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CROSSING THE LINE

Strutting his stuff in Art Seminar class is senior William Brown. He took advantage of Opposite Sex Day during Spirit Week to don the threads of a cheerleader complete with combat boots.



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CUTTIN' LOOSE

Unleashing their spirit at the Varsity Basketball game against Waverly, seniors Amy Doll, Jenny Vanlerberghe and Crissey Ernst wave Pom Poms amidst the fans. The trio knew no bounds in their quest to cheer on the team at the home game February 5.

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HITTING THE HIGH NOTES

Impersonating Rizzo from the movie, "Grease," senior Stacie Mills hammed it up while practicing the song, "Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee," for the Homecoming skit. Classmates Korie Kreiner, Sarah Gregg, Katrina Andrews and Bree Buckner look on. Seniors went a bit out of line to protest the restriction of certain words in the song and reached a compromise before the performance on October 16.

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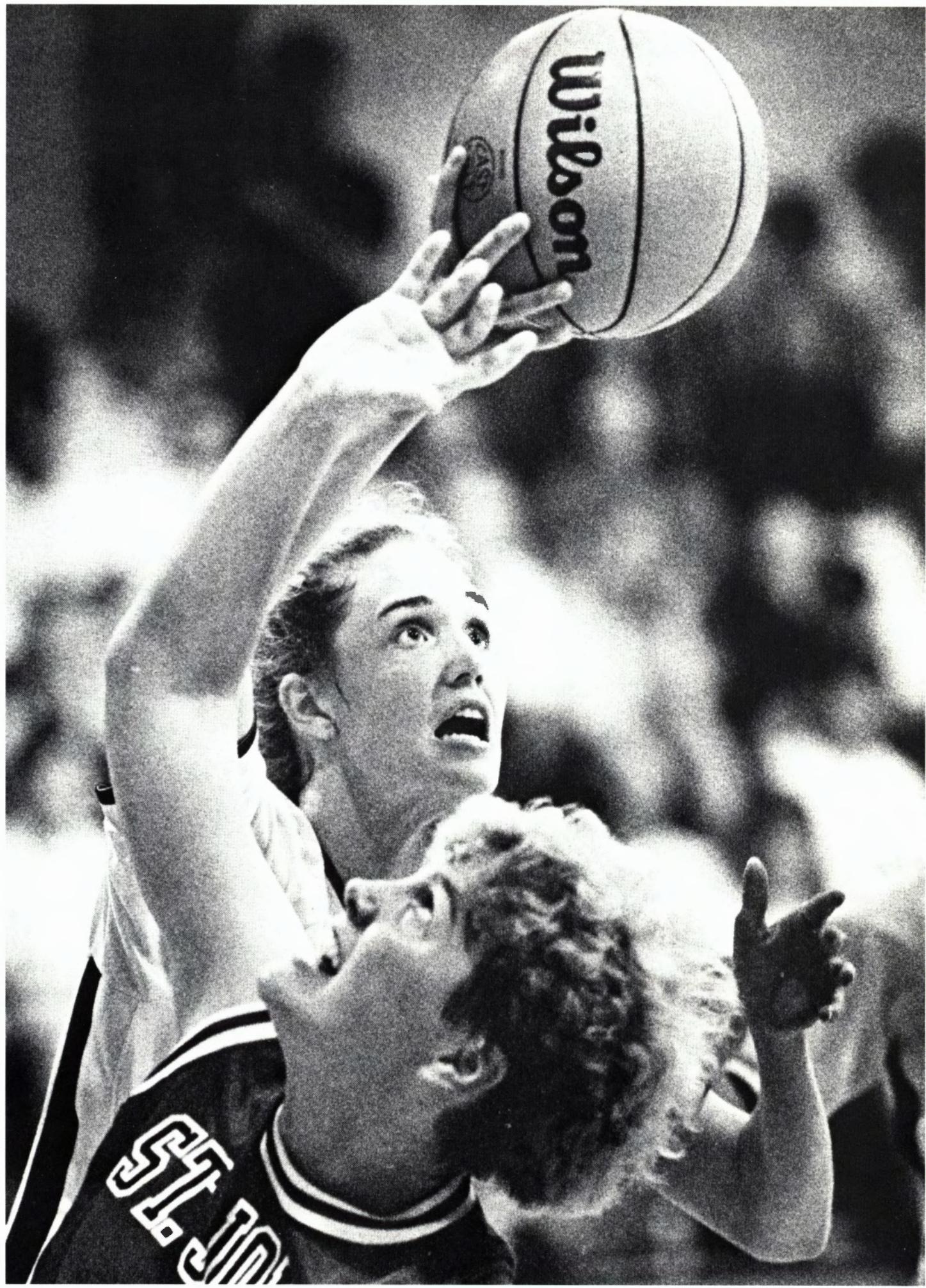


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IN LINE

Standing tall at the Winter Concert for the Star Spangled banner is senior Color Guard captain Melissa Ketchum.

Photo by Brad Groves



Photo by Colleen Jennings

GROUND BREAKING

Setting the footings and putting in plumbing for the new addition to the high school are construction workers in early October. The addition, funded by a 1992 bond issue, would house 12 new classrooms to alleviate the crowding of increased enrollment. General contracting work was completed by Christman Construction.

FIGHTING FOR THE REBOUND

Getting her hand on the ball is junior center Jenny Vanlerberghe against her St. Johns opponent during first half action at home. The juniors battled down to the line for starting positions with only three returning seniors on the Varsity Basketball team.



WALKING A FINE LINE

What had the student body been reduced to? Mere herds of cattle driven through diminished hallways and then corralled into overheated or underheated classrooms? Only two months into the school year, the whole system seemed to be out of line. The addition to the school and remodeling of the administrative offices were underway as students walked the halls in constant fear of falling debris. Teachers winced as their parking lot was displaced to the student lot and students realized exactly how far it really was from the driving range to the school. As the attendance office and counseling center slowly became one, the faculty was forced to live at close quarters. At the point of overflow, Athletic Director Del Cory and Assistant Principal Nancy Haas resorted to accommodations in a trailer.

Keeping perspective, students and staff knew the chaos would end and the payoff would come soon. After all, 12 new classrooms, new science, art and technology areas, plus new offices and a student commons weren't things to complain about.

Construction wasn't the only news. For the second time since 1989, the school was selected among 15 exemplary schools in the state. Right on the heels of the award came the article, straight out of *U.S. News and World Report* magazine. The article summarized the new and innovative teaching techniques designed to get students more involved in the learning process, which were currently being used in schools across the nation.



While teachers pondered new teaching strategies, students dealt with several unusual distractions. Excessive noise, makeshift classrooms and other odd circumstances annoyed students and faculty alike. Mr. Woolston's classes had the unfortunate experience of listening to the old shoproom machines being auctioned off to a crowd of 300 bidders during their first semester exam. Mr. Woolston recalled, "The auction started just after I had passed out the tests. About half an hour later, the students were ready to make a bid for silence."

WATERLOGGED

Mother Nature was out of line October 16 with her onslaught of rain. Determined to make the best of their windblown, soaked float at the Homecoming parade, seniors Mike Maksimowicz, Ryan Stacey and Jennifer Lester grin and bear it. "We worked non-stop on our float all week in Dawn Monroe's garage and then as we were pulling it to the high school, the wind and rain demolished it. I almost cried I was so mad," remembered Jenny.





DESIGNED TO CREATE DRAMA

Just around the corner, the "Warehouse Room," named for the towers of boxes that filled half of the space, had acquired more than just cartons and students as inhabitants. "I guess some birds got in when all the boxes were moved and now they're living in a vent in the room. When they start chirping, it seems like everybody joins in and it drives teacher, Leo Allaire nuts. It seems more like a barn now than a classroom!" explained junior Carl Packer.

Aside from the construction, some students found recognition while stepping over the line. The Girls' Swim team not only took the CAC title, but also gave long-time arch rival East Lansing the boot. Crossing over the line into unfamiliar territory, the Wrestling team lost the CAC championship to Waverly breaking a four year title streak.

Overcoming yet another prohibition of no bands in the Talent Show, students staged a show of musical ability with vocal duets, a comeback of Elton John hits by piano man, Dustin Gould and a few laughs with Jason Hamelin's Jew's harp.

So maybe things got a little out of line for a while, but it was all sort of planned that way. Sometimes you had to go out of your way to get to where you wanted to be. And that's exactly what we did.

OUT OF PLACE

Finding out how her daughter spends her day is Kelly Hayes' mother in Chemistry class on Parent Exchange Day. Junior Lee McCray shares a laugh with parents who surround him.





Photo by Brad Groves

IN LINE SPIRIT

Making a dramatic appeal for team support during the Varsity Football game against Eastern are members of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad led by Michelle Zink. Their effort paid off with a 26-14 win over the Quakers.

OUT OF LINE OLYMPIADS

Prepping for their event, "Name that Organism," for regional competition are senior Science Olympiads Jerrod Wilkins and Kelly Howe. The team had a number of unique mascots including a plum floating in formaldehyde , a holy 'scrapula,' not to mention lab coats for Josh Olmstead and Brandon Oaks. However, their awards were right in line with previous year's as they placed first in Regionals and were hopeful of a top finish at States.





TIME TO GET PUMPED

The Varsity Football team energize themselves with a little pre-game hype. Senior lineman, Chris Hadley remembered, "Standing in the team huddle meant a lot to me. This was the last time I would ever play with these guys. I wish them all the luck in the world."

ICE STORM
Scene in Brad Groves back-yard.

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Living Without Boundaries

Students explore life on the edge and beyond

Limits, fringes, barriers...On the edge of experience students overcame restrictions. In a rebellious attempt to live without boundaries, seniors tried to persuade Assistant Principal Brian Templin to lift the ban on suggestive words in the senior skit theme song from *Grease*, "Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee." A convoy of defiant protesters paraded on the principal's lawn in a display of dissension. They were met by conspirator Mrs. Templin who supplied the toilet paper that left the mark of their wrath and won them an eventual compromise.

Stepping into untouched territory, senior Bob McPhee strutted his school spirit at the Varsity Basketball game against Waverly. He proudly ran the sidelines, displaying a flag above his head, only to fall into the unknown ranks of the opposing Warrior crowd.

If students weren't overstepping boundaries, they had cases of mistaken identities as did junior William Brown during Spirit Week when he donned a cheerleading uniform and 'combat' boots for Opposite Sex Day. Even the annual Powder Puff game took on a new twist. A scrimmage game preceded the traditional junior-senior competition and the senior girls' offensive line dominated to pull off a victory.

Things didn't always proceed according to plan and students often took many detours that put them on the edge as they explored the boundaries of student life.



JAZZY SANTAS
Performing in the Christmas Concert are Band members Chuck Dittenber and Jeremy Vermeer.

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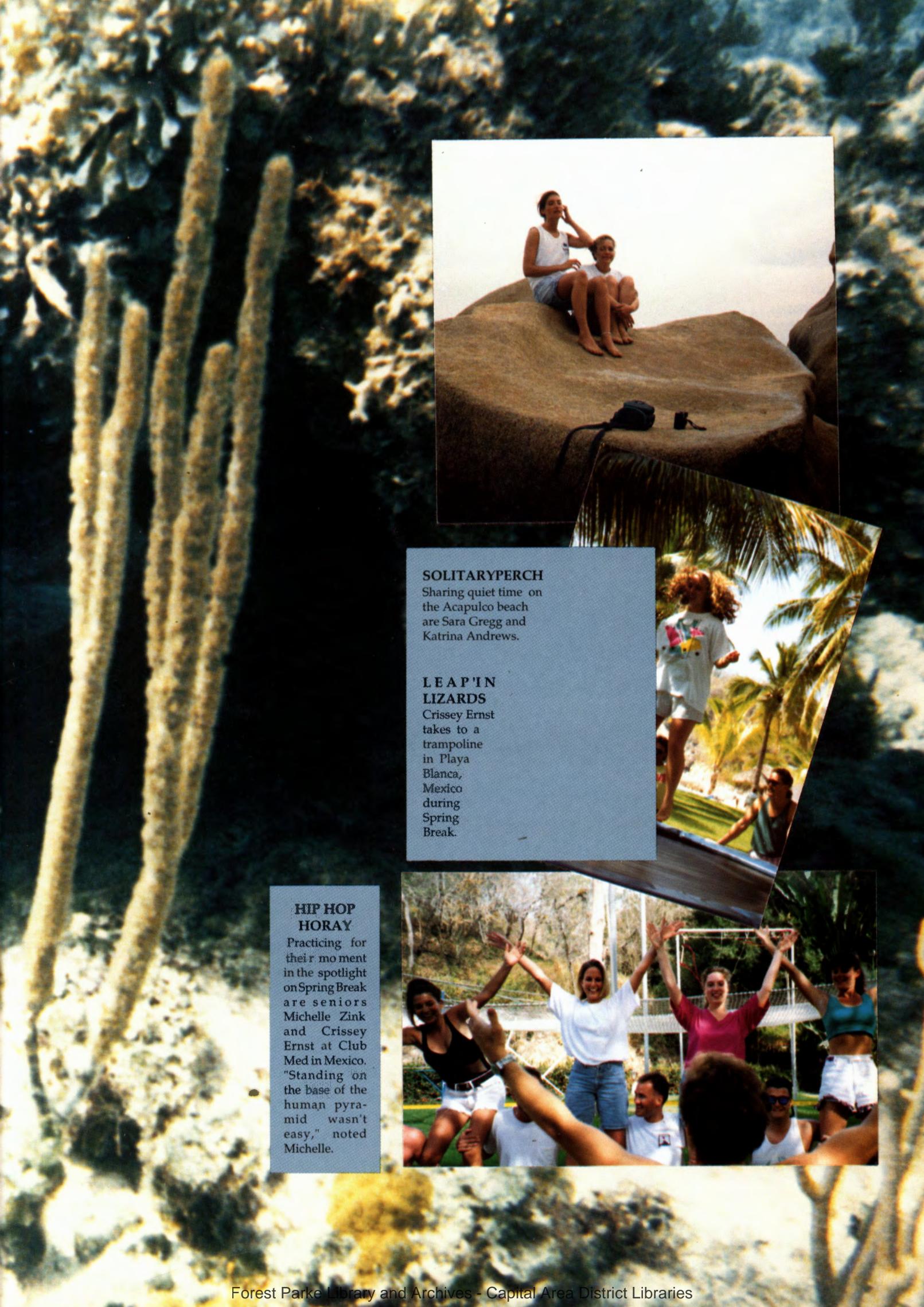


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CATCH THE RAYS

Enjoying the Acapulco sun on their Spring Break get-away are seniors Stacie Mills, Nick Rashid, and Angie Kenney. Twenty seniors took the trip to the Mexican resort for an Easter week of relaxing, shopping and sightseeing.





SOLITARY PERCH

Sharing quiet time on the Acapulco beach are Sara Gregg and Katrina Andrews.

LEAPIN' LIZARDS

Crissey Ernst takes to a trampoline in Playa Blanca, Mexico during Spring Break.



HIP HOP HORAY

Practicing for their moment in the spotlight on Spring Break are seniors Michelle Zink and Crissey Ernst at Club Med in Mexico. "Standing on the base of the human pyramid wasn't easy," noted Michelle.





No Chance

Seniors Stacie "Checkmate" Mills and Dave "How'd you do that?" Bruining sit in trances in Mr. Foy's Honors Chemistry II class after a big lecture on Lewis Structures and complex ions. The class ended before the winner was chosen, but Stacie's reputation lead one to a likely decision.



Photo by Julie Fulger

Supporting the Play

Slowing down behind freshman Dana Jackson as he fights the 'masked man' from Mason for the ball is freshman Zach Wahl. Though this match ended in a loss, the two underclassmen let out all the stops and helped pull the best record the JV Soccer team has ever had.

Search No Further

"We were all so anxious to get everything done before the deadline. We wanted the decoration to be perfect in the time allowed."

--Senior Amy Doll
Amy and Shelley Granger work on Homecoming hall decorations October 15.



Photo by Brad Groves

"I was trying not to think because if I did, I would mess up. That's rule number one. Actually I wanted the Varsity Basketball game to be over because I like to play my own stuff!"

--Senior Rick Wyble
Pep Band
Performance



ON THE EDGE

Homework, homework and more homework! Whether it was a school night or not, frustrated students threw down the books to enjoy some free time and get away from it all. "In my spare time, I like to talk on the phone, listen to some music and sometimes play volleyball or basketball with my friends," revealed junior, Monica Flisnik. Others enjoyed more quiet times reading poetry, taking a walk or just spending time with a boyfriend or girlfriend. Senior Melissa Cribley commented, "I like to do a lot of running and reading. Sometimes I like to catch a movie."

After hours, school provided fun opportunities with clubs and activities. Senior Amber Kenny explained, "In the Concerned Persons Club, we talk and discuss problems that we have. You realize that you're not the only one who has certain problems. There are others who do too that you wouldn't ever guess." Others joined clubs for the entertaining times. "The German club is a lot of fun. We speak German and eat German food at the meetings. Once we even tried to Polka," explained sophomore Wendy Buxton.

Others were surprised to fun. "I entered an art competition and received a free trip to Washington D.C. It was a really exciting experience," noted junior Sarah Devlin. "My band went to see the Phantom of the Opera in Toronto. It was the best time!"

However most students real getaway. Many played spendtime at my friends' houses in Lansing," recalled senior Carrie explained, "I like to go to parties to meet new people." But, students revealed, taking a boyfriend or girlfriend to a party or dance club with friends wasn't such a good idea. "I would not go to a club like Sparty's with a date because you're in a very social environment where meeting people is almost a must. If a guy sees you with another guy, they will be less apt to introduce themselves and he may be a prospect waiting to happen," commented junior Kelly Larsen. Whatever choices students made, one thing was sure, they didn't have to search any further when the good times rolled around.



Photo by Colleen Jennings

Sharing an evening with friends are seniors Denise Ortiz, Tywanda Bowles and Sarah Brower at the Multicultural Club Pot Luck Dinner in April. "The dinner gave me a chance to relax, though the 'Game of Life' we played afterward was stressful," observed Denise.

find that class projects created through school and won. I ton D.C. paid by the government and a good time," Nicole Saxton also recalled, "The of the Opera in Toronto. It was

counted on weekends for the sports or hung out. "I usually and at Pinball Pete's in East Trover. Senior Angie Smith and clubs with my friends to



Kick Out of Life
Varsity and JV Cheerleaders pump up the crowd with high kicks and spirited yells at the Homecoming Game on October 16.

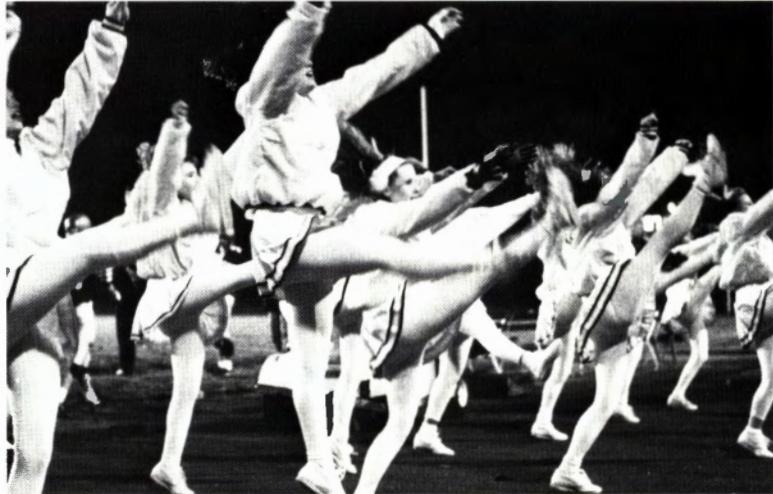


Photo by Brad Groves

Jet Set
On Spring Break in Key West, Florida, Heather Stubig waits her turn to put away her jet ski after a long ride in the Atlantic Ocean with boyfriend Ryan Travis. "Jet Skiing was a blast! Ryan and I had so much fun. It was nice to take a break from the heat and get cooled off," remembered Heather.



Unleash Your Soul

"I was an 'animal' as I put on the padding and gripped the ball in my hand. I strode ahead of the pack and went for the gold."
--Senior Amy Ramsey leads seniors to victory in the November Powder Puff Football Game



Photo by Brad Groves

As the days got longer and the nights got shorter, it was apparent to students that summertime was on its way. But the year wasn't without its highlights—those times that brought back memories and perhaps, a few laughs. For a few seniors, that highlight was the Powder Puff game. Senior Erinn Sullivan recalled, "The whole senior team terrorized the 'youngsters' with their crushing blows and quickness." Erinn wasn't the only one who enjoyed the annual bout against inexperienced underclassmen. Senior Angie Luce added, "Dragging Christy Mcfarland through the mud was the funniest part of the game." There was, however, a different view from sophomore coaches, Joey Vartanian and Jason Buckner, as they explained, "We knew our girls had potential, yet we were still worried because we knew what we were up against. We made a mistake and took a pre-game peek at the senior girls and it was scary. They looked more intimidating than our Varsity Football team. But, we at least gained some experience."

Powder Puff wasn't the only fight over. At Homecoming, souls dancing to the sounds of vealed, "I really loved the way the sophomores and juniors in spent a lot of time on it."

For others, Spring year. Sophomore Sarah Martin with Maureen Gregg to visit was nice to get a break from who went to Mexico with a "Acapulco must have been where I lived in my first life because I felt so at home. We were out dancing every night and it seemed like there weren't enough hours in the day to do everything"

But some people weren't as fortunate. They were forced to make the best of staying in close proximity of Lansing. Junior Josh Hogarth coped in a practical way with being alone, "I put all of my thoughts and time into studying and making up work that I got behind on. I really didn't get the chance to party, but it felt good to get caught up." Whatever the occasion, students tried to experience life in a new way and in the process, unleash their souls.



Photo by Brad Groves

High on Homecoming are Katie Vartanian and Peter Craig as they are crowned prince and princess by 1992 Homecoming King and Queen Tony Cruz and Crystal Chappell on October 16.

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Break was the highlight of the explained, "I went to New York her sisters and it was a ball. It school." Senior Angie Bailey group of 20 friends explained,

"I wanted to get the crowds spirit up and show mine as well. This was the best way I could think of."

--Junior Rob Hernandez at a Varsity Basketball game during a time out.

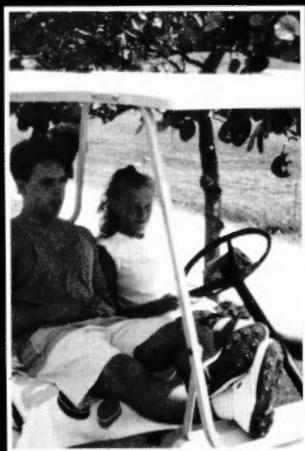
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ON THE EDGE

"Key West was so hip, it really strengthened our relationship. We also had a great time kicking back playing golf."

--Junior Ryan Travis
Ryan and Heather Stubig wait to tee off during Spring Break in Florida.



"Jenni and I have been friends since the beginning of time. We decided to dress up for Opposite Sex Day, so we went to Jenni's Grandpa's house to get some cool deer hunting gear to wear."

--Senior
Katie Vartanian
Spirit Week



No Man's Land

Situations which binded one's moral fibers and then ripped them apart again, they weren't common place, and they were taken to heart by most everyone. Ranging from friendships and relationships to the gray zones of moral life, core issues were a mainstay of personal conflict. "I guess the toughest situation for me personally would be if my locker partner was a drug user," admitted junior Laura Bonner. "If it came to a point where I couldn't handle it, I would do whatever it would take to keep myself from getting in trouble."

Friends weren't the only people to cause problems. Junior Jason Brisboe commented, "The worst situation I could imagine is if my best friend's girlfriend asked me out. First of all, I would have to say, 'no' because no matter who she is, no one is worth losing my best friend to. Then I'd tell my friend about it so he knew what was

Parties also led to uncomfortable situations. Such was the case with senior Josh it's to have fun and spend time some things I wouldn't normally do, to let yourself go. They know when to stop before they go too far. I learned that one the hard way." Some parties caused some frustrating things you have a girlfriend and she's some of the other girls think they have a girlfriend, they when I ignore them and move on to someone whom I feel comfortable with."



Just hanging out, juniors Jon Sonnenberg and Sherah Huston congregate for a little talk. A common past-time of students was discussing life during passing time. "It was nice to have a close friend like Sherah to talk to about everyday problems," admitted Jon.

Another major issue in the gray zone was sexual harassment. Junior Ginny Walker commented, "If some guy I liked touched me in a place I thought was inappropriate, I'd get upset with him because I feel it's not right. If this problem continued, I'd talk to my parents and go to the school staff about it." From moral issues to both friendly and love struck relationships, school was not only a place to learn the facts, but experiences there provided a direct link to maturity and making real-life decisions.

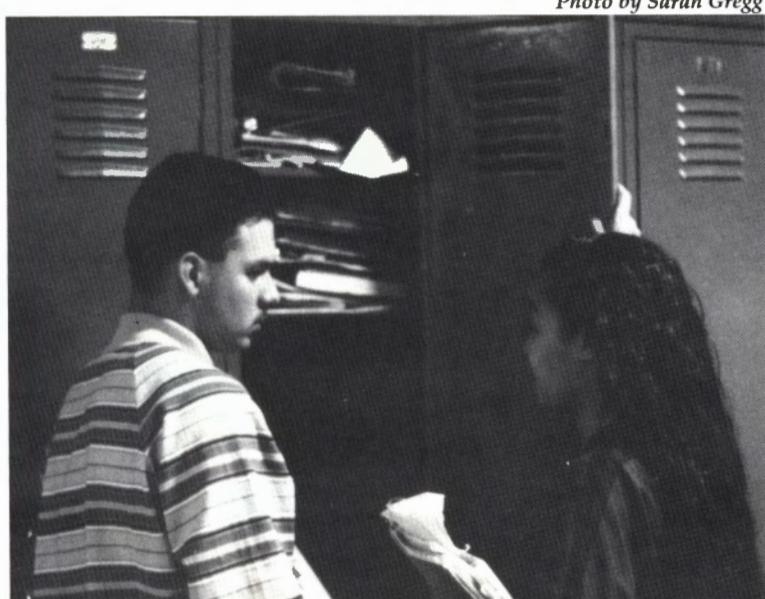
--Ken Seight



Stop!

Posing as members of the opposite sex, for the aptly named day during Spirit Week, juniors Hillary Dahlgren, Kelly Anderson, and Teya Shimnoski are caught by the lens between classes. "I've always wanted to lead the wanna-be's in the cubscout direction," jokingly remarked Hillary.

Photo by Sarah Gregg



Love Lasts

Pausing for a moment between classes, seniors Ramon Ruiz and Brookie Adams spend time together. The two dated exclusively throughout the year. "It's been great having Ramon here my senior year. With our conflicting schedules we didn't see each other very often outside of school. So seeing each other at school gave us a little more time together," explained Brookie.

"When I first started my job here, I pulled Darla Thornton aside and suggested she show me her hall pass because students are not allowed in the halls without permission from a teacher. That's when she explained to me that she was a teacher!" --Security

Guard Fred Simms Talking to Pam Clark outside the cafeteria.



"Being President of French Club does have its advantages, like the chair members doing the work! Why do something today that you can put off until tomorrow. Naps are a necessity during your senior year!"

--Senior Matt Miller
Catches a few winks
in French 4 class.

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Photo by Nikki Miller

Just Human Nature

As the rush of students in the hallways grew thin, the famous voice of Miss Juanita Grew bellowed, "30 seconds." A few unconcerned students slowly ambled through the halls waiting for the monitors to track them down before class. Senior Jason Hamelin jokingly commented, "Mrs. Baisel is the one to watch for! I have recurring nightmares of seeing myself turned over to Mrs. Milbourn because of too many unexcused tardies and I wake up in a cold sweat." It was just human nature for students to have such thoughts and fears.

It wasn't just the tardies that got students into trouble. Procrastination also played a big role in the decline of student's work habits. For some reason, the average student thought that most homework could wait until the last possible minute, that is, if it got done at all. Many students just didn't worry too much. Senior Brian Bareis was one of them. He visualized how his senior year had changed his life as he explained, driving a Mack truck. I just did and didn't listen to anyone."

Many teachers found clues in their attitudes towards Brown recalled, "When the home and hoped it would done. I ended up thinking about never know what it is and there just grab hold and dig in." Senior Matt Miller used another analogy. "The word that school was 'Withey.' She's like a learn to appreciate her."

Many students made the homework only to end up with twice as much the next day. Senior Angie Smith stated, "I'm just baffled about how I get the grades I do. I think I'm skipping just one assignment, but in the end I guess they add up. I just don't take it too seriously, as long as I graduate." By spring, students had figured out that it was just human nature to let the homework wait a day, a week or even most of the year. And they didn't allow the heartbeat to quicken just to arrive to class on time. Many students took each day at ease and let life amble on by.



Photo by Sarah Gregg

Ready for a snooze, sophomore Doug Craft waits in the attendance office for both a secretary and a place to nap. "After first hour, I get out of class so I don't have to do any work. Rather than sleeping in class, I go to the attendance office instead," noted Doug.

"Life was a highway and I was everything the way I wanted

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--Stacie Mills





Work of Art

Showing off their almost completed project for Constructions class are seniors Amy Ward and Brandon Miller. The papier mache sphere became the Earth for a group sculpture project. Art classes were a popular way to schedule in a change of pace in the school day.

Photo by Brad Groves



5000 to the Power of X₂. Trouble is brewing as seniors Katie Vartanian, Mike Maksimowicz, Tim Rampe, Dave Bruining and Matt Anderson determine the right answer in Mr. Marty Schnepp's fourth hour Calculus class.



Photo by Katie Roessler

No Chance

As SADD performers staged a mock accident, senior Dawn Monroe and junior Mike Cool consider their own mortality. The accident took place during an assembly on May 28.



Photo by Katie Roessler

Dead or Alive?

After receiving CPR, junior Kevin Brooks was lifted onto a stretcher by Ingham County paramedics and fire fighters. The accident re-enactment was staged by SADD on May 28 at Troost Field. It was part of a drinking and driving awareness campaign for end of year activities such as prom and graduation.



No Crossing The Line

"I would like to be able to say none of my friends drink, but I would probably be wrong," stated junior Rick Cole. Today, nine out of ten high school students have tried alcohol. Out of those, 60% are regular users. The result is 3,500 car accidents involving teenagers concluded a survey by Editorial Research Reports. Nationally, 250,000 alcohol-related car accidents occur each year according to the 1992 edition of "What Young Adults Should Know about Alcohol and Driving." In 1991, 10 alcohol-related fatalities occurred in Ingham County alone. Students Against Driving Drunk hoped to help prevent more injuries and fatalities by staging an accident re-enactment May 28, as part of an awareness campaign during the end of year celebrations of prom and graduation. The re-enactment concluded a week long round of activities including a hand-painting pledge drive and a 'Grim Reaper Day' to dramatize the dangers.

Students were taking other steps, as well, to reduce the damages of drinking and driving. "I discourage my friends by giving them my own family facts about drinking the worst things a person can do," commented Christa Pennell. "I think that drinking and driving can have a lot more fun if you remember it the next day."

One alternative was the design of a group of friends and they want to get to our destination safely. I'm more than happy to drive someone else for the sake of one



Doing the 'Bird Dance' at Prom are seniors Dawn May and Christy McFarland. The gala event was held at the Lansing Center on May 29. The end-of-year celebrations were targeted for the drinking and driving awareness campaign.

ing them my opinions and my and driving. It is one of the because it puts their life in danger who is driving on the road," Junior Lynne Gifford added, "I is stupid and unnecessary. You don't drink. Plus, you'll be able

ignated driver. "If I'm with a to drink, I won't so that we can Drinking is no big deal to me. It's not worth killing myself or night," revealed Kelly Larsen.

Groups like SADD worked for safer alternatives. Jason Hamelin, a member of the group concluded, "I think that SADD benefits students very much, because it provides insight on the seriousness of drinking and driving." On a realistic note, SADD President Ed Murray admitted, "I think there is still some stigma attached to being a member of SADD, but I feel that perhaps the club awareness activities do cause students to, at least, think about the dangers, whether they admit it or not."

--Allen Brockwell

"I thought the accident re-enactment would be interesting and get the point across better than showing a movie or something else."
--Junior Kevin Brooks
Accident Re-enactment Victim

Watching the drunk driving accident re-enactment staged by SADD are Lisa Curtis and Angie Luce.

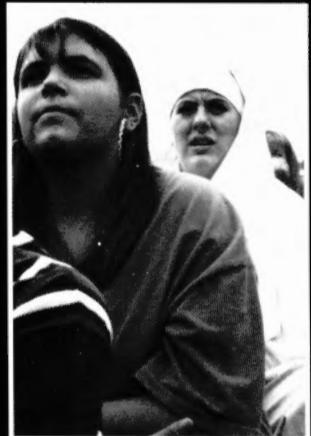


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Making a pledge by putting his hand painting on the senior cafeteria wall is senior Mike Maksimowicz. Mike was one of many students who participated in the end-of-year SADD awareness campaign.



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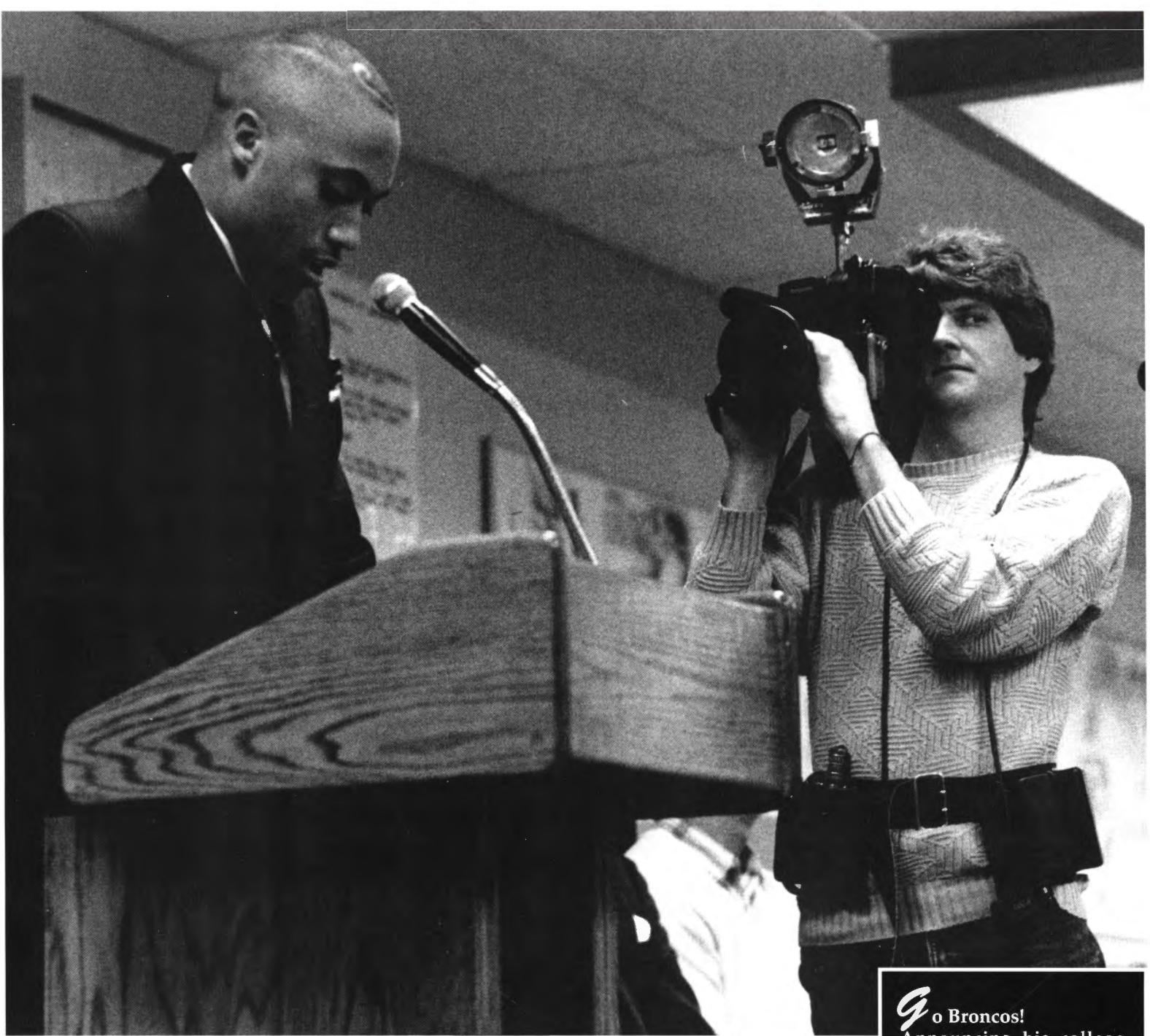


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Watching intently

Looking through possible jackpot stocks are seniors Del Teigler, Kelly Osborn and Yung Tek Mitchell. Students enjoyed getting a taste of the stock market with the project in Consumer Economics class. "Even though our group didn't place real high in the stock game, we had fun trying!" admitted Del.



Photo by Julie Fulger

Go Broncos!

Announcing his college choice after two years of intensive recruiting is senior pointguard Jason Black. The Varsity Basketball player announced his decision in a press conference in the High School Library in front of family and friends. "I'm majoring in Business and Western Michigan has one of the best business colleges in the country. I chose Western because I got a five year, full ride scholarship, and I got along well with the coaches and players. I also felt comfortable and at home there, and all my family can watch me play," noted Jason.



Invisible Barriers

As you watched mom ironing the graduation gown with tears streaming down her face, you realized that your high school years were coming to an end and it was time to start pondering what lay ahead. There were decisions to be made, bills to pay, and barriers to overcome.

There were people with ambitious goals for their future and some anxieties. Senior Jason Hamelin stated, "While I would like to be a doctor, I have to admit, I have the fear of wearing a sign that says, 'will work for food,' as my future.

There were also personal issues that posed barriers. Senior Jolene Mckay had a line that she would never cross. "I live by my own standards, not others. I know that I wouldn't be myself if I changed to what others wanted me to be. My life is my own and I'm going to make the most out of it."

There were some students, however, who had little regard for rules. Senior Pat Bemrose explained, "I have no rules except; do not steal, do not worship false Gods, and be myself. Other than that, everything else is up for

On the other hand, there were For everyone except the class of mandatory. But some seniors did Miller explained, "My biggest thought of having to pass Con- graduate. It haunted me!"

There were also more ex- lege that were easy to relate to. "My biggest fear is that I won't up having to live on Ramen I'm still trying to ignore the fact laundry. That thought is fright-



Photo by Sarah Gregg

Iwant you! Consumer Economics teacher Guil Northrup indicates to a student his turn in class. He revealed, "Consumer Economics is rarely preferred subject matter. It is fairly fast paced, but only the better students come in for help. It just isn't a high priority."

However, for other students, there were strange questions that they had speculated about. They looked for answers that had perplexed them for some time. Senior Brad Groves wondered, "Exactly how much money really was in the French Club fund?" And the questions that plagued senior Nick Rashid were, "Whose bright idea was it for the teachers to take over the student parking lot?, and How does wearing a hat possibly provoke gang violence?" These questions would most likely remain unanswered, but they posed some interesting discussion during the year as barriers for students to contend with. --Stacie Mills

"I was looking for an inspiration in Drawing class. We were arranging a still-life of things we liked to draw. I filled my mask with water to see if it could be done. It was a fun, yet wet, experience."

--Jason Hamelin
creating a little class diversion.

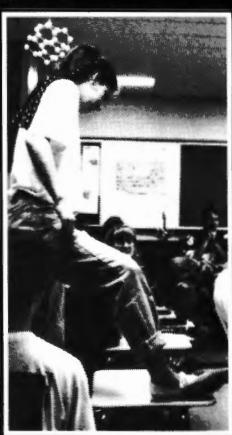


Photo by Dorothy Anderson

"Saddle shoes are the 'kickenest!' I couldn't afford them with inflation the way it is, so I colored them."

--Senior Stacie Mills
on a break in Honors Chemistry class during Spirit Week.

Photo by Julie Fulger



ON THE EDGE

Soaring above the clouds, seniors Michelle Zink and Crissey Ernst cruise first class watching TV. They got the preferential treatment because of a delayed flight to Spring Break destination, Club Med, in Mexico.



"Homecoming was great! It was much different than what we do in Finland."

--Exchange Student
Ville Korpela
*at the senior
float building
site during
Spirit Week.*

Photo by Dawn Monroe



Untouched Territory

"Where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came, you wanna be where you can see, that troubles are all the same, you wanna go where everyone knows your name..." The theme song to the hit television show, "Cheers," represented a feeling of togetherness and comfort. Part of American society wanted to be as one, or a melting pot, but there were many people who wanted to retain their differences. Afterall, the world, perhaps, would always be revealed by its differences, no matter how hard people tried to assimilate.

For some, retaining this diversity has been difficult. "I feel that life for Native Americans has gotten more stressful through the years. It's harder to maintain a 'normal' life in the world today and still follow our peoples' traditional ways. But, the members of my parent's reservation have taught me the old ways of my people, how to be respectful," remarked member of the Ojibwa tribe and forming Indian dances at talent

Some students learned about to other countries on vacation. Mexico on Spring Break, I real-not the same everywhere. There streets and things weren't very ture shock to me," remembered

Sophomore Nikki Hoagland language when she traveled to the end of her freshman year. It was difficult ordering food in taurant, they cut up the food right in front of you, and when a shrimp head came flying at me, I ducked and hit my head on the table. I will never forget my experience there," noted Nikki.

Students also kept the doors open for the seven foreign exchange students who attended the high school during the year. With them, they brought the cultures of Finland, Spain, Italy, and Croatia to share. In the process, many students learned not to fear untouched territory, to open their minds and say "cheers" to multi-culturalism.

--Sarah Gregg



On a day off from playing in soccer tournaments, senior Camron Gnass and his teammates went shopping and sightseeing in London. "The coolest thing about London is how all the buildings are the same height and they wind down the roads in curves. There is no such thing as a square block there."

along with our language and sophomore Jamie Roy, who is a keeps her culture alive by per-shows and ethnic fairs.

different lifestyles by traveling "When I went to Acapulco, ized that living conditions are were children begging in the sanitary. It was sad and a cul-senior Katrina Andrews. experienced not knowing the China with her grandparents at "China was fun and educational. restaurants though. At one res-



Touch of Mexico

Shopping and bargaining with the vendors, seniors Sarah Gregg and Katrina Andrews absorb a little Acapulco culture at an open air market. The pair traveled to Mexico with a group of 25 students for Spring Break.

Photo by Stacie Mills



Ethnic Flair

Performing an Ojibwa tribal dance at the district Ethnic Fair are Becky and Jamie Roy. The fair featured different ethnic food and booths displaying cultural items. Jamie noted, "My sister Becky and I are really into our culture and we take it very seriously. When I dance this dance, I am thinking about when our land was taken away. If our language were to go, I feel our culture will surely die."

Take the Risk

"I think that individuality is a matter of personality. In a way, people dress the way they act. I'd like to think I have a nice personality even though I dress a little differently."

--Junior
Joddi Commins



Photo by Colleen Jennings

"As far as individuality goes, I think it's important that people do something new or different every now and then to keep everyone guessing."

--Senior Nikki Felton
on Dress Up Day during
Spirit Week.

ON THE EDGE



Out of the mold and into the unknown. Almost daily, students found themselves questioning what separated an individual from the mainstream. The pressure of what to wear, how to act, what to do or how to do it could define the line between nonconformist and the 'average Joe.' Some students found that being an individual was related to personality, while others found it could also be a matter of style. "Some people dress in name brand clothes to fit in while others dress differently because they don't want to be like everybody else," explained junior Teresa Rodgers.

Between the ins and outs of style, there were many paths to be taken. The decision of which path to follow usually involved some risk. Senior Kari Heiler posed some guidelines. "If you take a risk that is going to make you a stronger person, this is a good one to take. The only time it is not good is when you hurt yourself or for individuality should not be

Other students debated riskability, there are no risks to be those who cannot handle it or friends," explained senior Yanay could involve some sacrifice, maybe money, other times a being myself risky. Everyone able being themselves," added

For many students, individuality was considered fashionable. Senior Crissey Ernst commented. For example, khaki pants Others were adaptable. Junior

fashionable is anything that looks good and makes a person feel good about themselves."

Along with fashion came fads. Among the 'ins' were fringed jeans, flannels, work boots, cut-offs leather sandals, and the natural look. But then there were those who beat their own fashion track. Junior Mary Mutty revealed, "I do just the opposite. If tight is in, I wear baggy. Dare to be different!" Senior Ken Sleight philosophised, "I have my own style and if fads fall into it, then that's alright." Junior Janie Allen had one final observation that found little dispute. "One can never lose with jeans. No matter what you do with them, they're always in."

--*Erinn Sullivan, Kelly Larsen*



Sun mask was the remedy for spending the day getting burnt at the beach in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Spring Break. Senior Yanay Prebal applies an aloe vera mask and gains a different look momentarily.

individuality was often reflected in able, and the views were many. mented, "I like what's comfortable, and a nice sweater do it for me." senior Shelby White.

taking. "Concerning individuality. You are who you are, and will not accept you, aren't your Prebal. But being true to oneself. Sometimes it was a friendship, little integrity. "I don't consider should feel perfectly comfortable."

Christa Pennell stated, "Fashion



Strike a Pose

Having a little fun for the camera with their individual expressions are senior Holly Runions, juniors Janet Maki, Betsy Booren and sophomore Heather Milligan. The girls waited for their English class at the MSU Student Union after seeing "Comedy of Errors."

Photo by Colleen Jennings



Elegant Threads

Sporting shorts and the ever-ready hat, senior Chris Hadley creates a different interpretation of formal wear for the Prom while Amber Kenny sticks to the traditional. Prom provided students the chance to display their more unique sides if they chose.





Last Line-up

Seniors prepare to receive their diplomas as classmates read their names. The memory-making Graduation ceremony was held at the Breslin Center on the MSU campus, June 6, 1993. Baccalaureate preceeded it a couple of hours earlier in Pernert Auditorium.



Dancin' the Night Away...

Sharing a slow dance with her date and long-time boyfriend is senior Melissa Cribley. The gala Prom event was held at the Lansing Center, May 29 with music provided by Tunes by T. Melissa served on the committee that spent months preparing for it.



Knowing is All

Giving a tearful speech at Commencement, Cathy Luther stands before classmates, family members and faculty at the Breslin Center. Her speech was one of three by classmates followed by teachers Dan Ernst and William Savage.



There were memories and then there were memories. The difference was one of time and whether they would last longer than the few hours they were created in. Prom and Graduation were two events that offered students the promise of memories for the rest of their lives, not only of the day, but also preparing for it. Whether it was months in advance or spur of the moment, anticipation was almost as good as the real thing.

Weeks of preparation and worries were experienced before the actual day, and no one was alone. Friends all had many of the same dilemmas and problems. Senior Amanda Milks revealed, "I was forced to miss Baccalaureate because I had procrastinated in finding a graduation dress until three hours before I was supposed to walk down the aisle to receive my diploma." For others, procrastination was also the culprit before Prom. Senior Robert Coscarelli recalled, "I planned on just skipping Prom as one of my great high school experiences, to go. My date and I had a little it."

But for others, Prom was something they had been planning for quite some time. Juniors shopping in November for the perfect dress in a small flea market in Lansing. All year long, I couldn't wait for prom!"



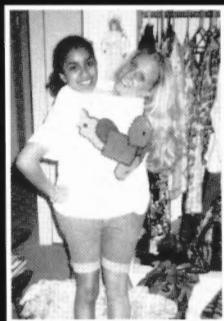
Smiling for the camera are graduates Angie Bailey and Kirsten Woodby as they embrace for a Graduation day memory in front of the Breslin Center where the Commencement ceremony was held June 6.

There were words of warning for their last year, and many encourage them to seize every opportunity. But Sarah Gregg summarized, "Everyone and everything and I be to live on an island alone. But then it would hit me that I'm not ever going to see most of these people again and I should make the best of the time I have left."

Opinions may have differed on just which event was the most special, but there was general consensus that they would probably be the closest, most exciting times together. Knowing this beforehand, was all most students needed to make them the best of times.

--Stacie Mills

Giving their best impression of the two-headed monster from Sesame Street are Yanay Prebal and Erinn Sullivan during Spring Break. Seniors spent the last year taking time out to goof off with friends.



ON THE EDGE

In Line

No crossing the line...Everyone knows their place

Okay everyone, single file line! Hey! No Cutting! Don't drag your feet or you'll lose your place in line. What's all this out of line stuff anyway? Everyone knew it was important to be different and cross the line once in a while, but things were right where we wanted them to be.

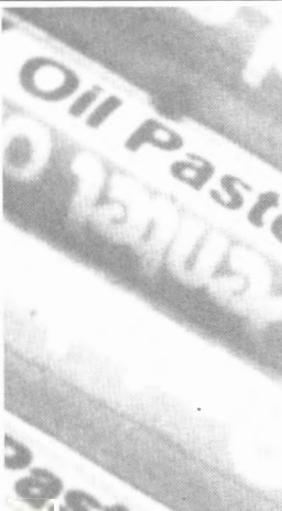
The seniors knew their place in line as their Homecoming skit and hall decorations greased the underclassmen's. And what about the big defeat in the legendary Powder Puff game? The seniors definitely had the right to claim the best seats in the house after that upset. Their time had come to be lavished with seniority. They dressed for success as Joe Schutte grabbed a second place at the State meet in wrestling and Amy Emery debated her way to eight speaker awards including first in regionals.

Of course, the juniors were in the prime position of first in line. When scheduling time came around, the line was out the door at the counseling center so they could have first dibs at filling their senior requirements. For sophomores, their place was just finding a seat. It was standing room only as new classrooms were added on to make space for the newcomers.

Close to noon, teachers were found cutting in line in the lunchroom with their sneaky, but well-planned tactics. Ms. Ann Paul stopped at nothing to beat the clock. "I cut in line, but I'm polite about it, she admitted with a grin. And who said teachers should get the parking spots closest to the building? Well, ahem... Anyway, we all knew who reserved spots at the front of the line. The upper and lower classmen just filed in line behind.

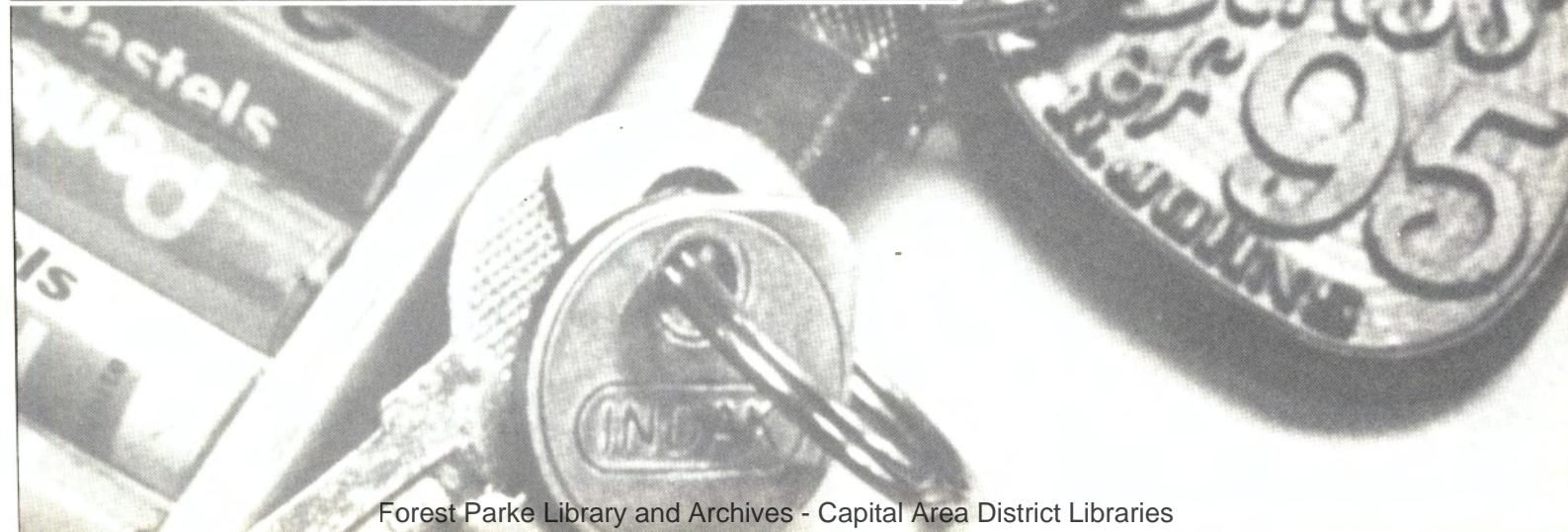


COLDLY FORMAL
Circling Troost Field at the Homecoming half-time are senior court members Melissa Cribley and John Looney.
Photo by Brad Groves



Still-life by
Dan Dexter
Photo by
Dorothy Anderson





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The BEST SEATS In The House!

So, why did the class of '93 think they deserved to have 'the best seats in the house?' Could it be that teachers wanted to make honors classes a trend and seniors bought it, signing up in double digit numbers for advanced placement credit. After all, wasn't it the fast track to the best seats in college?

Since elementary school, many seniors had been dreaming of the moment when they were finally the 'big kids.' They felt like they had the rule of the school, and proved that they were tough to beat. At Homecoming, seniors upheld tradition by winning both the hall and skit competitions, and because of conflicts concerning the construction of floats, created a new rule restricting parents from helping just a little too much.

Upon promotion to senior status, parents seemed to stretch the rules a bit. Curfews were extended, to fit heavy social schedules, and the family car became the new school bus for the next two semesters.

Atschool, counselors gave preference to seniors who needed to fit in graduation requirements.

And, as always, intimidation was the key to a successful senior year. After being constantly pushed around the first two years by graduating classes, they would take it no more. It was time to push back. Seniors had gathered enough favor with teachers and hall monitors to get a break once in a while. Some even had them wrapped around their fingers, like Jason Black, who dribbled his basketball in the hallways and during class.

But even though they were excited to graduate, many seniors didn't really want to leave the security of high school. Things were great, the system had been beaten, and seniors were finally at the top. After working as hard as they did to get there, pity the person who would keep them from the best seats in the house.

--Nikki Miller,
Michelle Zink

"This was the last chance to make important high school memories. For the first time, teachers saw us as the role models and more mature than the others. Underclassmen looked up to us. We were finally kings of the mountain."

—Senior John Looney



Class Colors

Black
Forest Green

Class Flower

White Rose

Class Song

"Wherever I May Roam"

Class Motto

Don't walk behind me, for I may not lead.
Don't walk in front of me, for I may not follow.
Walk beside me and be my friend.

STAY IN THE LINES

Finishing another painted creation is senior Tracie Milbourn in Art Seminar. Many seniors, like Tracie, explored classes in their future career fields.

CUPCAKES

Digging in during a break in French IV, senior Katie Vartanian selects the perfect treat. Teachers allowed for a little fun every once in awhile and seniors always took advantage.





PONTOON!

After Mr. Brian Templin explained to the senior class float builders, that certain words would have to be banned from the skit, the crowd of senior girls got a quick chuckle by nick-naming the Assistant Principal, "Pontoon."

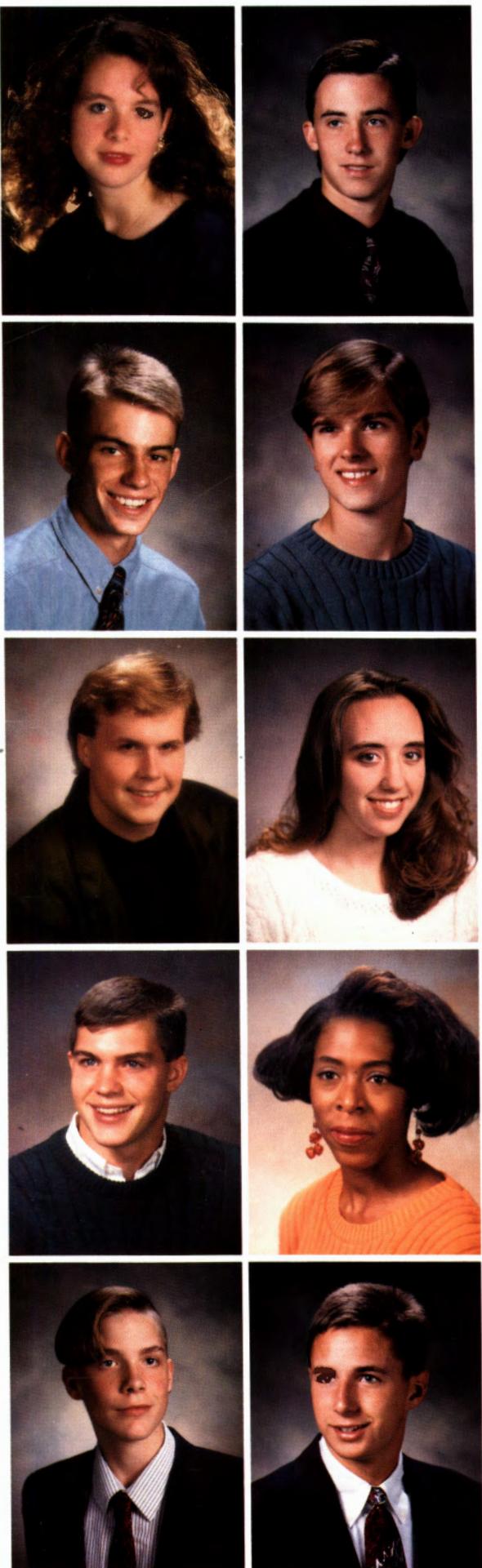
SENIOR ART

Working on the senior float at Dawn Monroe's house during Spirit Week are Nick Rashid, Sarah Gregg, Stacie Mills and Mike Maksimowicz. After hours of effort, rain took its toll on their handiwork prior to the parade.



Brookie Adams
Candi Alstott
Shawn Alward
Kari Anderson
Kristi Anderson
Matthew Anderson





The Toughest Judgement of all!

Career center or Honor classes? Economics or Physics? Playing a sport? It was the last year of high school and there were many right paths. But what happened when seniors came to a fork in the road like 'Where do I go to college?' Life was full of hard choices, but seniors had to make the hardest of all. "I think my toughest decision was whether to go away to college or to stay here to gain more theater and dance background. Since I plan on going into theater I need all the background I can get," explained Kristan Evans.

After narrowing down choices, financing often became the critical issue. Being accepted to the college of their choice, and, then being able to afford it were two different things. "Cost is certainly a problem for me. The most important reason why I'm not going to college is because I can't afford it. I have to work for a couple of years and save before I can even

think about going," commented senior Layele Watters.

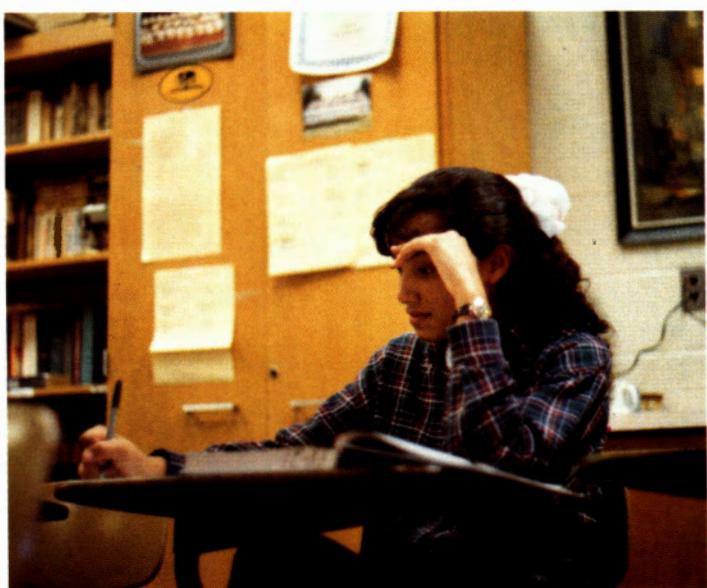
After college or career decisions were made, students started contemplating their freshman year. "Once in college, I think the hardest part will be staying in. I may fail, but yet, I feel it will probably be a good experience overall," confessed John Stewart.

Along with the pressure of decision making, came the apprehension about leaving home. Over the years students had become very dependent on their parents. The grub was free, they bought the clothes, plus they often still honored a weekly allowance. Visions of being lonely freshmen on campus flashed through seniors' minds. Senior Crissey Ernst revealed, "I haven't got a clue about the most basic housekeeping skills. I've never even done laundry!" But when it came right down to it, the hardest judgments would, hopefully, be the best ones in the end.

--Lisa Ellis

EENIE MEENIE MINIE MOE

While working on a ditto in Sociology class, senior Denise Ortiz worries about making the right choice. Luckily it's only class-work, this time and not an ACT test. Deciding on a career or college took time during the senior year.



Hold Back the Clock

Some days felt like they were never going to end. Others felt as though they were gone too soon. Seniors last day approached in a flash.

The end brought with it memories. Senior Chris Hadley commented, "Probably what I will miss most is seeing my friends everyday and going out to parties with them." Kevin Tunks agreed, "I guess it will be just seeing my friends and knowing that I may never see them again." Senior Angie Luce, jokingly noted, "I'll miss the gossip and not paying attention in class."

Then there were the sports buffs like senior Jason Lelonde who reflected, "I'll miss basketball season, because I won't get to see Jason Black live any more." Senior Missy Trimmer added, "I'll miss Powder Puff football games."

For many seniors, sports had

been the high point of their high school career. "Playing Varsity Basketball has been a great advantage to me. It has been so great that it has given me a free college education," revealed senior Jason Black who was heavily recruited his junior and senior year.

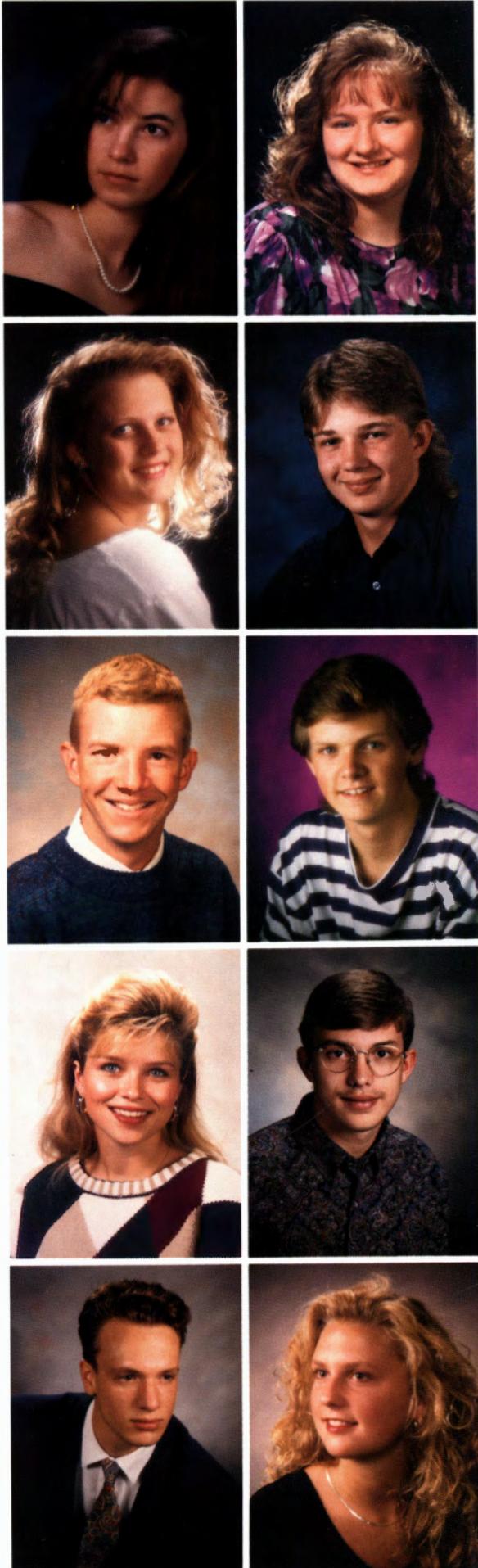
Then there were some seniors who felt they wouldn't miss too much. One was John Patino as he admitted with a laugh, "I'm not going to miss anything except my pre-calculus teacher."

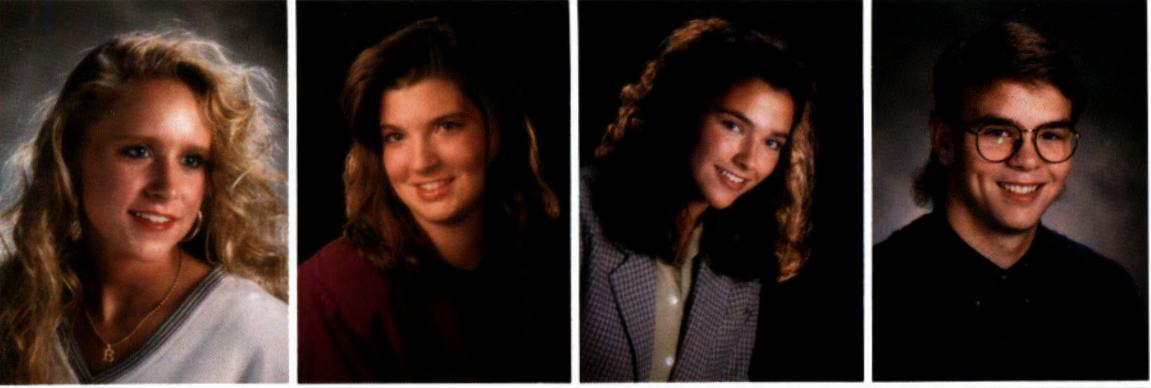
Some seniors, like Angie Luce, thought the greatest memory would come at the end as she revealed, "I think I will always remember getting my diploma." Senior Missy Trimmer agreed as she further added, "The most important part of high school for me is, graduating and simply getting out!" Meanwhile, others just wanted to hold back the clock.

--*Marcie Powers,
Mystie Finkbeiner*

MEMORY RETAKE

Sharing memories of yesterday at the yearbook dance, with exchange student Ville Korpela, are seniors Jeff Zimmerle and Camron Gnass. After the annual Powder Puff scrimmages, students picked up books and reminisced.

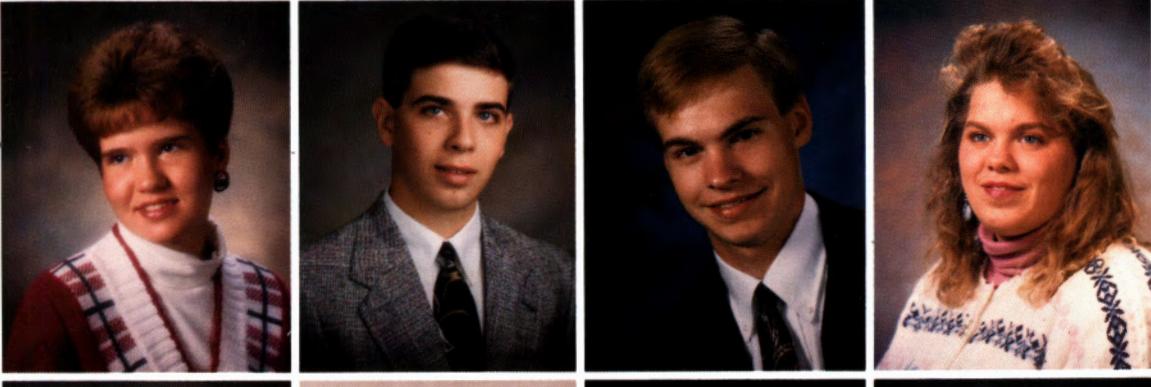




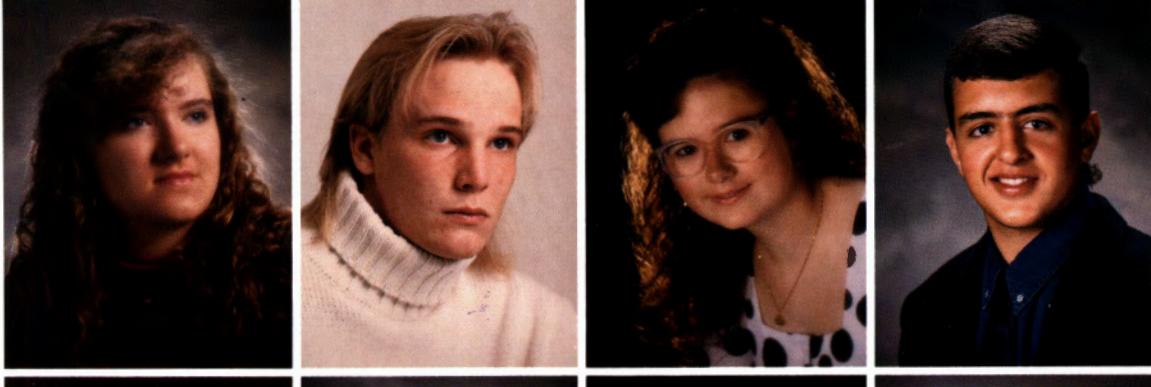
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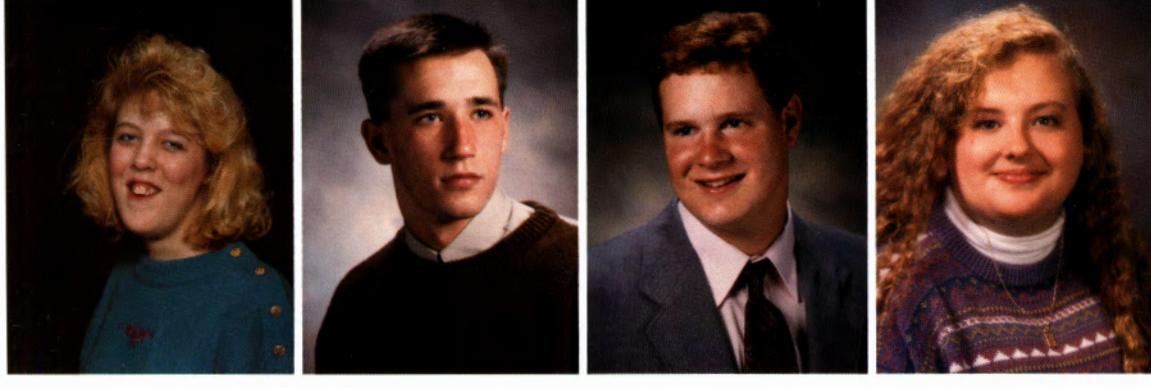
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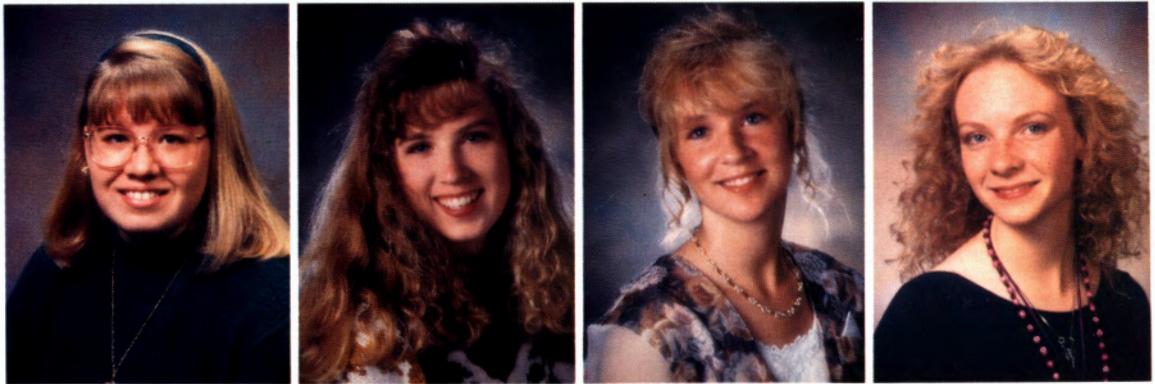
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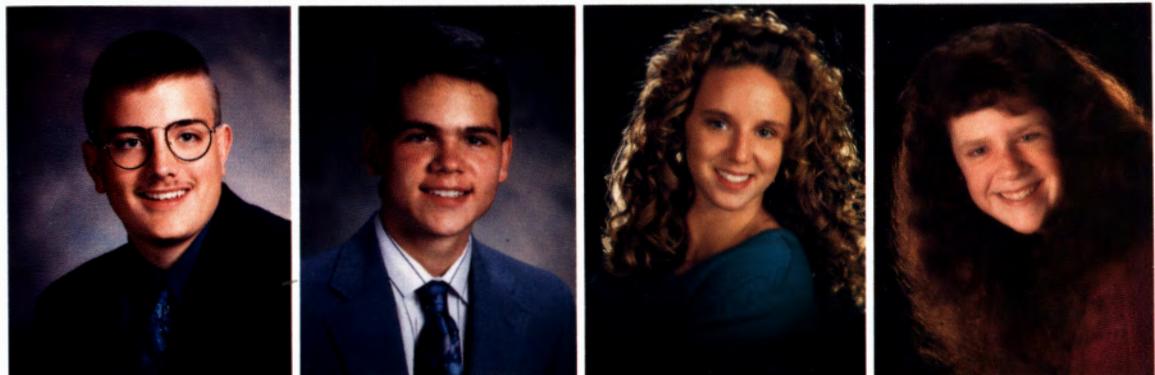
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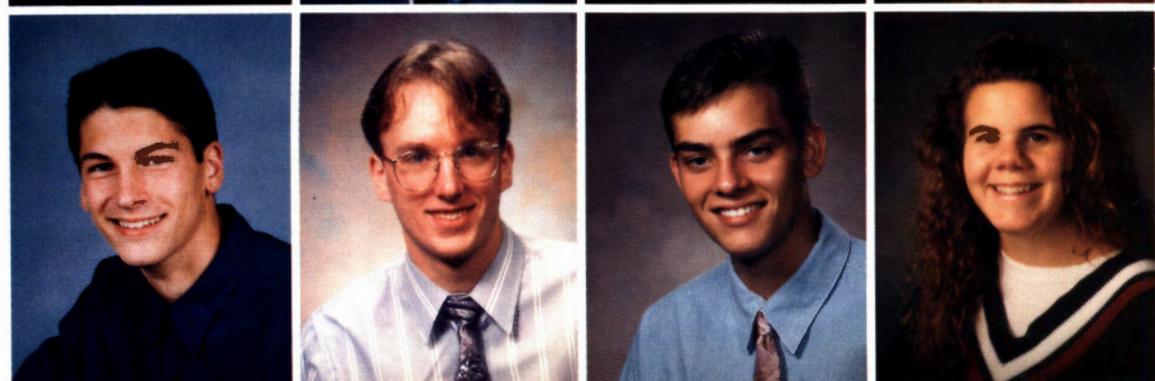
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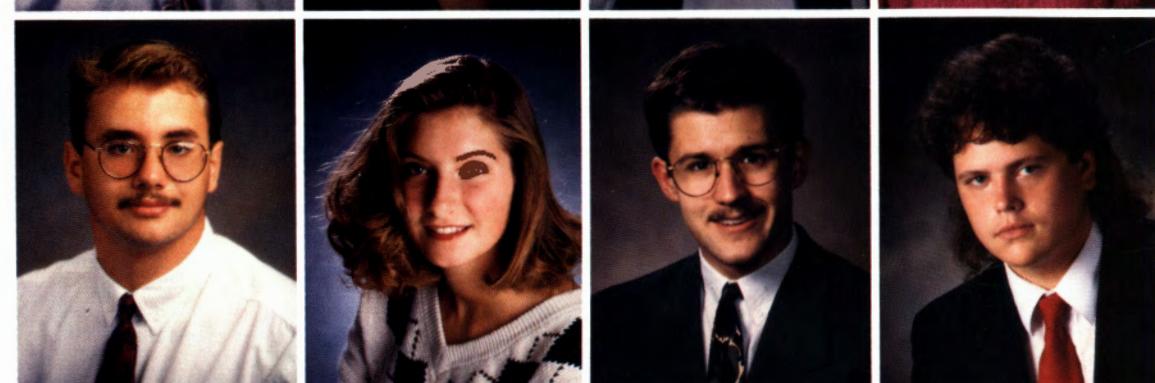
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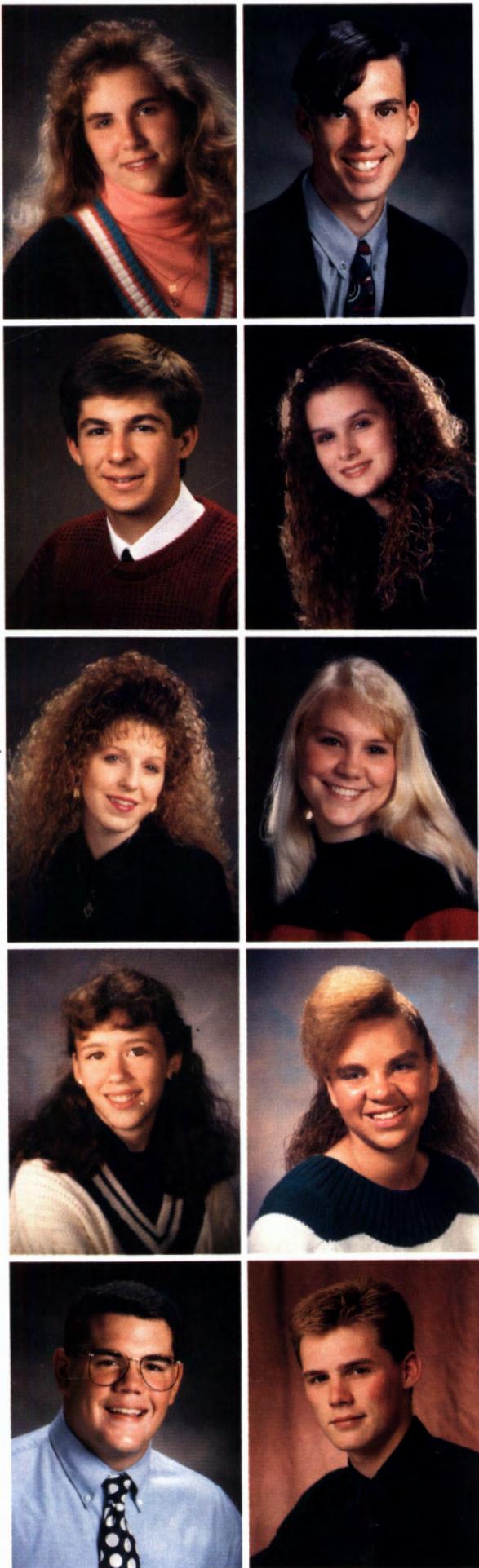


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I Don't WANT To Wait!

Day after day, hundreds of teenagers were affected with a plague --the inability to do homework. Sometimes it becomes so severe that they missed school. Although the name of the plague, 'senioritis', had been adopted by many students, some admitted that the illness started way before their senior year. According to Melissa Ross, "Senioritis began at birth; ever since I was a small child and received my first report card, I realized something was wrong. I couldn't quite pinpoint what the problem was though."

The staggering statistics proved that she was not alone. The GPA's started to decline, the absences accumulated and the make up work filled the brand new daily planner. Since the real experts were obviously the students, they compiled a list of common symptoms. Yanay Prebal stated, "It's written all over your face." Matt Miller experienced, "The loss of

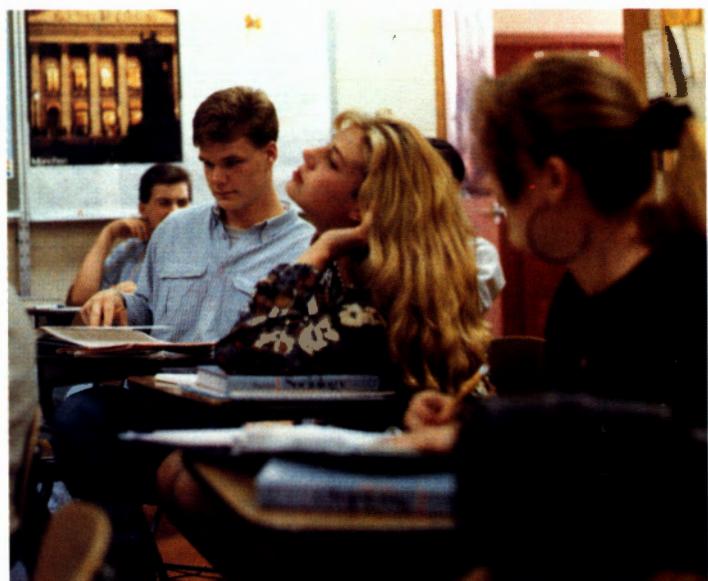
all ambition and doing nothing but sleep." However, Katie Vartanian admitted, "Insomnia is my biggest problem. Some nights I listen to Cat Stevens and I hear subliminal messages telling me not to do Marty Schnepp's homework. I stay up all night watching , "The White Horse Cafe" on "Nashville Now", but around 2:00 a.m. I come back to reality."

The symptoms were common and the problem just wouldn't go away. The senior class needed to find a cure. Katrina Andrews suggested, "Don't avoid it, just keep an eye out for the hall monitors and the attendance office staff. Maybe the real answer was to just give up, accept it and forget all about the homework. Spend the time instead with friends because the main reason that students got senioritis was because their days in the good old school of knowledge were numbered.

--Stacie Mills and
Erinn Sullivan

CLOCK WATCHER

Giving a bored look at 'the board, during Mr. Plunkett's Sociology class is senior Andrea Houser and junior Mike Cook. As the year wore on, it became harder and harder to concentrate as 'senioritis' set in.



Go Ahead Rub it in!

As the lights dimmed, the crowd began to scream and howl. Through the darkness, a single spotlight shone on the group of girls slinking onto the floor to the beat of disco. Then, seniors took control of the Homecoming pep assembly. Their skit gripped the crowd like a bolt of greased lightning. The underclassmen were obviously out of their league and the seniors picked up the award for the best Homecoming skit with their rendition of "Grease".

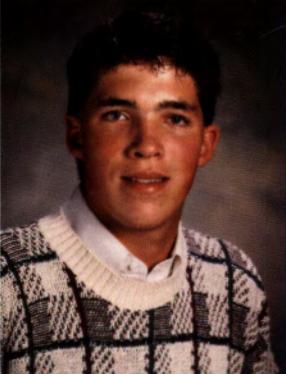
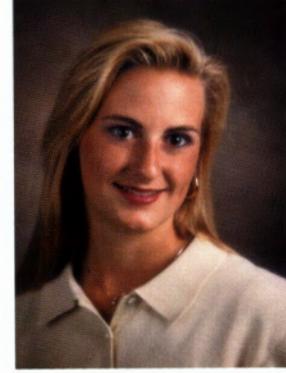
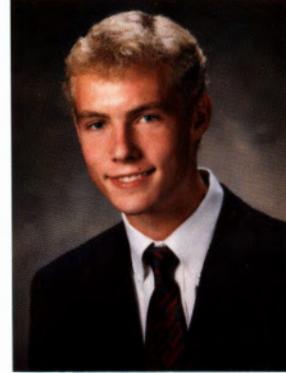
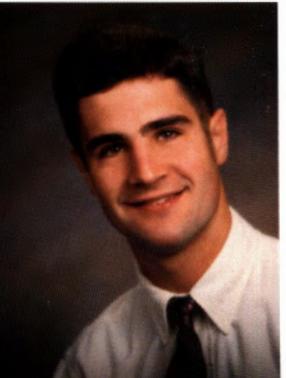
The year meant a lot more to seniors than those of the past. Twice as many people came out to help with Spirit Week. Something had changed in the way everyone worked together. "I really enjoyed participating in Homecoming this year. It's our senior year, and we won't be able to do these activities again. It was great to see everybody working together," recalled senior TuShun Powers. The enthusiasm carried the seniors to vic-

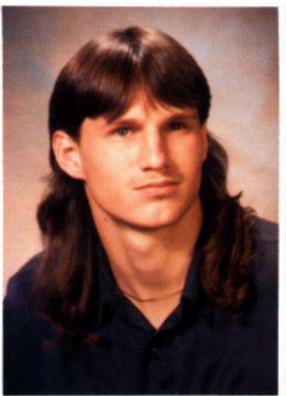
tory in skit and hall decorations, despite the pressure from the underclassmen.

The senior class had assumed that there wouldn't be too much competition from the young 'uns, but they were wrong. The juniors and sophomores wouldn't let the seniors get away with a clean sweep. The senior float, felt by many workers to be a masterpiece the night before the parade, rolled out soggy to parade formation. Due at least in part to the rain damage during the night, "Frosty's Palace" took a solid second, while the float made by the sophomores with more than a little help from parents stole first. Seniors wouldn't let this slide by, so a new rule against over-participation by parents was put into place. It was time for seniors to be the best. Experience counted a lot in wracking up the wins and seniors took their opportunity to rub it in. --Nikki Miller

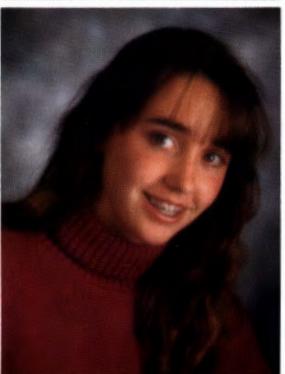
FROSTY'S PALACE

Putting the finishing touches on the senior hall decorations and Frosty's Palace are seniors Dawn May and Kelly Howell. The Senior Class racked up a first place award for their creative interpretation of "Grease".





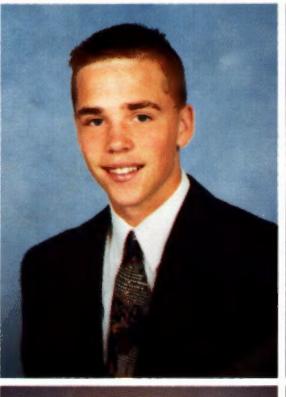
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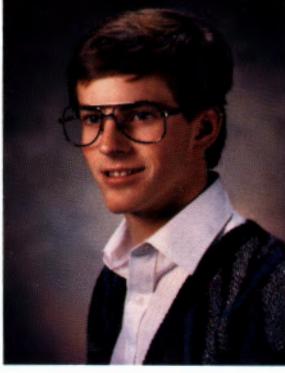
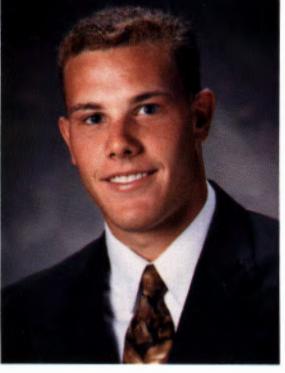
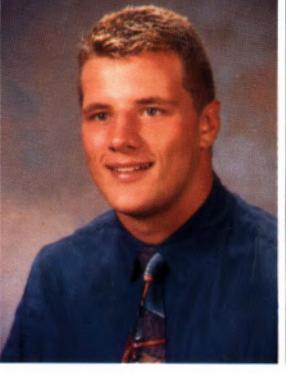
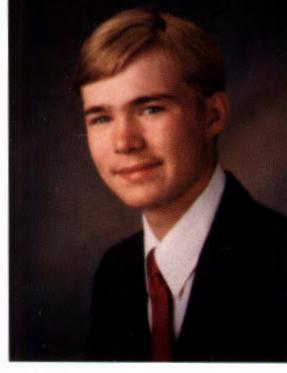
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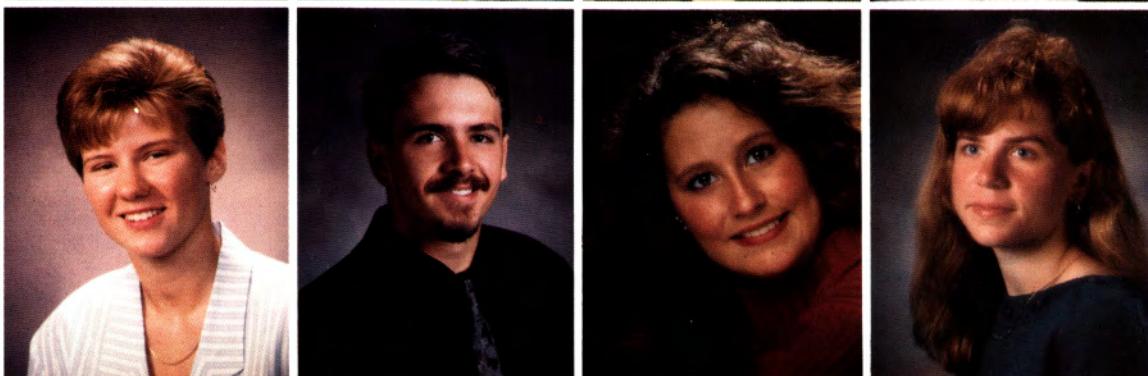
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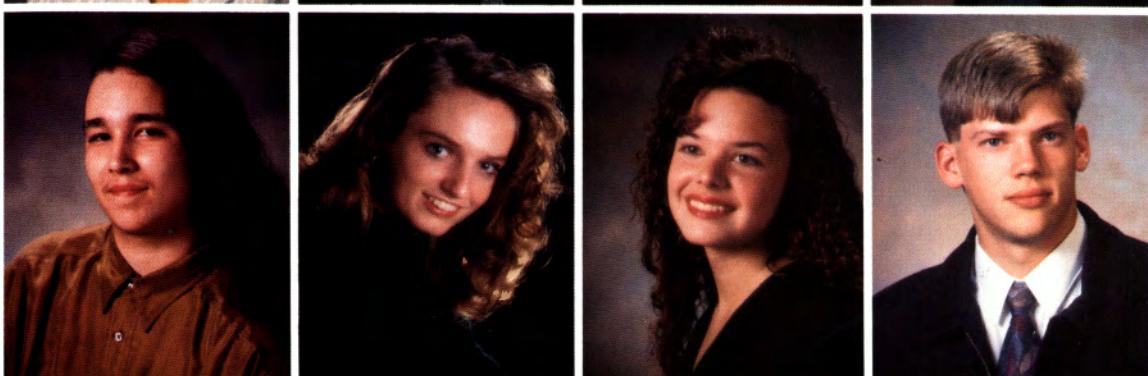
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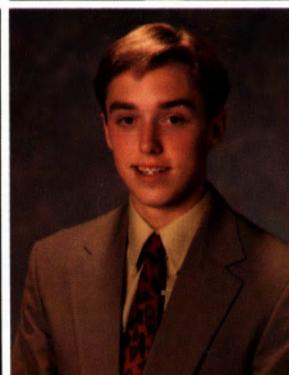
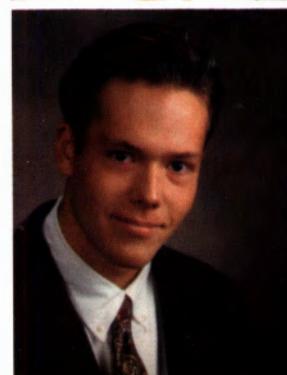
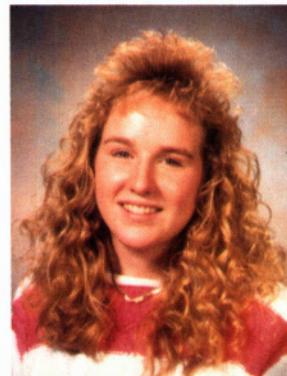
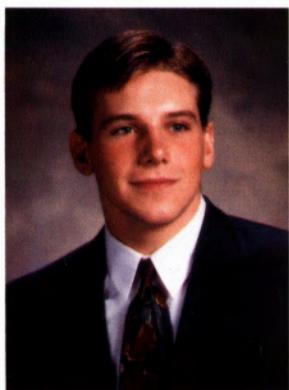
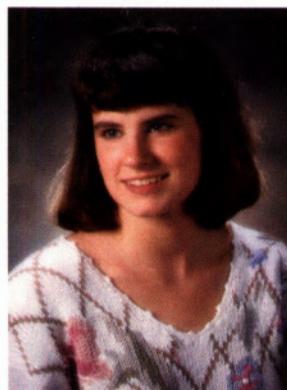


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It Stirs The HEART

Remember the first time you fell face-first on the pavement because you still needed training wheels? Or the time you thought you found that special someone only to be crushed that they checked the box marked no? Then, there was the minute before your date was supposed to arrive and someone needed to help you with that uncompromising stray hair. Who could you turn to? Parents.

Since students' first steps, mom and dad were usually there for them. Senior Crissey Ernst remembered, "Every time I would get sick my mom would cook some good ol' chicken noodle soup and cover me with a warm fuzzy blanket. When I go to college I hope I get a roommate who can make good soup."

Soup and blankets weren't the only comforts parents provided. Sometimes tangible reassurance came in handy. "When I was younger my

mom could always sense when something was wrong and she would hassle me until I told her. Now I talk to her all the time about my problems," confessed senior Cassandra Byers.

Then there was the issue of motivation. When it was in short supply on the students' end, they could often look to parents to prop them up. My parents always encouraged me to do my best and let me make my own decisions. They were always proud of me no matter what I did," explained senior Jerrod Wilkins. And when worse came to worse, parents were always there to boost deflated spirits. Senior Jason Black revealed, "I'm going to miss my mom telling me, 'I love you.' It always put me in a better mood when I was feeling down." Helping sons and daughters through every step of life was a specialty of many parents. Thinking about it stirs the heart.

--Michelle Zink



**FEELING
THE
MOMENT**

Listening to the National Anthem before gametime are Varsity Soccer players

Jason Hamelin, Todd Switzer and Bruce Harry. Senior Night was unique

as the game was played under the lights on Troost Field on Oct. 14.



The Less SAID The Better

The legendary phrase 'See ya' flittered near the tips of seniors' tongues as the end of their high school career approached. In looking back, seniors would miss some of the past three years, but other memories they would gratefully forget.

"I won't miss all of the high school cliques. I think that college students are more mature and won't judge you on social status," remarked senior Katrina Andrews. Other thoughts of college brought many benefits to mind. "I will be happy to get rid of having six classes every day. I will plan my college courses exactly how and when I want them," explained senior Robert Coscarelli. Senior Cherish Leverich added, "The thing I will miss the least is taking classes I'm not interested in. In college, I will choose classes I like and want."

A five letter word was another reason seniors would not miss high school—sleep. The lack of it was sometimes hard to handle. "I won't

miss hitting the snooze button five times every morning trying to get out of bed. Next year, I won't schedule morning classes," replied senior Jeff Blundell. Homework was usually the culprit. "I won't miss staying up until 2:00 a.m. trying to finish my Pre-Calculus homework, even though college might be as bad," noted senior Casey Sorrow.

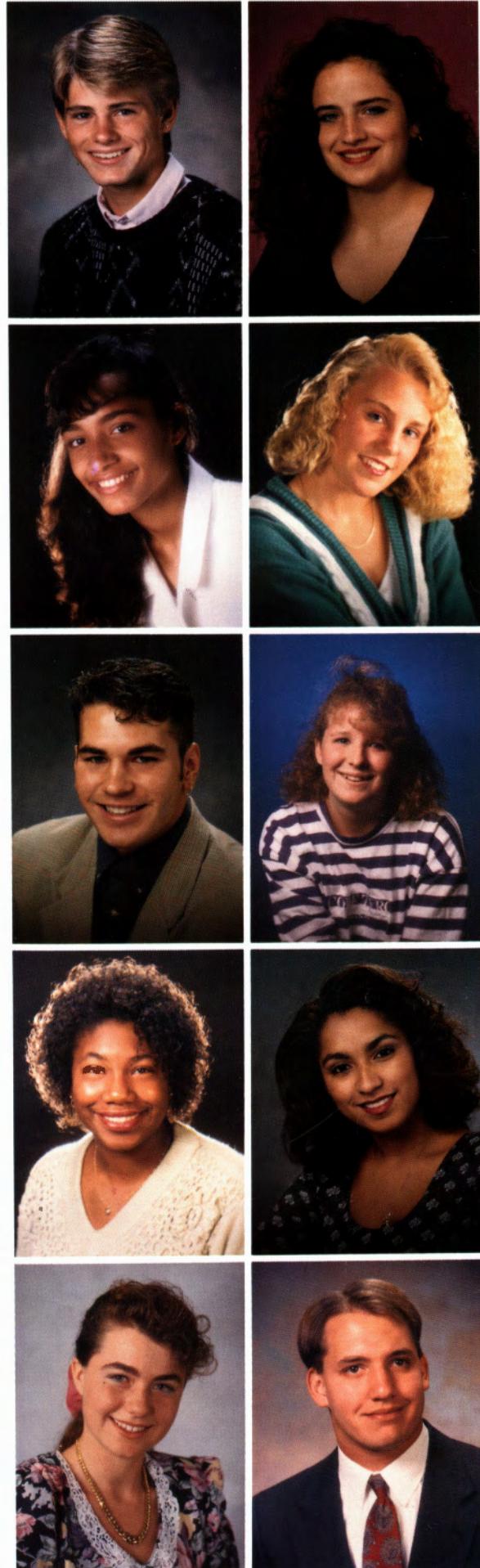
Other students found different aspects of high school to pick at. I'll be glad to leave because of the cramped hallways, especially the 300 hall after third hour!" complained senior William Brown. Sometimes it was just little things that could be annoying. "I drive to school with my dad some mornings and I won't miss listening to him babble in the car," commented senior Crissey Ernst. But hopefully, as seniors looked back, they realized that fond moments probably outweighed the moments they would like to forget, and the less said the better! *--Sarah Gregg*

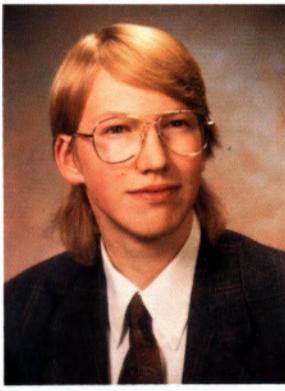
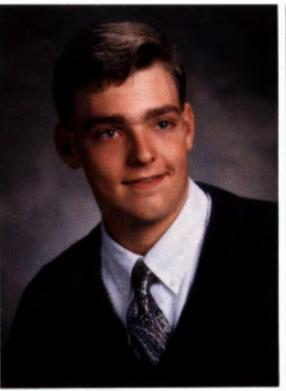


CORN IN THE COURTYARD

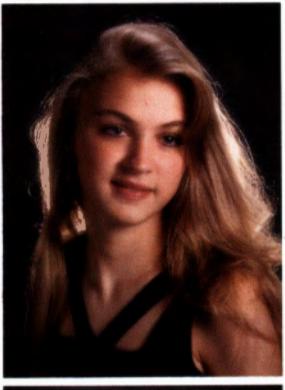
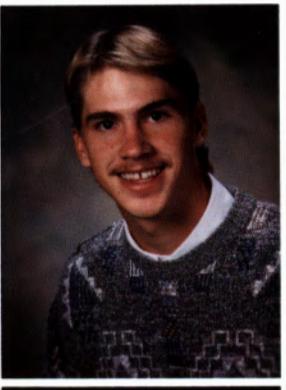
Mystie Finkbeiner laughs along with Yanay Prebal, Tracy Krug and Shelly Granger,

while everyone wonders why security guard Bruce Duling decided to plant corn in the school courtyard.

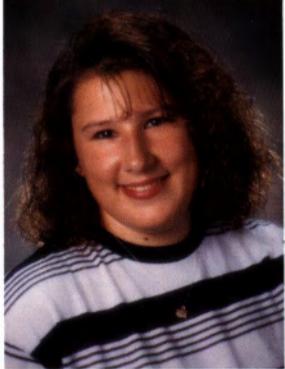




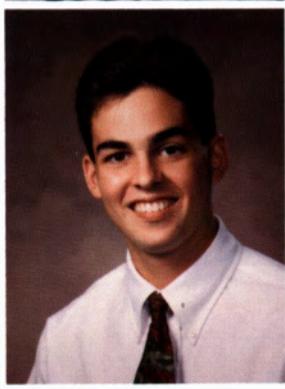
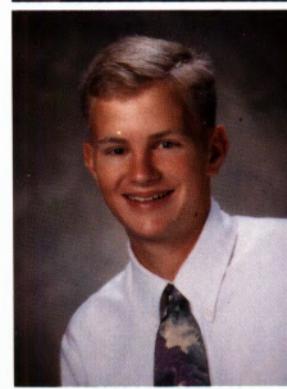
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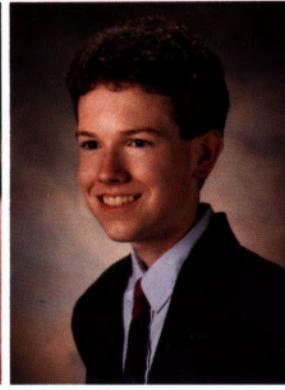
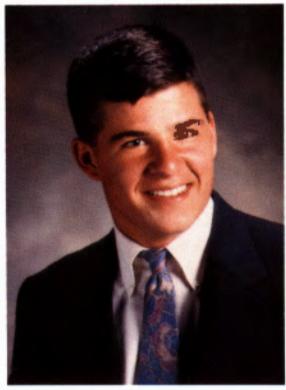
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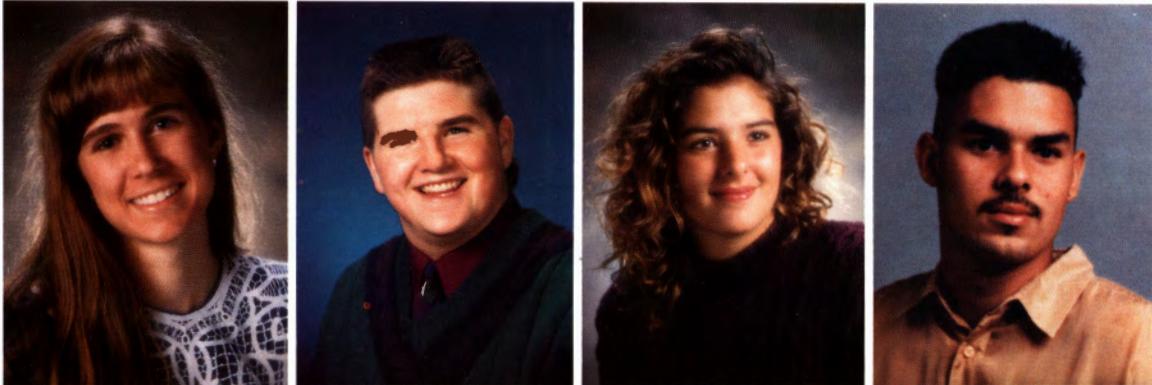
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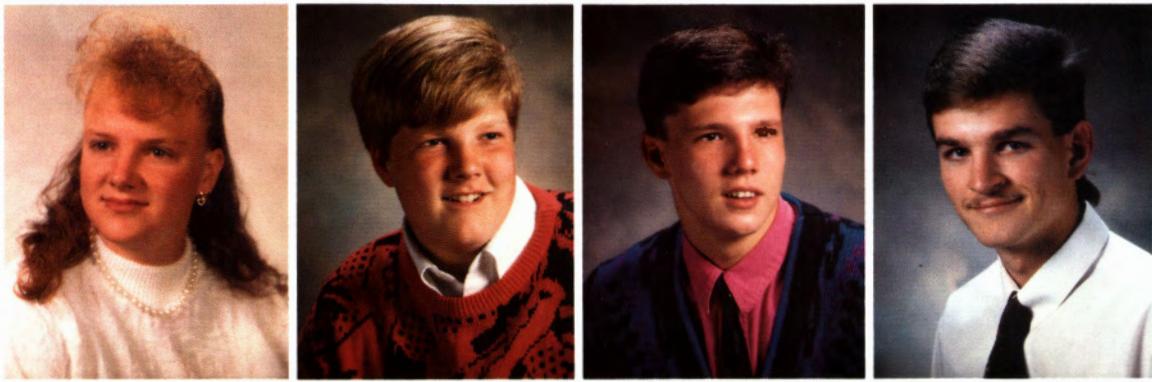
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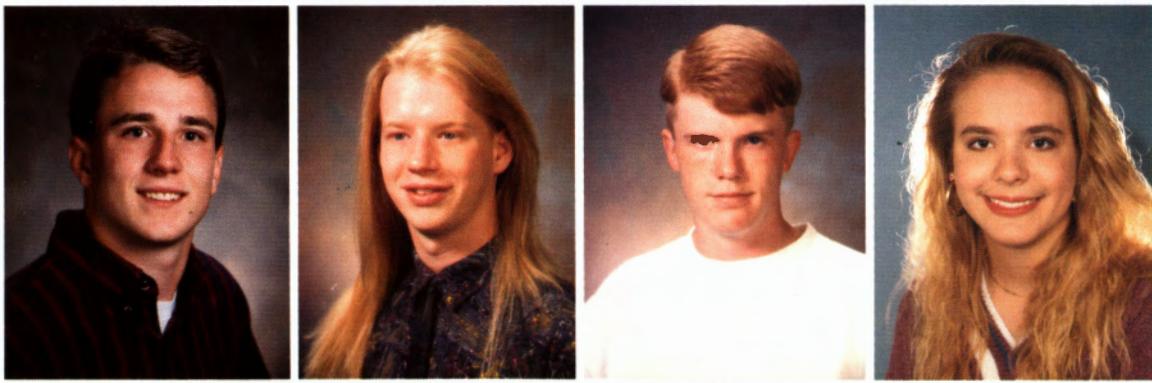
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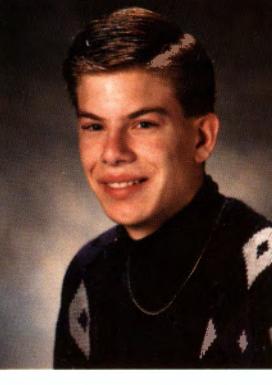
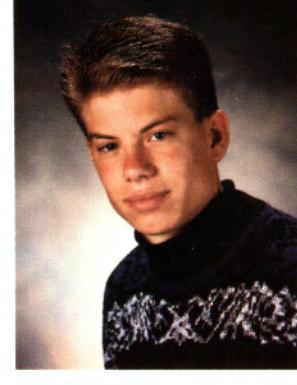
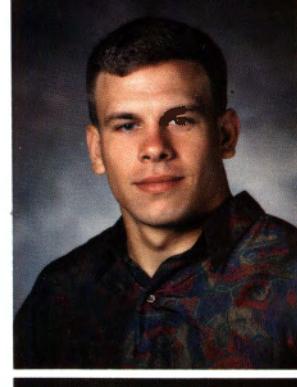
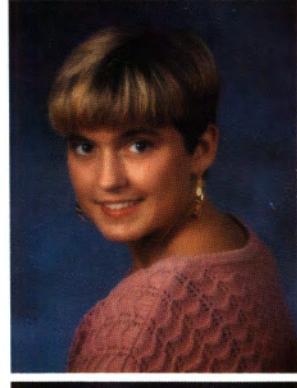
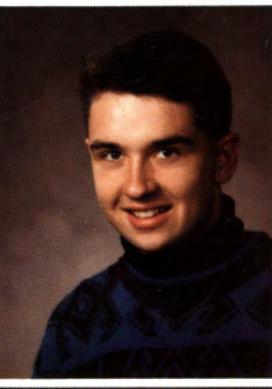
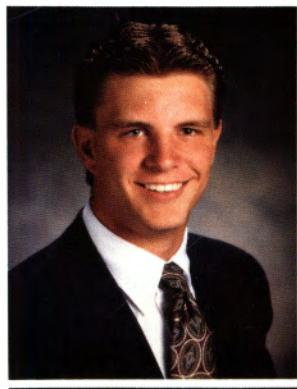
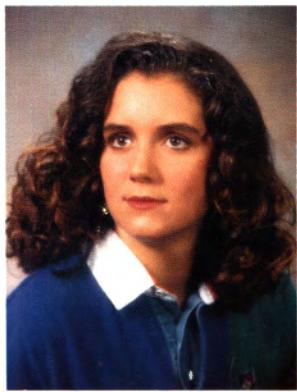


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Erinn Sullivan
Jack Sullivan
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Get Off On The RIGHT Foot!

The incredible urge to flee the country overwhelmed some students almost as much as the continuous flow of questions such as, 'Have you sent in your applications yet, dear?' or 'What are you going to major in?' Statements like, 'I'm sure your roommate will be a nice person,' seemed to do little for students' phobias of college.

"My parents don't bug me so much about which college or what I want to be. They just bug me about staying near home, which I'm not so sure I want to do," commented senior Kristen Evans.

For others, hygiene was a problem. "I have fears about what I might find in a dorm community bathroom, especially if I'm living with four complete strangers," mused senior Christy Mayes.

Other fears were more common. Senior Erica Matteo worried, "What if I forget which building my

classes are in? How am I going to find my way around a huge university?"

Getting lost wasn't as big a problem for students as finding the cash to finance the next four years. Senior Jason Hamelin explained, "My biggest fear is ending up being the guy on the corner with the 'Will Work For Food' sign."

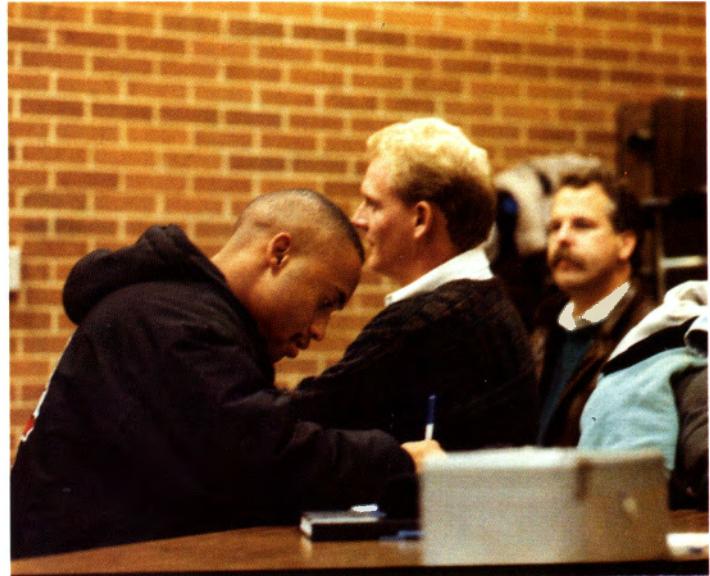
Along with dorm life came another nerve-racker-- roommates. Some students have already imagined the 'character' they may get coupled with. "I'll probably get a roommate who's a neat freak or a perfectionist, someone who excels in my pet peeves," complained senior Crissey Ernst.

Though fears mounted, one student stood alone in developing the philosophy to cope. "College is a merely a loose petal on the blooming flower we choose to call life and I am not afraid," theorized senior Jonathan Dingwell.

--Julie Fulger

CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

Basketball coach Bruce Larner has already helped senior Jason Black to get off on the right foot. College basketball recruiting will be a memory of the year for Jason as he relaxes with friends at the fall Yearbook Dance.



Seniors

Laugh and Cry

at the same time

It's the last time, I swear!" Although the saying meant little to sophmores and juniors, it came as a shocking blow to seniors. It was the time when many looked back and said "It's really over." In the process, mixed emotions welled up. Often excited thoughts of, 'I'm finally free,' quickly turned to sad emotions with the realization, 'It's actually over.' It was a time for seniors to make their last year memorable before an uncertain future set in.

How one was to be remembered became important as Ken Sleight revealed, "I'd leave my mark by putting my signature on the center of the gym floor." Others remembered exactly when it hit them that the end was near. "I realized that this was my very last basketball season during districts. Every shot made meant so much to me. Now that it is over, I see it as an exciting time and I'm looking foward to college," replied Amy Doll.

Each senior had their own way of etching memories in their heads. "I'll

never forget the excitement of the crowd, the yelling of the coaches, the high fives by the teammates, and hitting the opposing players," commented outside line backer of the Varsity Football team, Chris Donigan. Emotions from athletes ran high. "After practicing for three weeks, twice a day in August, I will miss the feeling of walking away from the field a winner. I will never forget how I felt the last time I walked around Troost Field," added quarterback John Looney.

The mixed feelings of happiness and sadness often occurred at the same moment. "I'm happy that high school is over, but at the same time I am sad because I will miss my friends. I don't really want it to end," reflected Tosha Densmore. "I think when you're a senior, there are a lot of things that can evoke strong, mixed emotions. It's hard to keep from reacing to scuh a turning point in your life," concluded Holly Mayers.

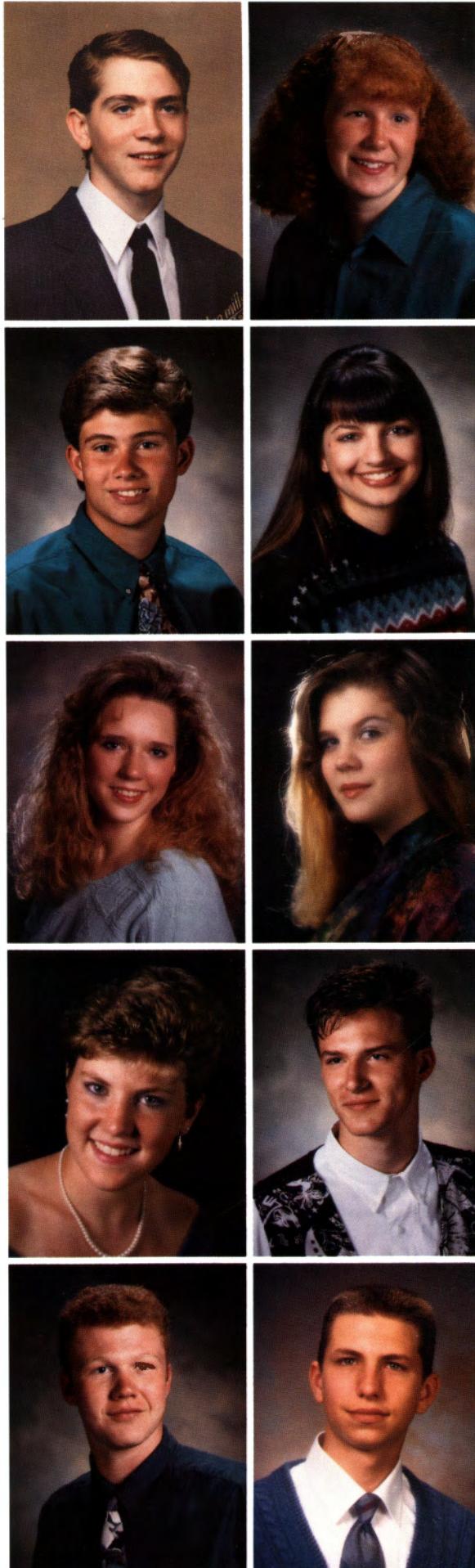
--Sarah Gregg

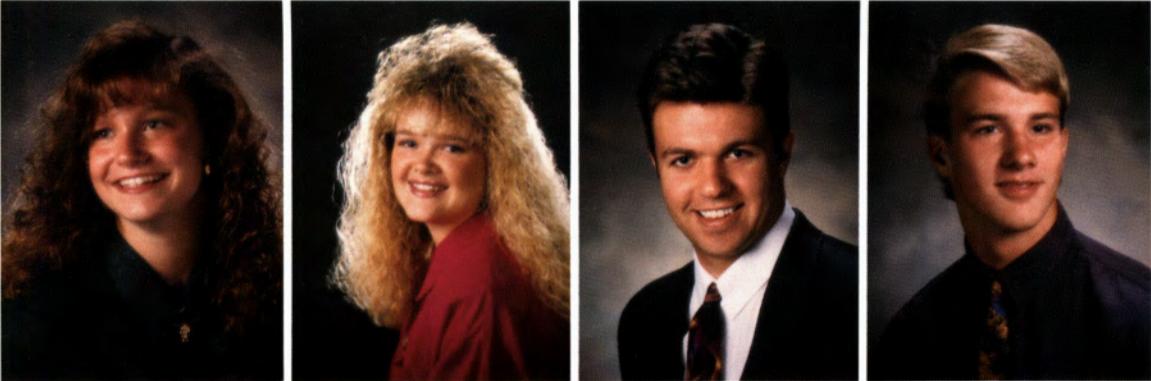


TAKE CONTROL

Varsity captains, seniors Ryan Stacey and John Looney head off to Sexton in the pre-

game coin toss during the September 25 home game. The last sports events of their high school careers were emotional times for many seniors.

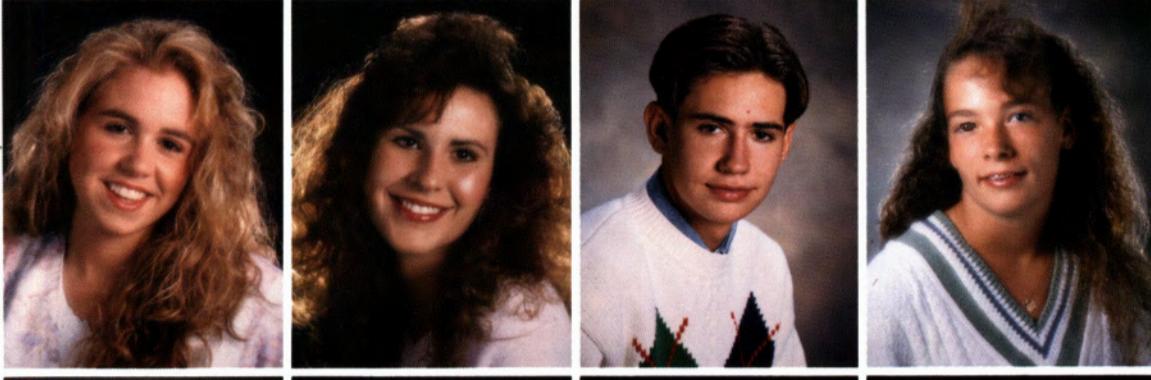




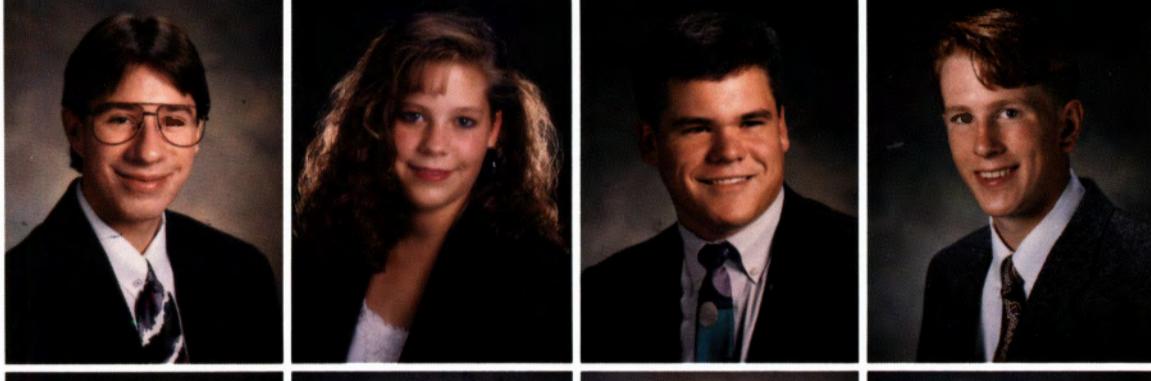
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Chad Wilson
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Fredric Wyble
William Yauch
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Matthew Zimmerman
Michelle Zink



Never to be Forgotten

Feelings about leaving the safe walls of high school were often mixed. One minute it was a feeling of excitement, then a wave of fear. Most seniors were anxious to graduate and go on to the real world. Some became philosophical about it. "Between you, me, and a pine-tree, I don't think I'll dwell over my high school years too much. Right now, I'm focused on what lies ahead. I'm not going to think about the past and what, perhaps, I didn't do. You can't cry over spilled milk," explained senior Mike Maksimovicz.

It was exciting to dream about getting out in the real world, where rules were created by different people, not parents and the school, but this also made it frightening. "It is really difficult for me to think of just a few reasons why it is hard to leave high school because there are so many. More than anything else, I will miss the sense of security high school provided. It was

comforting to know I had a place I had to be everyday from 7:40 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Now I realize just what leaving high school means. I will determine where and what I will be doing everyday for the rest of my life," reflected Amy Emery.

The main thing that many seniors felt, though, was the stress of filling out applications, deciding what college to go to, and how to keep that grade point up. This was the everyday reality. Holly Runions condensed it down to one solid feeling. "All I can say is being a senior is distressing."

Parents often said that no one ever forgets their senior year, because it was the most important time of one's life. As the year progressed, many seniors seized every moment as one never to be forgotten.

--Nikki Miller



SENIOR COURT

Managing a tight Homecoming schedule, senior court members fit in a quick photo at

the float judging before the parade. It was a day never to be forgotten by Katie Vartanian, Nick Rashid, Melissa Cribley, John Looney, Angela Kenny, Sarah Gregg and Jason Black. Not pictured: Peter Craig.





CLASH OF THE TITANS

During the annual November Powder Puff game, senior Erinn Sullivan (35) smashes into junior Heather Miner (10), reminding her that it's 'survival of the fittest' as their teammates battle on Troost Field.

STRIKE A NOTE

Going solo, senior Tim Vandlen performs a Christmas carol at the in-school Holiday Concert on December 18.



LAST EMBRACE

Giving each other a hug after they are announced king and queen at the Homecoming halftime coronation are seniors Melissa Cribley and Jason Black. The game against the Eastern Quakers ended in a Ram victory on October 16.

Seniors Not Pictured:

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Charles Cochrane
Dale Cole
Chad Deville
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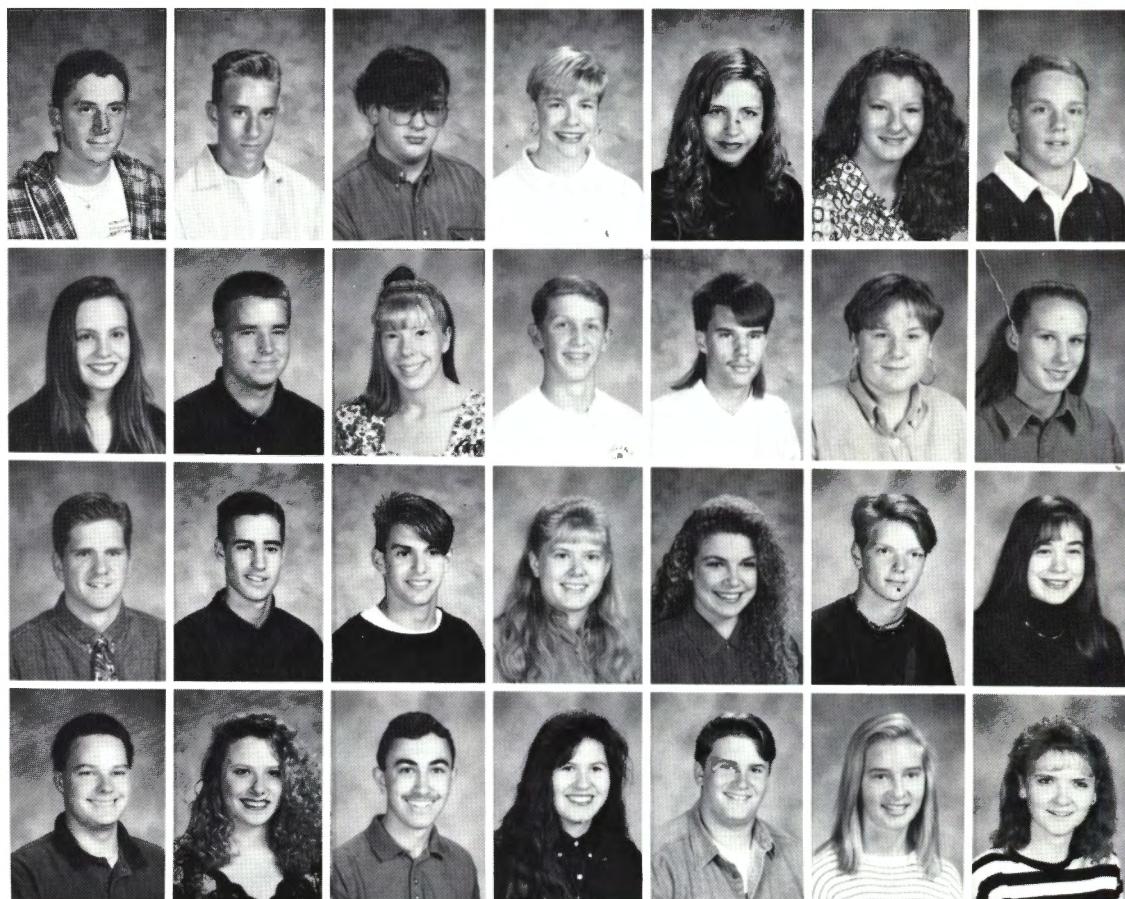
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Ryan Barrett
Holly Beavers

Craig Becker
Angela Beckner
Ali Beha
Nicole Belles
Adam Benge
Melanie Berg
Michelle Bevier



FIRST THINGS FIRST

"Getting my license and a car gave me a new sense of freedom. Now I don't have to depend on someone else to get around."

--Nicole Belles

High School, a time to be with friends, and make memories that last a lifetime. The Junior Class entered the year looking forward to new privileges that came as upperclassmen. Many students felt that getting a driver's license made the biggest difference. "Getting my license and a car gave me a new sense of freedom. Now I don't depend on someone else to get around," explained junior Nicole Belles. Cars also extended the range of activities teenagers engaged in, and many memories were created as a result.

Cars weren't the only memory makers though. They could be made anywhere--even in school, including Mr. Bird's sixth hour Algebra II class. "One of the funniest things was when

Brian McKouen stripped down to his boxers and then put his clothes on backwards and pretended to be Kris Kross," junior Heather Watters recalled in between bursts of hysterical laughter.

Other memories involved close friends after hours, Amy Younglove reminisced, "I was over at my friend Jenny McIntyre's house and she was outside climbing onto her deck. She slipped and fell in her pool. Then she tried to go inside and get a towel to dry herself off, but her floor was made of wood. With her wet nylons on she couldn't stand up. Every time she tried, she would fall on her face. It was hilarious."

Most students tried to make the most of their time in high



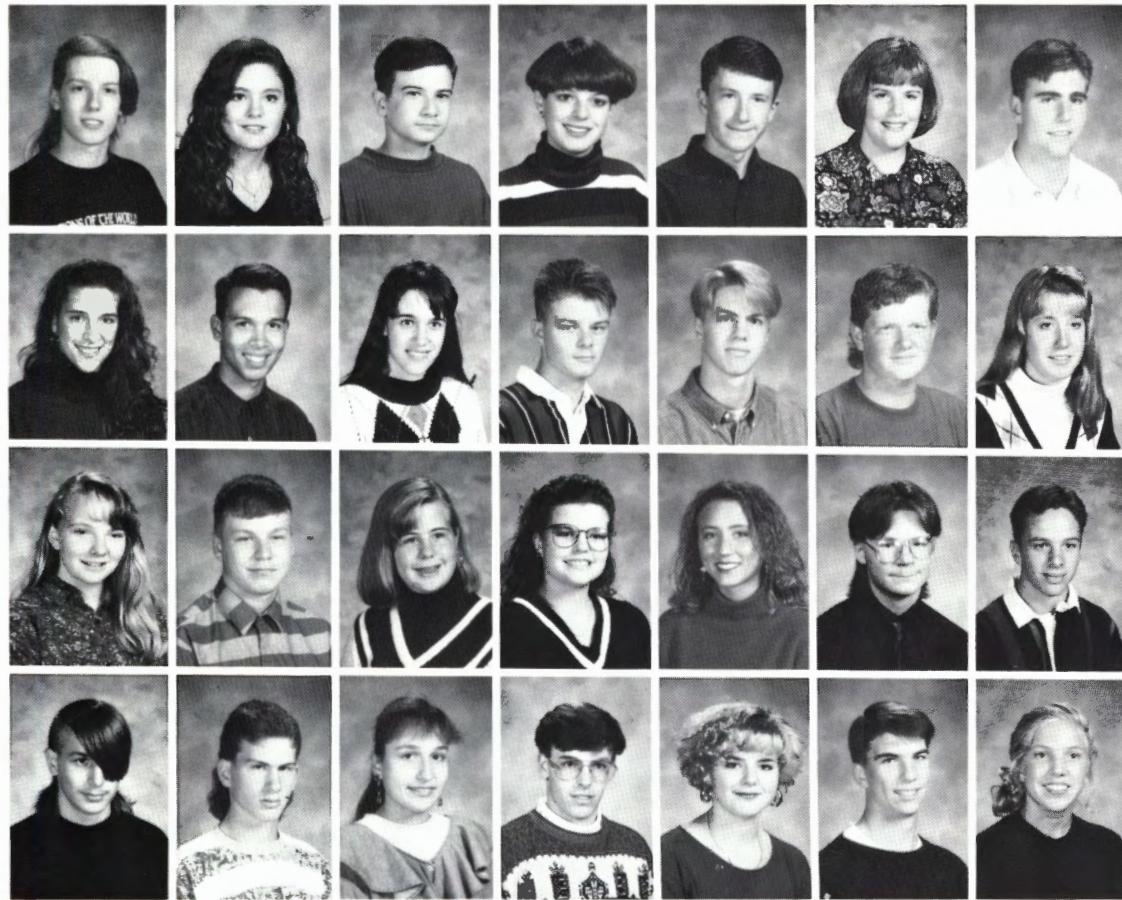
DRIVE BY
Tossing candy to the crowd are SADD members Nicole Belles, Jim Coe, Kerri Russell, Kevin Brookes, April Gober, Jenny Peters and student teacher Mr. Bachman. The truck followed behind the club's float in the Homecoming Parade.

school because it was irreplaceable. The memories made would last a lifetime.

--Ken Sleight



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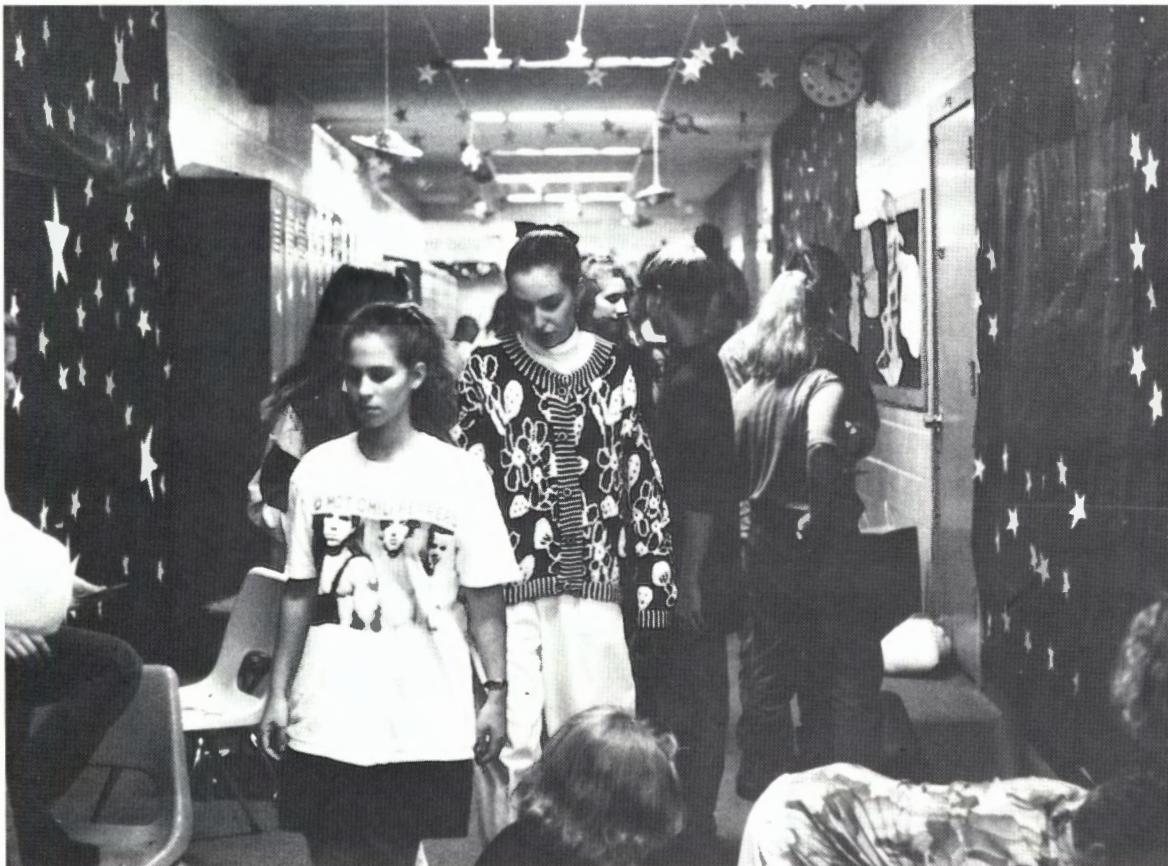


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Christina Christofilis
Michael Clark
Shanda Cochran
James Coe
Jennifer Cohoon



TWO FOR THE ROAD
Junior Court members Mark Wulff and Riki Robson ride down Holt Road during the Homecoming Parade in October. Although it was chilly, attendance and spirit was high.

BEYOND 2000
Pushing their Star Wars theme to the limit, sophomores work diligently as the 4:00 p.m. deadline hour approaches. Junior Catie Rashid and senior Sarah Saxton check out the competition.

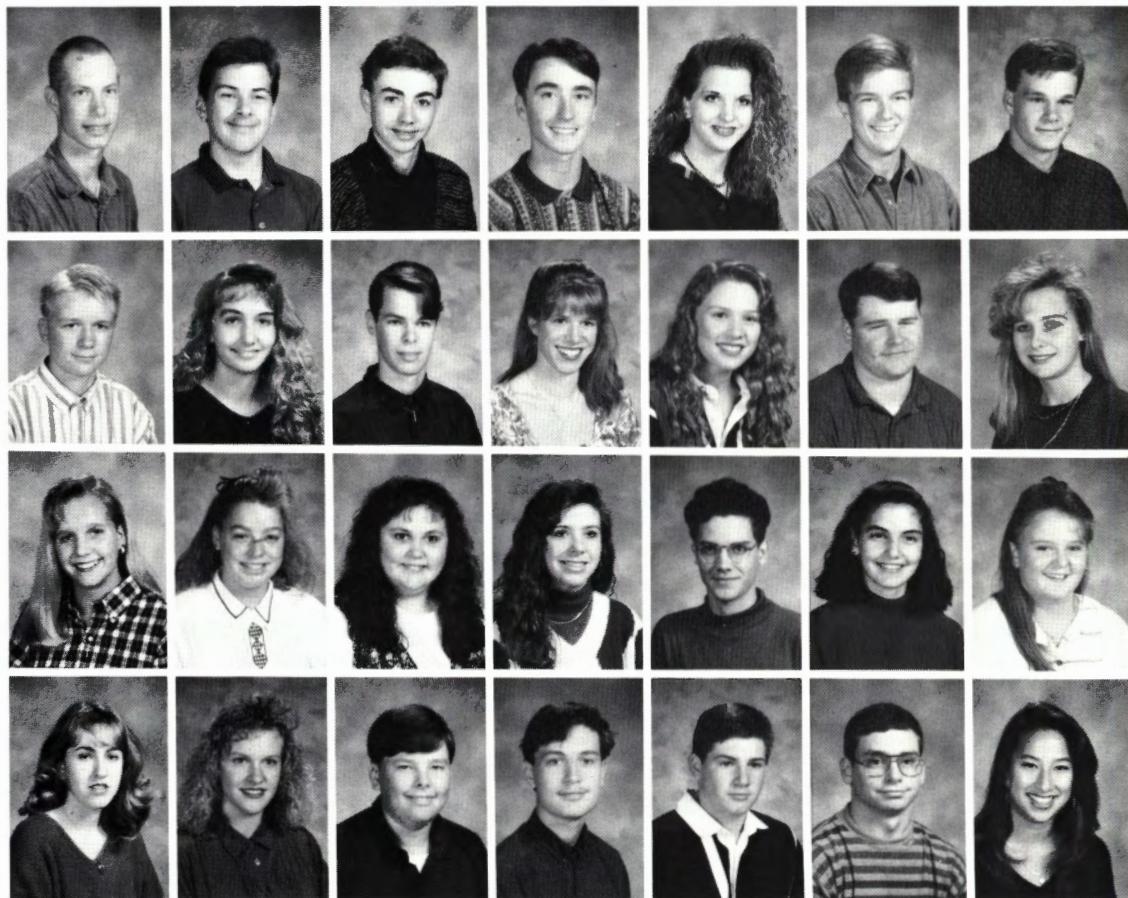
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NOT REALLY THE PRESIDENTS

When it came down to election day, students took it down to their own level. They looked around and found their own picks for president.

"Matt Cook, he's very knowledgeable about a lot of things. He seems like the perfect president."
-- Junior Jim Coe

"Elizabeth Veldman because she gives me the impression that she is a young, liberal, left of center political activist." -- Junior Ali Beha

"Greg Hayslette. It is just something about his personality."
-- Junior Jay Coxon

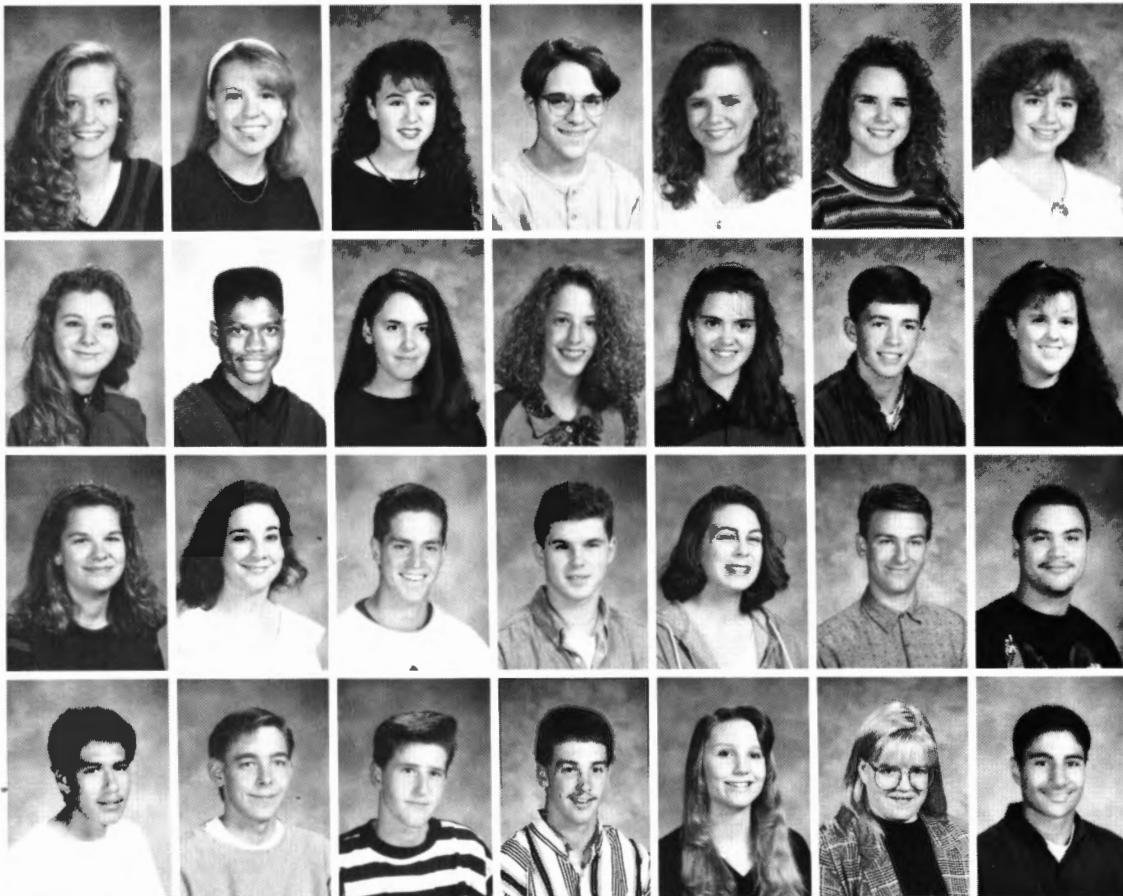
"Mark Wulff. His goals in life are unbelievable and with a great deal of will power, I believe he will achieve them."
-- Junior Kelly Larsen

"Ali Beha. He always seems to know EVERYTHING there is to know about politics. He is also very creative."
-- Junior Jayne Lawerence

"Ryan Travis because he knows a lot about politics. Besides, I would like to be the first lady!"
-- Junior Heather Stubig



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Jamye Finch
Amanda Fleckenstein

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Amy Fox
Rebecca Fulton
Jack Furrow
Patricia Gafner

Jaime Gangluff
Lynne Gifford
Jacob Gingrich
James Gleason
April Gober
Justin Godbehere
Ramiro Gonzales

John Gonzalez
James Good
Dustin Gould
Geoffrey Green
Heather Green
Lisa Grescowle
John Haidamous

FF THE CUFF POLITICAL LINES

The political commercials were finally over! No more childish name-calling between the baby boomer generation running the country. Gone were the half hour commercials of Ross Perot.

And now that the spy vs. spy games were over, Bush went on to further horizons as a private investigator. On January 20th Clinton was installed in the Oval Office. And here they were, straight from the more comical side of the horses mouth:

Off the Cuff Opinions

What word best describes George Bush?

"Heart attack, because if this happens, Dan steps up."

--Junior Amy Decker

"Taxes, because that is mainly what he is based on."

--Junior Heather Birdsey

... Bill Clinton?

"Rigormortis--too much jogging is bad for the joints."

--Junior Matt Cook

"The Pillsbury Doughboy be-

cause he is chubby."

--Mrs. Sue Kenney

"Boomer-- He represents the baby-boomer generation."

--Mr. Guil Northrup

... Ross Perot?

"Stimpy! He looks more like a cartoon character than a candidate." --Junior Ryan Alderman

"Hokey-pokey. You put your whole self in and your whole self out and then your whole self in and shake them all about." --Mrs. Peg Lamb

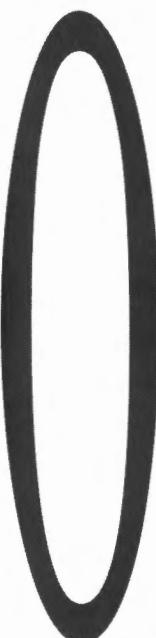
"Ears, wow those babies are huge!" --Junior Damon Parker
--Janie Allen, Teresa Reynolds

NOW THAT'S ACTING

Amazed by his new found information, Mortimer played by Matt Cook, looks in disgust at one of his aunts, played by Amy Decker. Matt, famous for delivering lines, was sought out for his political view.

P LANNING AHEAD

Carefully looking over all of her alternatives answers, senior Billie Joe Rogers asks teacher Peg Lamb for assistance. Mrs. Lamb taught in Global and American Studies and shared her presidential observations.



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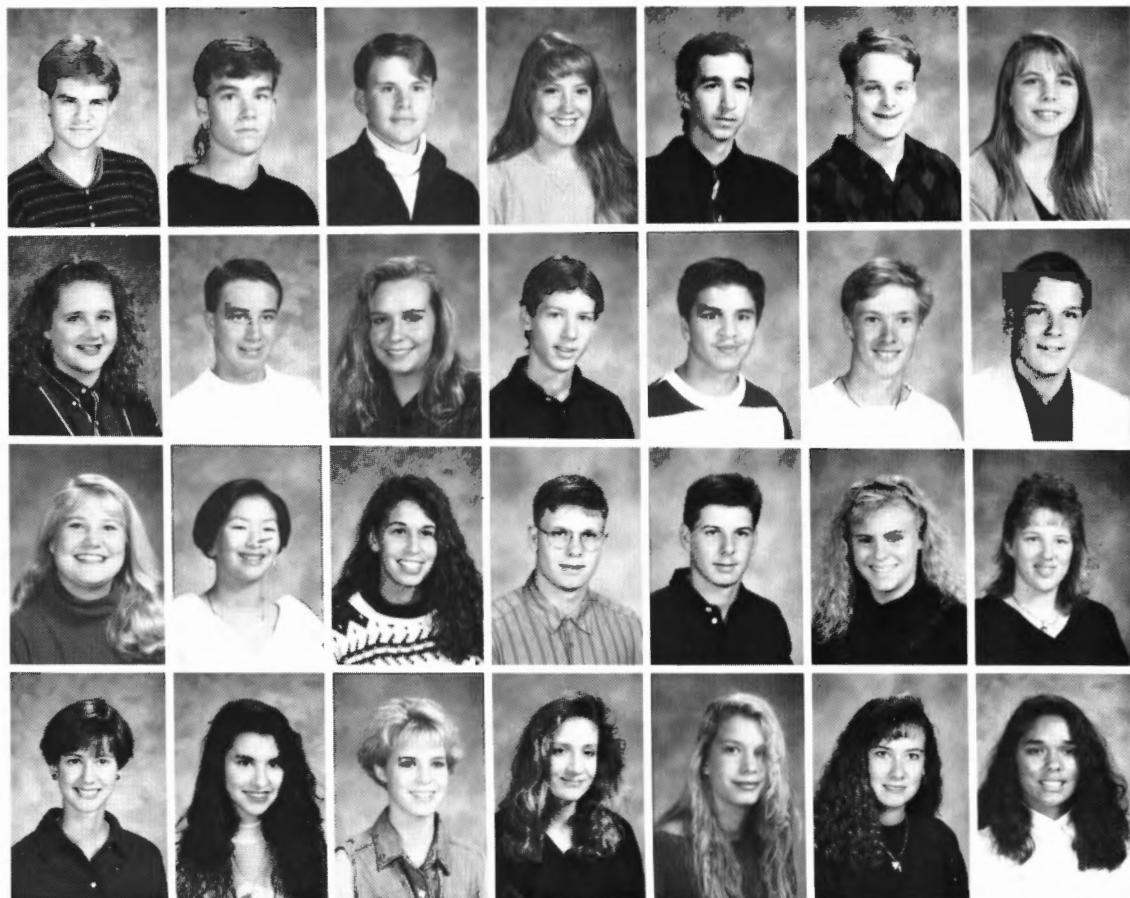
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Bryan Hamilton
William Handziak
Tricia Hannig
Bruce Harry
Eric Hartman
Miranda Hartmann

Kelly Hayes
Gregory Hayslette
Amy Heathman
Shane Heistand
Roberto Hernandez
Scott Hewitt
Matthew Hill

Shannon Hoekwater
Wendy Hoelzle
Kendra Hoffman
Joshua Hogarth
Tomme Holbrook
Mindy Holden
Patricia Holey

Leeann Hunter
Julia Hurtado
Jessica Hutchinson
Modesta Illemszky
Melissa Iott
Heather Isham
Stephanie Jackson



CROSSING THE LINE

"In the morning before school, I didn't have time to put my parking sticker on my car. After school, I could not find it and I thought it had been stolen. After questioning Bruce Duling,

I found out that my car had been towed, and was going to cost me \$55. I was furious!"

--Amy Ward

How familiar were you with the bigger infractions at Holt? Maybe if students had thoroughly read the student handbook with parental guidance, they might have known one of them was not to wear a hat in school. Mr. Dan Plunkett, explained, "The rule was approved by the Board of Education in a time when people thought it was disrespectful to wear hats in a building, and it remains now because hats can symbolize gang activity."

The majority of students, however, resented the rule. In a poll, 69% of them thought wearing a hat should have been allowed. "You should be able to wear hats in school. What if you got a really bad haircut, and you wanted to hide it?" junior Erik Walley.

There were other things besides hats that upset students.

Many, like junior Ryan Travis wondered, "Why did teachers get the closest parking spots, when the parking lot was titled, Student Parking?" Security guard Fred Sims answered, "Because their lot is under construction and teachers have more seniority and authority than students do." Students also wondered if teachers would have been towed if they parked in the student lot, but Sims concluded, "Probably not."

Amy Ward resented this dilemma. "In the morning before school, I didn't have time to get my parking sticker on my car. After school, I couldn't find it and I thought it had been stolen. After questioning Bruce Duling, I found out that my car had been towed, and was going to cost me \$55. I was furious!" Though students experienced a sense of injustice, they were un-



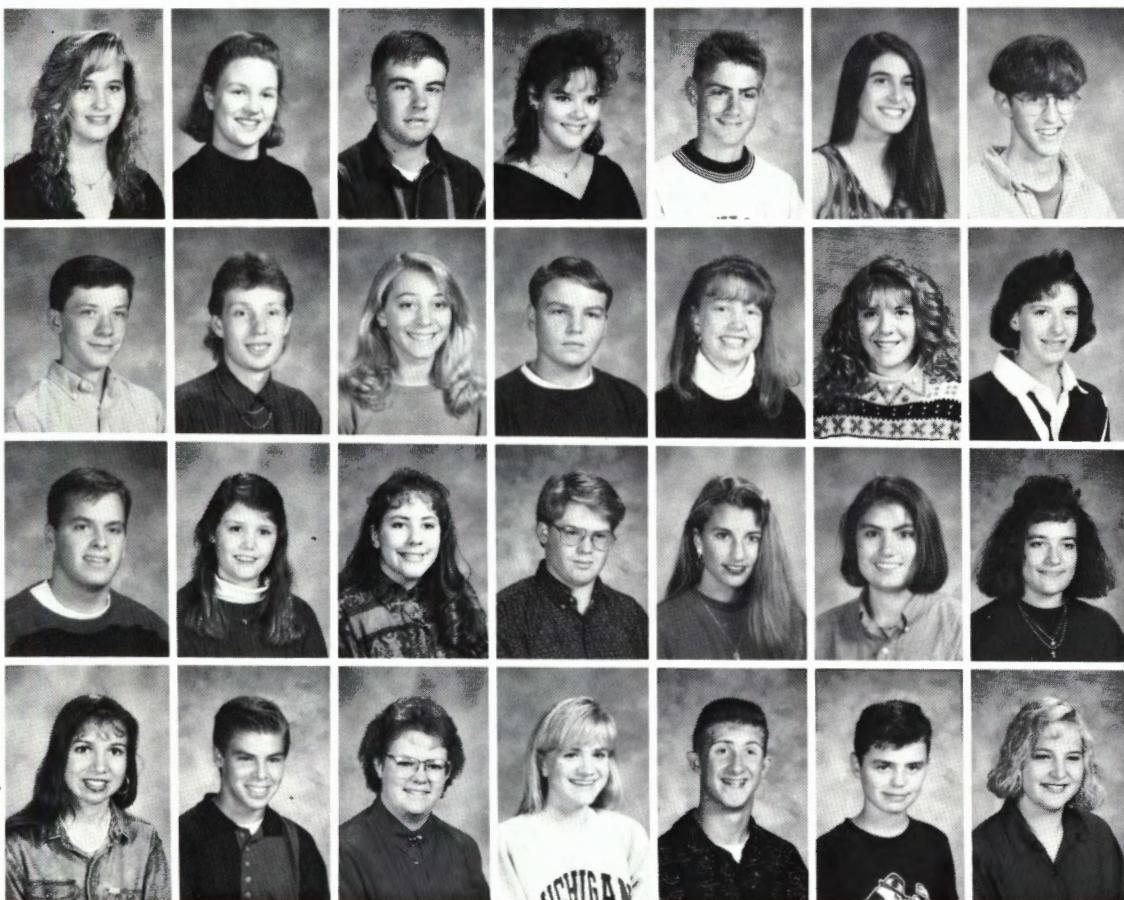
LUNCH TIME FUN

When the opportunity arose, Brian McKouen took it. At Fat Boys, Brian was asked if he would sing the National Anthem for a free pizza. Brian sang away and got his free pizza.

able to change the powers that be.

--Heather Stubig
Andrea Andrews

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Jennifer Jenks
Colleen Jennings
Scott Johnson
Serena Johnson
Scott Kamm
Marina Katsiris
Matthew Kelly

Peter Kenyon
Kenneth Klopp
Terra Knoop
David Kost
Kara Kragt
Sara Kratzer
Karen Kretzinger

Michael Kuebler
Jennifer Lafeve
Amanda Lang
Jonathon Larie
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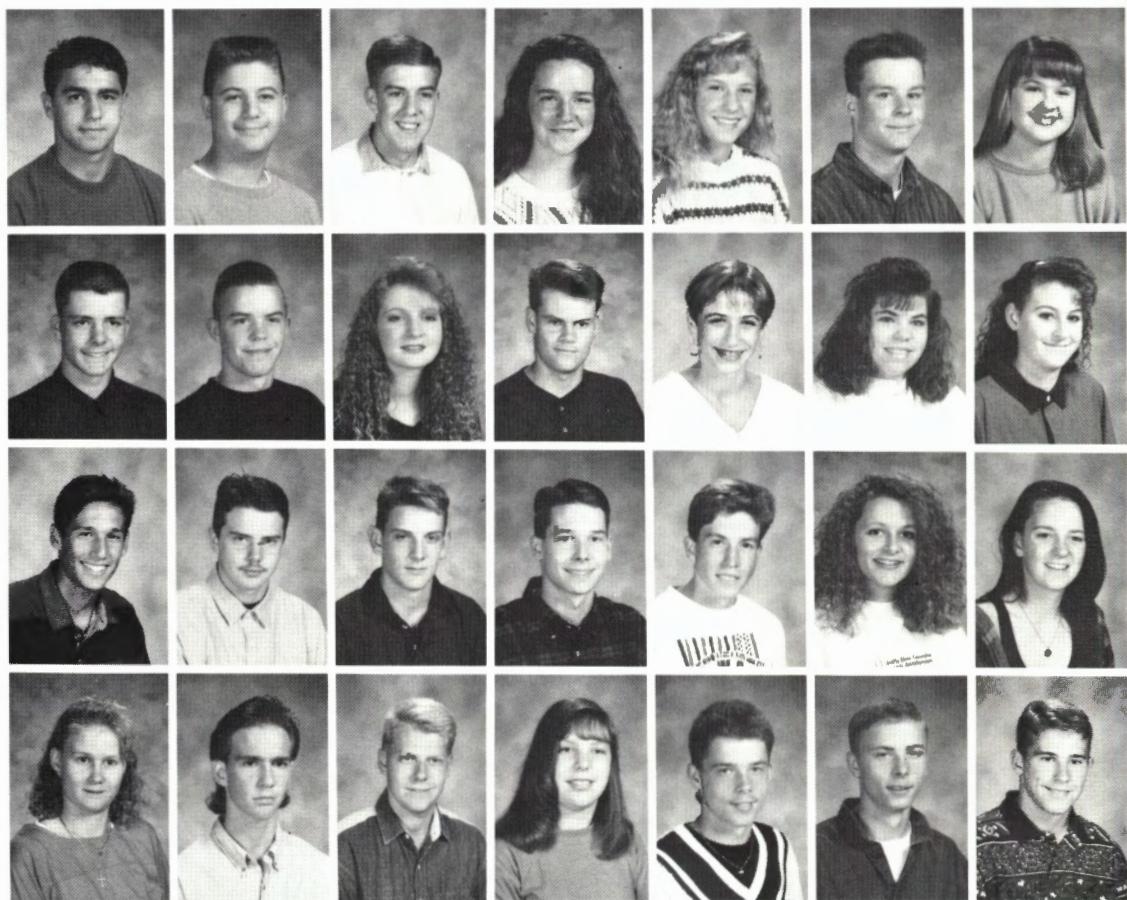


BREAKING THE RULES
A hat fan himself even though he couldn't wear them in school, Assistant Principal Brian Templin sports a baseball cap at the senior float meeting. Mr. Templin took the heat for the unpopular hat rule at times.

WORKING TOGETHER
Sorting their thoughts, Layele Watters, Nicole Forgie and Amy Younglove try to decide if they would keep a Down's Syndrome baby. "Usually I don't like group work, but we did well together and got a lot done, shared Layele.

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Christopher Lopez
Jeremiah Lowman
Brian Lund
Janet Maki
Jill Malm
Sean Malone
Lindsay Manning



Brock Matteson
Shane May
Tristin McCarty
Kyle McDowell
Kathleen McGroarty
Jennifer McIntyre
Kimberly McKean

Raymon McKenny
Brian McKouen
Cimmeron McRae
John Milks
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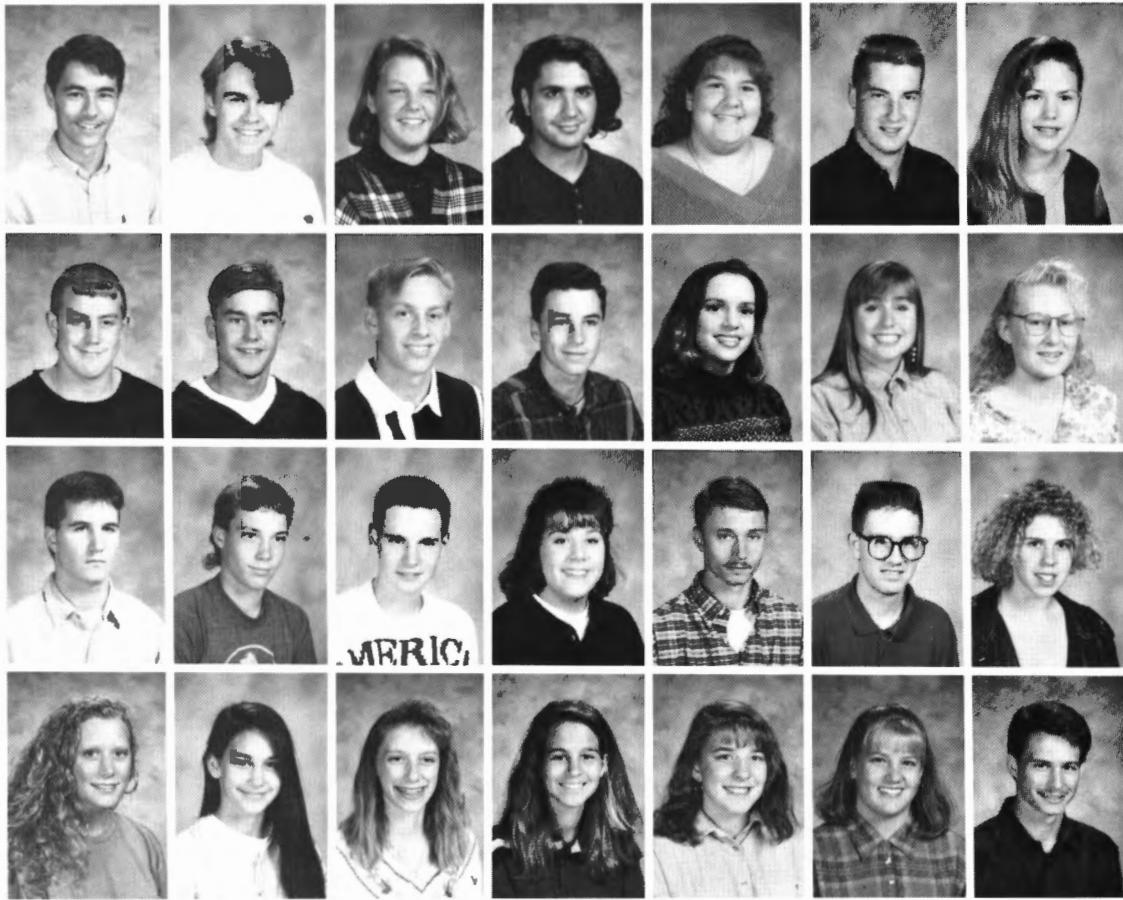


M R. DEBATE HIMSELF

Caught once again using his eloquent speaking to impress his Economics class is teacher and debate coach, Guil Northrup. Forced to keep his audience on their toes and awake, Mr. Northrup used speaking tactics.



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Edward Murray
Brent Nolan
Laurie Nugent
Stephen Nygard
Erin Oakley
Brandon Oaks
Susan Oliver

Nathan Osborn
Carl Packer
Damon Parker
Thomas Parry
Christa Pennell
Jennifer Peters
Stacie Pettis

Christopher Pfeifer
Andrew Pocklington
Kevin Post
Regina Pounds
Richard Powell
Geoff Pratt
Julie Pryzbylowicz

Melinda Pugh
Erin Quinn
Jamie Rach
Catherine Rashid
Jessica Reinecke
April Reinke
Christopher Reynolds



T RUE ARTISTS

Experimenting with shading in Mrs. Anderson's fourth hour Drawing class are sophomore Terry Kenney and junior Brian Lund. Students were allowed to pick subjects that they were interested in drawing.

G ROUPED TOGETHER

Hoping to finish an assignment in Mrs. Koessel's sixth hour Algebra class are juniors Catie Rashid, Heather Miner, Julie Corr and Russ Baker.

TS THERE A WAY?

"My best friend Jamie Lawrence is who I rely on to help me through the rough times. She's always been there for me, and has helped me with all of my problems."

--Kerrie Lehnert

Sometime halfway through the first semester, many juniors wondered if there was a way to make it through the year in full sanity. The academic and extracurricular burden had really piled up. Deciding in the first place what classes to take wasn't the easiest thing to do. It caused major problems when classes finally chosen after long hours of hard core parent-child talks and prioritizing for graduation requirements were filled. After making the adjustments, finally, and with what seemed like only a week until school started, the schedules arrived.

With it came the inevitable start and then the reality of perhaps for many, the toughest academic year. Having to work their way through the continuous battles of English clauses and Algebraic equations was only the beginning.

Not too far along came preparation for the upcoming college entrance exams, and the challenges that lay ahead. Students often looked for support during the rough times. "I rely on my friends and boyfriend. When things aren't going well, they are always there for me," commend junior Laurie Bushell. Junior Mystie Finkbeiner added, "I mainly rely on Wednesday morning for rest so that I'm not burnt out the rest of the week. I also look forward to lunch so that I can give my brain a rest."

Others turned to sports to get their frustrations out. "When times are rough for me I rely on softball to help me cope with stress, stated junior Sarah Roberts. As the pressure of home work, pop quizzes, and tests took their toll on students, many found ways to make it through.

--Andrea Andrews

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Teresa Reynolds
Keith Rhodabeck
Anne Ribby
Robert Richards
Christina Ries
Michael Robedeau
Pamela Robedeau



Angela Roberts
Mark Roberts
Sarah Roberts
Erika Robson
James Roehl
Kate Roessler
Rebecca Roy

Joey Royston
Virongrong Rugchat
Kelly Russell
Nichole Saxton
Melissa Schopp
Joseph Schutte
Tracy Secord

Gregory Setla
Christopher Sharp
Autumn Shaver
Andrea Shaw
Teya Shimnoski
Maria Sifuentes
Heather Smith

ETTING OFF TRACK

"Most of the time I'm with my friends, but sometimes I like to be alone because it's not very often that I have time to myself."

--Kelly Anderson

You're outta here, as you passed through the doors that separated school from the "real" world of excitement and fun. The drought was finally over and students could get their minds on what they were thirsty for--freetime.

Some people said that the only way to get bored was to be bored. If this was true, then many students who suffered from it needed a way out.

Everyone had their special ways of relaxing. "Most of the time I'm with my friends, but sometimes I like to be alone, because it's not very often that I have time to myself," noted Kelly Andersen.

Others found boredom was relieved when a group of teens got together. Christie Ries remembered one of those moments camping. "I was in Grand Haven with one of my friends. We were walking back to our

tent in the dark when she saw something move on the ground. She fell to her knees screaming that something was attacking her. I shined my flashlight down and saw a small bush rubbing against her! Boy, did she feel stupid!"

Sometimes things that weren't intended to be fun turned out to be the laugh of the day. Kendra Hoffman recalled, "Jamie Byrens and I were on our way to the cheerleading bus to go to the basketball game, when Jamie felt something missing—her lollipop!"

For some, time management became the issue. Between school, sports, and working, life became a little hectic. "I work a couple days a week and homework I squeeze in between time. This makes it hard for me to find free time," commented Jennifer Smith. In the end, the reminder that most students appreciated was: Life is short, play hard!

--Janie Allen, Teresa Reynolds



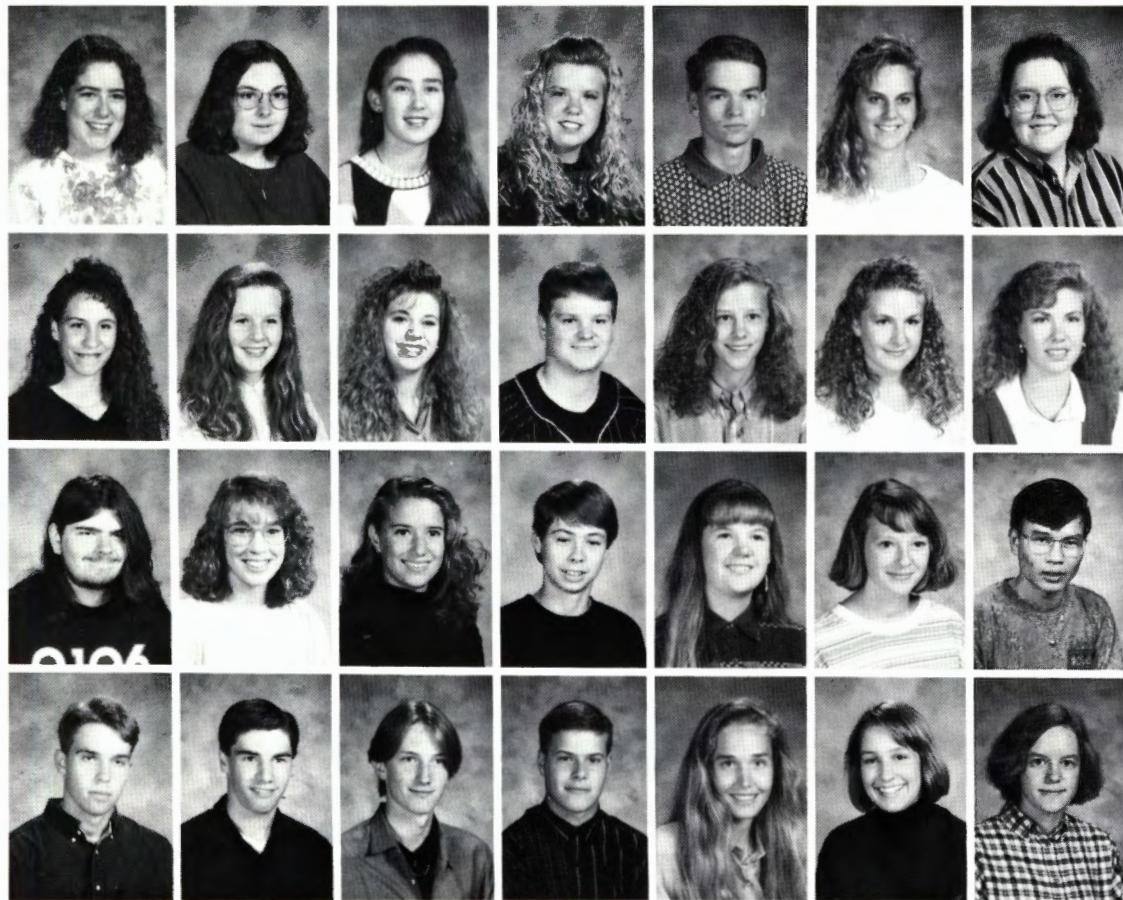
R AM SPIRIT

Cheering for a two-pointer made by the Boys' Varsity Basketball team are Tina Sullivan and Chris Nott along with other Ram fans. Mid-week games were a sure way for students to relax from studies as long as they didn't get behind on homework the next day.

T EACHER FOR A DAY

As junior Catie Rashid observes in the background, junior Ross Baker tries to show Mrs. Koessel his way of teaching Algebra class. Having to teach the class kept Ross on track.

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Jennifer Smith
Stacy Smith
Brandy Spitz
Julie St. Onge
Matthew Stacey
Terrie Stearns
Kendra Stevens

Melissa Stevens
Amy Stevenson
Kellie Stiles
Danial Story
Heather Stubig
Amy Sullivan
Celene Swagler

Thorin Teague
Lisa Telfer
Kelly Tepastte
Jason Therrien
Vanessa Thomas
Kay Towsley
Huong Tran

Ryan Travis
John Treloar
Robert Underhill
Benjamin VanFossen
Jennifer Vanlerberghe
Elizabeth Veldman
Andrea Voss



LOCKER STOP

Stopping at sophomore Trystin Kleimen's locker to say, "Hi" while out on a hall pass are juniors Jennie Vanlerberghe and Wendy Hoelzle. The two were getting off track from Ms. Mulawa's Advanced Grammar and Composition class.



One Liners Designed to Get Off Track in Class

"What in the world is Bok Choy?"

--Heather Watters

After being suddenly awakened after a filmstrip in Bill Savage's American History class, sophomore Jason Buckner replied, "I was NOT sleeping. What was the movie about?"

After giving a lecture about Algebraic equations, Mr. Bird stopped to ask his students if they had any questions or comments and senior Stacie Mills responded, "Mr. Bird...Let's talk about life!"

During a difficult quiz in Chemistry class, junior Jayme Lawrence groaned in confusion and her teacher, Sally Beauchine asked, "Was that from, agony or ecstasy?"

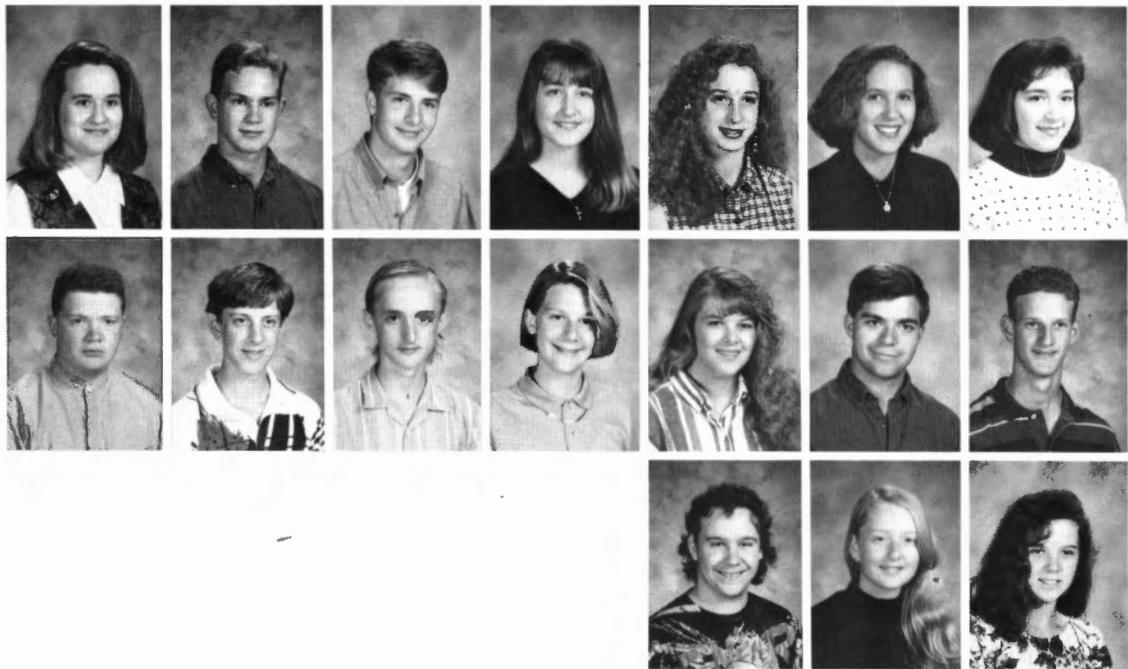


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Virginia Walker
Erik Walley
John Walters
Heather Watters
Catherine Webster
Nicole Wesaw
Chandra Wheeler

Michael White
Chad Whited
Roger Wiley
Kendra Willoughby
Kelley Wilson
Brian Wright
Mark Wulff

Paul Wyskowski
Sara Yarger
Amy Younglove



STUDENTS NOT PICTURED:

Daniel Balaskovitz
John Becker
Michelle Bevier
Terry Byrne
Michael Crawford
Lisa Doane

Dang Duong
Mystie Finkbeiner
Amy Frankovich
Bill Gilmore
Jason Greenman
Jason Haines
Kelly Hastings

Julie Hunt
Bradley Johnson
David Keeler
Dawayne Keeney
Phillip Kyer
Leon Manko
Drew McDonald

Scott McDowell
Yung Tek Mitchell
Mary Mutty
Todd Perfitt
Matthew Putman
Scott Smith
John Sonnenberg

Tying the Knot Poll Recognized couples in school

1. Janie Allen and Brian Lund - "It was love at first sight."
2. Heather Stubig and Ryan Travis - "We're the cutest."
3. Chris Reynolds and Tristin McCarty - "We're meant to be,"
4. Paul Hayes and Angie Roberts - "We try not to act lovey-dovey in the halls, but every once in a while we sneak in a little hug."
5. Libby Block and Brandon Ryckman - "Brandon makes me laugh, like when he puts chapstick on his eyebrows in Trig class."
6. Mike Murphy and Vanessa Spencer - "Mike is the sweetest and cutest guy in the school."
7. Andrea Andrews and Erik Walley - "We always have fun, no matter what we are doing."
8. Melinda Cady and Jake Gingrich - "We're really in love with each other."



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T WOSOME

Taking a slow dance to the music of deejay, Tunes by T, are junior Mike Cool and senior Dawn May. The Junior-Senior Prom was held May 29 and was attended by approximately 500 students.

Q UIET TIME

Taking a punch break before returning to dancing are senior Chris Nott and sophomore Laura Nunheimer. The Center was decorated in senior class colors of forest green and black.



L OVERLY DUO

Dancing and laughing the night away are seniors Libby Block and Brandon Ryckman during Prom. The couple had dated steadily during their last year.

B REAK AWAY

Taking a time out from the action are junior couple Janie Allen and Brian Lund on Prom night. Janie couldn't wait for the big night and she was ready noon that day.

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"I believe a good relationship is based upon trust, dependability, honesty, love, friendship, and an extreme need for the person."

--Kelly Larsen

UG OF WAR

The display of public affection didn't bother some while others couldn't stand it. Whether students agreed with it or not, the school had its policy. If a student took his or her signs of affection too far, they could end up at school at 7:00 a.m. Wednesday serving a detention.

"I have little reaction to the public display of affection, just keep it clean."

--Junior Jennifer Smith

"Hugs are okay, but groping on each other is inappropriate."

--Junior Christa Pennell

"I think people should be able to do what they want. If they want to show affection, let them."

--Junior Robb Underhill

"Love is something for you and your partner. No one else needs to see you. If it is true love, you probably want it to be private."

--Junior Kendra Hoffman

"I do not feel it is proper, but most people don't realize what they're doing when they leave for class and give their boyfriend or girlfriend a quick kiss"

--Junior Tristin McCarty

--Nicole Belles

SURVIVAL GAME

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--Stacie Mills

How quickly upperclassmen forgot; as if they had never been a sophomore. Didn't they remember being the new kid on the block? Maybe the memory faded because the pressure to grow up was so strong. But one thing was certain, some upperclassmen found sophomores irritating.

The first obstacle to overcome was being accepted. Jenny Lester jokingly suggested, "Maybe sophomores will be accepted when they respect seniors and walk with their mouths shut!"

Contempt transmuted into 'live and let live' as a rising maturity characterized the upper classes. Some realized not too late, that they could even empathize. "I think the upperclassmen are just using the excuse that 'they're sophomores' for everything. If freshman went to the high school they would be the targets, not the sopho-

mores," observed junior Kelly Larsen.

Some students felt the sophomores had 'attitudes.' But perhaps they were only a survival tool. And some sophomores didn't feel they had it all that bad. "I don't really feel that the upperclassmen treat us that bad. We just don't really associate with them."

Although many upperclassmen claimed a disdain for sophomores, there were some who didn't. "I try to be as understanding as possible because I was one once and it's tough," noted senior Allen Brockwell. And junior Heather Smith, a reformed bully, admitted "I used to attack sophomores who got on my nerves, but the suspensions added up and I was stereotyped as a troublemaker. Now my therapy has taught me to be patient and kind."

By the end of the year most



H E L P I N G H A N D

Margo Strong, teacher, aids student, Tony Neumann on a data base application in mixed-grade level Computer class. Tony noted, Mrs. Strong really helped me understand computers and taught me a lot.

sophomores passed the big test. Next year they would be juniors. Over the summer they would prepare for the new batch of sophomores. They anticipated dishing out what they had received, asking, 'What do you want from a sophomore?'

--Maureen Gregg

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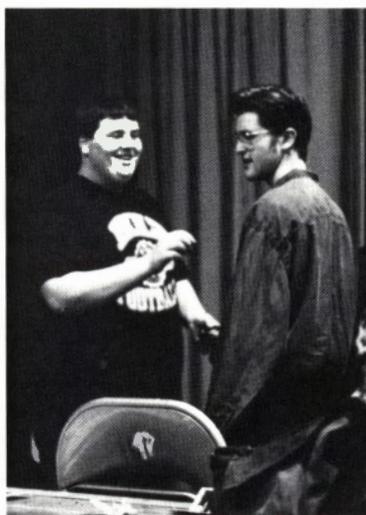
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Cathleen Baker
Benjamin Bakken
Kimberly Ballard

Shawn Barnes
Jason Bedford
Shayann Berning
Jeremy Bilow
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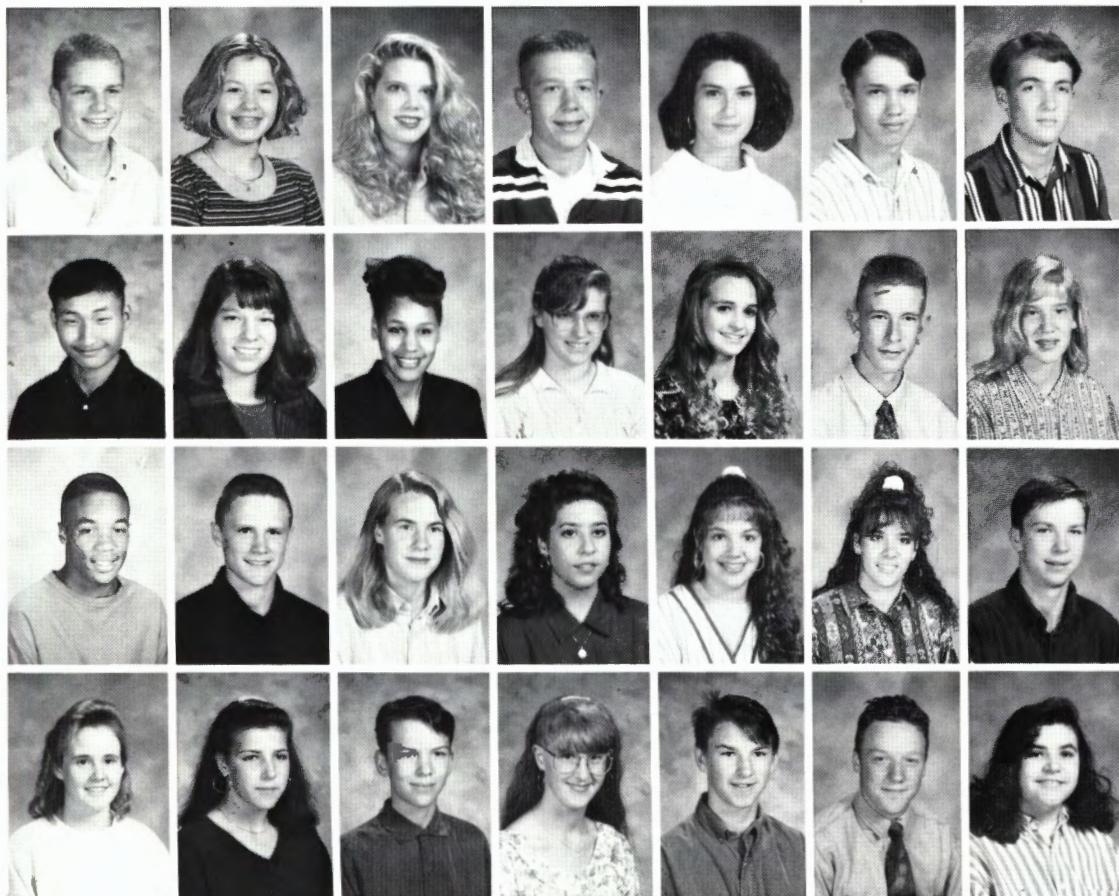
BEHIND THE SCENES

Backstage at the Talent Show, sophomore Matt Landfair congratulates junior Dustin Gould on his piano playing. Extra-curriculars gave students of different grades a chance to mix and form friendships.

WHAT A MASTERPIECE

Working together on their paper mache 'thing' in the mixed-grade level Constructions class are Mike Cook, Catherine Webster, Jeremy Lowman, Jennifer Maxey and Michelle Dubay.

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Jason Buckner
Melinda Cady
Amanda Calvert
Bradley Cass
Elizabeth Castello
Christopher Chapin
Robert Chapin

Cameron Chappell
Kaye Charles
Michelle Clark
Pamela Clark
Carrie Cole
Jeremy Cole
Andrea Cook

Terrance Cooper
Eric Corey
Jill Cory
Christine Coscarelli
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Mary Counter
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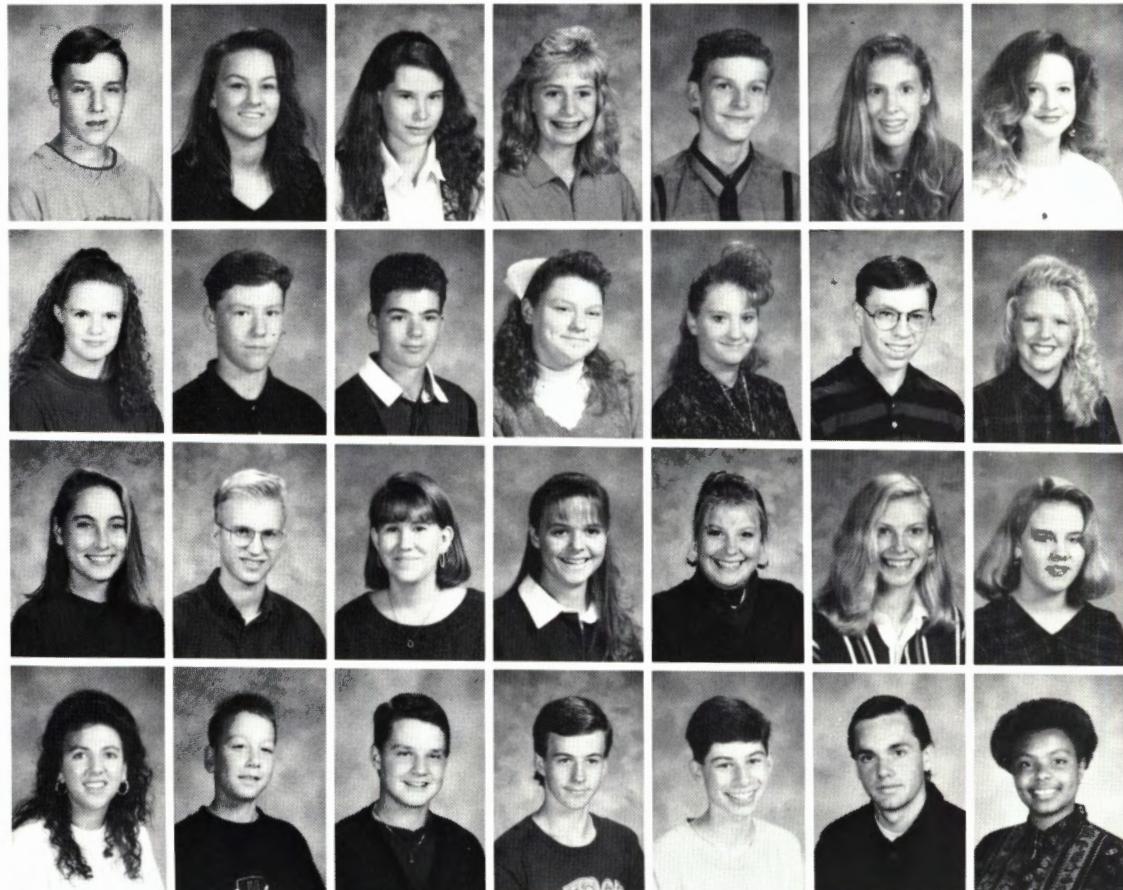
L IVIN' IT UP

Good friends Kristi Anderson, Katrina Andrews and Sarah Gregg attend prom together for a night of memories. Long-time friends often paired up for the highlight evening of the year.



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Gus Dahlgren
Nicole Davids
Nicole Dechelbor
Nicole Deetz
Daniel Dexter
Dana Dillon
Bianca Dingwell



Karriann Dingwell
Davin Dixon
Eric Drake
Jennifer Dreyesse
Michele Dubay
Todd Duling
Bridget Dunn

Jennifer Eaton
John Ehnis
Christine Eisenzimmer
Jamie Elliott
Lisa Ellis
Sarah Entenman
Rachel Facer

Angie Fadley
Michael Feldpausch
Richard Ferman
Jason Fish
Aaron Fisher
Michael Fleming
Cheresse Ford



ULTIMATE CLIQUES



ORIGINAL RECIPE

Catching a few moments together between classes are Joe Gubry, Kristen Evans and Serena Johnson. "Many of us believe we're individuals, but there are only a few of us (seniors) who are. We no longer give a rip what people think of us."

OUR MOVE!

Practicing for Quiz Bowl, juniors Kelly Bush, Tad Feland and sophomore Ray Shock put their minds to work. The players spent much time together after school and early Monday mornings for up-coming matches.

"I think the line from the BREAKFAST CLUB, sums it up just fine -- We found out that each one of us is a brain, an athlete, a basketcase, a princess and a criminal. Does that answer in the simplest

terms, with the most convenient definitions, who we think we are, Mr. Vernon!"

--Senior Stacie Mills

The search was over! The ultimate cliques had been found, and with them social acceptance. But what really was this thing called a clique? Kelly Skidmore explained, "A clique is a group of students that hang out with other people of their liking." Sounded good? Not always. Sometimes groups formed as havens for the shy. "A clique is a group of people who hang out with only certain people because they are afraid of meeting new ones," observed David Janetzke.

So who were the members of these cliques? Brian Gleason theorized, "Everyone is somehow part of a clique because people form their own social groups." Shoni Heistand put it another way, "You can't dress like a nerd and hang with the preps." Were there any rules? "Not really. The people just basically like the same things," an-

swered Maureen Gregg.

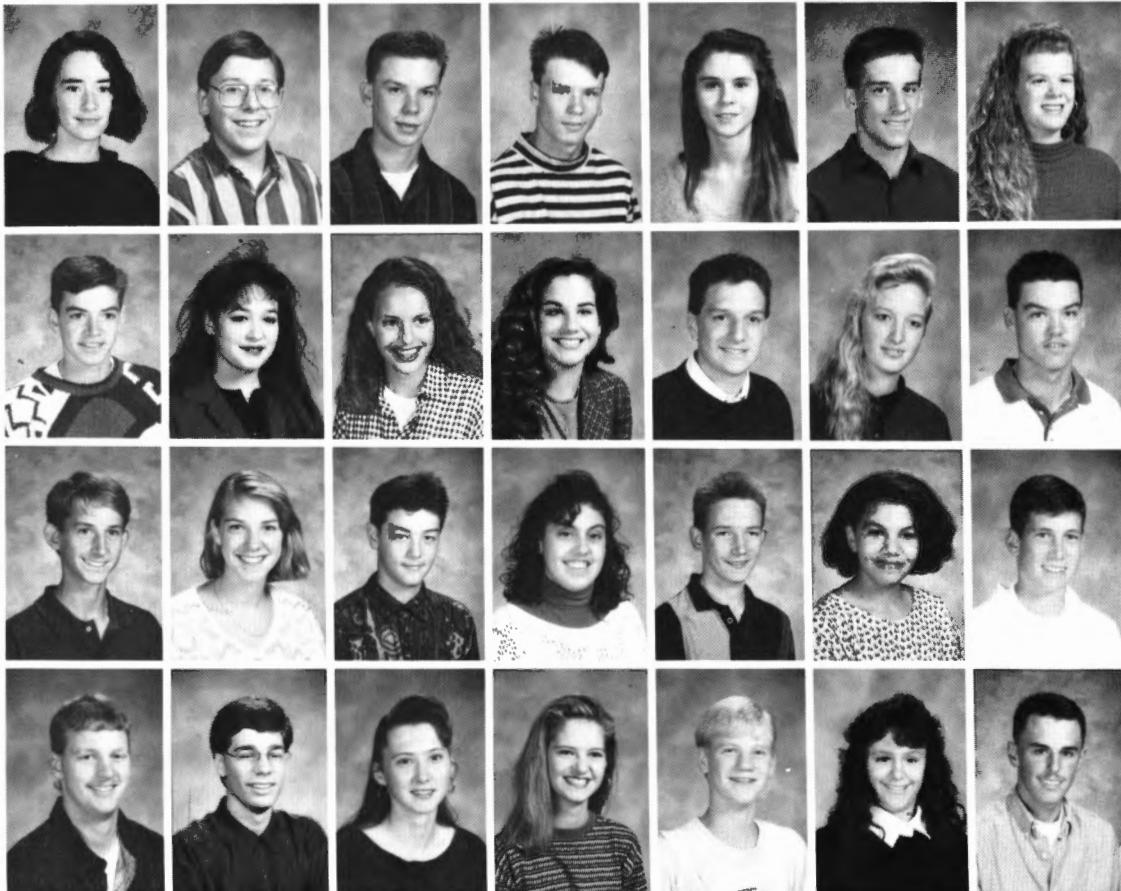
Was being part of a clique important to students? Daneil Alexander revealed, "Not at all. If people don't accept me for who I am, then I don't want them as friends anyway. Besides, I wouldn't join a group for social acceptance."

Was there one class that had the most cliques? Jason Bedford didn't think so, "All classes have about the same number of cliques." In contrast, Chad Fulk answered, "The sophomores. We are just one giant clique. We're a family!"

So what prompted sophomores to clique? Perhaps a form of insurance or maybe a way to make a statement without saying a word. Or strangely enough, in the end, it just might have been a small group of close friends who hung out together.

--Kelly Larsen

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Jessica Forgie
Michael Forgrave
Casey Fourman
David Fowler
Angela Franklin
Troy Frayer
Mary Fudge

Chad Fulk
Jennifer Garcia
Yvonne Gibbs
Laura Gifford
Jeff Gilkey
Jennifer Gill
Lawrence Gilson

Brian Gleason
Megan Gnass
Shane Goddard
Raquel Gonzales
Bradley Goodenough
Adrienne Graham
Ryan Grant

Dan Green
Damon Greene
Jill Greenman
Maureen Gregg
Jeremy Gubry
Terri Guerrero
Michael Hadley

FORGING AHEAD

"I felt that having my sister here was helpful. I knew more people as a result because they came over to my house."

--Shanna Rennirt

Bigger bullies, bigger buildings and bigger responsibilities. Who said bigger was better? From getting lost finding first hour, to getting pushed in the halls, sophomores stumbled through their first days at high school. Many thought they would look and feel grown up, but upperclassmen disagreed. The lost expressions were the biggest clue. "I never realized how dumb sophomores look on the first day of school. They walk around like lost puppies trying to find their mom!" exclaimed junior Heather Stubig.

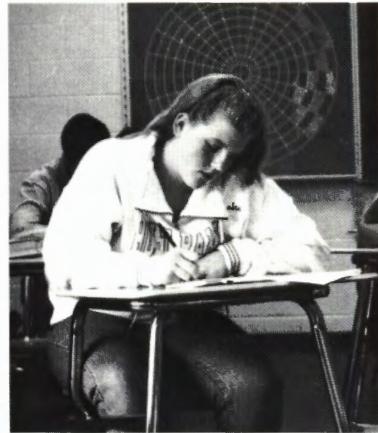
Trying to look cool while meandering through unfamiliar halls wasn't helped by the changes in the physical plant. The movement and noise of construction distracted them. Sophomore Jessica Reich complained, "Couldn't they do this

in the summer? It's an inconvenience."

Some sophomores, had more of an advantage than others in coping. They were the ones who had friends, or a sibling that went to the school. "I felt that having my sister here was helpful. I knew more people, plus most of them knew me because they came over to my house," stated Shanna Rennirt.

Another way sophomores caught on quicker was to have classes with upperclassmen. "I think tenth graders should be in classes with juniors and seniors, for communication purposes. If they're together, they usually can learn to make friends and fit in better," stated Mike Feldpausch.

As the year came to an end, sophomores evolved into juniors who recognized the insecurities of bullies, the effi-



O N THE LINE

Taking a geometry test in Mrs. Berwald's class is sophomore Jessica Reich. She commented, "The grading is harder now. Teachers are grading more like professors in college so you have to work hard to keep up with everyone else."

cency of the new building plan and the challenge of increased responsibilities. Adjusting to change became the path to growth and maturity. Bigger was better after all.

--Maureen Gregg

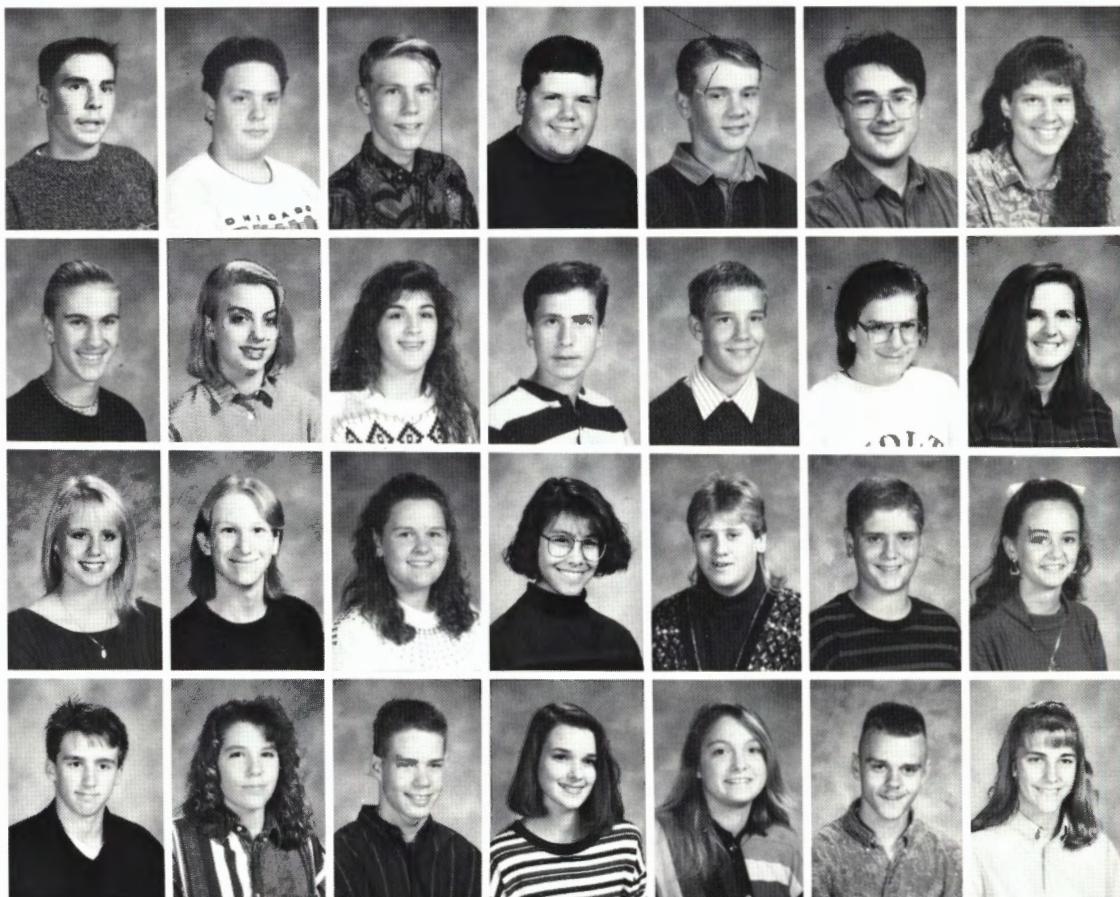
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Anthony Hays
Shoni Heistand

Michael Hendrickson
Danah Henriksen
Kelli Heppinstall
Jeremy Hill
Kristopher Hill
Brian Hines
Nicole Hoagland

Jeri Hofbauer
Timothy Hoffman
Vanessa Hoffmeyer
Melissa Homan
Timothy Hopper
Gary Horstman
Michele Horton

Todd Hovey
Jessica Hulsebos
Scott Hultberg
Sherah Huston
Rachel Iott
Mark Jacquart
Melissa Janes





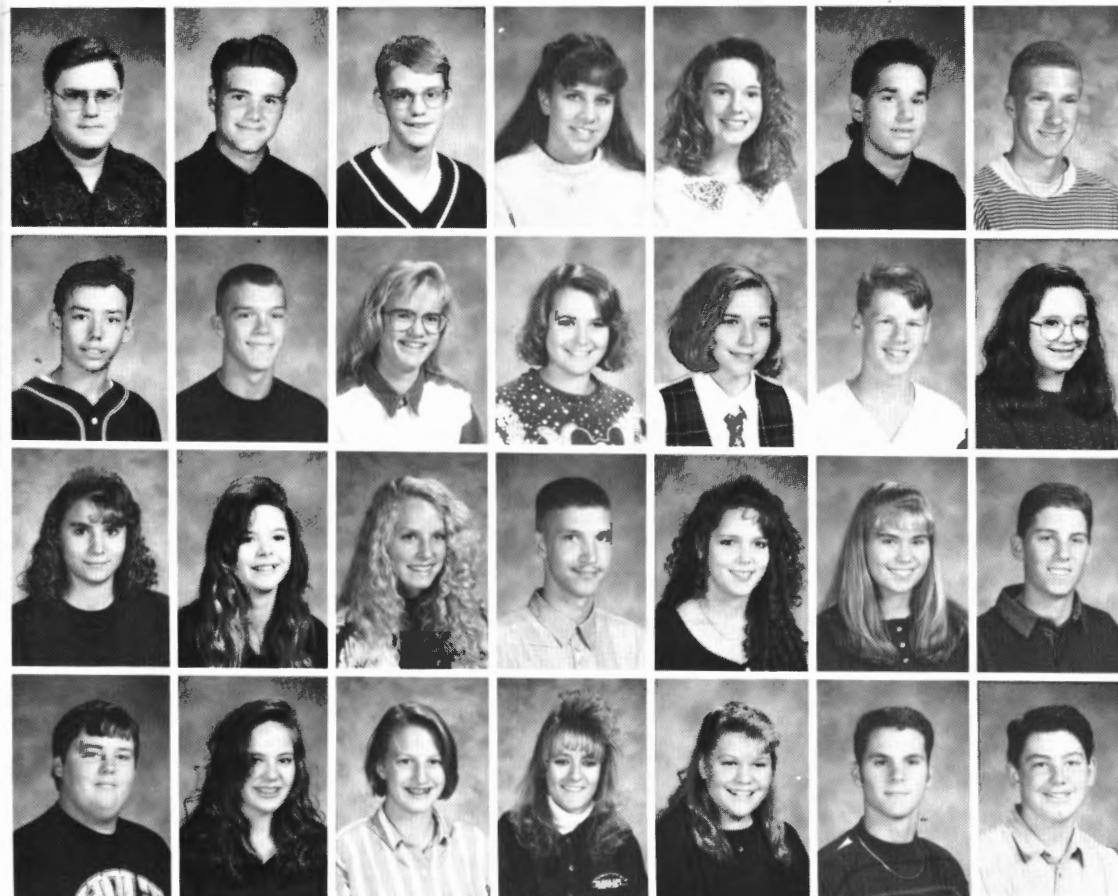
C COMPUTERS IN ACTION

Looking up information on the Library CD Roms are Jeff Williams, Daryl Myers and Brian Roy. Sophomores caught on quickly and did not remain computer illiterate long.

D ANCIN' THE NIGHT AWAY

Lined up for fun are sophomores Allison Wood, Cathy Baker, Shannon Hoekwater, Becky Paterick and Ben Bakken at Prom held at the Lansing Center.

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David Janetzke
Kyle Janetzke
Jason Janson
Tabitha Jenkins
Meriah Johnson
Robert Keller
Lee Kellog

Ryan Kelly
Terry Kenney
Julie Kent
Megan Ketchum
Jaime Keyser
Joel Kilgore
Monika Kinney

Halina Kirkham
Jennifer Kitchen
Trystin Kleiman
James Kocher
Lisa Koelzer
Michelle Krause
Phillip Kreiger

Matthew Landfair
Melissa Larner
Colleen Laroue
Heather Lemke
Tamara Lindberg
Wade Litwiller
Richard Lockhart



WHAT'S THE PLAN?

Backstage before their dance performance in the Talent Show are Kristin Araoz, Kristin Robbins and Stacie Pettis. "During the beginning of the dance, Kristin Robbins pulled a muscle in her leg and our whole routine got off beat. It was kind of embarrassing. Her leg hurt too bad to do it the second time," stated Stacie.



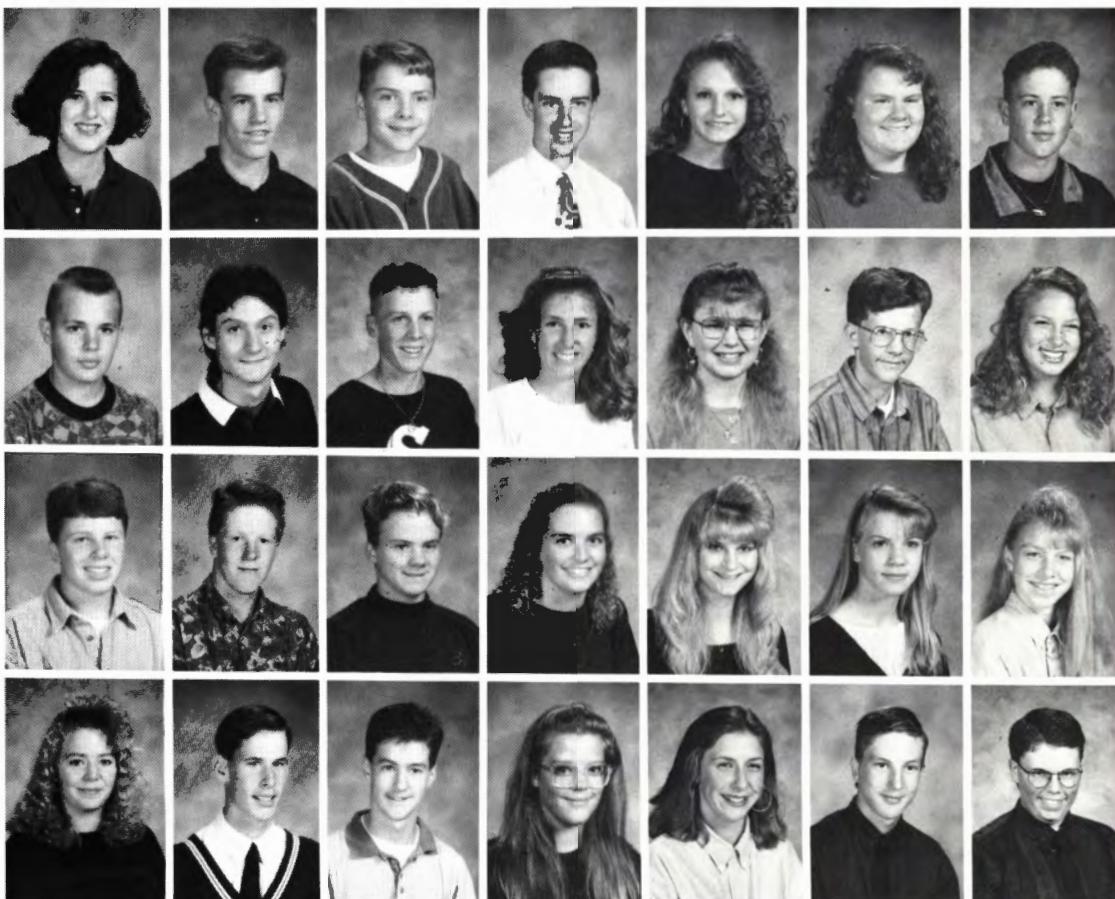
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Michael Looney
Albert Looney III
Kevin Loudon
Chantel Lovejoy
Mindy Lowery
Michael Luce

David MacPhee
Shawn Malkin
Jason Mann
Sarah Mann
Tina Mann
Scott Mantyla
Sarah Martin

Andrew Mayes
Daniel Mayes
Travis McAlvey
Tracy McArthur
Angela McBrien
Maureen McCarrick
Jessica McDonald

Sarah McLellan
Brian McWilliams
Brett Miller
Kelly Miller
Nicole Miller
Robert Miller
Thomas Miller



N OT THE USUAL



TOOT YOUR OWN HORN

Playing her unusual home made trombone at team practice is sophomore Heather Milligan. "It took me many long weeks to make the instrument, but the work paid off in competition."

B EATING THE COLD

Cuddling up at the court sidelines is Varsity Tennis player Tricia Hannig. Such a pose was the norm toward the end of the fall season. "Certain matches got really cold. We would try anything to keep warm."

"I was in the middle of a race at a swim meet when my suit fell off. My little white rear was hanging out. Everyone was laughing at me. I felt so stupid! But, I still won the race and got my best time."

--Mike Rutherford

Coming of age wasn't without it's funny moments as well as embarrassing ones. Many students had more than their share to recall.

"I was out on a date with this girl that I really wanted to impress. When we came out of the restaurant and got into my car, it wouldn't start. So much for impressing her.

--Junior Rob Hernandez

"My boyfriend took me out to dinner at Mountain Jacks and while I was eating some steak, I started choking. I tried to drink some water, but it wouldn't go down. I just spit it all over myself. John tried to give me the Heimlich Maneuver, but it didn't work. Finally, a lady came out of nowhere and hit me on my back. The steak flew out of my mouth. I have never been so embarrassed in my entire life."

--Junior Nicole Belles

"Sarah Martin, Maureen Gregg and I were on our way to a wres-

tling meet and I was driving. I was stopped at a red light and I was going to turn left. When the light turned green, I didn't even wait for the other traffic, I just started turning. I didn't realize what was happening until Maureen started screaming. My first reaction was to stop, so I did. Right in the middle of the intersection. A van came about a foot away from hitting us! I felt so stupid, so I just took off!"

-Sophomore DaNeil Alexander

Amanda Milks, Sarah Gregg and I were leaving Denny's and Sarah repeatedly shut my head in the door without even realizing it. I was too shocked to scream. Sarah and I both felt a little stupid about that one."

--Senior Stacie Mills

--Maureen Gregg

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Heather Milligan
Saleha Mohamedulla
Shanna Morden
Michelle Morgan
Hollie Morse
Shannon Morse
Carilyn Moubray

John Mulvaney
Joshua Murgittroyd
Daryl Myers
Michele Myers
Sara Nauta
Anthony Neumann
Adam Newberry

Laura Nunheimer
Karen Olson
Matthew Ordiway
Jonathan Ott
Aaron Owen
Tera Parry
Christy Parsons

Rebekah Paterick
Melissa Pauls
Napoleon Penfield
Melissa Peterson
Reanna Pickott
Brandy Pierson
Brian Powe

CARIEST THING

"Right after I got out of the shower my friend called me and told me that there were two murders down at the river which is right behind my house. This was one of the few times I wished my mom was home to keep me company."

--Lisa Ellis

Scuffing your feet down a dark alley, head down, hands in pockets, you hear noises lurking from every corner. After ignoring the first noise, you peek up searching for the second sounds. Heart beating at 50 mph, you can't help imagining the worst. Then the alarm goes off.

Waking up to a buzzer was the best thing that could happen to students at a time like that, but some weren't so lucky. "One night a bunch of friends and I went out to the Ledges. We found traces of blood and we were chased by some men," recalled Nicki Wood.

Many students didn't encounter happenings as dangerous as that. Lisa Ellis remembered, "Right after I got out of the shower my friend called me and told me that there were two murders down at the river which is behind my house. This was

one of the times I wished my mom was home."

On the other hand, having parents at home could also be a scary thought. "My mom threatened to send me away to girls' school because she couldn't deal with me anymore," revealed Kari Reynolds. Punishing parents were frightening to most students. "My brother was caught smoking and my parents thought I was smoking too. They were going to kick us out of the house and disown us both."

Danger came in another form for Dan Cupples. "I fell off my roof after losing my balance. I got the wind knocked out of me the instant I hit the ground. I didn't think I was hurt that bad so I waited for three hours until my parents got home to go to the hospital. It ended up that I had internal bleeding and a punc-



B RAINSTORMING

Leading a discussion on brainstorming strategies is English teacher Mrs. Pamela Klimenko while sophomore Jason Fish completes the assignment. Coming to the high school was both exciting and scary for students.

tured lung."

While some students were frightened merely at the sight of a spider, it took mass murders to scare others. And sometimes hitting the snooze button didn't appeal to all students.

--Michelle Zink

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Darnell Powers

Chad Pratt
David Pratt

Michael Chad Ramsey
Christopher Ranes
Stacie Ranney
Shannon Reed



Michael Rutherford
Shelly Schmitt
John Schopp
Amanda Schram
Timothy Schram
Jamin Schroeder
Eric Schuette



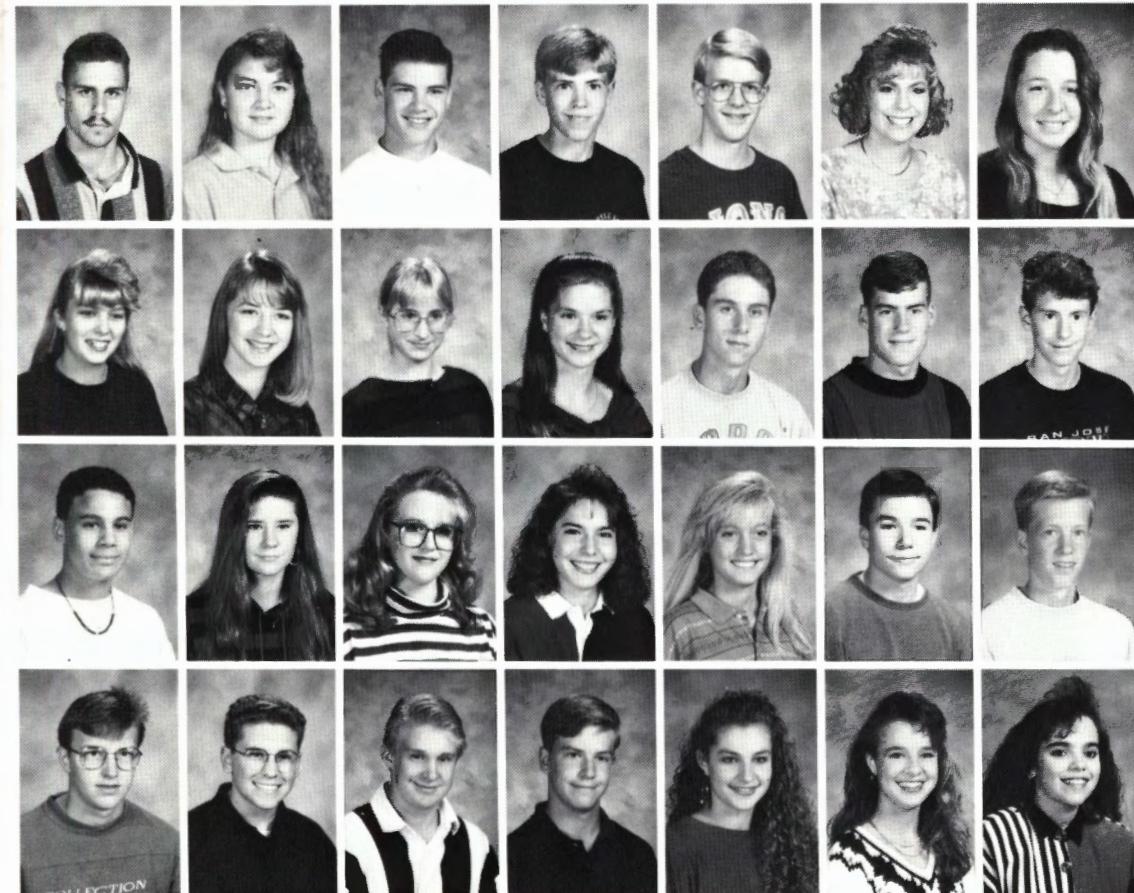
SISTERLY LOVE

Performing "Love Will Build a Bridge" at the Spring Talent Show are graduate Leslie and senior Amanda Parrott. Both girls had overcome stage fright by this performance having been in many choir and musical events.

S COPING

In Mrs. Fetter's and Mr. Burgess' Biology class, sophomore Stacy Smieska checks out some microorganisms as Dan Cupples awaits his turn.

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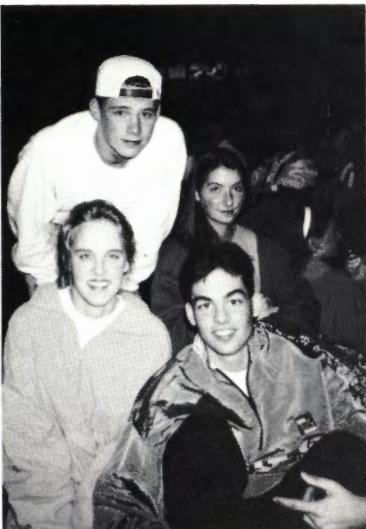


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Michael Sharp
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Ray Shock
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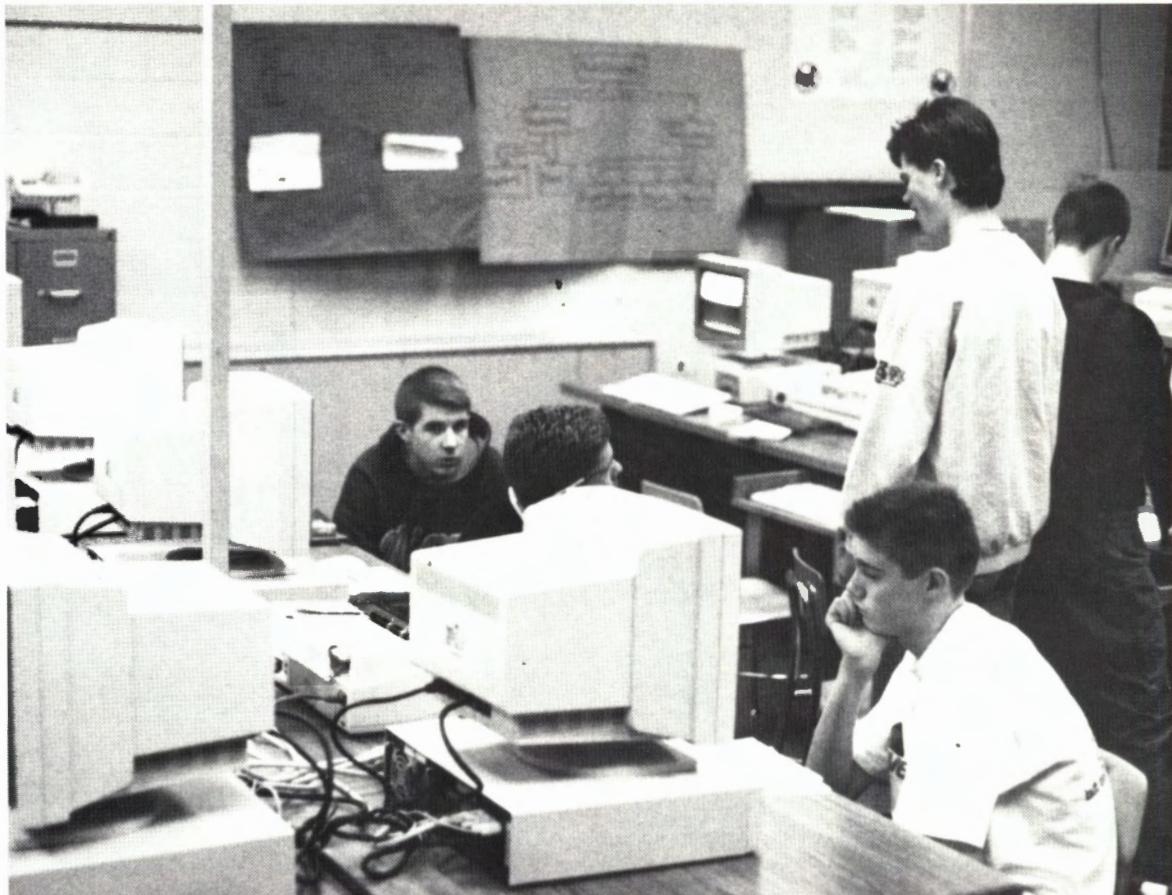
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Neil Steinkamp

Jason Stevens
Paul Stewart
Nathan Stott
Steven Suckow
Tina Sullivan
Lesa Swagler
Mia Swavel



OFF TO ACAPULCO

Waiting at Detroit Metro for their flight to take off during Spring Break are Riki Robson, Jason Hamelin, Sarah Gregg and Nick Rashid. Jason who, at times, was the clown, shared, "It was near the most tragic experience of my life. I went to Acapulco just so I could buy a stuffed armadillo. Once I had him, I bought him a hat and named him Al. When it was time to go, he was taken away from me going through customs. I haven't seen him since. I guess life goes on."



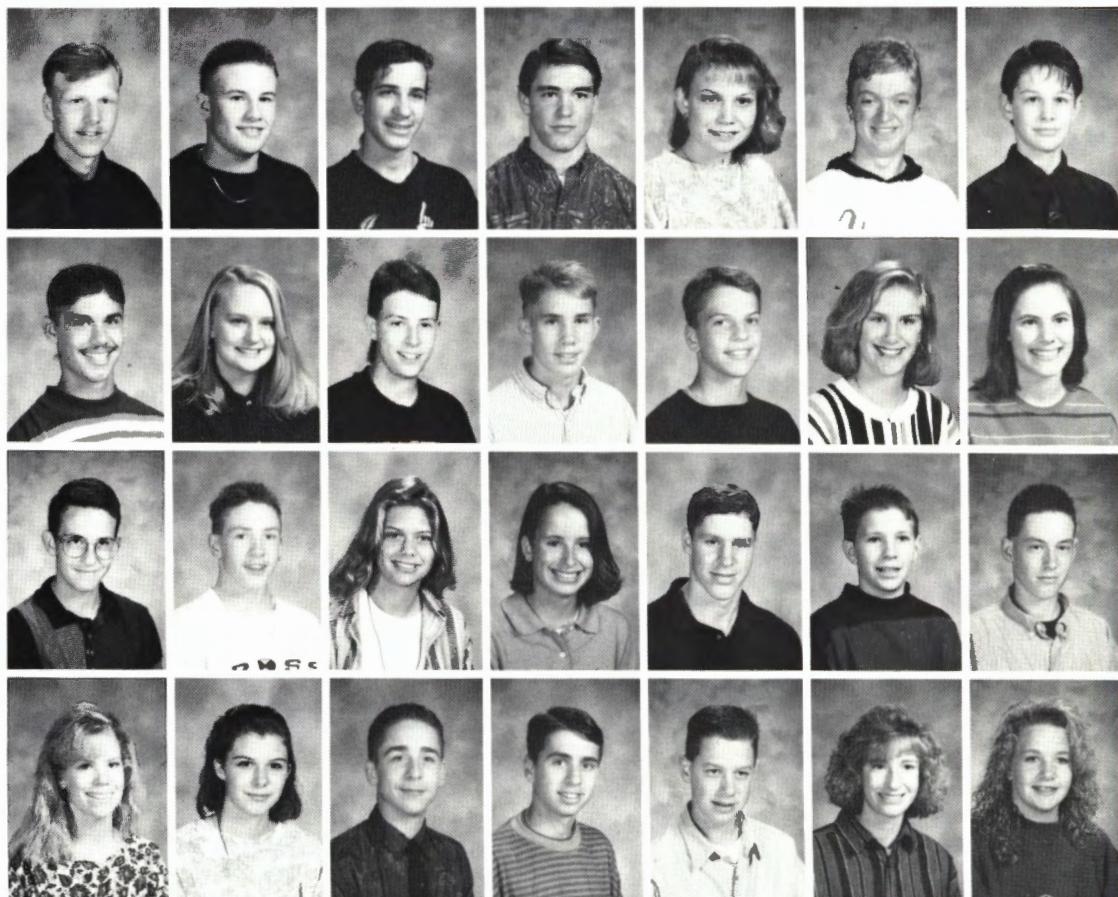
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Catherine Thill
Christopher Thomas
Brian Thomley

Juan Trevino
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Mark Vanburen
Jeffrey Vanliew
Joseph Vartanian
Andrea Viele
Angela Voss

Zachary Wahl
Philip Wadelich
Michelle Walimaki
Melissa Wall
Brian Walsh
Jeffrey Walsh
Gregory Weiler

Kim Welsh
Jennifer Wheeler
Brad White
Jeffery Williams
Robert Wojtacha
Allison Wood
Nicole Wood



T'S A SOPHOMORE THING

L ISTEN UP!
Paying attention to intern Amy Schmitt make a presentation in History class are Cam Chappell, Napoleon Penfield, Amy Zehnder and Yvonne Gibbs. The makeshift Library classroom was one of the grin-and-bear-it conditions of construction.

C AUGHT RED-HANDED
Engaged in the act of goofing off are Brandon Lambert, Cory Baisel Aaron Owen, Ben Bakken, and Terry Kenney. This was not the first time this crew clowned around in Mrs. Schissler's fourth hour computer class.

Aaron Owen jammed his calculator into the computer disk drive in Mrs. Shissler's Computer Applications class. He turned to classmate Del Teigler and asked, 'Del, I wonder if the computer will read my calculator?'

--Andrea Andrews

They were sophomores. They were thought to fill the ranks of the immature more often and not without some justification. They also had a zany side born of sheer fun. A few had some exceptionally crazy things to tell.

"Brian Lund shot me when I was walking up his driveway with a B.B. gun. I played dead and he really thought I was dead. He was going to take me to the hospital." --Mike Rutherford

"I went out to eat one day and I spotted an elderly woman. I yelled 'Hey Grandma!' and she said 'Oh hi' until she noticed I wasn't her granddaughter."

--Sara Shook

"One night, Eric Drake and I took my mom's Firebird and were driving around Holt. I was really scared because I'm not a good driver. I ran into a mailbox. Thank God I didn't get

caught because I didn't have my license yet!" --Nicky Deetz

"The first day of school I went to A lunch instead of B. I went back to my classroom and the class was half over. I felt dumb."

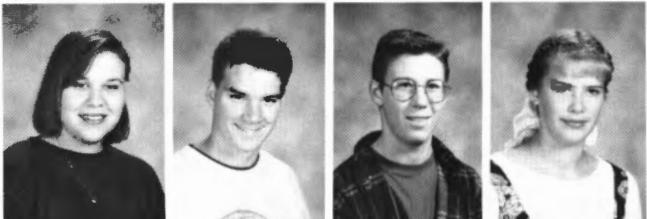
--Bleu Cribbis

"I was leaving the movie theatre with my boyfriend and I was driving the car. It was really crowded that night and I was trying to let a car go in front of me. I put the car in reverse and backed right into the car behind us."

--Vanessa Hoffmeyer

Heather Stubig, Andrea Andrews

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Heather Wyskowski
Aaron Yerrick
Jason Yuhasz
Amy Zehnder

Sophomores Not Pictured:

Wendy Buxton
Aaron Colby
Melissa Counter
Daniel Cupples
Jolie Fettig
Joshua Hampton
Randy Holmes
Tim Kitching
Eric Knechtges
Christina Rens
Benjamin Slivensky
Timmithy Waltz



T AKIN' IT EASY
Relaxing in the gym before the start of a meet are members of the Varsity Wrestling team.

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Leo Allaire, Tech Education
Ronald Allen, Fine Arts
Dorothy Anderson, Fine Arts
Sally Beauchine, Science



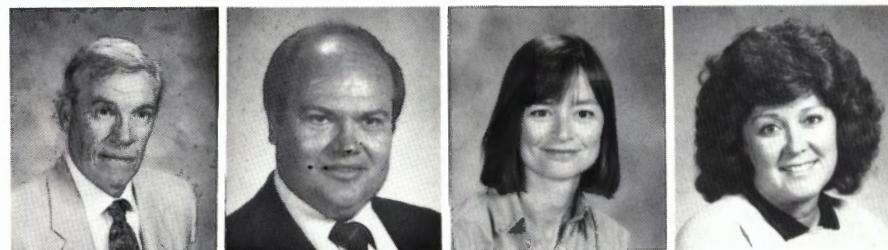
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Larry Burgess, Science



Penelope Chapman,
Life Skills
Debbie Childers,
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David Foy, Science



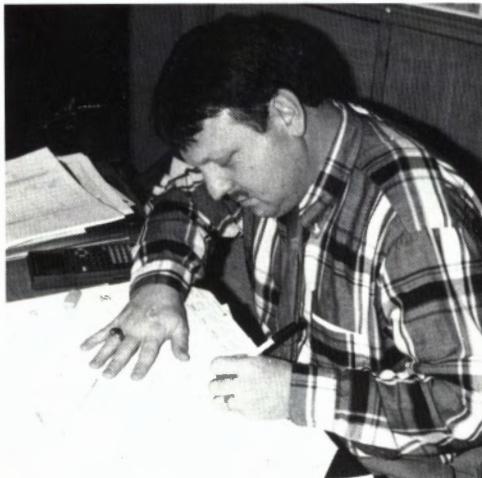
Norman Garnett,
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Jerry Gillett, Social Science
Mary Gray, Library Science
Juanita Grew,
Foreign Language



Lila Guenther, Math
Kelly Koesel, Math
Jean Johnson, Guidance
Ann Kast,
Communication Arts



WRAPPED UP IN IT
Carefully correcting his Honors Pre-Calc papers, teacher Mike Lehman keeps in mind that it is for the benefit of student learning. At the end of every chapter, he assigns a project paper so that students can learn to relate the material to other areas of math and real life. He also developed a new panel assessment strategy that he used in the class.



CUT YOUR AGE!
Pointing out the poster on the guidelines to maturity Science teacher Larry Burgess jokes with sophomore Coleen LaRoue. Mr. Burgess taught the new Integrated Science class along with Human Physiology.

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PUTTING PRACTICE ON THE LINE

In the midst of new teaching strategies and dreams for a better education, teachers strived to make their students grasp more of the material.

Teachers had many different goals, but most revolved around curriculum and the improve-

ment of teaching practice. Mr. Guil Northrup explained, "My goal was to organize and establish a new course in Debate and add something new to each class. My yearly goal is to never teach a course the same way. I always try to vary my instruction in some way. It is tough enough not boring the students, but it is essential that I not bore myself!"

New methods were designed to help students understand and relate the material more thoroughly. "My students seemed to be able to apply the mathematics we studied to many dif-

ferent situations. Many were beginning to write very outstanding papers," mathematics teacher Mike Lehman reflected.

Even though the school had often been cited as an innovative school, some staff members felt there were weak spots. Sandy Bethell commented, "Academic subjects should be broader and more relevant." Media technician Mary Gray also criticized, "There is too much devotion to content rather than focusing on skills students need to know."

The staff also focused their attention on better ways to present the material. Mr. Dan Plunkett suggested "We need to make subject matter more interesting and humorous. I like humor in the classroom. Also we need to connect with the students in more human terms. Teachers need to try to understand the students. Lastly, I feel that more student in-put is necessary." Overall, the staff agreed that the school was strong mainly due to the willingness to change and take risks, and the cohesive network among teachers.

--Janie Allen

DEPIES SCIENTIFIC LAW! Demonstrating a lesson in angular momentum during Physics class is science teacher Lowell Rudd. Mr. Rudd helped develop and team taught the Global Studies class as well as Physics and Zoology.

LOSING IT! After dropping a file of papers, Special Education teacher Mrs. Peg Lamb bent over to get it and lost it all. Mrs. Virginia Thielsen, the Rehabilitation Counselor, tried to assist her. Mrs. Lamb team taught in the American Studies and Global Studies classes.



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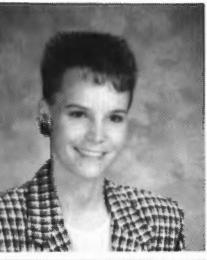
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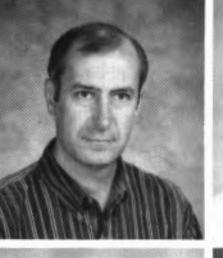
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Bruce Larner, Math



Michael Lehman, Math
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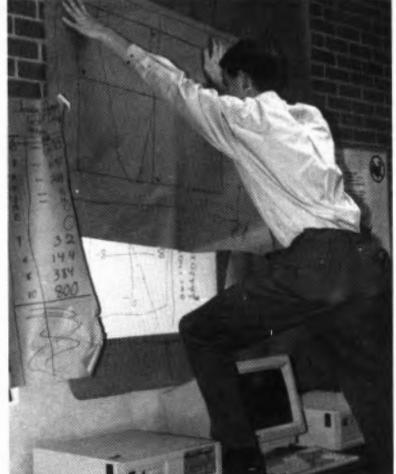
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Timothy Parry, Fine Arts



Ann Paul,
Fine Arts, Publications
Rosie Peters,
Foreign Language
Dan Plunkett, Social Science
Tyrone Robinson,
Special Services



V ISUAL AIDS
MSU student and teacher Greg Bird hangs a poster to help illustrate what a parabola is to his Algebra class. A former Holt High School student, Mr. Bird interned at the school last year. He taught the class to provide a teacher a release hour for PDS work.



H OMEWORK TIME
Correcting papers for his Physics class is first year Math and Science teacher Marty Schnepp. An MSU student, Mr. Schnepp, interned at the high school last year. He devoted much thought and effort this year to an Algebra tutoring program.

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EDUCATIONAL MIND SET

Dodging cliques and lost sophomores on the first day of school was not an easy task, unless you were a teacher. It seemed as though the sea parted as students widened a path for teachers. After all, it had been a long road of learning and instruction that most teachers traveled. Having spent 17 to 20 years as students, they had the inside scoop on how teaching compared to learning.

One teacher found that being a student was much easier. "Teaching is much more difficult than being taught. Just knowing the subject matter is not enough. You have to know a broader range of material to make the subject understandable. You also need to be able to 'read' students and understand different learning styles so that you can help as many students as possible; it's tough," commented 16 year veteran science

SHARING IDEAS

In the science office after class, Heather Neiswonger has a discussion with other teachers. Ms. Neiswonger was a first year Biology teacher after having interned at the high school last year.

CONCEPTUAL LEARNING

Explaining a concept to her History class is student intern Amy Schmidt. Mike Feldpausch and Julie Smith are attentive to the information on-the-board. The high school functioned as a lab school for educational innovation. Its association with MSU brought a few more student teachers than normal into the building.

teacher, Sally Beauchine.

However, there were a few factors made it less difficult. "Smaller classes and bigger budgets would make teaching easier. We would have more choices as to what material we use and more flexibility. Then there are the students themselves. The qualities of a student which make teaching easier and more enjoyable are people who feel reading and writing are not another hoop to jump through or another barrier to get over in order to get into college. That attitude gets rather tiresome. The attitude I find most appealing is a student who finds reading and writing an occasion to learn from themselves," remarked English teacher Bruce Kutney.

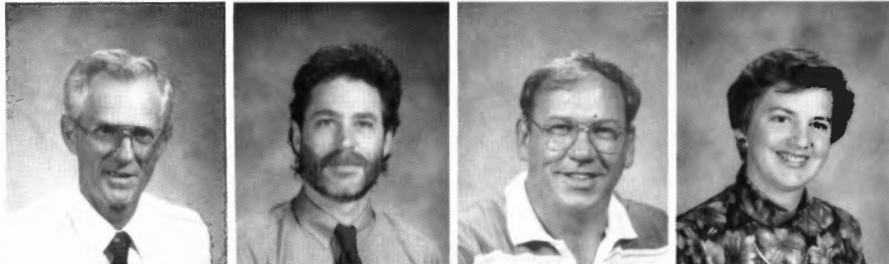
A curiosity to learn was another positive asset. Most teachers felt that learning was life long and when it stopped, there wasn't much else left. Jerry Gillett concluded, "Either you keep learning or you die. My broader interests revolve around teaching and learning. I always want to be able to get better at something or least understand it better."

--Colleen Jennings

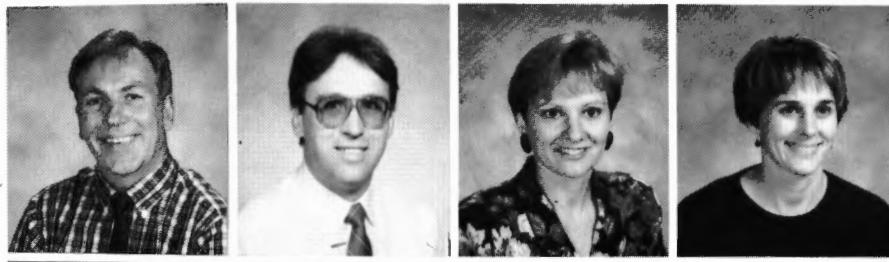


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Mary Schissler,
Special Services



Scotty Shimnoski, Business
Dave Shipman,
Physical Education
Margo Strong, Business
Jeanne Tomlinson,
Special Services



Kristen Underhill,
Special Services
Joan Van Dam,
Special Services
Janet Wilson, Guidance
Georgianne Withey,
Communication Arts



Gerald Woolston,
Social Science
Delores Cornelius, Secretary
Camille Esch, Secretary
Sue Kenney, Secretary



Judith Woolston, Secretary
Rosann Frazier, Secretary



P EP TALK

Gearing up his team for second half action play during a time-out is JV Basketball Coach and Science teacher Dave Foy. Mr. Foy also found time in his busy sechedule to coach the Girls' Cross Country Team.

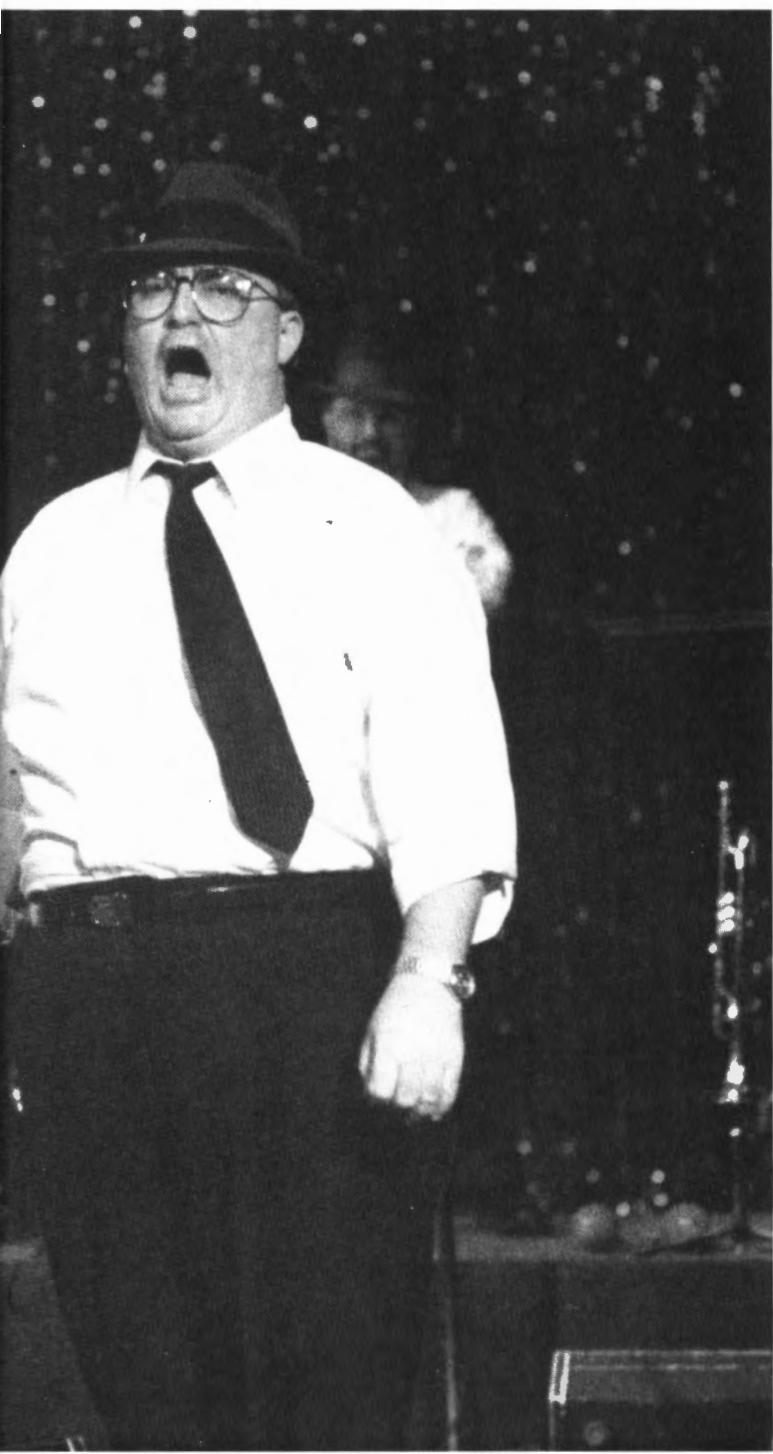


B LUES BROTHER

Straight from Chicago, Holt's very own 'Blues Brother,' Tim Parry, stages a benefit concert along with J & J Sounds, for the Holt Band Boosters Club. As Band Director, Mr. Parry spent much extra-curricular time fund-raising and staging performances with the Band.



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XTRA-CURRICULAR CONNECTION

Although some students thought that teachers were only there to make their lives miserable, that really wasn't the case. Many teacher's lives revolved around their work, and their day often wasn't over when the bell rang at 2:35.

Many teachers helped with extra-curricular activities and coached sports. The bottom line was, many teachers went out of their way to help students.

Georganne Withey and Mary Gray volunteered their time to coach the Quiz Bowl team. "I enjoyed working with the students as they strived for excellence, plus, we had a lot of laughs," commented Mrs. Gray. They led the team to the final round at the Capital Area Invitational and won the runner-up trophy.

Barbara Neureither, Larry Burgess and Heather Neiswonger coached the state-ranked Science Olympiad team

after school for several months. "Whether I'm coaching or grading papers, I'm helping students after school everyday," noted new teacher Ms. Neiswonger.

Many teachers also devoted long hours to coaching sports teams. Jerry Gillett put his high school experience to use coaching both the Boy's Cross Country and Track teams. "I coach because I get to work with students who are motivated and really do want to get better," Mr. Gillett reflected.

Pete Kressler coached Girl's Tennis because of his love for the game. "I enjoy the game very much and love helping others to learn it, especially those that improve," he explained.

Bruce Larner spent a calculated 408 hours each season coaching the Varsity Basketball team. He had earned three Varsity letters and was all-conference in the sport during his high school days. "A team sport like basketball becomes like a family and I am close to almost all of the team members. I enjoy it when my players work to their potential," summarized Coach Larner.

Teachers connected with students not only academically, but also played a big role in their lives outside the classroom.

--Nicole Belles

H AMMIN' IT UP!

Amusing the student body with their performance at the Christmas Concert Assembly are Mr. Pete Kressler, Mr. Tim Parry and Mrs. Pam Klimenko. "All three of us have had experience in show business and this was a fun and unusual audience to entertain."

P LEEEEEEASE!

Praying to God that the Talent Show continues to go as well as it has is Spanish teacher and Student Government Adviser Juanita Grew. Social Science teacher and Debate Coach, Guil Northrup wonders, "So that's who's up there?" Both staff members put much effort into staging the student Talent Show.



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RIGHT ON TARGET

In the midst of construction and remodeling, the administration and counselors kept their focus on the goals they held for the school and the students.

The counselors met regularly to explore how they could better serve students. "We dream about the ideal student services," commented counselor Jean Johnson, "but we had to find a happy medium in providing a helping hand." Jan Wilson chaired the Guidance Department and felt more responsibility. Through the chaos of a congested counseling center which doubled up as a main office, Mrs. Wilson admitted, "Some days my goal was simply survival!"

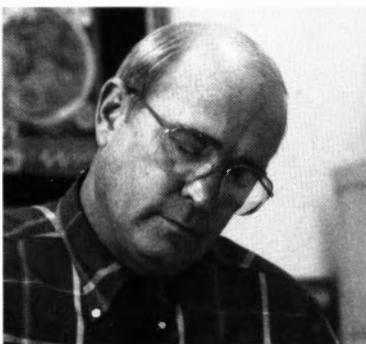
Others who were new to the administration, slid in at a rough time due to renovation. Brian Templin assumed the Assistant Principal position. He worked to try to get involvement from all parts of the community, staff, and student body. He hoped to provide support to teens. "I want to be known as a person who is here to help, rather than punish." Mr. Cory also claimed a new position as Athletic Director. He looked for new ways to integrate academics and athlet-

ics. "I want athletics to be less extra-curricular. I see sports working for the curriculum, rather than against it."

Ms. Nancy Haas and Mr. Cory adapted to the construction by moving into a portable trailer. Even though they were separated from the faculty and students for almost six months, they made some major accomplishments. "Professionally, seeing the growth and continued learning and the 'spillover effect' it has had on the education of all students has been rewarding. Being a part of the EdPlus project which will impact the way things are done here greatly, has been a source of pride," summarized Ms. Haas.

For Principal Tom Davis the National Exemplary School award was the greatest accomplishment of the year. He explained, "It is a validation of all the hard work of the staff and students to effect educational change. In the external site visit, the most important observation I think the committee made was the commitment and effort to create a culture for change both among the school and community at large. They also saw innovation taking place to create a viable future for education." Between construction, staying on schedule, and the awards, everything was right on target.

--Janie Allen, Nicole Belles



PERFORMANCE PLUS!

Acting as Assistant Principal during the year, teacher Dan Plunkett became a familiar face in the Attendance office while Mr. Templin filled in for his higher up. "I enjoyed having the time to talk to students and find out what really is going on," he commented.



EIGHTY DECISIONS

Caught in a moment of studied reflection is Principal Tom Davis while sitting in on a class. Leading the staff as a

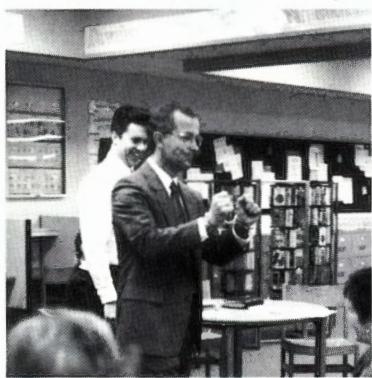
PDS school he shared, "The greatest accomplishment of the year was winning a National Exemplary School Award. It was a validation of all the hard work of staff and students."



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S TAFF CARES TOO!

Discussing with parents their child's attendance, Jan Milbourn shares her concerns. Mrs. Milbourn works to keep students following the attendance policy for their own good. She is often heard saying, "If your child does not start cutting his/her lunch hours shorter, he/she is apt to lose a class strictly on tardies!"



CUFFED AND GAGGED!

Handcuffed and gagged by staff is Principal Tom Davis. He laughed, "They put duct tape over my mouth because they wanted to make a decision on their own without verbal input, body language or gestures to influence the decision making process."

R ENOVATION PLANNERS

Discussing ideas for the renovation of the high school and new construction are Mark Maksimowicz, Sam LoPresto, Mort Maier and representatives of Christman Construction.



Mark Maksimowicz
Superintendent



Thomas Davis
Principal



Nancy Haas,
Assistant Principal



Brian Templin,
Assistant Principal



Del Cory,
Athletic Director



Jan Milbourn,
Attendance Officer



N EW SPIRIT

Posing for a quick photo in his temporary trailer office is new Athletic Director, Del Cory. "Athletics can have a tremendous influence in all aspects of one's life. I want to contribute to that experience by helping it be a positive one," he stated.

I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD NEWS...

Absorbed in a telephone conversation is new Assistant Principal Brian Templin at his desk in the Attendance office. Throughout the year, he made good and bad news phone calls to parents and worked from a problem-preventive orientation.



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"He was the best teacher I had in high school. He could always keep your attention. His warm smile gave me enough motivation to go through the day."

--Senior Dawn Monroe

"He inspired in me a love of the French language and culture that I'll never forget. Mr. Garnett was great; there was just something about him and his class".

-Junior Ali Beha

"I didn't really know him that well because I only had him for one semester, but he was a great teacher. It was obvious that he really cared about his students."

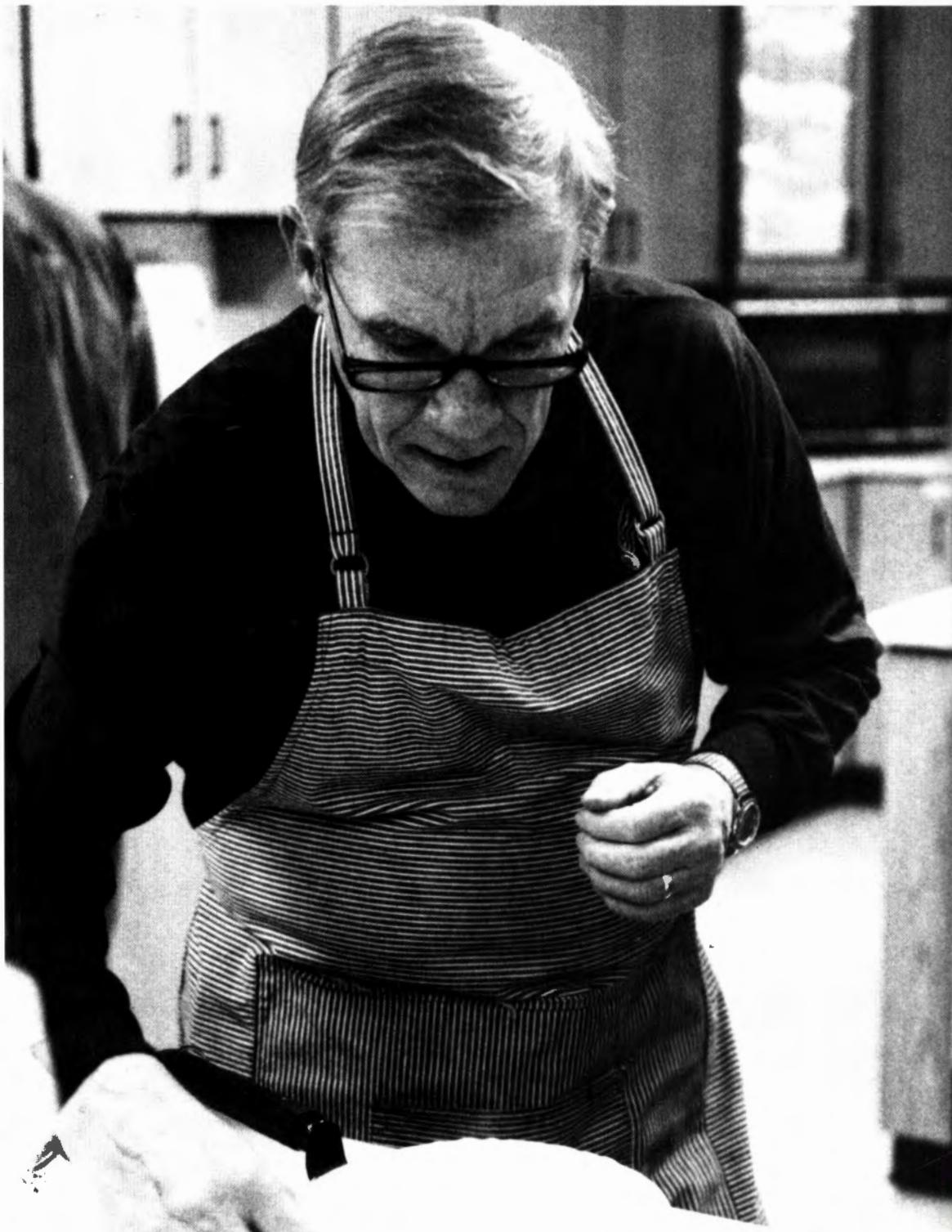
-Sophomore
Saleha Mohamedulla

"He'll always be remembered in our hearts. Those of us that knew him, knew we were losing a very special person when he retired. Mr. Garnett was a teacher, not just of French, but of life; and we'll all miss him"

--Junior Ed Murray

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Explaining a finer point of French grammar to a student is Norm Garnett. Noted for impeccable French pronunciation as well as dressing, Mr. Garnett strived for perfection.



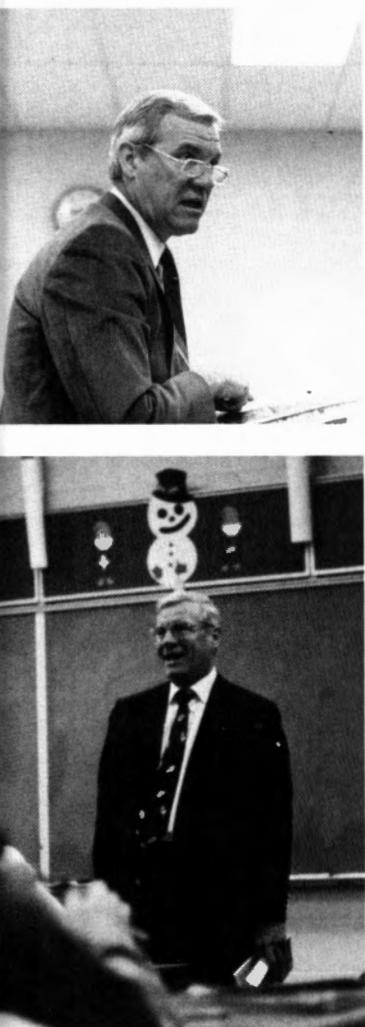
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F INAL TOUCHES

A man of many skills, Norm Garnett enjoyed cooking, particularly whipping up crepes for the French Club afterhours. He puts the final touches on this batch for students.

G ETTING IT RIGHT

Striking a classic Norm Garnett pose, the 'Professeur' pauses in a lesson to make sure students are comprehending the material. Meticulous with grammar and pronunciation, Mr. Garnett also professed much about life and living.



T HE MAN, THE MYTH

Taking some moments for informal discussion during a lecture is Norm Garnett amid a room decorated for Christmas. It wasn't unusual for Mr. Garnett to show special interest in students for whom French did not come easily.

G OODBYE AND FAREWELL

Enjoying his retirement party is French teacher Norman Garnett along with guests, Bill and Sue York, and Tom and Paula Davis. The party was hosted at the home of Alton and Jan Granger.

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grandfather. The day of the interview, he sported his usual jacket, tie, and green trenchcoat, with the Gucci belt as the coup de grace. Students flooded out of their rooms just to get a glimpse of their former favorite teacher returning to school for the occasion. Second-year French students forsaked their new leader, Sandra Bernier, and skipped out of French, just to give a quick, "Hi", to their old French magistrate.

In the next 45 minutes, a lifetime of experiences and emotions poured forth. Mr. Garnett traveled many roads before landing in Holt. He attended five different colleges, beginning with the University of Miami (Florida) in 1951. From there, Mr. Garnett was drafted into the Korean War. His ship was ready to leave from Seattle, Washington, when, as luck would have it, a cease-fire was signed and he served his country from behind a desk for two years. From the Army, Mr. Garnett went to CMU where he received his Bachelor's degree in English, then to Indiana University, then on to the U of M, and finally on to MSU where he received his Masters in French.

Obviously, Mr. Garnett lived life with his heart, and nowhere was that more evident than in

U REVOIR, PROFESSEUR

'French Magistrate,' Norman Garnett, Retires

L'homme est parti. The man is gone. After 25 years of teaching at Holt High, Norman Keith Garnett retired in January.

Radiating kindness, Mr. Garnett was the guy that many students wished they had for a

his college days. Take, for example, why he left Central, "There was this one girl . . .," why he left Indiana, "I knew a girl . . .," and why he left Michigan, "I was in love . . .". Mr. Garnett was just a leaf at the mercy of the winds of romance.

Mr. Garnett's first teaching job was in Waterford, Michigan. While at an MSU teacher's conference, he was talking to one of his ex-fiancees, who happened to be a counselor at Holt. She, was the one that students have to thank for luring Mr. Garnett away from Waterford, and convincing him to come to Holt. Wondering how anyone could stay with high school kids for 29 years, the question was, how did he do it? "I love being around kids, it was the best part of the job," he recalled. This may have come as no shock to anyone that had Mr. Garnett as a teacher. It was common knowledge that he could tell you where your older brother sat in his classroom nine years ago.

Then, there was also the flip side, the worst part about teaching. "Giving grades really bothers me, it is so judgmental, so limiting. It doesn't say anything about the quality of the person himself. Just putting a letter on a piece of paper doesn't reflect someone's value as a human being. The paperwork that goes along with the administration of grades is also a big hassle," he confessed.

After nearly three decades of teaching, people could surmise that Mr. Garnett had been through a lot. His favorite memory had to do with an old student. "The most moving experience I had was with a student who sat in my class nearly 20 years ago. This student wrote me a 5-page letter telling how much he had enjoyed me as a teacher, and how much of a positive effect I had on him.

Getting cards and letters from kids that I had 10-20 years ago is wonderful. Some people say that teaching is a thankless job, but it hasn't proven so to me," Mr. Garnett revealed.

Prior to getting his teaching certificate, Mr. Garnett had considered some alternative career choices, including a doctor and an actor. But his biggest dream was to perform on stage as a pianist. "When you're young, everybody wants to be something. You want to be a policeman, a fireman, or something like that. My dream was to be a concert pianist. I would give anything to have the hands to play the piano."

Now that he had a lot of free time on his hands, Mr. Garnett planned to donate some of his hours to charity. He would be helping at hospitals and with his church's Meals-on-Wheels program. He looked forward to vacationing in Colorado and Florida, and maybe even return to his old hobbies of rock-climbing and sky-diving. Mr. Garnett liked to brag that he was a better cook than his wife, and would continue whipping up crepes and croissants in the kitchen while reading and listening to classical music.

What last words, if any, did Mr. Garnett have for his students? "I would have to stress correct French pronunciation; without it, they'll murder you in France, and next love. I think that accurate pronunciation is the most important aspect of the language, and love is the most important aspect of life. We're heading for trouble if we don't start loving one another. If we don't learn to love, all of our education is for naught; the science, the math, it's all worthless. We all need love in our life, and kindness in our heart," Mr. Garnett concluded.

--Ed Murray

Choose Your Stops

Ingenuity provides more than one way to the top

Phantom bells, makeshift classrooms and refined teaching methods provided a more interesting, if not unusual, learning environment for students. Constant hammering, smoke, and cold drafts from holes in the wall caused by construction didn't make the best of learning conditions, but students and staff adapted. In fact, they took it two stops further and earned the recognition of being named a State of Michigan Exemplary School and touted as one of "The Perfect Schools" for innovative teaching methods in the January 11, 1993 issue of US News and World Report.

In class, students had a widened menu of choices by which to learn. Group work which had become a reliable standby for most students was extended one step further. Taking tests with a partner became the new way to go, along with, panel discussions over Pre-Calculus projects for a final exam in Math teacher Mike Lehman's class.

However, as is usually the case, with innovation came controversy. The idea of an Integrated Honors Chemistry class flared tempers between those who felt cooperative learning among students with motivational and aptitude ranges was beneficial and those who felt cheated by it.

Then, snow days and the vote on a proposal for an extended school year threatened to shorten summer vacation. Everyone wasn't thrilled about a possible cut into their break, but most realized that a shorter summer meant less review, more learning, and hopefully more retention. Whether one decided to take the risk of stopping in the middle of a crowded hallway, retake the ACT, or go a few rounds over the Honors Chemistry class, there were many choices to be made and many stops along the way.



I'VE GOT IT!

Playing Password in Sally Beauchine's Chemistry class on Parent Exchange Day are Brian Cole, Jessica Anderson and Tom Parry's mom.

*Photo by
Colleen Jennings*

*Still-life and
Photo by
Dorothy Anderson*



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Aps, Aps, and more Aps!

"I applied for the job at Sweet Sensations because I thought working and going to school would help me to experience more real-life situations. I learned how to compromise and deal with customers, especially those who were racist. I also learned the customer is always right."

--Senior Denise Ortiz



acceptance the bottom line

Filling out applications and attending interviews was like having tonsils removed for some people... painful and time consuming, but they were usually better off for having gone through the experience. Whether it was a college application or a job interview most went through the process. For whatever reason one pounded out an application or sat through an interview it yielded some experience of importance.

Whether students applied for a job, college, financial aid, a special program, or National Honors Society, the goal was to make yourself look good. Junior Katie Roessler commented, "The most important application I filled out was for NHS because it stressed making a good impression instead of just stating facts like your name and address. Getting into NHS was important to me because I really wanted to get involved in a school activity. NHS is prestigious and it will be a good experience for me to be a part of as well as help in the community."

In order to make oneself look good, once in a while students had to say and do things they wouldn't normally say or want to do. Senior Allen Brockwell related one of these situations. "In a job interview, the manager asked me if I knew how to clean public restrooms. I replied I didn't know how, but I would be willing to learn."

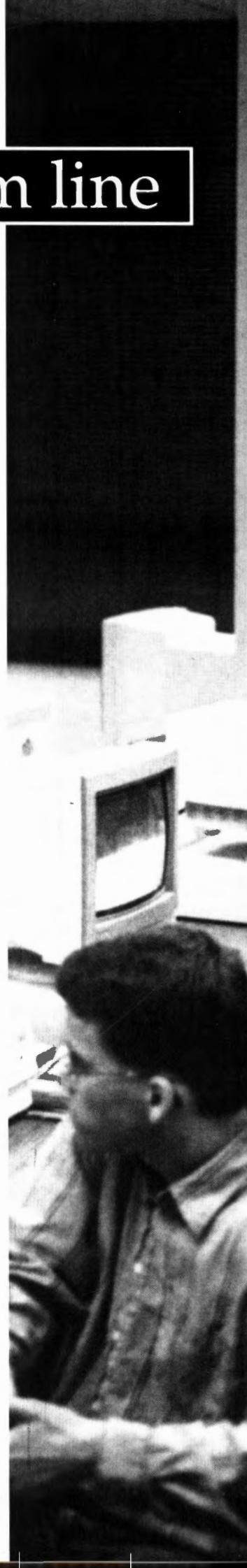
Though the application process was usually taken seriously, and interviewers often asked serious questions, they sometimes received some humorous responses. During the same interview Allen was asked what he would do if someone pulled a gun on him. His response was, "Run like heck!"

Some interviews were so important to students that nerves, fear of failure, and streaks of panic set in. In the end some students were happily surprised. "I guess my favorite experience was when my band and I were interviewed by an agent for one of the larger record companies, Epic. I was really nervous, I couldn't stop shaking, and when he asked about our background, I drew a total blank and went off into a story about Ozzy Osborne and how he had influenced my life. No one could shut me up and I rambled on for over 10 minutes. When I finished I felt pretty stupid because everyone was looking at me really funny. Well, we got the contract, but it does not go into effect until after I am out of high school," admitted senior Ken Sleight.

Sometimes an interview or application went perfectly. The result... acceptance, but then reality and sometimes regret set in. Junior Chris Reynolds commented, "I was hired four hours after I filled out my application. Now I wish I hadn't applied. I hate working there, but it's money in my pocket. I guess that's all that matters to me."

Whether one was having a question and answer session with an interviewer or on paper, usually the idea was to impress whoever was in charge. Students did their best and if they made it, they usually enjoyed it. If they didn't they still kept on filling out those aps and going to interviews until they landed the job or the acceptance.

--Colleen Jennings





Problem solving in Word Processing class, senior Craig Bierschbach studies the situation while teacher Anne Kressler helps another student.

"Applying to colleges was horrible! You had to get all of the information together to make sure it was done right. It was a lot of pressure. I'm glad it's over. I was accepted to MSU, UNLV and am still on the waiting list for U of M."

--Erica Matteo
with American History intern,
Amy Schmidt

"The amount of homework you get in Honors classes like Mr. Lehman's starts to prepare you for college. In general, they do a better job than regular classes and taking them helps you get accepted."

--Senior Kevin Marker
in Physics classs

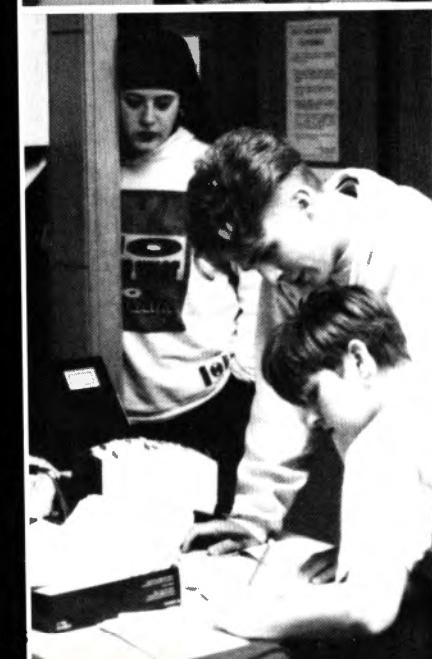
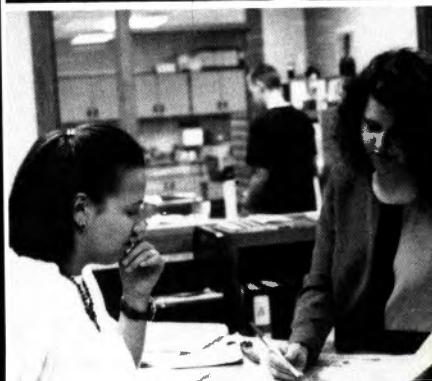
"Mrs. Wilson was very helpful to me in selecting what colleges would be best as far as size and price. I'm going to visit MSU, CMU, Hope College and Albion." --Senior

Melissa Morehouse
with Mrs. Wilson
in the Counseling Center

"I feel it's really important to look at college applications closely because college is a big step in life."

--Senior Angie Smith
with Chris Clapp and Angie
Luce making an appointment in
the Counseling Center

Working in the computer lab during Word Processing class are senior Denise Ortiz and junior Jason Boyer.



Break All the Rules

"Art Seminar is a really cool class. I like it because you grow and develop in your own specific area of art. In other classes, you have to learn the techniques and composition from the teacher. In Art Seminar, you can let go and be more free with your work."

--Senior Tracie Milbourn completes a painting in Art Seminar class.



an independent streak

Self-motivation, self-direction, and self-assessment were the three keys to success in Art Seminar class. Designed and instructed by Dorothy Anderson, the class was a cut above the rest in that it gave students skills they could use outside the classroom and beyond school.

Slipping away from the traditional classroom structure, Art Seminar students had the freedom to choose the type of work they wanted to do and the way to approach it. Second year Art Seminar student, senior Jenny Maxey explained, "It's harder to create, than to follow directions out of a book or off a ditto. I also think we learned more by developing our work and then assessing our growth." Most students agreed that the independent atmosphere was beneficial to their work.

The class had less of a teacher dominated structure. Mrs. Anderson spent time talking with each student individually about their work. "Mrs. Anderson pushes me a lot to get my work done, but she also lets me work with my own style of art and helps me in developing it," stated senior Mary Ann Mills. Mrs. Anderson's main goal, with the class was to help students become more independent as artists and as young adults. "I specifically designed the class to force students into becoming more self-motivated and more self-confident," she explained.

Aside from working independently, students were also responsible for analyzing their own growth. Instead of having tests and quizzes, Art Seminar students did bi-monthly reports and presentations of their work to help them reflect on their progress. "I like doing bi-monthly reports and presentations for a few reasons, the most important one being the fact that I'm being tested on my ability, not how much I can memorize," commented senior Sarah Gregg.

Along with the responsibility of presentations, came the option of grades. Unlike other classes, grades weren't decided by test scores and homework completion. "I like the fact that I don't have to worry about getting a project done overnight. Also, I can't do anything 'wrong,' since everyone does different work. As long as you can justify what you've done, you'll do okay," explained junior Steve Nygard. Students were graded on the amount and quality of work finished, growth and self-assessment.

Although the design of the class was far from traditional, students seemed to enjoy the change. Junior Mike Champion summarized, "I think this class has helped me more than any other because I can actually apply the information I have acquired, such as self-confidence and responsibility." --*Julie Fulger*

Working diligently on their drawing assignments are juniors Scott Smith, Angela Beckner, Michelle Cummings, and senior Sara Brower.

"Even though, I probably won't pursue a career in art, I know I'll always do it as a hobby. Art Seminar was a great group of people and I'm going to miss everybody a lot."

--*Senior Julie Fulger
painting a small canvas in
Art Seminar class*

"Art Seminar is one of the only classes that allows you to express yourself any way you want to. It gives you a chance to really get to learn what your strengths and weaknesses are. It has helped me a lot."

--*Senior Jenny Maxey
Printmaking in Art Seminar*

"Art Seminar was the first real chance I got to experiment with clay. I learned many techniques and ways to use my hands to form and create my pieces."

--*Senior Cherish Leverich*

"You learn a lot about teamwork when you're with groups of people you don't normally hang out with. There are a lot of different ideas from people to produce one masterpiece, and what a masterpiece it was."

--*Senior Cameron Gnass
in Constructions class*



Getting Creative

Using a butter knife for a makeshift sculpting tool, junior Tad Feland works on a new clay project in Art Seminar. Tad completed a number of ceramic pieces and found that clay was a fun media. Besides taking Art Seminar, Tad was also a member of the Band and a competitor on the Science Olympiad team.

Working as a Team

Receiving help from senior Eric Kienitz in Art Seminar, senior Mary Ann Mills finishes her first printmaking project. She commented, "This is the first time I have ever printed and Eric helped me out a lot. I never would have gotten it done if he hadn't been there. Art Seminar helps me to be free with my work. I can't do that in my other classes."

Opening Lines

King Arthur played by Tim Vandlen, greets Queen Guinevere outside of Camelot in the Spring musical.

Backstage Pass to the...

days of king arthur

Dress rehearsal was over. There were no more practice shots, falsestarts, missed cues or lines. It was opening night and King Arthur, played by Tim Vandlen, could be seen running in his tights and tunic back and forth from the stage to his dressing room. Like his father, who played the same role 22 years ago on the same stage with the same director, Tim had two leading ladies and he was a senior." The similarities ended there, but not the preparation.

"1...2...3...4...5...6; Turn!" shouted Choir Director, Ron Allen, as students shuffled down the aisle in time to the music. The "Lusty Month Of May" dance was practiced day after day, for the performances of "Camelot," April 29, through May 1. Learning the dance in normal clothes was the easy part; then came the costumes. Groans from the boy's dressing room could be heard even through double-thick doors. "I look like Peter Pan!" exclaimed sophomore Dan Dexter. He, along with other unfortunate male members, were bedecked in colored tights and tunics. They had it easy compared to the girls with their very long, hot dresses and trains. They tripped, faltered and fell flat on their faces. The hats were conical, tall, and comical. The costumes were the most authentic that \$4,500 could acquire and they were rented from Eaves Brooks Costume Company of New York.

In the choir room, one could hear the clanking of Jeff Zimmerle's armor, while he got ready to play King Pellinore. The King, forever "mollicking about after the



A black and white photograph showing several actors on stage during a performance. In the foreground, a man in a dark tunic and a woman in a long, flowing white dress are looking towards each other. Behind them, other cast members are visible, some in elaborate costumes like capes and hats. The stage lighting creates strong shadows and highlights on the performers.

beastly beast, was accompanied by Horrid, junior Terra Parry's dog. Backstage Merlyn, played by Matt Hill, was anxiously rehearsing the lines, that would bring his character to life.

Fifteen minutes before curtain, the light crew, Kelly Hastings, Betsy Newcomb, and Amy Heathman, were busily checking spotlights. Backstage the motor crew, Keri Lent, Matt Hill, Geoff Pratt, and Matt Landfair, got the scenery in place. The stage crew, Ray Shock, Dan Dexter, Chad Ramsey, Matt Berry, Jim Coe, Terra Parry, Craig Bierschback and Nikki Harmon got props in the right places. The accompaniment and scenery was done by Ron Allen, and "Camelot" was his 39th production.

A musical could hardly be a musical without villains. In this case the villains happened to be related. Queen Morgan le Fey, played by Jenna Eggert, was helped by her nephew, Mordred played by William Brown. There was also romance. Queen Guinevere, alternately played by Shannon Hoekwater and Lisa Telfer, fell in love, not with the King, but with one of his most trusted knights and friends, Lancelot, played by Mike Vandlen. He in turn, unknowingly helps to speed up the demise of Camelot by falling in love with the Queen. After the final scene, the cast, waiting for the curtain call, heard fifth grader Nathan Vandlen steal the scene with his rendition of the title song. As the musical concluded, cast members breathed a sigh. There were no more rehearsals or dances to practice. All they had to do was go to the cast party, and celebrate the rest of the evening.

--*Layele Watters*



Leading Ladies

Portraying Queen Guinevere alternate nights are Lisa Telfer and Shannon Hoekwater along with their lead, Tim Vandlen as King Arthur. Shannon shared, "Being in the musical was a dream of mine. I enjoyed working with the cast and will always treasure the memories."



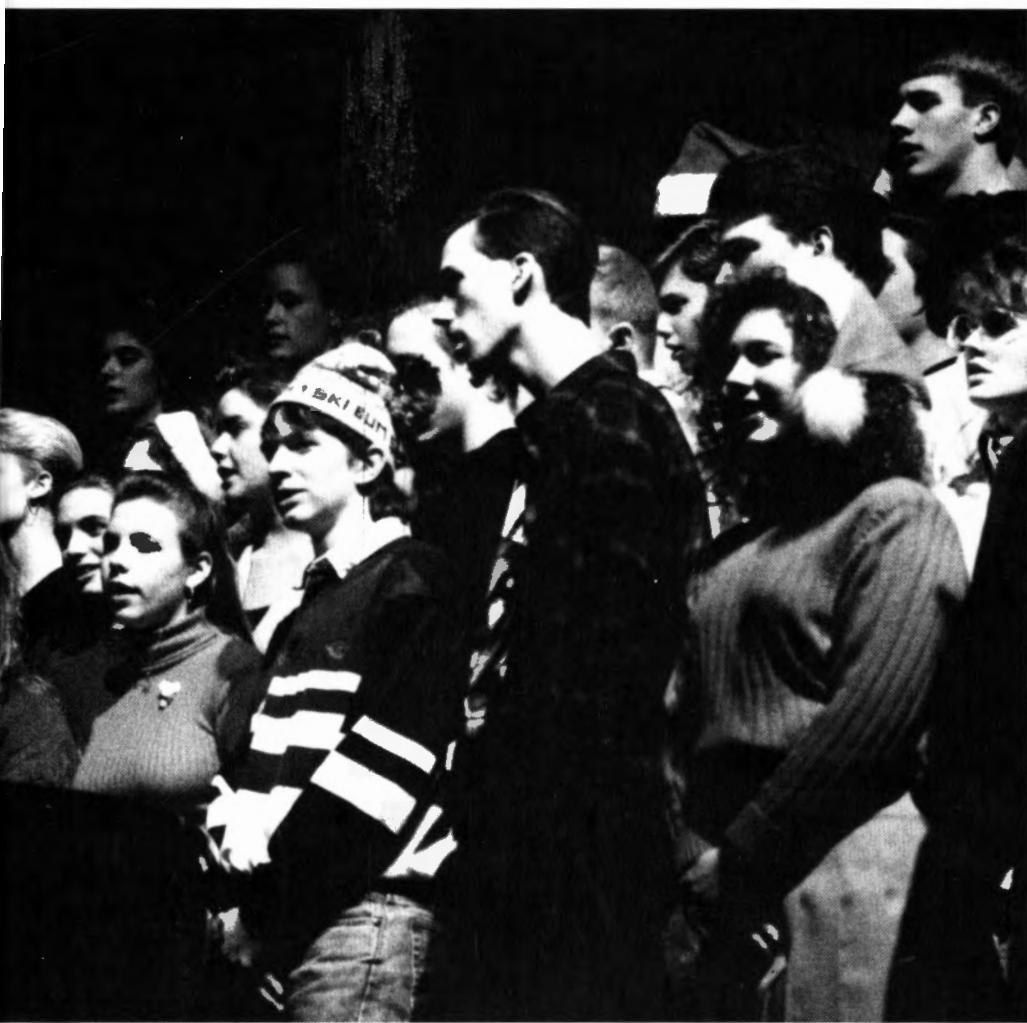


First Things First

Performing in the Spring musical, "Camelot," is senior Mark Wriggelsworth as one of the knights. He noted, "Being in the musical was fun, especially having the first line. I also enjoyed being in front of the crowd and the stage atmosphere was like being on Broadway."

Christmas Spirit

Performing in the Christmas Concert Assembly are members of the Choir. Craig Bierschbach commented, "In Choir you get to meet a lot of people that you wouldn't normally meet."



chill out in Choir

What went on behind the doors of room 401? On any given day it varied, but usually chords of music filtered out from the closed doors. What was all the rehearsing for? The answer--concerts, the musical, and maybe just for fun.

Choir students had different views on what the highlights of the year were. Senior Cherish Leverich admitted, "Actually the high point for me will come with our final choir concert of the year where we dress our best. It's another signal telling us seniors that graduation is almost here and our choir career has finally come to an end." Senior Tim Vandlen expressed, "Working on the musical, *Camelot*, was the high point of the year. I love acting and I am very grateful that I was able to play the part of King Arthur, especially since my father played the same part his senior year."

Most people looked upon the Fine Arts elective class as a break from the normal academic day. One such student was senior Bonnie Ettinger. "Choir is a really fun class to be in. Mr. Allen is a great teacher and always gives us time in the middle of class to have a break, and to talk to our friends. I really look forward to this hour everyday as a break for my brain, plus it lets my creative and musical side come out. The work in choir is learning and memorizing the songs for our concerts. The real work hits us when we have to prepare for the musical," she concluded.

--Allen Brockwell

Fame Hurts

"Anyone who saw *Camelot* knows that this was one of the hardest scenes to keep a straight face in for the audience and the actors."

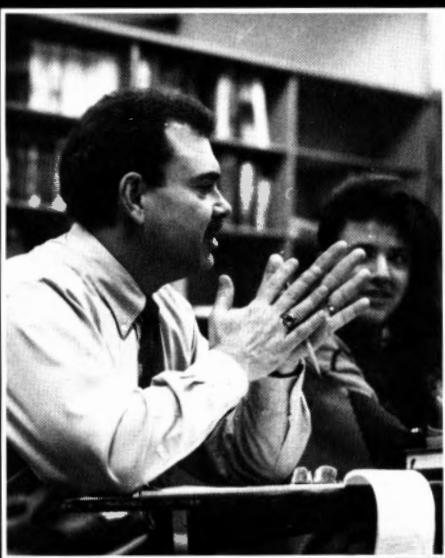
--Senior Tim Vandlen
with Mike Vandlen and Pete Kenyon

Pardon Our Dust!

"It was joyous! I was in a better situation than I had been. My students could use resources in the Library and the computers, and it was air-conditioned. I liked my new classroom."

--Peter Kressler

In his makeshift accomodations in the library, Mr. Kressler talks to his students as junior Angie Fadley looks on.



Makeshift Classes 92

graffiti makes life easier

In October, new construction and renovation of the building forced students and staff to transform their work arrangements. To accommodate the remodeling, some staff members were relocated to temporary offices and students and faculty to makeshift classrooms as parts of the building were destroyed in the first phase of construction.

Assistant Principal Nancy Haas, Secretary Becky Barry and Athletic Director Del Cory found new quarters in a rented trailer for three months while Mrs. Cornelius and the main office crammed into the counseling center. About their new abodes Nancy Haas explained, "It's kind of nice out there in the trailer. It is very quiet and I am not interrupted when there is work to be done. But it is isolating being out of the main loop and mainstream of people. There are no bells out there so I don't hear when the breaks are which creates difficulties for people who want to see me between classes." The completion of the new administration areas arrived on schedule in April, and the office staff settled into their new complex in the 100 hallway of the building.

Temporary classrooms were set up in the shop area, and the adjustment was not without hassles. "It's kind of depressing. The room is so ugly, I let the kids graffiti the walls to give it some color. Now I am finally getting used to it. One nice thing is that I have a window where, before I didn't. It's nice to be able to see outside," stated Life Skills teacher Penelope Chapman. The makeshift classrooms had many problems, however. It was hard for students to hear as the walls did not go all the way to the ceiling, causing voices and noise to travel from three classrooms. Teachers could not show a movie very well because of the lighting situation, and the areas were dirty, dusty and cold. The rooms did not have intercoms or bells which caused problems with dismissal and announcements.

Though there was some stress, there were also some humorous moments that lightened the situation. "We were talking about birth control in Health class and the teacher was doing demonstrations with models and all the classrooms around were laughing at us. It was really embarrassing." Even the structure or lack of it in one room caused a stir. Students reported that there were birds living in teacher Leo Allaire's back area of the shop.

The construction caused everyone other related discomforts. "The parking lot for students is full by 7:15 a.m. You have to park so far away on the driving range that you practically have to run to school to make it on time or leave home by 7:00 instead," stated one annoyed student. Other disturbances were noise, dust, and crowded hallways.

Students remained in the temporary classrooms all year. The first phase of the construction was the new addition and the second phase was the renovation of the office complex, both of which displaced classrooms. The later phases including the renovation of science, art, and technology areas were scheduled over the summer, to be completed by August 16, 1993. Mrs. Haas concluded, "Everyone had to deal with the construction in some way, but it will be a whole lot better when it's completed."

--Marcie Powers

Say It Again!

Discussing upcoming projects in a Student Council meeting are seniors Mike Maksimowicz, Missy Cribley and Amy Emery. Mike laughingly suggested, "The noise is a small price to pay for the wonders that we create!"

It's a Group Thing

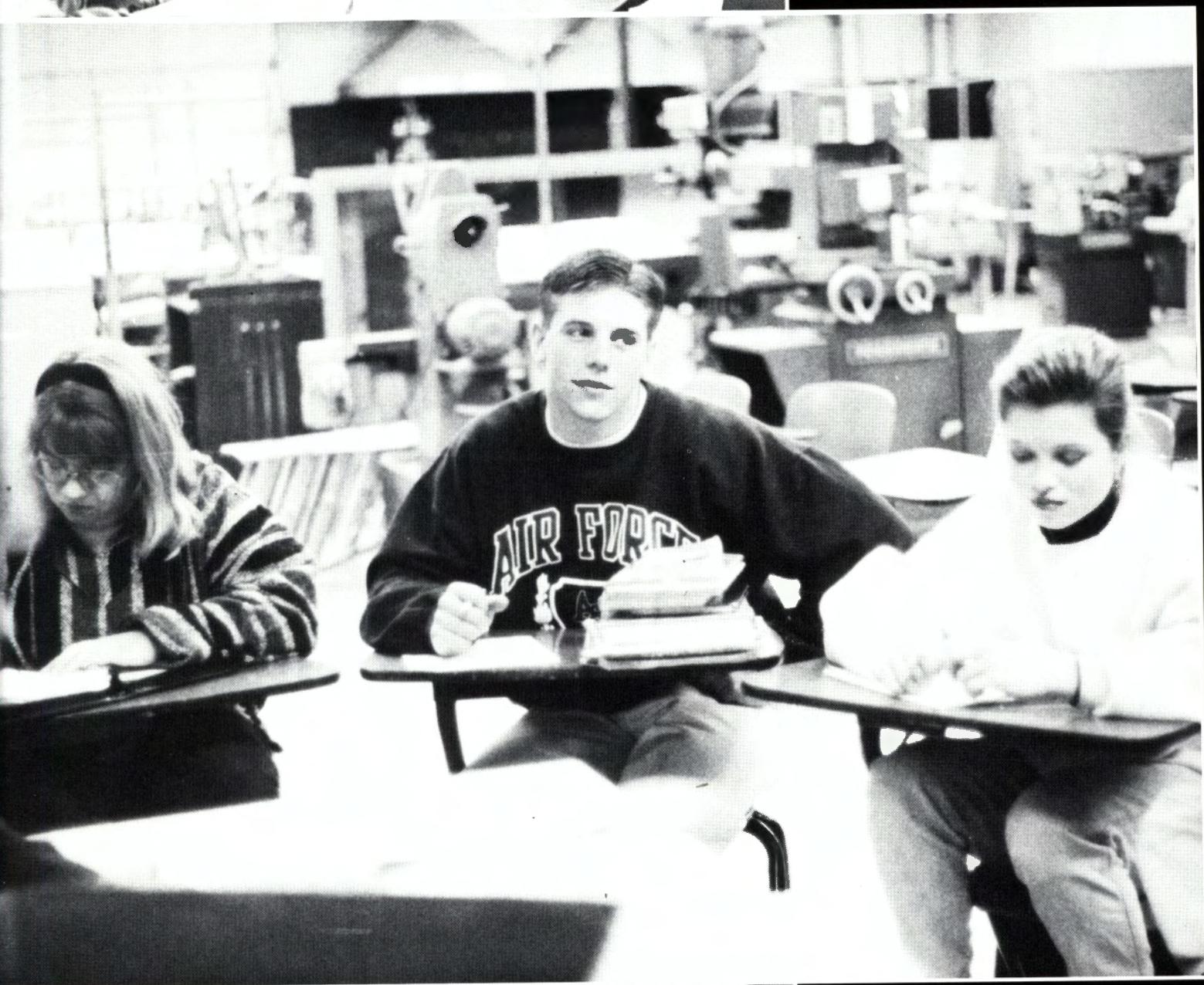
Teamwork is the key for seniors Monica Young and Josh Olmstead when a project is due. The library had some inconveniences as Monica explained, "It was extremely noisy due to limited space and that made it difficult to concentrate on my studies."



"It was interesting working with electronics in Engineering Tech, but it was hard to hear the instructions because of all the noise from shop equipment."

--Shelly Granger

Hitting the books in the temporary shop room are seniors Shelly Granger, Shawn Malkin and Anthony Hayes. The shop room was cut in half after the construction started, leaving students with minimal space.



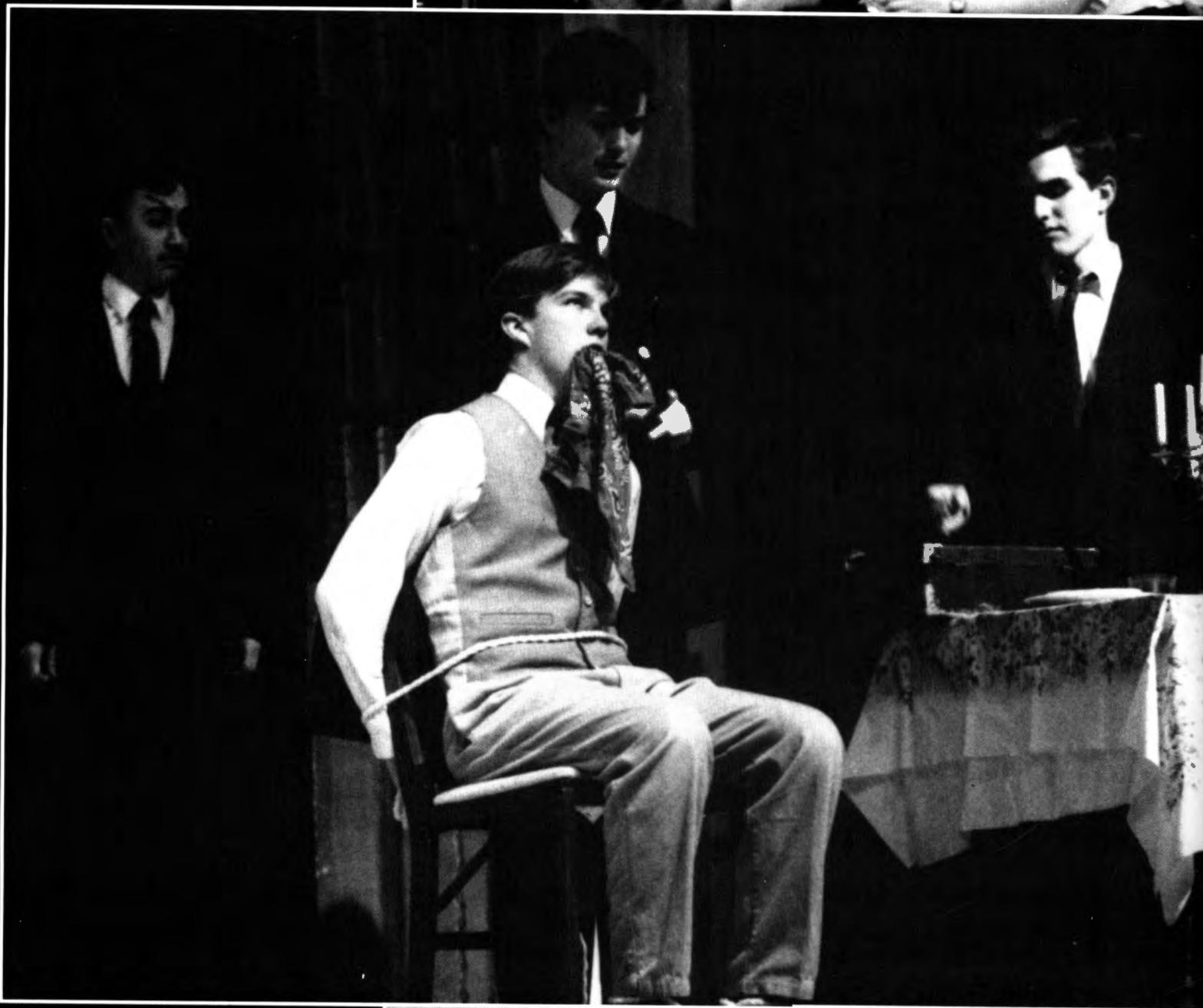
"It was hard to concentrate because of the noise from the new construction, but after a week or two, I got used to it. We just had to talk louder than usual."

--Sophomore Julie Smith

Focusing on teacher Pete Kressler in American History class are sophomores Mike Feldpausch and Julie Smith.

That's Us!

Reviewing a video of themselves teaching a sequence over fiber-optic networking are seniors Rick Wyble, Camron Gnass and Danielle Sullivan. The group presented a project as part of Ameritech's SuperSchool, a showcase of state-of-the-art instructional technology at the Lansing Civic Center on April 21 and 22. The students were selected from Mrs. Pam Klimenko's Communications Arts class.



All Tied Up

Bound and gagged in a scene from the fall play, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, is junior Matt Cook. The play ran for three nights, November 6-8 and was directed by teacher Ron Allen.

What? Silk Stockings!

Showing her Dad, Jeff Zimmerle, what all the kids are wearing is daughter, Lisa Telfer in a scene from the winter play, *Cheaper by the Dozen*.



the awful truth **cover-up comedy**

Opening night jitters, some nervous smiles and the cast was ready to go. Despite all the preparation, it was still frightening to go on stage and become some other person. To the audience, the performances of *Arsenic and Old Lace* and *Cheaper by the Dozen* seemed to go off without a hitch, but there were some sneaky cover-ups. "There were bumbled lines, late cues, funny mispronunciations; everything needed to make a play entertaining for everyone involved," revealed junior Sarah Devlin, "Like the time the lights suddenly flickered off, so to cover up, the actor on stage asked, 'Turn off the lights!'"

Other cast members had no problems being in the spotlight. Junior Lisa Telfer reflected, "When you go on stage, it is like you become a different person. I use my own experiences to develop the character I am portraying. Also, it's more comfortable out there because you know the people with you. They can give advice on how to better your performance, knowing they aren't putting you down, but helping you to achieve the ultimate goal of making the character come to life." Thus, pressure to have the 'perfect' performance was put aside on opening nights.

The dark story line of the fall comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, kept the crowds coming back for more, after opening on November 6. In the style of an olden-day, Dr. Kevorkian, two innocent and charming ladies helped an unknowing few to their demise with a little poison and wine. The cast for the show was almost entirely underclassmen except for two seniors. But, no one could tell that it took the students three run-throughs to get the flaws ironed out. The reviews were great.

To break the winter blues, Mr. Ron Allen directed the show, *Cheaper By the Dozen*. Inspired by the real-life family of a pioneer industrialist, Frank Bunker Gilbreth, *Cheaper By the Dozen* expressed what it was like for a family of twelve run like a well-oiled machine.

Besides performing, the plays provided students other advantages. Involvement in drama and theatre gave students the chance to escape from everyday life. It was relaxing to interact on, and off stage, with other actors. "Putting on a quality performance takes team spirit and a lot of practice. During rehearsals, we not only focus on our own characters, but also the characters of one another. We always had a blast," claimed junior Matt Cook, "Mr. Allen had to constantly tell us to quiet down. I wasn't happy about fewer kissing scenes this year, but I still had a great time."

--Nikki Miller

Contemplations

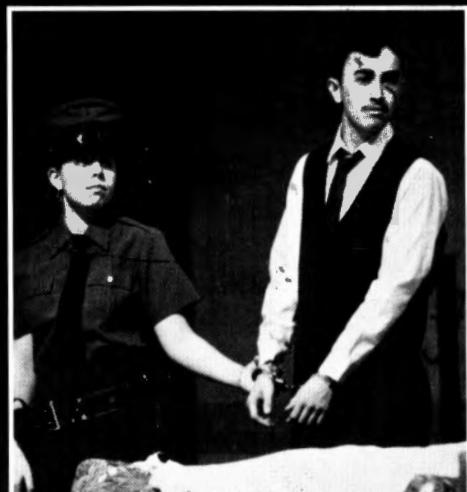
During a pensive moment, juniors Sarah Devlin and Matt Cook hold the stage during a scene from the fall play, *Arsenic and Old Lace*. "My favorite thing about acting is that I get the chance to take on a new role that I wouldn't usually be. Performing in plays also gives me the chance to work with different people," noted Sarah.

Clean Up Your Act!

"My favorite part of acting is that I can be any kind of person I want to be. In *Arsenic and Old Lace*, I played a criminally insane murderer. It was fun because for two hours, I was a criminally insane murderer. My personal problems were exchanged for the problems of the character that I played.

The weeks of preparation that we go through to put on a play are a lot of fun. When we're not on stage or practicing our lines, we tell some pretty wild jokes."

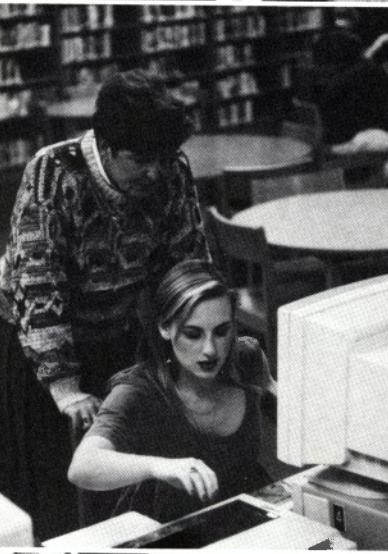
--Junior Ali Beha
with Miranda Hartman in a scene
from the play, *Arsenic and Old Lace*





"I work part-time to make money to spend on my Monte Carlo SS. All the people at F&M where I work are cool. They are nice to work with."

--*Kyle McDowell
stocking a display at F&M
Food Center.*



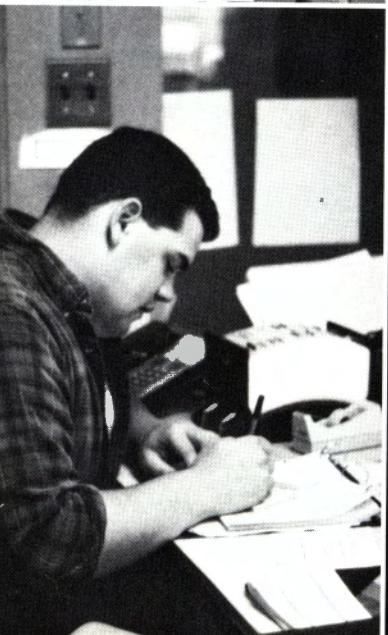
"Working in the Cooperative Education Program provides students an opportunity to see what they have learned put into practice."

--*Mrs. Anne Kressler
Co-Op Coordinator
assisting senior Kori Kreiner on
the computer in the Library.*



"My reasons for working at Sweet Sensations are that it's interesting, fun, I enjoy the money and my friends work there with me."

--*Junior Kym Loomis
making a hot fudge sundae at
Sweet Sensations.*



Working both at school in the Counseling Center and in outside part-time work is senior Chris Hadley. He commented, "I'm a delivery driver at Fat Boy's Pizza every evening, I like the work and the money. It's fun."





tug o' war

School vs finances

Money, money, money. If students didn't have it, they wanted it. If they did, they wanted more. No one could ever have too much. Some basic 'facts' about student finances never changed. Going to work yielded money, and this is precisely what approximately 57% of the student body did at least two or three days a week, some even more.

A major concern about working while attending school was the effect on grades. Senior Scot Lounsberry revealed, "If I didn't have a job, it really wouldn't affect my grades. I do more homework now so I can keep my job, if anything. Working may prevent some students from doing their homework, but if they really wanted to, I believe they could find the time."

What happened, however, if school and work became too hard to balance? "Everyone has their own limits and when work becomes too much to handle, it's time to get your priorities straight. In my mind, school is much more important than work. An education will allow you to make more out of your life than flipping burgers and bagging groceries," commented senior Allen Brockwell.

So, what did students do with their new earned wealth? Of course, most spent it! Junior Dave Mongeau explained, "My money goes towards CD's and food. I go to Fat Boys for lunch and that's where I blow most of my cash."

Others found that their reasons for working beat a path back to academics. Junior Michelle Bevier related, "I go to the Career Center for half of the day. I think it has helped me get used to working with other people in a real life setting. Everything doesn't always run smoothly out there in the real world. That's one of the biggest things I learned." Senior Nicki Boyd added, "I need money for college and my car. If I stopped working, I would spend more time on extra-curricular activities like track."

For the most part, having a job served a dual purpose for many students. Senior Stefanie Wilcox summarized, "I have a job because I want extra money to get the things my parents won't get me, mostly clothes. I really don't think that my job affects my school work though in a negative way. It's more like a break or change of pace from school. Everyone needs a little variety in their life and work is what gives it to me."

--Ken Sleight

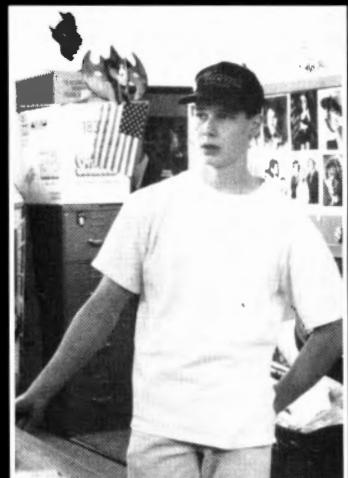
Taking Stock

Arranging the shelves with stock at F&M Food Center is senior Ryan Stacey. Ryan worked at keeping up his grades, as well as playing sports including Varsity Football and Intramural Basketball during the year.

When
You
Want
it All

"I enjoy my job at Five Star Attractions. The owner, Barb Campbell, is involved in the community at the personal level and I like working with her."

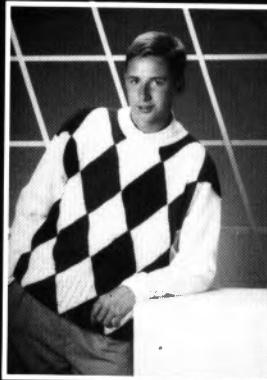
--Junior John Milks checks in videos on the computer at Five Star Attractions.



Top Ten Seniors

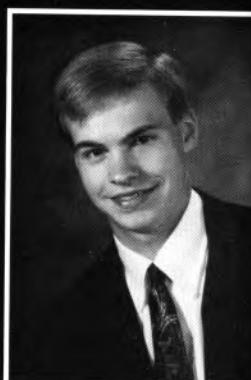
"Basically, I expect from myself the best that I am capable of doing. That is why I really don't feel that being one of the Top Ten is that big of a deal."

--Dave Bruining



"I don't feel that people expect too much from me because I like to be challenged. Getting good grades has always been hard for me. It takes a lot of time and effort. Sometimes I think they're still confusing me with my brother."

--Pete Craig



Team Work

Making an effort to keep on task, seniors Mike Maksimowicz, Tim Rampe, Dave Bruining, Matt Anderson and Katie Vartanian work on a Calculus project. Dave claimed, "The famous pentagon of Calculus will never be forgotten."

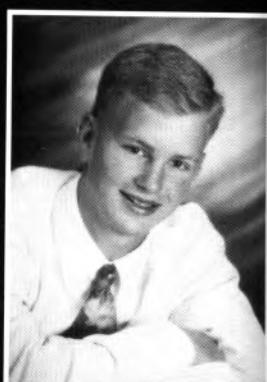
"I set my own standards and balanced those with other people's expectations. I also went on a strict diet that excluded; drugs, alcohol and sex. Part of it was easy because of my moral beliefs."

--TuShun Powers



"It feels good to be at the top of the class, but it wasn't the only thing I looked forward to. I gave up hanging out with friends some of the time to study, but I didn't give up much. I don't think people expect too much from me. My parents just wanted me to try my best."

--Tim Rampe





"It feels good to know that I got where I wanted to be despite all the hard work it required. To be one of the Top Ten out of so many is, I think, a big accomplishment."
--Renee DeMunck



"The only expectations I have to live up to are my own. I do think other people have an image of what I should and should not do, but it is my responsibility to be my own person." --Amy Emery



"I have always been interested in learning; it just so happened that good grades accompanied it. I plan to attend Honors College at MSU and then transfer to Cornell or Columbia, major in History, and become a professor.
--Brandon Miller



it starts with the right attitude

Students used mathematics daily, albeit in simple ways such as counting change or maybe saving for that car payment. But, once beyond simple arithmetic how did teachers impart to their students higher principles and understanding? Math teachers devoted many hours to coming up with new strategies. Melissa Morehouse explained one of them, "It's reading about math." This was a whole new concept for most students. They were expected to teach themselves by problem solving. Mandy Bowler explained, "We read to find out how to do the problems. The teacher guides us. They're there to show us how to do the problems we don't

Real World Algebra

Scanning information during her Algebra I class is teacher Sandra Bethell. She team-taught the revised class with Dan Chazan which attempted to relate Algebra to the daily work world through community liaison people.

Making Sense of Math

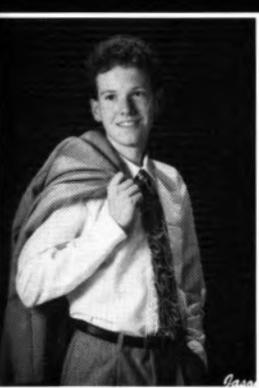
Observing students solving problems in small groups is math teacher Mike Lehman. "We're trying to help our students to understand what it means to understand mathematics. We do this in various forms of communication; oral, written and symbolic," Mr. Lehman explained.

understand. If everyone understands, we just move on."

All the math classes were restructuring their curriculum to teach through higher level thinking skills. Teachers switched from playing the role of "experts" to facilitators. "The students have to help teach their classmates which enhances learning," stated Math teacher, Bruce Larner. Teachers observed that students who had to teach the subject matter learned it more thoroughly and in-depth.

Most students agreed that the new strategies were more beneficial ways to teach math. Autumn Shaver recognized, "This may be better in the long run, especially in college where everything is on our own." However some students did not agree. Mary Mutty debated, "My grades have gone way down. I don't like to be spoonfed, but this is a little too much, too fast." Many agreed this would be a long haul for students used to traditional teacher demonstration and lecture classrooms. Math teacher Mike Lehman noted, "I think we are evolving. I will not say this is the way of the future. I will say that I don't think we will ever go back to the straight lecture again."

--Teresa Reynolds



"To some extent, people use me for my mind, but this does not bother me because I realize that school is not a solitary activity. I get help from others just as they get help from me when needed. It is very unrealistic to expect that any one person will have all the answers."
--Jason Rockwell

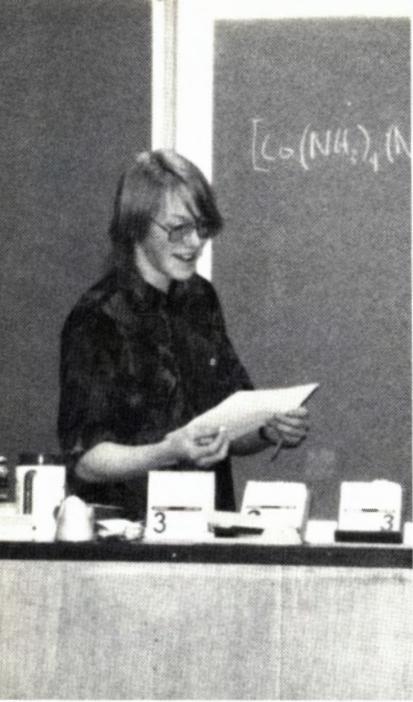


"I think that most of the time I expect more of myself than other people do. I enjoy teaching people if they really want to learn. I don't want them to think of me as a computer or a giant brain, but rather a normal person with feelings like everyone else."

--Susan Roehl



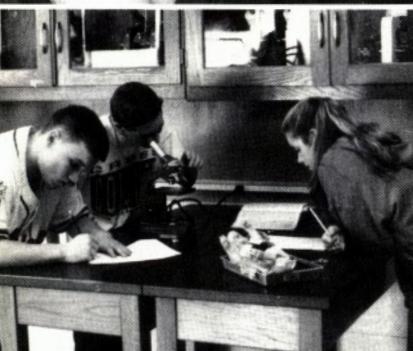
"I don't think I really had to give up anything to be one of the Top Ten. I ran cross country and track, traveled with the Lions All-State Band, hung out with friends and worked part time. School has always come pretty easy for me which I am grateful for."
--Monica Theisen



An Explanation, Please...
Explaining a problem on the current Advanced Placement Chemistry test to Mr. Foy's Honors Chemistry II class is senior Josh Olmstead.



"Mr. Burgess teaches hard and grades hard, but I learned a lot in Integrated Science class."
--*Sophomore Mike Luce carefully studies an organism in science lab.*



"I think working in groups is more fun and easier than working by yourself. Phil and Dylan, however, weren't much help with our fetal pig, 'Will.' We dissected him about four different times but neither of them ever touched him. I was always stuck with surgery duty."
--*Senior Rae Weaver*

with Phil Waidelich and Dylan Brown in Mrs. Neiswonger's Human Physiology lab.



"Human Physiology is a fun class that emphasizes hands-on learning."

--*Sophomore Neil Steinkamp recording data during a fetal pig dissection lab.*

off the beaten path of science

In December the high school was named a state of Michigan Exemplary School and then, in late spring, a National Exemplary School by the U.S. Department of Education. One reason for this was the willingness to change and innovate. The science curriculum had been working on this for some time and as a group were focused upon two areas; teaching for understanding and integrating the sciences so that relationships and connections could be made between them. The sciences of Biology, Physics, Genetics and Basic Science were combined in a new program, called Integrated Science, starting at the sophomore level.

The class emphasized the methods of group work and hands-on experiments rather than the traditional textbook orientation. "It gives me a way to learn different ideas in different ways from different people," sophomore Chereese Ford commented. Many of the students who were enrolled in the class felt that they benefitted because they were able to see many different perspectives of a topic. This helped them open their minds to the differing viewpoints with which each science approaches a subject matter and the problems with which each deals.

The teaching practices provided other advantages. "The class gave me the opportunity for a lot of different ways to learn because of the one-on-one teaching. It helped me broaden my perspective of each science," sophomore Allison Wood added. Integrated Science was different from previous science classes. It was much less the teacher teaching class. Instead, students taught themselves. The teachers were there more as facilitators and for assistance. Also students felt that the class was more fun and interesting than previous courses. Some even felt that there was less homework. "In this class, the homework was down while the learning was up," sophomore Josh Murgittroyd shared. "I think it will be a good way to teach in the future, if the students are willing to take the time to learn this way."

Beyond integrating the science subject areas, many other ideas were brought up. Miss Boulanger added, "I hope we will integrate more subject areas. This will make learning more comprehensive, useful, and meaningful."

--Janie Allen

Intricate Moves

Studying the anatomy of the fetal pig, teacher Heather Neiswonger instructs her students, sophomore Chris McPhee, Neil Steinkamp, and Clint Allen to make careful incisions to inspect the digestive system. This was one of the major projects of the Human Physiology class.

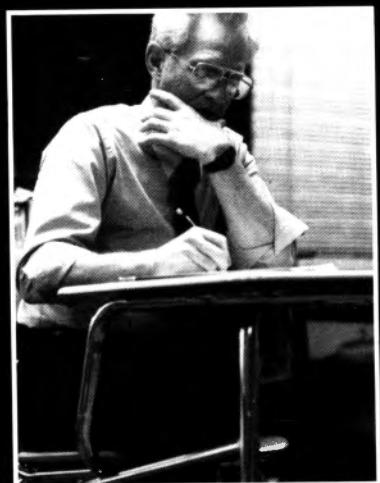
*Just
Do
It...
Better!*

"I think every person needs more science. The subjects need to be more integrated and less separated in order to have a better background."

--Lowell Rudd

Science and Global Studies teacher

Mr. Rudd works on curriculum projects on a PDS Wednesday morning.



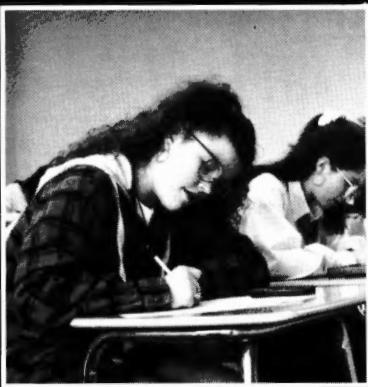
Test Taking ..Part of the Art!

"I've always thrived on standardized tests. Even when I was a little kid, I was the only person who liked taking the MEAP and the Otis-Lennon because I always scored well on them. They give people like me, who are fairly smart, but at times lazy, a sense of self-worth."

--Junior Ed Murray

"Test taking is the same old eeney, meeney miney moe!"

--Junior Laurie Bushnell while finishing a test in Math class.



your passport to college

Grinding number two pencils into dust, bubbling in hundreds of little ovals, and spending a tense three hours taking a test which factored into determining a student's future was not most teenagers idea of fun. But if one was planning to attend college, the ACTs and SATs were essential.

Some students incorporated studying for regular courses and preparing for the dreaded standardized tests by taking college prep courses and simply memorizing vocabulary in their English 11 class. In addition, some students spent hours leafing through lengthy prep manuals and much of their parents money for weekend workshops in order to hopefully reach the score that they targeted. Senior Amy Warren commented, "I was nervous about the ACT so I studied for the verbal and math portions of the test. I got some books and went to a workshop. I was worried about not getting a high enough score to get a scholarship to Alma. Well, I guess the studying paid off because I got into Alma with a scholarship."

Often students didn't know how to prepare for the tests, and as a result, on test day, a feeling of regret hit them like a Mac truck. Hindsight suggested that maybe looking at an ACT practice test or taking a few more classes, if ones schedule allowed, wouldn't have been such a bad idea after all. After taking the ACT, junior Shanda Cochrane commented, "Some of the questions were hard because I hadn't taken some of the classes, like physics."

In the end, and whether or not they prepared for the tests, many students felt that they did not show what a person can really achieve. Junior Nicole Belles commented, "The scores don't reflect what you really know. Sometimes you can have a bad test day or you didn't have the advantage of taking a prep course. I believe that colleges should look more at the whole person."

At times the ACT's and SAT's have been criticized for not being fair. Some people felt that the tests were racist and/or sexist. Others believed that some students had more opportunities to prepare for the tests than others did. In any case, many people believed the tests should be equalized and testing organizations are attempting to do so. Librarian Mary Gray reported, "I think discrimination has been a criticism in the past. The scores in the black population are increasing, therefore, that would indicate the tests are being revised to be less discriminatory. Everybody should have an equal crack at it. That may mean giving some people more opportunities."

Prepared or not prepared, fair or unfair the ACTs and SATs were a fact of life for the average college-bound junior or senior. For those students who studied, it probably paid off. For those who didn't prepare, the best they could hope for was to do well in spite of it.

--Colleen Jennings

Pencil Power

Taking a test in Honors Chemistry class is senior Amy Warren. Even though the class dealt with more difficult concepts than regular Chemistry, the small number of students, 17, made learning easier.



project headstart

dual enrollment

So high school was boring... tired of the same old bells... and no more good classes to choose from. Well, one could have joined a few enterprising seniors, traded in a high school class and started college one year earlier. Students were reimbursed for the cost of tuition, but the benefits and motivation went beyond that. "I was oppressed with the perfunctory little details, busy work, and preoccupation with points associated with the high school classroom. I didn't have this experience at LCC. The classes were small and personal, plus the professors were enthusiastic about learning," summarized Brandon Miller. "My reason for taking classes at LCC was to get a head start on college," admitted Melissa Cribley. "Introduction to Teaching and Freshman English were two classes I got out of the way."

What type of classes were available for industrious young students? For the most part, anything that was interesting or required to earn a degree. "I took Anatomy, Human Physiology and Introduction to Investment," stated John Patino. "I took my Real Estate License Exam class," explained Paul Hayes.

Students found that college classes were tougher and demands greater than normal high school classes. In turn, major differences existed between them. My LCC classes required a lot more note taking than any high school class I had. Also, the professors don't get the students involved as much," expressed John. On the other hand, some students found more involvement. "The instructor I had really seemed to care about her students," related Carrie Byington. Brandon agreed as he added, "The professors took a personal interest in me and my progress."

Other differences were noted. "The individual classes are longer, but you show up only twice a week for one and half hours each," stated Erin Sullivan who took a Microbiology class. "At LCC the students are treated like adults and so they instantly act like ones," reflected Paul. "Also, the material is very straightforward. They give you all the homework assignments at the beginning of the semester and then lecture the rest of the time," stated Carrie.

But the college campus was not without its downside. Melissa recalled, "On the first day of class, I was following arrows on the walls looking for my room and one pointed straight ahead. I walked through the door and ran into a man who gave me the strangest look. Then I realized I had walked into the men's restroom. I was so embarrassed! Just a word of advice for anyone going to LCC next year. If you have a class in the Arts and Sciences Building, any number starting with a zero is in the basement. Good luck finding it!"

--Chris O'Hara



"Often the high school classroom becomes and boring and repetitive. LCC is a change. The learning environment is more provoking and best of all is the freedom."

--Senior Brandon Miller
in French class at Holt High School

"Most students thought Dual Enrollment made my schedule easier. Actually, I worked a lot more than if I attended high school for six hours." --Senior Melissa Cribley

decorating hall for Homecoming

registering the right to vote

It's a declaration of one's independence. It was the right thing to do. Many students, upon turning 18, got involved in the political process by registering to vote. Political decisions included everyone, especially the young. "Young people should be involved in governmental issues because the government takes their money the same as everybody else," commented History and Government teacher Bill Savage.

In 1977, when Mr. Savage started teaching in Eaton Rapids, they had a voter registration drive each spring and fall. He encouraged 17 and 18 year old students to register and voice their opinions. He then became more involved in 1980. That was during the Reagan versus Carter campaign. In fear of a possible Reagan victory, he began signing students up to vote, hoping they would sway left and vote Democratic.

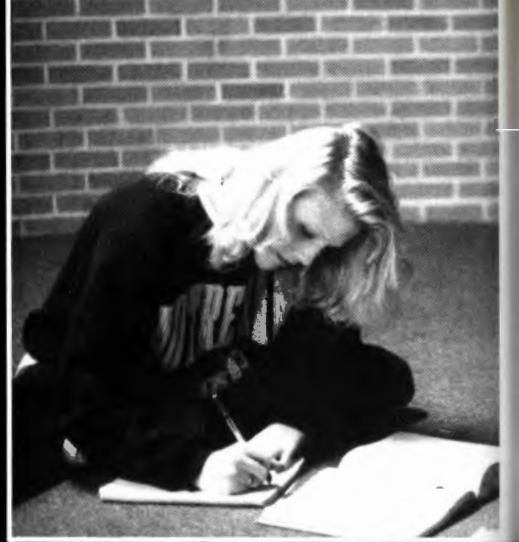
Following that came a change in subject matter. "We live in a precision world, but we need perspective to cope with all the changes. History provides a window for understanding change. The alternative is future shock," advanced Mr. Savage. After understanding his own words, he decided he wanted to teach history and inspire students to become active citizens.

He speculated further, "If a person doesn't exercise their right to vote, then someone else will decide for them." misconceptions about jury duty and being names were put them to be more But others real-duty to serve as with the right to was voter apathy. year cast interest the last presiden-eligible voters The United States turn out in the world, to date. that it doesn't but it could cost a plained Mr. Savage. He also pointed out further, "In 1776, by a single vote, Congress decided to favor English over German as the United State's official new language. In 1920, by a single vote, Tennessee, the final state to vote on the Suffrage amendment, approved the right to vote for women the first time in federal elections. In 1933, by a single vote, Hitler received leadership of the Nazi party over rivals whom he would exterminate. From there he moved on to the office of chancellor, burned the Reichstag, receives dictatorial powers and made war on the civilized world. In 1941, by a single vote, Congress, faced with isolationist pressure on the eve of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, enacted the Selective Service Act and assured that a system to procure needed manpower would be in place when war became a reality." Enough reasons were espoused. Students realized that instead of sitting around and complaining about the government, if they were 18 years old, they should register to vote and cast their ballot in the election. Maybe it would be their vote that changed the fate of the world.

--Nicole Belles



"I registered to vote because I want to help make things better in our country," shared Michelle Bevier with Mr. Bill Savage in the Library.



"I loved Global Studies because we talked about the problems of today and the future, rather than the past."

--Junior Jason Brisboe with Mandy Bowler, Jenny Besko, Kelly Bush, Terry Dorner and Brad Johnson listening to teacher Jerry Gillett.

"Parent Exchange Day was a great opportunity to see how much students look like their parents!"

--Junior Jason Coxon along with Ali Beha and parents listen to teacher Jerry Gillett lecture in first hour Comparative Political Systems.

loved American Studies class. It was a lot of fun. I especially liked the group work." --Sophomore Bridget Dunn
the interdisciplinary American Studies class.

American History was my best subject so this class was a lot of fun. Class being held in the library because of construction was different and distracting, but it didn't create that much of a disruption."

--Senior Rick Powell
watching a film along with Julie Smith in Peter Tressler's History class.



Shock absorption

debate & forensics

All thirty pairs of eyes were focused on you. With palms sweating, butterflies danced in your stomach, and your voice shook. More than anything you wanted to crawl under your desk and hide. Giving a speech in front of class was a nerve-racking experience for many students, unless they overcame their fright in the new class, Debate and Forensics.

Social Science teacher Guil Northrup and Communication Arts teacher Debbie Childers teamed up to teach the class broken into nine weeks of debate and nine weeks of forensics. "In Debate, we learned how to research and pull apart information, along with preparing an argument. Forensics was more like acting. We memorized lines of stories and poems to perform for the class," remarked senior Dawn Monroe.



Giving sophomore Michelle Walimaki some feedback on an assignment in American Studies is teacher Debbie Childers. Mrs. Childers also taught the new debate and forensics class.

The students gained much experience speaking in front of audiences with their in-class practice. "I am hoping to go into international relations and I took the class to experience giving speeches. I feel much more confident about it now," explained senior Kevin Tunks. The important skills learned would benefit many careers. "I took the class because I want to be an actress, but it also helped me with outside activities. I'm a peer counselor and the public speaking skills helped me make better presentations at schools," noted junior Miranda Hartmann. Mr. Northrup summarized the semester with, "It incorporated speaking skills with organization, analysis and research. What student doesn't need that?"

--Sarah Gregg

"Making the pinatas for the little kids in hospitals and orphanages is the greatest. It brightens up their Christmas."

--Senior Shawn Alward

putting on the finishing touches on their pinata with senior Melissa Cribley in Spanish class.

Culture Trip

Planning a Multicultural Club fundraiser during an Activity Hour meeting is senior club President Yanay Prebal. The club was active in promoting the acceptance of racial and ethnic diversity among students and staff.



Changing of the Guard

Preparing to go to Sycamore Elementary School to teach French lessons on Tuesday, May 11 are fourth year French seniors Jolene McKay, Yanay Prebal and TuShun Powers. Teacher Sandra Bernier gives instructions and came up with the idea for the mentoring program. She took Norm Garnett's position when he retired in January.





Parlez vous Francais?

Teaching French vocabulary lessons to second graders at Sycamore Elementary School are fourth year students Tim Rampe and Katie Vartanian. The students took on the mentoring project in Mrs. Bernier's class in May.

It's sooo chic and useful

Hola! Salut! Gutentag! 'Hello' in any language was welcome, particularly a foreign one for students meeting college language requirements. Beyond that, taking a foreign language offered students a sense of accomplishment. Just knowing how to read, speak, and write another language felt impressive to some students.

But, learning one was difficult for most students. The key to success was study. Sophomore Jessica Reich commented, "If you're serious about learning a foreign language, you'll definitely benefit from applying yourself. I took German and found that you must be ready to study. German is not an easy language."

The teaching methods have been characterized by cycles. Spanish teacher Juanita Grew observed, "The emphasis constantly changes like a pendulum from one of total immersion and oral attainment to a traditional grammar based emphasis. In our program we try to balance the two while insuring the acquisition of oral skills." The staff adopted the new label, Modern Languages, and set comprehensive goals. The core curriculum focused on the cultures of the people who speak the language being studied, as well as the four skills areas of reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The staff took seriously the development of an international perspective in all students.

Learning a foreign language also paid off if one planned to attend college or go into business. Miss Grew further remarked, "Most colleges are requiring a language proficiency in order to exit the university. However, if students take a certain amount of language at the high school level, usually three to four years, many universities will take that as a substitute for their requirement."

Modern language study, however, was not all hard work. It could be fun and games at times. Senior Katie Vartanian jokingly admitted, "I took French class so I could play Bingo and make holiday decorations. Also taking French helps one answer the questions on Jeopardy!" Foreign language students also did a bit of community service. Fourth year French students taught mini French lessons to students at Sycamore Elementary and

Some Crazy Ways to Spend Time in French Class

Watching Rick Wyble use his arms to illustrate where accents go on French verbs.

Ali Beha answering, Je tricote, (I knit,) to whatever question is asked.

Students listening to rock tapes in the Language lab instead of the French tapes the substitute thought they were listening to.

Tim Rampe, Dave Bruining and Dan Petrowick playing frisbee while Norm Garnett graded papers.

Brian Lund and Jay Coxon hanging Ed Murray's and Matt Kelly's 'Muzzy'.

Spanish students made pinatas for children at Saint Vincent DePaul Society and the children's wards of local hospitals. Junior Amy Sullivan commented, "Making pinatas was a fun break from class, but most importantly it helped brighten some kids Christmas." Learning a foreign language gave one not only personal satisfaction, but also a head start on college credits and a community service connection.



"On Parent Exchange Day, I asked the parents who did not know the Spanish vocabulary to draw the pictures for Spanish Pictionary on the board. Some of the pictures were outrageously funny! The students laughed a lot."

--Miss Juanita Grew
observing Mr. Belles who substituted for his daughter Nicole in Spanish III class.

Acting!

Reciting a dialogue for teacher Rosie Peters are first year German students Amy Dodson and Brendon Hill. This was Mrs. Peters first year on staff.

Blow Your Own Horn
Performing a selection in the
Christmas Concert Assembly
is French horn player senior
Amanda Hayhoe.



Time Out
Resting briefly in an interlude
of the Chirstmas Concert are
trumpet section members Jay
Coxon, Amy Stevenson, and
Jenny Besko

Christmas Spirit
Performing in the Holiday con-
cert are clarinet players Janet
Maki, Danniele Sullivan, Renee
DeMunck.

all in musical the family

The fine tuned musical machine came in two versions or should we say seasons--Concert and Marching. In concert season, the band played as an orchestral group and during the marching season it was more active. "Marching season is my favorite part of the band year. I feel more a part of the group, not just another player. Being outside is also a major plus. Just getting out makes everyone perk up," explained senior Kristen Evans. Others were of another mind. Senior Teresa Rodgers stated, "I like playing in concert band because of the variety of music we play. We performed *Prince of Theives*, *Aladdin* and many other selections this season. It's just more fun for me to test my musical ability on harder pieces."

Band also had both a serious and fun side to its nature. "We like to have fun just like other groups, we just do it in a slightly different way," revealed senior Renee DeMunck. Senior Jenny Heyd recalled one of the more humorous times and personalities. "Band wouldn't be the same without Jeremy Vermeer. I remember when he dressed up as a Bounty paper towel roll for Halloween. When he went over to Sycamore Elementary School, all the little kids were pointing him out." Senior Bryan Bareis added, "Band is more than a class, it's a family. We've been through so much together, our trip to Florida last spring, band camp, marching and so on. All these things brought us together, but one person overshadows it all, Mr. Parry."

This thought was echoed by many other band members. Senior Sandy Byers commented, "Mr. Parry knows how to relate to teenagers. He can really get us motivated and pull us together." Director Tim Parry was a recognized catalyst for the organization. He theorized about his influence. "I bring knowledge of the subject to the students who in turn change it into the melodic harmonies we play. I also bring 30 years of experience in both professional playing and teaching capacities that serve as a role model. The most important thing I do for the band, though, is to bring enthusiasm to the class. I try to keep the class upbeat and laughter is usually the key."

--Ken Sleight

Delivering the Beat

The percussion section heads to their position during a fall Varsity Football halftime performance. Providing the beat are senior Rick Wyble and junior Matt Kelly.

Jazzing it Up!

Adding a musical interlude to the Boys' Varsity Basketball game is the Jazz Band including juniors Amy Sullivan, Kara Kragt, Vanessa Thomas, Kelly Bush, Melissa Morehouse, Julie St. Onge along with director, Tim Parry. Many students felt that Mr. Parry's open nature and jocular personality held them together. Senior Drum Major Pete Craig summed it up, "If Mr. Parry was an animal, he would be...What am I saying? Mr. Parry is an animal!"





In Stride

On a bitter October day, the Marching Band leads the Homecoming Parade down Holt Road. Director Mr. Parry has trained the band to respond to the word 'Walloon' meaning 'We won't tell,' a reason why the band is such a secretive society.



Playing in the Zone

Melodies in the Air

Delivering an inspired performance of *Phantom of the Opera* are senior Monica Theisen and junior Kelly Bush. The half-time show was complete with Jerrod Wilkins as the Phantom himself.



Winter Wonderland

Conducting the Concert Band during the Christmas Concert is Director Tim Parry. The band was 130 members strong during both seasons.

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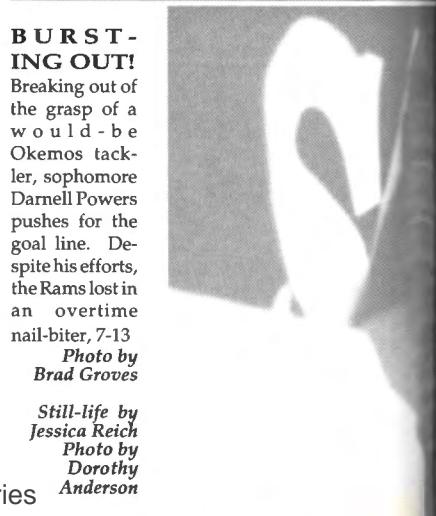
Out of Bounds

Game action and season records not always by design

With five ticks left on the game clock and the team down by two, senior All American point guard, Jason Black raced down the edge of the court. The whistle blew and the referee pointed the other way claiming Black stepped out of bounds, much to the dismay of Holt fans who saw him get pushed. The ball was handed to the Waverly Warriors and so was the hard fought victory.

Many things seemed out of line in the field of sports, and only some of the results were by design. Who would have thought that the four-time running Capital Area Conference wrestling champs would bring up a close second place by less than a point, but send three wrestlers to states who finished in the top 16 individually? The 27 year, winning-season streak continued with junior Joe Schutte placing second in the state in the final heavyweight match.

The Girls' Swim team set records and a sophomore by the name of Tina Sullivan shattered times in the 100 backstroke not once, twice or three times, but four times she crossed the finish line faster than the last. She helped her team stay between the lines of the lane markers and stroke to a first place conference title. The Girls' Gymnastics team took a close second place in the conference after the deciding meet versus East Lansing to wrap up another winning season. But the ball seemed to stay out of bounds for the Boys' Soccer team who lost every game except their first. If things weren't in line, they most likely weren't by design, but who's measuring?

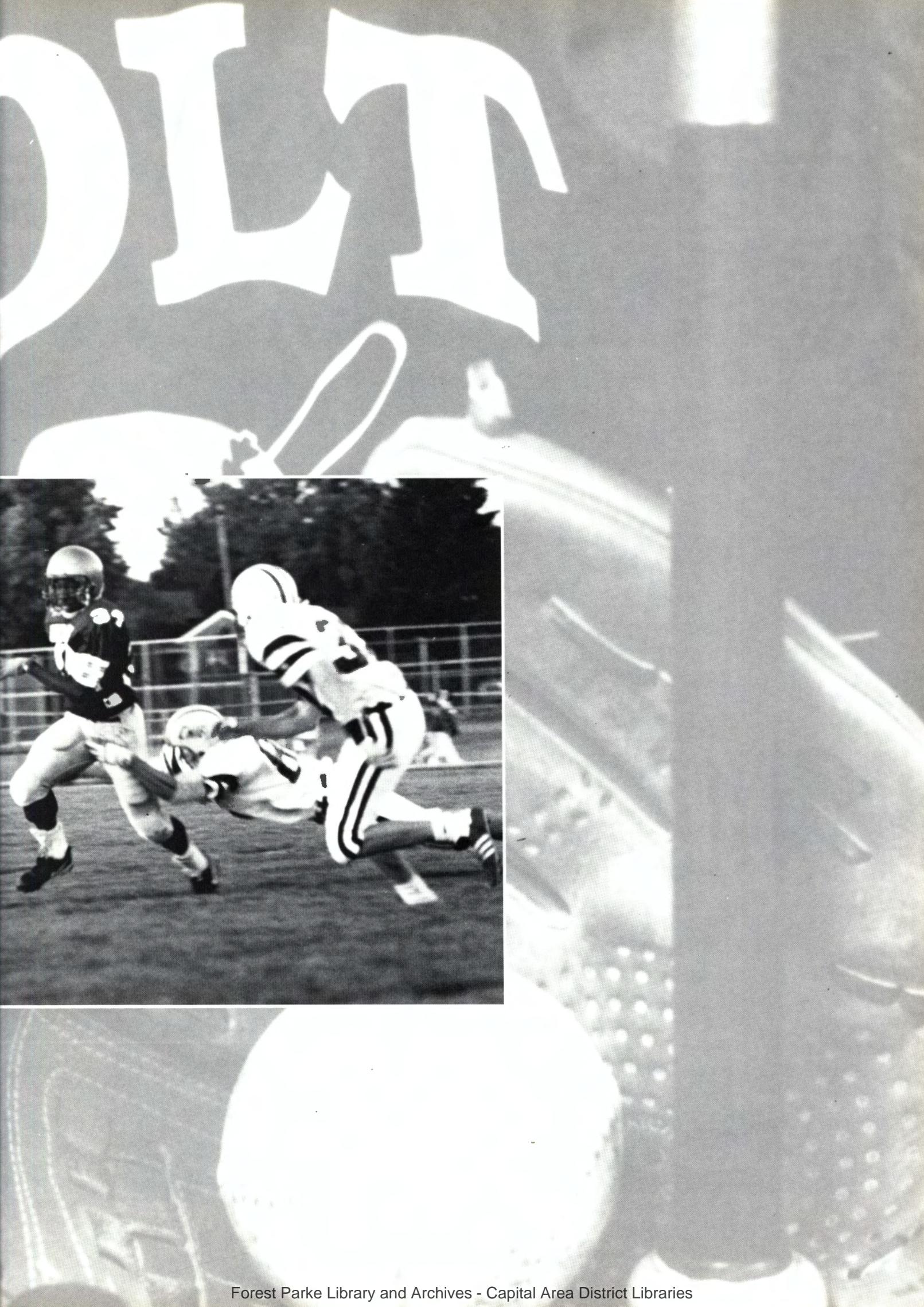


**BURST -
ING OUT!**
Breaking out of
the grasp of a
w o u l d - b e
Okemos tack-
ler, sophomore
Darnell Powers
pushes for the
goal line. De-
spite his efforts,
the Rams lost in
an overtime
nail-biter, 7-13
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Brad Groves*

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Sports Division

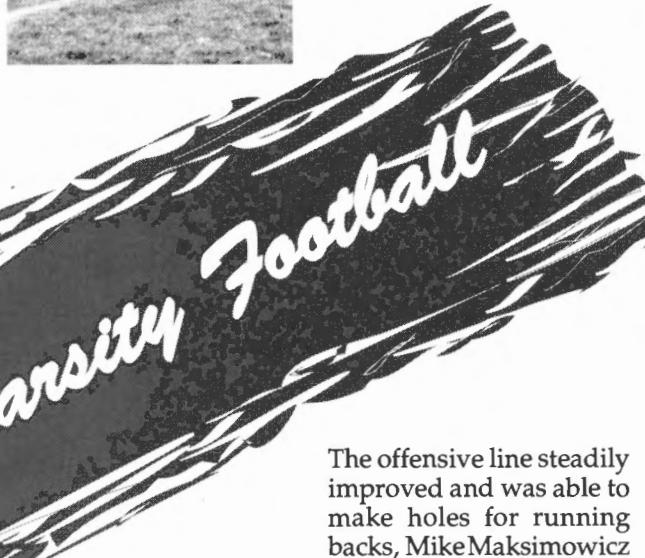


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Down, But Not Out

The Kick Is Up ...

Setting up to send the ball through the uprights against Eastern is senior Mike Maksimowicz. Holt went on to win the Homecoming game, defeating the Quakers, 26-14.



The offensive line steadily improved and was able to make holes for running backs, Mike Maksimowicz and Josh Hogarth. They also created pass protection for quarterback John Looney. Defensively, the team benefited by the per-

Take That!

Taking the Chieftain player to the ground, sophomore Darnel Powers tackles his Okemos opponent assisted by junior Jeff Green in the season opener.



Despite hard fought games, the Rams didn't always come up with the winning score. "We had more potential than our team showed. It was a more competitive team than previous years," summarized sophomore defensive back, Darnel Powers.

The team had their share of shining moments, Josh Hogarth ran for 698 yards in the last four games of the season, and John Looney passed 588 yards.

formances of line backers Jeff Shultz, Mike Cook and Kevin Tunks. Senior defensive back Chris Donigan commented, "Our team had a lot of accomplishments and was full of good times. Despite the record everyone played as a team and improved over last season."

Each year the team starts against the tough competition of Okemos, East Lansing and Grand Ledge. "We started slow, but began to pick up toward the end when we started to win some games," stated junior tail back, Josh Hogarth.

As the season progressed, unity grew stronger. "The players finally came together in the Jackson game. We began to gain the confidence that we could win," commented senior offensive tackle, Terry Dorner. Many players agreed that the high point was the victory over Jackson. "It was their Homecoming and they had a few big name players that everyone was talking about. We all pulled together and

had a great game," revealed senior quarterback, John Looney. "Josh ran all over Jackson, giving us five touchdowns. Their running back was supposed to be great, but Josh completely showed him up, and we won the game, 35-28," revealed junior tailback Ed Murray.

For the seniors, the game against Charlotte was their last. "During the game, I realized that I would never play high school football again. It took me about a half hour to get back to the locker room after the game. I just stood there on the field reminiscing about the season. I actually cried out there," commented senior defensive tackle Bob McPhee.

Despite the 4-5 record, players stuck together. "Our unity was one of our greatest strengths. We never blamed each other for our mistakes," explained John Looney. "I feel we worked too hard to come up short like we did," stated senior Brandon Ryckman. Even though games were lost, the Rams were in it until the end.

--Marcie Powers



Ready to Rumble
Led by seniors Chris Hadley and Terry Dorner, the Rams prepare to take the field for the game against Sexton. A pre-game celebration honored the anniversary of the Team of 1972 which not only went undefeated, but unscored upon. A key member of the team is now Head Football Coach Rock Shaft.



Powering Through

Taking the ball from quarterback John Looney is senior running back Ryan Stacey. Holt took the lead early in the game, but trailed by half and lost to Okemos 7-13 in overtime.

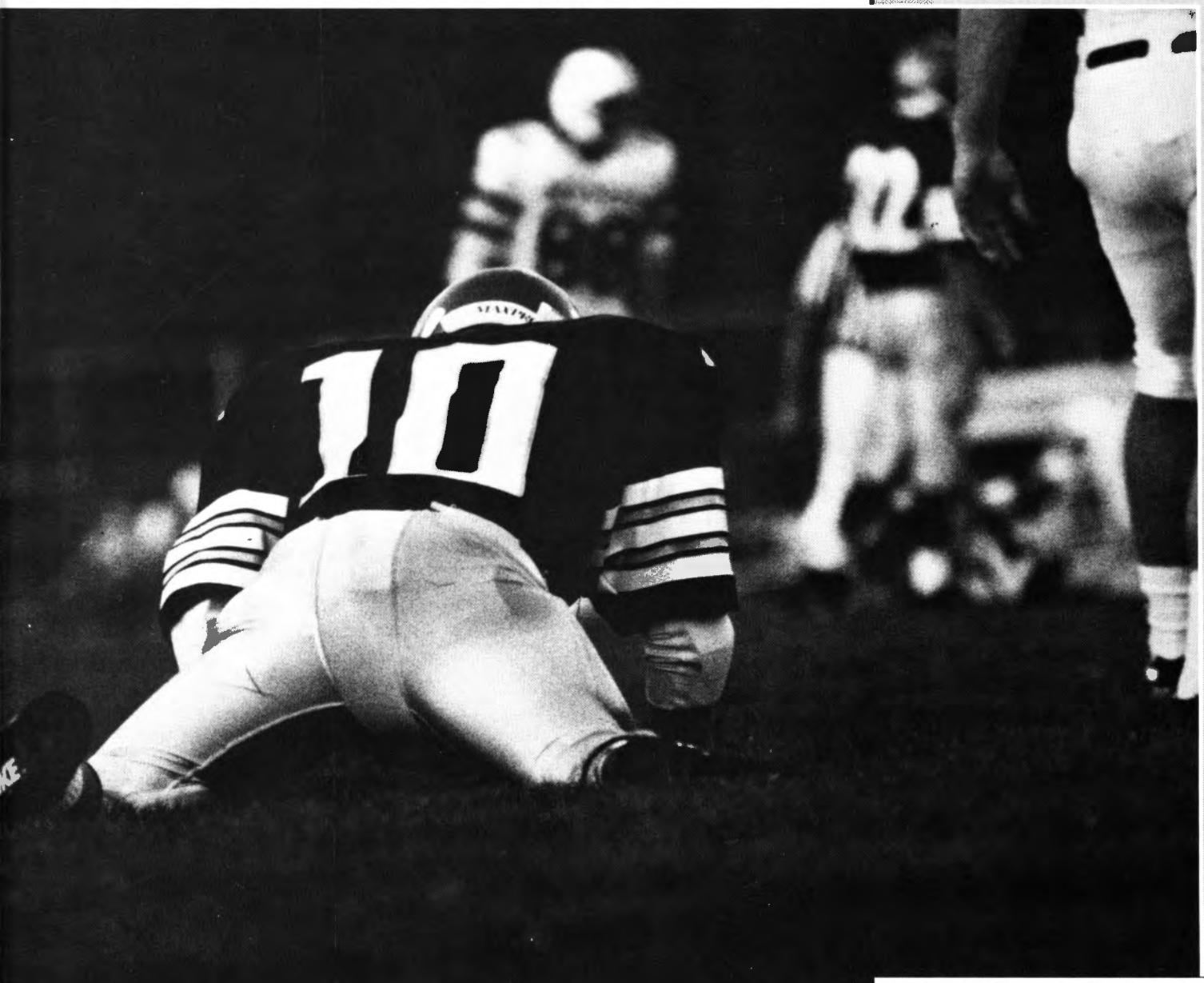
Here's the Flag?

After a no-call, senior Brandon Ryckman picks himself off the ground in the game against Okemos. Brandon earned the honor of being the team's leading receiver.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

4 Wins, 5 Losses

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| Okemos | 7-13 OT |
| Grand Ledge | 0-37 |
| East Lansing | 26-41 |
| Sexton | 0-6 |
| Everett | Forfeit |
| Jackson | 32-26 |
| Eastern | 26-14 |
| Waverly | 27-8 |
| Charlotte | 17-19 |



Top of the Line

All-CAC First Team

Chris Hadley All State Hon. Men.

Mike Maksimowicz

All-CAC Second Team

Mike Cook Ryan Stacey

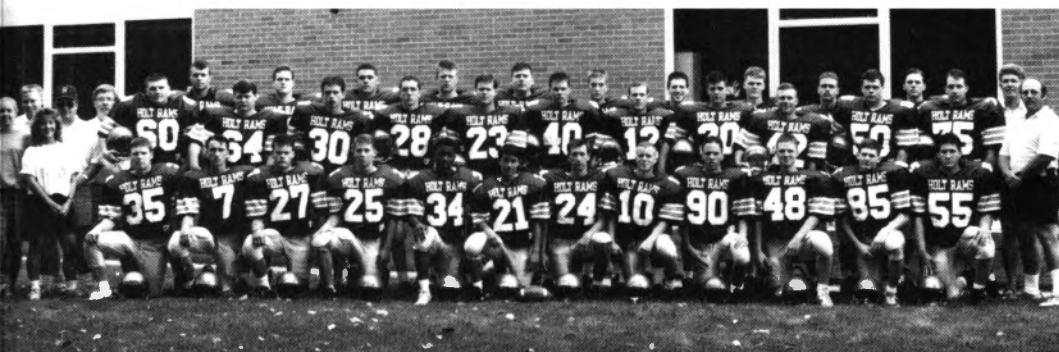
All-CAC Honorable Mention

Chris Donigan Terry Dormer

Josh Hogarth John Looney

Jake Roberts Kevin Tunks

Brandon Ryckman



Arsity Football Team: Top Row: Coach C. Haas, Coach J. Rarick, K. Tunks, T. Dormer, C. Hadley, R. McPhee, J. Schutte, B. Oaks, J. Green, M. Cook, J. Shultz, M. Maksimowicz, Coach D. Ernst. Row 2: Mgr. R. Weaver, Tr. J. Skittenhelm, T. Roberts, M. Rodgers, C. Curtin, S. Morehouse, J. Abdo, B. VanFossen, S. Malone, J. Looney, J. Roberts, R. Stacey, M. Iggleworth, D. Reusser, Coach R. Shaft. Bottom Row: J. Hogarth, M. Collins, K. McDowell, M. Murphy, D. Powers, E. Murray, Donigan, B. Ryckman, B. Carter, C. Sharp, J. Draher, S. Becker.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

6 wins, 5 losses

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Waverly | 36-24 |
| East Lansing | 33-24 |
| Sexton | 20-37 |
| Everett | 15-46 |
| Alma | 34-24 |
| Mason | 42-19 |
| St. John's | 31-24 |
| Jackson | 26-29 |
| Eastern | 20-35 |
| Grand Ledge | 25-32 |
| Grass Lake | 21-34 |
| CAC Meet | 3rd |
| CAC | T-2nd |
| Regionals | 9th |

O nward to Victory

Holt's top runner, junior Jay Austin, focuses on taking first at the home meet versus Eastern. The Rams downed the Quakers and went on to an undefeated regular season record.

S teady Pumping

Striding his race out is sophomore Joel Kilgore at Valhalla. Joel helped the team defeat Grand Ledge 26-30 and broke Grand Ledge's 49 meet, 6 season conference winning streak.



Top of the Line

All-CAC First Team

Jay Austin 76th-State
Vanessa Spencer 5th-Regional
24th-State

Laura Harger 7th-Regional
38th-State

All-CAC Second Team

Jake Fortuna 57th-State

All-CAC Honorable Mention
Monica Young

"It was really disappointing to go undefeated through the season, and then perform as badly as we did in the league meet. Beating Grand Ledge was definitely the highlight of the season. We graduated only two seniors from our top seven runners, so next year, we will be looking to take the CAC."

--Junior John Sonnenberg

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

8 Wins, 2 Losses

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| East Lansing | 23-32 |
| Waverly | 22-32 |
| Everett | 21-37 |
| Alma | 31-26 |
| St. Johns | 19-41 |
| Mason | 36-23 |
| Jackson | 24-35 |
| Grand Ledge | 26-30 |
| Eastern | 18-39 |
| Grass Lake | 24-39 |
| CAC Meet | 4th |
| CAC | 3rd |
| Regionals | 10th |

B oys' Cross Country Team:

Top Row:
Coach B. Campbell, J.
Kilgore, J.
Haskel, T. Hall, J.
Sonnenberg, M.
Frayer, Coach J.
Gillett.
Bottom Row:
S. Newberry, J. Fortuna,
J. Austin, A.
Newberry, J.
Treloar.



Bumper Crop of Runners

With the finish line only moments away and feet exhausted from the grueling demands of competition, nothing could quench the thirst of victory for the CrossCountry teams. The men's team finished with a 7-0 while the women's team earned a 5-2 in dual meet records at season end. "We were geared to win the league, but early injuries and a slow start hampered us," explained Coach David Foy. At the end of the conference meet, the women placed third, while the men placed fourth. This gave them a second and third place respectively in the league overall. "We were strong runners and extremely dedicated, but we had some major mental blocks," stated junior Greg Acker.

The girls' group formed a young team. It was hard to work together without experience.

"Some strengths were the new awesome freshmen we had and team support was also better than in prior years," explained senior Monica Theisen.

Effective coaching was another requirement. "Coach Foy always talked positive and never put anyone down. No matter how bad we did, he always found the better side of it," stated Vanessa Spencer.

A bumper crop of runners claimed individual honors. The women letter winners were Jennifer Cohoon, Carey Goff, Laura Harger, Lee Ann Hunter, Vanessa Spencer, Monica Theisen, and Monica Young.

The team members that claimed CAC honors were Jay Austin, Jake Fortuna, Vanessa Spencer, Laura Harger, and Monica Young. Jake and Jay qualified for the State

Class A meet. Jake placed 57th and Jay placed 76th. Vanessa Spencer placed 24th and Laura Harger placed 38th. "I was very ecstatic to be named AllCAC. I have worked for it for three years and finally achieved my goal. It was a good way to end the season," explained senior Monica Young.

Over the River . . .

Freshman Jake Fortuna blazes a trail out of the woods of Valhalla. Jake ended up placing second team All-CAC.



With few seniors leaving, both teams look to come back strong next season.

--Chris O'Hara,
Ed Murray

Dacing Himself

Rounding the last corner with just half a mile to go is sophomore Adam Newberry. Adam earned a spot in the am's top seven by consistently beating his opponents, like this Jackson counterpart whom he defeated in the meet.

Girls' Cross Country
Top Row: Coach D. Foy, LeeAnn Hunter, Laura Harger, Carey Goff, Monica Young. Bottom Row: Vanessa Spencer, Jenny Cohoon, Monica Theisen, Nichole Nelson.



Almost There
Pushing herself at a home meet at Valhalla is sophomore Kelly Miller.

Memories Take High Priority

Damage Report

Checking the scene and recording scores during the DeWitt match is Coach Pat Somers. In the final score, DeWitt scraped by to win 3-4.



Exiting meets and embarrassing moments became season memories, ending with the best recollection of all, placing fourth overall in the league.

The moments that created the season were the times the team spent day after day, practicing the art of tennis. The doubles teams strove to be competitive and there was the constant battle for the top

worked to improve them." The outcome was a season record of 4 wins and 8 losses.

While participating in matches, the players were never short of support. "Everyone was kind to everyone else and very accepting. I'm a sophomore and I felt like part of the team and not shut out by the juniors and seniors," noted Michelle Krause. "The team's attitude was great. The girl's were always encouraging each other when they were down. There were three sophomores and one freshman that earned their Varsity letters which is very unusual. They included: Andrea Cook, Michelle Krause, Amanda Schram and Shelly Sommers," added Coach Somers.

Although the doubles positions were constantly changing, one doubles team came out consistently on top. Sara Kratzer and Crissy Ernst remained at first doubles throughout the entire season. To top it off the

positions. "The team's strength was the depth we had in both singles and doubles," stated Coach Pat Somers. "Having been on Varsity, players already knew the basics, and

team placed second at CAC's.

The team's first and second singles' positions were held by juniors Tricia Hannig and Kelly Tepaste. They normally have been held by experienced seniors, but both girls performed competitively on everything from serves to over-heads.

One of the major highlights of Coach Somers' season was introducing other teams to new tennis courts. And the season, of course, had its humorous moments. A favorite memory was when Amy Ward fell off the back of a bench while watching a teammate play at Mason. The worst part was, she did it right in front of Mason's famous Simbroski twins.

The end-of-year banquet was held at Chi's Chi's Restaurant and as awards were given and Varsity letters distributed, the seniors hugged their goodbyes to Coach Somers. Some laughed, some cried and some just smiled happily.

--Kelly Larsen

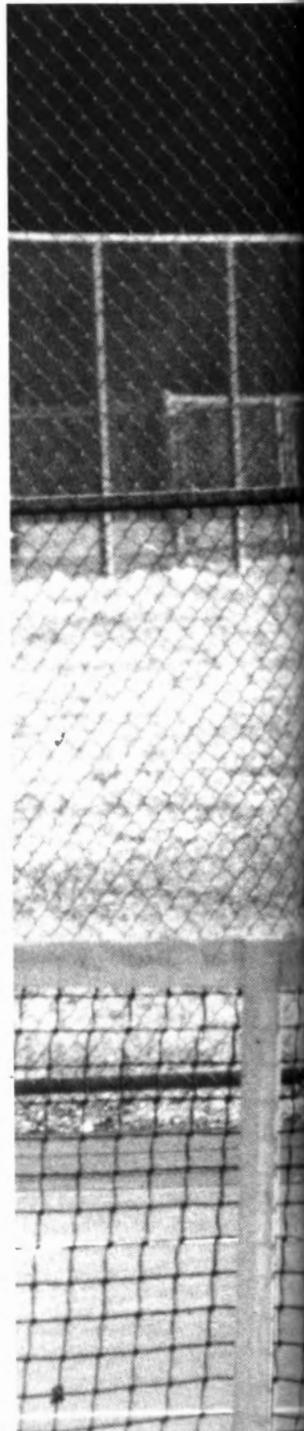
Double Dragon

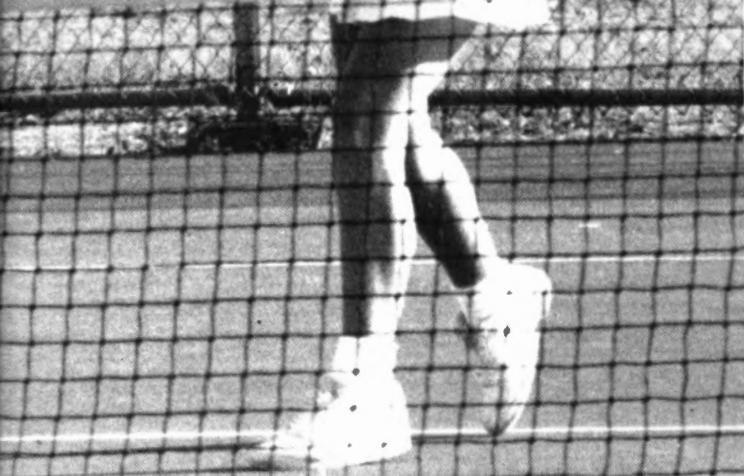
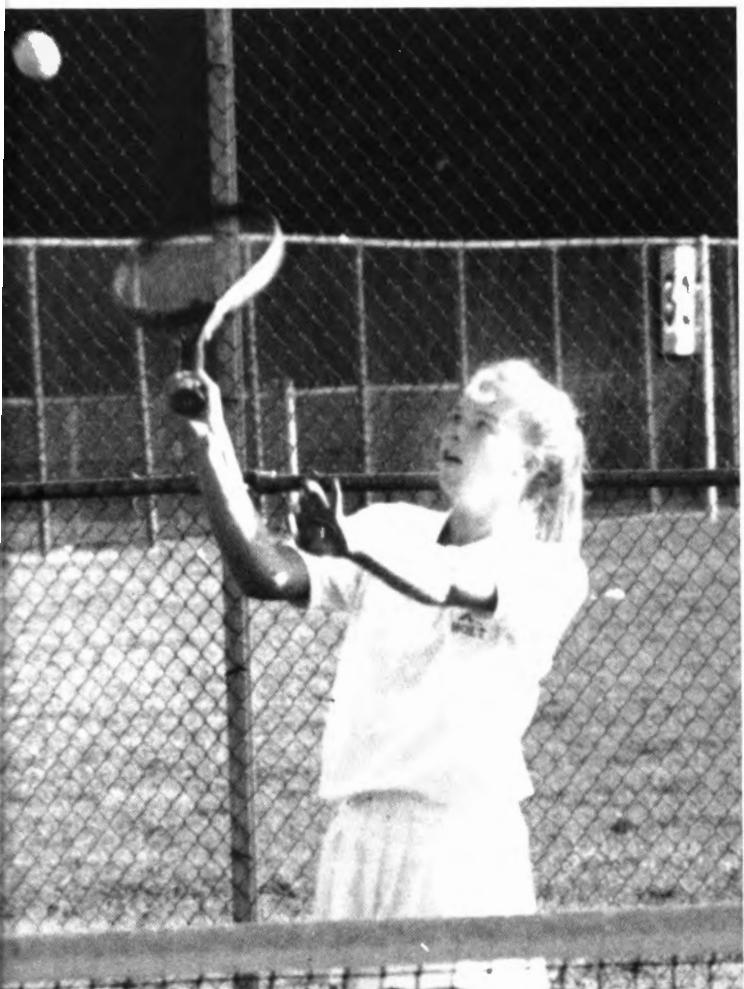
Focusing intently on the action are senior double partners, Amy Ward and Amanda Hayhoe.



Can We Leave?

Calling out scores after the DeWitt match are Michelle Krause, Andrea Cook, Amanda Schram, and Amanda Hayhoe.





*G*oing Through the Motions

Perfecting her game is sophomore Shelly Somers who spent long hours at practice and learned the famous volley dance from JV Coach Peter Kressler.

*N*ail It!

In her first year as top singles player, junior Tricia Hannig sets up to send a shot back at her Pinckney opponent. "It was really fun playing first singles because it was always a challenge to go up against the top players from every school," noted Tricia.



*R*eady, Aim . . .

Poised to stroke the ball back to doubles partner, Amanda Schram, is sophomore Andrea Cook, while warming up before the match against DeWitt.

*G*irls' Varsity Tennis Team:

Top Row: Coach P. Somers, K. Larsen, F. Brandi, C. Byington, A. Schram, D. Monroe, K. Howe, Coach P. Kressler. Row 2: E. Suitlif, A. Cook, S. Somers, B. Brunsting, A. Warren, A. Hayhoe, A. Hauser, S. Kratzer. Bottom Row: M. Ross, K. TePastte, T. Hannig, C. Ernst, A. Ward, J. Lester.

GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS

4 Wins, 8 Losses

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Everett | 7-0 |
| St. Johns | 1-6 |
| Sexton | 6-1 |
| Eastern | 1-6 |
| East Lansing | 0-7 |
| Jackson | 2-5 |
| DeWitt | 3-4 |
| Waverly | 2-5 |
| Grand Ledge | 4-3 |
| LCC | 0-7 |
| Mason | 1-6 |
| Pinckney | 5-2 |
| Court One Invitational | 4th |
| CAC Meet | 4th |
| CAC | 4th |
| Regionals | 7th |

Top of the Line

All-CAC Singles

Michelle Krause 2nd place
4th Singles

All-CAC Doubles

Christine Ernst 2nd place
Sara Kratzer 1st Doubles

"The highlight of my season was going against East Lansing's top player. She went through the entire CAC meet undefeated, and I figured I wasn't going to beat her, but I went in with the mentality that I was going to play as well as I could. I ended up losing to her, but I was the only person to take anything from her, when I beat her in two games. She went on to take second place in the state, but I played probably my best match ever, and I was happy with that."

--Sophomore Michelle Krause

Boys' Varsity Soccer
1 win, 16 losses, 1 tie

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Mt. Pleasant | 4-1 |
| Jackson | 0-2, 0-1 |
| Waverly | 1-5, 0-3 |
| East Lansing | 0-5, 0-5 |
| Everett | 4-4, 1-4 |
| St. John's | 0-4 |
| Grand Ledge | 0-1, 1-3 |
| Sexton | 2-3, 1-2 |
| Eastern | 0-1, 0-3 |
| Mason | 0-5 |
| Jackson County Western | 0-6 |
| CAC | 8th |

Top of the Line

All-CAC Second Team

Jason Schram
John Walters

All-CAC Honorable Mention

Craig Bierschbach
Troy Switzer

"Sometimes it seemed as though it was us against the other team and the refs. It was an ongoing struggle and it got tougher and tougher every time we stepped on the field."

--Senior Chris Baker



Boys' Varsity Soccer Team

Top Row: Mgr. K. Lawrence, Tr. Switzer, B. Cole, D. Twomley, K. Janetzke, R. Barrett, J. Dewar, C. Reynolds, J. Hamelin, C. Baker, Td. Switzer, J. Schram, Coach H. Rojas. **Row 2:** Mgr. K. Greenwood, S. Kamim, J. Walters, J. Mulvaney, C. Bierschbach, B. Harry, T. Feland, H. Matthews, Mgr. T. Kleiman. **Bottom Row:** C. Gnass

*Up, up
and
Away*

Taking a flying leap through the air while holding off his Jackson opponent is senior Craig Bierschbach. Jackson escaped with a slim 0-1 win.



Kick^s_o^m_e Grass

Get It Outta' Here!

earing the ball down-field in the home match against East-in is sophomore Kyle Janetzke senior Troy Switzer looks on. The team battled adversity though most of the season, but managed to maintain high spirits.

Nice Hustle

Sprinting after a loose ball is senior Jason Hamelin in the match against Jackson County Western. Jason proved to be a vital leadership asset to the team.



The scoreboard was not the measure of success for the Varsity Soccer team. Our success was within the team and we're proud of what we accomplished and that we stuck the whole year out," stated sophomore Kyle Janetzke.

After the season opening win at Mount Pleasant with a score of 4-1, it looked as if the Rams would turn the program around. They faced the toughest part of the schedule in the beginning of the season, but after the disappointing loss at home against eventual Regional finalists and CAC champs, Waverly, it seemed as if it was a deja-vu of last year.

As it turned out, the team came up short in every contest, pulling a zero-for nine September run. "We thought we could bounce back from

our extremely slow start, then we hit the wall of internal demise and in a matter of a few short weeks, we found ourselves looking up from the bottom of the league. After that, the rest of the season was uphill," senior Co-Captain Jason Schram reflected. Senior Chris Baker pointed out, "Sometimes it seemed as though it was us against the other team and the refs. It was an ongoing struggle and it got tougher and tougher every time we stepped on the field."

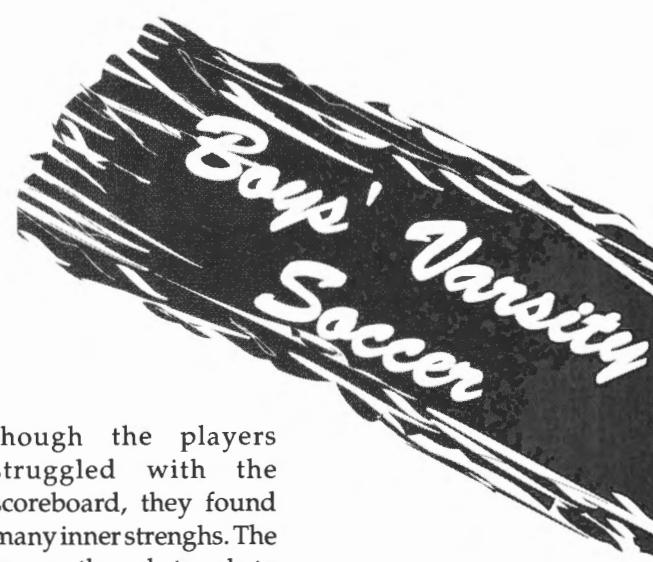
There were, however, the positives and the humorous things that the season record couldn't take away. "The funniest thing that happened was when Craig Bierschbach got a red card for an intentional hand ball. Actually, he was at the other end of the field and

it was Troy Switzer who smacked the ball away. There was a lot of confusion and we all got a good laugh at the ref's error of not being able to keep numbers 12 and 21 straight; and then, not even correcting himself," remembered junior Chris Reynolds.

There was a lot laughter on the team, and even

endure at the time, ended up building a strong sense of team character. Senior Jason Hamelin concluded, "It seemed that playing as a team like we did, and having confidence in each other helped ease the disappointment of not winning."

--Cameron Gnass



though the players struggled with the scoreboard, they found many inner strengths. The losses, though tough to



Deee-fense

Attempting to intercept a pass from the Vikings is junior John Walters. John earned end-of-the-year honors as Second Team All CAC.



Listen Up!

Head Coach Henry Rojas gives his team a quick pre-game pep talk before the match with Everett. The Rams locked into a 4-4 tie with the Vikings.

JV's Work Hard, Play Harder

Rebuilding for a future year is always tough to do, especially when a team has been doing it over the course of two seasons. But many members of the JV Football team felt the losing was over and it was finally time to rack up some victories. "I think

we really grew as a team. If we improve as much next season, we will be really good," predicted sophomore Jake Robbins. Unfortunately, the strides made throughout the season were not reflected on the scoreboard. In fact, the only people who might have realized

McPhee suggested one reason as he explained, "I think we had a lot of talent, but execution-wise we had some trouble."

Obviously for a team with one victory, the highlight of the season was "Being able to beat big rival Waverly," recalled sophomore Kevin Louden. With a margin of 20 to 3, the win spurred a belief in themselves. But that conviction almost came earlier when they lost an extremely close game to Everett, 26-28. Many people thought the improvements made would lay the groundwork for a higher scoring future.

Twelve losses and one tie was the best record ever posted by a JV Soccer team in its four

year existence. Although the team broke that mark, there was still some disappointment. "I felt pretty good about being on the team and having the best record ever. However, it was, obviously not something to be bursting with pride over. It should have been a lot better," explained junior fullback John Gonzalez. Junior Mike Crawford revealed his frustration, and one explanation as he commented,

"The biggest disappointment was the fact that we lost the lead in many games and we weren't able to come back. But we got over those losses and returned full force in each following game."

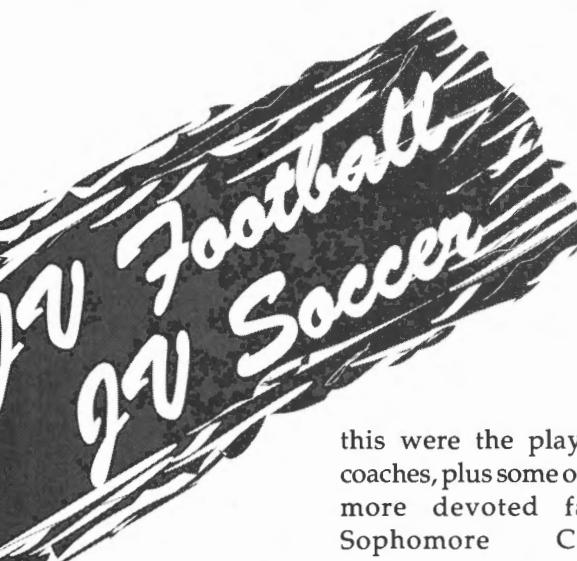
In fact, many of the games were extremely

close, as most of the setbacks were only by one or two goals. Many players agreed that even though it did not count as a win in their record, the tie against Waverly was the biggest moral victory of the year.

Two matches, however, stood out as especially painful. Freshman Jake Gilroy recalled, "Our biggest disappointment this season was losing to Grand Ledge back to back."

Many of the players moving up to Varsity next year felt they could make some major contributions to the team. John Gonzalez stated, "I think since the Varsity team is losing a lot of seniors, we will have much work to do."

--Todd Switzer



this were the players, coaches, plus some of the more devoted fans. Sophomore Chris



JV Football Team

Top row: Coach G. Haas, Coach J. Kirkling, D. Mayes, B. Walsh, K. Loudon, L. Gilson, M. Lamphier, J. Robbins, J. Bedford, M. Hadley, R. Holmes, A. Younglove, Coach D. Green. **Row 2:** B. Smith, M. Looney, D. Ried, D. Fowler, M. Stauffer, J. Buckner, C. Allen, A. Allen, T. Miller. **Bottom Row:** S. Barnes, B. Phillips, C. Chappell, J. Vartanian, R. Brookes, T. Kenney, C. Fulk, S. Goddard, C. McPhee.



Through the Line

Taking the ball from quarterback Chad Fulk is running back Jason Buckner in the game against Jackson. It was a struggle from start to finish as the defense for both teams set the tone of the play. The game ended in a 6-6 tie.



*L*ook Out!

During the Holt Invitational, junior John Gonzales protects the ball from his masked Pinckney opponent. The team came out on top, 1-0.

JV Soccer Team:

Top Row: Coach M. Obrecht, Mgr. K. Lawrence, D. Milligan, R. Grant, M. Crawford, J. Jewett, Z. Wahl, M. Savage, B. Hill, Coach H. Rojas. **Bottom Row:** K. Greenwood, J. Gonzalez, J. Gilreth, N. Lyble, E. Schutte, J. Walsh, J. Gilroy, J. Hill, T. Kleiman.

JV Football 1 Win, 6 Losses, 1 Tie

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Okemos | 6-15 |
| Grand Ledge | 0-28 |
| East Lansing | 14-27 |
| Sexton | 0-20 |
| Everett | 22-26 |
| Jackson | 6-6 |
| Eastern | 6-8 |
| Waverly | 20-6 |
| Charlotte | 0-31 |

"The good news is that we had the best record of any other Holt JV Soccer team, but it still wasn't as good as we would have liked. We had a lot of talented freshmen and maybe that will make the future difference." --Junior John Gonzalez

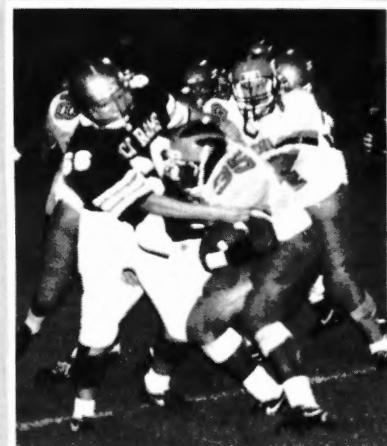
JV Soccer Team

"We made a lot of strides this year within the team. Although we didn't have a great win-loss record, we learned how to play like a team. Everybody stuck together no matter what the scoreboard read. I think that's really important, and hopefully, we'll carry that attitude to the Varsity level."

--Sophomore Jake Robbins
JV Football Team

*T*he Enforcer

Ripping his Jackson opponent to the ground is sophomore Larry Gilson. Just moments earlier, Jackson had funbled the ball on the 10 yard line and Holt recovered. The game ended in a 6-6 tie.



Girls' Varsity Basketball

11 wins, 10 losses

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| St. Johns | 62-72, 51-66 |
| Eaton Rapids | 45-50 |
| Bridgeport | 59-48 |
| Mason | 59-64 |
| Okemos | 41-66 |
| Waverly | 49-43, 45-61 |
| Jackson | 60-40, 54-30 |
| East Lansing | 44-55, 56-65 |
| Everett | 55-45, 41-38 |
| Grand Ledge | 44-43, 39-50 |
| Sexton | 33-37, 48-35 |
| Eastern | 80-30, 57-46 |
| Jackson Northwest | 72-62 |

Top of the Line

All-CAC First Team

Jennifer Vanlerberghe
Lansing State Journal
Ingham County News
Fab Five Team

All-CAC Honorable Mention

Amy Doll

"The second game against Eastern was one of our most exciting ones. The first time we played them, we crushed them, 80-30 because their best player walked out. The second time, it was a different story, though. The game was tough, but we pulled it out in the end."

--Senior Amy Doll



Girls' Varsity Basketball Team:

Top Row: Coach G. Bird, J. Eggert, S. Hoekwater, H. Smith, J. Vanlerberghe, A. Doll, N. Wesaw, Coach B. York.

Bottom Row: C. Baker, C. Baisel, B. Spitz, K. Roessler, M. Bowler, N. Felton, S. Granger.

Storming the Floor

As the girls exit the locker room, junior Jenna Eggert and senior Amy Doll lead the team. Coming out together was one of the many ways the team kept their sense of unity strong.



Young Guns

Shaq Attack

Powering up for a rebound against her East Lansing opponent is junior center Jenny Vanlerberghe as Amy Doll and Mandy Bowler look on. Jenny finished the season with several honors, including being named to the Lansing State Journal's Fab Five Team.

ettin' Loose

Beginning their warm-up drills are Senior Amy Doll and Juniors Nikki Wesaw, Brandy Bartz, and Mandy Bowler. Before each game, the team prepared on the sideline before taking the court.



With nine seniors graduated from 1992, a fresh set of names were listed on the Girls' Varsity Basketball team roster. Without the advantage of much starting experience, the girls faced many challenges. A season of learning awaited them.

Early on, losses to St. Johns and Eaton Rapids created an obstacle. The girls had to prove themselves. "With a one and five record, we started the season off on the wrong foot. As it progressed, we showed that we could play a tough game of basketball," declared junior Katie

Roessler.

That was exactly what the team did, beating Grand Ledge at the buzzer with a three point shot by junior Jennie Vanlerberghe. The win put Holt atop the CAC. Unfortunately, the girls reign didn't last long. Junior Mandy Bowler explained, "Losing to Waverly knocked us out of first place, and that was what really made us face the fact that we would no longer be CAC Champs." Junior Jenna Eggert added, "But we had a lot of spirit, and that helped us get through the tough games."

York looked upon the season with enthusiasm because of the improvements made. "The girls gained invaluable game experience, and next year, with ten returning letter winners, we'll be a force to be reckoned with."

--Teresa Reynolds

Pass Off

During the East Lansing game, junior Mandy Bowler opts to pass instead of using the pick set for her by Katie Roessler.



Circle Around

Regrouping his Varsity team is Head Coach Bill York after the third quarter of the East Lansing game October 20. The girls came up short, 56-65, despite his advice.

Air Smith

Going up for a jumpshot against the Trojan defense is high-flying, junior center Heather Smith.

FIRE UP!

Keep Moving

With a "never-say-die" attitude, the Varsity and JV Cheerleading squads combine forces against the opposing team and the frigid temperature.



ing game, when we first used megaphones, I laughed about the view the crowd got when they

Le'ts go Rams, let's go!" Frequently interrupted by laughter, those familiar words rang through the lobby during the afterschool hours. The laughter didn't stop in the lobby. It wandered across the parking lot to Troost Field. Senior Kori Kreiner remembered, "During the Homecom-

looked at us cheering."

Getting the new megaphones was not a small advancement to the cheerleaders performance. It was overshadowed, though, by the contributions their personalities made. Junior Jayme Lawrence commented, "We used to laugh and sing all the way home from away games. And on every bus ride, it never failed, Angie Smith and Michelle Zink serenaded us with their rendition of 'Baby Got Back,' or we heard Kori Kreiner bel low out a song or two from Garth Brooks. All of our differences taught us to accept each other for who we were. That was one of the reasons why we all got along so great."

While new friendships were shaped, old ones relived unforgettable

memories. "This past season, the four seniors on the squad, Kori Kreiner, Angie Smith, Michelle Zink, and myself became very close, especially because we knew that it was our last season together. I think the thought of us not cheering anymore after we had been together on squad for four years made us all a little sentimental," senior Angie Kenney revealed.

Apart from the laughter and the friendship, the cheerleaders accomplished their job of motivating the crowd. The next time a student wandered through the lobby and heard 'Go, Fight, Win' followed by a few chuckles, they knew that there were cheerleaders nearby.

--Michelle Zink



When we say "GO!" ...

Cheering on the crowd Homecoming night are sophomores Nicole Deetz, Kristen Araoz, Michelle Clark, and Kristen Robbins.



Leap of Joy

Evoking cheers from the crowd at Homecoming is airborne sophomore Liza Castello.





Will Cheer for Food

ighting back the cold and a bit of back pain, as she curls up by the "warm" cement wall is junior Kendra Hoffman. Senior Kori Kreiner and junior Jamie Byrens take time to check on her condition between cheers. Luckily, Kendra's back held up and hypothermia did not set in.

Now That's Funny!

Before the Homecoming contest against Eastern, junior Amy Stevenson goofs around with her fellow Varsity cheerleaders.

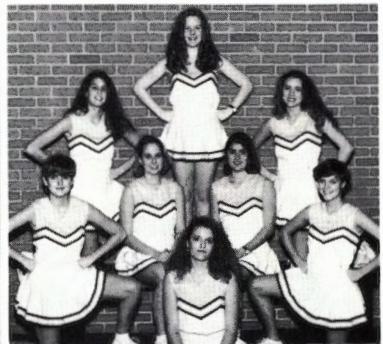


Screaming to Stay Warm

At the Homecoming game October 16, the JV Squad joins in the crowd chants as they get a taste of the freezing Fridays that await them in the wings of Varsity cheerleading. Combining forces on Homecoming night is a tradition for the squads.

Varsity Cheerleading Squad

Top Row: Kendra Hoffman, Amy Stevenson, Jamie Byrens. Row 2: Angie Smith, Michelle Zink, Jayme Lawrence, Angela Kenney. Bottom row: Heather Miner. Not Pictured: Kori Kreiner.



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--Junior Jayme Lawrence
Varsity Squad



JV Cheerleading Squad

Top Row: Mary Fudge, Liza Castello, Nicole Deetz, Michelle Clark. Row 2: DaNeil Alexander, Lisa Boyer, Kristen Araoz. Bottom Row: Shay Berning, Missy Homan.

Girls' JV Basketball

12 wins, 8 losses

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|--------------|-----------------|
| St. Johns | 27-41 |
| Eaton Rapids | 46-33 |
| Bridgeport | 54-22 |
| Mason | 49-33 |
| Okemos | 52-48 OT |
| Waverly | 36-65, 47-68 |
| Jackson | 51-24, 44-40 |
| East Lansing | 57-62, 34-47 |
| Everett | 40-43 OT, 56-38 |
| Grand Ledge | 34-64, 20-37 |
| Sexton | 59-44, 46-33 |
| Eastern | 63-43, 63-34 |

"Beating Okemos in overtime was the highlight of the season. Okemos always has a skillful team and it felt great to win."

*Sophomore Becky Paterick
JV Basketball Team*

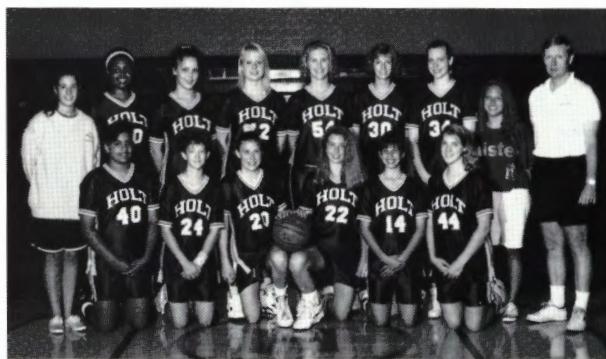
"This season everybody on the team worked well together. Sometimes, we had lapses and couldn't play at the level we were capable of consistently. All in all, though we had a pretty rewarding season."

*--Sophomore
Christy Baisel
JV Volleyball Team*

Girls' JV Volleyball

11 wins, 17 losses

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|--------------|--|
| Jackson | 15-10, 12-15, 3-15 4-15, 18-16, 5-15 |
| Everett | 15-10, 15-10 8-15, 11-15 |
| East Lansing | 15-13, 15-12 9-15, 13-15 |
| Grand Ledge | 14-16, 15-10, 8-15 12-15, 12-15 |
| Sexton | 15-12, 13-15, 15-11 3-15, 10-15 |
| Eastern | 16-14, 7-15, 7-15 15-13, 15-8 |
| Waverly | 17-15, 16-14, 17-15 15-13, 6-15, 15-7 |



Girls' JV Basketball Team:

Top Row: S. Rennirt, C. Ford, L. Koelzer, G. Hofbauer, A. Viele, A. Wood, S. Entenman, S. Martin, Coach B. Simmons.
Bottom Row: J. Johnson, M. Ryckman, N. Miller, B. Paterick, R. Paterick, M. Gnass.

JV Volleyball Team:

Top Row: A. Wood, M. Gnass, T. Kleiman, L. Castello, J. Reich, K. Boss, J. McDonald, A. Cook. **Bottom Row:** C. LaRoue, C. Baisel, A. Schram, Coach R. Buysse, C. Baker, A. Zehnder.

NET GAIN

Sweat and hard work paid off for the Girls' JV Basketball and JV Volleyball teams. As they pulled together and sharpened their skills, the victories piled up. The players were not afraid to get some bruises along the way. "Our team was very aggressive and strong on offense. We all ran our plays well. The things we could have improved on were our defense, blocking out, and cutting the passing lane," noted sophomore Lisa Koelzer. The team finished with an overall winning record of 12-8, but could only manage to break even in

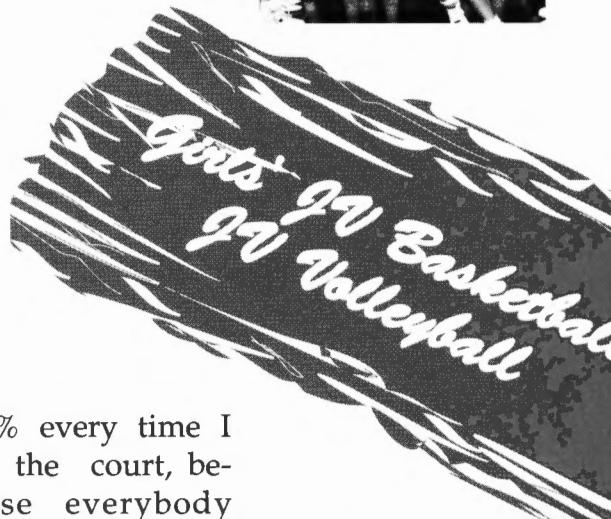
Conference play with a CAC showing of 7-7.

Volleyballs soon replaced the basketballs lying on the gym floor as the words, "Hit! I got it!" and "Set!" echoed off the gym walls. The hours spent in practice and at games netted the JV Volleyball team a season record of 11-17 and a CAC record of 6-8. "We played our best in CAC's and the teams that competed were better than we expected," stated Coach Robin Buysse

At season opening the girls had doubts about how they would approach each game but as Christy Baisel ex-

plained, "We worked together well plus played up to our potential." In qualified agreement, Sophomore Cathey Baker revealed, "Overall, the season wasn't as good as it could've been, but we played well. This year really taught me to go

Go Get 'Em!
Before the start of the East Lansing game, freshman Rachael Paterick takes the court as her name is announced.



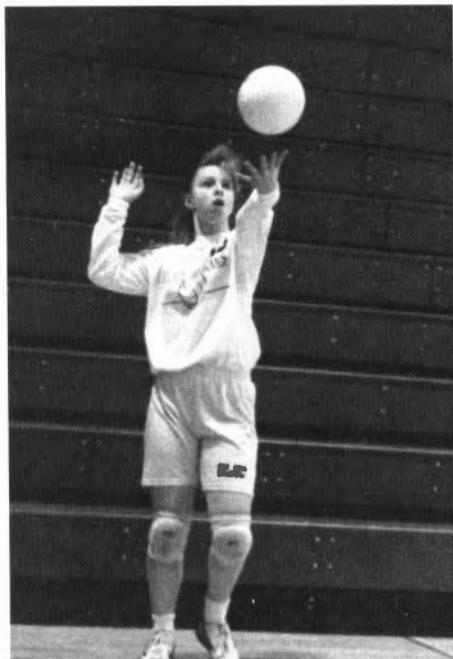
100% every time I hit the court, because everybody worked very hard."

--Lisa Ellis

Coast to Coast

After pick-pocketing her eastern opponent, sophomore Megan Gnass takes the ball all the way in for two points as sophomore Becky Paterick boxes-out, in case of a rebound. Megan's efforts helped the girls pull off the victory over the Quakers, 63-43.

The Pressure is On
Sophomore Jessica McDonald prepares for the kill, against CAC rival East Lansing. Jessica prevailed as Holt won, 15-13, 15-13.



Settin' It Up

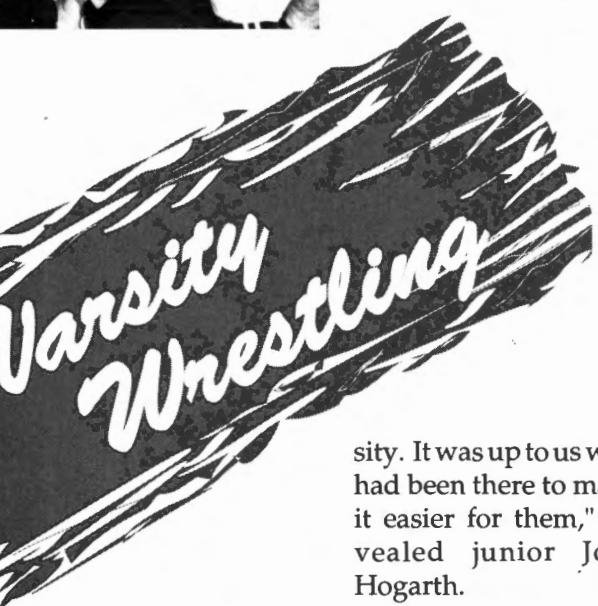
Bumping the ball for a spike from teammate Colleen LaRoue is sophomore Trystin Kleiman in the home game against East Lansing.

Wrestlers Not on Easy Street



Patience

Waiting for the next match is Coach Shaft along with referee Rick Dines. Rocky Shaft has led the Wrestling team through a 27-year winning streak.



sity. It was up to us who had been there to make it easier for them," revealed junior Josh Hogarth.

Defending a title wasn't the only vision the Varsity Wrestlers shared. Confronted with six starting freshman, the path to progress was not easy street, but more like grit and determination. "This year was especially hard. We had freshman who had never wrestled on Var-

Taking the bumpy ride with relative ease, the wrestlers managed to place second at the Capital Area Conference and sent wrestlers to state competition. "We were not expected to go very far because we had an inexperienced team. Instead we proved the disbelievers wrong and made it to regionals," revealed Tom Holbrook. With the pressure of previous records, including a 27 year winning streak and four conference titles still hanging in the rafters, the spirited team faced the traditional expectations with some difficulty. "The season was frustrating because we had such a young team. Next year, I'm hoping for more of a return of depth," explained Head Coach Rocky Shaft.

The team possessed, however, some solid rock to build on. "The greatest strength of our team was determination. When it came down to the nitty-gritty, the lower weights stuck it out, only giving up a few points, while the upper weight classes racked up the pins," stated senior Perry Smith. Josh Hogarth was Channel 6's Athlete of the Week, while Tom Holbrook took second place in the CAC Meet. Juniors Joe Schutte, and Josh Hogarth, along with senior Orie Long represented the team at the state meet. Joe went on to place second in the state after a long, hard-fought championship match. On the floor, or on the mat, on their back, was where it was at!

--Erinn Sullivan

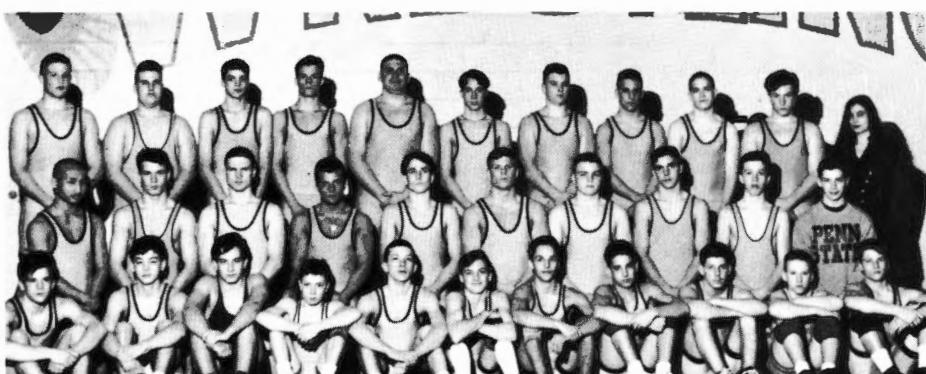


No Problem

Easily taking down his opponent is senior Orie Long. Orie was a key member of the team this year, providing strong leadership by example. "I think we did very well in the conference, this season, considering the young team that we had. Only two of the starters, including myself were seniors. It was tough, but, I think we overcame it as well as anyone could have," Orie concluded.

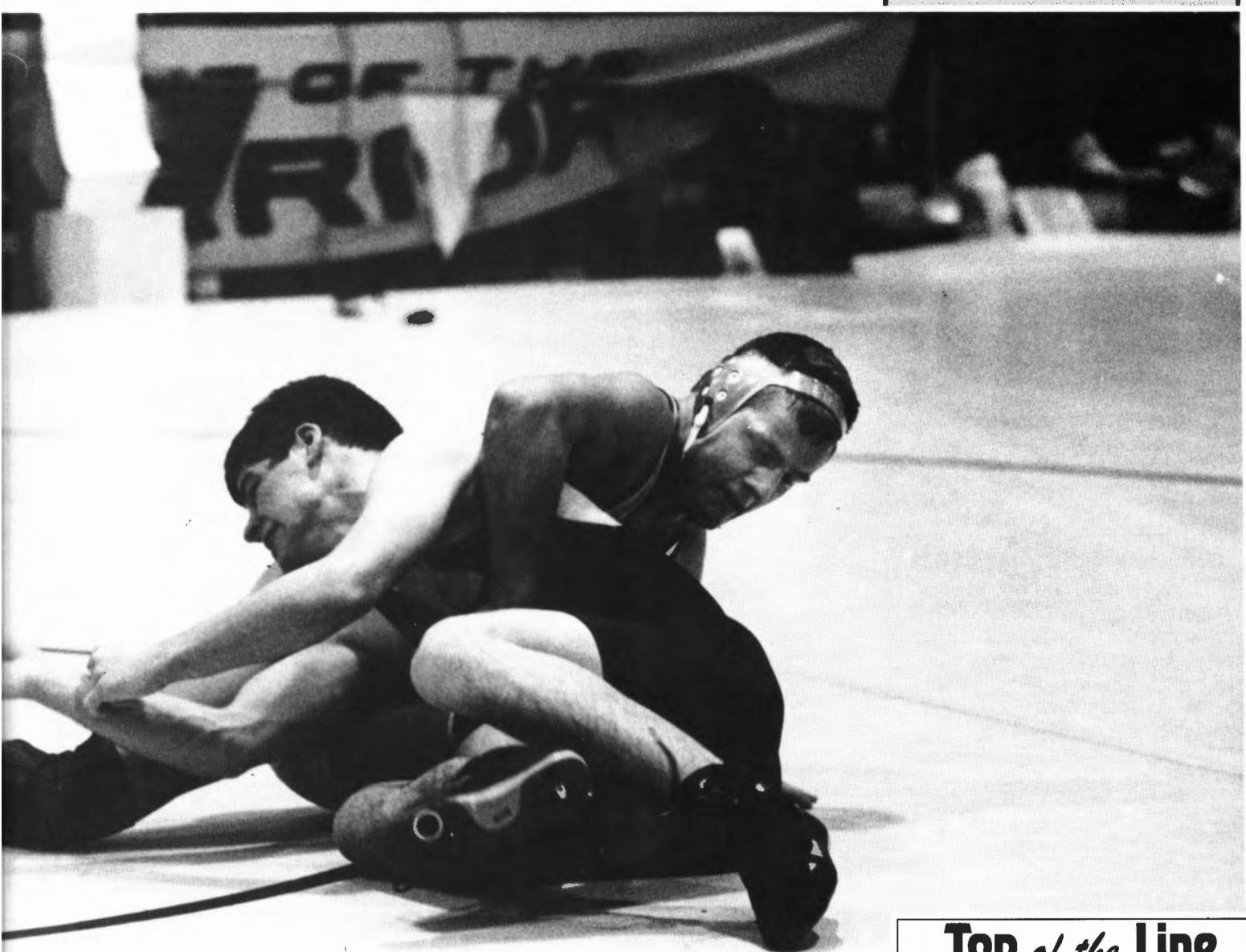
Back Breaker

Caught in a tight position, junior Tom Holbrook squirms his way out of a double leg take down executed by his St. John's opponent at the Individual District meet. Tom met his match here, but gained revenge when the team defeated St. John's to win the District team meet.



Wrestling Team

Top row: B. Camen, T. Taylor, B. Mitchell, S. Malone, J. Schutte, G. Hayslette, M. Robedeau, T. Frayer, J. Royston, M. Taylor, Mgr. H. Beavers. **Row 2:** C. Chappell, D. Fowler, C. Sharp, O. Long, P. Smith, J. Hogarth, D. Kost, C. Hammon, S. McKimmy, C. Mead. **Bottom Row:** N. Miller, S. Goddard, J. Colonich, P. Crane, P. Kenyon, R. Knott, J. Gilrich, Lennon, T. Holbrook, J. Schoppe.



7 ell Us A Story

The Wrestling team gathers around as Coach Shaft and state finalist Joe Schutte entertain and provide a light moment before an invitational.



A nticipation

Anxiously awaiting the referee's signal, senior Perry Smith and his opponent face each other in the CAC finals. Perry held his ground, but ended up coming up short, losing by one point.

Top of the Line

All-CAC First Team

**Joe Schutte State-2nd
Josh Hogarth
Tom Holbrook**

All-CAC Second Team

Perry Smith Chris Sharp

Varsity Wrestling 12 Wins, 4 Losses

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|---------------|-------|
| Okemos | 57-13 |
| Holly | 44-18 |
| Jackson | 60-9 |
| East Lansing | 48-18 |
| Grand Ledge | 29-31 |
| Everett | 51-22 |
| Eastern | 49-17 |
| Swartz Creek | 31-30 |
| Grand Blanc | 76-0 |
| East Kentwood | 21-40 |
| Sexton | 42-14 |
| Waverly | 26-32 |
| CAC Meet | 1st |
| CAC | 2nd |

Boys' Varsity Golf
14 wins, 3 losses

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|--------------|------------------|
| St. Johns | 326-311 |
| Mason | 149-151 |
| Everett | 343-310, 377-316 |
| Jackson | 325-310, 346-316 |
| Grand Ledge | 344-313, 343-309 |
| Eastern | 345-313, 335-309 |
| East Lansing | 312-331, 308-318 |
| Sexton | 356-324, 325-304 |
| Waverly | 345-324, 328-304 |
| CAC Meet | 6th |
| CAC | 2nd |
| Regionals | 6th |

Top of the Line

All-CAC First Team

Matt Anderson
Corey Baisel

All-CAC Second Team

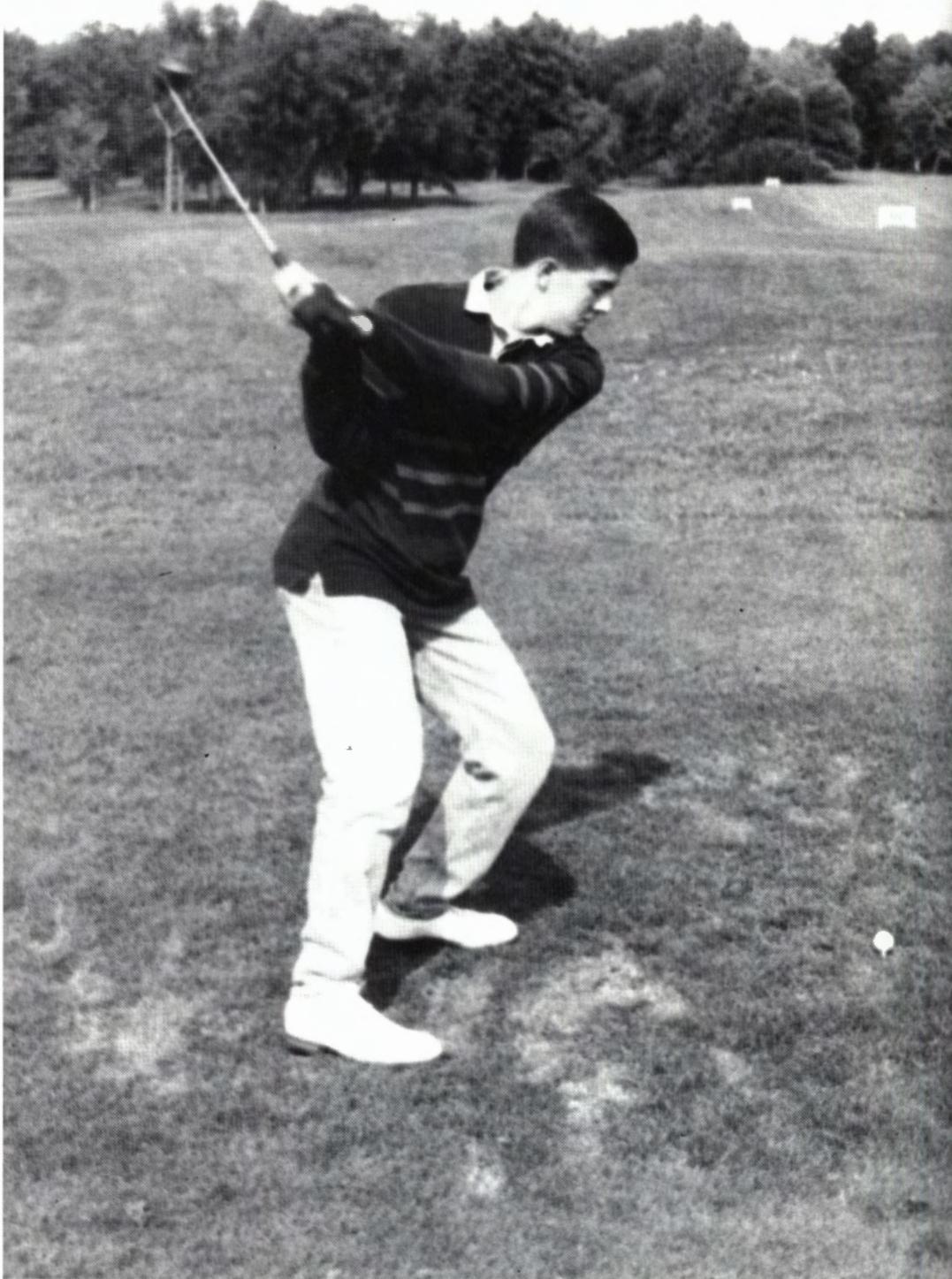
Brad Cass
Scott Johnson

"I think we always worked really hard and it paid off with a second place finish in our rigor-mortis-ous conference. Actually, we all did practice 100%. That was actually the easy part. We had a tough time believing in ourselves, but once we realized just how good we could be, everybody sacrificed a lot. The losses to East Lansing were pretty disappointing, but next year, we're hoping to knock them off."

--Junior Ryan Travis

Boys' Varsity Golf Team

Top Row: B. Cass, R. Travis, C. Baisel, K. Marker, Coach B. Dowell. **Bottom Row:** B. Gamet, L. Vienaman, D. Palacios, C. Clapp. **Not pictured:** B. Lund, J. Gamet, M. Anderson, S. Johnson.



Practice Makes Perfect

Warming up before tee time, is junior Brian Lund at El Dorado Golf Course. Brian takes care to make sure that his swing is right before hitting the green. "This year was great, but I'm really looking forward to next season because I think we'll do even better, especially if I'm still working at Putt-Putt. I get a lot of practice there," laughed Brian.



Putt-Putt Turns Serious

As the sun beat down on their backs, the Boys' Varsity Golf team polished their putting skills and strengthened their mental attitudes. The end result after three months of walking the greens was a new school record average of 318. "Our team was confident going into every match, we all were sure that we were going to win. Last year we could only hope," confessed senior Jeff Gamet.

The team teed off the season by winning eight out of ten matches, the two losses coming to eventual conference

champion, East Lansing. It set Holt into a second place finish in the Capital Area Conference. "This year was the first time we had a chance to beat East Lansing. We choked and they took control," admitted sophomore Brad Cass. The loss to the Trojans was very disappointing, although it didn't bring the Rams down.

Mid-season brought another winning streak. "Coach Dowell was the reason we had such a good record," explained junior Corey Baisel, "If it weren't for him, I don't know what our

record would have been." Mr. Dowell was a big help, but without the top three players, Matt Anderson, Corey Baisel, and Brad Cass, the team may not have fared as well as they did.

Along with hard work, the team always managed to bring a little fun along with them. "It took will power and know-how. This was the first year we all realized how good we could really be. Overall, the most memorable, and most painful, moment, for me, was the match against Mason. I was hit in

the head with a golf club and could barely stand up for the last few holes," joked junior Ryan Travis.

"This year was great, everybody had a lot of fun," concluded junior Brian Lund.

--Heather Stubig

Careful . . .

In an air of dead stillness, senior Jeff Gamet sets up for a putt in the CAC meet as junior Scott Johnson quietly observes.



S mooth Strokes

Hitting a few before a CAC league meet are junior Brian Lund and senior Kevin Marker.

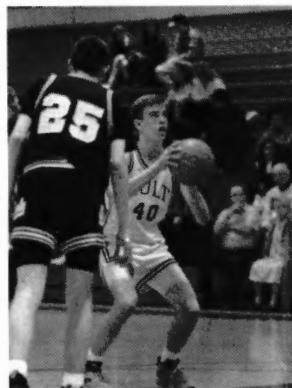
F ollow Up

Making sure his shot is perfect is sophomore Brad Cass in practice at Eldorado Golf Course.

Different Worlds

P oised For One

Setting up at the charity stripe versus Waverly is sophomore Mike Looney.



Intramural and JV Basketball

The roar of the crowd was muffled as Sexton inbounded the ball. Tension ran high as the ball was passed up court, 3...2...1, the clock ticked down, and a shot went up. As the ball fell through the hoop, it not only ended the game, but the JV Basketball team's

luck and a few less fouls." Looking at the record, 3-11 in the conference, and 7-13 overall; it seemed as if it would be easy to write the team off. However, wins such as the one against East Lansing in front of their home crowd made one believe the guys weren't pushovers. Brian McWilliams noted, "East Lansing was one of the best teams in the league, and we proved we could play with anyone that night." The team beat the Trojans 72-67 extending their winning streak to four games. Coach Dave Foy observed, "Team unity was the single most important aspect of the game. As we solidified our team became better. Unfortunately for us, it isn't always that the better team wins."

--Ken Sleight

season, as well. Sophomore Terry Kenney, who led the team in scoring said of the game, "We would have won if we had gotten a little more

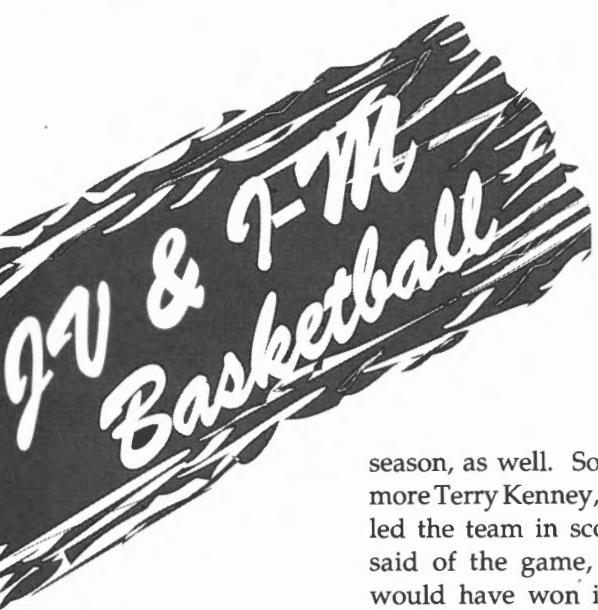
No blood, no foul. Trash talk was the way of life when it came to Intramural Basketball. "Without trash talk, it would be about as tame as a church league," stated junior Brian McKouen. While the JV team was playing for school pride, there was another breed of basketball players playing for fun. Intramural basketball was closer to street ball than any other organized league. The trash talk, fouls, and overall play was much rougher than in most leagues.

The program gave students who didn't make JV and Varsity teams a chance to play competitively. Security guard Bruce Duling commented, "I think the season should be longer. It gives kids something to do in the evenings."

Everyone talked about

who the most valuable player was at season end. Senior Josh Hannah shared his opinion, "Jason LaLonde had to be the MVP. He could put the ball in from anywhere on the court. If you blindfolded him and put him on the in-bound line backwards, he'd still manage to sink the shot."

Others had different reasons for liking the game. Junior Brian Lund stated, "I just enjoyed being able to play and not have to worry about mandatory practices or set plays." "It was like pick up game with all the intensity and none of the coaching," added sophomore Neil Steinkamp. Overall, Intramural Basketball, was just a fun way for players to let off some competitive steam and give someone a discreet, 'friendly' elbow in the face. --Ken Sleight



JV Basketball Team:

Top Row: Asst. Coach J. Hunter, J. Robbins, B. Bakken, B. McWilliams, T. Schram, Coach D. Foy. **Row 2:** D. Pratt, M. Looney, D. Powers, R. Grant, D. Ried. **Bottom Row:** C. Fulk, J. Buckner, T. Kenney, K. Havens, R. Brookes.

S hooting Star

Doing his best Sean Bradley imitation over his Waverly opponent is sophomore Ben Bakken. Ben went wild in the first half of this home game, netting 8 of his 10 points in the opening minutes of the contest. The JV team fell short as the Warriors triumphed with a final of 62-52. Eventually, at the mid-season mark, Ben was moved up to make his contributions at the Varsity level.





S kybound

Pulling up for a baseline jump against Everett is sophomore Ryan Brookes.

7 he Key

Bringing it together before the opening tip-off, the JV Basketball team demonstrates their closeness as a unit. Many of the players and coaches felt that unity was the team's biggest strength.

JV Boys' Basketball 7 Wins, 13 Losses

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|--------------|--------------|
| Mason | 52-80 |
| St. Johns | 57-61 |
| Eastern | 63-64, 49-59 |
| Okemos | 62-57, 64-51 |
| Waverly | 51-45, 52-62 |
| Jackson | 59-50, 40-54 |
| East Lansing | 72-67, 37-74 |
| Everett | 47-65, 46-68 |
| Grand Ledge | 40-52, 45-77 |
| Sexton | 40-60, 46-48 |
| Eaton Rapids | 53-52 |
| LCC | 69-64 |

"I think the great thing about our team was the attitude that we could win going into each game. We all had the desire and there weren't any slackers. When we did pull down the victories, everyone was the star, not just one person, and the same held true for when we lost. The burden wasn't carried by any one person, although it seemed to me that Coach Foy took a lot upon himself."

--Sophomore Ben Bakken
JV Basketball Team

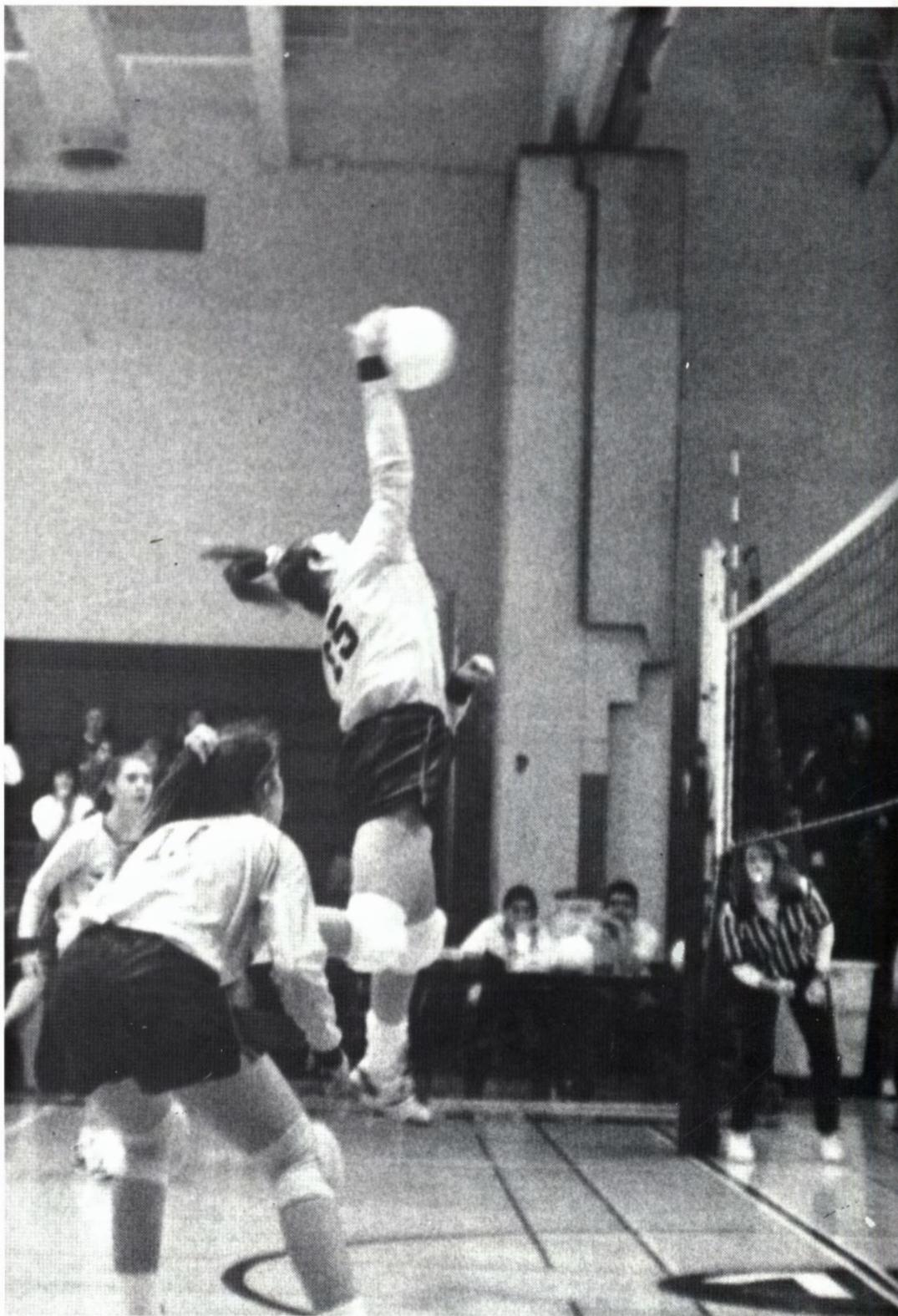
"I can remember a couple of games when a player from one of the teams shot the ball into the wrong basket. It was the funniest thing I'd ever seen. There was also another time when I had a chance to win the game at the free throw line. The score was tied with two seconds left. I made my first one, and turned around to celebrate when I heard the ref's whistle. I had my right foot over the line. I shot my second one and missed. We ended up winning the game in overtime, but it was so embarrassing! IM basketball was a lot of fun and left me with a lot of memories!"

--Junior Brian Lund
IM Basketball

Girls' Varsity Volleyball
9 wins, 17 losses, 5 ties

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jackson | 11-15, 11-15 15-12, 16-14 |
| Everett | 15-13, 9-15, 10-15 15-6, 15-7 |
| East Lansing | 8-15, 14-16 15-8, 5-15, 5-15 |
| Grand Ledge | 11-15, 10-15 13-15, 6-15 |
| Eastern | 15-17, 15-7, 15-9 15-10, 15-12 |
| Sexton | 7-15, 15-7, 2-15 15-11, 5-15, 8-15 |
| Waverly | 2-15, 15-7, 15-11 7-15, 8-15 |
| Arthur Hill | 15-3, 15-10 |
| LCC | 15-13, 16-14 |
| Corunna | 11-15, 5-15 |
| South Haven | 8-15, 12-15 |
| BCC | 5-15, 6-15 |
| Albion | 15-8, 15-6 |
| Lumen Christi | 15-9, 3-15 |
| Edwardsburg | 14-16, 2-15 |
| Hillsdale | 16-14, 8-15 |
| CAC | 5th |

Power Slam! Pounding her shot down the East Lansing opponent's throat is junior Brandy Spitz. Brandy's spikes were legendary throughout the conference and earned her a spot on the All-CAC Team.



Top of the Line

All-CAC First Team

Brandy Spitz

All-CAC Honorable Mention

Amy Doll

Jenny Vanlerberghe

"Our main problem was our playing level from game to game. We couldn't maintain a high level of performance throughout the whole season. It was almost as if our performance depended upon who we played. We seemed to play up, or down, to the level of our competition. It was a real rocky season, and it was difficult having to deal with the fact that we just couldn't get it together."

--Junior Mandy Bowler

Varsity Volleyball Team

Top Row: Coach P. Badders, B. Spitz, T. Stearns, A. Doll, J. Vanlerberghe, J. Eggert, D. May, Bottom Row: T. Knoop, K. Roessler, T. Krause, J. Malm, D. Bargy, P. Charoenratana.



Bumpy Ride

The year was rocky for the Varsity Volleyball team. Actually, rocky was an understatement. Mountainous was more like it. The girls had to overcome a 9-17-8 overall record, while struggling with a 5-9 record in Conference play. Senior Co-captain Theresa Krause noted, "Our record wasn't indicative of our talent at all. The team did not perform to their maximum ability consistently. Our biggest weakness was our inconsistency." The team was on a roller coaster ride since the first game. The girls had a lot to prove to themselves and to the rest of the conference with every upcoming match. Coach Pam Badders expressed, "The team had a lot of trouble adapting to each other, especially the five senior girls. They had to get used to playing at the Varsity

level. My biggest hope was that everything would be as it should so we could do well at Districts." But, the girls went home defeated from the tournament.

In retrospect, junior Mandy Bowler pointed out, "Our main problem was our playing level from game to game. We seemed to play to the other team's level." This was evident throughout the season. The team would hang tough with such powers as Sexton and Grand Ledge, yet, split their season series with lesser ranked teams, and had constant Saturday tournament woes.

The team looked forward to Districts, hoping to prove themselves. However, they fell short against Lumen Christi and Battle Creek Central. It seemed to be a carbon copy of so many of their earlier defeats: going up

against a tough opponent, winning the first game and slowly faltering. Little mistakes throughout the games proved to be their downfall. Senior Amy Doll lamented, "Losing at Districts was really upsetting because I felt finally, that all of our hearts were in the game and everyone wanted to win. I knew we were a better team than Battle Creek Central."

But that was not to say that the season was without merit for the girls. Waverly thumped them the first time they played, but the second time around, the team pounded the Warriors. Co-captain, Dawn May reflected, "We had a rough season, the games were tough, but it was fun at times. Junior Brandy Spitz honored as most valuable player added, "Though we

started off slow, as the year progressed, we got better as a team. I feel I played hard and I enjoyed the MVP honor."

Through the rough season of emotional highs and lows, the girls learned to work hard, play hard, and in the end, lose hard.

--Ed Murray,
Mary Ann Mills

Winds of Change

Changing positions are senior Dawn May and junior Jennie Vanlerberghe. Rotating players was a key to winning in order to have the best, and most rested player available out on the floor.



Bombs Away
Loading her arm for a shot gun serve against East Lansing is junior Jenna Eggert. "At the East Lansing game, we all worked together really well, because we wanted to beat them so badly. We stayed close, but the loss hurt," admitted Jenna.



Clap 'em and Smile

Polytely applauding the East Lansing Trojans as they take the court, the Rams grit their teeth. Holt started off fast, winning the first game, but faltered in the end.

Steady Waters

Swan Diving

Gracefully practicing her reverse dive before a meet is junior Michelle Baillargeon.



Swimming their way to the number one spot in the conference, the Girls' Varsity team took the spotlight for their accomplishments. It was a turning point in the swimming program. In 17 years, no one had taken the conference title from East Lansing... until this year!

Some of the girls swam during the summer in the

training schedule. Reporting to the pool at 5:30 a.m. for practice and again from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. everyday, got the girls where they wanted to be.

Team unity also helped. "Everyone pulled together. There weren't any cliques and everyone cheered for everyone else," junior Christa Pennell stated. It was one of the main strengths of the team.

Explaining other factors that contributed to success, junior Kathy McGroarty recalled, "We were ready to set high goals and we all worked hard to achieve them. Everybody was focused throughout the season."

The meets were full of high notes, but the highlight was defeating East Lansing. "Beating them was our greatest moment. We knew we were number one, but finally, everyone else realized that we

deserved the CAC title!" exclaimed junior Chandra Wheeler. At the meet, Holt trailed going into the fifth event by 11 points, but diver Kathy McGroarty showed them she hadn't lost her edge when she scored 418.5. "I never lost confidence in our team," recalled Kathy.

Ending up with a 7-0 record, they gained control of the conference. Sean Donigan, their coach, could conclude that he didn't have to do that much to get his team motivated. Maybe it was because he said they could shave his head if they beat East Lansing, or maybe it was because they were chauffeured by a super stretch limo to the meet. But afterward, what seemed to be fact, was that they proved with determination, unity, and their motto, 'NO FEAR,' that their goals could be accomplished.

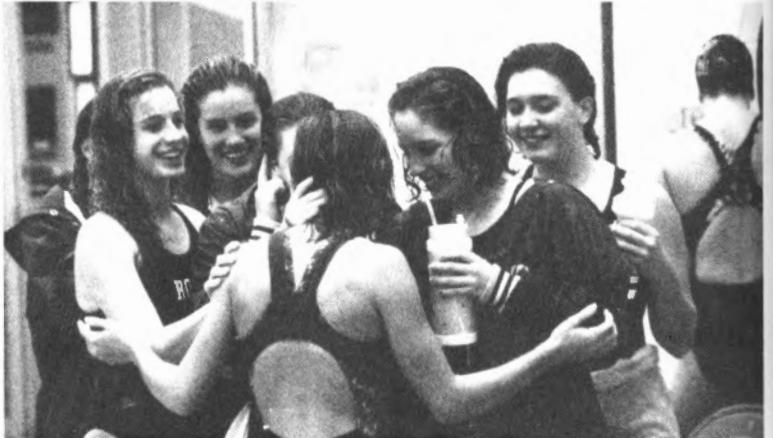
--Janie Allen



Swim Club to prepare for the season. For everyone, it was a tough beginning. Starting back to school, the girls needed to adjust to homework and a new

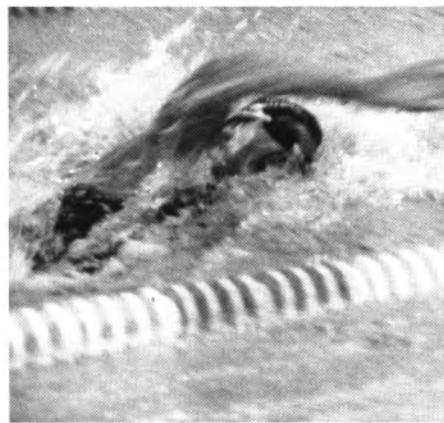
Girls' Varsity Swim Team

Top Row: J. Anderson, L. Block, D. Sullivan, S. Brower, T. Stearns. **Row 2:** Coach S. Donigan, C. Wheeler, C. Webster, C. Pennell, A. Reinke, K. Russell, Coach C. Cottom. **Row 3:** S. Morden, A. Calvert, T. Sullivan, V. Mickle, A. Shepler, K. Bowen. **Bottom Row:** M. Baillargeon, R. Haley, C. LaRoue, K. McGroarty.



Way to Go!

Congratulating junior Christa Pennell after her event in the meet against Jackson are Catherine Webster, Chandra Wheeler, Danielle Sullivan and Libby Block.



Freestyle

Gliding through the water at top speed, junior April Reinke takes a quick breath as she strives for a new school record in the 500 Freestyle. April placed first in this event at the league meet.

Perfect Spin

Performing at a league meet against Jackson is junior Kathy McGroarty. Kathy's efforts helped defeat the Vikings and take the conference crown.

GIRLS' VARSITY SWIMMING

10 Wins, 1 Loss

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| St. Johns | 110-76 |
| Mason | 107-70 |
| Eastern | 109-76 |
| Ann Arbor Huron | 83-103 |
| Grand Ledge | 49-36 |
| Waverly | 116-67 |
| Sexton | 66-27 |
| Okemos | 99-84 |
| Jackson | 136-50 |
| East Lansing | 112-74 |
| Everett | 64-29 |
| CAC Meet | 1st |
| CAC | 1st |

Top of the Line

All-Area First Team

Danielle Sullivan

Tina Sullivan

Kathi McGroarty

April Reinke

Amanda Calvert

Keri Bowen

All-Area Second Team

Catherine Webster

Chandra Wheeler

"All of the long hours in practice really proved worthwhile this season, especially when we won the Waverly Relays and the DeWitt Invitational for the first time. We had to come from behind to win in both cases, but we really showed our character and our talent in both of those meets. Our achievements were even more special because of the fact that it was my senior year. We have all been waiting a long time to be named conference champs. It was special, going out in style like this, with the CAC crown in our hands."

--Senior Elizabeth Block

Boys' Varsity Basketball
6 wins, 15 losses

| | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Mason | 62-66 |
| St. Johns | 81-71 |
| Eastern | 61-65, 65-62 |
| Okemos | 83-102, 52-57 |
| Waverly | 60-72, 58-60 |
| Jackson | 62-77, 56-75 |
| East Lansing | 89-86, 77-80 |
| Everett | 58-52, 62-53 |
| Grand Ledge | 61-73, 47-50 |
| Sexton | 58-56 OT, 48-104 |
| LCC | 71-81 |
| CAC | 6th |

Top of the Line

All-CAC First Team

Jason Black League MVP
Lansing State Journal
Fab Five Team
Detroit News
3rd Team All-State
Detroit Free Press
2nd Team All-State
UPI Honorable Mention
All-State
McDonald's All-American

All-CAC Honorable Mention

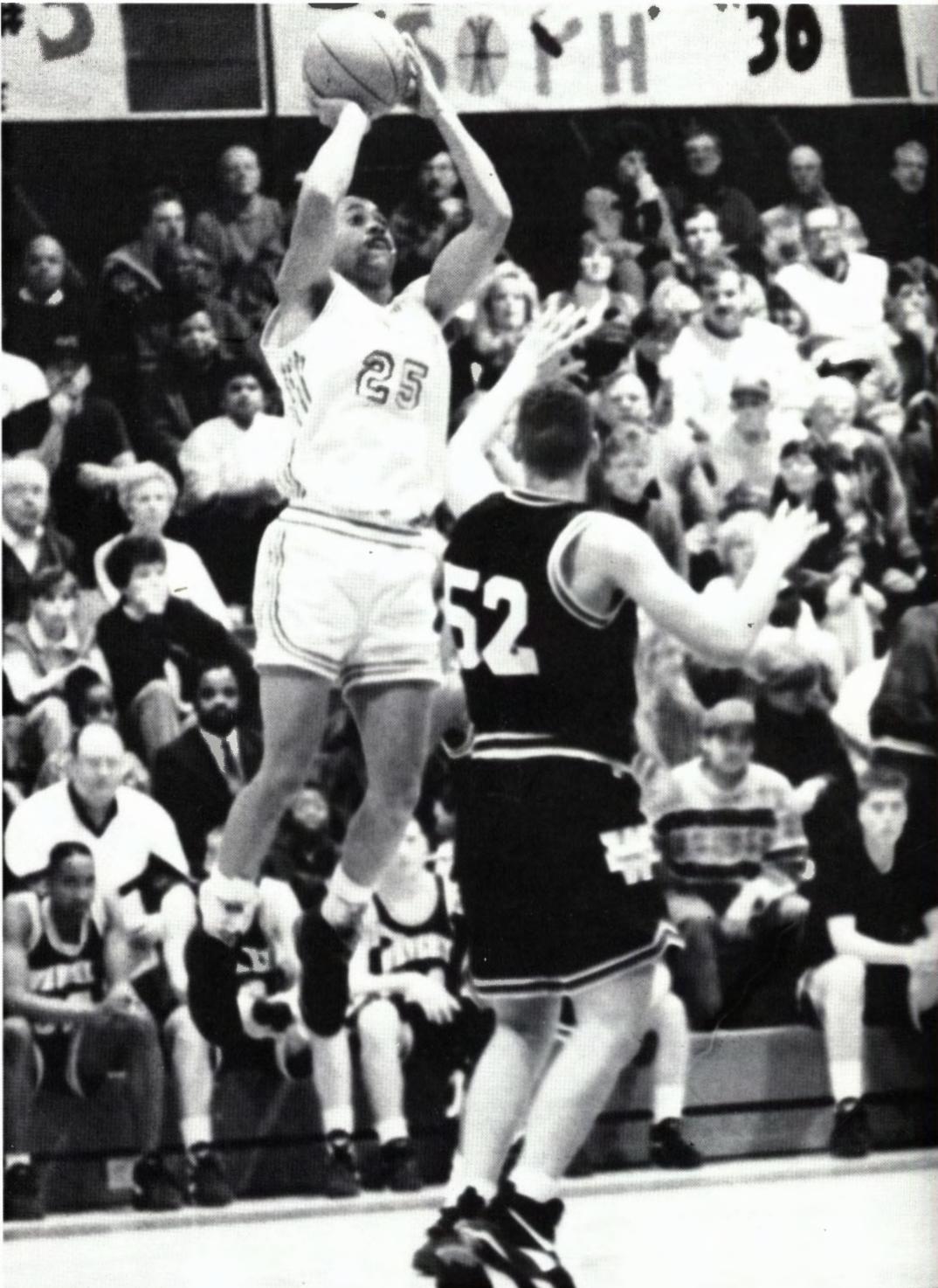
Sean Alward
Mike Maksimowicz

"The team really started to come around after our first conference win over Everett. We'd been playing below our true potential, except for the East Lansing game which was a big win. We really shocked some people at that one! We played, sometimes, at the level we were capable of, but not enough."

--Senior Mike Maksimowicz

"I've been very fortunate to have a coach like Mr. Larner for the past four years. He's helped me through some tough times, and he deserves a lot of credit. Whenever we win, all of us players seem to get the recognition, but the losses fall on Mr. Larner's shoulders. He takes a lot of unfair slack for his team."

--Senior Jason Black



Black Magic

Going up over his Waverly opponent for two, is senior point guard Jason Black. Jason earned many post-season honors, including the league MVP award and being named to several all-area and state teams.

Varsity Basketball

Top Row: Coach B. Larner, D. Ryckman, M. Schram, B. Cole. Row 2: K. Tunks, M. Maksimowicz, J. Gingrich, C. Baisel, D. Parker, S. Alward, C. Gnass. Bottom Row: J. Schram, C. Anderson, J. Schultz, J. Black, C. Baker, S. May.



Miracle Men

'Walking on water would be easier than not finishing last in the conference,' was a phrase some of the Varsity basketball players heard before the season got underway. There was more than one reason to believe otherwise, as the first game got closer and closer. One was the fact that they had the area's leading scorer, Jason Black, returning for his final year along with fellow seniors, Shawn Alward, Chris Baker, Tim Schram, Mike Maksimowicz and Camron Gnass.

The season opener, however, ended in a tough defeat at the hands of Mason. Playing for the first time on the brand new floor at the Junior High, the team came away with a victory against St. Johns in their

home debut. After a four game skid, the team finally got back on track with a victory over East Lansing, beating the Trojans for the first time in two years. The following game, the team kept it up, shocking nearly everyone as they upset the ninth ranked team in the state in overtime. Jason Black pulled off a three point play in the closing seconds to seal the victory as Sexton fell, 58-56. Jason ended the year as the team's leading scorer, averaging 30 points per game, and claimed the school record for single-season assists. It was joined by his record of most free throws attempted and made in a season, but he fell just 70 points short of Holt's all-time scoring title. Jason also captured the prestigious league

MVP award, while teammates Mike Maksimowicz and Shawn Alward were named All-CAC Honorable Mention.

The team, though, had struggled all season long. Head Coach Bruce Larner commented, "What we needed was for one or two players other than Jason Black and Shawn Alward to step forward." Consistency was also a real weak point. "You can't win a game when it is two on five or three on five. It's got to be the whole team playing together," senior Shawn Alward stated.

The team's strong points were speed, defense, patience and making high percentage shots. "Our team gets along well, which is a strong point, since our season is the longest. The players have to function as one on the court," added Coach Larner.

The season ended with the team placing sixth in

the league. "We didn't do as well as we thought. We had higher expectations going in. We needed some big breaks, but we won some big games that will mean a lot to us. We gave the season our best shot," concluded Shawn. And as far as anyone could see, there wasn't a drop of still water sitting on the court.

--Chris Notts,
Camron Gnass

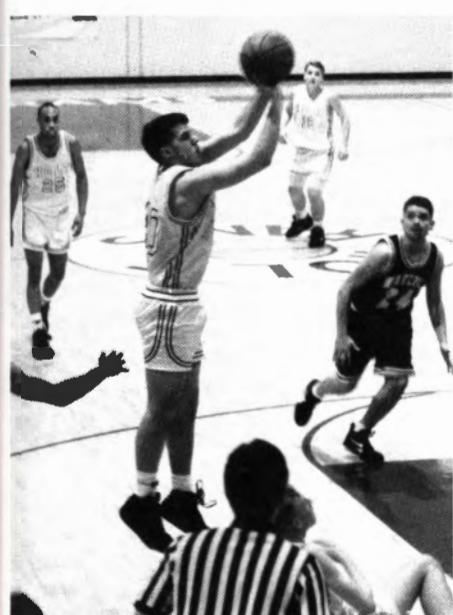
Two Points to Go

Going for the extra two points on home court is senior Shawn Alward. He went on to earn All CAC Honorable Mention for his efforts.



Hang Time

Taking control of the game as he soars for the three-pointer is senior Jason Black, as fellow senior Mike Maksimowicz rushes to get down court. Mike went on to earn All-CAC Honorable Mention for his all-out efforts.



Family Ties

Battle of the Ball

Junior Tristin McCarty fights for the ball against DeWitt.



Tying some of their early games, the Girls' Soccer team felt discouraged, and yet, challenged. Then, out of the blue, came a win over Waverly which gave the team encouragement.

The majority of the team consisted of freshman and first year soccer players. "I think the team competed quite well this

man shared. Senior Beth Brunsting added, "As a team, we worked together when we wanted to. But other times, you could just feel that there was something wrong from the start of the game, especially in those four ties. They were really frustrating."

Daily and Saturday practices brought some improvements. Skill wise, the team's strength was felt defensively. "Defense is Coach Rojas' focal point," stated sophomore Tristin Kleiman. "We had very aggressive kickers, and a strong midfield, but we didn't draw fouls when we should have," explained sophomore Allison Wood. Our weak points were communication and concentration. We needed to work on offense also. Our biggest improvements were shots, winning the ball, and getting the new players involved," Tristin revealed further.

Friendship also played a part. "The fact that we were all very close, like sisters, really made the entire season a lot more fun," junior Kim Lawrence noted.

The season also had its highlights. Freshman Julie Allen commented, "The highlight of the season had to be the DeWitt game on our football field, under the lights. All of the parents showed their support with a big tail-gate party beforehand, and during the game, they cheered us on with noise makers. We were behind by one goal early on, but we came back to win the game by one goal."

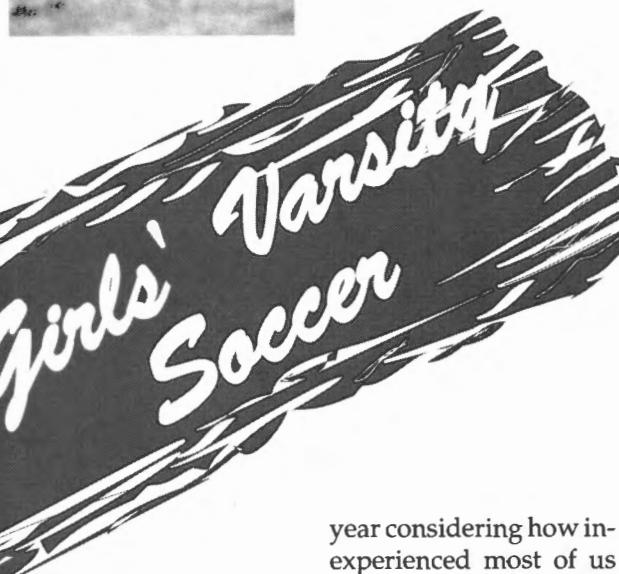
Overall, the Girls' Soccer team seemed to grow together as friends and finally mesh as players. Working as a team proved to be the key to making their season a memorable one.

--Janie Allen



C oncentration

Setting up, as she prepares to shoot for the goal in the game against DeWitt, is freshman Katie Greenwood as sophomore Allison Wood looks on. Both Katie and Allison endured tough practices and played most of the season on the starting team in the new, two-year old Girls' Soccer program.



year considering how inexperienced most of us were. We came together as a team over the season," senior Laura Nord-



Pep Talk

Gathering around Coach Henry Rojas during halftime of the match with Grand Ledge, the team stands ready for strategy adjustments and encouragement.



G irls' Varsity Soccer Team

Top Row: Coach H. Rojas, K. McGroarty, T. Kleiman, A. Wood, S. McCarty, J. Vanlerberghe, N. Belles, B. Brunsting, H. Milligan, K. Lawrence, Coach M. Obrecht. **Row 2:** Mgr. T. Benson, J. Smith, L. Nordman, J. Maki, K. Larsen, K. Olson, J. Allen, M. Katsiris, M. Dickinson, K. Greenwood, J. Greenman. **Bottom Row:** K. Miller, K. Witsman.



GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER
4 Wins, 8 Losses

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| East Lansing | 0-0, 0-2 |
| Okemos | 0-5 |
| Grand Ledge | 0-1, 0-0, 0-1 |
| Waverly | 0-3, 0-1 |
| Traverse City | 1-1 |
| Mason | 0-2 |
| Haslett | 0-2 |
| Jackson | 0-3 |
| BC Lakeview | 0-4 |
| DeWitt | 0-2, 1-2 |
| Flint Carmen | 2-2 |
| Jackson | 0-2 |
| CAC | 8th |

Top of the Line

All-Area First Team

Beth Brunsting
Kim Lawrence
Trystin Kleiman
Kim Witsaman

All-Area Honorable Mention

Julie Smith
Katie Greenwood

"The team really pulled together as a unit this year and I was proud of our improvements. When the season started out, we were all in our own circles of friends, but we finished the year as a team. I wasn't really sure we could pull it off, but once we came together, we started playing better soccer. Even when we weren't able to come away with the win, we felt good about the way we played."

--Junior Janet Maki



***M*ovin' Right Along**

Dribbling the ball towards the goal in the match against Waverly, freshman Katie Greenwood concentrates on her footwork. Katie proved herself, helping to bring home the upset victory, 1-0.

***J*ust Kick It!**

Passing the ball in the team's first match against DeWitt is sophomore Trystin Kleiman. The girls lost the first time around, but were able to avenge their loss, beating the Panthers in the second game.

Launching out of the blocks in lane two is junior Eric Hartman. Eric went on to take first place in the conference in the 200 Meter Intermediate and earned All-Area honors.

Boys' Varsity Swimming
10 wins, 2 losses

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| Mason | 109-77 |
| Okemos | 102-84 |
| Eastern | 102-81 |
| Waverly | 116-70 |
| Sexton | 57-36 |
| Alma | 68-115 |
| East Lansing | 92-94 |
| Everett | 63-29 |
| Eaton Rapids | 66-27 |
| St. Johns | 50-33 |
| Grand Ledge | 56-30 |
| CAC Meet | 2nd |
| CAC | 2nd |

Top of the Line

All-Area First Team

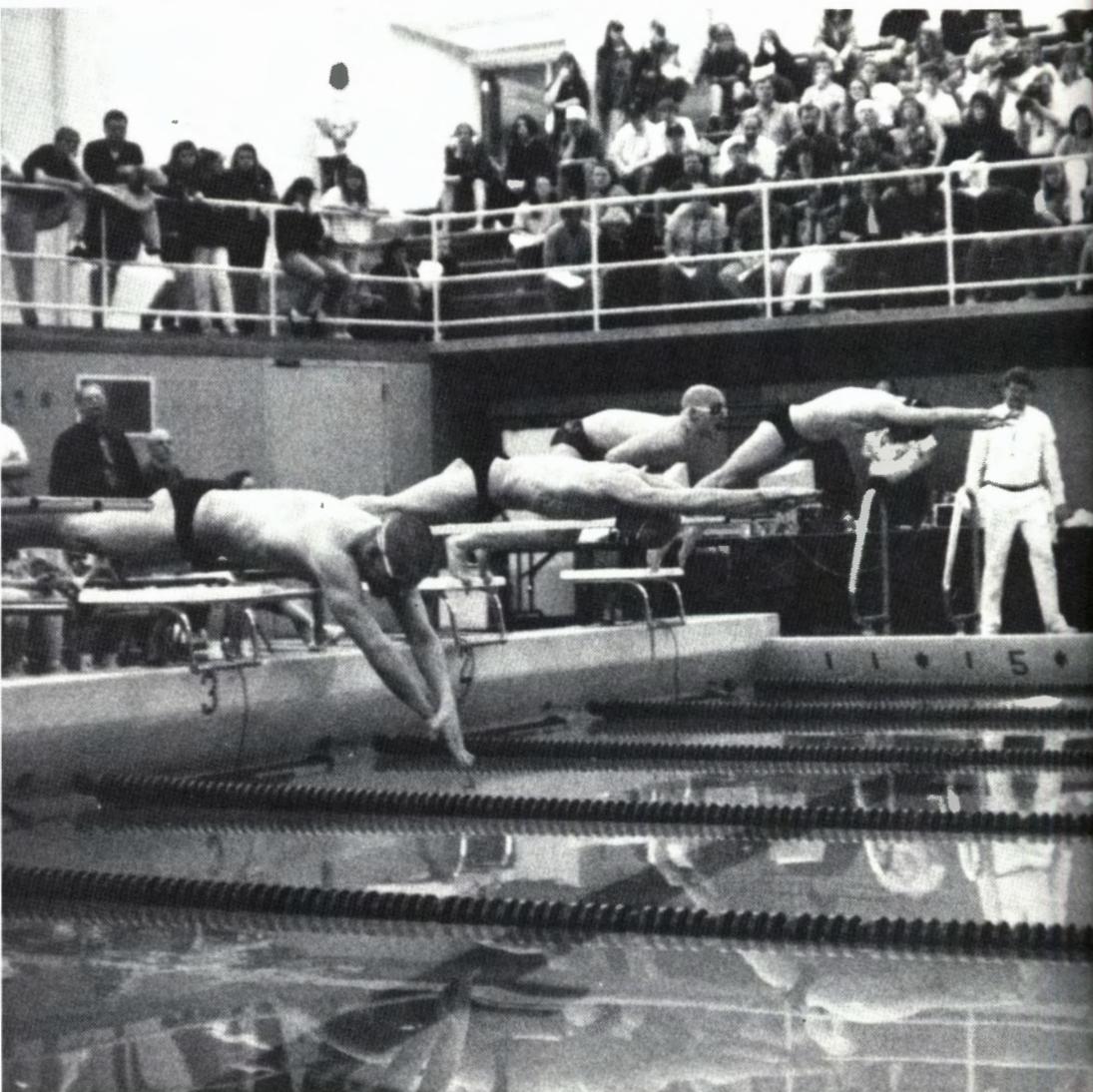
Ric Bowen
Scott Hultberg
Jerrold Wilkins
Eric Hartman
Brad Smieska
Brad Delaney

All-Area Second Team

John Ehnis

"I think that, overall, we had a very successful season. Some people had their best year ever, and the team really worked well together. My personal highlight was taking first in the 100 Meter Breaststroke and in the 200 Individual Medley at the conference meet. We can attribute our success to the fact that everybody put forth everything they had. It took some effort to get a couple of people to show up for practice, but once they got there, everybody worked hard."

-- Junior Ric Bowen



Just Relax, Guys

Giving one of her world-famous rub-downs to freshman Andy Davis is junior Catherine Webster, while sophomore Scott Hultberg waits for his turn. Catherine helped the guys loosen up before the league meet, and it paid off, as the team captured second place in the conference.



Foreign Flip

As the crowd holds its breath, senior foreign exchange student Tomi Hassinen finishes off his one and a half tuck. Tomi helped spread the Finnish language around Holt in the short time he was here.



Blue Collar Athletes

It was 5:00 a.m. and the Boys' Varsity Swim team was up and around for another long morning in the pool. Without the early morning plunge, the team may not have made as big of a splash in the conference as they did. "In the mornings, I'd get up thinking, 'If I don't do this, I may not do as well at CAC's. That was enough to make me get out of bed, and go at it again," stated sophomore Mike Rutherford.

Although the swimmers repeatedly pushed themselves to the limit, and sometimes beyond, they knew that it was the only way they could achieve their goals. "We had a great season, but it wasn't, by any means, easy. The intense training we went through proved to be what we needed. The league meet

was much more competitive than last year and the hard work paid off. It prepared us for the tougher opponents," noted junior Greg Setla.

Even though swimming required a lot of determination, and devotion, there were the funny moments. "I remember, at the Everett meet, Mike Rutherford lost his suit while he was swimming. He didn't even care, he just kept going! He even took first place," laughed sophomore John Ehnis.

The work was hard and the days were tiring, but it all came together in the end, with a second place finish in the CAC. However, even though they finished right behind conference champ, East Lansing, by a slim eight point margin, the team couldn't help but feel cheated. "The only reason the Trojans came

out on top was because they had more people than we did. Our top three or four were, by far, better than theirs. They just had the numbers on us," remarked a disgruntled junior Eric Hartman.

Through the season, the team never failed to give their all in every

Water Talk

Coach Sean Donigan gives his swimmers some last minute advice before the Mason meet.



No Stopping Him

Pushing himself to the finish in the 200 Intermediate is junior Eric Hartman. Eric made his mark this year, recording the third fastest times in Holt history in the 50 and 100 Freestyle.



event. It was the sweat of a blue collar effort that paid off in winning times and a white collar performance. *Heather Stubig*



Varsity Swim Team

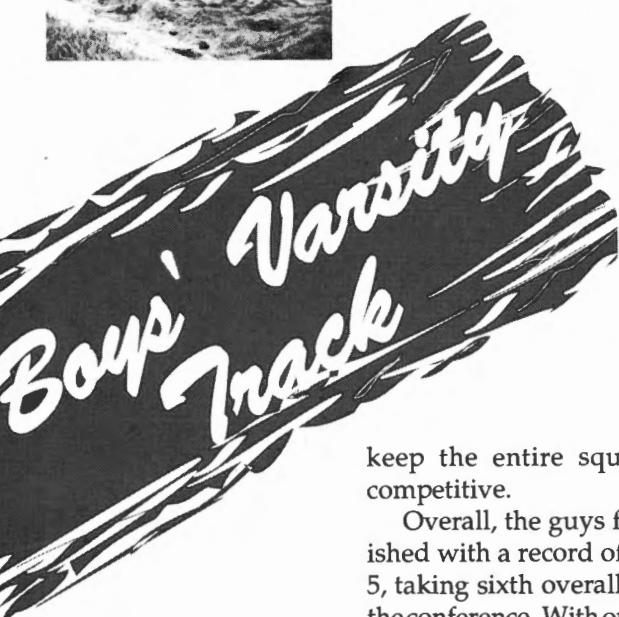
Top Row: Coach J. Pence, Coach S. Donigan, B. Smieska, J. Wilkins, Coach D. Shipman. Row 2: T. Savage, G. Setla, E. Hartman, J. Ehnis, G. Santos, T. Hassinen, R. Baxter. Row 2: C. Pratt, D. Myers, S. Hultberg, M. Rutherford, R. Bowen, J. Setla. Bottom Row: J. Kenechtes, R. Smieska, B. Heaney, B. Delaney, C. Bowen, J. Buckler.



Comedy of Errors

Leap of Faith

Flying high is sophomore Lee Smith. Lee cleared nearly 20 feet in his first year of long jumping.



keep the entire squad competitive.

Overall, the guys finished with a record of 3-5, taking sixth overall in the conference. With only four seniors returning,

Woooosh! In a cloud of smoke and a flash of brilliance, the runners were off. When the dust cleared, there was Holt, still getting out of the blocks while Randy Kinder blew by. This was the story for the Mens' Varsity Track team, at least, for the sprinters. The distance runners that were spared the wrath of Kinder and Sexton's Octavis Long fared better and helped

the guys struggled through what they hoped would be, at least, a learning experience. "We're in the tenth year of our re-building program," coach Jerry Gillett joked. "Actually, the season wasn't that big of a disappointment. I saw a lot of potential in the kids that will be coming up, we've got a good core of younger runners. Right now, we have the best young talent we've had in 10 or 12 years."

The sprinting corps was decimated by graduation last year, as Ed Murray and Jack Treloar were the only two returning letter-winners from last season. But, they still went on, along with senior Brad Smieska, sophomores Jeff Smith and Darnell Powers to earn CAC Honors. "My times slowly got better, and we surprised a lot of people at the league meet," shared Jack. Juniors Brian Lund and John Sonnenberg became leaders in the distance

--Ed Murray,
Chris O'Hara

Isn't that

Nice?

Impressed with the refreshments offered by the Waverly track team is senior Theresa Krause along with juniors Jessica Anderson, Dustin Gould, Ed Murray, and sophomore C.J. Chappell. Track allowed teammates time to discuss trivial things in between their events.



The Running Men

Blazing over the Waverly track in the 100 Meter Dash are Ram sprinters. The team went on the claim the win over the Warriors.

And They're Off!

Sophomore Jeff Williams takes an early lead on junior Dustin Gould as both Rams burn their way through the track, leaving their Waverly opponents behind.



Up and Over

With the wind roaring, junior Dustin Gould struggles to steady his grip while senior Sam Newberry prepares to catch his pole. Dustin went on to earn the fourth place slot in the overall conference standings.



Boys' Varsity Track Team

Top Row: M. Auvenshine, T. McKouen, S. Robedeau, C. Hadley, J. Jewett, C. Sherry, C. Whited, T. Miller, R. Wiley, Coach J. Bachman. **Second Row:** Coach B. Campbell, J. Austin, B. Cole, A. Foster, S. Lawrence, A. Kerr, R. Lefeve, C. Gafner, M. Stauffer, B. Hemmingway, P. Markel, J. Bedford, B. Walch, D. Powers, Coach J. Gillette. **Third Row:** J. Murgittroid, J. Fortuna, E. Cronk, J. Berg, B. Wilcox, R. Theis, G. Acker, Z. Wahl, J. Smith, D. Gould, L. Smith, J. Treloar. **Bottom Row:** E. Murray, J. Zimmerman, B. Hill, D. Resio, S. Newberry, J. Kilgore, M. Murphy, B. Lund, J. Sonnenberg, A. Newberry, C. Chappell, B. Smieska.

Boys' Varsity Track 3 Wins, 5 Losses

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|--------------|-------|
| Mason | 65-63 |
| Eastern | 91-48 |
| Grand Ledge | 45-83 |
| East Lansing | 37-91 |
| Jackson | 59-69 |
| Waverly | 72-56 |
| Everett | 61-67 |
| Sexton | 50-78 |
| CAC Meet | 7th |
| CAC | 6th |

Top of the Line

All-CAC Individual

Jay Austin

6th place 3200 Meter

Jeff Williams

5th place 300 Hurdles

Dustin Gould

4th place Pole Vault

Jason Bedford

6th place Shot Put

All-CAC Relays

John Sonnenberg Brian Lund

Adam Newberry Joel Kilgore

4th place 3200 Meter

Jeff Smith Darnell Powers

Jack Treloar Ed Murray

6th place 400 Meter

Brad Smieska Brian Lund

Jack Treloar Ed Murray

6th place 1600 Meter

"I really enjoyed the competition and seeing friends from other teams was great. The team wasn't very enthusiastic at times, but we were still able to be competitive."

--Senior Sam Newberry

Girls' Varsity Track

6 wins, 1 loss

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Everett | 91-37 |
| Mason | 81-47 |
| Eastern | 77-51 |
| Grand Ledge | 80-48 |
| East Lansing | 68-60 |
| Jackson | 75-52 |
| Sexton | 83-45 |
| Waverly | 58-70 |
| CAC Meet | 3rd |

Top of the Line

All-CAC Individual

Tywanda Bowles

1st place 400 Meter

2nd place 100 Meter

3rd place 200 Meter

Megan Gnass

3rd place 400 Meter

4th place 200 Meter

Colleen LaRoue

4th place 300 Hurdles

6th place 100 Hurdles

Vanessa Spencer

5th place 3200 Meter

Kristin Duncan

4th place Shot Put

Terri Stearns

5th place Shot Put

All-CAC Relays

LeeAnn Hunter Kelly Howe

Vanessa Spencer Laura Harger

1st place 3200 Meter Relay

Tywanda Bowles Megan Gnass

Jamie Lawrence

2nd place 1600 Meter Relay

Girls' Varsity Track Team

Top Row: Coach J. Rarick, T. Bowles, N. Nelson, K. Howe, M. Coe, J. Hayslette, C. Willoughby, C. Jennings, T. Stearns, L. Harger, L. Hunter, Coach B. Bongard. **Row 2:** T. Krause, K. Krause, S. Huston, F. Brandi, N. Hoagland, M. Theisen, A. Zehnder, V. Spencer, A. Freeman, K. Bowen. **Bottom Row:** M. Gnass, J. Lawrence, J. Anderson, C. LaRoue, K. Osborn, C. Borsema, T. Guerro, N. Malm, M. McCarrick.



Blaze of Glory

Ready To Go

Reeling up to throw the shot at the Mason Invitational is junior Terri Stearns. Terri earned a fifth place finish in the Shot Put at the conference meet at Jackson later in the season. Both she and fellow shot thrower, Kristin Duncan barely survived a claim by a coach that they were wearing 'illegal scrunchers' in their hair during the league contest.



Flying High

Soaring through the air is sophomore Megan Gnass at the Waverly meet. Megan helped the team to a 6-1 regular season record. Their only defeat came at the hands of the Warriors 58-70. Megan also placed second in the 1600 Relay, third in the 400 Meter and fourth in the 200 Meter.



It was a season of unexpected success for the Girls' Varsity Track team. They finished the regular season tied for first place with Waverly after toasting the rest of the conference, and ended the season at third overall.

Holt's resident speed demon, senior Tywanda Bowles, burned up the track at the conference meet, placing in all four events she competed in. "I really enjoyed this year, more so than others, because the distance people really helped out a lot. We did really well, overall, and I think everyone was impressed with our performance as a team," expressed Tywanda. One of her relay mates, sophomore Megan Gnass, added, "I really improved my times this

year, and the team did great. We didn't expect to do as well as we did, but it was good to see all of our hard work pay off in the end."

The distance runners scorched the rest of the league, as the 3200 Meter Relay Team captured a first place medal, thanks to the collective efforts of freshman Laura Harger, sophomore Vanessa Spencer, junior LeeAnn Hunter, and senior Kelly Howe. "This season, everybody contributed. We all worked as hard as we could, and it all came together in the end. Next year, though, we'll be looking to dethrone Waverly," vowed Vanessa, who also placed fifth in the 3200 Meter Run.

Help also came from juniors Kristin Duncan, taking fourth, and Terri

Stearns, taking fifth in the shot put. However, the 'shot put duo' was nearly disqualified at the league meet, because of hair wear by a bit up-tight CAC coach.

The scary news for the rest of the league was that the team will lose only five seniors. This may spell disaster for other

Almost Home

Sophomore Chris Borsema brings up the anchor of the 800 Meter Relay against Waverly.



teams as the girls have set their sights on the conference crown.

--Ed Murray



Stretching Over

Reaching across in the 100 Hurdles are senior Kelly Osborn and sophomore Amy Zehnder.

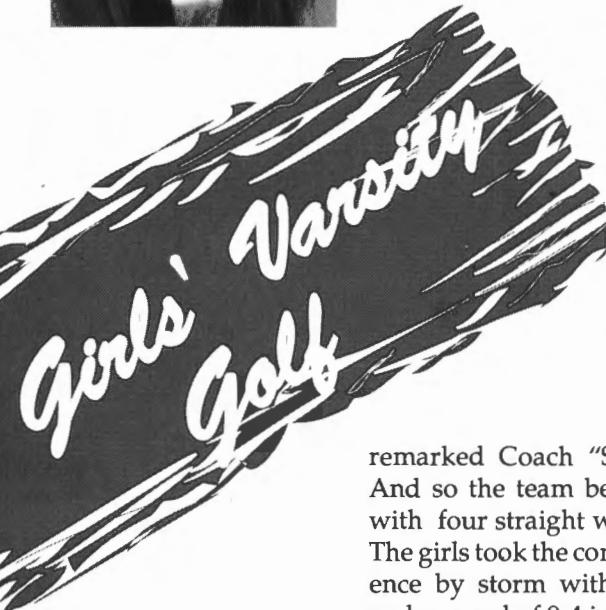
Just Chillin'

Relaxing between events are freshman Jamie Hayslette, and sophomores Megan Gnass, and Chris Borsema.

Lady Swingers

Open Wide!

Doing her world-reckoned donut-slam is junior Catie Rashid on the way to the Grand Ledge match.



remarked Coach "Ski." And so the team began with four straight wins. The girls took the conference by storm with an early record of 9-4 in the

FORE! With one swing of the club, the Girls' Varsity Golf team was off on the quest of the CAC title. Expectations at the beginning of the season were high. As always, Coach Scotty Shimnoski was pleased with the team that he saw before him. "The girls showed a lot of talent and promise at the beginning of the season,"

CAC, losing only to East Lansing and Grand Ledge, two Class A state qualifiers. They finished their season at 11-4. "As a team, I think we had a lot of talent and I was pleased with how well we did," reflected junior Mandy Bowler.

By the time regionals rolled around, the team was in top form. Playing in one of the hardest regions, with the top three teams in the state to compete against, Holt finished in a tie for fifth place with Charlotte. "Regionals were tough this year. The other teams were full of young talent," explained senior Nikole Miller. "There is going to be some stiff competition for the next three years." The season ended with the Capital Area Conference finals, where the team finished third, and junior Mandy Bowler tied for seventh, individually.

For some, it was the first time they competed

at the Varsity level. Sophomore Michelle Krause commented, "It was difficult to play Varsity, because I knew that the competition was going to be tough. It helped having the rest of the team there, supporting me."

But, not all of the season was competition and hard work. Senior Libby Block recalled, "The most embarrassing, but fun, time was in pre-season. It was before we could go outside, and Ski was tapping our swings. We were just hitting whiffle balls, nothing too hard. I didn't hit my ball, but my tee went about 20 feet!"

Between the real-life putts and the practice pot shots, the lady swingers managed to bring home a respectable record and have some fun along the way.

--Nikole Miller

Sizing It Up

Using the flag to line up her putt is junior Mandy Bowler. Mandy surpassed her expectations, ending up in a tie for seventh place individually in the CAC.

Hole In One

At the El Dorado Golf Course, freshman Carri Swan pulls out the flag to retrieve her ball.



Hey, That's My Ball!

During practice, senior Amanda Ward begins her take-away as junior Catie Rashid corrects her aim. Curiously, freshman Nicole Lee looks on. Catie's eye proved to be valuable throughout the season, earning her a place on the Capital Area Conference Second Team.



Girls' Varsity Golf Team

Top Row: M. Bowler, N. Lee, C. Swan, A. Stevenson, K. Block, C. Rashid, J. Smith, M. Holden, M. Krause, D. Henrikson, Coach S. Shimnoski. Bottom Row: A. Kenny, T. Milbourn, N. Miller, L. Block, A. Ward.





She's Gonna Miss It!

Setting up her shot is senior Traci Milbourn as fellow teammates, seniors Libby Block and Nikole Miller reserve their judgment on her putt. The team practiced and held home matches at Eldorado Golf Course.



Girls' Varsity Golf

11 wins, 4 losses

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| Sexton | 223-332, 194-255 |
| Waverly | 223-263, 194-213 |
| Eastern | 193-204, 210-220 |
| Grand Ledge | 193-186, 210-198 |
| East Lansing | 207-186, 210-193 |
| Jackson | 196-219, 212-232 |
| Everett | 212-296, 196-276 |
| Eaton Rapids | 218-251 |
| Regionals | 6th |
| CAC Meet | 3rd |
| CAC | 3rd |

Top of the Line

All-CAC First Team

Mandy Bowler

All-CAC Second Team

Catie Rashid

All-CAC Honorable Mention

Danah Henriksen

"My favorite part of the year is the scramble that the Eastern coach holds at the end of the season. Everyone gets to play with people from other teams. We all go out and just take it easy. It's really interesting to play with people that were, just a few weeks earlier, our opponents. After the scores are all figured out, Coach Cook fixes everybody barbecue and we just sit around, eat, talk, and get to know the other players. We all really have a great time. It's one of those moments when we can play for fun, instead of being the killer golf players that we are."

--Junior Catie Rashid

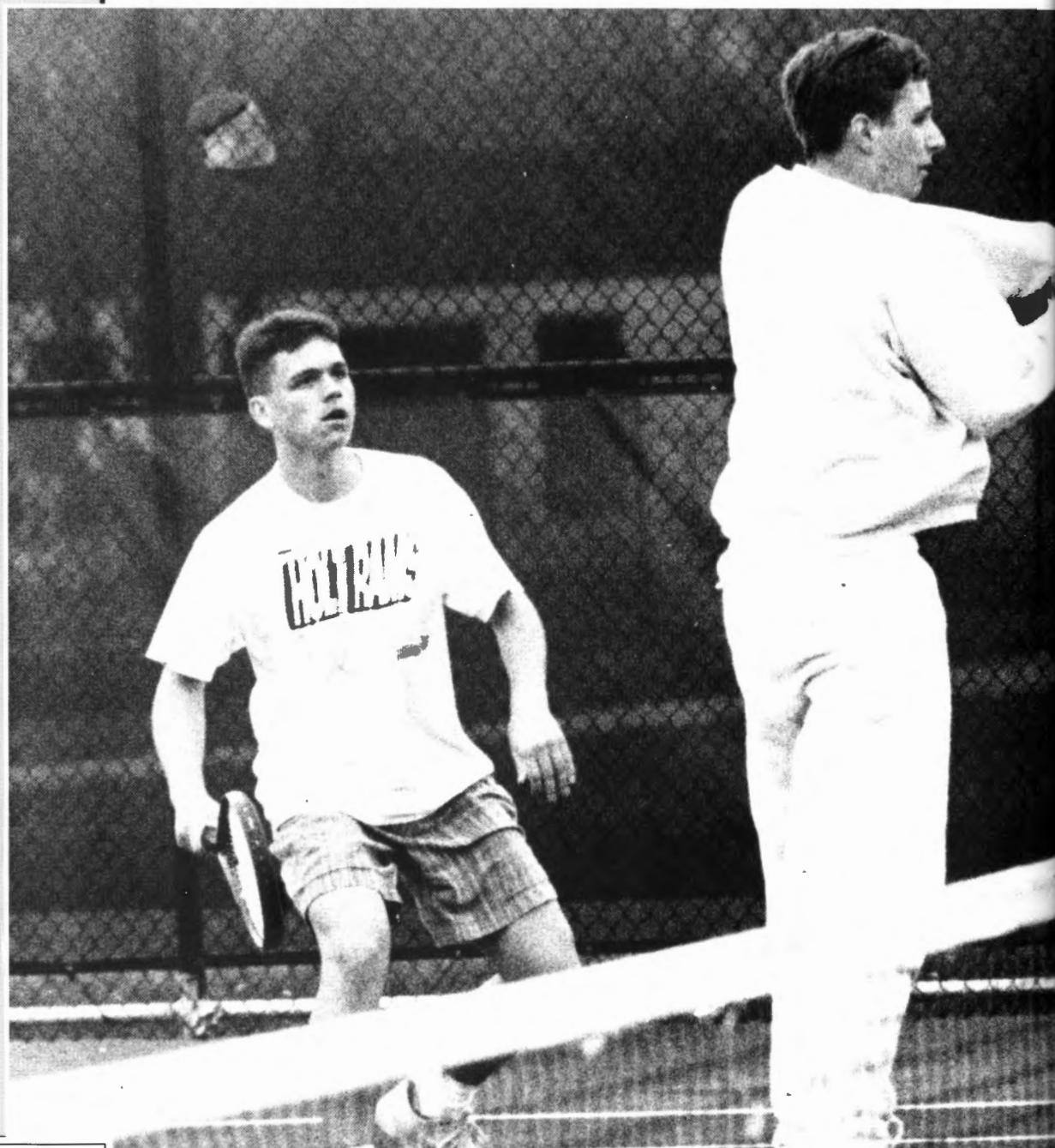


Boys' Varsity Tennis
9 wins, 4 losses

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

"It was a really great experience and it felt good winning at the conference meet and regionals. I didn't do as well as I wanted to during the regular season, but I realized that if I wanted to win, this was the last year I had to do it."

--Senior
Dave Bruining



Top of the Line

All-CAC First Team

Ryan Whitehill
CAC Champion
1st Singles

All-CAC Second Team

Jeremy Andrick
2nd Singles
Jeremy Eagle
3rd Singles
Matt Lennox
4th Singles

John Patino Jake Roberts
2nd Doubles

Double Deuce

Leaping to make the save is senior Dave Bruining in the match against Grand Ledge while fellow classmate Chris Fauser checks his shot. The team went on a rampage right through the CAC, falling only once in seven contests.

Boys' Varsity Tennis Team

Top Row: Coach B. York, T. Schram, J. Andrick, J. Patino, J. Roberts, D. Bruining, T. Rampe, M. Maksmimowicz, Coach G. Bird. Bottom Row: R. Whitehill, T. Anderson, T. Vandlen, J. Eagle, M. Lennox, M. Cook, G. Setla.



Courts of Gold

The stance was held, feet planted in the ground, sweat running down with the anticipation of making contact with the ball. The Boys' Varsity Tennis team swung into action for all to see. In the end, they captured a second place in the CAC and third at regionals.

"We had a very good team this year and everyone did well. Ryan Whitehill went to states for first singles," commented Coach Bill York. "It was a really great experience and it felt good, winning at the conference meet and regionals," added Ryan Whitehill. "I didn't do as well as I wanted to during the regular season, but I realized that if I wanted to win, this was the last year I had to do it."

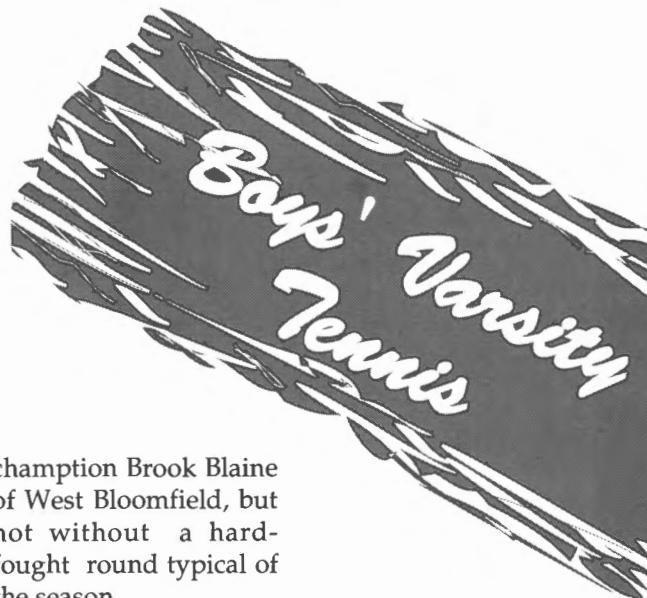
At Regionals, several doubles teams reached the semi-finals. One of

these, seniors Tim Rampe and Mike Macsimowicz, fell one match short of the finals. They had a rough time coping with their loss. Tim admitted, "Mike and I performed well. We made it to the semi-finals, where we lost to East Lansing. It was hard to console Mike, after losing his last match, but he got over it."

As always there were the occasional light moments. "I think the funniest moment of the season was when Mike Maksimowicz dropped his pants during the middle of a match," recalled Tim Rampe. "He was trying to show off his killer serve to the ladies, when 'wham,' his pants fell down. From that point on, everyone called him 'Droopy Drawers.' It seemed that Mike was almost always the victim of the team's humor. Everyone had a

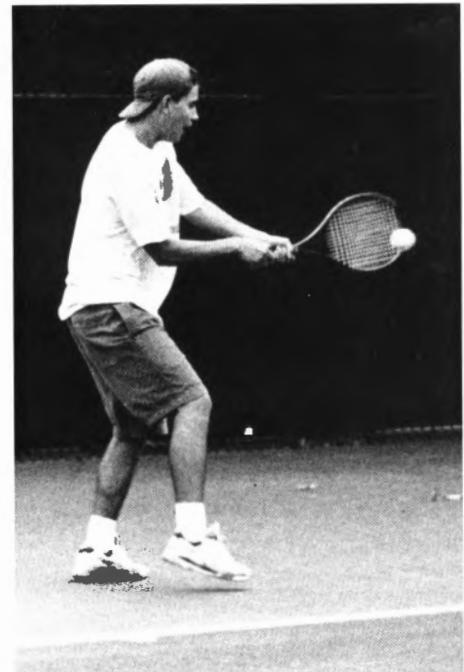
little something to say about him."

The season was particularly rewarding for senior Ryan Whitehill who earned Champion First singles and won his first match at States over Brian Healy of Forest Hills Central. He then lost to the eventual state



champion Brook Blaine of West Bloomfield, but not without a hard-fought round typical of the season.

--Nikole Miller



Sonic Boom

Smashing the ball back over the net with a champion backhand is senior Ryan Whitehill. Ryan ended his senior career by taking the Regional title and competing in the state tournament.

Crack of the Wrist

After nearly taking the cover off the ball with a killer forehand, senior Tim Vandlen follows through as his partner, sophomore Tim Schram, looks on in a home match.

Name of the Game...Change

Until this season, it seemed to some that the Varsity and JV Cheerleaders didn't know the real meaning of change. Making up new material and learning it was a given before every new season, but change came harder this year. Junior Kendra Hoffman stated, "The toughest thing to adjust to was the new

coach. At first, the squad wasn't sure how to act, because we were so used to our old coach. After a short while, we really started to appreciate what the new coach did for us."

There were some other twists. "Since our practice time was cut down to just one hour and fifteen minutes, we

this year, we were forced to come up with the same number of ideas in a shorter period of time. It was difficult," recalled senior Angie Smith.

The cheerleaders found themselves getting together during their free-time to work on new material. Junior Jamie Byrens remembered, "One Saturday my mom reserved a huge room for us at the Michigan Athletic Club. We worked for seven hours just on CAC's. It was long and tedious but it paid off in the end."

Another change involved transportation. Missing were the pep talks on the buses to away games. Budget cuts forced the cheerleaders to ride the bus with the basketball players. "It wasn't fair to us or the players. The guys needed quiet

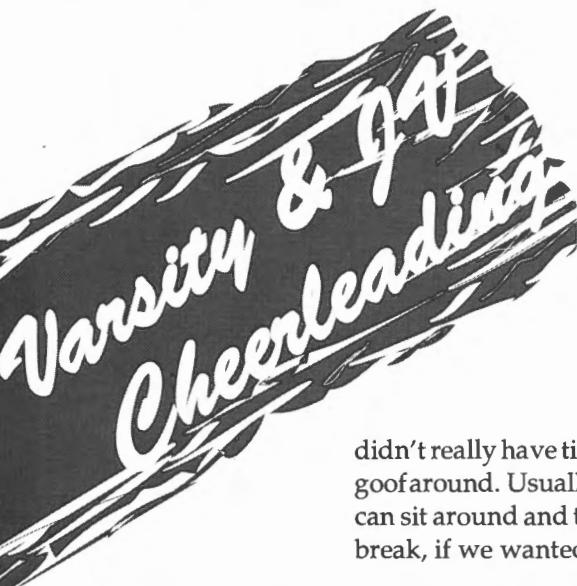
to concentrate on the game, whereas we needed our traditional pep talks that got us riled up. We were told many times that we were distracting the players," complained junior Amy Stevenson.

Just as the changes were becoming second nature, the season came to an end. Turning in their uniforms, the Angies, (Kenney and Smith) held back because they knew that they wouldn't be picking them up next season. Angie Kenney echoed perhaps what many graduating cheerleaders felt as she concluded, "It was great while it lasted, but now we have to move on."

--Michelle Zink

Hang On A Sec...

Laughing while they chant are juniors Jamie Byrens, and Kendra Hoffman, along with seniors Angie Kenny and Angie Smith as they work the bugs out of a new cheer.



didn't really have time to goof around. Usually, we can sit around and take a break, if we wanted, but

Varsity Cheerleading Squad

A. Kenny, A. Stevenson, J. Byrens, C. Ford, K. Hoffman, H. Miner, A. Smith, W. Hoezel.



JV Winter Cheerleading Squad

Top row: L. Boyer, C. Crawford, N. Deetz. Row 2: M. Homan, M. Cady, D. Alexander. Foreground: S. Martin.





Kicking Back

Taking a break and checking the action from the floor are JV Cheerleaders Sarah Martin, Nicole Wood, and Melinda Cady during an assembly program.

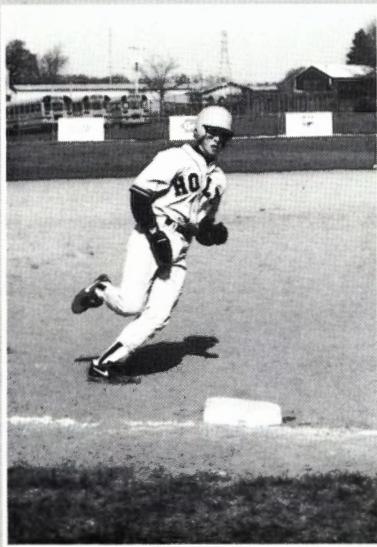
'mon Rams!

Leading a cheer at the basketball game against Waverly is senior Angie Kenny and junior Amy Stevenson. "I'm really going to miss cheering the guys on. I couldn't have asked for a better group to cheer with over the past four years," Angie reflected.



The Trevino Express

Hurling some heat is sophomore Juan Trevino at the Sexton game. Juan was one of only two sophomores to be moved up to Varsity during the season, and he received considerable playing time. "It was a great experience, being moved up to Varsity. It gave me a chance to show what I could do, and I took advantage of it, as I led the team in strikeouts. I also really enjoyed playing with my cousin, senior Ramon Ruiz," Juan stated.

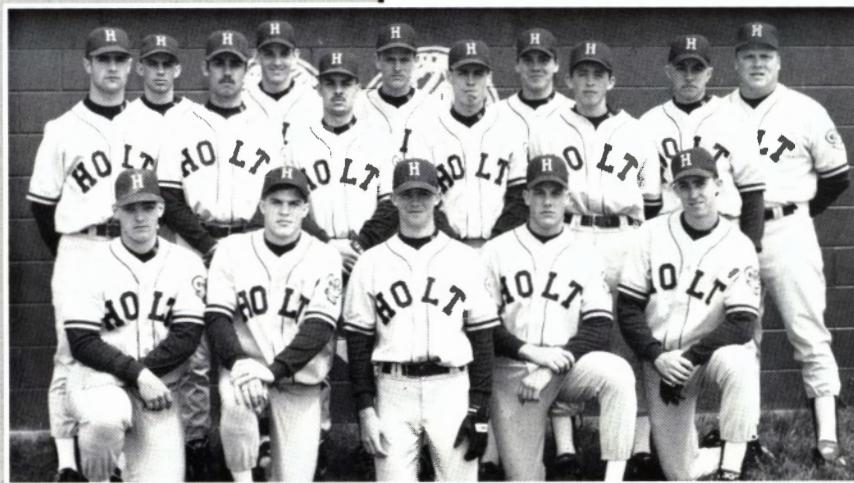


Headin' Home

Rounding third, junior Jack Furrow aims for home plate to score yet another run over the Vikings on home field.

Varsity Baseball Team

Top Row: P. Hayes, C. Baker, A. Trevino, L. McRae, R. Ruiz, S. Alward, D. Petrovich, S. Smith, J. Furrow, S. Johnson, Coach T. Currin. **Bottom Row:** C. Nott, J. Blundell, S. May, J. Looney, M. Anderson.



Just Hanging Around
Awaiting the restart of the game is senior Shawn Alward along with Chris Nott, Jeff Blundell, and Dan Petrovich. Rain delays plagued the team early in the season.

Field of Broken Dreams

A season of unrealized dreams ended for the Varsity Baseball team with too few wins and too many losses. The team was plagued by bad weather and inconsistent play. "The worst thing about this season was the fact that 'Mother Nature' was not on our side. We had two or three double-headers rained out very early in the season, so to make up for them, we were playing six to eight games a week near the end," remarked senior Jeff Blundell.

Other players expressed their concern about the team's lack of solid playing. "I really thought we could finish

near the top of the conference and get a shot at the Diamond Classic. Unfortunately, we lost a lot of close games that really brought our confidence level down, and we didn't end up making it. I know that we didn't play anywhere near our potential. We were good at times, just not consistently," recalled senior Chris Nott.

The team showed flashes of brilliance, toppling the juggernaut Everett ranked sixth in the state, but they weren't able to keep up the tenacious play that netted them their upset victories.

Seniors Chris Baker

and Ramon Ruiz provided punch at the plate while senior Shawn Alward and sophomore Juan Trvino proved to be the ace pitchers.

"I think that if I could change one thing about this season, it would definitely be our record. We really should have won a lot more games than we did. We had all of the opportunities we could have asked for, but we just weren't able to capitalize on them. We just didn't come ready to play," expressed junior Scott Johnson.

The season was not without its lighter side, though. There were big laughs when a player,

who shall remain anonymous ate a worm for a mere ten dollars, or when Dan Petrovich's pants fell apart while they were in the dryer. Although the team had a rough time on the field, they stuck together, and figured out how to make the best of it.

--Michelle Zink

c asual Observer
Chillin' on the fence, is senior Jake Roberts as he watches over the Varsity baseball game against Everett. "I went to the games to see my friends play. Even though they usually lost, I still had a good time," commented Jake.



B etter Safe Than Sorry

Preparing himself for anything, John Looney attentively awaits the crack of the bat. John was known for his on-field sense of perseverance.

S mash!

With a powerful swing, senior Paul Hayes looks to please the home crowd as he pounds a the ball into the Everett outfield in a home game.

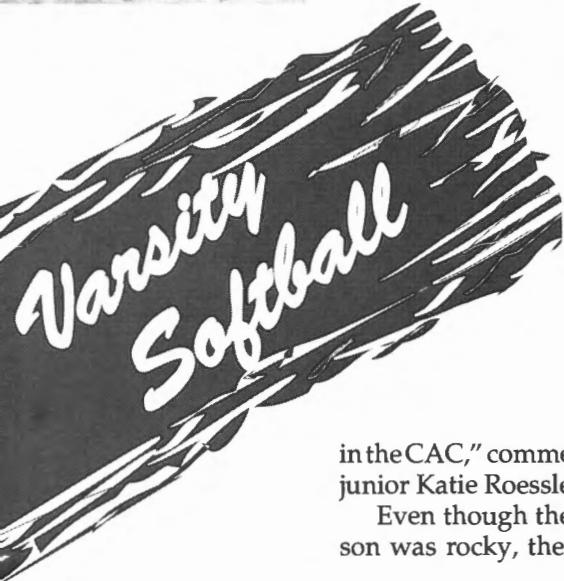
C aught in the Act

Thinking twice about his attempt to steal second base during the Everett game, senior Ramon Ruiz dives back to safety.



Baseline Race

After a solid hit, junior Heather Smith sprints to first base in an attempt to beat the throw. Her effort helped to pull a win in the double header with Waverly. Heather went on to earn All-CAC Honorable Mention for her in-fielding.



in the CAC," commented junior Katie Roessler.

Even though the season was rocky, the girls

Crowded Dugout

Setting out to beat last year's record, the Varsity Softball team came up short, taking the same conference place as the previous year. "Given all the unfortunate events that happened this year, I was happy with third place

enjoyed playing, despite their even record of 15 up, 15 down. The team had to do some adapting to assimilate the large roster of 18 including the addition of two sophomores, Chereese Ford, and Nicole Deetz. "There were a lot of changes this year. We had a really big team which was hard to adjust to, but overall, our season went well," commented Kori Kreiner.

Seniors were winding down the last games of their high school careers. "I'm happy that my softball career is over. After playing the game for eleven years, I'm ready to be done. I enjoyed playing, but I'm ready to go on," stated senior Amy Ramsey.

"The season was filled with a lot of cheers. We started off slowly, but

came back winners. We surprised a lot of people during the Everett game. I think that was the game that showed what we could really do. We proved to ourselves and to others that we were winners. Our biggest problem was that we all had more than our share of bad days along with the good. We were too inconsistent. All and all, though, I think we did a good job," summarized senior Stefanie Wilcox.

--Marcie Powers

Leave Me Alone!

Snarling pretty before the East Lansing game is senior Nicki Felton as Dawn May and juniors Angie Roberts and Maria Sifuentes stare in amazement. Nicki's effort, as well as her winning smile, earned her a spot on the All-CAC First Team.



Varsity Softball Team:

Top Row: Coach P. Somers, Coach A. Schmidt, Coach R. Gamehe, T. Reynolds, K. Roessler, D. May, H. Smith, J. Eggert, A. Ramsey, K. Hayes, S. Granger, C. Ford, Coach T. Roberts. **Bottom Row:** S. Wilcox, N. Felton, B. Buckner, K. Kreiner, D. Bargy, S. Roberts, N. Deetz, A. Robetrtts, M. Sifuentes.

Getting Her Sights Set

Preparing herself up at the plate in the game against Haslett is junior Katie Roessler.





Top of the Line

All-CAC First Team

Nicki Felton

All-CAC Second Team

Dawn May

Maria Sifuentes

Chereese Ford

All-CAC Honorable Mention

Jenna Eggert

Heather Smith

Sarah Roberts



The Babe

Setting up to slam the ball into the Waverly outfield is junior Jenna Eggert. Jenna's swing helped the team defeat their CAC rival, 12-6.

hit-Chat

Discussing pre-game tactics and advice are seniors Shelly Granger, Stefanie Wilcox, along with junior Diana Bargy.

Girls' Varsity Softball 15 Wins, 15 Losses

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|--------------|----------------|
| Mason | 6-5, 9-8 |
| Eaton Rapids | 0-3, 9-10 |
| St. Johns | 3-5, 5-4 |
| East Lansing | 8-3, 17-14 |
| Everett | 3-2, 2-3, 0-3 |
| Charlotte | 4-14, 7-1, 9-8 |
| Eastern | 12-1, 3-12 |
| Sexton | 7-2, 16-15 |
| Waverly | 12-6, 16-14 |
| Jackson | 15-3, 9-10 |
| Haslett | 9-8, 8-6 |
| Grand Ledge | 2-10, 3-5 |
| CAC | 3rd |

Varsity Gymnastics

9 wins, 1 loss

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Eastern | 131.45-102 |
| St. Johns | 127.25-103.55 |
| Jackson NW | 128.5-90.55 |
| Waverly | 128.1-86.45 |
| Everett | 126.25-97.9 |
| Mason | 127.5-117.2 |
| Jackson | 132-106.45 |
| Haslett | 130.15-110.7 |
| East Lansing | 135.2-136.9 |
| Hillsdale Invitational | 1st |
| Midland Invitational | 6th |
| Caston Invitational | 7th |
| CAC Meet | 2nd |
| CAC | 2nd |

Top of the Line

All-CAC First Team

Kathi McGroarty
4th-State Floor
Stacy Smieska
13th-State Beam
Christa Pennell

All-CAC Second Team

Nicole Felton

All-CAC Honorable Mention

Michelle Baillargeon

"This year was much harder, at first, than the past year because of the coaching change. Getting a new coach really threw us because all of the other teams had a two week head start on us before we could find a replacement. Leigh Ann really pulled us together, though, and we all felt like a family. Overall, I had a good year. I made it to the state meet for the first time, and ended up doing well. My goal is to return next year and top this year's performance.

--Sophomore Stacy Smieska



Graceful Air

Practicing cartwheels in her front yard at four years old finally paid off for junior Michelle Baillargeon. Michelle took third at the conference meet, with a score of 8.1.

P erfect Balance

With concentration set on high, junior Erin Quinn takes to the beam at the regional meet. Erin received a personal best, 8.6, for her routine.



Bitter Pill to Swallow

It was one for all and all for one for the Girls' Varsity Gymnastics team. Everyone knew what they had to do. With a new coach, Leigh Ann Grant, and their sights set on beating arch-rival, East Lansing, the girls prided themselves on individual strengths, as well as their team unity.

"At the beginning of the season, it was tough to work together. Our old coach moving to take the reins at East Lansing and us trying to make the transition to our new coach tested our team spirit. We had a difficult time, at first, but looking back, I think that we all worked through it pretty well," recalled junior Kathy McGroarty.

As the season pro-

gressed, things fell into place. "We learned to be supportive of one another. Our biggest strength was that we grew up at the same time and we all overcame negative attitudes. We stopped being so emotional and started thinking positively about our performances," said junior Michelle Baillargeon.

The team anxiously awaited the challenge of the East Lansing meet. With no losses to blemish their record, their strategy was simple. Just do their best. "It was kind of stressful because Christa Pennell broke her hand two days before the meet and Kristin Duncan ended up with a sprained ankle. It forced us to rely on each other instead of our top scorers," shared senior Nicole Felton. In the end, East Lansing came out on top, but only by 1.7 points and a final score of 135.2-136.9. "I

cried at the East Lansing meet because we wanted to win so badly and I wished I could have competed. Next year, we'll be injury-free and we will beat them!" exclaimed junior Christa Pennell.

Despite the loss, the team finished 9-1 in the conference and took second at the league meet. Five members of the team, Stacy Smieska, Christa Pennell, Michelle Baillargeon, Nicole Felton, and Kathy McGroarty went on to earn post-season All-CAC honors. Kathy also placed fourth on floor at the state meet, while Stacy captured 13th in the state on beam. Each team member had their chance to shine. "The highlight of the season for me was at the CAC meet. I placed in the top five in three events; vault, bars, and beam. I was disappointed that I missed making it to the state

meet, but since we were all so close, this year was special," related only senior team member Nicole Felton.

The team won the CAC title three years in a row and wanted to add a fourth year to the total. In the end, they racked up only one loss, but a painful one to East Lansing. Losing to their arch rival led by their former

Walking a Thin Line

Successfully completing a back walkover at the Hartland Regional meet is sophomore Stacy Smieska. Stacy went on to win All-Area First Team and 13th in the State on beam.



coach and ending up ceding the coveted title to boot was a bitter pill to swallow.

--Sarah Gregg

Steady Motion

Carefully standing up is senior Nicki Felton during the meet against Everett. Holt ended up winning, 126.25-97.9.



Varsity Gymnastics Team:

Top Row: C. Pennell, N. Felton, K. Duncan, K. McGroarty, S. Smieska, E. Quinn. **Bottom Row:** R. Harley, Coach L. A. Grant. **Not Pictured:** M. Baillargeon, S. Pettis.

Upward Bound

Completing her floor routine at Everett is junior Kathy McGroarty. Kathy's effort led to a win, All-Area First Team honors and a fourth place at State on the Floor.

Pay to Play

The Last Resort

A big question that faced some school districts with serious financial problems was whether to drop their funded athletic program for pay to play sports. Though the talk reached Holt, the financial scene had not forced the District to consider it. "The District is real lucky to have the community behind us in everything we do. We have passed millage increases that have allowed us to continue our aca-

demic programs and retain our sports," noted Athletic Director Del Cory.

Without having experienced it, Principal Tom Davis was already aware of the problems. He commented, "There are serious money problems all over the state including Holt, however, I would never support pay to play except as a last resort." Mr. Cory agreed, "I think pay to play would be just one big headache with

parent and athlete complaints, pressure on coaches, the high cost involved, the number of participants down and maybe, ultimately, families moving out of the district because of it. It would cause a lot of friction and I would do everything in my power to not let it happen."

Students also had thought about the issue. Senior Cory Baisel stated, "In view of the problems other districts found in operating some form of pay to play system, I feel that Holt should go to this only if the funds run out and only after making as many cuts elsewhere as possible. I would only be for it, if that were the only way to offer sports. If possible a \$50 activity fee would be a better idea and even \$50 per sport is not that bad. I think most people could afford it. For those who could not, I think the Boosters could try to cover the cost of partici-

pation. Otherwise, I think it may keep good players off the team. For guidelines, I would keep the sports competitive for league and non-league games. If people pay to play, they should be willing to accept the competitive basis. This is high school sports, not Delhi Parks and Recreation."

Coaches had opinions too and considered more the equity implications. Varsity Basketball Coach Bruce Larner commented, "I don't like the idea of pay to play, but if there has to be severe cuts, then it may have to be done. I think what will happen is, the families that have a little more money will be the ones whose kids play. Another issue I feel will be troublesome is the pressure on coaches by parents who may feel they have some say in how a team is run because they pay for their kids to play."

There were other considerations beyond learn-

ing a sport that were felt to be important. Cory further pointed out, "There are many things to be learned from competitive sports besides how to play including teamwork, getting along with others, how to be able to take a loss, how to give 110% all the time the value of being on the team even though you aren't a starter, and that teams lose and win no players. All these things build character and after all, what would high school be without athletics? Isn't it what keeps some kids in school? For me and perhaps others, after the years go by, it's not the 'A' in Government class, it's the win against a tough rival and the good times you had on the team that you remember most. And when students go to their 20-year reunions, the people they want to hook up most with are their best friends and teammates."

Seniors Prevail in Powder Puff Competition

The Powder Puff tradition held on November 6 took a new twist when juniors and seniors challenged the sophomores on Troost Field. After defeating the underclassmen, the juniors and seniors faced off the following Friday for the championship. Everyone was excited. The girls were ready to show their talent and the coaches to advise instead of taunting them as they had all season.

The sophomore team of 12 girls played an in-

tense game, but couldn't quite get the points they were looking for. Falling to the juniors with a 0-6 loss, they were ready to face the seniors. With no delay, the seniors took the field only to squeeze by them with a close 8-6 victory. Senior Katie Vartanian stated, "The sophomores played better than we expected, but we were just getting warmed up to face the juniors whom we heard were so tough."

Moving on to the junior-senior scrimmage, both

teams were ready to play. Once again the seniors were able to break through the junior defense with a 6-0 win. With another week to practice, the juniors hoped for the win to come in the play-off game.

Trying to keep everything in line during practice, senior coach John Looney explained, "It was interesting watching the girls trying to catch the football as it hit them in the face or when they insisted on tackling each other all the time.

We went easy on them." As the snow slowly covered the frozen field, fans sat wrapped in blankets from head to toe struggling to keep warm and spirits alive. This was the game everyone waited for. The snow was pouring down as the seniors drove the juniors into the ground with a 2-0 victory to win the championship. Senior Dawn May concluded, "Even though there was a lot of arguing at times, I think that everyone had a lot of fun."



Break Away
Heading downfield in the annual Powder Puff game is senior Theresa Krause.



Crowd Mixer

Taking time to talk to fans Jake Roberts and John Looney is Varsity cheerleader Angie Kenney at a Varsity basketball game. Getting the crowd pumped was her job and a little mixing went a long way.



Cheerleading Gains Sport Status

The stands were full of students and parents while the band was playing the fight song. The cheerleaders started a new cheer and the crowd slowly rose to their feet cheering as the team neared the final seconds of the game. Getting the crowd pumped was just the beginning. Getting a change of attitude and policy followed.

For some time, a controversy brewed in many high schools whether or not cheerleading was truly a sport. The official rule was that it was not. In order to earn designation as a sport according to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, there had to be statewide competition. The Association ruled that next year Michigan will have state competition for cheerleading which will qualify it as a sport. Athletic Director Del Cory noted, "Cheerleading involves athletic ability like any other sport, and although they do compete in the Capital Area Conference, this has not been sufficient to declare it a sport at the state level."

Many cheerleaders,

who had disagreed with this stand, were pleased to see the competition created to earn sport status. Senior Michelle Zink pointed out, "A lot of time is spent making up new material and routines and twice again as much time is spent on practicing for competition."

Even though the cheerleaders received their Varsity letter, competed in conference competition, had tryouts and practiced like any other sport, they were still awaiting sport status as a squad. Looking forward to next year and the MHSAA's ruling, the cheerleaders kept their spirits up through basketball season and beyond.

--Angie Kenney

JV Power

In performance at the sidelines during Homecoming, the JV squad raises fan spirit. The Varsity and JV combine forces traditionally for the game.



Hang On
Raising spirit at Homecoming is senior Kori Kreiner along with the Varsity squad



Fast and Lazy

Trackster Brian Lund chills as senior Tywanda Bowles takes down another opponent during a spring track meet.



Indoor Track team is that you got the opportunity to travel out of your district, and meet new people," commented senior Tywanda Bowles.

There was also the payoff of competitive meets and the experience of performing under the pressure of college coaches. For the team, the outcome was worth the effort.

--Kelly Miller

Snow Sprinters

It happened during the winter while snow blanketed the ground and the temperature fell below 20 degrees. A different breed of runners and field event participants hit the track, the indoor track, that is. Some of the more ambitious members of the Varsity Track team took to the lanes a little early, preparing themselves for the upcoming season.

The meets were held on 200 meter tracks at different colleges throughout the state. "One of the things I liked most about the

**"Sometimes
when I get fed
up with home-
work, books,
quizzes and
tests, I take my
bike out for
some fun. It is
something I
can do to feel
great."**

--Senior
Shawn Recollect

Highway to the Danger Zone

For out of school excitement, senior Shawn Recollect takes off on his motorcycle. He rides both for fun and competition.



Equestrian Team:

Posed for show time are members of the area Equestrian Team. Students found the extra time to refine riding skills, compete and care for their animals after hours and weekends.



Flying High

Most people have heard of the accomplished 'jocks,' the 'brains,' or 'the musical and artistic types.' There were, however, others who were talented yet who frequently went unnoticed and unrecognized. While many students went to organized school sports or jobs at the 2:35 bell, others went on to self-motivated activities where their hard work paid off. One of these was junior Mary Mutty who headed out to Karyn's Dance Place. Dancing since she was four, Mary was a member of the group In-Motion. Her company placed second in semi-final state competition, put on by Show Stopper. They then, went on to compete in Anaheim, California.

Besides enriching herself, she is able to help others. On Tuesdays and Thursday she spends the afternoon teaching young children between the ages of three and nine, tap, ballet and jazz. Mary revealed, "I work hard in the things I do, yet, many people don't get the opportunity to see what I can do. But there are other rewards. By helping the young children, I am able to feel good about myself and it is something I enjoy doing."

Self motivation was important whether in a warm studio or in the cold, skating. Being an avid hockey player, junior Mike Kuebler grabbed at any opportunity to play hockey. He played defense on a team made mostly of friends from different schools. When

Mike found time to play hockey he headed to either Munn Ice Arena at MSU or the Lansing Ice Arena. Mike explained, "Although many people don't know that I play, I really don't care because I do it more for myself than for others. I have won a couple of awards, but that's not what matters to me. It's the fact that I am out there on the ice, doing what I like to do."

There were many things that could make a person happy whether it was playing out of school sports or helping people. Students didn't always stay in the boundaries of regular extra-curricular activities. Some moved outside of the traditional offerings in their quest for meaningful free-time activities. --Rick Cole-

Why didn't the sports program have a varsity hockey club like some of the other area schools? This question crossed many students' minds. "We have people that would be interested in playing, but there's no team for them to play on," said senior Rick Powell.

Students may have had an interest in getting a team going, but it was difficult to start. Athletic Director Del Cory explained, "There hasn't been a big push in the school, plus, there isn't

enough money in the budget to offer it. Ice time and bussing costs for practice and games can't be covered."

People who play for clubs, such as Mason, Okemos, or Grand Ledge paid approximately \$400 a year, plus equipment and transportation costs. Practices and games ran as late as 12:30 a.m. because of limited availability of ice time. Team membership was open to anyone, from any district, who wanted to play. The exception was East

True to Form

Competing on the rings at his gymnastics meet is senior Nick Rashid. Because the school didn't have a men's gymnastics team, Nick found one outside of school and has been competing throughout high school.



they would be lacking experience and, therefore, it would be hard to have a good team."

--Angie Kenney

Lansing where it was funded as a varsity sport. In order to play on their team, one had to attend East Lansing High School.

Students in area schools that did not have teams turned to clubs. These organizations spent time building up their potential in players. Senior forward Jake Roberts who played for Mason was one of them. He commented, "If Holt were to start a hockey club, I wouldn't choose to play for them because

RAMS on ICE?

Pine Riders

Three, two, one, buzzzzzzz! The final point was scored, and the game between Holt and Sexton was over. The starters were in their glory, receiving congratulations from each other and the fans, but.. what about the other members of the team-the ones that didn't get to play, the so-called 'benchwarmers?' They at-

to be, you guys are really great, and I think we're going to win the state championship this year.' It gets boring sometimes, though, so I'd eat my sunflower seeds on the sideline, just watching the game. I almost brought a book with me a couple of times so I could catch up on some reading."

What kept these people

going to practice day after day, if they never got to play? Kevin Tunks, who sat for the Varsity Basketball team revealed, "I play for the camaraderie and fun of playing, and also for the good of the team, not the glory." Corey Baisel, who hoped to see more hoop time

tended practices and worked hard, just like the starters and most of them liked to receive credit and recognition for their effort. Maybe they weren't out there scoring all the points, but benchwarmers helped the team in many ways. "They contributed positive attitudes and gave encouragement to people out on the court," claimed Jenna Eggert who rode the Varsity Basketball pine. Varsity Football bencher, Monte Collins noted, "Bench-warmers help the team by being the best cheerleaders on the field, and by saying things like, 'good job, way

next year, explained, "I keep going to make my teammates play harder and improve myself as well."

Most benchwarmers had a good time while eagerly awaiting a chance to enter the game. One event that went on at the Varsity Basketball games was the benchwarmer dance, something Kevin Tunks, Corey Baisel, and junior Jake Gingrich performed. While the basketball players danced to drive away their boredom, the Varsity Volleyball players frequently provided play-by-play commentary of the game from the end of the bench.

Senior Mike Maksimowicz did some in-depth research while warming up the pine for the basketball team. He informed fans that East Lansing and Okemos had the best water, and both had padded seats, which, for Mike, was a big plus.' His new study this season was school exploration. One thing he discovered was that East Lansing High School had an elevator! Obviously, bench-warmers did a lot more than keep the seats

They're on the team too!

toasty. They offered high spirit, humor, and a positive attitude for the rest of the team. So, the next time you see a clean football player or a dry basketball player, give them a pat on the back. Their efforts may not have showed up on the

scoreboard or landed them in the newspaper the next day, but the team just wouldn't be the same without them! As Corey Baisel put it, "A team just isn't a team without its benchwarmers."

--Katie Roessler

Go Team!

Showing support and building momentum are members of the Varsity Basketball team at the start of a home game.



Benching It

Cheering on the team from the sidelines are JV Basketball teammates Marie Ryckman, Becky Paterick Allison Wood, Nicki Miller, Jeny Johnson, Megan Gnass and Jerri Hoffbauer.

Go Rams!

Taking the field with camaraderie and spirit is the Varsity Football team. Whether starters or second string, the players work at keeping team unity.



For many basketball players, the game was just something fun that was often forgotten as soon as they boarded the bus. If they didn't play well, they tried to forget and hope the next game would be better. For senior Jason Black basketball was not just a game, it was his life. He was expected to produce every game night, and no matter what, execute, execute, execute. "It seemed that everyone's eyes were always on me, observed Jason, "not only in basketball, but in school and even my social life."

Jason felt a lot of pressure. For him, basketball was a family thing. Both his mother and sister understood the sport from playing experience. His mom played high school basketball in Tennessee and his sister played at Holt. "They understand what I go through for the game, when I need to be cheered up or even when I just need to be left alone. It's the best feeling to look up in the stands after a game and know my mom is satisfied with how I played even when I'm not," explained Jason.

In the eighth grade, when most kids were still learning the game, Jason received his first letter from a Division I school, Butler University. "I remember getting the letter before a game so a friend and I went into the bathroom to read it because we didn't know what it was," laughed Jason.

He saw many letters

since and was heavily involved in the Division I recruiting process. Jason enjoyed visiting schools, but it also got on his nerves. "Scouts called a lot at home, but I never knew if what they said was really what they meant. It was also really nerve wracking when scouts came to our games. I got a lot better at it, but when Jud Heathcote saw me play for the first time,

I choked because I knew he was there. Games like that can either make or break you," admitted Jason.

Concentration was the key. Being in a 'zone' was a very important part of the game for Jason. "I play at my best in a zone. It's a mental state I get in when everything is in slow motion and I can't hear anything, but myself breathe. People think I'm

Go Western!

Surrounded by personal friends and Athletic Director Del Cory, Jason Black sports a smile at his press conference.



In the Limelight

Being interviewed for Channel 10 Athlete of the Week is senior point guard Jason Black.

crazy when I talk about the zone, but only highly developed competitors know what it is and they make it their goal to be in that frame of mind. I can't think about the game when I'm out there. I play by instinct and it has to come natural. Once I start thinking about what I'm doing, I mess up," Jason explained.

Experiencing many highs and lows together, Coach Bruce Larner has been thankful for Jason's contributions to the basketball program over four years. "Jason has been a great kid to coach and he

Support Staff

Conversing during a Varsity Football game are Trainer Julie Skittlehelm and Assistant Football Coach Marvin Freed. Marvin played for Holt, graduating with the class of 1989. Julie provides help and support to the various players and teams and most students say of her, "She's nice!"

deserves respect for all the hard work and effort he put into basketball. He is a very loyal person to his teammates and his coach."

Jason looked to pro players as inspiration growing up and later on other competitors. "Magic Johnson was always my biggest role model as a kid. I guess I looked up to him because he seemed like such a real person being from Lansing and helping little kids. I also respect Randy Kinder a lot and Saddi Washington because they produce every night and we can kick back and talk about recruiting." Mr. Larner has also had a big impact on my attitude because he believes in Holt's program and all of the players. No matter what situation arises, he comes into every game with an attitude that we can win.

After all the hype and dust of recruiting had settled and Jason's decision had been made, the community heard his college selection in a press conference in the High School Library. After thanking his family, friends, and coaches, Jason announced he would play for the Western Michigan University Broncos. On his choice, Jason commented in a down-to-earth way, "I got along well with the coaches and players. I felt comfortable and at home there, and all my family can watch me play."

--Amy Doll

Adapted from *Ramparts*

Jason Black Still Going for the Brown and Gold

"I couldn't have planned anything about my high school basketball career to have worked out any better. I know I will never be sitting around wishing I would have worked harder in sports."

--Senior
Jason Black



Redefining Reality

'Join the club' took on new meaning for members

Many students wanted to belong to something, but what? Each club had its own angle that students could choose from. But this year, many clubs took on the task of redefining their reality in new ways.

The Quiz Bowl team was no longer just a contender. They took a runner-up position in the Capital Area Invitational against Haslett and scored more than 500 in the CAC, making it to the first round of Quiz Busters.

The Debate team captured second in the conference giving best speaker awards to Elizabeth Veldman, Amy Emery and Joshua Olmstead at the varsity level, and went on to become state qualifiers for the first time.

The Multicultural Awareness group expanded members understanding of discrimination in a simulation 'Game of Life' that introduced them to new perspectives on diversity.

The Campus Life group did some major revamping of teenagers' interpretation of community service when some members went to Miami, Florida to help in the cleanup of Hurricane Andrew's aftermath.

Then, members of Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) brought a few humorous and serious moments to the student body when Spartan Basketball player, Mike Peplowski, presented his interpretation of campus reality and the dangers of drinking in college.

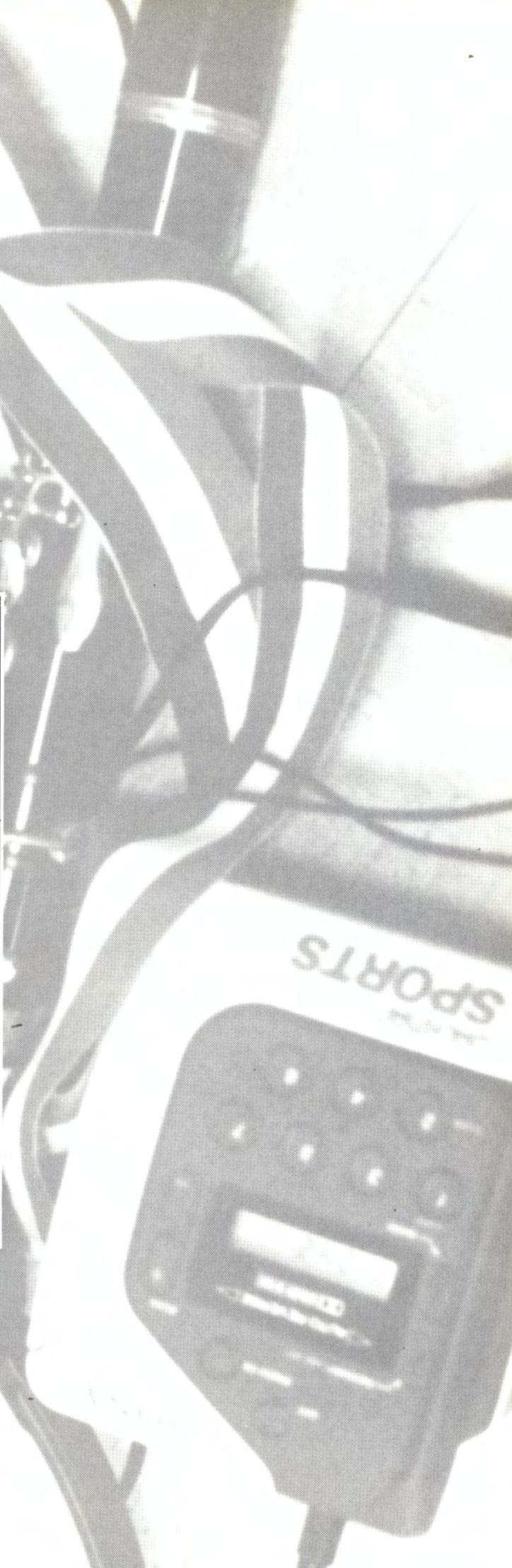
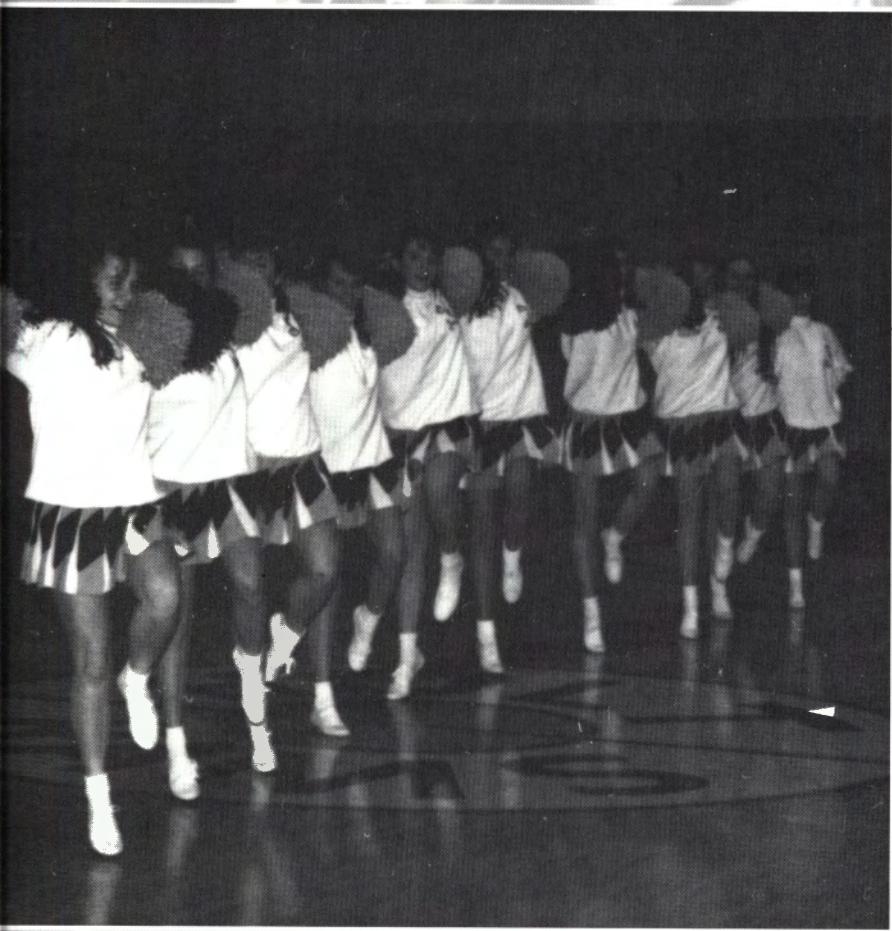
Even National Honor Society contended with the reality of school remodeling when the blood drive was cancelled because of lack of space in the Library. With new visions, many clubs and organizations took on more than the traditional projects to redefine their reality.



Kick Up Your Heels
Performing at a Varsity Basketball halftime are members of the Pom Pon Squad. The girls raised spirit at every home game along with the Pep Band.

*Still-life by TuShur Powers
Photo by Dorothy Anderson*







◆ Prep Time

Getting ready for the regional meet, juniors Janet Maki and Tim Hall tune up their hand-made instruments for the Sounds of Music event. The two along with senior Jerrod Wilkins played the song, "Axel F" for regional competition. Janet admitted, "We really buckled down and had late practices every Friday for about six weeks. We lost a truck load of seniors

and still pulled off a first place at Regionals and a fourth place at States. The team is chock full of really great people that I have a lot of respect for. I think it's wonderful to be a part of a team that can pull everything together and still have a good time. I enjoy memorizing and working with rocks, fossils, and minerals, so the team is very exciting for me."

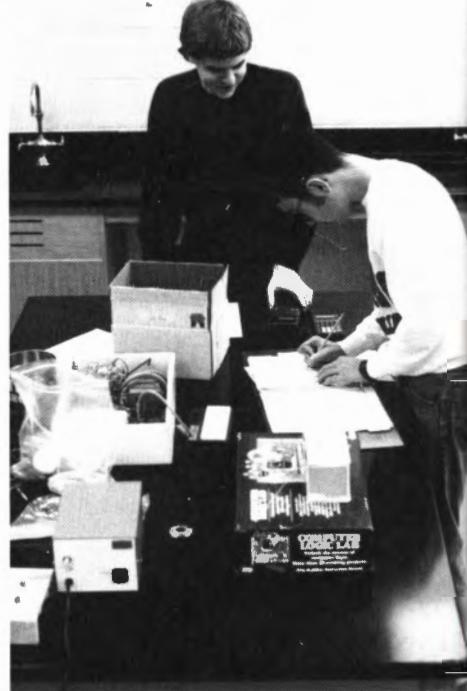


◆ Stunned

While building a model for the Write it, Do it event in an afternoon practice junior Armstead Feland ponders why a turtle has a shell.

◆ Electrolysis

During an after-school practice, junior Tim Hall teaches newcomer, senior Ali Beha, a thing or two about circuits and electronics.



Having It All...

in Science Olympiad

"Science Olympiad offered me a chance to investigate areas of science that interested me the most in more depth than I would have received from coursework. Not only did it allow me to learn, it also gave me an outlet for individual and group achievement. Aside from the glories of competition and mastery of our events, Science Olympiad provided a sense of enjoyment and a good environment for socializing and making friends with the team.

--Senior
Josh Olmstead

"Like most people in Science Olympiad, I am partially insane. I enjoy reading books and building models. I plan to go into a career with computers or law. When I first got on the team, it was because my parents wanted me too. But when I started practicing for hours each day, it became more important to me. The greatest thing about Science Olympiad is the people. One of the main reasons I wanted to win was just to be able to continue being with the team."

--Junior
Brian Hines

"Science Olympiad is simply pure intellectual satisfaction. It lured me into doing extracurricular activities. I have dedicated all of my free time to learning more about computers and electronics in general. I began this year with only a basic understanding of each and now, even though I have an almost infinite amount to learn, I have a very good general background in programming and electronic theory, as well as, with circuits and setting them up."

--Senior
Scot Lounsberry



◆ Scrambled Eggs

Testing the scrambler for an event are senior Josh Olmstead and Jerrod Wilkins. The

team captured a first place at Regional competition and a fourth place rank at States.

"I like being a part of Science Olympiad because it gives me a chance to broaden my horizons and gain more experience in science than what the curriculum allows. We're a winning team because we're just that--a team. There are no individuals; we function as a unit. From all the alternatives, each contributes equally and makes the team what it is. I made many new friends and rekindled old ones"

--Junior
Brandon Oaks

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Science Olympiad went really great this year. First in the region, no surprise, and fourth in the state. We took first in our class and placed very well in the individual events. It means a lot to place, because the state level is so competitive."

--Senior Jerrod Wilkins



"I joined Science Olympiad to learn something new and have fun. I achieved both and had a great time. What more can one ask for!"

--Dave Milligan

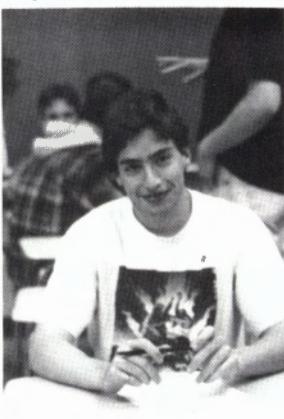


"We recognize that the key to success in Science Olympiad is teamwork. Everyone on the team has to work hard individually and as a group. Without this, we would never have done as well."

--Junior Kelly Bush

Knowing is All

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Known for his grin, foreign exchange student, Jorge Santos from Spain smiles for the camera. Jorge lived with the Delaney family during the year.



Displaying 'ein kuchen' are senior Erica Matteo and sophomore John Ehnis. The cake was shaped like Germany and was enjoyed at a German Club meeting at Frau Peter's house along with a movie.

"I do feel as if I am living in two different worlds, mostly because the culture is very different in Brazil. After I learned the language, I felt more comfortable. Now I feel like I'm an American student."

--John Araujo
Exchange Student

in Cultural Exchange

"This spring, Mrs. Bernier had a woman named Mrs. Miller speak to the French Club. She grew up in France and now lives in Dimondale. We couldn't figure out why she would move here because Paris, Australia, and other places her family lived seemed far more glamorous. We thought it was strange that she would choose to live in Dimondale."

--Junior
Janie Allen

"If your serious about a foreign language, you'll definitely benefit from German. Also remember, you better be ready to study, German is not an easy language." -Junior Laurie Nugent

"This was the first fully active German Club. Everyone enjoyed going places and seeing things like the World War II exhibit at MSU, Uncle John's Cider Mill, and a German dancing and dinner club called Lieder Kranz. --Senior Erica Matteo

Junior Ryan Travis

"Making pinatas for the children at St. Vincent's Home and the children's wards of local hospitals, was really exciting. I was glad to make the holidays fun for the kids. I also enjoyed making the pinatas because it was a nice change from the usual work. --Senior Teya Shimnoski

"The Spanish Club trip to Cedar Point was a great way to end the school year. After a week of finals, you need a day to kick back and relax."

--Vadim Zaryanich
Exchange Student
from Russia



◆ Joueaux Noel

Trimming the French Christmas chimney is senior Katie Vartanian. Civil war often broke out

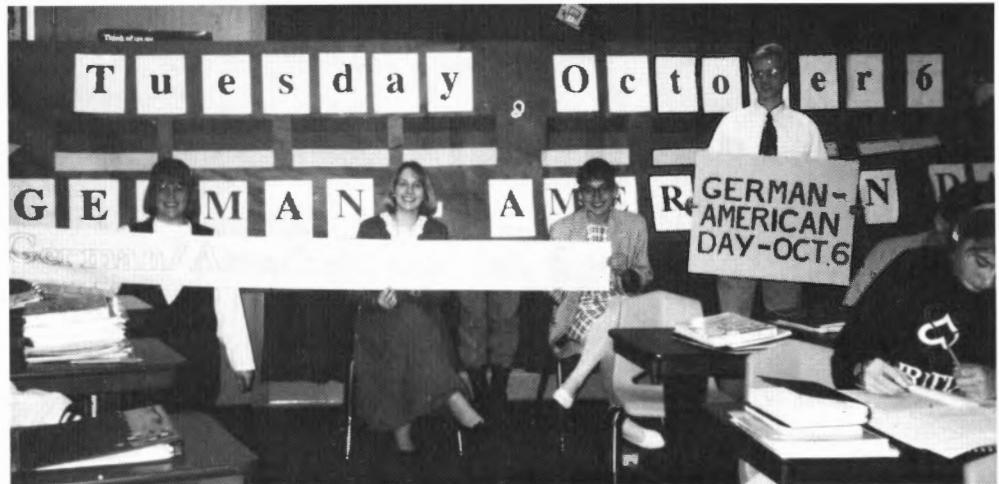
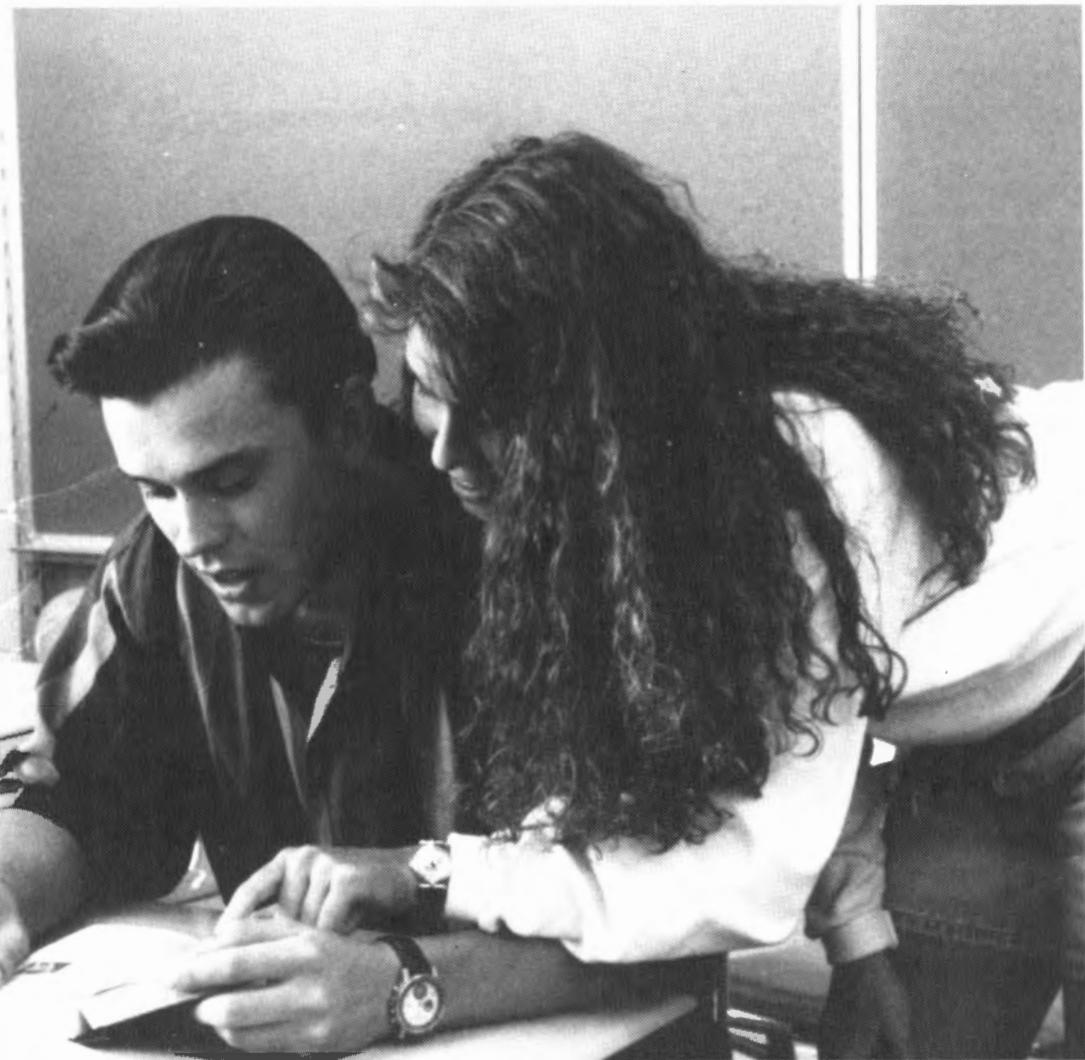
in the French room with various factions battling each other with ornament destruction.



◆ Help!

Ville Korpela, one of two exchange students from Finalnd gets over-the-

shoulder help from junior Kendra Hoffman.



◆ Pumpkin Patch

Taking time out from selecting a mini pumpkin at Uncle John's Cider Mill is senior Frederica Brani, exchange student from Italy.

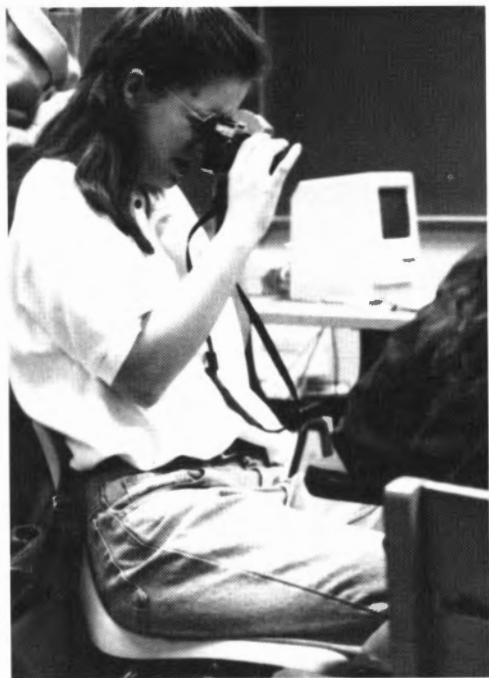
◆ Deutschland

Commemorating German-American Day with signs and banners are Christina Christofilis, Liz Veldman, Betsy Booren and John Ehnis.



◆ I'm Supposed to See What?

Examining a new camera bought by the yearbook staff is senior Stacie Mills. Students experimented with photography if they were interested, otherwise they could stick to copywriting and layout design.



◆ Let Me Try That!

Trying out a fellow staffer's Secret Santa gift is senior Michelle Zink. "Since I've been on the staff, I've seen a lot of weird gifts being given. But this year was the worst! Some of the gifts people got were hilarious," noted Michelle.



◆ What?

Shooting a glance at the camera is senior Editor-in-Chief Julie Fulger. Working mainly with magazine print media ideas, Julie brought her sense of graphic design to the job of creating layouts, art and graphics for the book.



All In This Together

Rampages Staff

"This year's staff was great. We were a small group and we all got to know each other really well. Even people who didn't start out as good friends learned to appreciate one another as the year went on. We had a lot of fun and laughs especially with birthdays and Secret Santas."

--Senior Michelle Zink
Senior Section Editor

"Our book had some really new ideas for both copy and design. We worked on trying to make the copy and feature ideas relate more to students' interests.

Senior Erin Sullivan
Student Life Editor

"I think we have improved on covering student life and including all groups of people in the book. We were more aware of and worked to do this as a staff.

--Junior Kelly Larsen
Community/Ad Editor

"I'm glad we used recycled paper in the book. I think it represents our generation in that we are concerned about doing something to conserve the environment. Also, I feel like we are moving away from pages of copy to more photos and creative use of white space, which are all new trends in yearbook design."

--Junior Janie Allen
Junior Section Editor

"I'm glad the year is over and it was a great senior year, but I'm kind of sad that I'll probably never have a better group of friends again. The staff was a lot of fun this year."

Senior
Julie Fulger
Co-Editor-in-Chief

◆ Makeshift Pass

Lending a hand to her adviser by filling out her hallpass for signature is junior Lisa Ellis of the Beginning Publications class. Makeshift passes weren't a novelty to the staff nor were sibling mix-ups in names by the adviser.

◆ We Quit!

Taking a breather from the clapping and cheering at the Spring MIPA Conference are senior Nikki Miller and junior Rikki Robson. By the

afternoon staffers were tired of the day-long conference even though awards were rounded up.



'All I want for Christmas....'
Trying out her new Secret Santa gift, a very unusual multi-color pen, is senior Sarah Gregg. "I always look forward to our week long gift ex-

change. Our staff was really creative with gifts ranging from wool socks to Far Side calendars."

--Senior Sarah Gregg
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Award in hand, senior Brad Groves steps away from the stage during the Spring MIPA Conference at the MSU Kellogg Center. Brad received an Honorable Mention in an On-Site photo competition and has been taking pictures since he was five years old. He was photo editor for the yearbook and the newspaper.



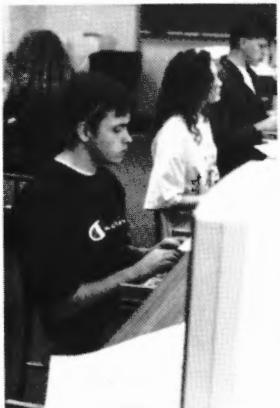
A Little Isn't Enough

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A battle of the minds is being played out by NHS member and Top Ten senior, Dave Bruining with competitor Stacie Mills during an Activity hour in Dave Foy's Physics class. Though Dave gave it his best, Stacie won this one.



Completing an assignment in Computer Programming class is NHS member Mike Kuebler. Fitting in extracurriculars, playing in a hockey league, and working part-time, was a juggling act for Mike who wanted to keep up his GPA.

for National Honor Society

"Our weakness was that we had little or no participation from members. Our strength was the cabinet members who were pretty close and who ended up doing most of everything.

--Senior
Crissey Ernst
NHS Historian

"Every activity was carried out successfully because of a dedicated core of NHS members who were

willing to go the extra mile necessary to see our projects through.

--Amy Emery
NHS
President

"National Honor Society participated in many activities to help local interests groups with events they were having. Some of these included the WKAR auction, the Muscular Dystrophy Association Bowl-a-Thon and Toys for Tots. It was a lot of fun being on TV for the WKAR auction.

We met a lot of new people from many different schools, answered a lot of phones and had a great time. It was even annoying when the phone didn't ring for a half hour.

--Junior
Betsy Booren

"I have gotten to do things for the community that I haven't been able to do before, except when I was in Girl Scouts. I participated in the WKAR auction and had a lot of fun being on TV. It's a fun group of people.

--Junior
Jenny Vanlerberghe

"For a long time, I have wanted to help people and NHS has given me an opportunity to do that, as well as meet people who like to help others, too."

--Junior
Vanessa Thomas

"Our activities are focused on contributing to the school and community. For example, we have the Tamarac cleaning activity that helps older people with their spring cleaning. Although only a few people showed up for the cleaning this year, the job still got done. Though we have been struggling to increase enthusiasm and participation, we have accomplished our goals.

--Junior

Michelle DeRose



◆ *Hola!*

Playing Spanish euchre in Miss Grew's fourth year class are senior NHS

members Jenny Lester, Katrina Andrews and Libby Block.



◆ **Help!**

Ville Korpela, one of two

exchange students from
Finland gets over-the-



◆ **To the Beat**

Performing in a concert assembly are members of the Marching Band Susan Roehl, Beth Bruinsting, Jennifer Bareis, and Matt Kelly. Susan, a member of NHS, also found time for Science Olympiad.

◆ **Acting Up**

A scene from the fall play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," is portrayed by junior Matt Cook. Matt also a member of NHS was active in Student Council and managed to keep his GPA in shape.

◆ **Solitaire**

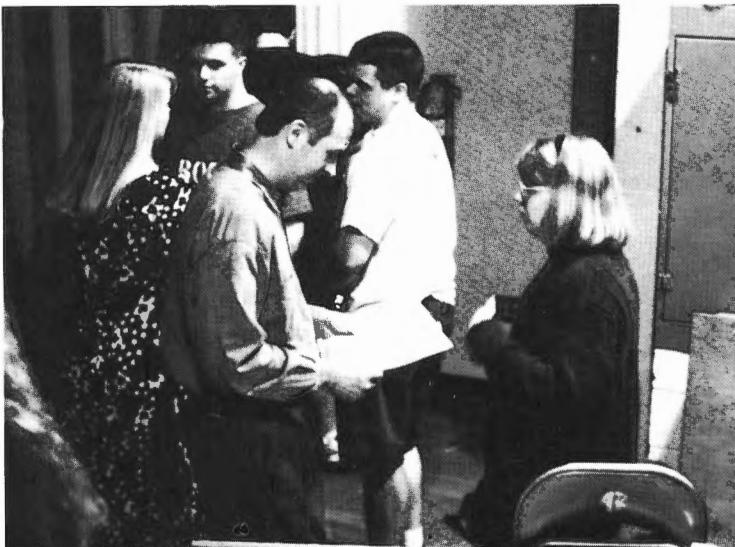
Putting the senior touch on Homecoming hall decorations is NHS Historian Crissey Ernst.





◆ **Varsity
Debate Team**

State Semi-Finals, All-State Competition at the Novi Hilton. Varsity team members: Susan Roehl, TuShun Powers, Josh Olmstead, Elizabeth Veldman, Amy Emery. Novicemember: Jonathan Dingwell. Coach Guil Northrup.



◆ **Class Act**

Prepping Debate Coach Guil Northrup for his part in the debate skit for the Talent Show, senior Amy Emery helps him memorize his lines.

◆ **Crossfire**

Cross examining his East Lansing opponent in CAC competition is novice debater Brandon Oaks.



In The Crossfire

Debate, Forensics

"The most challenging part of the year for me was when Mr. Northrup had me debate in a Varsity tournament when I was a novice. It was the first time I ever debated affirmative and I was nervous. However, Debate has taught me how to stay with things when I feel like quitting."

--Senior

TuShun Powers

"We were very successful this season with 95% wins. Many members received awards, including; TuShun Powers finished in the top quarter at regionals, Joshua Olmsted received the Bronze Medalist Second Negative Speaker award at CAC's and Elizabeth Veldman was a silver medalist at CAC's." --Senior Amy Emery

"The thing I like most about Debate is the long car trips with Mr. Northrup early Saturday mornings. Actually, I like the competitive feeling of arguing one on one." --Junior

Ed Murray

"Debate helps you structure your thought in intense situations and it gives you the chance to argue about topics you feel strongly about."

--Junior
Brandon Oaks

◆ Champs

Feet freezing for the camera, seniors Amy Emery and Josh Olmstead pose by their All-State recognition. Holt debaters racked up many honors as the Varsity Squad finished third in the State.



"The most memorable moment for me in Forensics was at districts when my partner, Rob Chapin and I took first place with our dual interpretation of 'The Stranger.' Earlier in the year, we had struggled with it and were only expecting second or third place, but we were happy to win."

--Junior
Christy Ewen

◆ Forensics Team

Top Row: Lisa Telfer, Robert Chapin, Coach Debbie Chilvers, Layle Watters, Amy Emery. Bottom Row: Holly Beavers, Amanda Fleckenstein, Holly Mayers, Lauren Douglas.



Giving her last sales pitch for day planners in Mrs. Debbie Chilvers's Forensics class is senior Amy Emery. "I like sales because it's fun to see how easily I can convince people to buy my product," said Amy.



In a novice debate match, Brandon Oaks and Greg Donath use their prep time to build a negative case versus East Lansing. At season end, Brandon received third place in the CAC for his position.

Time Meets Its Match

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No one holds grudges, so if you make a mistake, it's okay.

--Junior Colleen Jennings

"Quiz Bowl was fun because it was very competitive. We did well this year, taking Haslett all the way down to the final question in the Lansing Area Invitational. Haslett was the defending champ and Holt had never been in a final game. Taking second place was great. The food at practice on Wednesdays after school, was really good too. The trophy and free food were the best things about Quiz Bowl."

--Junior
Ed Murray



"Being in Quiz Bowl for awhile made me realize how intelligent my peers are. Some people on the team amazed me with the facts they knew and memorized. In Quiz Bowl, you can have a really good time and it's a great group of people."

--Junior
Nicole Belles

in Quiz Bowl

"I'm really proud of the Quiz Bowl team. I wasn't sure how we would do because we only had one returning starter, but we really improved and ended up doing better than last year. The highlight of the season was definitely taking second place in the Lansing Area Invitational. It's so much fun to play that well, and fun is really what Quiz Bowl is all about."

--Senior
Susan Roehl

"Quiz Bowl was a lot of fun this year. I'm proud that we came in second at the Lansing Area Invitational. We tried our best, were competitive and had a good time."

--Junior Kara Kragt

"Quiz Bowl gets a bad reputation for being a 'smart people's group,' but it doesn't matter whether you answer anything or not. Anyone could go in, eat food and have a good time."

--Junior
Matt Kelly

"Quiz Bowl is a lot of fun. You don't necessarily have to be a "brain" or be really smart. Any weird facts that may be stored in the back of your mind somewhere come up all the time. We eat a lot too. In between cookies and chips, sometimes the right answers come out of nowhere. Other times, weird answers spring up that make no sense at all, but which makes everyone laugh. And, of course, you learn a lot too."

--Junior

Vanessa Thomas



◆ Quiz Bowl

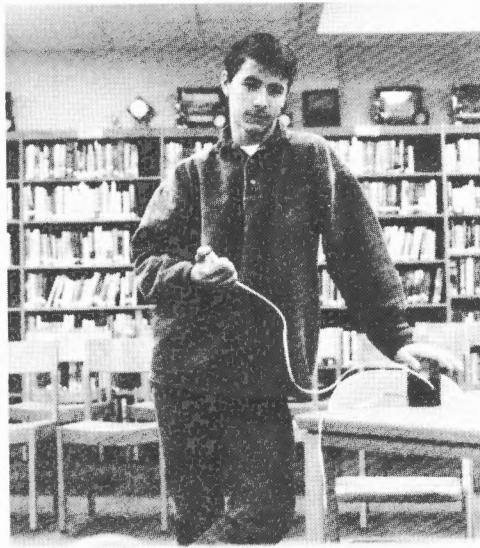
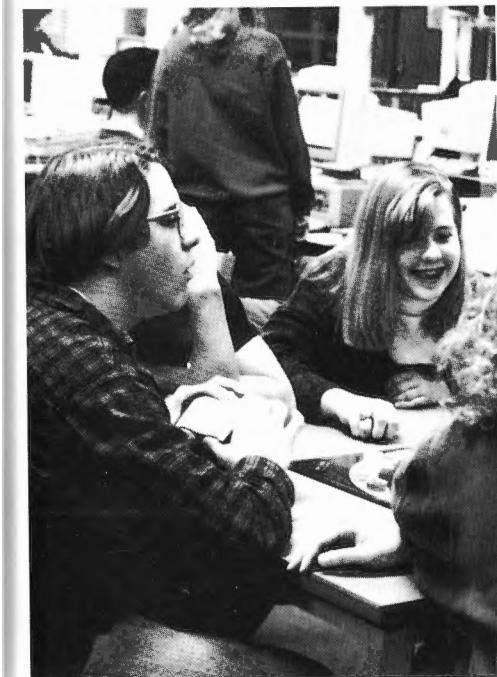
Top Row: Coach M. Gray, Coach G. Withey, V. Thomas, H. Milligan. Bottom Row: K. Kragt, K. Bush, S. Roehl, M. Kelly

◆ Trivia Mania

Taking a quick break from regular practice, the Quiz Bowl gang including Tad Feland and Kelly Bush enjoyed a friendly game of wits.

"We played Trivial Pursuit because it was fun and it helped us prepare for the matches," explained Kelly Bush.





◆ *Vogue*

Getting prepared for the CAC meet in the Library, junior Ed Murray decided to strike a pose. Ed's humor kept the team laughing all through the season.

◆ *Cheered*

During an Activity Period on Wednesday afternoon, the Quiz Bowl team took a fun break and played Trivial Pursuit. Matt Kelly, Kelly Bush, C.J. Chappell and Kara Kragt get in on the fun.

◆ *Symbolic*

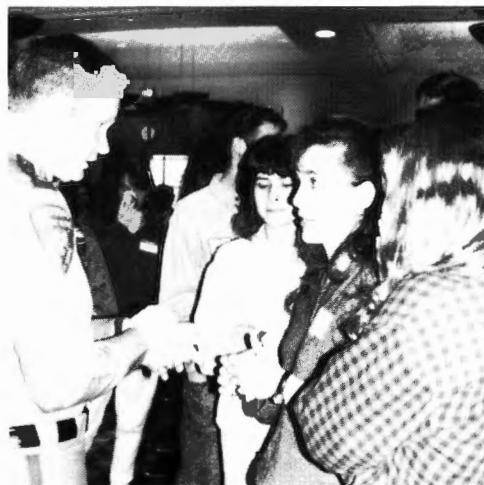
Painting junior Amy Stevenson's hand is senior SADD President Theresa Krause. Students put their handprints on the cafeteria wall in a pledge against drinking and driving, hoping for a safer Prom Night '93.

◆ *Reality*

Participating in the staged accident re-enactment on Troost Field during a SADD sponsored assembly in May are Jessica Anderson and Lee Smith.

◆ *Get Serious*

Talking with a Mississippi police officer who was a speaker at Project Graduation held at the Kellogg Center are Dawn Monroe and Theresa Krause.



◆ *Prep Time*

Attending the Project Graduation luncheon at Kellogg Center on the MSU campus are Jayme Lawrence, Kerrie Lehnert, Teya Shimnoski, Jenny Maxey, and Katie Roessler. Members of SADD and PAL discussed how to make graduation safer.



◆ *Prep Time*



Can We Talk?...

in S.A.D.D., P.A.L.

"I think S.A.D.D. is doing a great deal for the community and for the students who are willing to listen. Yet, I see a greater need to reach those students who aren't. I think the key to S.A.D.D.'s success is getting our message out. S.A.D.D. is about changing the idea that has been imbedded in people's minds and making them realize that driving drunk is not cool and is not accepted." -Junior Amy Decker

"S A.D.D. is a cause I really believe in. I think that a lot of students don't take the group very seriously. Many just use it as an excuse to get out of class during activity period. I don't understand why someone would take such a risk like drinking and driving. They have so much more to look forward to. It's not cool ending up with a tag around your toe in a body bag."

--Junior Heather Watters

"Peer Assistance Listeners (PAL's) is an important group in the school. We are there when students feel they cannot talk to counselors or other adults. It is important that students have someone who will listen to them in times of trouble. Our biggest goal for this year was to make as many people aware of the PAL group as possible."

--Junior
Amanda
Fleckenstein

"One goal we hope to achieve within the next year is to develop a luncheon for new students. This would welcome students to both the PAL group and the faculty. We hope that by doing this the students will have a better chance of adapting to our school more easily." -Junior Janet Maki

S.A.D.D. deals with a very critical issue. Most people mistake us for preaching about not drinking. That is a personal choice. Driving drunk kills and we try to open as many eyes to that as we can."

--Junior
Amanda
Fleckenstein

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"The SADD accident re-enactment was pretty realistic. All of the emergency vehicles made it seem authentic. I think that it served its purpose and made a lot of people think about their responsibilities and what can happen if they don't think of the consequences of drinking and driving beforehand." -Senior Sarah Saxton

"The problem the P.A.L. group faces is lack of public relations. The students don't know who we are or what we do. If more students were aware of P.A.L., we

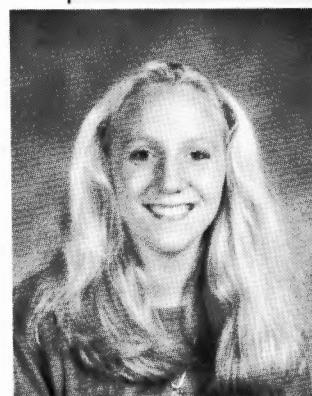
would have a closer student body. --Senior Erinn Sullivan



◆ Peer Assistance
Listeners PALs
Top Row: J. Vermeer,
M. Katsiris, S. Huston,
M. Mutty. Bottom Row:
E. Sullivan, K. McGroarty,
J. Maki.

◆ Camera, Lights
During a televised publicity advance, Marcia Garcia of WLNS Channel 6 news interviews

Matt Cook and Ed Murray about Project Graduation sponsored by S.A.D.D.



Keep It Straight

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"I thought at one point in my life I wanted to be a journalist, so I decided I would take a try at the newspaper staff. I saw so many other people in the paper it was really neat to see something of mine there."

--Senior
Crissey Ernst

"Journalism class was a lot of fun! We all joked around, but still got our paper out. I liked the relaxing atmosphere and the opportunity to work with computers on your own. I think it is a good experience to have

to write a story over and over again until perfection. I also like to see my work published."

--Junior
Katie Roessler



Seeing my stories in print was the greatest. I didn't like my work being edited, but you can pretty much, run your own story."

--Senior
Shawn Alward

on Ramparts Staff

"I like the reward of putting out something you can be proud of as opposed to other classes where hard work yields just a grade. My favorite story this year was the *Christmas Rescue* because it was really about two things, commercialism and growing up in the '80's."

Junior
Dustin Gould

"Being on the newspaper staff gave me a different chance and a look at a new career.

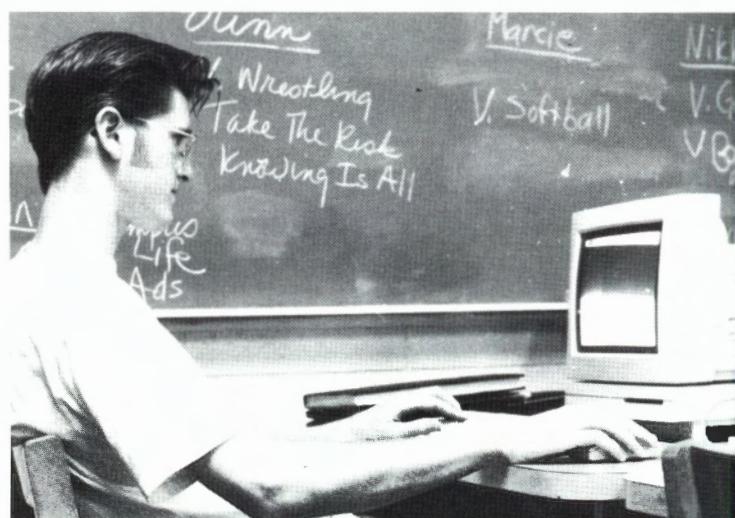
"My favorite story I wrote was definitely the one on Jason Black! I had about 25 drafts because I wanted it to be perfect. When that was published, I felt so good that I had put everything I had into it. The class was great because it was relaxing to know you got one hour of writing on something you liked, unless you had a deadline approaching, of course. But I always looked forward to coming to class and polishing up a work of mine."

--Senior
Amy Doll

"I felt really good when the newspaper came out, especially when I saw my name above my story. It was the first thing I looked for! All of the hard work paid off when I saw my story in print and knew that fellow classmates would read it. What I liked best about Journalism was being free to work on interviewing, typing or putting your story together with classtime. You also learned how to make your stories flow better and be more exciting."

--Junior
Jennifer Bareis

--Senior
Marcie Powers



◆ What's the Question?

Working on his story on teen relationships is Dustin Gould. Spending two semesters in Journalism, Dustin earned the

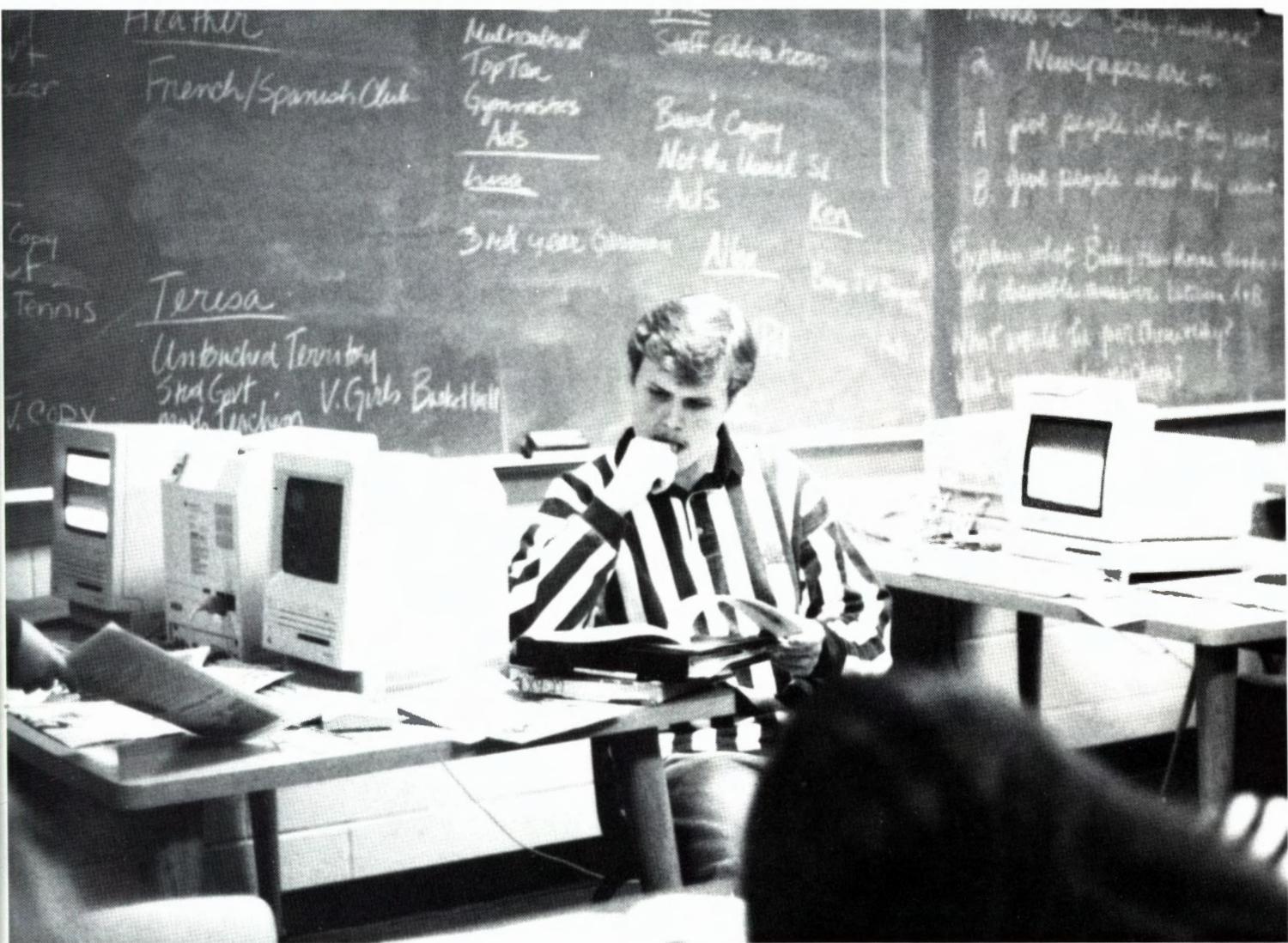
co-editor spot along with Ed Murray at the end of the year. He commented, "Ed and I simply dominated everything."



◆ Decisions

Getting together something for his deadline is senior Erik Berridge in sixth hour Journalism class. Erik was noted for his knowledge of old

top 40 music and his feature "In the Spotlight."



◆ Dueling Computers

Whipping out another story on short notice is junior Ed Murray. The duo of Ed and Dustin salvaged many a deadline at the last minute with some skill and wit. Ed commented, I really enjoyed Journalism because it was one of the few classes where I had fun, but we still got a lot of work done. The somewhat laid-back atmosphere of the class really helped me learn."



◆ Fun...Work

The job for the hour was reviewing other schools' newspapers after the spring MIPA conference. But Marcie Pow-

ers, Amy Doll and Colleen Jennings were sidetracked by the 'comedic duo' of Ed Murray and Dustin Gould.



◆ All-Star Line

Crossing the gym in high kicks is the Pom

Pon squad in action at a home Varsity Basketball game.



◆ Showtime

Leading the Pom Pon Squad to half court at the Junior High gym during a Varsity Basketball performance are juniors Jessica Reinke and Mystie Finkbeiner and senior Cherish Leverich. The squad did routines at all home basketball games and at Marching Band performances.



◆ High Spirits

Poms held high, the squad marches down Sycamore Street in the Homecoming Parade led by sophomores Julie Kent and Kathy Thill.

◆ Pom Pon Squad

Top Row: J. Rach, M. Finkbeiner, J. Reinke, C. Leverich. **Row 2:** L. Nunheimer, T. Perry M. Trimmer, L. Swagler.

Bottom Row: R. Newmen, S. Brockwell, M. Styles



Organizations

All in Stride

Pom Pon Squad

"I like performing during the Varsity Basketball games because we get to choose our own music unlike the football season. Also, we are right in front of the crowd during basketball performances."

--Sophomore
Laura Nunheimer

"It was an interesting experience working with the band, not to mention confusing!"

--Senior
Missy Trimmer

"Personally, my favorite part of the season was when we performed our routine at camp for which we received a first place."

--Junior Jamie Rach

"The best part of poms was at camp. Everyone got to know each other, and we all had fun watching Missy Trimmer trying to see how many spoons she could stick to her face."

--Sophomore
Jessica Reinke

"I like the comradery and togetherness of this team. I also enjoyed when Lesa Swagler sang happy birthday to everyone."

--Junior Tera Parry

"The funniest thing that happened in Poms was when we all were in Florida and Tera Parry bought a huge pop, took one drink, then spilled it all over her new boyfriend, Mike."

--Senior
Missy Trimmer



◆ Enthusiasm
Extraordinaire
Performing at the
Spring Band Concert

assembly are Pom Pon Squad members, junior Lesa Swagler, freshman Maggie Styles and senior Cherish Leverich.

"I was excited to be in the Inaugural Parade. It was three hours long, but it didn't seem like it. I got to see President Clinton too. I really appreciate all the support and help I received to go to Washington. It was a good experience and I had a lot of fun."

--Junior
Jamie Rach

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"This summer I will be on tour with the Michigan Lion's All-State Band. I'm the first girl from Holt to be on their dance line. We will be going to Wisconsin, Minnesota and all over Michigan. This is a new experience for me and I plan to have lots of fun and make long-time friends."

--Senior Cherish Leverich

Posing before leaving for her trip to Washington D.C. to perform in the Inaugural Parade with the Mid-American All-Star Pom Pon Team is junior Jamie Rach. Seventy two girls from Michigan attended the event on Wednesday, January 17, 1993.



It Takes All Kinds

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other Campus Life members were playing a hot potato game at a Campus life meeting.



"Multicultural Awareness club is more than just about race, it has to do with all the games we play in life and situations we find ourselves in."

--Senior
Yanay Prebal, President,
Multicultural Awareness Club

Multicultural Awareness, Campus Life

"I first went to Campus Life with a friend and when I arrived, they treated me like I was already one of the group. I had a great time, so I became a permanent member. Campus Life is a close knit family and you're a part of it the second you walk in the door. I'm proud to have the Campus Life meetings at my house next year and I'd like to continue as a volunteer after high school. Campus Life is great, I think everyone should give it a try.

-Sophomore
Nicki Wood

"In Campus Life you learn a lot about people. There aren't any cliques and I guess that is what I like about the group most, not to mention, it gets you out of the house on a Monday night."

--Junior
Laurie Bushnell

"The Multicultural Awareness Club attended a Martin L. King luncheon at the Lansing Civic Center, hosted the annual potluck dinner and sold awareness T-shirts and candy for St. Patrick's Day as fundraisers. About 75 community members attended the potluck dinner and "The Game of Life" was played to simulate situations where diversity and discrimination are dealt with. Also members and advisers met with the District Steering Committee to contribute ideas and concerns."

--Adviser
Jean Tomlinson

"The Multicultural Club benefits students by giving them an in-depth look at how people can be discriminated against and how we can change that. We try to come up with activities that will provide an awareness of other racial and ethnic cultures."

--Senior
Denise Ortiz

"First of all, the club is for everyone not just minorities. We learn about diversity and human relations. We try to make people understand that being different is good, not bad."

--Senior
Tywanda Bowles

"The club's goals are basically to stop racial discrimination and prejudice mainly in the school, but also in the community. It also provides people with a chance to see beyond the color to the individual inside." --Senior
Michelle Spisak

"This club allows students to explore what they must deal with in the future--different cultures, different ways of life and different people. The goal is to inform and educate the student body regarding cultures different from their own." --Senior
Aristotle Ford



◆ Storyteller

Keeping spirits up at an end-of-year Campus Life meeting, junior Dustin Gould tells a story.

Seniors were sad because it was their last meeting to be with friends.



◆ A Loan, Please?

Trying to get a loan during the Game of Life at a Multicultural meeting are Tracy Krug, Cherese Ford and Doug Birch.

Multicultural meeting are Tracy Krug, Cherese Ford and Doug Birch.

Bank tellers were teacher Heather Neiswonger and Erinn Sullivan.



◆ A Taste of Reality

Labelled to be discriminated against, adviser Jean Tomlinson and intern Mrs. Mott, prepare to play the game of life with students Kristin Aroaz and Stacie Pettis. The game demonstrated how different types of discrimination played out in real life.



◆ An Education

Playing the Game of Life at a Multicultural Club meeting are Brookie Adams, Angie Bailey, Amy Ramsey and Brookie's mom. "By playing the game of life, I learned that everyone is an individual. We also learned how different races and sexes get treated out there in the real world," noted Brookie.



◆ Chow Down

Enjoying a little ethnic food during the Multicultural potluck dinner are sophomore Cam Chappell and freshman Justin Dungey.

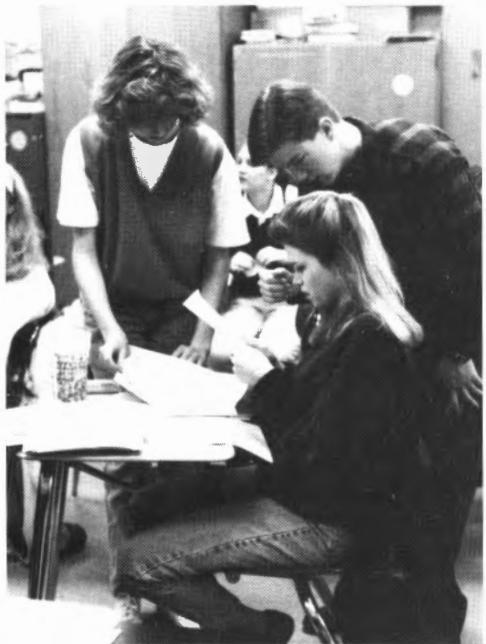
◆ Down to Business

Leading a Multicultural Club meeting during an activity hour are adviser Nancy Lamphier and President Yanay Prebal. The group worked on promoting acceptance among students.



◆ *Pure Fabrication*

Pointing out where to put the next staple senior Dawn Monroe helps direct senior Melissa Cribley in putting up the streamers for the senior float. The building of it took place at Dawn's house, and the effort paid off with a second place finish in class competition. The rain and a little too much help from sophomore parents were cited for blame in the loss of face by seniors, and Student Council quickly took up the reforms which led to guidelines about parent involvement in class float building.



◆ *Brainstorm*

Looking over plans for student activities are Council members, junior Matt Cook, sophomore Allison Wood and senior Melissa Cribley. With three years experience on the Council, Melissa was a Senior Class officer and Matt was President of the Junior Class.

◆ *Crowding In*

As senior classmates pack in around him, Student Council member, Nick Rashid, stops to converse with friend Kori Kreiner. Float meetings took place in senior Dawn Monroe's garage.



It's Under Control

with Student Council

"This year, student government really worked together as a team. Everyone felt free to share their ideas so we generated some great discussions. We talked in-depth about revising the Homecoming float, skit, and hall rules due to the controversy this year."

--Senior
Katie Vartanian

"Being on Student Council, I learned to work with many types of people. We decided to feature a different sport or school group with pictures in the showcase each week. It was a nice way to give them some recognition."

--Sophomore
Cathy Baker



◆ Sizing it Up

Checking the wall area to hang up the senior hall sign is Student Council Secretary Amy

"One of our goals was to get students more involved with school activities. We sponsored a new government conference where we were able to collaborate with other schools on new ideas." --Senior Amanda Milks

"The new attendance policy for student government worked out great this year. Each person absent had to pay a dollar, so it motivated us to come to the meetings. In turn, we had a lot more participation and many more ideas and plans." --Senior Amy Doll

"We had accomplished more than I had energy for! We changed the rules for Homecoming floats, put together a new attendance system and held the first Center 6 Regional Michigan Association of Student Councils Conference."

--Adviser Juanita Grew

"I think we accomplished a lot this year. Homecoming was a success and the programs like 'Toys for Tots' and 'Give a Kid a Coat' were well done. Hosting the Regional Leadership conference was a challenge, but also a lot of fun and productive."

--Sophomore John Ehnis

"One thing I will not miss about Student Council is dealing with Nick Rashid's off-the-wall humor at 7:00 o'clock in the morning!" --Senior Sarah Gregg

"Student Council works hard to create fun and memorable experiences for students at Prom and Homecoming. Skits, floats, making decorations, and taking care of all the little details takes a lot of planning. Between these two events, the Council was the first to sponsor a regional leadership workshop which was very successful."

--Junior Colleen Jennings

Doll. The seniors took hall decorations seriously and won first place in the class competition.

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Taking a break from a Thursday morning Student Council meeting are sophomore representative Darnell Powers and President Mike Maksimowicz. Half hour informational meetings were held weekly on Thursdays before school.



At the senior float building site, Student Council Adviser Juanita Grew suggests to Casey Sorrow that he might enjoy participating on the graduation committee.



New Turn On an Old Twist



Ingenuity and resourcefulness raises expectations

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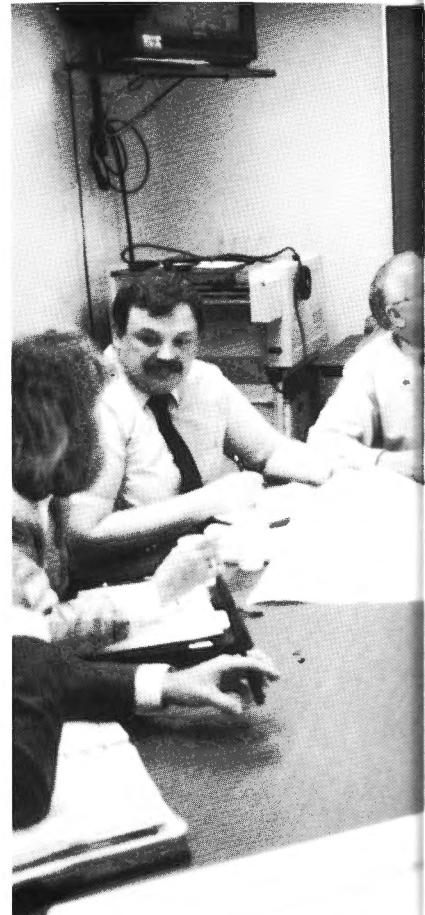


The attitude of the 1960's cropped up in subtle ways around the community and the motivation was change. With resourcefulness, students, teachers and community members designed new turns on old twists.

It was not the usual selling of T-shirts and boxer shorts with which students in Consumer Economics classes tried to knock the socks off of each other. Teacher Guil Northrup's second semester, third hour class thought a little bigger and bolder than that. They organized a district-wide basketball tournament that gave Gus Macher some competition. The proceeds, totalling \$886, were the most ever made from playing the business game, and the class donated the money to the Delhi Food Bank.

Teachers came up with their own unique way to lend students a helping hand. "Dress Down Day" was created by Student Advocacy teachers. The staff paid two dollars to wear jeans or a casual outfit to school. The money was then used to purchase things students needed, but could not afford.

And members of the Holt-Dimondale Business Alliance added their own twist to community involvement. Banker Norm Snyder mentored two adult education students, advertising agency executive, Jim Wardlaw gave business tours complete with pizza and lawyer, Scott Szpara, judged a math exam. The Alliance whose purpose it was to match business expectations with the school curriculum sought to improve the quality of life in the community.



Name of Game.... is Change
Meeting on the renovation project with representatives of Kingscott Associates and Christman Construction are administrators and staff members.

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Dear **B**ree Buckner,

We have always been very proud of you. You are such a beautiful girl. We love you lots and wish you all the best.

Love, Mom, Dad and Jason



Dear **L**aure Sattler,

I wish my big girl could start her life over again. Beginning here, maybe she wouldn't be a diabetic.

Love, Mom



Dear **T**racy Krug

Twelve years have past and we are more proud of you each day.

Love, Mom and Dad



Dear **A**my Doll,

May your love for life and God continue to grow as you go forth with all your new challenges. We're so proud of you. We love you,
Mom and Denny

Dear **C**had,

May your future bring many rewarding experiences in life and always keep your fun-loving sense of humor.
Love, Mom and Dad Wilson

Dear **N**icki Felton,

Whether an "A" on a report card, a "9" on beam, a "3" pointer, "homerun," "touchdown," or "selton;" We were proud.
Mom, Dad and Lynn



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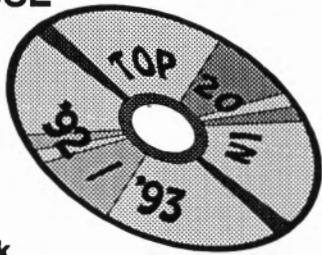
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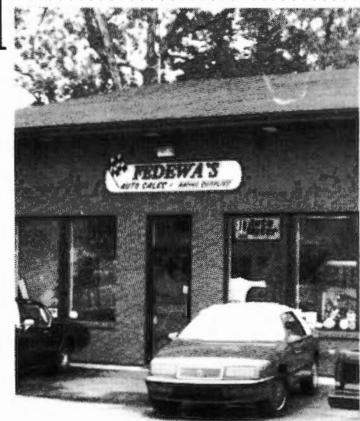


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Senior Spirit!

Making its way down Holt Road is the senior spirit truck pulling the class float of "Frosty's Palace." Damaged somewhat by rain, the seniors took a second place in the float competition, but it did little to dampen their spirit.

Major Construction

Starting work on the senior float at Dawn Monroe's house is senior Melissa Cribley along with the sideline advice of chaperone Dan Ernst.



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a difference"

Getting the Facts

Giving feedback to parents at the spring parent-teacher conferences is Math teacher Mike Lehman.

Blue Ribbon Cake

Members of the staff celebrate the National Exemplary School award, with a decorated cake. News of the award was announced in May.

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For the Professional Development School struggling with the difficult issues of reforming education, it was gratifying to the staff that the high school was named a State of Michigan Exemplary School in late December and a National Blue Ribbon School in May.

The awards were based upon instructional leadership, restructuring efforts, curriculum development, plus faculty and student awards. Assistant Principal Brian Templin explained, "The application process took a month of gathering information by many staff members and writing and editing six or seven drafts." English teachers Michael Saules and Bruce Kutney put together the final versions of both reports submitted for the awards.

Students, teachers and administrators represented the school in receiving the award Tuesday, February 9, at the State of Michigan Library. The group was entertained by the Jazz Band consisting of Rick Wyble, Eric Knechtes and Adam Downey. "We received a great reception from the audience and tons of compli-

ments. It was a blast," recalled Rick. Principal Tom Davis noted, "The award was a great honor for Holt, not only for the students and staff, but the whole community."

The national award is slated to be presented to representatives of the school including; teachers Michael

Saules, Bruce Kutney and Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz, by President Clinton in the Rose Garden at the White House in the Fall of '93.

Along with these honors, the high school was also recognized in an article published in *U.S. News and World Report*. It explained how the school is modeled after a teaching hospital, and is one of a handful of schools that works collaboratively with local colleges to train new teachers in the classroom. Like icing on a cake, it was just one more reason to keep tackling each work day with renewed enthusiasm.

--Amy Doll



Teamwork

Working on a cooperative learning assignment in Calculus class are seniors Ken Sleight, Scott Lounsberry, Joshua Olmstead, and Josh Hannahs. Group work was the byword for many classes.



Senior LOVENOTES

Dear **M**att Miller,

You really are a gift from God. Always remember how much we love you, and how proud we are to have you as our son.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Dyleen



Dear **T**im Cain,

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Love, Jennifer



Dear **J**ulie Buck,

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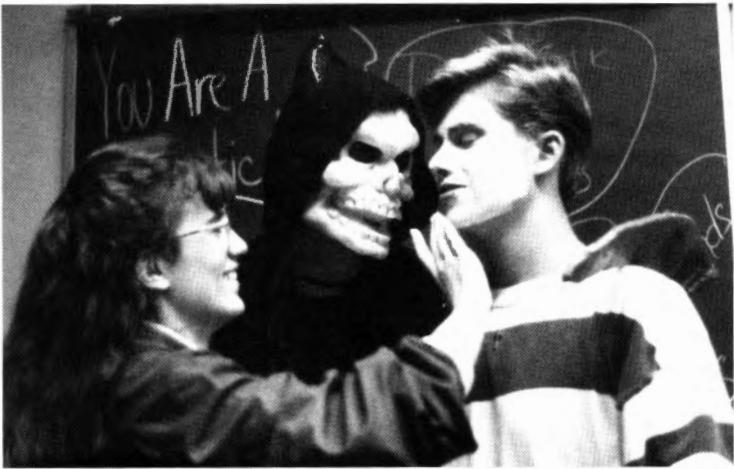
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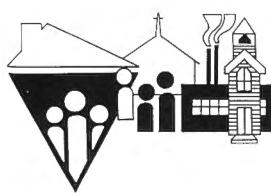


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Safety First

Addressing a group of concerned students and community members is SADD President Teresa Krause at Project Graduation held at the Kellogg Center on the MSU campus. The event was sponsored in part by SADD and the Family Community Involvement Coalition to promote a safe prom and graduation for all students.

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S.A.D.D. Stages A Life and Death Decision

"Don't let yourself or a friend become another statistic by drinking and driving." That was the message of an accident re-enactment staged by Students Against Driving Drunk (S.A.D.D.) on Friday, May 28 on Troost Field. The event was held as part of an awareness campaign on the dangers of drinking and driving during end of year, prom and graduation celebrations. The assembly concluded a week-long round of awareness activities including presentations at the Junior High and Middle School, a pledge drive and hand-painting in the cafeteria and a Grim Reaper Day to dramatize the dangers of drinking and driving.

Club members Diana Bargy, Kevin Brooks, Lee Smith, Jamie Gipe, Tim Vandlen, Jessica Anderson, Jayme Lawrence and Amanda Parrot were the victims. Ingham County paramedics, police officers and fire fighters brought in equipment and proceeded as if the re-enactment had been a real situation.

The sight of a friend hanging out of a car window limp and lifeless, a person receiving

CPR and the screams of pain were eye opening to some

students. Sophomore Colleen LaRoue recalled, "I wondered if this was how it really happened. I knew a lot about the enactment because

I'm in SADD, but it was shocking to see Tim Vandlen hang

ing out the window."

Others were more emotional. Junior Shanda Cochrane explained, "It's pretty upsetting. I've seen it happen before. This is mild compared to what I saw. A lady died and there was a baby seat, but we couldn't find the baby. We didn't know if the baby was dead or if the child had just not been with the driver."

The message of SADD was, "If you're going to drink, don't drive." Junior Nicole Belles stated, "I don't understand why people do it. Make an agreement with your parents. I don't drink, but if I was in a situation where someone was drinking, I can call my dad and he'll pick me up with no questions asked."

--Colleen Jennings



Eye Opener

Staging a drunk driving accident re-enactment for the student body are members of SADD at an assembly in May.



Senior LOVENOTES

Dear **K**atie Vartanian,

May you continue to see the good in all people and share your enthusiasm with the world!

Love always, Mom



Dear **N**icole Noelle Boyd,

Our baby girl is now a beautiful, intelligent young woman. How about a smile and a hug? We love you!

Mom and Dad



Dear **K**ori,

You've given us so much happiness and joy. We love you and our dream is that your dreams come true.

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Dear **S**ara Evans,

We are extremely proud of you and your life. You're our perfect child!

Love Mom and Dad



Dear **S**tacie, Nick, Sarah and Amanda,

I'll always remember those good times.

Love you guys!
Katrina

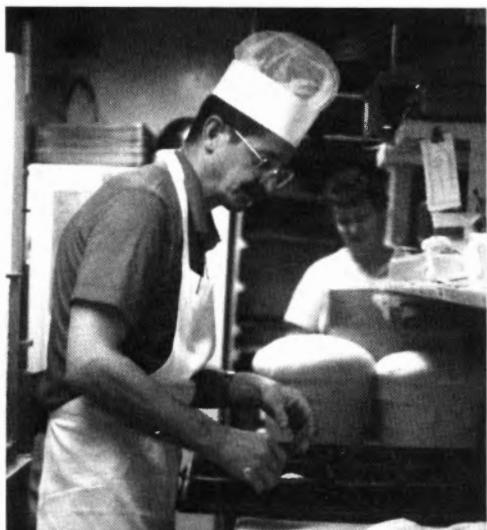


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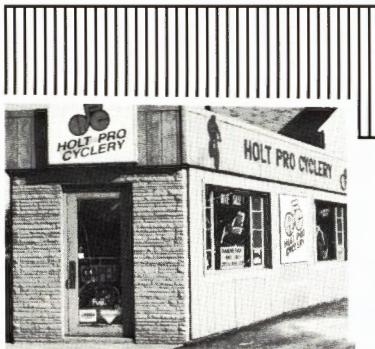


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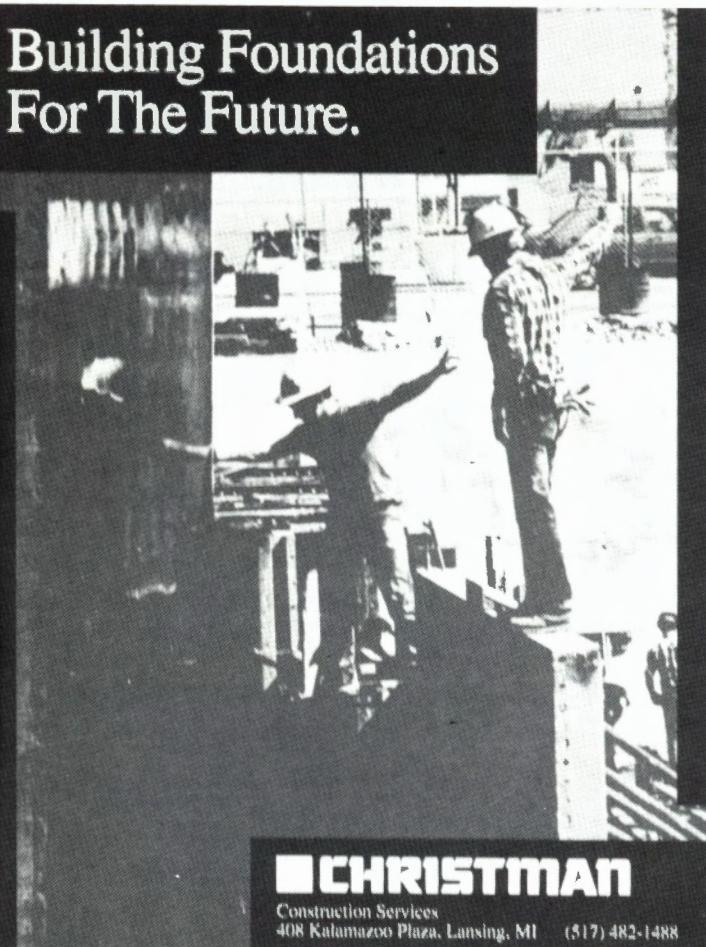
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Graffiti Touch

Livening up the drywall partitions for temporary classrooms during renovation are creative touches of student graffiti. The shop area was sectioned off into classrooms which were less than ideal, particularly noise problems. Students and staff endured it, however, for the short term.

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RENOVATION UNDERWAY

On October 20, construction crews began working away just beyond the walls of the library. They were laying the foundation for the construction of a 12-room addition to the high school. The renovation plus the building of two new schools and renovation of the Junior High were paid for by a 25.7 million bond issue that was passed in September of 1991. All of the general contracting work was completed by Christman Construction Services of Lansing.

The renovation was slated to proceed in four parts. The first was the construction of the new addition. This was followed by the renovation of the front office wing, the science wing and the visual arts and technology areas.

The architectural planning for the addition and renovation was completed by Kingscott Associates, Inc. of Kalamazoo. The new addition featured double classrooms for interdisciplinary courses and a student commons area. The addition created an enclosed area that was converted into a second courtyard. The area contained landscaping, sidewalks and benches.

The renovation was scheduled to be completed by the fall of 1993. Students and staff learned to cope with the noise of jackhammers, work crews, and congested hallways when the construction came inside. "Everything is on schedule as of right now. After the teachers are moved to their temporary rooms, renovation of the office area will begin," explained Principal Tom Davis.

The temporary rooms were located in the shop area.

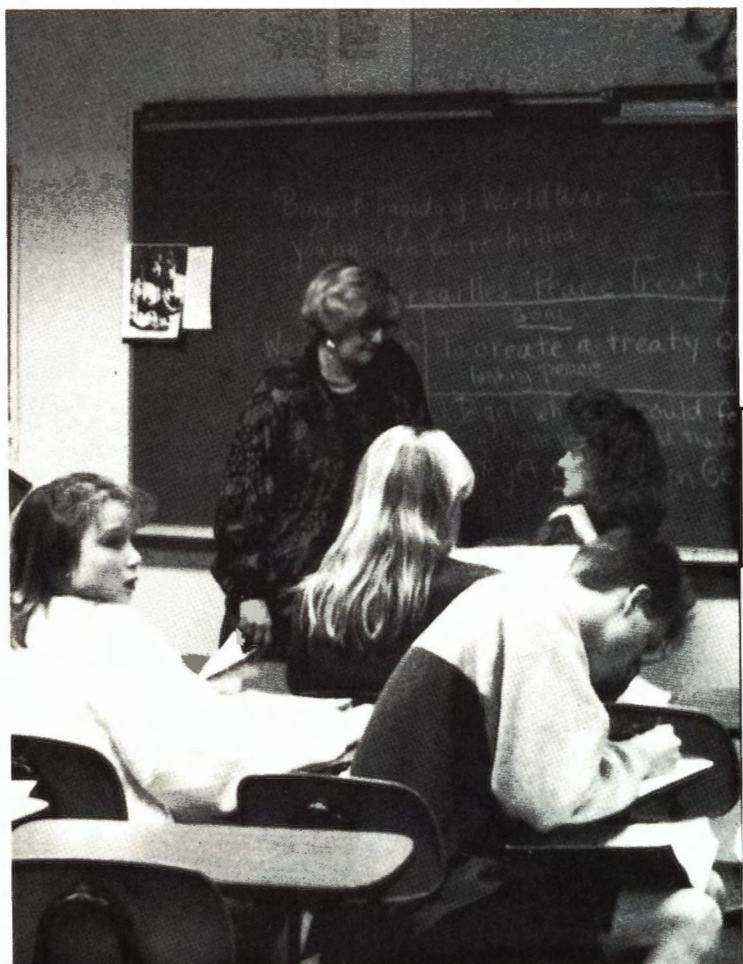
"The new addition is going to be a real unique area because of the natural lighting. The rest of the school is kind of dark, but the new areas will be much brighter. The commons area will also be a nice place for students to gather," concluded teacher, Steve Neureither.

--Chris Nott

Murals in the Making

Much student art work decorated the makeshift walls of teacher Jerry Woolston's temporary classroom in the shop area.





Mini Conference

On the spot collaboration takes place between Special Services teachers Peg Lamb and Kristen Underhill during class. Ms. Underhill provided services to hearing impaired students during the year.

Parent Involvement

Helping the Science Olympiad team practice for competitive events after school is parent Jerry Onofryton. He was also involved in the Professional Development School Projects

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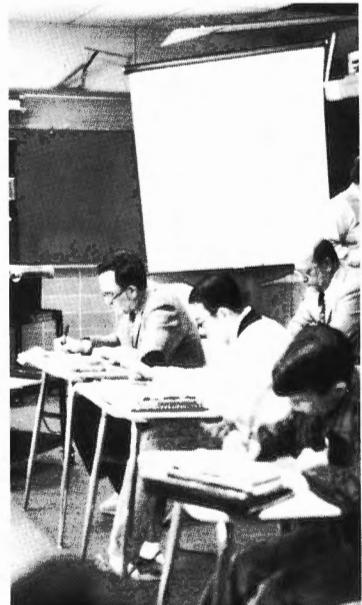


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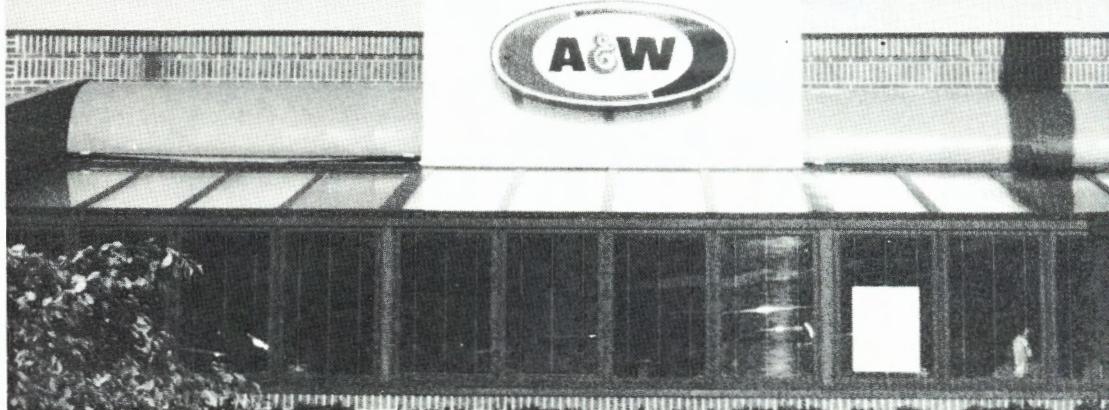
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Concentration
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State Mandates Passage of MEAP

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test took on a new twist. Beginning with the Junior Class, students were required to pass the MEAP test to receive a state endorsement on their diplomas. To pass the test, students had to receive 51% or better on all three parts of the exam.

The state endorsement was displayed as a seal on students' diplomas and transcripts. "Employers jump on this right away," revealed Principal Tom Davis. "If one prospective employee has a state-endorsed diploma and transcript and the other doesn't,

most likely, they will hire the candidate with the endorsement."

Students had another chance to earn the endorsement if they failed. Retakes were offered to all sophomores and juniors who had not passed any portion of it.

For some students, it was a rude awakening that the test did indeed

count. Legislation mandating passage of the exam, made students realize just how important it was to their future.

--Holly Mayers



Congratulations!

Presenting a graduate with her diploma is Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz during the Graduation ceremony at Breslin Center. This was the last graduating class not subject to a state-endorsement of their diploma.



Big Decisions

Getting help completing college applications from guidance counselor Jan Wilson is senior Melissa Morehouse. The choice of college was a major obstacle to overcome for many seniors.

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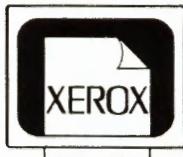


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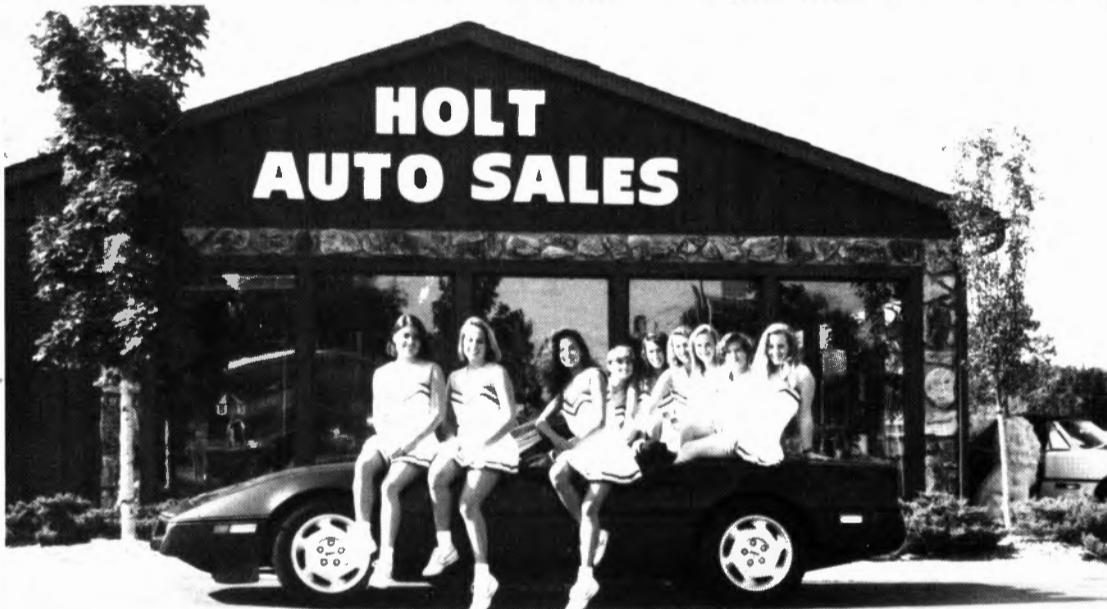


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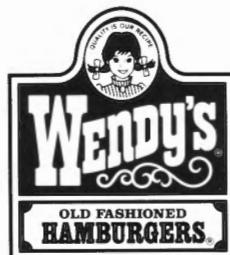
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**New Turn
ON AN OLD TWIST**

COUNTRY MUSIC COMEBACK

Nirvana Traded for Garth Brooks

Country music? The same Alan Jackson. Favorite music that 15 years ago was

songs reported were: "I've G o t Friends in Low Places," by Garth Brooks, A chey Breaky Heart," by Billy Ray Cyrus and "The Heart Won't Lie," by Reba McIntyre and Vince Gill.

The love of country derived from more than just new artists, however. Many students responded that they liked country music simply because the lyrics could be understood, and they had meaning that students could relate to.

What caused the change? New artists broke into the country music scene who have a more contemporary sound. Country music has shifted gears from slow, twangy ballads to more up-beat dancing hits. As one student noted, "Country music used to be really depressing. That has changed now as new artists with faster songs became popular." Some of them included; Garth Brooks, Reba McIntyre and

--Yvonne Gibbs



Cuttin' Loose

Gooing off before the Homecoming parade are seniors Ryan Stacey, Jenny Lester, Mike Maksimowicz and Dawn Monroe. Taking their theme from "Grease," the seniors recreated Frosty's Palace complete with juke box.



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CHRISTMAS RESCUE

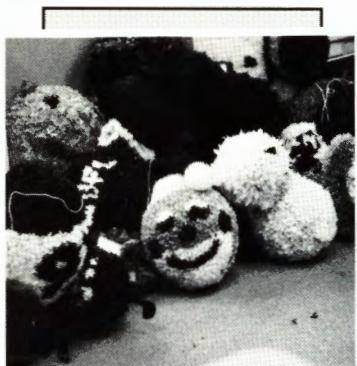
Response to Protest of Commercialism: Action Speaks Louder Than Words

There were ways to do something more than just talk about the Christmas sell-out to commercialism and some students were doing more than just complaining. They took action and their activities revolved around community service ranging from collecting toys to pinata making for children in area hospitals.

Toys for Tots, a program sponsored by the Marine Corps to supply needy kids with gifts for Christmas, started in the high school for the first time. Student Council oversaw the project of collecting new or like-new toys and donated between \$250-300 to help buy more. The National Honor Society also contributed \$50 of Hershey Kisses fundraising profits. Coldwell Banker Bowler Realty collected the donated toys from all of the schools in the district and delivered them to the Marine Corps for distribution.

The food drive conducted by NHS and the First Presbyterian Church of Holt, turned out with one car and one truck load of donated food. That was roughly between 700 and 1000 cans or containers of food. Students who helped collect the food were Tim Rampe, Dave Bruining, Jack Sullivan, Mark Wrigglesworth, Crissey Ernst, Monica Theisen and Libby Block.

Give a Kid a Coat Project was also undertaken by NHS members. Costs were collected in all



Gift of Cheer

Ready for delivery are the custom designed pinatas created by students in Spanish classes. They are donated to the children's wards of local hospitals to brighten up the holidays.

district schools for distribution to students. Afterward they were collected at the Holt United Methodist Church where the coat closet is located. NHS adviser, Jan Wilson com-

mented, "I understand that kids feel really good about the project and their involvement with it, especially at the elementary level."

Pinatas were fun for everyone, but the children's wards of local hospitals were the recipients in this case. All four levels of Spanish classes were involved with making pinatas for the kids

and donated finished products to Lansing General Hospital, Ingham Medical Center, Sparrow Hospital, St. Lawrence Hospital and St. Vincent's Home for Children. "There has been a real positive response to the project in the community. The children really like it," noted senior Amy Emery.

It's projects like these that may have restored one's faith that while commercialism existed, so did the more charitable deeds that began the season of giving. It did no good to protest because it seemed the merchandizing was in for the long run. It was time for the radicals to get the kibosh. There were programs to show people what Christmas was all about. Students just had to put away the complaints and get involved.

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Using the CD Rom in the Library with help from Librarian Mary Gray is Bert Looney while teacher Debbie Childers observes. The Library was the scene for technology in the high school, much of which was purchased with grants.



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New Turn ON AN OLD TWIST

HHS UPGRADES TECHNOLOGY

Technology... who needs it?

High school students never got enough of it or so many thought.

And rightly so, given the demands of today's world and job market. Students received instruction on computers mainly in classes that focused on computer credit or if they used one in the library. Though some students were able to use technology everyday in their homes, many if not most students, didn't have this luxury.

The district worked to change that situation by making technology more accessible for students of all ages. From bond issue money passed last September \$3.5 million was earmarked to upgrade technology. At the High School, a portion of the money will be spent on computer labs. A video editing machine, a wind tunnel, RF Cable including Continental Cable and 2-way cable in all rooms are also slated for purchase. The administration also hoped to purchase a Media Retrieval System which included audio and video laser disks, still video, a video slide projector, bulletin boards and VCR's. They are attempting to make computer use a way of

life.

The staff has as its goal to put at least one computer

in every classroom as well as, a TV. The nucleus of this technology will be centered in the library with each class-

room computer networked to two file servers. Students will also be able to access the card catalogs of

Michigan State Library, the State of Michigan Library and the Lansing Community College Library. The library will also be able to access other collections via the On-line Computer Library Center. The staff also researched fiber optics networking that will connect the school with other sources of in-depth information around the world. Closer to home, they looked into student access to computer information files of the Library via modems from home.

The firm which performed the consultation work was Dixon Media Systems and Design, Inc. They were responsible for planning the \$3.5 million dollar project district wide.

--Chris Nott



Time Sharing

Availability of computers was sparse at times in the Library. Aimee Patterson waits patiently for John Gonzales to finish up so she can begin her assignment.

New Turn ON AN OLD TWIST

BUDGET CUTS

Holt Faces Financial Squeeze

The closing of the Kalkaska Schools on March 2, 1993 dramatically brought the plight of school finance reform to the state legislature and people concerned about funding public schools in Michigan.

Across the state many districts felt the heat of financial difficulty. Holt wasn't spared. Cuts in the district stemmed from three main circumstances: state budget cuts, rising costs matched with insufficient funding, and functioning without funding for new students entering the district.

One of the greatest contributing factors was the state budget cut. This spelled a 1.2 million deficit for the Holt district. At the High School this translated into a budget reduction of 50%. The administration responded by cutting supplies and operating costs before cutting programs.

Holt receives money both locally, through property taxes and from the state as an in-formula school. The Michigan Department of Education guaranteed Holt \$4500 per student. Holt raised approximately \$2300 from the local tax levy which was then matched with \$2200 from the state. Most schools who were

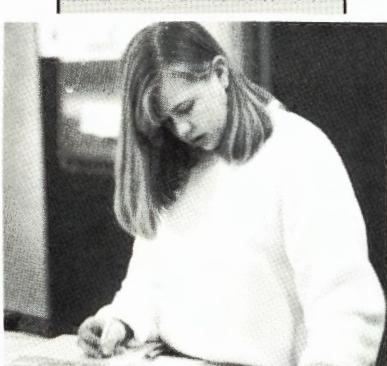
in-formula and relied on state agreed that this amount was usually always less than what schools optimally needed.

The economy in Michigan was still feeling the effects of the recession. Property taxes were at high levels comparatively to other states. The government looked for ways to conserve. Unfortunately, this stretched into education.

One way the state legislature came up to stretch dollars was to provide funding only for the previous year's students and not new ones to the district. In faster growing districts like Holt, this was a problem. One hundred new students enrolled for the school year without state funding provided for them. Holt had to stretch the existing budget to provide those students with the education they deserved.

Nothing written about finance reform was carved in stone. What was known was that money was scarce and for anyone who might have called Holt students "pampered," the situation had changed.

--Yvonne Gibbels



Funding the Future

Practicing for a Science Olympiad event after school is junior Kelly Bush. Finance reform could potentially threaten extra-curricular activities if adequate funding is not provided.



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Attention

Participating in the Commencement ceremony at Breslin Center are Assistant Principals Brian Templin and Nancy Haas, Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz, and Board member, Rick Royston.



Thoughtful Words

Addressing the graduating class is Board of Education President Alton Granger at Commencement exercises. Many teachers, administrators and board members were on hand for the event.



For Diversity

Attending a pot luck dinner of the Multicultural Awareness Club are Alton and Jan Granger. Both played an active role in school and community activities.

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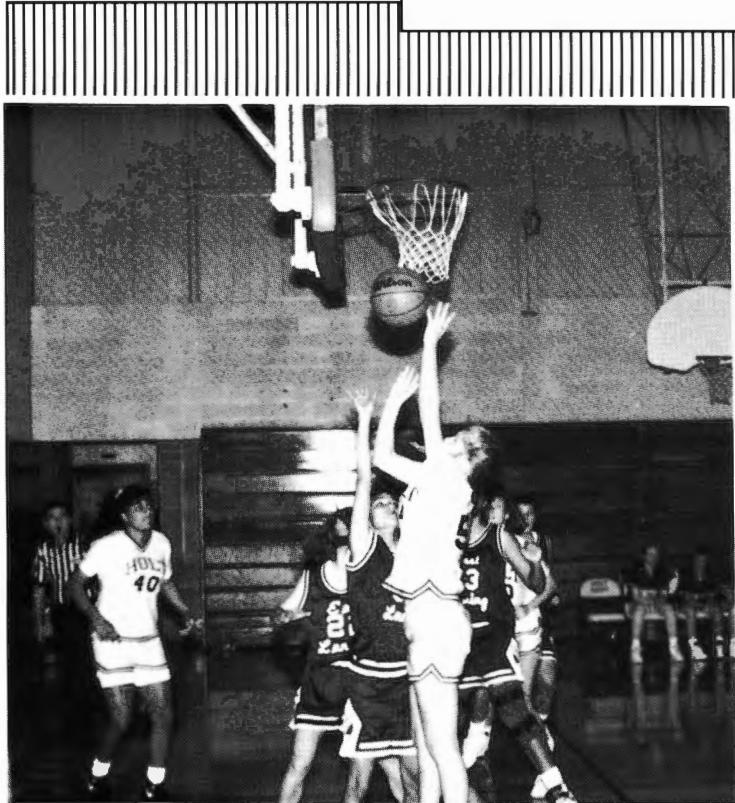
Participating in a Wednesday morning PDS project group are Heather Neiswonger, Mary Kay Boulanger, and MSU colleagues Mr. Yerrick and Ms. Fetters. The groups focused on improving teaching practice as part of the Professional Development School work.

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Taking on the Chieftains of Okemos in the season opener is the Varsity Football team. The traditional rivalry was hard fought yet, yielded a loss for Holt.

Flying High

Up for two in the game against East Lansing is sophomore Andrea Viele. Though determination to beat the Trojans was high, the JV team came up on the short side losing 34-47.

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Taking time for a few words are
Board of Education President Alton

Granger and Principal Tom Davis during
Commencement at the Breslin Center.

New Turn ON AN OLD TWIST

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

First Step In Race For Global Competition

Holt Public Schools was the first district K-12 in the state to respond to Governor Engler's grant to submit a plan to the Michigan Department of Education for an extended school year. The district presented a plan that would extend school 10 instructional days for students and 10 preparation days for teachers.

The proposal was ratified by the teachers union, Holt Education Association, on March 2, 1993. On March 24, the school board voted unanimously to accept it.

The extended school year was proposed out of a growing belief that more contact time in the classroom is needed if American schools are to promote more learning and stay globally competitive. This combined with the recent work of the Professional Development School also pointed to the need for better retention of learning.

The proposal also evolved out of a growing recognition that the agrarian economy upon which a 180-day calendar was based is obsolete. The first

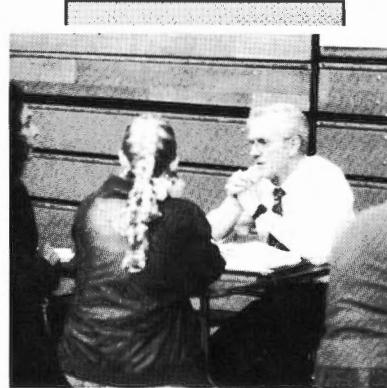
public schools in the U.S. were created in the early 18th century when students had to be home during the summer to help with the harvest. This is no longer the case and hasn't been for decades. As current labor statistics show, only four percent of the American labor force is involved in agriculture

today.

Global competition also dictates more instruction time. Even with the additional 10 days of schooling, American students are still far behind Japanese students who attend 243 days a year, while West German students attend 240.

What real value will the 10 extra days provide? Opinion varies. For sophomores juniors and seniors, perhaps the net gain is marginal. But, Principal Tom Davis pointed out, "While 10 days in any one year doesn't seem like a great amount of time, over a K-12 career it amounts to nearly an additional year of opportunity."

--Robert Chapin



Parent connection
Discussing a student's progress with her parent is Science teacher Lowell Rudd. Conferences provided one form of feedback about the educational system to parents.



New Turn ON AN OLD TWIST

ELECTION '92

Students React and Respond

"Although people said this was a campaign of issues, I don't feel that they really considered the candidates' performance or voting records in regard to them, particularly Bill Clinton's. If you really take a look at the record you will find that: Clinton's state of Arkansas is near the bottom in almost every economic category. Most every problem with the economy in his state, he blamed on Washington and the recession. Arkansas is also one of the lowest states on the list of cleanliness in the union and lags far behind all others in programs for recycling clean water. And regardless of the President Elect's views on abortion, if he wanted to overturn Roe vs Wade, he would have a very difficult time getting a bill like that through Congress. People wanted change so bad that I don't think they examined candidates' ability or performance well enough. I hope for the sake of our country's future, Clinton runs the country better than he ran Arkansas. If he doesn't we may see how bad the recession and social problems can get beyond what they are now."

--Junior Ryan Travis

"I felt we needed a businessman for president, not a politician. Government has ended up as a business that has filed bankruptcy and we need someone who is more interested in fixing our country,

than being in it for the power and the money."

--Junior Joe Schutte

"I feel Perot would have been a better choice for president because I think he shared the same feeling and ideas as the American public, primarily because he's not really a politician."

--Senior Todd Switzer

"I supported Bush for President. I didn't want Perot because I didn't think Stockdale was a strong running mate and I didn't want Clinton because of his tax policies. My family would have had to pay more taxes because we were in his 'upper class.' I think Bush was best for the job."

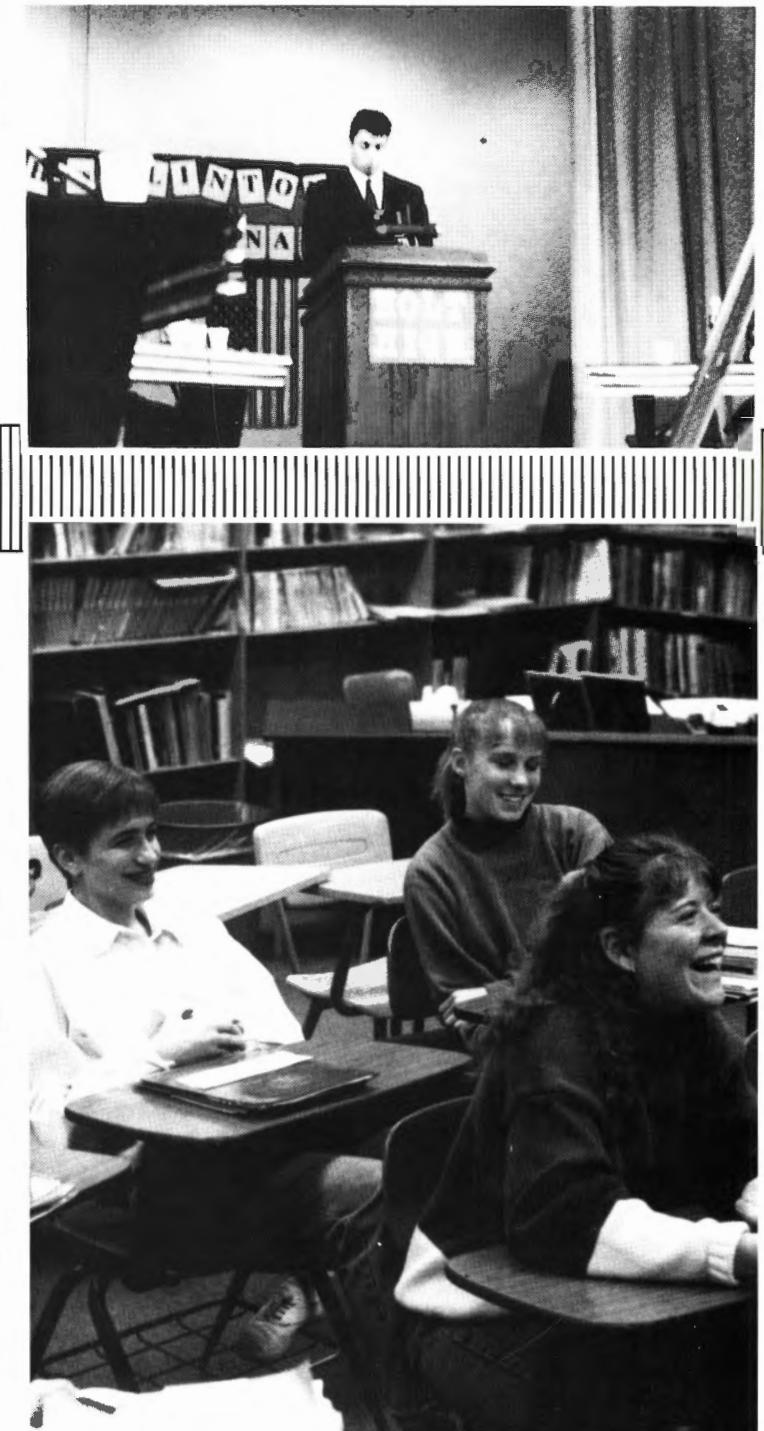
--Junior Heather Stubig

"I was for Bush because even though the U.S. seemed to have problems economically in the past months, I felt he made great decisions in the Gulf War and lead the U.S. to victory. I felt Bush's strong points outweighed his weak ones."

--Junior Janie Allen

"I was for Clinton because of his reforms for the environment and education. I felt that he would make the changes that are needed and which will affect me in the future.

--Senior Nikki Miller



Getting the Info Out

Discussing the Close Up project with students are teacher Bill Savage and secretary Sue Kenney.



Presidential Debate

Presenting in the televised student presidential debate picked up by CNN is Student Council member Kevin Tunks. Students presented cases for George Bush and Bill Clinton and the event concluded with a panel evaluation of the actual presidential debates.



Social Consciousness

Listening to a presentation about the Close-Up trip to Washington D.C. are Ali Beha, Kathy McGroarty, Kara Kragt and classmates. The project sends students to the nation's capital to learn more about the legislative process.



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COLOPHON: *Out of Line ...by design*

Putting themselves on the line, the staff up-scaled the book and tackled a 9" x 12" format plus the enlargement of photos for dominants. Creating a four-color litho cover with specialty art papers for the collage, the artwork was designed by the staff and laid out in the plant. The 4-pag tip-in and remainder of the 236 pages were printed on 100lb. enamel paper stock. Enlisting the support of Mike Lafferty as sales representative and Raul Alcantar as in-plant consultant, the book was sent to press at Jostens American Yearbook Company in Topeka, Kansas.

Bound and embossed on 150 point board, the cover was rounded and backed with headbands.

Inside the cover, one could spot the standard endsheet stock printed in navy blue Tempo ink. Body copy was set in 10 point and captions in eight point Palatino. Headlines were printed in Palatino, with Revue, Brush Script and University Roman used for diversity.

Getting the best seats in the house and special treatment in the portrait section was the senior class with a 16 page sig-

nature plus four page tip-in of their photos in process color and blends of process blue, red and yellow inks for spot color.

Brightening up the Opening and Student Life section were applications of Process inks for photos and spot color.

The collegiate style large dominants were utilized in the Student Life Section. Getting the major photo shots in the Opening and Student Life sections were Brad Groves, Julie Fulger and Sarah Gregg..

On-line with much of the coverage and copywriting was the beginning staff. Putting their creative side to the test, the editorial staff designed and formatted the book and spent hours perfecting their computer skills programming in Aldus Freehand 3.0, Aldus Pagemaker 4.0 and Microsoft Word. The copy and layouts were submitted on disk to the printer.

When rescue involved major overhaul of hardware, former staff member John Gilkey bailed out the frustrated adviser and staff. And to all the participants from cooperative quote-givers to understanding teachers and patient custodians always willing to unlock the doors at odd times for staff members, a huge thank you.

The proofs arrived with the inevitable errors and with one more shot at perfecting the book, the staff brought it back in line.

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Still Life

Among the scenes in the art room are still-life objects. Teacher Dorothy Anderson snapped the setting for a student project in Drawing class.

Right!

Working with the CD Rom and media retrieval is Librarian Mary Gray. The Library was the scene for technology and computer use for students.



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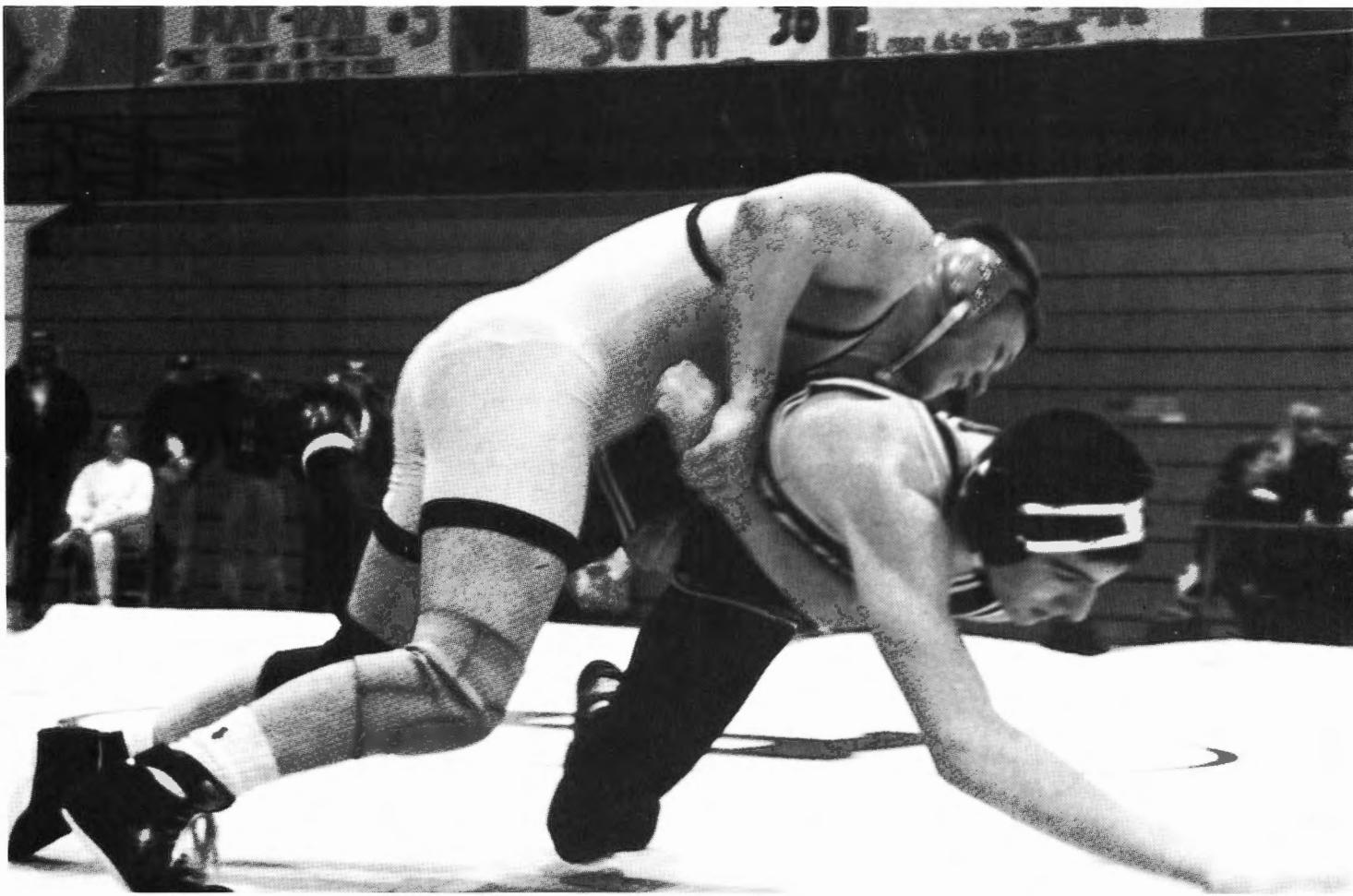
 *own time*
Waiting for the rain to stop at Raney Park before the game against East Lansing are Nicki Deetz, Andie Fadley and Jenna Eggert. The weather didn't dampen their spirit as the team came away with a 4-1 win over the Trojans.

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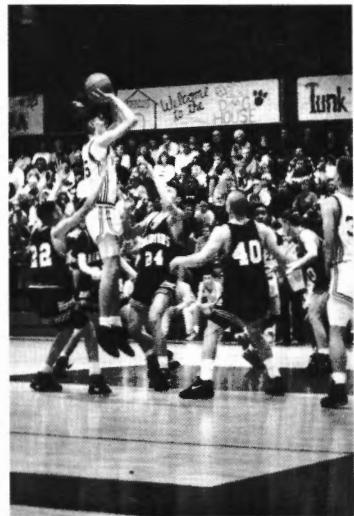




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In a home game against Waverly, a JV Ram defender puts the ball in the air over his Warrior opponents for the score.



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Dispensing some sideline wisdom is Varsity Soccer Coach,

Henry Rojas to his players during the game with Mason.



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Sharing a few words with a classmate is senior Jason Schram during a break in the hour.



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Creating a papier mache sculpture in Construction class are Monica Flisnik and Modesta Illemzkey.



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Taking a tour of memory lane are Chris Reynolds and Tristin McCarty at the Yearbook Dance. The dance provided an opportunity for graduates and underclassmen to see one another again.



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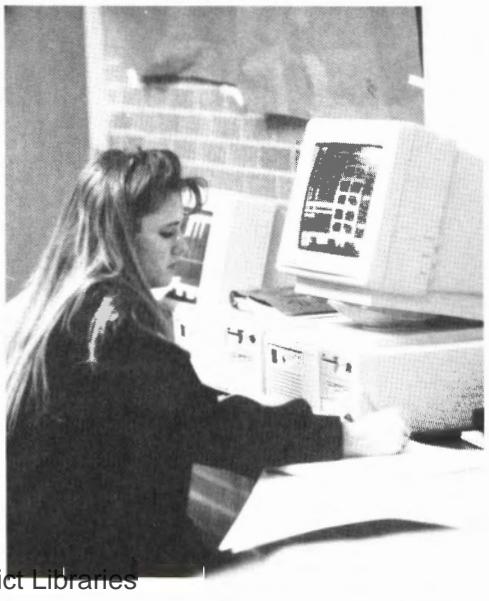
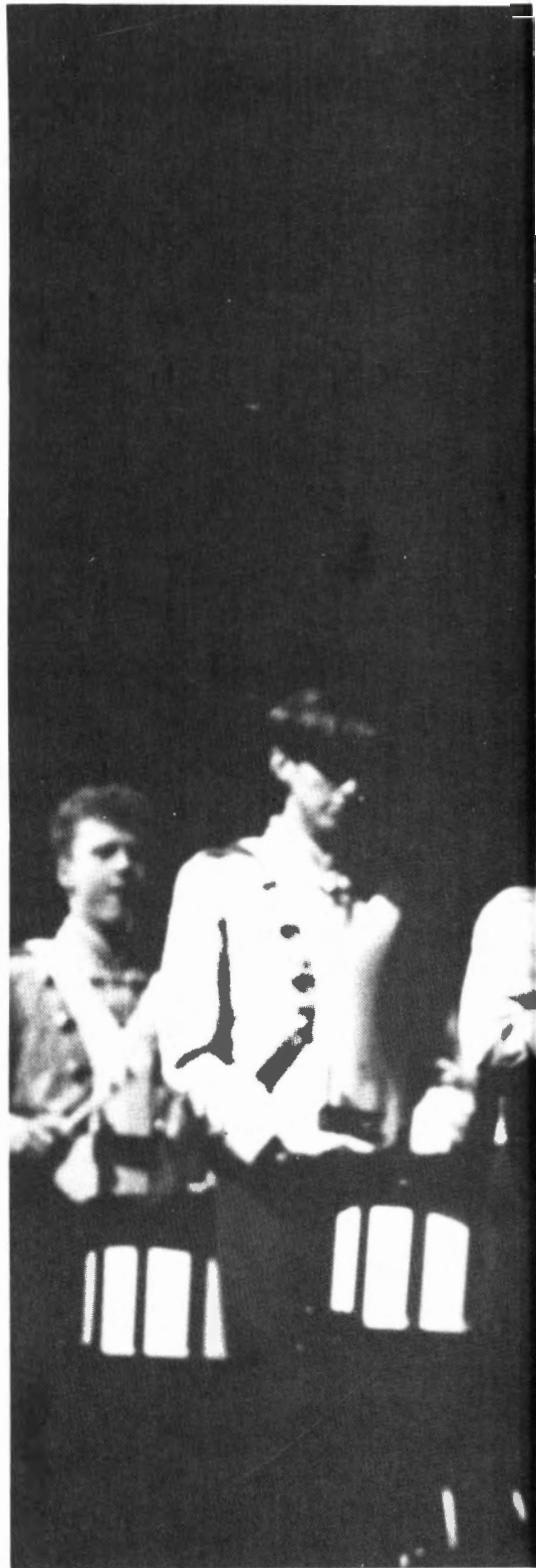
When all was said and done, the 180 days were over including the extra snow day. As we sifted through them, we recalled the days of impact. Before prom and graduation, we sat on the bleachers of Troost Field, the sun beating down upon us, and absorbed the harsh reality that S.A.D.D. members put before us. The re-enactment of the drunk driving accident left us with a blunt reminder that this was our only chance at life. Although we couldn't predict what lay ahead, we knew we would ultimately be held responsible for the choices we made.

The school was torn up and we tolerated the detours, the strange smells, no electricity, and the clanking noises of construction. We took this all in stride knowing we had to put up with it in order to get where we wanted to be.

Not just another face in the crowd, senior Susan Roehl won the Presidential Scholar Award, which granted her a trip to Washington where she received a medallion straight from President Clinton himself. In almost *deja vu* fashion, teachers and administrators began plans to repeat the process as word came of being named a National Blue Ribbon School in May. Representatives of the school began plans to stand shoulder to shoulder with Bill Clinton, this time in the Presidential rose garden, and pick up the award in the fall of '93.

ON LINE

Computing an assignment in an Algebra I class is senior Shari Brown. The class connected students with community businessmen to learn how math is used on the job.



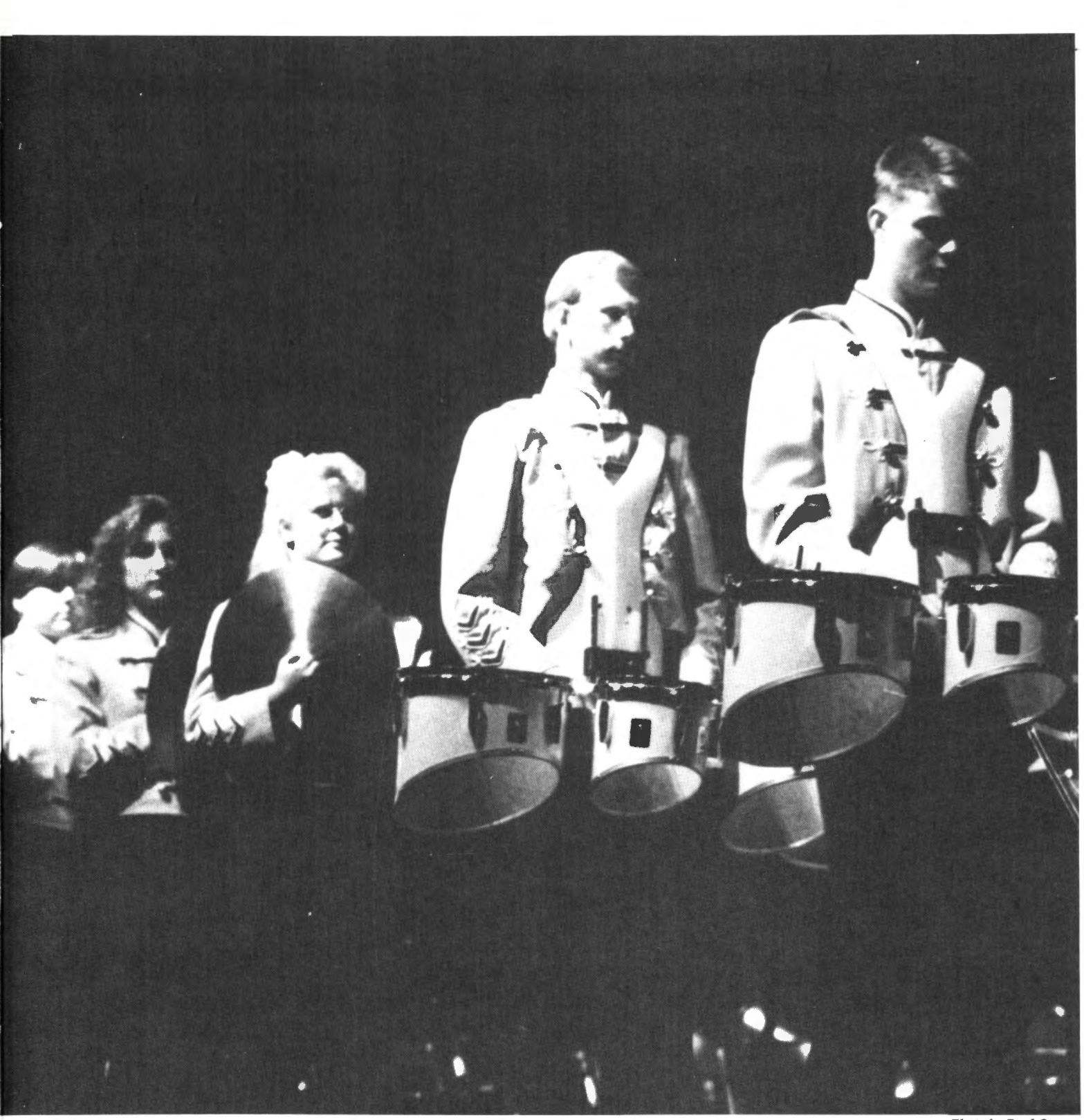


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KEEP IT STRAIGHT

Leading the percussion section through a halftime performance of the band at a Varsity Football game are junior Jason Brisboe and senior Eric Hope.

BREAKING ALL THE RULES

Serving up coffee to seniors who had to report for a second semester Consumer Economics final exam is teacher Guil Northrup. He explained, "Only a few had to show up so I tried to make them feel comfortable."



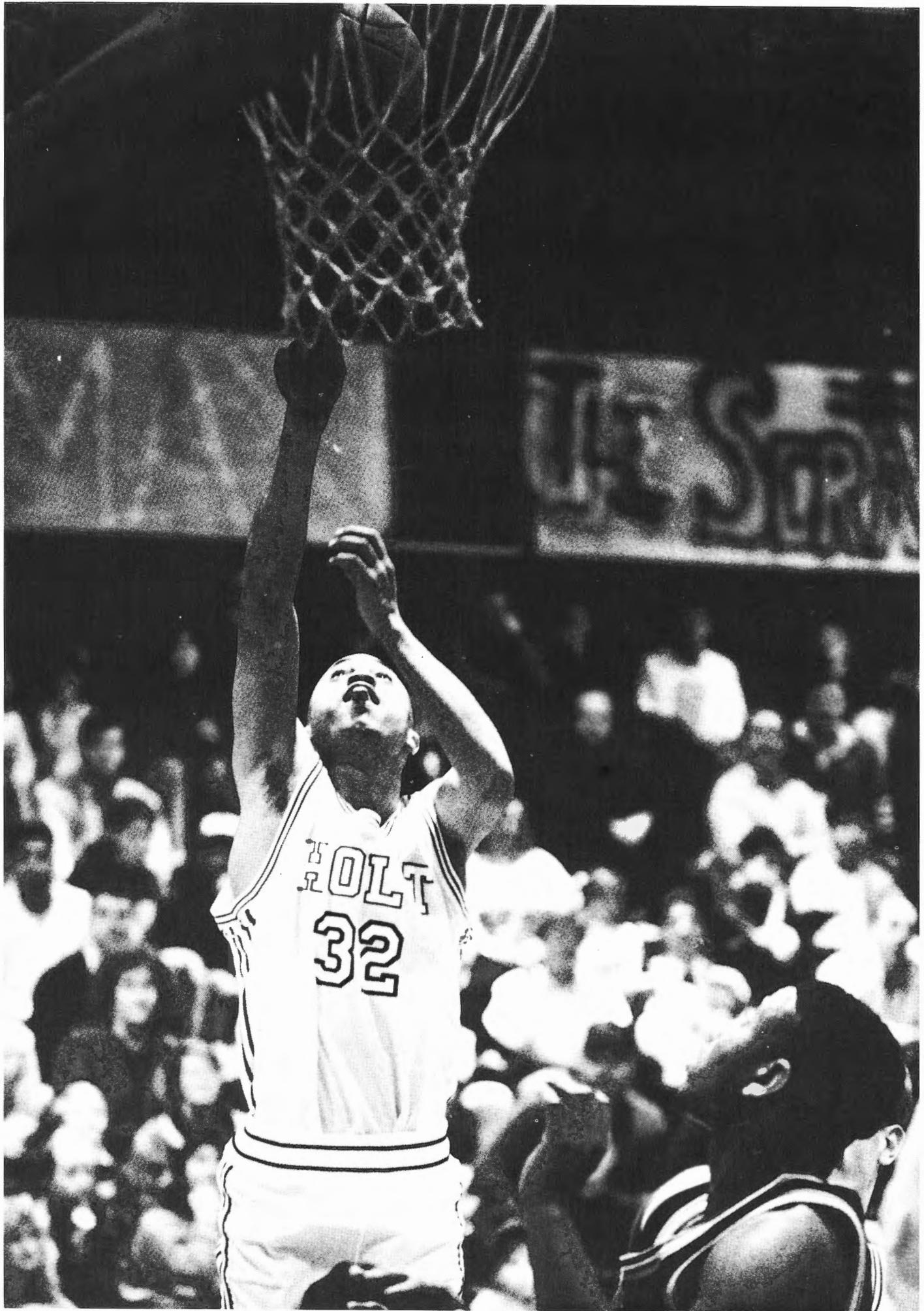


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UNTOUCHABLE

Up for two in a CAC league game is senior point guard Jason Black. Jason capped his high school basketball career with a full-ride scholarship to Western Michigan University.

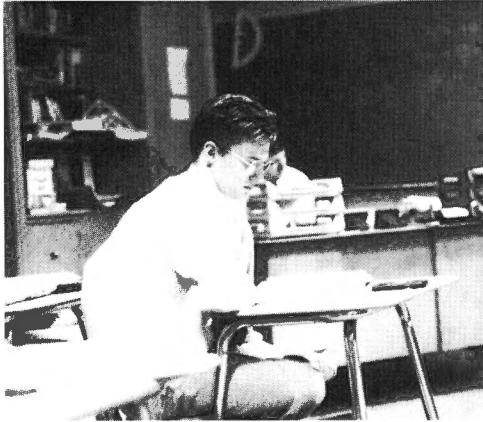


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TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Enjoying the fading last moments of high school are seniors Holly Runions and Todd Switzer. The graduates said goodbye to classmates at the Breslin Center on the MSU campus where Commencement was held on June 8.

TIME OUT

Getting a breather in Mr. Lehman's Calculus class is senior Jerrod Wilkins. Jerrod balanced a heavy load of classes with extra-curriculars such as Science Olympiad, independent writing and band.

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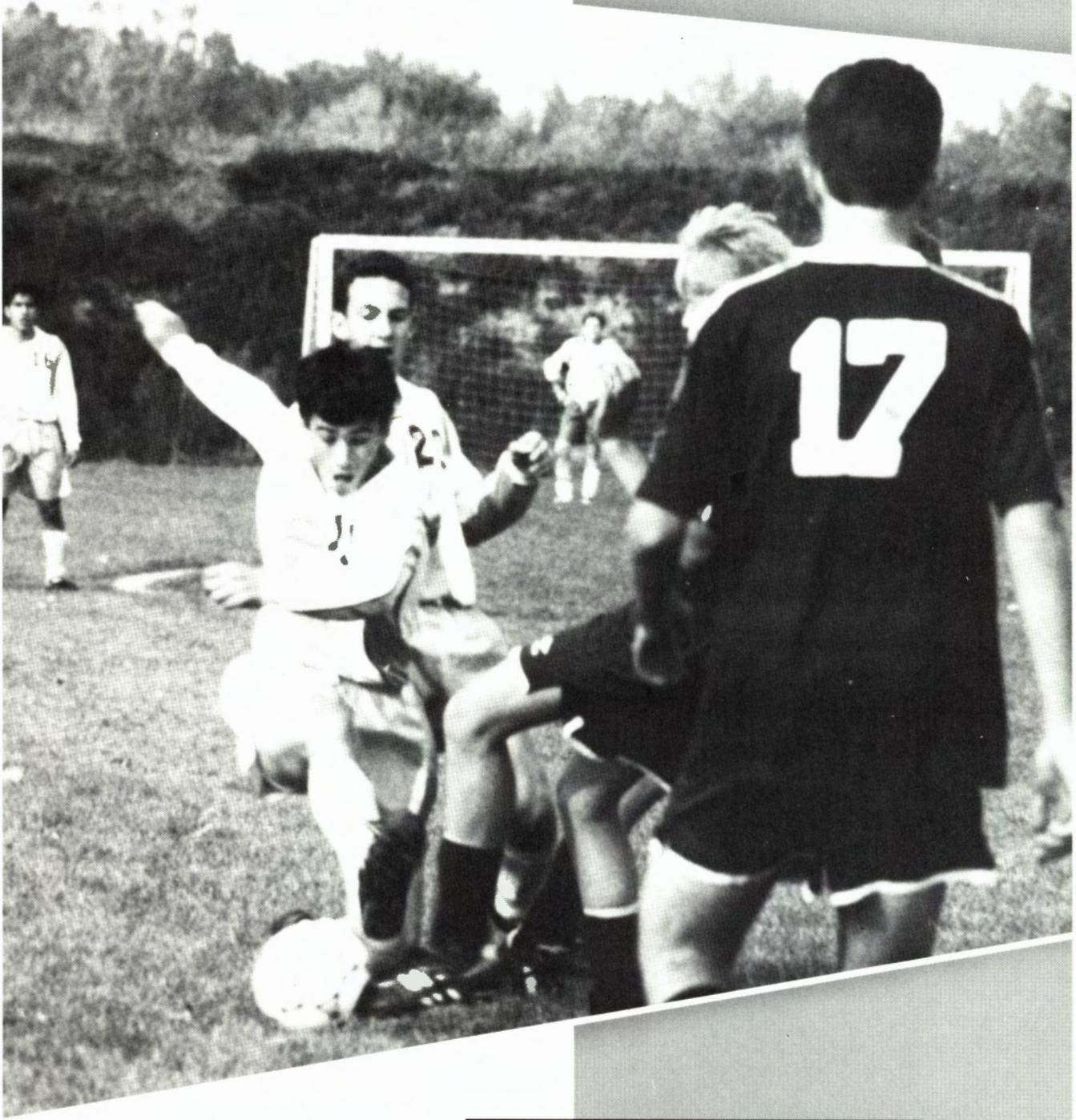
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DEVASTATE

Ending his high school years with a record-making basketball career and the decision to accept Western Michigan University's full-ride scholarship was senior point guard Jason Black. After two years of extensive recruiting, Jason decided on Western because of friendly coaches and players, proximity to home, and a renowned college for business majors.

Throughout the year, others made choices that would affect the future of the school system. The voters of Michigan defeated Proposal "A" and left state government to put together the funding pieces for public education. Closer to home, our administration was forced to juggle with a 50% budget cut for the upcoming year. With supplies and operating expenses targeted for the axe, the penny-pinching days had really begun. But that wasn't the end of it. On the heels of the budget woes came an uplift. The district became the first one in the state to extend the school year under a State of Michigan grant designed to assess the impact of more time on learning. Along with the grant, came \$1.5 million in additional funding to help us through rough times. But the added 10 days of instruction was received with mixed reviews by students and staff. It was just one more example of taking a more innovative path that was out of line of the mainstream, but it was designed that way.

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UNDERFIRE

Bringing the ball downfield and keeping it in-bounds is the goal of Jeff Jewett backed up by Zach Wahl as they lead the JV Soccer team against their Bulldog opponents on September 24. The determined effort did not put them into the net, but ended up in a loss to Mason. On the line all season, the scoreboard did not tell the whole story as the team racked up bitter losses with many setbacks by one or two goals. In the end, fortitude and camaraderie brought them through.

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