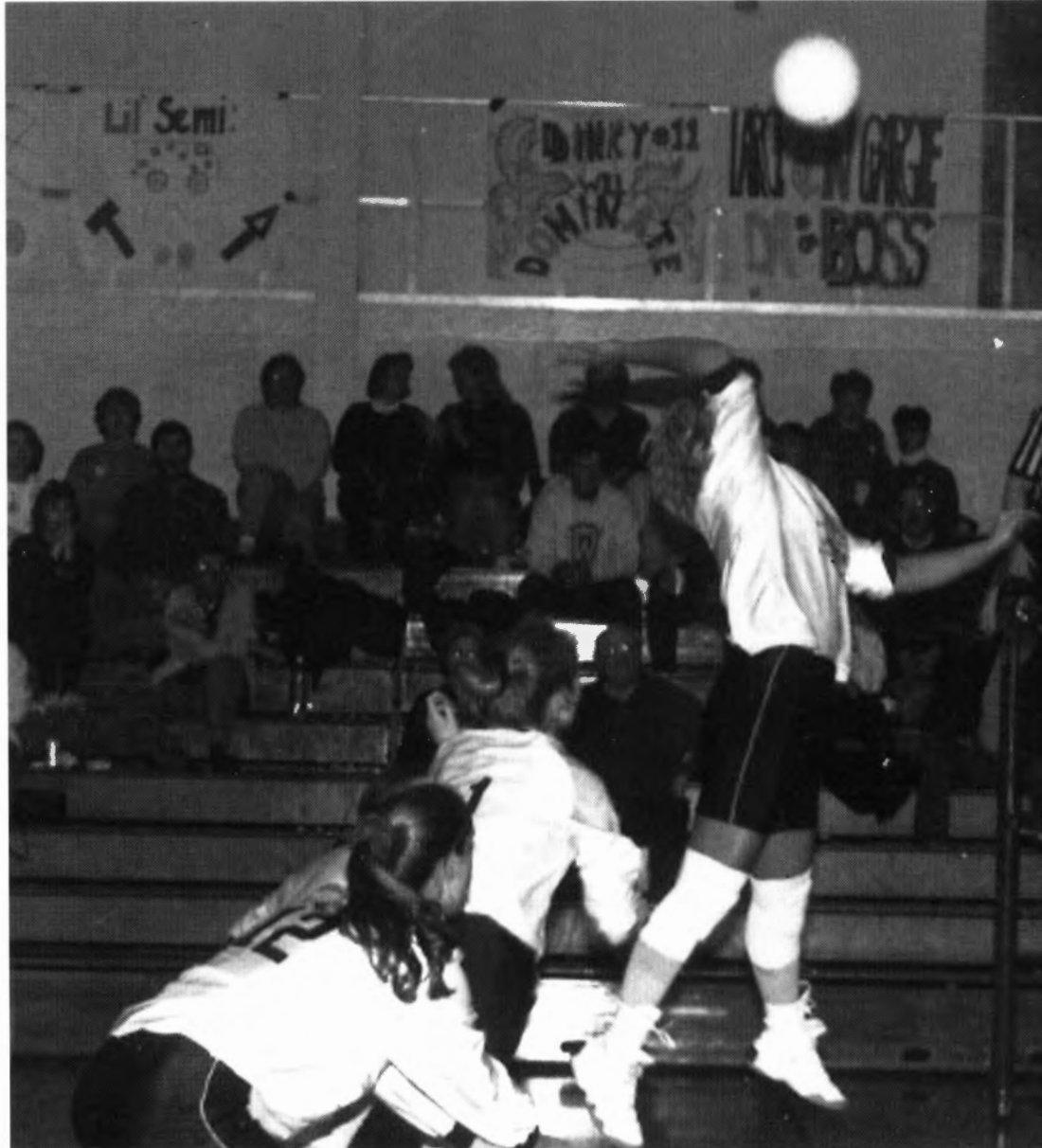


HEADS UP!

Passing the ball down the court against the Warriors, is junior Pam Smith. Holt beat Waverly 49-42. Pam noted, "We had a really great season. It was a real accomplishment making it all the way to the Regional finals."

“Our season went pretty well. We took 5th in the CAC, and we definitely grew stronger as the season went on. We had a few tall people so we were pretty good at spiking and blocking.”

—Senior Nikki Araoz



Varsity Volleyball
19-16-3

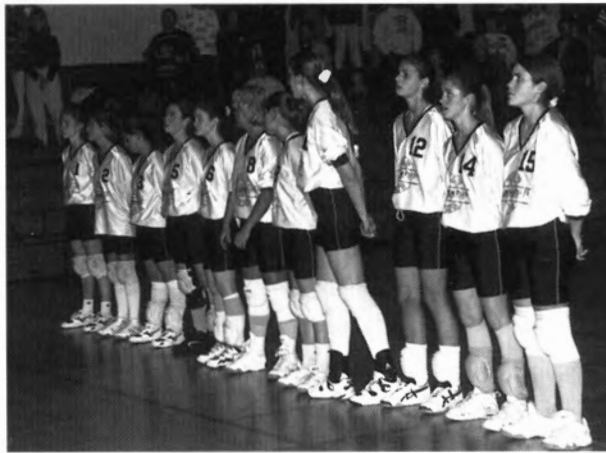
Lumen Christie	0-15, 15-7 7-15, 4-15
Okemos	12-15, 11-15 15-12, 15-8
Everett	15-11, 15-0 15-7, 15-7
Eastern	15-9, 15-2 8-15, 3-15
Jackson NW	15-11, 15-11
Mason	16-14, 7-15, 9-15
E. Lansing	6-15, 5-15 3-15, 15-11, 5-15
Waverly	15-1, 15-8
Jackson	10-15, 10-15
BC Lakeview	15-3, 12-15, 12-15 14-16, 1-15
Sexton	15-11, 15-5 15-13, 15-11
Grand Ledge	18-16, 14-16, 3-15
CAC	5th

**All-CAC
First Team**
Meghann Devlin

**All-CAC
Honorable mention**
Nikki Araoz
Meredith Schram
Erin Wenglekowski



BUMP, SET, SPIKE
Cracking the ball over the net in hopes of scoring on her Warrior opponent is Jill Newberry, while Meghann Devlin prepares for a return.



ATTENTION!
Prior to the winning match with Waverly the team stands for the National Anthem.

INTENSITY
Spiking the ball on her Waverly competitors is key player Meghann Devlin.

KNOCKING IT DOWN

Sending the ball over the net is senior Erin Wenglekowski in the game against Waverly. Teammate Nikki Araoz explained, "Erin is a big part of our team. She took control and led the team through rocky times."



Leaders Look at Bright Side

Varsity Volleyball Season Brings Improvement, Laughs

Finishing up with a winning season at 19-16-3 and a 5th place finish in the CAC, the Varsity Volleyball team worked as a group and had fun at it. "Practices were so much fun! The team had a great relationship. Everyone contributed at least one laugh during the season," recalled senior Bia Fuhrmann.

The team got along very well and did whatever it took to get the job done. Even when hindered by an injury the girls wouldn't let each other down. Senior Meghann Devlin noted, "When Nikki sprained her ankle she limped onto the court and still served for us, showing a lot of dedication and courage."

Every team had their rivals and when the girls played against their's, they rose to the occasion and won. Senior Erin Wenglekowski noted, "Our arch rival was Eastern because they beat us every year. This year we beat them, 15-9 and 15-2, when they came to Holt. It was the best game we played all season."

Leadership was one of their strengths. Key players kept the team together during tough times. "For our group, teamwork and leadership were very important. Jill

Newberry kept us together when we were making mistakes," recalled junior Julie Galambos.

Despite a rough season on the court, the team liked to look at the bright side. As a whole the team improved. Senior Nikki Araoz stated, "Our season went pretty well. We took 5th in the CAC and we definitely grew stronger as the season went on. We had a few tall people so we were pretty good at spiking and blocking."

For some being on the team was a very special experience. Bia Fuhrmann, a foreign exchange student from Brazil, noted, "I think it's really cool how sports are treated in the US. They encourage people to have a healthy choice in life and support their goals."

Some top competitors on the team were Meghann Devlin, who made All-CAC First Team. Also Erin Wenglekowski, Nikki Araoz and Meredith Schram earned All-CAC Honorable Mention. The girls worked hard to achieving their goals and improved throughout the season. Although they didn't do as well on the court as they wanted to, they had fun as a team.

—Stephanie Smiley



VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM: TOP ROW: Coach P. Badders, C. Conway, A. Boss, J. Galambos, E. Wenglekowski, M. Devlin, M. Schram, A. Lantagne, M. Maksimowicz, B. Fuhrmann, Coach Grezlak. BOTTOM ROW: N. Araoz, J. Newberry.

One Step Ahead

Speed, Unity Wins JV Games

Improving on last year's 9-11 season, the Girl's JV Basketball team ended with a 12-8 record. The girls had a lot of heart and according to them, team unity was an important key to being successful. "We were all good friends and learned to play together. Other important factors were communication, hustle and attitude," stated sophomore Lindsey Anderson. Sophomore guard Danyelle Smythe added, "The team's strengths were the pride and the friendship we shared."

The consensus was that everyone's contribution was vital to the group's success, but key players were mentioned including sophomores Allison Lawrence, Geana Johnson and freshmen Lindsey Kinder. Lindsay Anderson pointed out, "Allison and Geana were strong under the boards and Lindsay Kinder at point guard handled the ball well."

Coach Bob Simmons felt the team's strong point was their unity and speed. "The girls improved rapidly in their game. Our strategy was to switch between man-to-man and a match-up zone. We tried to keep the other teams off balance switching between a full court press and a half court trap."

Winning the Williamston JV Tournament for the fifth year in a

row, the team faced arch rivals Grand Ledge and Waverly, and the girls were very surprised at the outcomes. "Both teams had strong offenses and defenses. Actually we did a lot better than we expected," noted sophomore Cherraline Doerr.

Some of the players on the basketball team also played on the volleyball team, and in many ways they were alike. Both the teams got along well and enjoyed winning seasons. Also communication and team unity were key factors to their record. "The most important key is communication. When no one talks, the ball drops and we look horrible," noted Anderson.

Not unlike other programs, Grand Ledge was their arch rival. "We have always had a battle going with them," noted sophomore Dana Boss. Another not so obvious rival was Battle Creek Pennfield. The girls met up with them many times during the season. "At our home tournament we beat them twice by two points, but lost on a rally score to get 4th place," explained sophomore Michelle Rohlf. The JV Volleyball team finished up the season 3rd in the CAC tournament with a 6-1 CAC and 34-26 overall season record.

—Stephanie Smiley



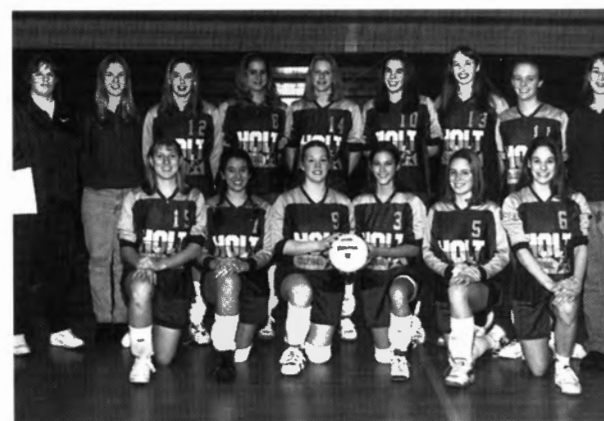
JV BASKETBALL TEAM: TOP ROW: N. Tews, A. McCulloh, A. Ward, A. Lawrence, Coach B. Simmons, S. Meyers, J. Johnson, N. Jory, L. Anderson. MIDDLE: A. Marcum. BOTTOM ROW: D. Smythe, L. Kinder, C. Doerr

SEND IT IN

Shooting over a Waverly defender is guard Lindsey Anderson. Despite her efforts, the Rams fell short by a score of 36-46.

DIG!

In the match up against Waverly, Allison Lawrence spikes the ball to earn one for the team. The girls won with an outcome of 15-0, 2-15, and 15-10.



JV VOLLEYBALL TEAM: TOP ROW: Coach R. Buysse, Mgr. M. Frampton, L. Anderson, D. Boss, A. Lawrence, L. Miller, A. Ward, Mgr. H. Bates. BOTTOM ROW: A. Shippy, N. Tews, K. Reich, D. Smythe, K. Chehansky, B. Chaliman.

PUSH AND SHOVE

Reaching for a rebound is Allison Lawrence, while teammates Geana Johnson and Alana Marcum stand ready.



"The team's strengths were the pride and friendship we shared with each other."

*—Sophomore
Danyelle Smythe*

Girls' JV Basketball

12 wins, 8 losses

Williamston	72-38
Eaton Rapids	46-31
Mason	60-56
Waverly	36-46, 43-42
Swartz Creek	32-47
Okemos	44-50
Jackson	54-8, 41-24
East Lansing	38-47, 28-43
Everett	44-24, 69-39
Grand Ledge	40-52, 31-39
Sexton	50-33, 61-37
Eastern	52-46, 47-45
St. Johns	40-50



JV Volleyball

34 wins, 26 losses
6 wins, 1 loss (CAC)

Lumen Christi	10-15, 9-15
Okemos	3-15, 5-15
Mason	15-10, 10-15, 12-15
East Lansing	15-7, 15-13
Waverly	15-0, 2-15, 15-10
Jackson	9-15, 15-8, 15-11
St. Johns	15-6, 15-3
Sexton	15-5, 15-9
Everett	15-4, 15-7
Grand Ledge	8-15, 10-15

UNITY

During the Waverly game the JV Volleyball team huddles up on the sidelines. Sophomore Danyelle Smythe revealed, "Our keys were a good attitude, hard work and determination."

FACING THE CHALLENGE

Varsity Swim Team Spends Season Rebuilding

Strong performances marked by a few disappointments led the Boys' Varsity Swimming and Diving team through a rebuilding season. The team concentrated on improving individually and worked together to place fifth in the CAC. They ended with a 3-4 conference record and a 3-5 overall record.

Although the team was small, they were still able to compete effectively. Due to the lack of returning swimmers the team had to push and motivate each other. "Our strength was the closeness. We swam well together, and learned that if we didn't work together we wouldn't get anywhere," stated junior Kyle Hoffman.

A key player was sophomore Brock Delaney. He received the MVP award and was named to the All-Area Team. He also was a team captain along with junior Keith Davenport. "The highlight of the season was when senior Kenichi Mizuno and I took first and second place in the 200 Individual Medley at the conference meet. Our fans went crazy, and after the event Kenichi and I threw a number one sign in the air as we both stood on the first place block to receive congratulations," recalled Brock.

Other key players were foreign exchange students, Leandro Minetto

from Argentina who was strong in the butterfly and Mizuno from Japan who was strong in the breaststroke. "I have gained new friends, and for me, it was a great and unforgettable experience," recalled Leandro. Also coming through was first year swimmer, junior Shawn Geiger who gave the team a lift in two relay events.

The team learned how much time and dedication it took to become great swimmers. "This was my first season so I was surprised at the progress I gained toward the end. I was impressed with the level of support from the community, parents and teammates. The team unity was the best I've ever seen. Our coach was not only our coach, he was our best friend," revealed senior Timothy Tyrell.

Coach Sean Donegan shared their vision getting right to work on rebuilding after graduating many key swimmers last year. The team did not have any four year seniors with meet experience. He concluded, "The biggest task this season was to teach these guys to swim and they caught on fast which made the season turn out well. This was a rebuilding season, but there are a lot of good eighth graders moving up so we should look tough next year."

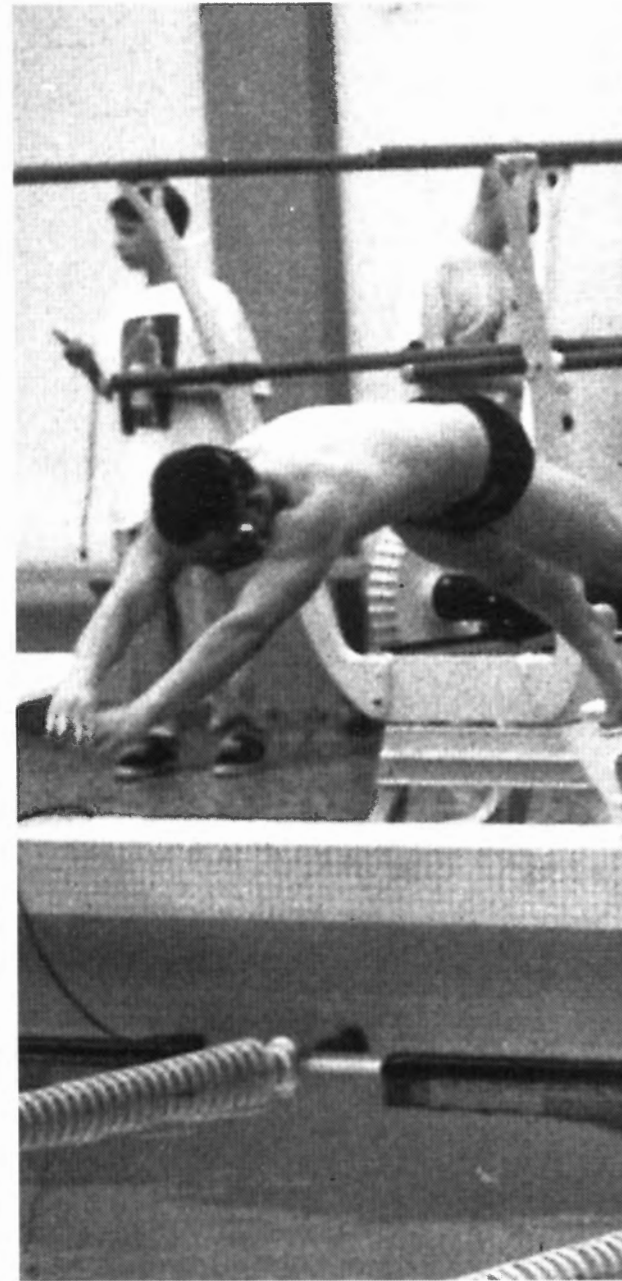
—Melissa Smith



BOYS' VARSITY SWIM TEAM: TOP ROW: Coach S. Donegan, S. Geiger, P. Tuttle, K. Hoffman, K. Davenport, M. Wallace, J. Miller. ROW 2: T. Green, R. Mosley, R. Porter, A. Henson, M. Barnes, K. Wheeler. ROW 3: B. Lucas, B. Delaney, J. Wilson, R. Ortega, S. Russell. BOTTOM ROW: L. Minetto, T. Tyrell, K. Mizuno.

TAKING THE PLUNGE!

Diving in at the meet against Eastern are freshmen Matt Barnes and Ken Wheeler. The Rams lost to the Quakers but did not let it bring their spirits down.



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*—Coach
Sean Donegan*



Boys' Varsity Swimming

3 wins, 5 losses

Mason	72-111
Waverly	116-51.5
Everett	124-38
Eastern	87-96
East Lansing	60-110
Grand Ledge	74-96
Sexton	57-37
Jackson	57-113
CAC	5th

All-CAC

Brock Delaney
Kerichi Mizuno
Leandro Minetto
Josh Wilson
Shawn Geiger

UP FOR AIR

Catching a breath while swimming the breaststroke is sophomore Josh Wilson. He stated, "My Favorite event was the 500 M Freestyle because it is what I'm naturally good at." Josh was an All-CAC selection.

FRIENDLY ADVICE

Receiving constructive comments from his older sister Melissa during warm-ups is junior Paul Tuttle. It was Paul's first year and his experience in the Swim Club raised his skill level.



Breaking Records

Swim Team Breaks Nine School Records Enroute to CAC Title

Dedication, determination, and hard work brought the Girls' Varsity Swimming and Diving team to first place in the CAC and 12th place in the state. They ended 7-0 in the conference and 8-3 overall for the season.

A key player was Sara Pohlonski. She broke four school records in the 100 Fly, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle and 500 Freestyle. She also competed at state, was named an All-American Qualifier and received the MVP award.

The team captains were Lisa Hartman, Jackie Mayercak, Julie Nourse, and Sara. "Our team was very close. We all had the common goal of winning and the closer we were the better we swam. We were also close with our coach. He helped us in the pool, as well as with personal problems," stated junior Robyn Barker.

The team was bigger than it had ever been and numbers brought power. For the fifth year in a row they were conference champions. Each of the girls' concentrated on improving individually and worked

together to win. "Team unity contributed highly to our success. Our performance as a team was exceptional!" claimed senior Jackie Mayercak.

The highlight of the season was the exciting CAC meet. They also faced their arch rival, Okemos, at states and came out on top. There was a great deal of support from parents as well as from teachers. Both groups recognized how much time and dedication it took to become great swimmers.

Training took some new twists. "We had a new program for our workouts that was a lot more challenging, at least for me," explained sophomore Lindy Miller. Others cited different goals. "We focused on swimming our personal best times and wining close races. We weren't out to beat certain teams this year. We focused more on ourselves," noted junior Laura Russell. "Our team goal was to swim fast and swim with emotion which we did," concluded junior Anne Veltema.

—Melissa Smith



SWIMMING & DIVING TEAM: TOP ROW: H. Cherniawski, J. Nourse, S. Pohlonski, L. Hartman, J. Mayercak, L. Wawro. ROW 2: Coach Pohlonski, Mgrs. J. Wilson, Mgr. B. Pohlonski, L. Brunsting, K. Stambaugh, Coach S. Donegan, Mgr. K. Davenport. ROW 3: E. Bonner, L. Russell, A. Veltema, W. Hoagland, C. Parker, K. Bridges, M. Brown, R. Barker, A. Shock, C. Carter, J. Smith. ROW 4: E. Cohoon, L. Smieska, R. Chaliman, A. Craft, L. Miller, K. Trimmer, N. Mayercak, E. Rapp. ROW 5: E. Scofield, M. Kaegler, M. Kost, C. Morrissey, S. Shaft. BOTTOM ROW: K. David, J. Gutierrez.

PURE ENERGY!

Swimming the 100 M. Butterfly against Grand Ledge is sophomore Lindy Miller. The Rams beat the Comets 103-82. "Our team was very close, we worked hard and had a lot of fun," commented Lindy.



CONCENTRATION ABOVE THE WATER

Focusing on the meet against Eastern are Erin Bonner, Amanda Craft and Lori Brunsting.

Attempting a front sommersault with twist against Eastern is sophomore Kelly Trimmer.

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— Junior
Laura Russell



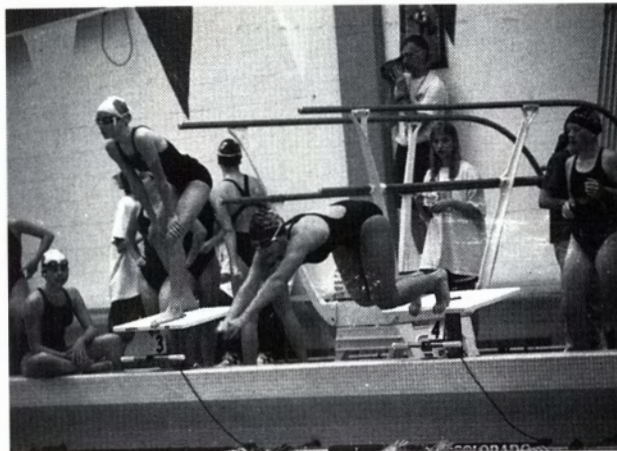
**Girls Varsity
Swimming and Diving**

8 wins 3 losses

St. Johns	126-60
Eastern	137-47
Everett	67-31
Grand Ledge	137-49
Waverly	103-82
Ann Arbor Huron	76-110
Sexton	60-41
Jackson	132-54
East Lansing	131-55
Okemos	83-103
Ann Arbor Pioneer	60-126
CAC	1st
States	12th

All-CAC

- Robyn Barker
- Errin Bonner
- Melissa Brown
- Lori Brunsting
- Heather Cherniawski
- Amanda Craft
- Lisa Hartman
- Jackie Mayercack
- Niki Mayercack
- Julie Nourse
- Courtney Parker
- Sara Pohlonski
- Emily Rapp
- Joanie Smith
- Kelly Trimmer
- Anne Veltema



BIG SPLASH

Making her entrance into the pool is senior Katie Stambaugh while sophomore Liz Cohoon prepares for her leg of the Medley Relay against Eastern. The rams drowned the Quakers 137-47 enroute to a CAC Championship.

Conference Runner-Ups

Varsity Highs, JV Lows of Tough Competition

Hard work was the key to success for the Girls' Varsity Tennis team finishing second in the CAC with a 9-3 record behind East Lansing. The girls also placed third in tough Regional competition going up against perennial powerhouses, East Lansing, and Okemos.

Coached by Pat Somers and Jim Douglass the girls scored high at meets and worked well together to make for a unified team. Some very special ties and bonds were made during the season. Junior Jessica Heeg recalled, "One thing I will always remember is my friendship with Jodie Kuhn." For others it was special help from coaches. Senior Lia Gaumer stated, "I will always remember Mr. Douglass. He taught me more in one year than I thought was ever possible."

The team worked hard on and off the court. "The Varsity Tennis team's success came from our dedication. We worked hard at practices, arriving early and staying late

and when we had weekend practices, almost everyone showed up, even when they weren't mandatory. That showed something," commented junior Lyndsay Cook.

Next year the team will be losing five of the top 12 players, including Emily Sutliff at first singles for four years in a row. Emily's total season record was 20-4, and she placed second in the CAC. Also placing were seniors Kathleen Keen and Kristen Deetz at third doubles and juniors Megan Foster and Michelle Scates at fourth doubles. Senior Lia Gaumer at third singles finished her record at 15-4 placing third in the conference.

Also facing the ups and downs of tough competition, the JV team finished 0-1 in conference play and 3-7 for the season. The disappointments for the team were softened by wins over Haslett, Mason and Portland. The girls saw some improvement as the season progressed both at practices and at matches.

—Kathleen Keen



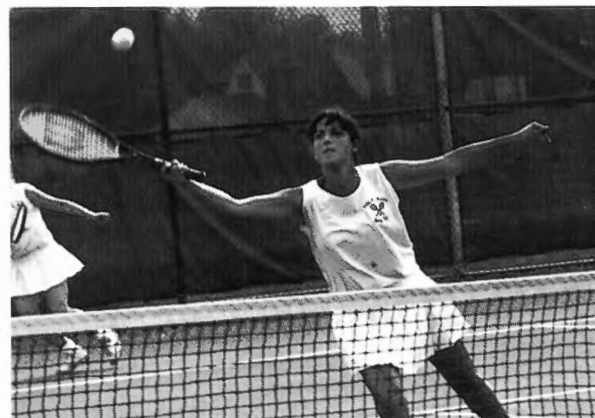
VARSITY TENNIS TEAM: TOP ROW: Coach J. Douglass, M. Foster, M. Scates, J. Heeg, E. Viele, S. McClane, J. Kuhn, Coach P. Somers. ROW 2: K. Shoemaker, J. Swan, L. Cook, A. Grondin, J. Kendrick, C. Henrickson, E. TePastte. ROW 3: C. Carr, C. Reasoner, B. Martin, L. Gaumer, E. Sutliff, K. Deetz, K. Keen, M. Theissen.

FOLLOWING THROUGH

Warming up for her match against Haslett is second doubles player, junior Jessica Swan. She and her partner, junior Amy Grondin, won the match.

BALANCING ACT

Stretching for the return is junior Jessica Heeg. Jessica's attempt, along with her doubles partner, Kathleen Keen, weren't enough to win the match against Haslett.



JV TENNIS TEAM: TOP ROW: L. Wilcox, J. Lindle Harris, J. Stuby, N. Steer, C. Moon, E. Viele, S. Cory, K. Schonfelder. ROW 2: J. Warnicke, A. Carrella, S. Mapes, C. Cullimore, L. Martin, S. Dion, J. Balzer, T. Dymond, C. Jordan. ROW 3: R. Warner, E. Linas, J. Sanderson, A. Zeigler, L. Barnes, B. Parrish, A. Young, K. Bobka, N. Spedding. FOREGROUND: J. Troisi

UP FRONT Guarding the net is sophomore Laura Barnes. She and her partner Lindsey Harris, won the match against Haslett.

SWINGING HIGH

Meeting the ball in the air on a serve during a home JV match is sophomore Sara Mapes.



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*—Junior
Lyndsay Cook*

Girls' Varsity Tennis

9 wins, 3 losses

St. Johns	2-5
Haslett	4-3
Waverly	5-3
DeWitt	4-3
Everett	8-0
Sexton	5-3
Eastern	8-0
East Lansing	1-7
Okemos	3-4
LCC	4-3
Grand Ledge	7-1
Jackson	6-2
CAC	2nd
Regionals	3rd

Girls' JV Tennis

3 wins, 7 losses

St. Johns	2-5
DeWitt	2-5
Haslett	5-2
Mason	6-1
Ovid-Elsie	1-6
East Lansing	0-7
Portland	4-3
LCC	3-4
Okemos	2-5
St. Johns	2-5

"Everyone was important. That is what being a team was all about. It was really what individuals did off the course, like extra running and supporting teammates, that made the team stronger."

— *Senior Corey Montie*

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

4 wins, 5 losses

Eastern	15-46
Grand Ledge	37-23
East Lansing	23-33
Waverly	17-46
Mason	28-29
St. Johns	30-26
Sexton	29-28
Everett	15-50
Jackson	35-22
CAC	4th
Regionals	8th

All-CAC Selection

Douglas Harger
Travis Spitz

MVP

Douglas Harger

COACHES AWARD

Timothy Tyrell

MOST IMPROVED

Travis Spitz

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

8 wins 1 losses

Eastern	19-42
Grand Ledge	27-30
East Lansing	25-36
Waverly	20-40
Mason	33-23
St. Johns	24-32
Sexton	19-50
Everett	15-50
Jackson	23-36
CAC	2nd

All-CAC

Erin Freeman
Kendra Horstman
Liz Ribby

MVP

Erin Freeman

COACHES AWARD

Theresa Acker



PHILL STRUGGLE

Everett, junior Angela Hettinger and freshman Tonia VanEvery climb the hill, aided by their Viking opponent. Holt won the meet 15-50.

IN STRIDE

Pulling ahead of his Jackson competition is senior Mike Shunn during a home meet at Valhalla.



BOYS' CC TEAM: TOP ROW: G. Parrott, B. Burley, R. Eding, T. Tyrell, M. Shunn, C. Montie, J. Dutcher, R. Emery, Coach J. Gillett. BOTTOM ROW: A. Potter, T. Spencer, D. Harger, J. Becker, T. Wade, T. Spitz, R. Richardson.

GIRLS' CC TEAM: TOP ROW: Coach D. Foy, Mgr. A. Clark, E. Freeman, K. Horstman, S. Lyons, E. Mutty, M. Rohlfs, C. Longberry, E. Nelson, K. Wilkerson. ROW 2: R. Quasarano, J. McDonald, E. Ribby, T. VanEvery, A. Hettinger, K. Hemenway, A. Kenney, J. Dunham, K. Bowker, H. Rotman. BOTTOM ROW: B. Johnson, J. Grant, T. Acker, T. Benson, E. Younglove.

MAKING THE DREAM REAL

Cross Country Teams' Uphill Run Pays Off

From the start of the season the Girls' Cross Country team had the dream of victory. They made their dream a reality, placing second in the CAC meet and ending their season 8-1 overall.

Preparation came early for most of the girls. Many of them ran in their spare time and some also ran track. "I ran three to five miles everyday for about two months before the season. I also ran a couple of 5 kilometer races before competition," stated junior Angela Hettinger. Despite some injuries, the team pulled together. "We could have done better if Jami Grant had been able to run. I think we all regret that she couldn't," shared sophomore Holly Rotman, referring to Jami's stress fracture of her shin.

Although all the girls played a part in coming out ahead, junior Erin Freeman stood out as a key runner. She kept her spirit up, was named one of three All-CAC selections, and also claimed the Most Valuable Runner award for the season. Junior Kendra Horstman and freshman Elizabeth Ribby were the other two All-CAC selections. Liz also earned Coach Dave Foy's First Year Runner award, while senior Theresa Acker earned the Coach's Award. "I think

the season went well. Everyone set goals and most accomplished them or did better than they planned," stated Theresa.

In contrast, the Boys' Cross Country team had a more difficult season against their conference opponents. Ending with a 4-5 record, the team placed fourth at the CAC Meet, second in both the Battle Creek Lakeview and Mason invitationals, and eighth at Regionals.

Junior Douglas Harger and sophomore Travis Spitz were named All-CAC Selections. Doug also received the Most Valuable Runner award and Travis earned the Most Improved award.

Even though the boys didn't have as many wins as they aimed for, they always had something to laugh about. Sophomore R.J. Eding recalled, "Greg Parrott trying to rap." Corey Montie described, "After the Regional meet at Rolling Hills Golf Course, Coach Foy and some of his runners decided to roll down the hills." And many of them just laughed at whatever Tim Wade did.

Most of the guys agreed that the season went well. They decided not to dwell on the past, but looked forward to the next Cross Country season.

—Camelia Garcia-Guerra



MOVING ON UP

Battling for position are senior Theresa Acker, junior Erin Freeman and freshman Tonia Van Every. The lady Rams defeated the Waverly squad 20-40 in a home meet at Valhalla.

SOARING HIGH

Raising some spirit at the Homecoming pep assembly are the Varsity cheerleaders. Atop the pile are seniors Jenny Thomley and Kori Vaive. Mounting stunts were allowed for the first time this year.

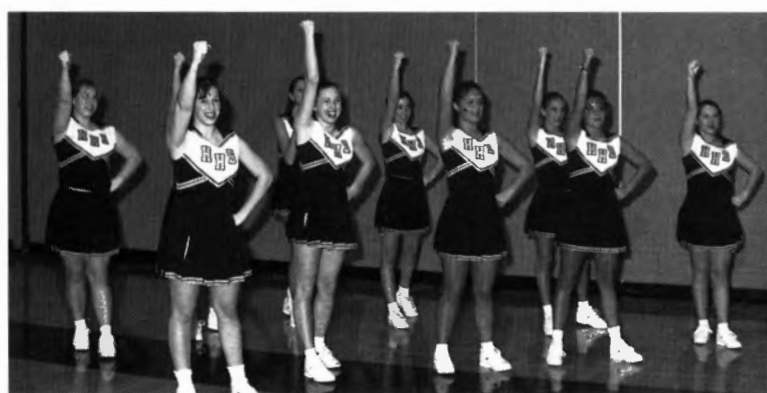
"We want to be seen as athletes. It's not about perky girls with bubbly smiles that just jump around and yell. We work hard and what we do takes strength, flexibility, and ability."

*—Junior
Elyse Puruleski*



STANDING TALL

The JV squad shows Ram spirit during a cheer that involves a mount at the Homecoming game. Both the JV and Varsity Lady Rams did the mounts for the first time this year and brought a new look to cheering.



VARSITY FALL

SQUAD: TOP ROW: J. Gioacano, E. Puruleski, J. Yauch, H. Ballard, M. Yemc, L. Gilreath, B. Clark. **BOTTOM ROW:** L. Perez, K. Eding, J. Thomley, K. Vaive, K. Clisch. **BACKGROUND:** Rooty the Ram



VARSITY WINTER

SQUAD: TOP ROW: M. Yemc, L. Gilreath, H. Ballard. **ROW 2:** C. Tice, E. Puruleski, J. Yauch, K. Horstman. **BOTTOM ROW:** J. Thomley, L. Perez, K. Clisch, K. Vaive, K. Eding.



FALL JVSQUAD:

J. Horwath, F. Stuttman, C. Tice, K. Hall, K. Sheehan. **BACKGROUND:** Rooty the Ram

HIGH SPIRITS

Pumping up the crowd during home Varsity and JV basketball games are the Varsity (top) and JV (bottom) squads.

WINTER JVSQUAD:

TOP ROW: M. Morales, K. Hall, E. Sawyer. **ROW 2:** D. Richards, K. Sheehan, J. Horwath, J. Schultz. **BOTTOM ROW:** F. Stuttman, J. Murphy.

Athletic Approach

Taken by Varsity, JV Cheerleaders for Spirited Season

After long hours of dedicated practice each day, the Varsity and JV Cheerleaders led the crowd with cheers and chants to pump up their spirit. Taking a more athletic approach was the tone for both the fall and winter seasons. Senior Krystie Eding stated, "Our practices were hard and pushed us to our max. We worked on backhand springs, cheers, stunts, and endurance."

Performing mounts this year was new to the squads and it gave them a new outlook on cheerleading. "Being able to mount made it a lot more fun and it gave us a lot more strength," claimed senior Kori Vaive. The crowd reaction was also noted. Senior Kellie Clisch commented, "I think that being able to mount this year made the crowd respond more to us and respect us a little more. It made people realize that we do more at our practices than just sit around and talk, we have a lot of work to do and we get it done."

The girls agreed on what type of an image cheerleaders strived to project. Junior Elyse Puruleski explained, "We want to be seen as athletes. It's not about perky girls with bubbly smiles that just jump

around and yell. We work hard and what we do takes strength, flexibility, and ability." The practice paid off at competition in Brighton. "We competed against schools who have been mounting for years. We went there with little mounting experience and took ninth place," reflected junior Heather Ballard.

The JV squad also put in much practice for competition. Over the summer they attended cheerleading camp at Central Michigan University where they won a first place both in dance and for cheering. Earning All-Star status were sophomores Jamie Horwath and Cami Tice.

A new addition to the squad was Rooty the Ram. He was at the games putting smiles on people's faces. In side the suit you could find R.J. Eding, Stuart Vosburgh or Lindsy Pierson. The new skills learned at camp and practices were taken into the basketball season where the squad performed the mounts along with the sideline cheers. Raising crowd enthusiasm was the name of the game for the squads and the girls felt they had gone the extra mile for both seasons.

—Sarah Wolfe, Katy Samuelson



GATHER AROUND Posing for a shot with Rooty the Ram are the Varsity Cheerleaders. The squad ran both the mascot tryouts and name competition. Three students played the part of Rooty.

Show Stealers

Pom Pons Turn Into Dance Team Mid-Year

The Pom Pon squad supported the Varsity Football team at every home game, performing during the fight song at pre-game, when players made a touch down and at the bands half-time show.

The girls attended a five day Pom Pon camp at Grand Valley State University hosted by Mid-America. They practiced two days a week for six weeks, during the summer to prepare an original routine to the song, *Jesus Jones*. They were taught a number of routines and a kick-line in which they were judged on during nightly performances. The squad received second place in each routine, third on kick-line and second on their original routine. They brought home a routine that they learned at camp to the song *Scat Man* and performed it at the Homecoming pep assembly.

"Unity was our overall team goal. My personal goal was to not be so hard on myself when something went wrong and to keep my attitude in check. Sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't," stated senior Wendy Wireman.

Coaches Sheila Leverich and Tera Parry, former Pom Pon squad members, took over the group late

in the season and they had a lot of personal goals and dreams. Parry revealed, "We wanted to update things. These are the nineties, poms are old and dance is new for us." So the Pom Pon squad and the brown and gold uniforms faded during basketball season and a dance team took over. It was a whole new group of 17 girls, two new coaches and a new reputation that developed. They performed at every home basketball game a variety of dance routines that combined hip hop, ballet, jazz and street dance. It was more upbeat and energetic and it kept the crowd cheering.

Many people had positive things to say about the new group. "I thought the Dance team was really good. They were coordinated and looked like they knew what they were doing. They were a very hip squad," noted senior Pablo Fajardo. Sophomore Michael Reich added, "I liked the new team because the music was good and they had everything together. They performed well." Noting the strength of the group, junior Angela Hettinger concluded, "What I liked best about the team was that we made up our own dances." -Camelia Garcia-Guerra



POM PON SQUAD: TOP ROW: B. Johnson, S. Hayes, K. Leible, Coach T. Parry, A. Hettinger, I. Fisher, A. Young. ROW 2: J. Huddelson, W. Wireman, C. Butterfield, A. Cribbis, A. Meyers, J. Novello. BOTTOM ROW: A. Garcia, D. Gaumer, B. Poufcas, C. Guerra, E. Muttu

KICKING HIGH

Entertaining the crowd, the Pom Pon squad performs at the Varsity football game against Okemos. The girls attended Mid-American Pom Pon Camp at Grand Valley State University, where they were taught a selection of pom and dance routines. They performed an original routine which was made up by the entire squad during summer practices.



FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT... Revving up the crowd during a pre-game performance of the Holt Fight Song are Billie Jo Poufcas, Camelia Garcia-Guerra, Jamie Huddelson and the rest of the Poms squad.

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—Coach Tera Parry

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*—Senior
Pablo Fajardo*



FORWARD MARCH

Leading the Pom-Pon squad on the field is senior Billie Jo Poufcas and junior Angelica Garcia at the Varsity Football game against Okemos. The girls performed at every home pre-game and half-time.



“Everyone on this team had potential and used it. Our team was also strongly bonded; we were always there for each other.”

—Junior Nicole Roeske

Varsity Gymnastics
8 wins, 0 losses

East Lansing	130-128.80
Haslett	129.50-96.65
St. Johns	122.75-120.80
Waverly/Grand Ledge	134.60-133.70
Mason	134.15-126.40
Saline	136.70-126.55
Eastern/Sexton	134.95-114.10
Everett	126.75-111.55
Holt Invitational	3rd
Hillsdale Invitational	1st
CAC	1st
Regionals	2nd
State	8th

Academic All-State

Julie Nourse

All-State

Tracy Beckner
Nicole Roeske

All-Region

Tracy Beckner
Julie Nourse
Nicole Roeske

POLISHED PERFORMANCE

Finishing her floor routine in competition against Eastern and Sexton is senior captain Julie Nourse. She reflected, "This season was bitter-sweet for me. We did great at all of our meets, but it was always in the back of my mind that it was almost over." Julie was named to the Academic All-State and All-Region teams and competed in Vault (26th), Beam (9th), Floor (12th) and All-Around (14th) at State competition.



SENIOR HONOR

Receiving a rose at Senior Night is team captain Kristin Beckner. She helped lead the team through an undefeated season and to their third consecutive CAC title.

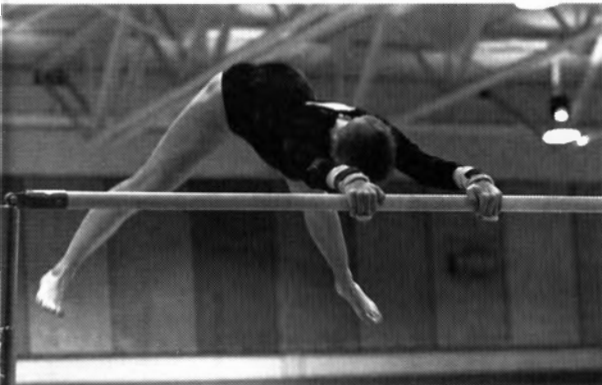


POISED FOR VICTORY

Keeping her composure on the Balance Beam is senior Kristin Beckner in the meet Against Eastern and Sexton. Joining the team her junior year, Kristin rose in leadership to become team captain her senior year.

BALANCING ACT

Competing on the uneven bars is junior Nicole Roeske in the home meet against Eastern and Sexton. Nicole also competed All-Around and placed 1st on Vault and 20th on Beam in State competition. She was named to the All-Regional and All-State team.



CHALK IT UP

Coating her hands before her uneven bars routine is sophomore Kelly Bowker. She won her event for the team and went on to compete at States.

STRIKE A POSE

Curling during her floor routine in the home meet against Eastern and Sexton is freshman B.J. Hagerman. Her performance helped lead the team to a win over their opponents.

Three-Peat Victory

Gymnasts Sweep CAC for Third Consecutive Title

For the third year in a row, the Gymnastics team won the Capital Area Conference Championship. Under the guidance of second year coach, Holly Scott, the team, led by seniors Julie Nourse, Kristen Beckner, junior Nicole Roeske, and sophomore Tracy Beckner, went undefeated in the regular season for the second consecutive year. "This year was better than last year; it was more fun," commented Tracy.

According to Roeske, the main strength of the team was the combination of talent and teamwork. "Everyone on this team had potential and used it. Our team was also strongly bonded; we were always there for each other," she stated. Sophomore Kelly Bowker added, "Julie Nourse and Kristin Beckner were our team captains this year, and they were both very good team leaders, whether we were doing well or not."

Winning the CAC title was only part of the goal for this squad. They had a total of 10 girls going to Regional competition, and the lady Rams finished second which enabled them to attend the State meet. Going to the team portion of state

competition were seniors Julie Nourse, Kristin Beckner and Kathy Longberry; juniors Kristie Swanson, and Nicole Roeske, and sophomores Tracy Beckner and Kelly Bowker.

Attending the meet for the individual portion were Nourse, Roeske, and Tracy Beckner. "I knew that if everyone worked hard and we stayed together as a team, that the potential was there," reflected Nourse.

Building that unity took time and some inspiration from the coach. Nicole explained, "Ability and teamwork were what got us where we are. At the beginning of the season, however, we were having some problems with unity. But our coach Holly helped pull us all together. She had a big impact on this team."

Graduating only three seniors, Kristin Beckner, Nourse, and Longberry, the Rams look to have another competitive season next year. With the winners of the Most Outstanding Player in Tracy Beckner, and the Coach's Award in freshman B.J. Hagerman, still around for a couple more years, the Rams may not be giving up their CAC title anytime soon.

—Jenifer Spock



GYMNASTICS TEAM: TOP ROW: Asst. Coach S. Smieska, J. Nourse, T. Beckner, L. Gatteri, H. Cummings, N. Walters, K. Ketcik, M. Riemenschneider. ROW 2: M. Parrish, K. Bowker, M. Kost, K. Longberry, K. Beckner, B.J. Hagerman, K. Swanson. BOTTOM ROW: J. Soule, J. Farner. NOT PICTURED: N. Roeske, Coach H. Scott.

Leads Hard to Maintain

Varsity Basketball Team Suffers Disappointment

Winning only six games last season, the Rams looked to improve this year with returning lettermen, seniors Kris Doerr, T.J. Wulf, Karl Wyble and junior Mike Laur. New players to the varsity game were seniors Chantone Humes, Nick Johnson, juniors Matt Herwalt, Ben Wahl, Dan Harmon and sophomores Zach Lawson, Jeff Beard and Travis Meister. "This was a strong team on intensity day in and day out. It was the most intense group I have ever played with," commented T.J. Wulf.

But after the victory over Mason, wins were few and far apart. After winning two consecutive games against Lansing Catholic Central and Grand Ledge, the Rams lost 11 straight games to finish the season last in a competitive Capital Area Conference. "We play a tough conference where no win is guaranteed. The worst team in the conference could easily match up with the best teams in other conferences. The CAC is one of the most competitive conferences in the state, and you need to come every night ready to play," stated junior Mike Laur.

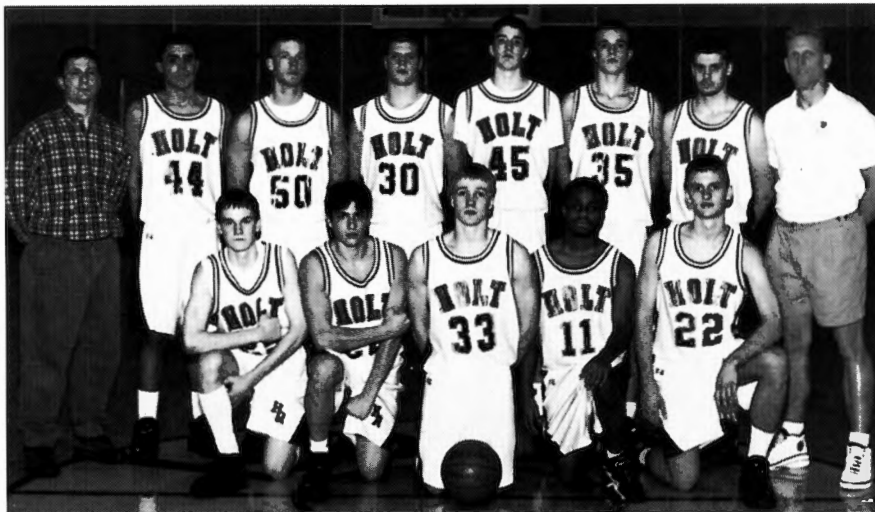
A bright spot in an otherwise depress-

ing season came on January 3 against Jackson. Junior Mike Laur hit a three pointer at the buzzer to defeat Jackson.

Unfortunately for the Rams, they would go 2-13 to finish out the season. "We'd get ahead on teams and then make mental mistakes that would cost us momentum in a game, especially on the road," explained Laur. Wulf added, "We weren't able to play 110% for 32 minutes in any game." The District opener against Battle Creek Lakeview summed up the disappointment of the Rams' season. After going on a 10-0 run and leading by 10, the team gave up the lead and the game in the second half, losing 67-55. It plagued them all season, getting double digit leads on teams by the half, then losing by 20 when it was all said and done.

However, the 4-17 record didn't tell the whole story. Wulf pointed out, "I didn't see one player want to give up. After losing we rebounded for every game." "The players gave me 100 percent everyday in practice and in games. As a coach that is all you can ever ask for," noted Head Coach Bruce Lerner.

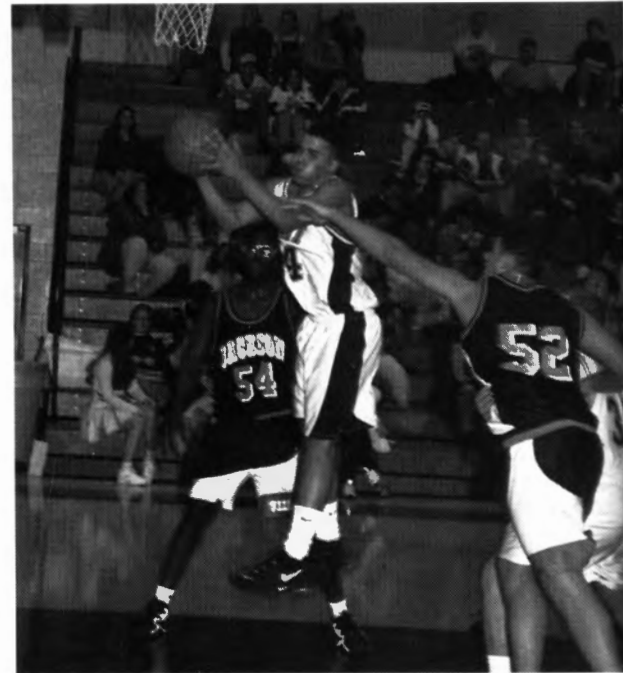
—Matt Allen



VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM. TOP ROW: Coach Essel, N. Johnson, T.J. Wulf, J. Beard, T. Meister, M. Herwalt, D. Harmon, Coach B. Lerner. BOTTOM ROW: Z. Lawsen, B. Wahl, K. Wyble, C. Holmes, M. Laur. NOT PICTURED: K. Doerr.

FACE OF COURAGE

Battling for control of the ball is senior Nick Johnson against Jackson. Nick recalled, "It was a rough season. We couldn't put it together; we played in spurts, not an entire game."



MOMENT OF UNITY

Holding hands during the national anthem before a home game against Jackson are the Varsity Basketball players.

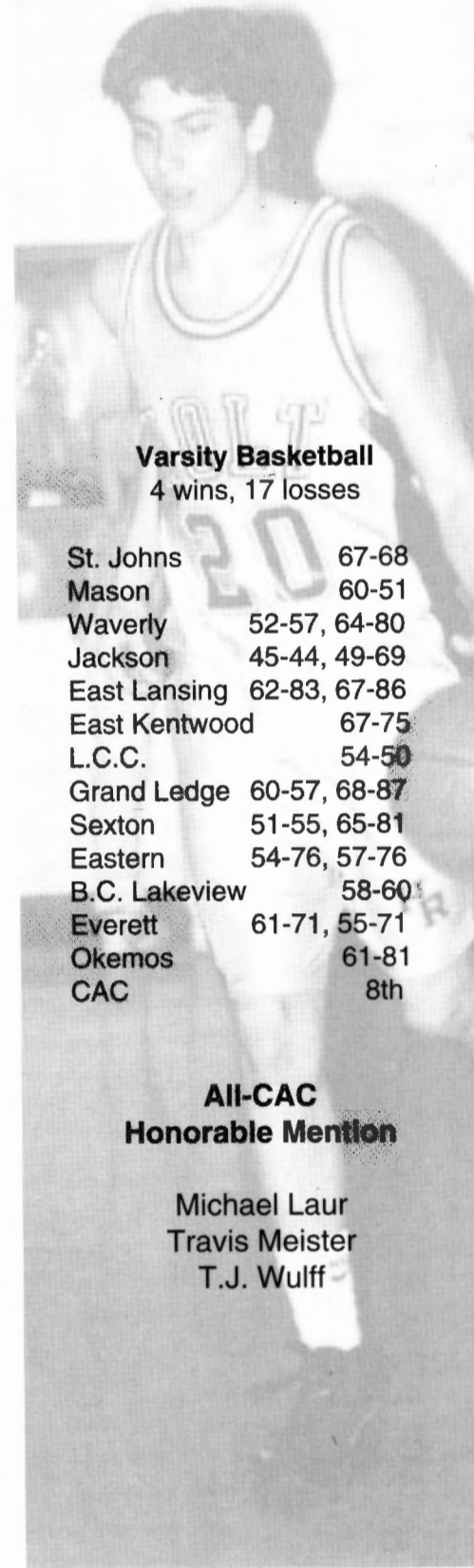
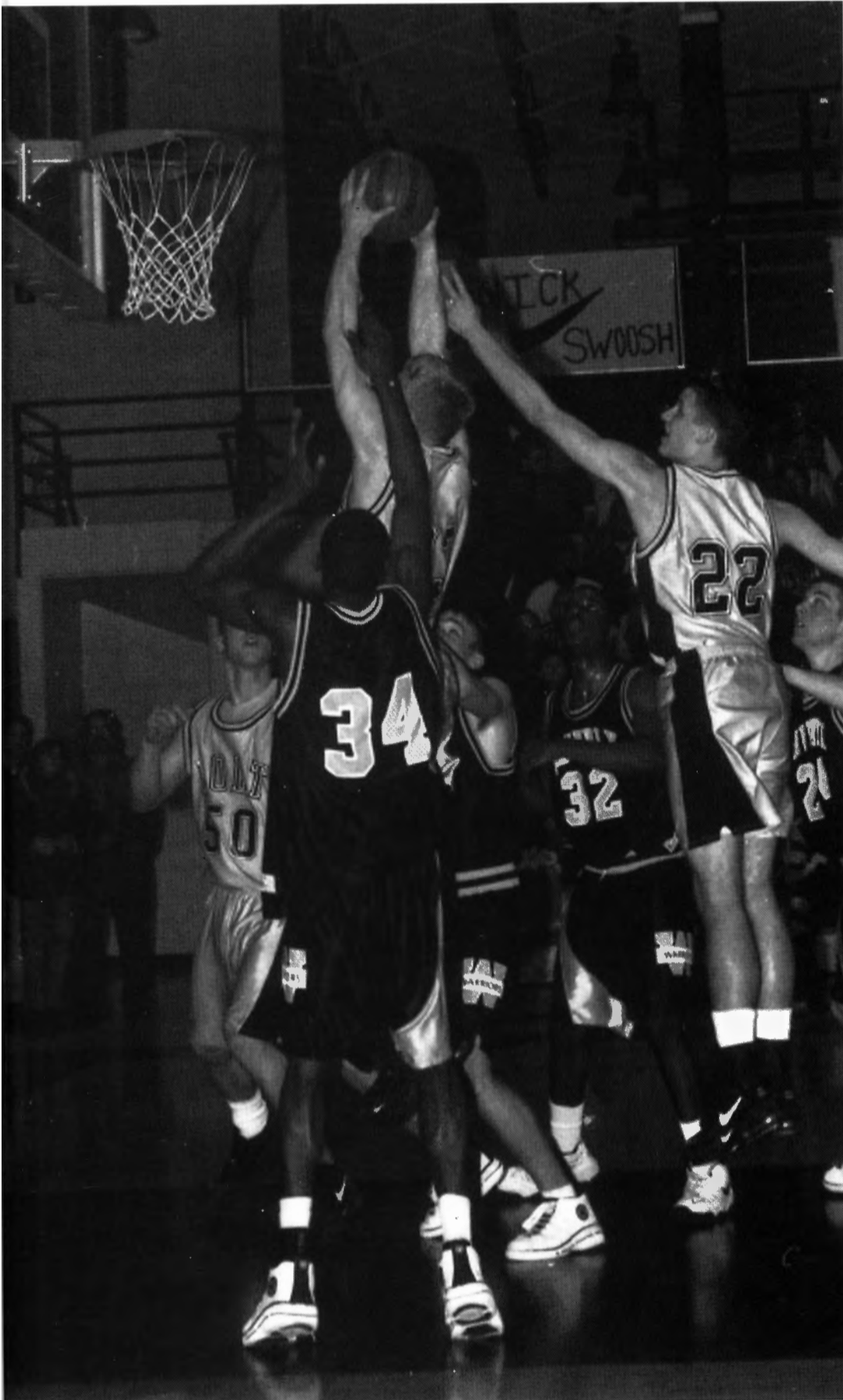
STARTING AT GUARD! During the announcement of the starting line-up senior Karl Wyble is met by teammate Dan Harmon. Karl noted, "Even though the record didn't reflect it, the team was great in the way we worked together and our attitudes towards each other."

IT'S A STRETCH

Grabbing a rebound against his Warrior opponents is senior guard Karl Wyble. His efforts weren't quite enough to defeat Waverly.

"I didn't see one player want to give up. After losing we rebounded for every game."

—Senior T.J. Wulf



Varsity Basketball 4 wins, 17 losses

St. Johns	67-68
Mason	60-51
Waverly	52-57, 64-80
Jackson	45-44, 49-69
East Lansing	62-83, 67-86
East Kentwood	67-75
L.C.C.	54-50
Grand Ledge	60-57, 68-87
Sexton	51-55, 65-81
Eastern	54-76, 57-76
B.C. Lakeview	58-60
Everett	61-71, 55-71
Okemos	61-81
CAC	8th

All-CAC Honorable Mention

Michael Laur
Travis Meister
T.J. Wulf

Anyway You Play, It's Fun

Tru Dat, Scrubs, Dominate Intramural Basketball

Another year of high-flying around-the-back passing, attempted dunking, elbow-throwing intramural basketball has come and gone. Offered by Delhi Parks and Recreation, intramural basketball has grown in popularity each year. Teams are given the opportunity to enter pools. A is reserved for upperclassmen, and B for underclassmen. Students are offered the chance to referee and many athletes take advantage especially Varsity Basketball players. Senior Karl Wyble was voted referee of the year by his peers. "It's an honor to be elected to that high position," noted Karl.

But refereeing is just part of the story. The most important part and whole reason for being for IM is to play basketball. In Pool A, the consensus of most players was that Tru Dat was the odds on favorite to win. They lived up to their expectations, going undefeated and easily handling each team that hoped to challenge them. "The league is too easy," commented senior team member Chuck Moubray. Teammate Jason Gauna agreed, "We were awesome. No one could touch us." Tru Dat was made up of all seniors so next year,

the Pool A crown will be up for grabs.

Following Tru Dat in the standings with a record of 8-2 was Girdwood and the Heartbreakers. Junior Josh Himebauch stated, "We expected early on to finish second behind Tru Dat and we did." Behind Girdwood and the Heartbreakers were the Dukes, Shaken 'n' Baken, BMF, Holt Central High and the Villains.

In Pool B, the Scrubs went undefeated last year and again they captured the top spot as expected. "It's been fun and easy," stated member Chad Ranshaw, "we look to win again next year." Finishing second and the only real contender to Scrubs was DARE. They lost both times by just a point in hotly contested games. Following DARE was Skillz, Book It, And One and Sumos. For the last two teams there is hope for next season as the other teams move to Pool A. Foreign Exchange student, Leandro Minetto summed up the whole Intramural season as, "It's a fun game and it really doesn't matter if you win or lose."

—Scott Dane

Pool A Standings

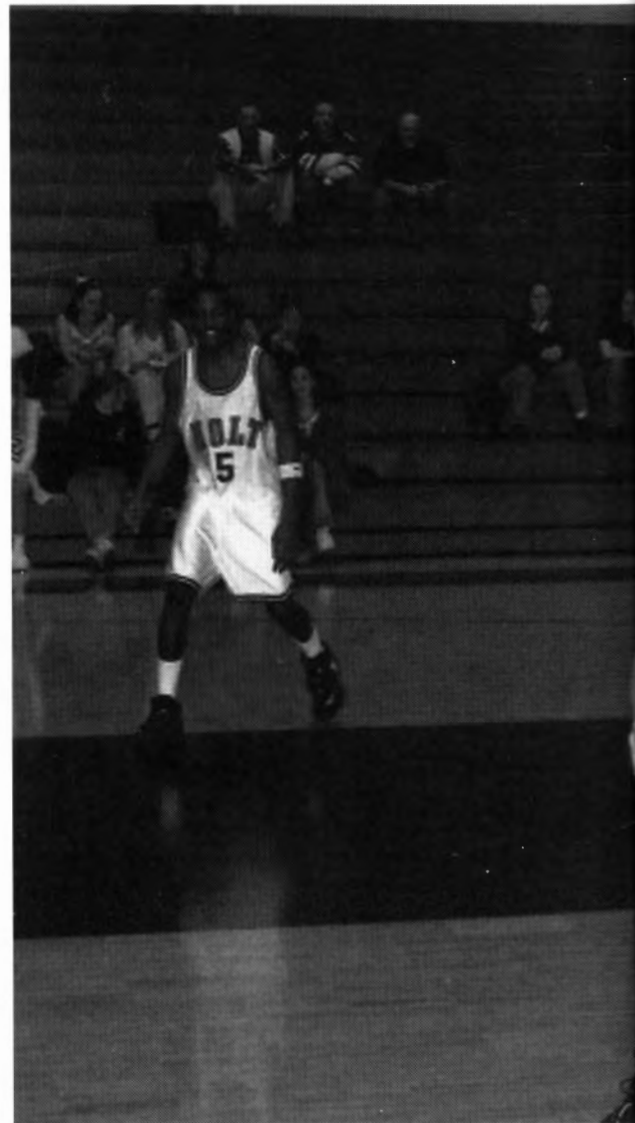
Tru Dat
Girdwood and the Heartbreakers
Dukes
Shaken 'n' Baken
BMF
Keller and the Boys
Holt Central High
Villains

Pool B Standings

Scrubs
DARE
Skillz
Book It
And One
Sumos

SHEER DETERMINATION

Looking to make a pass over his Jackson opponent is sophomore Ryan Anderson while Matt McClure and Justin McKinstry work the court.

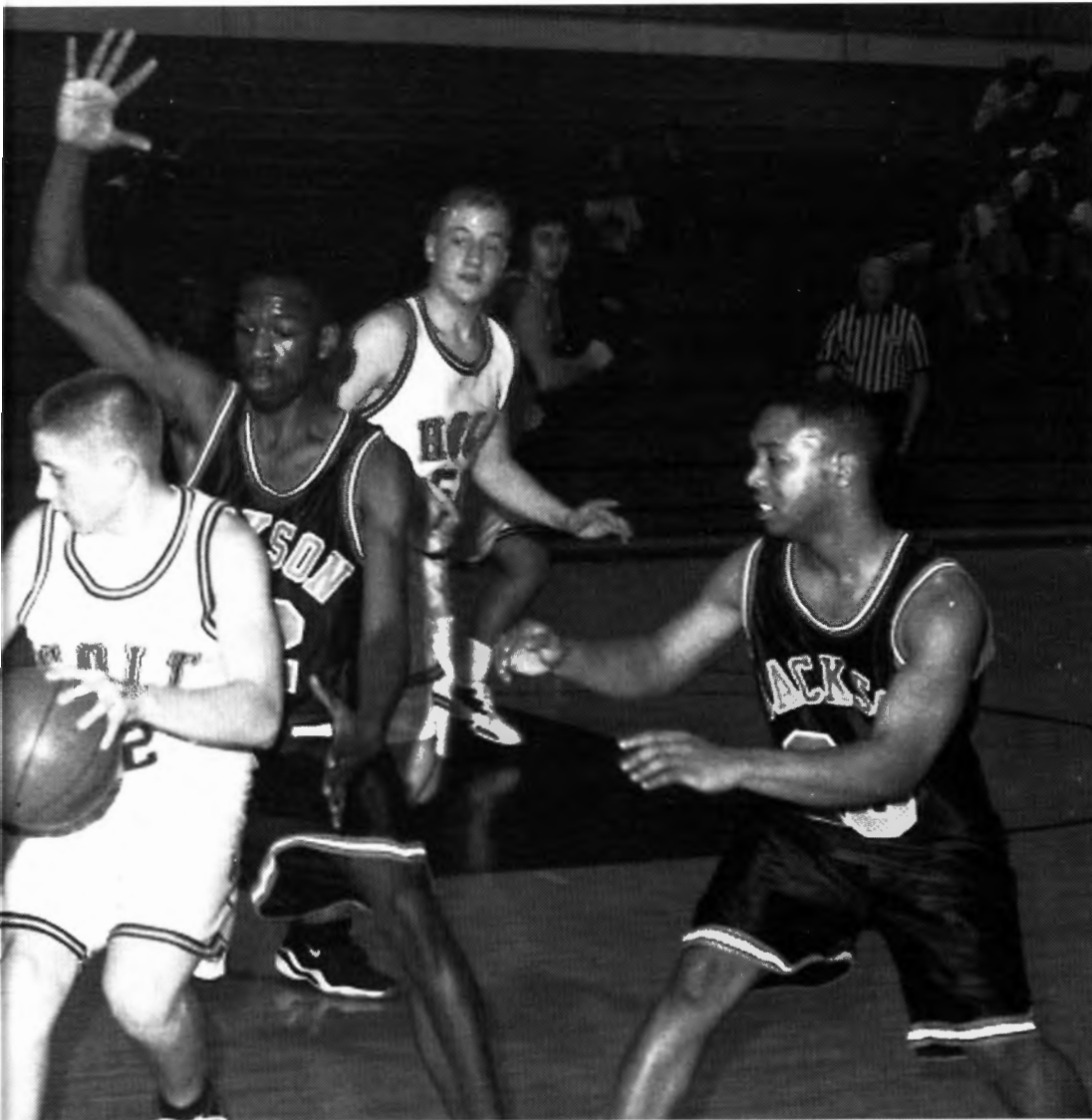


MOTIVATION

Giving his JV team a pep talk during a time out in the game against Jackson is Coach Dave Foy. The Rams went on to outscore Jackson 63-47 for the win.

"It's a fun game, and it really doesn't matter if you win or lose."

*—Senior
Leandro Minetto
IM Basketball*



JV BASKETBALL TEAM:

TOP ROW: Coach D. Foy, A. Craig, S. Lerner, S. Stuible, J. Baragar, M. McClure, S. Larson, N. Wiggington, Mgr. C. Doerr. **BOTTOM ROW:** E. Wilson, R. Anderson, M. Friedrich, D. Parker, J. McKinstry, L. Smith.



MAN TO MAN

Moving down court is sophomore Justin McKinstry against his Jackson opponent in a home game at the Junior High.

Boys' JV Basketball

11 wins, 9 losses

St. Johns	65-70
Mason	49-42
Waverly	62-75, 78-59
Jackson	63-47, 63-59
East Lansing	69-59, 62-105
East Kentwood	59-64
L.C.C.	66-74
Grand Ledge	71-53, 75-57
Sexton	62-51, 59-61
Eastern	49-73, 62-60
B.C. Lakeview	60-51
Everett	68-56, 64-68
Okemos	59-68

"We tried our best, and I think the team did okay for our first season of play."

*—Senior Rick Hicks
Varsity Ice Hockey*



JV BOWLING TEAM:

T. Hills, M. Dittenber, J. Mazurek, H. Shaffer, C. Mead.



VARSITY BOWLING TEAM:

S. Reitz, H. McNamara, R. Yuhasz, J. McDonald, M. Mantyla, G. Puckett, T. Sober, R. Picken, G. Hills, J. Fall, K. Wheeler, R. Ranshaw.

GUNNING IT

Gaining momentum, junior forward Jay Laing blows past three Grand Ledge/Waverly players. His effort in the game was not enough as the Rams lost 6-3.



STONE WALL

Making a sprawling save during the Grand Ledge/Waverly game is senior goalie Rick Hicks. "What I liked most about playing hockey was that it was a varsity sport. It was the first time I ever put on goalie pads and never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would be the goal tender for the very first hockey team. I have to thank my girlfriend and a few friends on the team who encouraged me to try out."

Hockey Heats Up

Ice, Roller Hockey Long Awaited Additions

Holt welcomed two new sports to the program, long-awaited ice hockey and its newer version, roller hockey. "It's about time Holt decided to get an ice hockey team," stated senior James Cole. It was a sport that had gained momentum for some time and there were 18 players skating for the Rams. It was a self-funded varsity sport and Holt's first team.

On November 16, the season got underway with a tournament at Lansing Ice Arena. The Rams were pitted against Okemos, East Lansing and LCC. The games made for great competition with the team going 1-1-1. A big victory came when the team traveled to Munn Ice Arena for a showdown with LCC. They were down early 2-0, but with goals from James Cole, Luc Cole and Jay Laing, they took a 3-2 lead. With five minutes to go in the game, Keith Howe made the game-winning goal to make the score 5-4. Luc Cole added an empty netter for his second goal and that sealed the game with a score of 6-4.

The Rams continued the season with losses to Jackson Northwest, Waverly/Grand Ledge, Dexter and DeWitt. During the string of losses, however, the team pulled together to defeat Chelsea, Jackson, LCC and tie DeWitt. The last game was a

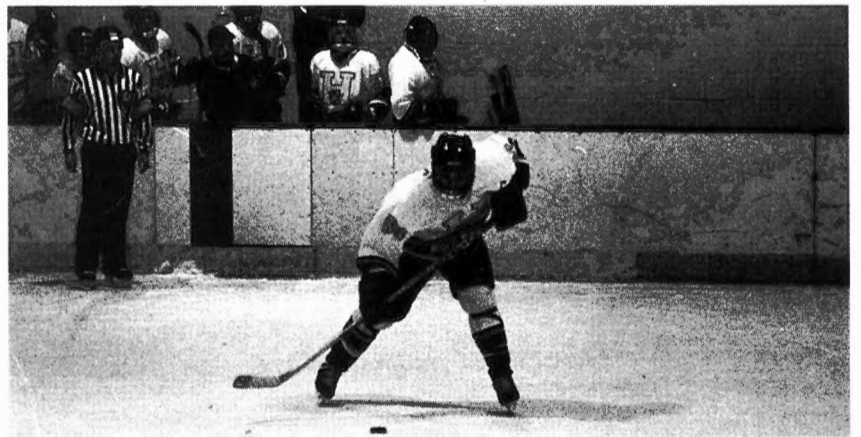
blowout, defeating East Lansing 17-1. On senior night the upperclassmen came up big, playing their hearts out. Goal tender Rick Hicks gave up only one goal. The season looked promising and the enthusiasm was there.

Also expanding the sports horizon was the hot sport across the nation, roller hockey. It was a pay-to-play offering coached by junior Travis Stoliker who also boosted the offense when times were tough. The games were played at Apple Sportsplex and the rules were the same as ice hockey with the exceptions of offsides and icing.

The main guns for the team were Cory Reynolds who led in goals and total points. Team captain Ben Lumbert was another driving force as a strong skater and solid defensive player. Chris Hicks was a newcomer to the team and served as the enforcer on the court. The goaltending improved with every game with the help of goalies, Nate Howe and Mike Maxey.

The team finished the season with one win, eight losses and one tie. "This was the first year Lansing has had anything like this," noted Maxey, "I think it's great to have a new sport and the opportunity to play."

—James Cole, Mike Maxey



SET UP In the game against Waverly/Grand Ledge senior Josh Cole sets up for a slap shot. The Rams came up short in the game losing 6-3.

Outbursts of Power

Varsity Baseball Team Hits Highs and Lows

As the Varsity Baseball team finished its last week of play, the team ended on a high note after a season of highs and lows. The Rams split with Everett, dropping the first game 4-2, but picking up the split following a 12-4 outburst.

The Rams power first exploded in the Ionia Invitational where they hit five homers in four innings in an 18-4 drubbing of Portland. For the season, the team had 22 homers. Leading the way was Charlie Hayes with five, followed by Charlie Alana and Matt Allen each with four. "The team had extreme power throughout the line-up. The first seven hitters each had a homer. When nine different people hit homers, you know you have a powerful team," explained junior Mike Maxey. The team may hold the school record in team homers with 22. The previous record was thought to be 17.

On May 13, they made up a rained out game against Grand Ledge which they lost 5-9. "It was hard losing to Grand Ledge because we had many chances to win," commented senior Jason

Hewitt. In the first game against Grand Ledge, the Rams were held to one hit on a two-run homer by Gonzales in the 2-3 defeat.

On May 16 the team played its last home game of the season against Mason. Hewitt started on the mound going five innings giving up four runs. However, the Rams had no problem defeating the Bulldogs 13-4. Matt Allen and Mike Maxey added some unexpected power with a two run homer by Allen and Maxey hitting a solo homer in the sixth inning. "I really didn't think it was going over the fence. I didn't realize it until I touched first and the team was coming out of the dugout to congratulate me. It was a good way to go out our last home game," added Maxey.

The Rams ended up 6-8 in CAC play with a 5th place, and 16-13 overall for the season. Earning All-CAC honors were Casey Adams and Matt Allen. All District selections included Casey Adams, Infield; Matt Allen, Catcher; and Jason Hewitt, Pitcher. Mike Laur and Gregg Powell earned All-District Academic honors.

—Matt Allen



VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM: TOP ROW Coach Gates, Coach M. Coscarella, J. Girdwood, B. Hannasch, J. Hewitt, M. Laur, M. Allen, J. Moreno, G. Powell, C. Hayes, Mgr. T. Greene, Coach Douglas. **BOTTOM ROW:** C. Adams, C. Alana, C. Gonzales, K. Allen, J. Corr, M. Maxey, J. Langham, J. VanOort.

WORKING BEHIND THE PLATE

Catching in the game against East Lansing is senior Matt Allen. Matt finished the season with a .417 batting average, 4 homers and 24 RBI's. The team set a school record, belting out 22 homers over the previous record of 17.

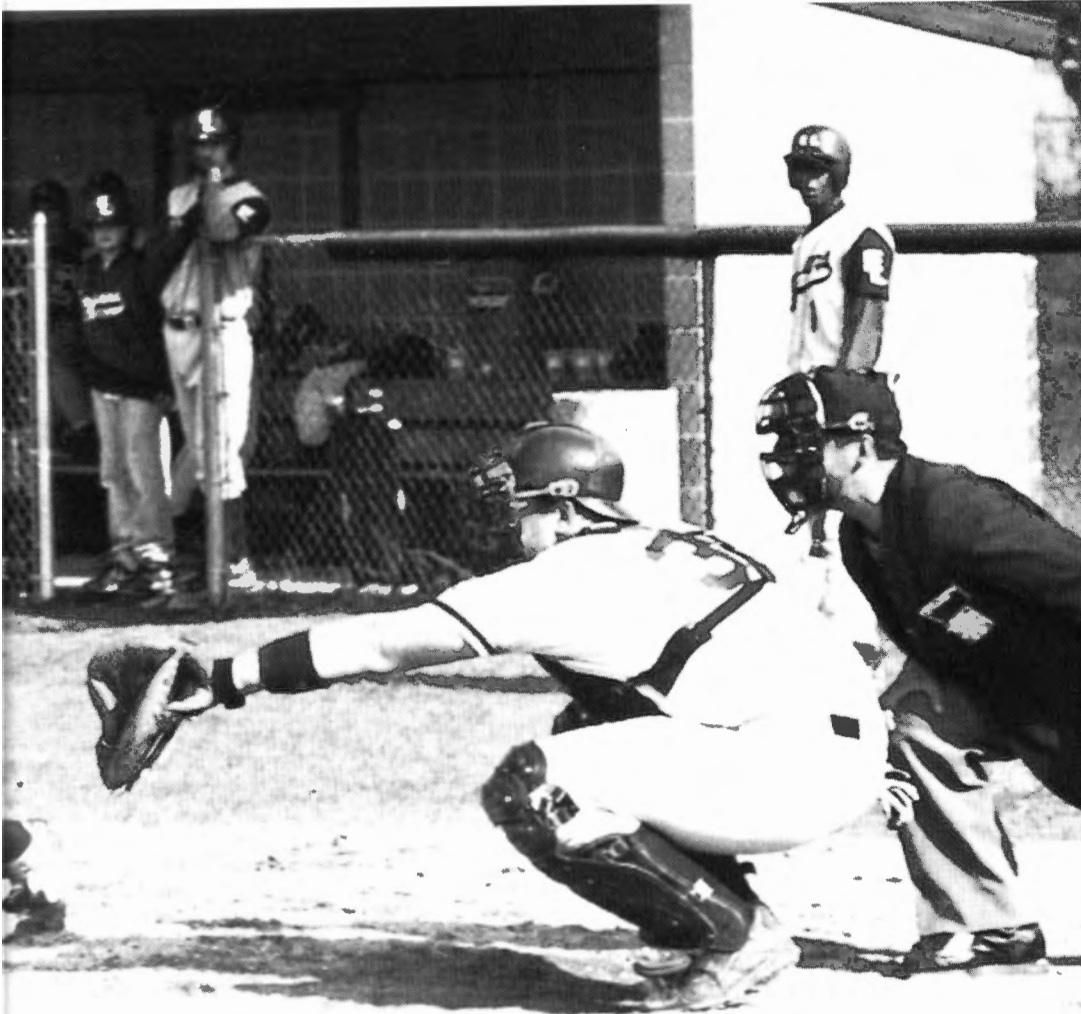


JV BASEBALL TEAM

Coach V. Vowels, K. Ballard, J. Baragar, B. Cooper, A. Duling, Durfee, E. Holm, D. Lambert, S. Lerner, B. Looney, A. Page, Smith, J. Valencia, A. Viele, K. Vondra, J. Walsh, N. Wigginton, J. Wilson.

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—Junior Mike Maxey



Varsity Baseball

16 wins 13 losses, 2 ties

B. C. Lakeview	10-5, 3-3
Haslett	5-8, 6-2
St. Johns	6-3, 6-6
Waverly	9-1, 4-3, 5-11
Mason	13-6, 13-4
Sexton	2-1, 1-2
Jackson	9-4, 6-7
Grand Ledge	2-3, 5-9
Okemos	18-12, 4-9
East Lansing	3-6, 3-6
Everett	2-4, 12-4
Eastern	10-8, 1-4
CAC	5th

All-CAC First Team

Casey Adams
Matt Allen

All-District Selections

Casey Adams, Infield
Matt Allen, Catcher
Jason Hewitt, Pitcher

All-District-All Academic

Mike Laur
Gregg Powell

JV Baseball

14 wins 11 losses

B. C. Lakeview	1-2, 6-4
St. Johns	5-2, 6-7
Williamston	1-6, 14-4
Waverly	10-0, 5-1
Sexton	7-5, 7-5
Jackson	6-4, 5-3
Grand Ledge	3-6, 7-18
Okemos	2-12, 7-8
East Lansing	4-10, 4-9
Everett	6-4, 1-9
Eastern	7-2, 10-4
Mason	8-13



FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION

Pitching to his Trojan opponent is senior Carlos Gonzales who was in to relieve senior Jason Hewitt. Carlos finished the season with two saves.



LET IT FLY

Winding up to pitch against East Lansing is sophomore JV player Jason Baragar on home field.

Tough CAC Hard to Beat

Varsity Softball Team Does Better in Tournaments and Non-Conference Play

Putting together a competitive team, the Varsity Softball players fared better in non-conference play and tournaments than against their CAC rivals. Ending with a 22-10 overall season record, they couldn't capitalize in the CAC and finished with a 7-7 record in 5th place. Their strength was friendship and unity as sophomore Andrea Shippy explained, "Communication was one of the important keys to the team. We also gelled really well together."

A big part of the off-season schedule was at tournaments. They offered the opportunity to play good teams and have fun in the process. "We had two invitationals, Haslett which we won for the second time in a row and Chelsea where we finished third," stated junior Joanie Smith.

But some of the toughest teams they played came out of the CAC. "Our biggest rivals were Eastern and Sexton. We really wanted to

win those games and had the ability, but we just couldn't pull it off," assessed sophomore Kelly Trimmer.

The best part of the season for many of the players was practice. Practices were for working on areas they struggled with in previous games. Andrea recalled, "Most of our practices were low key. We laughed and told jokes, sometimes even fooled around. When we needed to do something that was more intense, however, we settled right down and did it."

Many of the girls worked hard to accomplish personal goals as well. Named All-CAC First Team were co-captain Nikki Araoz at shortstop, and co-captain Stephanie Smiley at catcher. Stephanie also made All-District First Team, and Nikki All-District Second Team. Senior infielder Gail Booren received All-CAC Second Team honors, while senior pitcher Meredith Schram was Honorable Mention.

—Stephanie Smiley



VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM: TOP ROW: Asst. Coach K. Reichert, J. Cass, G. Booren, M. Schram, J. Rinkel, S. Smiley, N. Araoz, Coach P. Somers. BOTTOM ROW: K. Hagerman, A. Shippy, K. Trimmer, S. Heathman, J. Smith, J. McCabe, K. Deetz.

STRIKE

Pitching the ball to an anxious Waverly opponent is sophomore Meredith Schram. Meredith pitched all season with a back injury and was named All-CAC Honorable Mention.



HUSTLE

Running out the throw to first base is sophomore Kelly Trimmer in the match up against Waverly. Holt swept the Warriors and beat them again in the first round of district play 14-4.

"Our biggest rivals were Eastern and Sexton. We really wanted to win those games and had the ability, but we just couldn't pull it off."

*—Sophomore
Kelly Trimmer*



Varsity Softball
22 wins, 10 losses

Okemos	1-0, 5-7
Williamston	8-1, 10-2
Morrice	9-2
Byron	7-5
St. Johns	2-0, 5-4
Northville	12-1
Jackson NW	3-9
Grand Ledge	7-8, 6-7
East Lansing	2-4, 4-2
Everett	8-3, 10-1
Eaton Rapids	13-2, 9-3
Sexton	10-8, 4-5
Waverly	12-2, 14-4
Eastern	1-5, 3-4
Jackson	4-7, 10-8
Haslett	10-0, 3-2
CAC	5th



SWING!

In the game against Waverly senior Gail Booren steps up to the plate. Gail was named All-CAC Second Team at infielder.



JV SOFTBALL TEAM

Top Row: L. Anderson, N. Tews, J. Stuby, N. Jory, Coach R. Buysse, A. Lawrence, Coach M. Snively, N. Picken, K. Reich, C. Doerr. **Bottom Row:** K. Davis, K. Braid, J. Esper, L. Kinder, B. Parrish, S. Smith, A. Clark.

**All-CAC
First Team**
Nikki Araoz, Infield
Stephanie Smiley, Catcher

**All-CAC
2nd Team**
Gail Booren, Infield

**All-CAC
Honorable Mention**
Meredith Schram, Pitcher

"My strengths were good release and form, and the mental power that helped me believe all things were possible. Everyone was a key player on the team. It takes a team to win a meet, and who can argue with a second place finish in the conference?"

*—Junior
Altramese Roberts
State Champion Discus*



POWER FORWARD

Propelling herself the distance in the long jump event is a Ram Varsity trackster in the home meet against Jackson.



RELAX TIME Taking a break inside the track during a meet are Chris VanTilburg, Angela Hettinger, Kelly Hemenway, Jessica McLeod, Kendra Horstman, Jessica Jones, Anna Isnardi, Danielle Clugston, Amy Hillary and Brooke Cain.

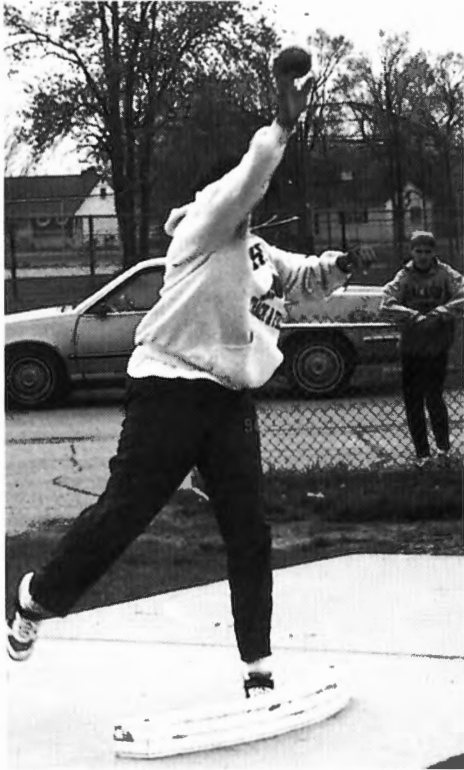
PUSH IT! Sprinting to catch up with her teammates is senior Jami Grant in the 3200M run. Her efforts helped defeat Jackson. Injured earlier in the Cross Country season she wanted to compete again.

LEAP OF FAITH

Taking a flying leap in the high jump event is junior Julie Galambos at a home meet against Jackson. She went on to place 6th in the event at CAC's and noted, "I had my personal best performance this year."

POWER HEAVE

Competing in the shot put event is junior Altramese Roberts against Jackson. She easily won the event and went on to place first in shot and discus at CAC's and Regionals, and ended State Champion in discus.



Determination Prevails

Girls Varsity Track Team Conference Runner-ups

Determination brought the Girls' Varsity Track team to a 2nd place finish in the CAC and a 5th place at Regionals. The girls concentrated on both improving their records individually and as a team. Altramese Roberts ended up the state champion in discus, and first in discus and shot at CAC's and Regionals. She reflected, "My strengths were good release and form, and the mental power that helped me believe all things were possible. Everyone was a key player on the team. It takes a team to win a meet and who can argue with a second place finish in the conference?" Jill Newberry also contributed to the season record with her first place at CAC's in the 100M Hurdles. Both she and Altramese earned Most Valuable Player awards and were Honor Roll athletes.

After previous title holding years, the goal was high to repeat. There was some disappointment that didn't happen, but Jill assessed, "The team worked hard to win and did better than we actually were expected to. At the CAC meet we were expected to come in 5th and we wound up getting 2nd. It was very exciting. I was surprised at how well the season went overall. I really enjoyed myself."

The turn out for the team was high with more girls playing. They lost some key senior placers from last year so the team was rebuilding

some events with younger talent. "Our rival was Sexton. They had great speed in their short distance races and overall talent in places we didn't," stated senior Erin Wenglekowski. Junior Shawna Lyons agreed, "Sexton was very competitive and had really good sprinters."

Practice also took a little different path. Junior Julie Galambos pointed out, "Every year Coach Rarick makes the program more beneficial. This year he made us do 'hips and abs' to shape up." Other players reported practices were longer and harder and that strategies were different with the team split up into different sections instead of staying all together. Though some felt unity could have been better, others reported feeling very close and pointed out that they could not have gotten where they did without it. Players also reported feeling a lot of support from parents, teachers and the community. Junior Sonya McClane concluded, "I think we had pretty good team unity. We all looked out for each other and it was great to see so many people at our home meets." In the end, however, it was determination that prevailed as Erin Wenglekowski illustrated with the comment, "We always had parental support, but we never concerned ourselves with that too much. We just went to each meet to win the best way we could."

—Melissa Smith



Varsity Track Team: Seniors: T. Acker, S. Amburgey, K. DeRosa, A. Gerber, J. Grant, X. Hill, J. Newberry, E. Wenglekowski. Juniors: A. Fowlks, E. Freeman, J. Galambos, A. Hettinger, K. Horstman, S. Lyons, S. McClane, C. Parker, T. Pruitt, A. Roberts, P. Smith, K. Wilkerson, M. Yemc. Sophomores: M. Abbott, A. Acker, H. Cummings, J. Dunham, A. Kenney, A. Montie, A. Myers, A. Paasch, K. Sohn, N. Spedoske, E. Tepaste, A. Williams. Freshman: M. Bates, E. Briggs, B. Cain, S. Clark, D. Clugston, J. Cooley, C. Corr, L. Crockett, S. Delaney, S. Denis, S. Dionise, T. Dothard, A. Feguer, B.J. Hagermann, A. Johnson, M. Kost, B. Lamphier, J. Lindley, C. Martin, J. McArdle, J. McLeod, K. Mockler, C. Ososkie, R. Quasarano, L. Ribby, L. Rohlfs, M. Sawdey, Q. Sawyer, S. Shaft, J. Slater, H. Sutberry, R. VanDamme, T. VanEvery, A. Wenglekowski, J. Young.

Speed Proves Key to Season

Varsity Track's Improved Speed Brings Consolation

Finishing 7th at the CAC meet may not seem all too good, but the track season was an improved one. Sexton, East Lansing and Grand Ledge posted high CAC records coming into the final meet. The Rams finished behind Everett and ahead of Waverly. "The kids had a pretty good day. We did about as well as we could have in the CAC meet," assessed Coach Jerry Gillett.

The team finished 4-3 for the season after defeating Everett, Eastern, Jackson and Waverly and tied for 5th place overall in the CAC. In the conference meet Ben Cohoon and Joe Forquer took fifth and sixth in the pole vault respectively. The 400M and 800M relay teams finished second and fifth, running the fastest times all season. "Overall we had a good track team. We showed more strength in our sprints, which had been a problem in years past. We had the second fastest 100M relay team in the CAC, and finished third in the relay at the Honor Roll meet," explained senior Kevin Fowlks.

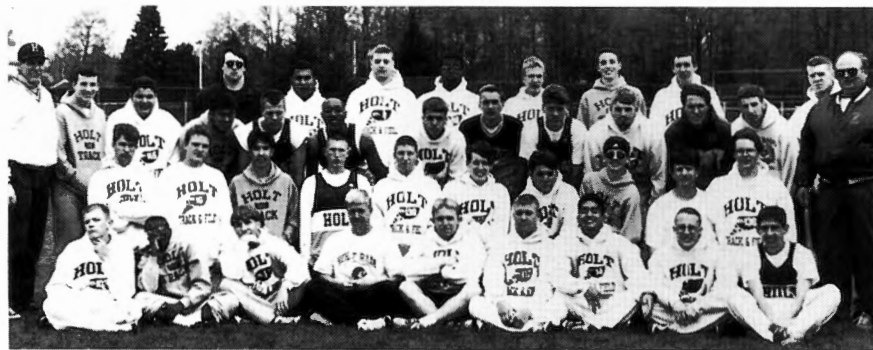
The 100M relay team consisted of Fowlks, Matt Cooper, Evan Wilson and T.J. Kim. The four went into the meet hoping to break a school record. After fluid hand-offs, long striding and a strong finish, the stop watch read 44.3 seconds, exactly 0.1 seconds off the school record. "It was the highlight of the

season," remembered Kevin, "but losing by one tenth of a second felt like we were robbed." Fowlks added, "Kim did an excellent job for the relay team. Being an exchange student from Germany, this was the first time he ever ran track, but you never would have known it."

One of the key factors identified by players for the disappointing finish continued to be speed. Junior Chad Johnson noted, "We had a lot of fast people and were competitive in all events, but we just didn't have enough speed to beat the really good teams. The team was unified somewhat, but not enough to be the best." Senior hurdler Lance Davis also pointed out, "The relay teams were key to our meets because relays were worth the most points."

Helping keep team spirits high was Coach Gillett. "We all respected him and his experience a lot," stated junior Doug Harger. Sophomore Michael Reich also noted, "When someone needed something, all they had to do was ask. The coach was very understanding of his runners' needs." Summing up the season, Lance Davis stated, "There is no I in team. We tried to remember that this season. Teamwork makes the dream work." Even though the Boys' Varsity Track team didn't achieve their dream, they still had an encouraging season.

—Matt Allen, Scott Dane



VARSITY TRACK TEAM: Top Row: P. Markel, J. Young, J. Beard, C. Ford, C. Vincent, J. Hank, D. Harger, C. Moubray. Row 2: Coach Campbell, T. Card, A. DeRosa, S. Dane, E. Wilson, K. Fowlks, R. Emery, B. Garland, M. Shunn, B. Davenport, C. Montie, A. DeWitt, Coach Gillett. Row 3: S. Martin, E. Ewald, D. Nguyen, R. Hamilton, B. Duling, M. Lonsberry, P. Belsito, R. Strayer, T. Wade, J. Huston. Bottom Row: D. Hedrick, D. Parker, B. Cohoon, B. Burmeister, J. Forquer, C. Johnson, T.J. Kim, R. Handziak, T. Spitz.

PERFECT FORM

Neck and neck with their Jackson opponents are seniors Lance Davis and Joe Forquer in the 110M High Hurdles event at a home meet..



UP AND OVER

Competing in the pole vault event at the meet with Jackson is senior Joe Forquer. Joe went on to place 6th in the event at the CAC meet.

HARD RUN

Coming down the home stretch, Michael Shunn prepares to pass the baton in the 800M relay race against Jackson.

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*—Senior
Kevin Fowlks*

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Kevin Fowlks**

Boys' Varsity Track
4 wins, 3 losses

Everett	93-71
Waverly	119-47
Sexton	53-113
Eastern	130-36
East Lansing	26-108
Grand Ledge	60-107
Jackson	84-81
Mason Invitational	2nd
CAC	7th
Regional	15th

All-CAC

Ben Cohoon, Joe Forquer
Pole Vault

Doug Harger, Travis Spitz
1600 M Run

Michael Shunn,
Cory Montie, B.J. Garland,
Tim Tyrell
3200 M Relay

T.J. Kim
400 M Dash

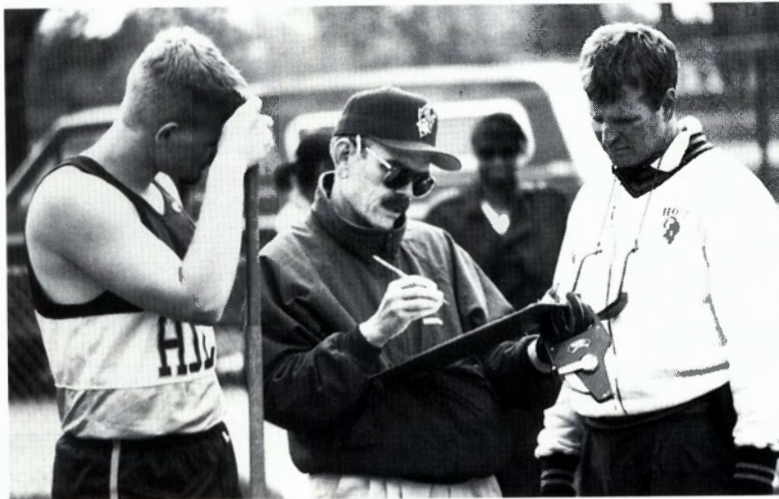
T.J. Kim, Matt Cooper,
Kevin Fowlks, Evan Wilson
800 and 400 M Relays

Honor Roll

Doug Harger, Travis Spitz,
Michael Shunn, Cory Montie
3200 M Relay 7th

T.J. Kim, Matt Cooper,
Kevin Fowlks, Evan Wilson
400 M Relay 3rd

Travis Spitz
1600 M Run 4th



DOUBLE CHECKING Finding out the distance of his throw with an official is senior Ben Davenport and Coach Tom Green. Ben participated in the discus and shot put events.

"After doing so well last year, the start of the season was a bit of a letdown. But Coach Smith pulled us up, made us practice even harder and in the end we brought the season around. It took a lot of work on the whole team's part, and I'm glad we could come together through the season."

—Senior T.J. Wulff

Boys' Varsity Tennis

9 wins, 2 losses

Williamston	6-1
Waverly	6-2
St. Johns	5-2
Everett	8-0
Sexton	7-1
Eastern	7-1
East Lansing	3-5
Grand Ledge	7-1
DeWitt	3-4
Jackson	6-2
Haslett	7-1
CAC	2nd
Regionals	4th

All-CAC

Andrew Gamet, Phil Rosenman
First Doubles

Matt Hill, David Eagle
Second Singles

Joel Bush, Corey Ballmer
Ben Vandlen, Ryan Anderson
Second Doubles

Boys' JV Tennis

0 wins, 6 losses

St. Johns	0-8
Okemos	0-8
East Lansing	1-7
DeWitt	1-7
Mason	3-5
Eastern	0-7

GRAND SLAM

Delivering a forehand smash to his Haslett opponent is senior Ben Vandlen. The Rams shut out Haslett 7-1 and Ben was named All-CAC Second Doubles for the season.



EYE ON THE BALL

Preparing to return the ball to his Haslett opponent is senior T.J. Wulff. The Rams beat Haslett and finished with a 9-2 overall season record.

JV TENNIS TEAM:

Top Row: Coach S. Garrison, R. Budloo, J. Fields, B. Manning, N. McVeigh, D. Ngo, R. Porter. **Bottom Row:** D. Reinecke, B. Rogers, D. Syroka, J. Troisi, S. Walsh, M. Woodruff.

SIZING IT UP

Taking a somewhat laid back approach to pre-match warm-ups is the Varsity Tennis team. They moved fast on the court, however, posting a 7-1 CAC record and a 2nd place finish.



WORK FAST

Returning a barrage of practice balls is sophomore Ryan Anderson before the Haslett match.

TAKE AIM

Warming up before the home match with Haslett is senior Julie Vanlerberghe.

Varsity Gains Momentum

To Secure Second Place Finish in CAC

The Boys Varsity Tennis team started off a little slow but picked up momentum fast. "We had a tough season," stated senior doubles player T.J. Wulff. "After doing so well last year, the start of the season was a bit of a let-down. But Coach Smith pulled us up, made us practice even harder and in the end we brought the season around. It took a lot of work on the whole team's part and I'm glad we could come together through the season."

The Varsity team did more than shape up, they finished 7-1 in the conference and 9-2 for the season overall losing only to powerhouse East Lansing and non-conference DeWitt. They ended the season CAC runner-ups, and ranked 4th at Regionals.

Eight of the team's top 12 players were graduating seniors, making way next year for new faces. The season was rewarding for them. "This had to be one of the most fun teams I have ever played on. Not only is it my last high school sport ever, it is tennis which I love. It is always funny to see how the new people on other teams who are not used to playing me react when they

find out they're playing a girl. It is even more funny when I beat them," reflected third singles player senior Julie Vanlerberghe who played for the boys' team because she played varsity basketball during the girls' tennis season.

Though winning often looked easy, it never was. First year singles player Matt Hill stated, "This season was such hard work. Coming up from JV is so much different. The competition at least doubles in how tough it is to win."

Earning All-CAC honors were Andy Gamet and Phil Rosenman at First Doubles, Matt Hill and David Eagle at Second Singles, Joel Bush and Corey Ballmer at Second Doubles and Ben Vandlen and Ryan Anderson at Second Doubles.

The JV team had a tougher and disappointing season posting no wins and ending with a 0-6 record. One bright spot was a higher scoring match against Mason. "It was a rocky road," reported Coach Steve Garrison, but the players all tried very hard and that is all I could ask for."

—Kathleen Keen



BOYS VARSITY TENNIS TEAM: TOP ROW: Coach C. Hill, J. Bush, J. Vanlerberghe, B. Clugston, B. Vandlen, D. Eagle, T.J. Wulff, K. Wyble, Coach M. Smith. BOTTOM ROW: M. Hill, R. Anderson, C. Hill, P. Rosenman, A. Gamet, T. Hurlburt. FOREGROUND: C. Ballmer.

Challenging the Standard

*Girl's Golf Sets New Standard, Places 2nd in CAC
Boys Take Third Spot in Conference*

Holt Ram golf advanced to a new level. The season was a pacesetter for the Girls' Varsity team. They shattered both the school and CAC team score records shooting a 171 at Chisolm Hills against Everett and Waverly. The score broke the old school record of 178 and the CAC record of 175. Looking sharp on the green, they also picked up the non-athletic award of 'Best-Dressed' Team.

Facing sometimes grueling winds and lots of rain, just getting out on the courses was a challenge in itself given the Michigan spring weather which was colder and wetter than normal. Practices were four days a week unless weather prevented it and consisted of nine holes at Eldorado. Headed by a new coach, Nancy Bredin, the girls agreed, she helped them bring their game to its full potential. "It was her first year and even though we miss Ski, Nancy was a great replacement," noted sophomore Jessica Kolmos.

The challenge was before them, and they took each day and each practice as an opportunity to improve. Analyzing their game, Jennifer Maloney revealed, "Practices were fun, but very hard at times, especially when you couldn't see what you or your teammates were doing wrong." It took a lot of work to keep chipping and putting away to perfect their individual scores.

The last team to conquer for the girls was East Lansing. It was both skill and mental as the Trojans have been the golf powerhouse for some time. Coach Bredin pointed out that even if the girls had dropped three or four strokes more in the season, it wouldn't have been enough to beat them. In most conferences the team's scores would have yielded first places, but in the CAC, the task before them was harder, and they fell short of topping the Trojans. As far as the season went, coach and players were happy with all their accomplishments—a 12-2 CAC season, a 12-3 overall, a second place finish in the CAC,

and 8th at Regionals. Named All-CAC First Team and Individual State Qualifier was Amber Franklin, All-CAC Second Team was Brooke Johnson, Emily Reamer, and Heather Cole. Honorable Mention was Jessica Swan.

The CAC championship goal for the Boys' Varsity Team fell short in play to tough competitors from East Lansing and Grand Ledge, and they dropped to third place at season end. Despite the 10-4 CAC finish the team felt they let a good opportunity get caught in the rough. "I feel that we could have done better. We didn't live up to the high expectations at the beginning of the season. I was not happy with my overall performance on the course," commented junior Mike Comer. The Rams, however, finished second in the league meet, but again a disappointing 13th at Regionals completing a season of ups and downs.

Bright spots on the team were Ryan Franklin who stepped out in the first meet against Waverly to establish himself as the number one key player. Shooting a 67 at Eldorado, he helped the Rams defeat the Warriors by just six strokes. In the next pairing with Waverly the team shot its season low of 306.

As close as the Waverly match was the next match was closer yet. Holt made the visit to Grand Ledge and both teams were ready to play. After the last golfers had finished the 18th hole, the scoreboard read: Holt 322, Grand Ledge 322. The score stayed deadlocked until the fifth man came up and fell to Grand Ledge's fifth man in the playoff. It was a very tough Ram loss to the Comets.

Other highlights included Franklin recording his first ever hole-in-one during a practice, and the All-CAC selections of Mark Arnold on First Team and Franklin a First Team and All-Area selection. Corey Ballmer, Mike Comer, Jeremy Jehnsen and Joshua Valencic earned All-CAC Honorable Mention.

*—Matt Allen, Scott Dane,
Elizabeth Walker, Emily Sawyer*

ON THE BALL

Practicing his putt prior to the game against Eastern and Jackson is senior Jeremy Jehnsen. Jeremy played the 5th or 6th man all season. He noted, "I improved a lot and played the big meets, not just dual meets."



GIRLS VARSITY GOLF TEAM: TOP ROW: Coach N. Bredin, T. Thayer, K. Laur, C. Bayes, K. Harris, A. McClane, Coach Taber. ROW 2: K. Greene, A. Miller, J. Kolmos. ROW 3: M. Mazuca, T. Dymond, M. Smith, B. Reich, A. Franklin, J. Swan. BOTTOM ROW: E. Reamer, B. Johnson, H. Cole.

BOYS VARSITY GOLF TEAM: TOP ROW: D.J. Seahaus, A. Craig, C. Ballmer, T. Meister, J. Walsh, J. Hewitt, B. Goff. ROW 2: Coach B. Dowell, R. Yuhasz, J. Valencic, M. Comer, R. Franklin, J. Beck, J. Hartford, J. Jensen, B. DeRosa. BOTTOM ROW: L. Alberts, G. Hills, M. Arnold, B. Bitterman, J. Shaull, N. Davis.

SINK IT!

Dropping his putt at Eldorado in a home match against Eastern is sophomore Josh Valencic. Josh's efforts led to a win and he played fourth man all season, receiving an All-CAC Honorable Mention.

"Everyone wanted to beat East Lansing; we came so close. Hopefully, we will out-stroke them next year!"

*—Sophomore
Jessica Kolmos*

Girls' Varsity Golf

12 wins, 3 losses

Sexton	220-277, 201-215
East Lansing	220-196, 201-178
Everett	193-245, 171-206
Waverly	193-274, 171-224
Grand Ledge	198-202, 198-211
Mason	205-194
Eastern	214-264, 193-237
Jackson	214-243, 193-220
CAC	2nd
Regionals	8th

All-CAC First Team
State Individual Qualifier
Amber Franklin

All-CAC Second Team
Brooke Johnson,
Emily Reamer, Heather Cole

All-CAC Honorable Mention
Jessica Swan

Boys' Varsity Golf

10 wins, 4 losses

Jackson	307-333, 318-352
Eastern	307-344, 318-361
Sexton	342-348, 324-347
East Lansing	342-322, 324-303
Waverly	310-316, 306-307
Everett	310-357, 306-307
Grand Ledge	320-310
	322-322, Lost 5th man
CAC	3rd
Regionals	13th

All-CAC First Team
Mark Arnold
Ryan Franklin

All-CAC Honorable Mention
Corey Ballmer, Mike Comer
Jeremy Jehnsen,
Joshua Valencic



"We lost a lot of strong seniors last year, but we had a lean team made of the best players."

—*Junior
Jennifer Savage.*

Girls' Varsity Soccer

7 wins, 8 losses, 2 ties

DeWitt	1-0
Eaton Rapids	1-2
East Lansing	0-1, 0-1
St. Johns	1-2, 1-2
LCC	0-3
Marshall	4-1
Jackson	2-0
Haslett	1-0
Waverly	1-1
Grand Ledge	1-1, 3-1
BC Lakeview	1-2
Jackson CW	3-2
Williamston	4-0
CAC	4th

All-CAC First Team
Erin Kleiman

All-CAC Second Team
Tricia Benson

All-CAC Honorable Mention

Jennifer Savage
Danyelle Smythe

Girls' JV Soccer

10 wins, 5 losses, 2 ties

DeWitt	4-3
Eaton Rapids	2-1
East Lansing	0-5, 2-0, 0-1
St. Johns	1-3, 1-1
LCC	4-0
Jackson	0-1
Haslett	2-0
Lansing Club	6-0
Waverly	6-0
Grand Ledge	3-0, 3-1
BC Lakeview	0-2
Jackson CW	1-1
Williamston	5-0

HEAD IT

Taking control of the ball against her Mason opponent in District play is sophomore Danyelle Smythe. Though the Rams lost to the Bulldogs 0-4, Danyelle earned an All-CAC Honorable Mention award.



JV SOCCER TEAM: GOING FOR THE GOAL

TOP ROW: Coach D. Hornak, A. Brewer, A. Greene, S. Norris, E. Argue, A. Garcia, K. Benson, Coach K. Witsaman. **ROW 2:** K. Janetzke, A. Jenkins, J. Hartley, M. Lamb, A. Weaver, T. Bowser. **BOTTOM ROW:** S. Brody, K. Sheehan. **NOT PICTURED:** J. North, L. Harris.

Kicking past a Jackson County Western opponent is freshman Josie Hartley. The Rams JV team tied the game with Jackson CW.



TURN AND SHOOT

Trying to outwit a Jackson County Western defender is freshman Addriene Jenkins who broke the school scoring record with 12 goals.

CONGRATULATIONS Shaking hands with the Mason players after a disappointing loss are the Varsity Soccer players.

HEADING DOWN Moving the ball down field against Mason is senior Tricia Benson. Tricia was named All-CAC Second Team at season end.



More Staying Power

Needed to Maintain Leads for Girls' Varsity Soccer Team

The goal was "to go up in the Mid-Michigan Women's Soccer League," reflected sophomore Danyelle Smythe and the Girls' Varsity Soccer team carried it through. Winning the first game against DeWitt off a goal scored by junior Angelica Garcia, it seemed as if they had begun a strong season. Then the girls went on spring break. "The vacation allowed us to have a small break after an exhausting training period and to refocus on our goals for the season," reflected senior midfielder Michelle Dalton. Returning from spring break, however, they went on to drop their next four games to Eaton Rapids, East Lansing, St. John's, and Lansing Catholic Central.

The next few weeks brought five more regular season games, and then the CAC playoffs, with the Rams facing a tough Grand Ledge team in the first game. The team defeated the perennial rivals, and went on to play dominant East Lansing. They lost to the Trojans 0-1 and faced the final game of the tournament against St. John's. The Rams dropped that game by a score of 1-0 for a fourth place finish in the CAC.

Playing a tough Mason team in the first game of Districts the Rams, faced a shutout loss 0-4. "We seemed very prepared and ready to go. We dominated the first half, but then after halftime, the Mason team

seemed more focused. Every goal that they got, they deserved, but we never gave up," claimed junior midfielder Kelly Kamm.

According to the players, the team's biggest asset was unity. "We lost a lot of strong seniors last year, but we had a lean team made of the best players," concluded junior midfielder and goalkeeper Jenny Savage. The girls ended the season with a 3-2-2 CAC record placing 4th and a 7-8-1 overall season record. Earning All-CAC First Team honors was Erin Kleiman, Second Team, Tricia Benson, and Honorable Mention, Jenny Savage and Danyelle Smythe.

The JV team got off to a quick start, winning their first game against DeWitt, and the season, ended with a 10-5-2 record, but was not without its difficulties. "Our toughest game was against Jackson. The referees weren't calling much and both Kristin Benson and myself wound up with black-eyes," noted sophomore defender Tiffany Bowser.

Team unity was reportedly better. "We all seemed to work better together and we had something to build on from last year," reflected sophomores Alicia Garcia and Lindsey Harris. According to junior Sheila Brody, "Our biggest asset was a lot of experienced freshmen and this made a great difference. We had a great sense of family."

—**Jenifer Spock**



Varsity Soccer Team: TOP ROW: Coach Doris Pipkens, C. Morrissey, E. Kleiman, K. Vowels, J. Anderson, K. Kamm, J. Savage, J. Tunney, Coach B. Rees. ROW 2: S. Mills, L. Rosenman, D. Smythe, A. Marcum, A. Garcia. BOTTOM ROW: A. B. Fuhrmann, J. Spock, T. Benson, C. Cross, J. Nourse, N. Kladrowa, M. Dalton.

"It's important to help the community. It gives you something to feel good about." —Sarah Clarkson, NHS

"Being on the floor of the House and Senate was really something. The week in Washington was thrilling."
—Eric Braid, Close Up

"I love anything that has to do with the arts. It's in my blood I think."
—Kendra Dunham, Choir

ree to dream



Childhood Dreams

Posing for a shot during Spirit Week with her Madeline doll in Sandra Bernier's French class is junior Katie Stachlewitz. The doll brought back memories of the little French girl's adventures and was featured along with French monuments in the French Club's hall decorations theme.

Afterhours in the quiet of a classroom or amidst a noisy cafeteria, playing field or gym, students gathered and shared an interest in an activity or a group they enjoyed. There were the usual offerings like Science Olympiad, National Honor Society and SADD plus three new groups that took form, Key Club, Women's Studies and a guitar club called GUBA. Focusing on community service, the Key Club took on projects to help those not physically or financially able. Intern Karen Janish saw the need for a Women's Studies Group which addressed problems and issues confronting women today. They met two afternoons a month and held guest speaker presentations and workshops. During activity periods, guitarists brought their instruments and played with other musicians giving them a chance to expand their knowledge and interest with other students. It was a time for involvement, fun, and to make a difference. There was no need to be bored, students were free to dream.

—Jennifer Kidwell, Stephanie Smiley



Something for Everyone

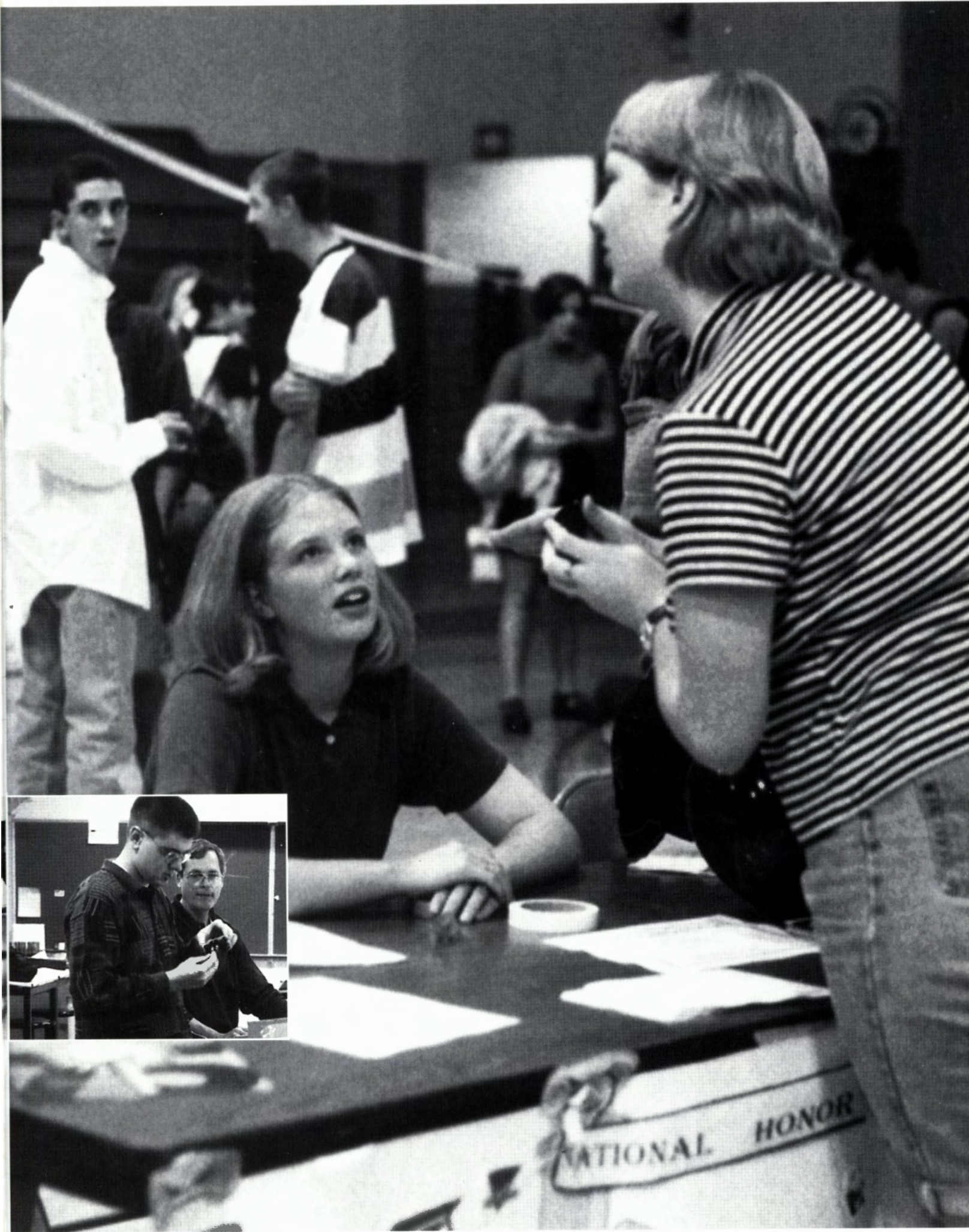
Busy cutting keys for the St. Patrick's Day raffle are members of the newly formed Key Club. Sophomore Ryan Allen commented, "I had a great time because I had a lot of friends in the club."

Taking part in a Multicultural Club Exchange Day with students from Everett High School is senior Tamika Thurman in adviser Nancy Lamphier's room.

Working on constructing an electric car for the

Electrathon competition is senior Joey Mills and teacher Steve Neureither. The car was raced in the spring and sponsored by Lansing area businesses and fundraising.

Talking to senior Patty Towsley about National Honor Society during the opening day Activity Fair is NHS President senior Gail Booren.



It was the National Honor Society and it was about more than getting good grades. It was about helping the school and community through volunteer work, gaining leadership experience, and making new friends. Students worked on projects like Give a Kid a Coat Drive, the holiday food drive, the Red Cross Blood Drive, the teachers luncheon, and the new hallway mural.

NHS members also had fun participating in activities that didn't seem like work. "My favorite activity was Commencement. I was an usher and it was great to be with all my friends in their big

active by participating in the parent/teacher conferences, Baccalaureate and Commencement, road-side clean-ups, Sycamore's school carnival, the Red Cross Blood Drive, the newspaper drive, and gardening at the Education Center. But, I think the most successful accomplishment of NHS this year was the raffle tickets. This helped NHS raise money to get out of the debt that it was in at the beginning of the year."

Each year the organization looked for new recruits with the qualities needed to be members. Potential inductees needed 20 hours of community service, a letter of recommendation and a good survey score from their teachers based upon class participation, reliability, and leadership qualities. "There are a lot of experiences that NHS gives people. Originally, I got involved to get a stole and have something to put on college applications but I'm glad I got more involved because it gave me so much more," Betsy Jenkins reflected. It was easy to see the importance members put on being in the organization as senior Sarah Clarkson concluded, "I think it is very important to help the community and it gives you something to feel good about."

NHS definitely made an impact. The roadside clean-up made the streets by the High School look nicer. The Red Cross Blood Drive helped raise blood donor supplies for people in crises. The school carnivals and WKAR auction also helped raise money for charitable organizations.

"If there was anything I could change about NHS," noted junior Jenny Savage, "it would be that the members should take the initiative to get hours outside of the organization, rather than waiting for an NHS activity. More involvement by the members would help the community immensely."

—Lesley Gottschalk

More than good grades

National Honor Society

moment," senior Theresa Acker recalled. Senior Betsy Jenkins, NHS secretary, remembered, "The mural was my favorite activity, probably because I was in charge of it. It was chaos at first, but once we figured out what we were doing, it was lots of fun. There were many people involved so it made for a great time."

Being an active member took work and dedication. "Since I became a member of NHS, I have done a lot of community service through my church and I tutored a sophomore in Spanish. I also helped with the mural," noted senior Julie Nourse. Brian Ngo revealed, "I have been

Another VanGogh

Putting the finishing touches on the Taj Mahal while junior Kurt Steinkamp scrutinizes it, is NHS Secretary and chair of the mural project, Betsy Jenkins.

The Low Down

Presenting information to current members and inductees about the spring induction ceremony is NHS President Gail Booren during activity hour.

Blood for Pizza

Students rest after donating blood at the NHS Blood Drive held in the gym. After donating, students were treated with pizza for volunteering.





's are All Ears

Have you ever needed to talk to someone, but there was no one to listen? Well, at Holt High School, no one had to feel that way. There was always a PAL around to listen. Peer Assistance Listeners were trained students available upon request to help another student who had a problem they wanted to talk about. Students arranged to see a PAL at the Counseling Center.

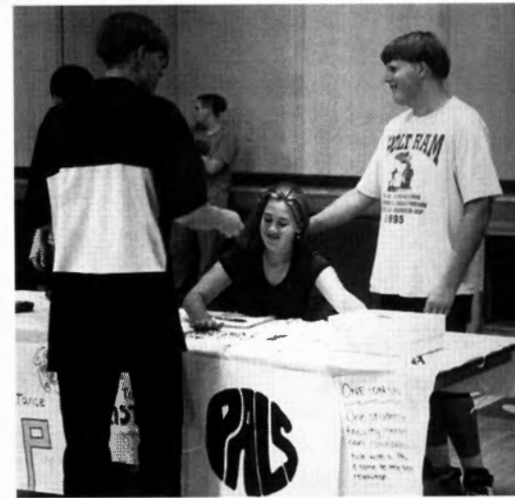
Some students wanted advice from PAL's, but Marjorie Hock pointed out, "PAL's are just a listening ear for people who need one; they don't give advice." PAL's also did conflict mediation between people. If students got into a fight, whether it was physical or emotional, they both were able to talk to a PAL to try and work out their differences.

Students filled out an application to become a PAL and then they were interviewed. Students were selected who knew how to pay attention and help students work problems out for themselves.

PAL's also had other activities that they enjoyed. They gave out 'pal' gum for Halloween, sold ribbons for Hat Day, had breakfast with the ninth grade PAL's and held an exchange day.

The response throughout the year to the group was positive. "Most students think the program is neat because it is helpful for students to get a problem off their mind and not keep it inside," explained Marjorie. Allison Myers added, "Though teachers sometimes think we miss too much class, most really don't." Overall, most students knew that they needed to stay in class, but PAL's were there when a problem was just too great to face alone.

—Christina Dietz



PAL...ing Around

At the PAL's table during the opening day Activity Fair, junior Elyse Puruleski and senior Jason Griffith tell junior Todd Hoverman about what PAL's do.

Service Plus

Serving coffee and water to teachers and parents during conferences are seniors Megan Mitchell, Julie Krum and Jenni Mayes. "I was glad to help out at the event," Julie commented.



Debate, Forensics

Relying on quickness and knowledge along with a little flair for presentation was the Debate and Forensics teams. These two groups developed their speaking talents plus debate tackled a lot of research. Junior Randy Emery stated, "I joined the Debate team because I wanted to improve my speaking skills. I debated first affirmative on the topic of juvenile crime." They competed at Dexter, Wayne State and Districts and various tournaments were they won a variety of speaker awards. At the Dexter Invitational they did well enough to go to the Semi-finals, but failed to go to state

competition. The Novice team put the pressure on and finished in the top 10 in the state.

Taking a more dramatic approach was the Forensics team who competed in Dramatic Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speech, Prose Interpretation and Duo Interpretation. They competed in tournaments, Districts and Regionals. Junior Jamie Hedrick won a second place at districts and went to finals at Ovid - Elsie, while junior Eliina Viele won a third place at the Holt Invitational, and first places at the Brighton and Fowlerville tournaments. The team had their best season yet, taking trophies at four out of five local tournaments they attended. —Katy Samuelson



Gab Session

Getting together for a practice after school in Coach Amy Galligan's room are members of the Forensics team, Erin Hoffman, Eliina Viele and Assistant Coach Josh Minsley.



Forensics Team: TOP ROW: Josh Theroux, Meghan Kelly, Coach Amy Galligan. ROW 2: Eliina Viele, Mandy Crafton, Hillary Unbehaun. BOTTOM ROW: Casey Peterson, Jamie Hedrick, Erin Hoffman, Nancy Quasarano.

Debate

Team:

Randall Emery, Coach Guil Northrup, Steve Ayers, Ben Greathouse, Nate Jordan.



What was Quiz Bowl all about? You may have thought of teams and competition like Quizbusters, or Jeopardy and Trivial Pursuit, but there was more to the game and the story. Quiz Bowl was a somewhat unique group of personalities. What did it take? "A person who is quick in mind and body," stated senior Steve Godbehere. "People who are smart, open and not afraid to give the

answered questions with more thought," admitted Andrick. Withey observed, "Lightening rounds were one of our strong suits."

The team faced many challenging opponents. It was hard to say who was the most difficult. Some felt it was their own team. "I would have to say us because we lacked discipline," noted junior Nik Saraiva.

As far as opponents went, Coaches Gray and Withey identified Sexton as the toughest team of the year. They won every game they played and they played to win. Holt's strategy in tournaments was to pull out all the stops and coaches played those with fast, accurate answers.

There were many different ways the team prepared for meets, and people had their favorite methods. "Reading is mine," replied junior Todd Hoverman. "Practicing strategy," suggested Gray. "Practice button pushing and building students' self-confidence," responded Withey. And, of course, senior John Molenda answered, "Don't think about it." Students were responsible for different subjects. Steve Godbehere specialized in odd questions and history, John Molenda in "everything but math," Nik Saraiva in myths, and Mike Andrick in general science and math.

There was a downside as well. Some of the disappointments resulted from things that were just part of the game like questions that were deceptively worded or the comparison of your team's knowledge to that of competitors; where you racked up and where you fell short. In the battle of quickness and knowledge, Quiz Bowl was a test of fast thinking. And everyone on the Quiz Bowl team knew, knowledge was power!

—Ross Bemrose

Knowledge is power

Quiz Bowl Team

Battle of Brains

On the set of Quizbusters, the team of juniors Eric Braid and Nik Saraiva, and seniors Joey Mills and John Molenda pose before the game with Pinkey.

wrong answers," responded junior Michael Andrik. And Georganne Withey after years of coaching concluded, "Students who know a lot of miscellaneous knowledge make the best players."

Under Mrs. Withey's direction along with that of Mary Gray, the team competed in two leagues, the Tri-County Academic League and the CAC League. Holt's 13-member team placed 8th in the Tri-County Academic tournament and 7th in the Capital Area Conference before the tournament. The team came from behind in the CAC tournament securing 4th place. "We did okay, but we could have an-

Winning Moments

Posing with their medals won in Forensics competition during the Holt Invitational are Megan Abbott, Katie Stachlewitz, Nancy Quasarano and Elliina Viele.



Say What?

Performing her piece for storytelling competition in Forensics is junior Katie Stachlewitz. She performed "Ashpet" and was practicing in Coach Amy Galligan's room after school.

The Question Is...

Practicing sample questions for a Quiz Bowl meet are seniors Ross Bemrose and Josh Theroux during Activity hour.

"They came together as a team with individual strengths to be the representative voice of the student body." The philosophy statement of Student Council gave the year new direction with new faces, new ideas and a new adviser. Spanish teacher, Juanita Grew, retired as Student Council adviser and passed on the title to Counseling Center Secretary, Sue Kenney.

Next their slate of activities was planned. "Although we took on several major projects this

together to talk about what types of events they would like to conduct and finalize unfinished projects. At one of them they evaluated the events of the year. School Board Representative, senior Steve Godbehere commented, "Our retreat was my favorite activity because we bonded as a group for 24 hours. It really brought us together."

Sixteen members of the council also attended the First Annual Leadership Conference hosted by Lansing Community College on October 8, 1996. The President of Lansing Community College, Abel Sykes Jr., greeted participants from schools with a welcome address held in the Lecture Hall. The main focus of the conference was the importance of leadership qualities among teens today. Ray Turner was the main speaker, and he covered topics such as managing time and initiating changes.

Every member had their own reason for wanting to be a representative. "I wanted to help make decisions based on what the majority of the students wanted," noted sophomore At-Large Representative Tom Shaver Jr., "I also may want to hold a political office or be in charge of making decisions for other people later in life and in Student Council I'm getting experience doing that." Student Body Treasurer, senior Sarah Clarkson stated, "I wanted to be the voice of the student body and have a say in what goes on in the school." And for sophomore Michelle Smith it was the accountability factor that was most important as she concluded, "Student Council prepares you for the real world. By representing a group of people, my decisions affect those people. If I'm not responsible, the people I represent may suffer. This is very much like a corporate business leader's or lawyer's job."

—Camelia Garcia-Guerra



reating the agendas

Student Council

year, including a school store, Homecoming, and Winterfest, our most important accomplishment was becoming recognized as a Student Council. We adopted purpose and mission statements, participated in many teacher appreciation efforts, and established ourselves as a student run body of government," Junior Class President Eric Braid stated. Other events also on the minds of council members were the Delhi Township time capsule, dances, carnation sales, the Toys for Tots holiday project and the Talent Show.

Kenney also held retreats to get the students

Take a Breather

Resting on the Capitol steps are Eric Braid, chaperone Sue Kenney, Diana Sarkisova, Alyssa Kenney and Todd Snyder. The group traveled to Washington D.C. for Close-Up in April.



Monumentally

Posing in front of the Capitol are the Close Up group, Diana Sarkisova, Eric Braid, Alyssa Kenney and Todd Snyder. The group went to Washington April 20-26.

Hip Leaders

Hamming it up for the camera on Hippee Day are Student Council President Tom Welsh and senior Michelle Dalton during Graphic Design class.



Top Cat

Showing senior spirit on Theme Day is Student Council member Krystie Eding. Student Council planned the Spirit Week and Homecoming activities.



Ear Full

Waiting for pizza to arrive during a fundraising planning session for the week-long Close-Up trip are Eric Braid, Alyssa Kenney and Todd Snyder.



Close Up

Looking to broaden their political horizons and learn all they could about how the country is run, three juniors Eric Braid, Diana Sarkisova, and Todd Snyder and sophomore Alyssa Kenney joined organizer Sue Kenney on a Close-Up trip to Washington D.C.

"I've always been interested in government, and the energy and spirit in Washington has furthered that interest," stated Eric Braid. "Being on the floor of the House and Senate was really something." Eric who is President of the Junior Class would like to be elected to a seat in the House of Representatives or the Senate or be involved with International Relations.

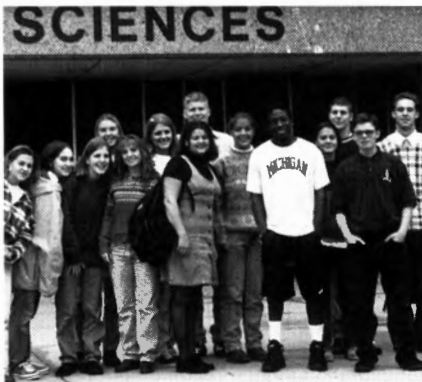
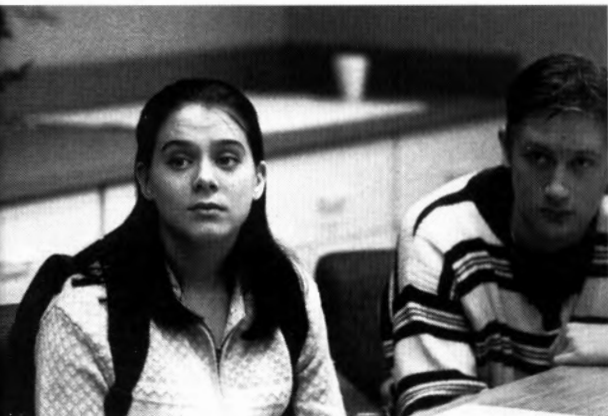
Diana Sarkisova plans to go into International Business Management. "Washington D.C. is like an international city with all the embassies there." Diana

learned in Washington that it takes a lot of people to make a single decision and it does not matter how big or small the decision is. She wanted to take the initiative and pay for the trip entirely by herself, and it was hard work. She won a scholarship, did fundraising and received personal donations.

"One thing I did not realize was how many people are involved in running our country," stated Todd Snyder. The main reason Todd went on the trip was to learn more about government, not to mention getting away from school for awhile. One of the sights that impressed Todd most was the Vietnam War memorial.

Sophomore Alyssa Kenney's most memorable moment was "When I had to speak in front of 200 people about the week." Even though she wants to be an interior designer she believes, "It's important to know about the political system and how it works."

—Camelia Garcia-Guerra



Passing it Down

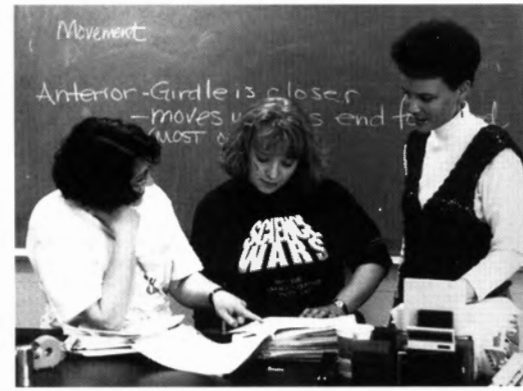
Returning home to crown the 1997 edition of Homecoming King and Queen, T.J. Wulff and Kellie Clisch, are Chris Sherry and Beth Wilkerson. T.J., Kellie and Beth all were Student Council members who planned their classes' most memorable event.

Service Plus

Attending the first annual Leadership Conference at LCC are a group of Student Council members including Cami Tice, Erin Tobey, Michelle Smith, Keisha Vowels, Erin TePastte, Kendra Dunham, Tom Welsh, Stephanie Craft, Kellie Clisch, Aaron Bolden, Alyssa Kenney, Kris Doerr, Todd Greene and Steve Godbehere.

Blast Off

Enroute to a third place finish at the Regional tournament, David Bajor and John Graham create their bottle rocket at a Science Olympiad practice.



Focused Attention

Using the shop saw to build the scrambler for his Science Olympiad event is senior Rick Bogle.

The car placed first in Regional competition and the team placed 10th in the state.



Electrathon @ ar

The automobile was just a vision a century ago, but now students from all over the nation embark each year on the challenge of building an electric car from scratch to race in competitions held at both state and national levels called Electrathon. Last year the team, in their first year of competition, enjoyed a sixth place finish at the state level. It was the highest finish ever by a first year team.

After gaining experience the group outdid themselves this year placing fourth in the state in track racing in June. Team member Joey Mills then took the car to Idaho to a national Electrathon competition and raced both track and road courses coming in second in track and fourth in road. The car ranked third overall nationally, and in the first day of the two day event, the

car went furthest of any electrathon car in the world ranking it first.

The team which built the world class vehicle was comprised of mainly students in Steve Neureither's Advanced Technical Drawing class. They met everyday after school to design, fundraise and build the car. With the help of local sponsoring companies like Jet Die who donated titanium for the body, the team worked hard to reach their final goal of racing an electric car built from scratch.

After their success just a year ago, the team had much higher expectations. Hopes of traveling to the national tournament seemed realistic this year for the team. After Lake Orion High School had all the fun last year by winning both the state and national titles, it became the goal the Holt team set their sights on. Most agreed with senior Jake Ketchum, "It was a lot of fun and hard work. And by most standards, it paid off in a big way."
—Scott Dane



“Mass x Acceleration”

Conversing during a Science Olympiad practice are coaches Mary Boulanger, Kellie Bachman and Heather Neiswonger.



After 12 years of first place finishes at the Regional tournament, the Science Olympiad team finally proved they were mortal as they placed second in competition held at Lansing Community College. Portrayed as the “Dream Team” in previous years, they went into the tournament with high hopes and expectations. Unfortunately, those hopes weren’t enough, but their second place finish was nothing to sneeze at coming in

worked hard and put in a lot of time,” noted junior Eric Braid. “It was difficult to motivate people to practice because a lot of players were involved in other activities,” he added.

Sophomore Suzanne Shunn has been in Science Olympiad since seventh grade and competed in Water Quality which placed second at Regionals, as well as, Earth Science, Bio Process, and Road Scholar. She commented, “We were all in it together so I felt kind of bad because we won first at Regionals for so long.” The team shared her disappointment, but also had to learn to put it behind them to concentrate on the state tournament.

High expectations and a desire to avenge their loss to Mason carried them into competition. A first or second place finish also would have meant a trip to North Carolina for the National tournament. Using textbooks, teachers and former players as resources, the team prepared. They came up with the theme, “Science Wars,” and created t-shirts that read, “May the mass x acceleration be with you,” as the motto (with mass x acceleration meaning force). But a 10th place team finish at State competition was also disappointing for all of the players who felt that they could have done better.

Reflecting back on the season there were some positives to be appreciated. Senior Rebekah Ewen shared, “Science Olympiad has been a great learning experience and a lot of fun. There doesn’t seem to be many opportunities in which a student can expand on classroom material and have fun learning it as well.”

—Scott Dane

More mass x acceleration

Science Olympiad Team

behind Mason and ahead of nine other schools. The team went on to compete in the state tournament April 26 at MSU.

After losing many seniors last year, the team was on the rebound. The one constant was the coaches, Dave Hildebrandt, Mary Boulanger, Kellie Bachman, Heather Neiswonger, former team member Brandon Oaks and Eric Pulver. “Not finishing first at Regionals was a shock to the whole team, but I think the placing was especially disappointing for the coaches who

Scrambling

Perfecting the Scrambler for Regional competition where they placed first are sophomore Tara Fowler and senior Rich Bogle.

Aerodynamic

Improving the aerodynamics of the electra-thon car with sanding are senior Joey Mills, Nick Davis and Coach Steve Neureither. The car was built with the aid of sponsors and fundraising.



Science Olympiad Team: TOP ROW: E. Braid, E. Viele, C. Peterson, R. Ewen. ROW 2: J. Graham, K. Roberts, M. Stafford, Coach D. Hildebrandt, B. Ngo, Coach M. Boulanger, Coach K. Bachman. BOTTOM ROW: Coach H. Neiswonger, R. Bogle, T. Fowler, C. Garza, S. Shunn, M. Kelly, M. Andrick, L. Conarton, Coach Hills, D. Bajor. NOT PICTURED: M. Mitchell, T. Pruitt, A. Fowlks, Coach B. Oaks, Coach E. Pulver.

Closing the Peer Resistance training session is SADD adviser Gerry Woolston. The session trained students to teach elementary children to resist peer pressure.

Showing the community that there were teens who cared about underage drinking and driving were Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD). "I wish more students could see that SADD does care, that not everyone drinks, and that SADD does help people," reflected senior Sarah Clarkson. A lot of SADD members felt that they did make a difference not only in school, but in the community. "I got involved in SADD because I thought that it would be fun to help other students make smarter and safer decisions about drinking and driving," noted sophomore Cherraline Doerr.

"When kids and parents see high school kids

was a change in the way people behaved or the choices they made.

SADD focused their awareness campaign during the weeks of Prom and Graduation. "SADD makes a difference a little bit, but we need to get the point across everyday of the year, not just at prom and graduation. I also think that many kids just don't listen, so we need to find other ways to get them to understand how deadly drunk driving really is," explained senior Krystie Eding.

The club started out the year building their Homecoming float and decorating the halls for Homecoming Week. Also, during the Christmas season some members made posters for the hallways to promote a safe and sober holiday. Toward the end of the year SADD week was held. One event was Grim Reaper Day. Students painted their faces white to denote death from drunk driving accidents. They were not allowed to talk for the rest of the day to dramatize the dangers of drinking and driving.

Getting involved in SADD was easy, but staying committed was more difficult. Members were expected to attend club meetings and participate in activities. The meetings were large and hard to run. "I didn't really like how unorganized the meetings were. There were a lot of people who were in it just to be in a club, not because they cared that much.

A group of students in SADD also formed the Peer Resistance group which went out to elementary schools and presented programs on how to resist peer pressure. SADD had the major goal of helping students make the right decision and saving people's lives, while Peer Resistance helped younger students say no to drugs, alcohol and the peer pressure they will sooner or later face. Making the difference in the community and at the school started with students who believed in everything that SADD and Peer Resistance stood for. —Serenity Hayes

What's This?

Helping the Peer Resistance group learn about peer pressure are Stephanie Smiley, Michele Smith, Meredith Schram and Missy Frampton. They acted out different ways to react to situations in which kids would face peer pressure before they held workshops at the elementary schools.



Resisting peer pressure

SADD, Peer Resistance

getting involved in programs like SADD, it gives them faith in the future of the community and it gives little kids good role models," stated senior Jason Cornelius. "My dad is the Undersheriff at the Ingham County Sheriff's Department and we talked about all of the things that can happen to people my age when we drink and drive. So I wanted to become involved and try and make a difference," recalled sophomore Allison Myers.

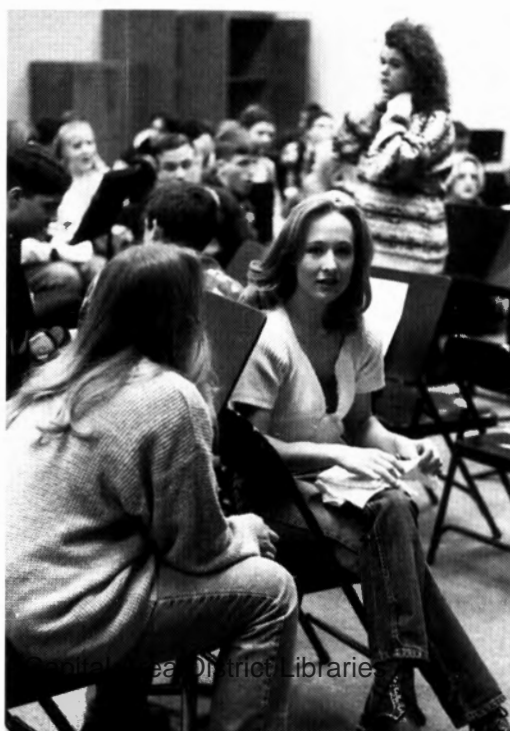
A number of students however felt that SADD was not making that much of a difference. They felt that although they were reaching some people they were not reaching enough to show that there

Talk It Over

Chatting at a SADD meeting during Activity hour are juniors Norm VanAlstine and Tricia Spencer and seniors Sarah Wolfe and Katy Samuelson.



Wednesday Break... Enjoying some time to talk are sophomore Nancy Picken and junior Tiffany Richardson during a Wednesday Activity hour SADD meeting. The time was used for organizing club activities.

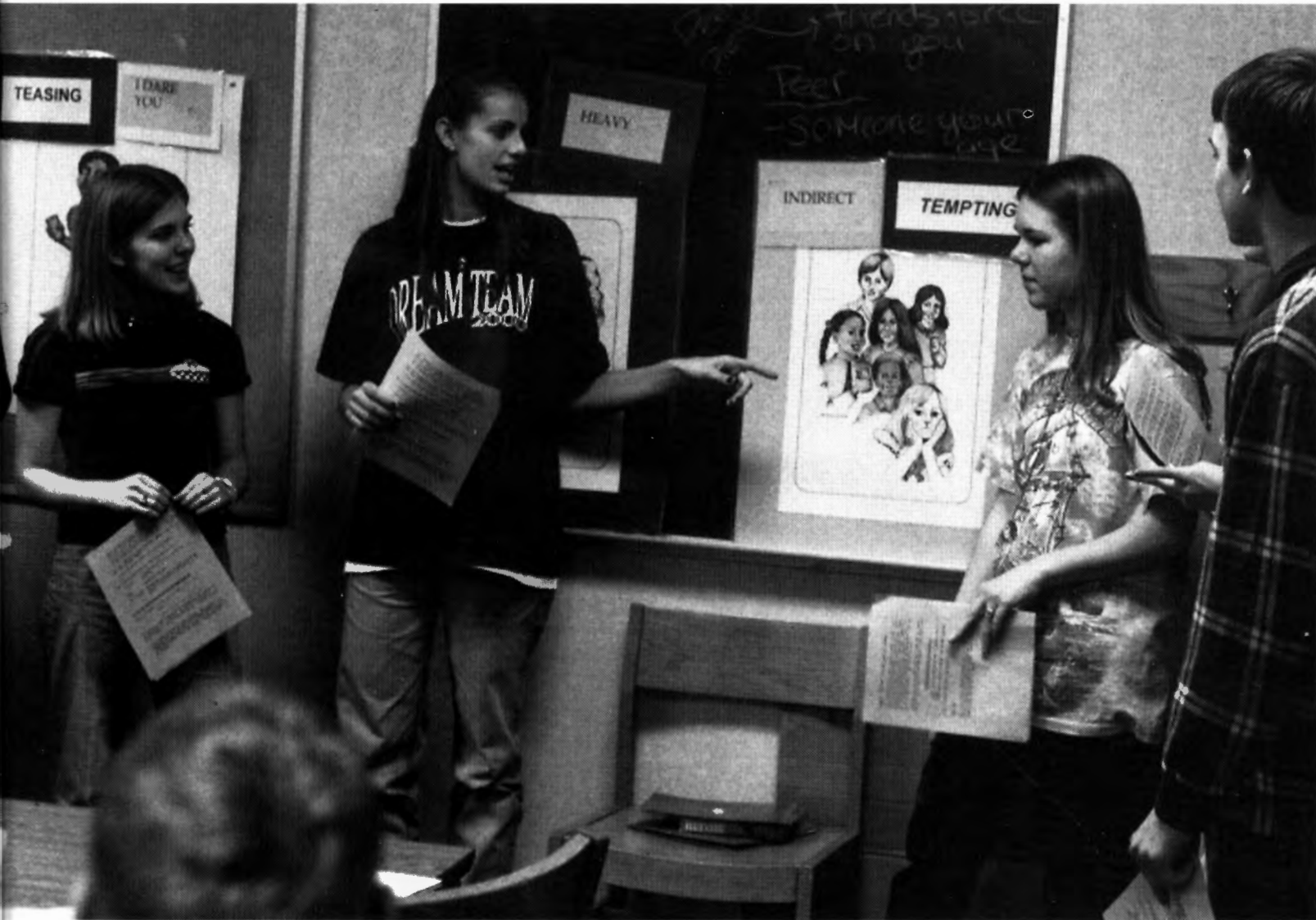


Peer Resistance

A group of SADD members also took part in the Peer Resistance training program where high school students go to fifth grade classrooms and teach students to resist peer pressure and drugs. "The program focuses on ways of saying 'no' to peer pressure," explained junior Errin Bonner. They had the kids participate in activities to learn what it was like to be in situations that deal with peer pressure. "At first they are a little shy, but once we start, they usually get right into it," noted sophomore Ed Ewald. "We have cookie role plays where we try to get the students to act out different situations. We reward a right answer with a

cookie," explained senior Amanda Taylor. "We teach them the four different types of peer pressure including; friendly, heavy, indirect, and 'I dare you,' plus the techniques to say no to all pressure dealing with drugs," explained senior Stephanie Craft.

Being a good role model was the bottom line for being in Peer Resistance. You had to practice what you preached and believe in what you were doing. Getting into Peer Resistance took recommendations, grades and participation in class. Students in the group could also recommend a student to the adviser. "To be in Peer Resistance you pretty much had to be a good student, a good person, and a good role model," concluded junior Chad Johnson. —Serenity Hayes



Next in Line

Waiting their turn to speak in the role playing session for Peer Resistance training are sophomores Missy Frampton and Lindy Miller. It was their first year in the group.

Peer Resistance Group:

TOP ROW: B. LeRoy, C. Ford, S. Smiley, M. Schram, M. Laur, E. Ewald, M. Frampton, Adviser G. Woolston.
ROW 2: B. Cooper, S. Craft, A. Taylor, E. Wenglekowski, L. Miller. **BOTTOM ROW:** E. Bonner, M. Smith, R. Clark, C. Johnson.

In Step

Marching the band into the stadium Homecoming night are drum majors Colin Janetzke and Lance Davis. Colin noted, "It was an honor to be drum major; my peers gave me more respect."



Special Singers

Being recognized at the Winter Concert by Choir Director Monty Bishop for their Solo and Ensemble Awards are Shelia Brody, Amber Montie, Missy Yenc, Colin Nyeholt and Aaron Bolden.



Maestro

Conducting the band during a halftime performance is Director Tim Parry. His two mottos were, 'best band in the land' and 'bands that play together, stay together.'



Making the music

Band, Choir

"The best part about performing," explained sophomore Jessica Willoughby, "was dressing up and showing everyone how great we were." Tiffany Richardson noted, "The best part for me was the end when everyone applauded." They were talking about performing in band and choir concerts and many students enjoyed both the events and the classes. Junior Kendra Dunham shared, "I love anything that has to do with the arts. It's in my blood I think." Katie Stachlewitz explained, "I love to sing. It's such a huge part of my life. Between lessons, concerts, solo and

Band class was a similar story. Most people took the class for the same reasons including, developing more skill, having fun, and exploring what they really enjoyed. Meg Mitchell reflected, "What I enjoy most about being in band are the performances and showing off our talent in front of the crowd." Many students reported that band was mainly a hobby that they loved or something to fill their time with. For Nate Keast, "Music is very important to my life. It relaxes me, and it makes me feel good inside."

When it came to making music, students had their favorite instruments. Jodi Bidelman stated, "I like the flute because it has a very light-sound and usually plays the melody. Also it is technical to play." Melissa Hatt also enjoyed the flute as she noted, "It reminds me of happy things and it seems feminine." Erik Schaefer admitted, "I play the trumpet because I like an instrument that has a lot of melody that you can feel as well as hear."

The band season kicked off with band camp at MSU in August and most students agreed it wasn't as bad as they imagined. "I thought band camp was pretty fun. It gave me a chance to meet new people from other schools and hang out with some of my friends from home," commented Schaefer. Sophomore Liz Walker thought, "Camp was okay. I imagined it being like initiation week with hospital food but it turned out much better. The food was good and I liked all the dances and free time we got. But the long hours of practice in the sun got to me, especially after getting up so early."

For many students the highlight of the marching season was the light show held October 11 where bands from middle school to high school performed. The Holiday Band Concert was held on December 11 and the Winter concert on February 26. State band competition was held March 14-15 for festival and March 29 for Solo and Ensemble. The long hours in the sun at band camp paid off during the marching and concert performances. From the Homecoming parade to the Spring Pops Concert on May 14, band students worked hard to become a talented group.

—Emily Sawyer

Brass and Sweat

Practicing on Troost Field during band class are Josh Kolonich, Rich Bogle, Ben Bowers, Erik Shaefer, Bryant Manning, Jim Hicks and Casey Reynolds.

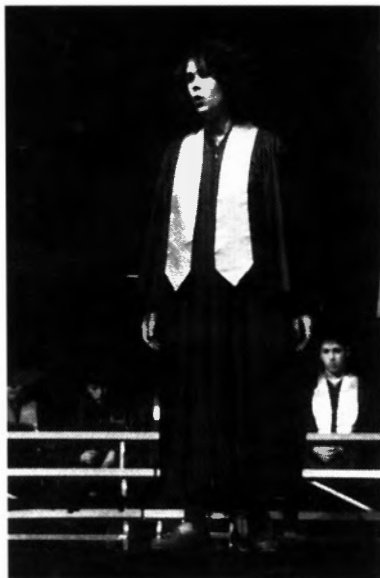
ensemble competition, festival and musicals, sometimes it seems like all I do. Holly Rotman even noted, "I don't stop singing once I'm out of choir class. I also sing hymns at church."

People took choir mainly to develop a better singing voice and in the process have fun. Julie Galambos commented, "This was my first year in choir. I really enjoyed the class because it taught me how to correctly develop my voice. I've always been told that I have a good voice and choir helped me make it better."

Students sang in three choir concerts, the Holiday concert on December 17, the Winter Concert on March 11, and the Spring Concert on May 29. A number of choir students also performed in the Spring Musical.

In Unison

The combined drum line of Holt and Okemos perform during the halftime show on Troost Field. The annual band event kicks off the season for both schools.



Solo Moment... Performing at the Winter Concert is senior Amanda Whitehead. Junior Melissa Yemc noted, "Amanda contributed a lot to the music department with her extraordinary talent."

Formal Show

Performing during the Winter Concert in Pernert Auditorium are members of Chorale, led by Choir Director Monty Bishop.

Glimpse of Colorguard

Performing a routine during the opening day Activity Fair are Colorguard members Jenny Miller and Christina Leverich. The performance was to promote awareness of the group.

In Tune

Tuning up his acoustical guitar at a meeting of GUBA during an Activity hour is junior Tim Wise. He commented, "I like the club because I get to see other people's talents on the guitar and it lets me express my feelings through music."



Move Over Slash

Playing his Washburn guitar during a GUBA meeting is sophomore Mike Shipman. Students in the club were able to show off their talents to classmates and at the talent show.

Loud and Clear

Pepping up the crowd at a Varsity Basketball game are members of the Jazz Band, Jake Ketchum, Nate Gardner, Rich Bogle, Leanne Parry, Lance Davis, Tim Hurlburt, Brendon Conley, Meg Ebersole, Erica McGraw, Jason Rees, Mike Winkel, Ed Ewald, Kari Roberts and led by Band Director Tim Parry.

What was the one thing that all students loved to hear during the year? All could answer this in a heartbeat—music, of course. The people who, perhaps, enjoyed performing it most were members of the Jazz Band and Guitar Club or GUBA. Both groups were always hard at work perfecting what they did best.

Even after a vigorous week in August during Band Camp, and a busy marching season, students in the Jazz Band were still hard at work

always been very nice and he has a great personality. He is just a great teacher," stated sophomore Brendon Conley. Some students played in the Jazz Band for another reason, "My favorite part of Jazz Band was just getting together and having fun with the music and with my friends. With jazz, you don't just have to play what is on the page," added sophomore saxophone player Ed Ewald.

GUBA also attracted music enthusiasts of another sort. It was a new club that met once a month during activity period where students were free to bring their own guitars and sit around and play with other guitarists. There were many different types of guitars used from acoustics and electric guitars, to plain old bass guitars. There were also many different types of music that interested students, from jazz to heavy metal. "I like to play heavy metal and blues music because that is what I listen to and it's fun to play," stated senior Devin Lamb. "I like to write my own music when I feel in the mood," commented sophomore Zack Lawson. Guitar Club was the popular place where students could show off their individual talents and love what they were doing at the same time.

No matter how music was played or accompanied during the year, it always seemed to involve many students. They displayed their talent by performing in the Jazz Band, through the Colorguard and Winterguard, and individually through writing and playing their own music with GUBA.

—Sarah Wolfe

ammin' and dancin' to the beat

Jazz Band, GUBA

practicing and performing through winter and spring. "We performed at many basketball games and we also went around to different places like churches, Sam's Club, and various stores to raise money for the band," explained junior Mike Winkel.

It was more than just love of playing that attracted these talented musicians to Jazz Band. "I've always gone to everything band related, but Mr. Parry is the one who persuaded me. He has



Making Some Noise

Seeing how loud the band can be in the Loud Mouth Jug contest at the Homecoming Pep Assembly is teacher Dan Ernst. Some band members saw double duty in Jazz Band during the year.



Colorguard, Pandemonium

The performing arts teams, Colorguard and Pandemonium Winterguard made waves this year with their performances. They started their season at Band Camp, followed by practices during marching season with the band. They performed at football game halftimes twirling their flags, rifles, and sabres. "It was really cool to be out on the field with the band and everyone watching us. The band was pretty cool about us performing except when we accidentally hit them with our flags," joked senior Aleasha Parrish.

During the winter months, Pandemonium Winterguard in its third year, competed in the Michigan Color Guard Circuit (MCGC), which combined elements of colorguard with dance and theater to present a show set to a specific song. Pandemonium also sponsored MCGC's Annual Winterguard Exhibition Field Day at Holt High School on January 18. Teams represented units from Flag Line, Auxiliary, Michigan A, Scholastic A, Independent A and Senior (college-aged competitors). "Having moved up this year from Auxiliary class to Michigan A class, Pandemonium has been improving each year of competition," noted junior Ashley Oakley. Competing with difficult dance moves during contests gave the girls a list of criteria that made a good flag corp member. "In order to be good, you have to be able to get along well with people, be coordinated, and have lots of patience not only for your performances, but for other members and the coach," stated junior Jenny Miller.

Pandemonium's 17 members competed to "Luck Be A Lady" by Frank Sinatra. The team took on a Las Vegas theme wearing tuxedo style uniforms. "Visually, our show is much better than it has ever been," assessed Coach Jennifer Wilson. "We hired professional winterguard designers to plan our show this year and they taught us new choreography and how to be more effective on stage. It has made a world of difference in the team's scores and placement in their new division. It has really brought us to a whole new level." Pandemonium placed ninth out of 23 groups in contest at Ferndale High School, sixth at Clinton, fifth at Linden, and fourth at Windsor, Ontario. In final competition at Allegan on March 9, before the MCGC Championship, the team placed sixth in their division.

—Kari Roberts, Sarah Wolfe



Getting in Form

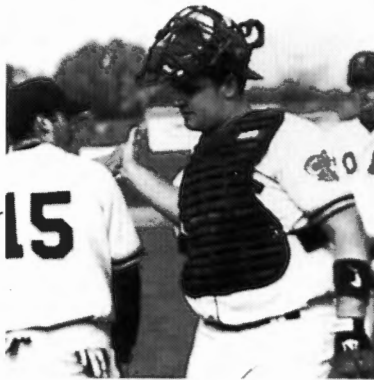
Spinning their flags to the Holt Ram Fight Song are members of the colorguard during the Homecoming pep assembly. Senior Stephanie Walamaki shared, "The best thing about Colorguard was how well we all got along and could talk about anything. Colorguard was the best place for conversations!"

Jam Session

Listening to senior Devin Lamb on his electric guitar are seniors David Stevens and Blake Ranshaw in guitar club during Activity period.

Sports Editor

In the midst of what he likes best—Varsity Baseball is Sports and Editorial Editor of the Ramparts and Rampages, senior Matt Allen.



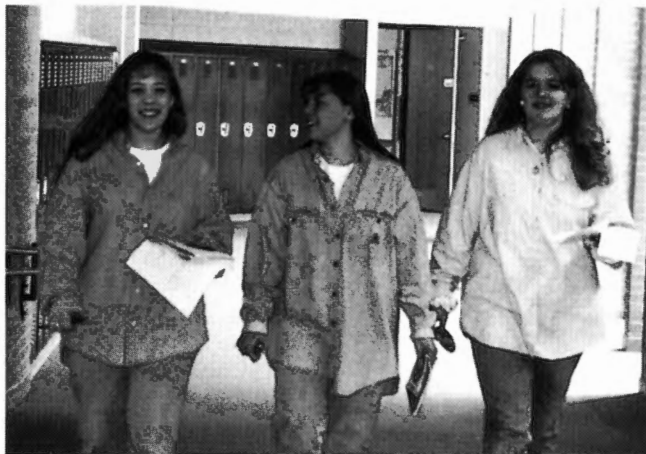
On the Go

Doing some interviews on Twin Day of Spirit Week are senior staffers, Serenity Hayes, Katy Samuelson and Melissa Smith. Katy noted, "I really liked being on the yearbook staff. Most of the time it was a lot of fun, but it was also a lot of work. It will be good to see all of our effort when the book comes back." (Bottom Right)



Practice Pose

Letting Rampages staffer Katy Samuleson get a practice shot of her is senior Serenity Hayes in Beginning Publications class, where students finished a unit on photography.



Perfect Day... Talking outside the Kellogg Center at the MIPA conference are juniors Joey Warren, Camelia Garcia Guerra, Stephanie Smiley and Bethanne Siettas, seniors Melissa Smith, Katy Samuelson and Sarah Wolfe. Melissa stated, "I really enjoyed being on the yearbook staff. It was fun, and took a lot of time, energy and dedication to make the yearbook."

Getting Ideas

Working on copy in Advanced Publications is Photo Editor and News/Feature Editor of the Ramparts, senior Jen Spock.



Right mix of fun and work

Rampages, Ramparts

expected when most of the staff were first year members," stated senior Serenity Hayes.

But humor and the production aspects went a long way to help and both yearbook and newspaper staff members had their favorite moments. Junior Joey Warren commented, "My favorite part of being on staff was the camaraderie." Senior Jennie Wilbur enjoyed other aspects. She explained, "Out of everything I liked the layout and theme of the book this year. Also the new layout for the newspaper was really good." Sophomore Liz Walker added, "I loved the freedom to work more at our own pace to get things done. It felt like a test to have lots of freedom yet huge responsibilities at the same time."

Writing stories was a big part of being on

staff, but there was more to the stories than just writing. A lot of research and time went into each one. Senior Matt Allen stated, "All the stories in the yearbook and newspaper are great; they have to be. Nothing is printed unless it's perfect." Everyone had their own niche when it came to coverage. "I just loved writing the division pages, they always seemed to express much feeling," noted senior Jen Spock. Others were just happy to please other people with their stories. Senior Jason Dutcher observed, "I felt great about my top ten news events of '96/'97 story, because I put a lot of effort into it and I feel people really enjoyed it."

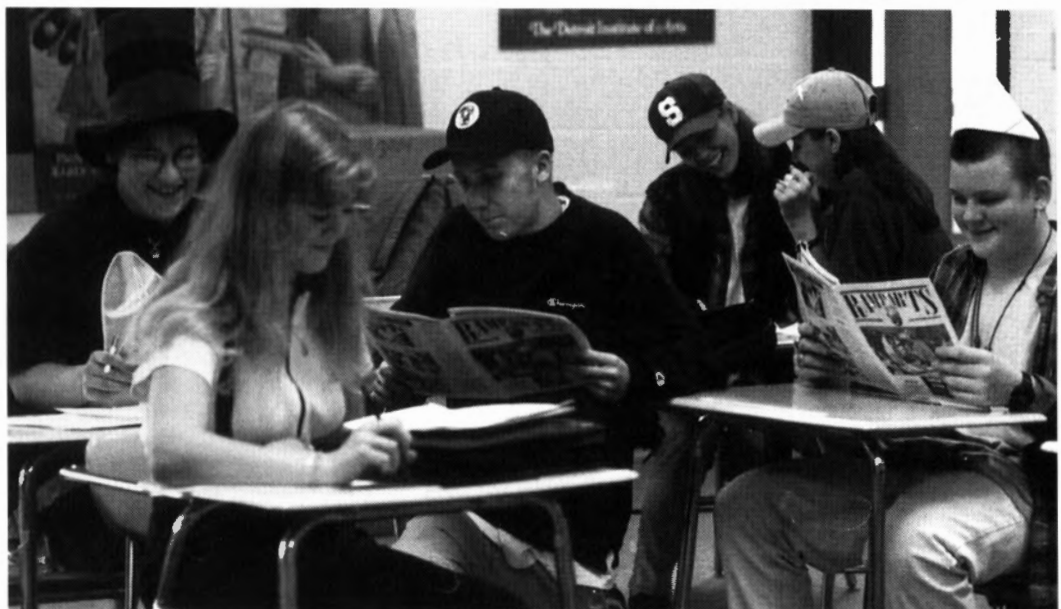
Not only did everyone work hard on staff, but they learned a lot along the way. Senior Ross Bemrose explained, "Being on staff has really helped me with my editing skills. Now I know more about making corrections and I am used to having other people edit my work." Senior Melissa Smith related, "Being a member of the yearbook staff has helped me become more outspoken and it has helped me grammatically to recognize sentence structure and become more aware of how to write a good paper." Senior Kari Roberts made the connection to the future as she revealed, "The experience on newspaper staff will help me in the real world because it taught me how to be a clear, concise writer, to work with my peers, and to accept criticism of my work."

Of course, the year wasn't all filled with hard work. There was always something funny or interesting going on in class. Whether it was an inside joke between staff members or just a wacky moment, the year was a good one. Junior Stephanie Smiley reflected, "I thought it was so fun when the Intro class had a Christmas party. Everyone did their part and made something to eat. We had way more food than we needed, but we had a lot of fun." The Journalism class had a little bit different memorable moment or should we say moments. Junior Mike Maxey recalled, "If you ask anyone on the newspaper staff they will all tell you, something funny happened almost daily."

—Lisa Wise

Tiring Day

Waiting for the return bus outside the MSU Kellogg Center after a day at the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association's Fall Conference are yearbook and newspaper staffers, Beth Potvin, Jennie Wilbur, Lisa Wise, Christina Dietz and Serenity Hayes. There were a variety of sessions staff members could attend to learn more about journalism.



Hot Off the Press

Absorbed in an issue of the newspaper just back from the printer on Hat Day in Journalism class are first semester staffers, Bethany Siettas, Trinity Bode, Don Jory, Joey Warren, editor Jen Spock and Lisa Wise.

A big part of staging a play that most people didn't see went on behind the scenes.

Technical Director Betsy Jenkins works with Chris Bakken and Jeanine Gibbs after hours on the *The Hobbit*.

Lights! Curtain! Action! The words described the magic of opening night and the performances of students who worked approximately three months to put each event together. The Fall and Winter plays plus the Spring Musical brought together not only the cast and set and lighting crews, but also anyone else who worked on finishing the plays. Whether they simply showed

Many students took it seriously. Drama was a very important part of senior Nancy Quasarano's life. Besides serving as the club's president, she performed many leading roles in plays. She stated, "Drama club was really cool because it got people to appreciate the theatre. A lot of kids signed up for it not knowing what it was about or even if they would like it, but after awhile they ended up enjoying it." Drama teacher and club adviser, Pamela Klimenko, and co-adviser, Debbie Childers, let the students decide what was going to happen with the plays. "We mostly just helped them get the club going and now they have a staff of their own and make many of the decisions themselves," noted Klimenko. Childers who also directed the Fall Play added, "The plays take a lot of important decisions to come out great. We help whenever we are needed, but the students do a great job on their own."

Act Too had two vice presidents, junior Katie Stachlewitz and senior Andrea Alburtus. Katie was a dancer and lent her talent to this year's productions. She and Andrea noted, "The club was a lot of fun. It gave us a chance to talk, since at practices we had to go over our lines and follow decisions already made." Sophomore Trinita Bode commented, "I really thought the club was cool. I didn't act in the plays but enjoyed working on parts of it and helping advertise." All of this year's productions went smoothly with the combined effort of the actors, the lighting people, the stage directors, people in Act Too and anyone who came to help out.

—Elizabeth Walker



it by the theatre bug

Drama Club, Act Too

up for rehearsal or joined other interested students there was a new place for theatre enthusiasts to go—the drama club, Act Too. During activity period, it provided a place for these people to gather. Act Too also met outside of school for an extension of time to work on the plays. Populated by a diverse and outgoing group of students, it was designed to provide extra help building sets, and doing the publicity and advertising.

Make Over

Transforming junior Eric Braid into his character for the Winter Play is junior Eliina Viele. Eric shared, "This was my first play and I learned a lot, like if you don't use make-up the audience only sees a big white blob on stage. I had a lot of fun."



Father Helps Out

Enlisting her father's help in finding her very important feather duster for her role in the Winter Play, *Adrift in New York*, is senior Nancy Quasarano. Many students found their families supportive of their efforts in play production.



Dragon's Heart

Along side senior Arren Wetzel is the infamous dragon from the set of the Fall Play, *The Hobbit*. Arren helped with bringing the dragon to life and was part of the lighting crew. The dragon was a bit unweildy to manage and gave the set crew a hard time to rig and operate. *The Hobbit* was a challenge for the Set Design class who spent hours creating the underworld abode.



Putting in Time

Painting drops are Amanda Craft, Erin Younglove, teacher Leanne Schnepf and Brian Sherry. Schnepf noted, "Doing this a second time was still very challenging, but a lot of fun."



Set Design

For every minute of the play students had to put in about 10 times that on creating the set. Students in the new Visual Arts class Set Design were responsible for creating the scenery that formed the plays' settings. To start, students read the play to be performed, then used their imaginations to bring the sets to life. The first eight weeks were spent researching and designing the sets and the last 10 weeks were spent constructing them. A fair amount of group work was required. "The difficulty about working in groups was everyone had their own opinion and it was hard to visualize what they were proposing to know whether you liked it or not and wanted to do it that way," explained senior Chris VanTilburg. Teacher Leanne Schnepf had each group focus on a part of the set. It

worked better than having the whole class working individually and gave students a chance to share ideas.

It took awhile for the ideas to come together and for props to get finished. Students often had to stay after school or come in early to help wrap things up. Some students liked the extra commitment and some didn't, but at curtain time most agreed the time spent was worth it. "The extra effort was appreciated by the audience," observed junior James O'Hara, but the limitation of a short semester was awful. We could have used extra time to get things finished," When the curtain rose and the applause rang out, junior Carrie Collin remembered, "When I saw the set in action, I was nervous. I kept wondering if what I had worked on was good enough and whether people liked it or not. I had all these questions and I wasn't even on stage. So I calmed down and noticed everything was great, people actually liked it!"

—Elizabeth Walker



Enlightening

Operating the lighting for the Winter Play, *Adrift in New York*, are sophomore Jon Whitford and senior Arren Wetzel.



A Little 'Play' Time

Running a meeting of the Drama Club, Act Too, are club President Nancy Quasarano and Vice Presidents, Katie Stachlewitz and Andrea Albutus. The new club provided extra help for producing the plays and musical.

The connection was culture that brought the Foreign Language clubs, Foreign Exchange students and the Multicultural Club together. Each sought to experience cultures in a different way, one through language study, the other first-hand experience and the latter by discussion and sharing of insights.

The foreign language classes planned trips, and participated in events and meetings to provide exposure to the different cultures of Germany, France and the Hispanic countries. At the club meetings food was also a vehicle to enjoy the culture with crepes, croissants, and Mexican pizza showing up. The French Club took two extended trips, one to Chicago to see the Degas exhibit and another to Toronto for the *Phantom*

found American schooling to be similar to Argentina's with the exception of sports. "In Argentina we don't have anything that compares with sports like intramural basketball." Leandro not only participated in IM basketball but was a member of the Swim team. Kenichi Mizuno from Japan was another top Ram swimmer. Natalie Kladrowa from Germany was on the Varsity Soccer team and Ana Beatriz or 'Bia' as her friends called her was a multi-sport athlete playing on the Varsity Volleyball and Soccer teams.

Many of the students enjoyed traveling and going on trips with host families out of state and the upper peninsula. Some things were an adjustment. Ji-Han Wang from China observed many political differences, noting, "Our governmental structures are totally different." Some of the students hoped to return. Tae-Joung from Germany concluded, "I would like to return to America with my friends. I think that they would enjoy it."

The Multicultural Club achieved cultural awareness mainly through informal discussion where prejudices were put aside and people could learn from one another. Adviser Nancy Lamphier noted, "The club is a great opportunity for members to learn about people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds in our society. They get an understanding of how life is for people of different circumstances. It teaches them to become patient and non-judgemental by learning about the how's and why's of different people's lives."

The club met on Wednesday mornings and ran free-speaking, open discussions about many subjects. "We discussed issues that were important to us and learned what is important to each other," explained junior Courtney Parker. The group tackled issues like racial prejudice, looking at it in-depth and searching for the whys. "The group focuses on the real issues behind the whys and goes beyond where just the learning leaves off," stated guidance counselor Janet Wilson. A concluding activity for the year was an Exchange Day with Everett High School. "The exchange gave students an opportunity to experience different environments and attitudes even when it's between people from right down the road," stated member Jenny Barry. Julie Galambos stated, "I am glad I got to go to Everett. Even though their school is only a few miles away, the attitudes and differences in lifestyles were very great. Through the meetings and discussions students learned that understanding was the first key to eliminating prejudice.

—Melissa Smith, Emily Sawyer,
Joey Warren, Josh Carpenter,
Kathleen Keen

Snacking

In the cafeteria courtyard, members of the French Club, Nicole Southwell, Kate Hall, Josie Dunham, Lucy Gatteri and Jaime Simonson along with teacher Sandra Bernier, prepare for an overnight trip to Toronto April 30-May 1 to see *The Phantom of the Opera*. The club enjoyed many snacks including crepes at Activity period meetings.

Women's Cause

Discussing women's issues in the first Women's Studies group are sophomore Jennelle Shepherd and adviser Karen Janish.

Exploring foreign cultures

Foreign Language Clubs, Foreign Exchange, Multicultural Club

of the *Opera* and a new musical, *Beauty and the Beast*. Some Spanish club members met for dinner at a Mexican restaurant and planned a trip to Cedar Point at the end of the year. The French and Spanish classes combined to offer a summer trip to Spain and France which was held in June of '96. The German club participated in German weekend at MSU, a dance at the Leiderkranz Club and planned the biennial German exchange trip for June of '97.

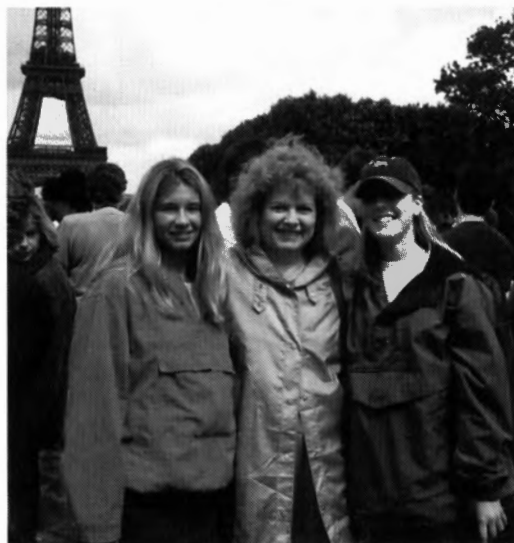
Also experiencing culture, by being immersed in it were six foreign exchange students who ventured to Holt from as far off as China, Japan, Germany, Brazil, and Argentina. Adapting to life in America was reportedly easy for them and most of the students viewed the curriculum as a positive change. Ana Beatriz Schleder Fuhrmann came from Curitiba, Brazil and Leandro Minetto from Argentina. Ana noted, "The structure is different in South America. We go to school from 7:00 a.m. to noon and we don't switch classes." -Leandro

Smiling Faces

Enjoying her pinata making in Spanish class is senior Nicole Eiseler. The pinatas were made at holiday time and donated to the children's wards of local hospitals.



Tour de France! Members of the French and Spanish Clubs tour the sights of Paris including the Eiffel Tower where seniors Jami Grant and Emily Reamer and French teacher Sandra Bernier pose for the lens.



Women's Studies Group



The Women's Study Group made their voices heard in the midst of Women's Awareness Month in March. A new offering to the club and activity listing, the group was started by MSU intern, Karen Janish. It met every other Monday at 4:00 p.m. and discussed issues affecting women at the High School and beyond.

After Janish read the book, *Reviving Ophelia*, she realized that the problems the book discussed and which women face in today's society exist even at the High School. "I started hearing similar complaints and struggles about these problems from women at school," stated Janish. She felt that the issues needed to be

addressed. The Women's Study group strived "to empower women with knowledge and emulate successful women throughout history," Janish explained.

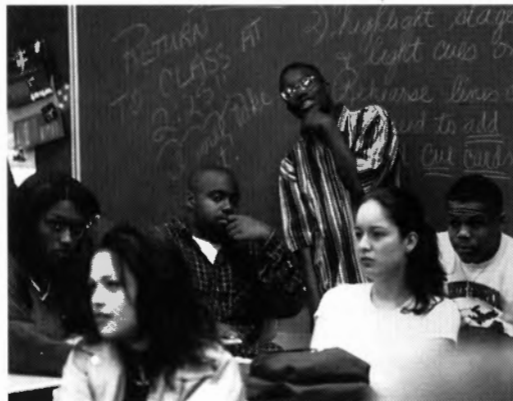
Awareness and education were the focuses of the group and how to deal with women's issues in constructive ways. Topics the group focused on were women's health, violence, stereotypes surrounding women and women in the media. The group sponsored several guest speakers on these issues including ones on women's health, domestic violence and self defense. The group also planned an informative weekly bulletin board and a fundraiser whose proceeds went toward the purchase of books on women's issues for the High School Library.

—Kari Roberts



Planning Time

Making plans for the upcoming summer trip to Germany are Frau Peters, and juniors Amy Smith and Tina Hunter during a German club meeting. "It will be cool to stay in Germany and to see the culture again," anticipated trip veteran Amy.



Multicultural Club Welcoming students from Everett on Exchange Day are adviser, Nancy Lamphier and club members (left). Club members, Alison Fowlks, Willie Moore, DeJuan Parker, Kuana School, Camelia Guerra and Ken Day hold a club meeting.



German Club Enjoying activities at German Weekend at MSU are German students Stacey Hall, Lisa Bennett, Courtney Parker, Amy Smith and Tina Hunter. Everyone had to speak German the entire time and participated in many German games and activities. The Club also went to a dance at the Leiderkranz Club during the year.

“It was really fun seeing all the coaches get their turn in the dunk tank. Not one of them walked away dry.” —Senior Chuck Moubray, Varsity Football Boosters Carnival

“It will create new jobs for students and be a nice addition to Holt.” —Junior Shelley Willems, Holt Courtyards

“The cookout is an outstanding community gathering which promotes a sportsmanship climate.” —Principal Brian Templin, Education Fund Cookout

eyond the realm



Recognition

Showing off her first medal won at a Forensics tournament to a smiling dad and the camera is sophomore Megan Abbott. The tournament was hosted on March 13 by Holt High School. The Forensics team had their best season yet winning four out of five trophies at the event.

Beyond the realm of Holt High School was the community who supported it. Composed of diverse groups, the support came in many forms from booster organizations and the Education Fund to parents present at games, events, and Board of Education meetings. As the year passed, problems arose, and accomplishments were recognized. Looming before the community and school district was a budget crunch which demanded swift thought and action. The first community pep rally and NHS dunk tank were staged, and the swim team boosters turned the cafeteria into a pie factory. Students took more notice of the outside world with their mock ‘Election Tuesday’ and responses to the the top ten news events of the year. Senior Brian Ngo got a closer glimpse of the chief executive after his essay was selected by the *Lansing State Journal* as one of the best describing education today. He met President Clinton upon his arrival to Lansing at Capital City Airport with other area students who widened their experiences beyond the realm.



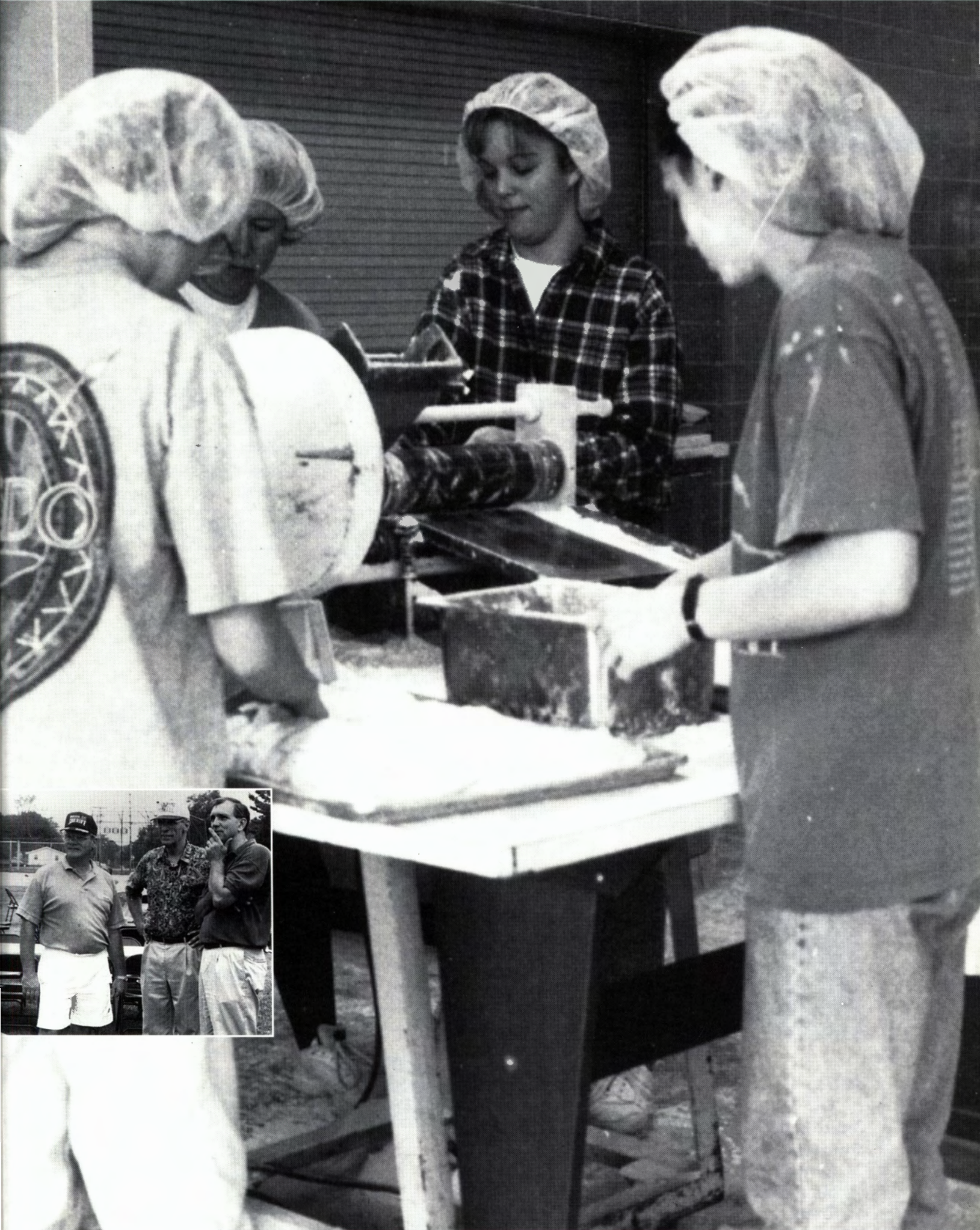
Building a Dream

Sharing information about how a student was doing in his class with a parent is Business teacher Scotty Shimnoski at the spring conferences.

Community members, parents and staff gather in the Education Center Board room for the April Board of Education meeting. It was the scene of much interest and involvement this year with financial issues and other educational and extracurricular concerns.

Catching up on what was happening at the Education Fund annual barbeque are Ingham County Sherrif, Gene Wigglesworth, Board of Education President Alton Granger and community members.

Taking on the mind-boggling and dusty job of turning out pies in record numbers for a fundraiser are the combined Boys’ and Girls’ Swim team boosters. Swimmers with parents’ help operate the dough roller in the assembly line production.



Senior Love Notes



Ginger Goddard,
I remember you saying 12 years is a lifetime. Well daughter you have made it, and I'm proud as can be.

Love,
Mom & Will



Erin Wenglekowski,
We are very proud of you! "When you look into the future it's so bright it burns your eyes."

Love,
Mom, Dad & Anna



Melissa Smith,
If you find a dream inside your heart, don't ever let it go... For dreams can be the tiny seeds from which tomorrows grow.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Gordie



Karl Wyble,
We are so proud of you and love you so much! Stay strong and keep the Lord in your heart.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Patty,

We're proud of you and wish you lots of happiness and success in your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jeanette & Kay
Towsley

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Won't you join our family?

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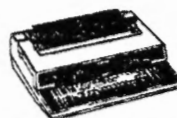


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BEYOND THE REALM

Community Welcomes Holt Courtyards

On the corner of Holt Road and Cedar Street, a new shopping center joined the ranks of local mini-malls. The construction of the \$800,000 Holt Courtyards was started over a year ago, and development is almost complete. Two buildings totaling approximately 12,500 square feet of space were slated to locate Video Avenue, Cozy

Cup, a pizza/sub shop, the Jewelry Box and more stores yet to lease the space.

The community showed great interest in the center, and students were excited about the opportunities it offered. Junior Shelley Willems noted, "It will create new jobs for students, and it will be a nice addition to Holt."

Other students expressed some doubt and regret for the historical

value lost. Senior Jenny Boersma reflected, "It's pretty, but I think that they should have put it somewhere else. Those were the original four corners of Holt, and it was sad to see the old buildings torn down." Other people interested in community preservation pointed out that perhaps restoration would have been a better choice. Sophomore Kraig Martin added, "It's cool, but I'm not

sure it will succeed. There is a lot of competition."

Once the exterior of the building, a 10 foot clock tower, new landscaping and sidewalks, were completed, work started on a commons area. Vlahakis Realty and Development undertook the project.

It was scheduled to open October 10 and was then delayed to November 1. Finally, shops began to open and

the center started coming to life. Many people felt that the updating looked good, and the addition to the community was welcomed.

—Jen Spock



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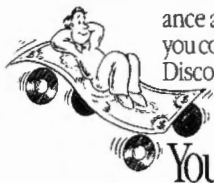
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Close Up participants Eric Braid, Todd Snyder, Sue Kenney, Alyssa Kenney, and Diana Sarkisova pose with Michigan Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow on the steps of the Capitol during their Washington D.C. trip.

BEYOND THE BEALM

Students Turnout on Election Tuesday

Tuesday, November 5, students at Holt High School went to the polls along with the rest of the nation when the Ramparts Staff held a mock election. Most students were decisive on which candidates they supported and how to vote on several ballot proposals. As for student preparation for the event, senior Arren Wetzel commented, "The election was a good idea, but I think students could have been more informed about the candidates and the proposals."

Students choices reflected quite closely their parents and the nation. In the presidential run Clinton held 50% nationally and 47% at Holt High School. Dole's vote was national 41%, Holt 35%. Perot was favored more highly at 17% than nationally at 9%.

The congressional race between Dick Chrysler and Debbie Stabenow heated up with a debate held at the high school just prior to the election. Before a packed auditorium and on closed circuit TV the candidates debated selected issues and conducted a question and answer period. Both candidates presented the same political stance that they had for most of the campaign, but students could observe how each candidate handled themselves and the debating process.

Though more students felt Chrysler had won the debate, the voting was reversed with Stabenow winning in the mock election results. Stabenow won with 52% of the vote over 45% for Chrysler and a 3% no vote. Carl Levin topped the Senate race with 61% of the vote over Romney's 36%.

Proposal B which required a minimum of five years service in the practice of law before serving as a trial court judge, an appeals court judge or a Supreme Court justice was passed. Proposal E which permitted casino gambling in cities meeting certain population requirements like Detroit was passed. And lastly, Proposal G was passed which granted the DNR the authority to regulate game including bear hunting. All in all, it was an exciting day as students cast their ballots and got on the old soapbox.

—Joshua Carpenter

Senior Love Notes



Amy,

You are very special to us and we are very proud of you. We wish you much happiness and success.

Love,
Mom & Dad Service



Nicole Schoenfelder,
We wish you the best of everything.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Kira & Erin



Carrie,

May your tenacity take you far and lead you to happiness and success. Your dreams are ours. Reach for the stars.

Love,
Mom & Dad Cross



Jason Cornelius,

Thinking of all the happy memories you've given, the pride you bring today, and the love we'll keep sharing through the days and years to come.

Lots of Love,
Mom & Dad

Jason Cornelius,

I can't think of better company to "graduate" with than you. You make me so proud.

Love you,
Grandma

Senior Love Notes



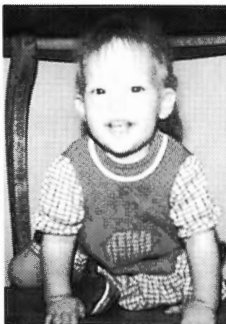
Kevin Fowlks,
The world will be better, brighter and more beautiful because of all that you are.
Love,
Mom & Dad



Kristina,
You are the light in our life. May all of your dreams come true.
Love,
Mom & Dad DeRosa



Elizabeth Carter,
Yesterday is rich with memories; your future is unlimited because you live each day to the fullest.
We love you,
Mom, Dad & Ryan



Serenity Sunshine,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you! You are a wonderful daughter and sister. We wish you the best and hope your dreams come true. You are our sunshine! We love you, Dad, Mom, Trin, & Tandem Hayes



Kathleen Keen,
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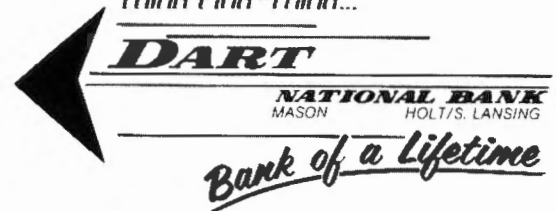
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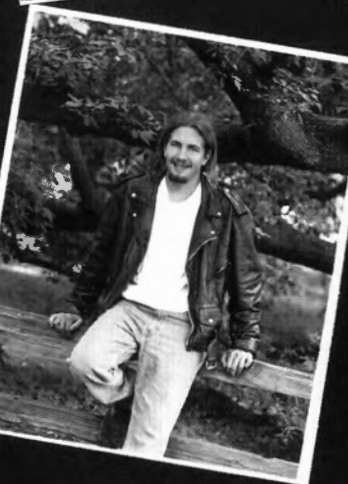
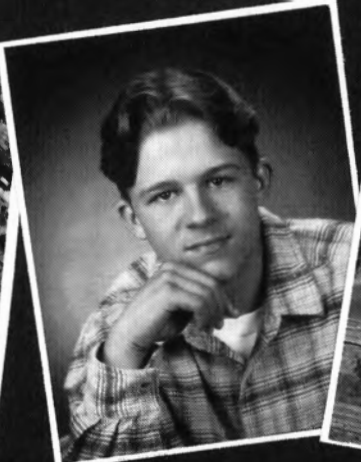
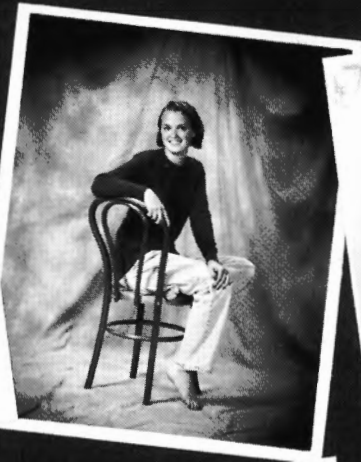
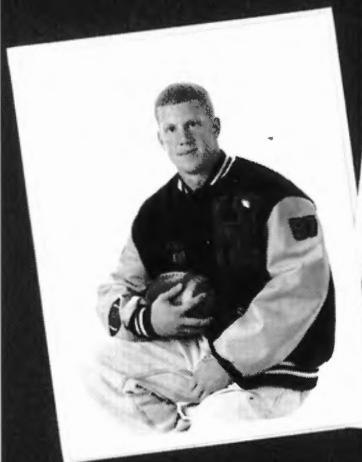
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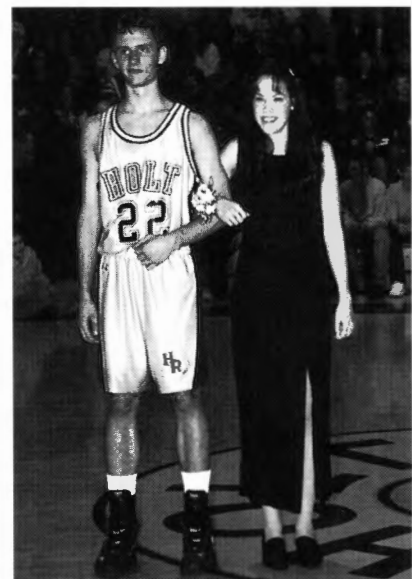
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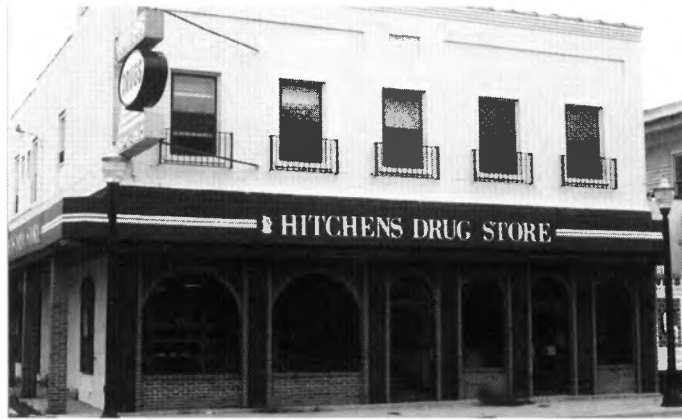


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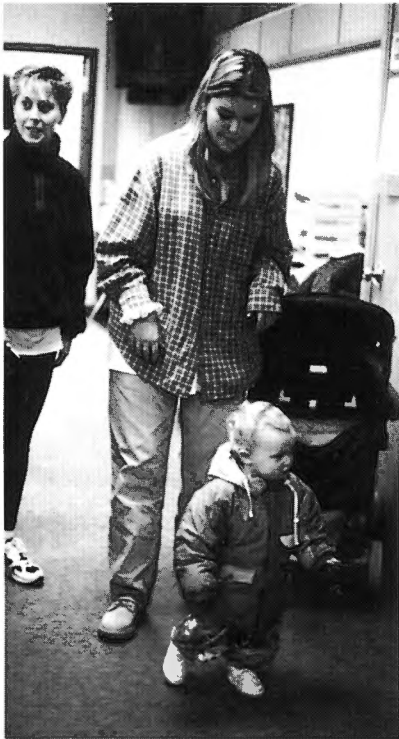
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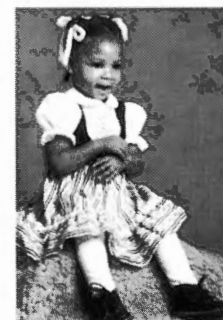
Nikki Araoz,
You've always brought much joy and laughter to our lives. Keep smiling and live your dreams!
Love,
Mom & Kristen
(Love you little sister!)



Travis,
We love you and are excited about your future. Thank you for who you are and what you stand for.
Love,
Mom & Dad Evenson



Dear Jonathan,
You have filled our lives with more love and kindness than any parent and brother could want. We hope you are blessed with the same.
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Matthew Allen,
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Love, Mom & Dad



Bob Picken,
We are so very proud of you! We wish you love, success and happiness throughout life's journey. Thanks for all the memories.

Love, Mom & Dad



John Paul,
"Aw, my grades won't matter 'til next year."

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BEYOND THE REALM

Students Pick the Top Ten News Events of 1996-97

The results are in from a Ramparts poll of the top ten news events of 1996-97. One hundred and ten students participated in the survey which polled them on their choices. Bringing up the rear was the SuperBowl, at ninth was Kevorkian's assisted suicides, eighth was the possible cure for AIDS, seventh was the legalization of marijuana for medical use in California and number six was the Olympic bombing. Midpoint was the summer Olympic games in Atlanta. Tupac's murder was at fourth place, while number three was the Presidential election. Runner up was the Unabomber and the top event of the year was the O.J. Simpson trial.

One would have expected the trial to have been ranked the top event mainly because of Simpson's celebrity status. Junior Chad Balcom noted, "He was a football star and everybody knew him, but I think the media just wanted to show the dark side of a celebrity." Some felt that other issues came to the forefront in the case. "The trial was about racism," stated sophomore Sherman Horn, and others wondered if that should have affected the outcome of the trial. Thirty two percent of the students, however, didn't pick the Simpson trial. "I was pretty sick of it," reported junior Katie Stachlewitz, "I think it got too much attention in the first place."

The runner up topic, the Unabomber, received less coverage than the Presidential election but it got a higher ranking. Balcom explained why he rated it higher. "The Presidential elections are boring. I felt I already knew who was going to prevail before the outcome." "Though tragic, the Unabomber was an interesting case, and I wanted to hear about the more sensational things," claimed Stachlewitz. "It was something different," added Becky Corr, "people like mysteries and the Unabomber was a mystery."

Another unsolved mystery was the murder of Tupac Shakur. Some people thought he was still alive and hiding out. "He's a living legend," stated Stuart Vosburgh. Others were less sympathetic. "He shouldn't have been involved in a gang," stated sophomore R.J. Eding. Senior Justin McLellan noted, "Though I didn't listen to him, I don't feel anyone deserves to be killed like that."

Keeping assisted suicides in the headlines, Kevorkian helped

more than 43 people end their lives. The pros and cons ranged from the issue of choice to the moral issue of assisting in another's suicide. Bringing him to trial was the State of Michigan. Reflecting public sentiment opposing his actions, Becky Corr stated, "I think suicide is really selfish and Kevorkian is wrong for taking them from their families."

California and Arizona tried to ease patients' pain who had cancer and other medical problems by legalizing marijuana for medical purposes. The down side was noted by junior Debbie Franklin who cautioned, "I do think it will be out of control if it becomes available to the public."

People were entertained by the summer Olympic games in Atlanta. It was the first time America hosted them since they were held in Los Angeles in 1984. "I watched the wrestling team and I particularly liked Kevin Jackson. I met him once and I know that he is very determined," commented R.J. Eding. A number of students also liked Kerri Strugg and felt she ended up a heroine. "She helped win the gold with her final jump even with an injured ankle," remarked Mark Arnold.

The Green Bay Packers and the New England Patriots went head to head in Superbowl XXXI. The Pack was able to hold off the Pats to win the highly publicized event, but not everyone watched just the game. "The Superbowl is overrated, but the commercials were great," noted Balcom. "I

think they should change the format and the two teams with the best records should play no matter what division they are in," he added. Mark Arnold watched the game and remembered Desmond Howard's 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. "That play stands out the most," he commented, "Desmond would have to be my most valuable player."

There was also a lot of feedback on ebonics which ranked 16th in the poll. "I think it is hilarious," said Stachlewitz. Others felt that it didn't merit discussion. Corr noted, "It promotes uneducated speech." In a world where news dominated the air waves from CNN to C-SPAN, students tuned in to the events of the year, and would continue to have opinions about what went on as long as news continued to roll off the press.

—Jason Dutcher

TOP TEN NEWS EVENTS

1. O.J. Simpson Trial
2. Unabomber
3. Presidential Election
4. Tupac Shakur's murder
5. Summer Olympic Games
6. Olympic Bombing
7. Legalization of Marijuana for medical reasons in California
8. Possible cure for AIDS
9. Kevorkian Assisted Suicides
10. Superbowl XXXI

Senior Love Notes



Ben Bowers,
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Love,
Mom & Dad



Andrea Alburtus,
We love you and we're so proud of you.
Love always,
Mom & Vic



Emily Sutliff,
We wish you health and happiness always, along with plenty of aces and birdies!
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Elizabeth,
You are a beautiful daughter and a wonderful sister. You have us proud beyond belief!
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BEYOND THE REALM

Community Comes Together to Kick Off Football Season

The Holt Rams Football season kicked off with a 7-0 win over Okemos and to celebrate the event, the Holt Education Foundation held their annual cookout before the game while NHS sponsored the faculty dunk tank. Community members enjoyed hot dogs, chips, potato salad and pop while socializing with those in attendance.

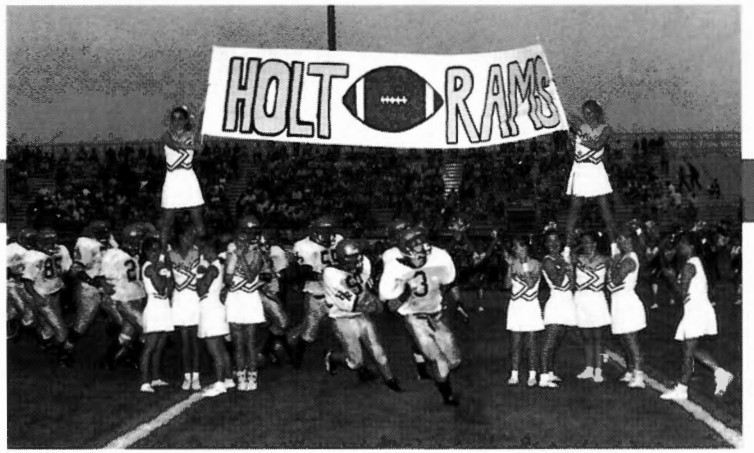
The proceeds went to the Foundation which raises money for the funding of academic related and extracurricular activities. Teachers from the school district could apply for a mini-grant from the foundation. In its second year, the cookout "promoted a sportmanship climate where both teams were honored and respected," noted Principal Brian Templin who was on hand to help Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz man the grill.

Students paid to have a chance to dunk their favorite (or least favorite) teacher. Participating were Assistant Principal Dan Plunkett, Peter Kressler, Debbie Childers, Kelly Hodges and Bill Savage.

A fun time was had by all not only for the cookout, but also the Football Boosters Carnival held September 26. There were games for all ages from face painting for the younger kids to the beanbag toss and the dunk tank. "It was fun seeing all the coaches get their turn in the tank. Not one of them walked away dry," commented Varsity player Chuck Moubray.

After the games, people gathered in the cafeteria for a pig roast, baked beans and other dishes. The event was put together by Sharon Mowers, Tim Currin and Kathy Stuible. Coach Smith reported, "We made about \$1,100 and the money went toward equipment, jerseys and other needed items. Senior Krystie Eding commented, "It was a good way to bring the community and school together."

—*Bethany Siettas, Lisa Wise*



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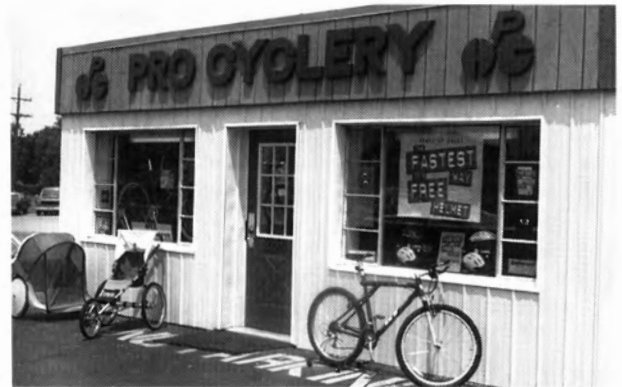
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Dear Julie,
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Love,
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Jennie & Adam
Vanlerberghe



Jessica,
Congratulations, we're so proud of you. May all your dreams and wishes for the future come true.
Love,
Dad & Mom Noyes



Erica Doty,
Your sincere caring and beautiful smile are wonderful qualities. You are the sunshine of my life. I am proud of you.
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Michael,
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Love, Mom



Jami Grant,
We need time to remember, time to dream, just time to be. You, Jami, are the "sunshine of our life."

Love,
Mother & Daddy



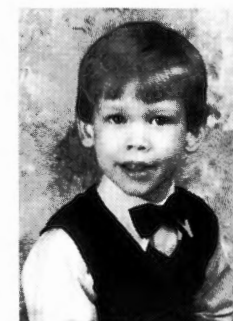
Keith Howe,
Set your goals to the sky and reach for them. Thanks for all the hockey memories.

Mom



Emily Reamer,
You have given us much pride throughout the years. Success is yours for the taking—Grab it.

We love you,
Mom & Dad



T.J.,
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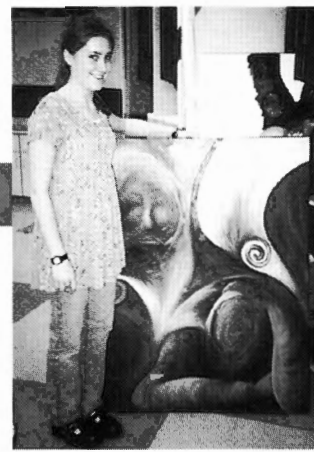
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TIME OUT FOR ART

Art Seminar students display their work in the D Commons area and Senior Art Award recipient Liz Carter displays one of her paintings.

BEYOND THE REALM

Student Creativity Beautifies Community, Wins Awards

"I think that it's important to take art at least once to see if you like it or are any good at it," stated senior Amy Rawley. Many students agreed. Art has grown in interest among students, but many have been interested in art since they were young. Libby Smieska shared, "My dad is really good at art, so that sparked my interest when I was younger."

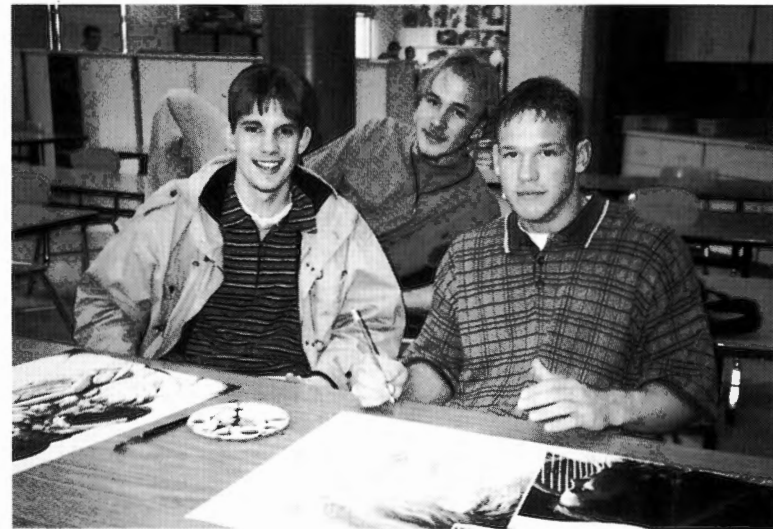
The art classes offered are Drawing, Painting, Constructions, Set Design and Graphic Design. Art Seminar was yet another class, but students had to meet special requirements for it. They must have been successful in at least two art classes and had the talent and the dedication to work independently. In Art Seminar, there was more freedom, and students could pick what they wanted to do. That's what most students liked about it. Junior Erin Carslake commented, "Art Seminar is really different from other art classes. You work independently and are treated as more of an individual."

In the spring, Art Seminar students exhibited their work in the D commons area which brought a number of viewers. Another event that they participated in was the competitive exhibition, Art Scholarship Alert, sponsored by the Lansing Art Gallery. The students named and priced their work and had them judged. Junior Crystal Henriksen and seniors Justin McLellan, Tom Welsh, and Angela Wilbert received awards. Nine other art students also had pieces in the show, including Joel Bush, Erin Carslake, Megan Foster, Doug Harger, Nic Howell, Troy Huddleson, T.J. Wulff, Jeremy Schopp, and Kristin Pettit. Their work hung in the Lansing Art Gallery from May 13-25.

Crystal Henriksen was also one of 70 students selected nationwide to attend a two week summer art seminar in Colorado Spings. The Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation and the National Art Education Association provided Crystal a full-tuition scholarship to study with a team of nationally-known artists. Troy Huddleson entered the Kendall College of Art and Design competition in Grand Rapids. Students came from all over to compete for scholarships, but Troy's two pieces earned him the second largest scholarship which was \$12,000 toward the next four years of study at Kendall. In addition, Doug Harger, Liz Carter, Tamika Thurman, Troy Huddleson, and Crystal Henriksen all had pieces selected for the Michigan Art

Education Association Student Art Show, and their work was displayed at the MEA Building. The state-wide judging of all the regional shows selected Doug Harger, Liz Carter, and Crystal Henriksen's peices to be in the State Art Exhibition, and Doug's and Liz's works were also in the Governor's Traveling show. During the Honor's Night program, Liz received the Senior High Art Award. Art students enjoyed a year of beautifying the school and the community with their creative endeavors.

—*Jessica McCabe*



LE ARTISTS

Working in Art Seminar class are Troy Huddleson, Kurt Lumley and T.J. Wulff. Troy entered the Kendall School of Design Art Competition and won a \$12,000 Tuition Scholarship to attend the school.

Crystal Henriksen poses next to her art work displayed at the Lansing Art Gallery's Art Scholarship Alert Exhibition and Competition where she won an award. She also was one of 70 students selected nationwide to attend a two-week summer art seminar in Colorado Springs.



FORMAL LOOK

Decked out for an elegant evening are senior Tricia Benson, and the Dunham sisters, sophomore Josie and junior Kendra at Prom.



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BEYOND THE REALM

Looks Traded for Comfort and Individuality in Fashion

From parachute pants to Skids, fashions have undergone some major changes in the past five years. Pegged pants and girls' hair inches above their heads held up all day long with hairspray were traded in for basically what was comfortable. Calvin Kleins, an extra large sweatshirt and a pair of tennis shoes was the more likely outfit to sport.

There were several classifications for fashion that students could dress in. One was the prep look. They were the guys and girls seen in Ambergrombie and Fitch or Structure shopping for clothes. Another group of students were often seen in oversize jeans and T-shirts with a Nike or Adidas logo across the front. A third group was grunge, a tee from Specific Sunwear or Spencers, jeans and a pair of old Air Walks.

But some students did not adhere to any category. "You can dress a certain way one day and totally different the next. It depends on the the mood you're in," commented senior Amy Rawley. Senior Julie Cass added, "I don't feel I follow

any one category. I wear what I like, if it's comfortable."

Where did most students shop? According to a Ram-parts survey, the top five choices were Structure, Hudson's Limited Express, Champs and Contempo. The amount of money students spent on clothing per month averaged \$50-\$70 or however much their parents gave them to spend.

What did it take to get noticed? A majority of girls reported that for a guy to be noticed from across the room, he should be wearing a pair of khakis, a button down and some Doc Martins, essentially a model out of a Gap catalog. Guys felt girls should be wearing something vibrant and classy.

On the runway, models were wearing fashions from the 60's and leopard print was in, but for the student body at Holt High School, seniors T.J. Wulff and Angie DeRose summed it up best when they advised, "Be comfortable, wear what you want, and don't care what others think!"

—Stephanie Craft

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Kristina Nickole Eding,

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Love,
Mom, Dad & R.J.

COMFORTABLE LOOK

Working on a project in his Media and Society class is senior Deron Thomas in his summer outfit for Winterfest theme day. Many students reported opting for comfort when it came to decisions about what to wear.

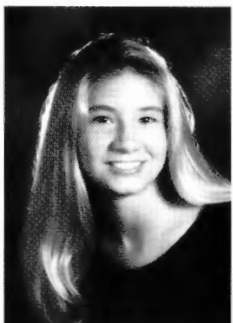


Top Ten Seniors



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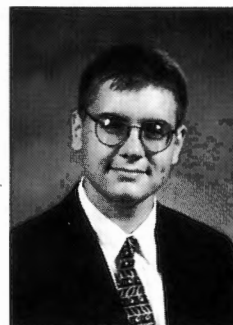
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—Jami Grant



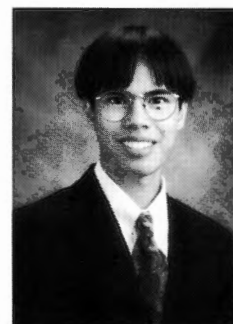
"My success in high school resulted from my staying focused on my goals."

—Jennifer Mayes



"Measure your success on the basis of your resourcefulness, ingenuity, and creative thought instead how well you play the game."

—Joey Mills



"Life is so short so always live up to your dreams. Hard work always pays off."

—Brian Ngo

BEYOND THE REALM

Brian Ngo Meets the President

On Thursday, March 6, 1997, senior Brian Ngo met President Clinton at Capitol City Airport in Lansing. Brian had submitted a 50 word essay on "The State of Education Today" to the *Lansing State Journal* and was one of ten students in the Lansing area chosen to meet the President when he toured here. Brian was able to get an up-close look at the Chief-of-Staff as he addressed the eager crowd on his lesson plan on education and cooperation. The crowd consisted of state officials and lawmakers including Governor John Engler and Mayor David Hollister. "It exceeded my expectations," said Brian, "it was a great experience to shake his hand and talk to him."

Brian and the other students arrived around 9:15 a.m. and waited in the frigid March air for their chance to greet the President. "When I arrived at the airport, the Secret Service Agents checked me out before I went in. Finally, White House personnel led us onto the runway to await the President. Despite the cold winds, we were amazed and excited to see Air Force One land."

Brian's essay described the condition of education as good but needing improvement and emphasized new teaching methods and the need to show how core curriculum is applied in the work force. He called for more educational funding and more technology including greater internet access.

After listening to Clinton's speech, Brian concluded, "I agreed with his ideas on having at least one computer in every classroom and how every class should have internet access. But I didn't agree with his idea about creating a national assessment test for students."

—Joey Warren



CONTemplation

Caught in a reflective moment is Top Ten senior Brian Ngo during a quiet moment in science class.

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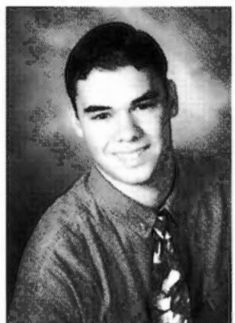
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—Sara Pohlonski



"Know what you want in life and go for it. If you are really determined, nothing can stop you from accomplishing your goals."

—Greg Powell



"Sieve the day; they go by so quickly!"

—Emily Reamer



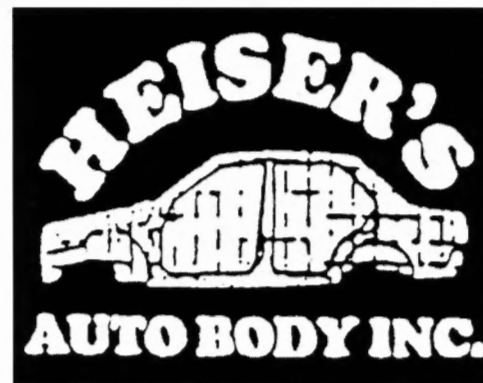
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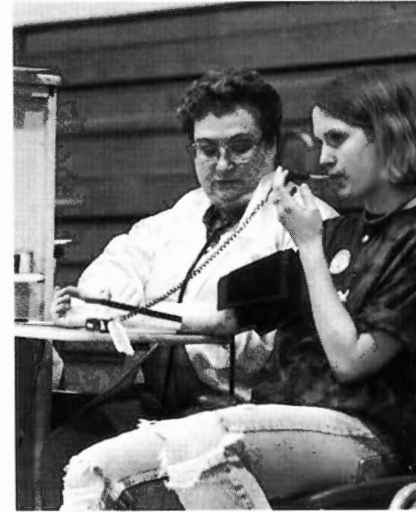
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Getting her temperature and blood pressure taken is senior Stephanie Ewald before donating blood at the NHS Blood Drive. Adviser Amy Galligan observed, "The turnout was better than last year. There were so many volunteers, we didn't have time to process them all."



COLOPHON

Redefining the Dream

Weaving the story of the year, the Rampages Staff recorded it in 10 point body copy on 100 pound gloss enamel paper and bound it in blue leatherette cover material embossed with silver hot foil applications. Inside the book, the endsheets were printed in Navy Blue ink on white stock. Two spot color treatments, Colonial Blue and Colonial Red were used in the opening signature of the book. Process color and spot color applications were used in the 8-page tip in and 16 page signature of the senior portrait section and the design was based on grids in most sections. Body copy and caption copy alternated in New Century Schoolbook and Times fonts and headlines were printed in the decorative font, Slumgullion, and standard fonts, New Century Schoolbook and Helvetica. Represented by Dave Loney, the book was printed in Shawnee Mission, Kansas by Herff Jones, Inc.

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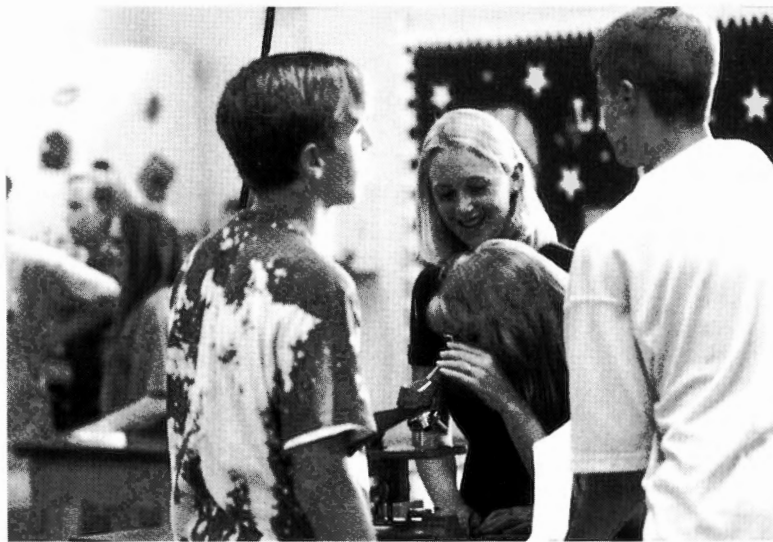
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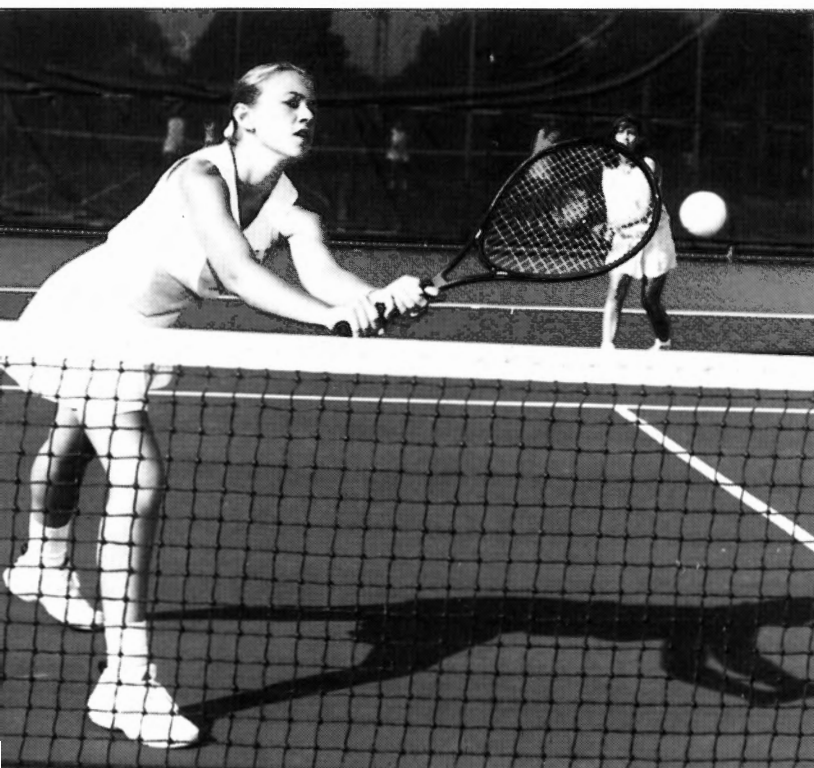


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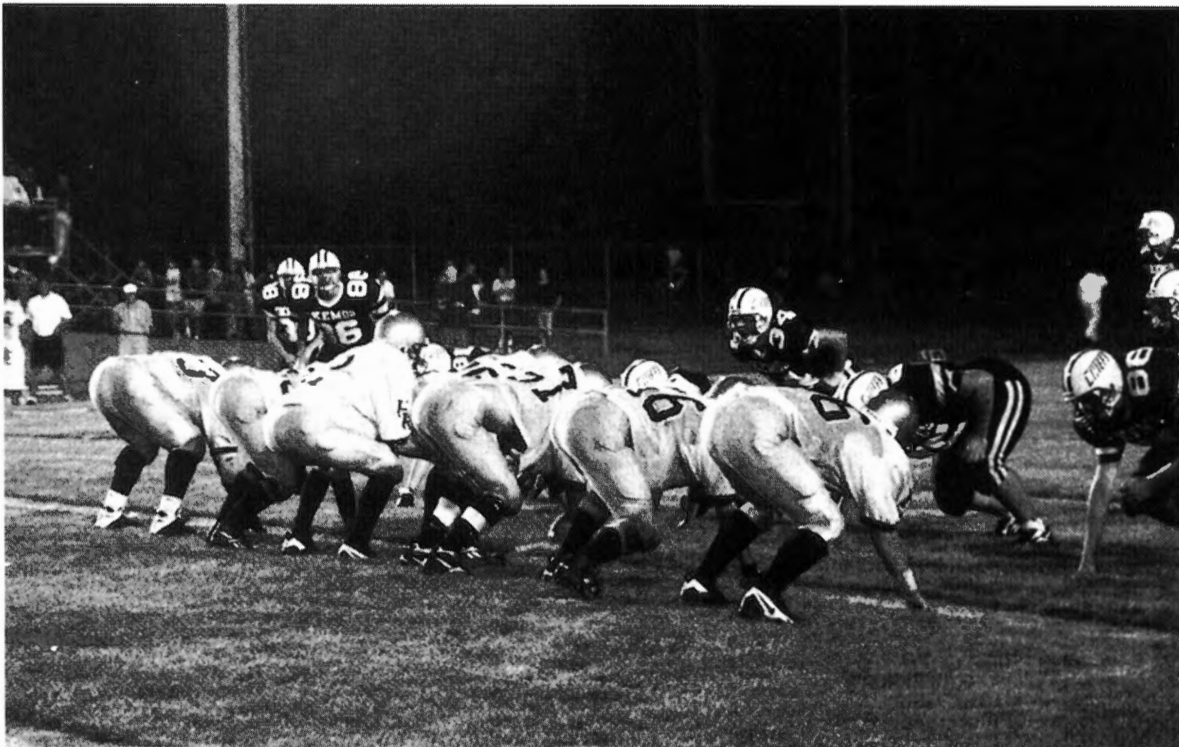
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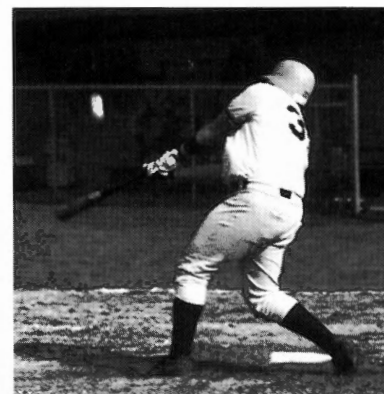


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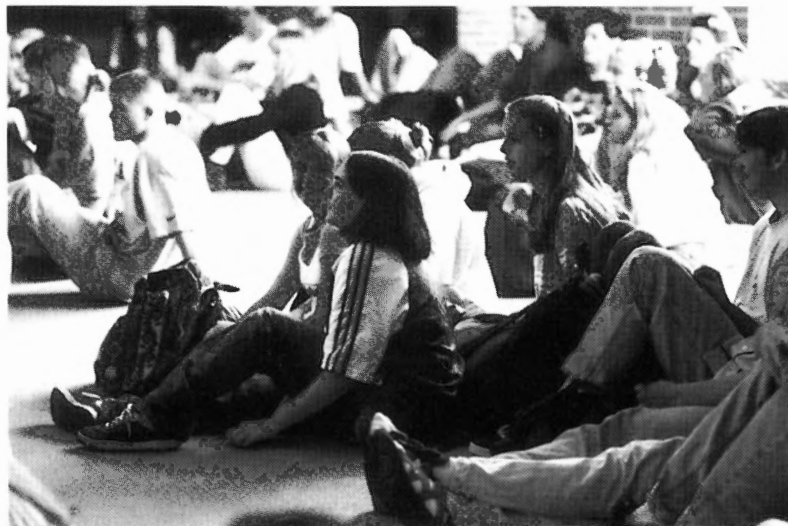
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It was a year of dreams come true for many athletic teams, clubs, and students personally. In the spring, the Girls' Golf team broke the school record and the CAC record for low team score when they shot a 171 at Chisolm Hills against Everett and Waverly. The Novice Debate team finished in the top ten in the state and the Spring Musical, *Mame*, wowed audiences with its show of talent.

The end of the year came quickly after the holiday break. A change in the mid-term schedule with the semester ending before the break, gave students and staff a chance to relax on vacation instead of studying for finals. The revised exam schedule also brought new meaning to starting a new year fresh. Student Council returned with creative ideas for Winterfest's theme days.

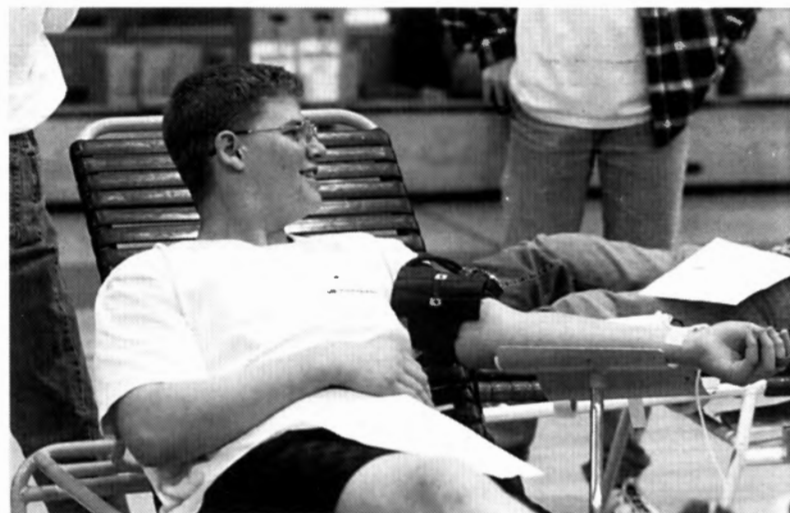
Tin Foil Day gave the Winter Spirit Week a new twist and students creative license with the metallic material.

Students in Set Design and Choir got busy on the Winter Play, *Adrift in New York*, and later, *Mame*, while the Talent Show pared down to one all-school performance. Students filled the

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Giving sophomore Josi Dunham a hug at Prom is sophomore Anna Carella as Erin TePastte looks on. The dance was held at the Lansing Center May 24, followed by Afterglow at Trippers.



CHECK IT OUT

Preparing to get his blood pressure taken while conversing with a fellow donor is junior Mark Mantyla at the NHS Blood Drive. About the experience he joked, "It was very draining."

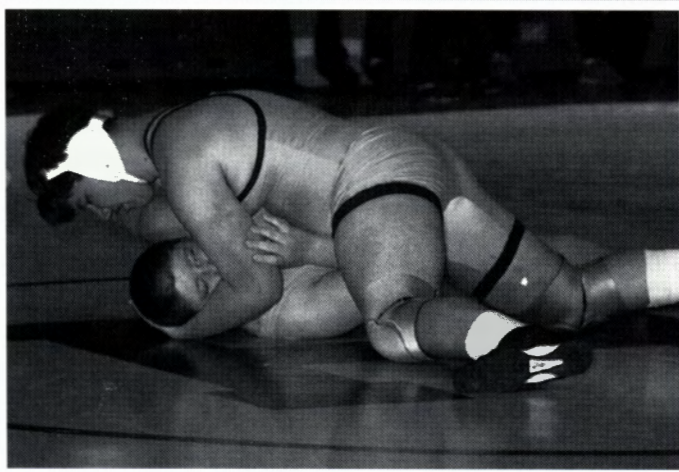
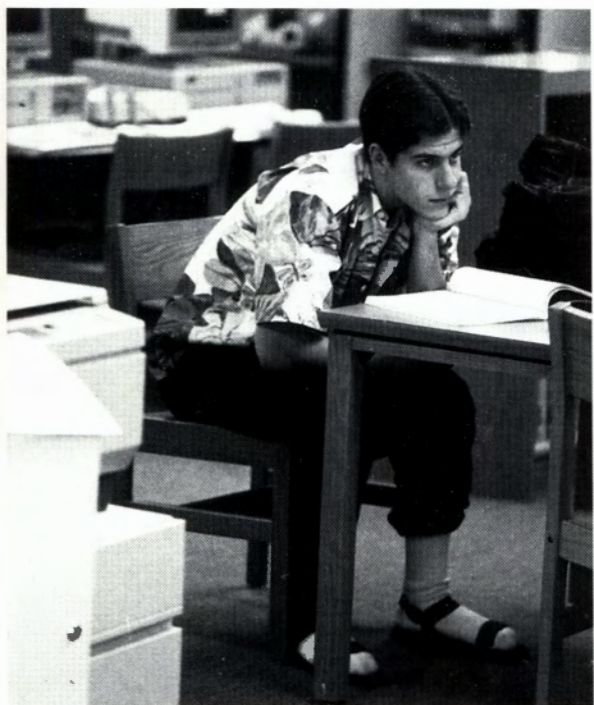
DREAM ON...

Breaking away from classwork in the Library, sophomore David Bajor dreams of a time when it was warm on Summer Day of Winterfest week.



"One of the best parts about Prom was seeing all of the seniors dressed up for one last time before they left."

— Junior
Jessica
Heeg



PINNING A DREAM Working hard to pin his Waverly opponent is senior Joshua Kolonich in a home meet. The Ram Wrestlers swept the CAC, Regionals and won a back-to-back State Championship in Battle Creek to fulfill their season dream.

"What I enjoy most about being in band are the performances and showing off our talent in front of the crowd."

—Senior Megan Mitchell



LIVING A DREAM Being interviewed by News 10 for Athlete of the Week is senior gymnast and diver Julie Nourse. She revealed, "The camera was off throughout the first interview so I had to do it over! I will miss gymnastics the most after high school and I plan to dive in college."



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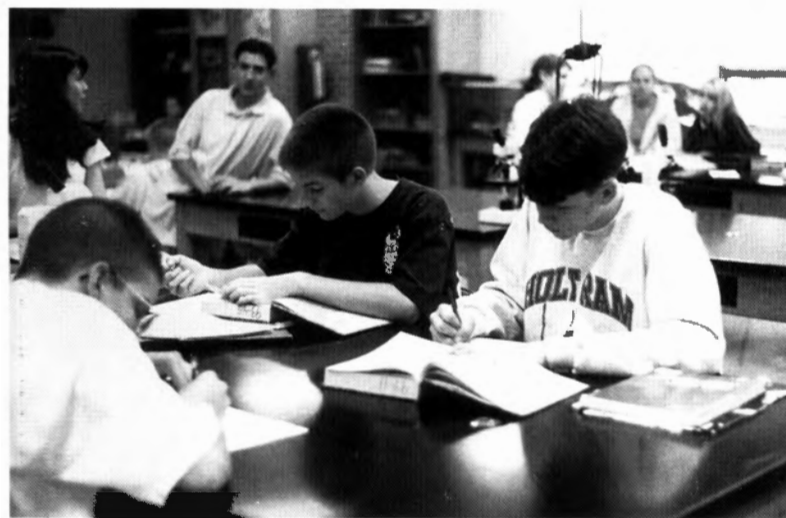
Gathering around Band Director Tim Parry before the graduation performance at the MSU Breslin Center are Casey Peterson, Lynn Martin, Allison Myers, Kristin Sheehan and members of the Concert Band.

auditorium and balcony to see their peers courageously perform. The following day SADD treated students to an assembly program on drunk driving to promote a safe prom weekend. Students were amazed as they listened to two thought-provoking stories, one told by a mother who had lost her son, the other by a man who had lost his arm in drunk-driving accidents. "The story the mother told was probably the one that got to us all," stated sophomore Liz Walker, "The assembly was a great idea and got the serious message across."

Then after financial woes were reported, the school district began belt tightening, and to alleviate the crisis, teachers voted to take a day off without pay giving students a longer Memorial Day weekend. By prom, students realized

how quickly the year was coming to an end and seniors made their early exit on May 31. Four teachers, a secretary and an Assistant Superintendent decided their service was done and redefined their workday to dreams of retirement. In redefining the dream, students and staff marched to their own drumbeat and cadence. In the end, the year held their mark.

—Jennifer Wilbur



STAND STILL!

Getting some help with fixing her graduation robe from a classmate before the Baccalaureate ceremony begins is senior Stephanie Ewald.

STUDYING HARD

Preparing for a test are sophomores Damon Lively, Brad Duling and Matt Lonsberry in Larry Burgess' Biology Class. Students took finals before break and returned to a new semester.

REDEFINING the



DREAM



MOVING ON

FAREWELL TO OLD DREAMS Enjoying a final moment of fun during graduation is senior Heather Cherniawski with her classmates during Commencement. (Top) Taking leave of their high school days are Asia Cribbis and Jessi Baker as they exit the Breslin Center with graduation robes in hand. (Middle) Members of the High School Chorus, led by Director Monty Bishop conclude the Winter Concert in a show of talent. (Bottom) They were all moments to savor before moving on and redefining their dreams.